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*Front Cover: Tipperary captain Brendan Maher lifts the Irish Press Cup when his side overcame the challenge of Cork at Croke Park.*

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Rousing homecoming for young hurling heroes

## PREMIER PRIDE



Tipperary minor hurlers celebrate the return trip of the Irish Press Cup. Photograph: Bridget Delaney

By Shane Brophy

Happily it is the start of things to come but you can never get sick of winning homecoming.

That is what was afforded to the Tipperary Minor Hurling team on Monday evening as over 2,000 people gathered to celebrate their victory in the final of the county's latest All Ireland winning team.

The traditional welcome home for winning All Ireland Tipperary teams was a joyous occasion for the lads and friends of the players and management and for the young children who were eager to get autographs and photographs with their new heroes.

They became heroes following the retirement of the name title for the first time in fifty years when the great Jimmy Doyle completed his story in a row of minor medals. Longman's Neal McIninch will get the opportunity to match this remarkable achievement next year.

The celebrations continued onto the home side of the victorious captain, Brendan Maher who follows in the footsteps of the great Faddy Kenny who captured Tipperary as an All Ireland minor title in 1947.

Monday and Tuesday night saw hundreds throughout the county as the clubs of the players on the panel got their chance to congratulate Tipperary's latest All Ireland winners.

The eighteenth time the Irish Press Cup has returned to Tipperary over the previous twenty takes their place at the top of the list of honours with Cork and Kilkenny after comprising a superb year with a deserved six point win at Croke Park.

After getting off to a slow start, Tipp worked their way into the match with goals from Sean Curry (2) and Niall Egan (1) while Michael Holliman, proving crucial for Declan Ryan's charges to beat Cork in the second time this year.



Brendan Maher shows the Irish Press cup to fans in Sarsfield on Monday night last. Photograph: Bridget Delaney

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# Failtíú an Chathaoirligh

(Seán O Costagain)



Tá an athas orm arís i mbliana fáilte a chur roimh blainiris an Chontae. Tá sé a fhoilsiú anois le breis is cúig bliana is triocha agus tá an t-eileamh céanna ar fhoilseachán 2008 is abhí ar an gcéad ceann na blianta ó shoin. Seo an céad foilseachán a chuireadh amach le cúig bliana is fichid gan Liam O'Donnchú mar runaí agus molainn Sean MacGabhann as ucht an sár obair ata déanta i mbliana chun caighdeán an fhoilseacháin a choimead suas. Ba mhaith liom mar Cathaoirleach ar an gCoiste Chontae agus mar ball den Choiste foilseacháin ár míle buíochais a ghabháil le Liam as ucht an sár obair ata déanta le ceathrú céad anuas gach bliain don iris. Molaim do gach clann sa Chontae cóip de iris 2008 a cheannach agus freisin cóip a chur mar bronnantas Nollag do ghaolta thar sáile. Tá súil agam mar focal deirneach díobh, go mbainfidh lucht a léite taithneamh as iris 2008.

It is my pleasure as Chairman of the Tipperary Co. Board to welcome yearbook 2008 on to the bookshelves. For the first time in twenty five years the hand of Liam O'Donnchú will be absent from the publication. I want to thank Liam for his wonderful contribution to the publication over the years and wish him success in his pursuits in the future. Another long time servant, the statistician, Seamus O'Doherty has also stood down and again on behalf of the Co. Board I want to express our thanks for many years of committed service.

In welcoming John Smith and Shane Brophy to the committee I believe we have two deputies that have served Tipp well to date in their respective rolls and I have no doubt but they will enhance our very popular publication going forward. I wish also to thank the remainder of the committee under the leadership of Seamus J. King for once more producing an excellent publication for 2008 and I hope our readers get many hours of enjoyment from reading it over the Christmas period.

As I reflect on the past year and examine the hurling scene I believe there are grounds for optimism. The performance of our minor hurlers in winning back to back All Irelands a feat not achieved since the fifties gives a clear message that our approach to the underage scene is the correct one. I am pleased that from (U-14) up to minor with the utilization of former county players and the adoption of the development squad concept, is the road forward and I want to say a sincere thanks to Bord na nÓg county and divisional and the coaching and games development committee for their cooperation in implementing our plan as without their cooperation it would be impossible to bring to fruition.

The next few years are going to be vital to bring those players to the next step and I am confident that the new (U-21) management under the leadership of 1991 All Ireland (Capt) Declan Carr will achieve that. An All Ireland (U-21) title within two years would be an indicator of further progress.

At intermediate level there is no doubt that we have the players to win a title and lets hope the management under Connie Maher get all the necessary help and cooperation going forward to enable them to achieve that goal.

Having played seven senior hurling games in championship 2007 there is no doubt but we were in the limelight and played our part in making Championship 2007 one of the best for many years. Unfortunately no silverware came our way and defeat by Wexford in quarter final saw the management team of Babs, John Leahy, and Tom Barry step down. I want to express the thanks of our board to those men for their service to Tipp over the past two years and previously in different rolls. Your generosity with your time and expertise is much appreciated and I wish you all the very best in the years ahead in your sporting and professional pursuits.

I welcome our new management of Liam Sheedy, Eamon O'Shea and Michael Ryan on board and wish them every success as they endeavor to maximise the senior potential at our disposal at this point and time. I believe there are great grounds for optimism and 2008 could be a most productive year.

Our underage footballers showed great promise in 2007 at (U-21) and minor level and with the same personnel in charge for 2008 the big breakthrough could be around the corner. I would like to encourage the football people to buy into the underage system being implemented with the young hurlers as I believe it to be the way forward.

The development squads have proved most successful in Laois, Galway and Tyrone just to mention a few and if we approach it with the same dedication in Tipperary I assure you, you will reap the rewards. I would encourage you to canvas the services of recently retired footballers who with hard work and a positive approach could energise the football scene and ultimately reap a rich harvest. I want to reiterate once more that the full machinery of the Co. Board will be behind you in implementing the above philosophy.

As I write this article we have no management teams put in place for Senior or Junior Football but I would like if you would accept that at Senior level we may be in a period of transition and patience and hard work will be necessary to build for the future. I believe there is sufficient will power there amongst the football fraternity to manage the present scene and I wish them all the luck and help necessary to bring that about.

A hugely important feature within the GAA in Tipperary during 2007 has been the modernisation of the Ardán Uí Chuinneán side of Semple Stadium. I want on behalf of the Co. Board who are partners in the project to sincerely congratulate Con Hogan and his committee in Semple Stadium for bringing Phase I of the development to a successful conclusion last April. It has done wonders for the Stadium and has brought it into the 21st century. As I write this phase II of the modernisation of the Ardán Uí Riain side is in progress and I want to wish the Semple Stadium committee the very best of luck in bringing the development to a successful conclusion by May 2008. When complete it will give added comfort to our patrons and added status to the historic venue.

In my foreword of Yearbook 2007 I emphasized the importance of recruiting young referees and training them to handle our games. I am delighted that seventeen new whistlers came on board in 2007 and applaud them for their response. My message to all clubs and players in our County is to show respect for those officials and treat them with the courtesy they deserve. As I come to the end of the second year of my three year term as chairman of the board I want to say a sincere thank you to my fellow officers for their cooperation and help during the year. It would not be possible to do my work to the best of my ability without their support. To all divisional officers and subcommittees I must say I very much appreciate your help and cooperation and look forward to the same in 2008.

To the media, print and audio I want to express my thanks for your kindness and cooperation and even though we may not agree on all things at all times the mutual respect that exists between us carries us through.

2007 saw the County launch the Premier Club that was intended to raise money to further develop our coaching and training programmes for our young hurlers and footballers. Thankfully a number of our committed supporters came on board and I salute them for doing so. To others who may have intended but did not do so in 2007, I would ask them to include it in your New Year resolutions in 2008.

Finally as I say thanks to all our supporters and players club and county for their contribution in 2007 I ask you all to make 2008 a year to remember. I want to thank all our sponsors for their help in 2007 especially our principal sponsors Enfer for their help financially and otherwise. I congratulate Enfer on the opening of their new complex in Naas in September and wish them success in their new ambitious project.

Mar buille scoir teastaíom uaim Nollaig fé shean is faoi mhaise a ghuí oraibh go léir agus athbhliain taithneamhach tairbheach do chách.

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# Exit at Quarters in Main Events

By John O'Grady

The tale of '07 did not differ to any degree from that of '06 as far as the county senior hurlers were concerned. No decline, no advance could be detected. The scope of disappointment was minimal if hopes were to be realistic and our standard seen as it has been over many seasons. In summary, we exited both League and All Ireland at the quarter final stage. The Waterford Crystal competition, a preamble to the League and only semi-official in status, was won over Cork to offer mild early encouragement for the second year of the threesome of Keating, Leahy and Barry. For them, as for their players, it was to be a chequered season. The happiest day is easy to identify – our Qualifier victory over Cork. It set up a clash with Wexford which finished in the drama – call it tragedy – of Fitzhenry's advanced free.

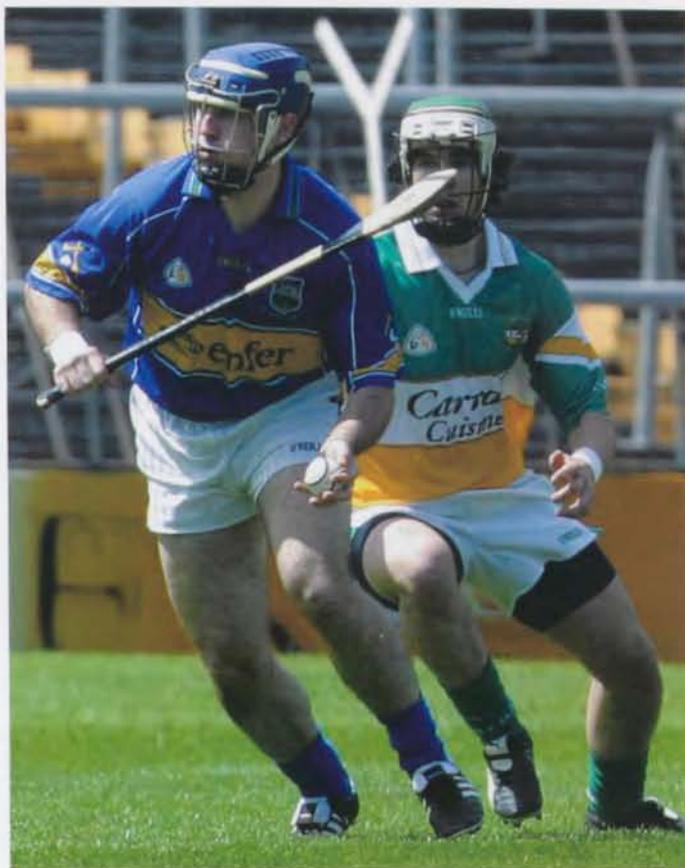
## A CRYSTAL WIN

In winning the Crystal series Tipp beat successively, Limerick University, Waterford I.T., Clare and Cork. Low key games of obvious preparatory and experimental type, they need claim little enough space in our story. Choice of teams was affected by Toomevara's club championship involvement, adding to John O'Brien's accident and by third level college affairs. We beat Limerick University by only two points. Again at Nenagh, Waterford I.T. made a poor effort, no test whatever. Clare at Meelick required a late burst of 1-6 from Tipp to come away as winners. We'd not beaten Cork since 2001, so the success of 1-17 to 2-11 was welcome, as was the trophy.

Out of these games a few items can be selected vis-a-vis later selections. Danny O'Hanlon was the initial full forward, he played in all bar the Clare one and in most of the League outings. Micheal Webster appeared at Meelick and against Antrim. Hopes of finding an established full forward were not to be fulfilled. Several players used in those early games – Ian Delaney, Stephen Lillis, Tony Scroope, Paddy Stapleton, Vincent Doheny – did not last into the championship.

In view of the later sensational spotlight on the goalkeeping, it is of interest that Matthew Ryan, ex minor from Templederry, played in the first two Crystal matches. Perhaps the quest for local flavour at Nenagh had some bearing on this. Eoin Kelly, absent for much of the previous League, was available this time from the outset, as was later casualty Paul. Philip Maher was full back to start with but was not to last beyond the opening League game. Paul Curran stepped in till injury kept him out – his return to be marked by worse injury against Dublin. A wide range of midfielders – Lillis, Maher, Woodlock, Morrissey, McGrath, Devaney, Hugh Maloney, Thomas Stapleton – indicated lack of a definite pairing. The problem did not ease. Left back was another zone for variation right through.

The main aim in the League is prolonged survival and meaningful action to the eve of the championship. Niall Moran put a dent in that ambition when his late deflection beat Tipp in the League's opener at Nenagh. It was Limerick's goalie, Murray, who had kept them in with a chance. A duel of flag-raising between Eoin Kelly and Andrew O'Shaughnessy marked the game, Kelly shading it twelve to eleven points. Tipp choices included Ormonde at left back; Shane Maher at centre; a Scroope-Egan-Corbett line up



Eoin Kelly heads goalwards for Tipperary while Offaly's Conor Hernon gives chase in the SHC Qualifier match at Semple Stadium.

front; O'Hanlon between the two Kellys. It was a luckless defeat, no good omen for a visit to Nowlan Park.

## SURPRISE AT NOWLAN

A surprise was in store. Tipp got into it with a zest demanded by our record of drubbings by the Cats over several seasons in both League and championship. Curran was full back, Fanning left corner, O'Mahony centre, Dunne on his left after "Toome's" exit, Devaney and McGrath were midfield, Carroll back at wing forward with Egan in the centre. Cats supporters looked on in puzzlement at Tipp's early control and solid lead – O'Hanlon finished twice to the net, Paul Kelly had the third. Comerford and Brennan retorted to set up the finish. Tipp resistance held out well – Dunne the "man of the match" – and brightened the league table.

Antrim at Templemore ought to be little trouble. They proved to be better than that – or Tipp inferior to Nowlan Park form – as we won by 1-11 to 0-8. In goal we had Gerry Kennedy of Killaule. Nobody saw anything in this more than giving a run to a reserve in a game of little threat. Perhaps, indeed, that was all it meant at the time. He was retained for the trip to Salthill. The position was to become a major issue in the championship and one of the talking points of the manager's term. A defensive recruit was Alan Byrne in the problematic left corner. At the other end, Sars youngster "Pa" Bourke started beside Webster. Fast promotion for the All Ireland minor and another aspect that drew comment. Willie Ryan came into the picture, too, at this stage.



*Tipperary full-back Declan Fanning is soundness personified with Wexford's Michael Jacob challenging in the All-Ireland quarter-final.*

We lost to Galway and qualification became uncertain. The Tribesman got nothing past Kennedy but plenty over his head. We got three goals in vain on a tally of 3-13 to Galway's 0-26. Hugh Maloney was midfield with McGrath, Devaney was on the forty – a reprise of his placing at Croke Park in '06 against Waterford. Eoin Kelly, fitness becoming a doubt, only appeared as a reserve for Scroope. Ryan O'Dwyer, Corbett and Bourke were other forward recruits. Corcoran and O'Hanlon got knocks. A bad restart undermined Tipp and Galway outpaced our defence for a host of points.

#### DUBLIN NO PROBLEM

Dublin had been doing well but a midweek loss to Antrim sent them to Nenagh crest fallen. They left in even deeper gloom after playing poorly in a heavy hammering – 4-15 to 1-9. Cummins was back in goal. Conor O'Brien, Thomas Stapleton and Ryan O'Dwyer featured at rear, middle and front in a facile victory which led to qualification for the quarter finals.

Waterford at Nowlan Park – a luckless but creditable display. All the more so for a harsh sending off for Carroll early in the second period, for injuries to both Kellys, O'Mahony and Bourke – all had to be replaced. Yet we rallied from seven down to be level till O'Sullivan beat two defenders and lofted the deciding point. The Decies went on to take the title and the Munster crown. It was a decent end to the League for Tipp.

#### A LIMERICK TRILOGY

The Munster draws set up a semi final with Bennis' side. Not the toughest side of the set-up, but not easy either in view of the relatively level standard between us and Limerick over several years – and it was an "away" venue. What transpired was astonishing. It held the attention of the media and the public. It became a highlight of the hurling season. For duration of battle it broke all records – three games, two sessions of extra time. A three tier marathon in which Tipp were twice looking set to win, in which

Limerick's passion saved them and ultimately carried them on to the provincial final and further.

Episode one on June 10<sup>th</sup> saw Declan Fanning take full back as Paul Curran was out through injury. The Killenaule man was to be one of our individual successes over the seven game stretch. Benny Dunne was given his club berth of centre back – this did not work out as well. Ryan O'Dwyer was on the "forty", Eoin Kelly full forward, Pa Bourke and Willie Ryan in the corners. Willie, to some surprise, was given the free-taking – it could be seen, in retrospect, as the first indication of a change in Eoin Kelly's status with the mentors.

Damien Reale's two quick yellows left the home team with fourteen. Carroll blasted in a goal, the basis of 1-9 against 0-10 at the break. Ollie Moran won the breaks to our cost, forcing a switch of O'Mahony to the centre. O'Shaughnessy was another problem. Limerick rallied repeatedly wiping out twice Tipp's three point leads in the second half. Eoin Kelly, Ryan and Corbett built the last of these with time expiring. Fate decreed parity – a Geary free fielded by Ollie Moran, the lay-off to the left buried by Pat Tobin across Cummins. We replaced three of the starting attack with Corbett, Webster and Cahill.

#### CUMMINS OUT

Episode Two: the Saturday replay at the Stadium was remarkable. The big story afterwards was our loss of a ten point interim lead. A big story broke before a ball was hit. To huge surprise and initial disbelief on the part of many – a change had been made in the position least open to it over all the seasons since Brendan Cummins' arrival. He'd been an All-Star, or close to that honour, on a regular basis. The Tobin goal had not been put to his debit by many. Even if it had been, the basis for dropping could scarcely have arisen. It soon emerged that the issue of placement of puck-outs had been a source of dissension leading to a radical decision to play Gerry Kennedy. The change was not to be a one off – Kennedy played in the five games that followed his debut, doing well in general under the spotlight of publicity.

O'Mahony by now was seen as first choice at centre back, Dunne moved to centre forward. Eoin Kelly's "full" berth endorsed the mentors' views regarding O'Hanlon's and Webster's form in the position. The daring selection worked like a dream. Limerick seemed to have left their dash and tempo behind as Tipp swept to 1-12 against 0-5 at the break. In late changes to the printed side Seamus Butler was in for Pa Bourke, Corbett for Ryan. It was Butler's artistic goal that set us on our apparent way. A Kennedy save from a penalty added to the cheerful picture. A goal from Fitzgerald encouraged the pursuers in the third quarter but Tipp went seven ahead through Butler and Woodlock. Nothing to worry about now. Very much not so! In a sequence of great spirit and thrustful hurling while Tipp lost shape, Limerick got exactly the seven they needed. Subs Fitzgerald, O'Brien and Tobin got 1-7 between them. Equality felt like a defeat and we waited for extra time, the dream start just a memory.

#### A SECOND DRAW

Corcoran and McGrath had to leave the scene, both missed. The quick boost of an Egan goal for a half-way lead of two failed to sustain Tipp – no flag in the remaining spell while Ollie Moran led the visitors towards the town posts. A tremendous Mark Foley point roused them further, O'Shaughnessy was close to a goal. Andrew was the focus of attention when he stood over a controversial "65" with all at stake. He did not falter. Third session coming up.



*Eamonn Buckley shows his blocking skills as he foils a Michael Fitzgerald attack watched by Lar Corbett in the Munster SHC 2nd replay.*

The duel had become an extended epic. Back to where it started, Limerick might have gained from their rallies but Tipp were in no mood to concede. The only minor change was a switch of Egan and Dunne, with the captain now on the wing. In a complete reverse of the second game, Limerick raced ahead seven – one, using just two inside forwards to create space. Tipp responded with Kelly frees and an Egan goal – home protests were based on a knock to Mark Foley just before. Level a half time was good for Tipp. Better followed with Butler and Maher pointing, but O’Shaughnessy capped the retort with a leading score. A Kelly leveller preceded Limerick’s crowd-driven surge to three ahead. Was it over? Tipp were far from done – Bourke, Kelly and Butler restored parity. Onlookers shared players exhaustion. Extra time once more! As in Thurles it began with a Tipp goal, this time by Willie Ryan. Geary and O’Brien levelled up. Limerick found new resources of energy and will power. O’Shaughnessy nosed them in front. Ollie and Niall Moran trebled the margin amid pandemonium from the green section. All over. Hands were shaken in mutual respect – those hurlers had gained a spot in the record-book. Tipp were into the Qualifier group with Offaly, Dublin and Cork. Munster lay between Waterford and our conquerors.

#### QUALIFIERS BEGIN

The next step on a tiring weekly treadmill – McIntyre’s Offaly at the Stadium – continued the tension and threatened a terminal slip. Top spot in the round-robin would gain a quarters date with Wexford. Second would lead to a clash with Waterford – no doubting which was preferable, in advance anyhow! Our attack was re-shuffled to the extent of leaving out Corbett, Carroll, Dunne, Egan and Ryan. In came Bourke, O’Dwyer and Cahill – so far had Tipp failed to identify a settled format. Four of those omitted were brought in when a dire outcome threatened. This it certainly did – level 1-8 at half time, five down on a Murray goal in the second half. Kelly’s early one from a free had been wiped out by Sean Ryan. Five points in eight minutes levelled up before a huge free by Eoin regained the lead. Nerves were finally settled when Corbett exploited a goalie-defender mix-up to

tap to an empty net. We’d come through. Late Offaly wides had been helpful indeed and little glory attached to the performance.

Parnell Park on the next Saturday had to be seen as no walk-over. Tipp were two up at the break. A Carton goal threw it into some doubt as Dublin led but Egan, Ryan and Corbett pounce for a goal signalled end of crisis. Ryan’s frees were further insurance in a fine tally of 1-20 against 1-11. The big stories, though, were Kelly’s groin injury after twenty minutes and Curran’s serious facial one in the second period – desperate luck for the returning Paul and a large worry regarding Eoin. Shane Maher had played centre back, McGrath was a useful reserve.

On the Cork game depended the matter of Waterford or Wexford. Those two showings against Offaly and Dublin were not reassuring which made events at the Stadium all the more welcome – we pulled off one of the season’s odds – against victories. There was the rare sight of followers mobbing players at the end – a sudden rise in optimism and a token of old rivalry. The figures on the board of 2-16 against 1-18 made good reading indeed. And this without Eoin Kelly, Curran, McGrath or Woodlock. In came Darragh Hickey (Boherlahan) beside Dunne and Butler. Webster for a “full” start between Corbett and Ryan in hopes of troubling the “Rock” as two years ago.

#### CORK BEATEN!

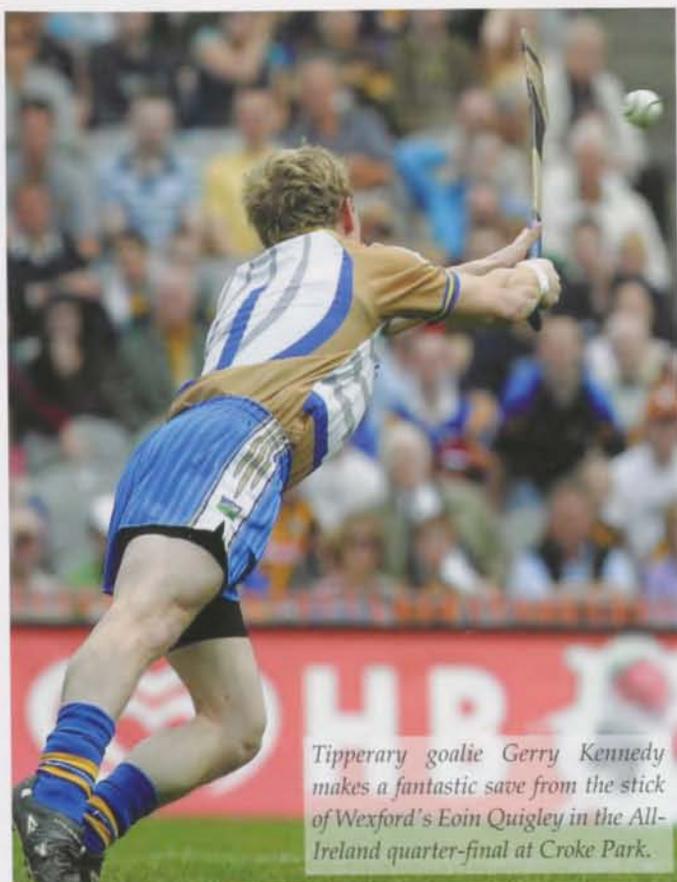
Fears looked set to be justified. Cork drove through with the pace of Gerry O’Connor and smart finishing to be four up quite soon. Came a counter blow with Corbett placing Ryan to beat Cusack. Tipp suddenly looked a fighting team and the crowd reacted. Corbett hit a brilliant spell, going outfield to swing three personal points. One down at the break had our mood on the upbeat. It got brighter still when Dunne set up Ryan for another goal. Cork helped the cause later with Cusack blown for too advanced a delivery and O’Sullivan’s needless charge on Ryan also punished by the free taker. Incredibly, Tipp were six ahead while Cork anxiety led to three substitutions. They got reward for pressure with Ronan deflecting in a dropping free. At one up it was all to play



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*Tipperary goalie Gerry Kennedy makes a fantastic save from the stick of Wexford's Eoin Quigley in the All-Ireland quarter-final at Croke Park.*

for and how resolutely Tipp played, with body and stick checking the tide of attack and the supporters in a frenzy. We had Carroll on for Devaney, Egan for Webster, McGrath for Hickey, Bourke for Ryan – fresh legs to good effect. Carroll's point was greeted with delight. All ended with Ben O'Connor trying for a line-cut against a backdrop of noise and sideline discouragement. An invasion followed the last whistle – we'd beaten the odds and the forecasts, raised Tipp's rating and avoided the Decies. Thoughts of a semi final with Kilkenny occurred.

#### WEXFORD FIND FORM

The Model county did not go into it with much prestige – too many heavy hammerings by Kilkenny, Leinster finals uncompetitive since the year Wexford caught them on Rory Jacob's goal. Still, they might rise above their recent form when faced by somebody other than Cody's side. They had a reasonable tradition against Tipp, and we were no giants of the game at the moment.



*Brendan Cummins receiving the Waterford Crystal Cup from Munster Council Chairman Sean Fogarty while John O'Leary represents the competition sponsor Waterford Crystal.*

The odds-layers installed us as favourites on the evidence against Cork and it is fair to say that we were quietly confident, despite uncertainty about Eoin Kelly.

Beforehand - and in the "post mortem" – Kelly was a central topic. The player and the physio saw him as capable of starting. The manager and selectors - plus the trainer apparently – disagreed with that view. Well and good if we could again win without him. Coming in as a sub. might help, though it might be as well to find out his potential before the Wexford defence had settled down. As it turned out he did come in and with less effect than hoped for at the time. Kelly's pace off the mark was below his top standard and he was given little room or time by those resourceful defenders. The argument remains a post-Keating theme.

Any idea of comfort was soon dispelled by Wexford's positive approach. Tipp fielded: Kennedy; Buckley, Fanning, Byrne; Corcoran, O'Mahony, Maher; Maloney, Butler; Hickey, Dunne, Carroll; Ryan, Egan, Corbett. The choice of Butler as far out as midfield surprised quite a few – we needed finishers in Kelly's absence. Maloney, too, was hardly expected to be out of defence. Ball play seemed the inside forward hope for lack of physical push.

#### THAT FATAL FREE

There were immediate worries in defence. Wexford might have goaled twice against exposed backmen but for bad misses and Kennedy's three excellent stops from Lambert and Quigley. The McCarthy-Stamp midfield had the edge. Those early escapes for Tipp were welcome but suddenly on seventeen minutes a Kehoe lob drew Kennedy out to get tangled with his defender and Wexford had the boost of a goal. Fortunately, Corbett wasn't long about cancelling it. Hickey's four flags from play maintained the response. An interim lead was a possible basis for a second half push. Kelly had come on a few minutes before the break to thunderous applause and expectancy.

Eoin came close to providing a significant lead at the Railway posts only for Fitzhenry to stretch to the left and turn it away – a replica of Kennedy's best save. With Tipp three up, the issue was thrown back into uncertainty by a Lambert finish to a Jacob lay-off. Kelly's class again lifted our spirits – a typically sweet point from play. "Doc" O'Connor, long time defender, was now on in attack. He and Lambert proved Wexford's will to win by regaining the advantage. But Tipp seemed to shade it – McGrath, Maloney, Hickey and Kelly frees had us two up as the clock reached seventy. Our scoring dried up – Rossiter, Travers, Kehoe were resolute defenders at this stage. A Stamp free began the fatal sequence – he'd caught a high one and was held up. The free posed no larger threat than a Lambert point, leaving Tipp as much up. Defenders disputed the award. Lambert, about to strike, was halted by the referee, who brought the ball closer and more central as an extra punishment. Goalie Fitzhenry, noted for successful trips upfield, was seen in purposeful run forward. Surely not, we prayed. Cruelly, yes was the answer. The shot went through the defensive set-up to transform the situation. Frantic Tipp efforts to gain a draw were frustrated by the exultant defenders. A long free from Eoin Kelly offered a chance that drifted right of the upright. Eoin Quigley banished all hope with a point from the left wing. A hard-to-take defeat was the reality, a repeat of the 2006 loss to Waterford. For the record, as well as Kelly coming on for Egan, McGrath replaced Ryan, Fitzgerald appeared for Byrne, Bourke for Butler. The apparent easier hurdle had tripped us up! Post-defeat wisdom and criticism were natural consequences. So was the exit of the "cabinet" in charge.

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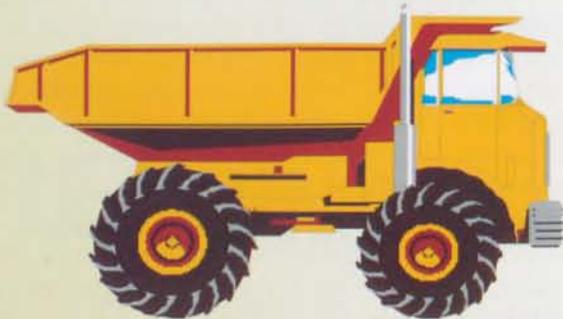
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# Babs Bows Out After Bid To Recapture Past Glories

By John Guiton (Tipperary Star).

The name of Michael 'Babs' Keating first came to prominence when at twenty one years of age he was drafted into the Tipperary senior hurling team with an impressive three Munster minor medals and an All-Ireland Intermediate medal to his credit. It was a major ask of the Ballybacon-Grange man to compete at such a young age against the icons of hurling in the superpowers of the game, but, Blue and Gold followers knew he was destined for greatness. Before long he was a household name in hurling and quickly established himself as one of the great dual players of his era, representing Tipperary with distinction at Ralway Cup level in both hurling and football. Keating may not have been the tallest figure ever to play hurling or football, but he had all the attributes of a top class hurler and footballer. Burly, immensely strong, skilful, and crafty, he left an indelible mark on hurling history, and many elite football counties would have loved to have availed of his talents. His strike rate as an intercounty hurler ensured that he was high on the list of top scorers on a regular basis, and the records also indicate his scoring returns were phenomenal on the club scene with his native Ballybacon-Grange.

On his retirement from both codes it came as no real surprise that Babs decided to put his knowledge and expertise to the test in team management. His well-documented career in hurling management was recalled by his friend, and subsequent rival on the sidelines, Cyril Farrell, when he wrote in the Irish Independent of Keating's brilliance as a coach to Galway in 1979. Farrell was trainer of the team and he recalled in his article that Keating "saw things in lads others wouldn't notice, always had a new way of showing a player something, and most of all, made players feel so good about themselves that even modest talents thought they were a cross between Christy Ring and Eddie Keher." Farrell, one of the greatest hurling managers of all time, also wrote of Babs Keating "one quality that will never fade from his repertoire is an unbelievable pride in the Tipperary jersey."

That pride led him to steer his native county to one of the most successful periods in the history of the county winning five Munster titles and two All-Irelands, and it is the opinion of many, that Tipp should have won more in that golden spell lasting almost a decade. Richard Stakelum famously declared in Killarney that "the famine is over" and young people who never previously experienced the joy of Tipperary as Munster and All-Ireland champions suddenly found themselves in a new world. After all, Tipp had spent eighteen years without a senior All-Ireland up to the big breakthrough of 1989. When Babs Keating's glorious reign came to an end in 1994, little did he think that he would return at the helm over a



Limerick Manager Richie Bennis and Tipperary Manager Babs Keating meet prior to the start of another epic contest.

decade later. He had, of course, continued to follow the fortunes of his native county with passion, and always harboured a desire to return to the top post. However, as he acknowledged in an interview conducted before this year's championship his chances of getting the job seemed rather slim at the time (2005) given that he had criticised the county board in his Sunday Times article. His criticism of the administration followed Tipp's defeat to Cork in the All-Ireland qualifier in Killarney in 2004. He expressed the view that Tipp's fortunes were on a downward curve at the time, and "a shake-up" was required at administrative level.

However, the criticisms were over-looked when Keating was approached in October 2005 and after lengthy discussions was offered the top job for the second time in his coaching career. Babs was very excited at the prospect. He said at the time that his enthusiasm for Tipperary hurling was the same as it was when he first pulled on the Tipp jersey forty-six years ago. He told the assembled media at a press night in Anner Hotel that he always had a longing to be in Semple Stadium or Pairc Uí Chaoimh or Pairc na nGael, on Munster championship days, and at training nights in Thurles. "As somebody who went through the joys of Killarney in '87 and Croke Park in '89, and '91 the longing to be part of the Tipp set-up never went away" he said. He added that he was not guaranteeing success, nor promising it, and the function of himself and his selectors John Leahy and Tom Barry was to make sure the great progress made at underage level be carried through to the senior ranks. There was a great sense of anticipation in the county following Babs appointment, and following an abysmal league campaign that demonstrated little promise, Tipp's stock rose with championship victories over Limerick and Waterford, the victory over the Decies marked by another majestic

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performance from Eoin Kelly who scored 2-9 (2-3 from play) of his sides 3-14 total. There was great rejoicing after Tipp's eight-point victory. Tipp displayed a tremendous work ethic and with two major scalps under their belt they looked forward to the Munster final with optimism. Tipp advanced their form for the big clash with the rebels but it was not enough to deny the favourites. With an All-Ireland quarter final place already clinched, Keating's men found themselves pitted against Waterford in an historic Croke Park clash. The rejuvenated Decies were out for revenge, and they ensured another chapter in Tipp's poor record at headquarters since 2001 with a resounding 1-22 to 3-13 win. Tipp's old failing of driving wides came back to haunt them- they shot fifteen.

A long season of ups and downs had ended on a disappointing note for Tipp. But management and players had put in a huge effort over 2006, a number of young players such as Conor O'Mahoney and Shane McGrath had been introduced to the ranks, and the hope was that lessons would be learned for 2007. It was an eventful and controversial 2007 for Keating and company. Tipp should have beaten Limerick in the first replay of a marathon three-game Munster championship series and had they achieved that goal who is to say what might have happened. A major controversy erupted concerning the omission of long-serving goalie, Brendan Cummins, from the team for the first replay against Limerick, and rumours of discontent in the camp gathered momentum. Subsequently, Tipperary's spirits got a massive lift when they beat Cork in the All-Ireland 'qualifiers' but it was very much a false dawn and the year ended on a most disappointing note when an out of sorts Tipp suffered an unexpected defeat to Wexford in the All-Ireland quarter-final.

Days of recrimination and stinging criticism of team management and the team's performance followed in media circles. Keating responded to criticisms made of him and hit out

at some GAA writers for what he described as "personalised criticism" of him and his selectors, John Leahy and Tom Barry, from "some sections of the media and some sections of the public." A colourful personality who tends to shoot from the hip and is never far from the sporting headlines, had charted a controversial path over the two years on his return. He shipped public criticism for dropping Brendan Cummins, and for omitting Ger "Redser" O'Grady from the panel last year.

Keating claimed at all times that controversial decisions he and his selectors made were not taken "on the spur of the moment." He told the media - We made them as we saw fit and in the interests of Tipperary hurling. We got flak for a lot of decisions we made, but, those dishing it out to us did not know the full story, they just couldn't because they were not in the position we were in. And no allowances was made for all the injuries we had to deal with during the year.

In the aftermath of the Wexford defeat, Babs indicated that he would not be seeking re-appointment as manager as he had been stung by what he described as "an over-critical assessment" of his two year term. He thanked, in particular John Leahy and Tom Barry for their work as his selectors stating that he could not have worked with "two greater men." County chairperson, John Costigan, led tributes to Keating and his selectors for their work over their two year term. Nobody was more disappointed than himself, Keating said, that success had not come to Tipp. The man whose trojan work for Tipperary Supporters club down through the years is widely acknowledged ( he organised the Supporters club ' Legends Night' earlier this year) claimed in media reports that he gave the manager post his "best shot, an honest shot." over two years. His dream of recapturing the glories of the eighties and nineties for Tipp may not have materialised, but, the disappointment, he maintains, will not dampen his "lifelong passion and enthusiasm for the Blue and Gold." and he will continue to be one of its "most fervent supporters."



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*From left, Barry O'Brien County Board Vice Chairman, Michael Fitzgerald representing Enfer presenting sponsorship cheque to County Board Chairman John Costigan, with Babs Keating and County Secretary Tim Floyd.*

# Tipperary Supporters Club

By Gerry Ryan PRO.

2008 will mark the 21st annual general meeting of the Tipperary Supporters Club, which will be a landmark of the success the club has been. It will also demonstrate the remarkable goodwill which exists in our county for our hurlers that spanning all those years they were people prepared to fundraise and people prepared to give to ensure Tipperary hurling teams were prepared to the highest standard for championship preparation. In that period of time upwards of 1.8 million euros will have been raised and all put in support of Tipperary hurling.

The highlight in Tipperary's hurling year was the winning of back to back All-Ireland minor titles and those young men received boots courtesy of the supporters club together with team outfits on All -Ireland final day. The seeds of those All Ireland minor successes were sown by Tipperary Bord Na nÓg and the supporters club have involved themselves with the Bord by sponsoring the prestigious All-Ireland under 16 championship. Their sponsorship has seen a generous reward in its first two years. Tipperary have again won back to back All-Ireland victories leading the roll of honour in this championship which is now in its 20th year.

A highlight of 2007 was the very successful hosting of "Night of Legends" in the Burlington Hotel on Saturday February 10th, the eve of the historic opening of Croke Park to rugby when France were the visitors in the 6 nations championship. Ireland has only once previously won the championship and that was in 1951. The surviving members of that side were guests of honour led by their captain Dr Karl Mullen. The Mayo football team were the county's only side to win back to back All-Ireland's a feat achieved in the same era of 1950/51 those special players led by Eamonn Mongey were also feted on the night. To complete the night of legends were our own three in a row All Ireland champions of '49, '50 and '51 and two of those captains Jimmy Finn and Pat Stakelum were there along with other hurling legends honoured on hurling's team of the century Tony Reddan and John Doyle.

The night was hosted by another legend Michael O'Muirceartaigh and a hugely successful auction was held which topped over €100,000 being donated to a charitable trust for homeless people run by that marvellous Fethard woman Alice Leahy.

When the idea of hosting a night for sporting legends was brought to a supporters club committee meeting by Babs Keating there was some reservations could it be done successfully. Well Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup> proved beyond all doubt, when the main dining hall of Dublin's legendary Burlington Hotel was packed with personalities and people from every walk of life in Ireland.

The 20th Annual General meeting of supporters club took place on Tuesday March 20th and saw Pat Creed and James O' Hanrahan step down from their positions of secretary and assistant treasurer respectively and chairman Ger Ryan led the many tributes to the services and dedication of both men. They



Michael Murphy presenting on behalf of Enfer Scientific their perpetual trophy to the Supporters Club Golf Classic winning team Flancare. Left to right: Vincent Woodlock, Babs Keating, Michael Woodlock, Michael Murphy, John Ryan, P. J. Noonan, Joe Tuohy.

were the receptions of special presentations as retiring Co Board secretary Michael O'Brien.

The officers of the club elected for 2007 were Chairman - Ger Ryan, Secretary - Joe Tuohy, Treasurer - Michael 'Spike' Nolan, Assistant Treasurer - John Ryan, and P.R.O. - Gerry Ryan. The meeting on the night were given a full outline of the clubs finances by Assistant Treasurer James O'Hanrahan outlining the various events such as the Golf Classic, Night at the dogs, Corporate dinner, Table Quiz's as well as the Annual Membership.

Secretary Pat Creed dealt with a summary of events on and off the field dealing with the Supporters Club and the Tipperary senior hurling team.

Chairman Ger Ryan gave a comprehensive address at the meeting and other speakers included county chairman, John Costigan, founder of the Supporters club Michael 'Babs' Keating, Tipperary hurling captain Benny Dunne, Tipperary Association President Michael Fenton, former county secretary Michael O'Brien, President of the Camogie Association Liz Howard and the clubs P.R.O. Gerry Ryan.

Our flagship fundraiser has been our annual golf classic and this year event was again staged at County Tipperary Golf & County Club in Dundrum. The event was played on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th May with in excess of 60 teams taking part. The main sponsor was Capital House Capital Limited and the following is the list of prizewinners.

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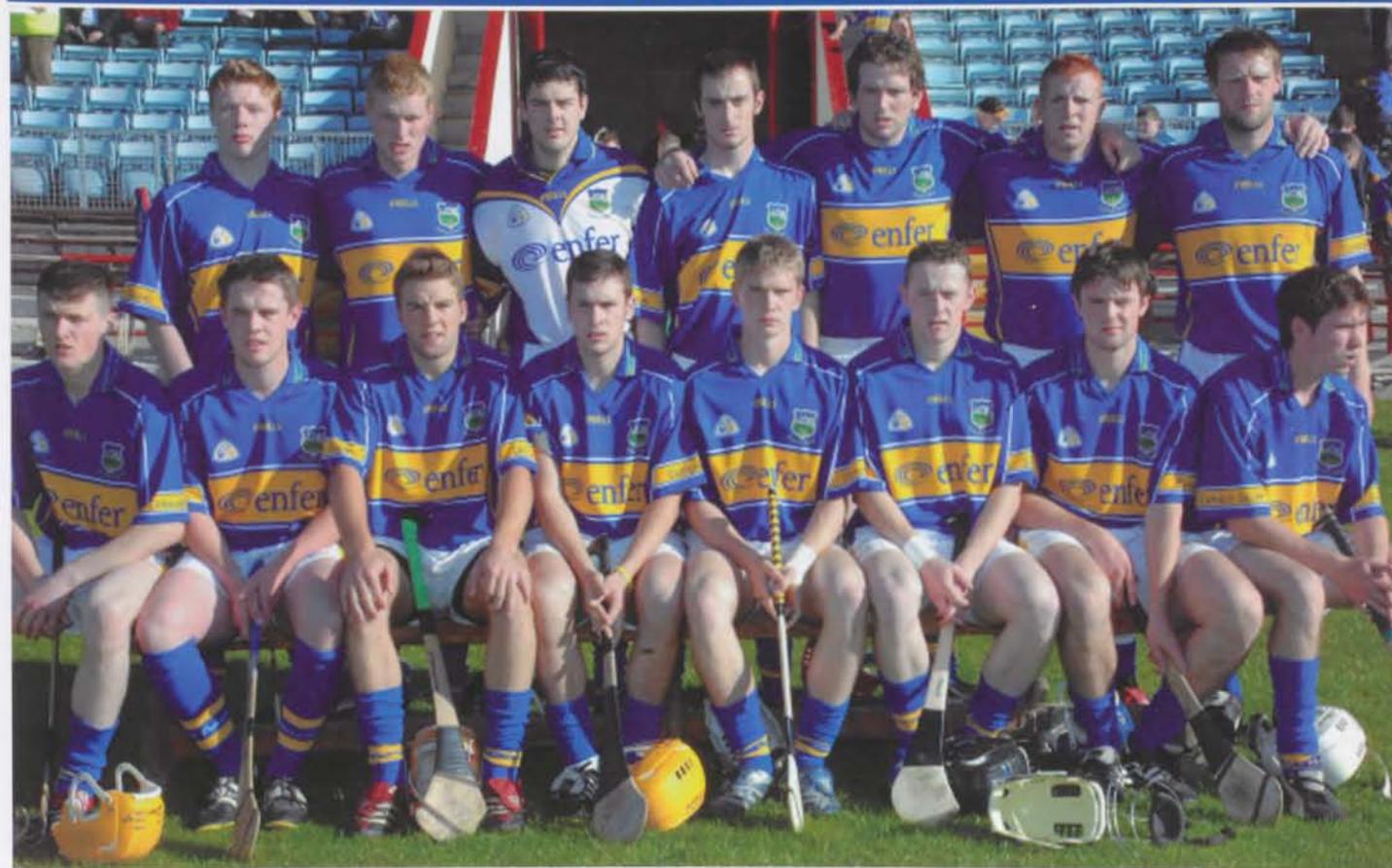
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# TIPPERARY UNDER 21 HURLING



Back row, left to right: Tom McGrath (Ballingarry), Thomas Stapleton (Templederry), Matthew Ryan (Templederry), Ryan O'Dwyer (Cashel King Cormac's), Garry Egan (Kildangan), Danny O'Hanlon (Carrick Swan), Stephen Murphy (Kilruane McDonaghs). Front row, left to right: Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields), Daragh Hickey (Boherlahan-Dualla), James Woodlock (Drom Inch), Joey Moloughney (Toomevara), Brendan Maher (Borrisoleigh), Stephen Lillis (Thurles Sarsfields), Jim Bob McCarthy (Golden-Kilfeacle), Michael Gleeson (Thurles Sarsfields).



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# Minors of '07 Oozed Class

By NOEL DUNDON (TIPPERARY STAR)

For the second year in succession, the colours of the Premier County found themselves in the winners enclosure on All-Ireland hurling final day in Croke Park. Once again it was our minors who rescued a potentially barren season, and they did so with the same style and panache associated with the members of the management team.

2007 was always going to be a tough year for Tipp at minor level. Having won the Irish Press Cup in 2006 under the Liam Sheedy led management team, it would have been very difficult to cap the achievement. But, they managed to do it and added the Munster crown to the trophy haul for good measure. Tipperary's campaign commenced way before championship time when Manager Declan Ryan, Coach Tommy Dunne, and Selectors Michael Gleeson and Liam Cahill both ran the rule over a large number of potential minor hurlers. They studied each player in almost forensic detail and chose a panel of players who would carry the hopes of Tipperary into the 2007 season.

They began the championship trail in the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick on May 2nd when Clare were on the receiving end of a 3-12 to 1-11 defeat. Tipperary had struggled though for a long time and managed to put the scores on the board in the closing stages. It was a victory, but the players and management team knew that huge improvements would have to be made if they were to progress.

They did improve and as a curtain raiser to the Tipp vs Limerick senior hurling championship replay in Limerick, the Tipp minors hammered the home side by 3-21 to 0-12. Tipp looked good, threw the ball about well, and took their scores. But, Limerick were poor and it would take the Munster Final against Cork to determine just how good this Tipp side really was.

Munster Final day in Semple Stadium, Tipp vs Cork is always a special occasion. Neither county was in the senior final though and what ensued was a wonderful clash of two great rivals. The game was tight all the way through but when Cork were reduced to fourteen men midway through the second half, Tipp put the numerical advantage to good use. They emerged victorious by 0-18 to 1-11 thereby achieving something the previous years champions had not - they won back the Munster Final trophy for Tipp.

The spine running through the Tipperary side was steel like.



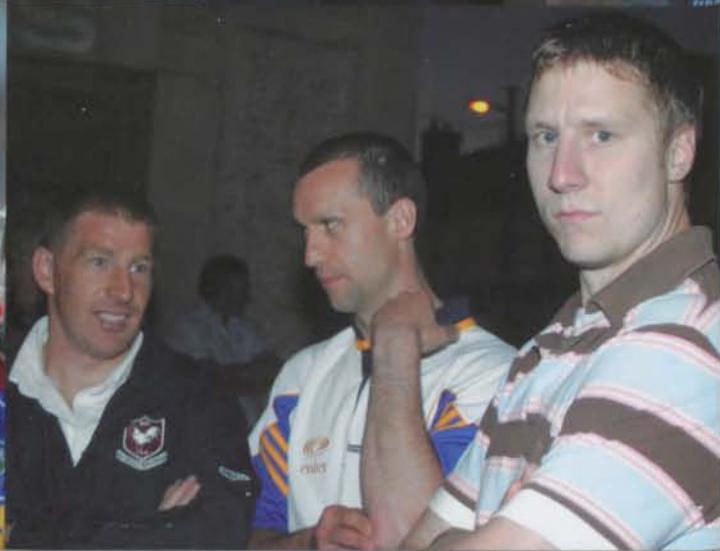
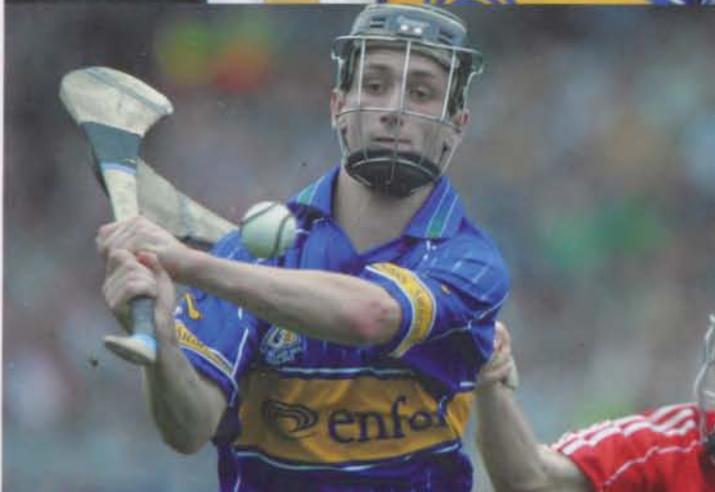
Tipperary selector Liam Cahill and Seamus Hennessy show emotion after the final whistle



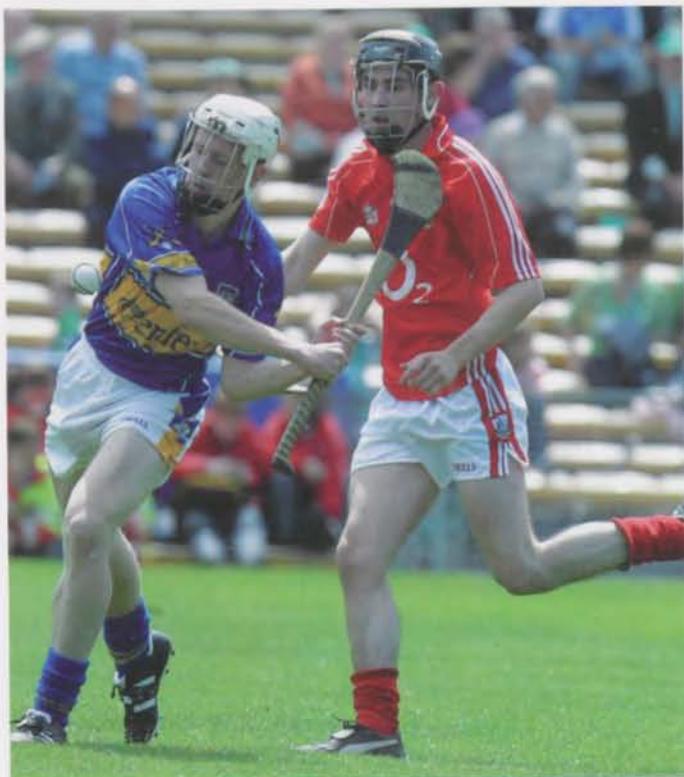
Tipperary minor hurling Manager Declan Ryan celebrates All-Ireland final win with his sons Jack and Tommy.

From James Logue, to Padraic Maher, John Coughlan, Michael Cahill, Seamus Hennessy, Patrick Maher and captain Brendan Maher, there was experience aplenty - in fact way more experience than one would have anticipated at minor level. Throw in Kevin O'Gorman, Sean O'Brien, James Barry, that wonderful hurler Noel McGrath, Joe Gallagher, Ciaran Lorrigan, John O'Neill from the Manager's own club, and Michael Heffernan - class oozed out of every line, and it showed time and time again.

Their mettle was tested on numerous occasions throughout the year and they still had some severe tests to pass in the All-Ireland series. This Tipperary side was maturing and gelling by the week. The stamp of the management team was now very much visible and having attended a number of the training sessions during the year, the step up in tempo was also very evident. Players were not only doing things more quickly, they were also thinking more quickly and therefore performing at a far faster pace. Some of the training sessions were lightening fast and it was no surprise to see this replicated when they took to the field against Kilkenny in the All-Ireland semi-final. Now facing the Cats on any given Sunday is a big deal. But, when you licked them a year previously at the same stage, one could be certain that revenge would be in the air. It was, but Tipperary players stood up and were counted. They hurled with flair and passion and when the final whistle sounded The Premier men were 1-19 to 2-12 to the good - Eire Og Nenagh's



Top left: County Board Treasurer Spike Nolan celebrates All-Ireland minor final win with star players John O'Neill and James Logue.  
 Top right: Derek Ryan (brother of team Manager Declan Ryan) sings 'Slievenamon' at the homecoming party in Thurles.  
 Middle left: Michael Heffernan aims for goal in the later stages of the ESB All-Ireland minor final.  
 Middle right: Sean Maher, Tommy Dunne and Philip Maher at the Tipperary minor team homecoming party in Borrisoileigh.  
 Bottom left: Brendan Maher shows the Irish Press cup to fans in Borris-ileigh after All-Ireland Final. Bottom right: The successful Tipperary minor hurling Management team at the steps of the Cathedral Thurles after the Irish Press Cup return to the Cathedral town (l to r) - Liam Cahill (selector), Declan Ryan (Manager), Tommy Dunne (Coach) and Michael Gleeson (selector).



*Sean O'Brien clears his lines against Cork in the Munster Final.*

Michael Heffernan getting the goal. And so Tipp were back in the All-Ireland against their old rivals Cork again. This time round it was Cork who had thoughts of revenge on their mind and the build up to the final predicted that this could be the best minor decider in years. It was from a Tipp viewpoint anyway.

After a bad start the boys in blue and gold dug deep and a goal in either half from Sean Carey added to by a Michael Heffernan blast saw the Irish Press Cup back in Thurles for the second time in 12 months. The victory was greeted with great excitement as the county celebrated wildly. And, the new management team had earned their reputation by producing the sort of side Tipperary could be proud of.

No stone was left unturned with the preparations - crucially though, the training was all about hurling. First touch, speed of action, reaction, thought and limb were all worked on intensely while the plotting and planning went on off-field. This was a victory for hurling and it was great that four fine hurling men

in Declan Ryan, Tommy Dunne, Liam Cahill and Michael Gleeson delivered it. It just goes to show that there really is no substitute for pure hurling.

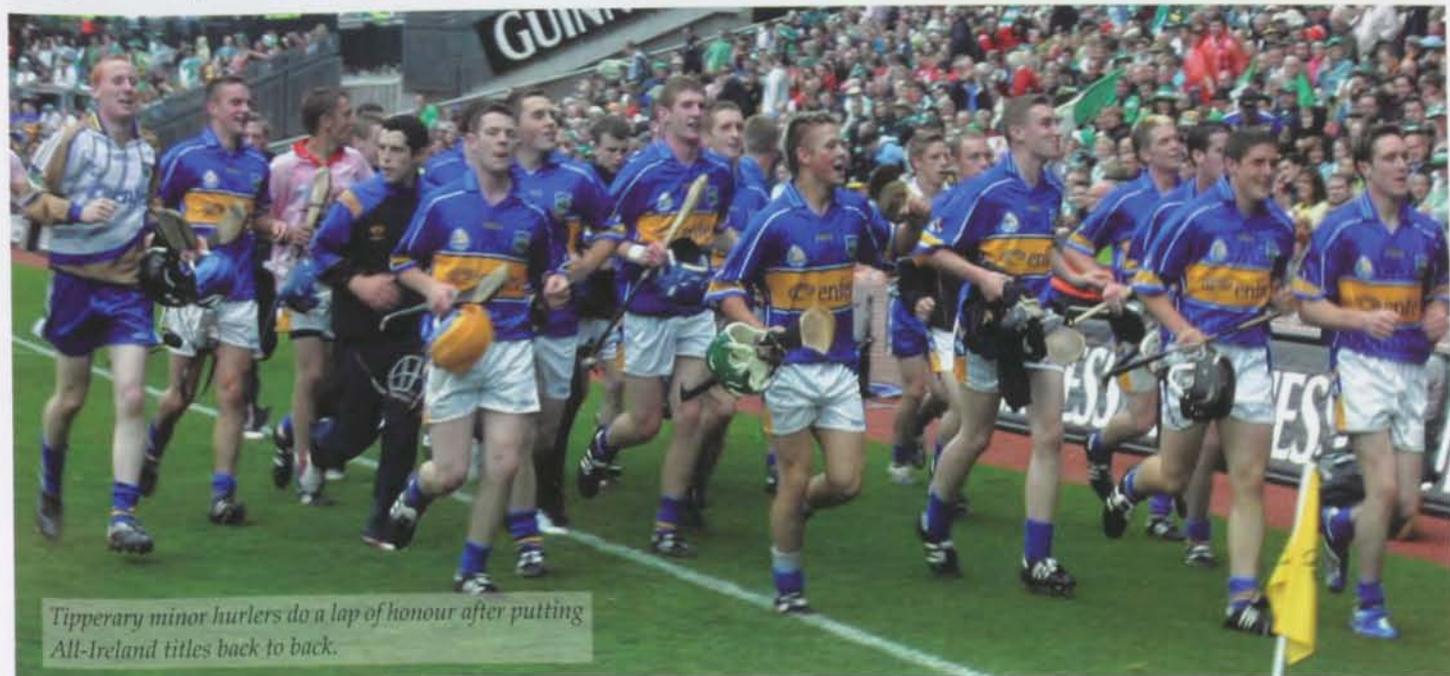
The All-Ireland champions were as follows: James Logue (Ballingarry), Kevin O'Gorman (Thurles Sarsfields), Padraig Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Sean O'Brien (Newport), James Barry (Upperchurch-Drombane), John Coughlan (Moyne-Templetuohy), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields), Brendan Maher (Borrisoleigh) capt., 0-3, Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1, Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane-MacDonaghs) 0-4, Ciaran Lorigan (Moyle Rovers), Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) 2-0, John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-2, Patrick Maher (Lorrha) 0-1, Michael Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg) 1-2. Subs: Paddy Murphy (Nenagh Eire Óg) 0-1 for Patrick Maher, Joe Gallagher (Kildangan) for O'Gorman, Darragh O'Brien (Cashel King Cormac's) for Lorigan, Darren O'Connor (Roscrea) for McGrath. Also: Bill McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields), Ciaran Haugh (Lorrha), Liam Dwan (Holycross-Ballycahill), Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers), Kieran Shelly (Ballingarry)

The steps of the Cathedral of the Assumption have seen a lot of worship down through the years, but this was a different kind. The players and management team were the heroes of the hour and as the Patron of the GAA, Archbishop Dermot Clifford welcomed home the squad thoughts were turning to a three-in-a-row - Loughmore Castleiney's Noel McGrath has the chance in 2008 of emulating Jimmy Doyle's three All-Ireland minor hurling medals, an amazing feat.

2007 will be remembered in Tipperary very fondly when thoughts of the minors are being recalled. What strikes one most is how they improved game on game. They peaked for each of the matches and the management team can take a well deserved bow for the manner in which they timed the runs on each occasion. It's not easy to get it right, but they did so. The players have been described as a very honest bunch. Tipperary needs honesty above all now as the county faces into the future and those who will don the senior, u-21 and junior jerseys in the coming season could well take a leaf out of the book of the '07 minors before entering the battle. Above all else these lads can look in the mirror and be proud of what they see.

That's a wonderful thing to be able to do.

Congrats and well done to the Tipperary minor hurlers and management team of 2007.



*Tipperary minor hurlers do a lap of honour after putting All-Ireland titles back to back.*

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# Tipperary Minor Hurling, Part 2 (1928-57)

by Ricky Sheehan

Recent plans at national level may spell the end of the intercounty minor championship as we know it, after eighty years in existence. Last year in the Yearbook (pp. 19-20) I compiled the complete minor hurling results for Tipperary in the five decades 1957-2006. The results achieved at a) Munster level and b) All-Ireland level were simply analysed for each of the five decades.

This year the county minor hurling results for each of the first three decades of the championship are tabulated to complete the record. Because Tipperary won a second consecutive All-Ireland title in 2007, these results are also included. Last September saw the first minor hurling two-in-a-row for Tipperary since the three-in-a-row of 1955-57, when Jimmy Doyle was a minor. Let the results speak for themselves

## 1928

Waterford 8-2      Tipperary 4-2 (sf)

## 1929

Tipperary 2-1      Cork 0-2  
 Tipperary 3-3      Clare 2-0 (sf)  
 Waterford 7-5      Tipperary 1-2 (f)

## 1930

Tipperary 7-1      Kerry 4-2  
 Tipperary 4-0      Waterford 2-1 (sf)  
 Tipperary 4-3      Cork 3-0 (Mf)  
 Tipperary 4-1      Kilkenny 2-1 (Af)

## 1931

Tipperary 6-4      Limerick 5-3  
 Tipperary 2-8      Cork 3-5 (sf)  
 Tipperary 5-6      Cork 2-3 (replay)  
 Tipperary 6-5      Waterford 6-2 (Mf)  
 Kilkenny 3-6      Tipperary 3-2 (Af)

## 1932

Tipperary 4-0      Limerick 3-0  
 Tipperary 4-7      Waterford 3-1 (sf)  
 Tipperary 7-8      Clare 3-0 (Mf)  
 Tipperary 6-6      Galway 0-0 (Asf)  
 Tipperary 8-5      Kilkenny 5-1 (Af)

## 1933

Tipperary 4-1      Waterford 3-4 (sf)  
 Tipperary 4-1      Waterford 2-1 (replay)  
 Tipperary 3-1      Cork 2-2 (Mf)  
 Tipperary 11-6      Kilkenny 4-2 (Asf)  
 Tipperary 4-6      Galway 2-3 (Af)

## 1934

Tipperary 1-3      Cork 1-2  
 Tipperary 1-3      Clare 1-2 (sf)  
 Tipperary 3-6      Waterford 0-6 (Mf)  
 Tipperary 8-8      Galway 1-0 (Asf)  
 Tipperary 4-3      Leix 3-5 (Af)

## 1935

Tipperary 7-3      Limerick 1-3 (sf)  
 Tipperary 4-3      Cork 2-1 (Mf)  
 Tipperary 6-7      Antrim 0-0 (Asf)  
 Kilkenny 4-2      Tipperary 3-3 (Af)

## 1936

Tipperary 3-5      Kerry 3-1  
 Tipperary 6-8      Clare 2-2 (sf)  
 Cork 6-5      Tipperary 1-4 (Mf)

## 1937

Cork 10-1      Tipperary 3-2 (sf)

The statistics for the first ten years read as follows. Tipperary played 26 matches in Munster, won 20, drew 2 and lost 4, giving the county an 80.8% success rate. At the All-Ireland level the county played 10, won 8, drew none and lost 2 giving it an 80% success rate. Taking the overall picture the number of games played was 36, with 28 won, 2 drawn and 6 lost amounting to an 80.6% success rate.

## 1938

Tipperary 5-5      Clare 4-2  
 Cork 9-1      Tipperary 6-1 (sf)

## 1939

Limerick 7-5      Tipperary 2-0

## 1940

Cork 3-5      Tipperary 2-2

## 1941

Tipperary 5-2      Waterford 5-2 (sf)  
 Tipperary 3-2      Waterford 3-1 (replay)  
 Cork 4-6      Tipperary 3-3 (Mf)

## 1942

Tipperary 7-3      Clare 0-1

Competition suspended during World War 11

## 1945

Tipperary 6-8      Waterford 3-2  
 Tipperary 6-11      Cork 4-2 (sf)  
 Tipperary 8-10      Clare 0-2 (Mf)  
 Tipperary 5-16      Galway 0-2 (Asf)  
 Dublin 3-14      Tipperary 4-6 (Af)

## 1946

Tipperary	9-7	Limerick	3-4 (sf)
Tipperary	5-6	Cork	4-2 (Mf)
Tipperary	5-6	Galway	0-1 (Asf)
Dublin	1-6	Tipperary	0-7 (Af)

## 1947

Tipperary	6-5	Limerick	3-3 (sf)
Tipperary	2-4	Waterford	1-2 (Mf)
Tipperary	5-12	Antrim	1-4 (Asf)
Tipperary	9-15	Galway	1-5 (Af)

The overall statistical picture for the 10 years 1938-1947 is as follows. Tipperary played 15 games in the Munster championship, won 10, drew 1 and lost 4, giving the county a 70% success rate. At the All-Ireland level the county played 6 won 4, drew none and lost two, giving a success rate of 66.7%. Overall 21 games were played, with 14 won, 1 drawn and 6 lost giving a success rate of 69%.

## 1948

Tipperary	8-5	Limerick	1-6
Tipperary	7-9	Cork	1-2 (sf)
Waterford	3-6	Tipperary	0-3 (Mf)

## 1949

Tipperary	3-10	Cork	5-3
Tipperary	5-11	Waterford	2-2 (sf)
Tipperary	5-6	Clare	5-5 (Mf)
Tipperary	9-7	Antrim	0-2 (Asf)
Tipperary	5-6	Kilkenny	2-4 (Af)

## 1950

Tipperary	8-6	Limerick	2-6
Tipperary	7-10	Waterford	3-4 (sf)
Tipperary	12-3	Clare	2-0 (Mf)
Tipperary	6-9	Galway	0-5 (Asf)
Kilkenny	3-4	Tipperary	1-5 (Af)

## 1951

Tipperary	1-3	Waterford	1-3
Tipperary	2-2	Waterford	0-2 (replay)
Cork	2-2	Tipperary	1-3 (sf)

## 1952

Tipperary	4-6	Waterford	2-2
Tipperary	5-7	Cork	2-6 (sf)
Tipperary	10-7	Clare	1-2 (Mf)
Tipperary	9-3	Galway	0-1 (Asf)
Tipperary	9-9	Dublin	2-3 (Af)

## 1953

Tipperary	4-3	Waterford	2-3
Tipperary	5-10	Cork	4-4 (sf)
Tipperary	3-11	Limerick	3-3 (Mf)
Tipperary	5-12	Antrim	0-4 (Asf)
Tipperary	8-6	Dublin	3-6 (Af)

## 1954

Tipperary	6-5	Clare	0-1
Tipperary	3-19	Cork	4-5 (sf)
Tipperary	3-5	Limerick	2-3 (Af)
Tipperary	10-12	Galway	1-2 (Asf)
Dublin	2-7	Tipperary	2-3 (Af)

## 1955

Tipperary	3-6	Cork	3-4 (sf)
Tipperary	8-11	Waterford	2-5 (Mf)
Tipperary	3-13	Kilkenny	1-8 (Asf)
Tipperary	5-15	Galway	2-5 (Af)

## 1956

Tipperary	6-12	Limerick	5-5
Tipperary	4-6	Cork	3-8 (sf)
Tipperary	10-10	Waterford	4-4 (Mf)
Tipperary	12-11	Antrim	1-0
Tipperary	4-16	Kilkenny	1-5 (Af)

## 1957

Tipperary	10-8	Kerry	1-6
Tipperary	6-6	Cork	4-4 (sf)
Tipperary	3-8	Limerick	1-4 (Mf)
Tipperary	4-12	Galway	3-7 (Asf)
Tipperary	4-7	Kilkenny	3-7 (Af)

The statistics for the ten years 1948-1957 are as follows. Tipperary played 29 games in Munster, winning 26, drawing 1 and losing 2 giving a success ratio of 91.4%. At the All-Ireland level the county played 16 games, won 14, drew none and lost 2 for a success ratio of 87.5%. The overall performance shows 45 played, 40 won, 1 drawn and 4 lost for a success rate of 90%.

From 1952-57 Tipperary minors won 28 out of 29 championship games and five out of six All-Irelands. The only game they lost was the 1954 All-Ireland final against Dublin.

The overall statistics for the whole period 1928-2007 are as follows. In Munster the county played 186 games, won 134, drew 11 and lost 41 giving a success rate of 75%. At the All-Ireland level 68 games were played, 46 won, 1 was drawn and 21 were lost giving a success rate of 68.4%. The overall figure is as follows. The county played 254, won 180, drew 12 and lost 62 for a success rate of 73.2.

For the record the 2007 minor championship results are as follows:

## 2007

Tipperary	3-12	Clare	1-11
Tipperary	3-21	Limerick	0-12 (sf)
Tipperary	0-18	Cork	1-11 (Mf)
Tipperary	1-19	Kilkenny	2-12 (Asf)
Tipperary	3-14	Cork	2-11 (Af).

# Tipperary Minors Beat Cork in 1929 also

by Seamus J. King

The first-ever meeting of Cork and Tipperary in the recently-established under-18 hurling grade took place in 1929. (This championship commenced the previous year and Tipperary had only one game, which resulted in a heavy defeat at the hands of Waterford in the semi-final).

Having defeated Clare by 3-3 to 2-0 before a sparse crowd at Limerick on September 15 with a team, according to the contemporary report, 'drawn from Thurles, Roscrea, Newport and Boherlahan', they came up against Cork in the semi-final at Mitchelstown on October 27 in conditions anything but conducive to skillful hurling.

Tipperary had the better of exchanges in the first half and led by 2-0 to 0-1 at the interval. The second half was dominated by defenders on both sides. Cork, with a greater share of the outfield exchanges, threatened the Tipperary defence on numerous occasions, but their finishing was poor. In the course of the half each side could manage but a single point to leave the final score 2-1 to 0-2 in favour of Tipperary.

The Tipperary team was M. Murphy (capt.), J. Ryan and E. Wade (Boherlahan), M. Kennedy (Inch), J. J. Maher (Roscrea), W. Long (Holycross), Jack Coffey and Jimmy Coffey (Newport), P. Russell, G. Heavey, J. Lanigan, J. Maher, T. Harney, J. Russell (Thurles), J. Riordan (Nenagh).

The only survivor from the team is Jimmy Coffey, who was 98 years on October 27. His brother, Jack, was also on the team. According to Jimmy 'the brother was a desperate character, who wouldn't train.' John Joe Maher of Roscrea was to give distinguished service as a hurler and later as an administrator to his club. Mick Kennedy from Inch went to work in Limerick at an early age but used to cycle home every Saturday night to play with his club. He was on the county junior team in 1930 that won the All-Ireland.

Apparently he had some falling out with the county as a result of being dropped after a drawn game in the Munster semi-final and never played for Tipperary again. He declared for Limerick and went on to win three senior All-Irelands with the greatest team of the thirties.

The important thing to be said about the team was that they fielded illegal players. After the victory in the semi-final, the Cork minor selection committee were unanimously of the opinion that an objection should be lodged against Tipperary on the ages of five individuals. The objection was sent to the Munster Council and the Cork county board debated on whether to proceed with the objection. The chairman, Sean McCarthy, said he was against the objection. According to him Cork had gained many successes during the year and in the interests of the harmony prevailing among the counties, he advised leaving the matter to the board's representatives on the Munster Council. Other delegates disagreed and thought they should proceed with the objection. Eventually it was put to a vote and it was decided, on a vote of 22 to 13, to withdraw the objection.

Asked if the Cork minor selection committee were right in their belief that five Tipperary players were overage, Jimmy 'Butler' Coffey has no hesitation in saying that they were. He himself was two years overage having celebrated his twentieth birthday on the day Tipperary defeated Cork at Mitchelstown! He is convinced there were four others though at this distance he isn't quite sure who they were.

Tipperary lost to Waterford by 7-5 to 0-2 in the Munster final, played at Waterford on November 3. Maybe the choice of Waterford as the venue contributed to such a huge defeat, though the referee on the occasion was Tom Keating from Fethard. Was it a case of 'you can have venue as long as we have the referee'?! One is inclined to believe, without much evidence I might add, that Waterford may have been flexible about the ages of the players, just as Tipperary were. At any rate Waterford went on to beat Meath in the All-Ireland.

Tipperary had their days in the sun the following year when they won the Munster and All-Ireland minor hurling finals. Seven of the 1929 team played, Eddie Wade, Jack Coffey, Jimmy Coffey, Ger Heavey, John Lanigan, Tim Harney and Jack Russell, who captained the side.

Tipperary and Cork have met in the minor championship on 54 occasions since 1929 with victory going to Tipperary 34 times to Cork's 20. According to these results we ought to be doing better than Cork at senior level!

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John Costigan (County Board Chairman), PJ Ryan, Noel Walsh, Michael Ryan, Tommy Ryan, Jimmy Ryan and Billy Mackey at the Carrick Davins celebrations.



Mick Roche who captained Carrick Davins to win the 1966 County senior hurling title receives a framed photograph of the Team of the Past honoured on County Final day from Archbishop Dermot Clifford Patron of the GAA. Also in photograph is Pat Carey (Tipperary Star). Picture: Bridget Delaney.



*Tipperary Star and Younge's The Ragg in conjunction with the County Board sponsored a Team of the Past on County Final day. Present at the launch are (l to r) Seamus King (Organising Committee Chairman), Donal Younge (Younge's The Ragg), Pat Carey (Tipperary Star) and John Costigan (County Board Chairman). Picture: Bridget Delaney.*



*Three sets of brothers at the Carrick Davins celebration. Seated: Paddy and Tom Arrigan. Standing: Brian and Seamus Kenny, Teddy and Richie Ryan.*

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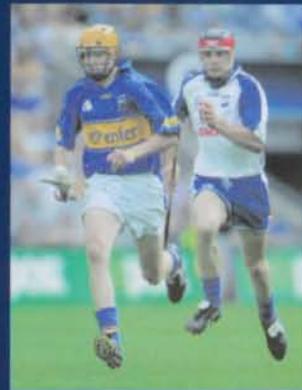
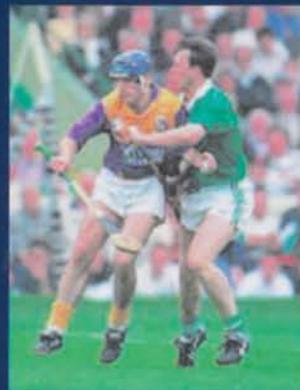
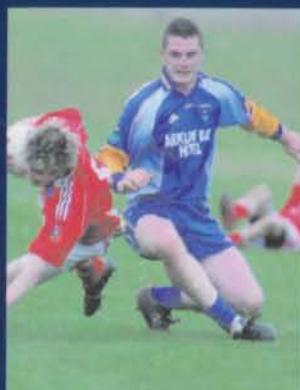
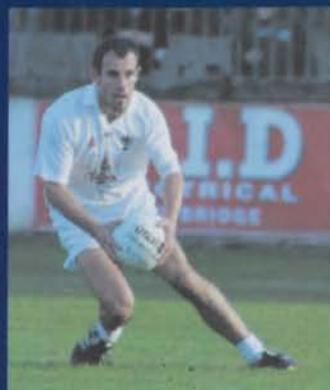
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*Carrick Davins County SHC winners team of 1966 & '67 were honoured by the Tipperary Star/Donal Young The Ragg in conjunction with the County Board. Back row: (from left) - John O'Neill, John O'Toole, PJ Ryan, Jackie Walsh, Jimmy Ryan, Michael Hassett, Michael Ryan. Middle row: Stephen Cleary (rep. his father Stephen), Luke Foran, Paddy Arrigan, Gerry Organ (club Chairman), Brian Kenny, Seamus Kenny, Richie Ryan, Austin Broderick (rep. his brother Con), Tomy Blackmore, Tommy Ryan, Gerry Brennan (club Secretary), Eddie Russell (rep his brother Tom), John Walsh, Mark Keane. Seated: Noel Walsh, Teddy Ryan, Tom Arrigan, Tommy Waters, Sean Walsh (rep. his brother Richie), Mick Roche, Sean Organ (selector), Billy Mackey, Nicky Butler, Jimmy Roche. Picture: Bridget Delaney.*

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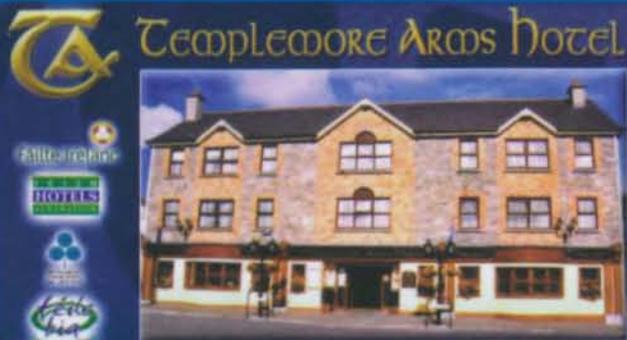


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# SEVENTY YEARS AGO

PM O'Sullivan writes: Voice newspapers can claim to have sponsored a unique event: namely, bringing together Jimmy 'Butler' Coffey and Martin White in Dublin on May 18<sup>th</sup> last. The heavens were with us, in that Mr Coffey had journeyed from Cappamore, County Limerick the same day so as to receive a 'Hall of Fame' award that evening from the Tipperary Association in Dublin. Mr White has long been resident in Glasnevin and so introducing the two men would have been far more difficult to achieve but for the coincidence.

Their distinction? A remarkable one! Jimmy 'Butler' Coffey and Martin White are the senior holders of a Celtic Cross. Martin, from Bonnettstown just outside Kilkenny City, was 98 on July 31<sup>st</sup> last; Jimmy, a native of Newport, turned 99 on October 27<sup>th</sup> last. They hurled against each other in the 1937 All-Ireland Final, when Tipperary trounced Kilkenny in Killarney.

This decider was the only one in which Jimmy, a Newport clubman, featured. Martin, who hurled with Tullaroan, won with Kilkenny in 1932, 1933 and 1935. He also lined out in the 1931 and '36 finals, as well as in '37.

To the best of our knowledge, two hurlers have never before been pictured together 70 years after participating in an All-Ireland Final. Anyone privileged enough to be present would have been struck by the immediate warmth, the easy talk about long-past matches. Jimmy and Martin are the only living links to a wonderful era for hurling. It was an exceptionally moving couple of hours. Save for a very brief encounter in Áras an Uachtarán a few years ago, the two men had never met since 1937.

Our warmest thanks to the Whites and the Coffeys for arranging the meeting. Particular thanks to Eamonn and Margaret Coffey for going, quite literally, out of their way that afternoon. There will never be another occasion to equal it. As I left Martin home, his last words were: "I'd like to meet that man again." Apparently Jimmy said the exact same, on his way home. Now we know the secret: endless curiosity.

Below are excerpts from a conversation that ranged from the 1930s to the merits of DJ Carey, Eoin Kelly, Henry Shefflin and Tommy Walsh.



"Jimmy Butler Coffey with Kilkenny's Martin White pictured after this interview in May 2007

**MW:** Are we the only two left?

**JC:** We are the only two left.

**JC:** Hadn't ye a great period that time yereselves, Martin? Ye were tiring a bit in Killarney, you know. Ye were after a long period, from '31 up, like.

**MW:** Yes, there were a lot of matches.

**JC:** Then you toured America. And ye were back again in '35. Oh, ye robbed Limerick in '35... 'Twas you done it, you know, in '35! [laughs] 'Twas you scored the goal that mattered.

**MW:** Well, I will admit this much: I think we beat a better team than ourselves that day.

**JC:** Well, I'll tell you. The one thing about ye that day, ye kept it moving on the wet day. Ye kept the ball going. Tommy Leahy [Kilkenny midfielder, brother of Terry] had a great game.

**MW:** Jeez, he was half crazy...

**JC:** He was!

**MW:** He was crazy!

**MW:** That was a terrible wet day.

**JC:** Oh 'twas. '35 was a terror.

**MW:** The thing is, we went it at half time, took off the boots and poured the water out of them. I'll tell you, there was one thing. There was a chap about ¾ what was his name? He used to train the Shelbourne soccer team. Then, when Shelbourne would be out of it (they played their matches in the winter), when Shelburne was out of it, he was with Dublin. And when Dublin went out of it, he came to us.

**JC:** Oh?

**MW:** And that day, with all the rain that was in it, when we went in at halftime, he had some kind of a rub. Well, he gave one to each of the trainers and we all got a rub of it. And we never felt a drop of the rain after it, whatever he had in the thing.

**PMO'S:** Just as well there wasn't drug testing...

[laughter]

**JC:** Limerick were leading, you know, and ye got a touch abroad under the Nally Stand. And Lory went out to hit it. And yourself and Locky Byrne were inside in the square and you must have said to Locky: "I'll go out a bit." And Lory, Lory spotted you, and hit it straight across and you caught it like that [JC indicates chest catch]. Back of the net!

**MW:** Well, you see, there were so many in around the square that I said that to Locky, that there's enough of ye in there, I'll slip out in case of a break.

**JC:** That was a great period in hurling, Martin. Ye won three All-Irelands.

**MW:** Well, I'll tell you what was great about it. It was great the comradeship that was there.

**JC:** That was a big thing.

**MW:** It was everything.

**JC:** Friendship is everything.

**MW:** You know, you belt each other away ¾

**JC:** ¾ and when 'tis over, 'tis over...

**MW:** Yes!

**JC:** By god, Martin, you're keeping fine, God bless you. You've a great memory.

**PMO'S:** There's two of ye in it, Jimmy.

**MW:** You remember the good things. It's nice to remember the good things.

**JC:** It's good to be alive, thank God. You were 98 in July last?

**MW:** No, this July. Mind you, I had a grandchild home from Australia about a month ago. And the last thing he said to me, and he going, was: "You'll get the hundred and I'll be back here."

**JC:** Ah good! [laughter]

**PMO'S:** Jimmy, I wanted to ask you, just out of curiosity. There's a massive rivalry now between Kilkenny and Tipperary ¾ there always has been. But I am wondering, when you were growing up in the 1910s and the 1920s up in North West Tipp, the rivalry was probably more with Limerick, was it? Were you that aware ¾

**JC:** ¾ 'twas Limerick, yes! With Limerick, we had the rivalry.

**PMO'S:** Not so much for you with Kilkenny?

**JC:** Ah, no. Ahane were the next parish across the road, you know? I'll tell you a good story about it. We met Ahane in a tournament final in Newport. Wait until you hear this, Martin... 'Twas a draw and then a replay. Now Mick [Mackey] and John [Mackey] and all the boys were playing. So, eventually we beat them, anyway. Now people that time, as you know yourself, 'twasn't motor cars they had but pony and traps. The field was over on the main Newport road,

the main Castleconnell road you see, and they were coming along the road and Tyler [Mackey, father of Mick and John] in front and Michael was behind in his pony and trap. And the young fellas were just at the cross, and they were wheeling for Newport, you see, to get grub. And Tyler: "John, Castleconnell!" Says he: "It's not worth feeding you!" [laughter] JC: And do you know who told me that? Michael. The brother it was told me.

MW: You mention Newport. The match we played there against Limerick that year [1935], we played them for a set of medals. That was the match that won the All-Ireland for us that year.

JC: Yes?

MW: They gave us a terrible time. Janey, what they didn't say to us, wasn't worth saying... What they'd do to us in September...

JC: They were fine men, Martin, that Limerick team.

MW: A great team, a great team.

JC: Big, strong, powerful men.

MW: Well, it is the supporters I'm talking about now. And I remember Jack Duggan [Kilkenny forward of the time] saying to me, going out before the match [1935 All-Ireland Final], the only thing he said to me was: "Remember Newport." The dressing-down we got in Newport. Ah god, 'twasn't the players now.

JC: Oh no.

MW: The players were way above that.

[The topic of the 'Jimmy Cooney Case' comes up, the occasion when Cooney, a Carrick man and a midfielder on Tipperary's 1937 side, was suspended for attending a rugby match at Lansdowne Road. Tipperary played him in the Munster Championship against Clare in 1938 and lost a match they had won easily when Clare objected to Cooney's presence.]

MW: As I recall  $\frac{3}{4}$  correct me if I'm wrong  $\frac{3}{4}$  he wasn't seen at the match at all. He was just seen going in that direction.

JC: No. They had lads at that time. Spies. They'd spot you going in. Report you, you see. But he admitted it. If he hadn't admitted it, they couldn't have suspended him.

MW: You see, as far as I remember, they didn't anyone see him at the matches.

JC: Oh no.

MW: I'll go a bit further here. At the time, when that Vigilance Committee was in, they was suspending fellas, catching fellas just because they went to a rugby match. If you went to a dance now... I was nearly suspended once for going to a dance in Callan. 'Twas run by a tennis crowd. And god they were bringing tennis into it, as well as rugby. At that particular time, you see, there was a smell of informing and spies off it. That old thing was there, the Black and Tan years. There was fellas shot, and informers behind it. And you carried that with you, a thing about spies.

PMO'S: Sat badly with Irish people...

MW: You know, that's what we called them: spies. And we didn't agree with it at all. And I remember Liam Cody told me  $\frac{3}{4}$  Liam was the Secretary of Kilkenny County Board  $\frac{3}{4}$  he was going up Lansdowne Road and he saw these three fellas coming  $\frac{3}{4}$  Neddy Byrne, Matty Power and Martin Power [three Kilkenny hurler of the 1930s]

JC:  $\frac{3}{4}$  and the three of them going

MW:  $\frac{3}{4}$  up to the rugby match. [JC laughs heartily] And I said to Liam: what did you do? I went across the road, he said, and I pretended to be admiring the flowers in a garden. [laughter]

PMO'S: Wasn't he the sensible man...

MW: That's what we thought of spies.

JC: I'll tell you a story about it now. You know Mick Mackey. Well, Mackey was a right rugby fan. Limerick is a rugby city. That's their game, Garryowen and Young Munster and all those. In order not to suspend him, they put him on the 'spy' committee.

PMO'S: He never reported anyone, they say.

JC: Oh no. And they were Limerick's greatest supporters, those fellas, the rugby crowd. But Limerick was a rugby city.

PMO'S: Jimmy, I have a particular interest in Paddy Phelan, who was friends with Martin. When I met him, just before last year's All-Ireland Final, Martin said to me, like a lot of people, Paddy Phelan was the best ever. You're one of very, very few hurlers that got the better of Paddy Phelan [in 1937 All-Ireland Final]. How did you manage that?

JC: Well, I'll tell you, and they were sure of it... I went down to get a haircut the Friday before the match. I was in Nenagh. And I went into the barber  $\frac{3}{4}$  Johnny Carey, he was a lovely fella  $\frac{3}{4}$  and a GAA man, if there was ever one. Jimmy, says he, they're all sorry for you in Thurles, he said.

MW: Why?

JC: See, they'll win the All-Ireland alright, but Paddy Phelan will destroy you. So, begod anyway, I was going home in the car and I says to myself: Tipperary might be beaten on Sunday but I'll beat Paddy Phelan! [laughter]

JC: And how I did it: sure, if doesn't get the ball, he couldn't beat me. If he couldn't get the ball  $\frac{3}{4}$

PMO'S:  $\frac{3}{4}$  you came out first to it?

JC: I came out first. I made sure of that. Early on. But, ah, Kilkenny were on the off at the time, fair play to them. We were a very young team, that time.

MW: Actually, that's what I was going to say: ye were a very young team.

JC: Oh, very young, very young.

MW: Speaking of Jimmy Cooney there, I got to know him very young. And I remember it was daggers drawn between the Swans [Cooney's club] and the Davins. And it was the women who used to cause all the rows between them... [laughter] The Swans were playing the Davins, anyhow, up in Carrick. And they couldn't get a referee. And they tried everyone. Swans wouldn't agree to this fella. Davins wouldn't agree to another fella. And John Keane  $\frac{3}{4}$  remember John Keane of Waterford?

JC:  $\frac{3}{4}$  God, yeah

MW:  $\frac{3}{4}$  and I was in Clover Meats at the time and John came over that evening and he said to me: we're looking for a referee for the match between the Swans and the Davins. He said: they're all agreed to you. We [Tullaroan] used to play in a lot of matches in Carrick that time, were well known in it. But I said to him: I never refereed a match in my life. Doesn't matter, says John. Doesn't matter, he says. Come up anyhow and get the whistle. But I knew that there was dynamite on this side and dynamite on that side, and if they got into one another... I'd be blamed, you see.

[laughter] He said: they'll all agree to you. So I didn't like to refuse John. He was a nice fella.

Went up anyhow and got the whistle. Start the match. Got a lot of handshakes from the players. Said, I hope it'll stay like that for the rest of the match. Look it, the hurling that was between the two of them was out of the world...

JC: The Swans and the Davins, yes.

MW: 'Twas tremendous. Pure, pure hurling now. And here, I forgot I was refereeing. I was too busy watching the match in the middle of the field. And eventually it dawned on me that I was referee. You might say I only blew the whistle when the ball went wide, and out again. And 'twas a hell of a great match, and it was a draw, which was fortunate.

[laughter] And they came over to me after the match and they said: that's the best match we had for a long time; you did the right thing; you let it go!

PMO'S: Jimmy, I was often curious about Tipp's win in 1937. The years before it, there was a lot of doom and gloom in the county, wasn't there? Then, ye just came.

JC: Yes, that's right.

PMO'S: How important was Paddy Brolan? Was he a good trainer?

JC: Yes, himself and [Tom] Semple were the two trainers. And 'twas they who made all the difference. 'Twas a Thurles selection then, you see. The other ones were County Board selections  $\frac{3}{4}$  a different thing altogether... Thurles had their own team and they treated us all equally, treated us well.

PMO'S: What changes did they make, in your recall?

JC: Well, Tommy Doyle was one, anyway. But only for [Paddy] Scanlan in Cork that day in '35, you know, we'd have beaten them. He was outstanding. Paddy was a grand fella, wasn't he Martin, their goalkeeper?

MW: He was. I met Paddy the morning after the '35 Final. He was fierce disappointed. And I wouldn't blame him.

PMO'S: He was a left-hander, wasn't he?

JC: He was, yes. You're correct. Left-handed, he was.

MW: We went down to Tommy Moore's. Tommy was centre of gravity in Dublin that time. Meet any GAA man and you'd meet him in Tommy Moore's. It was just off O'Connell Street. Went down there the following morning: Paddy Scanlan was sitting up in the corner. On his own. He had a glass of whiskey from every fella that was coming. Every fella that was coming wanted to buy for him.

JC: Nice man.

MW: A fella I liked very much was Mick Mackey. I didn't like John so much. Everything that Mick did, to me anyhow, everything that Mick did was above board. What John did wasn't always

JC:  $\frac{3}{4}$  Vicious...

MW:  $\frac{3}{4}$  oh, but he was a great hurler, John, though.

JC: He was. He was a better hurler than Mick, you know. More scientific.

MW: That's what kind of made those teams. You had Lory Meagher on one team and Mick Mackey on another team. And you kind of had two outstanding fellas

JC:  $\frac{3}{4}$  two outstanding men, that's right

MW:  $\frac{3}{4}$  outstanding lads, anyhow. Everybody said

they were. That's what made those two teams, Limerick and Kilkenny, at the time.

**PMO'S:** The two of ye are after seeing about 85 years of hurling now. Ye probably remember more hurling than anyone else alive.

**MW:** What?

**PMO'S:** Ye are after seeing about 85 years of hurling, Martin, that ye can remember. I wanted to ask a question about the present day, about two great players. I'm going to ask Martin what he thinks of Eoin Kelly and I'm going to ask you, Jimmy, what you think of Tommy Walsh.

**JC:** Yes. God, sure Tommy Walsh is a star.

**PMO'S:** And how would you rate him?

**JC:** In any class.

**PMO'S:** Really?

**JC:** Oh yes. Great stickman. Tommy Walsh that's playing with Kilkenny at the moment, Martin.

**MW:** Little Tommy? He's a lovely hurler.

**JC:** A lovely player.

**MW:** I know him since he was that height.

**JC:** He's a star, you know.

**PMO'S:** You'd rate him nearly as good as what you've seen, would you?

**JC:** In any era, you know. You get those fellas. There is an odd one like that you'll find in every era.

**PMO'S:** Martin, I wanted to ask you what you think of the present day man from Mullinahone, Eoin Kelly. How good would you rate him?

**MW:** To me, now, Kelly was a great colleges hurler. Started off with Tipperary, started off terrible well. Getting scores. Making scores and getting scores.

**JC:** That's right.

**MW:** Now he's come to the stage: you have good backs there. And they won't allow him out of that corner so much.

**JC:** Oh yes...!

**MW:** He's not getting as many scores now.

**JC:** He's not, no. You're right there.

**MW:** He's worth his place for the frees alone.

**JC:** Yes.

**MW:** Frees alone. And he'll score every 70. A man that'll score every 70, and the close-in frees, is worth anything.

**JC:** He is, that.

**MW:** But he's not getting out of the corner as well as he was.

**PMO'S:** He's a beautiful striker of a ball, beautiful. He strikes the ball as cleanly, I'd say, as anyone has ever struck it.

**MW:** He's a great hurler. Great wrists.

**PMO'S:** What do you think of Henry Shefflin, Jimmy?

**JC:** I think he's wonderful. After getting round, he never runs a yard. He hits it immediately. In she goes!

**MW:** He is. He's a great leader. He mightn't be doing so well in a match. Yet he'll come up with something that's vital.

**JC:** Now you said it! He'll do something brilliant.

**MW:** It's something now like the story with Eoin. They're watching Shefflin now, the way they try to keep the ball away from him. You see, the backs are doing the same thing now with Eoin Kelly. He has to go out now

**JC:**  $\frac{3}{4}$  and collect it

**MW:**  $\frac{3}{4}$  and any score he's getting now, he's getting



*"Jimmy Butler Coffey with Louis Fitzgerald pictured after this interview in May 2007*

from outside, you see. Before he was able to cut in across.

**JC:** I think Shefflin is brilliant. Great stickman.

**PMO'S:** Would you care to compare him  $\frac{3}{4}$  they play in the same position  $\frac{3}{4}$  with the likes of Mackey? Is he that good?

**JC:** I would. I would. Especially as a ball-player. He's as good a ball-player as you'd see at any time.

**PMO'S:** You were on the field, Jimmy, when Mackey gave what's considered his best ever display [when he scored 5-3]. Tipp in '36, isn't that correct? You were on the field with him in Thurles

**JC:** [laughs]  $\frac{3}{4}$  I'll tell you a story about that now. As I said, we were neighbours at home. And we were in first, sitting down where that new stand is now. And on comes the Limerick team, and they looked terrific, togs and green-and-white socks. Mackey was looking. He had a habit of doing that, you know [indicates an intent glance sideways]. And it was over at me he was looking. We were neighbours, you know. Tommy Treacy looked after him: "Do you know, Jimmy?" "Yes, Tommy" says I. "He's fit to beat us on his own," he said. He scored five goals and three points that Sunday.

**PMO'S:** Is it true, the story about him running over to the stand and shouting, while he beat his chest, ye've no ash in Tipp to break that?

**JC:** Ah no, no...

**PMO'S:** Just legend...

**JC:** What is true is what he did in Cork in '35. The

Cork players got knocked out in Thurles, you see, and they were giving Mackey an awful dose. And he went over to the stand and he... [indicates scratching his arse] He did that alright...

**PMO'S:** So John Mullane wasn't the first to do it...?

**JC:** Oh no, oh no... Oh no! [laughter] Far and away he wasn't, no!

**PMO'S:** One last question, before ye must go. And I'll ask ye both the same one. Where would ye put [DJ] Carey, regarding forward play and scoring?

**JC:** Great player. Great ball control. What I admire about DJ Carey: he's travelling so fast and the speed he can put into the ball when he hits it.

**MW:** Yes.

**PMO'S:** You could do that as well, Jimmy, I'm told. That was one of your good strengths. You could hit the ball at full pelt.

**JC:** Oh, full pace!

**MW:** Well, I think one thing about Carey is that an awful lot of people didn't see the scores he made.

**JC:** Now you said it! He was great for that. Handpass!

**MW:** The day they beat Tipperary, sure 'twas he gave the ball to [Jimmy Coogan, in 2002].

**JC:** He was a great man to pass a ball.

**MW:** He had the hands.

**JC:** He had.

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# Annual AIB Munster GAA Awards

The Annual AIB Munster GAA Awards for 2007 were presented at a function on Friday night December 7th at The Vienna Woods Hotel, Glanmire, Cork. There were three Tipperary winners on the night as follows –

## Minor Hurler of the Year – Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney)

Noel McGrath had an outstanding year underlining his status as one of the brightest hurling prospects in the country. Noel captured his second All-Ireland Minor Hurling medal in September and followed this up by playing a crucial role in Loughmore-Castleiney's Tipperary Senior Hurling Final success. Earlier this season, Noel won Dean Ryan Cup and Fitzgerald Cup medals with Our Ladys Templemore while other successes in his career to date include winning an All-Ireland Under 16 hurling medal in 2006 as well as Mid Senior Hurling and Football medals, Mid and County Under 21 "A" Football medals and a Mid Minor "B" Football medal, all with his club Loughmore-Castleiney. Noel will turn 17 on December 17th and we look forward to many years of success on the field from this young, stylish player.

## Under 21 Footballer of the Year – Barry Grogan (Aherlow)

Barry Grogan stamped his authority on the 2007 Munster Under 21 Football Championship by scoring five goals from the full-forward position in just two matches. In the semi-final, Grogan scored two goals and set up another as Tipperary upset Clare on a scoreline of 5-8 to 0-7. In the Munster Final, Grogan was a constant threat, ending up with a tally of 3-2 from play as Tipperary failed narrowly to the eventual All-Ireland champions Cork. These displays earned Barry a call-up to the County Senior panel where he made his debut at corner-forward against Cork, scoring two points from play.

## Special Merit Award – Michael "Spike" Nolan (Kildangan)

Michael Nolan, more commonly known as "Spike" has given a lifetime of service to the GAA. As a player, Spike won Munster and All-Ireland Under 21 Hurling medals with Tipperary in 1967 and represented his county at all grades in both hurling and football. He helped his native Moneygall to win County Senior Hurling titles in 1975 and 1976. Spike became an accomplished referee when his playing days ended and more recently, he has made his name as a very efficient treasurer, serving as County Treasurer from 1988 to 1991 and from 2000 to the current time in addition to many other administrative roles at Club and Divisional level.

The other main awards winners on the night included Hurler of the Year for Dan Shanahan (Waterford) and Footballer of the Year for Darragh O'Se (Kerry).



