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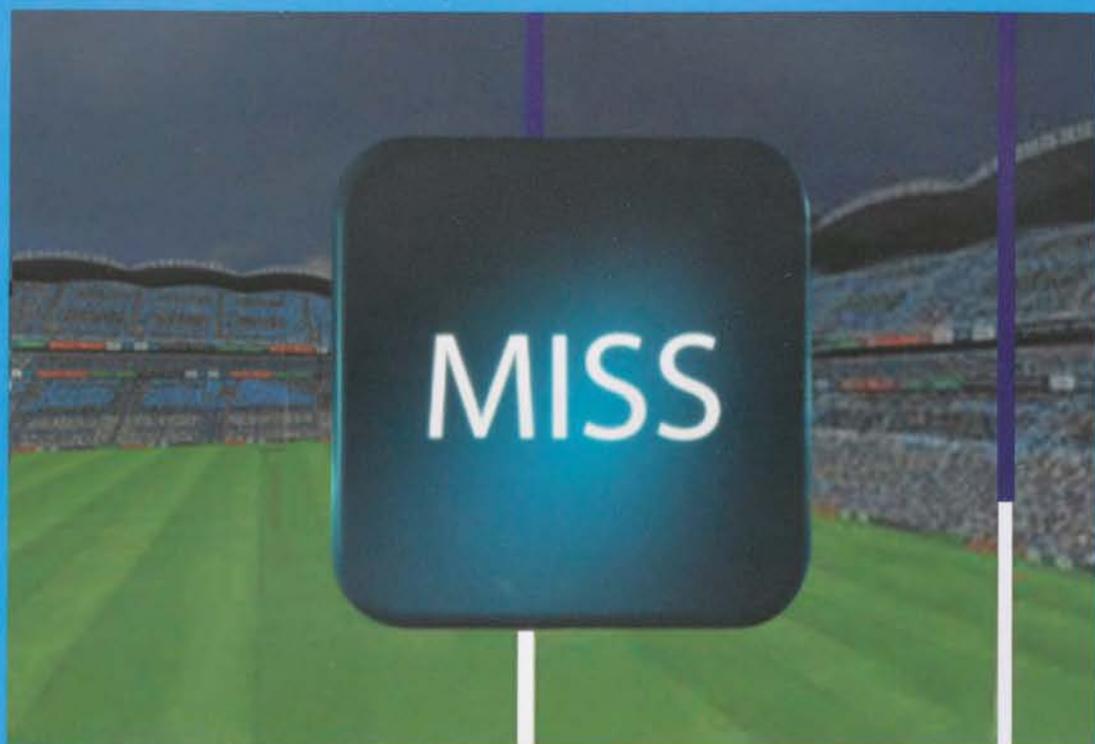
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County final time has come around again and it is my pleasure on behalf of Tipperary County Board to welcome all our valued patrons to Semple Stadium for this showpiece occasion for Tipperary hurling. A special welcome to the teams from Moyne-Templetuohy and Thurles Sarsfields who will contest the Intermediate final and Loughmore-Castleiney and Thurles Sarsfields who will do battle for the supreme prize in Tipperary hurling, the Dan Breen Cup. It's a great occasion for players and supporters and we all look forward to games that will have the intensity, passion, skill and sportsmanship that Tipperary is renowned for.

The opening game today between Moyne-Templetuohy and Thurles Sarsfields has all the ingredients for an exciting encounter. Thurles Sarsfields are proud holders of the Mid title, which they won with some strong performances earlier in the season. Their opponents Moyne-Templetuohy, also from the Mid division, came through the more scenic route and gathered momentum as the season progressed. Both teams have reached the final on merit and are sure to provide a titanic struggle to win the much coveted Jacksie Ryan Cup.

The new structure for our senior hurling championship kicked in this year with the placing of teams determined by last year's results. Between divisional and county championship games a total of one hundred and ten games have been played in senior hurling to reach today's final. This is a huge level of hurling activity and I want to thank all the players involved, their clubs and the CCC at Divisional and County level for their participation in and organisation of all the games involved.

Today's Senior final is a very hard one to call. Thurles Sarsfields have huge tradition behind them

and can call on the services of many players who are household names in the game. The Loughmore-Castleiney tradition is of much more recent vintage in senior hurling but their panel also includes a significant number of players who have represented their county at various levels and in both codes. Form in recent games indicates there will be very little between the sides at the final whistle and dare I even mention a draw or a draw after extra time as it would cause havoc in an already difficult fixtures scenario. Best of luck to both teams in their quest to be Tipperary Senior hurling champions for 2014 and be holders of the Dan Breen Cup.

We welcome the Clonoulty-Rossmore senior hurling team of 1989 back to Semple Stadium today on the 25th anniversary of their great county final victory. Our thanks to the Tipperary Star and Dundrum House Hotel for making this possible and to the committee responsible for the organisation of the event.

I want to take the opportunity of thanking Clean Ireland Recycling for their sponsorship of all our championships for 2014 and look forward to their much valued participation in the future.

Best wishes to Johnny Ryan who referees the Senior game and Philip Kelly who referees the Intermediate final and their respective officials and our thanks to all our referees over the course of the year for their outstanding service, led by county co-ordinator Jim O'Shea.

Finally my thanks to the county CCC for their time and patience in fixtures scheduling in the challenging scenario that faced them with the inter-county scene in 2014; thanks to Ger Corbett, programme editor, for his excellent production of programmes on so many occasions; to the many club venues who hosted games and to Semple Stadium management and staff for the excellent facilities on offer.

Go mbeidh sar cluichí againn le cunamh Dé!

SEÁN Ó NUINSEAIN

Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae Thiobraid Árann

Buiochas

We hope you enjoy reading today's programme. It has been produced with the assistance of Tom Maher (Assistant County Secretary) and the officers in all three clubs. Many thanks to all who contributed articles: Seamus O'Doherty, Noel Dundon, Jackie Cahill, Seamus J. King, Séamus Ó Dubhagáin and Seosaimhin Ní Chathail. A special word of thanks to Bridget Delaney, John D. Kelly, Eamon McGee, John O'Loughlin, Gary Loughnane, Liam Ó Donnchú and Sportsfile for their photographs.

GER CORBETT, Programme Editor

'The Fear' hits Tipp



'Don't Touch The Tipp' – Photographed (from left: is The Fear's Hilary Rose in a tug-of-war with Conor and Dermot Prendergast, Noel McGrath and Cathal Barrett in Dr Morris Park, Thurles. The 'dispute' started when Conor and dad Dermot were pranked when they were stopped to ask for directions on All-Ireland final day and ran into some trouble with 'Counterfeit Enforcement Officer' Hilary Rose when walking to Croke Park. Having seen the hilarious prank, two 'official' Tipperary GAA jerseys were given to Dermot and Conor courtesy of Škoda, who are official sponsors of Tipperary GAA. The four Tipperary men decided to get their own back in a tug-of-war with a new jersey at Dr Morris Park in Thurles.

(Photo: Liam Burke/Press 22)

THE Fear's All-Ireland Hurling GAA prank is another online sensation for RotatorTV with over 80,000 hits to date. The hilarious hidden camera show airs tonight at 10:30pm on RTE2 and stars Hilary Rose, Ross Browne and Fred Cooke. Tonight's episode features father and son duo Dermot and Conor Prendergast from Clonmel who are duped on the day of the All-Ireland Hurling Final by comedy actress Hilary Rose who was kitted out as a 'Counterfeit Enforcement Officer'. In the clip the comedy actress confiscates their coveted Tipp jersey citing it to be it to be counterfeit.

As official sponsors of the Tipp GAA Team Škoda Ireland were keen to get the lads brand new official jerseys and meet and greet with some of the players. Tipperary County Training Grounds beside Semple Stadium was the scene for the craic and counter play yesterday. Featured on the shoot were Dermot and Conor Prendergast, Noel McGrath (Tipperary forward), Cathal Barrett (Tipperary defender) Hilary Rose (The Fear's Counterfeit Enforcement Officer).

Raymond Leddy, Head of Marketing & Product, Škoda Ireland said: "The video is great fun and it's clear the guys are mighty Tipp fans. I'm happy that we could get them donning the 'official' Škoda Tipperary jersey that fitted the lads perfectly. The team have got behind this too and we're happy to sign the jersey for Conor and Dermot. My only advice to the lads is to wash it at 30 degrees!"

Comedy actress, Hilary Rose, The Fear's Counterfeit Enforcement Officer said: "We knew GAA supporters would be the best fun and up for a laugh. Tipp fans are so loyal and the team played a great game on the day. Hopefully next year they will be back on the winning podium."