**SPORTSFILE** 19 October 2007: Declan Fanning of Tipperary is presented with his Vodafone GAA All-Star award by Nickey Brennan, President of the GAA, during the 2007 Vodafone GAA All-Star Awards. Citywest Hotel, Conference, Leisure & Golf Resort, Saggart, Co. Dublin. Picture credit: Brendan Moran / SPORTSFILE

# Losing All-Ireland Teams

by Seamus J. King

I got a phonecall during the summer from a collector of photographs of All-Ireland finalist teams, who was looking for help with the Tipperary teams on his list. They included 1909, 1913, 1917, 1922, 1960, 1967, 1968 and 1988 All-Ireland losing sides.

There was no difficulty getting the photograph of the losing side in 1988 as the cover of the 1989 Tipperary G.A.A. Yearbook carried it. Finding the others was to be much more difficult.

In the course of my searches for the photographs I came to the conclusion that supporters as well as players tend to shun losing teams. They definitely don't buy photographs of them. It is as if they hope that the bad memory of losing will go away if there is no image of the team left hanging around.

Also, the county has no archive of photographs from the earlier years. The County Yearbook didn't come into existence until 1970 and since then it has become an increasingly valuable archive of G.A.A. activity in the county. Understandably it has become a better source of such material as the production expanded and the quality of the production of photographs improved.

If one goes back before 1970 the archive is very poor. Canon Fogarty's history is very good on winning teams and we owe him a debt of gratitude for including such good copies of winning All-Ireland photographs. But, there are no losing teams in his publication. The local newspapers no longer keep an archive of photographs and it is significant that none of the papers had a copy of the 1967 or 1968 losing All-Ireland sides.

1922

In the case of photographs discovered from the earlier years the problem was one of identifying the players. The 1922 picture was a case in point. With the help of Seamus Leahy we got the names of about thirteen or fourteen of the players. The others remained a problem until Donie Nealon got P. J. Maxwell's help and they were identified.

We don't know the actual lineout for this All-Ireland, which was played on September 8, 1923. The practice at the time was to give to the captain, and then the goalkeeper, and it is difficult to decide in what order the rest of the players were named. From the match report in the 'Tipperary Star' it was possible to identify the subs, who were John Conway, Dan O'Brien, Phil Cahill, Bill Ryan and Martin Mockler. If one studies the picture closely it is possible to identify sixteen jerseys that were the same. Dan O'Brien, as well as the fifteen who played, are wearing them. Does this indicate that the number of jerseys in the set was sixteen and that the rest of the subs had to make do with their own jerseys?



1922 Tipperary Team

The interesting thing about Phil Cahill is that it came as a surprise to some of the older generation that he was on the 1922 team. John Cleary, who poses a striking figure on the right of the second row, was later Parish Priest of Lorrha. He told me of his disgust at losing the final, by 4-2 to 2-4, and how he gave expression to it by dumping his hurley and boots into the River Liffey as he walked from O'Connell Bridge to Kingsbridge to catch the train after the match.

The names of the players who appeared in the photograph are as follows: Jack Power, John Conway, Pake Spillane, Jack Darcy, Pat Browne, John Joe Hayes, Martin Kennedy, Dan O'Brien, Phil Cahill, Joe Fitzpatrick, William Dwan, Johnny Leahy, Arthur O'Donnell, Jack Cleary, Jim O'Meara, Bill Ryan (K), Tom Dwan, Paddy Power, Martin Mockler, Stephen Hackett.

1968

Losing in 1968 must have been a very bad memory because finding a photograph of the team was very difficult. Most of the usual expectations proved negative. A banker for such photographs, Sportsfile, didn't have a copy. They did send me on what they thought to be a copy but it turned out to be the photograph of the side that won the National League final in the same year. I was told that a picture of the team was in the clubhouse of Carrick Davins because there were three Davin players on the team, captain, Mick Roche, P. J. Ryan and Jimmy Ryan. However, my journey was in vain: there was a colour picture of the 1968 side but it was of the fifteen who played in the Munster final. Noel O'Gorman, who was sent off in the semi-final against Clare, wasn't eligible to play and was replaced in the final by Matt Stapleton. Noel was back for the All-Ireland final. Eventually I got a fine black and white picture of the full panel in Croke Park on All-Ireland day from Donie Nealon.

The bad memory that people may have had about the 1968 final may have been due to the nature of losing it. Tipperary led by 1-11 to 1-3 at half-time but Wexford, powered by Tony Doran, came at them with a great rally in the second half and went into the lead. A



1968 Tipperary Team

very late rally by Tipperary, that brought goals in the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth minutes, ran out of time and Wexford were winners by 5-8 to 3-12 at the final whistle. Until the two late goals Tipperary had scored a mere point in the half despite having a forward line of Babs Keating, Jimmy Ryan, Jimmy Doyle, Mackey McKenna, Sean McLoughlin and Liam Devaney.

The names of the players in the photograph are as follows: Matt Stapleton, John O'Donoghue, Noel O'Gorman, Mick Burns, John Gleeson, Liam Devaney, Mick Roche (capt.), Sean McLoughlin, John Costigan, Brian Kenny, Francis Loughnane, Jerry Doyle (assistant trainer), Ossie Bennett (trainer), Len Gaynor, John (Mackey) McKenna, Donie Nealon, Jimmy Ryan, P. J. Ryan, Patsy Roland, Seamus Shinnors, Michael (Babs) Keating, Phil Lowry.

1967



1967 Tipperary Team

I got the photograph of the beaten finalists of 1967 from Len Gaynor. Again, I had to ask a lot of people before I found a copy. Few of the team kept a copy of the photograph. Maybe they were so used to winning up to then that they didn't bother.

The 1967 final was another bad experience for Tipperary losing by 3-8 to 2-7 to Kilkenny on September 3. Not only was it galling to lose to a side that hadn't beaten us since 1922, the nature of the defeat was worse. Tipperary led by 2-6 to 1-3 at the interval and looked comfortable. However, in the second half, Kilkenny got on top at midfield, where John Feehan and Paddy Moran outhurled Mick Roche and Theo English. As a result Tipperary forwards were deprived of a supply of ball and succeeded in scoring only one point during the half. Added to that were

severe problems in the fullback line where Kieran Carey and Noel O'Gorman had a most unhappy hour. There was also the eye injury suffered by Kilkenny's Tom Walsh. All of these matters made it a game to be forgotten although beforehand it was hoped it would bring a ninth All-Ireland to the great John Doyle. Dermot Gilleese summed up matters well in his match report in the Daily Mail: 'Kilkenny proved beyond all doubt that hurling is a young man's game. The bitter truth which Tipperary must now face is that they had little chance of taking their 22nd All-Ireland with eight players over thirty in the side, and the result was that their oldest player, John Doyle, was deprived of a record ninth All-Ireland medal.' Four of the team, John Doyle, Kieran Carey, Tony Wall and Theo English, did not appear the following year.

The photograph of the 1967 is of the team alone: John O'Donoghue, Noel O'Gorman, Theo English, John Doyle, Kieran Carey, Sean McLoughlin, Tony Wall, Michael Keating, Len Gaynor, John Flanagan, Jimmy Doyle, Michael Roche (capt.), Donie Nealon, Liam Devaney, Mick Burns.

1960

The photograph of the losing 1960 team also required some searching. The usual suspects proved negative. I then called in the services of Denis Walsh of the Sunday Times. Newspapers have ways of sourcing photographs that ordinary folk don't. Denis came back with the information that a photographer in Enniscorthy had a copy, and a fine photograph it turned out to be. It stood to reason he should have seen that Wexford were there on the day and won.

This final was one in which our opponents led from the start and early in the third quarter it was plain to see that Wexford were heading for victory. They were in control at centrefield and had almost totally eclipsed the Tipperary half-forward line. The only time



1960 Tipperary Team

in the game when Tipperary looked like rising to the occasion was during a ten-minute spell before the interval when they scored four points to leave Wexford only two points in front at the interval. However, it was a revitalised Wexford rather than Tipperary that re-appeared after the interval and within a short time they were heading for their well-deserved 2-15 to 0-11 victory.

Interestingly there were only three changes on the team that narrowly defeated Dublin the following year in the All-Ireland. Donal O'Brien had replaced Terry Moloney in goals, Matt O'Gara replaced Tom Ryan at centrefield, while Sean McLoughlin replaced Billy Moloughney in the full-forward line.

The full panel of players was as follows: Billy Moloughney, Noel Murphy, Liam Devaney, John Doyle, Michael Maher, Sean McLoughlin, Tom Moloughney, Kieran Carey, Donal O'Brien, Ray Reidy, Donal Ryan, Mick Burns, Theo English, Jimmy Doyle, Tony Wall, Donie Nealon, Terry Moloney, Matt Hassett, Liam Connolly, Tom Ryan.

1988

We jump forward to 1988, when we lost to Galway after reaching the All-Ireland for the first time since 1971. We qualified as a result of beating Antrim in the semi-final, having gone into that match as red-hot favourites and relieved to win by eight points.



1988 Tipperary Team

There were two major talking points coming up to the final. One was the decision by management to conduct most of the pre-final training behind closed doors, ostensibly to relieve pressure on the players. The second issue was the dropping of the captain, Pa O'Neill, who had captained Tipperary to victory in the National League final earlier in the year and in the Munster final. In spite of these matters there was huge expectation when we played Galway on September 4. There was a great desire to avenge the defeat by the same opposition in the semi-final the previous year. In a mediocre game before 63,545 spectators, Tipperary succumbed to Galway's superior physical strength, and were beaten by 1-15 to 0-14. And yet things might have been different had a John Leahy goal not been disallowed and had Galway's, John Commins, not saved a great shot from Pat Fox, both in the second half. At half-time, having played against the breeze, Tipperary were a mere four points behind on a scoreline of 0-10 to 0-6, and looked poised for victory. Instead there was nothing but frustration as Tipperary's forwards were stymied by the Galway backs, brilliantly policed by Tony Keady, who prevented them from getting clean possession.

The complete panel was as follows: Ken Hogan, Paul Delaney, Conor O'Donovan, John Heffernan, Bobby Ryan, Noel Sheehy, John Kennedy, Colm Bonnar, Joe Hayes, Declan Ryan, Donie O'Connell, John Leahy, Pat Fox, Nicky English (capt.), Aidan Ryan, Cormac Bonnar, John Leamy, Richard Stakelum, Seamus Gibson,

Pa. O'Neill, Michael Cleary, Conor Stakelum, Austin Buckley, Conal Bonnar.

1909, 1913, 1917

Tipperary lost three more All-Irelands, all of them back in the early decades. The first final to be lost was in 1909 when the Thurles Blues selection lost to Kilkenny (Mooncoin) by 4-6 to 0-12 at Cork on December 12. It was the first time Tipperary failed to score a goal in a major final. The team lined out as follows: Tom Semple (capt.), J. O'Brien, T. Kerwick, P. P. Burke, J. Fitzgerald, J. Mockler, J. Moloughney, A. Carew, M. O'Brien, P. Fitzgerald, J. Mooney, R. Mockler, H. Shelly, T. Gleeson, J. Burke, P. Brolan, J. Hackett. Sub. E. Hayes.

A Toomevara selection were defeated in the 1913 All-Ireland. They lost to Kilkenny (Mooncoin) by 2-4 to 1-2 at Croke Park on November 2 in the first 15-a side final. Tipperary defeated Roscommon by 10-0 to 0-1 in the semi-final. The team was known as the 'Toomevara Greyhounds' because it was anchored by eight players from the famous club and captained by Wedger Meagher. They were strong favourites going into the final, having routed Kilkenny by 5-4 to 1-1 in the Croke Cup final a few months previously. As Tipperary were noted for their speed, Kilkenny trained as never before, and on the day were able to stay with their opponents. It was a wonderful game, played at a hectic pace. Kilkenny revealed a sharpness from the start while Tipperary were stale and lifeless, showing none of the zest they had displayed in the Croke Cup final. Kilkenny deserved their victory. It brought to an end one of the greatest eras in Kilkenny hurling during which they won seven All-Irelands between 1904-1913.

The losing Tipperary side was as follows: P. Wedger Meagher (capt.), Jack O'Meara, Frank McGrath, Stephen Hackett, Jack Harty, Ned Gilmartin, Ned Cawley, Bill Kelly (Toomevara), Paddy Brolan, Hugh Shelly (Thurles), Jimmy Murphy, Bob Mockler (Horse & Jockey), Ed O'Keeffe (Templetuohy), Tim Gleeson (Drombane), Jack Raleigh (Emly). Sub: J. McKenna (Borrisokane).

Tipperary, represented by a Boherlahan selection, were defeated by Dublin (Collegians) in the 1917 final. Played at Croke Park on October 28, they lost by 5-4 to 4-2. Dublin's victory was to usher in the greatest period of hurling in Dublin. Over a span of eleven years the county was to dominate the All-Ireland championship, playing in six finals and winning four. The county was strengthened by an influx of players from the country. There wasn't one Dublin-born player on the 1917 side, which included players of the calibre of Tommy Daly and Brendan Considine from Clare, Sean Hyde from Cork, Joe Phelan from Kilkenny, Bob Mockler from Tipperary and Dr. John Ryan from Wexford. Coming into the 1917 final they had a losing sequence of six All-Ireland defeats and Tipperary may have suffered from over-confidence going into the game.

The Tipperary team was as follows: Johnny Leahy (capt.), Jack Power, Willie O'Dwyer (L), Joe Nagle, Paddy Leahy, Jack Doherty, Dick Walsh, Willie O'Dwyer (Boherlahan), Hugh Shelly, Mick Leahy (Thurles), Tom Shanahan (Killenaule), Stephen Hackett, Jack O'Meara (Toomevara), Jer Collison (Moneygall), Joe Fitzpatrick (Two-Mile-Borris). Subs: Arthur O'Donnell, Paddy O'Dwyer, Paddy Power, Jack Gleeson, Dan O'Brien (Boherlahan), John Joe Hayes (Two-Mile-Borris).

As far as my researches go there is no photograph of any of these three losing All-Ireland sides in existence. I should love to be proved wrong as it would be great to see their faces.

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# Tipperary Football 2007

The following is the report on the performances of Tipperary football teams during 2007

## SENIOR

14/01/07	Limerick	Cahir	McGrath Cup 1-11/1-14
04/02/07	Sligo	Ardfinnan	League 1-12/0-15
11/02/07	Wexford	Wexford	League 0-07/0-16
25/02/07	Cavan	Ardfinnan	League 0-12/1-14
10/03/07	Meath	Navan	League 2-08/1-14
25/03/07	Waterford	Ardfinnan	League 3-10/0-12
01/04/07	Wicklow	Ardfinnan	League 0-11/0-13
08/04/07	Antrim	Belfast	League 0-11/2-15
03/06/07	Cork	Limerick	C'ship 0-10/2-18
18/06/07	Garda College	Garda College	T'ment 0-14/4-11
07/07/07	Clare	Ardfinnan	TM Cup 0-12/1-13

The lineout against Kerry was as follows:

Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard) Mark O'Brien (Aherlow, Captain); Peter King (Monaleen); Michael Phelan (Ardfinnan); Pa Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Cian Maher (Fethard); Edward Connolly (Loughmore/Castleiney) George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers); Paul Johnson (Moyle Rovers); Willie Wallace (Grangemockler); Hugh Coghlan (St. Vincents); Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers); Damian O'Brien (Eire Og-Annacarty); Declan Browne (Moyle Rovers); Barry Grogan (Sherlow)

## SUBS

Kevin Mulryan (J. K. Brackens) for Mark O'Brien; Colin Morrissey (Galtee Rovers) for Cian Maher; Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Og); Brian Coen (Fethard) for Willie Wallace; Paul Brennan (Loughmore/Castleiney) for Hugh Coghlan; Ian Browne (Moyle Rovers); Eamon Hanrahan; Mark Peters (Galtee Rovers); Evan Sweeney (Loughmore/Castleiney);

The lineout against Clare was as follows:

Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Cian Maher (Fethard); Michael Phelan (Ardfinnan); Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Og); Daniel Lyne (Moyle Rovers); Paul Brennan (Loughmore/Castleiney); Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers); Kevin Mulryan (J. K. Brackens); Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers); Colin Morrissey (Galtee Rovers, Captain); Hugh Coghlan (St. Vincents); Willie Wallace (Grangemockler); Damian O'Brien (Eire Og-Annacarty); Declan Browne (Moyle Rovers); Odhran Lloyd (Moyné/Templetuohy);

SUBS: Evan Sweeney (Loughmore/Castleiney) for Odhran Lloyd; Laurence Coskeran (Aherlow) for Willie Wallace; Kieran O'Brien (Ardfinnan) for Damian O'Brien; Niall Cahalan (Shannon Rovers); Robbie Costigan (Cahir); Mark Peters (Galtee Rovers); Conor Quinlan (Moyné/Templetuohy); Michael Lynagh (J. K. Brackens);

## JUNIOR

07/05/07	Wicklow	Clane	T'ment 1-08/3-07
07/05/07	Kildare	Clane	T'ment 1-05/0-10
02/06/07	Cork	Limerick	C'ship 1-09/1-15

The lineout was as follows.

Niall Cahalan (Shannon Rovers), Gary Byrne (Holycross/Ballycahill), John Hassett (Moyné/Templetuohy), Kevin Halley (Rockwell Rovers), Benny Hahessy (Swan), Patrick Halley

(Rockwell Rovers), Louis Everard (Moyné/Templetuohy), Albert Keating (Ardfinnan), Jonathan Gleeson (Killenaule), Shane Stapleton (Golden/Kilfeacle), Odhran Lloyd (Moyné/Templetuohy), Eddie O'Brien (Killenaule), Timmy Dalton (Arravale Rovers), Adrian Walsh (Kilsheelan/Kilcash), Tony Doyle (Killenaule),

SUBS: John Dunne (J. K. Brackens) for Albert Keating, Colm O'Brien (Burgess) for Adrian Walsh, Denis Peters (Galtee Rovers) for Louis Everard, Brian Quinn (Burgess) for Shane Stapleton, Joe Leahy (Moyné/Templetuohy), Mark Cahill (Drom-Inch), Peter Kennedy (Killenaule), Eoin Shortt (Upperchurch/Dronbane), Patrick Prendergast (Rockwell Rovers)

## UNDER 21

24/03/07	vs. Clare	Kilmallock	C'ship	5-08/0-07
07/04/07	vs. Cork	Limerick	C'ship	3-12/3-19

The lineout against Cork was as follows:

Matthew O'Donnell (Killenaule), John Coghlan (Moyné/Templetuohy), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Brian Fox (Eire-Og/Annacarty), Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Og), John Hennessy (Aherlow), Tony Dunne (Burgess), George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Paul Johnson (Moyle Rovers), Laurence Coskeran (Aherlow), Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers), Philip Austin (Borrisokane), Timmy Dalton (Arravale Rovers), Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers), Barry Grogan (Aherlow),

SUBS: Ciaran McGrath (Loughmore/Castleiney) for Brian Jones, Darrel Darcy (Shannon Rovers) for Laurence Coskeran, Daniel Lyne (Moyle Rovers) for Philip Austin, Laurence Coskeran for Paul Johnson, Ian Browne (Moyle Rovers), Tony Ryan (Ardfinnan), Gavin Steed (Silvermines), Martin Dunne (Moyle Rovers), Shane Scully (J. K. Brackens), Seamus Grogan (Aherlow)

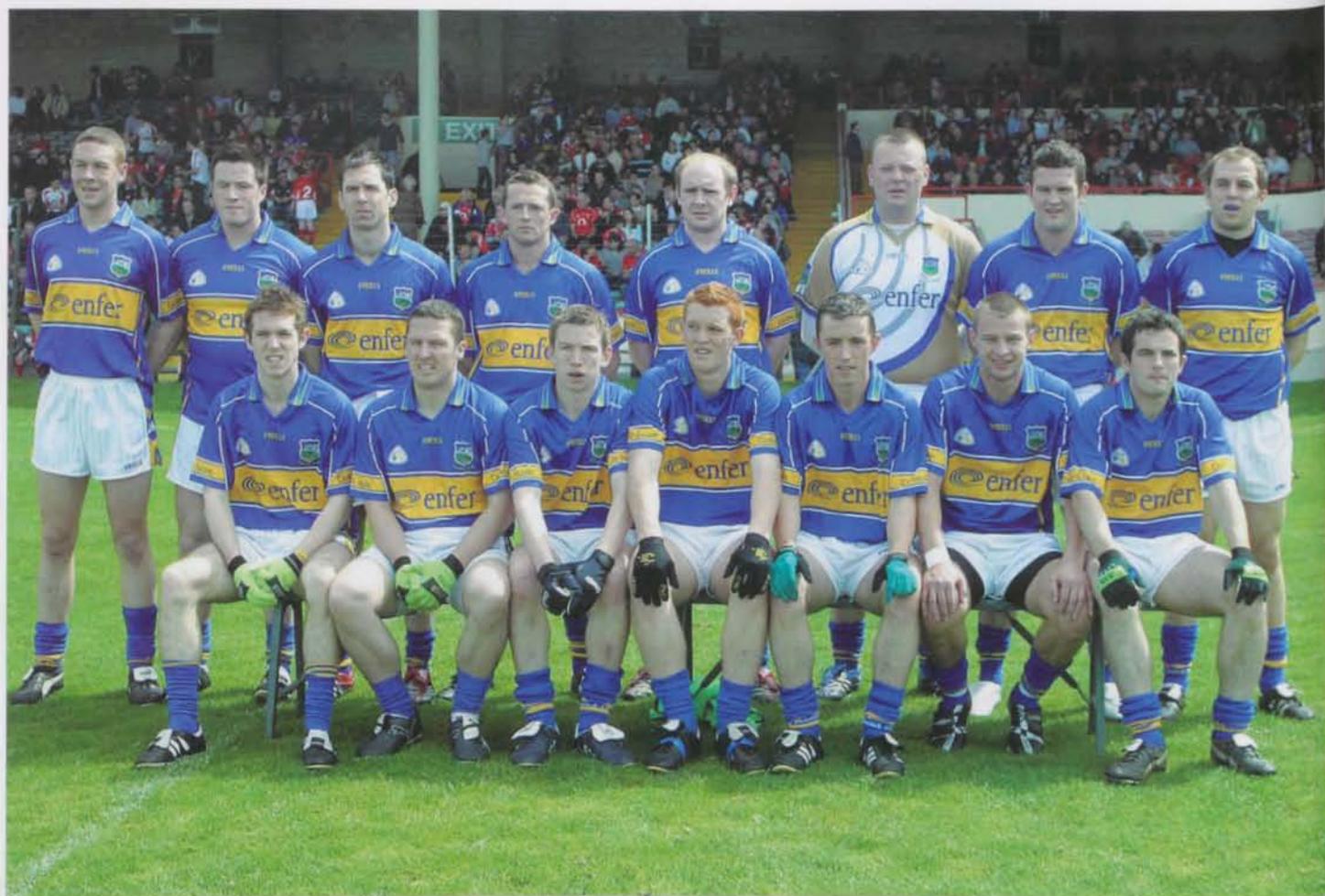
## MINOR

vs. Kerry	Limerick	C'ship	0-10/3-07
vs. Clare	Limerick	C'ship	2-05/0-11
vs. Clare	Kilmallock	C'ship	2-11/0-13
vs. Waterford	Fermoy	C'ship	1-12/0-08
vs. Cork	Kilmallock	C'ship	0-05/1-09

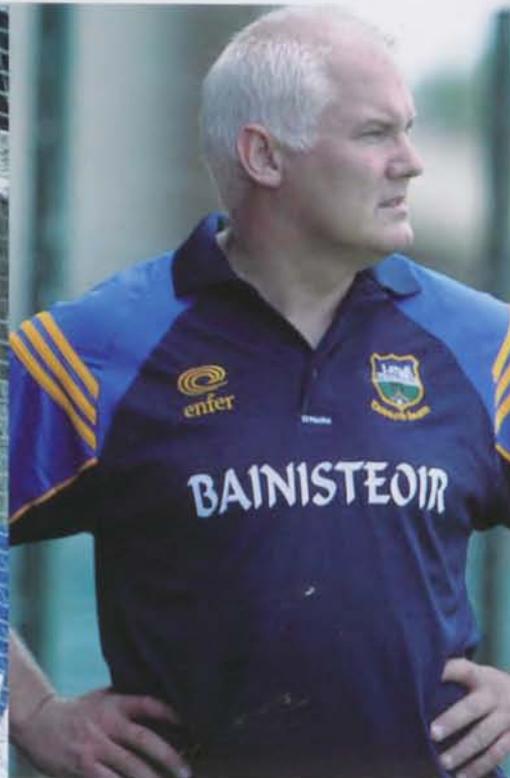
The lineout against Cork was as follows:

Ciaran Kenrick (Moyle Rovers), John Coghlan (Moyné/Templetuohy), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), Kevin O'Riordan (J. K. Brackens), Diarmuid O'Sullivan (Ardfinnan), Donal Lynch (Commercials), Luke Moore (Commercials), Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers), Declan Lynagh (J. K. Brackens), Christopher Sheehan (Fethard), Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers), Alan Lonergan (Commercials), Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen), Paul Horan (Moyle Rovers), Kevin Walzer (Mullinahone),

>>>SUBS: Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers) for Christopher Sheehan, Jonathan Cody (Clonakenny) for Kevin Walzer, David Bourke (Moyné/Templetuohy) for Paul Horan, Eoin Kennedy (Eire Og-Annacarty) for Alan Moloney, Keith McMahon (Inane Rovers), Cathal Scully (J. K. Brackens), Patrick Leahy (Sarsfields), Michael Hickey (Cahir), Joseph O'Meara (Mullinahone)



Tipperary senior football team that went down to Cork in the Munster SFC semi-final. Back row: (from left) - Paul Johnson, Peter King, Mark O'Brien (captain), Pa Morrissey, Willie Wallace, Paul Fitzgerald, Barry Grogan, Cian Maher. Seated: Brian Mulvihill, Declan Browne, Eddie Connolly, George Hannigan, Damien O'Brien, Hugh Coghlan, Michael Phelan.

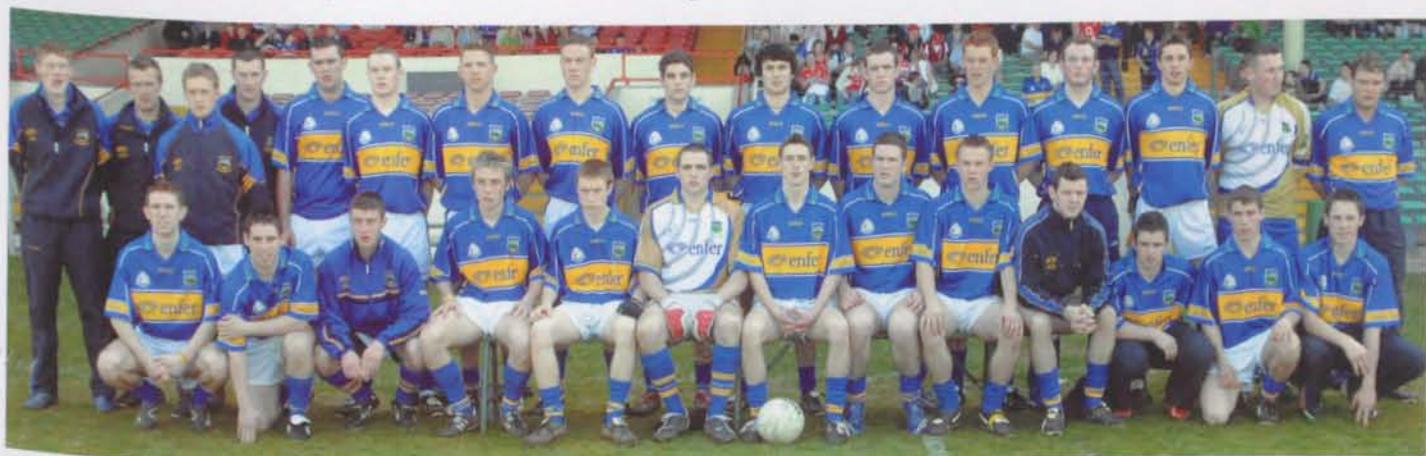


Left: Tipperary goalie Paul Fitzgerald uses his boot to stop a Cork goal by Donnacha O'Connor in the Munster SFC semi-final

Above: Tipperary Manager John Owens watching the action of the MFC semi-final at the Gaelic Grounds.



Tipperary junior football team that went down to Cork in the Munster JFC semi-final at the Gaelic Grounds. Back row: (from left) - Niall Cahalan, Jonathan Gleeson, Patrick Hally, Adrian Walsh, Gary Byrne, Kevin Halley, Louis Everard, Odhran Lloyd. Seated: Eddie O'Brien, Tony Doyle, Shane Stapleton, Benny Hahessy, Timmy Dalton, John Hassett, Albert Keating.



Tipperary Under 21 Football Panel: Back L/R: Richard Ryan (Eire Og/Annacarty), Michael Doyle (Killenaule), Shane Scully (J. K. Brackens), Cathal Dillon (Aherlow), Seamus Grogan (Aherlow), Tony Dunne (Burgess), Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers), Paul Johnson (Moyle Rovers), Philip Austin (Borrisokane), John Hennessy (Aherlow), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Gavin Steed (Silvermines), Martin Dunne (Moyle Rovers), Ian Browne (Moyle Rovers), Tony Ryan (Ardfinnan), Front L/R: Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers), Timmy Dalton (Arravale Rovers), Daniel Lyne (Moyle Rovers), Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Og), Brian Fox (Eire Og/Annacarty), Matthew O'Donnell (Killenaule), Laurence Coskeran (Aherlow), Barry Grogan (Aherlow), John Coghlan (Moyne/Templetoohy), Ciaran McGrath (Loughmore/Castleiney), Kieran O'Donoghue (Eire Og-Nenagh), Darrel Darcy (Shannon Rovers), Mark Cahill (Dron-Inch).



Tipperary Minor Football Panel.: Back L/R: Paddy Murphy, David Bourke, Alan Moloney, Alan Lonergan, Declan Lynagh, John Coghlan, Paul Horan, Donal Lynch, Conor Sweeney, Eoin Kennedy, Thomas Fahey, Michael O'Sullivan, Keith McMahon, Joseph O'Meara & Patrick Leahy. Front L/R: Ciaran McDonald, Diarmuid O'Sullivan, Sean Carey (Capt), Luke Moore, Kieran Kendrick, Peter Acheson, Kevin Walzer, Kevin O'Riordan, Christopher Sheehan, Michael Hickey, Cathal Scully, Jonathan Cody.



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# DECLAN BROWNE

BY JACKIE CAHILL OF THE TIPPERARY VOICE

It was back in early July when Tipperary's double Allstar Declan Browne announced his retirement from intercounty football.

A glittering career in the blue and gold came to an end when Browne played his last game for the Premier County in the Tommy Murphy Cup defeat against Clare in Ardfinnan, on Saturday July 7.

The Moyle Rovers clubman made his championship debut against Kerry back in 1996 and racked up 25 championship appearances in total.

He was honoured as Tipperary's very first football Allstar in 1998 and collected a second gong in 2003. A multiple county championship medallist with Moyle Rovers, Browne won a Munster minor football medal in 1995, Munster and All-Ireland minor hurling medals in 1996, a Munster U-21 Hurling medal in 1999, as well as a McGrath Cup medal in 2003.

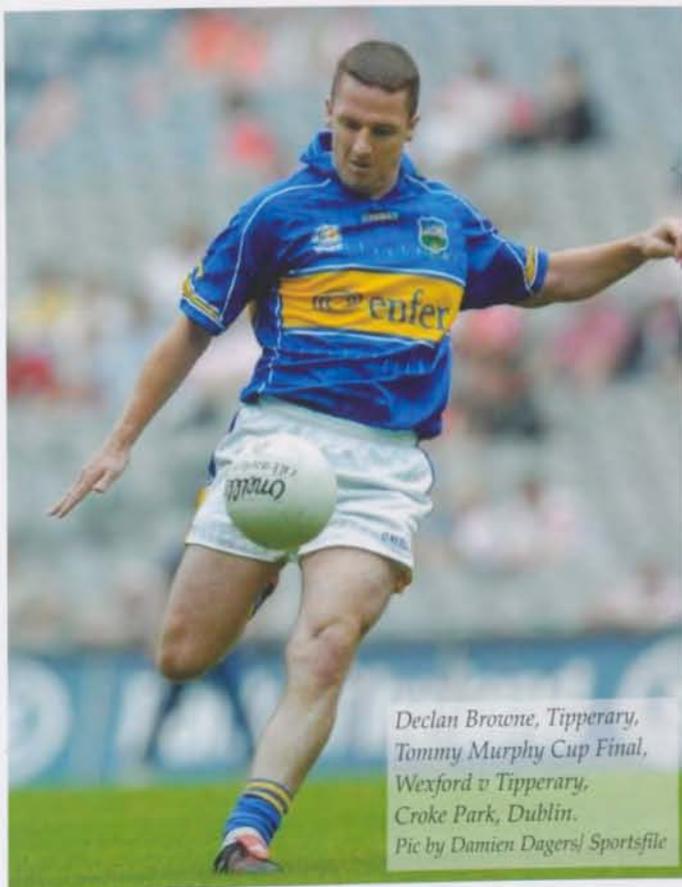
Browne captained Tipperary to win the 2005 Tommy Murphy Cup, scoring the side's crucial third goal on the way to securing victory.

But sadly, he never got his hands on an elusive Munster SFC medal and after the Munster Council decided to revert to a seeding system for the 2008 provincial championship, it is highly unlikely that Tipperary will feature in the shake-up for honours next year.

Earlier this year, Browne insisted that a back door route back into the championship should have been made available to the winners of the 2007 Tommy Murphy Cup. Browne was left deeply frustrated by a revamped championship system which ensured that Tipp had no second chance after losing to Cork in the Munster semi final.



29 November 2002 Declan Browne, Tipperary, is presented with his All-Star award by GAA President Seán Kelly at the 2002/03 GAA All-Star Awards in the Clarendon Hotel, Dublin, Ireland. (Picture credit: Ray McManus / SPORTSFILE / EBN)



Declan Browne, Tipperary, Tommy Murphy Cup Final, Wexford v Tipperary, Croke Park, Dublin. Pic by Damien Dagers / Sportsfile

Browne is a quietly-spoken character and has always held his head with admirable dignity, despite the physical punishment he has taken on the field of play down through the years.

But he has never been afraid to express an opinion and the prospect of further hard times for Tipp's senior footballers undoubtedly played a part in his decision to retire from the intercounty game at 29 years of age. Browne said: "Unfortunately I never won that (Munster) medal; it just got away from me.

"It's a disappointment when I look back on things – especially after seeing the delight on the faces of the Sligo footballers this year when they won a Connacht title for the first time since 1975. "That could have been us in 2002; we got our chance and didn't take it.

"Regret is a strong word though – it would have been nice to cap it off with that medal but that's sport."

Tipp went desperately close to Munster glory in 2002, drawing with Cork in the Munster final at Semple Stadium before losing heavily in the replay.

Browne admitted that the decision to call time on his career was a "big call" – but even before this year's championship, he had his mind made up.

He explained: "The legs are not the way they were two or three years ago and this is not a rash decision.

"I've put plenty of thought into it and I'm happy with that – it's been three or four days a week for the last number of years and that takes its toll.

"I just wasn't looking forward to going back in the winter and

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*Tipperary captain Declan Browne lifts the Tommy Murphy Cup after defeating Wexford in the 2005 Final at Croke Park, Dublin. Pic by Sportsfile*

facing into another championship next year in its current format. "Of course it's a big call to make but I had my mind made up either way that I was gone.

"The old hunger isn't there any more and I always said that when you don't enjoy putting the boots in the bag to go to training any more, it's time to pack it in.

"I'm not getting any younger either but it's a combination of factors.

"I felt that the time was right, I gave it everything I could and I don't have any personal regrets.

"It would have been nice to end up with a few medals but that's the way it goes.

"It's going to be hard to fill the gaps but everybody's time comes to an end and I have a lot of mileage on the clock.

"I'll give a good few years to my club now – I have a few seasons left in the tank with Moyle Rovers all going well and it will be nice to repay them some bit."

On the hurling side, Declan captured an All-Ireland minor medal with Tipperary in 1996, lining out at right half forward on the team which defeated Galway in the replay. In 1999, Browne grabbed a crucial goal in Ennis during a highly-contentious Munster U21 final clash with Clare which grabbed the headlines for what happened off the field of play after the final whistle.

In 2007, Moyle Rovers enjoyed great success in both hurling and football with Browne playing massive roles in the South senior football and junior 'A' hurling successes.

At the time of going to press, Browne was looking forward to

his eighth county senior football final, the clash against Fethard which took place in Cashel on Sunday, November 4. Four Moyle Rovers players – Browne Liam Cronin, Robbie Boland and team captain James Williams – were each bidding for a sixth county senior football medal.

The quartet played key roles in the club's five previous successes in 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999 and 2000. Indeed, Declan collected his first senior medal as the team's goalkeeper in 1995, at the tender age of 17.



*The winning 2003 Vodafone All Stars captain Declan Browne is presented with the trophy by Sean Kelly, GAA President and An Taoiseach Bertie Ahern T.D. after the exhibition game at Hong Kong Football Club, China. Pic by Sportsfile*

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# JIMMY KENNEDY

By Seamus J. King

Jimmy Kennedy, one of the most brilliant hurlers to grace the playing fields of Ireland, passed away during 2007. His greatness is recalled in this article which appeared in the 1991 Yearbook

Seamus J. King



One of the swiftest rises to hurling stardom in Tipperary must surely have been that of Jimmy Kennedy of Kildangan. He made his debut for the county in the Thomond Tournament against Clare on May 8, 1949 and scored seven points. According to 'Wintergreen' in the 'Tipperary Star' the week following the game: 'Jimmy Kennedy possesses rare pace, has a delightful speed when cornered and an uncanny knowledge of just where the goalposts are.' Three weeks later he played in the first championship outing against Cork and scored 1-4 in a game that ended in a draw. The replay was at Limerick on June 26 and Tipperary won by 2-8 to 1-9 after extra time. In the first hour he was the only forward to shine and he scored all his side's 1-5, including a spectacular goal in the last minute to earn extra time. He went off injured during that period but came back before the end to score a point. By then he was a hero. He played his final game for the county in the 1951 Munster final and was a sub on the winning All-Ireland side. He was then 25 years of age and had never played the full hour on a losing Tipperary side!

## EARLY PROMISE

Of course Jimmy Kennedy did not spring full-blown into hurling stardom in that summer of '49. He had a very respectable apprenticeship over the previous five or six years. As long as his memory serves him he recalls hitting a hurling ball about but he did not play for a team until he went to St. Flannan's College, Ennis in 1940. In 1944 he helped the College team to win the Harty Cup, Munster Cup, the All-Ireland Individual College title and the Interprovincial Colleges' title. When St. Flannan's played Thurles C.B.S. that year the Tipperary school included Pat Stakelum, Tommy Ryan and Seamus Bannon. Jimmy recalls playing the Interprovincial in Kilkenny and meeting Jim Langton as they took a stroll in the town on the Sunday morning. 'We met him on the street and he stopped to talk to us. He stayed chatting to us for half an hour and he treated us as equals. We were

tremendously impressed.' He gives great credit to Tull Considine for the success of the 1944 team. The President of the College, Canon Quinn, brought in the former Clare star. According to Jimmy he was one of the greatest trainers and was brilliant at

assessing a player's potential. When he took over the team he began playing players in positions they had never been in before. He insisted on ground hurling and crossing the ball. By this stage Jimmy had most of the hurling skills and had perfected the art of picking the ball off the ground easily and quickly. But he learned his team experience in Rannan's.

## U.C.D.

After receiving his Leaving Certificate Jimmy Kennedy went to U. C.D. to study Agricultural Science. There was no inter-county minor championship in 1944 - it had been suspended during the war years - and so missed the chance of playing with the county. He had some consolation because in that year he won his only title in Tipperary, the North Divisional Junior championship, with Kildangan. Jimmy was to leave university without taking a degree and in 1950 took up the job as assistant to the Manager of Minch Norton Maltings, based in Nenagh. His job involved selling fertilizers to farmers, buying malting barley, etc. He had a car which was a fine perk with the job in those days. He stayed until 1961 when he was appointed Manager at Goresbridge. Three years later he went to Guinness Maltings at Midleton and remained there until 1971. In that year he came to Thurles to take over the well-known business of J.K. Moloney's in Liberty Square. In the meantime he had married Rita McCormack and they had five children. The most famous of the latter is Louise, who won the overall Designer of the Year Award in 1989. Susan runs the Kilkenny School of Beauty Therapy, Rosemary lives in St. Louis, Caroline works as a producer with Century Radio and Christopher is in the family business. His wife died in 1983.

Jimmy Kennedy had a very successful hurling career at U.C.D. which included winning a coveted Fitzgibbon medal and two Dublin county finals in 1947 and 1948. There was some fine talent in the college at the time like Dick Stokes, Pierce Thornton, Des Dillon, Joby Maher, Jack Rice, Luke Sullivan, Ned Daly and more. Presiding over the lot was the great Mick Darcy, who was full of enthusiasm for the game of hurling. To win the county finals required great ability because the competition was cut-throat from teams of the calibre of Faughs, Young Irelands and St. Vincents. There was tremendous interest and crowds as great as twenty thousand turned up for finals.

## WITH DUBLIN

Jimmy Kennedy's talent soon became known to the Dublin selectors and he made his debut with the team in a match against Antrim at Belfast in the winter of 1946. He hardly got a puck of the ball until the final quarter. However, on his way back in the train he was relieved to be told by selector, Jerry O'Connor, that he wouldn't be dropped on the basis of that display. His next match was against Tipperary in Dublin in 1947. He was playing on Micheal Maher and again hardly got a puck of the ball. He found the pace of the game much faster than he was used to. In another county he might have been dropped but he was given time to settle and is very thankful for getting the opportunity to do so due to the generosity of the Dublin selectors. He believes that some players are discarded too easily and too quickly and should be given a longer chance.

He played his first inter-county championship in the summer of 1947 and got to the Leinster final against Kilkenny a "Portlaoise. Kilkenny had Diamond Hayden, Terry Leahy and Jim Langton and beat Dublin well. Jimmy held his place on the Dublin team and achieved success in the 1948 championship

They beat Wexford in the semi-final and when word came to them in the dressing room that Laois had beaten Kilkenny in the other semi there was a great cheer. They went on to beat Laois in the final at Tullamore but lost to Waterford in the All-Ireland No less than seven, Jimmy Kennedy, Mick Hassett, Frank Cummins, Dave Walsh, Johnny O'Connor, Mick Feeney and Ned Daly, of the U.C.D. team played on opposite sides in the All-Ireland. Jimmy's growing stature as a player was recognised the following spring when he was captain of the Leinster side in the Railway Cup. This brought him to the attention of the Tipperary selectors.

Sometime in February Phil Purcell, the Tipperary County Secretary, sent declaration forms to Jimmy and to Joe Butler who was from Clonmel and who also played with Dublin in the 1948 All-Ireland. Jimmy takes up the story.

'Joe and I had a long chat on the matter. We were going well with Dublin and were having a good time playing around the country in tournaments. The Dublin County Board were very good to us. As well we were uncertain as to how we'd get on with Tipp. We knew that many players, who had got trials, had been taken off after ten minutes because they hadn't been performing to an expected standard. Maybe the same would be our fate and what would we do then? So, we tore up the forms.'

'On Easter Saturday I came back to my digs in Leinster Road where there was a message awaiting me: I was to go to Barry's Hotel. I made my way there to find my father, Phil Purcell, Fr Johnny Minihan, Dinny Costello and Seamus Gardiner present. 'I sent you a declaration form,' said Purcell, 'and you never returned it.' I told him my reason. They took me into a room and

gave me a long chat. I said I couldn't go without Joe Butler. I was informed he wasn't necessary as Tipperary had enough backs. I told them I wouldn't do anything until I spoke to Mick Darcy.

'It was now 9.30 and at that time declaration had to be made before 12pm on Easter Saturday night. Seamus Gardiner offered to drive me out to Mick Darcy, who lived in Merrion. Mick was an out and out Tipperary man but didn't like to give me advice. He advised me to talk to Joe Stewart, who was in charge of the Dublin team. Darcy's final word to me was: 'You know, they (Tipperary) are a hard lot to please.'

'I was driven to Joe Stewart's place. We had a chat. He dissuaded me from leaving Dublin. He said: 'you'd be mad to declare, we're going well. We'll see you tomorrow for the game with Kilkenny. You'll stay with us.' I came back to Barry's and told Purcell of my decision to stay with Dublin. It was now 11.30. Purcell took me into a room and began to work on me. He hammered home to me the greatness of Tipperary, the land of Knocknagow and Slievenamon. He told me they'd be no danger of being dropped. He even promised any position in the forward line, with the exception of full-forward. After two hours of this barracking I gave in and signed the form at 1.30 amidst major misgivings. I don't know how the 12 o'clock rule was got over but it was obviously surmounted. I have never regretted that decision.'

As stated above Jimmy Kennedy made his debut in the Thomond Tournament. He recalls driving down from Dublin and meeting the team at Sadleir's Hotel in Limerick. He didn't know anybody and there was a bit of awkwardness until Pat

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Stakelum came over to greet him and welcome him to the team. In his short career he was to win three All-Irelands, one National League and a couple of Thomond Tournament and Monaghan Cup medals.

## CONTRIBUTION

His contribution to Tipperary's success in the 1949 championship was major. Again and again he is mentioned as the key man in the team's attack. In the course of the six games up to and including the All-Ireland he scored 6 goals and 37 points. In the five games of the 1950 championship his tally was 4 goals and 23 points, which was a higher percentage of Tipperary's total score than in the previous year. His most brilliant display in 1950 was in the first round against Limerick. One commentator had this to say: 'Tipperary's success was due in the main to her defenders and to the genius of Jimmy Kennedy. The Puckane's man's total of 3-6 was, to say the least, amazing. The most talked of goal of the match came from the stick of this scoring wizard. The ball sailed in from fifty yards out. Tipperary attackers and Limerick defenders watched its flight as it seemed to sail over the crossbar when, to the amazement of attackers and defenders alike, like a guided missile, it curved into the net for an astonishing goal. That wasn't Kennedy's best score. He struck a ball from within ten yards of the right-hand corner flag, which sped like an arrow between the posts, a miracle score if ever there was one.'

## TECHNIQUE

Jimmy Kennedy disdains the notion that he was some kind of technical wizard with the hurling stick. Instead he would subscribe to the adage that 'Trifles make perfection and perfection is no trifle.' To an obvious natural athletic ability he added many hours of skill learning as he pucked the ball around the village of Puckane during his early years. Playing the ball against a wall and picking it smartly as it rebounded was part of this learning process. I have already drawn attention to the teachings of Tull Considine and the team learning he acquired at Flannan's. The kind of hurley he used was most important and he never brought fewer than two to any game. On that visit to Kilkenny mentioned above he 'discovered' the Neary hurley and never used anything else after that. Tom Neary was a famous Kilkenny hurley maker and for Jimmy his type of hurley was the answer to his needs. It had a wide pole, great balance and unerring accuracy. He could recognise a Neary hurley with his eyes closed.

His free-taking was practised until it was perfect. Basic things like stance and angle were worked on until his shooting became unerring. When taking a free he stood back from the ball and walked up to it at a right angle to an imaginary line between the ball and the centre of the crossbar. When lifting the ball he stood very much over it with the handle of the hurley coming back between his legs. In this way he achieved perfect balance during the lifting and striking movement. He raised the ball above the head but hit it at knee height. The follow through was most important as it contributed to the accuracy of the stroke. All of this practice developed his confidence and confidence produced even greater accuracy. Jimmy is convinced that at the height of his form he had the confidence to go for scores from any angle, and get them.

## LAST YEAR "

Tipperary played Waterford in the first round of the 1951 championship and just got there by 2-10 to 1-10. Jimmy Kennedy

scored 1-3. The selectors sprang a big surprise by dropping him for the semi-final against Limerick and replacing him by Tim Ryan of Borrisoleigh. The latter were the new county champions. Jimmy was very disappointed at being dropped because he believed that he was still maturing as a player. The occasion was also Tipperary's first championship appearance at Thurles since 1945 and he would have loved to be on. He made a late appearance in the game and got a tremendous ovation from the fans as he came onto the field.

He was recalled for the Munster final against Cork on July 29.

He had a most unfortunate hour when nothing would go right for him and it was the first hour in which he failed to score. There was a reason for the poor display. He had cracked two ribs in training and was advised by his doctor not to play. But, he was so delighted at being restored to the team that he foolishly determined to play. Because he was well strapped up his movements were very restricted during the game. He was dropped for the All-Ireland final, in which Tipperary beat Wexford by 7-7 to 3-9.

There were twenty-one medals for the twenty-two players on the panel. The first fifteen on All-Ireland day were obvious choices but, when it came to distributing the remaining six, Jimmy was excluded. Understandably he was very upset. He would have loved to have the medal to put with the other two as it was a unique achievement to win three-in-a-row. He was picked to travel for the Oireachtas game against Kilkenny on October 7 but wrote to Phil Purcell to say he didn't wish to be considered any more. He was 25 years of age. He continued to hurl at club level until 1954 when he married and called it a day. He didn't involve himself after that with the exception of 1955 when he helped Eire Og, Nenagh minor hurling team prepare for a county final.

## A MAJOR INJUSTICE

The decision to leave Jimmy Kennedy out of the medals was a major injustice and even worse than that to leave selector, Joby Callanan, out of the trip to the U.S. with the league team in September 1950. Jimmy had made a major contribution to Tipperary's successes in the 1949 and 1950 All-Irelands and had played two championship games in 1951. In contrast five of the subs had played no championship game that year! No wonder he was upset and called it a day.

His decision to quit was a major loss to Tipperary. He was only 25 years of age and, in his own opinion, was still maturing as a hurler. Admittedly he wasn't playing as effectively as in the previous year but there was no reason why he wouldn't bounce back to brilliance once again. How many good players go through bad patches and crises of confidence?

Perhaps his decision to quit was precipitate. Maybe he should have stuck it out and played his way back on to the team. He was only 25 years of age and, if we are to take his own word, not yet at his prime. It is arguable that had he been there in the following years Tipperary's three-in-a-row might have become the elusive four or even five-in-a-row. Who knows? We can only speculate. The only certainty we have is that those of us who were privileged to see him play saw one of the most graceful movers, the most brilliant strikers and, the most accurate of scorers that ever wore the blue and gold.

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# Jimí Ó Cinnéide

## Le Liam Prut

I bhfíorthús na gcaogaidí is ea a chonaic mé Jimmy Kennedy ag imirt don chéad uair—an chéad iománaí idirchontae dá bhfaca mé riamh. Bhíos deich mbliana nó aon bhliain déag nuair a chuaigh mé féin agus m'athair ar rothair ó Bhaile an Doire go Buirgheas Uí Chéin. Thart ar an am céanna a chonaic mé Tony Reddan—an dara himreoir clúiteach idirchontae ar mo phaidrín. Ba mhinice a chonaic mé an Rodánach ná an Cinnéideach, pé cúis a bhí leis sin. Geansaí gorm ón turas go Meiriceá, is dóigh liom, (nó geansaí na Mumhan?), a chaitheadh an Rodánach i gcónaí agus é ag imirt le Lothra. Sa chúl a d'imríodh an Rodánach ach, mar sin féin, ba eisean a thóg formhór na bpocanna saora dá fhoireann. Bhí sé cruinn go maith freisin. B'fhéidir nach bhfaca mé an Cinnéideach ach uair amháin agus samhlaím gur in aghaidh Ros Cré a bhí Cill an Daingin ag imirt an Domhnach sin. Ba é Jimmy a thóg na pocanna saora go léir dar liom agus bhí sé sáite san imirt ó thús an chluiche go dtí an deireadh. Seachas na pocanna saora sin ní cuimhin liom ach babhta amháin d'imirt an Chinnéidigh. Tharla an babhta sin gairid don áit a rabhas ag an taobhlíne i dtreo lár an bhaile. Bhí scata de na geansaithe dearga ag teannadh ar Jimmy ach thug sé sáiteán siar idir a chosa don liathróid lena chamán agus chuir isteach i lámha duine dá chomhimreoirí féin í. Thar rud ar bith eile, cuimhním ar Jimmy Kennedy mar bhall foirne a bhí sásta a dhícheall iomlán a dhéanamh do Chill an Daingin an lá sin. Ní raibh aon laochas ná éirí in airde pearsanta ag baint leis. Bhí sé ard éadrom ach níor sheachain sé an comhrac ar aon slí. Agus is dóigh liom, de bharr a chruinnis, gur le Cill an Daingin a bhí an lá. Ach nílím cinnte ina thaobh sin.

Is cuimhin liom gur thóg sé na pocanna saora ar shlí ar leith. Ba ghnách dó an liathróid a ardú tuairim trí thriog san aer amhail le rámhainn (dar liom) agus ligean don liathróid titim an-chón-garach don talamh sula mbuaileadh sé í. Bhuaileadh sé an-chrua í sa tslí sin. Is cuimhin liom gur scóráil sé scata pointí agus cúl amháin ón líne slat is fiche.

Is dócha go rabhas aon bhliain déag d'aois faoin am sin agus, bíodh nár dhein mé féin aon ghaisce mar iománaí óg ná sean, is mar thosach ab fhearr liom imirt agus mé i mo Jimmy Kennedy eile dar liom féin. Bhaist mo chomharsa béal dorais, Tomás Ó Riain, Fánaithe na Sionna, an t-ainm 'Kendy' ar an deartháir is óige agam, Peadar, agus coinníodh an leasainm sin ag imeacht fad a mhair Tom, go ndéanaí Dia trócaire air. Ní foláir nó bhí cuid mhaith 'Cinnéideach' thart i bparóistí cois Locha i dThiobraid Árann Thuaidh go luath sna caogaidí! B'fhéidir go raibh oiread acu ann is a bhí tráth a roinneadh an dúthaigh céanna idir Cinnéidigh a bhí Rua, Fionn nó Donn agus a gcéilí sa séú haois déag. Ar ndóigh, bhí aithne raidió agam ar Shéamas Ó Cinnéide cheana óna pháirt ar fhoireann chlúiteach trí chraobh-as-a-chéile 1949-1951 Thiobraid Árann.

Ní raibh aon raidió againne sa bhliain 1949 agus ba ghnách dúinn dul go dtí teach Thomáis Uí Riain—Tom sinsearach—aon Domhnach a raibh cluiche mór ar siúl. Mar pháiste naoi mbliana d'aois, níor ghoill sé orm lá mar sin, gurbh é port a bhíodh ag Tom go mba cheart páistí a bhualadh aon uair a chasfaí ort iad; mar, gur chinnte go raibh mioscáis díreach déanta acu nó, neachtar acu, go raibh mioscáis beartaithe acu. Sa bhli-

ain 1949 a tosaíodh ar na cuairteanna sin ar theach na comharsan, áit a raibh fáilte romham féin, an mac ba shine sa teaghlach againne, agus roimh m'athair agus roimh chomharsa ar bith eile a bhuaíl isteach don ócáid—duine de na Gardaí, b'fhéidir. Agus, ar ndóigh, bhí muintir an tí ann. Nuair a tháinig an leath ama cuireadh an fuarma i leataobh tamall agus cuireadh amach na cupáin ar an mbord. Cheana féin bhí an citeal fiuchta agus chuir Gretta nó a máthair cupán tae agus canta d'arán cuirneach nó de bhairín breac os comhair gach aon duine. Ní raibh sé riamh chomh muinteartha, chomh teolaí sna boscaí corparáideacha!

Ach, nach ar Jimmy a tharraing mé mo scéal? Féach go ndeir Seán Ó Grádaigh, Cúlbaire, ina ailtín ómóis do Jimí, amach os ard é: bhí cuid mhór de bhuíochas an bhua sin i 1949—agus sa dá bhliain a lean an bhliain sin dá réir sin—ar theacht Jimmy Kennedy ag imirt do Thiobraid Árann agus ar a chruinneas an-mhór leis na pocanna saora. Ceist eile a chuirim féin anois: an mbeadh aon chuid de na trí chraobh i ndiaidh a chéile ann gan Jimí a bheith mar bhall d'fhoireann sin '49?

Agus, ar ndóigh, aithníodh ar fud na hÉireann gur dhual aird ar leith a thabhairt ar an imreoir seo. Ar *Scéala an Domhnaigh* nó an *Sunday Press*, 1 Iúil, 1951, tugadh aitheantas réalta do Jimí Kennedy nuair a roghnaíodh é don tsraith "Play with the Stars" (uimh. 10). Léirigh Jimí go raibh staidéar ar leith déanta aige ar an gcluiche agus leagadh amach bunscileanna an chluiche i sraith léaráidí an ailt. Níor athraigh sé a ghreim ar an gcamán ar chuntar ar bith, a dúirt sé. Taispeánadh an luascadh, a ghreim le linn bhualadh na liathróide agus críochnú na gluaiseachta.

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An tsúil a choimeád ar an liathróid agus gan an ráta buailte a bhrostú: tarraing go bog, a deir sé. An bhfuil gné éigin i gcuin-neas Dharach Mhic Aogáin ón gclub céanna inniu a chuirfeadh an tslí ar choinnigh Jimmy Kennedy lena bhuille<sup>1</sup> i gcuimhne duit? Níorbh é Jimí an t-aon iománaí amháin ó Thiobraid Árann a roghnaíodh ar "Play with the Stars". Roghnaíodh daoine eile—Tony Reddan agus Jimmy Finn, mar shampla—ar ócáidí eile sa tsraith chéanna. Agus, dar ndóigh, i gceann leath dosaein bliain eile bhí Jimí eile ar an bhfód, Jimí Doyle, agus caithfidh sé gur chabhraigh eiseamláir agus caithréim an Chinnéidigh le múnlu Jimí Doyle. Ar ródhána an mhaise é do dhuine éigin a leithéid de cheist a chur ar Jimmy Doyle?

Is cuimhin liom alt eile faoin gCinnéideach a léamh i gceann de na páipéirí Domhnaigh—*Scéala an Domhnaigh arís*, b'fhéidir, áit a mbíodh alt rialta an uair úd ag duine a thug **Fear Ciúin** air féin—alt inar chuir Jimí síos ar na modhanna traenála a chleacht sé. Pocáil na liathróide chun a chéile idir beirt nó tríúr i bpáirc, b'in nós amháin a mhol sé chun fad a chur sna pocanna. Agus bhí poc an-fhada ag Jimí nuair ba ghá sin. Bhí teideal den sórt seo ar chuid den alt: **I climbed the ladder rung by rung.**

Mhínigh sé cad a bhí i gceist leis sin. Chuireadh sé dréimire ina sheasamh le coca féir i gcúinne páirce. Dhruideadh sé siar ón gcoca ansin agus bhuaileadh sé an liathróid go pointeáilte, ó achair éagsúla. Dhíreodh sé an poc idir an chéad dá runga i dtosach; ansin idir runga a dó agus runga a trí; ansin idir runga a trí agus a ceathair agus mar sin de suas go barr an dréimire, céim ar chéim (agus anuas arís!). Ní haon ionadh gur éirigh leis sárchruinneas a bhaint amach. Cuireann sin doras cleachtaidh Jimmy Doyle i gcuimhne do dhuine; is beag teacht a bhí ag mac an ghréasaí ar chofaí féir!

Ní haon ionadh ach oiread, agus an mianach sin sárchruinnis agus an acmhainn dochreidte sin a bheith ann chun barr feabhais agus oilteachta, gur aibhig na cáilíochtaí sin ina shliocht. Go háirithe, cuimhním ar an acmhainn pointeáilteachta sin a bheadh ar mhórbhuanna a infne Louise Kennedy a bhfuil clú agus cáil uirthi ar fud an domhain mar dhearthóir éadaí.

Níor chuir mise aithne riamh ar Jimí Kennedy ná ar a theaghlach ach shamhlóinn gur eiseamláir é Jimí ar dhá shlí: sa tslí gur bhain sé tairbhe as an iománaíocht mar chaitheamh aimsire agus sa tslí gur chuir sé gnéithe den chluiche chun tairbhe dá ghnáthshaol. Is léir gur chuir Jimí an cloigeann ag obair ar shlí eisceachtúil chun barr feabhais a bhaint amach sa chluiche. Mar chruthúnas ar an staidéar a rinne sé ar an iomáint, féach go raibh sé in ann comparáid bheacht a dhéanamh idir láimhsiú na maidí gailf agus láimhsiú an chamáin.

Bhain cluiche Jimí le múnlu carachtair. San alt faoi na modhanna traenála a luadh thuas, níor ceileadh ar na léitheoirí go raibh gné shuarach sa chluiche a imrítí le linn Jimí. Fanann na focail 'I was suddenly charged from behind' sa chuimhne. Bheadh Jimí dírithe go hiomlán ar an imirt sa taobh eile den pháirc agus tharla sé fo-uairgur ionsaíodh é faoi choim, a deir sé, nuair nach raibh a aire ar a chomhghleacaithe in aon chor. Mar sin féin, is é comhairle a chuir Jimí ar an iománaí óg díriú go hiomlán ar bhualadh na liathróide agus ligean dá chomhimeoirí faire amach don liathróid iad féin. Ní raibh an eitic chéanna ag na himreoirí eile go léir a bhí ag Jimí. Murar dhuine róláidir é ón taobh fisiciúil de bhí neart spioradálta agus misneach neamhghnách arís. Agus má bhí air cur suas le peannaid agus éagóir, bhí de mhisneach aige, san alt atá i gceist agam, é sin a insint don saol.

Luaigh mé bás Jimí le hUinseann Ó Coistealbha, cara dom, i

gCill Bharráin le gairid agus dúirt Uinseann go raibh gaol aige féin le Jimí Ó Cinnéide. Luaigh sé as féin freisin ar cuireadh de pheannaid ar Jimí nuair a bhíodh sé ag imirt. Ní tharlódh sin inniu, dar le hUinseann. Tá cosaint níos fearr ann inniu ar an saghas sin drochiompair agus, má tá, is maith agus is mithid gur mar sin atá. Nílím féin iomlán cinnte go n-aontaím le hUinseann i bhfianaise chomh réidh is a ghleactar ar chláiracha spóirt an Domhnaigh leis an dímheanmnú fisiciúil<sup>2</sup> atá coitianta inniu. Ach ní dócha gurb ionann an dímheanmnú fisiciúil, inniu ná inné, agus an fhoghail ar an bpearsa atá i gceist ag Jimmy agus ag mo chara. Má tharlaíonn an dá shórt míghnímh i gcónaí, is dócha gur fearr a bhítear ag faire amach dó anois agus ag iarraidh deireadh a chur leis.

D'éirigh Jimí as an iománaíocht idirchontae níos luaithe ná a bheifí ag súil leis. Ar ndóigh, bhí sé sna fichidí—fiche a dó nó fiche a trí, is dócha!—nuair a thosaigh sé le Tiobraid Árann sa bhliain 1949. Ach do dhuine a raibh breis agus a chuid déanta aige chun an dá chluiche ceannais tosaigh a bhuaich, agus cur suas le himirt gharbh ar uaire, níor mhór a thuiscint gur bhí é an lot ba mheasa ar fad dár cuireadh air an trífú bonn Uile Éireann a cheilt air, toisc nach raibh ann ach fear ionaid—de dheasca é a bheith gortaithe roimhe sin. Luaigh Seán Ó Gráda ina alt gur cuireadh scéal an bhoinn sin 1951 a ceileadh ar Jimí ina cheart tamall beag ó shin. Mhínigh mo chara dom gur bhí é Gearóid Ó Sléibhín, iareagarthóir an *Guardian*, ba mhó ba chúis leis an gcúiteamh sin a thabhairt i gcrích. Bímis buíoch de, más ea: má ba mhall ba mhithid!

Rud eile nár mhiste a mheabhú faoin am sin is ea go raibh clubanna beaga amhail Cill an Daingin agus Lothra imeallach go maith i gcliarlathas iomána Thiobraid Árann. Ba ag muintir lár an chontae a bhí an svae agus níor ghá a bheith chomh spleách sin ar fad ar chlubanna imeallacha mar sin. Ina dhiaidh sin agus uile, féach gur i nDurlas Éile a chaith Jimí Kennedy bunús a shaoil iarimeartha ag obair agus é sona sásta ann gan dabht.

Dá mbeadh scoil tríú leibhéal le bunú ar an iomáint, nár bhreá an pátrún a chuirfí os comhair na ndaoine óga ach cuimhneamh ar eitic agus ar fhealsúnacht imeartha agus traenála Jimí. D'fhéadfaí díriú ar fhorbairt slí beatha an duine de thairbhe ghairmiúlacht na himeartha aige/aici.

Macasamhail an Chinnéidigh inniu? Luaigh duine éigin modhanna traenála DJ Carey ach níl aon eolas agam ina dtaobh. Is ábhar béaloidis ann féin na modhanna traenála a chleacht na hiománaithe móra. Smaoineamh breá le haghaidh leabhair é do dhuine éigin den scata iriseoirí a mbíonn Babs ag caint orthu! An meabhraíonn an Gooch sa pheil Jimí Ó Cinnéide san iomáint? Dar liom féin go bhfuil an-chosúlachtaí eatarthu. An mbeidh a leithéid d'iománaí arís againn?

Tá Eoinín Ó Ceallaigh againn.

Tá daoine óga eile ag teacht ar an bhfód go tiubh go háirithe i mionúirí '06 agus '07. Tréaslaímis a ngaisce leo agus lena n-oil-iúnóirí.

Níor thug mise a cheart do Jimmy Kennedy sna cuimhní cinn sin thuas. Níl déanta agam ach mo chloichín bheag féin—cloichín an ghasúir fhíoróig, más ea!—a chaitheamh ar a charn.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh Séamas Ó Cinnéide as Buaille an Chreagáin, Pocán, i measc na naomh i gCill Ó dTiarnáin.

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10 November 2007; Tipperary winners Philly Fogarty, left, Claire Grogan with Liz Howard, Uachtarán Cumann Camógaiochta na nGael, at the Energise Sport Camogie All-Star Awards 2007 in association with O'Neills. Citywest Hotel, Conference, Leisure & Golf Resort, Saggart, Co. Dublin.



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# Never a Loser with Tipp - Jimmy Kennedy

By Jim Fogarty

In the wake of his death this year, it is timely to reflect on the career of one of Kildangan's greatest hurling sons Jimmy Kennedy. The great Boherlahan and Tipperary captain Johnny Leahy declared in 1949 that "Jimmy Kennedy had given the greatest display of artistic hurling ever seen in the Munster Final of that year".

Jimmy Kennedy grew up in the village of Puckaun. There were no juvenile or minor competitions during Jimmy's young days and the first team he played on was at St Flannan's College Ennis. Jimmy played on the St. Flannans team that won the Harty Cup for the first time in 1944. He was also one of 4 St Flannans players on the Munster side that won the Colleges Inter-Provincial title later that year.

Having moved to Dublin to study, Jimmy made his inter-county debut for Dublin in 1946. Dublin won the Leinster title in 1948 but lost by 6-7 to 4-2 to Waterford in the All-Ireland final. "One of his goals from a free which penetrated a packed Waterford goal line was a beauty" reported the Nenagh Guardian. Jimmy captained Leinster in the 1949 Railway Cup campaign.

Following strong Tipperary pressure, Jimmy declared for his native county in 1949. As a wing forward he made a major contribution to Tipp's success in the 1949 championship. In 6 games up to and including the All-Ireland final he scored 6 goals and 37 points. In the 5 games of the 1950 championship his tally was 4 goals and 23 points.

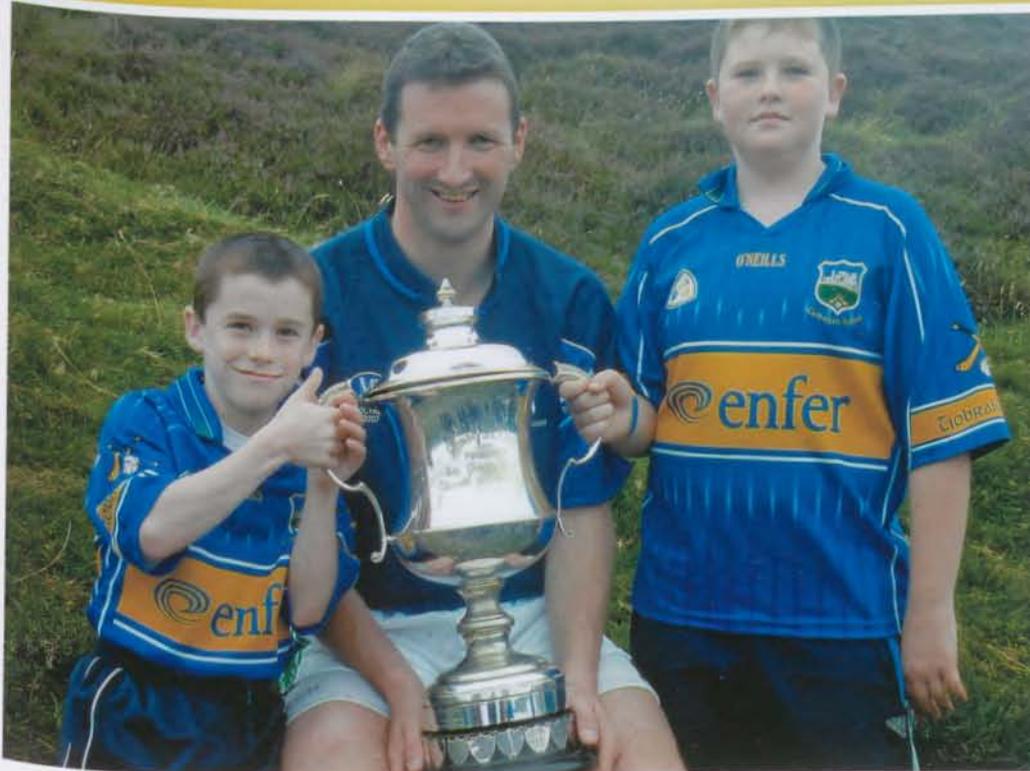
Jimmy was dropped during the 1951 championship. In the first round he had an excellent game against Waterford and scored 1-3 of Tipp's total of 2-10. But in what The Irish Press called

"the surprise of the year" he was dropped for the match against Limerick in Thurles. When he was brought on towards the end he received a tremendous ovation from the Tipp crowd. He was recalled for the Munster final against Cork but played badly because of cracked ribs. He was dropped for the All-Ireland final against Wexford. There were 21 medals for the 22 players on the panel. Jimmy did not receive an All-Ireland medal despite having played 2 championship games while 5 of the subs had played no championship game.

Understandably disillusioned at the way he was treated Jimmy decided to retire from Inter-County hurling. He was only 25. During his short but distinguished career he won 1 Leinster, 3 Munster and 2 All-Ireland medals. He won an Oireachtas medal with Dublin in 1948 and 2 more with Tipp in 1949 and 1950. He also won a National League medal and a trip to New York in 1950 and was a member of the Munster team that won the Railway Cup that year. **Throughout his career he never once played on a losing Tipp side.** Jimmy Kennedy had all the attributes of the great half forward - dashing speed, brimming self-confidence and an unerring accuracy from all angles and positions.

Jimmy married in 1954 and the Kennedys had 5 children including the famous designer Louise. His varied work career included 3 years as manager of Minch Norton Maltings in Goresbridge. He went to Thurles in 1971 to take over the well known business of J.K. Moloneys in Liberty Square. He remained there until he retired and then returned to his beloved Puckaun.

## CUMMINS WINS ALL IRELAND POC FADA



Brendan Cummins of Ballybaccan-Grange and Tipperary won this year's All Ireland Poc Fada final. This was Brendan's third title after winning in 2004 and 2006. Brendan was unable to take part in 2005 due to inter-county duty. Cummins took 49 pucks to complete the five-kilometre course in the Cooley Mountains in County Louth, just one short of the record he set in 2004.

Brendan is pictured with Michael and John O'Connor (Portroe) after receiving the Corn Cuailgne trophy.

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# KIERAN CAREY

## (1933-2007)



Kieran Carey passed to his eternal reward in early June and his death saw the passing of one of the great players of our time. As *Culbaire* described him in his column in the *Tipperary Star*: 'Kieran yielded nil to anybody in grit and tenacity and he had coolness added to toughness, plus very adequate ball striking when room existed for such.' In a commemorative programme to mark the new development at St. Cronan's Park, Roscrea on June 1, 1980, Tom McCarthy described his achievements and his impressive record.

Kieran Carey's haul of medals is an impressive one. Holder of five All-Ireland medals won in 1958, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1965, five National League medals, five Oireachtas medals, seven

Munster Championship medals, four Railway Cup medals, one All-Ireland club championship medal, one All-Ireland Inter-Factory medal, three Tipperary senior hurling championship medals, six North Tipperary championship medals, one Laois senior hurling championship medal and one North Tipperary minor hurling title, he is first to admit that he was very lucky to be a member of such successful Tipperary and Roscrea teams. No matter how brilliant an individual player may be, success will not come his way, unless he has the back-up of a great team. The Tipp. team of the early sixties and the Roscrea team of the latter part of the decade provided the ideal 'launching pad' for Kieran Carey's many championship successes.

### Kyle Clubman

Kieran's early hurling was done with Kyle, the only parish in the diocese of Killaloe in the County of Laois. He played minor hurling with the Roscrea team, which won the North Tipperary championship in 1950, while a student at the Vocational school. A very big minor, Roscrea mentors were often asked: "Where did ye get him?" The answers given weren't always a reporter's dream.

In 1951, Kieran played on the Kyle team, which brought the Laois senior hurling title to the small parish stretching from Knock to Ballaghmore, an event which inspired a local poet to pen a celebratory hallad beginning with the following verse:

*You Gaels of Upper Ossory, wherever that you be,  
Let it be here in Ireland, or exiled across the sea,  
The news that I will bring you Will cause you all to smile  
When you know that the cup and championship  
Has now returned to Kyle.*

Kyle lost their title in the following year and by the mid-fifties, Kieran had thrown in his lot with Roscrea.

### Tipperary Team

After some fine performances on the Roscrea team, Kieran was selected at full-back on the North Tipp. team to play West Tipp. in the Tostal trophy of 1958. His performance in these games brought him to the notice of the Tipp. senior selectors. His big chance came when Tipp. full-back, Mick Maher was unable to line out against Limerick. Kieran's performance against the highly-rated Mick Tynan caused John D. Hickey to write in the *Irish Independent*: "The performance of Kieran Carey must have caused Mick Maher to wonder about his future in the inter-county sphere". Mick Maher returned to his full-back position, but Kieran Carey took over at corner-black with John Doyle moving out to the half-back line. He won his first All-Ireland medal in the same year when Tipp. defeated Galway easily

enough in the All-Irel'and final. His most difficult opponent in that year's campaign was Dick Rockett of Kilkenny.

St. Brendan Cup honours came his way in 1959 when Tipp defeated New York and, although Wexford left him without a second All-Ireland medal in 1960, the next year brought victory over Dublin in a closely-fought final.

He rates the 1962 All-Ireland final against Wexford as the best game in which he has played. His opponent was the elusive Hopper McGrath whom he reckons was the best corner-forward he faced. Victories in 1964 and 1965 completed Kieran's collection of All-Ireland medals. His opening quarter performance against Wexford in the 1965 final was, perhaps, his best display in Croke Park.

Mick Dunne in the *Irish Press* wrote: "Carey was particularly impressive in the opening quarter when most needed. He repeatedly crashed through for relieving clearances". He played full-back against Kilkenny in 1967 and retired from the inter-county scene soon afterwards, though he did return to play for Tipperary against Clare in a Lough Derg Cup tournament game in 1970.

### County Champions

He had two losing appearances in Tipperary county finals behind him, before he finally got his winner's medal in 1968, playing his part in Roscrea's historic triumph over Sarsfield's. Further county medals came in 1969 and 1970. Although not directly opposed to each other, Carey and McLoughlin had many a hard tussle in the 1968 and 1970 finals. No holds were barred, hard knocks were taken and given and, at least, one photograph shows the two of them disentangling themselves from each other, and smiling broadly. His wide experience stood Roscrea well in many a stern championship battle. Having won an All-Ireland club championship medal on the second last Sunday of 1971, he decided that his 'serious' hurling days were over. Despite many efforts to get him to return to the Roscrea colours during the 1972 and 1973 campaigns, he stuck to his guns, although a further All-Ireland medal came his way in 1972, when he was a member of the Bacon Factory team which won the All-Ireland Factories title.

### Dependable Backman'

'Spectacular' was hardly ever a description applied to Kieran Carey's play. Nor would he worry unduly about the omission. His job was to prevent forwards from scoring and the success of Tipp's Iron Curtain of Carey, Maher and Doyle in this regard is indisputable. A well-known Kilkenny forward (retired at the time) asked on which of the three he would like to play is reported to have said that he'd prefer to be at the opposite end of the field. The harder the tussles around the square, the better Kieran liked it. Durable, dependable, close-marking, hard-hitting; those were his qualities, as many a forward will readily testify.

Kieran Carey was modest about his achievements, and never sought public acclaim. Yet he was held in the highest esteem and this was clearly seen in the huge turnout of hurling people from far and wide who attended the removal of his remains to St. Cronan's in Roscrea and his interment following Requiem Mass there. His coffin was draped with club and county colours and various strands of the G.A.A. were represented in the Guard of Honour which flanked the hearse carrying his remains. His interment was in Knock Cemetery. It was a fitting farewell to a man who had worn the Blue and Gold of Tipperary as well as the Red of Roscrea with distinction and pride.

Sincere sympathy is extended to his wife, Nancy, sons Niall, Cathal, Ciaran, Colman, Michael, Phelim, his brothers, Mick, Sean and Lua, his sister, Nora, and a wide circle of relatives and friends.

Best wishes to Tipperary GAA in 2008

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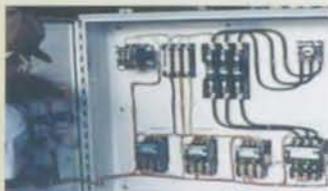
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# County Senior Hurling Championship 2007

by Seamus J. King

Loughmore-Castleiney won their second county senior hurling championship when they captured the 2007 final with a facile win over a disappointing Drom-Inch side at Semple Stadium on October 21. It was a marvellous victory for the winners in the context of poor early season promise, close survival against J. K. Brackens in the Mid semi-final and defeat by Thurles Sarsfields in the final. But then a transformation took place with a quarter-final victory over J. K. Brackens. It gathered momentum with a substantial victory over favourites, Borrisoleigh, in the semi-final and Loughmore showed greater class, determination and superiority in the final, so that the result was never in doubt at any time in the game.

The format for the championship remained the same as in 2006, with just one change in the teams taking part. Galtee Rovers were relegated and Eire Óg, Annacarty were promoted in place of their fellow West men. There was a direct link between the divisional and county championships.

**Round One** took place in the divisions and it resulted in fourteen teams qualifying for the Round Robin as a result of losing their first-round games. The North provided five teams, Burgess, Portroe, Kilruane MacDonaghs, Roscrea, Moneygall, the Mid four, Holycross-Ballycahill, Drom Inch, Boherlahan-Dualla, Upperchurch-Drombane, the West three, Cappawhite, Cashel King Cormac's, Eire Óg Annacarty, and the South two, Carrick Swan and Mullinahone.

**Round Two** saw the division of the fourteen teams into four groups and the play-off on a league basis to decide on four winners. Group 1, with three teams, saw Burgess come through over Holycross and Carrick Swan. Group 2 saw Drom Inch come out on top over Portroe, Kilruane MacDonaghs and Cappawhite. Group 3 saw Roscrea come out on top of Boherlahan-Dualla and Moneygall. Group 4 saw Mullinahone doing a clean sweep over Eire Óg, Annacarty, Upperchurch-Drombane and Cashel King Cormac's.

**Round 3** was a play-off between the Round Robin winners and the defeated divisional semi-finalists. There were three of the latter, two from the North and one from the Mid. Drom Inch were given a bye, and J. K. Brackens defeated Burgess by 1-16 to 1-14, Roscrea defeated Kildangan by 2-11 to 2-10, and Toomevara defeated Mullinahone by 0-13 to 0-10.

## Divisional Finals

The next stage was for the winners of Round 3 to play the divisional final runners-up. The West was the first division to stage their final and Cashel was the venue for a repeat of the previous year's encounter between Clonoulty-Rossmore and Kickhams. The change in the twelve months was dramatic. Whereas Kickhams had pulled off a coup in 2006, it was Clonoulty who were very much to the fore on this occasion, winning comfortably by 1-18 to 0-11 in a disappointing final. The winners led by 1-10 to 0-4 at the interval.



Loughmore-Castleiney captain Johnny Gleeson lifts the Dan Breen Cup which he received from County Board Chairman John Costigan with Johnny's brother Martin (out injured) on extreme right).

The result was much tighter in the South final, which was played at Fethard on August 19. Killenaule came out on top over Ballingarry by 0-14 to 0-13 as a result of three points in additional time, and claim their seventeenth South senior hurling title. Ballingarry held a three-point advantage at half-time on a scoreline of 0-8 to 0-5.

The two remaining divisional finals were played on September 9. In the Mid Thurles Sarsfields gave a very impressive display in defeating Loughmore-Castleiney by 0-22 to 3-9 at Semple Stadium. In fact their victory, to claim their fortieth title, was much more comprehensive than the scoreline would suggest. They dominated the game right through, having led by 0-13 to 1-5 at the interval.

On the same date the North final, between Bossioleigh and Nenagh Eire Óg, was played at Nenagh. In a close contest in which neither side could establish their dominance, Borrisoleigh led by a solitary point at the break, on a scoreline of 0-9 to 0-8, Nenagh having hit eight wides to their opponents' one during the period.. In fact they had a total of thirteen wides to Borrisoleigh's five in the course of the game. During the closing ten minutes the sides were level four times but, in a late surge, Borrisoleigh fired over three points to give them victory by 0-19 to 0-17 and their fourteenth title.



*Borris-ileigh's Kieran Cowan shows pace as he gets away from Loughmore's Ronan Stapleton in the County SHC quarter-final at Semple Stadium.*

**Round 4** brought the winners of Round 3, plus Drom Inch, into opposition against the divisional final losers. These games were played on the weekend on September 15/16. Drom-Inch defeated Kickhams by 1-25 to 0-15, and Nenagh Éire Óg defeated rivals Toomevara by 1-18 to 0-14 at Semple Stadium. Roscrea got the better of Ballingarry at Boherlahan, and Loughmore-Castleiney overcame J. K. Brackens by 2-16 to 3-10 at the Ragg.

#### Quarter-Finals

The quarter-final stage was now reched and it pitted the winners of Round 4 against the four divisional champions. These games were played at two venues, Cashel and Semple Stadium.

Drom Inch defeated Clonoulty-Rossmore by 0-15 to 0-13 at Cashel on Saturday, and Killenaule overcame Roscrea by 0-15 to 2-7 at the same venue. The following day at Thurles Loughmore-Castleiney impressed in dismissing part-favourites, Borrisoleigh by 3-13 to 1-13, while Nenagh Éire Óg surprised the other favourites, Thurles Sarsfields by 4-17 to 3-17.

#### Semi-Finals

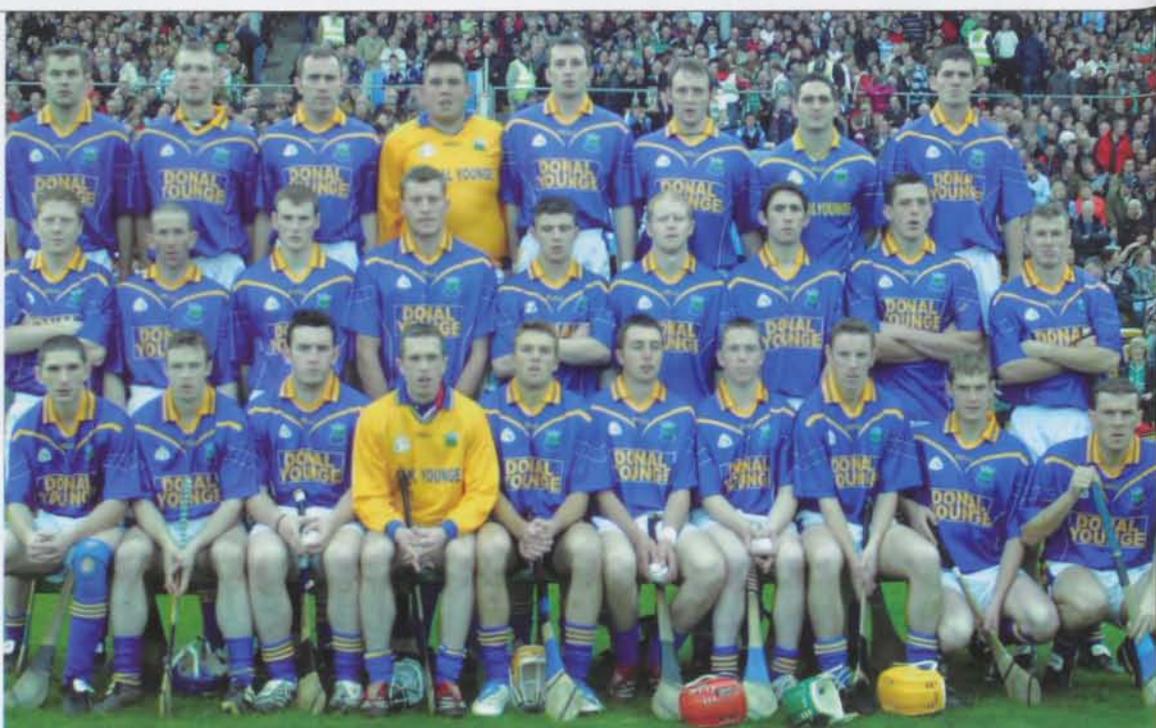
The semi-finals were played at Semple Stadium on October 7. After the whole complexity of games the original twenty-five teams were reduced to four. Of the four teams involved Killenaule were the only undefeated side. Drom Inch were first round losers, while Nenagh Éire Óg and Loughmore-Castleiney were divisional final losers. All four fancied their chances of a place in the final, though Drom Inch were slight favourites to beat Killenaule, while Nenagh Éire Óg were rated slightly ahead of Loughmore-Castleiney.

First up were Drom Inch and Killenaule. The latter got a superb start and after twelve minutes were leading by 0-7 to 0-1 as a result of some great hurling and using the ball well. But once Drom Inch found their range, they began to score at will and, in the next eighteen minutes, registered 1-8 against just a point for Killenaule. At half-time the Mid men were ahead by 1-10 to 0-9, and Killenaule were wondering where had it all gone wrong. Inaccuracy was partly to blame.

Matters didn't change on the resumption. Seamus Callanan, who gave a great performance for Drom, scored four points within eight minutes and, following other scores, Drom were ahead by 1-17 to 0-11 within twelve minutes. Killenaule tried for goals when points could have been scored but they did begin to tack on points, and got five without replay to reduce the deficit to four. Drom had a point before Killenaule reduced the deficit to three points and then there was a real game. Resolute defending on the part of Drom deprived Killenaule of the goal they needed. In the final minutes there was an exchange of points to leave the final score 1-19 to 0-19 in Drom Inch's favour.

While Seamus Callanan inspired Drom Inch to their victory with a personal tally of 1-8, young Noel McGrath inspired Loughmore-Castleiney to their victory over Nenagh Éire Óg in the second semi-final. The sides were evenly matched in the opening half though, as the period progressed, Loughmore inched a bit ahead and were two points in front, 0-7 to 0-5, at the interval.

*Drom/Inch senior hurling panel - County Finalists. Back row: (from left) - Matthew Ryan, Michael Butler, Michael Costello, Paul Connors, Frankie McGrath, Martin Butler, Liam Kennedy, Donncha Kennedy. Middle row: Liam Brett, Thomas Cantwell, James Ryan, Michael Long, Johnny Ryan, Eamonn Buckley, Enda Walsh, Paddy Kennedy, Kevin Butler. Seated: Michael Cantwell, Seamus Butler (captain), Edward Costello, Damien Young, James Woodlock, Eric Woodlock, Declan Ryan, Paul Collins, Seamus Callanan, Pdraig Butler.*



## Results at a Glance County Senior Hurling Championship

### QUARTER FINALS:

22/09/2007	Cashel	Drom & Inch	0 - 15	Clonoulty-Rossmore	0 - 13	Johnny McDonnell
22/09/2007	Cashel	Killenaule	0 - 15	Roscrea	2 - 07	Denis Curtis
23/09/2007	Semple Stadium	Borrisoleigh	3 - 13	Loughmore/Castleiney	1 - 13	Richie Barry
23/09/2007	Semple Stadium	Nenagh Eire Óg	4 - 17	Thurles Sarsfields	3 - 17	Seamus Roche

### SEMI FINALS:

07/10/2007	Semple Stadium	Drom & Inch	1 - 19	Killenaule	0 - 19	Tommy Ryan
07/10/2007	Semple Stadium	Loughmore/Castleiney	0 - 22	Nenagh Eire Og	0 - 13	Phil Ryan

### FINAL:

21/10/2007	Semple Stadium	Loughmore/Castleiney	0 - 22	Drom & Inch	0 - 13	Tommy Ryan
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### RELEGATION PLAYOFFS

30/08/2007	Newport	Cappawhite	3 - 15	Portroe	0 - 13	John Kelly
16/09/2007	Nenagh	Portroe	1 - 13	Kilruane McDonaghs	3 - 11	Philly Ryan
08/09/2007	Dundrum	Cashel King Cormacs	1 - 23	Upperchurch/Drombane	2 - 16	Paddy Ivors
16/09/2007	Boherlahan	Upperchurch/Drombane	1 - 13	Eire Og Anacarthly	1 - 12	Tommy Ryan

### SEMI-FINALS:

29/09/2007	The Ragg	Carrick Swans	1 - 15	Portroe	2 - 10	Paddy Russell
06/10/07	The Ragg	Moneygall	3 - 15	Eire Óg Anacarty	0 - 20	Brian Whyte

### FINAL:

21/10/2007	The Ragg	Portroe	3 - 12	Eire Óg Anacarty	0 - 17	Willie Barrett
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Loughmore's Gary Sweeney is surrounded by Drom/Inch players Seamus Callanan, Donncha Kennedy and Paul Collins in the County Final.

# LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY HURLING SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONS 2007



Loughmore-Castleiney panel that won the County SHC Final for the second time in the club's history. Back row: (from left) - Tommy Ormond, John Paul Foy, James Egan, Tom King, Paul Ormond, Ger Morris, Colin Campion, John Kennedy, David Bourke, Derek Bourke, Eoin Ryan, Paul Brennan, Martin Ryan, Albie Stapleton, Micheal Webster, Diarmuid Brennan. Front: Jody Sweeney, David McGrath, Evan Sweeney, Gary Sweeney, Edward Connolly, Johnny Gleeson (captain with mascots Amy and Patricia Gleeson), Ronan Stapleton, Ciaran McGrath, Noel McGrath, James Connolly, Seamie Bolan, Tommy Long.

Nenagh were first to score on the resumption but Loughmore moved ahead to four points in front after ten minutes. A few changes on the Nenagh side freshened things up and three unanswered points had them reduce the deficit to one point by the 43rd minutes. However, some magnificent scores by Noel McGrath edged Loughmore ahead again and they were three points in front with seven minutes remaining. Nenagh didn't die and with three points they had the sides level by the 59th minute. With a draw likely Noel McGrath delivered a great pass to substitute, David McGrath, who sent over for the Loughmore lead. In the remaining minutes, Loughmore defended stoutly and had one more point in the dying moments to give them victory by 0-15 to 0-13.

### The Final

It was an unusual pairing for the final at Semple Stadium on October 21. There were two teams from the Mid and they were adjoining parishes also, and many of them school mates as well. As the game drew near it appeared that the rising tide of favouritism was favouring Loughmore-Castleiney. They were going for a second, to add to their first in 1988, while Drom Inch were going for their first, having been beaten finalists in 2005 and beaten semi-finalists last year. Whereas the sentiment of neutrals might lean towards Drom, reality was directing towards the experience, strength and stout performers from Loughmore.

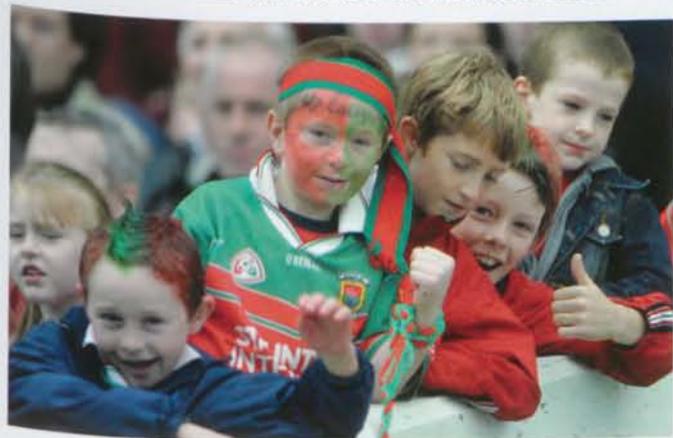
On the day it was a no-contest final, a game that never got going because one side failed to turn up.

It was one of the poorest finals for years in which Loughmore-Castleiney hit the ground running and never gave up, while Drom Inch failed to get started and were striving to get going for the hour. Loughmore thoroughly deserved their victory and the final score does not do justice to their superiority. With six minutes remaining they led by 0-22 to 0-8 and that was a better indication of their superiority than the final score of 0-22 to 0-13, which flattered Drom's performance.

Drom-Inch has their only bright moment in the opening minutes, when Seamus Callanan gave them the opening score.

After that it was to be Loughmore all the way, inspired by a brilliant display by half-forward, Evan Sweeney, who scored nine points, and wing-back, Tom King, who gave a splendid performance also. Loughmore led by 0-13 to 0-5 at the interval and Drom's poor performance is reflected in the fact that they scored only three points in the second half, until the last six minutes, when the game was all but over.

For Loughmore-Castleiney it was a brilliant victory and a fitting achievement for a club that is one of the most formidable in the



County Board Vice-Chairman Barry O'Brien presents Loughmore's Evan Sweeney with the Man of the Match award on County Final day

county, as far as commitment and dedication to the games of hurling and football are involved. They had started the year poorly but built up a head of steam as the hurling season progressed and, despite a number of injuries going into the final, came through in brilliant style to win a well-deserved second senior hurling championship.

For Drom-Inch and all their hopes and expectations there is little consolation. They must have felt their chances were good and that the experience of the previous two years would have helped them. Instead they failed to deliver on the day and don't even have the alleviation of a decent performance to fall back on. It will be difficult for them to recover from such a defeat.

**Loughmore-Castleiney:** Johnny Gleeson (capt.), Alvy Stapleton, Derek Bourke, Paul Ormond, Eoin Ryan, David Kennedy, Tom King, Ciaran McGrath (0-2), Gary Sweeney, Paul Brennan, Evan Sweeney (0-9), Noel McGrath (0-6), Eddie Connolly (0-1), Micheal Webster (0-1), Ronan Stapleton (0-3). Subs: David McGrath for Brennan, Tommy Long for Ronan Stapleton, Seamie Bohan for Connolly, Ger Morris for Long. Also: Jody Sweeney, Colm Campion, Johnny Campion, James Egan, John Paul Foy, James Connolly, Martin Ryan, Tommy Ormond, Diarmuid Brennan. Management: Eamon Sweeney, Frankie McGrath, Michael McGrath. Physio: Cathy Doran.

**Drom Inch:** Damien Young, Edward Costello, Eamonn Buckley, Kevin Butler (0-1), Pádraig Butler, Donncha Kennedy, Thomas Cantwell, Paul Collins, James Woodlock (0-1), Matthew Ryan, Seamus Callanan (0-5), Johnny Ryan (0-2), Eric Woodlock (0-1), Seamus Butler (capt.) (0-2), Declan Ryan (0-1). Subs: Micheal Butler for Pádraig Butler, Michael Cantwell (0-1) for Collins, Enda Walsh for Matthew Ryan, Liam Kennedy for Costello, Frank McGrath for Declan Ryan. Also: Paul Connors, Michael Costello, Martin Butler, Michael Long, Paddy Kennedy, James Ryan, Liam Brett.

Management: Pat Looby, Ramie Ryan, Seamus Fahy. First Aid: Ena de Búrca. Masseur: Rita O'Dwyer.

Man of the Match Award: Evan Sweeney.  
Referee: Tommy Ryan (Kildangan).

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# Toomevara Just Minutes Away

By Liam Hogan

Toomevara were just minutes away from making their second appearance in an all-Ireland senior club final but were denied by Ballyhale Shamrocks, the best club in the country by far.

The defeat shows how cruel sport is. At one stage, Toomevara were leading by twelve points and cruising. But the concession of 1-1 late in the first half cut their lead to a 3-10 to 1-8 scoreline at the break.

Many will suggest that the lead should have been enough. And they would be right. Knowing they would now face the wind in the second half, their vast experience would help them stay on top.

But sadly a number of factors militated against them. Early in the second half, they hit seven wides – their tally would total at eleven by the end of the entire half. The loss of John O'Brien - absent because of a car accident in late 2005 – was now very evident but the dismissal of their captain and spiritual leader, Tommy Dunne, in the 48th minute, was harrowing. Many suggest, opponents and all, that the indiscretion just merited a yellow.

To add further woe, Cha Fitzpatrick scored a 53rd minute goal and with Ballyhale having the momentum, there was only one result for Toome. Defeat. Their dream had ended in despair.

But when Toome look back on the previous twelve months, they would have to be happy. Any other club would willingly swap with them.

What with winning the North and County. In winning the county final, Toome had to win from arrears against Nenagh which was a highlight in itself in what was a great final. As a result, Toomevara tucked into another Munster campaign and after two exciting games they won their third Munster crown.

On November 5, Toomevara travelled to Kerry for a clash with Ballyduff and won by 3-16 to 3-7. Two first half goals by Willie Ryan put them 2-11 to 0-3 ahead at the break. Paddy Tuohy marked his introduction with a goal after half time and while the opposition produced a spirited comeback, Toome were never under any threat.

Toomevara lined out with the best possible fifteen. McGrath; Barry Dunne, Delaney, McGrath; Terry Dunne, Benny Dunne, McLoughney; Devaney, K Dunne; P O'Brien, Kennedy, Tommy Dunne; Bevans, Cummins, Ryan. Eight players got on the scoresheet and Ken Dunne headed the poll with 0-7 and 0-4 from frees and five substi-



Michael Bevans on the move for Toomevara against Ballyhale Shamrocks in the AIB All Ireland semi-final at O'Moore Park Portlaoise.

tutions including David Young, Paddy Tuohy, Brian McCormack, John Delaney and Andrew Ryan each making an appearance. Two weeks later, weather conditions for their semi-final against Mount Sion took a turn for the worst. Nenagh's MacDonagh Park had to contend with cold wind and torrential rain throughout and the game. David Young and Eoin Brislane made the starting line but news in the opposition camp had filtered through with Eoin Kelly an absentee while it was rumoured that Ken McGrath was less than fifty-fifty fit due to a virus.

In facing the elements, Toomevara defended the road end. Willie Ryan gave them the games opening score but Mount Sion went 0-3 to 0-1 ahead before playing doggedly to stay in the game as Toome came level at 0-3 each. But by half time, the Tipp champions had lost ground again as Ken McGrath's free taking put the visitors 0-10 to 0-4 ahead at the interval.

Toome had luck on their side as Mount Sion had Michael White goal disallowed just before half time but the Waterford champions could not complain as Francis Devaney was unlucky not to raise a green flag a few seconds later.

Three minutes after the restart, Tomas Dunne's well placed ball to John O'Brien allowed the full forward grab the game's only goal. Eoin Brislane followed up with a point and minutes later came Mount Sion's sole reply, a free by Ken McGrath.

But Toome were gaining ground and after scores from John O'Brien, Ken Dunne and Tomas Dunne, the teams were level 1-8 to 0-11 with 42 minutes on the clock.

A further twelve minutes without a score from either side until a mistake by Mount Sion keeper, Ian O'Regan allowed David Kennedy to give Toomevara the lead before a free by Ken Dunne provided some breathing space. A good save by James McGrath from Michael White was crucial and in the last tense moments Toome survived after an exhausting hour.

SCORERS: J. O'Brien 1-1; K. Dunne 0-3 (3 frees); W. Ryan 0-2; M. Bevans, E. Brislane, T. Dunne, D. Kennedy 0-1 each. Mount Sion - K. McGrath 0-7, (0-6 frees); M. White 0-3; E. McGrath 0-1.

TOOMEVARA: James McGrath; David Young, Tony Delaney, Paul McGrath; Terry Dunne, Benny Dunne, Joey McLoughney; Francis Devanney, Ken Dunne; John O'Brien, E. Brislane, Michael Bevans; Tommy Dunne, David Kennedy, Willie Ryan. Sub: John Delaney for Bevans inj (61 mins).

December 3 was the date set for the final against Cork Champions, Erins Own at the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick. Weather conditions in the week leading up to the game were dreadful and similar to semi-final clash, there was a doubt about the game taking place. Thankfully the rain cleared for the throw in.

Cork star, Brian Corcoran lined out at full forward for the Cork champions but the game marked an end to his glorious career as Toome marched on to win their third Munster crown by 2-9 to 2-8. The winning point came from a sixty-five by Ken Dunne, a decision much questioned by an angry Erin's Own side. Just two minutes earlier, Erins Own were on their own right, denied a genuine sixty-five at the Ennis Road end and when the game was over, the Erin's Own players and mentors showed their disquiet to referee Gerry Hoye who needed to be escorted off the pitch by the Gardai.

But the game itself was very exciting. In the opening half, Toome fell in arrears when their line was breached by two opportune goals in the 10th and 13th minutes through Eoghan Murphy and Stephen Cronin which had the Tipp champions trailing 2-3 to 0-1. Toome looked in deep trouble but never panicked and good team work was exemplified by Eoin Brislane's forty metre pin point pass to John O'Brien which helped cut the deficit to seven points, 2-4 to 0-3, at the interval.

But by the 38th minute, their deficit had risen to nine at 2-7 to 0-4. But six minutes later, the game took a dramatic twist when a Ken Dunne sixty-five went all the way to the Erin's Own net. Suddenly, it was Toome who were producing the best hurling and points by John O'Brien and Willie Ryan left them four adrift. Eoin Brislane won a free and Ken Dunne pointed before Brislane scored a stunner of a goal in the 56th minute.

The Tipp champions fell in arrears again with Eoghan Murphy pointing a free from the side but Toome replied as Ken Dunne scored a peach of a free from the sideline to level.

The drama was not over yet. Two sixty-fives, both disputed, one over ruled and another awarded but more importantly, scored by none other than Ken Dunne which put the Greyhounds on the path to their third Munster final win.

Toome captain, Tomas Dunne went up the steps of the Mackey Stand to receive the cup from Munster Council Chairman, Sean Fogarty as the hundreds of Toomevara fans stood on pitch side barely believing just what they had witnessed.

SCORERS - Toomevara: K Dunne 1-4 (1-1 '65's, 0-3f), E Brislane 1-1, W Ryan, J O'Brien 0-2 each. Erin's Own: E Murphy 1-2 (0-1 '65', 0-1f), K Murphy 0-4, S Cronin 1-0, C O'Connor, C Coakley 0-1 each. TOOMEVARA - James McGrath; David Young, Tony Delaney, Paul McGrath; Terry Dunne, Benny Dunne, Joey McLoughney; Francis Devanney, Ken Dunne; Michael Bevans, Eoin Brislane, Tommy Dunne (Capt); Paddy O'Brien, John O'Brien, Willie Ryan.

As traditional, the winning Munster champions have to wait two months for the All-Ireland semi-final. Under the magnificent management of Pat Herbert along with Niall Williams and Roger Ryan, the players prepared very well. Many challenge games were played and Toome used Dr Morris Park to train for much of their preparation with the change of scenery a tremendous help to the players.

So February 10 came but in the week leading up to the game, Toome tried in vain to appeal the suspension of Paul McGrath who was sent off in a challenge match. The appeal failed and the decision seemed to galvanise the Toome team and their support which mingled in the 9,000 who paid their way to arrive in Portlaoise for the game.

Toomevara lost but what if will always be the question. What if Tomas Dunne had not been sent off and if John O'Brien had been fit for the fray. We will never know now. Toomevara lost by 3-14 to Ballyhale Shamrocks (Kilkenny) 2-20

They were only minutes away.

Scorers: Ballyhale Shamrocks: H. Shefflin 0-8 (0-7 frees); Cha Fitzpatrick 1-4; P. Reid 1-2; TJ Reid 0-2 (0-1 sideline); E. Reid 0-2; B. Aylward, D. Hoyne, 0-1 each. Toomevara: P. O'Brien 1-4; K. Dunne 0-5 (0-4 frees 0-1 65); J. Delaney 1-1; E. Brislane 1-0; F. Devanney 0-3; W. Ryan 0-1.

BALLYHALE SHAMROCKS: J. McGrath; P. Shefflin, E. Walsh, P. Holden; K. Nolan, A. Cummins, B. Aylward; J. Fitzpatrick, M. Fennelly; E. Fitzpatrick, H. Shefflin, TJ Reid; E. Reid, P. Reid, M. Aylward.

Subs: D. Hoyne (Fitzpatrick 34); C. Fennelly (M. Aylward 43).

TOOMEVARA: J. McGrath; Barry Dunne, T. Delaney, D. Young; Terry Dunne, Benny Dunne, J. McLoughney; F. Devanney K. Dunne; P. O'Brien, E. Brislane, Tommy Dunne; M. Bevans, J. Delaney, W. Ryan.

Blood sub: B. McCormack (Devanney 57/60).

Referee: E. Morris (Dublin)



Toomevara senior hurling team that defeated Erins Own in the AIB Munster club final at the Gaelic Grounds.

Back row: (l to r) - Benny Dunne, John O'Brien, Francis Devanney, Willie Ryan, Tony Delaney, Paul McGrath, Ken Dunne, Eoin Brislane.

Seated: Terry Dunne, James McGrath, Joey McLoughney, Michael Bevans, Tommy Dunne (captain with his niece Eva), David Young, Paddy O'Brien.

# RELEGATION – THE CURSE.

[Liam O'Brien, Chairman, Eire Og, Anacarty Donohill GAA Club.]

As I have yet to meet someone who thinks that, relegation, as we know it in senior hurling, is a good idea, I feel the urge to put my thoughts to paper while the subject of such painful recollection is still very much to the fore in my mind.

## Where did it come from?

Over ten years ago it was negotiated into our championship systems amid much controversy and arm twisting with the main aim to improve the standard of hurling in the county.

Many sports all over the world use it as a system to facilitate promotion and establish defined levels of competition within their sports. Most if not all of these systems of relegation/promotion are based on league style competitions played over lengthy periods involving maybe 20/30 matches. I suppose it could be argued, with justification, that these lengthy league style games give a fair indication of the levels of competence of the participating teams. Generally speaking these teams represent areas only in name with players transferred, bought or sold on a daily basis with very little indigenous involvement of local players. The GAA structure is quite different with knock out competitions taking pride of place and league style competitions particularly at club level attracting only secondary interest. To relegate teams from a knockout competition is, to me, a knee-jerk ill conceived option and is not, to my knowledge, used in any other sport.

The fundamental basis of our organisation is the club drawn from in most cases small but vibrant parishes. The parish structure has served us so well through the decades and long may it continue. Every year we see the emergence of new names written on County Final Cups throughout the Country thus ensuring that the baton is passed from one generation to the next. Relegation can then become the curse of such successful teams in a very short time.

Performance at Inter County level is very important and our periods of dominance in the game were as a result of up to 20/30 very talented players coming together in the same decade – nowadays maybe we are getting only handfuls in the same 10 year period. It is fanciful to think that relegating a team each year (and not necessarily the worst team) will contribute to improving our County level of success.

No Senior Hurling team in Tipperary would be guaranteed to win the Intermediate Championship in any one year such are the vagaries of competitive sport. Many very talented players from Intermediate and Junior clubs all over our County should be given the opportunity to play Senior Hurling and with more competitive games at higher level who knows maybe the elusive stars can be unearthed.

## THE CLUB REACTION:

Let us consider, for a moment, the emotions visited on a Senior Hurling club relegated in Tipperary. Firstly there is the disappointment of losing a vital match. Normally the feeling of defeat in any important game dissipates over time when one looks to Spring and preparations to avenge such defeat begin.

However, in the case of relegation there is no release as the opportunity to avenge a defeat which often has been by a very small margin, will not be presented.

Then there are the genuine and heartfelt feelings of commiseration offered by neighbouring club members when anyone from the relegated club goes to a wedding, a funeral, a mart, a match or other social/business event. These commiserations are usually accompanied by comments like "ye were in hard luck", or, "sure ye are too good for intermediate hurling", and invariably "that relegation should be done away with."

These comments come from real salt of the earth GAA people and should be heeded.

## What happens within the club after relegation?

Obviously there is the sense of failure and to compound that there is the judgement that you are not good enough to play Senior Hurling.

Telling any red blooded GAA man that he is not good enough is about the most humiliating thing you could say. When the dust has settled, if it does, there is the outlook for the coming year

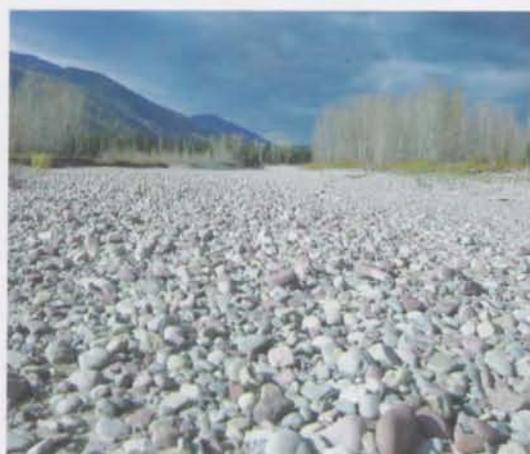
- (a) When will the lads start training? It will be difficult to get anything serious going before May / June.
- (b) How many will emigrate? Three earmarked.
- (c) How many will retire? Probably three or four.
- (d) How many will go to the U.S.A. during the Summer to guest play or transfer to a senior club in their adopted city/town? Two/Three.
- (e) Will our players improve their standard of hurling playing against lower graded teams?
- (f) Young promising players and their families wonder if the club will ever play Senior Hurling again. Relegation will result in disappointment and waning interest among our supporters which include former players/mentors/officials.

Against the foregoing relegation consequences, let us consider what would happen if we affiliate to play Senior Hurling.

(a) Training will start the 1st of Feb and lads won't be kept from the field especially if we draw our neighbours in the first round of the Senior Hurling Championship.

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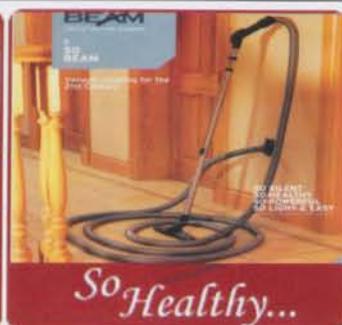
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(b,c,d) No one will emigrate, retire or play in the New York or Boston Championship nor will they transfer to a Senior club in their work location.

(e) As they did this year the standard of our players will improve immensely if given the extra year playing at Senior Hurling level.

(f) Playing Senior will guarantee continued and increased interest among our supporters and will be the very essence of every day life and banter so central in the real GAA persons life.

Like many clubs throughout the county we are involved in major developments. We recently purchased an additional field and work on it is now completed. We are building new dressing rooms, putting in an all weather pitch, installing state of the art flood lighting, all of which will cost almost €1million euros and nobody flinches at the cost.

We are a club of less than 1,000 houses but we are what the GAA is. Why then would our mother organisation want to inflict such a sentence on one of it's small but vibrant healthy family members?

Relegation could visit on us, serious consequences like falling interest, falling standards and ultimate disintegration of our club. This cannot be allowed to happen and only the abolition of relegation can remove this threat.

## CONCLUSION

Now that we have endured relegation as part of our Championship system for ten years the hard question to be asked is

**" has it met it's original aim..... to improve the standard of Senior hurling in the County?"**

Results are usually the barometer by which any system is reviewed and the case is clearly proven that relegation has not delivered on it's primary goal. Regrettably we are still moored on our " one All-Ireland per decade" average.

When we were a great power in Senior Hurling, self relegation by clubs was the order of the day. Clubs can be depended on to do the right and appropriate thing..... they have been doing it in every aspect of club welfare for over 100 years....and the bountiful harvest is there for us all to reap.

Self regulation could in a few short years result in fewer teams playing Senior hurling as some would self regulate to play at a lower level in order to regroup for Senior grade (this option can be very attractive when viewed in the context of self regulation).

Also the primary aim of most teams playing Senior hurling is to win their Divisional title and such a victory can maintain a clubs good health for up to twenty years or more. This right cannot be denied to small but ambitious clubs.

In summary therefore, clubs are the backbone of our organisation; they have delivered and will continue to do so. It is within these clubs that real GAA knowledge resides and generally their modus operandi has been to "do the simple thing well". Maybe this is what our legislators should be doing and start by abolishing the worst curse that can be visited on any club

**....Relegation.**



Pictured at the Eire Óg/Annacarty GAA golf classic were some of the Golden/Kilfeacle GAA Club winners: From left, Mark O'Neill, Tubs and Tiles Club Sponsor, Seanie O'Halloran Golden/Kilfeacle, Eileen Ryan Secretary, P.J.Collins Golden/Kilfeacle and Liam O'Brien Chairman

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# KILLENAULE

## GAA 2007

By Claire Healy

2007 has been another busy and memorable year for the Killenaule GAA Club. The senior hurling team captured the club's 17th South senior hurling title (in this the Centenary Year of the South Tipperary GAA Board) and reached the county semi-finals. The senior football team showed promise early in the year, reaching the county senior football league semi-final. The junior A hurling team reached the South semi-final, while the junior B hurling and football teams enjoyed their games in the South but did not have much success. Our minor and under-21 teams are also going through a quiet patch right now with many young players who have yet to reach their potential.

It was the senior hurling team that brought glory to the club and excitement to the parish this year. The South semi-final clash with Mullinahone on the 20th of May at Clonmel was the first big game of the year. Having been beaten by Mullinahone by a single point in the 2006 South final, Killenaule were keen for revenge. On the day the Killenaule backs looked extremely strong, with Declan Fanning back at full-back and all around him defending well. Up front Matthew O'Donnell and Patrick Kerwick were the day's top scorers. Killenaule got their revenge and we were well on the way to the South final on a score of 2-12 to 0-10.

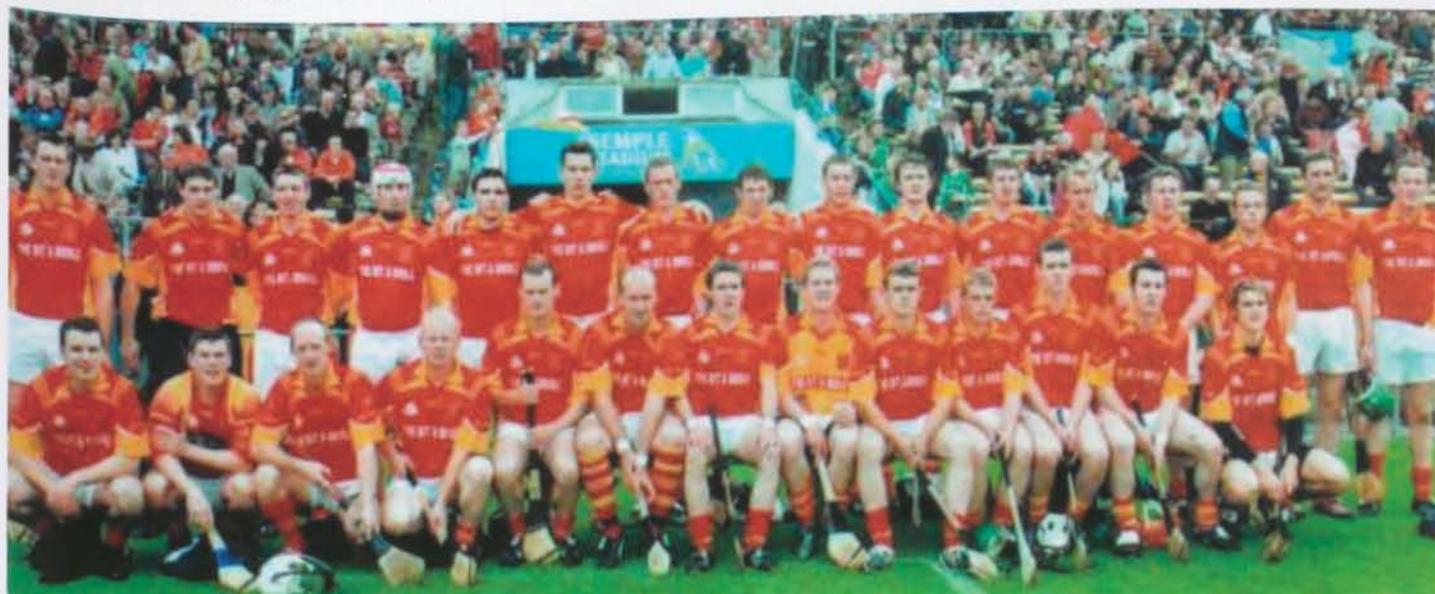
There was a long wait for the South final against Ballingarry, which was finally played on the 19th of August at Fethard. The game only ignited in the last quarter when Jonathan Gleeson fired over a super point to give Killenaule the lead by one. A free for Ballingarry levelled it again at 0-12 a piece.

Then Philip Blake put one over followed by another from Jonathan Gleeson. That made it 0-14 to 0-12 for Killenaule. Ballingarry had one more point from a free but ran out of time. Killenaule were champions, 0-14 to 0-13. The Ryan Cup went to team captain, Joe Caesar, and back to Killenaule for the 17th time.

The team focused now on the county quarter final. This was where the campaign ended in 2005 when we were last South champions, and so this year everyone was determined to get at least that one step further. The opposition was Roscrea, the venue Cashel, on the 22nd of September. It was a close game, but six points from sharp shooter Patrick Kerwick helped ensure that Killenaule came out on top, 0-15 to 2-7. Killenaule were through to the County semi-final, where they would meet Drom & Inch.

There was a fantastic air of anticipation around the town and parish as everyone waited for the county semi-final, Killenaule's first since 1988. The amount of bunting and flags flying must have given the players great encouragement. There was a huge Killenaule crowd present in Semple Stadium for the big game on the 7th of October. Killenaule got off to a flying start but failed to make the most of their period of dominance. Drom & Inch came back into the game and led by 8 points at one stage, but Killenaule fought back to within 3 points of the mid-men. Unfortunately we failed to close that gap and the game finished 0-19 to 1-19 in Drom's favour.

The immediate reaction was one of great disappointment, to have been so close to a county final and yet so far. However it was still a great year, the team has progressed a lot and gained the experience of a county semi-final. Killenaule were the last divisional champions standing in the county and did the South proud in the Centenary year. 2007 was a memorable year for Killenaule clubman and Tipperary senior hurler Declan Fanning too. Man of the match in the South final, Inter-Provincial winner with Munster and an All-Star Award...what a haul. Congratulations Declan.



**KILLENAULE – COUNTY SENIOR HURLING SEMI-FINALISTS 2007**

Back, left to right: Damien Gleeson, Michael Farrell, Jonathan Gleeson, John Cooke, Matthew O'Donnell, Kieran Murphy, Patrick Lawlor, Philip Blake, Niall O'Dwyer, Peter Kennedy, Patrick Kerwick, Michael Doyle, Kenneth Browne, Michael Hickey, Declan Fanning, Thomas Fitzgerald. Front, left to right: Darren Kelly, David Mackey, Kenneth Cleary, Eugene Purcell, Tony Shelly, Tony Doyle, Declan Ryan, Gerry Kennedy, Joe Caesar, Vinnie Hamigan, Paddy Codd, Stephen Browne, Michael McGrath.

# Séamus Ó Riain An Appreciation

Words can but imperfectly convey the greatness of Séamus Ó Riain. His long life – he died on 27 January just three months short of 91 years – was characterised by fidelity and service to family, parish and country. The people respect these things and came in their hundreds to bid him farewell. He was interred in Dunkerrin close to the school where he had instructed the generations from 1943 to 1980. He belonged body and soul to the borderland (known from medieval times as Ely O Carroll) where Tipperary marches with Offaly. Born at Busherstown, Clonlisk Barony, in what was formerly King's County, his early schooling was in Moneygall and then, like many of Ireland's brightest sons and daughters, it was on to the preparatory colleges of Coláiste Ende and Coláiste Caoimhín, to begin his apprenticeship to become a national teacher. Trained at the teacher training college at De La Salle in Waterford, he returned home to teach in Cloughjordan, where his principal was Denis Costello, father of General Michael J. Costello, and had a spell in Borrisokane where his principal was Séamus Gardiner, who served as President of the GAA from 1943 to 1946. Almost all his teaching career was spent in his native parish, first at Cloneganna from 1940 to 1943 and then in the old manorial centre at Dunkerrin.

It is difficult to separate the many strands in Séamus's life: they all formed a coherent whole. Although a county hurler and footballer with Tipperary, Séamus was also a regular victorious competitor at the sport's athletic meetings which enlivened rural life in the 1930s and 1940s. It was a countryside little removed from the pages of *Knocknagow*. From the beginning Séamus was born to lead. Apart from his own career he was the principal organiser of the Moneygall Athletic Club who reigned supreme on the rough ploughed fields of early spring across Tipperary and provided the hardy cross-country men who won ten All Ireland championships in a row for Tipperary. In economic terms Ireland was a backward country with great deficits in rural development. Fr John Hayes founded Muintir na Tíre in 1937 with the slogan *Fidelitas germinabit ex terre* and Séamus fully supported this ethos. During the sparse war years he was busy organising turf cutting projects to offset fuel shortages and helped with renovating the redundant lime kilns for fertiliser production. He participated in amateur dramatics with the Moneygall society and was adjudicated as the best character actor at the All-Ireland drama festival in 1965, two years before he became President of the GAA.

Honing his administrative skills at club, county and provincial levels, Séamus achieved the great distinction of becoming the twenty-second President of the Gaelic Athletic Association on 26 March 1967. These were difficult time for the GAA. The Association was under pressure externally from critics who resented what they perceived as its narrow concept of identity. Internally it was riven by paper wars concerning Rule 27, or as it was colloquially know as 'the Ban'. Séamus spoke with great clarity and dignity on the philosophy of the Association: 'We give our allegiance solely to our games because they are our games. We value our own language because of its value as a national language. Our policy included the promotion of Gaelic culture in all its facets as well as support for Irish industry.'



Former GAA President Jack Boothman and RTE Commentator Michael O'Muircheartaigh chat at Seamus O'Riain's funeral.

Séamus was always a practical, pragmatic man and the major innovations during his presidential term were the Club Development Scheme; the inauguration of Scór to give the Association a stronger cultural dimension; the beginning of the international series in football with Australia; but perhaps his greatest achievement was the commissioning of a major report on the Gaelic Athletic Association. The latter study, under the chairmanship of former president Pdraig McNamee of Armagh, was characterised by rigorous analysis and recognition that Ireland was changing from a rural to an urban society.

When his term as president finished in 1970, Séamus was elected chairman of the Tipperary County Board and steered it through sometimes testy debates on the 'Ban'. It was to his friend and successor Pat Fanning of Waterford that the task of declaring Rule 27 redundant fell in 1971. Séamus may not have supported its removal but he accepted the democratic decision of the delegates who did not even have to vote, so overwhelming was the opposition to the infamous rule. With Eamon de Stafort and Tommy Barrett he founded Féile na nGael, the greatest youth movement in the history of the GAA and a kind of annual Tailteann Games for young hurlers under 14.

We now come to that part of his life that Séamus laid aside for his forays into history writing. He helped establish the Tipperary GAA Yearbook, an important annual record, in 1970 and was author of the *Moneygall Hurling Story 1885-1975*. The foreword notes that his history was not about 'glamour and success' but 'the simple story of a small rural club, conscious of its importance in the community which supports it and acting as a unifying force in the parish'. Here was his trinity- the club, the community and the parish. There are significant connections made in this book. We find, for example, that Thomas Corcoran, a large farmer from Honeymount close to Moneygall, had his own hurling team in the early days of the GAA. He subsequently became the first chairman of North Tipperary County Council and was father of Rev Dr Timothy Corcoran the Jesuit, who was probably the most important educationalist in early



Sons of the late Seamus O'Riain (from left) Seamus, Diarmuid, Jack, Eugene and Philip put his coffin into the hearse at Moneygall Church.

twentieth century Ireland. Founder of the journal *Studies* in 1912, Dr Corcoran was a proponent of local studies, a staunch supporter of compulsory Irish and member of the Irish Manuscripts Commission.

There are lovely little vignettes in this book as when the author records (without a trace of irony) from the club constitution that 'any member found hurling before the close of the Sodality meeting be expelled from the club'; in 1929 club members 'hunted the wren' to help purchase a set of jerseys. Typical of his modesty we read little of his own magnificent contribution to the club, the development of its playing ground and related infrastructure. But it must have been a proud day for him in 1975 when Moneygall won its first ever Tipperary senior hurling championship with four of his sons playing central roles in the campaign.

The Gaelic Athletic Association celebrated its centenary in 1984 and Seamus was motivated to write a dramatic reconstruction of the meeting at Lizzie Hayes' Hotel in Thurles at which the GAA was formally born. This play 'A Movement Is Born' was broadcast by RTE from Hayes' Hotel on 1 November 1984. His second book, *Dunkerrin: a parish in Ely O Carroll*, was published in 1988. It is in many respects a classic local study with its emphasis on sequent occupancy in this borderland parish. The author noted that this was always a contested place varying its allegiance between O Carroll and Butler chiefdoms. But in 1605

a jury adjudicated that henceforth Ely O Carroll should be part of the shire known as King's County. History lies densely on the ground here and Séamus wrote with great authority on his own and remembered times. Throughout, the text is beautifully illustrated with the people and buildings of the parish and it is written with the intimacy with known places which only the native can ever hope to possess.

His most important book in a national context was the biography of *Maurice Davin (1842-1927), First President of the GAA* published in 1994. Davin had received little attention from historians and Séamus wished to redress the imbalance. It was an impeccable reconstruction of a life which had many parallels with his own. It was also a wonderful account of the river town of Carrick-on-Suir in the second half of the nineteenth century. The biography received critical acclaim: Eoghan Curry, in the now defunct *Irish Press* (20 Jan.1995), observed that 'it stands out above all other work on the early GAA'; Cormac Ó Gráda reviewing it in the *Tipperary Historical Journal* called it an 'admirable and beautifully produced book' (*T.H.S.*, 1995); Tony O'Riordan referred to Davin as 'a moderating and calming influence' between the constitutional and physical force nationalists (*Irish Times*, 4 Feb. 1995); Marcus Bourke (*Tipperary GAA Yearbook 1995*), historian of the GAA, regarded Davin 'as the GAA's first effective rule-maker'; Michael Coady, poet and author of Carrick on Suir, found (*Clonmel Nationalist*, 28 Feb. 1995) that the book's 'fascinating detail makes it a revealing and illuminating read not just for the people of Carrick or indeed Tipperary, but for anyone interested in who and what we are and why'. All of these tributes were well deserved. He wrote without cant or pretence and his style was vivid and direct.

Séamus was a valued member of Tipperary Historical Society. He maintained an interest in history and genealogy to the end and helped many a child of the diaspora trace their origins to Moneygall. A charismatic, handsome man his life was one of generous and honourable service. He loved his village with the patriot's passion and no matter where he travelled his heart was in the playing field of Moneygall, which together with all the playing fields of Ireland made up the Gaelic Athletic Association. All that he did was 'for the credit of the little village'. His wife Mary predeceased him and he leaves a family of five sons and five daughters.

*(This fine tribute to Seamus O Riain by Dr. Willie Nolan is printed courtesy of Tipperary Historical Journal 2007, where it first appeared.)*



GAA officials and Moneygall GAA club provided a guard of honour for the late Seamus O'Riain from Moneygall Church to St Flannan's GAA grounds in the outskirts of the village.

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# Tomás Ó Baróid

## Uachtarán - Tipperary G.A.A. County Board

Early in 2007, it was announced that the unanimous wish of Tipperary County Board was that Tomás Ó Baróid would assume the office of President of that body. This was a well deserved honour for Tommy, who has unstintingly served the G.A.A. in Tipperary for decades.

The sad death of Séamus Ó Riain R.I.P. caused the position of President to become vacant. Indeed both Séamus and Tommy had been very close friends and associates on Tipperary County Board, having worked together as Chairman and Runaí respectively for some years in the early seventies. It was during this time that both, along with Éamonn de Stafort, founded that great festival of youth and hurling – Féile na nGael.

Tommy served his apprenticeship in G.A.A. administration as secretary of Thurles Sarsfields from 1951 until 1963. This was an era of unrivalled hurling success for the Blues and Tommy was part of that success story, lining out as a skillful forward on a star-studded team. He proved himself a worthy wearer of the blue jersey winning seven senior championship medals. A hurling man to the core, Tommy is an astute reader of the game and his opinion is sought and valued. He was a member of the Hurling Development Committee at Croke Park for many years.

But I suppose Tommy is best remembered for his long innings as Runaí of Tipperary County Board. For thirty seven years he held this position, from January 1963 to the final days of the last millennium. As Secretary, he was the hub of the wheel, the core of every decision that was formulated and activated upon in Tipperary's G.A.A. world. On the playing fields, this period saw the county win twenty All-Irelands in all grades, seven National Leagues and six Oireachtas titles. Promotion of our games was always important to Tommy and, as seen with Féile na nGael, he was also instrumental in the introduction of the Fitzgerald Cup and Shield competitions for the county's Post Primary Schools, all of which gave an extra focus to the youth.

Thurles Sportsfield, Semple Stadium, has always been a source of great pride for Tommy. Over the years, as secretary of Semple Stadium Management Committee, he has been the driving force behind the many developments that have taken place in 'The Field'. Preparing for the Centenary All Ireland in 1984 was a huge challenge for the G.A.A. in Tipperary, a challenge that was met fair and square by Tommy and the committees of that time. The various schemes to fund these developments at the Stadium stand out in our memory: Double Your Money, The Five Year Ticket Scheme and, more than any other, the much maligned Féile. Tommy was an integral part of all of these plans, which saw what seemed an insurmountable debt brought under control.

As Runaí, Tommy was meticulous in his work. He earned admiration far and wide for his excellent efficiency, his knowledge and advice on G.A.A. affairs and his organizational skills, all led to the smooth running of the Association in the county. His annual report to County Convention was always a well thought-out and researched document. He recorded the events of the previous year and included his personal views on the Association. As required, he advised, warned, encouraged and praised the grassroots. He wrote it as he saw it, pulling no punches. It should be recorded that no secretarial help was available to Tommy during most of his period as secretary and all his duties were performed personally by him from his small, one-roomed office behind his home in Clongour, Thurles. Tommy's late wife Rose R.I.P. was always a great support to him and a welcoming and kind voice for all comers at all times.

Many places claim Tommy, from his birthplace in Killenaule to his youth in Holycross and manhood in Thurles, but we can all agree that, as a Tipperaryman, he has few equals and that his elevation to the position of President is due recognition of exceptional service.

Comhghairdeas Tomás agus gurbh fada buan tú.



NEW PRESIDENT OF COUNTY BOARD

From left Tim Floyd, County Secretary, John Costigan, County Chairman and Tommy Barrett who replaced the late Seamus Ó'Riain as County Board President.

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# Is this the end of an era?

By Neil Williams

This is the question being asked and pondered upon among hurling people in Tipperary and far beyond its confines. What era? You might ask if you are not conversant with hurling matters in the Premier County.

Toomevara senior hurlers have failed in 2007 to reach the quarter-finals of the Tipperary senior hurling championship for the first time since 1989, a span of nineteen years. During that period they have been at or near the top of the hurling championship ladder every year, being one of the favourites each year to bring home the Dan Breen Cup, the trophy for the champions.

So, does it look as if they have shot their bolt? Only time will tell, but being a proud and ambitious club, they will hardly hand over their place at the top without a fiercely aggressive effort to return to past glories.

## What have they achieved since 1989?

They were beaten in North Tipperary finals of 1989 and 1990. They were heavily defeated by Clonoulty-Rossmore in the quarter-finals of the county championship in 1989, scoring but five points in the game. A rather disgruntled follower, after the game, posed the question – "What could you expect from a crowd of chaps?"

In 1991, in their third North Tipperary final in a row they overcame Nenagh in a replay, having drawn the first game. The equalising point in the drawn match was scored from an almost impossible angle by a young lad, a 'chap' named Tommy Dunne. This began an era of unprecedented success for the club.

In 1992 Toomevara bridged a thirty-two year gap when they captured the Dan Breen Cup for the first time since 1960, beating Thurles Sarsfields whom they also defeated for their previous victory. The 'crowd of chaps' had come of age. The final was an intriguing contest as neither team were divisional champions but both sides represented a proud hurling tradition in the county. Toomevara took control of the game early on but the Sarsfields rallied for an unexpected draw. It was a major disappointment for the Greyhounds' to have their victory hopes dashed. It looked as if they had lost the opportunity of bridging the gap. Toome approached the replay with more confidence in their ability and duly won a deserved victory due mainly to their superb defence that conceded only 1-6 to their own 0-12. Their first entry into the Munster championship was disastrous, going down to Kilmallock on a scoreline of 2-7 to 0-11, having dominated the game but hitting twenty three wides.

The following year Toomevara were favourites to win the county title again as they had impressed in their games as the

championship progressed. Their lifelong opponents, Nenagh Éire Óg faced them in the county final. There was just one doubt, as Nenagh had already beaten them in the North championship. The answer to that was that Toomevara had got their act together and were a very formidable outfit. The game saw-sawed to and fro with the lead changing hands several times. But Toome prevailed to defeat their great opponents by the minimum margin to bring a tremendous end to a year that hadn't started to well.

Toome's progress through the All Ireland Club championship was most successful in 1993 as they reached the All Ireland final played on St. Patrick's Day 1994. In their first two games they defeated Patrickswell (Limerick) and St. Finbarr's (Cork), both games being played in Toomevara, two great gala occasions for the club which made a huge effort on both days to accommodate the patrons.

They defeated Sixmilebridge (Clare) in the Munster final in Limerick. An unusual aspect of this game was that Seán Stack, famed Clare hurler, was coach to the Toome team but played for this club against Toomevara on that day. It was a bitter sweet occasion for him.

In the All-Ireland semi-final Toome defeated Ballycran (Down) and faced Sarsfields (Galway) in the final on St Patrick's Day, 1994. They played most of the game with fourteen men as the captain, Pat Meagher, a very clean player was rather harshly sent off for a very trivial offence. It was a tremendous game in which Toome battled bravely and courageously to overcome the odds against them. They could have won but a freak goal from the end-line turned the tides for Sarsfields on a scoreline of 1-14 to 3-6.

Team – Tody Grace, Pat Meagher (capt), Rory Brisbane, Declan O'Meara, George Friend, Michael O'Meara, Philip Shanahan, Tony Delaney, Pat King, Michael Nolan, Michael Murphy, Liam Flaherty, Tommy Carroll, Kevin Kennedy, Tommy Dunne.  
Subs – Terry Dunne for Kevin Kennedy, Liam Nolan for Liam Flaherty.

By their victory in county final of 1994 over Cashel, their third in a row, Toome equalled a club record achieved back in 1912-14 by the famous 'Wedger' Meagher 'Greyhounds' and became only the second club in the county to achieve this feat, Thurles Sarsfields having previously done so on four occasions. It wasn't expected that Cashel would trouble Toome and so it turned out with the Toome men winning comfortably. They reached the Munster Club final having beaten Ballyduff (Kerry) at home in Toomevara, Clarecastle (Clare) in a thrilling rain-soaked encounter at Ennis. Again they failed to Kilmallock going down rather tamely.

Between every two peaks there is a valley, and Toomevara's valley period in their run of successes was in the years 1995-1997 when they failed to win a county championship. During those three years, however, they did win two North Tipperary championships and two league titles. In the county games they were beaten narrowly each year by their age-old rivals Boherlahan, who seemed to have the age-old Indian sign on them, bringing back memories for older people of titanic battles for supremacy in the first third of the twentieth century. Boherlahan contested the 1995 final unsuccessfully against Nenagh Éire Óg but made amends the following year with a sensational and deserved victory Toome.

In 1998 the 'Greyhounds' returned to the top of Tipperary hurling defeating Clonoulty-Rossmore. It was a sweet victory for the club, which after the triumphs of the early nineties, had to suffer the frustration of failure over the previous three years due to the dominance of Boherlahan.

The '99 county final was a repeat of the '93 decider between Toome and Nenagh Éire Óg, but on this occasion Toome were in control from the beginning and asserted their superiority with a fully deserved victory. By their success they became champions of the nineties with five titles.

By defeating Thurles Sarsfields in the 2000 county final Toome won their second three in a row in eight years. The final looked an attractive fixture, as the sides had not met since 1992 when Toome won a replay. On this occasion victory was well earned and their superiority on the day was never questioned, even when they had two players sent off in the second half. The following year the sides again contested the county final, but this time were ranked as favourites because of their impressive march throughout the year. The first half of the game was fairly evenly contested, but in the second half Toome were transformed and left Sarsfields floundering in their wake with a brilliant performance and established themselves as a class apart in the county. They were worthy champions for a record fourth year in a row. Bidding for a record fifth title in succession in 2002, Toome faced Mullinahone, who were seeking their first title in the county Semi-final. A great battle ensued, at the end of which the challengers prevailed by the minimum margin and ended the North men's aspirations.

The following year Thurles Sarsfields were contesting their fourth final in a row, fully determined to end a losing sequence, Toome showed hunger, combination and determination in contrast to the Thurles men who were lethargic and subdued. The Blues did make a huge effort near the finish and reduced the deficit to three points, nearly creating a shock.

In 2004, having defeated Loughmore Castleiney and Mullinahone in the quarter final and semi-final respectively, the champions faced new challengers and rank outsiders Golden/Éire Óg/Annacarty in the final. Few gave any chance to the West division men in spite of their wins over Drom-Inch and Roscrea. They did fight gallantly for a long period but the champions were dominant in the second half and won their sixth county crown in seven seasons.

The Munster Club championship followed and Kilmoyley (Kerry) proved easy meat in the first round. Na Piarsaigh (Cork) were beaten in Thurles in the semi-final to bring Toome and Mount Sion (Waterford) in confrontation in the decider, also in Thurles. It was a pulsating game with Mount Sion ahead for a long period. The Tipp men eventually drew level and then forged ahead, but only after hitting several wides. Mount Sion had a chance to bring the match to a replay with a free in the last minute, but luckily for Toome the ball sailed narrowly wide. They were now Munster champions for the second time and faced Athenry (Galway) in the All Ireland semi-final in Ennis. They didn't reproduce their earlier form, conceded soft goals, and were outclassed by a superior Athenry team.

Thurles Sarsfields had failed to beat Toomevara in seven meetings since their last success in 1974, but in 2005 they eventually succeeded, giving a wonderful display to unexpectedly dethrone the champions who were hit by the dismissal of two players.

The county league final of 2006 was contested by Toomevara and Loughmore Castleiney, ending in a draw. The replay also finished level, going to extra time before Toome won on a score-line of 4-20 to 1-26. The sides met again in the county quarter final which Toome won by three points. Mullinahone were heading for a surprise win in the semi-final when they were hit by a sucker goal from a free in the third minute of extra time for a dramatic and lucky win for Toome. The final against Nenagh Éire Óg was a repeat of the 1993 and 1999 finals. It was Nenagh who forced the pace in the first half but Toome sprang to life in the second and a cracking goal from John O' Brien set them on the road to victory. The 'Greyhounds' were playing in their eleventh final in fifteen years losing only one to Boherlahan in 1996.

Tommy Dunne emulated the feat of Martin Kennedy in 1930 and 1931 to captain two winning teams. In 1931 the Dan Breen Cup was presented for the first time. Tommy became the first man to receive the newly presented third Dan Breen Cup.

Toomevara then went on to win their third Munster championship beating Ballyduff (Kerry), Mount Sion of Waterford and Erin's Own (Cork). Ballyhale Shamrocks (Kilkenny) were their opponents in the All Ireland semi-final.

Regarded as a classic game of hurling, Toome played superbly in the first half and looked to be on course for victory. The tide turned in Ballyhale's favour in the second half and they forged ahead, helped by Toome's lack of accuracy in front of goal and the harsh dismissal of Tommy Dunne.

A feature of Toome's campaign during 2006 was their apparent favour from the gods on several occasions and their desertion by those same gods for this game in the loss of two star players beforehand and the loss of Tommy Dunne during the game. Failure to Borris-oleigh in North Tipperary championship this year meant having to qualify for the county quarter final by winning their group qualifier. They defeated Mullinahone then with a less than impressive display and went down rather tamely to Nenagh Éire Óg, thus failing to qualify for the first time since 1989. A long innings had come to an end.

The club's level of success was firmly founded on hard work over several years at juvenile level. Many people played a part in developing the under-age structure in the club and the fruits of their labours were reaped eventually. A combination of club administrative work and on-field work by dedicated players, mentors and coaches has proven to be the root of so much success over the years. Club members take care of the needs of the players and make every effort to see that they are properly looked after with regard to training and preparation for games.

The players can feel proud of their achievements, brought about by hours, days, weeks, years of hard slogging in training, their dedication and determination to succeed their discipline and self-denial in pursuit of success. No success could be achieved without the unfailing help and support of the people of the parish, which is forthcoming all the time.

**The list of achievements since 1991 reads as follows.**

- 9 North Tipperary championships**
- 10 County Tipperary championships**
- 3 Munster championships**
- 7 North Tipperary League titles**
- 2 County Leagues.**

# TIPPERARY COUNTY BOARD



*Tipperary County Board pictured at the County Convention in Sarsfields Social Centre Thurles.*

Seated: John Ryan (Munster Council representative), Michael 'Spike' Nolan (Treasurer), Michael O'Brien (Outgoing Secretary), John Costigan (Chairman), Timmy Floyd (Incoming Secretary), Barry O'Brien (Vice-Chairman).

Standing: Michael Power (Munster Council representative), Ed Donnelly (PRO), Conchuir O'Riain (Officer for Irish Language and Culture), James O'Donnell (Development Officer), Denis Floyd (Coaching Officer), Nicholas Moroney (Youth Officer).

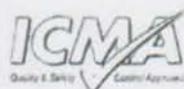
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# A great year for Lorrha

After many years in the doldrums, Lorrha returned to the forefront of GAA in Tipperary in 2007.

While there have been many highlights in 2007, the victory in the county intermediate hurling championship final which saw Lorrha return to senior hurling for the first time in ten years, has to be near the top, for Lorrha, at least..

It ended a three-year campaign to get back to the top tier after being relegated in 1998. As recently as 2004, Lorrha had failed to emerge from the knockout stages of the North championship for the third year in a row.

It signalled a shift in focus within club, which started with a players meeting in September 2004 when over 50 players attended a meeting to gauge their opinion on what was going wrong. Even though he had just been appointed Offaly manager for a second term, John McIntyre could not resist challenge and over fifty players attended the first training session in Mid November 2004.

2005 saw Lorrha's fortunes improve but success was elusive after falling at the semi-final stage of the North league and championship. Jim Williams was installed as manager in 2006 where further improvement was noticeable but performances were dogged by inconsistency with poor defeats against Ballina being followed up by an impressive win over Shannon Rovers.

Semi-final defeats were our lot once again with the championship defeat to Silvermines in added time in as heartbreaking fashion as possible.

2007 has turned out to be the most incredible year possible for the intermediate, now senior team with it beginning as far back as St. Patrick's Day at a wind-swept and bitterly cold

Templederry in the first round of the North league.

A six-point victory was followed up by big home wins over Shannon Rovers and Ballina that set up a semi-final with Newport where an even more convincing win was recorded. Ballina were our opponents in the league final in Cloughjordan, which was Lorrha's first final at the intermediate grade and after a tough clash, Lorrha won through by 2-12 to 2-7. The semi-final and final win gave Lorrha the confidence to go on after losing their five previous semi-finals in the previous two years. The championship campaign began a week after the league final with a hard-fought win over Knockshegowna.

The busy inter-county period created a nine-week gap to the second group game with Shannon Rovers which Lorrha won out by ten points. The clash with Silvermines would decide who would top the group and go straight to the semi-finals and for long stages, Silvermines dominated and despite a man short in the second half, Lorrha fought back to win by three points.

Another five week gap followed to the semi-final with Templederry where three first half goals set us up for a comfortable win and a place in the final against Ballina in Nenagh. For long stages, we were outplayed but the character of the side shone through with a late Patrick Maher goal securing the North title.

A county quarter final quickly followed against Carrick Davins where a contest ensued for little over five minutes. As in 1946, Galtee Rovers were our semi-final opponents and they tested us right to the limit before Lorrha just pulled away in the end to record a 3-15 to 2-12 victory.

The victory set-up a repeat of the 1984 senior final with Moycarkey-Borris in Nenagh. It was the Mid champions third final in a row but Lorrha's character which had seen them this far ensured Lorrha would not be overawed by the occasion and an early Trevor Hogan goal proved the difference as Lorrha won 1-11 to 0-11 on 28th of October.

Those three intermediate titles, league, North and county championships, were added to by our minor footballers who won the North 'A' title for the first time in our history with a one point win over Nenagh Eire Og, while the Under 21 team had reached the North final against Templederry which ended in a draw and the replay had not taken place by the time this article went to print.



**Lorrha/Dorrha Intermediate hurlers - North & County Champions**

Also North League Champions. Back row (l to r) - Ken Hogan, Garrett O'Meara, Brendan Fogarty, John Lambe, Brendan Coen, Mark Houlihan, Stephen Hogan, James Dunne, Donal Kennedy, Noel Hogan (captain), Patrick Maher, Trevor Hogan, Kevin Hough, Tony Hogan, Tony Hogan, Michael Cleary, Kevin Liffey, Enda Moran. Front: Eoin Gormally, Michael O'Meara, Ciarán Duggan, William Hough, Eoin O'Meara, Colm Duggan, Rory Coen, Graham Houlihan, Ronan O'Meara, Kevin Maher, Tadgh Nevin, Jack Maher, Tom Madden and son, Barry Moran

# Tipperary Yearbook Awards

By James Holohan

Once again let's announce this years Tipperary Year Book Awards. Making Awards will always lead to the inevitable controversy but surprisingly last years choices were very well received.

This year there were many outstanding performances meriting recognition and we are in no doubt that we will be in receipt of many nasty letters and phone calls regarding our final deliberations. It is certain that this topic will be raised outside church gates, cattle marts, weddings, funerals, the local or indeed anywhere our Gaels meet.

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## NATIONAL AWARDS

**THE OVER THE TOP AWARD:** Goes to Ger Loughnane. He stood on many toes with his no holds barred comments over the airwaves. We all thought that he would mellow when he left Bidy Early behind to move to pastures new in his bid to "Awaken the West". Sure it was Cody and "his Cats" had the last laugh as they got the cream.

**GOODBYE TO THE HILL AWARD:** Goes to the Dublin supporters on Hill 16 who were removed during the Leinster Final against Laois. According to reports the craic was mighty until the Gardai spoiled the party when they sniffed them out.

**THE YOU'VE BEEN FRAMED AWARD:** Goes to Roscommon footballer Francie Grehan. He took a libel case against one of the daily tabloids - they accused him of below the belt tactics at the Snooker Table. In the end he won the money without having to pot the black.

**THE WHEN THE MUSIC STOPS AWARD:** Goes to the Munster Council for making the Moycarkey Pipe Band surplus to requirements on Munster Final Day. Their decision was very much out of tune with tradition. Next year let the Treacy's march on.

**THE JOHNNY COME LATELY AWARD:** Goes to the Dublin supporters (or is it Pillars Army) who delayed the start of their Leinster championship match against Meath (probably marching on their stomachs) Perhaps, for future games they should seek Bed & Breakfast at Croke Park Jurys Hotel the night before.

**THE BONE OF CONTENTION AWARD:** Goes to the fairy godmothers who put up the money to pay for all those Team Managers. Sssshh The fans await with baited breath in anticipation that her magic wand will leave them spellbound come September.

**THE GOLDEN GOALS AWARD:** Goes to the Deise's Dan the Man for his octet of green flags. He caused nightmares for goalkeepers who would have wished they were bad dreams. Unfortunately his own defence were also caught sleepwalking.

**THE DAVY LAMP AWARD:** Goes to Davy Fitzgerald following his difference of opinion with Tony Considine. Fair play to him, he did not go running to the media to reveal their parting of the ways - perhaps he might shine the lamp on what happened.

**THE TUNNEL VISION AWARD:** Goes to the Cork and Clare players who exchanged pleasantries as they arrived on the pitch for their Munster championship clash in Thurles. One might say that it was only handbag stuff. If that is correct their purses also fell out where €1,000 each was taken from the offenders.

## COUNTY AWARDS

**THE PATIENCE OF JOB AWARD:** Goes to our much maligned referees who always seem to favour the "other team" Their family status is often called into question - indeed one could say that their relationship with the hurlers on the ditch will never be consummated.

**THE ROAD TO NOWHERE AWARD:** Goes to the Clubs who give walkovers citing inability to field a team. Scratch is another term for these decisions. With this kind of attitude they are hardly itching for success.

**THE LET THERE BE LIGHT AWARD:** Goes to the ever increasing number of Clubs who are installing floodlights. Despite the enormous cost it can also be the price of success. For the Clubs who will not bother - they will remain in the valley of darkness.

**THE LEVEL PLAYING PITCH AWARD:** Goes to Semple Stadium's Jimmy Purcell. There is no long grass to hide in here. He always had the pitch in apple pie order - If you cannot hurl here you get your just desserts. Jimmy has since retired but one wonders will he heed the "Please keep off the Grass sign"!!!

**THE DARK HORSE AWARD:** Goes to our Minor Hurling team who tore the form book to shreds last year and were first past the post on All Ireland Final Day again this year. Hopefully, these yearlings will turn out to be thoroughbreds when they come under starters orders in the future.

**THE CROW'S NEST AWARD:** Goes to the Killenaule Club man for his innovative method of filming the recent South Senior Hurling Final V Ballingarry in Fethard. While the match never reached any great heights the camera crew went to great lengths to ensure viewers got the best pictures - Surely a candidate for a Mc Namee Award!!

**THE JELLY LEGS AWARD:** Goes to the many players who go down like a ton of bricks in the hope that their opponents might be sent for an early shower. A slug from the magic bottle invariably brings a dramatic recovery. Perhaps, an Oscar for best actor would be more appropriate for this category.

**THE BRASS NECK AWARD:** Goes to the many guilty parties who took their misdemeanours to the Disputes Resolution Authority (DRA) for hearing. Next time take it on the chin lads!! We all know ye were up to your necks in it!!

**THE BOOKER PRIZE AWARD:** Goes to Michael O'Meara for his publication of a Centenary of Gaelic Games in the South Division. The former Tipperary goalkeeper played a blinder and in doing so wrote himself into the history books.

The presentation of the Awards will take place at a Banquet in the Pie in the Sky Sports & Leisure Centre on Monday 24th December (Bank Holiday) at 8pm. Tickets available online at [www.gullibleu.ie](http://www.gullibleu.ie) or contact 999-25122006. Early booking is essential as accommodation is limited to 2,000 persons. Be informed also that this is a Black Tie event.

# County Senior Football Championship Review

*The following is the report on the performances of the Tipperary County football teams during 2007*

## TIPP SENIOR FOOTBALL

DATE	TEAM	VENUE	COMPETITION	SCORE
14/01/07	LIMERICK	CAHIR	MCGRATH CUP	1-11/1-14
04/02/07	SLIGO	ARDFINNAN	LEAGUE	1-12/0-15
11/02/07	WEXFORD	WEXFORD	LEAGUE	0-07/0-16
25/02/07	CAVAN	ARDFINNAN	LEAGUE	0-12/1-14
10/03/07	MEATH	NAVAN	LEAGUE	2-08/1-14
25/03/07	WATERFORD	ARDFINNAN	LEAGUE	3-10/0-12
01/04/07	WICKLOW	ARDFINNAN	LEAGUE	0-11/0-13
08/04/07	ANTRIM	BELFAST	LEAGUE	0-11/2-15
03/06/07	CORK	LIMERICK	CHAMPIONSHIP	0-10/2-18
18/06/07	GARDA COLLEGE	GARDA COLLEGE	T'MENT	0-14/4-11
07/07/07	CLARE	ARDFINNAN	TM CUP	0-12/1-13

### THE LINEOUT AGAINST KERRY WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard) Mark O'Brien (Aherlow, Captain); Peter King (Monaleen); Michael Phelan (Ardfinnan); Pa Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Cian Maher (Fethard); Edward Connolly (Loughmore/Castleiney) George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers); Paul Johnson (Moyle Rovers); Willie Wallace (Grangemockler); Hugh Coghlan (St. Vincents); Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers); Damian O'Brien (Eire Og-Annacarty); Declan Browne (Moyle Rovers; Barry Grogan (Aherlow)

### SUBS

Kevin Mulryan (J. K. Brackens) for Mark O'Brien; Colin Morrissey (Galtee Rovers) for Cian Maher; Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Og); Brian Coen (Fethard) for Willie Wallace; Paul Brennan (Loughmore/Castleiney) for Hugh Coghlan; Ian Browne (Moyle Rovers); Eamon Hanrahan; Mark Peters (Galtee Rovers); Evan Sweeney (Loughmore/Castleiney);

### THE LINEOUT AGAINST CLARE WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Cian Maher (Fethard); Michael Phelan (Ardfinnan); Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Og); Daniel Lyne (Moyle Rovers); Paul Brennan (Loughmore/Castleiney); Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers); Kevin Mulryan (J. K. Brackens); Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers); Colin Morrissey (Galtee Rovers, Captain); Hugh Coghlan (St. Vincents); Willie Wallace (Grangemockler); Damian O'Brien (Eire Og-Annacarty); Declan Browne (Moyle Rovers); Odhran Lloyd (Moyné/Templetuohy);

SUBS: Evan Sweeney (Loughmore/Castleiney) for Odhran Lloyd; Laurence Coskeran (Aherlow) for Willie Wallace; Kieran O'Brien (Ardfinnan) for Damian O'Brien; Niall Cahalan (Shannon Rovers); Robbie Costigan (Cahir); Mark Peters (Galtee Rovers); Conor Quinlan (Moyné/Templetuohy); Michael Lynagh (J. K. Brackens);

## TIPP JUNIOR FOOTBALL

DATE	TEAM	VENUE	COMPETITION	SCORE
07/05/07	WICKLOW	CLANE	T'MENT	1-08/3-07
07/05/07	KILDARE	CLANE	T'MENT	1-05/0-10
02/06/07	CORK	LIMERICK	C'SHIP	1-09/1-15

### THE LINEOUT WAS AS FOLLOWS.

Niall Cahalan (Shannon Rovers), Gary Byrne (Holycross/Ballycahill), John Hassett (Moyne/Templetuohy), Kevin Halley (Rockwell Rovers), Benny Hahessy (Swan), Patrick Halley (Rockwell Rovers), Louis Everard (Moyne/Templetuohy), Albert Keating (Ardfinnan), Jonathan Gleeson (Killenaule), Shane Stapleton (Golden/Kilfeacle), Odhran Lloyd (Moyne/Templetuohy), Eddie O'Brien (Killenaule), Timmy Dalton (Arravale Rovers), Adrian Walsh (Kilsheelan/Kilcash), Tony Doyle (Killenaule),

SUBS: John Dunne (J. K. Brackens) for Albert Keating, Colm O'Brien (Burgess) for Adrian Walsh, Denis Peters (Galtee Rovers) for Louis Everard, Brian Quinn (Burgess) for Shane Stapleton, Joe Leahy (Moyne/Templetuohy), Mark Cahill (Drom-Inch), Peter Kennedy (Killenaule), Eoin Shortt (Upperchurch/Dronbane), Patrick Prendergast (Rockwell Rovers)

## TIPP UNDER 21 FOOTBALL

DATE	TEAM	VENUE	COMPETITION	SCORE
24/03/07	CLARE	KILMALLOCK	CHAMPIONSHIP	5-08/0-07
07/04/07	CORK	LIMERICK	CHAMPIONSHIP	3-12/3-19

### THE LINEOUT AGAINST CORK WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Matthew O'Donnell (Killenaule), John Coghlan (Moyne/Templetuohy), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Brian Fox (Eire-Og/Annacarty), Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Og), John Hennessy (Aherlow), Tony Dunne (Burgess), George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Paul Johnson (Moyle Rovers), Laurence Coskeran (Aherlow), Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers), Philip Austin (Borrisokane), Timmy Dalton (Arravale Rovers), Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers), Barry Grogan (Aherlow)

SUBS: Ciaran McGrath (Loughmore/Castleiney) for Brian Jones, Darrel Darcy (Shannon Rovers) for Laurence Coskeran, Daniel Lyne (Moyle Rovers) for Philip Austin, Laurence Coskeran for Paul Johnson, Ian Browne (Moyle Rovers), Tony Ryan (Ardfinnan), Gavin Steed (Silvermines), Martin Dunne (Moyle Rovers), Shane Scully (J. K. Brackens), Seamus Grogan (Aherlow)

## TIPP MINOR FOOTBALL

DATE	TEAM	VENUE	COMPETITION	SCORE
	KERRY	LIMERICK	CHAMPIONSHIP	0-10/3-07
	CLARE	LIMERICK	CHAMPIONSHIP	2-05/0-11
	CLARE	KILMALLOCK	CHAMPIONSHIP	2-11/0-13
	WATERFORD	FERMOY	CHAMPIONSHIP	1-12/0-08
	CORK	KILMALLOCK	CHAMPIONSHIP	0-05/1-09

### THE LINEOUT AGAINST CORK WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Ciaran Kenrick (Moyle Rovers), John Coghlan (Moyne/Templetuohy), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), Kevin O'Riordan (J. K. Brackens), Diarmuid O'Sullivan (Ardfinnan), Donal Lynch (Commercials), Luke Moore (Commercials), Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers), Declan Lynagh (J. K. Brackens), Christopher Sheehan (Fethard), Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers), Alan Lonergan (Commercials), Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen), Paul Horan (Moyle Rovers), Kevin Walzer (Mullinahone)

SUBS: Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers) for Christopher Sheehan, Jonathan Cody (Clonakenny) for Kevin Walzer, David Bourke (Moyne/Templetuohy) for Paul Horan, Eoin Kennedy (Eire Og-Annacarty) for Alan Moloney, Keith McMahon (Inane Rovers), Cathal Scully (J. K. Brackens), Patrick Leahy (Sarsfields), Michael Hickey (Cahir), Joseph O'Meara (Mullinahone)

# MOYLE ROVER RETURN TO THE SUMMIT

By Eamonn Wynne, Clonmel Nationalist

Moyle Rovers were a long way from winning the County Senior Football Championship early in the second half of their Quarter-Final against Loughmore/Castleiney in Cashel on October 13th, when they were behind by 8 points and looked dead and buried. At that stage, the odds on the Powerstown/Lisronagh team winning the Championship must have been immense.

But remarkably they rescued victory from the jaws of defeat in that Quarter Final, grinding out a 1-point victory against Loughmore on a 2-9 to 1-11 scoreline.

Rovers walked on thin ice yet again in the Semi-Final against Aherlow, another match that went down to the proverbial wire. Once more the bare minimum separated the teams, and Moyle Rovers' 0-11 to 1-7 win was particularly sweet because it avenged their heavy defeat at the hands of the same opposition in last year's Final.

However even before those tight squeezes against Loughmore and Aherlow, Moyle Rovers had made a habit of sailing close to the wind. A Championship first round defeat by 1-11 to 0-10, ironically at the hands of Loughmore, had left them staring an idle summer and autumn in the face.

They went into their South Championship campaign as the holders, and knowing that they simply couldn't afford another slip up if they wanted to re-enter the County Championship race. However they responded in the best possible fashion to that challenge.

A late Declan Browne point helped them beat Commercials in the South Semi Final – again by the narrowest of margins – and a 6-points victory over Fethard in the Final in Clonmel in September set them up for another crack at Loughmore in the County Quarter Final.

Their one-point victory in Cashel helped erase the memory of their first round defeat by the same opposition at the same venue in May. And six months later their rehabilitation was complete when they beat Fethard in the County Final to reclaim the O'Dwyer Cup after seven years, a victory that was greeted with the release of fireworks into the darkening sky at Leahy Park shortly before 5 o'clock on Sunday evening, November 4th.

The Final was surprisingly one-sided. Another close contest was expected in the repeat of the divisional decider, but the outcome was decided long before referee Paddy Russell sounded his final whistle.

Fethard were so out of sorts on the day that they couldn't even take advantage of the difficulties that Moyle Rovers found themselves in when they were forced to play the last 22 minutes with just 13 players. Gary Moore was sent off 5 minutes into the second half and Aidan Foley followed him to the line just 3 minutes later, both for second yellow card offences.

Fethard themselves had a player dismissed when Ian Kendrick also received a second yellow card 9 minutes from the finish. But by stage it made little difference to the result. The first half was a reasonably even affair. Rovers led by 0-6 to



The Captain of Moyle Rovers James Williams is presented the Trophy by Football Board Chairman, Pete Savage after Moyle Rovers defeated Fethard in the County Senior Football Final played in Cashel.

0-3 at the break, and they extended the lead to 4 points 4 minutes into the second half when Declan Browne converted a '45. When Moyle Rovers were reduced to 13 men the stage seemed set for a grandstand finish. The signs for such a scenario were encouraging when John Paul Looby pointed for Fethard in the 40th minute.

But it was all downhill for The Blues after that. They failed to register another score as Moyle Rovers took complete control. The two extra players didn't prove of any benefit to Fethard, as the Rovers players rolled up their sleeves and turned their adversity into a glorious triumph to capture their sixth title, and their first since 2000.

Because of their numerical disadvantage, Rovers were forced to play the possession game and it was a game at which they proved particularly adept.

Fethard knew they had a mountain to climb when half time substitute Paul Shanahan rolled a penalty into the net to give them a 1-7 to 0-4 lead that they never looked like relinquishing.

# Moyle Rovers County Senior Football Champions 2007



The penalty was awarded when that man Declan Browne caught a long ball, turned on a sixpence and headed towards goal before he was taken down by Michael Ahearne. From that point onwards there was only going to be one winner. Declan Browne supplied the icing on the cake of the 1-9 to 0-4 winning margin with another pair of points, both from frees. Fethard pressed hard in the search of a few consolation scores, but so mean was the Rovers defence that it proved a fruitless quest.

For the victors, it was the perfect end to a campaign that had looked like sliding off the rails on more than one occasion. But for all their narrow escapes Moyle Rovers improved steadily as the campaign progressed, and in the end they proved worthy champions.

For the vanquished, there was scant consolation at the end of a season that had promised much but ultimately delivered nothing. Yet Fethard's rich and proud tradition, as well as the structures that are in place in a proud footballing stronghold, will ensure that they won't be down for too long.

Four of the Moyle Rovers starting fifteen – captain James Williams, Declan Browne, Liam Cronin and Robbie Boland – won their sixth County medals, as they shared a particularly memorable slice of the club's history. All four were also among their team's best players in the Final. Declan Browne won the man of the match award, sponsored by Cahir jeweller John Quirke, but the award could just as easily have been claimed by Williams, Cronin or Boland. Substitute Noel Wall was another player who won his sixth County Senior medal. The youthful enthusiasm of players such as Daniel Lyne, Paul Johnson, Ronan Desmond and Brian Mulvihill provided a nice balance to all of that experience.



Dr. Clifford cup been presented to Robbie Costigan, Cahir Captain



Co.Senior Football Final - Moyle Rovers vs Fethard in Cashel. Declan Browne, Man of the match on Sunday, being presented the award by John Quirke

The Moyle Rovers team that represented the club on County Final day was Ian Browne, Michael Mulcahy, Liam Cronin, Ronan Desmond, Daniel Lyne (0-1), Aidan Foley, Robbie Boland, Paul Johnson, James Williams (captain, 0-1), John Shanahan, Padraig Foley, Gary Moore, Declan Browne (0-7 including 5 frees), Padraig Kelly and Brian Mulvihill. Substitutes – Paul Shanahan (1-0 penalty) for Padraig Kelly (half time), Martin Dunne for Robbie Boland (57 minutes), Noel Wall for Ronan Desmond (61 minutes), Conor Cooney for John Shanahan (61 minutes) and Kevin Condon for Brian Mulvihill (62 minutes).

The Fethard lineout, meanwhile, was Paul Fitzgerald, Damien Byrne, Michael Ahearne, Ian Kendrick, Benny Hahessy, Cian Maher, Glen Burke, Aidan Fitzgerald, Jamie McCormack, Michael Dillon, Stephen O'Donnell (captain), Christopher Sheehan, Willie Morrissey (0-1), John Paul Looby (0-2) and Brian Coen (0-1 free).

Substitutes – Micheal Spillane for Christopher Sheehan (half time), Eoin Doyle for Michael Dillon (half time), Aidan Lonergan for Glen Burke (59 minutes) and Kenneth O'Donnell for Willie Morrissey (58 minutes).

As the Championship took shape Aherlow were well primed for a shot at retaining the title won for the first time last year. They beat West neighbours Galtee Rovers by 0-10 to 1-5 in the first round at Sean Treacy Park in May, and a month later they travelled to Cahir to get the better of 2005 champions Ardfinnan by 0-14 to 0-9.

Aherlow started slowly but they eventually clicked into top gear. Tom Russell and John Hennessy were immense at the

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heart of their defence, Derry Peters played a true captain's role at midfield while Stuart Moloney and the Grogans, Seamus and Barry were the key men in attack.

Thomas Maher, Alan John Lonergan and Michael Phelan gave their all for Ardfinnan, who were badly hampered by the injuries that forced Brendan Cummins, Martin Ryan and Declan Walsh to depart.

But the holders came unstuck in the Semi-Final against Moyle Rovers, when Declan Browne came to his team's rescue. When it looked like the champions might hang on, the double All Star converted a free two minutes from the end of normal time. Captain James Williams then kicked the equaliser in the final seconds before Browne was the hero yet again with the winner that arrived during the 7 minutes of injury time, a score that left Rovers elated and Aherlow deflated.

Fethard, who had beaten Grangemockler by 3-13 to 1-7 in the first round, had a less stressful passage to the final when they proved too strong for the North combination Thomas McDonagh's.

Brian Coen took the individual honours when he scored 2-8, 6 points of which came from frees, and they also had top performances from goalkeeper Paul Fitzgerald, Benny Hahessy, Willie Morrissey, Aidan Fitzgerald and Damien Byrne as they enjoyed a relatively comfortable 3-9 to 0-7 victory over a Thomas McDonagh's side who were well served by Gerard Slatery, Stephen Murphy and Philip Austin.

The combination side had beaten J.K. Brackens by 1-10 to 0-9 in the first round before causing a major upset when they got the better of Loughmore by 1-12 to 0-13 in the second round.

Loughmore will feel that they left the chance of beating Moyle Rovers for a second time behind them when they surrendered that 8-point lead in the Quarter Final. With Micheal Webster on the rampage at full forward and David Kennedy in control in midfield they looked firmly on course for a place in the last four.

But a goalkeeping error that gifted Gary Moore a crucial second half goal, and a missed penalty by James Egan contributed greatly to their downfall. However Loughmore received more

than adequate compensation in the form of the County Senior Hurling Championship, which they won for a second time when they beat Drom/Inch in the Final.

Under the management of former player Franny Kelly, Clonmel Commercial's approached the season with renewed optimism. They beat Fr. John Kenyons by 2-11 to 0-7 in the first round before facing a crunch game with Fethard.

Not even extra time could separate the teams when they first met, the tie at Kilsheelan ending in a 1-11 to 0-14 draw. But despite the best efforts of Commercial's Fergal Condon, Kevin and John Harney, Ian Barnes, Benny Walsh and substitute Fergal O'Callaghan, Fethard left no room for argument in the replay with a resounding 1-12 to 0-6 win.

2003 champions Cahir looked to be winding up for a tilt at the title when they saw off Carrick Swan by 1-15 to 0-7 in the first round, and then edged out Killenaule by 0-15 to 0-13 in the second round. But they came unstuck against Fethard in the Quarter Final.

When Fethard's Eoin Doyle was sent off they came under fierce pressure from a Cahir team that grabbed two late goals through Michael Tarrant and Robbie Costigan, which threatened to turn the tie on its head. But Fethard eventually held on by 1-10 to 3-3.

The Championship had started way back on April 28th when Killenaule got the better of Mullinahone by 1-11 to 0-10 in the preliminary round. Killenaule then beat Moyne/Templetuohy by 1-11 to 0-5 before falling by the wayside against Cahir. Though the main focus in Killenaule is on hurling, they'll be satisfied that they gave Cahir a close run in that game, aided by some fine performances by All Star hurler Declan Fanning, Matthew O'Donnell, Tony Doyle, Eddie O'Brien, Michael Doyle and Paddy Codd.

At the conclusion of another eventful Championship, the glory enjoyed by Moyle Rovers contrasted sharply with the despair endured by another South team, Grangemockler, when they lost their Senior status. A 1-8 to 0-5 defeat by J.K. Brackens in the County Senior Football Relegation Final meant that Grangemockler will play in the Intermediate grade next year.



*The Slievenamon (Kilsheelan/St Patricks) Panel*

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# “O” to the Tipperary Footballers of the last 50 years.

By James Holohan

In the second last publication we had an article entitled Tipperary Hurling team over the last 50 years. To qualify for selection a player had to have the prefix “O” in his surname and have had played for his County in Senior Hurling Championship. This year we select a Football team under the same conditions. Like its hurling counterpart it was a difficult task and one could say that the midnight oil had to be burned in order to create white smoke. In this period many of the candidates appeared in both defence and attack. While it gave flexibility nonetheless it did create headaches for some positions.

When confronted with the twenty something of those eligible this writer sought the views of a number of persons better qualified to carry out this task. While their deliberations were interesting they varied so much that it only added to the difficulties. The moment of reckoning has now come and this is the team. The goalkeeping position was filled after the minimum of fuss. John O'Donoghue, despite lining out in attack, was the obvious choice for a position which he also secured in the hurling team. As the longest serving player he is honoured with the captaincy. John O'Shea would have been the only other player in contention.

In the full back line, the slim figure of Aidan O'Mahony could play on either of the corner positions and on this occasion he slots into No 2. Full back position is another maroon man Eamon O'Gorman. In the left corner is the figure of Mark

O'Connell. His clubmate the late Brian O'Callaghan would also have been a serious contender for a position on this line as well as Donal O'Keeffe and Emly's John O'Meara

The half back line is also an all South affair. Paudie O'Neill played most of his football on the left but this time he slots into the right hand side. Into the centre comes Dick O'Gorman and on his left is the man with the tidy left foot Paddy O'Donoghue. Paudie O'Neill's brother Seamie would also have been a candidate for this line.

At centre field is a man who could play in any position down the middle, the high fielding Vincent O'Donnell R.I.P. His long distance free-taking would have been a big asset. We have to go back a bit for his midfield partner and the choice is Niall O'Dea. In this area Willie O'Meara is the unlucky one. In attack Paddy O'Connell comes in at No10 thus joining his nephew on the team. In the centre is Jim O'Meara who would also take the close in frees and on his left is Damien O'Brien, one of only two All Ireland medal winners on the team. Other contenders in this area were Fergal O'Callaghan and Eamon O'Dwyer. Colm O'Flaherty easily wins the right corner spot and will play the dual role of player/coach. The full forward position goes to the late John O'Meara and the left corner spot goes to Michael O'Riordan. Also knocking on the door were Mark O'Connell, Brendan O'Keeffe, Eamon O'Dwyer and Conor O'Dwyer. This is the line out:

## JOHN O'DONOGHUE (CAPT) ARRAVALÉ ROVERS

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ARDFINNAN

EAMON O'GORMAN  
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SUBS: John O Shea (Clonmel Commercials), Brian O'Callaghan (Clonmel Commercials), John O'Meara (Emly), Seamie O'Neill (Clonmel Commercials), Donal O'Keeffe (Clonmel Commercials), Willie O'Meara (Fethard), Fergal O'Callaghan (Clonmel Commercials), Brendan O'Keeffe (Clonmel Commercials), Eamon O'Dwyer (Rockwell Rovers), Mark O'Connell (Thurles) and Conor O'Dwyer (Upperchurch/Drombane & Kilmacud Crokes)

There were a number of other players who made brief appearances but we are staying with a 26 man panel. Would any reader be willing to select a Tipperary Hurling or Football team under the same format with any other surname i.e. Ryan or the Mc's for next year's book - you are most welcome to do so.

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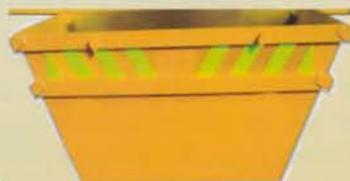
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# SOUTH TIPP'S CENTENARY YEAR

By Seamus Leahy

Centenary years normally come as a surprise to the general public. But to those on whose shoulders falls the responsibility of organising the appropriate events to mark the occasion, they come at the end of a long period of preparation. And when they finally wind down the biggest sigh of relief is breathed by those who carried the burden of seeing that all the events were carried out.

Long before the general public were aware that 2007 was the South Board's Centenary Year, committees had been set up to oversee the various events of the year-long celebration, with a chairman of each committee given the task of being the driving-force for his event. Many of these chairmen were, in fact, past chairmen of the Board itself, while the current chairman, Micheal McCormack, acted in an overseeing capacity of the entire programme and secretary Sean Nugent and treasurer Tom Cusack linked together the activities of all the committees.

The initial event early in January gave an indication of things to come. To mark the commencement of Centenary Year, chairman of the Munster Council Sean Fogarty unveiled a commemorative plaque at the Clonmel GAA Centre and immediately afterwards commemorative medallions were presented to relatives of deceased officers of the Board. The research and homework had been well done and no less than thirty families turned up for the occasion – an encouraging portent of things to come.

At St.Patrick's weekend, under the direction of Michael Cooney, a commemorative concert was held in Clonmel which put on display a range of GAA talent from within the county with enthusiastically- received support from Kilkenny and on Easter Monday the sun shone on a grand parade of all the clubs in the division. In the hands of ex-chairman Jimmy Collins, every precaution had been taken that the many children in the parade



St Finbarrs cemetery, Cork. Commemoration for James Meehan first Chairman of the South Board 1907-1910  
Included are Mick Egan Chairman of South Tipp G.A.A Board commemorations committee, Willie Barrett Former Board Chairman, Jimmy Collins former Chairman, Joe Brennan Vice Chairman, Tom Cusack Board Treasurer, Sean O'Donnell Board history committee, Sean Nugent Board Secretary and Peter Egan with members of the Dorgan and Reid families relatives of James Meehan.



The unveiling of a plaque by Sean Fogarty Chairman of the Munster Council at the South Tipperary G.A.A Centre to mark Centenary Year included are Fr Sean Nugent, John Costigan County Board Chairman, Tom Cusack Board Treasurer, Sean Fogarty, Barry O'Brien County Vise Chairman and Chairman of the Centenary year committee, Micheal McCormack Board Chairman and Sean Nugent Board Secretary.

with their flags and club colours would not be victims of the bad weather we had been having, but all was unnecessary as conditions turned out to be idyllic.

Beginning at the GAA Centre, the multi-coloured spectacle led by Banna Cluain Meala passed a reviewing stand outside the Town Hall where the Mayor and members of the Corporation with President Nickey Brennan good-humouredly greeted the marchers as they passed on to McCarthy's Hotel where one hundred years ago the story of the South Board had begun and where a couple of months later a commemorative plaque would be unveiled by James O'Gorman of the Munster Council. The combination of colour and sunshine and music and the festive atmosphere of the occasion probably did more to publicise the Centenary Year than any other single event.

On a Sunday morning in mid-April there commenced at the graves of Jerry o'Keeffe, Johnny Kehoe and Tom Power a series of events which proved to be hugely demanding on ex-chairman Mick Egan and the committee which he headed. The decision had been taken to hold a short commemorative ceremony comprising of prayers and a short oration at the grave of every single deceased ex-officer of the Board during the year. Families were contacted, details of burial places were ascertained and arrangements were made for a date which would be most suitable for all concerned – a task which was not always easy given the call on Board officers' attentions at weekends during the championship season.

But the task was undertaken with a will and over a period of eight months ceremonies were held at fifteen different churchyards in the area. In a number of these individual ceremonies were held at different graves – in Clonmel there were no less than eight. And there were journeys to outside the county – to



Maynooth to the grave of Dr. Tom Marsh, to Galbally to that of the famous Bob Quane, and to Cork to that of James Meehan, first President of the Board and three-times Mayor of Clonmel.

To all of these the present officers of the Board travelled – an eloquent affirmation of the consciousness within the GAA of the organisation's debt to its founding fathers.

In mid-June the County Museum in Clonmel became the venue for a several-months-long exhibition of GAA memorabilia and while some clubs did not quite put their shoulder to the wheel as others did, there was a constant trickle of visitors to the exhibition for the entire period of its duration.

It was appropriate that the highlight of the year should have been the launch in October of the History of the South Board. From the pen of Michael O'Meara, secretary of the Board for thirty years and current President of the Board, the 800-page book provides a minute record of the workings of the Board and descriptions of games played and of the major figures of the Association in South Tipperary over the past hundred years.

The number of patrons offering their support for the publication was so large that a separate night had to be set aside for the presentation of the book to patrons and to the officers of the Board. Such was the crowd who turned up for this event that the wisdom was immediately accepted of having a separate occasion for the official launch by Micheal Mulvihill, Director General of the GAA.

A week later there was another full house at Clonmel's GAA Centre and the Director General, arriving from the two county semi-finals at Semple Stadium, was generous in his praise of Michael O'Meara's work, describing it as the best of its kind that he had seen. It was a relaxed evening, with much swapping of reminiscence, much praise of the book itself and the inevitable poking of holes in some of the versions of events and personalities featured in the 800 page volume. All of which is an accepted part of any book launch worth its salt.

A week later again came the official Board banquet to put an official stamp on all the activities of the Centenary year and in a different way to celebrate a century of input into the life of youth and of communities. GAA President Nicky Brennan led the speechmaking with his own inimitable mixture of eloquence and common-sense; there was dancing and again much reminiscence.

A week later still there was a Ceili Mor which served as a reminder of the cultural dimension of the Association – a dimension which it is so important to keep in mind in an age when to the casual observer it would seem the Association has changed so drastically from its original character.

And through it all there was the feeling that, for all the celebration, the Board officers and their committees were entitled to breathe a collective sigh of relief that the events of the year were nearing an end. On top of the normal work of seeing that championships were finished on time – a chore that is simply taken for granted – there had been the mammoth work of marking the Centenary in a memorable way. It had all been done by the same handful of dedicated people who, year after year, give up every moment of their spare time in order that the youth of today may have at their service as vibrant and as selfless an organisation as served their fathers and grandfathers.



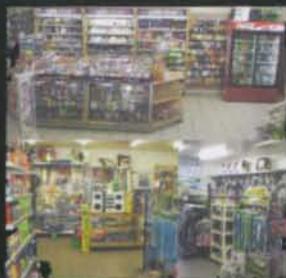
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It was more, of course, than a year of looking back and two events organised by Vice-Chairman Dick Egan served more than anything to underline perhaps the real purpose of the GAA. In mid-June there was a hugely successful Mini-Feile which brought hordes of youngsters to Cahir for a day-long hurling blitz and three months later a similar event was held for young footballers. The skill levels for both blitzes were high and the enthusiasm had to be seen to be believed. To any fairminded observer it was obvious that the GAA in South Tipp after a century of endeavour still had its priorities exactly right.

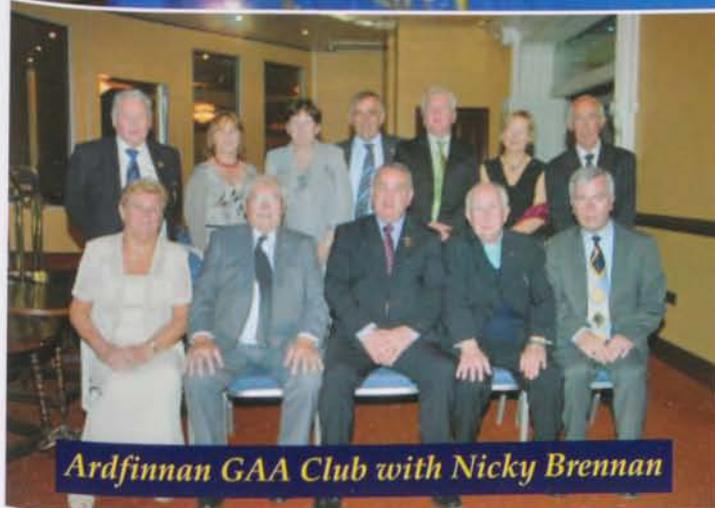
The world has changed immeasurably from that faroff day when the meeting at McCarthy's Hotel in Clonmel elected James Meehan as its chairman, Martin Brennan of Ballingarry as its secretary and Bob Quane from Tipperary as its treasurer. But some things have remained constant and one of these is the commitment of the GAA to the youth of the Four Green Fields. Perhaps in this Centenary Year it was Dick Egan's Mini-Feile in hurling and football which most of all reminded us of this.



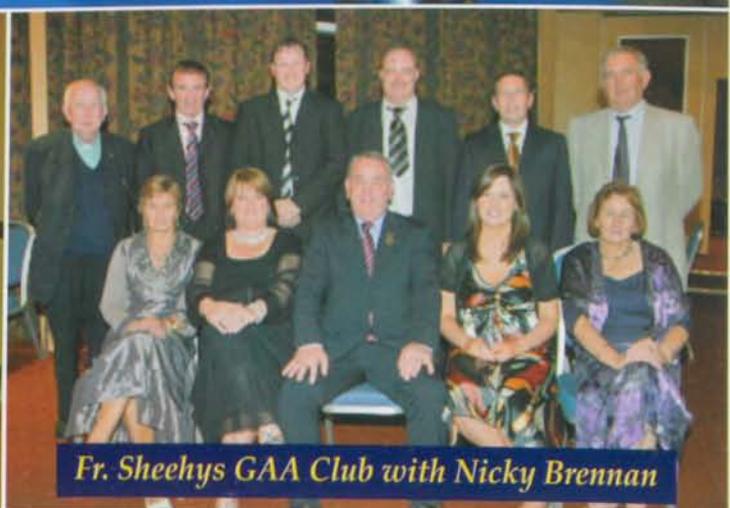
At the launch of South Board History, Liam Ó Maolmhichil, Tom Cusack, Michael Ó Meara.



At the launch of South Board History, Tim Floyd, John Castigan, Liam Ó Maolmhichil, Barry O'Brien, Michael McCormaic and Tom Cusack.



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# MID TIPP BOARD CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS [1907-2007]

By P.J. Leahy. P.R.O.



*Mid Tipperary Senior Hurling Captains of the Past Guests of Honour at the MacLochlainn Road Markings Ltd Mid Tipperary Senior Hurling Centenary Final.*

The Chairman of the Mid Board P.J. Maher [Boherlahan/Dualla] put a committee into place to oversee the centenary celebrations of the Board. Michael Bourke [Upperchurch/Drombane] was appointed Chairman of the Committee and John O'Donovan [Thurles KRF] was the Committee Secretary.

## Commemorative Plaque

The first event took place on Friday 23rd of February with Mass in the Cathedral in Thurles at 7.30 p.m. celebrated by the Patron of the G.A.A., Archbishop of Cashel and Emly, Most Rev. Dr. Dermot Clifford, for all the deceased members of the Gaels in Mid Tipperary. After



*The First Mid Board Meeting took place on the 9th June 1907. Pictured above are the officers and delegates who attended a special Mid Board Meeting on Saturday the 9th June 2007 to commemorate the Centenary of the Mid Board. Picture Back Row L to R Pat Healy Loughmore Castleiney, Michael Bourke Upperchurch Drombane Chairman of Centenary Committee, Eamon Sweeney Loughmore Castleiney, Michail Egan Gortnahoe Glengoole Assistant Secretary, Dick Buckley Killea, John Devane Boherlahan Dualla, Pat Cullen Loughmore Castleiney Trustee, Martin Burke JK Brackens Author of Mid History, John Moloughmey Clonakenny, Joe Barrett Thurles Sarsfields. Front Row L to R PJ Leahy Moyne Templetuohy PRO, Matt Ryan Drom Inch Vice Chairman, John O Donovan Thurles KRF Treasured, PJ Maher Boherlahan Dualla Chairman, Tom Maher Moyne Templetuohy Secretary, Bob Stakelum Holycross Ballycahill President, Andy O Gorman Gortnahoe Glengoole Vice Chairman.*



# HURLING BLITZ

Mass, all invited guests and representatives of the clubs in the Mid division assembled at Hayes Hotel, Thurles where a plaque was unveiled by Sean Fogarty [Moyne / Templetuohy], Chairman of Munster Council, to commemorate the venue where the first meeting of the Mid Board was held in 1907.

The Chairman of the Board, P.J. Maher addressed the gathering and the Board's President Bob Stakelum [Holycross / Ballycahill], gave a brief account of the history of the Board. A slide show of G.A.A. events and personalities of yester year was shown.

### Juvenile Events

The second event was focused on the Juveniles of the division and with this in mind a Juvenile Quiz took place on Friday 11th of May in The Ragg. The quiz master was John Devane [Boherlahan / Dualla] and the winners of this event were Loughmore / Castleiney who got €1,000. The following day some twenty eight teams took part in a ground hurling and camogie blitz.

### Mid Senior Hurling Final

A Centenary lunch for all past Captains, their partners and invited dignitaries was hosted by the Mid Board in The Anner Hotel, Thurles on Sunday 9th September. Afterwards the guests attended the Mid Senior Hurling Final at Semple Stadium. Proceedings commenced with the Thurles Credit Union Minor B Hurling Final between Moycarkey / Borris and Drom / Inch. After that game all Juvenile Clubs in the division paraded in Semple Stadium. Next item on the programme was our centre piece, The MacLochlainn Road Markings Ltd. Senior Hurling final between Thurles / Sarsfields and Loughmore / Castleiney. During the interval of this game, all past Captains were introduced to those in attendance.

### Wreath Laying Ceremony

The final event of our Centenary celebrations took place on Sunday the 11th of November at the eleventh hour in Kilvillure Cemetary, Drombane at the grave of Andy Mason, first Secretary of the Mid -Board. P.J. Maher, Chairman of the Mid -Board, placed a wreath at the grave and the Rosary was recited by Fr. L. Brennan P.P. Upperchurch / Drombane.



Mr John O'Shaughnessy of Clancy Construction making a presentation of sponsorship for Mid Board Centenary Celebrations to Mid Board Chairman P.J. Maher



Plaque unveiled at Hayes Hotel to commemorate 100 years of the Mid Tipperary GAA Board by Munster Council Chairman Sean Fogarty. Picture L to R John O Donovan Mid Treasurer, Michael Bourke Chairman Centenary Committee, P.J. Maher Mid Chairman, Bob Stakelum Mid President, Sean Fogarty Munster Council Chairman, Lucy McLoughlin Mayor of Thurles, Tom Maher Mid Secretary.



Mr DJ Darcy of McLochlainn Road Markings Ltd makes the draw for the 2007 Mid Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship at the Launch of the Mid Tipperary Centenary Celebrations in Hayes Hotel. Also in Picture Mid Chairman P.J. Maher and Secretary Tom Maher.

The Loughmore Castleiney Team that won the Mid Tipperary Centenary Primary Schools Quiz. Back Row Tom Maher Mid Board Secretary, Martin Ryan Coach, Michael Bourke Chairman of Mid Board Centenary Committee, John O Donovan Mid Board Treasurer, P.J. Maher Mid Board Chairman. Front Row L to R Joseph Nyland, John McGrath, Thomas Maher, Joseph Hennessy.



The Upperchurch team that came 2nd in the Mid Tipperary Centenary Primary Schools Quiz. Picture Back Row L to R P.J. Maher Mid Board Secretary, Michael Bourke Chairman of Mid Tipperary Centenary Committee, John O Donovan Mid Board Treasurer, P.J. Maher Mid Board Chairman. front Row L to R Eamon Ryan, Andrew O'Brien, Sean Ryan, Ruth Atkins.

The Drom Inch Team that came third in the Mid Tipperary Centenary Primary Schools Quiz. Back Tom Maher Mid Board Secretary, Sally Young Secretary Drom Inch Juvenile Club, Michael Bourke Chairman Mid Board Centenary Committee, John O Donovan Mid Board Treasurer, P.J. Maher Mid Board Chairman. Front Row L to R Brian Hennessy, Michael Cantwell, Jody Maher, Alice Delaney.



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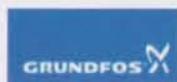
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# The Team The Gaels Never Had

By James Holohan

After winning the County Senior Football Title in 2006 things were never going to be the same for the players of Cill Beag Gaels. In 2007, the team, despite again reaching the County Final never really sparkled. Three of the players who went with the team to New York were sorely missed.

To recap, in last years publication we told you that following their success in the County Final a party of 60 travelled to New York courtesy of Danny Murphy a well known business man there who had his roots in Cill Beag. Before they went on tour the three players announced that they had secured jobs for a number of months. Manager Michael Nolan's worst fears were realised when they failed to return. For a club of Cill Beag's size they did not have the strength in depth to carry their loss. In their march to the County Final many positional changes were made and they never fielded a settled team. Lack lustre performances would be the best way to describe their passage to the Final. Some supporters saw this as a positive sign that when a team is playing poorly and still winning they should get it right on Final day. Another plus was that the selectors had no injuries to report. Selecting from a full squad meant that this was going to be a difficult task to get the right 15 on the field.

Coming close to the final preparations went very well and no stone was left unturned to ensure that the title would be retained. This raised confidence in the camp and the ever growing number of supporters in the parish eagerly looked forward to the occasion. In the pep talk on Saturday night Michael Nolan told them that despite the best laid plans that it was up to them to deliver the goods next day. Deep down Nolan felt there was something not quite right but hoped he would be proven wrong. He also told them not to listen to the rumour mill that the opposition had injury problems meaning that they were home and dry and warned them against complacency.

To cut a long story short, the Final turned out to be a major disappointment for the Gaels when they were beaten by two points. In the following week there was an air of gloom over the parish as players and supporters alike drowned their sorrows, where it was all analysed in minute detail in Tony Nagle's Bar. The main bone of contention was that if the forwards took only half the chances that came their way. The many times that the ball was dropped into the opposing goalkeepers hands, a supporters nightmare but a goalkeepers

dream which left them virtually pulling their hair out and not forgetting the many balls that went harmlessly wide. The loss of the three exiles was also a factor. Some questioned their lack of loyalty, others felt that they were young lads that they did the right thing and they would return when they tired of the bright lights and yearned for home.

The topic soon turned to the future and what could be done to get back to the top. It was noted that there were many fine young men in the parish that never kicked a ball in anger since their school days. If even a few of them had stayed involved the Cup might still be resting in the Parish.

Tommy Harney, a former player, and also a bit of a character came up with an idea based on the reality TV show the Underdogs. Tommy himself was very much a fringe player during his playing career. He would invariably be one of the first in the field on training nights showing his enthusiasm for the game but unfortunately, due to his limited skill, he was often the first to be replaced when things were not going well on match days. He said he would get together a bunch of lads who did not "conform" and coach them to be fit enough to take on the "Gaels". Over the next couple of weeks, true to his promise he got a commitment from 26 men from the district to take on the challenge. After much cajoling and persuasion this is the panel he put together.

Tom O'Connor was a big critic when they lost and he always seemed to have the answers. He thinks he knows everything about everything but in reality he knows nothing about anything. Brian Burke, who is somewhat on the wrong side of 30, sees himself as a budding politician and the general view seems to be that he is using this exercise to further his political ambitions. The full line of defence is a key area. In order to add strength to this line, members of the farming sector would fill this role and the Maher brothers should find their niche here. Seamus and Tim are well used to the physical side of sheep farming. Big burly fellows and no inside forward line would encroach on their patch. The long striding Tim would be ideal for kicking those long distance frees deep into enemy territory. David Hickey, whom you would not associate with kicking points as he is rather more adept at drinking them. Despite many attempts to cut back he sees this as the ideal opportunity to curb his social habits and welcomed the challenge. Painter Tom O'Dwyer, from over the bridge is another, the only time he was ever sighted in the sportsfield was when he painted the Clubhouse for his firm. As everyone knows the Gardai are always building up profiles of all in the parish. Local Garda Denis Mullins would be seen to be infiltrating this group for his own benefit by signing up. One would not expect motor rally enthusiasts to see football as an exciting pursuit but to everyone's surprise cousins John & Pat Mc Guire answered the call to swap rubber for leather. The farmers friend AI man Liam Healy is also on board. He did play one match for the Junior team but after a poor display one wag was heard to say "you're only good at one thing" (to put it mildly).

Midfield would be the ideal place for Will Jenkins from what is known as the big house, an old Etonian he would be more at home with the oval ball but with some coaching and with his 6'6" figure he should "lord it" in this position. To pick up the loose balls in this area the small frame of Noel Ryan should be very beneficial he was a promising sprinter in his younger days and he could be very elusive going forward. In attack Tom & Michael Connors who have settled in Cill Beag and were members of the travelling community. Unfortu-

nately, their nomadic lifestyle precluded them from taking part before now. Denis Byrne who showed promise before he emigrated to England is another and his second coming might bring results. Following the death of his father he came home to care for his ageing mother and with time on his hands he was happy to give it his best shot. Ian Condon who is unemployed at the moment because he is simply too lazy to get up in the morning, fancies himself as a freetaker and may be an addition as he will have lots of spare time to practise his skills. Cill Beag Times sports journalist Tom O'Halloran is also on board. Although he never played, needless to say he has a good knowledge of the game. He also agreed to do an in depth weekly column on how the preparations were going. In order to add a cosmopolitan flavour to the team two Polish immigrants Korel Yzanskey and Yurak Wagel who work down at Mc Grath's Hotel would really love to give this a try. The nicest fellows one could meet and were delighted to take on the challenge. They look the part and one feels that they may have dabbled in another code.

We turn to what is better known as the Cill Beag 4 District for Financial Advisor Tom Leonard better known for his Stockbroker jargon than bringing a Referee's family status into question. His neighbour Alan Grace, after much humming and hawing, is also in the squad. A dentist by profession is delighted with the opportunity to change his drill for training nights. Also a keen mountaineer he won't mind the teething wind on unpleasant nights.

In order to add some weight to the full forward line Jack Dunne will come into the reckoning where his 18 stone frame should be an asset. Some say that with his physique he might pay greater dividends in goal. Also in the panel is shoe shop owner Willie O'Donnell who recently opened a shop in the village. He sees this as an opportunity to promote his products and has promised to provide each player with a pair of boots. Also agreeing to give it a lash is Martin Curran who lives beside the ruins of the old mill. His elderly father was one of the many who worked there when the mill was in it's hey day. Indeed, one could say that they would have been able to field a team on their own. But alas times have changed. Also taking on the challenge is Joe Logan who as everyone knows is a DJ with Cill Beag FM. He will find it a big change from playing with an O'Neill's size 4 rather than playing CD's over the air-waves.

John O'Brien was one last minute addition who had played in the earlier rounds of 2006 championship before he was dropped. In the quarter final he failed to turn up much to the annoyance of Michael Nolan. When Michael was informed that the said player was gone to Prague for a stag party he was further incensed. He went on to say that as long as he was trainer he was adamant that O'Brien would never be selected again. Of course O'Brien saw this as an opportunity to get back into the fold.

Local G.P. Dr Martin Halley has agreed, free of charge, to look after the welfare of the players.

In his youth he played with the Colleges and at minor level for his county but then his academic career took priority. Now as he settled in this neighbourhood with his young family he was very interested in getting involved at the grassroots.

Trainer Tommy Harney brought the squad together early in November and outlined what was expected of them. Ex Army man John O'Sullivan was introduced and his remit was to look after the physical side of things. He was a specialist in this area having spent a number of years in the Curragh as a PE Instruc-

tor. Tommy told them that a weekend camp will take place on the last week of November at the Slievenamon Health and Fitness Centre. Following this the panel will train under lights in the sportsfield.

Each participant was given a copy of the schedule for the Camp weekend. Assemble at the Health Centre at 7pm on Friday evening. This was followed by a work out in the gym and a dip in the pool. After a cup of tea it is lights out at 11pm. Each player will be tested to assess their fitness levels or should one say the lack of it. One item was omitted, the party were informed when the alarm went off on Sunday morning this was their signal to immediately rise and report at reception within ten minutes. What was to follow cannot be revealed as yet.

After Breakfast on Saturday morning the party led by John O'Sullivan will head for the top of the mountain at their own pace and hopefully the stragglers will be there by 1pm. After a brief respite they will up the pace and return to base before dusk. Friday's programme will then be repeated. This will be followed by a bonding session which will include card games and some inspirational DVD's to whet their appetite for the upcoming challenge. They will retire at a respectable hour due to the anticipation of an early dawn.