Tim Floyd, County Secretary of Tipperary GAA County Board added: "We're delighted to be involved in the lads getting their own back on The Fear's Counterfeit Enforcement Officer and to support our sponsors Škoda in promoting this occasion."

Clár an Lae

- 1.00 Moyne-Templetuohy amach ar an bpáirc
- 1.02 Thurles Sarsfields amach ar an bpáirc
- 1.15 Tús an chluiche – *Clean Ireland Recycling Intermediate Hurling Championship Final:*
MOYNE-TEMPLETUOHY v THURLES SARSFIELDS
 Referee: **Philip Kelly** (Ballinahinch)
- 1.47 Leath-am – Mini Games
- 1.57 Tús an dara leath
- 2.30 Críoch an chluiche
- 2.40 Presentation of the **Jackie Ryan Cup** to the winning captain by Micheál de Búrca, Leas Cathaoirleach an Chontae, followed by presentation of 'Man of the Match' award (Sponsored by John Quirke Jewellers, Cahir)
- 2.50 Presentation of the **Clonoulty-Rossmore** 1989 County Senior Hurling Champions
- 3.08 Loughmore-Castleiney amach ar an bpáirc
- 3.10 Thurles Sarsfields amach ar an bpáirc
- 3.25 Pre-Match Parade lead by the Moycarkey Pipe Band.
- 3.28 Amhrán na bhFiann
- 3.30 Tús an chluiche – *Clean Ireland Recycling Senior Hurling Championship Final:*
LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY v THURLES SARSFIELDS
 Referee: **Johnny Ryan** (Boherlahan-Dualla)
- 4.02 Leath-am – Mini Games
- 4.12 Tús an dara leath
- 4.45 Críoch an chluiche
- 4.55 Presentation of the **Dan Breen Cup** to the winning captain by Séan Ó Nuinseain, Cathaoirleach an Chontae, followed by presentation of 'Man of the Match' award (Sponsored by John Quirke Jewellers, Cahir)
- [Extra time to be played in SENIOR game if necessary]*



The National Anthem will be sung today by **KATIE SHANAHAN** from the Borris-Ileagh GAA Club. Katie won the County Tipperary Scór na nÓg Final and was Munster finalist in the solo singing competition earlier this year. She also represented Tipperary in the "Scór Encore" competition on TG4 and reached the All-Ireland semi-final. Katie has also participated in ballad group and set dancing competitions in Scór na bPáistí and Scór na nÓg. She also plays camogie with her club at minor level. Katie's main interests are sport and trad music.



Front Cover Caption – Captains Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) and Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) hold the Dan Breen Cup. (Photo: Bridget Delaney)

~ Meet the Match Officials ~

INTERMEDIATE



PHILIP KELLY

Moyne Templetuohy v Thurles Sarsfields

Referee: **PHILIP KELLY**
(Ballinahinch)
Std-By Ref: **Michael Murphy** (Toomevara)
Linesman: **James Lees** (Newport)
Sideline Official: **Pat O'Mahony** (Killdangan)
Umpires: **Shane Fitzgerald, John Ryan, Paddy Kelly, Barry Cross**
(Ballinahinch)

Loughmore-Castleiney v Thurles Sarsfields

Referee: **JOHNNY RYAN**
(Boherlahan-Dualla)
Std-By Ref: **Fergal Horgan**
(Knockavilla Kickhams)
Linesman: **Keith Delahunty** (Moyle Rovers)
Sideline Official: **Mark Dunne** (Moyne-Templetuohy)
Umpires: **Seamus Manton, J.C. Ryan, Willie Crosse, Tony Lacey**

SENIOR



JOHNNY RYAN

Links to 1989

THE highly respected John Moloney (Bansha) refereed his last (twelve and one replay) county Senior Hurling Final in 1989 when Clonoulty-Rossmore (being honoured today) beat Holy-cross-Ballycahill by 1-11 to 1-9. It was unusual in those years for a referee from a participating Division to referee the Final, but John was accepted by everyone and there were no arguments when the Westerners won the title.

Interestingly, in another unusual twist, the Man of The Match Award was presented to Michael Doyle from the losing team. The attendance of about 20,000 has not been topped in the twenty five years which followed. The closest was in 1997, when Clonoulty-Rossmore and Mullinahone attracted 17, 020 patrons to Semple Stadium. Clonoulty-Rossmore's last county Final success was achieved on November 2nd 1997. Since then they have been runners-up in 1998, 2010 and 2011.



John Moloney

On target

THERE have been many high scoring displays on county final day over the past eighty years. The top seven individual returns on county final day between 1934 and 2013 were:

- 1978 Francis Loughnane (Roscrea) 1-11 v Kilruane MacDonaghs
- 2002 Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 2-7 v Thurles Sarsfields (replay)
- 2008 John Enright (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-13 v Toomevara
- 2001 John Enright (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-9 v Toomevara
- 1978 Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-12 v Roscrea
- 1937 Tom Parsons (Cashel) 4-0 v Moycarkey-Borris
- 1942 Nicholas Mockler (Thurles Sarsfields) 4-0 v Killenaule



John Enright (Thurles Sarsfields)

Welcome from



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Pride and bragging rights at stake as neighbours clash in 'the Stadium'

– a message from club championship sponsors Clean Ireland Recycling

IN A YEAR in which Tipperary senior hurlers, even with the agonising defeat of the replayed final, lit up the All-Ireland senior hurling championship like no other county, Clean Ireland Recycling joins you in eager anticipation of today's exciting double bill.

County final day in Tipperary is a special occasion for hurling fans from across the Premier County and much further afield but, for a variety of reasons, today has even more to offer than normal.

For one, whenever neighbours meet, it adds that extra bit of spice to events but to have them meet in the Senior and Intermediate finals – Thurles Sarsfields represented in both – makes today even more mouth-watering. There's a lot at stake, bragging rights included, along the Thurles, Moyne-Templetuohy and Loughmore-Castleiney borders today!

There's the intrigue of Loughmore's pursuit of a double-double; can they possibly stay on course for what would surely be unrepeatable back-to-back county titles in both senior hurling and football codes? There's also the aforementioned double that Thurles Sarsfields chase today – the records suggest it would be a unique one.

On top of that, in the senior decider there's the added dynamic of friends become foes for just over an hour today as star players on both sides who spent much of their year on this very turf united in the common Tipperary cause will be very much divided as they go for glory for their clubs.

But above all there's a feast of hurling to look forward to as some of the best players, not alone in Tipperary but the entire country, take to the field in search of coveted county honours.

County final day is, indeed, a special one in Tipperary and Clean Ireland Recycling is proud and privileged to be associated with it.

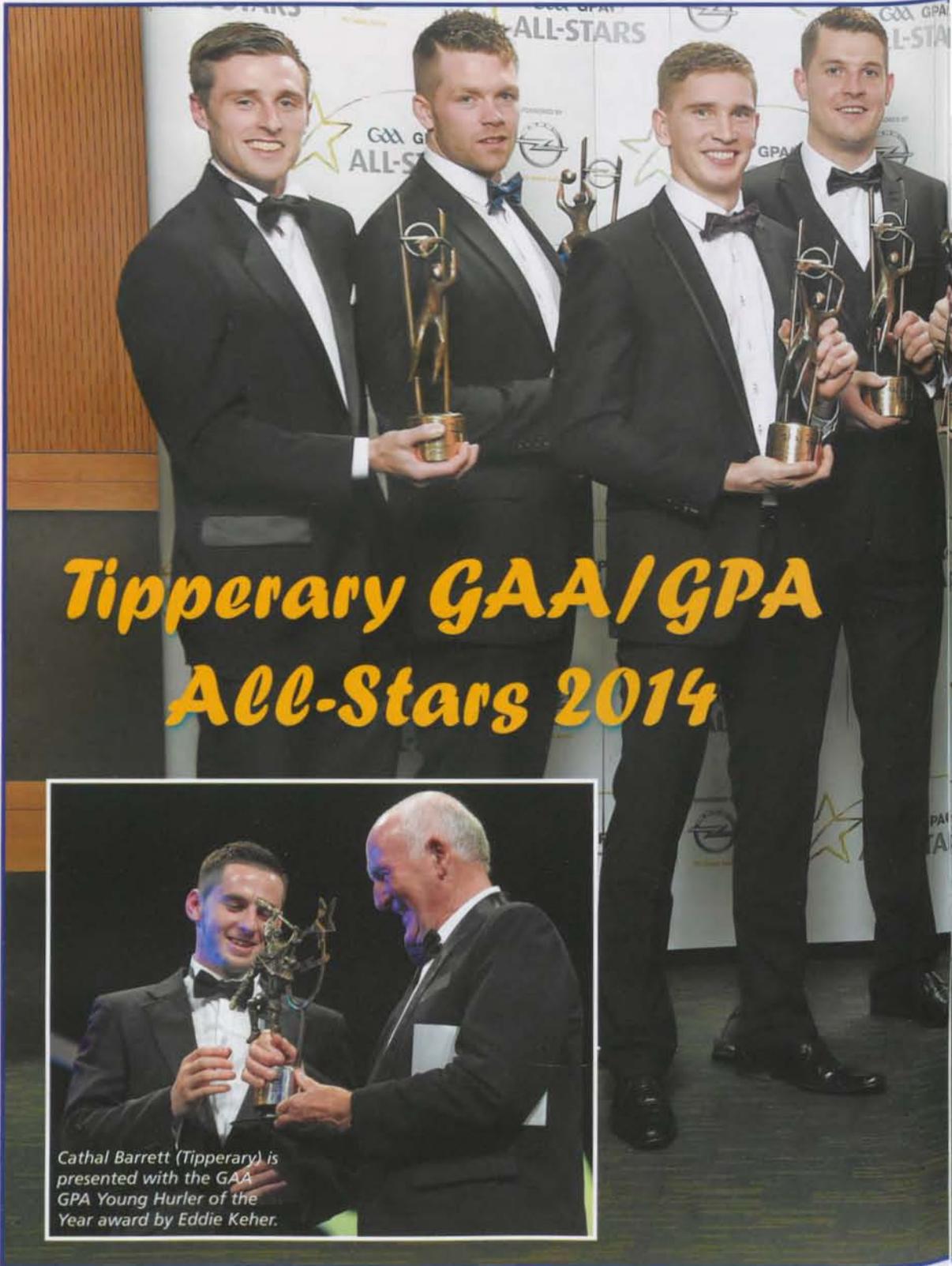
This is our second year as sponsors of both the Tipperary Hurling and Football Championships and though we all look forward to the blue riband event that today undeniably is, we have been equally delighted to see first-hand the incredible effort and delight in successes and participation across all ranks and levels, from minor up to senior. As a family founded and owned business operating in every parish across the county, we appreciate the amazing grass roots collective that the GAA here in Tipperary.

A word of congratulations also has to go to all involved in staging today's event. Clean Ireland Recycling's success is very much built on logistics and we understand the effort required to ensure everything goes off smoothly today and on time. So well done all.

As a company we have been proud to be recognised over three successive years at a national level as the best at what we do. That hasn't come easy but, rather, with both perspiration and inspiration. The winners today will require both these characteristics along on the way and, save for a draw, by the time the victor climbs the steps of Ardán Ó Riáin to accept their titles, we will have got to enjoy another memorable day no doubt of hurling in Semple Stadium.

CAROLINE WALSH
Financial Controller





Tipperary GAA/GPA All-Stars 2014

Cathal Barrett (Tipperary) is presented with the GAA GPA Young Hurler of the Year award by Eddie Keher.



Congratulations to Tipperary's seven All-Star winners for 2014 and to Cathal Barrett who was named as Young Player of the Year in his debut season

That the Premier County received seven All-Stars is an indication of how far the side has come in twelve months and is proof that Tipperary are back on the right track. The key now is to push on in 2015 and to accompany those All-Star awards with Munster and All-Ireland senior hurling medals.

The players and management know what it takes to get over the winning line - they were within a whisker of it this year and will feel that they have the wherewithall to go one step further with total focus, total commitment and absolute belief.

Well done to the seven winners and to Cathal Barrett on their achievements in 2014.

Roll on 2015

Tipperary hurlers (l.-r.): Shane McGrath, Padraic Maher, Brendan Maher, Seamus Callanan, Darren Gleeson, Patrick Maher, John O'Dwyer and Young Player of the Year Cathal Barrett with their 2014 GAA/GPA All-Star Awards at the 2014 GAA GPA All-Star Awards, sponsored by Opel at the Convention Centre, Dublin.

(Photos: Paul Mohan/Sportsfile)

Unique and unprecedented decider

By: NOEL DUNDON 'Tipperary Star'



IT'S COUNTY Final Day in Tipperary and despite the many, many occasions that such an event has taken place in The Premier County, this will be the first ever featuring the famed Thurles Sarsfields and Loughmore-Castleiney clubs.

Yes, they have met at every other stage of the championship in the Mid and County series, but this afternoon is unique and unprecedented. With the Mid division enjoying a rich vein of form in recent times in terms of collecting the Dan Breen Cup at season end, it was always on the cards that Loughmore-Castleiney and Thurles Sarsfields could meet in the final. Afterall, Sarsfields had met Drom & Inch (2005 and 2009), and Drom & Inch had met Loughmore-Castleiney (2007). So, it was really only a matter of time before they would lock horns in the decider, especially given the potency of both sides at the present time.

It has been a hectic time alright in the

border townlands this past week and the huge rivalry built up of many years of competitive fare, seems to have come to a head. After all, this is THE big one and whoever wins this afternoon's duel will have bragging rights for many years to come.

In Thurles, where many of the Loughmore-Castleiney people shop, conduct business, socialise and earn a crust, the reaction to today's clash has been phenomenal. Everybody it seems is talking about the County Final and with the Intermediate encounter being an all-Mid affair also, Semple Stadium will be a real divisional hotbed of activity for the games.

There have been many major games between the sides down through the years, but none as big as this afternoons. This is the ultimate, the game every club hurler in every county of Ireland aspires to. Thing is, when it being played against one of your keenest rivals, it enhances the importance of the game one hundred fold.

Loughmore Castleiney, the defending champions, come into the game on the back of a comfortable victory over Mullinahone in the semi-final. They hardly got out of third

Templederry Kenyons Padraig Ryan attempts to block the progress of Aidan McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields) in the semi-final.
(Photo: John D. Kelly)



Clash between keenest of rivals

gear in that game, but they looked very sharp, focused and in the zone as they put in a savage shift against the South champions. They know that it will be different this afternoon, but they will be drawing on the experience of their clash with Clonoulty-Rossmore in the previous round to help them out – they had to dig really deep in that game to escape with their title intact.

Sarsfields too have struggled with form, but are in the final on merit and will relish having a go at relieving their neighbours of the silverware. The Blues would seem to be playing within themselves and though they have seen off the stern challenges of the likes of Drom & Inch, Éire Óg Nenagh and newcomers Templeberry, there still remains a number of questions as to their credentials. In fairness, Sarsfields have worked very hard and while their forward division has been battling to find fluency, the midfield and defence have been magnificent in front of the experienced Patrick McCormack. If Sarsfields click they could well be reunited with the Dan Breen Cup.

One of the biggest cheers of semi-final afternoon was the introduction of Loughmore-Castleiney sub Eddie Connolly in



Eddie Connolly was delighted to sample County SHC semi-final action after a year out from the hurling pitch with illness and is congratulated by fellow Loughmore-Castleiney man Johnny Fogarty, who is a popular steward at Semple Stadium. (Picture: Bridget Delaney)

the closing stages. For his bravery, courage, strength of mind and body, he received a standing ovation from Gaels from all over Tipperary. His story has been a very difficult

one, but he always sought the light at the end of the tunnel. Eddie and his family have received tremendous support from all quarters in the GAA – Thurles Sarsfields included. The on-field rivalry might be intense, but thankfully, priorities are right too. Continued support to Eddie and the best of wishes for his future.

The sight of the opposing jerseys will really fire something within both sides here this afternoon. The championship needs a big final to rescue what has been a disappointing culmination in terms of quality and class. Let's hope Loughmore-Castleiney and Thurles Sarsfields deliver, as they have done on so many occasions in the past.

Enjoy the game.



*Lorcan Egan
(Loughmore-Castleiney).
(Photo: Bridget Delaney)*

COUNTY FINAL *moments*

Previously

THURLES SARSFIELDS never played Loughmore-Castleiney in a county final, but the clubs have met regularly over the years in Mid and county championships. The Mid rivals have met in the county semi-finals on two occasions. Thurles Sarsfields were winners in 2002 at Templemore (3-13 to 4-7) and 2005 at Semple Stadium (2-19 to 2-14).

Green flag famine

IN THE past 10 years, two finals have ended without a goal – 2007 and 2009 – which were both all Mid deciders, with Drom & Inch out of luck each time.