The Sunday morning secret is that the clocks will echo at 5.30am and many dreams will be shattered and fail to reach their natural conclusion as weary bodies ready themselves for whatever lay ahead. The sleep will soon fade from their eyes as they hit the ice baths (Oh to be a fly on the wall and see the expressions on their faces!!!). After breakfast each player's physical well being will again be assessed. Following this the party will return to the Sportsfield and after a kick around they will wind down. When everybody has showered there will be a general discussion on what lies ahead. Tommy Harney reminded the panel that this was only an appetizer for things to come and if anyone feels it's a bridge too far they are free to leave with no hard feelings. Such was the enthusiasm of the group that there were no dissenters. John O'Sullivan said that the format will change as he sees fit. After the first couple of training sessions the Underdogs had made great strides in getting themselves into shape for the showdown. The word going around in the Parish is that the Gaels better watch out. The match against the Gaels will take place on St Patrick's Day and already it is the main subject of conversation in the four corners of the Parish and indeed beyond it.

The TV station in Cill Beag have promised to do an hour long programme each Wednesday night bringing a progress report from the training ground and a profile of each member of the squad. They have also agreed to televise the match live.

This will be an all ticket match and they will go on sale on the 1<sup>st</sup> March. There will also be a Video or DVD available some days after the match. All proceeds of the game will go towards the Insurance premium to Coyle Hamilton Willis in the event of any injuries. In this litigious society in which we live, cover against injury claims is of the utmost importance.

Let's hope that this venture will produce some future stars and who knows that they might go on to play an integral part in helping Cill Beag Gaels to regain the much coveted County Title in 2008.

*Best of Luck to all.*

# Munster Championship Fixtures 2008

**DATE 2008: CHAMPIONSHIP:**

**TEAMS: (VENUES WHERE CONFIRMED)**

## SENIOR HURLING

June 1	Senior Hurling Quarter Final	Clare vs Waterford (The Gaelic Grounds)
June 15	Senior Hurling Semi-Final	Cork vs. Tipperary (Pairc Ui Chaoimh)
June 22	Senior Hurling Semi-Final	Limerick vs. Clare/Waterford (Semple Stadium)
July 13	Senior Hurling Final	(reply date July 20)

## INTERMEDIATE HURLING

June 1	Quarter Final	Clare vs. Waterford (The Gaelic Grounds)
June 15	Semi-Final	Cork vs. Tipperary (Pairc Ui Chaoimh)
June 22	Semi-Final	Limerick vs. Clare/Waterford (Semple Stadium)
July 23	Intermediate Hurling Final	(replay date July 30)

## UNDER 21 HURLING

June 5	Quarter Final	Waterford vs. Limerick (Waterford)
July 16	Semi-Final	Cork vs. Clare (Cork venue)
July 16	Semi-Final	Tipperary vs. Waterford or Limerick (Waterford or Tipperary venue)
July 30	Under 21 Hurling Final	(replay date August 6)

## MINOR HURLING

April 30	First Round	Tipperary vs. Limerick (Semple Stadium) (A)
April 30	First Round	Cork vs. Clare (Cork) (B)
April 30	First Round	Kerry vs. Waterford (Fitzgerald Stadium) (C)
May 7	Play Offs (Losers Round)	Losers A vs. Losers B (D)
June 25	Semi-Finals	(A) vs. (B) replay date July 2
June 25	Semi-Finals	(C) vs. (D) replay date July 2
July 13	Minor Hurling Final	replay date July 19

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# Munster Championship Fixtures 2008

**DATE 2008: CHAMPIONSHIP:**

**TEAMS: (VENUES WHERE CONFIRMED)**

## SENIOR FOOTBALL

May 25	Quarter Final	Tipperary vs. Limerick (Fermoy)
May 25	Quarter Final	Clare vs. Waterford (Cusack Park, Ennis)
June 8	Semi-Final	Kerry vs. Clare or Waterford (Fitzgerald Stm)
June 8	Semi-Final	Cork vs. Limerick or Tipperary (Gaelic Grounds)
June 29	Senior Football Final	replay date July 6

## JUNIOR FOOTBALL

May 25	Quarter-Final	Tipperary vs. Limerick at Fermoy
May 25	Quarter-Final	Clare vs. Waterford at Cusack Park Ennis
June 8th	Semi-Finals	Kerry vs. Clare or Waterford at Fitzgerald Stadium
June 8th	Semi-Finals	Cork vs. Limerick or Tipperary at The Gaelic Grounds
June 18th	Junior Football Final	(Replay date – June 21st)

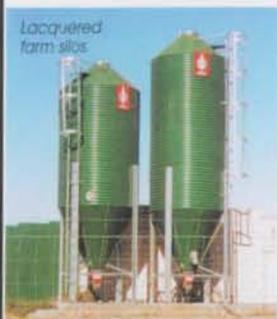
## UNDER 21 FOOTBALL

March 15th	Quarter-Finals	Kerry vs. Limerick at Austin Stack Park Tralee
March 15th	Quarter-Finals	Tipperary vs. Clare at a Tipperary venue
March 22nd	Semi-Finals	Cork vs. Kerry or Limerick (Kerry/Limerick venue)
March 22nd	Semi-Finals	Waterford vs. Tipperary or Clare (Tipperary or Clare venue)
April 5th	Under 21 Football Final	(Replay date – April 12th)

## MINOR FOOTBALLERS

April 9th	First Round	Limerick vs. Cork at The Gaelic Grounds (A)
April 9th	First Round	Clare vs. Kerry at Cusack Park Ennis (B)
April 9th	First Round	Waterford vs. Tipperary at Dungarvan (C)
April 16th	Play Offs (Losers Round)	Losers A vs. Losers B
April 23rd	Play Offs (Losers Round)	Losers C vs. Play off 1
May 14th	Semi-Finals	
June 29th	Minor Football Final	(Replay date - July 5th)

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*Cumann na mBunscol stands for fair play in Sport.  
This is our Fair Play Charter:*

*We are playing for enjoyment, to be with our friends  
and to make new friends.*

*We promise to try our best to improve our skills, to help our team-  
mates and to obey the rules of the game.*

*We enjoy having older people watch us play.*

*We ask that they applaud rather than criticise our efforts  
and the efforts of our opponents.*

*Remember that we are learning a game  
that should give us a lifetime of enjoyment.*

*We may have to risk making mistakes in order to learn,  
please give us that chance.*

*We thank the referee for giving time to take charge of the game.*

*We promise to respect the referee's decisions.*

*We ask the older people to do the same.*

*We promise to respect our opponents.*

*We shake hands before and after the game.*

Cumann na mBunscol flourished in 2007 in County Tipperary. Over 152 schools are affiliated to Cumann na mBunscol with a huge number of schools contributing to the County's website: <http://cnmb.tipperary.gaa.ie>. Photos, match reports and Cumann na mBunscol Forms can all be accessed on the site. DVDs were again available of the Hurling Finals in June. Cumann na mBunscol's competitions were such a success thanks to the hard work and dedication of all the teachers in the county. Thanks to all! Good luck to all the schools involved in this year's competitions.

## Peil 2006 / 2007 (update)

	Winners	Runners Up
<b>Under-13</b>		
Roinn A:	St. Mary's	St. Peter & Paul's
Roinn B:	Carrick BNS	Scoil Ailbhe
Roinn C:	Templemore	Upperchurch
Roinn D:	Mullinahone	Gaelscoil Bhríde Dúrlas
Roinn E:	Lisnamrock	Lismackin
Roinn F:	Mount Bruis	Lisronagh
Roinn G:	Gortnahue	Ayle
Roinn H:	Kilross	Castleiney

## Under - 11

Roinn A:	St. Peter & Paul's	Carrick C.B.S.
Roinn B:	Grange	Fethard.
Roinn C:	Scoil Ailbhe	Powerstown
Roinn D:	Upperchurch	Lisronagh

## Peil na mBan

Roinn A:	Ballylooby	Our Lady's of Mercy, Cahir
Roinn B:	Sister of Charity, Clonmel	Gaelscoil Cl. Meala
Roinn C:	Gaelscoil Bhríde Durlas	Newcastle
Roinn D:	Poulacapple	Clerihan

## Under - 11

Roinn A:	Convent of Mercy, Cahir	Ballylooby
Roinn B:	Clerihan	Rathkeevin
Roinn C:	Ballyporeen	Powerstown
Roinn D:	Shronnell	Ayle

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## I.N.T.O. Sevens

Peil :	Loughmore (W)	Powerstown (runners up)
Peil na mBan:	Ballylooby (W)	Gaelscoil Bhríde Durlas (runners up)

## TIPPERARY PRIMARY GO GAMES:

### Primary Go Games launch:

The launch of the 2007 Primary Go Games took place in the Woodlands House Hotel, Adare last year.

The Primary Game has been a hugely successful feature of the GAA scene in Munster since 1996. The latest step in its evolution saw two teams of boys and girls play a 10-a-side exhibition match each during the half time interval on the occasion of all Munster Senior Championship games.

"This gives 500 boys and girls the opportunity to play in front of packed houses in Thurles, Killarney, Páirc Uí Chafomh and other venues throughout the province" says Joe Lyons, P.R.O. of Cumann na mBunscol na Mumhan. "The emphasis is on skill, participation and enjoyment with boys and girls enjoying an equal opportunity to play on their Field of Dreams".

Those in attendance included Margaret Cunningham, Cathaoirleach Cumann na mBunscol, Tim O Byrne, Cathaoirleach Cumann na mBunscol na Mumhan, Jimmy O Gorman, Chairman of the Munster Council, Seán Walsh, Chairman of the Coaching and Games Committee of Munster Council.

The Tipperary Primary Game Hurlers and Camogie Team that played at half-time of the Munster Senior Hurling Championship Semi-Final on Sunday, June 10th at the Gaelic Grounds Limerick:



Back row (left to right): Mary Kelly Corcoran (Upperchurch NS, selector), Dónall McCarthy (Ballylooby NS, selector), Clodagh Quirke (Ballycahill NS), Aimee Quinn (Rossmore NS), Aisling Cremin (Youghalarra NS), Marie Ryan (Silvermines NS), Caoimhe Maher (Burgess NS), Vincent Stapleton (Templederry NS, selector), Paul Maher (Templetouhy NS), Dylan Fitzelle (St. John the Baptist NS), Kevin Slattery (Gortnahoe NS), John McGrath (Loughmore NS), Dean Thompson (Knockavilla NS), Pat Buckley (Ayle NS, selector), Aodhán Wrenn (Clerihan NS, selector). Front row (left to right): Gillian Gleeson (Loughmore NS), Zoe Clegg (Boherlahan NS), Sinead Kennedy (Ballylooby NS), Aisling Gleeson (Kildangan NS), Rosemary Hanafin (Presentation Thurles), Lorcan Egan (Leugh NS), Tadhg Gallagher (Carrick NS), Eamon Gleeson (Ballylooby NS), Jack Loughnane (Gaelscoil Aonach), Donal McGrath (Powerstown NS)

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Emer McDermott-Templemore G.N.S.  
Julie Brennan-Borrisokane N.S.  
Ciara Moloney-G.S. Durlas Eile  
Aoife Purcell-Grange N.S.  
Clíodhna Higgins-Our Lady of Mercy G.N.S.  
Ann Kennedy-Ayle N.S.  
Amy Sweeney-Ballyporeen N.S.  
Emer Lyons-Clerihan N.S.  
Ciara McDonald-Poulacapple N.S.  
Linesperson: Laura Keating-Clogheen N.S.  
Selectors: Laoise Ni Chuinneagain, Mary Ryan, Mary Horan, Marianne Andersonson

#### PRIMARY GO GAMES BOY'S FOOTBALL TEAM 2007:

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Alex Connolly, St. Mary's C.B.S., Clonmel.  
Brian Hyland, St. Mary's N.S., Clogheen.  
Bill Molloy, Boher N.S.  
Edwin Barnaville, Scoil Ailbhe, Thurles.  
Thomas O Donoghue, Mt. Brúis N.S.  
Jack Shelley, St. Michael's N.S., Mullinahone.  
Rian Clancy, St. Michael's N.S., Clerihan.  
Philip Quirke, Powerstown N.S.  
Paul Shanahan, Upperchurch N.S.  
Linesman: Eoin Morrissey, Sheeheenarinky N.S.  
Selectors: Liam O Sullivan, Ardfinnan N.S., Aodhán Wrenn, St. Michael's N.S., Clerihan, Feargal O Reilly, Scoil Ailbhe, Thurles.

#### HURLING AND CAMOGIE COUNTY FINALS 2007:

The County Finals of Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol took place in Semple Stadium Thurles, over two days, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of June and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2007. Once again Cumann na mBunscol organised an exciting finals event filled with impressive games of hurling and camogie, showcasing the best of primary school talent that flourishes in Co. Tipperary. Spectators were treated to electrifying games that ensured each school was proud of the labours of their teams. Thanks to Semple cus-

todian Philly Butler for the warm welcome he showed to all teams and to Jimmy Purcell, Jim Max and Pat O Callaghan for ensuring that everything ran smoothly. Refereeing of the highest standard was provided by Pat Cullen, Michael Jordan, Michéal McCormack and Aodhán Wrenn. Umpires were Niamh Myles, Rachel Doyle, Emer Myles and Aisling Condon. Chairman of Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol, Michael Heffernan would like to thank the County Board and all at Semple Stadium who contributed to making the Finals such a success. DVDs of the 2007 Hurling Finals were available from Michael Trehy Video Productions. This is the second year that DVDs of the finals have been available and they have proven very successful. Anyone wishing to purchase DVDs can do so by contacting 086 2755805.

#### U11-B Iomáint:

##### Grange NS 2-3 Loughmore NS 2-1

The first game of the 2007 Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Finals proved a thriller. At the full time whistle the sides were level at 2-1 each and it took extra time to decide the issue with Grange winning by two points.

**Grange NS:** Stuart Campbell, Evan Warner, Colm O' Shaughnessy, Laura Dillon, James Walsh, Séan Nagle, Jamie Fitzgearld, Gavin O' Dwyer, Michael O' Connor, Bill Johnston Subs: Dylan Meagher, Mike Hogan, Shane Keating, John Hickey, Eanna Heffernan, Richard Tobin, David Murphy, Conor Fogarty, Timothy Vos **Teacher:** Richard Carroll

**Loughmore NS:** Anthony Ryan, Brendan Leahy, John Connolly, Shane Manton, Mark Butler, Bill O' Connell, Brian McGrath, Robert O' Connell, Kieran Maher, Liam Gleeson, Mairéad O' Connell, Eoghan Ryan, Dermot Leahy, Martin O' Connell, Stefan Maher, Séan Mongey, Elliot Cole, Luke Nesbitt, Jamie Doyle, Jack Guidera, Darragh Sweeney

**Teacher:** Stephen Maher **Referee:** Michael Jordan

#### U11 C Iomáint:

##### Ballylooby 2-0 Ballyporeen 1-2

This was a close and exciting match with Ballyporeen leading by a point at the interval. Ballylooby fought back in the second half and got the crucial goal to win the title. These two evenly matched teams created a spectacle of hurling that belied their youth.

**Ballylooby U-11:** Pierce Murphy, Tom Ryan, James Morgan, John Fennessy, John Hynes, Paddy Kenneally, David O Halleran, Jack O'Donnell, Barry Cooney, Christopher Burke Subs: Shane Flannery, David Murphy, Tommy Doyle, Conor Ryan, David White, Shane Whelan, Luke Capeless, Brian Hickey, Alan Fennessy, Peter O' Regain, Sean Lonergan, Robert Fitzgearld, Patrick Fitzgearld

**Ballyporeen U-11:** Aidan O' Connor, Riain O' Callaghan, Mikey Kearney, William English, James Hannon, David Russell, Mikey Maher, John Ryan, Philip English, Tiernan O' Brien, Ceallach Hennessy, Adam Macken, Charmaine Kelly, Chloe Lyons, Clodagh McEniry

**Principal:** Níoclás O Duinnín **Mentor:** Mary O' Connor **Referee:** Pat Cullen

#### Roinn D Camogie:

##### Thomastown NS 3-0 Loughmore NS 4-2

The first camogie match of the finals provided plenty of thrills to their followers. The Loughmore girls scored 3 goals and a point in the first half which went unanswered at the opposite end. The second half began with a flourish as the Thomastown girls scored three goals to claw back the Loughmore advantage. Loughmore finished strongly and they had a goal and two point surplus at the final whistle.

**Thomastown:** Denise Ryan, Lauren Maguire, Joanne Crosse, Louise Barlow, Elizabeth Coman, Amy Crosse, Rachel Doyle, Rebecca Wade, Clodagh O' Dwyer, Eimear O' Donnell, Sarah Wade, Emer Wade, Mary Claire Fitzgearld, Shannen O' Dwyer, Kirsten Ryan, Megan Ryan, Aine Coman, Abbie Barrett, Cliona O'Neill, Ciara Hickey. **Coach:** Siobhan Condon

**Loughmore:** Ciara Manton, Arlene McGrath, Fiona Treacy, Eilish Hassett,

Giilian Gleeson, Anne Eviston, Mairead Eviston, Olivia Connolly, Caitriona Maher, Tara Treacy. Subs: Sarah Gleeson, Katie Cleary, Sophie Flanagan, Aisling Nolan, Darina Sweeney, Sinead, Treacy, Lorraine Shorley, Emer Treacy, Louise Ryan, Leanne Gleeson, Ailbhe Connolly-Dempsey.

Teacher: Stephen Maher Referee: Michael Jordan

### Roinn C Camogie:

#### Burgess 3-3 Our Lady's of Mercy, Cahir 1-2

This game was undoubtedly a platform of the highest level for camogie in County Tipperary. It was a free-flowing match with the girls shining in all areas. Burgess looked strong from the outset with a nice balance of power and skill. The final score came in at 3-3 to 1-2, belying the even nature of play on the field.

**Burgess NS:** Claire Kearns, Danielle Curtain, Aisling Looby, Cara Cottam, Isobel Ryan, Caoimhe Maher, Ciardha Maher, Christine Madden, Lorna Floyd, Clara Bourke, Niamh Mulqueen, Ciara Floyd, Tara O' Brien, Shona O' Donoghue **Teacher:** Dennis Floyd

**Our Lady Of Mercy Cahir:** Sadhbh O' Donnell, Jane O' Donovan, Emma Corcoran, Ciara Lonergan, Edel Lenihan (captain), Aisling McCarthy, Clionagh Higgins, Fiona Reece, Rachel Brehony, Kirsty Downey, Clara O' Donnell, Róisín Costigan, Keeley Halpin, Róisín Howard, Carol Casey

School Principal: Pat O' Malley

**Team Manager:** Mary Howard **Mentors:** Martin Halpin, Anthony Corcoran, Pattie Costigan **Referee:** Michael Jordan

### U11 D Iomáint:

#### Clonoulty 1-1 Gaelscoil Bhríde, Durlas 5-3

Play began in a frenzy of breaks from mid-field with each team scoring a goal in the opening minutes. Gaelscoil Bhríde got the vital scores to go on to win against a Clonoulty team that never gave up.

**Clonoulty NS:** Gary Donnelle, Gerard Mockler, Courtney Ryan, Aaron Ryan Casey, David Egan, James Hammersley, Cathal Bourke, Margaret Mockler, Philip Fitzpatrick, Jake Murphy, Sinead Kennedy, Ellen Dunne, Gavin Doyle, Paul Metcalfe, Anthony Maher, Samuel Kearney, Nicholas Mocker, Philip O' Dwyer, James Ryan, Sean Ryan **Teachers and Mentors:** Tom O' Brien, Catherine Shine, Laoise O' Keefe, Tom Ryan.

**Gaelscoil Bhríde, Duras Eile:** Billy MacCarthaigh, Loarí O Tuathail, Cathal O Maoldomhnaigh, Jack O Cearbhaill, Aaron Mac Cormaic, Ronan O Cinneide, Liam O Dorchaí, Adam Mac Garóid, Conor Staiclúin, Kevin O Cathail, Jeff Dwan O Raghallaigh, Colin O Diúill, Faolán O Lionnain, Mark O Leannáin, Stiofáin O Hanagáin, Eoin O hIcá

**Múinteoir:** Laoise Ní Chuinneagáin **Referee:** Pat Cullen

### U11A Iomáint:

#### Holycross 1-4 Scoil Ailbhe Thurles 1-3

Holycross engineered a stunning win from this, another evenly matched game in Semple Stadium. The sliotar was hotly contested in all sectors of the field. Holycross inched ahead in the last few minutes of the game to deliver a win with a mere margin of one point.

**Holycross:** Joe Doran, Aaron Ryan, Conor Ryan, James Flynn, Paul Callanan, Shane Ryan, Brian Dwan, Cian Hehir, Eric Fanning, Luke O' Meara, John Croke, Eddie Murphy, Shane Maher, Raymie Nally, Philip Fogarty **Subs:** John Humphries, Mark Dwan, Bill Purcell, Simon Byrne, Brandon Dunne, Dean O' Neill, Daniel Matthews

**Principal:** Timmy Delaney **Teacher:** Thomas McGrath

**Scoil Ailbhe Thurles:** Matthew Fogarty, Aaron Hennessy, Thomas Skehan, Colm Ryan, Jack Derby, Ronan Maher, Mark Conway, Rory Purcell, Paul Sammon, Darragh Coffey, Shane Lanigan-Ryan, Sean Butler, Brendan O Loughlin, Jamie Curtis, Tom Hayes **Subs:** Robbie Hanrahan, Kieran Keane, Kieran Considine, Gary English, Sean Connors, James Bracken, Ladislav Pleca, Sean Dwan, Harry Fitzgibbon, Gary Kerrigan, Liam Meaney, Sean Fitzgibbon, Thomas Fogarty, Daniel Taylor, Evan Hughes, Glen Kerrigan, Jack McDonald, Shane Dunne, David Walsh, Seamie Hanafin, Colm Sheppard, Colm Cassidy

**Teachers and Mentors:** Flan Quigney, Fergal O' Reilly, Denis McCullagh, Robert O Brien **Referee:** Michael Jordan



Grange NS - U11 B Hurling Winners



Ballylooby NS - U11 C Hurling Winners



Scoil Aibhe Thurles - Roinn 'A' Hurling Winners



Burgess NS - Roinn 'C' Hurling Winners



Loughmore NS - Roinn 'D' Camogie Winners

## Roinn F Iomáint:

### Lios na mBroc 2-5 Drom 2-2

These teams were treated to a change in temperatures in Semple Stadium as the rain clouds lifted and brought some heat to the proceedings. Lios na mBroc set the pace from the outset and they led by 1-3 to 1-1 at half time but found themselves pretty well matched across the board. The eventual final whistle sealed the issue with Lios na mBroc ahead by 3 points.

**Lios na mBroc NS:** Wayne Corbett, Sean Doherty, Conor Maher, Eamonn Tuohy, Gerard Fennelly, Eamonn Butler, John O'Connor, Kevin Pollard, Shane Fitzgerald, Sam Carberry.

**School Principal:** May O'Brien **Team Manager:** Kevin Shelly

**Drom NS:** Ruairi Kinane, Louise Delaney, Michael Campion, Joey Maher, Denis Breton, Tomas Ryan, Robert Ryan, Ciarán Ryan, Richard Kennedy, Paul Carey, Jamie Bergin, Stephen Nolan, Paucic Campion, Miriam Campion, Steve Cullen, Andy Purcell, Neil Scott, Stephen Nolan, Paul Bergin, Robert Kennedy, Ian Bourke **School Principal:** Kieran Grace

**Referee:** Mícheál McCormack

## Roinn D Iomáint:

### Gaelscoil Bhríde, Durlas 0-1 Ballinree NS 3-4

Ballinree had notched up a goal and three points before half time as Durlas struggled to reply. Despite Gaelscoil Bhríde best efforts Ballinree went on to win.

**Gaelscoil Bhríde Durlas:** Aodhán O Dúill, Stiofáin T. O Riain, Briain O Riain, Cathal O Maoldomhnaigh, Ciara Ní Maoldomhnaigh, Jack O Loinín, Michelle Ní Dhonaille, Áine Ní Carthaigh, Stiofáin O Cathail, Eoghan O Baróid, Billy MacCarthaigh, Séimí Ferncombe, Adam Mac Gearóid, Dean O Laocha, Daniel O Troithigh, Dónal O Maolchathaigh, Daití O Riain, Aoife Ní Craith, Jack O Cearbhaill, Liam O Dorchaí

**Muinteor:** Laoise Ní Choinneagáin

**Bishop Harty NS Ballinree, Toomevara:** Shane Hennessy, Shane Scailill, Mark Grace, Anthony Whelan, Colin Hall, Willie Coffey, William Duggan, Mark McCarthy, Josh Hogan **Subs:** Dean Kirwan, Shaun Kirwan, Adam Carey, Denis Haverty, Brian Boland, Josh McCarthy, Bernadette Coffey, Mary Harty, Katie Quigley

**School Principal:** Joan O'Meara **Team Manager:** Nora Dwan

**Referee:** Pat Cullen

## Roinn B Iomáint:

### Holycross 2-1 Templederry 4-2

The second day of matches at the Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Finals in Semple Stadium had a lot to live up to following the solid displays of both hurling and camogie the day before. The first Templederry goal came with seven minutes on the clock and gave them confidence to pursue more scores. At the start of the second half it looked like Holycross were in trouble and they did their utmost to bring themselves back in to the game. Two well taken goals shortened the distance between the teams. It wasn't enough in the end and Templederry ran out eventual winners

**Holycross NS:** John Croke, Kieran O Dwyer, Conor Ryan, Cian Heheir, Shane Ryan, Liam Coulson, David Carroll, Jamie Woods, Thomas Ryan, Ciarán Maher, Eddie Murphy, Luke O'Mara, Raymie Nally, Robert Stakelum, Jack Corbett, Calum O'Connor, Joe Doran, John Humphries, Eric Fanning, Conor Flynn

**Teachers:** Timmy Delaney

Thomas McGrath

**Templederry NS:** Darragh Carey, Louise McLoughlin, Pádraig Hogan, Nicola Butler, Edward Hynes, Odhrán Murphy, Sarah Butler, Shane Kinane, Elaine Murphy, Matthew Hogan, Dylan Carey, Ciarán Carey, Clíodhna Ryan, Mícheál Maher, Cian Martin, Roseanne Ryan, Claire Russell, Siobhán Mcutcheon, Michael Ryan, Claire Corcoran, Denis O'Connell, Ross Donnelly, Johanna Griffin, Nicola Fitzgearld O'Keefe

**Teacher:** Vincent Stapleton. **Coaches:** Maura Carey, Gerry Hogan, Richards Collins **Referee:** Michael Jordan



### Roinn A Camogie :

#### Ballylooby 4-2 St. Mary's Nenagh 0-0

The first girl's match of the day showed up Ballylooby to be a dominant force in Tipperary camogie. St. Mary's, Nenagh, though a team very much at the start of its run, showed their mettle by never giving up, a great sign for the future. The Ballylooby girls had a 2-2 advantage at half time. In the second half Ballylooby continued to add to their lead with two goals sealing the deal.

**Ballylooby Senior Camogie team:** Claire Walsh, Marie-Claire Murphy, Teresa Burke, Ashleigh Whelan, Kate Fitzgerald, Hannah Ryan, Debroah Kennealy, Saibhdh Sweeney, Elizabeth Berry, Caoimhe Condon, Sinead Kennedy, Sorcha Sweeney  
**Subs:** Megan Heffernan, Maureen Murphy, Jackie Doyle, Maeve Tobin, Aoife Murry, Jane Ryan, Jenny O' Donnell, Laura Heffernan, Gemma English, Orla Healy, Amy Tobin  
**Coach:** Mr. Donal McCarthy  
**St. Mary's Convent NS Nenagh:** Siobhan Horrigan, Alice Darcy, Davina Henderson, Ciara Dunne, Eimear Starr, Janette Collins, Sinead Dolan, Danielle Duigan, Tara Kennedy, Shannon Moran, Aimee Walsh, Caitlin Shoer, Aisling Spillane, Mairead Sheridan, Amy Darcy, Laura Doherty, Niamh O Connor, Eimear Martin, Jo Griffin, Aileen Duggan  
**Coaches:** Ms. Breda Duggan, Tom Mulcahy  
**Referee:** Aodhán Wrenn

### Roinn C Iomáint:

#### Kildangan 1-7 Grange 0-4

Kildangan opened with two points right at the beginning of the match. Grange came back and were well in contention at half time. The second half saw a goal and a point from Kildangan and they finished eventual winners to the delight of their school, parents and supporters.

**Kildangan NS:** Brian McGahey, Thomas McLoughlin, John Hynes, Aisling Gleeson, Alan Flynn, Matthew Harty, Andrew Nihil, Cathal Hayes, Enna Doolley, Paul Flynn, David Sweeney, Jonathan Horan, Darren Moran, David Cawley, Robyn Boxler, Jim Minehan, Karen Kelly, Dan O' Meara, Barry Hogan, Dennis Flannery, James Quigley, Sean McCarthy, Padraic Hayes, Tommy Mulqueen, Kevin Foley  
**Grange NS:** Danny O' Mahoney, Jason Ryan, Colm O' Shaughnessy, Séan Nagle, Gerry Cronin, James Walsh, Conor Casey, Tom Kirwan, Michael O' Connor, Jamie Fitzgearld, Kieran Davis, Michael Heffernan (captain)  
**Subs:** Stephen Lambert, Bill Johnston, Gavin O' Dwyer  
**Teacher:** Richard Carroll  
**Referee:** Michael Jordan

### U11 B Camogie:

#### Boherlahan 3-3 Upperchurch 2-0

This U-11 match was played in the most sporting of manners with both teams making excellent use of the skills they have learned from their coaches. Very little separated the teams throughout an excellent display of camogie in Semple. The game ended with a score of 3-3 to 2-0.

**Boherlahan NS:** Patricia Maher, Áine Devane, Sinéad Kavanagh, Aoife Kennealy, Aoife Clancy, Mary-Ellen McBride, Gráinne Manton, Shannon Quigley, Shauna Ryan, Aoife Lonergan, Maeve Delaney  
**Coaches:** Irene Dwan, Paul Byrne  
**Upperchurch NS:** Christine Bourke, Aisling Ryan, Cáit Ryan, Aisling Harrington, Fiona Shortt, Therese Bourke, Shauna Carey, Norma Clancy, Áine McLoughlin, Clíodhna Murray, Mairead Ryan, Áine Carey, Leah O' Malley, Ann-Marie Buckley, Shona Cullen  
**Principal:** PJ Harrington  
**Team Manager:** Mary Corcoran  
**Referee:** Aodhán Wrenn

### U11-A Camogie:

#### Our Lady's of Mercy Cahir 6-2 Presentation Convent, Thurles 2-0

Both teams acquitted themselves well in this match. Rainy conditions ensured that play was difficult but the girls persevered. Our Lady's got the goals to win.

#### Clonoulty NS - U11 'D' Hurling Winners



#### Kildangan NS - Roinn 'C' Hurling Winners



#### Boherlahan NS - U11 'B' Camogie Winners



#### Our Lady's of Mercy Cahir - U11 A Camogie Winners



#### Presentation Thurles - Roinn 'B' Camogie Winners



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### Roinn B Camogie:

#### Knockavilla 0-0 Presentation Thurles 5-2

Presentation Thurles' second outing of the day was against Knockavilla NS and again they had to contend with the rain as the weather continued to worsen. In the end the Thurles girls established their dominance with some fine play from the younger players in the panel to win convincingly.

### Roinn E Iomáint:

#### Ballinahinch 1-1 Gortnahue 6-5

Gortnahue opened the scoring with a goal in the first minute and they never looked back. They got some great scores that put them far ahead of their opposition at the final whistle.

**Ballinahinch:** Thomas Kennedy, Patrick Lynch, Seán Finn, Michael Fahy, Paddy Kelly, Darragh McGrath, Davy Gleeson, Leanne Griffin, Annie Keane, Conor Lynch, Liam Lennon, Shauna Curtin, Jason Ryan, Siobhán McGrath, Tom Hennessy, Saoirse McGrath, Siobhán Gleeson **Manager:** Antóin O hAirtnéide

**Gortnahue:** Kevin Slattery, Timmy Dunne, Marco Brás, Colm Scott, Robbie Dooley, Liam Fogarty, Brian Campion, Pat Lawless, Martin Barnaville, Ronan Teehan, Sinead Large, Daniel Webster, Conor Broderick, Siobhan Norton, Edward Norton, Fíne Holohan, Carl Holohan, Honey O' Donoghue, Bobby Prout, Aaron Morris, Hannah Miskella, Eva O'Brien, Jamie Moriarty, Karl Collins

**Coach:** David O'Dwyer **Referee:** Aodhán Wrenn

### Roinn G Iomáint:

#### Killea 6-6 Ballinaclough 2-1

The level of hurling from two-teacher schools in this county has always been of a high standard. This seven a side match came at the end of a very wet day and the weather, though undoubtedly a factor did not seem to affect the course of the game. Killea got the goals in the first half to take the lead. Ballinaclough replied in the second half but their efforts were not enough to bridge the gap between the teams.

### Roinn A Iomáint:

#### Loughmore 0-3 Scoil Ailbhe 3-2

The last match of the day was played in the driving rain with play suspended for ten minutes by the referee in the second half, while the players waited for a reprieve. Despite this both teams gave it their all in a hotly contested feast of hurling that further illustrates the healthy state of the game in County Tipperary. Scoil Ailbhe opened swiftly with a goal and a point. Loughmore responded but Scoil Ailbhe led at half time. Second half goals sealed victory and Scoil Ailbhe were crowned Roinn A champions for 2007.

**Loughmore NS:** Anthony Ryan, Anne Eviston, Thomas Maher, Brendan Leahy, John Connolly, Joseph Hennessy (captain), Mark Butler, John McGrath, Joseph Hayden, Craig Cleary, Keith Manton, Bill O'Connell, Brian McGrath, Fiona Treacy, Paddy Nolan **Subs:** Gillian Gleeson, Kevin Maher, David Ryan, Robert O'Connell, Kieran Maher, Shane Manton, Arlene McGrath, Tara Treacy, Olivia Connolly, Caitriona Maher, Liam Gleeson **Teacher:** Stephen Maher

**Scoil Ailbhe, Thurles:** Shane McCormack, Brian O'Connor, Eoin Ryan, Jack O'Connell, Nicky Irwin, Aidan Ryan, Kayley Maher, Rory Dwan, Ronan Maher, Kevin Dunne, Kevin Fanning, Eddie Barnucille, Séan Butler, Conor Lannigan, Brian Hanrahan **Subs:** Tony O'Brien, Seamus Healy, Pa Carroll, David Russell, Paul Hughes, Tom Meehan, Eric Young, James Maxfield, Jamie Buckley, Philip Loughman, Brendan O'Loughlin, Caoimhin Cuddihy, Jamie Buckley, Kevin Hefferan, Jason Grimes, Dean Loughmane **Teachers and Mentors:** Flan Quigney, Fergal O'Reilly, Denis McCullagh, Robert O'Brien **Referee:** Micheal McCormack



### Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Handball Results 2007:

The National Schools Cumann na mBunscol finals took place in Dolla on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

In the Semi Finals in U11 Doubles

Ronan Bourke & David Bradshaw (Ballina N.S.) beat Niall Ryan & Conor Doheny (Ardcroney N.S.) 11/6, 4/11, 11/4

In the other Semi Final

Peter Kennedy & Eamon Corcoran (S/Mines N.S.) Bt Dean Walsh & Dean Waters (Carrick-on-Suir CBS) 11/6, 4/11, 11/2

In the U13 Doubles Semi-Finals

John Paul Roche & Colin Loughman (Carrick-on-Suir CBS) beat (Silvermines N.S.) 11/1, 11/4

Finals:

U11S: Joshua Moroney (C-O-Suir) Bt Cormac Boyle (Ardcroney) 11/5, 11/2

U11D: Ronan Bourke & David Bradshaw (Ballina) Bt Peter Kennedy & Eamon Corcoran (S/Mines) 11/7, 11/4

U13S: Stephen Moroney (C-O-Suir) Bt. Jack Corcoran (S/Mines) 11/7, 11/4

U13D: John Paul Roche & Colm Loughman (C-O-Suir) Bt. Patrick Ryan & Sean Cleary (Ardcroney) 11/6, 11/4

Girls Entries:

U11S: Maeve Gardiner (Ballina)

U13S: Maria Ryan (S/Mines)

U13D: Katie Monaghan & Tara Wilshaw (Ballina)

### National Cumann na mBunscol Awards in association with Gaelic Telecom 2007:

Many schools from around the county participated in the Gaelic Telecom National Awards. The County Coiste entered in the Categories of Public Relations of the Year and Publication of the Year (including websites).

The closing date for entries was Wednesday 17th October 2007. Over €3,000 was available in prize money in each category. Submissions could take a number of formats – collections of reports and newspaper cuttings, a photo album, a DVD or video. Much good work is being carried on in the national schools the length and breadth of the country – it was time to let it be known nationally that the promotion of Gaelic games in Tipperary schools is as good and if not better than the rest of Ireland! Details of this year's awards can be downloaded from <http://cnmb.tipperary.gaa.ie>. We have our fingers crossed that their will be some winners from County Tipperary.

As always any school wishing to submit match reports, photos or results please email [kateoconnell@tipperary.gaa.ie](mailto:kateoconnell@tipperary.gaa.ie) or text 087 4150320. All Reports and photos are on the Allianz Cumann na mBunscol website <http://cnmb.tipperary.gaa.ie>

## North Tipperary Primary GAA School Results 2006 - 2007

by James Gleeson

### Football

Section	Winners	Runners-Up
Roinn B	Ballina N.S.	Puckane N.S.
Plate	Nenagh	Gaelscoil
Roinn C	Kilruane N.S.	Ardcrone N.S.
Plate	Carrig N.S. (Birr)	Toomevara N.S.
Roinn D	Ballinree N.S.	Ballinahinch N.S.
Plate	Rearcross N.S.	Gurtagarry N.S.
Roinn E	Lissenhall N.S.	Ballinacloagh N.S.
Plate	Terryglass N.S.	Kilbarron N.S.
Blitz	Boher N.S.	Fantane N.S.

### Hurling

Roinn C	Puckane N.S.	Ballina N.S.
Plate	Borrisoleigh N.S.	Cloughjordan N.S.
Roinn D	Ballinree N.S.	Nenagh Gaelscoil
Plate	Lorrha/Redwood N.S.	Carrig N.S. (Birr)
Roinn E	Ballinacloagh N.S.	Boher N.S.
Plate	Silvermines N.S.	Rearcross N.S.
Roinn F	Ballinacloagh N.S.	Fantane N.S.
Blitz	Terryglass N.S.	Aglish N.S.

## Summer Hurling Development Programme

2007 was the third year of the Summer Hurling Development programme which was run during July and August in conjunction with the Irish Sports Council and Munster Council. Clubs were visited and given top class coaching by qualified experienced coaches. This programme also involved mentor coaching sessions. Two clubs were visited each day. A typical training session would have began with a fun warm up using the ball. Each session focussed on skills development. Sessions would focus on improving players technique with regard to picking, striking, hand passing, ground hurling, hooking and blocking etc. Mini games were incorporated into the sessions as often as possible. Sessions were carefully planned out and the player's enjoyment was central to the session.

Blitzes were also held in Thurles involving skills competitions and a training session in Semple Stadium. Kilkeny corner back Michael Kavanagh, was on hand to give valuable tips to all participants. The coaches that worked on the scheme were Eamonn Buckley (Drom & Inch), Micheal Hassett (Moycarkey-Borris), Kevin Butler (Drom & Inch), Darragh Egan (Kildangan) and Hugh Maloney (Nenagh Eire Og). Clubs visited that participated in the scheme were Gortnahoe-Glengoolie, Moycarkey-Borris, Thurles Kickhams-Rahealty-Fennellys, Drom & Inch, Moyn-Templetuohy, Toomevara, Borrisokane, Ballina, Newport, Cap-pawhite, Solohead, Cashel King Cormacs, Galtee Rovers, Lattin-Cullen, Clonoulty-Rossmore, Rosegreen, Ballylooby-Castle-grace, Fr Sheehys, Newcastle, St Marys Clonmel and Aherlow.

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# Tipperary Post Primary Schools G.A.A.

Once again, Tipperary schools performed with distinction at Colleges and Vocational level in Munster. Our Lady's Secondary, Templemore were surely the stars of the Tipperary Colleges season in 2007, building on their 2006 White Cup Under 15 'A' Hurling championship by winning the U16 ½ 'A' Dean Ryan Munster Championship and the Fitzgerald Cup U 17 'A' and Croke Cup Under 15 "A" Hurling titles. This amazing run is a credit not only to the school community, but also to the hard work and loyalty of the schools feeder clubs in developing such committed, talented players.

The Abbey C.B.S. Tipperary and High School Clonmel did the county proud by reaching the U 18 ½ Munster Senior Football Final, with the Abbey winning narrowly. St. Ailbe's School, Tipperary, won the Munster Vocational Schools Senior Football Championship, defeating Scoil Ruain in the Final, and reached the All-Ireland Final. They also won the Tipperary Senior Football 'B' Final. The High School won the Munster Under 15 Corn na mBannan Football championship, a fantastic achievement for the County. Colaiste Phobail Ros Cre won the Vocational Schools Munster U16 'A' final, and reached the All Ireland final.

Within Tipperary, High School Clonmel won the Fitzgerald Shield 'B' Hurling final, defeating St. Joseph's Borrissleigh in the final. The Abbey C.B.S. Tipperary beat High School Clonmel to win the Mac Gabhann Cup Senior Football 'A' Final.. High School Clonmel won the Cusack Cup 'A' Football final. The Hennessy Cup Under 15 'B' Hurling was won by Colaiste Phobail Ros Cre .Colaiste Dun Iascaigh won the Cusack Shield U 15 Football 'B'. Nenagh C.B.S. won Corn Ui Cathain First Year 'A' Hurling, with Borriskane Community School winning Sciath Ui Cathain First Year 'B' Hurling. Once again, I thank everyone responsible for running the annual Rockwell College U 14 Football blitz for providing another wonderful day for our students.

I congratulate all our schools, coaches and school community for working so passionately on behalf of Gaelic games in our schools.

In order to be successful, schools are continually raising the bar in preparation terms. Preparing teams is an increasing costly process, and schools, along with support groups, must be willing to help their G.A.A. coaches with fundraising.

We owe Tom Collum, our servicing officer, our deepest gratitude. Tom runs our competitions efficiently and in a highly professional manner. He spends hours every day phoning and persuading clubs and referees to allow our games to proceed. I would like to thank him for his ongoing hard work on our behalf. I express our thanks to the County Board and its officers for their financial and administrative support with medals, meals and hurleys. I wish to record my appreciation of the work of former County Secretary, Michael O'Brien, and wish his successor Tim Floyd well in his post.

I referred in last years report to the County Board funded 'Support groups' that operate in our schools. Some of these groups are running quite well. Once a school and its community initiate a support group, it is vital that the support group maintain regular contact between schools and clubs. It is essential that schools maintain these links with clubs. I would encourage all schools to make the most of their contact with the clubs and coaches in their locality, as club personnel are very



*Darren Lowry gets the ball away to a better placed player for Abbey CBS Tipperary against St Mary's Edenderry in the All-Ireland Colleges senior 'B' semi-final at Toomevara.*

supportive of the efforts of their local school. It is vital to have access to the knowledge and resources our local clubs can assist us with. Ultimately, whatever our motivation, we are training players from clubs, where all of us began our G.A.A. lives. We only have these players for a limited time and must make every effort to help our players to develop a lifelong love for our games. The club is the single most important unit of the association, and must never be taken for granted.

While hurling in Tipperary Schools is in fine health, I think we could be a lot more proactive in our promotion of Football. There are strong pockets of football players all over Tipperary, and we must do our best to maximize the enjoyment of football players in our schools. It is important that we give some preparation time to colleges' football championships.

I referred earlier to the ever-increasing level of preparation for training and on the demands to provide the highest standards of facilities and resources for players. In my report last year I asked that County Board consider ways and means to increase the grants paid to Post Primary Schools. It is high time that local authorities and politicians recognized the value of the work of G.A.A. personnel in our schools, and in my opinion, every post Primary school in Ireland should receive some funding from their local Sports Council or local authority.

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*Nenagh CBS team that defeated St Flannans Ennis in the Harty Cup at Scariff.*

*Back row: (l to r) - Brian Stapleton, Eoghan Slattery, Shane Maher, Mark Gennery, Billy Heffernan, Paddy Murphy, Patrick Haverty, John Sheedy. Kneeling: Sean Healy, Mark Flannery, Brian Shanahan, Paudie Kelly, David Nolan, Niall Madden, Rory Whelan*



*Thurles CBS team that played a thrilling draw with Our Lady's Templemore in the Harty Cup.*

*Back row: (from left) - David Butler, Michael McGrath, John O'Neill, Denis Maher, Stephen Dorney, Bill McCormack, Rory Ryan, Kevin Doyle, Jack Fogarty. Kneeling: James Barry, Sean Harty, Joe McGuire, Colm Ryan, Kieran Morris, Liam Dwan (captain).*



*Borrisokane Community College 1st year hurling panel that defeated St Mary's Newport in the County 'B' final*

*Back row: (l to r) - Macdara McLoughlin (Manager), Kieran Holland, Mark O'Sullivan, Stephen Stack, John Costello, Seamus Moriarty, Shane Dooley, PJ Cleary, Zac Slingby, Alan Darcy, Daniel Hogan, Robert Raleigh, Robert Oakley, Cathal Mulqueen, James Browne. Kneeling: Shane Carroll, Ethan Harding, Jonathan Stanley, Paul Singer, Keith Burke, Damien McCarthy, Patrick Galvin, Niall Houlihan, Brian Donnelly, Ian McSherry, Conor Hogan, Sean Hartnett, Shane Nevin, Kevin Doyle, Jack Fogarty. Kneeling: James Barry, Sean Harty, Joe McGuire, Colm Ryan, Kieran Morris, Liam Dwan (captain).*



**BORRISOKANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE MUNSTER VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS.**



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*From left, Paul O'Neill former County Chairman, Michael O'Brien former County Secretary, Hughie McDonnell, Michael Carr representing the sponsors AIB, John Costigan, County Chairman and T.J Egan, Munster Council Schools representative.*

# Historic Dean Ryan Victory

Following victory in the White and Croke competitions in 2005, the under-sixteen and a half panel set their sights on the Dean Ryan Munster "A" hurling trophy in 2006. On a number of occasions in the past Our Lady's came close to victory in this competition but up to this it had remained the only second level hurling trophy that had proven elusive. Preparation began in September and continued at a steady pace up to the beginning of the competition in early October. The first round gave an easy 3-19 to 1-7 victory over Castletroy College. Another easy victory over Cashel Community School in the second round earned us a place in the semi-final against St. Caimin's College, Ennis.

The semi-final was played in terrible conditions at Claughan in November. From the beginning, this game was dominated by the backs of both teams, the conditions leaving little scope for skilful forward play. By half time the teams were level at five points each. The introduction of Kevin O' Riordan, Aidan Mc Grath and Toby Morgan early in the second half added considerably to Our Lady's attacking power and soon the game was under control.

The final was played at Ardfinnan on December 6th. Our Lady's had looked forward to a show-down with Thurles C.B.S. but the highly rated C.B.S. team had succumbed to the physical superiority of De La Salle College Waterford in their semi-final, leaving Our Lady's to oppose the Waterford side in the final decider. For the final Dean Fairbrother, who had made a worthwhile contribution in the early rounds, was unlucky to lose out on the return to fitness of Kevin O' Riordan. Toby Morgan and Pa Lupton were two other players who had featured in the early stages but were unlucky to lose out in the selection of the first fifteen for the final.

The contest lived up to expectations and at half time the teams were level, Our Lady's having recovered from two quick goals by De La Salle in the opening minutes. In the second half Our Lady's showed real class and memorable scores from Aidan Mc Grath, Shane Delaney, Noel Mc Grath and Adrian Ryan gave them a 1-10 to 2-4 victory.

This success creates a solid platform for a real stab at the Harty cup in the next couple of years. A lot of work remains to be done if this group are to repeat the achievements of the stars of '78. One very promising feature of this group is the depth of talent in the panel. Out of a panel of thirty one players there was little enough to separate those who started in every game from some really talented hurlers who saw little action in the competition. It is encouraging also that this victory was achieved without the services of the injured Kevin Johnston who had featured so prominently in Rice, Croke and White victories in the last two years. His return to fitness is bound to enhance the group's prospects of further success.

Team for final: Team : Dan Mc Cormack ( Borris- Ileigh) Andrew Ryan (Toomevara), Liam Butler (Moynemtempetuohy), Pa. Ryan (Clonakenny), Willie Ryan (Clonakenny), Sean Mc Cormack ( Borris- Ileigh) Eoin Fitzpatrick (J.K. Brackens), Shane Delaney (Drom- Inch), Noel Mc Grath- Capt. ( Loughmore-Castleiney), Eanna Murray ( Templederry - Kenyons), Kevin O' Riordan ( J.K Brackens), Tom Ryan ( Templederry- Kenyons), Adrian Ryan ( Templederry- Kenyons) and Aidan Mc Grath ( Loughmore-Castleiney). Subs used: Pat Lupton ( Drom- Inch).

Subs: Dean Fairbrother (J.K. Brackens), Pio Kennedy ( Templederry- Kenyons), David Farrelly (J.K. Brackens), James Butler (Moynemtempetuohy), Toby Morgan (J.K. Brackens), Proinsias Matthews (Clonakenny), David Bourke (Moynemtempetuohy), Liam Treacy, ( Loughmore-Castleiney). Willie Eviston, (Loughmore-Castleiney). Joe Bergin (J.K. Brackens), Eamonn Connolly, ( Loughmore-Castleiney). Cathal Bourke ( Borris- Ileigh), Adrian Bourke (J.K. Brackens), Kevin Johnston ( Injured) (Loughmore-Castleiney), John Kennedy (Drom-Inch).

## OUR LADY'S DEAN RYAN TEAM 2006-2007

Back Row: Ms Patricia Hggins (Deputy Principal), Mr. Willie Butler (coach), Denis Cody, Sean Mc Cormack, Eoin Kinane, Adrian Bourke, Adrian Ryan, Kevin O' Riordan, Pat Lupton, Pio Kennedy, Willie Ryan, David Bourke, James Butler, Dean Fairbrother, Shane Delaney, Cathal Bourke., Mr Jack Walsh (trainer)

Front Row: Liam Treacy, John Kennedy, Pio Kennedy, Liam Butler, Tom Ryan, Pa. Ryan, Proinsias Matthews, David Farrelly, Dan Mc Cormack, Noel Mc Grath (Capt), Andrew Ryan, Aidan Mc Grath, Aidan Fogarty, Eoin Fitzpatrick, Eamonn Connolly, Willie Eviston.



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**The Our Lady's Templemore Panel**

that defeated Thurles CBS in the Fitzgerald Cup U/17 Hurling Final in Semple Stadium.



**Abbey CBS County 14F Rockwell Blitz Winners 2006**

Back L/R: John O'Dwyer, Paddy Dalton, Keith Bourke, Liam Richardson, James Power, John Condon, Joe O'Connor, Noel Kilcoyne. Front L/R: Brendan McGrath, Donagh Leahy, Barry Collins, Diarmuid O'Donnell, Emmett Ryan, Eamon Landers, Michael Ryan, Shane Leahy.

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# THIRD LEVEL COLLEGES HURLING

By County PRO Ed Donnelly

2007 was a good year for Third Level Colleges hurling and Tipperary's young players had a prominent role to play for many of the colleges involved. The Fitzgibbon Cup is now one of the most competitive competitions in the GAA calendar. Many of the inter-county stars of the future make their name in the Fitzgibbon Cup and the list of top class coaches taking over in the various colleges bears testament to how serious this competition is taken.

## FITZGIBBON CUP

Starting out early in the year, there were a number of colleges being listed as possible winners. Waterford Institute of Technology (WIT), champions in 2006 will always be in contention for honours while Limerick Institute of Technology (LIT), NUI Galway, University College Cork (UCC) and University College Dublin (UCD) were also mentioned as possible winners. It did not take long for some of the heavyweights of colleges hurling to face off as WIT and LIT met in a mouth watering first round clash. In a game refereed by Boherlahan's Johnny Ryan, this match was tight through out before LIT won by 1-14 to 0-14 with Galway starlet Joe Canning contributing 1-9 for the winners. Toomevara's Willie Ryan scored 0-11 from frees for WIT which was a huge contribution but also part of the problem as the Waterford college struggled to score from play. The Tipperary players from WIT included corner-forward Willie Ryan, goalkeeper Damien Young (Drom & Inch), corner-backs Conor O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty) and Kevin Lanigan (Carrick Swan), wing-back Hugh Maloney (Nenagh Eire Og) and substitute Ray McLoughney (Kilruane MacDonaghs).

Local interest in seeing the Garda College progress in the competition ended early thanks to a 1-10 to 0-12 defeat at the hands of UCC. Ian Delaney (JK Brackens) lined out at corner-back for the Templemore based side while James Woodlock (Drom & Inch) played at midfield. Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields) played for UCC. In the other first round match, St. Patrick's Drumcondra defeated Galway Institute of Technology by 1-12 to 0-10. Sean Kennedy (Moneygall) captained the Galway college in this game while Brian Dillon (Silvermines) lined out at wing-back for St. Patricks.

2006 finalists UCD entered the competition at the Quarter-Final stage where they took on LIT. This match was quite one-sided as the Limerick college laid down a marker that earned them the tag of favourites for the rest of the competition with a 2-16 to 0-6 victory over UCD. Corner-back Paul Ormond (Loughmore-Castleiney) and wing-back Diarmaid Fitzgerald (Roscrea) started the game for UCD while Tommy Fitzgerald (Roscrea) was introduced as a substitute in a team managed by Babs Keating. In the closest Quarter-Final match, the University of Limerick (UL) needed an injury time point to secure a 0-13 to 1-9 victory over the Cork Institute of Technology (CIT). Corner-back Michael Ryan (Moneygall), wing-back Sean Horan (St. Patricks) and full-forward Niall Teehan (Gortnahoe-Glengoole, scorer of 1-2) were the Tipperary natives on the CIT starting line-up.

And so on to the Fitzgibbon Cup weekend hosted by the Institute of Technology, Carlow for the first time on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th March. In the first semi-final, NUI Galway defeated Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT) by 1-11 to 2-5. DIT were captained by wing-forward Edward Connolly (Loughmore-Castleiney) while Donnacha Kennedy (Drom & Inch) lined out at midfield. The other semi-final match featured Limerick rivals LIT and UL. LIT led by four points at the interval and held their lead through the second half to win by 1-16 to 2-9. The UL team included Thomas Stapleton (Templederry), Alan Kennedy (Clonoulty-Rossmore) and Richie Ruth (Thurles Sarsfields) while Eamonn Kelly (Kildangan) and John Devane (Clonoulty-Rossmore) were part of the back room team.

The final was an eagerly awaited affair but once LIT took the lead following a slow start, there was always going to be just one winner with Joe Canning scoring 1-8 for the winners in a 2-15 to 0-13 victory over NUI Galway. Alan Byrne (Shannon Rovers), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) and Conor O'Mahony (Newport) were part of the LIT starting line-up in the final while other panel members included David Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), John Foley (Ballinahinch), Ronan Sherlock (Silvermines), Paudie Ryan (Sean Treacys), Paul Collins (Drom & Inch), Shane Scully (JK Brackens) and David Young (Toomevara). Bertie Sherlock (Toomevara) was the team trainer. For NUI Galway, Darragh Egan (Kildangan) was the team captain and top scorer, playing a crucial role in getting his team to the final while Sean Fitzgerald (Roscrea) was part of the panel.

## RYAN CUP

The Ryan Cup also took place at the Institute of Technology Carlow during Fitzgibbon Cup weekend and was won by IT Tralee thanks to a 2-15 to 3-9 victory over University of Ulster Jordanstown (UUJ). In the semi-finals, IT Tralee defeated Mary Immaculate College Limerick by 0-12 to 1-7 while UUJ defeated Athlone IT by 3-10 to 1-12. For IT Tralee, corner-back Padraig Moriarty (Borrisokane) and corner-forward Diarmuid Brennan (Loughmore-Castleiney) were on the starting 15 while Alan Ryan (Holycross-Ballycahill) was a member of the winning panel. The Mary Immaculate College Limerick panel that defeated the TI / St. Pat's team in the Quarter-final and subsequently lost to the eventual champions in the Semi-final included no less than ten Tipperary natives in their panel.

These included David Minogue (Nenagh Eire Og), Denis Kelly (Toomevara), George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Kevin Moran (Moycarkey-Borris), Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh), Padraig Sheehy (Ballina), Paul O'Dwyer (Knockavilla Kickhams), Thomas Lyng (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Anthony Healy (Moycarkey-Borris) and John Coghlan (Moynemount). The 2007/2008 colleges season is already well underway with many League games completed as part of the preparation for the Fitzgibbon Cup and Ryan Cup competitions in the spring time. Definitely something to look forward to with so many All-Ireland Minor Hurling medallists from the Premier County beginning their third level education.

# Tipperary Institute

Tipperary Institute GAA Club one of Ireland's newest and dynamic third level institutions, has twin campuses situated in Thurles and Clonmel with state of the art facilities in both. The Institute opened its doors to its first students in 1999 and is fast establishing a reputation for excellence and high achievement across all its courses.

Whilst the club has a relatively small pool of players to pick from, compared to other competing colleges, this club competes in the Ryan Cup Championship (they hosted and won the Ryan Cup in 2003), the All-Ireland Hurling and Football League series and for the first time in 2003 competed in the Trench Cup Football competition and the Corn na MacLeinn in 2005.

In the academic year 2005/2006, the Tipp Institute GAA Club took on a new dimension when students from St. Patrick's College Thurles joined forces with Tipperary Institute students to form the Tipp Institute/St. Patrick's College GAA Club.

In 2006/2007 the combined Tipp Institute/St. Patrick's Footballers participated in the 3rd Level Colleges Corn na MacLeinn competition - Division C of the Sigerson Cup. To the delight of both colleges, they reached the Final of this Division having defeated Marino College in the quarter-final and Mater Dei in the semi-final in two very close encounters. This semi-final win guaranteed participation in the infamous Sigerson Cup weekend which was hosted by Queens Belfast in March 2007.

TI/St. Pat's final showdown was against the Dublin based Royal College of Surgeons (RCSI) in the Final of the Corn na MacLeinn. This was a closely fought contest as the sides were level at half-time and again at the full-time whistle. Extra time loomed and once again nothing separated the sides at the ten minute mark.

With both teams now out on their feet, the second period of extra time was going to be a major test of character and strength. RCSI, with a strong wind seemed to have found the winner when their right half forward put over from a difficult position, to leave them one point ahead with time running out. But the never say die attitude of the Tipperary College side all season was never more evident than in those closing stages. From somewhere they found the reserves of stamina and strength to launch a final attack on the Surgeons rearguard. Great play in the build-up resulted in a goal that was to prove a match winner on the day. RCSI tried to battle back from this blow but the TI/St.Pat's side stood firm in those tense remaining moments. The final scoreline was TI/St. Pat's 1-7; RCSI 0-8.



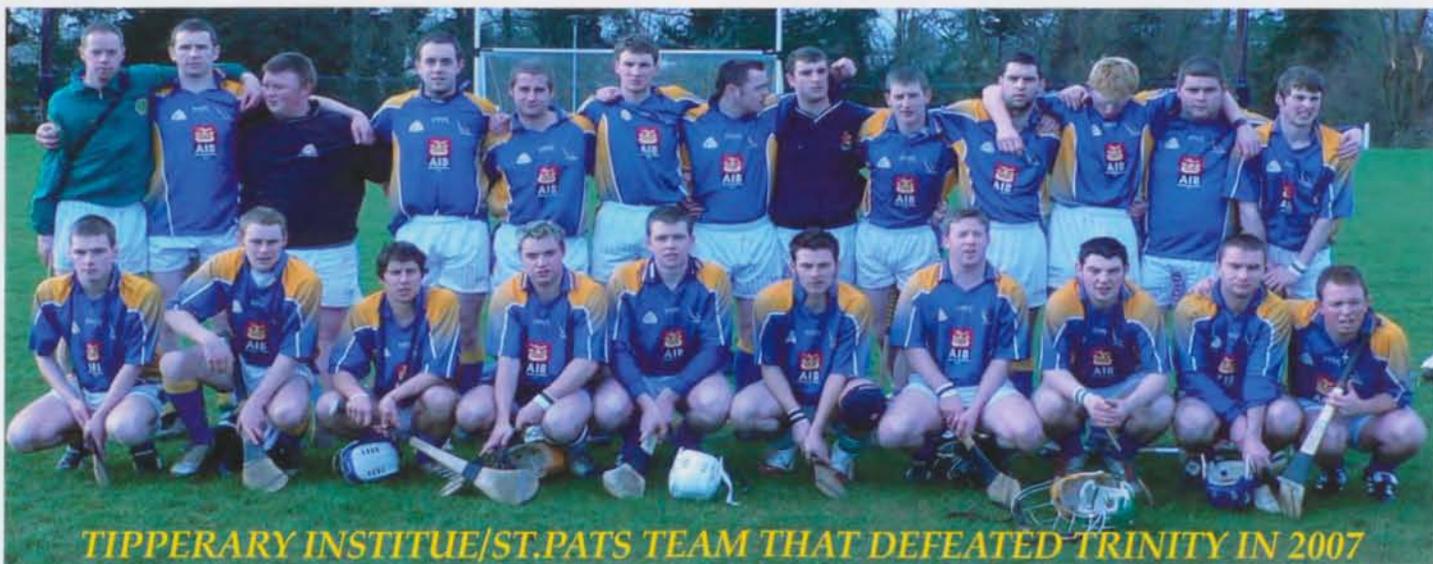
Tipperary Institute/St.Pats Captain Barry John O' Regan(right) with the Corn Na Mac Lienn in 2007

The referee's final whistle was greeted with scenes of joy and excitement by the Tipperary contingent. When team captain Barry O'Regan lifted the Corn na Mac Leinn trophy history had been created. The singing and dancing that followed at the presentation rostrum was a celebration of one of the great GAA moments in the history of both Tipperary Institute and St. Patrick's College.

It was also a very proud day for the management team of Paddy McCormack, Fr. Jimmy O'Donnell, Austin Cooney and Maura Maher. All four were involved when Tipperary Institute won the Ryan Cup back in 2003 and the success in Belfast was the fruits of their labour in promoting both codes within the institutes.

Tipperary Institute GAA Club works on an ethos of striving towards excellence wherever possible, be it in the lecture hall or on the field and the club annually runs a Scholarship program, rewarding sporting and academic excellence. Scholarships are sponsored by local businesses, the Tipperary GAA Board and by the Institute itself. Former TI GAA scholarship recipients include Mark O'Leary and Seamus Butler, Tipperary county senior hurlers and Ryan Cup winners, Padraic Maher, successful Tipperary All-Ireland Minor hurler and also Joanne Ryan, three-time All-Ireland senior camogie winner and former captain of this same team.

Tipperary Institute/St. Patrick's College Gaelic Football team were voted the BEAT 102'103 Sports Personality of the Month Award for March 2007 and received the Waterford Crystal Award, and will also go through to the grand finale of the overall winner for 2007 at a ceremony later in the year.



**TIPPERARY INSTITUTE/ST.PATS TEAM THAT DEFEATED TRINITY IN 2007**

(Back) JJ Delany, Tom O Meara, Philip Bourke, Aiden Dwyer, Mathew Stapleton, Shane Prendergast, Chris Foley, Tommy Gleeson, Pat McKeogh, Kieran Shortall, Seamus Carey, Nicky Murphy, Andy Kearns. (Front) Denis Keating, Paddy Kavanagh, David Shannon, James Hgan, Padraic Maher, Tom Stakelum, John Kelly, Michael Ryan, Pat McCormack, Brian O Donnahue.

# Legends



*Above: 3 Cpts  
P. Stakelum, E. Mongey and K. Mullen  
at the Legends Function.*

*Above right:  
John Doyle and friends  
From Left; Micheal McCormack, South Board  
Chairman, John Doyle, Jerry Ring, West Board  
Secretary and Sean Nugent South Board Secretary.*

*Right: At Legends Function Jack Kyle  
From left, John Doyle, Jack Kyle and Karl Mullen*

*Below: The Legends 55 years later on.*



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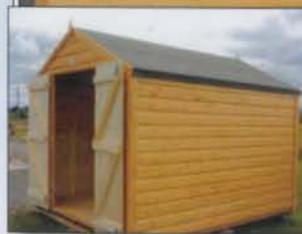
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# Legends



Above: At Legends function Tony Reddan  
From left Tony Reddan, Mick Ryan and Johnny Everard

Above right Micheal O'Muircheartaigh at Legends  
function From left, Michael Nolan, Michael O'Brien,  
Con Hogan and Michéal O'Muircheartaigh.

Right: Jimmy Finn with group at Legends function:  
From left, Andy Lacey, John Costigan, Pat  
Stakelum, Simon Ryan and Jimmy Finn



Below: Tipperary Group at Legends function  
From left, John Costigan, Maura Hocht, Pat  
Stakelum, Kevin Ryan, Teresa Finn, Tom Kevin, Nancy  
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Maura Reddan, Tony Reddan and Babs Keating.



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# G.A.A. Publications

by Seamus J. King

Pride of place among the books published during 2007 must be taken by *South Tipperary G.A.A. 1907-2007* by Micheál O'Meara. The title tells it all, the story of the G.A.A. in the South Division since it came into existence one hundred years ago. As early as 1901 the county had been split in two, North and South, for the organisation of championships. In the days of the horse and brake it was a long journey from Carrick to Lorrha! Then in 1907 there was a division into three parts as Mid joined the other two. This situation continued until 1930 when the West came into operation, the situation which continues to this day.

On June 8, 1907 the South Board was formed in Ryan's Hotel, College Street, Clonmel. The proprietor was, according to the author, Martin Ryan, an uncle of Sean, who became President of the Association in 1928. James Meehan, Clonmel, became first president, and Martin Brennan, Gawn, Ballingarry, who had been county secretary from 1899-1908, became the first secretary. From that year the board gathered strength and celebrated its century this year with pride and a great sense of achievement.

In another part of this book there is a fuller review of this huge book, which covers close to 800 pages. It is a great tribute to the work and dedication of Michael O Meara, for many years secretary of the board, who has a knowledge of clubs and G.A.A. affairs in the division equal to none.. He was helped in his task by a committee that included Seamus Leahy, Eddie Maher, Noel Byrne, Vincent O'Meara, Tom Cusack and Sean O'Donnell.

The first chapter covers the period in the South before the board was formed. Whereas every chapter in the book has important information to offer, two, in particular, I found fascinating. Chapter twenty-three is entitled 'Club Profiles' and will be a blessing for future compilers of match programs, containing as it does vital information on the achievements of clubs. The second is chapter thirty, which contains profiles of players and administrators, a Mister Who's Who of the G.A.A. in the South over one hundred years. The author had to depend on individual contributors for most of these profiles and, unfortunately, there is an uneven quality about them, some of them even omitting to mention the club of the individual and a huge number of them forgetting about the individual's years.

But this is a small crib in a book of such size. It will take its place as the essential reference book for the South Tipperary G.A.A., joining the histories of the West and the North, which are already in existence, and the Mid, which is expected to appear during 2008. Printed by the Kilkenny People, the book retails at €40.

The Mid Board are also celebrating their centenary in print. The approach is different. They are bringing out two volumes, the first devoted to a pictorial history of the division over one hundred years. Martin Bourke is the editor of this production and it is to be launched in the Templemore Arms Hotel on December 11. Printed by the Leinster Leader it is another massive tome and it should be a unique collection of photographs, divided into sections devoted to different aspects of the division's history. Martin is a beaver when it comes to work and there is no doubt that this book will be the total pictorial record. Side by side with this production a special history committee are working away on the history of the board. Martin himself is involved and the book is expected to be published at the end of 2008.

The only club production this year, 'A Year in the Red', by Roscrea club is not yet to hand but is expected to be out by Christ-

mas. It includes an account of club activity for the year. A look back twenty-five years to 1982, and other bits and pieces. For more information consult with P.R.O. seamusjordan@eircom.net.

Anybody interested in the schools' and colleges' scene will be delighted with *Fifty-Five Years of The Croke Cup* by Gerry Buckley, which was launched in the Anner Hotel, Thurles in January. The cup is presented to the All-Ireland Colleges A hurling winners. It was first presented in 1944 and continued to be presented until 1948. It was resumed again in 1957 and the book covers up to the 2006 competition, which makes up the fifty-five years of the title. Originally it was hoped to bring out the book after the fiftieth staging of the competition in 2001, but the author had to postpone the publication for various reason. (Incidentally, this competition is not to be confused with the Croke Cup competition in Tipperary.)

The book is a model for this kind of publication. The account of each year commences with the date and venue for the final, the referee and the lineout of the teams and the scorers together with the final score. There follows an account of the year's semi-final and final through the words of the captain or, in the case of five who were deceased, another player on the team. Each account includes a photograph of the captain, and the team with the players in it named.

On the day of the launch at Thurles all the captains or their replacements were invited and made a presentation. The very first captain, Fr. Jim Monigue of Bodyke, who captained St. Flannan's in 1944, was present, as was the last captain, Conor Connolly, who captained Dublin Colleges in 2006.

Unfortunately, Tipperary has a poor presence in this book. St. Kieran's, Kilkenny lead the way in the Roll of Honour with 16 wins, followed by St. Flannan's, Ennis with 14. The only Tipperary school to win honours was Templemore C.B.S. In 1978 and their captain, Martin Borke, was present at the launch. For the record the team was as follows: Pat Hassett (the only Laois man on the team), Martin Bourke, Peter Brennan, Richard Stapleton, Pat Cormack, Mick Ryan, Jim Maher, Pat McGrath, Mick Ryan, Brendan Russell, Pat Treacy, Noel Fogarty, Joe Bourke, Eamon Cody, Bobby Ryan. The book retails at €20.

Another book of general interest (as well as personal, I might add!) is *Classic Munster Hurling Finals* by Seamus J. King. Published by Gill and Macmillan it was launched on October 19, it retails for €16.99. The book is about nineteen of the greatest finals since 1952, commencing in that year when Cork deprived Tipperary of four-in-a-row. Tipperary feature in eleven of the finals. As well as the one mentioned they are 1960, 1963, 1971, 1973, 1984, 1987, 1990 1991, 1997, and 2002. The book not only covers the final proper but gives the lead up through the other games in that year's championship, which helps to put the final in perspective. In the preface to the book the author explains that his choice of finals was determined by his belief that the games chosen were above the ordinary, in some way exceptional, contests that he considered to be somewhat memorable.

Also worth mentioning are a number of publications from Collins Press, Cork. There is a definitive biography of the greatest hurler of all time, Christy Ring, by Tim Horgan. It's a hardback and retails at €24.95. Also, the same publishers have brought out an updated paperback edition of '@Croke Park: a History' by Tim Carey. It retails for €20. They also have a new book, 'Princes of Pig Skin', a book of interviews on Kerry football by Joe O Muirheartaigh and T. J. Flynn, which retails for €24.95.

# G.A.A. Confidential

By: Darragh McManus

Review by: J.J. Kennedy.

Are you tired of all those heavy G.A.A. books targeting the Christmas market? Have you had your fill of being 'Blessed and Obsessed'. Are you bored by 'Rule 42 and all that'? Don't want to hear another mention of 'Famous Munster Finals'? Are you sick, sated and saddened by ex-players or managers on career rants? Like a change? Something lighter? Irreverent even?

Well, here's just the medicine to lighten the winter mood. Darragh McManus, the bearded prophet of Emly, has given us his own individual take on all matters G.A.A. It's the alternative view, the antidote to the heavy-hearted seriousness of some G.A.A. publications. It's fun-poking, it's mickey-taking and it's called 'G.A.A. Confidential'.

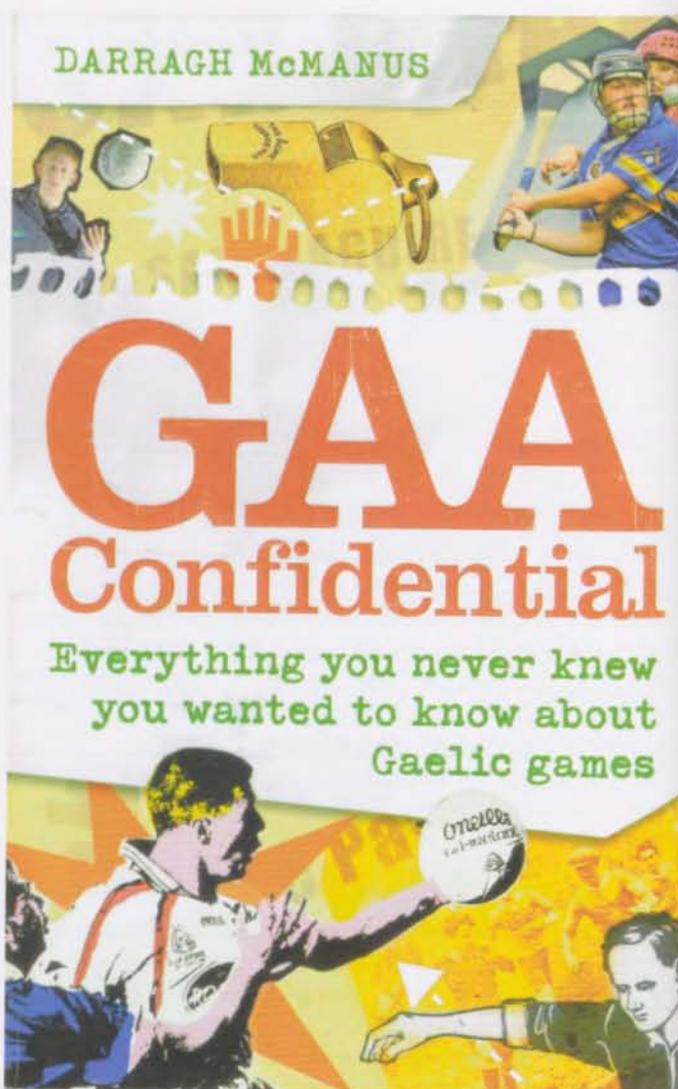
The blurb on the cover announces what to expect: 'Everything you never knew you wanted to know about Gaelic games'. It's that sort of territory, witty and wayward, a sort of twisted take on the G.A.A. world.

If you lack a sense of humour then this is probably not the sauce for your particular goose. Coming from an outsider it might grate a little but, you see, McManus is blood and bone G.A.A. so he gets away with it. The son of an immigrant from far-away Roscommon Darragh was breast fed on the G.A.A. The brother, Shane, could wield a hurley and can prove it with an All Ireland junior medal from 1991. Eanna too, as I recall, was no bad player. But Darragh ... well you can't be gifted at everything.

However, context you see is all in life, which is why comedians often get away with material that would otherwise provoke outrage. Ditto for this spoof. I love the piece on foreign games. How about these for put-downs: "soccer – dull, self-indulgent, played by the cretinous and followed by the spiteful; basketball – have to be an eleven-foot tall freak to compete; rugby – bull-necked jocks bashing heads and chewing ears for no good reason; squash – too sweaty and noisy; volleyball – only of interest to morose citizens of former Soviet satellites; snooker – no sport should involve the wearing of dickie-bows; tennis; if they're not grunting on court, they're moaning and groaning about something or other off court; cricket – puffed-up old farts doddering around Albion's fair greens; lawn bowls – puffed-up old farts still doddering around Albion's fair greens; golf – the spiritual home of greedy conformists who are deeply afraid of women".

The author was one-time editor of the G.A.A.'s High Ball magazine but is now a freelance journalist who regularly writes opinion pieces for the Irish Independent. One of his latest contributions was on the threatened strike by the G.P.A. Not a particular fan of that strand of the modern movement!

Through all the fun and frivolity of the book a certain serious seam is woven too, however disguised. You see our Darragh is, behind the beard and spectacles, a bit of a traditionalist. Close



Croke Park to those foreign blasphemies, bar those infiltrating scum from the R.U.C. – sorry PSNI – and reintroduce the ban. Well, maybe not quite, but you get the drift.

The book is a whimsical whoosh through the facts and folklore of the G.A.A. There's history included (kind of) and memoir (less of) and odds and ends and bits and bobs and whatever you're having yourself. Don't look for an organised narrative, instead it bobs and bounces as the mood or whim takes the author. It's like a lucky dip where you delve in and take your chances.

There are pieces on unusual hairstyles (John Madden features), on the oddities of county colours, on nicknames and on unforgettable names (Tony Scroope and Joe Caesar) and on beards. Linking cult heroes with county mindsets is also there. Tipperary get Sam Myung Moon of Korea: 'The cracked Korean never stops going on about how he's the rightful successor to Jesus himself, so should fit in well in a county infatuated with its own lineage and heritage'. Now there's grounds for suspension, surely: bringing the Association into disrepute my Lord.

And so it meanders through over 200 pages of odds and ends, the whimsical and the zany. If you know your G.A.A. and want a chuckle this will certainly interest you. It's a welcome counter-balance the more serious, high-brow stuff. The book is published by Hodder Headline Ireland, whoever they are. It retails at around a tenner, which is good value indeed.

# SOUTH TIPPERARY G.A.A. 1907-2007

By: Michael O'Meara

Review by J.J. Kennedy.

"Few areas of the county can boast as proud a heritage as South Tipperary ... which has given to the Gaelic Athletic Association many of its most famous sons including the first President of the G.A.A., Maurice Davin, National Secretary of the Association, William Prendergast, Joseph P. Ryan, one of the 'seven men of Thurles', Thomas F. Kiely, 'The Champion' and 'Star of the Gael' and Michael Hogan shot dead at Croke Park on Bloody Sunday. South Tipperary was also home to Robert Quane, one of the all-time greats who served as the South Board's first treasurer, Dick Cummins, first chairman of the Munster Council, legendary Secretary, Jerry O'Keeffe, dual Olympic champion Dr. Pat O'Callaghan and world class athlete Ned Tobin. Noted footballers from the area include such as Larry Tobin, Ned O'Shea, Jerry Shelley, Bill Barrett, Dick Allen, Tommy O'Keeffe, Bunny Lambe, Jim Williams, Mick Cahill, Derry Foley and Declan Browne whilst hurlers from South Tipperary to scale the heights include the Walls of Newtown, Jimmy Cooney, Theo English, Mick Roche, Michael 'Babs' Keating, P.J. Ryan, Tom Larkin, Liam Connolly, Tom Ryan, John Leahy, Paul Shelley, Liam Cahill, Brendan Cummins, Eoin Kelly, Paul Kelly and Brian O'Meara. All Ireland referees Willie Barrett, Brian White and Seamus Roche also fly the flag for South Tipperary."

Thus begins Michael O'Meara's foreword to his history of the South division, which was launched during the year by retiring

Director General of the G.A.A., Liam Mulvihill. The book is a mammoth production stretching to almost 800 pages and including nearly 400 photographs. It charts the story of the G.A.A. in South Tipperary through all its vicissitudes. The division celebrated its centenary in 2007 but the pre-1907 years are not forgotten either with an opening chapter entitled 'From Hayes' Hotel to Ryan's Hotel'.

The Ryan's Hotel of the chapter title refers to the birthplace of the division in College Street, Clonmel. It was here on 8 June 1907 that the new Board was established. James Meehan of Clonmel was its first chairman while Martin Brennan, Ballygarry, was appointed secretary. In the roll of ex-officers the book's author, Michael O'Meara, holds an honoured place as the second-longest serving secretary in the one-hundred year history of the Board. Michael succeeded the legendary Jerry O'Keeffe in 1971 and eventually stepped aside in 2000. His popularity as a G.A.A. official stretched way beyond the divisional boundary.

The book traces the story of the G.A.A. in South Tipperary on a year-by-year basis. From the boardroom to the playing fields all the action is faithfully recorded. The sheer volume of material made this a daunting task. As with all such publications this book will act as an invaluable reference guide for future generations and in that respect Michael O'Meara has done his division a huge service.

An interesting and valuable section of the book is chapter twenty-three, which contains summary profiles of all clubs within the division. It's a smart condensed history of each club giving such details as the year of founding, club colours, roll of honour, all Ireland winning players, board officers from the club and other special achievements. As a snap-shot of each club that particular chapter is invaluable.

Apart from the hurling and football there are other chapters too, which give a more rounded picture of the sporting and cul-



At South Centenary History Launch

From left, Jerry Ring, West Board Secretary, Tommy Barrett, President of Tipperary County Board and former County Secretary, Sean Fogarty, former Chairman Munster Council and John Costigan, County Chairman at launch.

tural history of South Tipperary. The handball legacy is recorded by Ken Conway while Seamus Leahy tackles the topic of athletics as well as a piece on his native Boherlahan who played for many years in the South division. Sean O'Donnell has accounts of both camogie and Scor in the division; Biddy Ryan addresses ladies football while Rickie Sheehan embraces Bord na nOg. All these add diversity to the work giving a more complete history of the division.

As I know from experience doing individual profiles in a history like this is a minefield. It's a bit like inviting relatives to a wedding and trying to decide where to draw the line; you simply cannot win. Michael O'Meara and the committee which helped him obviously grappled with this conundrum too. In tackling the problem they clearly decided to keep the profiles short and adopted a set of criteria in deciding who to include. They list nine criteria the last one being a type of safety valve which includes anyone not already covered but who the committee feels merits inclusion because of 'special achievements'. There's a catch-all if ever I saw one.

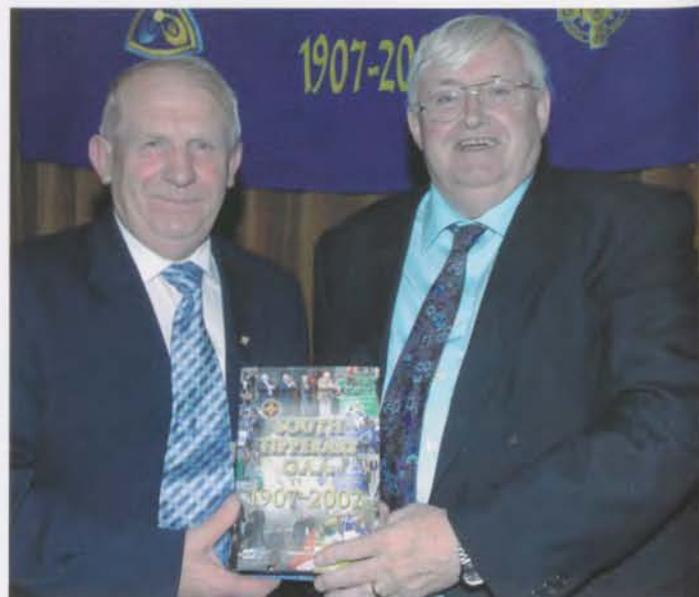
The result is a catalogue of over 240 individuals who are profiled in alphabetical order. Clearly some are more significant than others and merit slightly longer eulogies but the list is surely a who's who of South Tipperary dignitaries over the past hundred years – impressive indeed. (Incidentally Declan Fanning is included but not his Allstar award which post-dated publication – what a pity).

The South is the third of the divisions to publish its history following the North and the West. The Mid version is a work in progress with a photographic section being launched this year and the written story to follow. Producing a two-volume history is an interesting variation. It highlights the importance of photographs as a historical record and obviously allows more scope for a division with a past as rich as that of the Mid.

In that context a minor disappointment with the South history is the shortage of photographs. The author commented in his foreword that the response from many clubs in this regard was disappointing, which is a pity given the value of photographs.



Liam Mulvihill who launched the Book chatting to author Michael O'Meara.



Former South Board Secretary and Author Michael O'Meara with former West Board Secretary and County Chairman, Mick Maguire, both elected on the same day in 1971.

An original photograph can be lost or destroyed but a photograph published in a book will survive. Michael O'Meara's extensive text deserved better than to be deprived of enhancing photographs.

A problem I feel with all of these books, and one that the Mid has obviously recognised, is their size. For the writer/historian all material is important but for the presentation of the finished product editing is needed. Perhaps part of the difficulty is that the G.A.A. is playing catch-up with its histories, so Michael O'Meara had to grapple with over 120 years of material. It's not easy to condense such a volume of history into a more manageable book size. He managed to cut some corners by skipping to the latter stages of championships with little comment on earlier rounds, though that's counter-balanced by some lengthy quotations from convention speeches. Getting the balance right isn't easy.

In future it's imperative that histories are updated every twenty five years or so. In that regard Cashel K.C. has led the way.

However, minor quibbles about the size of the book and the shortage of photographs, should not detract from Michael O'Meara's achievement. As a long-serving secretary he was noted for his diligence and efficiency and obviously he brought those qualities to this work also. He has crafted a huge tome, one to dwarf all others, and for that he deserves the appreciation of a division that he has served so loyally for so long.

The roll of honour section is one I'll certainly thumb mark in the future to check past winners and I'm sure I'll delve into the various chapters too to uncover the story surrounding this or that championship. In fact that's the true value of a publication like this; it's a reference source rather than a book to be read from cover to cover.

After thirty years as secretary and now the completion of this colossal book Michael O'Meara's place in the history of South Tipperary G.A.A. is doubly secure. I'm sure he'd describe it as a labour of love, but love can be hard work too. He obviously worked slavishly over a long period to complete this tome. His labours have borne rich fruit, which like all good wines will become ever more valuable with age.

# TIPPERARY MEDALISTS 1904-2004

## INTERNATIONAL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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### *OLYMPIC GAMES*

1904, July 4<sup>th</sup>. St. Louis, USA

All-AROUND

GOLD: Tom Kiely, Ballyneale,

Carrick-on-Suir - 6036 Points

1904, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. St Louis, USA

56 LBS. WEIGHT THROW

BRONZE: J.S.Mitchel - Emly - 33ft. 3ins.

1908, July 14<sup>th</sup>. London, England

16 LBS. HAMMER THROW

SILVER: Matt McGrath,

N.Y.A.C/Nenagh - 167ft. 11ins.

1912, July 14<sup>th</sup>. Stockholm, Sweden

16 LBS. HAMMER THROW

GOLD: Matt McGrath,

N.Y.A.C/Nenagh - 179ft. 7ins.

1924, July 10<sup>th</sup>. Paris, France

16 LBS. HAMMER THROW

SILVER: Matt McGrath,

N.Y.A.C/Nenagh - 166ft. 9ins.

1932, Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>. Los Angeles, USA

400 METERS HURDLES

GOLD: Bob Tisdall,

Dromineer, Nenagh - 51.67secs.

### *COMMONWEALTH GAMES*

1930, Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>. Hamilton, Canada

16 LBS. HAMMER THROW

SILVER: Bill Britton,

Mullinahone - 153ft. 10.45ins.

### *INTERNATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS*

#### **INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION**

1925, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Dublin, Ireland

SILVER: J. J Ryan, Tipperary A.C

#### **TEAM COMPETITION**

1906, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Newport, Wales

SILVER: J.C. Hayes, Emmill, Cloughjordan

1920, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Belfast, Ireland

SILVER: Tim Crowe, Bishopswood, Dundrum

1921, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Newport, Wales

SILVER: Tim Crowe, Bishopswood, Dundrum

1925, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Dublin, Ireland

SILVER: J.J. Ryan, Tipperary A.C

1949, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Dublin, Ireland

BRONZE: J.J.Barry, The Commons, Thurles

BRONZE: Paddy Fahy, Coolcroo A.C

### *EUROPEAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS* (under 20 years)

1985, Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>. Cottbus, GDR

3000 METERS

GOLD: Nick O'Brien,

Stretford A.C/Clonmel - 8mins. 10.75secs.

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2004, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Budapest, Hungary

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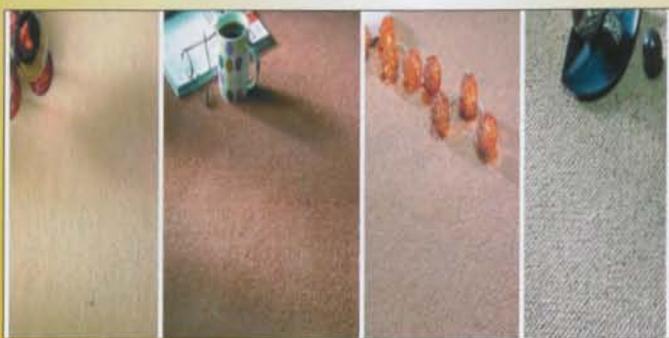
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# Ladies Football

2007 was a year of mixed fortune for Ladies Football within the county, while some things improved some of the fundamental requirements at all levels are still not there, fixtures at all levels need to be drastically improved, having the proper officials i.e. umpires, linespersons, competent referees, times dates and venues available at least seven days in advance especially for inter county competitions and most importantly for finals no matter what the grade. At county convention at the end of 2006 two areas were identified as a priority for 2007, to look at and improve our financial situation in order to run our games more efficiently and to put in place management personal for all under age teams taking part in Inter-County competition. These aims was achieved. On 5th February 2007 in Cahir House Hotel, The Tipperary Ladies Football monthly Lotto was inaugurated by the new chairman of the county board Enda McDonnell, tickets were two euro each with the initial prize money of one thousand euro, draws to take place on a monthly basis at the county board meeting with 4 lucky dip winners also. This method of fundraising has been a relative success but it needs to be supported 100% by all clubs within the county.

Management teams were put in place at all levels with John Cummins (Cahir) manager of the county under 14's ably assisted by Liam Stokes of Clonmel Commercials and Caroline O'Brien of Mullinahone, These three in 2007 coached the county under 14's to firstly a great win against old rivals Waterford in Fraher Field Dungarvan on their first outing, this was just there first step to winning the Munster under 14B competition again beating Waterford in Cahir in front of their own followers with Eimear Myles picking up player of the match on that day. This was a very significant achievement as no under age Tipp team had even won a game at this level for quiet some time. The Tipp girls then went on to play Roscommon in the All-Ireland quarter-final in Roscommon's own back yard and on the day gave a

great account of themselves being beaten in the end.

The panel for the under 14 campaign is as follows:

*Amy Henigan (Killenaule), Stacey O'Brien (Mullinahone), Ruth Cummins (Cahir), Katie O'Regan (Killenaule), Aishling Higgins (Cahir), Shauna Maher (Ballyporeen), Niamh Foley (Moyle Rovers) Captain, Eimear Myles (Brian Borus), Clare Harris (Cahir), Niamh Myles (Brian Borus), Siobhan Condon (Emly), Jessica Stokes (Clonmel Commercials), Shauna O'Brien (Mullinahone), Aishling O'Connor (Cahir), Aoife O'Reilly (Clonmel Commercials), Anne McGrath (Emly), Kelly Maher (Brian Borus), Clionagh Higgins (Cahir), Sarah O'Brien (Mullinahone), Sarah Quinlan (Emly), Laura Walker (Mullinahone), Orla McEniry (Cahir), Lydia Hearne (Moyle Rovers), Lisa Kirby (Moyle Rovers), Lydia Hearne (Moyle Rovers), Alice Quirke (Aherlow), Catriona Ryan (Emly), Jessica Newman (Clonmel Commercials), Laura Winston (Clonmel Commercials), Teresa Leahy (Lattin)*

There was also another very unique feature in this panel it was the first time in Tipperary Ladies football that triplets represented their county on the one team and the O'Brien's from Mullinahone, Stacey, Sarah & Shauna.

The Under 16 management team of Libby Grogan Aherlow, Eamon Ryan Clonmel Og and Derek Higgins of Cahir had a far more difficult proposition but they also ensured that significant progress was made in this grade in 2007. Their first encounter was against Kerry in Mallow and although they were comprehensively beaten on the day, there was great reason for optimism with the performances of Claire Mullins and Anne Marie Fahey of Aherlow, Caoimhe Boles of Clonmel Commercials and many others most of whom had not gotten the opportunity to play inter county football previously. The second outing for the under sixteen's was a home tie against Waterford in Bansha. This was a hard fought game and Waterford got off to the better start, however the tipp girls were determined to show the loyal



**TIPPERARY LADIES MINOR B MUNSTER CHAMPIONS 2007**

Back Row Left to Right Lina Ryan Selector, Karen Mullins, Sinead O'Donnell, Leanne Barrett, Sinead Delahunty, Eileen Brennan, Ciara O'Donoghue, Eimear O'Donnell, Aine Byren, Catherine Kelly, Eimear Myles, Emma Taylor, Keith Delahunty Manager.  
Front row Left to Right Aimee Moloney, Niamh Lonergan, Clara Fahey, Gillian O'Brien, Ann Marie McCarra, Edith Carroll ~Captain, Samantha Lambert, Denise "Jimmy" Connolly, Olivia McCarthy, Emma Barrett, Shane Roynane Selector/Trainer



The O'Brien Triplets of Mullinahone, who represented their Club and County with distinction in 2007, Shauna, Sarah and Stacey.

supports what they were worth and after a slow start and lead by Nichola Armitage in goals Aoife Casey Samantha Lambert and Julia O Meara martialing the back line, Freda Casey dominating mid-field and the combination work of the forwards, Emma Barret, Shauna Ryan and Claire Mullins the Tipp girls got on top and emerged with a well earned victory to set up a re-match with Kerry for a place in the Munster A Final. With this victory the Tipperary girls had booked themselves a Munster B final place against Clare. In the Munster B final Tipperary got off to a cracking start and totally dominated the 1<sup>st</sup> half in a game played in Ennis leading well at half time, but a fluky goal early in the second half for the home side unsettled the Tipp girls and They were narrowly defeated at the final whistle.

The Tipperary Ladies Under 16 panel for 2007

Nicola Armitage - Cahir, Rachel Kinnelly - Aherlow, Aoife Casey - Cahir, Geraldine O'Donnell - Cahir, Julie O'Meara - Aherlow, Jane O'Donnell - Cahir, Aisling Molloy - Moyle Rovers, Samatha Lambert- Ardfinnan, Freda Casey - Cahir, Shauna Ryan - Clonmel Og, Marie Murry - Upperchurch, Amarie O'Gorman - Cahir, Ann Marie Fahey - Aherlow, Sinead Corcoran - Upperchurch, Claire Mullins - Aherlow, Rachel O'Brien - Moyle Rovers, Emma Barrett - Cahir, Bronagh Higgins - Cahir, Gillian O'Keeffe - Cahir, Eileen O'Dwyer - Lattin, Danielle Nevin - Aherlow, Laura Ivory - Aherlow, Sarah Loh - Clonmel Og, Bronagh Barrett - Clonmel Og, Aisling Kennrick - Moyle Rovers, Lisa Anglim - Fethard, Caoimhe Boles - Clonmel Commercials

The Munster minor competition was the first of the under age competitions to get under way with the first game away to Limerick in Kildimo, The management team of Keith Delahunty Moyle Rovers and Shane Roynane Cahir had gotten their panel together in February and had put a lot of work in with three challenge games before the first competitive game with Limerick. Wexford travelled to Moyle Park for the 1<sup>st</sup> challenge and when most of the squad didn't know each other the team acquitted themselves well but were beaten by Wexford. An early visit to Wexford on St Patrick's day proved very fruitful for both the players and the management. This was a tough physical encounter and it made the players realize what inter county football was about. Limerick was the first hurl in Munster and we travelled to Kildimo where there were a number of obstacles, game started three quarters of an hour late, no dressing rooms for changing in never the less the players coped very

well with this and hit the pitch running and ripped Limerick apart in the opening half. A goal by Limerick's corner forward Aoife O Sullivan kept Limerick in touch at the half time whistle after the Tipperary forwards had totally dominated the 1<sup>st</sup> Half despite missing a number of goal chances. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> half Limerick came back at us but sterling performances from young Eimear Myles in gaols Aine Byrne, Sinead O'Donnell and Sinead Delahunty in the full back line and the half line being orchestrated by Eimear O'Donnell Clara Fahey and Samantha Lambert, the supply through Eileen Brennan and Catherine Kelly in the middle of the field to the very potent forward line of Niamh Lonergan Rebecca Maher Gillian O'Brien Denise Connolly, Ann Marie McCarra and Captain Edith Carroll ensured that after a tense second half Tipp emerged victorious. Kerry were the next opponents. While Kerry were favourites with senior players like Amanda Brosnan in the pack the Tipp girls approached the game with great confidence. Kerry got the start they wanted with a great gaol from Brosnan but Tipp kept plugging away and were with in sight of Kerry at the half time whistle with scores from Niamh Lonergan, Rebecca Maher and Eimear O'Donnell. Some great free taking from Rebecca Maher further reduced the deficit early in the second half and Kerry were rattled but when Maher fielded a great high ball on the edge of the square with nothing in her mind but to put it in the back of the net, she landed very badly and hurt herself, The game was delayed for 10 minutes while she was treated but had to be stretchered off the field (precautionary) it upset the players and Kerry went on to win. Tipperary went on to contest the Munster B final against old rivals Waterford who had defeated them in 2006 in Ardfinnan.