Top scores by 10

THE TOP scorers in Tipperary County Senior Hurling finals over the past eight decades were:

1934 – Tom Hayes (Moycarkey-Borris) 2-0

1944 – Jack Dwyer (Thurles Sarsfields) 2-1

1954 – Francis Maher (Holy-cross-Ballycahill) 1-3

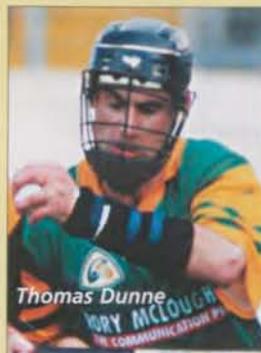
1964 – Jimmy Doyle (Thurles Sarsfields) 2-4

1974 – Johnny Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 2-1

1984 – John Flanagan (Moycarkey-Borris) 1-3

1994 – Thomas Dunne (Toomevara) 1-4

2004 – Paddy O'Brien (Toomevara) 2-4



Remembering Paddy Prior

IT IS hard to believe that eight years have passed since Borris-Ileigh's **Paddy Prior** died. Most people remember him from his work at the South Eastern Cattle Breeding Society in Dovea, where he was based for more than five decades. His family connections to hurling were strong. With his brothers, Joe and Mick, central to the club's county title wins in 1950 and 1953.

Jim became a Dublin senior hurling captain, while Mick promoted hurling among the youth of Borris for many years. Paddy was a well known face at Semple Stadium through his work on the Public Address system and there he met many friends who did not have Dovea connections. He was a great man for gadgets and the proverbial needle to anchor were always in his match day bag. He was a decent and honourable man with a strong faith. There was plenty of trickery in him too and you had to be careful when he was around.

A personal memory of Paddy from about 25 years ago was that he promised to present me with a contemporary Tipperary GAA tie and having bought one, he misplaced it at home. For months, I teased him about it, but then one Sunday it appeared and Paddy was smiling broadly as he handed it to me. Thereafter he used to check my attire every match day for about two years to make sure I was wearing it! It is still at home and always reminds me of him. We still miss Paddy and more so on County final day than any other.



Can Moyne-Templetuohy make up for last year's final defeat?

By: MORGAN LANIGAN 'Tipperary Star'



TODAY'S County Intermediate Final sees a rerun of this year's Mid title decider. Moyne-Templetuohy have regrouped since then but they face an undefeated Thurles Sarsfields team and club full of confidence.

One thing is guaranteed, Mid Tipperary will have its eighth county Intermediate Champion this afternoon. After winning seven of the first nineteen, it has been fifteen years since the last Mid win. Moyne-Templetuohy hope to make it their second success at this level, while Sarsfields contest their first Intermediate final.

In other sports, this game's equivalent is said to be worth millions, promotion to the top tier of club hurling won't put money in the bank, but it will put pride in the jersey. Of course if Thurles Sarsfields win, there's the happy situation for the County Board that could see no team promoted to an already congested senior grade. However, Moyne-Templetuohy want Senior hurling back and after the agony of last year's final defeat, they don't need to be reminded of the significance of the occasion.

In all honesty, Moyne-Templetuohy would probably admit they have just recovered from that crushing defeat to Ballina in last year's final. They had a chance to banish those demons in the Mid final but failed to overcome a strong Sarsfields team. They headed to Newport, not sure of where they stood, a good win



County Intermediate Final Captains: Cian Treacy (Thurles Sarsfields) and Diarmuid Fogarty (Moyne-Templetuohy) hold the Jacksie Ryan Cup at Semple Stadium. (Picture: Bridget Delaney)

there set up a clash with Clonakenny. This was a true test of their character with some saying if it should have been the final they passed this test with flying colours. They have some big name players who have hit form at the right time. The club has got top class facilities that would be the envy of any senior team and they won't rest till senior hurling comes back to the club.

For obvious reasons, Thurles Sarsfields have little history at this level. That said, the big day won't faze a club that has more experience than most of final day deciders. The past few weeks have been a real test of the squads depth. They have seen their line-up change with key players needed for their senior team. Importantly though, they've managed to keep their back line intact. With Cian Treacy getting the scores it was the defensive performance against St. Mary's that ensured they would have the chance to win a first County Intermediate title for the Blues. Thurles Sarsfields will rightly be confident going into the final, but will need to be wary. A win would also set the club up for a unique piece of history if the senior team can overcome Loughmore-Castleiney.

It promises to be an exciting intense affair as is the norm on any final day. Both sets of supporters will look to this as a game they can win. There are two intriguing factors going into the game, how will Thurles manage their situation with regard to the two games and will Moyne-Templetuohy be able to put last year's defeat behind them. Perfect really, a great game of hurling with plenty of sub-text.



Action from the Mid final.

Moyne-Templetuohy



Back row (l.-r.): T. Egan, T. Moloney, R. Ely, P. Quinlan, C. Ely, E. Ryan, D. Dunne, L. Everard, J. Grady, B. Kelly, D. Costigan, R. Larkin, J. Fogarty, J. Moloney, D. Kelly, T. Hamill, J. Butler, O. Lloyd, S. Moloney, C. Quinlan. Front row (l.-r.): J. Leahy, J. Coghlan, S. Everard, D. Fogarty (Capt), L. Butler, P. Maher, N. Russell, T. Hassett, M. Kelly, P. Meade, J. Bergin, J. Hassett, H. Coghlan, T. Meade, E. Kelly.

Path to Final

12/04/14 IHC:	Moyne-Templetuohy 6-23, Kilsheelan-Kilcash 1-09
04/05/14 IHC:	Moyne-Templetuohy 3-23 Holycross-Ballycahill 1-10
11/05/14 IHC:	Moyne-Templetuohy 2-17 St. Mary's-1.10
01/08/14 IHC:	Sean Treacy's 1-16 Moyne-Templetuohy 0-13
16/08/14 IHC:	Moyne-Templetuohy 2-18 Golden-Kilfeacle 0-13
18/10/14 IHC Co. Quarter-Final:	Moyne-Templetuohy 0-17 Newport 0-11
25/10/14 IHC Co. Semi Final:	Moyne-Templetuohy 1-12 Clonakenny 0-10

The Moyne-Templetuohy Gaa Club wish to thank the following extended panel for their commitment and help during training:

Odhran Lloyd, Tomás Egan, Eoin Ryan, Tom Moloney, Sean Moloney, Padraig Costigan, Michael Esmonde, Enda Everard, Eoin Gorman, David Lowe, Chris Lawlor, Paul Quinlan, Cathal O'Loughlin, Eoin Franks, Gerry Maher.

Players Profile

Paul Maher	Student
Liam Butler	Sales Manager
John Coghlan	Teacher
Conor Quinlan	Ag. Adviser
Pierce Meade	Student
Tossie Hamill	Student
Niall Russell	Block Layer
Tom Meade	Farmer
Robert Larkin	Student
Simon Everard	Tax Consultant
Hugh Coghlan	Garda
John Hassett	Engineer
Martin Kelly	Dairy Worker
Jason Bergin	Student
David Costigan	Pilot
Joe Leahy	Mining Technician
Diarmuid Fogarty	Teacher
Eddie Kelly	Mechanic
Jack Fogarty	Accountant
Tomás Hassett	Fitness Instructor
James Moloney	Student
Cathal Ely	Shop Manager
Denis Kelly	Sales Rep.
Louis Everard	Technician
Joe O'Grady	Farmer
Donnacha Dunne	Student
Ronan Ely	Shop Manager
Brian Kelly	Dairy Worker
James Butler	Mechanic



LEFT - Moyne-Templetuohy Management Team (l.-r.): Tom Guilfoyle (Selector), Eamon Sweeney (Coach), Willie Fogarty (Selector), Liam Stapleton (Selector), Timmy Bergin (Manager).

Thurles Sarsfields



Back row (l.-r.): Graham Maher, Tommy Doyle, Dylan Bourke, Rory O'Shea, Kevin Smith, Eoin Russell, David Corbett, Declan Ryan, Billy McCarthy, Michael Russell, Tom King, Willie Tierney, Kevin Dunne, Aidan Ryan, Pa Phelan. Front row (l.-r.): Barry O'Dwyer, Aidan Doyle, David Kennedy, Pa Crone, James Ryan, Paul Maher, Cian Treacy (Capt.), Richie Ruth, Michael O'Dwyer.