The Munster B final was played in Colligan. Waterford got the first point a free from Sinead Ryan the only time Waterford were to lead in the entire game. This is where this group of players matured, Gillian O'Brien tormented the Waterford defence who had no answer for her, and tipperary were dominating in every position working the ball out of defence to the forwards who were converting their chances on the score board, despite two missed goal chances in the first half Tipp lead at half time by 1-8 to 0-3 but there was no room for complacency this was Waterford after all. Tipp had a jittery start to the 2<sup>nd</sup> half hitting four wides on the trot but the final nail in the Waterford coffin came twelve minutes into the half when O'Brien was



Michael Ryan presenting the Cup to Tipperary capt Edith Carroll



## TIPPERARY SENIOR LADIES FOOTBALL 2007 NATIONAL LEAGUE SEMI-FINALISTS

*Back Row: Mairead Crowe, Angela McDermot, Bridget Grogan, Aine O'Dwyer, Treasa McManus, Claire Carroll, Nancy Ferris, Helen Kennedy, Joanne Doherty, Niamh Lonergan, Denise Foltzgerald, Una Hally, Sarah Jane Coady, Shelagh Carew and Michael McCarthy*  
*Front Row: Paddy Morrissey, Manager (missing from photo) Edel Hanley, Mairead Morrissey, Maeve Corcoran, Ann O Dwyer, Siobhain Costelloe, Aoife O Dwyer (Captain), Patricia Hickey, Gillian O'Brien, Jennifer Grant, Edith Carroll, Carmel Condon, Claire Lambert & Martin McDermott*

fouled about 40 metres out from the Waterford gaol and Niamh Lonergan lobbed the resultant free over the unfortunate Waterford goalkeeper Rachel Lacey, this once again settled the premier girls and shortly after the introduction of the very influential Rebecca Maher who with her 1<sup>st</sup> touch of the game missed a goal followed that up shortly afterwards with a terrific goal from a pass from McCarra and two well taken points. Victory to Tipperary on a final scoreline of 3-10 to 1-5 a very happy captain Edith Carroll accepted the cup from Munster Chairman Michael Ryan

### Tipperary Minor Panel 2007:

Ciara O Donoghue Moyle Rovers, Nikki Gilmore Brian Boru's, Aine Byrne Templemore, Sinead Delahunty Fethard, Samantha Lambert Ardfinnan, Eimear O'Donnell Moyle Rovers, Clara Fahey Cahir, Catherine Kelly Cappawhite, Eileen Brennan Mullinahone, Denise Connolly St Ailbe's, Gillian O'Brien Moyle Rovers, Ann-Marie McCarra Ballymac, Emma Barrett Cahir, Niamh Lonergan Moyle Rovers, Edith Carroll (C) Cahir Rebecca Maher Ardfinnan, Sinead O'Donnell Cahir, Emma Taylor Templemore, Karen Mullins Moycarkey, Olivia McCarthy Brian Boru's, Eimear Myles Brian Boru's, Aimee Moloney Mullinahone and Leanne Barrett Cahir

### National League & Championship 2007

Cappawhite was the venue for the 1<sup>st</sup> outing in the 07 National league campaign and the opposition was Roscommon. A stern test was expected which never materialised and on a heavy ground scores didn't come easy, Tipperary were eager and Angie McDermot and Treaca McManus were operating well in middle of the field but up front lack of match practice was very evident and scores went a begging however it was early in the season and Tipp went on to win 3-9-06

The second encounter in the league was against old rivals Down played in Kinnegad. Tipperary were unsettled from the beginning to due the late arrival of some of their players taking part in the Ashboure Cup (a colleges competition). Down

played a very tactical game from the outset leaving only two forwards in the half and full forward line and packing their defence, this actually played to Tipperary's strengths and allowed the half back line control the Down forward play and also act as supporting attackers. Gillian O'Brien and Edel Hanley were proving a handful for the Down defence and Tipp went in at half time a point ahead 1-6 to 2-2. The second half was a battle for possession and the defences in dominance and both teams were restricted to just two scores each the difference being that Angela McDermott found the back of the down net with a fine gaol near the end of the game to give Tipp their second successive victory 2-7 to 2-4 in the 2007 campaign and a 100% record.

Bansha was the venue for the next outing and the opposition was Wexford. A division one a couple of years ago and travelled to the Tipp venue with a huge panel of over 36 players. This was a game that had everything, wind rain, missed scores sinbinned, Tipp took a long time to settle and while the defence was operating very well against a strong wind and working the ball out of defence the attack was guilty of missing scoreable chances. Sarah Jane Coady was sinbinned for ten minutes for a challenge on Wexford keeper Mary Rose Kelly which reduced the Tipp girls to 14, as often happens this seemed to motivate the premier girls and points from Mairead Morrissey and Siobhain Costelloe sent the teams in at half time 1-4 to 0-3 in favour of the visitors. Tipp came of for the second half and used the wind to great effect deciding to adapt the long quick ball into the attack and this was rewarded with three unanswered points from Sarah Jane Coady, Patricia Hickey and Jennifer Grant. Nancy Ferris got the goal that secured the victory from a rebound of the cross bar and Tipp had booked their place in the quarter finals with maximum points from three games and still had to travel to Longford for their final encounter. The final score 1-13 to 2-5

In the last game against Longford the only winner was the weather it was an atrocious day wet and windy and played in a very heavy pitch in Athleague (venue had to be changed because of waterlogged pitches). The spoils were shared. Tipper-

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ary drew Leitrim in the quarter-final and had the advantage of a home draw, the game took place in Templemore. Leitrim boasted such names as five times all-star winner Maeve Quinn, All-Ireland senior medal holder and all star Ann Marie Cox. The game was played before a large crowd in Templemore but unfortunately without any umpires or linesperson a big failure of provincial and national organising committees in Ladies Football, it was a very one sided game with Tipperary dominant throughout and in fact Ann Marie Cox was substituted in the second half and Tipperary had a very comprehensive victory over what would turn out in September 2007 to be All-Ireland Intermediate Champions and both Maeve Quinn and Ann Marie Cox receiving all-star nominations. Ballyboden St. Enda's was the venue for the national league semi-final against Dublin, a side competing at senior level. This was a great game of football with Tipperary dominating the first half but unable to convert their possession into scores unlike like the Dubs who with their limited possession in the first half were very accurate. The inability of the Tipp forwards to take their scoring chances and Dublin's ability to capitalize on theirs was the difference at the end and Dublin advanced to the league final in Semple Stadium against Westmeath and were the eventual winners of Division 2. The Tipperary ladies had a very good National League campaign and retained their status in Division 2 for the 2008 season

#### Championship

At National congress in 2006 it was decided that in order to enhance the championship it needed to be reformed and restructured. So for 2007 it was decided to have a Junior, Intermediate and Senior Championship. After careful consideration it was decided by the Tipperary County Board that the best interests of ladies football would be served by Tipperary partaking in the Intermediate All-Ireland Championship and this would be an open draw at National Level. Tipperary would still however compete in their provincial championship as they had done previously but the two would be separate competitions. The Intermediate Championship was run on a league system with Tipp

drawn to play local rivals Clare, Fermanagh, Cavan & Longford, the first two games away and Cavan and Longford at home with the top team in the group going straight through to the All-Ireland semi-final. On the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2007 the team travelled to Willie Clancy country Miltown Malbay to take on Clare in the first round of the intermediate championship and as had been the case all year were slow to start but when Denise Fitzgerald was brought down early in the first half and the resultant penalty was scored, the Tipp nerves disipated and both teams served up a fine game of football with plenty of excellent scores on both sides. Clare were a very strong physical team and were unable to deal with the running passing game that Tipperary played. Patricia Hickey reverted from her customer role as goal scored to goal safer and after giving away a penalty proceeded to save it Tipp emerged victorious on a score line of 3-15 to 2-11. This was a psychological and morale boosting victory as Clare were senior munster title holders just a few years ago. Next up was the long to trip to Fermanagh on June 24<sup>th</sup>. This was a team Tipp had not encountered before but were confident after a very good performance against Dublin in the league semi-final and a comprehensive win over Clare on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Tipperary defeated Fermanagh in style by 4-15 to 2-6 a fifteen point margin and the consistency of the scoring was holding up as it had in the league. Tipp's next two games were at home the first on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2007 against Cavan, a team that in 2006 ran Tipp to just one point and who had aspirations of going all the way in 2007. For the first twenty minutes in Bansha, nothing would go right for the hard working premier girls they hit the post, the upright they did everything but score until just before half time they finally found their shooting boots and from their on never looked back and went on to dispose of Cavan 1-19 to 1-8. This victory being the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive one in the championship ensured Tipp of a semi-final place with having maximum points from their three games. Still the determination was there to be undefeated in the qualifying stage of the competition and this was secured on July 29<sup>th</sup> when once again in Bansha Longford were defeated 1-20 to 3-6. Preparations now got under way for the All-Ireland semi-final.



Denis Collins, Treasurer, Biddy Ryan, Secretary, Mary Shinnick, Vice President, Liam Shinnick, Celia Walshe, Records Co-ordination and Enda McDonnell Chairman Tipperary County Board. Picture taken at congress in Abbey Court Hotel in Nenagh in March 2007



*Paddy Morrissey Manager, Aoife O'Dwyer, Captain and Ciaran McGrath, Sponsor of the Tipp Ladies Intermediate team*

Tipperary drew Wexford who they had already beaten in the league but this was a very different challenge all together especially since seven of the Wexford girls were dual stars had had already qualified for the All-Ireland camogie final. Date was 25<sup>th</sup> August, Venue O Moore Park, Portlaoise. This was a game that hinged on a disgraceful decision to allow a Wexford goal stand when the player was blatantly inside the square as seen in video.(but that's sport) The score came just before half time. The sin-binning of Tipperary goal-keeper Patricia Hickey when she was left with no option but to bring down the forward who



*The Congress of Ladies Football was hosted by Tipperary at Nenagh in March and the following attended from the county: back row, left to right: Trish Greed, Aine Byrne, Olive McDonnell, Orlaith McDonnell, Libby Grogan, Patreece Ryan, Mary Shinnick; front row, left to right: Enda McDonnell, chairman, county board, Biddy Ryan, secretary, Fr. Peter Clarke, Belfast, who officiated at the Congress Mass.*

was bearing down on gaol and a certain score for Wexford. Helen Kennedy who came on, saved the resultant penalty but Tipp had to re-organise and were down to 14 players at a vital stage in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half and Wexford advanced to meet Leitrim in the All- Ireland Final in Croke Park on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## CLUB SCENE

In 2007 the board ran 20 championships from under 12 to Intermediate and to date 90% of the competitions have been completed with winners known. The board endeavours to encourage ladies football in all parts of the county and to this end there were at least two new clubs established in 2007 Boherlahan and Thurles Sarsfields. The following are the winners and runners up in all the various competitions

Under12ABC	WINNERS	RUNNERS -UP
	Moyle Rovers Emly Lattin Cullen	Cahir Killenaule Ardfinnan
Under 14 ABC	Brian Boru's Moyle Rovers Galtee Rovers	Cahir Templemore Thurles Sarsfields
Under 14 Shield	Lattin Cullen	Ardfinnan
Feile 2007	Cahir	Clonmel Commercials
Under16ABC	Cahir Emly Upperchurch Drombane	Brian Boru's Mullinahone Killenaule
MinorABC Final A	Moyle Rovers	V Cahir
Final B	Templemore v Moycarkey/Brian Boru's  Thurles Sarsfields Upperchurch Drombane	
Junior ABC	Gleann Ard Cappawhite Mullinahone	Templemore Templetuohy Moyle Rovers
Intermediate	Cappawhite	Brian Boru's
Adult League ABC	Moyle Rovers V Cahir in Final  Moycarkey Fethard	Cappawhite Boherlahan

On All-Ireland weekend in Dublin on September 23<sup>rd</sup> the traditional sevens competition was held and Tipperary was well represented with Cappawhite, Gleann Ard, Moyle Rovers and Brian Boru's all taking part and reaching the knock out stages of the competitions.

On that week-end also there was an All-Ireland under 14 competition and both Cahir and Brian Boru's took part in this with Brian Boru's emerging victorious in the shield competition lead by captain Shauna Maher.

# Cappawhite Intermediate Ladies Football:

By Lenny Fitzgerald

After a hugely disappointing season in the club during the 2006 campaign, the Cappa intermediate girls were hungrier than ever to reach the heights attained back in 2005. Sacrifices would have to be made coupled with a greater commitment and absolute desire for success at the top level if they were to return to the kingpins of ladies football in the county once more.

Eugene Maguire along with Lenny Fitzgerald and Chrissie Renehan were again reinstated as management for another year. After a series of warm up games in the Tipp/Limerick League, Cappa were faced with a first round clash with their arch nemeses, Brian Boru's in the championship opener. The Cappa girls in turn earned a deserved draw in a hugely enthralling battle in the first round tie played out in difficult conditions at Cappawhite. There's no doubt that whenever these sides clash in championship fare, there is little to separate them and this latest chapter proved no different. Siobhan Costello grabbed a deserved equaliser in the dying moments of the game to earn Cappa a draw, 3-14 to 4-11 in a pulsating end to a most entertaining encounter.

Cappa's next port of call was another home tie against Moyle Rovers and the girls emerged victorious in a one sided encounter over last year's junior kingpins played out in ideal conditions. The final score was 4-24 to 0-7 in Cappa's favour, but bigger tests lie ahead no doubt in the coming weeks as the championship begins to take shape.

In their final group fixture, the Cappa girls emerged victorious in a one sided encounter easily seeing off Cahir 4-29 to 0-05 played out in ideal conditions at Cahir. From the throw-in, Cappa took the game to their opponents. Sheelagh Carew and captain, Angie McDermott easily stamped their authority at midfield. Cappa led at the break by 2-15 to 0-01. After the formalities of the group fixtures were completed, Cappa topped the table on points difference with Moyle Rovers pitted against them once more in the semi-finals.

The girls deservedly reached a fourth consecutive County Championship decider after emerging victorious in a one-sided encounter against their South representatives, played out in Monroe. Despite an early lapse in concentration in defence where Moyle Rovers registered a defence splitting goal inside a minute, Cappa slowly found their form and won easily by 5-21 to 3-4.

Cappa faced their conquerors from the 2006 decider in the final with a chance for instant reprisal on the cards. This was one of the most memorable seen for quite some time as the Cappa girls finally claimed that illustrious county championship title from Brian Boru's grasp in a most pulsating decider played out in Drombane on Sunday September 16th. With the sides deadlocked at full-time, the energy sapping concluding twenty minutes of extra time saw Cappa once again reclaim the coveted championship victory that they so richly deserved. At half-time Cappa were 2-02 to 0-03 to the good. In the second half, Brian Boru's immediately signalled their intent with a goal in the

opening minutes. However Cappa restored parity with two Siobhan Costello pointed scores to keep Cappa in the ascendancy. However Brian Boru's continued to penetrate the Cappa defence and a crucial goal in the final minutes almost killed Cappa's chances. Thankfully in added time a pointed free and an individual worked point from chief scorer, Siobhan Costello saw the game go to extra time, 2-08 to 3-05. Brian Boru's again took the lead in the first period to lead by the minimum, before Cappa returned the favour with Siobhan Costello, Rebecca Cummins and Sheelagh Carew putting the vital scores on the board as Cappa earned victory on a 2-12 to 3-07 final score -line. All the girls were magnificent throughout with Angie McDermott, Ann O' Dwyer, Siobhan O' Neill, Joanne O' Doherty, Jayne Clancy, Siobhan Costello and Mary O' Meara in particular impressing. After the game, County Chairman, Enda McDonnell presented the trophy to victorious captain, Angie McDermott.

Just days after their exertions of county championship success, the Cappa girls participated in the All-Ireland Sevens tournament at the St Sylvester's GAA Club Malahide. Cappa have enjoyed wonderful success in this competition over the years after bringing home the Intermediate Shield in 2005 and eventually reached the Intermediate Championship Final twelve months ago. Again Cappa succeeded in getting out of their group finishing in second position to contest the shield competition. After a deserved nine point win over St Nathy's (Sligo) in the Quarter-final, Cappa's aspirations came to an abrupt end against St Forcherns (Carlow) in the Semi-final. All the girls put in a tremendous effort in what was an ultimate test of stamina after six gruelling games and 120 minutes of end to end action

One week later, the Cappawhite girls marched onto the semi-finals of the Munster championship after an emphatic 7-17 to 0-02 win over St Ailbe's Limerick played out in Cappamore.

In the semi-final, the Cappa girls run in the Championship finally came to an end after Cork Champions, Mourn Abbey proved superior in this entertaining game played out in Ballygiblin. The end score -line of 1-11 to 0-06 could have been closer had the girls taken the chances awarded to them, but the Cork Champions never flinched in their pursuit of victory.

Panel and Scorers: Helen Kennedy, Siobhan O' Neill, Marie O' Neill, Tracy Maguire, Mary O' Dwyer, Joanne O' Doherty, Ann O' Dwyer (0-06), Sheelagh Carew (3-17), Angie McDermott (0-02), Jayne Clancy (1-10), Siobhan Costello (4-43), Mairead Crowe (1-04), Mary O' Meara (5-18), Aideen Duggan (5-06), Rebecca Cummins (3-12), Mary Horan (2-02), Jane Ann O' Neill (0-02), Una Ryan, Marian Anderson, Cathy O' Neill, Sandra Barry, Ena Meagher, Aoife Ryan, Catriona Fitzgerald, Valerie O' Neill, Elaine Renehan, Maria Dalton, Mary Ann Callanan, Kelly Ahearne (0-01), Mary-Claire Ryan, Faustina Renehan, Michelle Breheny, Michelle Carew, Lisa White and Noreen O' Doherty.

## Cappawhite Junior Ladies Football:

The Cappawhite Junior Ladies entered the Junior League competition with bright expectations. Martin Ryan (B) took up the reins as manager with John Coyle and Chrissie Renehan as his incoming selectors for the season ahead. With wins over Moyne Templetuohy and Sliabh Na mBan in the group stages, Cappa faced a strong Moycarkey Borris outfit in the Final. The Cappawhite Junior 'B' girl's quest for a first ever league title proved



## Tipperary Junior County Champions – Gleann Ard

L to R: Back row: Jean Marsh, Lorraine Peters, Patreece Ryan, Suzanne Savage, Claire Tobin, Blanaid Waters, Grainne Wade, Claire Darmody, Una Hally, Martina Peters, Hilary Cullen, Samantha Lambert, Derry Peters (Manager)

Front row: Amy Dudley, Maeve Murphy, Lisa Dillon, Dawn Doolan, Claire Lambert, Barbara Moran, Julie O'Meara, Ann Marie Fahey, Emma Tobin, Michelle Walsh



## St. Ailbes Emly U16 B County Champions

L to R: Ann McGrath, Amy Ryan, Fran Leahy, Jayne Cregan, Aideen McAuley, Aoife Leahy, Maria Byrne, Denise Sheehy, Carla Riordan, Clodagh Keogh, Sarah Quinn, Marie McManus, Amanda Lynch, Tessa Byrne, Maura Condon, Hannah McManus, Annie Kemp.

Missing from photo: Catriona Ryan, Siobhan Condon, Katie Lynch, Chole Higgins, Josephine Connolly.



## Lattin Cullen Co. Ladies U14 C Shield Winners

Back L/R: Eleanor Kinnane, Amy Long, Toni Wade, Denise O'Donnell, Enda McDonnell Chairman Tipperary Ladies Football, Teresa Leahy (Captain), Catriona Kenny, Aine O'Donoghue, Carol Leahy, Aine Dunne (Coach). Front L/R, Sorcha Barlow, Susan Daly, Aoife Howe, Eadaoin Heffernan, Noelle Leahy, Claire Corcoran, Emma Heffernan, Lisa Buckley, Brid O'Dwyer, Teresa O'Dwyer

a step too far as Moycarkey Borris proved too strong in an entertaining game played out in Clonmore.

The Cappa girls in turn put their recent League final defeat behind them with an accomplished second half display that proved too strong against Sliabh Na mBan in the first round of the championship played out in Monroe, winning by 3-05 to 0-03. Their next assignment was facing Moyne Templetuohy knowing that back to back wins would see them march straight into the championship final. They won by 3-9 to 3-6.

On the 21st of October, the Cappa junior girls followed in the footsteps of the intermediates to take the Junior County title at the expense of a stern Moyne Templetuohy side played out in Drombane. From the throw -in, Moyne threatened the Cappa defensive sector in the opening moments. After a series of goal chances, Moyne finally got off the mark after a free for the forty yard line lobbed in under the crossbar to give Moyne a deserved advantage. Cappa recovered thereafter after the initial lapse. A goal from Mary Claire Ryan settled Cappa's nerves before Michelle Breheny and Maria Dalton pushed Cappa 1-03 to 1-00 to the good. A penalty goal from Faustina Renehan and a third from the on-rushing Valerie O' Neill gave Cappa a solid spring board to build on. Kelly Ahearne and Michelle Breheny added insult to injury to leave Cappa leading comprehensively 3-05 to 1-00 ahead in the half time interval. On the resumption, Moyne engineered a response with a goal to unsettle Cappa's nerves. A second goal thereafter left just five between them, 3-07 to 3-02 after Valerie O' Neill and Mary Claire Ryan picked off two scores to keep Cappa firmly in the ascendancy. The Cappa defensive sextet held firm in the final minutes to earn a much deserved County Junior title. Catriona Fitzgerald at left half back gave a towering performance ably assisted by Valerie O' Neill, Aoife Ryan, Mary Claire Ryan and Michelle Breheny as Cappa tasted County Junior 'B' success for the very first time. After the game county chairman Enda McDonnell presented the Cup to victorious captain, Elaine Renehan.

Panel and Scorers: Una Ryan, Marian Anderson, Cathy O' Neill, Sandra Barry, Ena Meagher, Aoife Ryan, Catriona Fitzgerald, Valerie O' Neill (2-01), Elaine Renehan (Capt) (1-00), Maria Dalton (1-04), Mary Ann Callanan, Kelly Ahearne (0-01), Mary - Claire Ryan (2-03), Faustina Renehan (2-01), Michelle Breheny (0-05), Michelle Carew, Jane -Ann O' Neill (1-05), Siobhan O' Neill, Lisa White and Noreen O' Doherty.

## ARDFINNAN LADIES FOOTBALL

### UNDER 12

They kicked off their Championship campaign against Fethard in Fethard on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2007. Ardfinnan were victorious on a scoreline of 4-01 to 1-01.

They were defeated by Thurles in their second game. Ardfinnan qualified for the County Semi-Final against Thurles in Cahir where Ardfinnan earned themselves a well deserved victory and a place in the County Final.

Golden was the venue for the County Final against Lattin-Cullen. Lattin-Cullen proved to be too strong and denied Ardfinnan a county title.

Ardfinnan took part in the Community Games and played Powerstown in their first game with Powerstown taking victory in a thrilling game in Monroe on a scoreline of 3-02 to 2-04.

Team for 2007: Stacey Coffey, Jean Butler, Sarah Kennedy, Lauren O'Leary, Christine Goonan, Rosaleen O'Donnell, Saoirse O'Halloran, Edel Meaney, Laura Dillon, Gemma Gearon, Shannon O'Mahoney, Emma Whelan, Thia Lonergan, Laura Nagle, Chloe Lambert, Rebecca Doheny, Emma Collacot, Sarah Jane Cunningham, Kate Condon, Leah Condon, Cliona Condon.

Congratulations to Manager Derek O'Mahoney on his success with the team.

### UNDER 14

Ardfinnan had a victory over Clonmel Og in the Championship but suffered defeats against Bansha and Thurles but qualified for a place in the County Shield Final against Arravale Rovers on 27<sup>th</sup> June. Both teams played a great game of football but unfortunately Ardfinnan did not earn a victory on that day.

Team for 2007: Sinead Lonergan, Aishling Kenny, Sarah Kennedy, Laura Ryan, Christine Goonan, Rosaleen O'Donnell, Ann Marie O'Connor, Samantha Meaney, Edel Meaney, Joanne O'Mahoney, Catherine Ryan, Clara Doheny, Shannon O'Mahoney, Chloe Lambert, Stacey Coffey, Naomi Coveney-Ryan, Breena O'Donnell, Saoirse O'Halloran, Thia Lonergan, Rebecca Doheny, Laura Nagle, Gemma Gearon, Gemma Daly.

### Under 16

Ardfinnan played four games in the championship during March and April with a victory over Templemore but were defeated by Templetuohy, Mullinahone and Emly.

Team as follows: Sinead Lonergan, Emma Tobin, Lisa Dillon, Ann Marie O'Connor, Margaret Ryan, Laura Ryan, Samantha Meaney, Emma Sweeney, Samantha Lambert, Joanne O'Mahoney, Catherine Ryan, Rebecca Maher, Clara Doheny, Michelle Walsh, Dawn Doolan, Amy Dudley, Niamh Maher, Gemma Daly, Aishling Kenny, Rebecca O'Gorman.

**Gleann Ard** who are a combination team of Ardfinnan and Aherlow Ladies Football teams for the last three years. They played Intermediate level for the first two years and were regarded to Junior Level for the 2007 season.

They took part in the Tipperary League with wins over Upperchurch, Templemore and Moyle Rovers but were narrowly defeated by Cahir. This qualified Gleann Ard for a place in the League Semi-Final against Cahir which was played in October in New Inn under lights. Gleann Ard who failed to play to their full potential on the night were defeated.

In the Championship Gleann Ard were victorious over Moycarkey, Upperchurch and Templemore which put them into the County Semi-Final against Moycarkey in New Inn. The team played very good football on the day which earned them a place in the County Final against Templemore.

The Junior County Final between Gleann Ard and Templemore took place in Upperchurch on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> of September. With bad weather conditions both teams took a while to settle with Gleann Ard making use of the wind advantage by leading at half time. Templemore put pressure on in the second half but failing to find the target on many occasions and with great defending by Gleann Ard earned themselves a one point victory to emerge as 2007 Junior A County Champions on a scoreline of 1-04 to 1-03. Captain Claire Lambert received the Cup from County Chairman Enda McDonnell.

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Gleann Ard went on to play Castleisland in the Munster Junior Club Quarter Final in Ballygiblin but were defeated by the strong Kerry side.

Team for 2007: Barbara Moran, Claire Darmody, Aishling Hackett, Grainne Wade, Julie O'Meara, Samantha Lambert, Claire Lambert, Martina Peters, Una Hally, Blanaid Waters, Ann Marie Fahey, Claire Tobin, Patreece Ryan, Suzanne Savage, Libby Grogan, Michelle Walsh, Maeve Murphy, Lorraine Peters, Amy Dudley, Lisa Dillon, Emma Tobin, Jean Marsh, Dawn Doolan.

Great credit is due to Manager Derry Peters, Biddy Ryan and Kathleen O'Sullivan for their dedication and commitment over the last three years with Gleann Ard.



Tipperary Ladies County Board Chairman Enda McDonnell presenting the Junior Cup to Gleann Ard Captain Claire Lambert

## DOUBLE DELIGHT FOR ST. AILBES/EMLY LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB

On a national level, ladies football has been the fastest growing sport in Ireland for the past number of years and St. Ailbes/Emly has been testament to this growth. Since its foundation in 2001, St. Ailbes Ladies Football Club has developed into one of the most progressive clubs in Tipperary. As is the case with most clubs when they start out, lack of experience on the playing field lead to initial disappointment. However, this disappointment only served to strengthen the resolve of all the players and in June 2005, the Under 12 team created history when they won the club's first county title. This win served as a precursor to future success in the form of a County Minor title in late 2005. Further titles followed in 2006 with county final wins at Under 16 and minor level.

2007 has proven to be another fruitful year for the club as our Under 12 and

Under 16 teams won county titles in their respective grades. The Under 16 team also created history as it was the first team from the club to win back to back County 'B' finals. In their final, they played a resilient Mullinahone team last May. Indeed, Mullinahone proved to be such strong opponents that the final itself ended in a draw. Both sides then had to return to Leahy Park, Cashel for the replay a week later. Thankfully, the girls had learned from their mistakes from the previous week and put in a powerful display to claim the title.

As is the case with most rural clubs, the pool of players that management have to work with is very limited. Nevertheless, the Under 12 trainers managed to get the best out of their small panel of players. They played all their league games throughout the early part of the year and then they qualified for the 'B' championship. In the final they met Killenaule last September in Cahir. This is a game that could have gone either way. Killenaule led most of the game and it wasn't until the final quarter that St. Ailbes took the lead for the first time. The closing minutes were nerve wrecking for both supporters and players as Killenaule sought an equaliser but thankfully our girls managed to hold on to claim another title. Five of our players had the honour of bringing Munster Championship medals to Emly this year. Catriona Ryan, Siobhan Condon, Sarah Quinlan and Ann McGrath were part of the Tipperary Under 14 team that won the Munster final while Denise Connolly was part of the Tipperary minor team that beat Waterford in the Munster final.

In total four county football titles have come to the parish in 2007 with Emly Bord na nÓg winning the Under 14 title and Emly G.A.A. winning the Minor 'C' title along with the Under 12 and Under 16 titles for the Ladies Football Club. A unique achievement for the "little town of Emly".

### St. Ailbes/Emly U12 'B' County Champions

Back L to R: Bridget Murphy, Aine Byrne, Toss Condon (Trainer), Hannah Murphy (Selector), Marie O'Brien (Selector), Bridget Keogh (Selector).

Middle R to L: Louise Hayes, Lucy Byrne, Tegan Smith, Niamh O'Brien, Jane McGrath, Maura Condon, Lauren Keogh, Brid Condon, Isobel Ring.

Front L to R: Niamh O'Brien, Grace Cregan, Hannah Leahy, Margaret Ryan, Grainne Condon, Marie Ryan.

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St. Ailbes/Emly U12 'B' County Champions

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# TIPPERARY CAMOGIE

## CORK TAKE THE WIND OUT OF TIPP'S CAMOGIE SAILS

By Gerry Slevin

The great rivalry that has always existed between the hurlers of Tipp and Cork has, in recent years, wended its way across to the camogie scene. It has been tit for tat since their first All-Ireland final meeting in 2000. Tipp had the better of the earlier exchanges, Cork getting revenge and putting a halt to Tipp's four-in-a-row endeavour in 2002. But Tipp soon got back into winning action in '03 and '04 before the Cork flame burned brightly again and a three-in-a-row bid was thwarted by the Rebelettes, Cork repeating the dose a year later ('06) and then setting off in search of their own three-in-a-row.

The 2007 season had Tipp and Cork written all over it. In league and championship their paths crossed with five meetings in all, three of which Cork won, the other two drawn.

The somewhat surprising decision of team manager Paddy McCormack to step down left new County Board chairman Lar O'Brien and his fellow Board members in something of a quandary with time definitely not on their side as the National League approached. Eventually, that great Toomevara hurling stalwart Tony Delaney came to the rescue, he being joined in a selectorial capacity by Paul Delaney (no relation) Martin O'Dwyer (father of Una), and Marion Graham.

Jovita Delaney had decided to call it a day, a decision that was greeted with regret because of the excellent leadership she had provided from between the posts and for some outstanding performances that, thankfully, contributed to Tipp coming out on the right side in a number of matches. Another Cashel lass, Claire Grogan, who at the tender age of 14 in 2000 was the youngest ever player to win a senior All-Ireland medal, was honoured with the captaincy and Tipp got the season off to a promising start with a home league win over Galway. An away share of the points with Cork was followed by a good home victory over Dublin who had been promoted consequent to their All-Ireland junior success the previous year. Wexford, at last, managed to secure a narrow victory over Tipp after many years of endeavour but Tipp bounced back to take Kilkenny in the final match, the end result being a play-off with Cork for a league final place against Wexford.

Because Tipp and Cork were the only two senior A sides in Munster it was agreed to incorporate the Munster final into the play-off, thereby adding interest considerably to the meeting of these great rivals on a beautiful April evening in Toomevara. It turned out to be one of the best matches of the season., Cork getting out of traps quickly and notching an early goal from which they built up a nine point lead, before a Jill Horan goal

shortly before the break brought Tipp more into the picture. A great second half come-back saw the sides locked together at 1-10 apiece at the final whistle, Extra time still failed to separate two great teams (1-15 each) so it was down to Cork the next week where the Rebelettes had the edge.

There wasn't much time between league and championship but the league, more or less, had given Tony Delaney a fair idea of his anticipated championship line up. Roseanne Kenneally and Paula Ryan had been vying for the goalkeeping spot and it was Toomevara's Paula who got the nod. Michelle Shortt had a serious injury problem that kept her out of much of the campaign and it provided Paula Bulfin with the opportunity to stake her claim for permanency.

A year earlier Galway had dented Tipp's chances considerably in the opening round so a return visit to the west, to Killimer on May 12th was taken very seriously. A 3-12 to 1-10 score line told its own story. Tipp's championship had begun in earnest. With Cork experiencing a shock defeat by Wexford only one week after Wexford had succumbed in the league final, the pressure was on the All-Ireland champions when they travelled to Toomevara on May 26th. A Claire Grogan goal in injury time gave Tipp a 1-4 to 0-6 interval lead and looking good in yet



Tipperary goalie Paula Ryan makes one of her many fine saves with Orla Cotter (Cork) and Una O'Dwyer (Tipperary) advancing in the All-Ireland semi-final.

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another very keenly contested game. The well dried up somewhat for Tipp after that, their cause not helped by injuries to Philly Fogarty and Claire Grogan. Tipp added only two points to their interval tally while sending out eight wides, the visitors calmly popping over five to go home with a 0-11 to 1-6 victory.

Dublin, this year in the charge of David Kennedy, brother of Tipp's Noelle showed very definite signs that they will be a force to be reckoned with very soon and they gave Tipp plenty of it before their own supporters until greater experience saw Tipp through. Tipp now required but one more victory to be assured of a semi final place and when Wexford came to Semple Stadium in a curtain raiser to the Tipp-Cork All-Ireland hurling championship qualifier, they brought with them the only unbeaten status in the competition. The sides were level at half time, 0-7 apiece and there was still nothing in it by the end of the third quarter. Then, Tipp upped the pace considerably scoring 1-7 without reply to record a convincing 1-17 to 0-11 win.

Tipp (along with Wexford and Cork) were now through to the semi finals, the last match against Kilkenny who had a disastrous campaign, being meaningless. So much so that Kilkenny opted to travel to Toomevara even when they had home venue. Tipp fielded a much depleted side, Kilkenny were in transition and at the end of the hour the visitors had won their first match of the championship. Galway joined Cork, Wexford and Tipp in the last four and the semi final draw placed Wexford and Galway in opposition. It would be Tipp and Cork again, a semi final pairing that ensured that the status quo for the previous five seasons, namely a Tipp-Cork All-Ireland final would be cast out.

Nowlan Park in Kilkenny continued to be the All-Ireland semi finals venue. Wexford came through easily enough, their first final qualification since 1994. After that, the curtain finally came down on Tipp's championship endeavours. It was a very disappointing performance, one that didn't reflect the true

## Development Progress At Co. Grounds, The Ragg

By: Rose Mannion.

Two years ago, I wrote about the need for a spectators stand at the county camogie pitch at The Ragg and the huge difference it would make to the public and players to have this simple necessity.

Two years later, the simple necessity was not so simple after all in terms of finance in particular. When I took on the position of chairperson of the Development Committee, we began to put a plan in place whereby not only did we see the necessity of a stand, dug out's and scoreboard, but we also decided to install security fencing around the pitch and turn stiles to gain access onto the pitch. Also, the renovation of the old dressing rooms, security lighting and lastly, the reseeding of the over-worked pitch.

Our application to planning was granted as was the application for Lottery funding coupled with funding from North Tipp Co. Council. The heavy financial burden of such a development

merits of Tony Delaney's charges. Cork took control early on and never released their grip. Tipp's fate might have been even worse but for the heroics of Paula Ryan between the posts. No excuses, really. Cork were on fire that day and Tipp could not respond. Ironically, Wexford got over Cork in the final, reversing the league final situation and endorsing their round robin victory. It was their first title since 1975.

So ended a season of reasonable promise but one that failed to emerge with any titles. The B team went through league and championship unspectacularly, failing to finish in the shake-up of either.

On the senior club scene Cashel achieved a three-in-a-row with a final victory over the Portroe/Burgess combo, Duharra. With 2007 behind, the Tipp scene is far from despondent. The players are there, the interest continues to heighten, the club structure is also good. Yes, Tipp will be there or thereabouts again next season.



Suzanne Kelly (Tipperary) and Una O'Donoghue (Cork) clash with Una O'Dwyer and Sinead Nealon awaiting developments in the All-Ireland semi-final.

was now beginning to lighten somewhat. However, fundraising doesn't stop there and with a shortfall of roughly €60,000. The efforts continue as I write. But so too do the efforts to progress and as one travelling the busy road will notice, work on the spectators stand has commenced. 2008 will bring further fundraising but it will also bring a county camogie pitch that all followers of the game and especially players, will be proud of.

Photo shows the work in progress on the spectators stand at the Co. Camogie Pitch.





*Tipperary Coille Development Squad with County Camogie Chairman John Costigan, County Camogie Chairman Lar O'Brien, Camogie President Liz Howard, Josh Lowry, Coille, Tipperary Senior Camogie Captain Claire Grogan and Development Coordinator Siobhan Ryan.*

**U14 County Team:** This u/14 team had a great year taking part in all the blitzes and even hosting their own for the first time in history.

This team first travelled to Cork in early June, the weather conditions did not deter our Tipp girls as they sailed through beating Clare and Cork easily. They found Galway a tough challenge though. These teams had a lot of history between them as last year there was two sets of extra time with Galway winning by a point. The Tipp girls were up for the challenge and they drew the first time they played Galway. The Tipp team then reached the final up against none other than Galway, history seemed to repeat it's self with two periods of extra time and Galway nudging ahead with a win of a bare two points. The squad were quite disappointed but trained extremely hard for the upcoming blitz in Galway. Once again this team showed their class throughout the blitz beating Clare and Cork well. With Galway having the home advantage they pulled another win 1.4 to 1.1. Tipperary's final blitz of the year would be held in their own county. The Orla McDonough blitz was a great success held in Dr Morris Park Thurles with an A and B competition. The Tipperary squad were well prepared for Galway this time beating them by 4 points in the opening game. Tipperary continued their winning ways by beating Cork and Limerick convincingly. A huge crowd gathered to see the final being played between Tipperary and their rivals Galway. As expected it was a great game with neither sides backing down, the score was level at half time. The game was extremely tight in the second half and scores were hard come by. The game went into extra time with Galway receiving a late free and to the crowds

dismay Galway put it over. The Tipp's management were very happy with the girls' performance and are sure that these girls will continue to produce fine performances like these.

**U16 County Team:** The u/16 team played Cork in the first round of the u/16 Munster championship in Corks Ballyanley. The score was level at half time but Cork pulled away in the last ten minutes leaving with a score line of cork 3-8 to Tipperary's 2-3. Tipperary then faced into the All Ireland series playing Clare in the first round. This was a very close encounter as the two teams knew a win was vital to get them on top of the group. Tipperary lead by a goal with four minutes to go but it was not to be as the Munster champions snatched a quick goal and a late point to take the win. Tipperary were very unlucky not to get a draw at the very least in the hour of camogie that they played.

Tipperary then played Galway in the Ragg and a win was vital but it seemed it wasn't to be. Galway took control from the start the score 2-7 to 0-4 at half time in Galway's favour. The score finished up 3.13 to Tipperary's 1.08. Tipperary travelled to Limericks home ground where they had a convincing win in the third round. Tipperary's final game was played down in Cork. Tipp lead by a point at half time but were unable to withstand the Cork comeback and conceding two soft goals to find themselves 4-10 to 3-5 in arrears at the final whistle. This team showed great promise at the start of the year and with a number of players underage and the players coming through from U14 ranks hopes are high for next season.



*Back: Stapleton, Patsy Carroll Manager, Eithne Moran, Aoife Murphy, Laura Power, Trisha Sutton, Sarah Kirwan, Shauna Butler, Deborah Fogerty, Maggie Collins, Aine Brislane, Ashling Butler, Kelly Hackett, Cait Devane, Emma Spillane, Laura Dwain, Annemarie Quigley, Caitriona Shortt, Lar O'Brien Chairman, Bernie O'Dowd Registrar, Johnny Kirwan Selector. Front: Donal McCarthy Selector, Sandra Dunne, Siobhan Hennessey, Katrina O'Meara, Aine Lucy, Lisa Cahill, Niamh Williams, Lea Bergin, Emma Mulqueen, Caitriona O'Dwyer, Noirin Stapleton, Niamh Kelly, Christine Kenny, Donal Kelly Selector.*

*Back: Donal Kelly Manager, Kate Ahern, Ashling Cremin, Alice Fogerty, Sile Ryan, Mairead Barry, Aoife Ryan, Moiré Ryan, Ashling Carroll, Paula Coffey, Caoimhe Meagher, Lisa Mulqueen, Anne Fogarty Manager Front: Edwina King, Ciara Edinborough, Claire Kennedy, Siobhan Hennessey, Sarah Cuiinneen, Niamh Meagher, Debarla Kennedy, Nicole Walsh, Arena Fryday, Niamh O'Donoghue*

# CAMOGIE CLUB SCENE

## Cashel Camogie Club Make History

by Seamus J. King

Cashel became All-Ireland Club champions on November 18, 2007 when they defeated Athenry in the final at Limerick. It was a case of 'long threatening coming at last' as they fulfilled the expectations of their supporters and admirers. For many years they have been seen as the most likely Tipperary club to win All-Ireland honours but always fell short, most agonisingly against Na Piarsaigh of Galway by a point at home in 2001.

They deserved the tag of likely All-Ireland champions having so many players on the panel, who had excelled for the county. In fact the team that eventually made the breakthrough counted among them no fewer than thirty-two All-Ireland medals! With such talent as Una O'Dwyer, Paula Bulfin, Philly Fogarty, Emily Hayden, Claire Grogan, Linda Grogan, Cora Hennessy and Jill Horan, who had played senior with the county, it's no wonder there were such high expectations. Most of the remainder of the panel had played with the county at other grades.

Every year the expectation was high. In 2005 and 2006, after winning county and getting through Munster, expectations were strong that this would be the year. And each year ended in disappointment, by Davitts of Galway in 2005 and by Freshford in 2006. When would Cashel make the breakthrough?

The year 2007 started off on a good note with easy victories in the first three games. Silvermines were dismissed by 8-19 to 0-1, Moneygall by 4-14 to 3-1 and Drom Inch by 5-14 to 2-4. The final brought Cashel up against Duharra and it was a tough, dour game that ended in a Cashel victory by 0-14 to 0-6.

The victory was Cashel's fourteenth county senior final since 1986, when they made the breakthrough for the first time. An impressive record indeed but progress afterwards was not as great as it might have been. Four Munster championships were won, followed by one appearance in the All-Ireland in 2001. The other Munster championship successes came in 2002, 2005 and 2006.

Having won the county this year Cashel progressed to the Munster championship. This was an unusual competition in 2007 with only two teams competing. Cork should have been there but were disqualified because they hadn't their championship completed in time. The result was that Cashel played Limerick champions, Killeedy, in the final at Cappawhite, on October 20.

The final score was 3-16 to 1-10 but the score in no way reflected the closeness of the encounter. Until less than five minutes from the end, the game was up for grabs with either side having an equal chance of victory. In the final minutes Cashel scored 3-1,



Cashel players celebrate with the Bill Carroll cup after the match. All-Ireland Senior Camogie Club Championship Final, Athenry, Galway v Cashel, Tipperary, Gaelic Grounds, Co. Limerick

which flattered their efforts and did little justice to the losers. Cashel had trailed by 1-6 to 0-5 at the interval.

In the aftermath of winning the All-Ireland, manager, T. J. Connolly, was inclined to look back to this game as a kind of catalyst for the team. They were lucky to survive and they realised it. They also learned that all the great effort they had put in during the year nearly came to naught on the day. They were determined to improve their effort and realised that further success demanded much greater performances.

And, their performances did improve, none as much as their victory over O'Donovan Rossa in the All-Ireland semi-final at faraway Newry on November 3. On this day the girls were asked questions and they answered them brilliantly. They hit the ground running, established a good lead at halftime and held out against a determined performance by their opponents in the second half to win by 2-13 to 2-3.

They were now set up for the final against Athenry, the Galway champions, who had deposed the All-Ireland holders, Fresh-

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ford, in the second semi-final. This game was played at the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick on November 18 and Cashel showed their true class to take their first club title by the comprehensive score of 1-18 to 0-9, having led by 0-7 to 0-5 at the interval.

The many losing experiences had stood them in good stead. As well the influence of T. J. Connolly, their dedicated coach/manager, was clear to see. He believed the girls needed to be physically stronger if they were to triumph in the top tier of club camogie.

'We worked with the tackle bags. I felt the girls were missing that bit of steel needed to win an All-Ireland. I trained them they same as the men, If you can't take a hit you are in trouble,' he said.

And the girls responded brilliantly, doing everything in training their coach asked them to do. When he asked them to take the field at 7.45 am the Saturday morning after the All-Ireland semi-final, they answered his call without demur.

They also had the advantage of a wonderfully motivated captain in Sinead Millea. She came to Cashel in 2003 from St. Brigid's, Kilkenny, having won three All-Irelands and an All-Star with her native county, and she was an outstanding addition to the panel. The most focused of persons, she took the task of captaincy in a serious manner and encouraged and advised the members of the panel of the task in hand and the efforts required to achieve it.

Cashel's halftime lead was soon increased. Within eight minutes of the restart they were 0-11 to 0-6 in front. The Galway girls, who would have been slight favourites before the game, were completely overwhelmed as a really hungry Cashel side scores 1-7 without reply. All they could muster were three points before the end of play to bring the final score to 1-18 to 0-9. The only thing that was left was for team captain, Sinead Millea, to collect the Bill O'Carroll Cup from Camogie Association President, Liz Howard, and to begin the celebrations.

The teams that played on this historic occasion were as follows:

**Cashel:** Helen Breen, Sarah Morrissey, Noelette O'Dwyer, Julie McGrath, Paula Bulfin, Una O'Dwyer, Sinead Millea (capt.), Philly Fogarty (0-3), Jill Horan, Linda Grogan (0-1), Mairead Morrissey (0-1), Cora Hennessy (0-2), Allison Lonergan (0-2), Emily Hayden (1-2), Claire Grogan (0-7). Subs: Libby Toomey for Allison Lonergan, Deirdre Ryan for Sarah Morrissey, Kaiffe Moloney for Emily Hayden. Remainder of panel: Marie Horan, Karen Barry, Patreece Ryan, Sheila O'Donnell, Ciara O'Sullivan, Emma Williams, Tricia Bulfin.  
Coach/Manager T. J. Connolly. Selectors: Mickey Browne, Michael Lawrence, Anne Moloney.

**Athenry:** Stephanie Gannon, Katherine Glynn (0-1), Alice Poniard, Darelle Coen, Regina Glynn, Krystel Ruddy, Emma Costello, Sarah Donohue, Laura Linane (0-4), Jessica Gill (0-2), Therese Maher (capt.), Sharon Quirke, Mary Keogh, Nicola Lally, Noreen Coen. Subs; Deirdre Ward (0-2) for Nicola Lally, Katie O'Dwyer for Krystel Ruddy.  
Referee: Frank McDonald (Armagh).

The victory was particularly sweet for Kaiffe Moloney, who won her first All-Ireland after twenty-one years of trying. She was on the first team from the club to win the senior county final in 1986 and she has been on all the fourteen county winning sides, an indication of her incredible dedication and commitment. It was only fitting that she was brought on as a substitute in the dying moments of the final and had the joy of winning the elusive All-Ireland on the field of play.



Sinead Millea, Cashel, Tipperary, captain, is presented with her medal by Liz Howard, Uachtarán Chumann Camúgalochta na nGael, after the match.

It was the first time since 1966 that a Tipperary club team won the All-Ireland championship. In that year a hugely talented bunch of girls from St. Patrick's, Glengoolie won the competition for the second year in a row. They were captained by Ann Graham, one of a family of sisters, who were the backbone of the team. The previous year the team was captained by Ann Carroll, one of the star players of the period. Hailing from Ballintaggart, across the border in Kilkenny, Ann's father ran a joinery works and was a huge supporter of camogie. He donated the cup, named after him, which is still presented to the winner of the club championship. Ann's mother, Agnes, was the secretary of the Tipperary camogie board at the time. Coincidentally, Sinead Millea found herself sitting beside Anne Carroll at the All-Ireland hurling semi-final in Croke Park in August. Maybe it was an omen of things to come!



18 November 2007, T.J. Connolly, Cashel, Tipperary, manager. All-Ireland Senior Camogie Club Championship Final, Athenry, Galway v Cashel, Tipperary, Gaelic Grounds, Co. Limerick. Picture credit: Stephen McCarthy / SPORTSFILE

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# Toomevara Camogie

## Review of the year

2007 has proved another memorable year for Toomevara Camogie Club. Teams were fielded in all grades from U10 to Senior all competing in the top grade of their respective competitions. Once again this season has been a success on and off the field. The Toomevara u-10 panel got 2007 off to a great start by winning the u-10 league organised and run by Nenagh Eire Og Camogie Club. Their path to the final was a tough one as they came up against Moneygall, Newport, Portroe and Kilruane, coming away with three wins and a draw to their credit. This was enough to pit them in the final against a gallant Nenagh Eire Og side. The final which was held in Nenagh Eire Og GAA grounds was an exciting affair with both teams evenly balanced. It took extra time to separate these two teams but it was the Toomevara girls who pulled out all the stops to win by a single point.

We held an u-10 blitz day on August 25th. A team from Capamore camogie club (Limerick), two teams from Na Fianna Camogie Club (Dublin) and Toomevara played three games each with the top two contesting the final. It was Toomevara and Na Fianna B who came out on top and this resulted in a very tough final. Very little separated the sides in the first half but the Toomevara girls came out in force in the second half and were deserved winners on the day.

Training has been on going every week as currently the u-10 panel are involved in the co. board run u-10 league. To date we have beaten Nenagh and the Silvermines but fell to Kilruane. Hopefully another county title awaits. Many thanks to all involved with this age group especially Nora Dwan, Sarah Corcoran and Marie McCarthy.

At U12 level our team had a slow start to the year, this very young side made tremendous progress through the year which

culminated in them winning the invitational U12 blitz in Thurles. This win was a fitting reward to these young players who continue to hone their skills and who we are sure we will see back to winning ways next season.

The U14 team set very high standards for all other teams in the club when they won the Feile competition earning the right to represent Tipperary in the Feile na nGael competition in Kilkenny. Our hosts were Windgap and they gave our girls and mentors a wonderful welcome. The initial group game was a draw with Windgap, which meant the team would have to win the rest of their group games to force a play off situation. They did so with great determination and with anticipation our panel lined up to take part in a shoot out with two other teams. Five players were selected to take 45m frees with the team with the highest amount of points going through to the semi final stage. The Toome girls showed great composure as they converted the most points to reach the semi final against a highly fancied Sarsfields side from Galway. In a titanic struggle Sarsfields got the upperhand winning the game by two points. Nevertheless our girls gave a fantastic account of themselves and flew the flag for Tipperary camogie proudly.

The U16 team carved their own piece of history this year as they took the Pan Celtic All Ireland title in Letterkenny Donegal. The first opposition they faced were the mighty Douglas from COrk Feile champions of two years ago their reputation preceded them. Unthwarted by this Toome lined out in a confident manner. Two points apiece at half time meant all was to play for. A last minute pointed free saw Toome taking the win. A further win over Swatragh Derry sealed a final placing against Carrigaline Cork. In a close encounter Toome emerged victorious with great scenes of celebration breaking out at the final whistle amongst the large travelling support. The U18 team are currently awaiting the final round of games in their championships, should results go their way they may very well be in a position to contest a county final.

The Junior team also tasted County final success when they overcame Moycarkey in the final. In a close game the Toome girls found themselves a couple of points adrift with ten min-





*Toomevara Players who won a colleges All Ireland with St Marys, Nenagh.  
Back: Anna Marie Quigley, Emma Louise Coffey, Bonnie Kennedy, Mairead Devaney.  
Front: Nikki Whelan, Aisling Whelan, Hazel Harty.*



*Toomevara U-10 panel: (Back left to right) Aisling Cummins, Soracha Henderson, Cliodhna Hogan, Gemma McCarthy, Mary Meagher, Leah Hogan-Rooney, Nicole Shepherd (capt), Nicole O'Dwyer, Marguerite Young, Laura Brislane, Niamh Bourke, Sinead Kelly.  
(Front left to right) Eileen O'Rourke, Caitlin O'Meara, Margaret Grace, Cliona Ryan, Aoife Kennedy, Shannon O'Rourke, Katie Bourke, Christine Coffey, Amy McCarthy, Mary Grace, Leah Campbell. (Missing from picture Shauna Hogan-Rooney, Edel Hogan, Anna Cullen)*



**PAN CELTIC TEAM ALL IRELAND WINNERS:**

*Back: Niamh Gleeson, Rianna Minogue, Moira Ryan, Aisling Shanahan, Kate Duggan, Anna Marie Quigley, Aoife Murphy, Sandra Dunne, Christine Kenny, Aine Brislane, Elaine Martin. Front: Noelle Hassett, Ciara Murphy, Aoife Ryan, Hazel Harty, Nikki Whelan, Niamh Kelly, Noirin Stapleton, Nicole Walsh, Shelia Ryan, Michelle Ryan.*

utes remaining but a barrage of goals from Catherine Byrne and Nicole Walsh saw them snatch the title in dramatic fashion. A fitting reward for this panel who worked very hard throughout the year many thanks to James Mc Grath Donal Kelly and Nora Dwan who prepared the U16, U18 and Junior teams with such success throughout the season. The Senior team bowed out of the championship at the semi final stage in a hugely entertaining game against old rivals Cashel. In a free flowing high tempo game Cashel emerged victorious. Our thanks go to Vincent McKenna, Jackie Meagher, Anne Gleeson and Berni Meagher for their involvement with the Senior team.

In other areas of camogie we had a number of players represent Tipperary at all grades two of whom Paula Ryan and Suzanne Kelly being nominated for All Stars for their performances with the Tipperary Senior team. Three players Shelia Ryan, Aoife Ryan and Nicole Walsh had a special honour of representing Tipperary in TG4s Scil competition. We also had a number of players take a Colleges All Ireland title with St Marys Nenagh. Toomevara Camogie Club has also undertaken a unique ven-

ture in conjunction with Toomevara GAA club in the redevelopment of St Micheals Park to provide a new clubhouse, ball alley and floodlighting all of which are necessary requirements if we are to secure the future success of the club. We encourage all our members to support this development and we look forward to the facilities it will provide. We have undertaken a number of fundraising activities through 2007 and we thanks all who supported our ventures. A massive word of thanks must go to Siobhan Tynan of A Sportsmans Dream who again was our main sponsor, to the parents and supporters of the club throughout the season we hope we can rely on your continued support in 2008.



**Feile Team Feile & County U14A Champions**

*Back: Michelle Ryan, Ellie Cullen, Moira Ryan, Aoife Ryan, Sinead Grace, Karen Kenny, Davina Henderson, Roisin Ryan, Edel Cummins, Regina Cleary.  
Middle: Sheila Ryan, Rianna Minogue, Ruth Shanahan, Claire Ryan, Geraldine Kelly, Lorraine Young, Ciara Murphy, Bernadette Coffey.  
Front: Jane McCormack, Moira Ryan, Cliodhna Ryan, Nicole Walsh, Teresa Ryan, Brid Grace, Grace O'Mahony, Julie Anne Bourke.*

## DUHARRA CAMOGIE CLUB

Duharra Camogie Club was formed in 2006 when Burgess and Portroe camogie clubs amalgamated. This partnership worked very well from early days and this was soon seen with our first win in the Junior Camogie Blitz at Dundrum. In October 2007 we had a major victory with the winning of the Under 16 'A' county championship title. We defeated Toomevara by 3-3 to 2-4 in the final. Our senior team also reached the county final but were defeated by Cashel. A major achievement for such a small and new club. Many thanks to the managers, coaches, mentors and supporters who contributed to such a successful year, long may it continue.

### DUHARRA COUNTY UNDER 16 CHAMPIONS



Back Row (L. To R): Mary Kellett, Mike McKeogh (Selector), Sarah Kennedy, Marian Cottrell, Hannah Kelly, Aine Murphy, Ruth Darcy, Aine Lucey, Emma Kellett, Amy Kennedy, Ciara McKeogh, George Mahoney (Manager). Kneeling (L. To R.): Melissa Quilligan, Eadaoin Ryan, Catherine Curtin, Aine O'Carroll, Laura Mahoney (Captain), Louise Hayes Rachel Ryan (Vice-Captain), Gemma Grace, Aine O'Halloran, Emer Ryan, Ciara Cleary.

## SILVERMINES CAMOGIE CLUB

2007 started with the completion of the 2006 U/18 B championship. On January 7th we defeated Moneygall in the semi final. On the 20th January we played our next game the county final where our opponents were Holycross. This match was played in Templetuohy on a wet and windy day with poor playing conditions and we won this game on a scoreline of 4-4 to 1-1.

On Saturday the 3rd February we had our celebratory dinner dance in joint association with our hurling club where President of the Camogie Association, Liz Howard, presented our victorious intermediate team of 2006 and U/18 team with their county final medals.

Our club was well represented on the St Mary's Secondary School team where 8 of our girls picked up Munster and All Ireland medals, Martina Gleeson, Laura Green, Geraldine Stapleton, Laura Power, Fiona Kennedy, Caitriona Kennedy, Ciara Ryan and Elisha Slattery.

2007 has been a historic year for our camogie club. We played senior championship for the first time and in our opening game we defeated Moneygall. We then suffered defeats to Toomevara and Duharra. Our championship campaign ended on a winning note when we accounted for Drom & Inch.

Our junior B team recorded wins over Kilruane and Newport. They came up against a stronger Kiladangan side in the final match of the group. These wins placed them in a county semi-final where they fell to the hands of Knockavilla Kickams. Throughout the year the U18s, junior and senior teams were expertly guided by Eoin Brislane, Martin Griffin and Tommy Carroll. We extend our sincere gratitude to the "Trio" for all the hard work and dedication they have put in with our teams. This year our U/18s have secured a place in the county semi which will be played during the coming weeks.

The U/16's have been training very hard with their coaches Rachel O'Doherty and Brid Gleeson. They are now through to the club's first U/16B county final. This game is scheduled for 18th November against Clonoulty.

A very determined U/14 panel captained by Niamh Slattery recorded four fine wins in their group matches before progressing to play Boherlahan in the county semi-final. Victory in this game earned them a place in the county final against Brian Boru's. On one of the hottest days of the year we ran out victorious on a scoreline of 3-6 to 2-2. This win was due to the hard work been put in by their manager, Rory Kennedy, which followed on from his success with the U/12s in 2006.

The U/12s gave us great enjoyment during 2007. They played and won their group matches which earned them a place in the county final where they came up against a much stronger Kilruane side. A lot of work is been put in to help enhance the development of our underage structure. Beginning with the U/10 age group at this level numbers have increased considerable over the past year. We thank Libby Slattery, Rose Power and Yvonne Griffin for the huge amount of work they have put in with our juvenile teams. We are fortunate to have such excellent playing fields and facilities in Dolla. We are very appreciative to our hurling club for all they do for us.

At county level the following players represented our club with distinction: Geraldine Stapleton (senior), Siobhan McCarthy, Maura O'Doherty & Siobhan O'Doherty (senior B), Geraldine Stapleton & Laura Green (U/18), Laura Green & Laura Power (U/16) Brid Quinn, Niamh Slattery & Sarah Cunneen (U/14).

We hope that 2008 will be as fruitful and sociable both on and off the field as 2007 and look forward to seeing everyone back on the playing fields.



### SILVERMINES U-14B COUNTY FINAL CHAMPION

Back (left to right): Louise McLoughlin, Sarah Butler, Rose Power (Selector) Edel Ryan, Vivienne Gleeson, Siobhan Corcoran, Sarah Kennedy, Rachel Kennedy, Rory Kennedy (Manager), Brid Quinn, Laura Collins, Chloe Fahy, Maria Fogarty, Stacey Maher, Maria Ryan. Front (left to right): Nicola Butler, Elaine Murphy, Sarah Murray, Niamh Gallagher, Niamh Slattery (captain), Dorothy Cullagh, Sarah Cunneen, Libby Slattery (Selector & Club Secretary).

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**Shannon Rovers Intermediate Team Co Champions 2007 League & Championship**

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 Front: Offie Guest, Grace Ryan, Jane Hannigan, Sinead Calahan, Amanda Burke, Aoife McLoughney, Sabrina Larkin (Captain), Brid Ryan, Grainne Horan, Ananda Ryan, Lorraine Davis, Carol Brophy, Aoife Hogan, Teresa (Jnr) O'Meara. Missing from photo Aisling McKenna, Sarah Kelly, Lisa Kelly.



**Carrick Swans U14 C County Champions**

Back Row L to R: Caoimhe Condy, Eibhlis Kennedy, Sarah Whitty, Melissa McInerney, Catherine O'Dwyer, Daniell Rochie, Michelle King, Eolán O'Doherty, Kayleigh Gough, Niki O'Neill, Faye Drohan, Aoife Mulcaire, Joaie Walsh, Jessie Walsh. Front L to R: Dana Murphy, Kimmy Maroney, Shannon Power, Rebecca Lonergan (Captain), Shauna Hickey, Jessica Grace, Hayley Foley, Catherine Griffin, Lauren Murphy.

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# Colleges Camogie

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## St Marys Nenagh win All Ireland Title

St Marys Secondary School Nenagh had a great year winning an All Ireland Senior B Colleges Camogie Final.

St Marys first opposition were near neighbours Borrisoleigh and the Nenagh girls won this match fairly comfortably. In the Munster semi final which was played in Toomevara St Marys had a big win over Scariff Community College from Clare.

The Muster final was an all Tipperary affair with Cashel Community School also qualifying for the final. St Marys traveled to Cashel for the final and this was a big plus for the Cashel girls. In a very close and exciting final St Marys came out on top on a scoreline of 3.6 to 1.3. This was Nenagh's first title since 2000 and great scenes of celebration followed.

However one felt that there was more in this team. Nenagh had home advantage for the All Ireland semi final when they played Gort Community school in Dolla. This was a particularly tough hard match and the Nenagh girls showed some great camogie especially in the second half in front of a large home crowd.

In the All Ireland final Nenagh faced a very strongly fancied Castlecomer side from Kilkenny who had several county minors in their side as well as Young Camogie Player of the Year Marie Dargan. Castlecomer got the better start and with the aid of a rather 'soft' goal led at half time by five points. With ten minutes to go St Marys were still five points behind but their never say die attitude which they had shown all year really



Aoife McLoughney and team mates celebrate Munster final win

came to the fore, scoring three late goals and holding on to win by four points. Scenes of elated joy followed the final whistle.

St Marys had an inspirational Captain in Aoife McLoughney and others worthy of a special mention for their performances throughout the year include Geraldine Stapleton, Fiona Kennedy, Bonnie Kennedy and Sinead Quinlan even though mention of these girls is probably unfair to a superb Nenagh panel of players.



## St Marys Nenagh Munster and All Ireland Champions

Back: Lisa Cahill, Lisa Shoer, Nikki Whelan, Anna Marie Quigley, Geraldine Stapleton, Emma Louise Coffey, Orla Williams, Laura Power, Aoife McLoughney, Amy Kennedy, Lorna Bergin, Mairead Devaney, Patricia Sutton, Elisha Slattery, Cliona Ryan, Ger Dullea Manager  
 Front: Bonnie Kennedy, Laura Green, Aisling Whelan, Ciara Ryan, Sinead Quinlan, Hazel Harty, Fiona Kennedy, Catriona Kennedy, Martina Gleeson.  
 Back: Lisa Cahill, Lisa Shoer, Nikki Whelan, Anna Marie Quigley, Geraldine Stapleton, Emma Louise Coffey, Orla Williams, Laura Power, Aoife McLoughney, Amy Kennedy, Lorna Bergin, Mairead Devaney, Patricia Sutton, Elisha Slattery, Cliona Ryan, Ger Dullea Manager  
 Front: Bonnie Kennedy, Laura Green, Aisling Whelan, Ciara Ryan, Sinead Quinlan, Hazel Harty, Fiona Kennedy, Catriona Kennedy, Martina Gleeson.

# 30th Anniversary of First Cappawhite Camogie Title

Cappawhite won their first ever junior county camogie title in Inch field on the 30th October 1977, when they defeated Moycarkey-Borris by 1-1 to 0-2.

To get to the final Cappawhite defeated Moycarkey, Emly and Holycross. Ballina failed to turn up for the semi-final so Cappawhite were awarded the match. The championship was played on a league basis at that time so they again played Moycarkey-Borris in the final. The final was played in appalling conditions but both teams gave an extremely good display of camogie.

Moycarkey-Borris opened the scoring with a point from Bidy Phillips. Seven minutes later Mary Ryan (B) brought Cappawhite level by pointing a thirty-yard free. Mary Riordan shook the net with a close-in shot before half time to give Cappa the lead by a goal.

This was followed by another point by Bidy Phillips to bring the halftime score to Cappawhite 1.1, Moycarkey-Borris 0.2. The second half produced some very good camogie as both teams sought in vain for scores. Despite the fact that none came, the play kept the spectators on their toes until the final whistle.

Bernie O'Dowd, chairperson of the county board and Moycarkey-Borris player presented Peggy Costello, captain, with the Fahey Perpetual Cup for junior camogie - the first official trophy won in the history of camogie in Cappawhite.

The club officers at the time were: chairman Fr Holloway; treasurer, Eva Hennessey; secretary, Lil Concannon.

## *John Morrissey takes charge of Camogie Final*

Once again John Morrissey received the ultimate honour when he refereed the All Ireland Senior Camogie final between Wexford and Cork.

The Clonmel born Cluain Training Centre accountant took up refereeing by chance. He was involved with the St Mary's Club in Clonmel. They were stuck for a referee for a League match, he was pressed into service and the rest is history. He soon caught the attention at National level. His first Inter County assignment was a Junior League match between Cork and Carlow at the Mardyke in 1993.



More important games followed and in 1998 he refereed the All Ireland Final in what was the last twelve-a-side Final.

As long as Tipperary were reaching finals John was always going to be left waiting on the wings. Despite Tipperary's non involvement this year he did not expect to get the nod again. When "that call" came early in September he did not need to be asked a second time and felt honoured to be part of Camogie's big day.

The best compliment that one could pay to him on Final day was that few noticed him. His judicious use of the whistle ensured that there were few stoppages thus adding to the overall enjoyment of the match. His umpires for the occasion were: Julie O'Dwyer (Cashel), John O'Callaghan (Clonmel), Siobhan Stapleton and Carmel O'Brien (both Borrisoleigh). Like all referees John needs to keep himself in good shape and gets in plenty mileage. A thirty mile cycle is often just part of his routine. Well done John - hopefully there is more to come.



The team lined out as follows: Kathleen O'Neill, Ann Coughlan, Peggy Costello, captain, Mary Ann Mc Dermott, Geraldine Ryan (B) Mary Ryan (B), Lil Concannon, Ann O'Neill, Aileen White, Greta Butler. Subs: Ann Buckley, Patricia Walshe, Ann Breen, Caroline Walshe. The team was trained and coached by Willie Walshe R.I.P. with John Cryan as a selector. Betty Walshe also helped out with the team. Referee on the day was Paddy Corrigan.

# Knockshegowna's second bid for Munster honours, a bridge too far.

By Liam Hogan

Tipperary County Junior Hurling champions 2006, Knockshegowna made a bold bid for Munster honours but came up against a very strong Kilworth side from Cork at Meelick, County Clare last December.

Their journey into Munster territory was on the second time of asking as the club represented Tipperary in 2005 as the only club eligible to do so having lost to Drom-Inch in the previous county final.

This time they were county champions having come through an exhausting challenge. A quarter final win over Cappawhite, following a replay, before defeating a strong Saint Patricks, Drangan side in the semi-final.

The county final was played in Dolla against Holycross-Ballyc-ahill and once again, the North Tipp champions needed a replay to regain to claim victory and their first county final in 13 years.



Knockshegowna defender Damien Bond bursts out with the ball against Kilworth in the 2006 Munster club JHC fina at Meelick.

So the Munster journey began. First, a semi-final clash and a visit to Limerick, champions, Mungret-Saint Pauls. Knockshe knew they were up against a very strong side that included, Limerick full forward, Brian Begley. Brian Tobin, a former member of the Limerick side was another player to watch out for.

The Mungret ground was well prepared. Knockshe got off to a bad start as the home side got an early goal through Denis Giltane after six minutes. But Mark O'Meara bagged two goals inside five minutes and Knockshe never looked back.

By half time both sides had added five points each. Knockshe were under pressure for a bit in the second half but once Declan Costello netted their third goal on 38 minutes they were on their way. In adding two more points, Knockshe looked good for victory but a James Roche goal for the home side leaving a scoreline of 3-7 to 2-6. The Tipp champions held their nerve and thanks to a Ray Killeen point, they held on to win by five.



Knockshegowna full-back David (Jack) King clears his lines despite the attentions of inter-county hurler Brian Begley in the Munster club JHC semi-final at Mungret.

Kilworth from Cork were their Munster final opponents. Little was known about the Cork side except that they lost to Fr O'Neill's, who had defeated the Ballingarry men in the 05 final. Many felt that this Knockshe side were better organised this time.

The weeks leading up to the game caused some anxiety amongst the clubs involved. Bruff, County Limerick, was chosen as the venue for the final but a week's rain led to the game being cancelled on the morning of the game. The game was re-fixed for the following week at the same venue but midway through the week, further heavy rain meant the match was changed to Meelick, County Clare, a venue about two miles outside Limerick City.

A huge following attended. The weather was kind also with bright winter sunshine and a slight breeze which backed Knockshegowna in the first half. On a well prepared pitch, Kilworth got the better start with a Paudie Lynch goal after 90 seconds. But a Declan Costello goal from twenty three metres helped Knockshe back in the game and the sides were level at 1-2 each after 13 minutes.

Former Cork minor, Adrian Mannix had a second goal for Kilworth put pressure on Knockshe and by half time they trailed by 2-5 to 1-6. From the restart, Knockshe began to concede ground and they could never recover. A Declan Costelloe score on forty-five minutes gave some hope of a recovery but the Cork champions hit the net for the third time through Elton Pierce put the Tipp side in real trouble, 3-11 to 1-7. Knockshe battled bravely and the concession of goal number four, a minute into added time, was inevitable.

It was a disappointing end to a great year but in the words of Ger Brennan, manager of the Knockshegowna team. "It was a good year for his club. Winning the North and county title was great and at the beginning of the year, we would be happy to win the north. We got great excitement out of the year,"

## RESULTS

### Munster Club Junior Hurling Championship Semi-Final

KNOCKSHEGOWNA	3-8
MUNGRET / ST PAULS	2-6

### Munster Club Junior Hurling Championship Semi-Final

KILWORTH (Co Cork)	4-16
KNOCKSHEGOWNA (Tipperary)	1-7

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# MID TIPP REVIEW

## RESULTS OF FINALS PLAYED IN 2007

### HURLING

<b>MACLOCHLAINN ROADMARKINGS LTD SENIOR HURLING FINAL</b>						
Thurles Sarsfields	0-22	Loughmore Castleiney	3-09	Semple Stadium	Sept 9th	Ref: Wille Clohessy
<b>ROADSTONE PROVINCE INTERMEDIATE HURLING FINAL</b>						
Moycarkey Borris	1-14	Thurles Sarsfields	0-13	Boherlahan	Sept 15th	Ref: Pat Cullen
<b>ROSKEEN CONSTRUCTION JUNIOR A HURLING FINAL</b>						
Holycross Ballycahill	2-13	Moycarkey Borris	2-10	Boherlanhan	Sept 29th	Ref: John Kelly
<b>DONAL AND ROSE YOUNG JUNIOR B HURLING FINAL</b>						
Killea	0-21	Thurles Sarsfields	1-16 aet	The Ragg	Oct 14th	Ref: Tom McGrath
<b>JOHN AND BRED A KENNEDY U/21A HURLING FINAL</b>						
Not played at time of print						
<b>EDDIE JOES TEMPLEMORE U/21B HURLING FINAL</b>						
Upperchurch Dromband	2-12	Holycross Ballycahill	0-14	The Ragg	Nov. 3rd	Ref: Kevin Butler
<b>THURLES CREDIT UNION MINOR A HURLING FINAL</b>						
Thurles Sarsfields	0-14	Upperchurch Drombane	1-09	The Ragg	Sept 12th	Ref: Johnny Ryan
<b>THURLES CREDIT UNION MINOR B HURLING FINAL</b>						
Moycarkey Borris	1-13	Drom-Inch	1-11	Semple Stadium	Sept 9th	Ref: Hugh Coghlan
<b>CAHILL CUP FINAL</b>						
J K Brackens	1-10	Holycross Ballycahill	0-07			
<b>JUNIOR HURLING LEAGUE DIV (1) FINAL</b>						
Holycross Ballycahill	2-14	JK Brackens	1-09	Holycross	May 18th	Ref: Willie Clohessy
<b>JUNIOR HURLING LEAGUE DIV (2) FINAL</b>						
Drom-Inch	1-15	Moycarkey Borris	1-13	The Ragg	May 20th	Ref: Jimmy Sweeney
<b>JUNIOR HURLING LEAGUE DIV (3) FINAL</b>						
Clonakenny	1-09	Gortnahoe Glengoole	1-07	Kickham Park	May 22nd	Ref: Hugh Coghlan

### FOOTBALL

<b>GLEESONS QUARRIES SENIOR FOOTBALL FINAL FINAL</b>						
Loughmore Castleiney	1-07	Moyne Templetuohy	1-06	Templemore	Sept 29th	Ref: Denis Curtis
<b>AIB THURLES INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL FINAL</b>						
Upper church Drombane	3-09	Boherlahan Dulla	2-05	Holycross	Sept 19th	Ref: Martin Treacy
<b>GERRY CHAWKE JUNIOR A FOOTBALL FINAL</b>						
Moycarkey Borris	2-05	Loughmore Castleiney	2-02	Morris Park	Oct 30th	Ref: Hugh Coughlan
<b>GERRY CHAWKE JUNIOR B FOOTBALL FINAL</b>						
J K Brackens	2-06	Knock	1-08			
<b>U/21 A FOOTBALL FINAL</b>						
Thurles Sarsfields	2-16	JK Brackens	3-07	The Ragg	March 17th	Ref: Pat Cullen
<b>U/21 B FOOTBALL FINAL</b>						
Moycarkey Borris	2-06	Moyne Templetuohy	0-09	Castleiney	March 11th	Ref: Michael Jordan
<b>BANK OF IRELAND THURLES MINOR A FOOTBALL FINAL</b>						
JK Brackens	0-14	Loughmore Castleiney	1-05	Templetuohy	Sept 5th	Ref: John Kelly
<b>BANK OF IRELAND THURLES MINOR B FOOTBALL FINAL</b>						
Upperchurch Drombane	2-09	Moyne Templetuohy	1-09	Templetuohy	August 17th	Ref: Martin Treacy

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# CLONAKENNY U21 C COUNTY CHAMPIONS 2007

The 6<sup>th</sup> of October 2007 was a historic day for the small rural club of Clonakenny. The club with a very small population in between large senior clubs like Roscrea, Moneygall and JK Brackens won the County U/21 C Hurling Final. Clonakenny defeated Sean Treacy's in a great game in front of a huge crowd in Borrisoleigh. Sean Treacy's started the better in this game with Clonakenny gradually gaining control and led by seven points at half time.

The second half began with Sean Treacy's completely on top and with ten minutes to go were leading by four points. At this stage Clonakenny showed great character and digging deep got some great scores and ran out victors by seven points on a score of 5-14 to 3-13. It was hard luck to Sean Treacy's who put so much into the game.

There was great jubilation when County Chairman John Costigan himself a Clonakenny man presented the trophy to Clonakenny captain James Cody. This game was a great advertisement for the 'C' Championship and it is very important that clubs especially small clubs are able to complete at their own level.

The Clonakenny panel on the day was James Cody (Capt), David Cody, Donal Greed, Stephen Carroll, William Moloughney, John Costigan, Jamie Maxwell, Brian Mullally, Nicholas Ryan, Peadar Byrne, Prionsios Matthews, Thomas Carroll, Jonathon Cody, Mark Mullally, Thomas Ryan and Luke Keeshan. The Selectors were Leo Crampton, Pat Shelly, Gerard Byrne and Gearoid Byrne.

Clonakenny Club Officers 2007. Patron Fr Noel Kennedy P.P., President John Clarke, Vice President Bill O'Dwyer, Chairman John Moloughney, Secretary Michael Murray, Treasurer Jim Ryan, PRO Gemma Moloughney, Registrar Jackie Keane, Co Board Draw Co Ordinator Pat Shelly. Board na nOg Officers Chairman John Ryan, Secretary Tim Shanahan.

## CLONAKENNY U21 CHAMPIONS 2007

*On the sixth of October Two Thousand and Seven  
We got the support of the sporting gods in heaven  
The All Ireland may have gone to the team in Kilkenny  
But we have a county final in our own Clonakenny*

*To Borrisoleigh we did travel for our County Final Day  
In Bright Autumn sunshine and Sean Treacy's to play  
Victory was ours they played a mighty great game  
They will always be remembered in our Hall of Fame*

*James Cody in Goal made many a fine Save  
The Two in the Full Back Line ever so Brave  
One with Great Strength the other with speed  
The Power of David Cody the Flying Donal Greed*

*William Moloughney at Centre Back Played so Sound  
Good in the air and so often on the ground  
Stephen Carroll played well at right wing back  
John Costigan on the left broke many an attack*

*Jamie Maxwell played so well wearing number eight  
He scored a goal near the finish wasn't it great  
From Oldcastle came the accurate Brian Mullally  
His wonderful frees added greatly to the tally*

*Peadar Byrne so tall he could reach for a star  
He got five great scores straight over the bar  
Nicholas Ryan and Prionsios Matthews played on the wings  
They worked very hard and did many good things*

*The two inside forwards about them what can we say  
Four goals between them they truly saved the day  
Thomas Carroll was first with a very fine Double  
Jonathon Cody scored his when we were in trouble*

*Mark Mullally, Thomas Ryan, Luke Keeshan played their part  
They were always their ready and able to start  
Three cheers for this great team and also its subs  
They are now the envy of so many other clubs*

*With trophy in hand James Cody he thanked all  
All the supporters who came to answer the call  
Leo Crampton, Pat Shelly the Byrnes Gerard and Gearoid  
These were the men who brought us down the right road*

*This made up for some very disappointing years  
There was great joy and Jackie Keane shed tears  
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They will need a bit of time that is understood.*

*By John Moloughney*

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Front Row L to R Tom King, Mickey Collins, Barry Dwyer, Aidan Dundon, Michael Gleeson, Johnny Enright, Richie Ruth, Paddy McCormack, John Lalor, Shane Ryan, Bill McCormack, Pat Lalor, Jim Corbett, Wayne Culley, Benny O Sullivan.



## MOYCARKEY BORRIS INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007

Picture Back Row L to R Robert Clancy, Tom Quinn, Cohn Ryan, Ciaran Clohessy, Paul Dempsey, David Sheppard, Pat Carey, Kevin Moran, Shane Barry, Kieran Shorthall, Brian Moran, Robert Doran, Daniel Kirby, Phil Kelly, John Kelly, Johnny Flanagan, Ger Carey. front Row L to R David Morris, Cathal Ryan, Kieran Morris, Aidan Ryan, Eamon Ryan Willie Dempsey, Joe Dixon, Niall bergin, Anthony Healy, Paul Kennedy, Eamon Donnelly, Paudie Doran..



## HOLYCROSS BALLYCAHILL JUNIOR A HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007

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Front Row L to R David Callaghan, Philip Ryan, John Fogarty, Tommy Gleeson, Mark Fogarty, Tossy Fogarty, Alan Joyce.



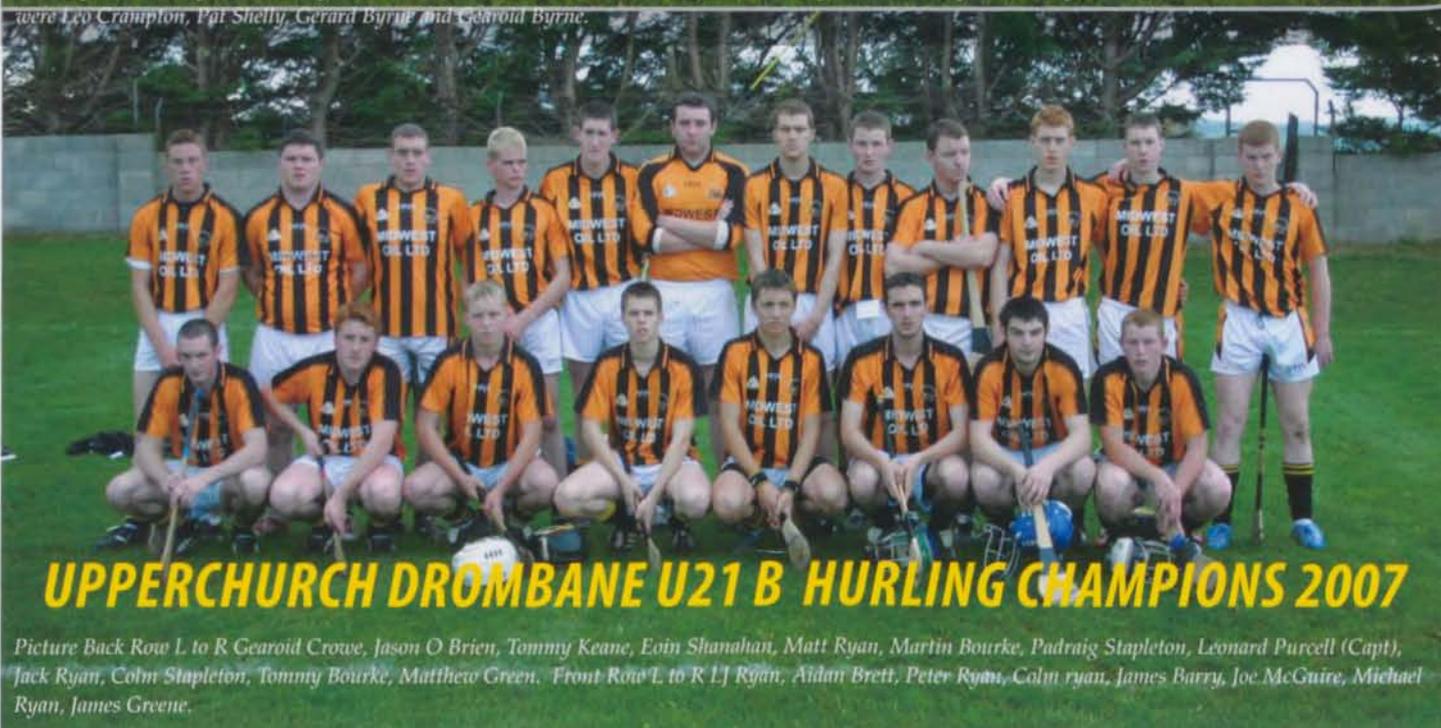
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## CLONAKENNY U21 COUNTY C HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007

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## UPPERCHURCH DROMBANE U21 B HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007

Picture Back Row L to R Gearoid Crowe, Jason O'Brien, Tommy Keane, Eoin Shanahan, Matt Ryan, Martin Bourke, Pdraig Stapleton, Leonard Purcell (Capt), Jack Ryan, Colm Stapleton, Tommy Bourke, Matthew Green. Front Row L to R LJ Ryan, Aidan Brett, Peter Ryan, Colm Ryan, James Barry, Joe McGuire, Michael Ryan, James Greene.



## THURLES SARSFIELDS MINOR A HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007

Picture Back Row L to R Philip Cullen, Brian Stakelum, Denis Maher, Kevin O Gorman, John Joe Burke, Eoin O Dwyer, Bill McCormack, Patrick Lealty, Brian Callinan, Sean Smith, Laurence Burke, Michael Russell, Aidan McCormack, Shane Maher, Jannie Lennon. Front Row L to R Michael Cahill, John Shortt, Barry McCormack, Damie Grimes, Kieran O Shea, Stephen Dorney, Padraic Maher, David Maher, Darren O'Neill, Rodney Mason, Darragh Stakelum, Liam Cullen.



## MOYCARKEY BORRIS MINOR B HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007

Picture Back Row L to R Stephen Kirwan, Philip Grace, Cathal Bergin, Joseph O Sullivan, Mossie Bracken, Michael Bryan, Eamon Flannigan, John Shorthall, Jannie Barry, James Power, Shane Hackett, Eoin Dwyer, Albie Power. Front Row L to R Pete Healy, Daniel O Regan, Peter Kinnane, John Bergin, Eolan McCarthy, Pat Molloy, Dames Doran (Capt), Tomas O Gorman, Michael O Connell, Garry O Connell, Kieran Morris, Michael Roche, Rory Ryan.



## HOLYCROSS BALLYCAHILL LEAGUE DIV 1 HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007

Picture The Holycross Ballycahill Panel that defeated JK Brackens in the Mid Tipperary Junior Hurling League Div 2 Final.



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Moyne-Templetuohy won the annual All-Ireland Junior Hurling Sevens played in St. Jude's GAA club on Saturday, September 1st. The champions scored a total of 50 goals in their seven matches to win the title in style over Pdraig Pearses of Galway who defeated Moyne in the 2006 final. In the Group stages, Moyne recorded victories over Thomas Davis (Dublin), Clooney Gaels (Antrim), St. Pauls (Limerick) and the host club St. Jude's (Dublin). In the Quarter-Final, Moyne proved too strong for Ahascragh of Galway, winning by 11-4 to 2-2 before going on to defeat Fermoy of Cork in the semi-final by 5-3 to 3-4. The final was a cracking game with both sides giving it

everything. The saying that "Goals win games" is reflected in the scoreline of Moyne-Templetuohy 9-2 (29 points) Pdraig Pearses 4-11 (23 points). Moyne-Templetuohy player Eoghan Franks was selected as the player of the tournament.

The Moyne-Templetuohy team that won the All-Ireland Junior Hurling Sevens

Back row (left to right) - John Hassett, Cathal Ely, Joe Leahy, Martin Costigan, Thomas Hassett, Damian Bergin, Front row (left to right) - Simon Everard, Colm Everard, Eoghan Franks, Daniel Egan

## MOYNE-TEMPLETUOHY ALL IRELAND HURLING 7'S CHAMPIONS





## LOUGHMORE CASTLEINEY SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007

Picture Back Row L to R Noel Kennedy, Michael Brennan, Martin Ryan, Shane Purcell, Tom King, David McGrath, James Egan, Derek Bourke, Paul Brennan, David Kennedy, Eddie Connolly, Michael Webster, Tommy Ormond. Front Row L to R Paul Ormond, James Connolly, Seanie Bohan, Gary Sweeney, John Paul Foy, Kieran McGrath, Diarmuid Brennan, Tommy Long, Evan Sweeney, Dominic Brennan, Ronan Stapleton, Cian Hennessy, Noel McGrath.



## UPPERCHURCH DROMBANE INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007

Picture Back Row L to R John Quinn, Dan Griffen, Matt Ryan, Paudie Stapleton, David Carey, Gerry Ryan, Jack Ryan, John Carey, James Greene, Donal Leamy, Timmy Ryan, Neil Ryan. Front Row L to R Eoin Shortt, Pat Shortt, Conor Dwyer, Gerry Quinn, Mike Ryan (L), Mike Ryan (D), Seamas Griffin, Colm Stapleton, L.J. Ryan, Brian Phelan, Donal Carey (Capt).



## MOYCARKEY BORRIS JUNIOR A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007

Picture The Moycarkey Borris Panel that defeated Loughmore Castleiney in the Mid Tipperary Junior A Football Final.

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## MOYCARKEY BORRIS U21 B FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007

Picture Back Row L to R Aidan Ryan, Daniel Kerby, Kevin Moran, Eamon Flanagan, Tony Flanagan, David Kimane, Phil Kelly, Gerry McGuire, Kieran Shortall, Ciaran Clohessy, Tom Quinn, Eoin Cantwell, Brian Moran, Jamie Fanning, Shane Barry. Front Row L to R Peter O'Brien, David Morris, Paul Kennedy, Joe Dixon, Kieran Morris, Anthony Healy, Conor Burke, Rory Ryan, Michael Roche.



## JK BRACKENS MINOR A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007

Picture Back Row L to R Frankie Sage, David Keating, Joe Bergin, Adrian Bourke, Kevin O'Riordan, Denis Coody, David Farrelly, Declan Lymagh, Anthony Lyons, Danny Guidera, Cathal Scully. Front Row L to R Gavin Stakelum, Eoin Kennedy, JP Kennedy, Keith Kennedy, Richard Buckley, Eoin Fitzpatrick, Aidan Fogarty, Stefan Leahy, Dean Fairbrother, Austin Purcell, Toby Morgan.



## UPPERCHURCH BROMBANE MINOR B FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007

Picture Back Row L to R Michael Kennedy, Jason O'Brien, Padraic Greene, Matthew Greene, Tommy Keane, Joe Maguire, Aidan Brett, Paul Ryan, padraic Short, Sam Bourke. Front Row L to R Tommy Bourke, Eugene bourke, Dean Harty, Colin ryan, James Barry, Peter Ryan, Philip Crowe, Ailbe Donaghue.



Mid Board Chairman PJ Maher presents Mid Tipperary Young Hurler of the Year Award to Pa Burke Thurles Sarsfields at the Mid Tipperary Annual Convention in Hayes Hotel.



Mid Tipperary Board Chairman PJ Maher presents the Young Footballer of the Year Award to Conor Moloney Thurles Sarsfields at the Mid Board Annual Convention in Hayes Hotel.



Mid Board Chairman PJ Maher presents the Mid Tipperary Senior Footballer of the Year Award to Michael Lynagh JK Brackens at the Mid Tipperary Annual Convention in Hayes Hotel.



Mid Board Chairman PJ Maher presenting the Senior Club of the Year Award to Thurles Sarsfields Representative Paddy Kenny at the Mid Tipperary Annual Convention in Hayes Hotel.



Mid Tipperary Board Chairman PJ Maher presentation the Junior Intermediate Club of the Year Award to Ronan Stanley Chairman of Gortnahoe Glengoolie at the Annual Convention in Hayes Hotel.



Mid Board Chairman PJ Maher presents the Mid Tipperary Senior Hurler of the Year Award to Seamus Butler Drom Inch at the Mid Board Convention in Hayes Hotel.



Above: Mid Board Health and Safety Presentation by Europlan  
 From the left, Sean Mockler (Loughmore Castleiney), Seamus Leahy (Boherlahan Dualla), Tom Maher (Moyné Templetuohy), Henry Bourke (Moycarkey Borris), Stephen Geary, Europlan, Johnny Doyle (Holycross Ballycahill), Micheal Egan (Gortnahoe Glengoole), John Costigan County Chairman John O'Donovan (Thurles K-R-F) and James O'Donnell County Development Officer



Left: Mid Tipperary GAA Board Chairman PJ Maher presenting Mid Tipperary Hall of Fame Award to John O Grady (Culbairé) at the Mid Tipperary Award Function.

Below: Officers elected for 2007 at the Mid Tipperary Annual Convention in Hayes Hotel. Picture Back Row L to R Matt Ryan Vice Chairman, Dick Maher Gate Checker, Pat O Dea Gate Checker, Pat Cullen Trustee, PJ Leahy PRO, Ed Donnelly PRO County Board. Front Row L to R Michael Egan Assistant Secretary, PJ Maher Secretary, PJ Maher Chairman, Bob Stakelum President, Andy O'Gorman Vice Chairman, John O Donovan Treasurer. Missing from Photo Jim Max Assistant Treasurer.



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# NORTH TIPP REVIEW

## Hibernian Inn Senior Hurling Championship Final (Frank McGrath Cup)

Borris-Ileigh	0-19	Vs	0-16	Nenagh Éire Óg	Nenagh - Sun 9 Sept '07 John Cleary
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Winning Captain: Declan Maher

## SuperValu, Nenagh Intermediate Hurling Championship Final (Fr. Hewitt Cup)

Lorrha/Dorrha	3-09	Vs	1-13	Ballina	Nenagh - Sun 30 Sept '07 Tommy Ryan
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Winning Captain: Noel Hogan

## Watch Centre Junior "A" Hurling Championship Final (O'Keeffe Cup)

Toomevara	0-15	Vs	1-11	Kilruane MacDonaghs	Nenagh - Sun 30 Sept '07 Ger Fitzpatrick
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Winning Captain: Thomas McCarthy

## Watch Centre Junior "B" Hurling Championship Final (Dan Gleeson Cup)

Portroe (replay)	1-09	Vs	0-02	Ballina (replay)	Nenagh - Sun 27 Oct '07 Joe Cahill
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First Match Drawn 2-08 v 1-11 Winning Captain: Adrian Shinnors

## Walsh's of Nenagh Under-21 "A" Hurling Championship Final (Michael Delaney Perpetual Memorial Cup)

Kilruane MacDonaghs	2-20	Vs	1-13	Shannon Rover Gaels	Nenagh - Sun 13 Oct '07 Christy McLoughlin
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Winning Captain: Stephen Murphy

## Walsh's of Nenagh Under-21 "B" Hurling Championship Final (Peter Nolan Cup)

Templederry Kenyons (replay)	3-10	Vs	2-05	Lorrha/Dorrha (replay)	Cloughjordan - Sun 18 Nov '07 Tommy Ryan
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First Match Drawn 1-12 v 1-12 Winning Captain: Michael O'Leary

## Ger Gavin Minor "A" Hurling Championship Final (Hamilton Cup)

Nenagh Éire Óg	1-13	Vs	0-09	Kilruane MacDonaghs	Aonach - Sun 17 Sept 06 Liam Hogan
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Winning Captain: Eoin Hogan

## Ger Gavin Minor "B" Hurling Championship Final (Nealon Trophy)

Lothra/Doire	1-17	Vs	0-11	Cill An Daingin	Dolla - Sat 29 Sept '07 Niall McGrath
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Winning Captain: Pearse Morris

## Senior Football Championship Final (Louis Maher Cup)

Thomas McDonaghs	2-13	Vs	1-09	Father John Kenyons	Puckane - Sat 18 Sept '07 Jimmy Cahill
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Winning Captain: Kieran McGrath

## Intermediate Football Championship Final (Brian O'Reilly Cup)

Kildangan	1-12	Vs	1-06	Newport	Puckane - Sat 29 Sept '07 Pat Cullen
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Winning Captain: Niall Cahalane

## Junior "A" Football Championship Final (Gilmartin Cup)

Ballinahinch	1-09	Vs	1-07	Silvermines	Borrisoleigh - Fri 2 Nov '07 T.P. Sullivan
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Winning Captain: Ger Griffin

## Junior "B" Football Championship Final (Ulster Bank Cup)

Knockshegowna	1-06	Vs	0-08	Templederry Kenyons	Puckane - Sat 10 Nov '07 Martin Griffin
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Winning Captain: Michael O'Brien

## Under-21 "A" Football Championship Final (North Bórd Cup)

Silvermines	3-03	Vs	1-04	Shannon Rovers Gaels	Kilcolman - Sat 27 March '07 Jimmy Cahill
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Winning Captain: Cathal Sherlock

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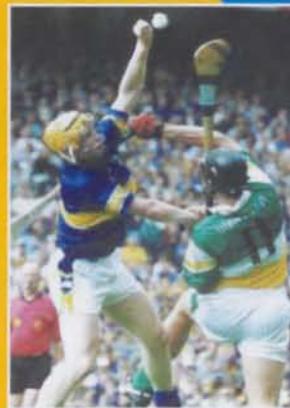
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## Under-21 "B" Football Championship Final (North Bórd Trophy)

Burgess	3-05	Vs	1-05	Portroe	Ballina - Sat 31 March '07
<i>Winning Captain: Brian Tucker</i>					Michael Hayes

## Minor A" Football Championship Final (Gunnell Cup)

Lorrha/Dorrha	0-09	Vs	2-02	Nenagh Éire Óg	Puckane - Tue 9 Oct '07
<i>Winning Captain: Diarmaid Mannion</i>					Johnny McDonnell

## Minor "B" Football Championship Final (Burke Cup)

Newport	3-07	Vs	3-05	Ballina	Toomevara - Sun 7 Oct '07
<i>Winning Captain: Paraic Hogan</i>					Ben Darcy

## Hogan Cup Hurling Final (Hogan Cup)

Roscrea	4-16	Vs	3-17	Moneygall	Toomevara - Sat 20 Oct '07
<i>Winning Captain: James Maher</i>					Pat Gibson

## Intermediate Hurling League Final (Fr. Minihan Cup)

Lorrha/Dorrha	2-12	Vs	2-07	Ballina	Cloughjordan - Sat 19 May '07
<i>Winning Captain: Denis Kelly</i>					Liam Hogan

## Junior "A" Hurling League Final (North Bórd Shield)

Roscrea	1-15	Vs	0-07	Kildangan	Moneygall - Fri 25 May '07
<i>Winning Captain: Colm Monahan</i>					Jim Lees

## Junior "B" Hurling League Final (Raymond Hogan Cup)

Toomevara	1-13	Vs	0-07	Silvermines	Templederry - Wed 4 July '07
<i>Winning Captain: Thomas Hassett</i>					Christy McLoughlin



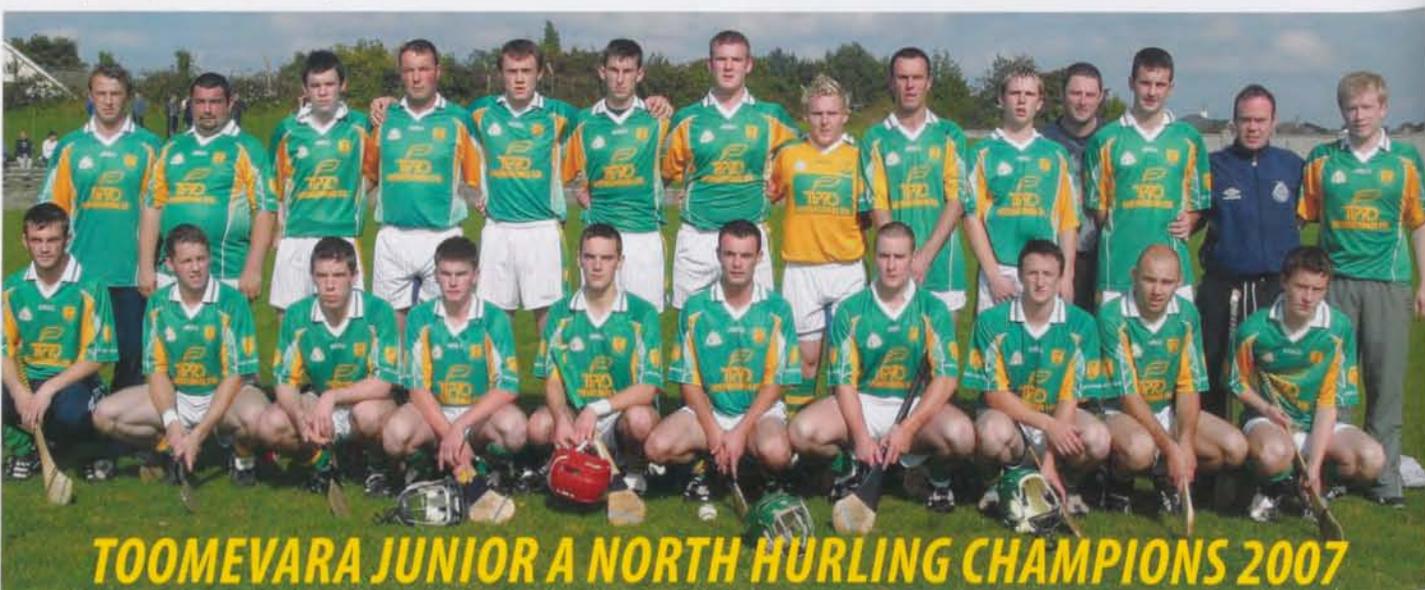
## NORTH BOARD HEALTH AND SAFETY PRESENTATION BY EUROPLAN

From left, T.F. Stapleton, Borrisoleigh, Martin Guilfoyle, Newport, Tom Kennedy, Borrisokane, John Sherlock, North Board Chairman, Jimmy Minogue, Nenagh, Catherine Gleeson, North Board Treasurer, Eugene Ryan, Moneygall, Stephen Cleary, Europlan, Pat Hickey, Portroe and James O'Donnell, County Development Officer.



## BORRIS-ILEIGH SENIOR NORTH HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007

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## TOOMEVARA JUNIOR A NORTH HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007

Picture Back row: (l to r) - Bill Duff, John Hogan, Paul Treacy, Andrew Ryan, Brian Slattery, Jim Duignan, Jamie Quigley, Darren Cuddihy, Michael Haverty, David Nolan, Joe McCormack, Seamus "Oggie" O'Meara, Sean Hogan, Shane Tynan. Kneeling: Terry Delaney, Stephen O'Meara, Diarmuid McGrath, Niall McCormack, Kieran McGrath, Sean Delaney, Thomas McCarthy, Robert Duff, Denis Kelly, Paddy Haverty. Missing from photograph: Noel Kenneally.



## PORTROE JUNIOR B NORTH HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007

Picture Back row: (from left) - Dinny Hogan (s), Colm Gleeson, Pdraig Hickey, Nigel Kennedy, Keith Breton, Adrian Shinnors, Mark Gemery, Pdraig Conroy, Shane Creamer, Cormac Shouldice, Joe Sexton, David O'Halloran, Pat McGrath, Conor Ryan, Dermot O'Halloran. Kneeling: Adrian Donovan, Shane O'Brien, James Seymour, Pdraig Malone, Fergal Hayes, Paddy Connors, Darren Aherne, Damien Ryan, Pat Sexton, Robert Freeman, Darragh McLoughlin, Adrian Lewis.



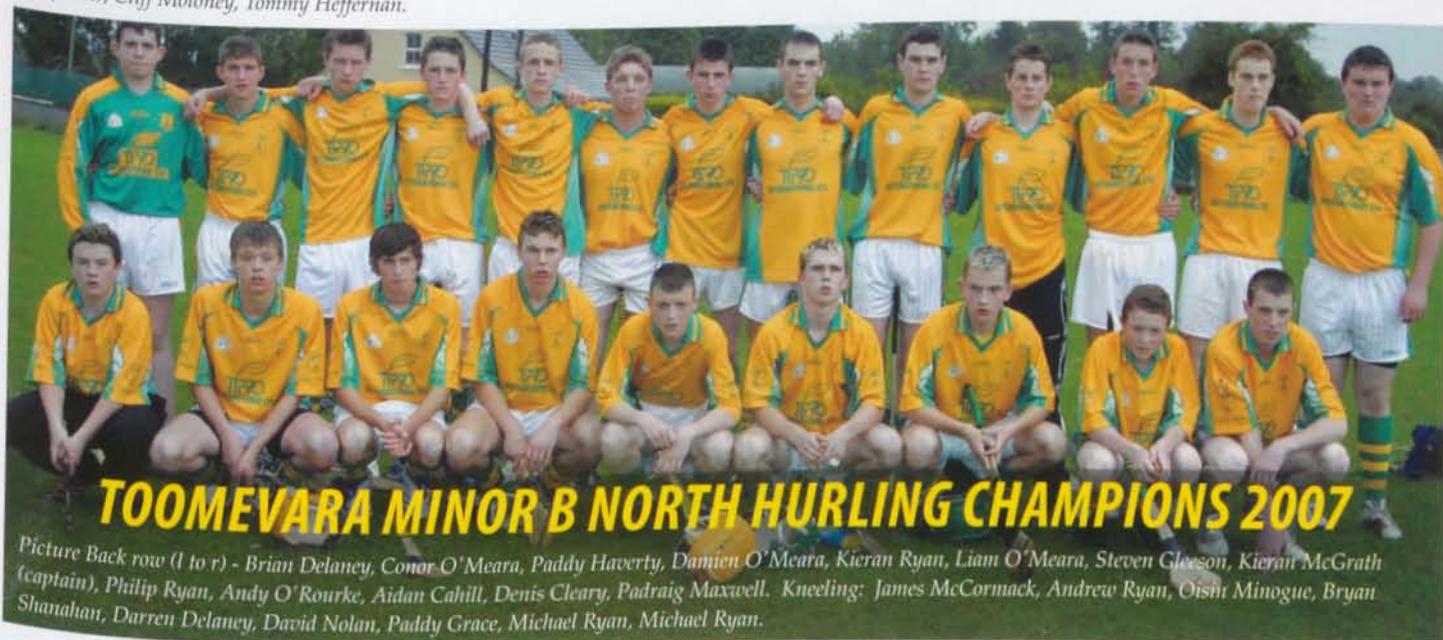
## KILRUANE MCDONAGHS U21 A NORTH HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007

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## NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG MINOR A NORTH HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007

Picture Back row: (l to r) - Kevin Flynn, Paddy Murphy, Sean Healy, Mark Flannery, Willie Bolger, Shane Maher, Billy Heffernan, Kevin Kennedy, Michael Hynes, Thomas O'Brien, David Cleary. Kneeling: Cian Tucker, Michael Heffernan, Shane O'Carroll, Niall Madden, Eoin Slattery, Mark Grace, Pearse Morris (captain), Cliff Moloney, Tommy Heffernan.



## TOOMEVARA MINOR B NORTH HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007

Picture Back row (l to r) - Brian Delaney, Conor O'Meara, Paddy Haverty, Damien O'Meara, Kieran Ryan, Liam O'Meara, Steven Gleeson, Kieran McGrath (captain), Philip Ryan, Andy O'Rourke, Aidan Cahill, Denis Cleary, Pdraig Maxwell. Kneeling: James McCormack, Andrew Ryan, Oisín Minogue, Bryan Shanahan, Darren Delaney, David Nolan, Paddy Grace, Michael Ryan, Michael Ryan.

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## KILDANGAN INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL NORTH CHAMPIONS 2007

Picture Back row: (l to r) - Brian Freeman, Martin Minihan, Eanna Gleeson, Eoin Kelly, Niall Kelly, Eddie Fogarty, Paddy Lynch, Cian Hayes, Gerry Slattery, Darragh Egan, Dan Hackett, James Flannery. Kneeling: Andrew Murphy, Joe Gallagher, Paoric Kelly, Rory Whelan, Karl Hogan, John Maher, Brian Kelly, Hughie Flannery, Michael Ryan (captain), Eoin Gleeson, Eamonn Kelly (Manager).



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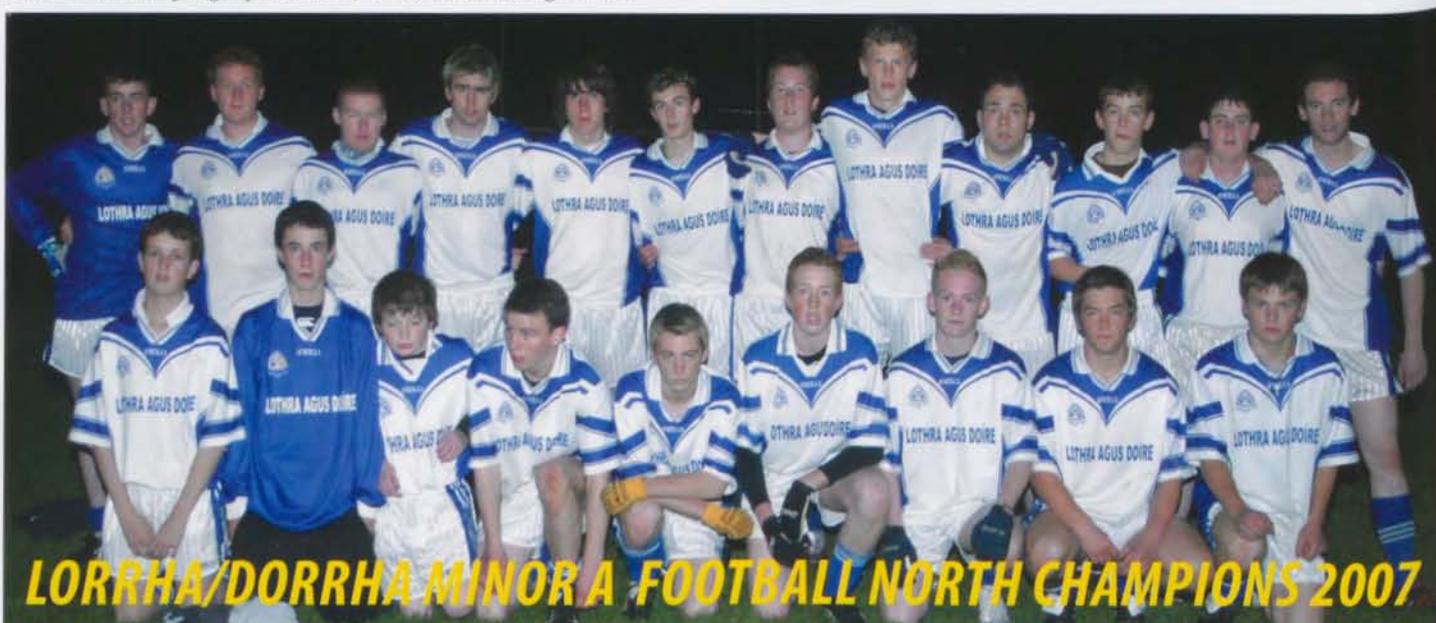
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## **BURGESS U21 B FOOTBALL NORTH CHAMPIONS 2007**

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## **LORRHA/DORRHA MINOR A FOOTBALL NORTH CHAMPIONS 2007**

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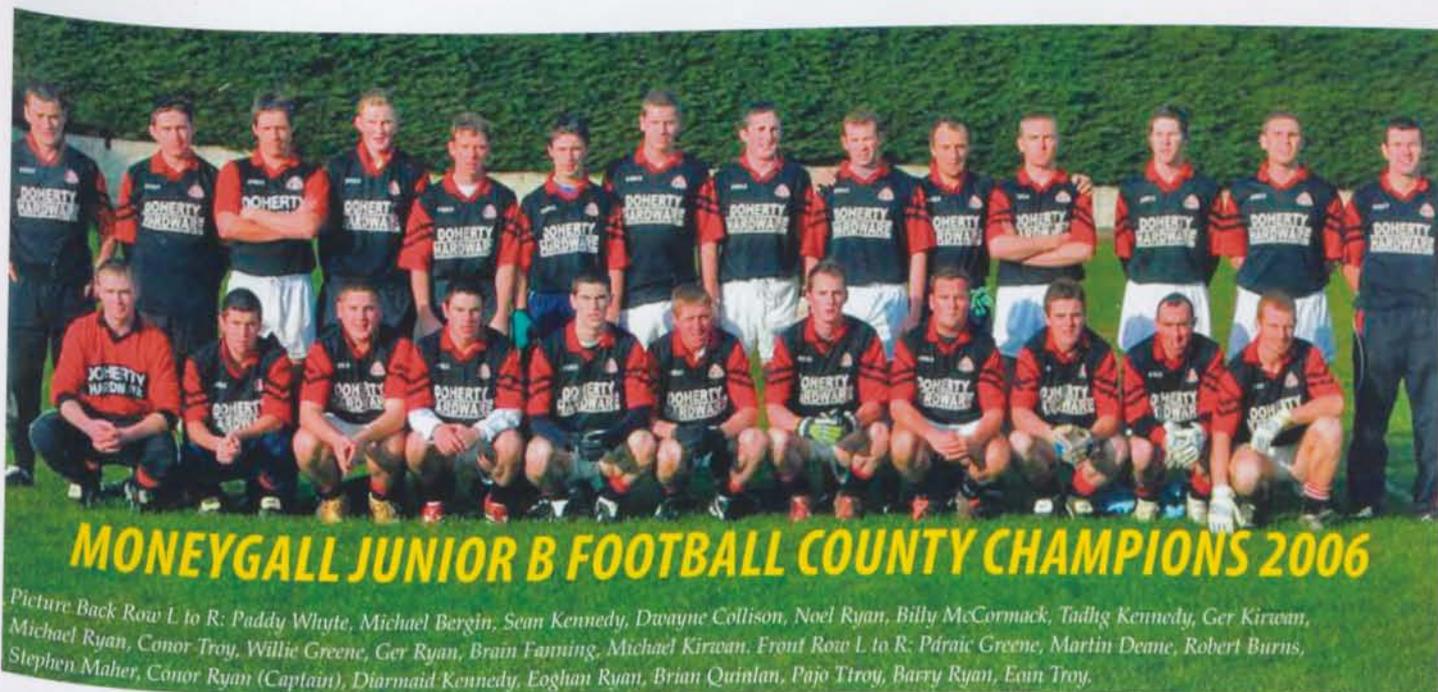
## ROSCREA JUNIOR A HURLING LEAGUE NTH CHAMPIONS 2007

Picture Back row (players & mentors only): (from left) - Roddy Ryan (selector), Donal Hogan, Martin Aherne (selector), Brian Brooks, Alan Graham, Roddy, Teehan, Keith McMahon, Ray Delaney, Sean Carroll, Ray Moloney, Chris O'Connor, Neil O'Connor, Denis Moloney, Trevor Fletcher, Jim McDonnell, Colm Ryan, Kevin Dooley, Ollie Douglas, Paul Breen, Eamonn England (selector). Kneeling: Colm Monaghan (captain), Tony Douglas, David Buckley, Mossie Delaney, Mark Delahunty, Paul Tynan



## TOOMEVARA JUNIOR A HURLING LEAGUE NTH CHAMPIONS 2007

Picture Back row: (from left) - Conor Maxwell (Coach), Kevin Mounsey, Kieran Delaney, Enda Slattery, Sean Delaney, Tom Carroll, Mick Haverty, Joe McCormack, Darren Cuddihy, Thomas Hassett, Kieran Brislane, Noel Kenneally, Thomas Maxwell, Eamonn O'Rourke, Tommy Hogan, Micilin Delaney, Paul Delaney (Manager). Kneeling: Paddy Kelly, Jimmy Duignan, Paddy O'Rourke, Rory Mounsey, Sean Hogan, Alan Kenneally, Bill Duff, Michael O'Brien, Terry Delaney with Michael Delaney, Eddie O'Meara, Gerry Ryan, John Hogan.



## MONEYGALL JUNIOR B FOOTBALL COUNTY CHAMPIONS 2006

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North Tipperary Players of the Year at the North Board Presentation Function. Seated are the hurling award recipients (l to r) - Willie Keogh (Silvermines) Intermediate, Ken Dunne (Toomevara) Senior, Keith Gohery (Knockshegowna) Junior, Ray McLoughney (Kilruane MacDonaghs) U-21, Eoin Hogan (Kilruane MacDonaghs) Minor. Standing are the football award recipients - Conor O'Mahony (Newport) Intermediate, Dinny Hogan (Portroe) Junior, Orrie Quirke (Silvermines) U-21, Tony Dunne (Burgess) Minor. Photograph: Bridget Delaney.



North Tipperary GAA Board Chairman John Sherlock presents the Murphy Cup to Noel Morris for Lar na bPairce museum. Also in photograph are Catherine Gleeson (Treasurer), Noel Cahill (Toomevara club) and Gerard McKeogh (Secretary). Toomevara were the last club to win the Murphy Cup when it was the silverware for the North SHC.



  
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# SOUTH TIPP REVIEW

## SOUTH TIPP BOARD ROLL OF HONOUR 2007

					Venue	Referee
<b>GLANBIA SENIOR HURLING</b>						
19/08/07	Killenaule	0-14	Ballingarry	0-13	Fethard	N. Cosgrove
<b>CLONMEL OIL SENIOR FOOTBALL</b>						
23/09/07	Moyle Rovers	2-10	Fethard	0-10	Clonmel	D. O'Mahoney
<b>MARTINS FRIUT &amp; VEG INTER HURLING</b>						
09/09/07	Ballybacon Grange	3-12	Carrick Davins	2-12	Kilsheelan	S. Roche
<b>SOUTH TIPP TODAY INTER FOOTBALL</b>						
10/06/07	Ballyporeen	1-15	Kilsheelan Kilcash	0-17	Ardfinnan	B. Tyrell
<b>JOHN QUIRKE JUNIOR HURLING A</b>						
10/06/07	Moyle Rovers	1-21	Newcastle	3-11	Ardfinnan	P. Shelley
<b>GARRABRIDGE LIGHTING JUNIOR FOOTBALL A</b>						
11/03/07	Commercials	0-14	Ballylooby Cg.	0-03	Ardfinnan	D. Cahill
<b>EUROPLAN JUNIOR HURLING B</b>						
27/10/07	Ballingarry	2-18	St. Patricks	0-04	Killenaule	P.J. Hassett
<b>FITZPATRICK FAMILY JUNIOR FOOTBALL B</b>						
29/10/07	Commercials	0-06	Carrick Swan	0-05	Kilsheelan	K. O'Brien
<b>O'DONOGHUE MOTOR FACTORS U21 FOOTBALL A</b>						
31/3/07	Moyle Rovers	1-11	Carrick Swan	0-08	Kilsheelan	K. O'Brien
<b>HALL ALARMS U 21 FOOTBALL B</b>						
24/3/07	Kilsheelan Kilcash	1-16	Carrick Davins	2-05	Monroe	J. McCormack
<b>UNDER 21 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP C</b>						
14/4/07	Newcastle	0-18	St. Martins	0-02	Ardfinnan	J. McConigly
<b>CAREW INVESTMENTS U 21 HURLING A</b>						
14/10/07	Carrick Swan	1-09	Ballingarry	1-07	Monroe	K. Delahunty
<b>PAT CLEERE U 21 HURLING C</b>						
24/8/07	Newcastle	2-17	Marlfield	0-06	Newcastle	J. McConigly
<b>SUREPRINT MINOR FOOTBALL A</b>						
22/9/07	Moyle Rovers	2-11	Slievenamon	1-03	Fethard	B. White
<b>MINOR FOOTBALL B</b>						
31/8/07	Fethard	2-14	Ballyporeen	2-10	Cahir	M. Doyle
<b>MINOR FOOTBALL C</b>						
31/8/07	Ballylooby Cg	1-13	Fr. Sheehys	3-04	Ballyporeen	D. O'Mahoney
<b>CHADWICKS MINOR HURLING A</b>						
9/6/07	Ballingarry	2-16	Moyle Rovers	4-08	Cloneen	W. Barrett
<b>M.K. SPORTS MINOR HURLING B</b>						
26/8/07	Fethard	6-13	Carrick Swan	3-11	Kilsheelan	A. Maloney
<b>Minor Hurling C</b> 1 Team no final Ballylooby Cg						

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## SOUTH BOARD REMEMBERS FIRST CHAIRMAN

South Tipperary G.A.A Board Centenary Year Commemoration committee honoured their very first Chairman James Meehan in a ceremony in St Finbarrs cemetery in Cork.

James Meehan was elected Chairman of the Board at its inaugural meeting on the 8th June 1907 in Ryans Hotel College St (now Mc Carthy's Hotel) He served until 1910. He was a prominent player in his younger days with Clonmel Emmetts and with the old Clonmel Commercials sides and was also a prominent referee in hurling and football. Involved in the commercial and political life of the town he owned a drapery shop in Gladstone St and was elected to Clonmel Corporation in 1906 and served as Mayor from 1910 to 1912. When he retired from business he went to reside in Cork where he died in 1942.

Present at the ceremony were his relatives the Dorgan and Reid families who reside in Cork and maintain strong links with the Gaelic Athletic Association.

The graveside oration was delivered by Mick Egan former Chairman of the South Board and Chairman of the Centenary commemoration committee

**Photo** Members of the Dorgan and Reid families with Officers and members of the South Board



# Cahir Premier Senior Football League Champions 2007

Cahir Senior Footballers won the Premier Senior Football League for the first time this year

The league began in February with an away win in Ardfinnan over the locals on a score of 4-13 to 0-4. A week later Cahir defeated Galtee Rovers in Cahir, in a very competitive game, on a score of 1-9 to 1-7.

Two games were also played in March, with both games in Cahir. Cahir narrowly lost to Loughmore-Castleiney 2-7 to 3-7. However Grangemockler were easily accounted for on a score of 5-11 to 0-2. The last league game was away to J. K. Brackens in Templemore, with Cahir coming out on top, on a score of 0-14 to 0-8.

The semi-final was played three weeks later in Ardfinnan, against Moyle Rovers. Again this game was very competitive, but thanks to two good goals from John Ryan and five points from Benny Hickey, Cahir came out on top, on a score line of 3-7 to 0-11. The final was played on Sunday evening the 17<sup>th</sup> of

June, in Boherlahan, against Loughmore-Castleiney. Cahir started really well and were well worth their half-time lead of 1-8 to 0-2. However, in the second-half Loughmore-Castleiney took over and scored 1-5 to Cahir's one point, to have the full time score Cahir 1-9 to Loughmore-Castleiney 1-7.

The winning team was

Derek Davis, Damien Lonergan, Davy O'Gorman, Patrick Regan, Paul Frazer, Robbie Costigan, Capt., Paddy O'Flaherty 1 pt, Diarmuid Tarrant, Michael Tarrant, James Hyland, Gavin Berry, 2pts, Gary Morrison, John B Ryan 5pts, Conor Gribbon 1 gl, Keith Maguire 1 pt.

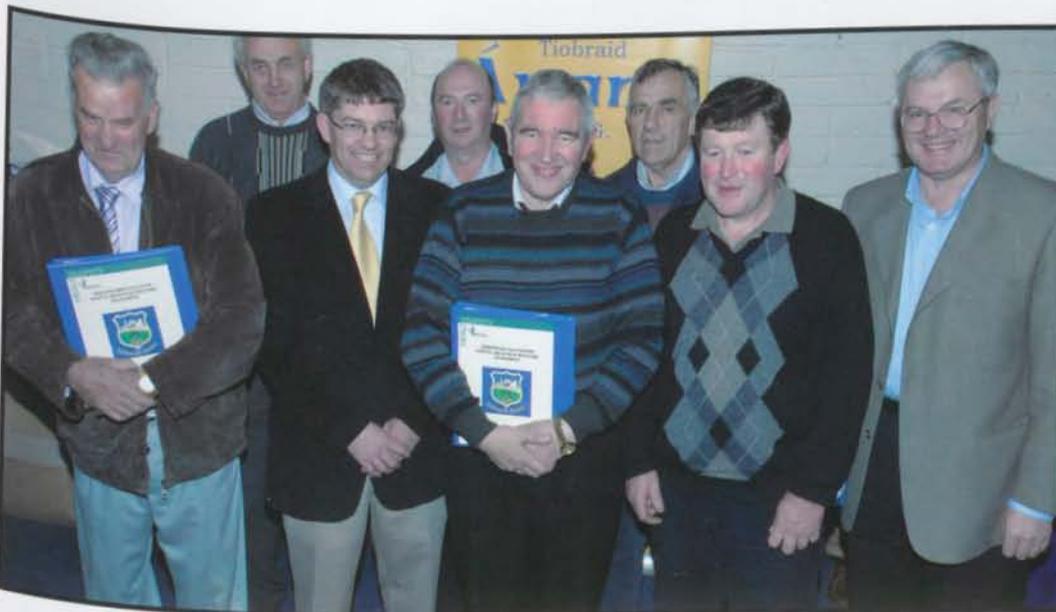
Subs used

Padraig Whelan, David Williams, Ger O'Gorman.

The league was an obvious success from Cahir's point of view, in that 36 players were used during the course of the 7 games. Cahir scored a total of 16-70 and conceded 5-46.



Back Row: Michael Tarrant; Paul Coneay; Gary Morrison; Liam O'Gorman; Niall Morrison; Padraig Whelan; Brian Enright; Davy O'Gorman; Derek Davis; James Hyland; David Williams; Conor Gribbin; Paul Frazer; Mark Costigan;  
Front Row: Diarmuid Tarrant; Gerald O'Gorman; Patrick Regan; Eric Flannery; Ger Hally; Keith Maguire; John Benny Ryan; Robbie Costigan; Paddy O'Flaherty; Gavin Berry; Damien Lonergan;



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James Holohan, Kilsheelan,  
Stephen Gearyl, Europlan,  
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## KILLENAULE SENIOR HURLING SOUTH CHAMPIONS 2007

Back, left to right: Damien Gleeson, Michael Farrell, Jonathan Gleeson, John Cooke, Matthew O'Donnell, Kieran Murphy, Patrick Lavelor, Philip Blake, Niall O'Dwyer, Peter Kennedy, Patrick Kerwick, Michael Doyle, Kenneth Browne, Michael Hickey, Declan Fanning, Thomas Fitzgerald.  
 Front, left to right: Darren Kelly, David Mackey, Kenneth Cleary, Eugene Purcell, Tony Shelly, Tony Doyle, Declan Ryan, Gerry Kennedy, Joe Caesar, Vinnie Hannigan, Paddy Codd, Stephen Browne, Michael McGrath.



## BALLYBACON GRANGE INTER HURLING SOUTH CHAMPIONS 2007

Back Row (L. To R.): Michael Phelan, Sean Maher, Albert Keating, Kieran Walsh, Brendan Cummins, Brian Condon, Thomas Maher, Diarmuid O'Sullivan.  
 Front Row (L. To R.): Pa Norton, Brian Dillon, Craig Carrigan, Brian Lonergan, Michael English, Johnny English (Captain), Declan Walsh.



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**CARRICK SWAN U21 A HURLING SOUTH CHAMPIONS 2007**

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**NEWCASTLE U21 C HURLING SOUTH CHAMPIONS 2007**



**BALLINGARRY MINOR A HURLING SOUTH CHAMPIONS 2007**

Back row (L to R) Jonathan Ivors, Jack Ivors, Ciaran Shelly, Matt Treacy, Kevin Fitzgerald, James Logue, Adrian Cleere, Danny Fitzgerald, John Cleere, Brendan Brennan, Ian Ivors, Darragh Ivors, Kieran Fitzgerald. Front row (L to R) Keith Shelly, Billy Horan, Kevin Croke, Michael Ivors, Carl Rotherham, Jack Fennelly, Daniel Fennelly, Brian Kelly, Sean Maher, Gerry Fitzgerald, Mathew Butler.



**FETHARD MINOR B HURLING SOUTH CHAMPIONS 2007**



**MOYLE ROVERS SENIOR FOOTBALL SOUTH CHAMPIONS 2007**



**BALLYPOREEN INTER FOOTBALL SOUTH CHAMPIONS 2007**



**COMMERCIALS JUNIOR A FOOTBALL SOUTH CHAMPIONS 2007**



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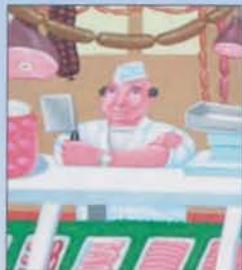
**MOYLE ROVERS U21 SOUTH & COUNTY FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS**

Back Row: Donal Foley, John Paul O'Donovan, Edmund Burke, Brian Smith, David Foley, Sean Keating, Darren Nolan, Paul Walsh, David Lorigan, Peter Acheson, Stephen Kennedy, Liam Redmond, Richard Power, Brendan Foley. >From Row: Jimmy Dunne, Ciaran Kenrick, Michael Mulcahy, Diarmuid Foley, Tommy Barry, Ian Browne, Paul Johnson(Capt), Sean Carey, Brendan Boland, Owen Fogarty, Brian Mulvihill, Danny Lyne, John Lyne Michael Mulvihill, Martin Duane

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## KILSHEELAN-KILCASH SOUTH U21 B FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007

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## NEWCASTLE SOUTH U21 C FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007

Back L to R: Johnny Kelly, Conor Devaney, Brain Sweeney, Shane Hickey, Will Condon, Conor Grant, Jordan Corbett, Will Kennedy.  
 Front L to R: Thomas Lonergan, Karl Ryan, Caoimhin McGrath, Tom Kennedy (Captain), Ger O'Donnell, Andrew Fitzpatrick, Lorcan McCarra.  
 Missing From Photo: Kevin O'Donnell.



## MOYLE ROVERS MINOR A SOUTH FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007

Back Row: Eugene Phelan, Charlie Purcell, Barry Whelan, Andrew Walsh, Ciaran Lorigan, Peter Acheson, Ciaran Kenrick, David Foley, Jack Lonergan, Shane Heffernan, Sean Boland, Thomas Hill. Front Row: Liam Carey, Robert Kearney, Brian Smith, Mark Campbell, Darragh Dwyer, David McGrath, Edmund Burke, Sean Carey(capt) Shane Foley, Denis McGrath Alan Campbell



## FETHARD SOUTH MINOR B FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007

## ST. AUGUSTINE'S SENIOR HURLING TEAM (KILSHEELAN & FETHARD) SOUTH TIPPERARY CHAMPIONS 1982



Back l to r: Joe Ahearne (Sel.), John Kehoe, Noel Byrne, Matt Cahill, Jim McGrath, Maurice Harrington, Davy Fitzgerald, Gerry Kehoe, Stephen McCormack, Jim Kehoe, Cyril Robinson, William Robinson, Ml. Kehoe, Liam Stokes, John Donovan (Sel.)

Front l to r: Liam McCarthy, Peter Moore, James Downes, Fr. Aby Kennedy, Pat Larkin (Capt), Sean Nugent, Pat O'Neill, Davy Morrissey, Packie Harrington, John Larkin, Liam Corcoran, Michael Keane (Sel.). Mascot: Liam Robinson.

Inserts: l to r: John Keyes (Sel.), Fr. Ray Reidy (Sel.), Brian McNally, Dick Strang.

# Newcastle G.A.A. Club

2007 was a successful year on the field of play for Newcastle G.A.A. Club with the Under 21 footballers winning a second county title in three years and the junior A football team winning the County Adult Football League Division 3 title.

The County Under 21 'C' football championship was run on a countywide basis with a two-group league system. In the first round Newcastle defeated Emly and proceeded to play Solohead - a game which Newcastle won by eight points. The final group game was against Seán Treacys in Bansa where Newcastle won 2-11 to 2-5. This meant that Newcastle had won their group and qualified for the county final against Clonakenny. The game was played in brilliant sunshine in Leahy Park, Cashel on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The game proved to be very tight throughout and after leading by five points mid way into the second half, Newcastle had to survive a fightback by Clonakenny to hold out in the end by one point. The final score was Newcastle 1-10 Clonakenny 0-12. Great credit is due to both teams for a great game of football, but it was a very special occasion for the Newcastle club to win a second County Under 21 football title in three years. County Chairman, John Costigan presented the shield to Newcastle captain, Tom Kennedy after the game.

The South Under 21 'C' competitions in both hurling and football had only two teams competing. South titles were won beating St. Martins in football and Marlfield in hurling.

At adult level in 2007 the junior football team, during the spring, took part in the county football league Division 3 competition. After a series of six games, Newcastle qualified for the final against Cappawhite in Cahir on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Having being defeated in an earlier round of the competition by Cappawhite, the team was determined to emerge victorious in the rematch. The game was very tight all through and it was clear that there would be very little between the sides at the end of the game. That was exactly what happened Newcastle held on to win by 3-5 to 2-7. After the game, County Football Board chairman, Pete Savage, presented the shield to Newcastle captain, Daniel Kennedy.

Off the field of play, the club is just as active. The floodlighting of the field has been completed and a number of games have been played under the lights. The complex is currently undergoing some renovation work and hopefully some improvements will also happen with the complex in the coming year. The adjoining Tennis & Basketball court has also been refurbished with the addition of new perimeter fencing, the installation of floodlighting and the laying of a new synthetic surface about to begin. The club is very fortunate that the people of Newcastle and surrounding areas are very supportive to our fundraising ventures and without their support, as well as grants from the National Lottery and South Tipperary County Council; all these developments would not be possible. The people of Newcastle are very proud of their Gaelic culture and heritage and the long list of achievements of the club on the field and in Scór competitions is held in high regard. These developments are being carried out with the intention of making the Newcastle G.A.A. club even more successful in the years to come.



Timmy Floyd, John Costigan (partly hidden), Liam Mulvihill, Barry O'Brien, Micheal McCormack, Tom Cusack, at launch of South Board History.

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2.09 Golden Cappawhite 5.09 Clonoulty/R 1.19 E. Browne

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9.09 S.T.Park Galtee Rovers 3.10 Aherlow 0.10 R. Barry

## GLEESON CONCRETE JHC 'A'

29.09 ST Park Lattin/Cullen 3.10 Kickhams 0.13 R. Barry

## TIPPERARY CO-OP SUPER VALU JHC 'B'

7.10 ST Park Kickhams 1.11 Eire Óg 2.08 R. Barry

14.10 ST Park Rep. Kickhams 2.11 Éire Óg 1.05 D. Grogan

## O'DWYER STEEL U21HC 'A'

17.11 Final Clonoulty/R. 1.14 Kickhams 0.09 R. O'Connor

## LOWRY'S BAR U21HC 'B'

14.10 ST Park Golden/K 0.14 Cappawhite 0.14 P. Ryan

21.10 ST Park Rep Golden/K 2.18 Cappawhite 3.07 S. Bradshaw

## U21 HC 'C'

17.11 Golden S.Treacys 7.09 Emly 1.05 S. Bradshaw

## DUNDRUM HOUSE HOTEL MHC 'A'

9.09 Golden Kickhams 2.14 Eire Óg 1.10 P. Russell

## MHC 'B'

22.09 Dundrum Cappawhite 2.09 Golden 1.10 S. Bradshaw

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30.09 Golden Rockwell Rvs 2.08 Arravale Rovers 1.08 J. Ryan

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6.10 Golden Cappawhite 1.07 Aherlow 0.08 S Bradshaw

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## McGRATH OIL U21FC 'A'

25.03 Golden Aherlow 0.12 Arravale Rovers 0.08 John Ryan

## McGRATH OIL U21FC 'B'

25.03 Cappawhite Golden/K 2.08 Rockwell Rovers. 1.05 R O Connor

## McGRATH OIL U21FC 'C'

3.11 Cappawhite Lattin/Cullen 5.01 S.Treacys 2.08 G.Riordan

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29.08 Golden Arravale Rvs. 3.11 Aherlow 1.09 W.Kennedy

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5.09 Cashel Golden/K 0.12 Clonoulty/R 1.08 Ger Howe

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Eight state of the art floodlights were recently erected around the new training pitch, the second phase of a major development of Clonoulty/Rossmore's GAA facilities.

The new training pitch and lights were officially blessed at a small ceremony in August by Father Fogarty and Father O' Donnell.

It is fitting that this ceremony took place just after the club's Little League final as these players will benefit enormously during their career from such facilities.

The main pitch is currently being redeveloped, and new dressing rooms, a playground and a walkway round the grounds are all part of the grand design. It is estimated that the total cost of the project will be close

to a million euro, a massive undertaking for a small rural parish.

However, through the hard work, vision and dedication of club members, and the generosity and support of people far and wide, the dream of a first class GAA facility is materialising before the community's eyes.

Sales of work, lotto ticket selling, club calendar sales, a lottery grant and not least a dog push in conjunction with the Irish Guide Dogs, have all contributed handsomely to the project

Indeed, the club has raised one hundred thousand euro for the Guide Dogs as part of an innovative fundraising drive over the past two years.

Young and old have already benefited since the lights were turned on. The first match played at night was an U-14 league final versus Arravale Rovers. The senior team have also enjoyed the new facilities and had several training sessions and challenge matches on the new surface before exiting the championship at the hands of Drom-Inch.

All in all, it has been a great year for the club. Winning a West senior hurling final, and bowing out bravely in the county quarters, augurs well for the future.

And with the new lights to train under to lessen the "pain" of next year's early training sessions, the future does look bright for a club that hopes to light up more than just the field in next year's championships!



## CLONOULTY ROSSMORE West Senior Hurling Champions 2007

Back Row L/R; Michael Heffernan, Conor Ryan, Anthony Kearney, Aidan Butler, Diarmuid Cullen, Conor Devane, Tom Butler, John Heffernan, Timmy Hammersley, Ned O'Dwyer, Declan O'Dwyer, Patrick Ryan, Kenny Ryan, Con O'Keeffe, Philip Quirke.  
Front L/R; Daithi Maher, RD Martin, Brian Ryan, James Heffernan, Joey O'Keeffe, Liam Devane, John Devane, Fiachra O'Keeffe, Jason Forrestal, John O'Keeffe, Paudie White, Kevin Horan, Micheal Coen.

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## CAPPAWHITE WEST SENIOR HURLING LEAGUE CHAMPIONS 2007

Front Row L/R: Pat O'Neill, Dessie Ryan (P), Alan O'Neill, Stevie Grisewood, Sean Ryan, Leah Ryan, Paddy O'Donnell, Shane McDermott, Ger Ryan (P), Cian Creedon, Francis Quinn. Back Row L/R: Michael O'Loughlin, Paul Fitzgerald, George Kelly, Ciarán Ryan (P), Matthew Kennedy, John Ryan (P), Eugene O'Neill, Michael O'Neill, Thomas Costello, Tommy Costello, Gerry O'Neill, Declan Costello, Lar Cleary, Ger Ryan (B).



## GALTEE ROVERS WEST INTER HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007

Back Row L/R: Kieran Maruane, Eamonn O'Connell, Denis Peters, Dallen Browne, David Byron, John Morrissey, Seamus Moloney, Cathal Moloney, Kieran Bergin, Mark Peters, Raymond O'Dwyer, Vinny Murphy, David Morrissey, Mark O'Brien, Willy Tarrant. Front Row L/R: Tony O'Brien, Donal Collins, Pa Morrissey (capt), Anthony Boles, Pat Maruane, Kevin Bergin, Michael Collins, Andrew Morrissey, Cofin Morrissey. Kneeling: Kelvin O'Brien, Conal O'Brien.



## LATTIN/CULLEN JUNIOR 'A' HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007

Back L/R: John O'Heney, James Breen, Ailbe Power, James Power, Brendan Hanley, Gerry Maguire, Kevin Kiely, Ian Hanley, John Kiely, Timmy Byrnes, Pat O'Grady, Peter Pearl, Bernard Leahy, Michael Kenny, Donal Browne, Eamon Condon, Stephen Martin. Front L/R: John Breen, Roger Kiely, Diarmuid O'Halloran, James Maguire, Thomas Byrnes, Pat Power, James O'Dwyer, Aidan Kiely, Brian Maguire, Joseph O'Dwyer, Leonard Leahy, Aidan Hogan.



## KICKHAMS WEST JUNIOR 'B' HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007

Back L/R: Billy Heney, James Lonergan, Eoin Butler, Jimmy Farrell, Sean Keogh, Conor Horan, Gerry Horgan, James Keane, Shane Morrissey, Eoin O'Brien, Conor Ryan, Pat Ryan, Pdraig Morrissey, Michael Morrissey, Donal Comerford, Davy Horgan, Darren Hayes, Trevor O'Brien, Tom McCormack.  
Front L/R: John Taylor, John Ryan, Oliver Ryan, Tony Farrell, Declan Horgan, Davy Heelan, Ger Browne, Darragh Browne, Eamon Browne.



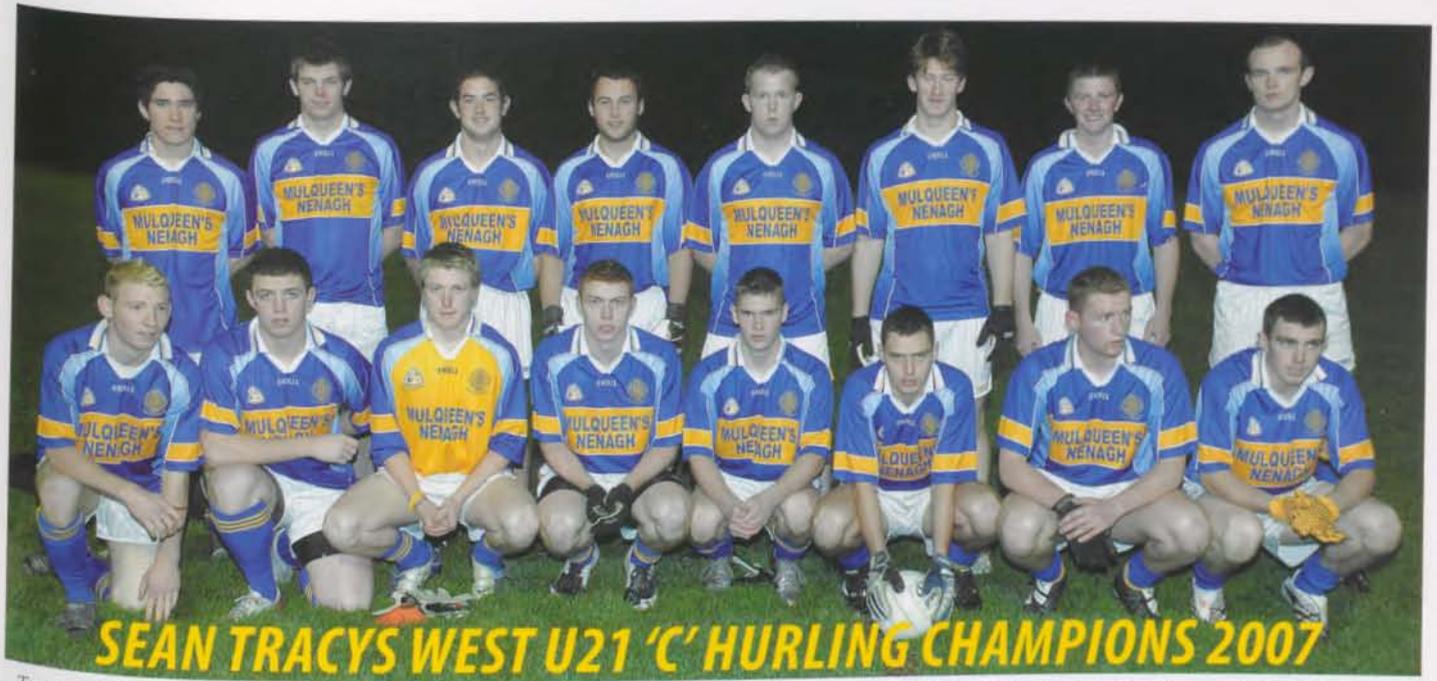
## CLONOLTY ROSSMORE WEST U21 'A' HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007

Back L/R: Anthony Kearney, Liam Devane, Jamie Moloney, Philip Ryan, Jason Forrester, Kieran Hammersley, Timmy Hammersley, John O'Neill, Diarmuid Cullen, Davy White, Andrew Quirke, James Manton, Sean O'Connor.  
Front L/R: John O'Keeffe, Donacha Ryan, Tadhg Ryan, Thomas Lyng, Kevin Horan, Joey O'Keeffe.



## GOLDEN/KILFEACLE WEST U21 'B' HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007

Back L/R: Liam Burns, Cathal Bargary, Michael Harding, James Hayes, Michael Hayes, Pdraig Hayes, Jamie Currivan, Brendan Moloney; John Ryan, Andy Burns (child) David Ivers, Seamus Ryan. Front L/R: Cathal Hayes, Sean Walsh, James McCarthy, Patrick Ivers, Phillip Long, Michael Fitzgerald, Ronan Hayes, Dermot Morrissey, Ian O'Connell (child).



**SEAN TRACY'S WEST U21 'C' HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007**

Team: Jamie O' Toole, Padraig Carey Tom Hickey, Eamonn Devitt, Simon Kennedy, Seamus Feehan, T.J Quigley, Declan Hickey, Paul Hogan, Denis Stapleton, Damien Nolan, Jody Ryan, James Geoff. Subs: Vincent Carey, Davy O'Toole, Derek Nolan.



**KICKHAMS WEST MINOR 'A' HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007**

Back L/R: Paddy Hayes, Shane Heelan, Kevin Griffey, John Ryan, Kenneth Horgan, Sean Keogh, John Slattery, Patrick O'Brien, Shane Morrissey, Darragh Brennan, Niall O'Brien, Maurice Ryan. Front L/R: Donal Kennedy, David Butler, Rory Heffernan, Gerry Horgan, Daniel Kennedy, Thomas Ryan, Gary Heelan, John Griffey, Paudie Slattery, Sean Carroll, Sean Bradshaw.



**CAPPAWHITE WEST MINOR 'B' HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007**

Back Row L/R: Jim Fitzgerald, Darragh Barry, Anthony Cummins, Dean O'Dwyer, John Horgan, Jack Turner, Jim Carr, Cathal McCarthy, Pat Stapleton. Back Row L/R: Paddy Barry, Noel Ryan, Cormac Heffernan, Cian Murnane, Paddy Maguire, Gerry O'Neill, Donagh Heffernan, John Hourigan, Keith Ryan, Darragh Buckley, Robert Ryan, Matthew Ralph. Back Row L/R: Damien Nolan, David O'Toole, Eamon Devitt, Simon Kennedy, Paudie Carey, Seamus Feehan, T.J. Quigley, Joey Ryan (R). Front Row L/R: Derek Nolan M Hogan Jamie O' Toole, Paul Hogan James Gough, Declan Hickey, Denis Stapleton



## LATTIN/CULLEN WEST MINOR 'C' HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007

Back L/R; Michael Hanley (Snr), Darragh Ryan, Michael Hanley, Jason Ryan, Shane Enright, Shane Russell, Edward Gill, John O'Henehy, Ger Ryan, Arthur Dunne, Michael Kirby, Michael Martin. Front L/R; Cathal Martin, Michael P.Ryan, John Condon, Billy Heffernan, Ger Maher, Alan Hayes, Timmy Heffernan, John Breen.



## AHERLOW WEST SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007

Back L/R; Mark O'Brien, Cathal Dillon, Barry Grogan, Michael Moroney, Tommy Russell, Brian Moroney, Seamus Grogan, Derry Peters, Leo Leonard, Bernard O'Brien, Shane Leonard, Larry Nash, Tom Peters. Front L/R; Sean Mullins, Anthony Moroney, Laurence Coskeran, Thomas Fahy, Denis O'Shea, Conor O'Shea, Cathal O'Shea, Billy O'Meara, Ciaran Mc Donald, Mark O'Shea, Stuart Moloney.



## GALTEE ROVERS O'DONOGHUE CUP SFL CHAMPIONS 2006

Back Row L/R; Andrew Morrissey, Declan Peters, John Morrissey, Tony O'Brien, Denis Peters, Cathal Moloney, Mark O'Brien, Seamus Moloney, Mark Peters, David Byron, Donal Collins, Larry O'Brien, Eddy Grace. Front Row L/R; Colin Morrissey, Pa Morrissey, David Morrissey, Pat Marnane, Willy Tarrant, Adrian Grace, Vinny Murphy, Kevin Bergin, Anthony Boles, Kieran Bergin



## ROCKWELL ROVERS WEST INTER FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007

Front L/R: Sean Moloney, Stephen Byrne, Mickey Fahey, Cohn Heaney, Kevin Heaney, Alan Moloney, Stephen Quirke, Eoin Barrett, John Heaney, Paul Halley, Robbie O'Halloran, Barry Shortall and Willie Flynn. Back L/R: Peter Brennan, Tommy Flynn, James Heffernan, Joe O'Rourke, James O'Halloran, Kevin Halley, James Dudley, David Byrne, Pat Halley, Ollie Halley, Eoin Shine, Donal Moloney, Kevin Moloney, Pete Farrell, Pat Prendergast, David Brennan, Kieran Durkin and Joe Blair.



## ARRAVALE ROVERS COUNTY INTER FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007

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## CAPPAWHITE WEST JUNIOR 'A' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007

Front Row L/R: John Paul Julian, Dessie Ryan (P), Brian O'Neill, Matthew Kennedy, Denis Kelly, Pat O'Neill, Stevie Griseewood, Alan O'Neill, Denis Tierney, Ger Ryan (P), Jim Carr, Cian Creedon. Back Row L/R: Paul Fitzgerald, Ciaran Ryan (P), Sean Ryan (P), Breandán Buckley, Shane McDermott, Thomas Costello, Niall Creedon, Daniel Kelly, Ross Dunne, Declan Costello, John Tierney, Michael Buckley, Gerry O'Neill, John Ryan (A), Tommy Julian.

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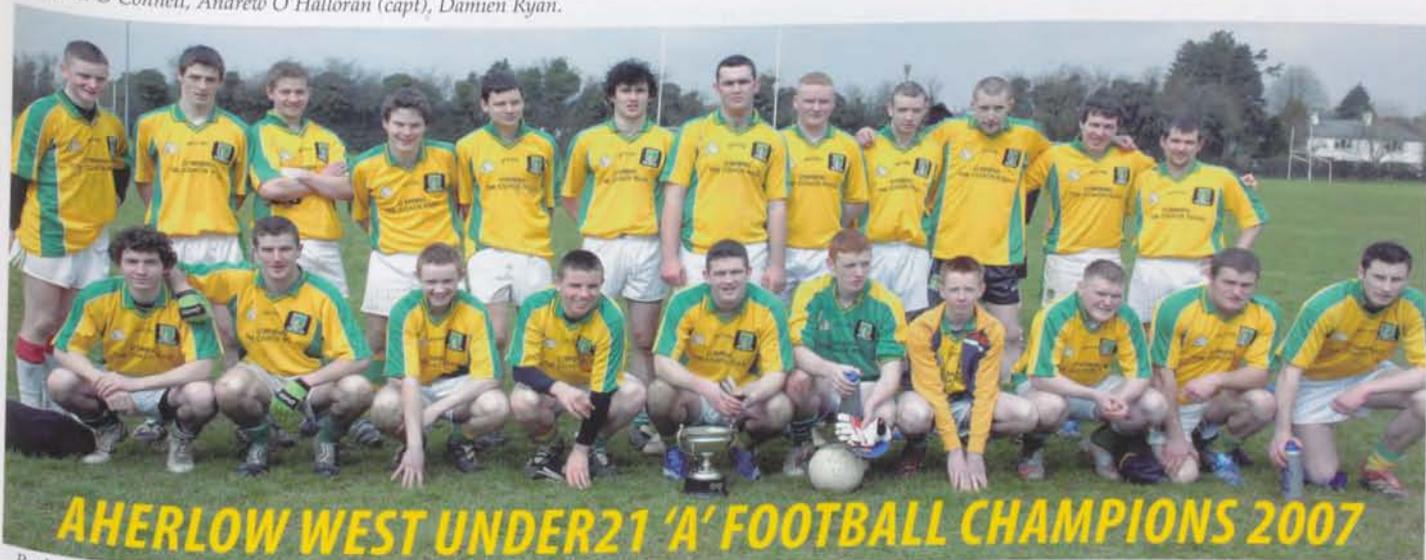
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Michael O'Connell, Andrew O'Halloran (capt), Damien Ryan.



## **AHERLOW WEST UNDER 21 'A' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007**

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Paul Coughlan, Bernard O'Brien, Jos O'Brien. Front L/R: Chris McDonald, Tadhg O'Donoghue, Billy O'Meara, Thomas Fahy, Barry Grogan, Gordon Peters, William  
White, Joe Fahy, Vinny Hennessy, Cathal Dillon.



## **GOLDEN/KILFEACLE WEST & COUNTY U21 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007**

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Michael Harding, Phillip Long. Front L/R: Michael Fitzgerald, James McCarthy, Patrick Ivers, Seamus Walsh, Dailhi Bargary, James Hayes, Brendan Moloney.



## SEAN TRACY WEST UNDER 21 'C' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007

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Front Row L/R: Derek Nolan M Hogan Jamie O' Toole, Paul Hogan James Gough, Declan Hickey, Denis Stapleton



## ARRAVALE ROVERS WEST MINOR 'A' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007

Back Row L/R: Tony O Sullivan, Mark Crowe, Gerard O'Dwyer, Declan Ryan, Sean Spillane, Michael Frawley, Darren Lowry (Captain), Paddy Finnan, Eoin McCarthy, Fergal McNamara, Sean O' Meara, Robert Kiely, Michael Fitzgerald, Gerard Mulhair, Morgan O' Brien, Andy Lacey. Front Row L/R: Fergal O' Reilly, Byron Lowry, Darragh Fitzpatrick, Conor McNamara, James Ryan, David Heffernan, Michael O' Dwyer (Man of the Match), Paddy Dalton, Ian Richardson, Michael O Sullivan, Brian Jones, Tommy Toomey (Manager).



## GOLDEN/KILFEACLE WEST MINOR 'B' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007

Back L/R: Lisa Curriuan (child) Tom Doyle, Ronan Hayes, Mark Hally, Michael Fitzgerald, Mitch Barry, Liam Burns, Niall Barry, Brendan Moloney, John Ryan, Thomas Burns, Michael Hayes, Matthew Ryan. Front L/R: Mark Curriuan, Shane Luby, Cathal Hayes, Jonathan Burke, Ian O'Connell, Andy Burns, Christopher Ryan, Dermot Morrissey, Kevin Ivers, Seamus Ryan, James O'Connell.



## ARRAVALE ROVERS COUNTY MINOR 'A' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007

Back Row L/R: Tony O'Sullivan, Mark Crowe, Gerard O'Dwyer, Declan Ryan, Sean Spillane, Michael Frawley, Darren Lowry (Captain), Paddy Finnan, Eoin McCarthy, Fergal McNamara, Sean O'Meara, Robert Kiely, Michael Fitzgerald, Gerard Mulhair, Morgan O'Brien, Andy Lacey. Front Row L/R: Fergal O'Reilly, Bryan Lowry, Darragh Fitzpatrick, Conor McNamara, James Ryan, David Heffernan, Michael O'Dwyer (Man of the Match), Paddy Dalton, Ian Richardson, Michael O'Sullivan, Brian Jones, Tommy Toomey (Manager).



## EMLY COUNTY MINOR 'C' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007

Back L/R: Declan McEniry, Naphon Chongrassertporn, Mark Davern, Joey Lonergan, Thomas Condon, J.P. Walsh, Con Ryan, Liam O'Donnell, Nicholas Alymer, James Ryan (Coach). Front L/R: Declan McGrath, Ciaran McCauley, Shane Carroll, Conor Quish, Chris Hennessy, Robert McGrath, David Cleary, Tommy Breen, Patrick McGrath, John Hennessy.



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## Co. Youth Committee Report 2007.

Last December we held our Annual Primary School table Quiz in Holycross Parish Hall which proved a very suitable venue. The winners were 1<sup>st</sup> Loughmore, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lorrha, 3<sup>rd</sup> Clerihan.

Following on the success of John Leahy's visits to second level schools in Co. Tipperary in 2004, 2005 and 2006 we decided to adopt a new approach in 2007 and in the Spring we held Alcohol and Drug information seminars in Tipperary Town, Cashel, Cahir, Clonmel, Carrick-on-Suir and Boherlahan. We thank Health Service Executive expert Sinéad O Mahony and Stuart Moloney from the Mid Tipperary Drugs Initiative without whose help these would not have been possible. G.A.A. members in North Tipperary attended a similar seminar run by the North Tipperary Sports Partnership. As we go to print progress is being made on the G.A.A. Alcohol and Substance Abuse Programme (ASAP) in connection with which we are asking all clubs to appoint an ASAP Officer to bring the message back to local level. It is hoped to encourage all members (young & old) to adopt a more moderate approach to their consumption of alcohol and to eliminate the use of illegal drugs amongst G.A.A. members.

During the Winter of 2006/2007 the G.A.A. Code of Conduct for dealing with young persons was delivered to divisional seminars in Nenagh, Thurles, Tipperary Town and Clonmel as well as to 6 other clubs who requested seminars for their own members.

Following on the success of our under 13 Ground Hurling Initiative in 2006 when over 30 teams took part we ran an under 11 Ground Hurling Blitz in September 2007 in which 52 teams participated. This Annual Event has grown in popularity over the years and shows players and their mentors the value of Ground Hurling.

Co Youth Committee members are: Nicholas Moroney Co. Youth Officer, Aoife Percy Mid Youth Officer, Liam Hogan North Youth Officer, Daniel Connery West Youth Officer, Brian Dignam South Youth Officer, John Smith P.R.O. Co. Bord na nÓg and Andy O Gorman former Mid Youth Officer who is a driving force behind many of our ventures. New ideas to help our young members are always welcome.



Loughmore N.S. Winners of the County Tipperary Board GAA Primary School Quiz. Picture Back Row L to R Barry O'Brien Vice Chairman County Board, Liam Hogan County Youth Committee, Aoife Maher County Youth Committee, Nicholas Moroney County Youth Committee Chairman, Murt Ryan Loughmore Trainer, Andy O Gorman County Youth Committee. Front Row L to R Joseph Hayden, Joseph Hennessy, Thomas Maher, John McGrath.



Lorrha N.S. Runners Up in the County Tipperary Board GAA Primary School Quiz. Picture Back Row L to R Barry O'Brien Vice Chairman County Board, Liam Hogan County Youth Committee, Aoife Maher County Youth Committee, Nicholas Moroney County Youth Committee Chairman, Andy O Gorman County Youth Committee. Front Row L to R Niall McIntyre, Eoin McIntyre, Chris Fogarty, Cormac Houlihan.

Borrisoleigh N.S. who came fourth in the County Tipperary Board GAA Primary Schools Quiz.



Ardroneoy N.S. who came joint 5th in the County Board GAA Primary Schools Quiz.



Clerihan N.S. who came third in the County Board GAA Primary Schools Quiz. Picture Back Row L to R Barry O'Brien Vice Chairman County Board, Liam Hogan County Youth Committee, Aoife Maher County Youth Committee, Nicholas Moroney County Youth Committee Chairman, Andy O Gorman County Youth Committee. Front Row L to R Elaine Butler, Rian Clancy, Jim Norris, James Butler.

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# COUNTY TIPPERARY BORD NA nÓG

## REVIEW OF THE YEAR

by John Smith, P.R.O.

A look back at the juvenile scene in 2007 saw Tipperary retain the Tipperary Supporters Club All Ireland Under 16 title while at club level after some excellent competition in both football and hurling twenty county titles were decided.

The following is a summary of the various competitions.

### Football

#### Under 12

An injury time point gave Clonmel Commercials a dramatic victory over Nenagh Eire Óg in a pulsating 'A' final at Semple Stadium. There was some great point scoring from both teams with nine of the thirteen points coming from play. Commercials defeated Durlas Óg in the semi final with Nenagh Eire Óg beating Golden-Kilfeacle in the other semi final.

It took two games to decide the 'B' final. Ardfinnan and Ballina served up a thrilling final with Ardfinnan equalising in additional time to force a replay. Ballina thanks to four second half goals made no mistake in the replay. In the semi finals Ardfinnan and Ballina defeated Moycarkey-Borris and Lattin-Cullen respectively.

Upperchurch-Drombane despite not scoring in the first half ran out convincing winners over Silvermines in the 'C' final. A superb performance from Paul Shanahan at centre forward for the winners who finished with a personal tally of 1-4 inspired his side to victory. Both teams had impressive semi final victories with Upperchurch beating Grangemockler and Silvermines getting the better of Emly.

#### Under 14

Clonmel Commercials scored a convincing win over Arravale Rovers to capture the 'A' title. The large winning margin seemed unlikely at half time as the teams were level four times during the opening thirty minutes with Commercials holding a two point advantage at the break. The second half was a different story with Commercials dominating and inspired by the outstanding



*Ballina U-12 footballers  
North & County 'B' champions.*

Martin Quinlivan who scored 3-4 they went on to record a comprehensive win. Moycarkey-Borris and Nenagh Eire Óg were defeated semi finalists losing to Commercials and Arravale Rovers respectively.

Kilsheelan-Kilcash scored a convincing win over Golden-Kilfeacle in a one sided 'B' final. Kilsheelan were a more physically stronger side than their opponents and they dominated in all areas of the field. Kilsheelan defeated Moyne-Templetuohy in the semi final with Golden overcoming Portroe to qualify for the final.

Emly won the 'C' title following a thrilling one point victory over Ballylooby-Castlegrace in the final. Ballylooby held the initiative in the first half and led by a goal at the break. They were still leading with five minutes of the second half remaining and then Emly struck for a goal to snatch the title. Ballylooby defeated Upperchurch-Drombane after a replay in the semi final. Emly received a bye to the final as the North Division had no team graded 'C'.



*The Durlas Óg panel that won the County Under 16 'A' hurling final.*

Back Row (L. to R.): Padraic Crone, Paul Morrissey, Aidan Barrett, James Morrissey, Colin Shorley, Rory O'Shea, Robert Murphy, David Maher, Aidan McCormack, Michael Russell Philip Purcell, Donal O'Gorman, David Corbett, Sean Moroney, Kevin Smith, Brian Keane. Front Row (L. to R.): Aidan Loughnane, James Ryan, Patrick Dunne, Tommy Doyle, Mark Lanigan, Denis Maher, Shane Dempsey, Jamie Stapleton, Cian Treacy, Darragh Ronayne, Stephen Maher, James Lyons.



The Clonmel Commercials Panel that defeated Nenagh Eire Óg in the Campion Insurance Group County Bord na Nog U/12 A Football Final.

### Under 16

A replay was necessary to decide the 'A' final. Arravale Rovers fought back to snatch a draw in the first match but a rock solid performance in the replay by the West champions saw off the challenge of Moyle Rovers. Arravale Rovers and Moyle Rovers defeated Nenagh Eire Óg and Durlas Óg respectively in the semi finals.

Burgess scored a hard fought victory over Holycross-Ballycahill in the 'B' final. Burgess led throughout the match and despite the North champions scoring only three points in the second period they held on for victory. Burgess defeated Cashel King Cormacs in the semi final while Holycross-Ballycahill accounted Ballingarry in the other semi final.

St. Patricks received a walk over from Sean Treacy in the 'C' decider. There were no semi finals as Mid and North Divisions had no teams graded at Under 16 'C'.

### Peil na nÓg

Clonmel Commercials were impressive winners over Clonoulty-Rossmore in the Peil na nÓg final. Commercials were very determined from the throw-in to make amends for losing last year's decider and they gave a very polished performance with their forwards creating and kicking some lovely points with intelligent use of the ball and nice passing movements. Clonmel Commercials had to pull out all the stops to defeat Loughmore-Castleiney in the semi final while Clonoulty-Rossmore had a five point winning margin over Lorrha-Dorrha in their semi final. Commercials went on to represent Tipperary in the All Ireland finals in Leitrim/Roscommon/Sligo. They scored convincing wins over Castlerea (Roscommon), Oran (Roscommon) and James Stephens (Kilkenny) in their group matches and they proved too good for Naomh Eanna (Wexford) in the semi final. They met Eire Óg Greystones in the Division 4 final and were narrowly defeated on a scoreline of 2-3 to 2-1.

### Hurling

#### Under 12

Holycross-Ballycahill won the 'A' championship following a late winning point against Nenagh Eire Óg in a fantastic final. There was very little between the teams throughout the game and when a draw looked on the cards up stepped Holycross centre back Kieran O'Dwyer to hit a long range free between the posts for a dramatic winning point. It was hard luck on Nenagh Eire Óg who also lost the football decider in somewhat similar circum-

stances. Holycross-Ballycahill defeated Carrick Swan by three points in the semi final and Nenagh Eire Óg had a six point winning margin over Golden-Kilfeacle in the other semi final.

Moycarkey-Borris defeated the holders, Kildangan in the 'B' final. Moycarkey were never headed in the match and thanks to two first half goals they lead by five points at the interval. Despite a Kildangan comeback in the second half it was not enough for them to retain their title. Moycarkey and Kildangan had convincing semi final wins over Killenaule and Rockwell Rovers respectively.

Shannon Rovers got the better of Upperchurch-Drombane in an eight goal thrilling 'C' final. This was Shannon Rovers first ever title in the grade. Shannon Rovers had to go to a replay to defeat Sean Treacys in the semi final while Upperchurch defeated Ballylooby-Castlegrace in their semi final.

#### Under 14

A hat-trick of goals from Liam McGrath insured victory for Loughmore-Castleiney in the 'A' final against Toomevara. This was a great game of hurling between two well coached teams with Loughmore making amends for losing to the same opposition in last years County Under 12 decider. Loughmore-Castleiney had a comprehensive win over Fethard in the semi final. The other semi final where Toomevara defeated Clonoulty-Rossmore by the narrowest of margins was rated one of the best juvenile games seen in the county for many years.

Mullinahone and Templederry Kenyons served up a thrilling 'B' final with the South champions coming out on top by a three point margin. Mullinahone's Cathal Horan was top scorer with 2-4 in an exciting game full of good hurling. In the semi finals Mullinahone had a narrow win over Moyne-Templetuohy and Templederry were convincing winners over Arravale Rovers.

St. Patricks thanks to a brilliant second half display defeated Emly to capture the 'C' title. The teams were level at the interval but St. Patricks dominated the second half outscoring their opponents by 3-8 to 0-1 and they went on to record a convincing victory. St. Patricks proved too strong for Upperchurch-Drombane in the semi final while West champions, Emly received a bye to the final as the North Division had no teams graded 'C'.

#### Under 16

Durlas Óg won the 'A' title for a magnificent fourth year in a row defeating Knockavilla/Donaskeigh Kickhams in very competi-

tive and hard fought final at New Inn. The teams were level at half time and as the match entered the final quarter Durlas Óg held a slender two point lead. However the Thurles side finished strongly outscoring their opponents by 1-6 to 1-0 to run out impressive winners. Durlas Óg defeated Ballingarry in the semi-final while Kickhams accounted for Nenagh Eire Óg in the other semi-final.

Templederry Kenyons made amends for losing the County Under 14 'B' final when they accounted for Holycross-Ballycahill by three points in a hard fought 'B' decider. Templederry inspired by an excellent performance from Brian Stapleton who scored seven points from play led at the interval by a point and despite a storming finish by Holycross the title went to the North Champions. Both Templederry and Holycross had convincing semi final ins over Galtee Rovers and Ballybacon-Grange respectively.

### Feile na nGael

Loughmore-Castleiney inspired by their captain, Aaron Sweeney defeated Nenagh Eire Óg in a keenly contested Feile na nGael final. Sweeney who operated at full forward contributed 3-2 of his team's total. Loughmore had a large winning margin over Kilsheelan-Kilcassagh in the semi final and Nenagh Eire Óg accounted for Clonoulty-Rossmore by three points in the other semi final. Loughmore-Castleiney represented Tipperary in the All Ireland finals in Kilkenny. They lost their opening match to their hosts, O'Loughlin Gaels by six points. They went on to score two great victories in their remaining group matches. First they defeated a fancied Clara (Kilkenny) team by four points and then they had a convincing win over Castlelyons (Cork). O'Loughlin Gaels by winning all their group matches qualified for the semi finals.

Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) won the County Feile na nGael Skills final. As Loughmore-Castleiney had qualified to represent Tipperary in the All Ireland Feile na nGael finals the runner up in the county skills final, Jason Forde (Silvermines) represented Tipperary in the competition. Jason finished runner up in the All Ireland Feile na nGael Skills final.

The County Under 14 Long Puck final was won by Robert Ward (Kilruane McDonaghs).

## INTER DIVISIONAL COMPETITIONS

### Garda Cup

North Tipperary retained the Under 16 Garda Cup hurling title following a ten point win over South Tipperary in the final. The holders defeated West Tipperary in the semi final and South Tipperary qualified for the final following victory over Mid Tipperary.



"The Emly panel and selectors that won the County Under 14 'B' football title".



**Burgess U-16 football panel - County 'B' Champions.**

Back row: (from left) - Fergal McDonnell (s), Dinny Ryan (s), Kevin Seymour, Brian Carroll, Pat Grace (s), JP Grace, Damien Maher, Peter Gill, James Cody, John O'Brien, Tony Hogan, Joe Sherlock (s). Middle row: John Maher (s), John O'Donoghue (s), John Hogan, Eoin Hogan, Kieran Ryan, Brian Sherlock, William Ryan, Michael O'Flaherty, Vincent Kearns, John Murray (s), Aidan O'Leary (s). Seated: Jason Kelly, Michael Vincent Mulqueen, Patrick Alonso, Sean Fogarty, Anthony Collins, Stephen Murray (captain), Declan O'Donoghue, Jonathan Mulqueen, Thomas Walsh, Daniel Ryan, Robert Mulqueen.

### Peadar Cummins Tournament

Mid Tipperary won the Peadar Cummins Under 14 hurling tournament hosted by the Borrissoleigh club. Mid Tipperary had a narrow victory over South Tipperary in the semi final while North Tipperary were convincing winners over West Tipperary in the other semi final. A great second half display by the Mid team saw them get the better of the holders in a thrilling final. South Tipperary beat West Tipperary in the Shield Final.

### Under 14 Football

Mid Tipperary scored a deserved victory over North Tipperary in the final of the Under 14 football. Mid were the stronger team and got some good scores to record a comprehensive victory. Mid Tipperary were convincing winners over South Tipperary in the semi final while North Tipperary defeated West Tipperary in the other semi final. The West boys had a four point winning margin over the South in the Shield final. Mid Tipperary become the inaugural winners of a magnificent perpetual cup very kindly presented to County Tipperary Bord na nÓg by Paddy Nagle. Paddy who gave sterling service to Bord na nÓg served as County Secretary for many years.

## COUNTY TEAMS

### Tipperary Supporters Club All Ireland Under 16 Hurling

The weekend of 25<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> August was a great weekend in Tipperary juvenile hurling circles as the Premier County retained the Tipperary Supporters Club All Ireland Under 16 title following a comprehensive victory over Dublin in the final at Semple Stadium.

Tipperary drew with Kilkenny in their opening match and scored a five point win over Cork in their second match to set up a semi final meeting with Limerick. This was a very close match and Tipp held on for a one point victory.

The final never lived up to expectations and Tipp gave a tremendous exhibition of hurling and were always in control. They led by 1-7 to 0-4 at the interval and they outscored Dublin by 14 points to one in the second half to run out the most convincing of winners on a score on 1-21 to 0-5.

The team lined out as follows in the final: Paul Ryan (Upperchurch-Drombane); Jack Fennelly (Ballingarry), Shane Maher (Nenagh Eire Óg), Sean Harty (Upperchurch-Drombane); Liam Butler (Moyne-Templetuohy), Denis Maher (Durlas Óg), Sean McCormack (Borris-Ileigh); Ruairi Gleeson (Kildangan), Adrian Cleere (Ballingarry); John O'Dwyer (Killenaule), Thomas Butler (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Sean Curran (Mullinahone); Aidan McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Kenneth Horgan (Knockavilla Kickhams), Michael Ivors (Ballingarry).

Substitutes: Pdraig Heffernan (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for Sean Curran; Alan Hogan (Shannon Rovers) for Liam Butler; William Ryan (Clonakenny) for Denis Maher; Billy Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg) for Jack Fennelly; Aidan Fogarty (J.K. Brackens) for Aidan McGrath.

The other panel members were Stephen Maher (Durlas Óg), Shay Heelan (Knockavilla Kickhams), Paddy Grace (Toomevara), Conor O'Meara (Toomevara), Eoin O'Connell (Fethard), Michael Russell (Durlas Óg).

The selectors were John Ryan (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Seanie Johnston (Loughmore-Castleiney), Pakie Hallissey (Golden-Kilfeacle) and Liam Flannery (Nenagh Eire Óg). Tadgh O'Connor (Roscrea) was the coach.

Tipperary 'B' team were defeated by Galway and Waterford in their group matches. Galway were always in control in the opening match and ran out convincing winners. The second match against Waterford was a different story with Tipp putting it up to their opponents in the first half. They trailed at the interval by 1-8 to 1-2. Waterford gradually pulled away in the second half and went on to record an impressive victory.

The Tipperary 'B' panel was: Aidan Stakelum (Holycross-Ballycahill), Johnny McMahon (Roscrea), Willie Eviston (Loughmore-Castleiney), Brian Shanahan (Toomevara), Pa Ryan (Clonakenny), Michael Everard (Drom-Inch), Shane Russell (Lattin-Cullen), Graham Quinn (Clonmel Óg), Sam Gallagher (Roscrea), Mossy Bracken (Moycarkey-Borris), Paul Creed (Boherlahan-Dualla), Cathal Bergin (Moycarkey-Borris), Eanna Murray (Templederry), David Collins (Drom-Inch), Cian Hogan (Lorrha), Tommy Kavanagh (Borris-Ileigh), Noel Ryan (Cappawhite), Niall O'Brien (Knockavilla Kickhams), Paul Butler (Templederry), Pdraig Greene (Upperchurch-Drombane), Pio Kennedy (Templederry), Luke Murphy (Ballylooby), Cathal Carroll (Holycross-Ballycahill), Rory Heffernan (Knockavilla Kickhams).

The selectors were Hugo Browne (Killenaule), Rody Lowry (Upperchurch-Drombane), David Heelan (Knockavilla Kickhams) and Liam Kelly (Kildangan). Kevin Shelly (Ballingarry) was the coach.

### Tony Forristal Under 14 Hurling

Tipperary were defeated by Waterford in the final of the Tony Forristal Under 14 hurling tournament.

Tipperary had qualified for the final by virtue of winning section 1A of the competition, this section included Limerick, Dublin and Cork.

In the preliminary rounds Tipperary played Limerick first winning a very tough contest on the score Tipperary 0-7 Limerick 0-04. They faced Dublin who had earlier defeated Cork in their next match. Tipperary were always in control and ran out winners by 3-15 to 2-5. Cork was the opposition in the third match. Cork needed a six point win over Tipperary to maintain their interest in the competition. Tipperary dominated the first half and led at half time. Cork produced a storming finish to win by 2-6 to 1-5. This result eliminated Cork and Tipperary qualified for the final on scoring aggregate.

The final was played in Walsh Park. Waterford got off to a whirlwind start and soon had three points on the board. Tipperary settled and two pointed frees from Liam McGrath got back into the match. Waterford finished the half strongly to lead by 0-6 to 0-2 at the interval. Waterford dominated the second half and went on to win by 0-12 to 0-4 to claim their first ever victory in the tournament after 26 years.

The Tipperary panel was: Peadar Wade (Holycross-Ballycahill), Liam Nagle (Golden-Kilfeacle), Eoghan Moloney (Holycross-Ballycahill), Kevin Larkin (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Colm Canning (Toomevara), Jason Forde (Silvermines), Aaron Conran (Fethard), John Meagher (Loughmore-Castleiney), David Corbett (Durlas Óg) (Captain), Pat Ralph (Moycarkey-Borris), Niall O'Sullivan (Moycarkey-Borris), Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Patrick Ryan (Knockavilla Kickhams), Dan McCormack (Borris-Ileigh), Cathal Horan (Mullinahone), John McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Jamie Stapleton (Durlas Óg), Jack Ryan (Roscrea), Eoin Carew (Knockavilla Kickhams), Seamus Kennedy (St Marys), James Ryan (Durlas Óg), Jimmy Maher (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Geoff Ryan (Roscrea), Eoin Wells (Carrick Swan).

Mentors: Ray Ralph (Moycarkey-Borris) (Coach), Tom O'Donnell (Golden-Kilfeacle), Tony Hogan (Carrick Swan), Seamus Doran (Roscrea). Physio Emily Hayden.

### Carrigdhoun Under 15 Hurling Tournament

Tipperary for the third year in a row suffered defeat in the final of the Under 15 Carrigdhoun Tournament.



The South Tipperary Panel that defeated West Tipperary in the Peadar Cummins U/14 Interdivisional Hurling Shield Final.



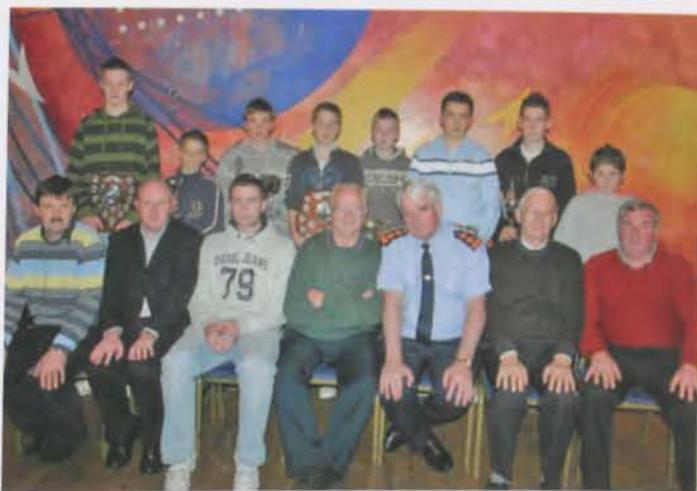
County Tipperary Bord na nOg Winning Football Captains 2007 with Mid Board Officers and Special Guests. Picture Back Row L to R Pauric Louran (Clonmel Commercials U/12 A Football), Paul Shanahan (Upperchurch Dromban U/12 C Football), Declan Hennessy (Emly U/14 C Football), Sean O Meara (Arravale Rovers U/16 A Football), Seamus Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials U/14 A Football), David Corcoran (Kilsheelan Kilcash U/14 B Football), Stephen Murray (Burgess U/16 B Football), Trevor Cunningham (St Patricks U/16 C Football), Dan Finnerty (Ballina U/12 B Football). Front Row L to R Neil Ryan County Bord na nOg Secretary, John Smith County Bord na nOg PRO, Padraig Maher Tipperary Minor Hurler Special Guest, Michael Lonergan Mid Bord na nOg Chairman, Chief Superintendent Pat Murray, Frank Morris County Bord na nOg Treasurer, Ann McGrath Secretary North Bord na nOg.

Tipperary's opening match against Limerick finished all square on a score of Tipperary 0-10 Limerick 1-7. Cork were their opponents in the second match and some early Cork scores gave them the initiative and Tipperary were always playing catch up. Cork went on to win by 1-11 to 1-6. Tipperary had to win their remaining two matches to have any chance of making the final and this is what they did. Clare were first up and Tipperary led from the start and gave an impressive display to win by 3-9 to 3-5. Waterford were Tipperary's opponents in their final group match and here Tipperary had to win and score at least eleven points to qualify for the final. This didn't seem likely at half time as the score was one point each. The second half was a different story and thanks to some great scores Tipperary won by 1-8 to 1-4. This was enough for Tipperary to qualify for the final where their opponents would be Cork.

A depleted Tipperary team that lined out without some key players were no match for a very strong Cork team in the final. Cork were always in control and won comprehensively on a score of 6-14 to 3-8.

The Tipperary panel was: David Reddan (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Michael Bryan (Moycarkey-Borris), Justin Cahill (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Darragh Ronayne (Durlas Óg), Liam Treacy (Loughmore-Castleiney), Damien Maher (Burgess), Darragh Devane (Boherlahan-Dualla), David Butler (Knockavilla Kickhams), Andrew Ryan (Toomevara), Martin Sadlier (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Pat Dalton (Arravale Rovers), Darren Moore (Newport), Billy Hewitt (Ballybacon Grange), Tomas Nolan (Killenaule), John Condon (Lattin-Cullen), Sean Harte (Newport), Michael O'Brien (Clonmel Óg), Aidan McCormack (Durlas Óg), Pat Lupton (Drom-Inch), David Flynn (Roscrea), Philip Purcell (Durlas Óg), Brian Stapleton (Templederry), Ross Mullane (Clonmel Óg), Jonathan Grogan (Cashel King Cormacs), Benny Harkin (Borris-Ileigh).

The selectors were Martin Cody (Mullinahone), Pat Buckley (Emly), John Hogan (Burgess) and Lar Devane (Boherlahan-Du-



County Tipperary Bord na nOg Winning Hurling Captains, Officers and Special Guests. Picture Back Row L to R Paul Butler (Templederry Kenyons U/16 B Hurling), Jamsie Carroll (St Patricks U/14 C Hurling), Liam McGrath (Loughmore Castleiney U/14 A Hurling), Kieran Flannigan (MOycarkey Borris U/12 B Hurling) David Carroll (Holycross Ballycahill U/12 A Hurling), David Maher (Durlas Og U/16 A Hurling) Gary Croinin (Mullinahone U/14 B Hurling) Eanna McLoughney (Shannon Rovers U/12 C Hurling). Front Row L to R Neil Ryan County Bord na nOg Secretary, John Smith County Bord na nOg PRO, Padraig Maher Tipperary Minor Hurler Special Guest, Michael Lonergan Mid Bord na nOg Chairman, Chief Superintendent Pat Murray, Frank Morris County Bord na nOg Treasurer, Martin Treacy Mid Bord na nOg

alla) who was also the coach.

#### Munster Under 16 Football Championship

Tipperary scored a great win over North Kerry in the first round of the Munster Under 16 football championship. Tipperary trailed at the interval by 0-5 to 0-1. An Aidan McGrath goal midway through the second half was to prove the crucial score as Tipperary went on to kick some good points and at the full time whistle Tipperary were winners on a scoreline of Tipperary 1-6 North Kerry 0-7.

The next match was a semi final against Limerick. Tipperary were slow to settle and Limerick raced into an early 2-4 to 0-1 lead. Tipperary came more into the game in the closing stages of the half and despite a Michael Ivers goal Limerick led at the break by 2-6 to 1-1. The second half was very keenly contested with Tipperary scoring nine points but in the end it was not enough as Limerick held on for a 2-12 to 1-10 victory.

The Tipperary panel was Paul Bourke (Moyne-Templetuohy), Adam Stafford (Clonmel Commercials), Shane Russell (Lattin-Cullen), Sean Curran (Mullinahone), Graham Quinn (Clonmel Óg), Darragh Dwyer (Moyle Rovers), Brian O'Hara (Clonmel Óg), Michael Hickey (Cahir), Eddie Kendrick (Cahir), Eoin Fitzpatrick (J.K. Brackens), Thomas Hill (Moyle Rovers), Padraig Greene (Upperchurch-Drombane), Michael Ivers (Ballingarry), Aidan McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Darragh Fitzpatrick (Arravale Rovers), Michael Frawley (Arravale Rovers), Luke Hickey (Ballylooby), Roger Peters (Cahir), Jack Ivers (Ballingarry), Tommy Kavanagh (Borris-Ileigh), Ben Walsh (Fethard), Stephen O'Reilly (Clonmel Óg).

The selectors were Paul Comer (Burgess), Rody Lowry (Upperchurch-Drombane), Christy Aylward (South) and Paul Quish (Emly). Colm O'Flaherty was the coach.

#### Under 15 Football

Tipperary participated in the Munster Under 15 football competition hosted by Cork City Bord na nOg. Tipperary's opening match was against Clare and this was a very close affair with very

little separating the teams throughout. However at the full time whistle Tipperary were two points in arrears (2-4 to 0-8). Cork City were Tipperary's opposition in their second match and here the Cork team gave a masterful display and outclassed Tipperary winning comprehensively by 6-11 to 1-3.

The Tipperary panel was: Michael O'Sullivan (Ardfinnan), James O'Mahoney (Ardfinnan), Billy Hewitt (Ardfinnan), Colm Nugent (Ardfinnan), Cormac Crowe (Cahir), Robert O'Brien (Fr. Sheehys), Shane O'Farrell (Ballyporeen), Michael Murphy (Ballylooby), Shane Power (Clonmel Commercials), Paul Nolan (Clonmel Commercials), Liam Boland (Moyle Rovers), Liam Carey (Moyle Rovers), Jack O'Connell (Killenaule), Joseph Meagher (Killenaule), Donagh Leahy (Arravale Rovers), Micheal Ryan (Arravale Rovers), Paddy Dalton (Arravale Rovers), Eoin Riordan (Solohead), Jonathan Grogan (Cashel King Cormacs), Kevin O'Leary (Cashel King Cormacs), Seamus Reade (Cashel King Cormacs), David Butler (Knockavilla Kickhams), Liam Treacy (Loughmore-Castleiney), Thomas McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Padraig O'Meara (Shannon Rovers), Andrew Byrne (Shannon Rovers).

Selectors: Tommy Fitzgerald (Solohead), Joe Kennedy (Moynempletuohy), Joe Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) and David Power (Kilsheelan-Kilcash). Coach: Colm O'Flaherty.



The Loughmore Castleiney Panel that defeated Nenagh Eire Og in County Feile na nGael Final played in Dr Morris Park.



The Upperchurch Drombane Panel that defeated Silvermines in the Campion Insurance Group County Bord na nOg U/12 C Football Final.



**Holycross Ballycahill Panel County U/12 A Hurling Champions.**  
Back Row L to R Cian Hehir, Kieran Dunne, Conor Ryan, Donal Mulcahy, Raymie Nally, Liam Moloney, John Croke, Shane Ryan, Kieran O Dwyer, Brian Dwan, Jamie Hartnett, Johnny Humphries, James Keady. Front Row L to R Jamie Woods, Callum O'Connor, Eddie Murphy, Mattie Stakelum, Ciaran Maher, David Carroll, Luke O Meara, Jack Carey, Shane Maher, Jack Skehan, Paul Callanan.



**Kilsheelan-Kilcash South and County U/14 "B" Football Champions 2007**  
Back row (l to r): Alex Harte, John Kehoe, Conor Murphy, Kevin Larkin, Adrian McGuire, Bill Maher, Dean Mulcahy, Brian Grant, Finbar Horgan, Eoin Kehoe and David Corcoran. Front Row (l to r): James Murphy, Conor Tobin, David Columby, Sean Ryan, Tadgh Lonergan, Kevin Kirwan, Colin Gleeson, Jamie Cronin, Adam Hantz, Lydia Ahearne and William Lonergan.

## RESULTS

### Campion Insurance Group Football Championships 2007

U/12 'A' Clonmel Commercials 0-7	Nenagh Eire Og 0-6	Semple Stad 2/6/07	Eamon Browne
U/12 'B' Ardfinnan 1-4	Ballina 1-4	Semple Stad 2/6/07	Jimmy Sweeney
U/12 'B' Replay Ballina 4-4	Ardfinnan 2-7	The Ragg 6/6/07	Jimmy Sweeney
U/12 'C' Upperchurch-Drombane 2-5	Silvermines 0-2	Semple Stad 6/6/07	Sean Lonergan
U/14 'A' Clonmel Commercials 4-11	Arravale Rovers 2-4	Cahir 18/6/07	Martin Ryan
U/14 'B' Kilsheelan-Kilcash 6-13	Golden-Kilfeacle 0-2	Cahir 18/6/07	Pat Cullen
U/14 'C' Emly 3-4	Ballylooby-Castlegrace 2-6	Cahir 18/6/07	Donal Leahy
U/16 'A' Arravale Rovers 2-8	Moynempletuohy 1-11	New Inn 1/7/07	Martin Ryan
U/16 'A' Arravale Rovers 1-9	Moyle Rovers 1-6	Cahir 21/7/07	Martin Ryan
U/16 'B' Burgess 2-6	Holycross-Ballycahill 1-5	The Ragg 10/7/07	Philly Ryan
Peil na nOg			
Clonmel Commercials 3-16	Clonoulty-Rossmore 1-2	Drombane 5/5/07	Pat Cullen

### Campion Insurance Group Hurling Championships 2007

U/12 'A' Holycross-Ballycahill 1-7	Nenagh Eire Og 1-6	Semple Stadium 1/9/07	Eamon Browne
U/12 'B' Moycarkey-Borris 2-4	Kildangan 2-2	Semple Stadium 1/9/07	Keith Delahunty
U/12 'C' Shannon Rrs 4-5	Upperchurch-Drombane 4-3	Semple Stadium 1/9/07	Tom O'Donnell
U/14 'A' Loughmore-Castleiney 4-6	Toomevara 3-2	The Ragg 15/9/07	Willie Kennedy
U/14 'B' Mullinahone 2-7	Templederry Kenyons 2-4	Holycross 16/9/07	Michael Jordan
U/14 'C' St. Patricks 4-12	Emly 1-5	New Inn 15/9/07	Donal Leahy
U/16 'A' Durlas Og 1-18	Knockavilla/Donaskeigh Kickhams 1-10	New Inn 3/11/07	Paddy Ivers
U/16 'B' Templederry Kyns 0-12	Holycross-Ballycahill 2-3	The Ragg 14/10/07	John McConigley
Feile na nGael			
Loughmore-Castleiney 3-10	Nenagh Eire Og 1-7	Dr. Morris Park 28/4/07	Willie Kennedy

### Interdivisional Competitions

#### Garda Cup Under 16 Hurling

Final North Tipperary 2-14 South Tipperary 0-10 The Ragg Date: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007

#### Peadar Cummins Under 14 Hurling

Final Mid Tipperary 2-8 North Tipperary 1-9 Borrisoleigh. Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2007

Shield Final Sth Tipperary 3-13 West Tipperary 2-7 Borrisoleigh. Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2007

#### Under 14 Football

Final Mid Tipperary 5-9 North Tipperary 3-3 Dr. Morris Park. Date: 21<sup>st</sup> April 2007

Shield Final West Tipperary 4-3 South Tipperary 2-5 Dr. Morris Park Date: 21<sup>st</sup> April 2007

### TIPPERARY SUPPORTERS CLUB ALL IRELAND UNDER 16 HURLING

#### Group 1 (The Ragg - 25<sup>th</sup> August 2007)

Tipperary 1-9 Kilkenny 1-9; Cork 1-9 Kilkenny 0-6; Tipperary 1-10 Cork 0-8

#### Group 2 (Templemore - 25<sup>th</sup> August 2007)

Limerick 1-12 Antrim 1-4; Offaly 5-13 Antrim 1-4; Limerick 5-6 Offaly 1-11

#### Group 3 (Holycross - 25<sup>th</sup> August 2007)

Galway 3-12 Tipperary 'B' 0-6; Galway 0-12 Waterford 1-9; Waterford 2-21

Tipperary 'B' 1-4 (Waterford won group on scoring aggregate)

#### Group 4 (Borrisoleigh - 25<sup>th</sup> August 2007)

Dublin 1-8 Clare 1-7; Wexford 1-8 Clare 1-7; Dublin 0-13 Wexford 2-5

(After extra time)

#### Semi Finals

Tipperary 1-9 Limerick 0-11 (The Ragg - 25<sup>th</sup> August 2007)

Dublin 3-8 Waterford 1-6 (Holycross- 25<sup>th</sup> August 2007)

#### Shield Semi Finals

Cork 2-23 Offaly 5-7 (Templemore - 25<sup>th</sup> August 2007)

Wexford 2-13 Galway 0-11 (Borrisoleigh - 25<sup>th</sup> August 2007)

#### Shield Final (Semple Stadium - 26<sup>th</sup> August 2007)

Wexford 1-10 Cork 1-9

Final Tipperary 1-21 Dublin 0-5

### COUNTY BORD NA nOG OFFICERS 2007

Chairman:	Michael Lonergan (Ardfinnan)
Secretary:	Neil Ryan (Holycross-Ballycahill)
Treasurer:	Frank Morris (J.K. Brackens)
P.R.O.:	John Smith (Durlas Og)
Representative to Senior Board:	Jim Lynch (Cahir)



The Loughmore Castleiney Panel that defeated Toomevara in the Champion Insurance Group County U/14 A Hurling Final.



The Moycarkey Borris Panel that defeated Kildangan in the Champion Insurance Group County U/12 B Hurling Final.



Tipperary U14 Hurling Tony Forrestal Tournament



The Shannon Rovers Panel that defeated Upperchurch Drombane in the Champion Insurance Group County U/12 C Hurling Final.



The Templederry Panel that defeated Holycross Ballycahill in the Champion Insurance Group County U/16 B Hurling Final.



The Tipperary B Panel that took part in the Tipperary Supporters Club U/16 All Ireland Hurling Championship.



County Board na Nog Officers and Guests at the function to present the medals to the victorious Tipperary U/16 Hurling Team that won the Tipperary Supporters Club All Ireland U/16 Hurling Title. Picture Back Row L to R Tim Floyd (County Secretary), Ed Donnelly (County PRO), Sean Fogarty (GAA Presidential Candidate), John Smith (County Bord na nOg PRO), Michael Gleeson (Minor Hurling Selector), Frank Morris (Treasurer Co Bord na nOg). Front Row L to R Neil Ryan (Secretary County Bord na nOg), Gerard Ryan (Chairman Tipperary Supporters Club), Brendan Maher (Tipperary Minor Hurling Captain), Michael Lonergan (Chairman Co Bord na nOg), John Costigan (Chairman Tipperary County Board).



Chief Superintendent Pat Murray presenting Garda Cup to North Tipperary Captain, Ruairi Gleeson



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# TIPPERARY RETAINS ALL IRELAND UNDER 16 TITLE

By John Smith, County Bord na nÓg P.R.O.

Pride of place on the juvenile inter county scene this year goes to the Under 16 hurlers who produced some great displays on the weekend of 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> August to retain the Tipperary Supporters Club All Ireland title.

## Group Rounds

Tipperary was drawn in the toughest group that included Kilkenny and Cork. All matches in this group were played in The Ragg on the Saturday and what a feast of hurling we had for the large attendance. Tipp's opening match was against Kilkenny and very little separated the teams throughout the game. It took an injury time pointed free from Aidan McGrath to earn Tipp a draw on a scoreline of 1-9 each. Their next match was against Cork and this was a cracking contest. The teams were level at half time but Tipp played a great second half to win by 1-10 to 0-8 to book their place in the semi final.

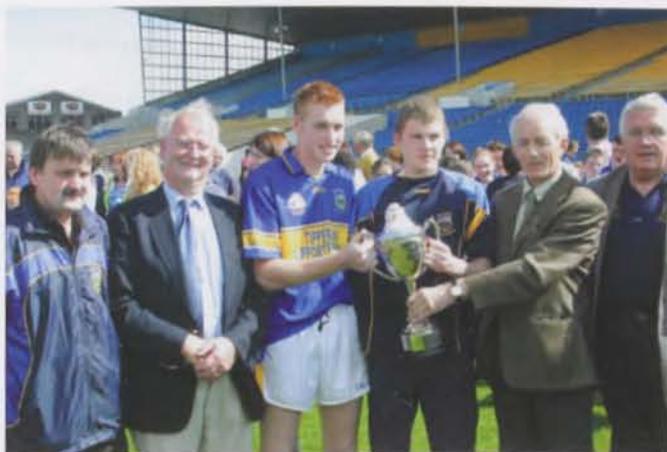
## Semi Final

Limerick were Tipperary's opponents in the semi final. This was a tough and uncompromising match with very little separating the teams throughout. Tipp led by 1-5 to 0-6 at the interval. Kenneth Horgan being the goal scorer. Limerick fought back in the second half but Tipp were never headed and held on for a dramatic one point victory on a scoreline of Tipperary 1-9 Limerick 0-11.

## Final

There was one more hurdle to overcome, a final against Dublin who were impressive semi final winners over Waterford. The final played in Semple Stadium never lived up to expectations and Tipp gave a tremendous exhibition of hurling and were always in control. Tipp opened impressively and had 1-3 on the board before Dublin opened their account. Aidan McGrath was the Tipp goal scorer. Tipp added further points to lead by 1-7 to 0-4 at the interval. The Tipp attack really found their range in the second half and picked off some great points and they went on to outscore Dublin by 14 points to one to run out the most convincing of winners on a final score on 1-21 to 0-5.

Tipperary gave their best performance of the weekend in the final and their attack picked of some great scores with 1-14 of their tally coming from play. Their defence was very solid and were always in control against a Dublin attack that scored freely in all their



Joe Tuohy Secretary of Tipperary Supporters Club presenting the Trophy to joint Tipperary Captains Denis and Stephen Maher after the Tipperary Supporters Club All Ireland U/16 Hurling Final. Picture L to R Neil Ryan Secretary County Bord na nÓg, Michael Lonergan Chairman County Bord na nÓg, Denis Maher, Stephen Maher, Joe Tuohy Secretary Tipperary Supporters Club, John Costigan Chairman Tipperary County Board.

matches up to the final. The Tipperary backroom team of coach Tadgh O'Connor (Roscrea) and selectors Seanie Johnston (Loughmore-Castleiney), Liam Flannery (Nenagh Eire Óg), John Ryan (Kilsheelan-Kilcash) and Pakie Hallissey (Golden-Kilfeacle) can take great credit for the way they had the team prepared and for the manner they went about their task of retaining the title over the weekend. This was Tipperary's ninth success in this competition and their other wins were in 1988, 1989, 1990, 1994, 1995, 1997, 2002 and 2006.

Tipperary scorers in the final were: John O'Dwyer 0-7 (4frees and 1 '65'), Aidan McGrath 1-3 (1free), Kenneth Horgan 0-6, Adrian Cleere 0-2, Ruairi Gleeson, Thomas Butler and Michael Ivors 0-1 each.

The victorious team was: Paul Ryan (Upperchurch-Drombane); Jack Fennelly (Ballingarry), Shane Maher (Nenagh Eire Óg), Sean Harty (Upperchurch-Drombane); Liam Butler (Moynemount), Denis Maher (Durlas Óg), Sean McCormack (Borris-Ileigh); Ruairi Gleeson (Kildangan), Adrian Cleere (Ballingarry); John O'Dwyer (Killenaula), Thomas Butler (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Sean Curran (Mullinahone); Aidan McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Kenneth Horgan (Knockavilla Kickhams), Michael Ivors (Ballingarry).

Substitutes: Pdraig Heffernan (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for Sean Curran; Alan Hogan (Shannon Rovers) for Liam Butler; William Ryan (Clonakenny) for Denis Maher; Billy Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg) for Jack Fennelly; Aidan Fogarty (J.K. Brackens) for Aidan McGrath.

The other panel members were Stephen Maher (Durlas Óg), Shay Heelan (Knockavilla Kickhams), Paddy Grace (Toomevara), Conor O'Meara (Toomevara), Eoin O'Connell (Fethard), Michael Russell (Durlas Óg).



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The Masterclass initiative involved coaching in football and hurling by inter-county stars for three hours in the splendid setting of Semple Stadium. Over 1,000 children entered this competition and just forty aged between 10 and 14 were picked at random as part of the successful Tipp FM GAA Preview show. Hurling stars such as Eoin Kelly, Brendan Cummins, Gerry Kennedy and Declan Fanning were joined by Footballers Declan Browne, Paul Fitzgerald and Philly Ryan to put the children through their paces with some excellent coaching and some tips for the future. At the end of each coaching session, the children took part in games of hurling and football and all the coaches commented on the high standard of play witnessed during the day.

At the end of the session, the gathering was addressed by County Chairman John Costigan, Tipp FM commentator Paddy Finucane as well as Tipp FM's Fran Curry who broadcast his Rewind programme live from Semple Stadium. Following the few short words, each young player received a certificate, a shirt and some light refreshments as a memento of their day while refreshments were also laid on for the many parents in attendance. Speaking at the event, John Costigan said "there is a saying that where Tipperary leads, others follow. On this occasion, we have to say that where Tipp FM leads, surely other local radio stations will follow as this excellent initiative proved to be a great success". Ian O'Connor from Tipp FM who was the main organiser of this event in conjunction with the Tipp FM team and PRO Ed Donnelly of the Tipperary County Board.