Paths to the Final

Saturday 05/04/14 – Group Stage:	Thurles Sarsfields 1-14	Newport 1-11
Monday 05/05/14 – Group Stage:	Thurles Sarsfields 1-25	Moyle Rovers 0-10
Saturday 12/04/14 – Group Stage:	Thurles Sarsfields 2-15	Moycarkey-Borris 0-12
Friday 23/07/14 – Group Stage:	Thurles Sarsfields 3-23	Rockwell Rovers 1-08
Sunday 25/05/14 – Mid Championship:	Thurles Sarsfields 1-14	Clonakenny 3-16
Sunday 29/06/14 – Mid Championship:	Thurles Sarsfields 2-17	Gortnahoe-Glengoole 1-10
Saturday 16/08/14 – Championship:	Thurles Sarsfields 2-19	Drom & Inch 1-14
Sunday 31/08/14 – Mid Semi-Final:	Thurles Sarsfields 3-14	Clonakenny 2-07
Sunday 14/09/14 – Mid Final:	Thurles Sarsfields 2-15	Moyneltempleouhy 1-12
Saturday 18/10/14 – County Quarter-Final:	Thurles Sarsfields 1-15	Arravale Rovers 0-08
Saturday 25/10/14 – County Semi-Final:	Thurles Sarsfields 1-13	St Mary's 0-12



Players Profile

Kevin Smith	22	Student
Rory O'Shea	23	Trainee Accountant
James Ryan	21	Student
Paul Maher	21	Teacher
Barry O'Dwyer	32	Medical Rep
David Kennedy	30	Accountant
Tom King	28	Teacher
David Corbett	21	Student
Kevin Dunne	19	Student
Tommy Doyle	23	Student
Michael Russell	23	Teacher
Dylan Burke	20	Student
Pa Phelan	20	Student
Eoin Russell	28	Insurance Assessor
Cian Treacy	23	Student
Willie Tierney	18	Student
Aidan Doyle	20	Student
Pa Crone	22	Student
Michael O'Dwyer	21	Student
Graham Maher	19	Student
Aidan Ryan	23	Student
Rory Dwan	20	Student
Seanie Butler	18	Student
Patrick Leahy	25	Student
Mark Lanigan	22	Student



Thurles Sarsfields Intermediate management team – Connie Maher, Martin O'Brien, Tommy Maher, Paddy McCormack with Declan Ryan and Tommy Maher Jr. Missing from photo is Jack Griffin.



Moyne-Templetuohy

Dathanna: Glas agus Ór

INTERMEDIATE

	1 st LEARN	2 nd LEARN	FORMER
CÓL			
CÓLÚNÍ			
SEACHAÍ			
OSÚ			
SADH PÓCANNA			



16. S. Ó Laocha JOE LEAHY	20. T. Ó hAisí TOMÁS HASSETT	24. L. Eibhearard LOUIS EVERARD	28. B. Ó Ceallaigh BRIAN KELLY
17. D. Ó Fógartaigh (Capt.) DIARMAID FOGARTY	21. S. Ó Maolomhnaigh JAMES MOLONEY	25. S. Ó Gráda JOE O'GRADY	29. S. de Buitléir JAMES BUTLER
18. E. Ó Ceallaigh EDDIE KELLY	22. C. Ely CATHAL ELY	26. D. Ó Doinn DONNACHA DUNNE	
19. S. Ó Fógartaigh JACK FOGARTY	23. D. Ó Ceallaigh DENIS KELLY	27. R. Ely RONAN ELY	

Manager: Tim Bergin Coach: Eamon Sweeney Selectors: Willie Fogarty, Liam Stapleton, Tom Gullfoyle
 Physio: Claire & Tricia Hassett (Physio Elite) First Aid: Teresa Everard

Thurles Sarsfields

Dathanna: Gorm agus Bán

INTERMEDIATE

	TAM LEATH	2am LEATH	IBARLÁN
CUIL			
CUILÍNÍ			
SEACHAÍ			
BSM			
SAOR POCANNA			



1. C. Mac Gabhann
Kevin Smith

2. R. Ó Sé
Rory O'Shea

3. S. Ó Ríain
James Ryan

4. P. Ó Meachair
Paul Maher

5. B. Ó Dubhuir
Barry O'Dwyer

6. D. Ó Cinnéide
David Kennedy

7. T. Ó Cionga
Tom King

8. D. Ó Coirbín
David Corbett

9. C. Ó Doinn
Kevin Dunne

10. T. Ó Dúghaill
Tommy Doyle

11. M. Ó Ruiséil
Michael Russell

12. D. de Búrca
Dylan Burke

13. P. Ó Faoláin
Pa Phelan

14. E. Ó Ruiséil
Eoin Russell

15. C. Ó Treasaigh (Capt.)
Cian Treacy

16. L. Ó Tiarnaigh
WILLIE TIERNEY

19. M. Ó Dubhuir
MICHAEL O'DWYER

23. R. Ó Duáin
RORY DWAN

27. M. Ó Lonagáin
MARK LANIGAN

17. A. Ó Dúghaill
AIDAN DOYLE

21. G. Ó Meachair
GRAHAM MAHER

25. S. de Buitléir
SEANIE BUTLER

18. P. Cróin
PA CRONE

22. A. Ó Ríain
AIDAN RYAN

26. P. Ó Laocha
PATRICK LEAHY

Team Management: Tommy Maher, Paddy McCormack, Martin O'Brien,
Connie Maher, Jack Griffin

Derek BOURKE

LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY

By: JACKIE CAHILL



DEREK BOURKE admits that there was hardly a dry eye in Semple Stadium last Sunday when Eddie Connolly appeared as a late substitute for Loughmore-Castleiney during their emphatic Clean Ireland Recycling county SHC semi-final victory over Mullinahone.

Connolly's return to club colours was the highlight of a one-sided affair and he was afforded a well-deserved round of applause when he came on to replace Liam McGrath in the 59th minute.

Connolly has been battling cancer but received good news last week when scans revealed that his brain tumour has reduced in size.

And Bourke, 30, knows more than most what Connolly has been going through.

The pair are housemates in Dublin, along with Ciaran and Paul McGrath (Liam's brother), and Laois man Billy O'Loughlin.

Bourke, a mechanical engineer, works for Ethos engineering in Sandyford as a consultant and enjoys a close friendship with Connolly.

And he said: "There wasn't a dry eye in the stadium. The little bit of news he got during the week, he took it as if it was the same as bad news.

"It just didn't bother him. He stayed going, rang (Loughmore) manager Declan Laffan and told him that he was togging out."

Eddie and James Connolly competed the Charitable friends of Cross limited (a charity supporting cancer research) cycle from Mizzen Head to Malin Head in September.

And Bourke explained: "In his own head, that cycle was harder than any training session or match you'll ever play.

“ It's just a dream hurling final, the one I was hoping for. **”**

"So he said that if they let him do that cycle, why couldn't he play?"

Connolly's resilience in the face of huge adversity is symptomatic of the Loughmore spirit.

Morals, values and codes of behaviour have passed down from generation to generation in the club and Bourke says: "It's normal – it was bred into us.

"It's what the past players had as well.

"I remember my first game and all the boys going out for pints together.

"And the year in 2007 when Johnny Gleeson was announced as captain, a bunch of my friends were heading for Thurles but Johnny was going for a pint in Templemore. I stuck with my captain."

And Bourke reveals that the more senior players in the Loughmore set-up set the tone and provide example to the younger members.

He added: "If there's a lad acting up at training, it's the older lad who will tell what way to roll.

"Evan Sweeney is one of the older lads and a key man in the forwards.

"He's good to bring a lad into line and tell him: 'that's not the way we do things.'"

Bourke has described this afternoon's clash with Thurles Sarsfields as the "dream" final, adding: "It's the one we always wanted.

"To beat Toomevara and Thurles Sarsfields in the one year is the dream.

"There's no bad blood between us or anything like that – each set of players get on well. It's just a dream hurling final, the one I was hoping for."

Loughmore-Castleiney's DEREK BOURKE challenges Borris-Ileigh's Keith Ryan.
(Photo: Bridget Delaney)



Stephen MAHER

THURLES SARSFIELDS

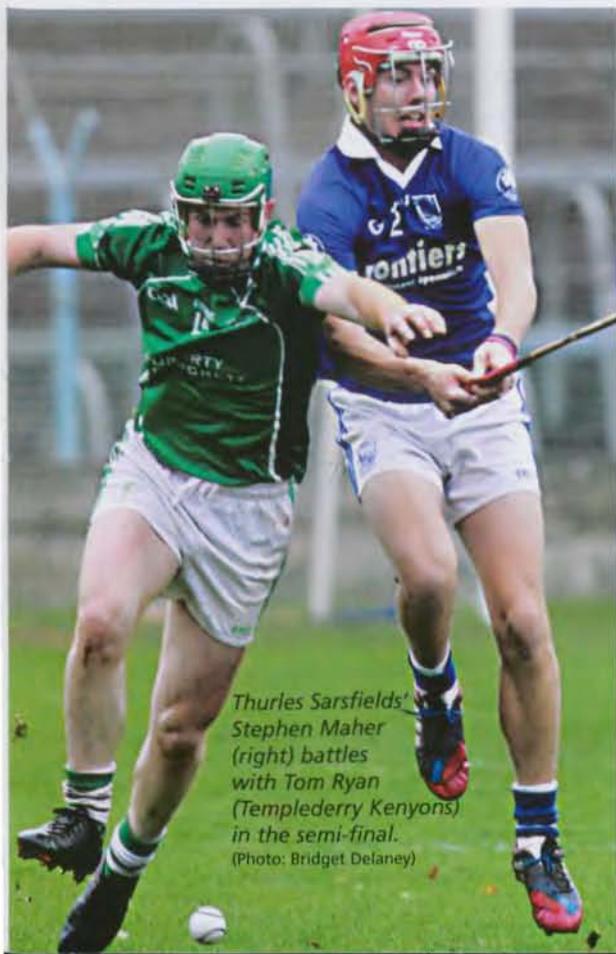
By: JACKIE CAHILL



STEPHEN MAHER has described the prospect of losing this afternoon's Clean Ireland Recycling county senior hurling final against Loughmore-Castleiney as a "nightmare scenario".

MaHER, 22, has been one of the unsung heroes in the Sarsfields march to another Dan Breen decider and he's anxious to finish the job against holders Loughmore-Castleiney.

MaHER, a former minor and U21 hurler with Tipperary, has been consistently good at corner back and he excelled again during last Sunday's semi-final victory over Templederry Kenyons, turning in yet another assured display.



Thurles Sarsfields' Stephen Maher (right) battles with Tom Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) in the semi-final.
(Photo: Bridget Delaney)

But MaHER, a former Fitzgibbon Cup winner with UCC, insists that everything to date will count for nothing if Sarsfields fail to get the job done today.

He admitted: "You might lose a semi-final or a quarter-final and you'll get over it a bit quicker.

"Losing a final is a nightmare scenario for anyone, because you're so close and to be set back all the way."

Victory today would hand MaHER a second Tipperary SHC medal and he also captured a provincial medal when Sarsfields beat De La Salle in the 2012 Munster final.

And with an exceptionally talented crop available to the Sarsfields management team at the present time, MaHER is anxious to lift more silverware.

He said: "The club we're in, anything but success is a failure really to us. The success we've had, that's the way we look at it.

"We're very conscious, looking around at the players who have played at such a high level, of what's expected of us and of each other.

“The club we're in, anything but success is a failure really to us.”

"All the way through the year, the Tipperary lads wouldn't have trained as often with us.

"When you have lads like them coming back into the side, the expectation just rises when you see how they train and how they perform. It lifts the rest of us.

"We're looking at them and you're playing on the same field so you expect more of yourself.

"Pádraic MaHER and these lads are winners and you want to be the same as them.

"It definitely gives you a lift alright.

Leading the attacking charge for Sars is Aidan McCormack, scorer of 0-9 against Templederry last weekend.

And MaHER agreed: "He was fantastic. It's great having lads like him above.

"You know if you play the ball right to him from the backs, he'll do something with it.

"He's a man personally I'd often look for myself if I was coming out.

"He always shows for it as well. It's going right for him lately and hopefully he keeps it up."

Reflecting on last Sunday's hard-fought victory, MaHER recalled: "It was tough going. The wind made it difficult.

"Even with the wind in the first half, the forwards found it difficult to get used to the shooting angles.

"Templederry were the same. The wind and the opposition made it very difficult but luckily it came out right for us in the end."

Loughmore-Castleiney



Loughmore-Castleiney team that defeated CJ Kichams Mullinahone in the Clean Ireland Recycling County Senior Hurling Championship semi-final

Back row (l.-r.): Joseph Nyland, Johnny Campion, David Kennedy, Evan Sweeney, Tomás McGrath, Joseph Hennessy, Craig Cleary, John Ryan, Derek Bourke, Cian Hennessy, Bill O'Connell, Tommy Maher, Brian McGrath, Dinny Brereton, Shane Nolan. Front row (l.-r.): Diarmuid Brennan, Henry Maher, Lorcan Egan, Ciaran McGrath, Tom King, Liam Treacy, Liam McGrath, Aidan McGrath, John McGrath, Noel McGrath, Willie Eviston, Shane Nolan.

Missing from photograph: Tommy Long, Eddie Connolly, Paddy Moynihan, Darren Danagher.

Loughmore-Castleiney

PLAYER PROFILES

	Age	Occupation		Age	Occupation
Shane Nolan	24	Teacher	Craig Cleary	21	Student
Joseph Hennessy	20	Student	Willie Eviston	23	Works in Insurance
Derek Bourke	30	Engineer	Tommy Long	33	Intel employee
Lorcan Egan	20	Student	Joseph Nyland	19	Student
Aidan McGrath	23	Student	Johnny Campion	26	Works in Insurance
David Kennedy	37	Garda	John Ryan	23	Student
Tom King	33	Civil Servant	Tommy Maher	20	Student
Ciaran McGrath	26	Civil Servant	Bill O'Connell	18	Student
Tomás McGrath	22	Student	Diarmuid Brennan	27	Agricultural Rep
John McGrath	20	Student	Henry Maher	23	College Graduate
Liam Treacy	21	Student	Paddy Moynihan	24	Engineer
Noel McGrath	23	Bank Official	Denis Brereton	20	Student
Liam McGrath	21	Student	Brian McGrath	20	Student
Evan Sweeney	30	Civil Servant	Shane Hennessy	26	Teacher
Cian Hennessy	24	Fund Banker	Eddie Connolly	29	Bank Official

SCORERS

Hennessy, Cian	2-13
Kennedy, David	0-02
Maher, Tommy	1-00
McGrath, Aidan	0-13
McGrath, Ciaran	0-04
McGrath, John	2-24
McGrath, Liam	2-43
McGrath, Noel	1-28
McGrath, Tomas	0-03
Sweeney, Evan	2-11
Treacy, Liam	2-14

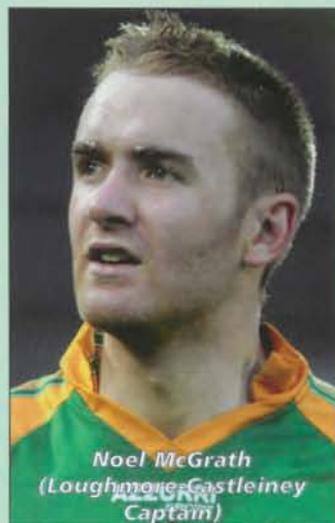


Path to the Final

MID	beat Moycarkey	1-18	to	0-15
	lost Upperchurch	1-21	to	2-19
COUNTY	beat Annacarty	1-14	to	0-15
	drew Moycarkey	1-17	to	0-20
	beat Toomevara	1-19	to	2-13
	beat Ballina	4-27	to	1-10
	beat Clonoulty	0-17	to	2-10
	beat Mullinahone	3-22	to	0-14
TOTALS	FOR	12-155	AGAINST	7-116



Loughmore-Castleiney Senior Hurling Management (l-r): Pat McGrath, Declan Laffan (Manager) and Seamus Bohan. (Photos: Bridget Delaney)



Noel McGrath
(Loughmore-Castleiney
Captain)



Loughmore-Castleiney

Dathanna: Glas agus Dearg

SENIOR

	1st LEAN	2nd LEAN	IMMÁN
CÓIL			
CÓILÍNÍ			
SEACHAÍ			
BSA			
SAGH			
POCANNA			



16. C. Ó Cleirigh CRAIG CLEARY	20. S. Caimpion JOHNNY CAMPION	24. D. Ó Braonáin DIARMUID BRENNAN	28. B. Mac Craith BRIAN McGRATH
17. L. Eviston WILLIE EVISTON	21. S. Ó Riain JOHN RYAN	25. A. Ó Meachair HENRY MAHER	29. S. Ó hAonasa SHANE HENNESSY
18. T. Ó Longáin TOM LONG	22. T. Ó Meachair TOMMY MAHER	26. P. Ó Muineacháin PADDY MOYNIHAN	30. E. Ó Connaille EDDIE CONNOLLY
19. S. Ó Nialláin JOSEPH NYLAND	23. B. Ó Conaill BILL O'CONNELL	27. D. Bréartún DENIS BRERETON	

Selectors: Declan Laffan, Seamus Bohan, Pat McGrath. Trainer: Alan O'Connor
Physio: Cathy Doran. Equipment: Kieran Kiely, Kevin Stapleton