*Eoin Kelly showing the way*



*All-Stars Declan Fanning and Brendan Cummins in action*



*Declan Browne taking a pass*



*Declan Browne coaching the young players*



*Declan Fanning passing on some All-Star advice*

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# Bórd na Nóg Thiobraid Árann Meanach 2007

By Neil O' Riain (Runai)

The year gone by has indeed been a memorable one regarding G.A.A action in our division. At the outset I wish to complement our senior Bórd colleagues on a very successful and professional staging of events regarding the Centenary Celebration of the Mid Division.

The vision and enthusiasm of the officers has to be highly commended and on behalf of our Bórd a sincere thanks for the cooperation during the year. Buiochas Libh. Go leir.

At our first meeting of the year we received a request from newly formed club Thurles Kickham-Rahealty-Fennellys i.e. Thurles K.R.F. to be registered with our Bórd and to participate in our championships. Their request was accepted but not without some disquiet from their would be town rivals Durlas Óg. But it has to be said that it is encouraging and necessary that the Cathedral Town like other big urban catchment areas have a minimum of two clubs, so as to ensure healthy competition and give an outlet and opportunities for more young players. Who knows perhaps in the near future we will have two Thurles clubs contesting finals or the same final. The latter no doubt would be welcome by our Bórd treasurer.

Our action on the field of play commenced on March 2<sup>nd</sup> with the staging of the Feile Peil tournament and as pertained last year it was decided to let all clubs participate. Regarding this issue I personally have reservations as I think that it should be for "A Grade" teams only, as was the original idea of the tournament.

Over the last couple of years "B Grade" teams suffered heavy defeats or pulled out of the tournament when their opponents become known, resulting both in meaningless games or no games. Staging a separate tournament for "B" teams would be more fruitful and merits consideration.

The Feile Peil as always was run on a knockout basis with defending champions Loughmore after three impressive victories overcoming Moycarkey in a very tightly contested final by a single point in Pairc na Nog on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Feile Iomanocht commenced on the same date as the Peil concluded and in the final Durlas Og who were seeking their sixth title in succession bowed out against a strong Loughmore

team. This win installed Loughmore as the first dual winners of the season who eventually went on to make amends for their county Peil defeat against Clonmel Commercials by overpowering Nenagh Eire Óg in the county final on May 28<sup>th</sup> in a crowded Dr. Morris Park with great goals/points scored by full forward Aaron Sweeney during the opening period of the game.

Our champions once again managed to hoist the mid flag in the county championships on five occasions.

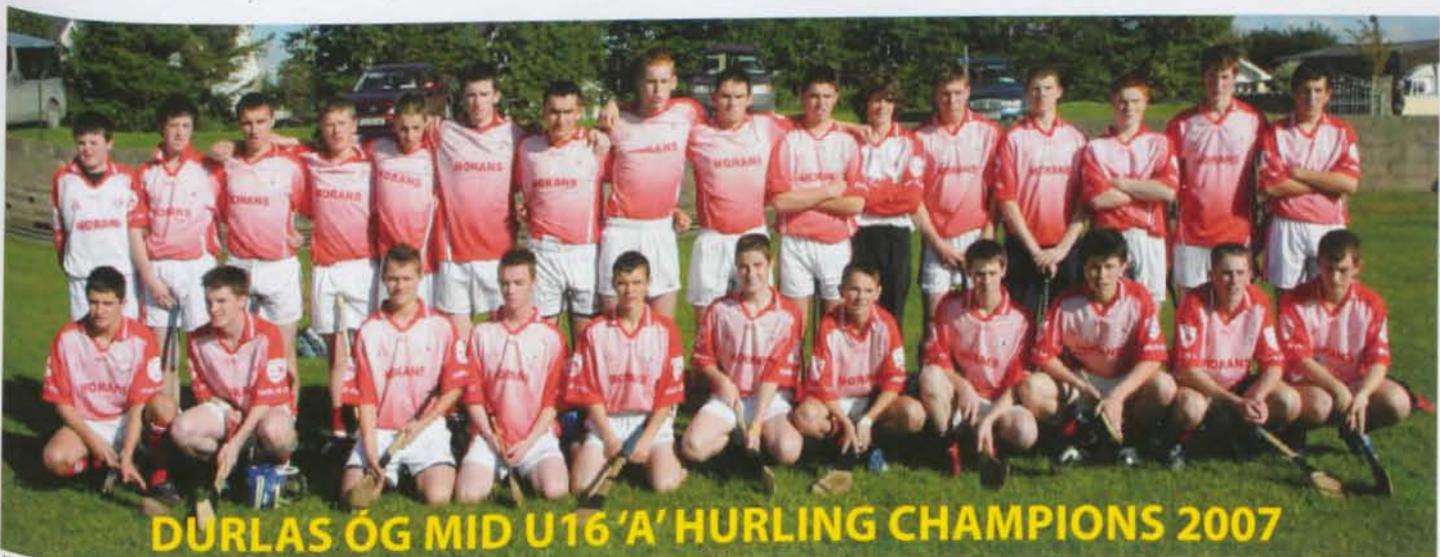
Hurling: Holycross Ballycahill were crowned U /12 A champions for the first time and their neighbours Moycarkey Borris secured the U/12 B title. Loughmore Castleiney were crowned U/14 A champions, Durlas Óg won the U16 A title for the fourth year in a row.

Football: Upperchurch Drombane secured the U/12 C title

**Club of the year Award** goes to Holycross Ballycahill

**The Munster U/16 Hurling** It was always going to be very difficult to repeat the performance of 2006. The draw this year was very unfortunate for our division as we were pitched against East Clare who defeated us by a solitary point in last years final. On March 31<sup>st</sup> after a thrilling encounter in Templeouhy our team went down by two points after extra time, thus ending our participation at the first hurdle.

**Tournaments** Our U /14 teams first taste of action was the U/14 divisional football which took place in Dr Morris Park on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Our first opponents from the south came as favourites but this did not deter the mid who started off on fire and managed to keep a firm grip on the game and achieved victory with a score line of 4-08 — 0-10.. Our opponents in the final came from the north and again we continued our dominance clinching the title 5-09 — 3-07. This was a brilliant achievement as our management team, of Eamon Sweeney, Ray Ralph and Sean Corbett was concentrating on hurling preparation and therefore had only given minimum attention to this code.



**DURLAS ÓG MID U16 'A' HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007**

Picture Back Row L to R Kevin Smith, Sean Moroney, Donal O Gorman, Patrick Dunne, Padraic Crone, Rory O Shea, David Maher (Capt), Denis Maher, Robert Murphy, Aidan McCormack, David Corbett, Michael Russell, Stephen Maher, Brian Keane, James Morrissey, Colin Shorley. Front Row L to R Darragh Ronayne, Cian Treacy, Jamie Stapleton, Shane Dempsey, Christy Cleary, Tommy Doyle, Mark Lanigan, Paul Morrissey, Aidan Loughnane, Philip Purcell, Aidan Barrett.

# Coiste Thiobraid Arann Meanach Mid Tipperary Bord na nÓg

NEIL O RIAIN (RUNAI)

GRA	DATE	RESULT		VENUE	REFEREE
JOHN J. RONAYNE U-12 'A' FOOTBALL REPLAY	18TH MAY	DURLAS OG	2-02	TEMPLETOUHY	HUGH COGHLAN
	23RD MAY	J.K. BRACKENS	1-05		
		DURLAS OG	1-04	KICKHAM PARK	JIMMY SWEENEY
		J.K.BRACKENS	0-03		
DARMODY FENCING U-12 'B' FOOTBALL	23RD MAY	MOYCARKEY BORRIS	2-05	PAIRC NA NOG	DONAL LEAHY
		DROM/INCH	1-01		
HAYES HOTEL U-12 'C' FOOTBALL	23RD MAY	UPPERCHURCH DROMBANE	3-09	PAIRC NA NOG	KEVIN BUTLER
		CLONAKENNY	1-01		
RAYMOND RALPH CARPENTRY U-14 'A' FOOTBALL	26TH MAY	MOYCARKEY BORRIS	4-07	THE RAGG	KEVIN BUTLER
		LOUGHMORE CASTLEINEY	2-05		
SEAN FOGARTY MOYNE U-14 'B' FOOTBALL	26TH MAY	MOYNE TEMPLETOUHY	3-06	THE RAGG	PAT CULLEN
		DROM/INCH	0-05		
FITZPATRICK'S TEMPLEMORE U-14 'C' FOOTBALL	6TH JUNE	UPPERCHURCH DROMBANE	4-05	TEMPLEMORE	KEVIN BUTLER
		CLONAKENNY	1-02		
CENTENARY CO-OP U-16 'A' FOOTBALL	14TH MAY	DURLAS OG	7-09	TEMPLEMORE	MICHAEL JORDAN
		MOYNE TEMPLETOUHY	1-04		
MICHAEL LOWRY U-16 'B' FOOTBALL	14TH MAY	HOLYCROSS BALLYCAHILL	5-15	TEMPLETOUHY	MARTIN RYAN
		CLONAKENNY	0-05		
PEIL NA NÓG (SPONSOR JIMMY COPPINGER)	5TH APRIL	LOUGHMORE CASTLEINEY	3-02	PAIRC NA NOG	TIM LEAHY
		MOYCARKEY BORRIS	0-10		
THURLES BACON U-12 'A' HURLING	14TH AUG	HOLYCROSS BALLYCAHILL	1-06	DROMBANE	MICHAEL JORDAN
		DURLAS OG	0-07		
U-12 'B' HURLING	11TH AUG	MOYCARKEY BORRIS	0-05	HOLYCROSS	MARTIN TREACY
		BOHERLAHAN DUALLA	0-01		
U-12 'C' HURLING	11TH AUG	UPPERCHURCH DROMBANE	4-04	HOLYCROSS	DONAL LEAHY
		CLONAKENNY	3-00		
U-14 'A' HURLING (SPONSOR SPAIN FAMILY)	10TH SEPT	LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY	6-08	THE RAGG	MARTIN RYAN
		HOLYCROSS BALLYCAHILL	4-04		
STAKLUMS HARDWARE LTD U-14 'B' HURLING	27TH AUG	MOYNE TEMPLETOUHY	6-03	TEMPLEMORE	DAN DARCY
		DROM/INCH	2-07		
CATHAL ELY U-14 'C' HURLING	3RD SEPT	UPPERCHURCH DROMBANE	7-06	TEMPLEMORE	DONAL LEAHY
		CLONAKENNY	2-05		
KEVIN DARMODY LTD U-16 'A' HURLING	22ND SEPT	DURLAS ÓG	3-22	BOHERLAHAN	JIMMY SWEENEY
		MOYCARKEY-BORRIS...	1-07		
MID WEST OIL U-16 'B' HURLING	22ND SEPT	HOLYCROSS BALLYCAHILL	3-09	DROMBANE	MARTIN RYAN
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FEILE NA NGAEL (SPONSOR JIMMY COPPINGER)	28TH APRIL	LOUGHMORE CASTLEINEY	4-03	KICKHAM PARK	P.J.LEAHY
		DURLAS OG	1-06		



Mid Board na nOg Officers and Guests with all Mid Championship Winning Football Captains at the Mid Board na nOg Presentation night. Picture Front Row L to R Niall Ryan (Sec Mid Bord na nOg), Jimmy Coppinger (Sponsor Feile and Peil), Noel McGrath (Special Guest), John Coughlan (Special Guest), Rody Lowry (Chairman Mid Bord na nOg), John Smith (PRO Mid Bord na nOg). Back Row L to R Rory O Shea Durlas Og U/16 A, Denis Ferncombe Holycross Ballycahill U/16 B, Richard O Keefe Moycarkey Borris U/14 A, Rory Regan Moycarkey Borris U/12 B, D'Avon Bouke Upperchurch Drombane U/14 C, Paul Shanahan Upperchurch Drombane U/12 C, Jack Lineen Durlas Og U/12 A, Brian McGrath Loughmore Castleiney Peil na nOg, James Moloney Moyne Templetuohy U/14 B.

The Peadar Cummins inter divisional hurling tournament was next on the agenda and unfortunately for our team and management the Rice Cup final was scheduled to take place two days prior to this tournament. The Rice Cup final was again an all mid affair with Thurles and Templemore being the contestants. The teams were level at full time which resulted in extra time being played after which victory went to the boys from Thurles C.B.S..

Two days later on June 6<sup>th</sup> players who were opponents were now mid team colleagues and took on the south in Borrisleigh and after a very closely contested game secured victory with a three-point margin 1-10 -2-04. As had pertained in the football our opponents were from the north and during the opening period our boys were coming out the worst of the proceedings. However as time went on our boys fought on and narrowed the gap to four points. Our lads played with great determination in the second half but were feeling the pressure and a lot of the team were feeling the after effects of the Rice Cup encounter two days previously. With about eight minutes remaining the injured John Maher (Loughmore) entered the action and the lads rallied to the cause and took a grip of the game for the first time and with renewed energy took the title by two points with a score of 2-08—1-09. This victory secured a unique double for our division and a great performance by the management and panel alike.

**Congratulations** to the following players from our division who were on the Tipperary U-16 Hurling panel that won the U-16 Tipperary Supporters Club All Ireland Hurling championship final in August thereby securing back to back titles Willie Ryan Clonakenny, Stephen Maher, Denis Maher, Michael Russell Durlas Óg, Aidan Fogarty J.K.Brackens, Aidan McGrath Loughmore Castleiney, Liam Butler Moyne Templetuohy, Paul Ryan, Sean Harty Upperchurch Drombane.

**Special mention** to Noel McGrath as he tries to emulate Jimmy Doyle's record in winning three All Ireland Minor Hurling

medals in next years minor hurling championship. Noel also collected a senior county medal with his club Loughmore Castleiney this year, a marvellous achievement at such a young age.

**Thanks** – A sincere thanks to the following for their co-operation and support during the year. The sponsors of our championships, Hayes Hotel, Tipperary Star, Tipp F.M radio,

To all our referees who officiated splendidly at our games. Special thanks to all club officers and delegates for the cooperation received during the year and to clubs for making their facilities available to the Bórd when requested.

**Sympathy** On behalf of the Bord I wish to express our sympathy to the relatives of our friends who have gone to their Eternal Reward. Ar Dheis Dé ar Na Anameacha.

**Greetings** Mid Bórd na nOg extends best wishes to all our supporters, friends and sponsors for Christmas and every success in the coming year.

#### Mid Tipperary Bord na nOg Officers 2007

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## DURLAS ÓG MID U12 'A' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007

Back Row (l. to r.): Conor Lanigan, Jamie Buckley, Kevin Dunne, Graham Maher, Tom Meehan, Patrick Brennan, Caley Maher, Ronan Maher, Tony O'Brien, Brian Hanrahan, David Russell, Paddy Carroll, Jack Lineen. Front Row (l. to r.): Billy McCarthy, John Fogarty, Jack McDonnell, Mark Conway, Brendan O'Loughlin, Jack O'Connell, Tom Tierney, Sean Murphy, Paul Sammon, Rory Purcell, Sean Butler, Daragh Coffey.



## MOYCARKEY BORRIS

## MID U12 'B' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007



## UPPERCHURCH DROMBANE

## MID U12 'C' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007

The Upperchurch Drombane Panel that defeated Clonakenny in the Hayes Hotel Mid Tipperary U/12 C Football Final.

## Durlas Óg Reign Supreme

The strength of juvenile hurling in Thurles was most emphatically underlined this year when Durlas Óg won the county under 16 hurling title for the fourth year in a row.

By any standard that is a major achievement but factor in also the hugely impressive statistic that in the last decade Durlas Óg have won six county titles at this grade, and have also been in eight of those finals. They have been Mid champions for six years on the trot.

This is a marvellous achievement for which due appreciation should be recorded the many coaches who week-in, week-out, summer and winter, do the ground work to make all this possible. Because success like this doesn't happen by accident. It is due to the painstaking and dedicated work of many unsung heroes, who share very much in the glory of these triumphs.

Durlas Óg defeated J.K. Brackens in the Mid semi final and this set up a Mid final with Moycarkey-Borris. Moycarkey led by a point at the interval but Durlas Óg dominated the second half and they picked off some great scores to run out convincing winners. Ballingarry were defeated in the county semi final and the final against Knockavilla Kickhams was played in New Inn on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

Durlas Óg did not have it easy against Knockavilla. The sides were level 0-7 each at the interval, but Durlas Óg had the edge in the second half, Cian Treacy's goal being crucial as they established their superiority. Durlas Óg were eight points clear when Knockavilla got their goal with eight minutes remaining but the Thurles lads kept their composure and finished with a flourish to seal their victory.

Team captain David Maher accepted the trophy on behalf of his colleagues after a performance which featured a ten point contribution from Aidan McCormack.

The backroom team for this year's 1-18 to 1-10 county final win was Michael Maher, Jim Dwyer, Paddy Moore, Michael Russell and Martin Doyle and they will be the first to acknowledge that their task was made easier by the work done with the group as it came through from Under 8s upwards.

The victorious Durlas Óg panel was - David Corbett, Patrick Dunne, Rory O'Shea, Donal O'Gorman, Shane Dempsey, Denis Maher, David Maher, Michael Russell, Darragh Ronayne, Tommy Doyle, Robert Murphy, Philip Purcell, Cian Treacy, Aidan McCormack, Mark Lanigan, Kevin Smith, Aidan Barrett, Pdraic Crone, Brian Keane, Stephen Maher, James Lyons, Aidan Loughnane, Sean Moroney, James Morrissey, Paul Morrissey, James Ryan, Colin Shorley, Jamie Stapleton.



## Thurles-Kickhams-Rahealty-Fennellys Juvenile Club

How fitting in the centenary year of the Tipperary G.A.A. Mid-Board, that the success of this wonderful organisation continues unabated, signified with the birth of a new arrival in the juvenile arena. Thurles Kickhams-Rahealty-Fennellys Juvenile G.A.A. Club, hereafter referred to as Thurles K.R.F. Juvenile G.A.A. Club, was formed in late 2006 and affiliated teams last January to contest the under 12 and under 14 championships in the division for this year. In what proved to be a watershed for the club in general, the bold decision to undertake the formation of a juvenile club has proved highly successful. To think that such an achievement was possible has surpassed already the goals, which the visionaries of the adult club committee and members had set as a target, when the idea of a new juvenile club was initially considered. Its success is indeed a true testament to the plan that they formulated and then put into action. First and foremost, the future needs of the adult club and the growing population of Thurles town, created a vacuum, which could facilitate the formation of another juvenile club in the parish and with the formation of Thurles K.R.F. Juvenile G.A.A. Club, children of all ages will be welcome, and by doing so, the juvenile club will be able to offer the opportunity to play both hurling and football. Numbers attending early training sessions continued to grow with each passing week and throughout the year these numbers were maintained which increased competition for team places.

The Official Opening and Blessing of Thurles K.R.F. Juvenile G.A.A. Club took place in Kickham Park, on Wednesday evening, May 16th, and performed by Munster Council chairman, Sean Fogarty, and Fr. Gerard Hennessy, in the company of delegates from both Mid senior and juvenile boards, together with club officials, members, sponsors and supporters.

On the field of play, mixed fortunes in both grades history will record on the score sheet, not bad in an inaugural year. However, what can never be quantified is the success in building character through teamwork. The Thurles K.R.F. juveniles have already developed camaraderie of friendship, a tenacious spirit and a determined willingness to succeed over adversity, all in the effort to perform to the best of their ability. Success can be gained in many ways, but it must be earned. Intangible success, in the betterment of the individual is the fulfilment of a coach's dream at underage level and through teamwork and a collective togetherness, the combination of each individual's intangible success will ultimately lead to the tangible success of silverware for the club as a whole. This is the format Thurles K.R.F. wish to adopt, and be it one, three, six or even more years to fulfil this ambition, through training and coaching for juvenile and mentor alike, the future is very bright for this eager new club.





**MOYCARKEY BORRIS MID U14 'A' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007**

*The Moycarkey Borris Panel that defeated Loughmore Castleiney in the Ray Ralph Carpentry Mid Tipperary U14 A Football Final.*



**MOYNE TEMPLETOUHY MID U14 'B' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007**

*The Moyne Templeuohy Panel that defeated Drom Inch in the Sean Fogarty Mid Tipperary U14 B Football Final.*



**UPPERCHURCH DROMBANE MID U14 'C' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007**

*Back Row L to R Fiona Shortt, Ailish Grant, Mairead Barry, Ciara Corcoran, David Bourke, Kieran Shortt, John Ryan, Paul Shanahan, Adrian Bourke, Robert Murphy, Kevin Harty. Front Row L to R Aaron Lewis, Diarmuid Grant, Gavin Ryan, Ronan Gleeson, Gerard Grant, Nathan Deleaney, Toby Clancy, Gretta Ryan, Christine Bourke.*



## DURLAS OG MID U16 'A' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007

Back Row (Left to Right): Gary Lanigan, Aidan McCormack, David Maher, Rory O'Shea, Denis Maher, Robert Murphy, Stephen Maher, Philip Purcell, Sean Moroney. Front Row (Left to Right): Michael Russell, Cian Treacy, Shane Dempsey, Patrick Dunne, Donal O'Gorman, Luke Treacy, .



## HOLYCROSS BALLYCAHILL MID U16 'B' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007

Back Row L to R Stephen Quirke, John Keady, Hugh Kennedy, Ger Kennedy, Cathal Carroll, Jamie Byrne, Tony Leahy, Aidan Stakelum, Aidan Medley, Eddie Moore, Stephen McLaughlin, John Keady. Front Row L to R John Dunne, John Ryan Casey, Denis Ferncombe, Matthew Deane, Cathal Barrett, Joe Coulson, Dan Murphy, Shane O Dwyer, Eoin Stakelum, Timmy Ryan.



## LOUGHMORE CASTLEINEY MID TIPP FEILE NA nGAEL WINNERS 2007

Back Row L to R Sam Allan, Aoran Sweeney, Lorcan Egan, D'Arragh Butler, Martin Maher, Matthew Flanagan, Keith Manton, Joseph Niland, Brian McGrath, Richard Maher. Front Row L to R Noel O Connell, Tomas Maher, Joseph Hennessy, Craig Clery, John Meagher, Paraic Hennessy, Liam McGrath, Kevin O Connell, John McGrath, Denis Brerton, Joseph Hayden. Missing from Photo Tricia McGrath and Aoife McGrath



**HOLYCROSS BALLYCAHILL MID U12 'A' HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007**

*Back Row L to R Kieran Dunne, Brian Dwan, David Carroll, Kieran O Dwyer, Cian Hehir, Jack Skehan, Shane Ryan, John Croke, Paul Callanan, Liam Moloney, Conor Ryan, Matty Stakelum. Front Row L to R Jack Carey, Jamie Hartnett, Luke O Meara, Calum O Connor, Ciaran Maher, Jamie Woods, Shane Maher, Eddie Murphy, Donal Mulcahey.*



**MOYCARKEY BORRIS MID U12 'B' HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007**

*The Moycarkey Borris Panel that defeated Boherlahan Dualla in the Mid Tipperary U/12 B Hurling Final.*



**UPPERCHURCH DROMBANE MID U12 'C' HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007**

*The Upperchurch Drombane Panel that defeated Clonakenny in the Mid Tipperary U/12 C Hurling Final.*

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## LOUGHMORE CASTLEINEY MID U14 'A' HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007

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## MOYNE TEMPLETOUHY MID U14 'B' HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007

Back Row L to R Jimmy Bergin Selector, Pat Meade Selector, Pierce Meade, Ronan Fanning, Martin Sutcliffe, Eoin Ryan, Paul Maher, James Moloney, Donnacha Dunne, Brian Geehan, Jason Bergin, Tom Meade, John Butler Selector. Front Row L to R Laurence Butler, Garry Russell, Tom Moloney, Mcihael Ryan, Sean Sweeney, Robert Larkin, Shane Ryan, Gavin Taylor, Brian Fanning, James Morgan, Eoin Franks.



## UPPERCHURCH DROMBANE MID U14 'C' HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007

Back Row L to R Aisling Harrington, Vera Corcoran, Paul Shanahan, Mairaid Bourke, Ailish Grant, John ryan, Kiera Shortt, Dave Bourke, Nathon Delaney, Aaron Lewis, John bourke. front Row L to R Cliona Mulvey, Ciara Ryan, Cristina bourke, Declan Sheridan, Richard Murphy, Ger Grant, Ardean Bourke, Gavin ryan, Ronan Gleeson, Toby Clancey, Kevin Harty.



## HOLYCROSS BALLYCAHILL MID U16 'B' HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007

Back Row L to R Stephen Quirke, Matthew Deane, Hugh Kennedy, Eoin Moloney, Cathal Barrett, Ger Kennedy, Cathal Carroll, Aidna Medley, Aiden Stakelum, Steven McLoughlin, Eoin Stakelum, Jamie Foley, Eddie Morre. Front Row L to R Joe Coulson, Shane O Dwyer, John Keady, John Dunne, Dan Murphy, Denis Ferncombe, Tony Leahy, Jamie Byrne.



## MID TIPP PEADAR CUMMINS CUP FINAL WINNERS 2007

The Mid Tipperary Panel that defeated North Tipperary in the Peadar Cummins U/14 Hurling Interdivisional Cup Final. Back Row L to R Ray Ralph, James O Gorman, Shane Butler, Darragh Butler, David Corbett, Pdraig Stapleton, Richard O Keefe, Ronan Fanning, Eoghan Moloney, James Ryan, Shane Butler, Jeff fallon, John Maher, James Moloney, Sean Corbett. Front Row L to R Liam McGrath, Cathal Barrett, James Stapleton, Michael O Dwyer, Mark Shannon, Shane Hassett, Niall O Sullivan, Shane Cashman, Pat Ralph, Tom Meade, John McGrath.



## MID TIPP INTERDIVISIONAL U12 A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007

The Mid Tipp Panel that defeated North Tipperary in the Interdivisional U/14 A Football Final.



Mid Board na nOg Officers and Guests with all Mid Championship Winning Hurling Captains at the Mid Board na nOg Presentation night. Picture Front Row L to R Niall Ryan (Sec Mid Bord na nOg), Jimmy Copinger (Sponsor Feile and Peil), Noel McGrath (Special Guest), John Coughlan (Special Guest), Rody Lowry (Chairman Mid Bord na nOg), Martin Treacy (Mid Rep on County Bord na nOg) John Smith (PRO Mid Bord na nOg). Back Row L to R Kieran Shortt Upperchurch Drombane Mid U/14 C, Tony Leahy Holycross Ballycahill U16 B, David Maher Durlas Og U/16 A, Pierce Meade Moyne Templeuohy U/14 B, Kevin O Connell Loughmore Mid U/14 C, Kieran Flannigan Moycarkey Borris U/12 B, David Carroll Holycross Ballycahill U/12 A, Nathan Dleaney Upperchurch Drombane U/12 C.

Mid Tipperary U/14 Winning Captains in Hurling and Football made a presentation to the selectors of these winning teams. Picture L to R Sean Corbett Durlas Og Selector, James Ryan Durlas Og Hurling Captain, Ray Ralph Moycarkey Borris (Selector), John Meagher Loughmore Castleiney Football Captain, Eamon Sweeney Loughmore Castleiney Selector.



Mid Bord na nOg Officers and Guests at the Mid Bord na nOg Convention in Hayes Hotel. Picture Back Row L to R Ray Ralph Vice Chairman Mid Bord na nOg, Tom Maher Secretary Mid Senior Board, John Smith Mid PRO, Andy O Gorman President Mid Bord na nOg, JC Ryan Delegate to Senior Board, Joe Kennedy Vice Chairman Mid Bord na nOg. Front Row L to R Liam McGrath Vice President Mid Bord na nOg, Neil Ryan Secretary Mid Bord na nOg, Rody Lowry Chairman Mid Bord na nOg, Lua Fitzpatrick Treasurer Mid Bord na nOg, Andy Ryan Delegate to County Bord na nOg.

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# North Tipperary Bord na nÓg 2007

## NORTH TIPPERARY BORD NA nÓG RESULTS 2007

### HURLING

GRADE	RESULT	VENUE	REFEREE
Under 12 'A'	Nenagh Eire Og 2-07 Toomevara	1-04 Dolla	Dan Darcy
Under 12 'B'	Kildangan 3-07 Templederry	0-08 Kilcolman	Pat Gibson
Under 12 'C'	Shannon Rovers 0-06 Borrisokane	1-02 Puckane	Joe Cahill
Under 14 'A'	Toomevara 5-05 Roscrea	1-10 Cloughjordan	Joe Cahill
Under 14 'B'	Templederry 2-05 Ballina	2-05 Dolla	John Kissane
Under 14 'B'	Templederry 5-09 Ballina	1-04 Dolla	Bernard Darcy
(Replay)			
Under 16 'A'	Nenagh Eire Og 3-10 Borris-Ileigh	3-07 Tomevara	Michael Cahill
Under 16 'B'	Templederry 4-20 Kildangan	2-08 Nenagh	Ger Fitzpatrick
Feile na nGael	Nenagh Eire Og 2-09 Roscrea	0-05 Kilcolman	Pat Gibson

### FOOTBALL

Under 12 'A'	Nenagh Eire Og 0-04 Inane Rovers	0-00 Dolla	T.P. Sullivan
Under 12 'B'	Ballina 3-04 Borris-Ileigh	2-04 Dolla	Ger Fitzpatrick
Under 12 'C'	Silvermines 3-07 Ballinahinch	3-04 Kilcolman	Bernard Darcy
Under 14 'A'	Nenagh Eire Og 4-04 Ballina	1-03 Kilcolman	Pat Gibon
Under 14 'B'	Portroe 3-05 Borrisokane	2-01 Kilcolman	Michael Hayes
Under 16 'A'	Nenagh Eire Og 2-10 Newport	1-11 Kilcolman	Martin Griffin
Under 16 'B'	Burgess 5-13 Kildangan	2-07 Nenagh	Dan Darcy
Peil na nOg	Lorrha 2-05 Kilruane MacDonaghs	2-05 Borrisokane	Liam Hogan
Replay	Lorrha 4-06 Kilruane MacDonaghs	2-06 Puckane	Michael Hayes
Under 12 Plate	Borris-Ileigh 3-06 Burgess	2-06 Nenagh	Christy McLoughlin
Under 14 Plate	Burgess 2-11 Silvermines	2-09 Nenagh	Tadgh Whelan

#### Feile na nGael Skills Winner

Jason Forde (Silvermines). Jason represented Tipperary in All Ireland final. He acquitted himself very well and finished second.

#### Poc Fada Winner

Robert Ward (Kilruane MacDonaghs) represented North Division.

#### U-16 Poc Fada Winner

Ruairi Gleeson (Kildangan)

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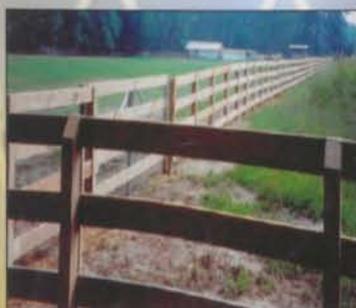


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## GARDA CUP

North Tipperary won Garda Cup for third year in succession, team lineout as follows:

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## North Tipperary Bord na nÓg Officers 2007

<b>Chairman:</b>	<b>Sean Creamer (Portroe)</b>
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<b>P.R.O.:</b>	<b>Liam Hogan (Shannon Rovers)</b>
<b>Reps. To County Bord na nÓg:</b>	<b>Sheila Delaney (Borris-Ileigh) Gerry O'Flynn (Silvermines)</b>



## BORRISOLEIGH NORTH U12 PLATE CHAMPIONS 2007

Borrisoleigh U-12 panel - North Plate Champions. Back row: (l to r) - Jane McCormack, Dean Ryan, James McCormack, Declan O'Connell, Shane Kenny, Seamus Bourke, Brendan O'Dwyer, Sean Ryan, Eoin Stapleton, Matt Stapleton (captain), Michael Ryan, Liam Ryan, Sam Devaney, Declan Ryan, Dylan Reid. Kneeling: Sean Kenny, Philip McCormack, Jack Hogan, Kieran Maher, Michael Carey, Tom Fitzgerald, Stephen Doolan, Danny Ryan, Thomas Ryan, Liam Devaney.



## BURGESS NORTH U14 PLATE CHAMPIONS 2007

Burgess U-14 hurling panel - North Plate champions. Back row: (l to r) - Daniel Ryan, Cian Comerford, John O'Dwyer (captain), Tony Hogan, Kevin O'Flaherty, Dexter Cottam, Kevin Seymour, Tadhg O'Halloran, William Ryan, James Maxwell, Bill O'Flaherty, Derek Mulqueen. Kneeling: Robbie Mulqueen, Jack Donovan, Robbie Reidy, Christopher Armitage, Jack O'Flaherty, Niamh O'Donoghue, Vincent Kearns, Lisa Mulqueen, Tony Gleeson, John O'Flaherty.



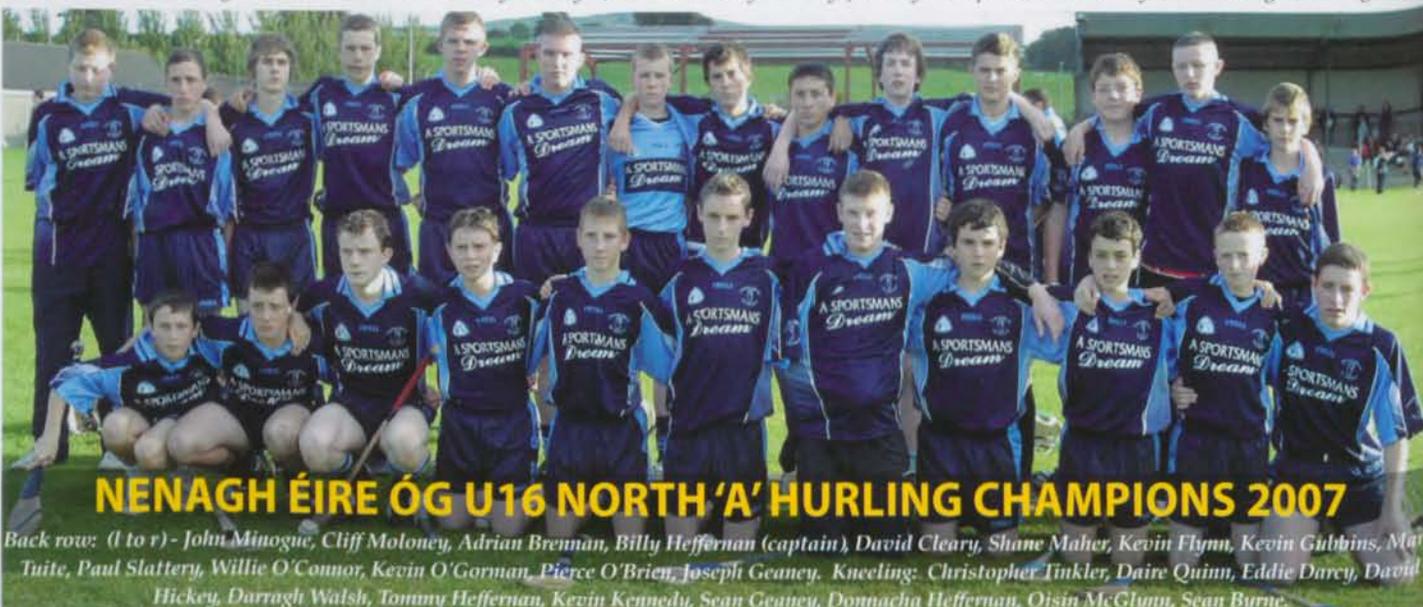
## NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG U12 NORTH 'A' HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007

Nenagh Éire Óg U-12 hurlers - North 'A' champions with their mentors Brian O'Brien, John Tucker, Greg Browne and Liam Quinn. Standing: (l to r) - Adam Cody, Mark Grace, Jack Sheedy, Paul Browne, Gary Howard, Aodhán Geaney, Andrew Coffey, James Mackey (captain), Shane Hennessy, Conor Ryan, Brian Gubbins, Niall O'Gorman, Paul White, Paul O'Leary. Kneeling: Coleen O'Brien, Michael Hallinan, Ryan Gilmartin, Cillian Gleeson, Oisín Ryan, Michael Collins, Donnacha Quinn, Jack O'Brien, Barry Heffernan, Ger O'Gorman, Philip Hickey, Mick Kennedy, Aidan Hough.



## TEMPLEDERRY U14 NORTH 'B' HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007

Back Row: Edward Hynes, Mark Gleeson, Eanna Ryan, Mark Grisewood, Patrick Griffin, Philip Kennedy, Shane Kinane, Dale Donnelly, Joseph Shanahan. Front Row: Louise McLoughlin, Sarah Butler, Sarah Murray, Edel Ryan, Cian Martin, Dylan Carey, Jamie Ryan (Captain), Ciaran Carey, Matthew Hogan, Pdraig Hogan.



## NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG U16 NORTH 'A' HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007

Back row: (l to r) - John Minogue, Cliff Moloney, Adrian Brennan, Billy Heffernan (captain), David Cleary, Shane Maher, Kevin Flynn, Kevin Gubbins, Mark Tuite, Paul Slattery, Willie O'Connor, Kevin O'Gorman, Pierce O'Brien, Joseph Geaney. Kneeling: Christopher Tinkler, Daire Quinn, Eddie Darcy, David Hickey, Darragh Walsh, Tommy Heffernan, Kevin Kennedy, Sean Geaney, Donnacha Heffernan, Oisín McGlynn, Sean Byrne.



## NENAGH EIRE OG U12 NORTH 'A' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007

Nenagh Eire Og U-12 footballers - North 'A' champions with their mentors Tommy Mulcahy, Brian O'Brien, Greg Browne and Liam Quinn. Standing: Mark Grace, Paul Browne, Ryan Gilmarkin, Aodhan Geaney, Brian Gubbins, Luke Kennedy, James Mackey, Gerard O'Gorman, Barry Heffernan, James McGrath, Killian Gleeson, Louis Lavery, Paul O'Leary, Gary Howard. Kneeling: Paul Walsh, Oisín Ryan, Jack Sheedy, Philip Hickey, Jack O'Brien, Donnacha Quinn, Shane Hennessy, Adam Coady, Michael Collins, Andrew Coffey, Aidan Healy, Conor Ryan. Missing from photo: Michael Hallinan.



## BALLINA U12 NORTH & COUNTY 'B' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007

Back row: Mentors - Declan O'Leary, Carmel Braishaw, Brian O'Brien, Gerry Maguire and Enda Brady. Standing: Ben King, Pierce Nash, Ross Buckley, Darren Sleoni, Niall Kierse, Peter O'Leary, William Carroll, Eoin Kennedy, Conor Maguire, David Bradshaw, Thomas Conway, Albin Power, Emmonn Healy, Michael Collins, Anthony Kennedy, Daniel Keating, Conor Gilmore, Jamie Collins, Jack Brady, Pdraig McGrath. Kneeling: Enda Sheehy, Michael Hurley, Dan Finnerty (captain), James Power (mascot), Noel Bugler, Ronan Bourke, Phelim O'Hagan, Ross O'Brien, Daniel Joslin.



## SILVERMINES U12 NORTH 'C' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007



## NENAGH EIRE OG U14 NORTH 'A' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007

Back row: (l to r) - Michael Hallinan, Kieran O'Donoghue (s), Paul Slattery, Barry O'Connor, Daryl McCormack, Kevin Flynn, Mark Tuite, Conor Kennedy, Mark Higginbotham, Stephen Nagle, Cronan Gleeson, Daryl McGee, Ewan Lavery, Joseph Geaney, Donnacha Heffernan, Sean Geaney, Andrew Mackey, Ciaran Morris (s). Kneeling: Kevin Gubbins, Darragh Walsh, Adam Gratten, Alan Cody, Andrew Weinman, Paddy Sheehan, Charlie Cawley, Jack Nolan, Brendan O'Brien, Jamie Kennedy, Dean Ray, Niall Farrell (Mascot), Patsy Farrell (Manager).



## PORTROE U14 NORTH 'B' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007

Back row: (l to r) - Shane Ryan, Niall Gleeson, Conor Leo, Jack Donah, Cathal O'Brien (captain), Christopher O'Riordan, Colin Hogan, Stephen Kennedy, Fionan Lawlor, Nigel Flood, Conor Byrne, Ivor Dillon. Kneeling: Michael O'Connor, Ian O'Donnell, Joseph Knight, Jack Keating, Stephen Flynn, Ciaran Quilligan, Kevin O'Halloran, Greg O'Brien, Andrew Duggan.



## BURGESS U16 COUNTY 'B' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007

Back row: (from left) - Fergal McDonnell (s), Dinny Ryan (s), Kevin Seymour, Brian Carroll, Pat Grace (s), JP Grace, Damien Maher, Peter Gill, James Cody, John O'Brien, Tony Hogan, Joe Sherlock (s). Middle row: John Maher (s), John O'Donoghue (s), John Hogan, Eoin Hogan, Kieran Ryan, Brian Sherlock, William Ryan, Michael O'Flaherty, Vincent Kearns, John Murray (s), Aidan O'Leary (s). Seated: Jason Kelly, Michael Vincent Mulqueen, Patrick Alonso, Sean Fogarty, Anthony Collins, Stephen Murray (captain), Declan O'Donoghue, Jonathan Mulqueen, Thomas Walsh, Daniel Ryan, Robert Mulqueen.

# South Bord na nÓg Report

## Football

Grade	Winner		Runner up		Referee	Venue	Captain
12A	Commercials	7-3	Carrick Swan	1-4	Martin Doyle	Monroe	Paraic Looram
12B	Ardfinnan	3-8	Kilsheelan	1-6	Pa Shelly	Monroe	Sean Nagle
12C	Grangemockler	1-9	Ballylooby	2-3	Christy Aylward	Ned Hall	Michael Maher
14A	Commercials	2-5	Fethard	0-6	Paddy Ivors	Monroe	Seamus Kennedy
14B	Kilsheelan	2-8	Ballyporeen	1-6	Martin Doyle	Monroe	David Corcoran
14C	Ballylooby	5-5	St. Patrick's	1-4	Noel Cosgrove	Marlfield	Brendan Walsh
16A	Moyle Rovers	0-11	Cahir	0-7	Brian Tyrrell	Fethard	Darragh Dwyer
16B	Ballingarry	2-17	Davins	1-2	Pa Shelly	Monroe	Michael Ivors
16C	St. Patrick's	3-7	Newcastle	2-6	Miceál McCormack	Fethard	Trevor Cunningham
Peil	Commercials	4-3	Fethard	0-4	Martin Doyle	Monroe	Seamus Kennedy

## Hurling

Grade	Winner		Runner up		Referee	Venue	Captain
12A	Swan	2-7	Cahir	2-4	Martin Doyle	Monroe	Derek Hogan
12B	Killenaule	1-4	Ballybacon	0-2	Christy Aylward	Sportsfield	Jimmy Feehan
12C	Ballylooby	2-5	Davin's	0-1	Frankie O'Brien	Sportsfield	John Hynes
14A	Fethard	4-6	St. Mary's	2-8	John McConigley	Ardfinnan	Alan Laurance
14B	Mullinahone	3-6	Moyle Rovers	1-6	Christy Aylward	Kilsheelan	Gary Cronin
14B	Mullinahone	5-4	Moyle Rovers	4-7	Paddy Ivors	Kilsheelan	Draw
14C	St. Patrick's	3-8	Ballylooby	2-7	Martin Doyle	Marlfield	Aodhan Maher
16A	Ballingarry	1-12	Killenaule	1-11	Seamus Roche	Fethard	Jack Fennelly
16B	Ballybacon	4-10	Swan	1-6	John McConigley	Marlfield	Jason Coffey
16C	Ballyneale	0-14	Newcastle	2-4	Christy Aylward	Marlfield	Thomas Grinsell
Feile	Kilsheelan	3-9	Mullinahone	1-5	Miceál McCormack	Fethard	John Hkehoe

## Officers of Bord na nÓg Theas 2007

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## BALLYBACON GRANGE SOUTH U16 HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007

Back Row (L. To R.): Jonathan Ryan, Billy Hewitt, Carl Costigan, David Condon, Joseph O'Connor, Michael O'Sullivan, Philip Murphy, Colm Nugent, Eoin Walsh, Eoin Lambert, James O'Mahony. Front Row (L. To R.): Jamie Butler, Jason Coffey (Captain), Johnny Bergin, Aaron Cowan, Daniel O'Regan, Michael Goonan, Liam Walsh, Oisín O'Flynn, Ciaran Nugent, Tom Kirwan.



## CARRICK SWAN U12 'A' SOUTH HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007

Back Row L. to R: Ben Cooney, Tammy McGrath, Sean Dowley, Eric O'Halloran, Kevin Faulkner, Aaron O'Halloran, Dean Fitzgerald, Glenn Kertwick, Dale O'Mahony, Durragh Gibbs. Front Row L. to R: Sean Bates, Shane Torpey, Dean Waters, John Paul Roche, Scott Hogan, Derek Hogan (Captain), Dale O'Hanlon, Bill Barrett, Cian Murphy, Gavan O'Halloran.



## CLONMEL COMMERCIALS UNDER 12 SOUTH CHAMPIONS 2007

Standing left to right: Shane Moloney, Darragh O'Farrell, Cian Whelan, Michael Boland, Jack Conran, Joseph Doyle, Stephen Kelly, David Murray, Padraig White, Liam Ryan, Graham Kelly, Ian Gibbs, Gavin Lonergan. Front left to right: David Collins, Padraig Power, Kevin McMahon, Pauric Louram, Sean Gunne, Charlie Millett, Robert Lyons, Jake Mc Donald, Shane Crowley, John Bates, Ross Peters, Robert Acheson, Michael Nugent.

# Commercials Reach Peil na nÓg Final

On Friday June 29th Clonmel Commercials under-14s travelled to Castlerea in Co. Roscommon to represent town and county in the 2007 All-Ireland Féile Peil na nÓg finals, which were hosted in counties Leitrim, Sligo and Roscommon. This was the first time that a team from Tipperary had won the under-14 county championship and the county Peil title so hopes were really high of success in the finals. With a 3 pm throw in against their host club, Castlerea, in the opening game the team had little time to loosen after the long trip. This was not to hamper Commercials and with a solid performance they got off to the best possible start with a big win.

Having been fed by their host families it was off to Carrick On Shannon to take part in the Feile parade. On a beautiful Friday evening Seán MacDiarmuid Park was a hive activity. Thousands were beginning to gather. Teams from as far away as Philadelphia, Glasgow and Warwickshire were joined by others from every corner of Ireland as 151 teams lined up behind five bands to parade through the county town of Lovely Leitrim. As the Artane Boys band led the way one couldn't help but realise that they were part of something really special. Thousands lined the route as Commercials and 150 teams including Cahir girls paraded and sang their way around the town. Following the parade it was back to Castlerea to rest for the night before further action on Saturday.

On the second morning it was again Roscommon opposition in the form of Oran and following a poor start Commercials recov-

ered well to record their second win and set up a group decider with James Stephen's of Kilkenny. An excellent game was enjoyed by the crowd and once again it was Commercials who emerged winners and go forward to the semi-final.

That semi-final was to be against Wexford champions Gorey in Markievicz Park Sligo at 6pm. With two games played and a trip of 40 miles behind them it was feared that the team would be weary in the semi-final. However there was no need for such concerns. Although the standard was a significant step up in class from the group games Commercials delivered a wonderful display. From start to finish Commercials were simply outstanding against very strong opposition. The supporters who had travelled from the foot of Slievenamon were enthralled in the shadows of Benbulbin with a team display that sent Commercials to the final against Éire Óg from Greystones.

There was an early departure from Castlerea, where they were seen off by their host club, to Carrick-on-Shannon for the All-Ireland final. In 1982 Commercials had won a Feile All-Ireland in Cavan against Wicklow opposition. Could history repeat itself? As early as the second minute Commercials were behind when Greystones goaled. It looked as if they might be out of their depth as Greystones settled much better. Commercials were forced to dig deep to stay in the game. At half time Commercials trailed by four points and early in the second half the gap had widened to seven. Commercials were in deep trouble but to their credit they battled back and with four minutes remaining the gap was down to a point. Unfortunately they were unable to bridge the gap and in the end their efforts in the final just came up short. While the disappointment among the panel, mentors and supporters at the final whistle was palpable when reflected upon this was a tremendous performance by a terrific panel of players who will surely have glory days in the Green and Gold of Clonmel Commercials in the future.



**Commercials U14 Panel 2007**

*Clonmel Commercials and mentors with The Mayor of Clonmel Clr Ritchie Molloy prior to their departure for the Feile finals.*

*Evan Comerford, Alex Connolly, Jason Clarke, Cathal McKeever, Darren Cass, Seamus Kennedy, Harry Murphy, Brian Walsh, Shane O'Loughlin, Coleman Kennedy, Kevin Gunne, Levi Whelan, Pdraig Louram, Michael Quinlivan, Shane Flynn, Cian Mackey, Michael McCullagh, Cormac Rea, Christopher O'Gorman, Eoin Lynch, Keith Brown, Ciaran Brady, Ryan Conran, Aidan Rea, Michael Kelly, Emmett Kelly, Liam Murchan, Pdraig Quilivan, Stephen Allen, Ian Fahey, Joey Phelan, Brian Bates.*

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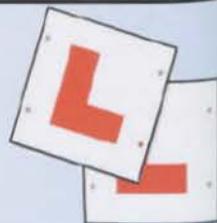
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# West Tipperary Bord na nÓg 2007

By Tomas Mac Gearailt [PRO]

The 2007 season in West Tipperary was once again a very busy year for the Bord with in excess of 300 games completed. This year saw the introduction of leagues in both hurling and football at Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16 with the Championships being run on a knockout basis plus losers group.

While no Hurling county title came to the Division, Arravale Rovers captured the Under16 'A' football title following a replay with Moyle Rovers and in the Under 14 'C' county final Emly emerged winners after a cracking game with Ballylooby/Castlegrace.

In Inter-Divisional hurling our Under 16's were defeated by North Tipp in the Garda Cup and also had to settle for the runners up spot to Muskerry [Cork] by two points in the first round of the Munster Championship. Our Under 14's also had to accept defeat in the Borrisleigh sponsored Peadar Cummins Tournament.

In football our Under 14's defeated South Tipp by three points in the Inter Divisional Shield final. West Tipp was well represented on all our County teams ranging from our All-Ireland Minor and Under 16 hurling final winning teams, Tipp's Under 16 'B' hurling side, Under 15 hurling Carrighoun Tournament and Waterford's Tony Forestall Tournament for Under 14 hurling. On Inter County football sides West Tipp made their mark at Under 16 level in the Munster championship in Limerick, with the Under 15's in the Cork City Bord na nÓg tournament at Saint Finbarr's club and the Cork County Bord Na nÓg tournament in Millstreet and also in the Jim Power Tournament in Waterford for Under 14 Football.

**West U16 Hurling Squad**  
Shane Heelan [Kickhams], Rory Heffernan [Kickhams], Michael Hanley [Lattin/Cullen], Niall Shanahan [Clonoulty/Rossmore], David Butler [Kickhams], Shane Russell [Lattin/Cullen], Noel Ryan [Cappawhite], Christopher Ryan [Golden/Kilfeacle], Martin Sadlier [Clonoulty/Rossmore], Jonathan Grogan

[Cashel King Cormacs], Kenneth Horgan [Kickhams], Seamus Carew [Clonoulty/Rossmore], Niall O'Brien [Kickhams], Damien Ryan [Sologhead], Dean O'Dwyer [Cappawhite], Liam Kavanagh [Galtee Rovers], Cathal Mc Carthy [Cappawhite] Cathal Martin [Lattin/Cullen], James O'Connell [Golden/Kilfeacle], Thomas Butler [Clonoulty/Rossmore], Liam Richardson [Aherlow].

**Selectors** Davy Heelan [Kickhams], Tom O'Donnell [Golden/Kilfeacle], Pakie Hallissey [Cashel King Cormacs].

## West U14 Hurling Squad

Fintan Ryan, Killian Ryan and David Power, [Arravale Rovers], Donal O'Neill [Cappawhite] Conor Hammersley, Darren Corcoran, Sean Maher, Andrew Purcell and Jimmy Maher [Clonoulty/Rossmore], Kevin Breen [Eire Og], Killian Ryan and Frank Kelleher [Cashel King Cormacs], Christopher O'Halloran, Maurice Crowe and Patrick Kavanagh, [Galtee Rovers], Aidan O'Connell, Liam Nagle and Matthew Ryan, [Golden/Kilfeacle], Patrick Ryan, Eoin Carew, Richard Moran and Luke Heffernan [Kickhams], Sean Hickey, [Sean Treacys].

**Selectors** Tom O'Donnell [Golden/Kilfeacle], John Ryan [A], Pat Buckley, [Emly] Coach.

## West Bord Na nÓg Officers [2007]

<b>President</b>	Michael Gleeson	Arravale Rovers
<b>Chairman</b>	Richard O'Connor	Arravale Rovers
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<b>Referees Coordinator</b>	Liam O'Dwyer	Eire Óg

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**WEST TIPP INTERDIVISIONAL U14 B FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS**

Pat Quirke, Galtee Rovers, Cormac O'Donoghue Lattin/Cullen, David Power Arravale Rovers, Matthew Ryan Golden/Kilfeacle, Conor O'Sullivan Galtee Rovers, Cathal O'Donovan Arravale Rovers, Killian Arravale Rovers, Fintan Ryan Arravale Rovers, Chris O'Halloran Galtee Rovers, Ciaran Butler-Hallissey Golden/Kilfeacle, Ian Collins Golden/Kilfeacle, Kevin Moloney Golden/Kilfeacle, Maurice Crowe Galtee Rovers, Liam Nagle Golden/Kilfeacle, Tommy Kennedy Sean Treacys [Capt], Sean Breen Eire Og, T.J.Ryan Rockwell Rovers, Donal O'Dwyer Eire Og, Padraig Finnan Lattin/Cullen, Aidan Barron Rockwell Rovers, Aidan O'Connell Golden/Kilfeacle, Kevin Breen, Eire Og, Eoin White Galtee Rovers, Dylan O'Gorman Galtee Rovers, Cathal Devlin Arravale Rovers, Thomas O'Donoghue Lattin/Cullen **Selectors** Tom O'Donnell [Golden/Kilfeacle], Sean O'Donoghue [Lattin/Cullen]

## FOOTBALL RESULTS

U12 A	Golden/Kilfeacle	4-5	Cashel King Cormacs	2-3	Dundrum	Phil Ryan
U12 B	Lattin/Cullen	3-9	Galtee Rovers	0-3	Sean Treacy Pk	Willie Kennedy
U12 C	Emly	4-9	Sean Treacys	4-2	Dundrum	Mark Ryan
Shield	Arravale Rovers	2-9	Cappawhite	1-5	Cappawhite	Willie Kennedy
Plate	Knockavilla Kickhams	2-5	Clonoulty/Rossmore	2-3	Golden	Tom Dawson
League	Golden/Kilfeacle	2-6	Arravale Rovers	1-4	Bansha	David Grogan
U14 A	Arravale Rovers	0-10	Clonoulty/Rossmore	1-4	Golden,	D,Grogan
U14 B	Golden/Kilfeacle	3-6	Lattin/Cullen [replay]	2-8	Bansha	John O'Brien
U14 C	Emly	7-6	Sean Treacys	3-2	Dundrum	Tom Dawson
Co Final	Emly	3-4	Ballylooby/Castlegrace	2-6	Cahir	
Shield	Cashel King Cormacs	2-4	Knockavilla Kickhams	0-4	Golden	John O'Brien
Plate	Aherlow	6-9	Cappawhite	1-1	Lisvernane	Tommy Fitzgerald
Og Peil	Clonoulty/Rossmore	1-5	Arravale Rovers	0-3	Golden	David Grogan
League	Arravale Rovers	3-5	Cashel King Cormas	2-4	Golden	Paddy Russell
U16 A	Arravale Rovers	4-9	Knockavilla Kickhams	2-7	Dundrum	Paddy Russell
CO, Final	Arravale Rovers	1-9	Moyle Rovers	1-6	[replay] Cahir	
U16 B	Cashel King Cormacs	3-11	Cappawhite	0-2	Sean Treacy Pk	David Grogan
League	Arravale Rovers	2-12	Knockavilla Kickhams	1-1	Golden	Padraig Ryan

### Inter -Divisional U14 Football Tournament Dr. Morris Pk

North Tipp	5-5	West Tipp	3-7
Shield Final West Tipp	4-3	South Tipp	2-6

## HURLING RESULTS

U12 A	Golden/Kilfeacle	2-6	Cashel King Cormac	0-3	New Inn	W. Kennedy
U12 B	Rockwell Rovers	3-3	Cappawhite [replay]	2-3	Sean Treacy Pk	John O'Brien
U12 C	Sean Treacys	6-11	Emly	0-3	Sean Treacy Pk	Mark Ryan
Shield	Clonoulty/Rossmore	2-2	Lattin/Cullen	0-3	Cappawhite	T. Fitzgerald
League	Golden/Kilfeacle	1-5	Lattin/Cullen	0-3	Dundrum	W. Kennedy
U14 A	Clonoulty/Rossmore	1-13	Knockavilla Kickhams	1-6	New Inn	John Ryan[Bob]
U14 B	Arravale Rovers	2-12	Cappawhite	0-2	Golden	T.Fitzgerald
U14 C	Emly	6-13	Sean Treacys	3-10	Cappawhite	Tom Dawson
Shield	Cashel King Cormacs	5-6	Golden/Kilfeacle	3-4	Golden	Seamus Currivan
Plate	Eire Og	3-5	Rockwell Rovers	1-2	Dundrum	T.Fitzgerald
League	Clonoulty/Rossmore	4-10	Arravale Rovers	4-2	Clonoulty	Sean Bradshaw
Feile Na Gael	Clonoulty/Rossmore	4-18	Cashel Kin Cormacs	0-2	Golden	D.Grogan
U16 A	Knockavilla Kickhams	0-11	Arravale Rovers	0-6	Golden	John Ryan[Bob]
U16 B	Galtee Rovers	2-8	Cashel King Cormacs	1-10	Sologhead	T.Fitzgerald

### Peadar Cummins Tournament [U14 Hurling]

North Tipp	3-12	West Tipp	0-3	Borrisoleigh
Shield Final South Tipp	3-13	West Tipp	2-7	

### Garda Cup Inter Divisional [U16 Hurling] Templemore

North Tipp	3-16	West Tipp	0-6	Templemore
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### Munster U16 B Championship Ballincollig [Cork]

Musketry [Cork]	2-14	West Tipp	2-12	Ballincollig [Cork]
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West and County U16 Poc Fada Champion -Dean O'Dwyer[Cappawhite]

## Sean Treacys win first Under 12 West Final in Eight Years

Sean Treacys won their first under-12 C hurling final in eight years on the 19th August at Sean Treacy Park. Sean Ryan captained the team and by a strange coincidence the last time Treacys won the u-12 C cup the team was captained by his brother, Jody.

Treacys first outing was against Emly in the league stages and resulted in a comfortable win. The final was played in August and Treacys ran out comfortable winners against a spirited Emly side. Sean Treacys were a goal up within two minutes from the stick of Andy Ryan. Seanie Ryan dominated centre field and pegged on many scores both from play and the dead ball. Treacys won comfortably in the end and had their first U 12 hurling cup in eight years.

A county semi-final date with Shannon Rovers on the 27th August would decide who would go forward to play in the county final in Semple Stadium later in the week. This was an enthralling encounter between the champions of North and West and drew a large crowd to Templedeery on this semi-final night. The standard of hurling between these two teams was a joy to behold and was keenly contested by both sides. At the final whistle both teams lived to fight again in this drawn game.

The replay was fixed for two nights later. Both teams were fully fit with two changes to the Sean Treacys line-up for this replay, Thomas Lyons came in at right half back and Darragh Kennedy moved to the full forward line. Treacys drew first blood with a point from Andy O'Brien but this was soon cancelled out by an unfortunate deflection past the Sean Treacys keeper Emmet Ryan. With only a few minutes to go and the minimum between the teams a wild swing left Seanie Ryan needing attention and with play not held up the ball found its way to the back of the Treacys net and game effectively over. Hopefully this will be the seeds of a re-emergence of Sean Treacys in the coming years. Some decent performances from our u-10's during the season are also very encouraging for the future.

## EIRE ÓG CUL CAMP

### Top right: U8 Boys at Eire Óg Cul Camp

Back L/R: Damien Quinlan, John Furlong, Jean Kelly, Dion Breen, Jordan Hayes, Andrew Heffernan, Arnold O'Dwyer, Christopher Ryan, Conor Bradshaw, Padraig O'Dwyer.  
Front L/R: Paul Devlin, Liam Óg O'Dwyer, Paul Burke, Raoseanne O'Donnell, Harry Broadhurst, Stephen O'Brien, Thomas Furlong.

### Second right: U12 Boys and Girls at Eire Óg Cúl Camp

Back L/R: Leanne Hayes, Diarmuid Ryan, Zoe Cahill, Sarah Ryan, Aoife Brennan, Linda Grogan, Kelly Crosse, Sinead Buckley, Jade Dempsey, Courtney Dempsey.

Front L/R: Aaron Cahill, Mark Kirwan, Thomas Quinn, Michael O'Brien, Conor Devlin, Ben Curry, T.J. Breen, Karen Fox, Elaine Kelly

### Bottom left: U14 Boys at Éire Óg Cul Camp

Back L/R: Jamie O'Dwyer, Michael Ryan, David Breen, Tom Dawson, Peter O'Dwyer, Tom Fox, Timmy Hammersley, Sean Breen, Michael Bradshaw, Dan Hogan, Dinny Crosse, Joshua Quinn, Jeremy Furlong, Thomás Crowe.

Front L/R: Christopher Breen, Donal O'Dwyer, Mike Fox, Denis Hogan, Gearóid Loughman, Declan Ryan, Evan Heffernan, Eoin Brennan, Christopher Conlon.

### Bottom right: U14 Girls at Eire Óg Cúl Camp

Back L/R: Ann-Marie Ryan, Áine Ryan, Sinéad O'Neill, Rebecca Curry, Aisling Loughman, Jennifer Burke, Clara Pye, Cora Hennessy.  
Front L/R: Niamh Loughman, Niamh Coughlan, Katie Ahearn, Eimear Ryan, Michelle Griffin, Fiona Ryan, Noelle Griffin.





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## **GOLDEN/KILFEACLE U12 'A' WEST FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007**

Back L/R Gerard Barlow (Captain), Declan Farrell, Jack McLaughlin, Killian Farrell, Shane O'Connell, Darren Moloney, Dan Byrnes, Thomas O'Halloran, Dale Collins, Ethan Rogers, Amy Hayde, Louise Barlow, Ciannait Walsh. Front L/R Daniel Curriuan Amy Crosse, Joanne Crosse, Rachel Doyle, Jamie Byrnes, Brian McLaughlin, Niall Fogarty, Thomas Wade, David Wade, Keith Landy, James Casey, Seanie O'Halloran, Paddy Morrissey



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## **EMLY U12 'C' WEST FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007**

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**GOLDEN/KILFEACLE U14 'B' WEST FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007**

Back L/R; Jimmy Wade (Selector), Daniel Curriuan, JJ Byrnes, Pakie O'Connell, Brian Roche, Killian Farrell, Seamus Curriuan (Selector), Dan Byrnes, Jason Moloney, Shauna O'Connell, Leanne Prendergast, Aidan O'Connell, Tom O'Donnell (Selector) Front L/R Ciaran Butler-Hallissey, Shane O'Connell, Darren Moloney, Johnny Morrissey, Seanie O'Halloran, James Casey, Kevin Moloney (Captain), Liam Nagle, Paddy Morrissey, Alan Wade, Neil Cash, Matthew Ryan.



**AHERLOW U14 'C' WEST FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2007**

BackL/R; Amy O' Neill, Timmy Moloney (RIP), Peter Moloney, Darren Ryan, Joshua Perry, Tommy Frewen, Roisin McGrath, Richie Cleary, Pat Frewen. Front L/R; Mark Webb, Mark Sweeney, Susan Smith, Ed O Meara, Kieran Barrett Vice Chairman Bord na nÓg, Tom Blackburn (capt.), Dylan Cleary, John Moloney, Eric Grogan, Damien Whyte, Siobhan Richardson.

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# West Tipperary Bórd na nÓg Medal Presentation



Pictures at West Tipperary Bórd na nÓg Medal Presentation on November 23rd. Front L/R; Liam O'Dwyer, Matty Finnerty West Board Chairman, Richard O'Connor West Bórd na nÓg Chairman, Neil Ryan County Bórd na nÓg Secretary, Michael Long West Bórd na nÓg Secretary. Back L/R; Tom O'Donnell, Fixtures Secretary, Roger Ryan Registrar, Tommy Fitzgerald P.R.O., Kieran Barrett Vice Chairman West Bórd na nÓg, D.J. Carr, Treasurer West Bórd na nÓg.



Pictured at West Bórd na nÓg Medal Presentation on November 23rd are the winning captains, also included is Garda Brian Murphy, Juvenile Liaison Officer, Matty Finnerty West Board Chairman, Richard O'Connor West Bórd na nÓg Chairman, Damien O'Brien Tipperary Senior Footballer who presented the medals, Kieran Barrett Bórd na nÓg Vice Chairman and Neil Ryan County Bórd na nÓg Secretary.

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# SCOR REPORT

As 2008 approaches let us reflect once again on the contribution of Scór 2007 to Irish culture. As usual, the three levels of competition were held namely Scór na nÓg, Scór na bPáistí and Scór Sinsear. Participation was good and standards were high in Scór na nÓg and Scór na bPáistí competitions. Well done to all competitors. However, Scór Sinsear lacks the enthusiasm and involvement of former days.

Scór is a integral part of the GAA. Perhaps in 2008 more local clubs might get involved in Scór and encourage greater participation in its competitions at all levels. 'Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann daoine'.

## Scór na nÓg

County winners in Scór na nÓg were as follows:

Rince Fóirne:	Newcastle
Amhránaíocht Aonair:	Maire Floyd, Newport
Ceol Uirlise:	Newport
Aithriseoireacht:	Martin Lee, J.K. Brackens
Bailéad Ghrúpa:	Borrisoleigh
Tráth na gCeist:	Borrisoleigh
Nuachleas:	Borrisoleigh
Rince Seit:	J.K. Brackens

## Scór na bPáistí

County winners in Scór na bPáistí were as follows:

Rince Fóirne:	J.K. Brackens
Amhránaíocht Aonair:	Louise McLoughlin, Templederry
Ceol Uirlise:	Newport
Aithriseoireacht:	Martin Nolan, Sean Tracy's
Bailéad Ghrúpa:	Templederry
Tráth na gCeist:	Ballingarry
Nuachleas:	Templederry
Rince Seit:	J.K. Brackens

A special word of congratulations to the Borrisoleigh Novelty Act "The Flight" who went on to become Munster Champions and consequently represented their county/province at the All Ireland Finals in Athlone.

Comhghairdeas ó chroí libh go léir.



*Templederry Scór na bPáistí*

*Louise McLoughlin, Templederry receives her award from Seamus McGrath after winning the Scór na bPáistí Solo Song county final.*

## MID TIPPERARY SCÓR

2006/2007

Activities commenced in November with the Scór a nÓg final held in Clonmore. Martin Lee (J.K. Brackens) who was second in Recitation went on to win the county final.

The Mid final of Scór Sinsear was held in Loughmore on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2007 with only four clubs participating. The J.K. Brackens Set Dancers qualified for the Munster final. The Tráth na gCeist team from Loughmore-Castleiney got to the Munster semi final.

There were three Scór na bPáistí nights, semi finals in Clonmore and Drombane and the final in Drom where a packed audience enjoyed a great show from very talented primary school children. J.K. Brackens attained county honours in Rince Forine and Rince Set.

The Scór committee would like to thank all the host clubs, their stewards and the ladies in the tea room. They would also like to thank their sponsors, Mid Board, Thurles Credit Union, Tivoli Cleaners, Donal Young, The Ragg and Lycon Auto Spares. They are also grateful to Michael Dundon and the staff of the 'Tipperary Star'.

The following were the winners:

	Scór na nÓg	Scór Sinsear	Scór a bPáistí
Rince Foirne	J.K. Brackens	J.K. Brackens	J.K. Brackens
Amhránaíocht	Upperchurch/Drombane	J.K. Brackens	Loughmore/Castleiney
Ceol Uirlise	Upperchurch/Drombane		Upperchurch/Drombane
Aithriseoireacht	Upperchurch/Drombane	J.K. Brackens	Upperchurch/Drombane
Bailéad Ghupa	Upperchurch/Drombane	J.K. Brackens	Upperchurch/Drombane
Tráth na gCeist	Loughmore/Castleiney	Loughmore/Castleiney	Loughmore/Castleiney
Nuachleas	J.K. Brackens		Drom/Inch
Rince Seit	J.K. Brackens	J.K. Brackens	J.K. Brackens

## Scór Sinsear

County winners in Scór Sinsear were as follows:

Rince Fóirne:	Newport
Amhránaíocht Aonair:	Teresa Nolan, Newport
Aithriseoireacht:	Lily O'Grady, Newport
Bailéad Ghrúpa:	Newport
Tráth na gCeist:	Loughmore
Rince Seit:	J.K. Brackens



*Above: Borrisoleigh Nuachleas, County, Munster and 2nd place in All-Ireland Scór na nÓg final:*

*Back row, left to right: May Stapleton, Tommy Kavanagh, Benny Harkin, Seamus McGrath, Cathal Bourke, Danny Ryan, Mary Bourke;*

*Front row, left to right: Stephen Shanahan, Clódhna Bourke, Jack Bourke, Noreen Stapleton.*



*Above: J. K. Brackens Scór na bPáistí Figure Dancing County Champions*

*Back row, left to right: Sandra Bowe, Maeve Bourke, Aoife Fogarty Francis Burke, Chloe Giles, Ciara Bourke, Seamus McGrath;*

*Front row, left to right: Yvonne Meehan, Leona Bowe, Niamh Kennedy, Lisa Fogarty.*

*Right: J. K. Brackens,*

*Scór Sinsear county Rince Seit champions:*

*Back row, left to right: Pat Egan, Laurence Leahy, John Maher, Paul Nolan;*

*front row, left to right: Lorraine Egan, Jane Kennedy, Mairead Bourke, Sinéad Bourke*





Left:  
Newport Ballad Group,  
County, Munster  
and second place in  
All-Ireland  
Scór na Sinsear:

left to right:

Teresa Galvin,  
Sean Ó Brian,  
Fiona Ryan,  
Tim Floyd,  
Geraldine Floyd.

Right: Templederry Novelty Act winners of County final Scór na bPaisti.  
Back Row: Dan Madden (County Scór Treasurer), Elaine Murphy, Sarah Butler, Rose  
Anne Ryan, Edward Hynes, Ailish Murray (Coach).  
Front Row: Matthew Hogan, Louise McLoughlin, Liam McCutcheon, Marie O'Brien.

Right below : Templederry Scór na nOg North winners

Back Row: Thomas McCutcheon, Eoin Kinane, Paul Murray, Siobhan Corcoran.  
Front Row: Sarah Murray, Pío Kennedy, Martina Gleeson, Mairin McCutcheon.

Bottom right: Templederry Ballad Group winners of County Final Scór na bPaisti.  
Elaine Murphy, Seamus McGrath, Liam McCutcheon, Sarah Butler, Nicola Butler,  
Mary Maher (Coach), Louise McLoughlin.

Below: Borrisoleigh Novelty Act



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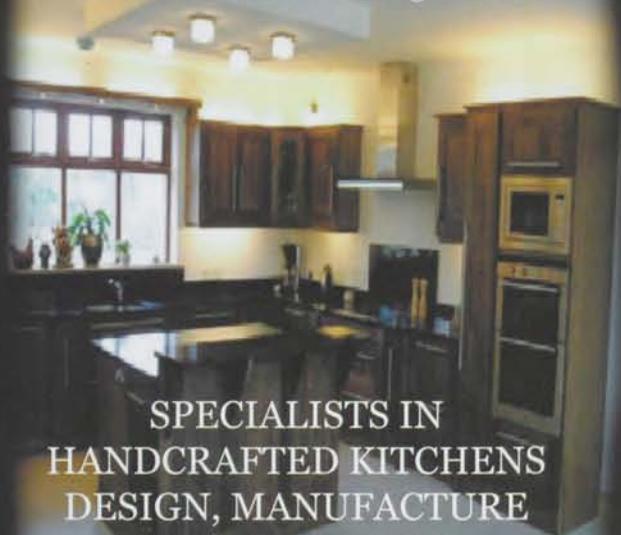


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# My Trip to Tipp

by Ronan McSherry

(This article, about an Ulsterman's fascination with the Munster final at Thurles, appeared in *Gaelic Life* on July 13, 2007. It is published courtesy of the author.)

The Munster hurling final in Thurles is a sacred event.

Lest this be construed as sacrilege, consider Limerick legend Mick Mackey's description of the 'Great Bicycle Final' of 1944. It was 'The Emergency' and the use of cars was prohibited, but, as Mackey said, 'They seemed to get to Thurles like pilgrims to Mecca.' It is told that most of the followers came by bike and some of them, like 65-year old, Peter Ryan from Lisnagry, 70 miles by foot. For the record Cork, inspired by Christy Ring, beat Limerick on their way to their fourth All-Ireland in a row.

Tipperary is a beautiful and affluent county that inspired 'Forty Shades of Green' penned by the late Johnny Cash. On Saturday evening along with my fellow travellers we reached Thurles and sought out a watering hole after leaving our luggage at Mrs. Ryan's Bed and Breakfast on Friar Street.

Walking through Liberty Square you could almost physically feel the history of the town and the occasion. Fellow Ulster Gaels have also tapped into this spiritual journey judging by the accents and county jerseys going in and out of hostels and bars.

In Lonergan's pub close to the bridge over the River Suir we were introduced to Sean McLoughlin.

'Who is he?' I hear you say for that is what I said myself. The gentle silver-haired giant told us he played in eight All-Ireland finals and had five medals to show for his endeavours. Oh we of little faith as we looked for the wounds.

The following morning our eyes did indeed see that the former Tipperary corner forward is listed in the archives of the wonderful Lár na Páirce museum in the centre of Thurles. He struck a younger gait as the old yellow newspaper cuttings showed but was indeed the genial giant wearing the blue and gold in the days Babs was in his prime.

If Thurles is the Bethlehem of the G.A.A., Hayes's Hotel is the stable.

It was rocking on Saturday night with half-cut young revellers and girls gyrating in their skimpy skirts and low-cut tops. Lord knows what the founding fathers Michael Cusack and Maurice Davin would make of it, as the Billiard Hall where the G.A.A. Originated is now part of the night club. And there was us expecting a turf fire complementing an Irish cailin donning a shawl and tweed skirt as she strummed a harp to the melody of 'Four Green Fields.' The band belted out Summer of '69 and the line, 'Those were the best days of our lives,' was not lost on me as the trips to Tipp are just that.

Liberty Square on Monster final Sunday is a glorious sight with

music pumping out of speakers and horns being blown to a collage of green and white and blue and white flags, hats and jerseys.

Thousand of rival supporters filled the square with ne'er a voice nor glass raised in anger. My comrade described the procession from the square to the Field of Legends as 'the greatest walk in hurling.' He is not wrong.

The route is lined with buskers playing their banjos and accordions, chancers with West of Ireland accents performing card tricks, programme sellers, hawkers and groups of young people, chanting the name of their county. Families moved together as young lads gripped their father's hands while holding a hurley in the other fist. It is a magical journey to a magical place.

Semple is a temple . . . There you go. The roars of 50,000 that greeted the teams continued until the last sliotar was pucked in anger. It was a pulsating game packed with breathtaking skill. Munster championship fare usually is. Dan Shanahan was a colossus, the Deise rejoiced and we savoured every moment.

It is a marvellous weekend and a fantastic occasion. Long Live the Munster final.

## Hurling in America has a Problem

by Conor Dougherty

(This article, courtesy of the Wall Street Journal, first appeared on July 26, 2007.)

For five years straight, the Clann na nGael sports club in Atlanta sent a team to the North American Hurling Championships. That ended a year ago. Try as it did, Clann na nGael could muster only 12 players, and it takes at least 13 to make a team.

'We didn't play any competitive games last year,' says Jim Whooley, vice-chairman of Clan na nGael. 'We just played scrimmage games among ourselves, six on six and five on five.'

Hurling ^ a centuries-old sport that has elements of field hockey and lacrosse ^ has an immigration problem. With the Irish economy booming and the U.S. Tightening borders, Irish expatriates are returning home and fewer newcomers are taking their place.

The New York board of the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) has lost four of its eight hurling teams in the past three years. In Boston, the Wexford Hurling Club is worried it will soon lose one of its two teams. And ever since the San Jose, California team folded a few years ago, Northern California's two remaining clubs have played each other, and only each other. They settle the local 'championship' with a best of five competition.

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'Hurling is becoming extinct,' says Tom Flynn, an Irish immigrant who started with a new jersey team in 1954 and remains involved with the club's management.

To keep going the clubs enlist Irish students who come to America for the summer. Hoping to build a new generation of hurlers, they also are setting up youth league. And, as part of a recruiting push, they are trying to interest Americans in the sport. 'American born players must become the backbone of our clubs in the long term if the games are to survive out here,' says Eamonn Gormley, a San Francisco web-site developer and G.A.A. Member, who has been trying to get hurling teams started on college campuses in Northern California.

Turning Americans on to hurling will be tough. To many Americans hurling is just a slang term for vomiting. Once they learn that it's a sport, they often confuse it with curling, the winter Olympic sport played with brooms.

### Grit and Finesse

Perhaps the greatest obstacle is that hurling ^ which requires the endurance of soccer, the grit of football and the finesse of hacky sack ^ is hard to play. Americans who try the sport quickly find themselves outclassed by Irishmen, who have been playing since they were toddlers.

A hurling team has 13 or 15 players armed with wooden paddles called hurleys. Players tussle with another team over a baseball-size sphere called a sliotar. There are goals at either end of the field, and teams score three points each time the sliotar (pronounced 'slit-ar') makes it in. A sliotar that flies through uprights above the goal scores one point.

The hardest part of the game is learning to handle the hurley, which is like an extended arm, for the 60 minutes of a match. Hurlers can't throw the sliotar, and they can carry it in their hands for only a few steps. So players pass the ball with a combination of open-palm slaps, kicks and ^ for extra-long shots ^ by tossing the sliotar in the air and striking it downfield with the hurley.

When the sliotar is balanced on top of the hurley, a player can run for as many steps as he likes. But that isn't easy with the opposing team throwing body checks and slashing at the sliotar as if they were in a sword fight.

Brian Whitlow, an American graduate student in San Francisco, tried out for a hurling team two years ago after seeing the sport on television. It didn't go well. IN practices he rarely got the ball, and when he did he never made it more than a few steps before the ball was knocked away. After playing in one match, he was benched. He quit half-way through the season.

Mr. Whitlow now has a new strategy. With help from Mr. Gormley, he has organised a club for American players. 'The idea is to get an opportunity to play in a match and kind of learn as we go,' he says.

Irish games have been played in the U.S. For as long as there have been Irish immigrants. In the summer, Irish expats flock to places like Gaelic Park in New York's Bronx borough, where

they cheer from the bleachers and drink beer or Magners cider over ice. The new York board of the Gaelic Athletic Association was formed in 1914, and, by the club's reckoning, it has had a hurling team ever since. For all that time the size and strength of U.S.-based hurling teams have been timed informally to U.S. Immigration policy and the strength of the Irish economy. Until recently, the New York G.A.A. says, its toughest recruiting period was the late 1960s and early '70s. The Immigration Act of 1965 had reduced the flow of Irish immigration.

### Irish Economy

Today, there are two problems. The strong Irish economy is keeping people from emigrating or draeing them back home, while U.S. Immigration laws are making life tougher for Irish who are in the U.S. Illegally. Ireland's gross domestic product has grown an average of 7.2% annually for the past decade, according to the International Monetary Fund, more than twice the rate of the U.S.

There were 128,000 Irish-born residents in the U.S. In 2005, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, down from 156,000 in 2000. In 1980 there had been about 290,000. The decline has accelerated in recent years as post-9/11 immigration reforms ^ particularly a New York program to verify Social Security numbers for driver's licences ^ have made it tougher for illegal immigrants to live normal lives.

Alan Gleeson, a 28-year old electrician, who hurled in New York until last year County Offaly, in part because his illegal status was making it harder to live in the U.S. 'You couldn't get a driver's licence, so you were limited to where you could work,' he says.

At its height in the 1980s, the New York board of the G.A.A. Had about 10 hurling teams. Today there are just four, Offaly, Galway, Tipperary and New Jersey/Kilkenny.

### Worries Over Decline

The decline worries John Phelan. A retired accountant, he left Ireland 50 years ago and has been playing or watching hurling at Gaelic Park ever since. The league, he says, is as small as it can be: 'If it goes below four, you're a dead duck.'

On a recent afternoon Mr. Phelan and two Irish friends chatted while watching New Jersey/Kilkenny face off against Galway. Before the game Galway's manager gave his team a profanity-filled speech in which he encouraged his players to 'use the timber'. (Translation: Don't be gentle with the hurley.)

It would take more than a pep talk. Over the next hour, hurlers from New Jersey/Kilkenny sent shot after shot through the uprights above the goal. Mr. Flynn, the former player who has been involved with the team since the '50s, is confident it will win its third straight championship this year, but he isn't sure how much further the team can go. 'The way it's going now', he says, 'we will be lucky to get two more years of hurling out of New York.'

# Clonmel Commercials three-in-a-row teams of 1965, 1966 & 1967 honoured



Members of the Clonmel Commercials teams that won three county senior football championships in a row from 1965 to 1967 who were honoured on county final day in joint promotion by the County Board, The Nationalists and Hotel Minella, Clonmel



At the presentation to members of the Commercials teams that won 3 county titles in a row were team member John McNamara, Eamonn Wynne, The Nationalist, who sponsored the event with Hotel Minella and the County Board; Mary Wall, representing her late husband, Seamus; team member Johnny Ryan and Pat Carey of the organising committee



Jimmy Hewitt, Anthony Burke, Paddy O'Connell and Kevin Hackett



Larry Fagan, Pat Fitzgerald, John Shanahan and Eddie Hewitt



Pat Carey (Organiser), Noall O'Donnell, Brendan O'Keeffe and Timmy Ryan



Pat McDonagh, Tom Fennessy, Pete Savage, Co. Football Board Chairman and Mick Egan



George Collins, Tom Fennessy, Denis O'Donoghue and Conor O'Dwyer



Paddy O'Connell, Peter Archibald, Oliver Matthews and Barry O'Brien, Co. Board Vice-Chairman

# TIPP HANDBALL REPORT

## "Tipp Handball 2007 Snippets"

### "Ballyporeen Reopen 60x30 Court"

The Reopening of the Ballyporeen 60x30 Court took place on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 2007. It was a great day for the Club as a full redevelopment of the facilities had taken place, a new roof, lights, backwall, seating and a new meeting room overlooking the 60x30 Court and a complete new paint job. This also provides another much needed top 60x30 venue for the County. The Club organised a great programme for the day with some of our top players in the Country playing in both Softball & Handball games.

Eoin Kennedy (Dublin) Dessie Keegan (Mayo)

'Ducksey' Walsh (Kilkenny) Eddie Corbett (Tipperary) Tom Sheridan & Walter O Connor (Meath) were in Action on the day

### "Paddy Kelly Memorial Tournament"

Lahorna Club hold an annual Memorial Tournament in memory of a great Clubman Paddy Kelly who died tragically during a repair job on the Roof of the Court. Players from Tipperary & Offaly competed in this years event and we had some great finals with David Moloney & Denis White winning out Div 1 & Michael Gleeson & Eric Monaghan winning out Division 2.

Paddy Kelly represented Tipperary in a Munster SMBD partnered by Paddy Collins but were beaten By Mick O Dea & Chris Hurley in the Final.

### "Michael Monaghan Memorial Tournament"

During a Club Tournament Held by Ballina Club in 2006 one of the players died suddenly the day after playing in the Competition. The Competition was completed and named in honour of Michael Monaghan and now becomes an annual event.

### "Referee"

Paddy Collins (Ballina) Refereed the Senior Singles 60x30 Final between Eoin Kennedy & Michael Ducksey Walsh in September.

Paddy also Refereed the Senior Singles final in 2000 between Michael Ducksey Walsh & Kenneth Kane.

### "Cashel Handball Club"

After over a decade out of Handball the Cashel Club made a welcome return to competitive Handball and have done it in style with Paul Mc Grath & Denis White winning the JBD all-Ireland title in 40x20 beating Michael O'Brien & David Hope in the final in O Loughlins.

This is a great boost to Tipperary Handball and also provides a top Class venue for 40x20 & 60x30 competitions.

### "Long Wait is Over"

After what seems a lifetime playing and reaching finals Jim Quinn & Gary Howard finally struck Gold winning the EMBD 40x20 final beating Pat O Sullivan & Seamus Duffy in the final in St Comans.

### "Mullins Family Strike Gold"

Clonmel players Paul Mullins and Dad Pakie had a great season in 60x30 Court. Paul won the I.S. Title & was Runners up in the I.D. final partnered by Adrian Johnson. Pakie won the EMAS title & also the EMAD partnered by Sean Doyle. Pakie also reached the final of the EMAD 40x20 partnered by Con Collins.

### "Playing Handball"

Ger Coonan kept Ballina on the map winning the I.S. Handball title.

### Finalists:

Tipp Players who were beaten finalists in All-Ireland finals in 2007  
MBS 60x30 - Paul Maher

SMAS 60x30 - Pat Ryan

SMBD 60x30 - Paul Maher & Kevin Spain

MAD 60x30 - Willie O Dwyer & Niall Fitzgerald

GMAD 60x30 - Michael Gleeson & Gerry Spillane

GMBD 60x30 - Paddy Collins & Andy Purcell

EMBD 60x30 - Jim Quinn & Gary Howard

EMBS 60x30 - Jim Quinn

Club Open Team 60x30 - Ballina

EMAD 40x20 - Pakie Mullins & Con Collins

### Cidona Award.

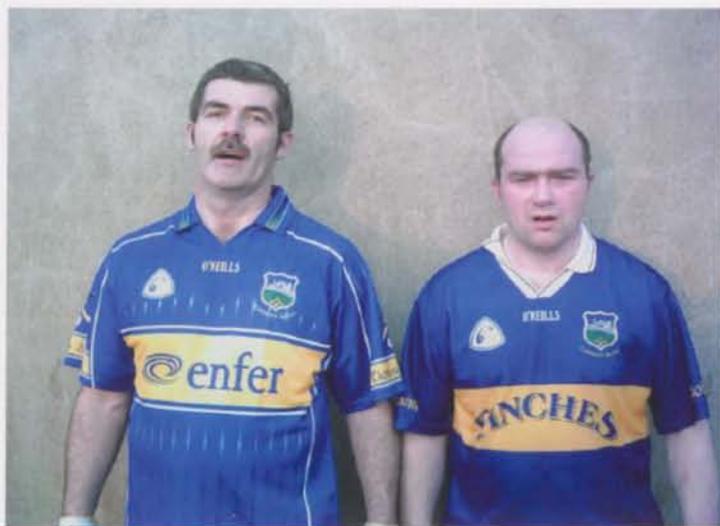
At the Cidona Awards in Clonmel in January Fergal Collins received a cidona award for his achievements in 2006.



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EMBD - Jim Quinn & Gary Howard



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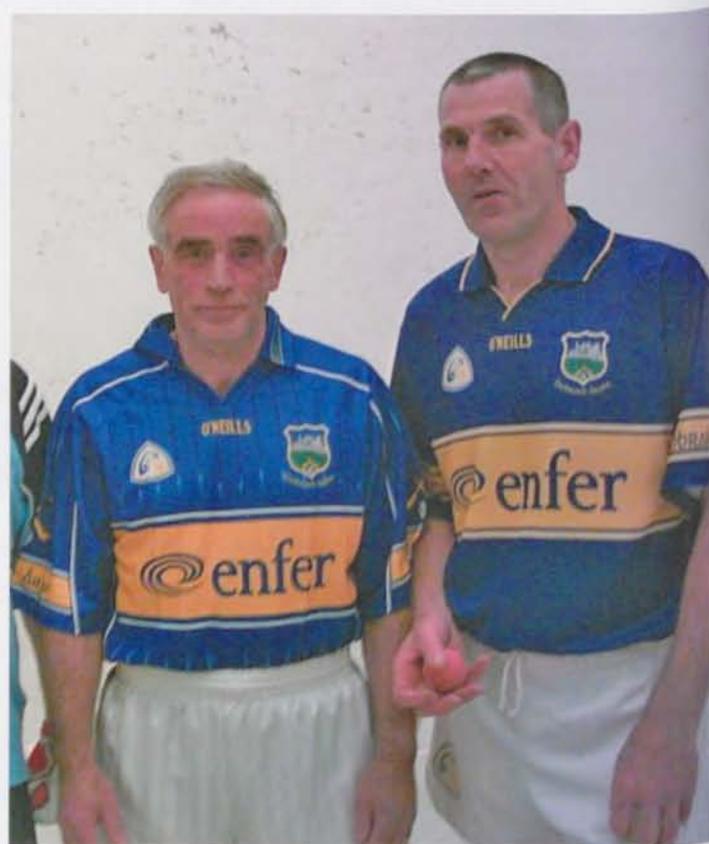


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I.S. - Ger Coonan

60x30 All-Ireland Winners 2007.  
EMAS - Pakie Mullins  
EMBD - Pakie Mullins & Sean Doyle  
I.S. - Paul Mullins  
60x30 All-Ireland runners Up

SMBD - Paul Maher & Kevin Spain  
EMBD - Jim Quinn & Gary Howard  
GMAD - Mike Gleeson & Gerry Spillane  
MAD - Willie O Dwyer & Niall Fitzgerald  
GMBD - Paddy Collins & Andy Purcell  
MBS - Paul Maher  
SMAS - Pat Ryan



Sean Doyle & Pakie Mullins

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## MID TIPPERARY SEAN GHAEL 2007



*Back L/R; John Costigan, Tim Marnell, Mick Russell, Jimmy Meighan, Michael Murphy, Willie Corbett.  
Front L/R; Tom Maher, Sean Hayden, Pat Stakelum, Brendan Bannon, Tommy Barrett.*

## NORTH TIPPERARY SEAN GHAEL 2007



*Back L/R; Ned Ryan, Mick Hogan, Sean Phelan, Roche Williams, Kevin Burke.  
Front L/R; Rody Kennedy, Joe Donnelly, Tom Shanahan, Seamus Flannery, Ailbe Burke.*

## SOUTH TIPPERARY SEAN GHAEIL 2007



*Back L/R. Kevin Burke, Catherine Pollard, Jack Wall, Mick Moore, Micheal McCormack.  
Front L/R; Jim Kennedy, Mick O'Shea, Paddy Mackin, Jimmy O'Shea, Mick McGrath.*

## WEST TIPPERARY SEAN GHAEIL 2007



*Back L/R; Mattie Finnerty, Mick Caplis, Pake Joe Ryan, Jack Gleeson, Joe Carroll.  
Front L/R; Nicholas Bergin, Billy Kiely, Jackie Hannon, Richard O'Connor, Con Cash.*

# SCOREBOARD 2007

Compiled by Ed Donnelly

## COUNTY FINALS – HURLING

### Senior

21/10/07 at Semple Stadium  
Loughmore/Castleiney 0-22 Drom & Inch 0-13

### Intermediate

28/10/07 at MacDonagh Park Nenagh  
Lorrha 1-11 Moycarkey-Borris 0-11

### Junior "A"

1/12/07  
Holycross-Ballycahill vs. Moyle Rovers

### Junior "B"

Drawn Game  
17/11/07 at Boherlahan  
Ballingarry 1-10 Killea 2-7

Replay – 1/12/07  
Ballingarry vs. Killea

### Under 21 "A"

Kilruane MacDonaghs vs.

### Under 21 "B"

Upperchurch-Drombane vs.