Thurles Sarsfields

Dathanna: Gorm agus Bán

SENIOR

	TAM LEATH	ZAM LEATH	IMMÁN
CÚIL			
CÚILÍNÍ			
SEACHAÍ			
DSÚ			
SAOR			
POCANNA			



1. P. Mac Cormaic
Patrick McCormack

2. S. Ó Meachair
Stephen Maher

3. M. Ó Cathail
Michael Cahill

4. D. Ó Meachair
David Maher

5. R. Ó Meachair
Ronan Maher

6. P. Ó Meachair
Padraic Maher

7. M. Ó Gliasáin
Michael Gleeson

8. S. Ó Cathail
Stephen Cahill

9. B. Mac Cárthaigh
Billy McCarthy

10. D. Ó Meachair
Denis Maher

11. A. Mac Cormaic
Aidan McCormack

12. C. Ó Lonagáin
Conor Lanigan

13. M. Ó Briain
Michael O'Brien

14. P. de Búrca (Capt.)
Pa Bourke

15. L. Ó Coirbín
Lar Corbett

16. C. Mac Gabhann KEVIN SMITH	20. D. Ó Cinnéide DAVID KENNEDY	24. B. Ó Dubhuir BARRY O'DWYER	28. M. Ó Ruiséil MICHAEL RUSSELL
17. D. Ó Coirbín DAVID CORBETT	21. S. Ó Meachair JOHN MAHER	25. C. Ó Gormáin KEVIN O'GORMAN	29. E. Ó Ruiséil EOIN RUSSELL
18. T. Ó Dúghaill TOMMY DOYLE	22. G. Ó Gráda GER O'GRADY	26. R. Ó Sé RORY O'SHEA	30. C. Ó Treasaigh CIAN TREACY
19. P. Ó Doinn PA DUNNE	23. P. Ó Meachair PAUL MAHER	27. R. Rút RICHIE RUTH	

Team Management: Tommy Maher, Paddy McCormack, Martin O'Brien,
Connie Maher, Jack Griffin



Thurles Sarsfields



Thurles Sarsfields team that defeated Templederry Kenyons in the Clean Ireland Recycling County Senior Hurling Championship semi-final

Back row (l.-r.): Kevin Smith, Denis Maher, Pa Dunne, David Maher, Aidan McCormack, Ronan Maher, Padraic Maher, Pa Bourke, Ger O'Grady, Billy McCarthy, Stephen Maher, Rory O'Shea, Michael Russell, Declan Ryan, Paul Maher, David Corbett, Tommy Doyle, Kevin O'Gorman, Larry Corbett.

Front row (l.-r.): John Maher, Conor Lanigan, Michael Cahill, Stephen Cahill, Patrick McCormack, Michael Gleeson, Richie Ruth, Michael O'Brien James Ryan, Cian Treacy, Eoin Russell, Barry O'Dwyer, David Kennedy, Tom King.

Thurles Sarsfields



PLAYER PROFILES

	Age	Occupation			
Patrick McCormack	30	Teacher	Lar Corbett	33	Publican
Stephen Maher	22	Teacher	Kevin Smith	22	Student
Michael Cahill	25	Medical Rep	David Corbett	21	Student
David Maher	23	Trainee Accountant	Pa Dunne	22	Student
Ronan Maher	19	Student	Tommy Doyle	23	Student
Padraic Maher	25	Employee GMC Sierra	David Kennedy	30	Accountant
Michael Gleeson	26	Accountant	John Maher	27	Student
Stephen Cahill	19	Student	Paul Maher	21	Teacher
Billy McCarthy	17	Student	Ger O'Grady	35	Self Employed
Denis Maher	23	Barman	Barry O'Dwyer	32	Medical Rep
Aidan McCormack	22	Painter	Kevin O'Gorman	24	Teacher
Conor Lanigan	19	Student	Rory O'Shea	23	Trainee Accountant
Michael O'Brien	21	Student	Richard Ruth	28	Teacher
Pa Bourke (Capt)	26	Employee of Semple Stadium	Eoin Russell	28	Insurance Assessor
			Michael Russell	23	Teacher
			Cian Treacy	23	Student

Path to the Final

Group Stage:

Thurles Sarsfields 3-28
Moneygall 0-09

Thurles Sarsfields 3-27
Cappawhite 0-04

Thurles Sarsfields 0-27
Portroe 0-06

Mid Round 1:

Thurles Sarsfields 0-26
Upperchurch/Drombane 0-12

Mid Semi-Final:

Thurles Sarsfields 1-15
Drom & Inch 3-19

Last 16:

Thurles Sarsfields 3-17
Drom & Inch 1-20

County Quarter-Final:

Thurles Sarsfields 0-20
Nenagh Eire Óg 0-19

County Semi-Final:

Thurles Sarsfields 0-18
Templederry/Kenyons 1-11



Preparing for the County semi-final were the Sarsfields Team Management: Connie Maher, Declan Ryan (backroom team), Martin O'Brien, Tommy Maher Jr, Tommy Maher and Paddy McCormack. Missing from photo is Jack Griffin.



Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields Captain)

Local CONTESTS

By: SEAMUS O'DOHERTY

AFTER THE establishment of the West Board, four Divisional winners participated in the Tipperary semi-finals and it became possible for clubs in the same Division to meet in a county final when quarter-finals were introduced in 1960. Interestingly, there have been 19 local deciders in those 54 campaigns, which averages out at one nearly every three years.

The first 'local' decider occurred in 1962 when Thurles Sarsfields pipped Moycarkey-Borris by a point. The next followed in 1964 as contemporary Mid supremacy saw Thurles Sarsfields trounce Holycross-Ballycahill. There was a gap then until 1972, when the North had its first final, with Roscrea beating

Borris-Ileigh comfortably on probably the wettest ever county final day.

The North reigned supreme and further deciders saw Roscrea beating Kilruane MacDonaghs in 1973, Moneygall also beating the white and black in a replay in 1975, Moneygall a point ahead of Roscrea in 1976 and Kilruane MacDonaghs winning their first County title in a replay against Borris-Ileigh on another wet day in 1977.

Details of the nineteen same Division county finals played to date are:

1962	Thurles Sarsfields 1-7	Moycarkey-Borris 1-6
1964	Thurles Sarsfields 5-13	HolycrossBallycahill 1-4
1972	Roscrea 5-8	Borris-Ileigh 3-6
1973	Roscrea 3-14	Kilruane MacDonaghs 3-8
1975	Moneygall 3-13	Kilruane MacDonaghs 0-5
	(replay after 3-9 each Draw)	
1976	Moneygall 1-9	Roscrea 2-5
1977	Kilruane MacDonaghs 1-5	Borris-Ileigh 0-5
	(replay after 1-11 to 2-8 Draw)	
1978	Kilruane MacDonaghs 2-14	Roscrea 2-13
1980	Roscrea 3-11	Kilruane MacDonaghs 2-13
1981	Borris-Ileigh 1-14	Roscrea 0-12
1985	Kilruane MacDonaghs 2-11	Roscrea 0-10
1986	Borris-Ileigh 0-14	Kilruane MacDonaghs 0-7
1993	Toomevara 1-14	Nenagh Éire Óg 1-13
1999	Toomevara 1-17	Nenagh Éire Óg 0-13
2005	Thurles Sarsfields 1-17	Drom & Inch 0-15
2006	Toomevara 1-21	Nenagh Éire Óg 2-14
2007	Loughmore-Castleiney 0-22	Drom & Inch 0-13
2009	Thurles Sarsfields 0-14	Drom & Inch 0-5
2012	Thurles Sarsfields 1-21	Drom & Inch 2-15



Roscrea – County Champions 1972

(The first winners of an All-North County Senior Hurling Final)

Back row (l.-r.): Thomas O'Reilly, Seamus O'Doherty, Luke Carroll, John Joe Maher, Jimmy Crampton, Tom Tynan, Jody Spooner, Willie Stapleton, Jackie Hannon (Capt.), Tadhg Murphy, Mick Minogue, Martin Loughnane. Front row (l.-r.): Willie O'Reilly, Francis Loughnane, Joe Cunningham, Mick Hogan, Donie Moloney, Patsy Rowland, Brendan Maher, Joe Tynan Tadhg O'Connor.



John O'Brien, Toomevara, in action against Hugh Maloney, Nenagh Éire Óg in the 2006 Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship Final at Semple Stadium, Thurles.

(Photo: David Maher/Sportsfile)

Kilruane retained the Dan Breen Cup against Roscrea in 1978 when Gilbert Williams pilfered a late goal to win by a point. Two years later, Roger Ryan came on as a substitute and did the same for Roscrea against four-in-a-row chasing Kilruane MacDonaghs.

Borris-Ileigh cracked it at last in 1981 when they dethroned Roscrea, who appeared again in 1985, but lost to Kilruane MacDonaghs. Borris-Ileigh toppled Kilruane on a lovely sunny day in September 1986 and we had to wait until 1993 for the next same Division final. Toomevara retained their title, beating Nenagh Éire Óg by a point and did the same again in 1999 – but by seven points.