### Under 21 "C"

06/10/07 at Borrisoleigh  
Clonakenny 5-14 Sean Treacy's 3-13

### Minor "A"

21/10/07 at Semple Stadium  
Thurles Sarsfields 0-17 Nenagh Eire Óg 0-9

### Minor "B"

20/10/07 at MacDonagh Park Nenagh  
Moycarkey-Borris 2-8 Toomevara 0-10

### Minor "C"

07/09/07 at Drombane  
Ballinahinch 1-11 Lattin-Cullen 2-6

### Under 16 "A"

3/11/07 at New Inn  
Durlas Og 1-18 Knockavilla/Donaskeigh Kickhams 1-10

### Under 16 "B"

14/10/07 at The Ragg  
Templederry Kenyons 0-12 Holycross-Ballycahill 2-3

### Under 14 "A"

15/9/07 at The Ragg  
Loughmore-Castleiney 4-6 Toomevara 3-2

### Under 14 "B"

16/9/07 at Holycross  
Mullinahone 2-7 Templederry Kenyons 2-4

### Under 14 "C"

15/9/07 at New Inn  
St. Patricks 4-12 Emly 1-5

### Feile na nGael

28/4/07 at Dr. Morris Park  
Loughmore-Castleiney 3-10 Nenagh Eire Og 1-7

### Under 12 "A"

1/9/07 at Semple Stadium  
Holycross-Ballycahill 1-7 Nenagh Eire Óg 1-6

### Under 12 "B"

1/9/07 at Semple Stadium  
Moycarkey-Borris 2-4 Kildangan 2-2

### Under 12 "C"

1/9/07 at Semple Stadium  
Shannon Rovers 4-5 Upperchurch-Drombane 4-3

### Senior Hurling Relegation Final Play Off

21/10/07 at The Ragg  
Portroe 3-12 Eire Og Annacarty 0-16

## COUNTY HURLING LEAGUE FINALS

### Premier Division

22/04/07 at Semple Stadium  
Borris-Ileigh 1-21 Boherlahan-Dualla 0-10

### Division 1

29/04/07 at Templemore  
Thurles Sarsfields 3-13 Kilruane MacDonaghs 2-15

### Division 2

29/04/07 at The Ragg  
J.K. Brackens 2-10 Eire Óg Annacarty 0-13

### Intermediate

24/06/07 at Cahir  
Galtee Rovers 5-14 Moyle Rovers 3-9

## COUNTY FINALS – FOOTBALL

### Senior

04/11/07 at Leahy Park Cashel  
Moyle Rovers 1-9 Fethard 0-4

### Intermediate

3/11/07 at Golden  
Arravale Rovers 0-10 Rockwell Rovers 1-6

### Junior "A"

24/11/07 at Templemore  
Clonmel Commercials 1-10  
Moycarkey-Borris 1-4

### Junior "B"

### Under 21 "A"

28/4/07 at Leahy Park Cashel  
Moyle Rovers 0-12 Thurles Sarsfields 0-4

### Under 21 "B"

Drawn game - 21/4/07 at The Ragg  
Golden Kilfeacle 1-10 Burgess 2-7  
Replay  
29/4/07 at The Ragg  
Golden Kilfeacle 2-13 Burgess 2-8

### Under 21 "C"

28/4/07 at Leahy Park Cashel  
Newcastle 1-10 Clonakenny 0-12

### Minor "A"

4/10/07 at Leahy Park Cashel  
Arravale Rovers 3-7 Moyle Rovers 0-10

### Minor "B"

Drawn Game - 27/10/07 at Boherlahan  
Upperchurch Drombane 1-6 Fethard 1-6  
Replay - 11/11/07 at Boherlahan  
Upperchurch-Drombane 1-8 Fethard 0-10

### Minor "C"

27/10/07 at Leahy Park Cashel  
Emly 3-8 Fr. Sheehy's 1-8

### Under 16 "A"

Drawn Game - 1/7/07 at New Inn  
Arravale Rovers 2-8 Moyle Rovers 1-11  
Replay – 21/7/07 at Cahir  
Arravale Rovers 1-9 Moyle Rovers 1-6

### Under 16 "B"

10/7/07 at The Ragg  
Burgess 2-6 Holycross-Ballycahill 1-5

### Under 14 "A"

18/6/07 at Cahir  
Clonmel Commercials 4-11 Arravale Rovers 2-4

### Under 14 "B"

9/7/07 at Cahir  
Kilsheelan-Kilcass 6-13 Golden-Kilfeacle 0-2

### Under 14 "C"

18/6/07 at Cahir  
Emly 3-4 Ballylooby-Castlegrace 2-6

### Peil na nOg

5/5/07 at Drombane  
Clonmel Commercials 3-16 Clonoulty-Rossmore 1-2

### Under 12 "A"

2/6/07 at Semple Stadium  
Clonmel Commercials 0-7 Nenagh Eire Óg 0-6

### Under 12 "B"

Drawn game - 2/6/07 at Semple Stadium -  
Ardfinnan 1-4 Ballina 1-4  
Replay - 6/6/07 at The Ragg  
Ballina 4-4 Ardfinnan 2-7

### Under 12 "C"

2/6/07 at Semple Stadium  
Upperchurch-Drombane 2-5 Silvermines 0-2

### Senior Football Relegation Final Playoff

09/11/07 at New Inn  
JK Brackens 1-9 Grangemockler 0-4

County Adult Football League Finals

### Premier Division

17/06/07 at Boherlahan  
Cahir 1-9 Loughmore Castleiney 1-7

**Division 1**

27/05/07 at Fethard  
Rockwell Rovers 2-8 Moyle Rovers 0-8

**Division 2**

13/05/07 at Cahir  
Newcastle 3-5 Cappawhite 2-7 County Minor

**FOOTBALL LEAGUE FINALS****Division 1**

1/4/07 at Leahy Park Cashel  
Slievenamon 2-9 J.K. Brackens 0-13

**Division 2**

18/3/07 at Monroe  
Rockwell Rovers 2-7 Fethard 0-4

**Division 3**

19/3/07 at Dunderum  
Cappawhite 1-9 Solohead 1-8

**INTER COUNTY  
CHAMPIONSHIPS HURLING****SENIOR**

10/6/07 at The Gaelic Grounds  
Tipperary 1-19 Limerick 1-19 (Semi-Final)  
16/6/07 at Semple Stadium  
Tipperary 2-21 Limerick 1-24  
(Semi-Final Replay - AET)

24/6/07 at The Gaelic Grounds  
Limerick 0-22 Tipperary 2-13  
(Semi-Final 2nd Replay - AET)

30/6/07 at Semple Stadium  
Tipperary 2-17 Offaly 2-13 (All-Ireland Qualifier)  
7/7/07 at Parnell Park Dublin  
Tipperary 1-20 Dublin 1-11 (All-Ireland Qualifier)

14/7/07 at Semple Stadium  
Tipperary 2-16 Cork 1-18 (All-Ireland Qualifier)

28/7/07 at Croke Park  
Wexford 3-10 Tipperary 1-14  
(All-Ireland Quarter-Final)

**Intermediate**

10/6/07 at The Gaelic Grounds  
Limerick 0-17 Tipperary 0-15 (Semi-Final)

**Under 21**

10/7/07 at Pairc Uí Chaoimh  
Cork 1-14 Tipperary 2-10 (Quarter-Final)

**Minor**

2/5/07 at The Gaelic Grounds  
Tipperary 3-12 Clare 1-11 (First Round)  
24/6/07 at The Gaelic Grounds  
Tipperary 3-21 Limerick 0-12 (Semi-final)  
8/7/07 at Semple Stadium  
Tipperary 0-18 Cork 1-11 (Munster Final)

12/8/07 at Croke Park  
Tipperary 1-19 Kilkenny 2-12  
(All-Ireland Semi-Final)

02/09/2007 at Croke Park  
Tipperary 3-14 Cork 2-11 (All-Ireland Final)

**Allianz National Hurling League****Division 1B**

18/2/07 at MacDonagh Park Nenagh  
Limerick 2-13 Tipperary 0-16

4/3/07 at Nowlan Park  
Tipperary 3-13 Kilkenny 2-13

18/3/07 at Templemore  
Tipperary 1-11 Antrim 0-8

25/3/07 at Pearse Stadium  
Galway 0-26 Tipperary 3-13

1/4/07 at MacDonagh Park Nenagh  
Tipperary 4-15 Dublin 1-9

8/4/07 at Nowlan Park  
Waterford 1-20 Tipperary 1-19 (Q-Final)

**Waterford Crystal SH Tournament**

14/1/07 at Nenagh  
Tipperary 1-13  
University of Limerick (UL) 1-11 (First Round)

21/1/07 at Nenagh  
Tipperary 2-18 Waterford Institute of Tech-  
nology (WIT) 0-5 (Quarter-Final)

28/1/07 at Meelick  
Tipperary 3-14 Clare 1-14 (Semi-Final)

04/02/2007 at Páirc Uí Chaoimh  
Tipperary 1-17 Cork 2-11 (Final)

**INTERDIVISIONAL COMPETITIONS**

**Garda Cup Under 16 Hurling Final**  
31/3/07 at The Ragg  
North Tipperary 2-14 South Tipperary 0-10

**Peadar Cummins Under 14 Hurling Final**  
2/6/07 at Borrisoleigh  
Mid Tipperary 2-8 North Tipperary 1-9

**Peadar Cummins Under 14 Hurling Shield Final**  
2/6/07 at Borrisoleigh  
South Tipperary 3-13 West Tipperary 2-7

**Under 14 Football Final**  
21/4/07 at Dr. Morris Park  
Mid Tipperary 5-9 North Tipperary 3-3

**Under 14 Football Final Shield Final**  
21/4/07 at Dr. Morris Park  
West Tipperary 4-3 South Tipperary 2-5

**INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL**

**Senior**  
3/6/07 at The Gaelic Grounds  
Cork 2-18 Tipperary 0-10 (Semi-Final)

**Junior**  
3/6/07 at The Gaelic Grounds Limerick  
Cork 1-15 Tipperary 1-9 (Semi-Final)

**Under 21**  
24/3/07 at Kilmallock  
Tipperary 5-8 Clare 0-7 (Semi-Final)

7/4/07 at The Gaelic Grounds  
Cork 3-19 Tipperary 3-12 (Munster Final)

**Minor**

11/4/07 at The Gaelic Grounds  
Kerry 3-7 Tipperary 0-10 (First Round)

18/4/07 at The Gaelic Grounds  
Tipperary 2-5 Clare 0-11 (Losers Group)

21/4/07 at Kilmallock  
Tipperary 2-11 Clare 0-13 (Losers Group Replay)  
25/4/07 at Fermoy  
Tipperary 1-12 Waterford 0-8 (Losers Group Final)

9/5/07 at Kilmallock  
Cork 1-9 Tipperary 0-5 (Semi-Final)

**McGrath Cup Football**

14/01/2007 at Cahir  
Limerick 1-14 Tipperary 1-11 (Quarter-Final)

**Tommy Murphy Cup Football**

7/7/07 at Ardfinnan  
Clare 1-13 Tipperary 0-12

**ALLIANZ NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE****Division 2B**

4/2/07 at Ardfinnan  
Tipperary 1-12 Sligo 0-15

11/2/07 at Wexford Park  
Wexford 0-16 Tipperary 0-7

25/2/07 at Ardfinnan  
Cavan 1-14 Tipperary 0-12

10/3/07 at Páirc Tailteann  
Meath 1-14 Tipperary 2-8

25/3/07 at Ardfinnan  
Tipperary 3-10 Waterford 0-12

1/4/07 at Ardfinnan  
Wicklow 0-13 Tipperary 0-11

8/4/08 at Casement Park  
Antrim 2-15 Tipperary 0-11

**TIPPERARY SUPPORTERS CLUB  
ALL IRELAND UNDER 16 HURLING**

Group 1 (The Ragg - 25th August 2007)  
Tipperary 1-9 Kilkenny 1-9; Cork 1-9  
Kilkenny 0-6; Tipperary 1-10 Cork 0-8

Group 2 (Templemore - 25th August 2007)  
Limerick 1-12 Antrim 1-4; Offaly 5-13 Antrim  
1-4; Limerick 5-6 Offaly 1-11

Group 3 (Holycross - 25th August 2007)  
Galway 3-12 Tipperary 'B' 0-6; Galway 0-12  
Waterford 1-9; Waterford 2-21 Tipperary 'B'  
1-4 (Waterford won group on scoring aggregate)

Group 4 (Borrisoleigh - 25th August 2007)  
Dublin 1-8 Clare 1-7; Wexford 1-8 Clare 1-7;  
Dublin 0-13 Wexford 2-5 (After extra time)

**Semi Finals**

Tipperary 1-9 Limerick 0-11

(The Ragg – 25th August 2007)  
Dublin 3-8 Waterford 1-6  
(Hollycross- 25th August 2007)

### Shield Semi Finals

Cork 2-23 Offaly 5-7  
(Templemore – 25th August 2007)  
Wexford 2-13 Galway 0-11  
(Borrisoleigh – 25th August 2007)

### Shield Final

(Semple Stadium – 26th August 2007)  
Wexford 1-10 Cork 1-9

### Final

Tipperary 1-21 Dublin 0-5

## MUNSTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

### Senior Hurling

1st Round - 04/11/07 at Semple Stadium  
Loughmore-Castleiney 2-11 Erins Own (Cork) 0-14

Semi-Final – 18/11/07 at The Gaelic Grounds  
Loughmore-Castleiney 1-15 Adare (Limerick) 1-10

### Senior Football

1st Round – 11/11/07 at Pairc Uí Chaoimh  
Nemo Rangers (Cork) 1-14 Moyle Rovers 2-6

### Intermediate Hurling

Semi-Final – 11/11/07 at MacDonagh Park Nenagh  
Clonlara (Clare) 3-18 Lorrha 2-13

### Intermediate Football

1st Round – 11/11/07 at Sean Treacy Park  
Arravale Rovers 1-7 Ballyvaughan (Clare) 0-8

Semi-Final – 18/11/07 at Sean Treacy Park  
Annascaul (Kerry) 0-13 Arravale Rovers 0-4

### Junior Hurling

Semi-Final – 25/11/07  
Moyle Rovers vs. Kilgarvan (Kerry)

### Junior Football

Semi-Final – 2/12/07  
Moycarkey-Borris vs. O'Callaghan's Mills (Clare)

## Cumann Na mBunscoil County Finals

### Hurling

Under 11 "A" – 18/6/07 at Semple Stadium  
Hollycross 1-4 Scoil Ailbhe 1-3

Under 11 "B" – 18/6/07 at Semple Stadium  
Grange 2-3 Loughmore 2-1

Under 11 "C" – 18/6/07 at Semple Stadium  
Ballylooby 2-0 Ballyporeen 1-2

Under 11 "D" – 18/6/07 at Semple Stadium  
Gael Scoil, Thurles 6-3 Clonoulty 1-1

Roinn A – 19/6/07 at Semple Stadium  
Scoil Ailbhe 3-2 Loughmore 0-3

Roinn B – 19/6/07 at Semple Stadium  
Templederry 4-2 Hollycross 2-1

Roinn C – 19/6/07 at Semple Stadium  
Kildangan 1-7 Grange 0-4

Roinn D – 18/6/07 at Semple Stadium  
Ballinree 3-4 Gaelscoil, Thurles 0-1

Roinn E – 19/6/07 at Semple Stadium  
Gortnahoe 6-5 Ballinahinch 1-1

Roinn F – 18/6/07 at Semple Stadium  
Lisnamrock 2-5 Drom 2-2

Roinn G – 19/6/07 at Semple Stadium  
Killea 6-6 Ballinacloough 2-1

## CAMOGIE

Camogie A – 19/6/07 at Semple Stadium  
Ballylooby 4-2 St. Mary's Nenagh 0-0

Camogie B – 19/6/07 at Semple Stadium  
Presentation, Thurles 5-2 Knockavilla 0-0

Camogie C – 18/6/07 at Semple Stadium  
Burgess 3-3 Our Lady's of Mercy, Cahir 1-2

Camogie D – 18/6/07 at Semple Stadium  
Loughmore 4-2 Thomastown 3-0

### Under 11 "A" Camogie

19/6/07 at Semple Stadium  
Our Lady's of Mercy, Cahir 6-2  
Presentation Thurles 2-0

### Under 11 "B" Camogie

19/6/07 at Semple Stadium  
Boherlahan 3-3 Upperchurch 2-0

## Cumann Na mBunscoil County Finals continued

### Football

Roinn A:  
Winners - St. Mary's;  
Runners-up - St. Peter & Paul's  
Roinn B:  
Winners – Carrick; Runners-up - Scoil Ailbhe

Roinn C:  
Winners – Templemore;  
Runners-up - Upperchurch  
Roinn D:  
Winners – Mullinahone;

Runners up - Gael sc. Dúrlas  
Roinn E:  
Winners – Lisnarock;

Runners-up - Lismackin  
Roinn F:  
Winners - Mount Bruis;

Runners-up - Lisronagh  
Roinn G:  
Winners – Gortnahoe;

Runners-up - Ayle  
Under 11 Roinn A:  
Winners - St. Peter & Paul's;

Runners-up - Carrick C.B.S.  
Under 11 Roinn B:  
Winners – Grange; Runners-up - Fethard.

Under 11 Roinn C:  
Winners - Scoil Ailbhe;  
Runners-up - Powerstown

Under 11 Roinn D:  
Winners – Upperchurch;  
Runners-up - Lisronagh

Under 11 Roinn E:  
Winners – Upperchurch;  
Runners-up - Lisronagh

Under 11 Roinn F:  
Winners – Upperchurch;  
Runners-up - Lisronagh

Under 11 Roinn G:  
Winners – Upperchurch;  
Runners-up - Lisronagh

### Peil na mBan

Roinn A:

Winners – Ballylooby;  
Runners-up - Our Lady's of Mercy, Cahir  
Roinn B:

Winners - Sister of Charity, Clonmel;  
Runners-up - Gael sc. Cl. Meala  
Roinn C:

Winners - Gael sc. Durlas;  
Runners-up - Newcastle  
Roinn D:

Winners – Poulacapple; Runners-up - Clerihan

### Under 11 Roinn A:

Winners - Convent of Mercy, Cahir;  
Runners-up - Ballylooby

Under 11 Roinn B: - To be played  
Under 11 Roinn C – To be played

### Under 11 Roinn D:

Winners – Shronnell; Runners-up - Ayle

## OUTSTANDING RESULTS FROM 2006

### Munster Club Championship

#### Intermediate Football

17/12/06 at Cahir  
Ardfert (Kerry) 2-9  
Mullinahone 0-8 (Semi-Final)  
Junior Hurling – 16/12/06 at Meelick  
Kilworth (Cork) Knockshegowna 1-7 (Final)

#### Junior Football

17/12/06 at Moneygall  
Adrigole (Cork) 1-11 Portroe 1-1 (Semi-Final)

### Post-Primary Schools

#### Dean Ryan Cup Under 16 ½ Hurling

6/12/06 at Ardfinnan  
Our Ladys Templemore 1-10  
De La Salle Waterford 2-4 (Final)

#### McGabhann Cup Football

13/12/06 at Leahy Park Cashel  
Abbey CBS 0-9 Our Ladys Templemore 1-3  
(Final)

#### Munster Under 15 "B" Football

6/12/06 at Shanballymore  
High School Clonmel 4-12  
St. Fachtnas Skibbereen 1-4 (Final)

#### Vocational Schools Senior "B" Football

9/12/06 at Newbridge  
Tipperary 1-11 Louth 1-7 (All-Ireland Final)

### Inter-Firms

#### All-Ireland Senior Hurling Final

6/12/06 at Puckane  
Bank of Ireland Lifetime (Nenagh) 1-20  
Lachen Engineering (Kilkenny) 0-9

# Review of Tipperary Masters Football 2007

By John Hynes

Tipperary commenced their seventh year involvement in the inter-county Football Masters, having played their first game in 2001 against Dublin. Due to administration problems in Croke Park, the Masters Football competition got off to a delayed start. The competition involved 14 teams, with strong participation by the Ulster (8 teams) and Connacht (4 teams) provinces. Tipperary played in a small group of three teams with Dublin and Cavan. The first game was at home in Clonmel on Saturday 1st September against Dublin. Dublin fielded many former "greats" including John O'Leary and Joe McNally and were very strong, and despite a keenly contested game, Dublin won easily in the end. Tipperary then played Cavan on Saturday 8th Sept in Ballinagh Co Cavan. Travelling away a long distance meant that many of the Tipperary panel were not available and Tipperary had to field an under strength team with no substi-

tutes. In the first half the game was well contested with a score of 1-5 to 0-4. In the second half the larger panel of players available to Cavan prevailed who finished the game with a relatively easy win on a final score of 2-10 to 0-7.

Tipperary were to contest a Shield competition, but with club commitments for the Masters panel, as players and mentors becoming onerous, it was decided to defer participation. The Shield competition was eventually won by Antrim. The Masters Cup final was won by Mayo who beat Co Down, who had several players from the 1990's All Ireland winning teams on their panel. Players who wish to participate in the 2008 competition must be 38 years old. Contact John Hynes 086 853 0423, or Tommy Toomey 087 2598058.



## Tipperary Masters Football Team 2007 vs. Cavan

Back Row: Sean O'Shea (Templemore), Willie Barrett (Carrick Swan), Brian Burke (Fethard), Pat Kennedy, John Quinlan (Rockwell Rovers), Michael O Riordan (Fethard), Eamonn Hall (Drangan). Front Row: Tomas Heavy (Galway), Willie O'Meara, Tommy Toomey (Arravale Rovers), John Hynes (Commercials), Stephen Maher (Templemore), Jim McGrath (Drangan), Ruadhan Morris (Templemore)



## Tipperary Masters Football Team 2006 vs. Kerry

Front L/R: Eamon Brennan, Tommy Toomey, Phil Keaty, Stephen Maher, Graham Kelly, Jim O'Meara, Peter Brennan, Jim McGrath, Sam Hewitt, John Hynes.  
Back L/R: Sean O'Se, John Larkin, Roger Doyle, Willie Barrett, Anthony Crosse, Paul Quish, John Owens, Tom Anglim, Eddie Hewitt, Franny Kelly.

# Quiz-Quiz-Quiz

1 Before 2007, when was the last year which Toomevara did not qualify for the County Senior Hurling Q-Finals?

2 Name the hurler who captained Tipperary to win the 2007 Waterford Crystal Cup?

3 Who scored Tipperary's three goals in the 2007 Munster Under 21 Football Final?

4 Who was the last hurler not called Brendan Cummins to win the All-Ireland Poc Fada Final in the Cooley Mountains?

5 Name the grade of the only All-Ireland Final at adult inter-county level to be played at Semple Stadium in 2007?

6 Name the four counties who have won the Tommy Murphy Cup Senior Football competition?

7 Name the President of the Tipperary GAA County Board?

8 Before 2007, who were the last county to win the Munster Minor Hurling Final without conceding a goal in the Final?

9 Who won the 2007 County Intermediate Hurling League Final?

10 Name the former Tipperary hurler who captained the Leinster Railway Cup Hurlers in 1949?

11 Who refereed the senior hurling All-Ireland?

12 Name Tipperary's only All-Star for 2007.

13 In what year was the Irish Press Cup played for the first time?

14 Name the only survivor of the Tipperary minor hurling team of 1929

15 Name the new county senior football manager?

*Presentation to the winners of Tipperary G.A.A. Yearbook 2007 Crystal Quiz winners: left to right: Liam O'Donnchú, secretary Yearbook committee, John Quirke, Cahir, sponsor, Cecelia Walshe, Cappachite, winner, William Cleary, Ardcroney, winner.*



16 Who were the two captains in this year's All-Ireland senior hurling final?

17 What does the following scoreline represent: 2-65 to 5-53?

18 How many All-Ireland senior football finals have Kerry?

19 What major G.A.A. Official is to retire in the near future?

20 What important All-Ireland anniversary do we celebrate this year?

## Quiz Rules

1. Official entry form from Tipperary Yearbook must be used (not a photocopy)
2. Closing date for entries is Monday 14th January 2008
3. Winners will be announced at Tipperary County Convention in January
4. The judges decision is final
5. Send your entry in an envelope marked 'Quiz' to:  
**John Smith, Tipperary Yearbook Secretary,  
Ballymoreen, Littleton, Thurles, Co. Tipperary**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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# FRIENDS WE LOST IN 2007

## JERRY AHERN (BALLINA)

Jerry Ahern passed away on the 23rd of July 2007. He played for Ballina at minor level before going to England in 1955, where he won a county senior hurling championship with Harpy Shamrocks Lancers, England in 1956. He returned to Ireland in 1960 and finished his hurling career with Ballina. He is sadly missed by friends and family.



Borris to County and Munster senior hurling championships in 1982 and again when Jack captained the county winning team of 1984, the Centenary Final. Jack was captain of the Tipperary team in 1985 while Liam had the same honour in 1983. In more recent times he took great satisfaction in seeing his grandchildren also reach county status, and one, Joe who played on the Galway, All Ireland winning senior football team.

## MICK AHEARNE (PROSPECT, FETHARD)

The parish was shocked at the untimely passing on 10th Aug 2007 of Mick Ahearne at a relatively young age. His work and commitment to many organizations within the parish will be sorely missed. He gave freely of his time to the Fethard G.A.A. Club and served as Club Chairman 2002-2004 and it was a pleasure to work and serve under his guidance. To his wife Monica, sons P.J., Gerry, Michael and family we offer our sincere condolences. Go Ndeanaí Trocaire Orthu

## JOHN BERGIN (1923 - 2007) MOYCARKEY-BORRIS

John from Grallagh, Horse & Jockey was in his mid 80's and was well known in G.A.A and ploughing circles. Born around the time that hurling was vibrant in the area John soon became involved as he won a Schools hurling title with Cashel Vocational School in 1937. But an injury soon afterwards curtailed his hurling career. His love for the G.A.A was inherited from his uncle, Ned Croke a member of the Horse & Jockey hurling team of the early part of the last century and a substitute on the Tipperary All Ireland senior hurling of 1916. But he continued his interest in the sport as an administrator, committee man and selector. He was much to the fore in the Laffansbridge-Ballinure area when a junior club known as New Tipperary Rangers was formed. John was a selector with the team and also their Mid Board delegate. In 1948 the club won the Mid Tipperary No. 2 junior hurling championship and graduated to No.1 ranks. They were narrowly beaten in those years by clubs that went on to win the County Tipperary No.1 finals. But the end for Rangers came when the County Board ruled that Rangers could not play in Mid Tipperary as there was a senior club in the Killenaule parish as most of their members resided in that parish. In the 1960's, when the one club to rural parishes rule came into operation John got involved in the Moycarkey-Borris senior club and gave 16 years as a mentor and committee member. In the 1980's he again was elected on the club committee and later was appointed a vice-president of the club. He was a selector in 1962 when Moycarkey-Borris reached the county senior hurling final only to lose narrowly to the great Sarsfields side of that era. In later years he took pride in the achievements of his sons all of whom played with the successful Moycarkey-Borris teams and he took special pride when his son Jack led Moycarkey-



## JOHN BOURKE (1957-2007) The death took place on 27 February of John Bourke, Derry, Rathcabbin.

John Bourke was a man who could turn his hand to anything and learned many skills before being struck down with severe arthritis in his early twenties. Up until then, John was a fine hurler and had the distinction of playing on the Lorrha Under 21 team at just 14 years of age. He did not let that stop his love of the game and travelled all over the country to watch Tipperary and was at every Lorrha match until recent years.



## NED BOURKE 1930-2006 Upperchurch-Drombane

Ned Bourke of Coolbawn was a popular member of the local community and was voluntarily involved in many local groups. On the hurling front he was the regular halfback on the successful Upperchurch-Drombane hurling teams of the fifties. He was a wonderful neighbour who had a long association with the local Water Scheme for over 20 years. His great interests were horses and a game of cards. He showed a keen interest in the maintenance and upkeep of his nearby Kilvalure graveyard, where he now rests. Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a anam.



## LIAM BRUSSELS Roscrea

There was a profound sense of shock in and around Roscrea on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July as news spread of the sudden and untimely passing of Liam Brussels while holidaying abroad with his family in Spain. Liam played at all juvenile levels for the club and was holder of many North and County medals. Indeed he was part of the team that brought the first ever senior county title to the town in 1968 and was part of the team that won the inaugural club title in 1971. After his playing career had finished Liam remained a loyal supporter of the club and maintained a keen interest in the fortune of his grandsons with the juvenile club. Guards of honour were provided at Liam's funeral by the club and An Garda Síochána. To the Brussels family we extend our deepest sympathy. Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a aam.



**MARTIN CAHALAN 1929 - 2007****Kilruane MacDonaghs**

The sudden passing of Martin Cahalan early in the year robbed Kilruane MacDonaghs of one of its most loyal and passionate supporters. Martin had his first success with MacDonaghs when he won North and County u-15 hurling medals in 1944. In the North final they overcame Templederry and accounted for Holycross in the county decider. Martin progressed on to the junior team and was a corner-back on the side that defeated Kilcommon in the 1954 North final. He added a second junior medal two years later when MacDonaghs beat Toomevara in the divisional decider. Martin was a tough and uncompromising defender who gave little quarter and asked for less. When his playing days were over he continued to staunchly support MacDonaghs. He was no fair weather follower but backed the club to the hilt in good times and bad. Martin never hid his allegiance to Kilruane MacDonaghs and nobody was ever in any doubt as to where his loyalty lay. He was a devoted family man, a hard working farmer and a great neighbour. *Leaba i measc na naomh dó.*

**MICHEÁL CASEY 1922 - 2007****Skeheenarinky**

When Micheál Casey passed to his eternal reward in May a link with the Skeheenarinky hurling club was broken. He was a founder member and first secretary in 1952. Born under the shadow of the Galtees all of eighty five years ago. He worked in Fermoy and Mitchelstown during the 40's and 50's. He was a great follower of the Tipperary hurling teams and continued to follow the teams after moving to Dublin in 1960. He never lost contact with Skeheenarinky. He made yearly visits to meet old friends until recent years when he was in failing health. To his brother, sister and relatives we extend our deepest sympathy.

*Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a anam.*

**WILLIAM COLLINS. (TEMPLEDERRY)**

On Thursday 28th December 2006 the parish was saddened to hear of the death of Willie Collins. Garryglass. Willie gave sterling service to the club during a long playing career winning North junior medals in 1970, 1976 and 1977. We tender our sincere sympathy to his wife Mary, sons Thomas and Sean and brother P.J. *Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a anam.*

**SEAN CONDON, CAHIR. (1967-2007)**

All those associated with Cahir G.A.A. club were saddened at the recent death of Sean Condon, of Church Street. Sean was a determined and uncompromising corner-back (just like his father Maurice). He was part of a very successful under-age team that won a championship at U.12 level. However, this team's greatest achievement was the winning of both urban-

rural and rural under-14 football county titles in 1980. Sean was also on the under16 team that won the clubs first "A" title in 1982 and were controversially beaten in the county final by a point that same year. Sean also won a county schools title with St Josephs and a county U.17 league medal with Cahir club. He played on the clubs minor, under21 and senior teams before he left Cahir. Sean was on the county minor football panel in 1985 and in fact before he left Ireland he was on the county senior football panel for a short while. He was a great loss to the club in Cahir when he departed to London and then to Wellington, in New Zealand. However Sean continued to play football in Wellington and was one of the driving forces in the local club, which not only played teams in New Zealand, but also played in the Asian Games, in Australia.

Sean proudly upheld the family tradition of determined and committed involvement in the G.A.A. not only in Cahir but in other countries. The turnout of present and former players at his funeral was testament to the high regard in which he was held.

To Sean's wife and children, to his parents, brother and sisters and extended family, Cahir G.A.A. club extends its sincerest sympathy.

**LIAM CONNOLLY****(FETHARD 1936—2007)**

It was with great sadness we learned of the passing of one of Fethard's finest Gaels who spanned a playing career of 25 years with club and county from 1951 —1976 as a dual player. No other person in the club won such honours in hurling. These included senior All Ireland 1958, (1961,1962,Sub). He was the only person in the club to win an All-Ireland senior hurling medal. He also won Munster medals in 1958, 1960, 1961, 1962,. Also an intermediate All-Ireland and Munster medals in 1966, and to finish he had minor All-Ireland Title in 1953 with Munster in that grade in 1953 & 1954. In football he wore the county senior jersey for 11 years with no break from 1956-1967, without success and also represented his club at minor in 1954 a feat unrivalled by any other person in the Fethard Club.

For his Fethard Club he holds senior football county titles in 1954, 1957. At eighteen he won his first of five South senior Titles in 1954, 1955, 1957, 1969, 1976, spanning 22 years between his first and last and also has Tipperary Man Cup medal in 1959, I had the privilege to win two South Titles with him and he was a gentleman at all times with his commitment and advice. He had a junior football win with Killusty in 1956 South and county. He holds an unique record as a Fethard youth when he won South minor hurling and football title in 1952 with Fethard as a 16 year old and also holds another minor South football medal in 1951 as a 15 year old.

Hurling was his great love and he holds a South senior medal with Na Piarasaig 1957 and a GroupB South title in 1956 with Pdraigh Pearses. He was part of the Coolmoyne junior A South winners of 1959, and later in life was honoured with a Hall of Fame in 1994, with a Sean Na Ghael Award in 2006.

He will be sadly missed for his guidance on the field and his ability to read the game. His presence will also be a void on the bank. To his family we offer our sincere condolences at this time *Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a anam.*

#### FELIX CRONIN (1949-2007)

The death took place on 2 January of Felix Cronin, Lorrha.

After finishing school, he worked for the Library services in Dublin from where he and a number of players commuted home to Lorrha in the seventies and eighties for training and the presence of Felix in the car always made the journey feel shorter.

He returned to live in Lorrha in the 1980's and committed to local organisations in the parish and was never found wanting in helping out whenever help was needed.



#### DAMIEN DARCY SHANNON ROVERS.

The news of the untimely death of Damien Darcy reached the parish on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Damien who was only 27 years of age had bravely lived his life to the full despite cystic fibrosis.



He was an inspiration to all. He was student of the year at Borrissokane Community School and graduated with an honours degree at University. He had a real love of hurling and sport in general. Liverpool was his favourite club and he travelled to Anfield once or twice.

But Shannon Rovers and Tipperary came first and in no particular order. At the time of his death he was a selector with the under -16 hurling and football teams. He would have been proud of the hurlers as Rovers reached the semi-final, losing by three points to the eventual county champions, Templederry.

Damien leaves behind, his parents, Oliver and Sheila, sisters, Ciara and Aine, grandmother, Bridie, close relatives and a great number of friends

#### TONY DARCY SHANNON ROVERS

It was with great sadness in June that members of the club learned of the passing of Tony Darcy. A native of Terryglass, Tony was not only a passionate Tipperary man but also a dedicated Clontarf clubman and a true friend to the legion of people he encountered over his 30 years in Dublin.



A man who never forgot his roots, Tony could regularly be heard debating the Tipperary county scene as passionately and as knowledgeably as that in Dublin. A winner of a county championship in 1968 with Shannon Rovers, Tony kept in touch with his alma mater throughout the years, indeed it could be said that his involvement training juvenile teams there was to spark a strong relationship with and interest in young people that was to last a lifetime.

He was our own Jimmy Magee – a memory man of Gaelic Games as anyone who was ever in doubt over the line up of an All Ireland winning team from the 70s or an entire All-Stars selection from days gone by will testify. It was often said that

“Darcy’s the man to ring” when settling a bet even if that call was to come in the early hours of the morning. Tony will be greatly missed by the many members of club who spent time in his company whether it was prowling the sidelines of a club hurling or football match, regardless of age, standard or what elements prevailed, or be it sitting in An Cúl Doras on a Wednesday evening over a game of cards. Tony’s spirit and legacy will live on through his wife Christine and children Daniel and Sarah.

#### EUGENE DARMODY 1929-2007 UPPERCHURCH-DROMBANE

Eugene Darmody, native of Moher, was a highly respected member of the local community. He had association with many organisations within the parish. He was a regular player with the Upperchurch Drombane club throughout the fifties. Although he was a man of gentle and kind disposition he was a stern opponent on the field of play. He had other sporting activities which he engaged with such as, boxing and athletics. He also participated in drama and Scór. Eugene had many hidden qualities not least his generosity and donations to local charities. He was a lifelong member of the Pioneer Association and the local choir. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.



#### JIM DELANEY (TEMPLEMORE ÉIRE ÓG) 1935-2007

The sudden death of Jim Delaney, Killea, Templemore on June 4<sup>th</sup> last was greeted with great sadness. Jim was a great Gael and an effective dual player in a playing career that spanned three decades. In November 1950, the College Hill GAA Club came into existence and Jim, born into the locality threw in his lot along with his brothers Mick and Seán, with his father Jack also involved. His first taste of championship success came in 1954 when, playing at wing back, he had no small part in College Hill’s defeat of Ballintaggart in the Mid No:2 Junior Hurling Championship. In that year he also played Junior Football with College Hill as well as playing on the Templemore Senior Football team. 1957 was a memorable year for Jim as he figured prominently on the Templemore Junior Football team that defeated Grangemockler in the County Final. College Hill also reached the No:1 Junior Hurling semi-final that year, in which they were defeated by Upperchurch-Drombane, with Jim switching from wing-back to centre-back that day to stem the tide. In 1958 he played on the Templemore Senior Football team that was defeated by Loughmore-Castleiney in the Mid Final. In 1960, Jim played Junior Football with Templemore, winning a Mid title and he also played on the Naomh Shléain team that was defeated by Thurles Kickhams in the Mid No:2 Junior Hurling Final. He won his second Mid No:2 Junior Hurling medal in 1961 with a win over Upperchurch-Drombane in the final. The Tipperary Star report on that game stated “In a staunch half-back line, Jim Delaney was outstanding and his clearances at all times were long, effective and very decisive.” After suffering defeat in the Mid Senior Football Finals of 1961 and 1962, he captured that elusive medal in 1963 when Templemore bridged a 21 year gap to defeat Loughmore-Castleiney in the final and enjoyed the



same success in 1964, when Jim won his second Mid Senior Football medal. Jim continued playing hurling and football right up until 1974 with no further success. Playing both games was very demanding as he was playing for two different clubs with each demanding their own level of training and commitment but Jim never flinched in this area and gave his absolute best at all times. When Clonmore and Killea amalgamated in 1980, Jim was a committee member and a selector. He also served on the committee of the College Hill club during its early years and represented their interests at divisional level. Jim was a dedicated and committed Gael and he will be missed by all who knew him.

We extend sincere sympathy to his wife, his sons and daughters, family and friends.

**WILLIE DEMPSEY (1920-2007)**  
**MOYCARKEY-BORRIS**

The death occurred on January 19th of Willie Dempsey, Liskeveen, Littleton and formerly of Ballytarsna aged 87 years. In his youth he was very much involved in G.A.A. activities with the Moycarkey-Borris club and also ran cross country with the successful great Coolcroo athletic teams of that period. Tug o'war was another sport in which he participated. He won a Mid Tipperary No. 2 championship with the Two-Mile-Borris team of 1940 and two No.1 junior hurling championships with the Moycarkey-Borris teams of 1943 and '45. Later he graduated to play with the senior hurlers. In later years he was proud of the achievements of his sons on the hurling fields. At the removal of the remains the Moycarkey-Borris G.A.A. club provided a guard of honour and his coffin was draped in the club colours.



**FRANK DIAMOND 1926 - 2007**  
**KILRUANE MACDONAGHS**

Frank Diamond came to work in the parish as a young man and threw his lot in with the local club. He first tasted success when he lined out at centre-back on the MacDonaghs team which won the 1956 North Junior hurling final. Four years later he captained the junior side which defeated Ballyskenagh in the divisional final. Frank played at wing-back when MacDonaghs had a fantastic victory against Moycarkey-Borris in the county final in Borrisoleigh. Considering that this was Moycarkey's first team, it was a memorable victory for Frank Diamond's men. He won his third North medal in 1964 when he wore the number one jersey as Kilruane MacDonaghs got the better of Lorrha. In an era where the hurling was tough and uncompromising, Frank was a diamond by name and by nature. Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a anam uasal.



**TOM DOWNEY**  
**SHANNON ROVERS**

Tom Downey died late 2006. He was a devoted hurling follower and a familiar face at many club and inter-county games. He played hurling with his club in the early forties and was a selector



with the 1952 Junior Hurling team that claimed the North Final. He went on to coach the club juveniles during the sixties. He leaves behind his sisters, Maura Shaw and Nora Downey, many relatives and friends. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

**PADDY DURACK**

Paddy Durack who died in 2007 played hurling for Limerick C.B.S in his school days and for Ballina in the 1950's and 60's. Paddy was the brother of Mary Hurley and brother in law of Jimmy Hurley past Vice Chairman of the Ballina club. May Paddy rest in peace.

**JIMMY FENNESSY 1945 - 2007**  
**NEWCASTLE**

Jimmy Fennessy of Middlequarter, Newcastle died on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007 aged 62. His playing career in the G.A.A began in 1968 and lasted until 1978. He won 2 South Junior Hurling Championship medals as a corner back in 1971 and 1975. His career in G.A.A. administration spanned from 1970 up until his death. He served as a South Board delegate for several years and also served as Newcastle club Secretary from 1972 to 1978. He assumed the position of club Vice-chairman in 1980 and became Chairman in 1981, serving 3 years in the position. Later he became Treasurer of the club and he ran the very successful 300 Club Draw. He has held a number of other roles in the club and was Development Officer at the time of his death. Jimmy had the potential to assume board positions at both divisional and county levels but instead chose to devote his services to his club. Newcastle G.A.A. Club as a tribute to Jimmy presented a perpetual cup to the South Board in August, which will be presented annually to the South Minor B Hurling Champions. To Jimmy's family, his wife Fionnuala, daughter Linda and son Thomas, we extend the sympathy of all involved with Newcastle G.A.A. Club. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.



**MICHAEL FOGARTY (1927-2007)**  
**CASHEL KING CORMAC'S**

The death of Michael Fogarty of Cashel in March saw the passing of an all-round great sportsman. From his earliest years he showed outstanding prowess at sport. His first success was in handball at Cashel Technical School. At the age of nineteen he made his debut with Cashel King Cormac's senior hurling team. In the same year he emigrated to England and joined the Royal Airforce, Wherever he travelled, he became involved in whatever sport was being played. In the course of time he became proficient in soccer, squash, hockey, water polo and swimming and his ability was recognised when he became an instructor, umpire, referee, coach and organiser. At the age of 65 he took up golf.

During all his years and involvement in different sports he retained a great interest in hurling and in the fortunes of Cashel and Tipperary, returning annually for games. Even in death he retained the love of his native place and his ashes were interred on the Rock of Cashel. He is survived by his wife, Thelma, and three children, as well as his brother, Johnny, in Cashel. Ar dheis lamb Dé a ainm.

**JACK GLEESON 1920-2006  
TOOMEVARA**

When Jack Gleeson passed away on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2006 another link with the Toomevara 1946 team which won senior honours was broken. During his playing career, Jack was highly regarded by his team mates and respected by his opponents. Normally playing at centre half forward Jack was noted for his ground hurling skills and his motto being "Let The Sliotar Do The Work". Jack was a member of the Ballinamona Intermediate team which won honours in 1944. Over the years Jack served Toomevara club well and always remained one of the clubs most loyal supporters. To his wife Maureen and family we extend our deepest sympathy. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.



**JACKIE GRACE (BURGESS)**

The death occurred on March 6<sup>th</sup> of Jackie Grace, Pallasmore, Newtown at the age of 86. Jackie was a very quiet, popular member of the community. He won a North Tipperary minor medal with Youghallarra and was also a member of North intermediate winning team of 1942. A large crowd attended his funeral on both days. The Burgess GAA club provided a guard of honour and his coffin was draped with the club flag. Sympathy is extended to his sons, Michael, Pat, daughter Mary, relatives and friends. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

**WILLIE HACKETT  
(1927-2007)**

Earlier this year the great reaper called home one of the fine gentleman of the past eight decades, Willie Hackett of Liberty Square, Thurles. Born in Piercetown over 80 years ago Willie and his brother Tom were respected members of the farming stock and of the community and its wider environs.

At Thurles C.B.S where he was a member of the Harty Cup hurling squads and would have won a medal in 1938 but for illness which prevented him from playing in the final rounds of the competition. It was hard luck on the genial Willie that he did not so qualify for a medal. A G.A.A. and especially hurling man at heart Willie Hackett played with the Thurles Sarsfields club in their Herculean days of the late 1950's and early '60's. He won many honour at both Mid and county levels mostly playing in the full back line and was a tenacious and solid defender. Three years ago Willie was one of those honoured by Thurles Sarsfields in the reunion of the 1954 senior, No 1 junior and minor county championship winning teams of that famous year for the Sarsfields.

The Hackett homestead in Piercetown was the setting of a training pitch for the young hurlers in the locality in that period too; the field was always well maintained with markings and goalposts in operation. The venue was the scene of many inter-area hurling games between Coldfields, Ballyduff and Two-Mile-Borris teams on warm Sundays and summer evenings. Willie Hackett was a fine and noble Christian and we are unlikely to see his likes again.

**PAUL HANNON.**

The impact of Paul Hannon's death in November 2006 at the age of twenty one, was felt deeply in the parish of Boher Ballina. Paul, the youngest son of Joan and Jimmy Hannon and younger brother of Thomas, Michael and Seamus, played hurling and football at underage level for Ballina and also at under 21 and Junior b level. A quiet and unassuming young man who had a broad interest in all sports and cars; Paul is sadly missed by his family and friends in the club and parish. May he rest in peace.

**PATICK HAYES  
SOLOHEAD**

With the passing of Patrick Hayes, Galbally Road, Tipperary and formerly of Goatinstown on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2007 the club lost one of its loyal supporters. In his younger days Paddy was a very accomplished hurler winning West and County Junior hurling titles with the club in 1938. Residing at Galbally Road for much of his life removed him from direct involvement with the club but he remained a loyal supporter and always kept himself up to date with the affairs of the club. May he rest in peace.



**SEAN HICKS 1943 - 2007  
DROM/INCH**

Sean Hicks passed away suddenly on 29<sup>th</sup> July. A great supporter of sport, especially hurling, he attended all club and county matches. Sean served as a selector of the clubs intermediate team in 1995 leading them to a second Mid title in a row and promotion to senior grade. He also served as Treasurer of the club for ten years. He had a great interest in horses and greyhounds. He is survived by his wife Josephine, his children, Leona, Olivia, Mervyn, Elaine, Jennifer, Robert and Kenneth, his grandchildren Darragh, Eve and Oisín, his sisters Grace and Sadie and his brother Bobby, his extended family and many, many friends.



**PAKIE HOGAN  
SHANNON ROVERS 1918 - 2007.**

Pakie Hogan died on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2007 after a brief stay at Nenagh General Hospital. At the time of his death, he was one of four presidents with Shannon Rovers Hurling and Football club. Shannon Rovers was his life. His early days as a hurler were with Borrisokane minors as there was a shortage of players in his own parish. In 1939 he played wing back on the Rovers side that won north and county medals. His club were relegated to junior in 1950 before he won a north junior medal in 1952. Two years later he collected his second Intermediate medal. As a wing back he earned his stripes at senior level when



Rovers matched the best around. He retired in 1958 but continued to help his club both as a selector and later as treasurer of the Juvenile club which he served in that position for ten years. He became involved in the development of Ballinderry Sportsfield which has grown over the past three decades. He is survived by his wife Monica, sons, Liam and Tomas and daughter Mary Gleeson in Ballymacarbury.  
Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam

#### **PADDY HOGAN PORTROE**

On December 7<sup>th</sup> 2006 the parish of Portroe and surrounding areas were saddened to hear the sudden passing of Paddy Hogan of Killoran. Paddy was a great community person, a former player with Portroe and when his playing days were over his greatest joy was supporting Portroe teams of all age groups. He took great pride to see Portroe rise to senior ranks in 1990 and thereafter watch his sons John and Dinny playing their part in senior teams from then until the time of his death. His daughter Trish also played camogie with equal distinction on Portroe camogie teams. During the winter months Paddy contributed greatly to Scór competitions all over North Tipperary, while playing his accordion for the many figure and set dancers. Paddy was also a founder member of Killoran Community Centre, a place very close to his heart. He participated annually at dramas, social functions and concerts where he played many a time and sang songs of local origin.

Paddy is sadly missed by his wife Nellie, daughters Mary, Margaret, Helen and Trish and his sons John and Dinny.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis.

#### **CONOR KENNEDY (1953 – 2007) MOYCARKEY-BORRIS**

There was numbness and disbelief on Saturday evening February 24<sup>th</sup> when the news of the sudden death of Conor Kennedy (Skehana, Two-Mile-Borris) reverberated throughout the county. He was one of the best workers for the G.A.A. that the parish of Moycarkey-Borris and indeed Tipperary had known. It was only natural that Conor should have an interest in sport from an early age for he was born into a household with great gaelic and athletic lore. His father, Tom was a member of the All Ireland winning Tipperary senior hurling team of 1937 and on the great Moycarkey-Borris senior hurling teams of that era. The Kennedy family of Coolcroo were also co-founder members of the renowned Coolcroo athletic club and sport would be discussed and encouraged in the household. From the time that Conor could walk he had a hurley in his hand and a football always nearby. He went on to play on successful teams at juvenile, minor, junior hurling and football teams with the club.

When his playing career was over Conor wholeheartedly became involved with the Moycarkey-Borris G.A.A. club and was secretary for five years 1980-1985 a period that was triumphant for the club. His dedication and zeal for Gaelic games was manifested when he was elected to the County



Board executive for three periods and a member of the Mid Tipperary fixtures committee for fifteen years. Fundraising activities were taken in their stride by Conor and he solicited support from many areas. His compelling personality and reluctance to take "no" made a refusal almost impossible. When works or errands needed to be undertaken Conor was the source that was sought. In his vast work for Moycarkey-Borris G.A.A. and other parish activities Conor wanted no thanks or kudos, he did it willingly and for the benefit of the parish he loved. His other major sporting interests were horse racing, soccer, rugby or golf and he travelled to Old Trafford to see his favourite reds in action.

The esteem in which Conor was held manifested itself in the overflow attendances at all stages of the obsequies; visiting the house, the removal and burial. Seldom has such respect been paid to anyone in the parish. People travelled from America and various parts of Europe to be present. The attendance included people from all walks of life, sporting, political, cultural and those who just knew him. The G.A.A. was represented from the President of the Association, Mr. Nicky Brennan right down to the humblest official. The millennium monument flags in Two-Mile-Borris village were at half mast. May the genial Conor enjoy his deserved reward in heaven and no doubt he will convey the latest happening to all gaelis when they assemble in their meeting room. One can be sure that his late lamented friend Harry Ryan was near the top of the queue to get the latest GAA news.

So rest in peace, dear Conor,  
And thanks for all that you have done,  
We pray that God has given you  
The trophy you have truly won.  
Beannacht Dé leat a Concubhair, agus solas síorraí duit.

#### **HUGH KENNEDY RIP (Arravale Rovers) 1932—2007 Former Chairman of the Tipperary Football Board.**

Hugh Kennedy who passed away on Thursday last was one of nature's gentlemen. There was a palpable sense of grief at his passing and he will be missed by his family and many friends and admirers. He came from a proud Gaelic household and his father Andy, and uncle Seán in North Cork, were prominent in the struggle for Independence. He was a great Tipperaryman and had a passionate interest in Gaelic games and Handball; indeed he also found the time to be secretary of the County Handball Board. However he had an abiding interest in his club Arravale Rovers and the promotion of football in Tipperary. In later years he served as a selector and administrator with the Tipperary Football Board and had a long involvement in the GAA.

Hugh was born in Tipperary in 1932. His mother Christine Kavanagh was a niece of the famous 1889 All Ireland winning Bohercrowe Captain, Gill Kavanagh. He attended the old Monastery and later the New Monastery in Murgastly and finished his education in the Abbey CBS, where he was regarded as a star pupil. He went on to work in a successful family glove making business in Tipperary Town and later worked for South Tipperary County Council until he retired ten years ago.



He played at every grade for Arravale Rovers and was well known in the Division as an uncompromising full back. His playing days over he became involved in the coaching of Juveniles within the club and his transport exploits to and from games are legendary. During the early seventies his coaching work bore fruit when the Rovers won County Minor and U21 Football titles as well as a West SFC. However one of his proudest moments was seeing his beloved Arravale Rovers win their County Senior Football crown in 1985.

He served the club as joint secretary and later as treasurer where his expertise was put to good use. Old Sean Treacy Park was sold in 1957 and the old Military Barracks was bought and developed into a playing field during his watch. Fundraising was undertaken and Hugh and others travelled the Country selling tickets for a car draw. The new Sean Treacy Park was opened on June 3rd 1962.

He was later best known at County and Provincial level for his involvement with Tipperary Football affairs. He became Chairman of the Minor Football Board in 1971 and introduced many well known coaches to Tipperary Minor football squads. He combined the role of Chairman and Minor selector for over twenty five years during which time the minor footballers won two Munster Championships and played in Croke Park in Centenary year. In 1983 The County Football Board was set up and he took over as Chairman of this Board until 1994.

He was a formidable adversary at Divisional and County Board meetings and conventions, with knowledgeable facts and passionate pleadings and arguments for what he felt was best for football in Tipperary. Sadly the Open Draw in Munster which he fought for has now been abandoned. He always had respect for people and their sincerely held views and expected no less from others. He was forward looking and innovative beyond his time. He has with others left a legacy to Arravale Rovers and Tipperary which we are now rightly proud of and set high standards for those of us that are following in his footsteps.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh sé.

#### **JIMMY KENNEDY (1926-2007) KILDANGAN**

Jimmy Kennedy was one of the most skillful of hurling forwards. He was described as 'the hurling aristocrat with the immaculate style'. He moved with speed and grace. He was a most brilliant striker and one of the most accurate scorers that ever wore the blue and gold. He was an almost perfect freetaker. To an obvious natural athletic ability he added many hours of skill learning and practicing.

He learned his hurling at St. Flannan's College. In 1944 he helped the College win the Harty Cup, the Munster Cup, the All-Ireland Individual College Title and the Interprovincial Colleges Title. In the same year he won a North junior championship with Kildangan.

He went to study Agricultural Science at U.C.D. and won a Fitzgibbon Cup medal, as well as two Dublin county championships with the college in 1947 and 1948. He was already noted by the county selectors and picked for the first time in the



winter of 1946. He went on to win a Leinster championship in 1948, only to be beaten by Waterford in the All-Ireland. Understandably his exploits did not go unnoticed in his native county and he was courted assiduously by the Tipperary mentors to declare for them in 1949. After much soul-searching he did and became one of the brilliant forwards who helped Tipperary to their three-in-a-row, 1949, 1950 and 1951. He also won a National League medal in 1950, a trip to New York, a Railway Cup medal in 1950, an Oireachtas medal in 1949, a Thomond Tournament medal in 1951, and three Monaghan Cup medals in 1949, 1950 and 1951.

For various reasons he retired from intercounty hurling at the end of 1951, at the early age of twenty-five years. He continued to hurl at club level until 1954, when he married Rita McCormack and called it a day. The couple had five children, including the famous clothes designer, Louise. His wife died in 1983. Jimmy worked in the Malting industry until 1971, when he came to Thurles to take over the well-known business of J. K. Moloney in Liberty Square, where he worked until he retired.

Ar dheis lamh Dé a ainm dílis.

#### **PADDY KENNEDY 1919 -2007 MONEYGALL**



The death took place in April of Paddy Kennedy, Moneygall after a short illness. Paddy came from a family with a great hurling tradition and two of his uncles Darby Collison in 1916 and Paddy 'Major' Collison in 1925 won All Ireland medals with Tipperary.

Paddy was a stalwart of Moneygall teams right through the 1940's. Like most clubs in the North Division Moneygall's best team played in the Intermediate grade and Moneygall contested no fewer than five North finals in the forties. Paddy who was a fine stickman played in all five finals and showed great versatility by playing at centre back, centre forward, full forward and wing back during those championships. Moneygall's first Intermediate title came in 1943 when Paddy lined out at centre forward. In that championship they scored wins over Lorrha, Toomevara, Eire Og Nenagh and Ballina to start great celebrations in the parish. Following two disappointing appearances in the North final in 1945 and 1948 Moneygall came back to win their second Intermediate in 1949 when Portroe were defeated in the final. Further glory quickly followed when this fine team defeated Moyne in the county semi final and scored a memorable county final win by defeating Newcastle in Thurles. Paddy played in every game in that championship and always made a major contribution whether in defence or in attack. It was a famous year for the Kennedy family as his brothers Tim, Jack and Philip were also members of the team. Paddy also played an active role on the Moneygall football team which won three North titles in 1949, 1950 and 1951.

When his playing days were over Paddy was an active member of the club committee for many years. During the 1970's Paddy was ever present in the Moneygall dressing room and at training sessions and there was no prouder man in Tipperary that he when the North Tipp and County Senior titles were won in the seventies with four of his nephews on the team.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam

**WILLIE KENNEDY 1911-2007**  
**UPPERCHURCH-DROMBANE**

Willie Kennedy was born into a sporting athletic family. His brother Eddie was the All-Ireland champion walker in 1948 and again in 1950 he represented Ireland in an 8 mile road race. Willie excelled on the hurling field. During the thirties he played at halfback on the 1933 Upperchurch-Drombane Mid junior winning team. Later he was to serve as Club Secretary for some years in the forties.

Willie had a long and healthy life and remained active till the end. He loved animals and farming around Shanballyduff.  
Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.



**PHILLY KIELY (AHERLOW)**

When one looks back at the Aherlow G.A.A. club over the past 50 years, the name of Philly Kiely is to the forefront in terms of commitment and contributions to the development of the club, both as a player and an administrator.

He first played for the club in the West Tipperary junior football championship of 1946 at the tender age of 15 years. He was wing forward in 1950, when Aherlow won its first ever title, the West Tipperary junior football championship. He remembered vividly his delight when another stalwart of the club, the then secretary John O Gorman (R.I.P.) told him he was in the starting fifteen of a team that also contained his late brother George (R.I.P.) and Willie ( who later gave sterling service to the Cahir club), as well as the Carew brothers-John (R.I.P.), Tim and Tom, Larry Bowes, Ml. Sullivan, John Ryan (R.I.P.) and many others.. He was again a member of the team that won this championship in 1952 and was on the team that lost the 1960 West final. He finished his playing career in 1965. He was secretary of the club for many years in the 50s and 60s as well as treasurer into the late 80s.

Philly filled numerous positions in the club and was a tireless worker over many years. As Field Development Officer he personally ploughed and reseeded the current pitch when it was purchased in the late 1970s. He made and erected the current goalposts and fine scoreboard in 1990. He was the clubs County Board Draw co-ordinator in the 1990s. He was the club's West Board representative for many years and club delegate to county convention, where he brought many motions. Indeed one of his innovative ideas adopted was that of a fixed three year term for county chairman.

Philly was always a great community person as well as an excellent farmer who was always willing to help out a neighbour. His death has left a huge void not only in his family but also in Aherlow GAA club.



**FR RODGIE KINANE. (1924-2007)**  
**CLONOLTY-ROSSMORE**

It was with great sadness that the parish of Clonoulty-Rossmore learned of the untimely death of Fr. Rodgie Kinane in October.

He was ordained a priest in Kiltegan in 1951 and spent many years as a



missionary in Nigeria.

He was a loyal supporter of Tipperary and his beloved Clonoulty-Rossmore and was well known by young and old throughout the parish and county.

When on holiday or in latter years when retired Fr Rodgie was to be seen at literally every game the club or county played. On the evening of his reposal the village of Rossmore was packed to capacity with friends from far & near bidding their final farewell to Fr Rodgie.

To the extended Kinane family the Club would like to extend its sincere sympathy.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

**LAR LEAHY**  
**(CLONMORE/JK BRACKENS) 1932-2007**

Although in failing health for a few years, the news of the death of Lar Leahy, Clonmore on August 27<sup>th</sup> last caused widespread regret in the community. Lar was born on September 20<sup>th</sup> 1932, a great year for the Clonmore club as they won the Mid Junior Hurling title. Lar spent all his life working in the building industry, first with local builder Paddy Martin of Clonmore and then with Duggan Brothers in Templemore where he worked for 22 years until his retirement.

Lar played with Clonmore through the late 1950s and the 1960s, lean years for the club. The championship of that time was knock-out with no second chances and often, months of preparation would come to nought in the opening round. In addition to being a committed hurler and footballer with the club, Lar took a keen interest in administrative affairs and was club secretary for a number of years and also the club's representative at divisional board meetings. When a new band of young players arrived on the scene in the late 1960s and won the Mid Junior Hurling title in 1970, Lar was a proud man. He was a loyal follower of all club teams and was delighted that more success followed throughout the 1970s and 1980s but the icing on the cake was Clonmore's County Intermediate Hurling success of 1987. In 1969 Scór competitions commenced in Tipperary to promote the Irish culture through the medium of music, song and dance. Lar was a passionate Scór man as a competitor, coach and supporter. Set-dancing and figure-dancing were his speciality and he coached numerous teams that won divisional, county, provincial and national honours, he himself being an All-Ireland Set-Dancing winner.

Lar travelled all over the country to attend county, provincial and national Scór competitions, no distance being too far. He was an active member of the JK Brackens Scór committee and was keenly interested in the success of the club at all levels from Scór na bPáistí to Scór Sinsear. His daughter Mary, son Laurence sons-in-law Michael and John and Davy Brereton provided the excellent music down through the years for Clonmore and JK Brackens set-dancing teams and it was widely acclaimed that the quality of the music greatly enhanced the teams chances of success.

It was appropriate that his coffin was draped in the blue and gold colours of his beloved Clonmore and a guard of honour was provided by past and present Scór committees as well as the JK Brackens All-Ireland Scór na nÓg Set-Dancing Champions of 2006.

We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Mary, daughters Mary, Helen and Geraldine, son Laurence, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law, brothers, sisters and extended family.



## P J LEAMY (SILVERMINES)

Shock and disbelief were felt by many people in Silvermines and surrounding parishes on the 10th April 2007 as news filtered through of the death of P J Leamy, Erinagh, Capparoo following a farm-yard accident. P J was popular with young and old alike and was happiest when looking after his cattle, playing a game of 45 or supporting his beloved Silvermines. He took special pride in watching his own grandsons on the playing fields and he attended all games from under 8 up to intermediate level. The esteem in which P J was held was reflected in the huge crowds that attended his funeral. We extend our sympathy to his sons Maurice and Michael, their families and all his extended family. Ar Dheis De go raibh a anam.



## MARTIN LOWRY (ARRVALE ROVERS) 1964—2007

A genuine sense of grief spread around Tipperary town and county when news of Martin Lowry's death became known. Just 43 years of age, Martin, son of Rita and the late John Lowry, was called to his heavenly home at a time when he had so much to give to so many. He will be sorely missed. >From an early age Martin was playing Gaelic games with his local Arrvale Rovers Club and with the schools he attended, notably the Monastery C.B.S and The Abbey C.B.S He preferred hurling but, due to an eye-injury sustained when he was young, he was obliged to concentrate on Gaelic Football. He won West and County minor football medals in 1980 with his club. In Centenary Year, 1984 he played at left corner back on the Rovers team that won the West title and he was also on the panel when Rovers won the County Football title in 1985. A tenacious and close-marking player, he was described as having been 'the outstanding player in the minor divisional final of 1980'. With the support and encouragement of his parents, Martin, along with his brothers Jimmy and Johnny, made a major contribution to Arrvale Rovers teams and successes and so followed in the footsteps of his late father, John, and indeed in the tradition of so many of the Lowry family over past decades. The Arrvale Rovers Club provided an impressive Guard of Honour from the church to the graveyard to pay its respects to Martin's memory. One of nature's true gentlemen, Martin will be missed by everyone in the club and we extend our sincere sympathy to his wife, Mary, to his sons Tommy, Jack and Micheal, to his mother, Rita, to his brothers, sisters, relatives and many friends.



Ar dheis De go raibh a anam dilis.

## PADDY MADDEN (1934-2007)

The death took place on 27 June of Paddy Madden, Grange, Lorrha. Paddy was one of the great stalwarts of the club and was present at as many Lorrha games as possible right up to his untimely passing. He was a great player in his day and won two North Senior Hurling Championship medals in 1956 and 1966 before going onto manage numerous Lorrha teams at juve-



nile and adult level. He was also a selector on the North Tipperary Under 16 divisional sides between 1984 and 1991, winning three Munster Championships in that time. Paddy was also a fine musician and just as great as his love for hurling was his love of the land and was a proud Irishman to the core.

## TOMMY MADDEN 1922 - 2007 CLONAKENNY

Tommy Madden of Dangan, Clonakenny died on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2006. Tommy was born on 10<sup>th</sup> March 1922. He played for Clonakenny in the Mid Tipperary Junior hurling final that they lost to New Tipperary Rangers in 1948. He was also Secretary of the club in the 40s and was involved when Clonakenny moved from the North Division to the Mid after a dispute with the North Board. Tommy maintained a keen interest in the G.A.A. up to the time of his death especially with his daughters Margo and Breda active working members of the Clonakenny club and Lua who is Treasurer of Mid Tipperary Bord na nÓg. Sympathy is extended to his wife Bridget and family. May he rest in peace.



## EILEEN MAGUIRE 1942 -2007 (LATTIN/CULLEN)

The untimely passing of Eileen Maguire cast a pall of sorrow around the Parish of Lattin/Cullen, and many throughout the County were in shock and disbelief on hearing this sad news. The late Eileen Maguire who passed away on Saturday August eighteenth was the wife of Michael Maguire, well known and respected in GAA and political circles throughout the county. Eileen was born into the O'Halloran family, Ballinaglearach sixty five years ago. The family was steeped in sport. They had a huge interest in greyhounds, and bred and trained great dogs. The family played Gaelic games and Eileen along with her sisters Joan and Lizzie were accomplished camogie players in the late fifties and early sixties. Eileen's father Paddy was chairman of the Sean Treacy camogie club based in Tipperary. Over forty years ago Eileen married Michael Maguire a stalwart player and great administrator and they reared a wonderful family, three sons, all who donned the blue and gold, and four daughters. She was a caring mother and her family were her pride and joy. She was an avid Lattin/Cullen supporter and attended all their games from Juvenile up to Adult level. She kept an open house which was a meeting place for many, young and old before and after meetings and games and social occasions. Her hospitality was legendary. She was a great family person and also a staunch support for her husband Michael in his political and GAA activities, as a dedicated public representative and also as a capable GAA administrator at National, County and Divisional levels.

Eileen always had a smile and the good word for everyone, even at games when things got heated. She will be sorely missed by her husband Michael her family Aileen, Eimear, Fiona, Pat, Gerry, Brian and Sinead as well as her daughters in law Mairead and Nicola, and her sons in law Hugh and Peter. She is also missed by her sisters, her relations, the local community, her large circle of friends and all those who had the privilege of knowing such a wonderful person.



**PHILIP MAHER**  
**HOLYCROSS-BALLYCAHILL**

Philip Maher of Glenbane Holycross and Fethard was a most accomplished hurler who won many major honours with his club and county. He made his senior debut for Holycross-Ballycahill in 1944 at centre field alongside his brother Francis. When the club won their first ever Mid senior hurling championship three years later, Philip played at centre forward where he also featured prominently when the Dan Breen cup was captured in 1948. When Holycross-Ballycahill regained the county senior hurling championship in 1951 he again played a key role, this time at left corner forward. His performances during this campaign saw him picked for the Tipperary senior hurling team which won the National League in 1952 and 1954. It was in 1954 that Philip Maher won his third county senior hurling championship medal with Holycross-Ballycahill, this time at full forward. All three county championship winning teams were captained by his brother Francis.

In his day a most distinguished hurler, Philip will be sadly missed by his family and friends both in his native Holycross, and in Fethard, his home for many decades.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

**PIERCE MAHER**  
**(JK BRACKENS) 1943-2007**

A feeling of shock, real sadness and profound regret descended on the parish of Killea, Clonmore & Templemore on Saturday evening last, August 11<sup>th</sup> when the news filtered through of the sudden and untimely passing of Pierce Maher, Clontaffe, Killea at the young age of 63.

Over the next four days, vast crowds from near and far filed through his home in Clontaffe to pay their respects and to share memories of the many happy times and events experienced with him.

Pierce was the second eldest in a family of four and he did not get life easy. By the age of 18, he had lost both his parents who both died at the young age of 46. Despite these huge setbacks, Pierce manfully carried the cross the Lord had placed on his noble shoulders and, never one to complain, he got on with life. By that time, Pierce had commenced employment in Cody's Sawmills in Clonakenny, an employment that last 48 years, right up until the time of his death. The heavy manual work of that time did not deter Pierce and the small workforce ensured that a great camaraderie existed in the Sawmill. Pierce cherished his work and was noted for his honesty, his punctuality and his attendance. Pierce had a love for and commitment to the GAA which was total and unswerving. From an early age he took a passionate interest in the game of hurling and gave a lifelong service to the GAA in the parish firstly with Templemore Kickhams, then Killea and later to JK Brackens GAA Club where he was a hard-working committee member up to the time of his death. He figures prominently on the Templemore Kickhams Junior Hurling team in the 1960s before reverting back to the reformed Killea club in the 1970s where his involvement as a player and selector continued throughout the 1970s and 1980s. He was a proud clubman when Killea bridged a 62 year gap to win the Mid Junior Hurling title in 1989. Although



small in stature when operating mainly from his favoured wing-back position, he made up for this in other ways – with absolute and total commitment, being strong and courageous in the tackle, he was a player that was feared and respected by opponents. He never flinched a tackle and was in his element when the going got tough. In 1992, when the amalgamation of the then three clubs in the parish took place, he came out in favour of the process, believing that a united team was in the best interests of the GAA in the parish. He followed the affairs of the new club with vigour and enthusiasm and was proud to see his son Peter winning County U21 B Hurling and Mid Senior Football medals in 2002. He was forever dependable to help out in any work that was being carried out in Páirc Shíleáin and was involved as a selector with many juvenile and adult teams over the years. Hooping and repairing hurleys was his speciality and in this field, he was a genius where his wonderful hands left a badly damaged hurley looking as good as new. The requirements of the hurley-owner always came first even if this meant working at times that were inconvenient to himself and hurlers came from far and near to avail of his expertise. A passionate Tipperary man as far as games were concerned, he supported the blue and gold all his life and was a proud man in September 2001 when his clubmate Eamon Corcoran followed in the footsteps of Killea's Tommy Treacy in bringing the Liam McCarthy Cup back to Tipperary.

He was a dedicated clubman, a decent, sincere and honourable gentleman with a warm and generous heart, a man whose company it was always a pleasure to be part of.

It came as no surprise that Pierce had one of the biggest funerals ever seen in Killea and a guard of honour of his work and sporting colleagues escorted his remains to his final place of rest. The huge turn-out was testimony to the high esteem in which he was held by all who knew him.

We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Mary, daughters Aoife and Cairtriona, son Peter, son-in-law Seánie, his sisters, relatives and friends.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

**EDDIE McLOUGHLIN**  
**(SEAN TREACY'S)**

Shock and disbelief was felt by the entire community on the morning of December 22nd last as the sad news filtered through of the sudden death of Eddie McLoughlin. His untimely demise took from our midst one of the finest sportsmen our parish has produced. In his heyday a fine track and field athlete, a hurling stalwart and in later years played many a steady round of golf. Eddie shared in all the early days of Sean Treacy's club success: among the many highlights were West and County honours in 1966, and played a pivotal role in our first S.H.C title winning team in 1968. Blessed with a great turn of speed, his excellent ball control and long accurate striking marked him as an exceptional player. A totally committed team member, Eddie relished the challenge of the big occasion while his fearless zest for victory clearly epitomised the true spirit of Sean Treacy's. An extremely popular member of our community, a life long supporter of Cumann Luthchleas Gael and a gentleman both on and off the field, Eddie will be sadly missed by all who knew him. May the green sward of his native Kilcommon rest lightly on his immortal remains agus ar dheis de go raibh a anam dílis.



## TIMMY MOLONEY (AHERLOW)

The communities of Kilross, Aherlow and neighbouring Galbally and Emly were cast into shock in early July when news spread of the sudden and unexpected passing of one Aherlow's true gentleman Timmy Moloney of Knockballymaloo.

The shock was even greater as Timmy had only been in the field the previous evening training the U.14's- a role he had served with great pride and distinction this year in their successes.

Timmy was one of Aherlow's greatest supporters travelling to any game from juvenile up to adult level that he could attend and one of his greatest joys was our county senior victory last year. Much to his regret he had been in hospital on our great day in Cashel but made sure he was back at the same venue when we drew with The Nire in that memorable Munster semi final.

Tim also followed the county teams with as much vigour and enthusiasm and only three days before his passing had rushed to be in Kilmallock to see Aherlow's ladies capture the Munster junior crown where he had supported Aherlow's Edel Hanley and the rest of the Tipp team

On the playing field Timmy won a West junior hurling title in 1975 and 2 West intermediate football titles with Aherlow in 1985 and 1988. He was also honoured with Aherlow Clubman of the Year in 1986.

Timmy Moloney's contribution to Aherlow G.A.A. will long be remembered and to his family and friends the clubs thoughts will long be.

## PADDY McLOUGHNEY SHANNON ROVERS

The death of Paddy McLoughney came as a shock to the parish of Shannon Rovers. He died on March 31 at the young age of 54.

He was a devoted family man and had a love of farming and of course his club, Shannon Rovers. Paddy hurled at minor,

U-21 and Junior hurling for his club and after his retirement he was an active member as a club committee member.

He will be sadly missed by his Margaret, sons, Cian and Jack, daughters, Emma and Meda, relatives and friends.



## JIM MOLOUGHNEY 1929 - 2007 CLONAKENNY AND ROSCREA

Jim Moloughney was born in the parish of Clonakenny in 1929. He played for Clonakenny and was a former Chairman of the Club. He then moved to Roscrea where he took an active part in Roscrea GAA Club. Jim acted as a selector with the Roscrea Club and was Vice President at the time of his death. Jim was a loyal supporter of both Clonakenny and Roscrea and could be seen at matches all over the County both Adult and Juvenile. Jim had a lot of other interests also, such as St Anne's Service to People with Intellectual Disabilities, Roscrea Coursing Club and Fianna Fail. Sympathy is extended to his wife Kathleen, sons, daughters, brother, sister, grandchildren, relatives and his large circle of friends. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis.



## BILLY O'BRIEN (BURGESS)

The community was saddened when news filtered through on 14th May of the sudden passing of Billy O'Brien, Yewston, Nenagh and formerly of Patrickswell Carrigatoher. Billy was born and reared to a farming family and loved his native land. He was the local postman, attached to Carrigatoher P.O., which suited his outgoing personality. He was also a great giver to society, having donated 85 pints of blood as a donor which merited him a gold pen. He was a father figure to his nieces and nephews having taught them all to drive cars. Billy was a noted hurler with his local club, Burgess, with whom he won four North Intermediate medals, 1951, 1953, 1956, 1959. He played at mid-field or the forwards relying on his skill and speed similar to D.J. Carey style. His former team mates described him as a true sportsman, who distributed the ball quickly and played a team game. Billy always stuck to his principles and called a spade a spade. His late sister, Bridget was an active member of the aspostolic works society which warranted her a Bene Merenti medal. Billy and Bridget's house was demolished as part of the new M7 motorway and Billy moved to live in Nenagh.

On the day before he died, Billy attended the first communion of his grand-niece Aisling and enjoyed a special day with his family. He liked to socialise and enjoyed a pint at the Dapp Inn, and it was here that the final whistle was blown for Billy. Billy will be sadly missed by all those who knew him. Burgess club provided a guard of honour at his funeral, which large crowds attended. This was testimony to the esteeming which Billy and the O'Brien family are held in the parish and surrounding areas.

Ar dheis De go raibh a hAnam.

## MR. TOMMY O'BRIEN.

Tommy O'Brien, honorary Life President of Ballina G.A.A. club. came to North Tipperary from Raheen in Co Clare and indeed in his early years played hurling for the Smith O'Brien club in Killaloe.



Tommy O'Brien's contribution to the growth and development of the Ballina club was immense. Club members fondly remember his contribution in many different ways...being involved in the purchase and development of the present grounds, fund raising at the marquee dances, supporting and encouraging the camogie teams. Tommy was Chairperson of the club from the early 1960s until 1978 and was a selector in 1984.

Being chosen as Honorary Life President of the club is indicative of the interest and passion Tommy maintained throughout his life. A great debt of gratitude is owed to Tommy by the Ballina club for his deep commitment over many years. May he rest in peace.

## JOHN O'CONNELL 1947 - 2007 PORTROE

It is with deep sadness and shock that we learned of the sudden death of John O'Connell on July 9th 2007. John, a native of Cashel was involved with Portroe camogie teams for many years in the late seventies and early eighties and guided



the senior team to four County Senior titles, leagues and 7-a-side tournaments.

He was highly respected by all players and supporters alike and we were indebted to him for all his time and effort given to Portroe. John also guided the Tipperary Senior camogie team to the All Ireland final in 1979.

A very quiet and unassuming man, John will be sadly missed by his wife Mary, son Jack, daughter Tina, mother Chris, sisters Angela and Beryl and all relatives and friends.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis.

#### **GRACIE O'DWYER SOLOHEAD**

If ever the phrase "a staunch G.A.A. person" could be used it certainly apply to Gracie O'Dwyer, Ardlamon who died on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2007. Her brothers Jack and Gerry were two of the club's most prominent players during the 30s and 40s and Gracie was one of their most loyal supporters. She never held any officer-ship position within the club but her behind the scenes work was most appreciated by all those in authority. For many years the sight of a line of club jerseys at the side of Gracie's house was a regular occurrence. It was to the O'Dwyer house that many a player returned after training for running repairs and also the venue for many a meeting official or otherwise. May she rest in peace.



#### **KITTY O'DONNELL**

Kitty O'Donnell president of the Moyle Rovers G.A.A club passed to her eternal reward in the Spring of this year following serious illness

Kitty as she was fondly known throughout the length and breadth of South Tipperary in G.A.A. circles was synonymous with the Moyle Rovers G.A.A. club. While deeply interested and involved in all worthy causes in the parish of Powerstown/Lisronagh her love for the Moyle Rovers transcended everything else. She had a passion for the club as a hands on worker and supporter.

Kitty a native of Mullinahone and married to the late Mick, a former secretary of our club was a committed committee member for a long number of years. No task was too big or too small, she undertook all tasks with an enthusiasm that had to be seen to be believed.

Although Kitty never drove a car she rarely missed a match, by hook or by crook she made sure that whoever was going would call and collect her. Age groups or weather did not enter into it, from all grades of juvenile through to senior level, from league games to championship games Kitty was there. Her involvement in the development that have taken place in Monroe over the past number of years was huge. She fully supported the vision that has brought the Moyle Rovers club to where it is today.

All clubs require characters when the going gets tough and

Kitty was certainly one of those. She was as equally enthusiastic in the lean years as she was when the glory days arrived in the late decade. She was certainly one of the foundation stones among others that has brought our club to where it is today.

Kitty was a proud Moyle Rovers person and was elected president of our club in succession to the late Charlie Boland an honour she carried with humility.

Kitty's last function for Moyle Rovers was to make a presentation to the President of the G.A.A. Sean Kelly on the occasion of the opening of Monroe Sports Hall in February 2006.

Thank you Kitty for your outstanding contribution to our club over the years. Your loss is great but you died peacefully in the knowledge that the passion you had for our club will be carried into the future.

To your family we extend our sincere sympathy.

Ar dheis De go raigh a anam

#### **JOHN O'DONOGHUE 1954-2007 UPPERCHURCH- DROMBANE**

The death of John O'Donoghue Bal-lynira, at such a young age, removed from our parish one of its great servants and personalities. During his short life he gave of himself unselfishly to the many organisations. He devoted himself particularly to fundraising and stewarding at all local events.

He was a great community worker and a true neighbour. He loved dancing and playing cards. He will be sadly missed by all, young and old.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.



#### **JOE O'DWYER ( PATRICK'S PLACE, FETHARD)**

Our sympathies are at this time with O Dwyer Family (Patrick's Place) on the passing of Joe at the great age of 97 years. A man who played for the club for a good number of years, he won honours at senior football in 1942 South and county and was the last survivor of the Killusty junior side of 1932. Go ndeanai Dhia trocaire orthu

#### **PHIL JOE O'DWYER 1931-2007 UPPERCHURCH-DROMBANE**

Phil Joe O'Dwyer first became involved with hurling as a student in Mount St Joseph's College in Roscrea. Later he played with his local club Upperchurch-Drombane for a few years in the late forties and early fifties usually at corner forward. Unfortunately work took him to Dublin and he transferred to Young Irelands and continued to play with them. His hurling ended when he immigrated to Luton England. However he maintained a lifelong interest in sport particularly hurling and the fortunes of his local club. Phil Joe was a jovial and unassuming person. He loved to reminisce on times past during his many visits home. He is buried in Upperchurch graveyard not far from his native home. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.



**BERRY O'FLYNN  
NEWCASTLE**

Berry O'Flynn, nee Nugent, was a native of Modeligo, Co. Waterford and moved to Newcastle when she married Tomás O'Flynn. The O'Flynn family have always been involved with the G.A.A. club in Newcastle and Berry quickly joined the ranks. She regularly attended Newcastle games and got great enjoyment from watching her children and grandchildren represent the club. However, she never forgot her Waterford roots and was a staunch supporter of the Déise. She also enjoyed playing cards, especially at the weekly 25 drive with Nellie Hickey in Goatenbridge on Tuesday nights. Berry passed away on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007 and the club would like to express its sympathy to her sons, daughters, brother, sisters, extended family and large circle of friends. Solas na bhFlaitheas ar a hanam.



**RICHARD O'MAHONEY  
(ARDFINNAN) 1933—2007**

The village of Ardfinnan and surrounding area was shocked when news of the death of Ritchie O' Mahoney filtered through after a short illness. Ritchie was a lifelong G.A.A. supporter especially of the Ardfinnan club.

He was a member of the Ardfinnan uuder-15 team that won South & county football in 1948. He was a member of the 1954 junior team that won South & county honours. He was later a panel member of the club's all conquering senior team of the early 60s. In the eighties and nineties Ritchie served on the club's committee and was one of the main fundraisers for the club, when it was developing its new playing pitch. He also represented the club and Ballybacon Grange at question time in scór, winning South titles in 1980 & 82.

A lifelong Pioneer he was president of the Ardfinnan Pioneer Centre. The year 2005 was especially a proud year for Ritchie when he was present in Croke Park to see Tipperary footballers win the Tommy Murphy cup. He was present later that year in Leahy Park, Cashel to see Ardfinnan reclaim the Tipperary S.F title after a 21 year wait. Members of Ardfinnan G.A.A club provided a Guard of Honour at his removal to Ardfinnan Church. May he Rest in Peace.

**DAN O'MEARA (1926-2007)**

The death took place on 21 January 2007 of Dan O'Meara, Curragha, Lorrha.

Dan was a fantastic servant to Lorrha GAA Club and will be fondly remembered as the captain of the Lorrha senior team that won the 1948 North Tipp Senior Hurling title defeating Borris-Ileigh in the final. He lined out that day at

wing forward in a game best remembered for Tony Reddin's famous goal-keeping display. In later years, he not just followed the fortunes of club and county, but all other counties too and was rarely wrong in his match predictions. The hurling tradition has lived on with his grandson Michael captaining the Lorrha minors to county honours last year.



**MICHAEL 'LACK' O'MEARA  
(1944-2007)**

The death took place on 12 February of Michael 'Lack' O'Meara, Ross, Rathcabbin.

Michael was one of the great characters of the parish and his wit and humour were renowned by all who had the fortune of knowing him. Michael was a distinguished hurler in his relatively short time as a player having given up the game at just 26 years of age. But in that time, he won plenty. In 57 and 58, he was a member of the Lorrha juvenile teams that won North and County titles. We won a North Junior medal with Lorrha in 1961. He was a member of the Tipperary Under 21 team that won the inaugural All Ireland in 1964 and a year later he captained Lorrha to the North Under 21 title and he crowned it off with a North Senior hurling medal in 1966.



**SEAMUS O RIAIN**

The death took place in Aut Even hospital, Kilkenny on Saturday January 27<sup>th</sup> of SEAMUS O RIAIN, Moneygall, Honorary President of both the County and North Divisional Boards.

His passing, just three months short of his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday, severed a link with the GAA dating back to the 1930s and during which time he progressed from being a club delegate at the North Board right up to the highest rung of the GAA ladder, having been elected President in 1967.

Following his primary education locally Seamus attended Colaiste Einde and Colaiste Chaoimhin in Dublin before moving to De La Salle College in Waterford to study for primary school teaching. There, he won two Waterford senior football championship medals as well as the Gold Medal as the college's best all-round athlete.

Following teaching posts in Cloughjordan, Newcastlewest, Inis Barr a Chuain (an island off the west coast) and Borrisokane where he taught with Seamus Gardiner, who would become GAA President in 1943, Seamus settled back home that same year, going on to teach in Dunkerrin.

His hurling and football talents were put to good use with his native club and he also complemented that activity by becoming club secretary. In 1955 he was elected vice chairman of the North Board and chairman two years later. Election as a delegate to Munster Council followed in 1958 and in '62 Seamus was elected vice chairman of the provincial body and its chairman in 1965.

On Easter Sunday 1967 Seamus O Riain succeeded Alf Murray as the GAA's 23<sup>rd</sup> President, defeating the man who would succeed him, Pat Fanning from Waterford. It was a highly productive presidency featuring such as the launch of the Club Development Scheme, the setting up of the Commission on the Affairs of the Association, the inaugural link with Australia that led to the Compromise Rules games between Ireland and Australia, the erection of new indoor handball courts in Croke Park as well as the emergence of Scor on to GAA's social scene.

On completion of his three years as President, Seamus involved himself deeply in the Tipperary scene, being elected County Board chairman in 1970. Feile na nGael, the Canon Fitzgerald second level inter-schools competition and the Tipperary GAA Year Book were innovations which he spearheaded and with which he was deeply involved.



His term as chairman (three years) was followed by one as PRO for the Co. Board and he also became chairman of the Moneygall club, providing leadership and inspiration when its first county senior title was won in '76, the title retained a year later. Four of his sons, Philip, Jack, Seamus and Eugene were members of the team.

Seamus wrote the Moneygall GAA history and "Dunkerrin - A Parish in Ely O'Carroll". He also wrote a biography of the GAA's first President Maurice Davin.

In 1990 Seamus was elected Honorary Life President of the County Board, seven years later that of the North Board also being conferred on him. He was Life President of the Moneygall club also.

In April 2006, a couple of weeks following his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday Seamus was inducted into the Hall of Fame by the Tipperary Association in Dublin and three days later, with family members and Association members, he was received at Aras an Uachtartain in President Mary McAleese.

Seamus O Riain's remains were interred in Dunkerrin cemetery, a graveside oration delivered by GAA President Nicky Brennan.

#### **JOHN O'RIORDAN (AMERICA formerly FETHARD)**

Our sincere sympathies are with the O Riordan family (Kerry St) on the death of John in America. He played with Fethard in the 50s winning a South and county senior football medal in 1954 Go Ndeanai Trocaire Ar An Ainmeachta

#### **FRANK PERCY (JK BRACKENS) 1975-2007**

The tragic death of 32-year old Frankie Percy, Park Road, Templemore took place on November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2006 following a car accident. His death caused widespread regret in Templemore and surrounding areas. Frankie played juvenile hurling and football with Templemore Éire Óg throughout the 1980s and also enjoyed his time as Junior Hurler with JK Brackens. He was a supporter of many JK Brackens teams through the years especially when his brother Seán was in action with the Senior Hurlers. Frankie was also a supporter of Tipperary hurling and travelled to many games to support the Blue and Gold. A guard of honour was provided at his funeral by his friends in JK Brackens GAA Club and Blackcastle United Soccer Club. We extend our sincere sympathy to his family.



#### **FATHER PHIL PURCELL (1916-2007) MOYCARKEY-BORRIS**

The late Father Phil Purcell, a native of Littleton died peacefully in Auckland, New Zealand last May after a short illness. He was born in Littleton on 29th April, 1916 (Easter week) and was ordained in Thurles Cathedral on 11th June, 1939 by Rev. Dr. Kinnane, then Bishop of Waterford. In his younger years he was an excellent hurler, playing usually at wing back, and played on the great Moycarkey-Borris teams of the 1930's. In 1933 he won a Harty Cup medal with Thurles C.B.S and also won an All Ireland medal with Tipperary minor hurlers.



In 1937 in the Killarney All Ireland senior hurling final Father Phil was thrilled to receive a call up to the panel for that game not having been on the Munster final squad. This was brought about by his great displays for his club at wing back. For that game he roomed with a number of his clubmates Johnny and Paddy Ryan (Sweeper) and Tom Kennedy. In 1938 "The Cooney Case" year it was felt that Tipperary were deprived of winning the All Ireland after defeating Clare in the first round and then getting suspended over playing Jimmy Cooney.

In those days clerical students once they returned to the seminary were not let out to play games. By the time Tipperary won their next Munster championship in 1941 Father Purcell has settled into his New Zealand missions fields. His late brother Tom won an All Ireland medal in 1945. Before departing for New Zealand in 1939 Father Phil was presented by the Moycarkey-Two-Mile-Borris G.A.A. club with a special scroll. The scroll was signed by Father Richard Fitzgerald, club president and great hurlers and administrators of the time, John Joe Hayes (Ballyerk), Jimmy Bourke (Rathcunnikeen) and his cousin Phil Purcell (Littleton), later to become secretary of the Tipperary County Board and stalwart Moycarkey & Tipperary hurler.

#### **PATRICK PRICE (GOLDEN-KILFEACLE) 1954-2007**

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Paddy Price, Pearse Park, Golden on the 24th of June 2007 after a short illness. Paddy, who had given his life to the G.A.A., was one of those characters who was loved by all and had a large circle of friends through his involvement with Racquet Ball, Soccer, and the Greyhounds. In his younger days Paddy played junior football for the club. He was a sound goalkeeper with a great kickout and won a West junior medal in 1975.

Unfortunately Paddy injured his shoulder and had to retire from the game. After his retirement Paddy took over as groundsman of the local G.A.A. field and gave many years looking after the field and selling tickets on match days. It was the selling of the tickets that Paddy really enjoyed and to this day his many friends who come to the games always talk about his quick wit and good humour and say how sadly they miss him.

To his wife Mary, son Paul, daughter Helen, granddaughter Leah, extended family and large circle of friends we offer our sincere sympathy.

#### **DAN QUIRKE (SILVERMINES)**

Jack was full back on the 1945 intermediate hurling team that won the championship against Moneygall. They repeated this success in 1948 against the same opposition

His brothers Billy and the late Jack were playing members of those teams. Dan was a regular full back on Silvermines teams throughout the 1940's and on into the 1950's. To his wife Peggy, his son Jack and daughter Ita we extend our sincere sympathy.

Ar Dheis De go raibh a anam.



**EDDIE RYAN,  
CORK ROAD, NEWPORT ( 1930-2007)**



Eddie Ryan a joint president of Newport G.A.A. club, passed to his eternal reward on July 17th 2007. He was a father figure of the club, much respected and admired by young and old alike. A player and administrator in his young days, he continued to serve on the committee up to a few short years ago. He will be forever associated with the development of Ryan Lacken Park and the hurling tournaments he sponsored in the eighties. He was a generous benefactor to the club in all its fundraising activities and his licensed premises catered for many visiting teams down through the years. The huge turnout at his funeral bore testimony to the esteem in which he was held. The club wishes to extend its deepest sympathy to his sons, Richard and Thomas, daughters, Marie and Fiona, sisters, Mary and Nellie and all his extended family.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

**JAMES RYAN 1927-2007  
UPPERCHURCH-DROMBANE**



The hurling career of James Ryan of the Glebe and Coolbawn spans three decades from the late forties to the late sixties, with his native Upperchurch Drombane GAA club. During those years he commanded the fullback position with distinction and his skills and solid presence were widely recognised. While serving as a committee member and selector for many years he was also a field trustee for nearly forty years from its acquisition in 1969 to his death. He was most instrumental in the development and the bringing of our GAA grounds to fruition. He could recall past events with clarity and great detail.

James was the quietly spoken gentleman with the cap. His overall contribution and service to his beloved club was enormous and will not be forgotten.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

**JOHN RYAN (AHERLOW)**



John Ryan from Monour, Kilross passed away unexpectedly on April 15th, 2007 after a short illness. John went to Kilross National School and Lowtown Post Primary school, Galbally. He then went to Pallaskenry Agricultural College, where he learned modern farming methods.

John was an excellent farmer, able to plough, sew and reap. He participated in hurling and football in all these educational institutions. He won a Limerick county minor football title in 1941 with Galbally, beating Abbeyfeale in the semi final and St. Patricks, the city champions in the final played at Kiltelly. The

cup was brought home to Galbally on the handlebars of a bicycle. John played senior football for Limerick. John joined the reformed Aherlow club and was wing back on the Aherlow team that brought the first ever title to the club when they won the West junior football championship in 1950. John was also on the 1952 team along with his friends and neighbours Neddy Mullins, Johnny Noonan and the three Carew brothers, John, Tim and Tom that won this championship again, but were defeated against Kilsheelan in the county final played in Clonmel. John was one of nature's gentlemen, a kind neighbour and friend of the less well off members of the community.

**LARRY RYAN (MOORE) (1935-2006)  
Moycarkey-Borris**



The Moycarkey-Borris G.A.A. club lost one of its great members and workers in November 2006 with the sudden death of Larry Ryan (Moore). He was involved as a player, committee member and club selector for many years and often represented the club at Mid and County conventions. He was particularly happy when a selector in 1982 as the club won the County senior hurling final. In his youth he hurled with parish teams and was a prominent member of the Sean Treacy Pipe Band for a number of years and also competed in athletics with the local A.C. A very unassuming man, Larry also gave great service in the Littleton field and was there at all hours to line and prepare the pitch for games. He was also the "hurley keeper", looking after the camans and getting them hooped and repaired to the satisfaction of all players. In bad and good club times Larry Ryan proved himself a great worker for the betterment of sport in Moycarkey-Borris. Guards of honour were provided by the G.A.A. club and band and a lone piper from the renowned Sean Treacy outfit rendered the final salute.

**MARY RYAN**



Mary Ryan wife of Tipperary Supporters Club PRO Gerry passed to her eternal reward on the 15th May of this year. Mary's death was untimely as she has only taken early retirement the previous September from a teaching career which spanned over 35 years of which all but two were spent at Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis. A native of Kanturk, Co Cork she married Templederry man Gerry Ryan in 1973 who was then with Bank of Ireland in Ennis and from there Mary's involvement with Tipperary Hurling began. Herself and Gerry were an integral part of every Tipperary Supporters Club function and indeed every Tipperary game. Gerry was appointed Membership Officer of the Tipperary Supporters Club and it was Mary who ably assisted in ensuring records of members were maintained and that membership would grow on an annual basis. Indeed in the past year Mary & Gerry were together at the 2006 Medal presentations function to the All-Ireland Minor & Munster Under 21 winning teams at the Templemore Arms Hotel on December 20th and again at 'The Night of Legends' in the Burlington Hotel in February. She never forgot her Cork roots when it came to the keen Munster rivalry with Tipperary and would proudly wear her red and white especially in sight of Babs who would

be quick to remark 'oh here comes my little Cork woman'. Mary's last function was in Shannon Golf Club on 23rd April organised by the Tipp people in Clare where many Tipp former great hurlers took part, little did we know then that all of them would be back just a few weeks later to pay their last respects. Mary's final resting place is in Ballina overlooking the peaceful waters of Lough Derg. It was a place she had grown to love since herself and Gerry bought a home there a few years ago. A place of special beauty for a person we will all fondly remember as a special lady. May she rest in peace.

**MICHAEL RYAN  
(BURGESS)**



Burgess GAA President Michael Ryan passed away suddenly at his residence in Monroe, Newtown on Monday, July 9th. Michael was born in Cork on May 27th 1918, the youngest of a family of six. His father Pat, a shipping officer in Cork died suddenly when Michael was just six weeks old. His mother, Bridget brought her family to her uncle Con Hogan's house in Knocknamohilly, Newtown. Michael later married Bridie Slattery from South Tipperary and the couple had three in family- Pdraig, Rita and Monica. His wife Bridie and daughter Monica predeceased him.

Michael became engulfed in sporting activities and was known by all age groups. He hurled with the local club Youghal and won two medals of note, North minor hurling in 1936 and intermediate hurling in 1942. He also played junior hurling with a parish side St. Conlons. Midfield was his favourite position. After retirement from the playing field, he kept interest alive by following the fortunes of club and county. Michael drove alone to Lismore in November 2005 to watch Burgess play in the Munster intermediate club championship and did likewise two weeks before his death when Burgess lined out against Holy-cross-Ballycahill in the County SHC Qualifier at Templederry.

Michael Ryan could turn his hand to anything. He cut corn, sheared sheep and had a successful sawmill business. He supplied agricultural merchants with wooden farm products. He was one of the first car owners in the parish. In the 1940's Michael bought an Ansaldo car from Captain Finch which he converted to a truck. He later used DKW cars and was his own mechanic. Michael also took a great interest in vintage cars and perhaps it was appropriate that the cortege unexpectedly met with three vintage cars on his last journey to Newtown.

Michael had an outgoing personality and was never afraid to speak his mind. He took an avid interest in politics, history, Irish language, traditional music and song. Michael was gifted at tracing and knew the history of the fields of the parish. He travelled to Australia twice in recent years. A large crowd attended the removal of his remains to Youghalarra church, Funeral Mass and burial at Knigh Graveyard. Burgess GAA club and representatives of Fianna Fail formed a guard of honour on both days. The coffin was draped with the club colours. John Mackey McKenna delivered a graveside oration and Slievnamon was sung.

Sympathy is extended to his son Pdraig, daughter Rita(O'Grady), brother Con, relatives and friends. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

**PADDY RYAN  
TOOMEVARA**



It was with great regret and sorrow that we learnt of the death of Paddy Ryan Grenanstown on December 18th 2006. In his youth Paddy was a strong and skilful hurler and remained playing for Toomevara right up to the 1950's. Paddy was a member of the Toomevara Junior team which won honours in 1958. Paddy always remained a loyal supporter of Toomevara and had a keen interest in all aspects of the club right up to the time of his death, with a special affection for juveniles, Scór and camogie. To his wife Ellen, and family we extend our deepest Sympathy. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

**WILLIE RYAN  
(SONY) CLONOULTY-ROSSMORE**



We were greatly saddened to hear of the death of Willie Ryan (Sony) earlier this year. Willie was a staunch GAA man and a true supporter of Clonoulty-Rossmore GAA Club. He would have spent many a night playing cards and discussing the fortunes of both club and county on the playing fields. The Club would like to extend its sincere sympathy to Willies brother Michael, his sister Peggy and his extended family. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

**BILLY SHANAHAN 1926-2007  
TOOMEVARA**



On June 15<sup>th</sup>, Billy Shanahan passed to his eternal reward after a short-illness. As a hurler Billy gave many fine displays with his native Toomevara and his adopted club Young Irelands with whom he won a Dublin Senior County Championship. During his playing career Billy was a dedicated and loyal member of Toomevara and won Intermediate honours in 1944, and was a member of the victorious 1946 Senior team. Though residing in Dublin for a number of years Billy always continued to support Toomevara hurling and took great pleasure when his nephew Philip captained Toomevara to County Final Success in 1998. To his wife Peggy and family we extend our deepest sympathy. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

**MICHAEL "STICKS" SHANAHAN  
(1934-2007) MOYCARKEY-BORRIS**



The death took place on August 29th of Michael Shanahan, Kyleneo, Horse & Jockey. Michael, affectionately known as "Sticks" (so called after the great "Sticks" Griffen from Cork who had a similar handballing style) was aged 72 and was a member of the farming community.

Well known in sporting circles, his outstanding achievements were as a handballer with the Horse & Jockey club, and he won County, Munster and All Ireland titles. In 1958, in partnership with Tom Doheny from The Commons, they won the All Ireland junior handball championship, and in 1962, in partnership with John Ryan, also from The Commons, they won the Senior title. In 1958, he reached the quarter-finals of the prestigious Gael-Linn singles tournament of that time, which was an open event to all Ireland and attracted entries from all the leading players in the country.

"Sticks" was a regular member of Moycarkey-Borris hurling and football teams in the 50's and 60's through all grades. He hurled with Tipperary at the opening of Pearse Stadium in Galway in the late 50's.

He was also a regular team member of Moycarkey AC.

A couple of years ago he was rewarded for his sporting achievements when elected to the Cumann na Sean Gael Hall of Fame.

An amiable and likeable man, he liked nothing better than to have an odd bet on the horses and dogs. Members of the Moycarkey-Borris GAA and Athletic clubs, the Horse & Jockey Handball Club, and the Tipperary Handball Board formed a guard of honour at the funeral, where the coffin was draped in club and county colours.

#### THEO TIERNEY SHANNON ROVERS

The whole parish was deeply shocked to learn of the untimely of Theo Tierney on Saturday 16th December 2006. Theo was chairman of the Juvenile club at the time of his death. Prior to his demise, he had set up all of the managerial positions for the various teams to be ready for 2007.

He did not live to see it and he missed the U-12 side capturing the County U-12 C hurling title which his son Austin was a member.



Theo hurled minor and U-21 with his club in the early seventies. Shannon Rovers was his life. He attended the vast majority of their games and rarely missed a Tipperary game, league or championship.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Ann, sons, Alan and Austin, Mother Una, his daughter Laura, relatives and friends.

#### PADDY TROY (THURLES SARFIELDS) 1923-2007

The death of the well known and highly respected Paddy Troy of Darby Villa, Kickham Street, Thurles came as a great shock to a wide circle of friends and associates who had come in contact with him down through the years. A man who was tremendously respected in the community, Paddy and his wife Nora were inseparable and were deeply involved in a number of community organisations, most notably Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann and the G.A.A.



Originally from Moyne/Templetuohy, Paddy Troy was a great Gael in his earlier days playing hurling and football for the club. Also, he represented his club on the Tipperary intermedi-

ate team in the forties. His love of G.A.A never waned and after his playing days he went on to become involved at administrative level. He was a member of Thurles Sarsfields also and was on the committee which pushed ahead with the planning and building of Sarsfields Social Centre. Paddy was involved in Semple Stadium and was a regular steward at the V.I.P section of Ardan Ui Riain where he would meet and greet the special guests on match days. This was one aspect of his life he loved and Paddy was greatly respected in this capacity. He always had a word of greeting for people and was a perfect gentleman even when the pressure of big match day was on.

Of course Paddy loved to meet and chat to people and his job with the Royal Liver Assurance brought him in contact with so many. He was friend to many through his work and former colleagues and acquaintances arrived in Thurles to pay their final respects.

Paddy's second passion was Comhaltas. He and Nora gave a lifetime of services to the organisation and he was extremely proud of his position as President of the Munster Council. They were almost single handedly responsible for running the organisation in Tipperary with Nora still involved at officer level.

Paddy Troy was a man who always kept himself well. A smart dresser, he always had a smile on his face and loved to walk the Cathedral Town he came to love upon his move into Thurles. His neighbours regarded him very highly indeed and he had a huge circle of friends who counted themselves lucky to know him.

Paddy Troy will be greatly missed in G.A.A and Comhaltas circles. His passing has left a void – a great community man has gone to his eternal reward. However, it is his wife Nora, daughters Mairead and Aideen, grandchildren, son-in-law, brothers Mick, Danny, Joe, sisters Peg and Mary, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends who will miss him most. To them he was a special man who cannot be replaced.

To the community at large, Paddy was also special. Testimony to this was the large attendance which turned out to pay their final respects on Saturday and Sunday as Paddy's remains passed his home in Kickham Street for the last time en route from the Cathedral of the Assumption to St. Patrick's Cemetery. There he was laid to rest and returned to his Maker.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam dilis.



# TIOBRAID ARANN SENIOR HURLERS 2007



*Tipperary senior hurlers that lost to Wexford in the All-Ireland quarter-final at Croke Park.*

*Back row: (l to r) - Hugh Moloney, Eamonn Buckley, Benny Dunne (captain), Conor O'Mahony, Darragh Egan, Alan Byrne, Declan Fanning, Lar Corbett.  
Seated: Seamus Butler, John Carroll, Gerry Carroll, Willie Ryan, Eamonn Corcoran, Darragh Hickey, Shane Maher. Front: Ruth, Donagh and Andrew Corby.*

# TIOBRAID ÁRANN MINOR HURLING PANEL ESB ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS 2007



*Back row (left to right): Jonathan Cody, Paddy Murphy, Liam Dwan, Joe Gallagher, Darragh O'Brien, Brendan Maher (Captain), Peter Acheson, Bill McCormack, Ciaran Lorigan, Kevin O'Gorman, Sean Carey, John Coghlan, Ciaran Shelly, Ciaran Haugh, Seamus Hennessy, Colm Ryan*

*Front row (left to right): Tom Treacy, Kieran McGrath, Darren O'Connor, Noel McGrath, Padraig Maher, Sean O'Brien, John O'Neill, James Logue, James Barry, Michael Heffernan, Patrick Maher, Michael Cahill, Patrick O'Brien, Liam Butler*