The same pairing featured again in 2006 with Toomevara, again coming out on top. In 2005 Thurles Sarsfields beat Drom & Inch and repeated the dose in 2009 and 2012. The Mid also appeared on the big stage in 2007, when

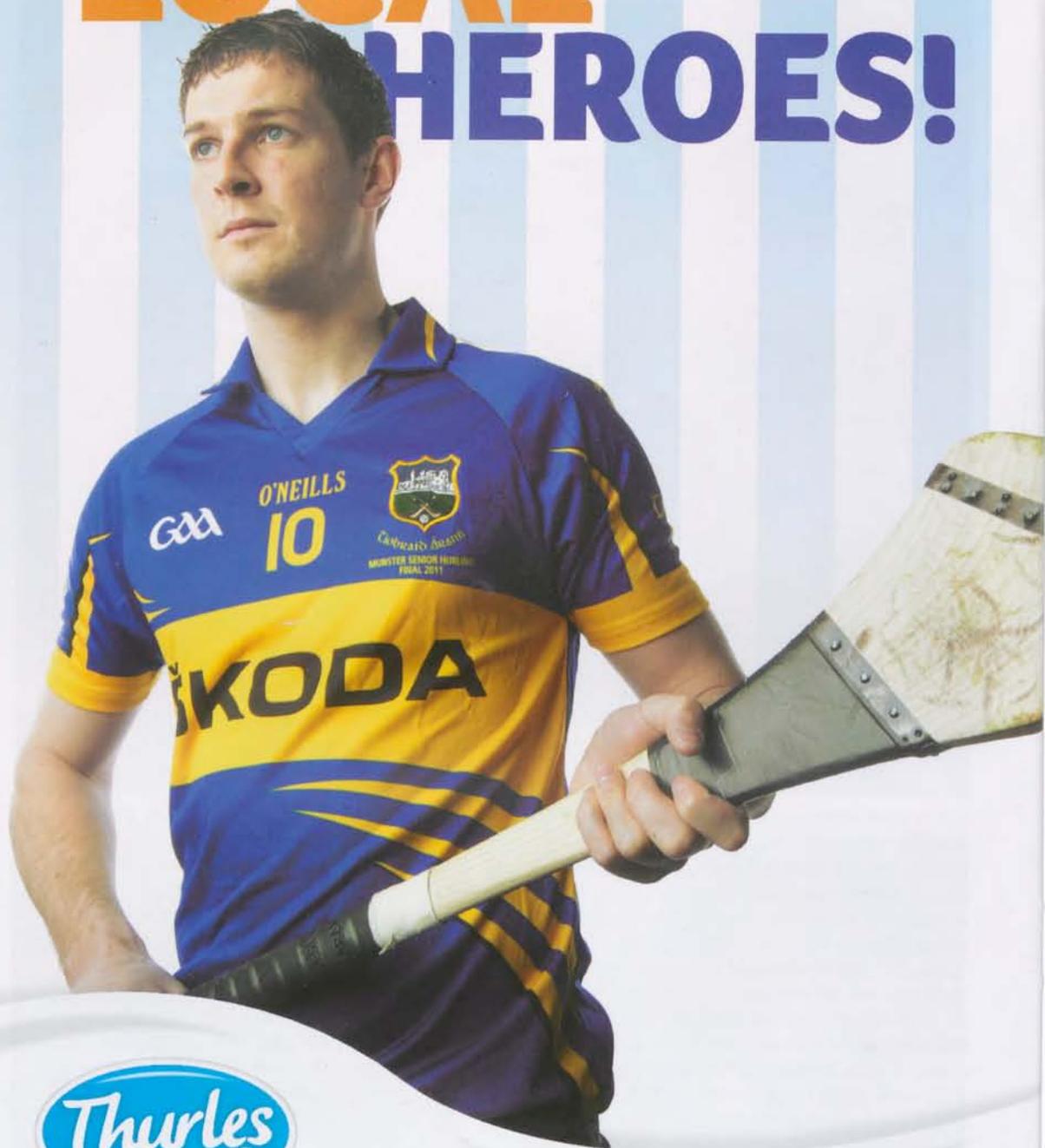
Loughmore-Castleiney beat Drom & Inch.

With four North teams in the quarter-finals, 2014 looked like a possibility for another local battle. Thurles Sarsfields and Loughmore-Castleiney (the last two county champions) offered a Mid alternative, but as always so much depended on the quarter-final results and the semi-final draw.

In summary, there have been 13 all-North and six all-Mid County finals. The Mid started it off and provided the last three encounters, but the North dominated in between. The West and South have yet to claim the Dan Breen Cup final day as their own.

Despite some great games in these neighbouring encounters, I am not a fan of same Division finals. County Final day is always more appealing and inclusive, when two Divisions are involved and it also generates broader external interest.

LOCAL HEROES!



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A challenging year

By SEAMUS O'DOHERTY

FOR MANY years people looked upon County Final day as the end of the hurling year and the start of Winter. These days the Provincial campaigns at Junior, Intermediate and Senior levels mean that there is more action to enjoy, if you are a member or follower of a county final winning team.

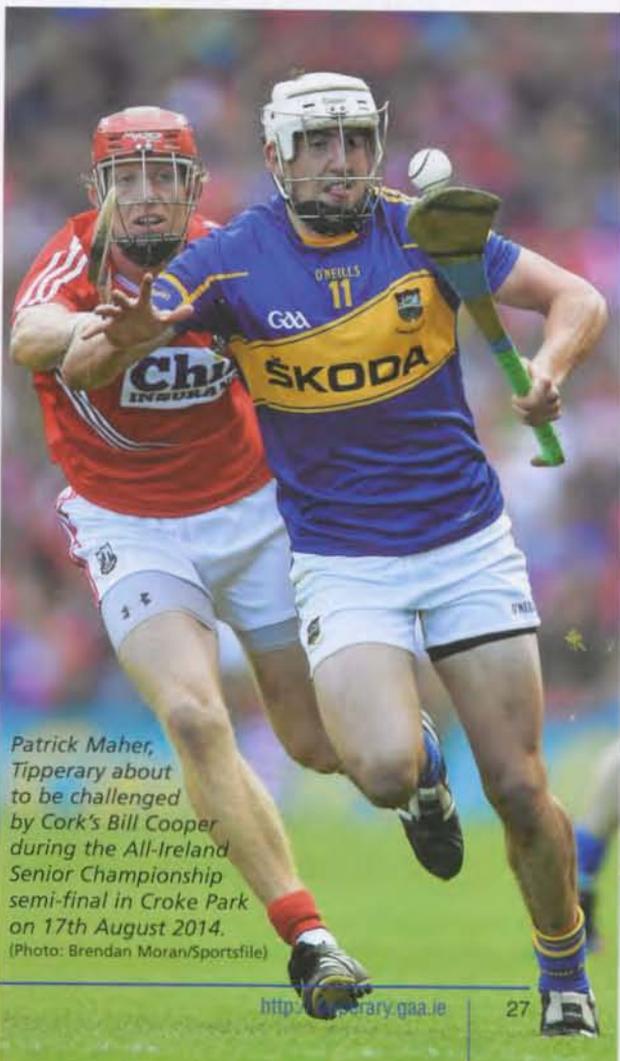
The inter-county season ended with the All-Ireland Senior hurling final replay and while it was a tremendous game, Tipperary's loss cast a shadow over us afterwards. Most observers insist that Tipperary should have won the first day and having scored 1-28, it is hard to disagree. That offensive performance was one of the finest produced by Tipperary in modern times and it was regrettable that it was insufficient to win the title. The replay posed a dilemma for our management, insofar as it was difficult to demote anyone following displays in the drawn game and doing so may have upset the newly found belief that saw a late scoring blast retrieve a difficult position, as Kilkenny led going into the final minutes.

It was anticipated, based on previous experience, that Kilkenny would return with a different emphasis. "A settled spirit more than a settled team" said Brian Cody, whose mantra insists on continuous improvement. Many observers who witnessed their heroic defensive work in the last quarter in the semi-final against Limerick, on a dreadful day for hurling, felt that such tenacity would be employed again. Limerick had enough possession and territory to win the game, but lost by two points because Kilkenny blocked, hooked, tackled and generally made it difficult for their forwards to get a clear shot at the posts. In the circumstances, a two point win owed everything to that competitive spirit and willingness to do the 'dirty' but critical work.

TACKLING

Prior to Liam Sheedy's appointment in the Autumn of 2007, I was one of several people interviewed, by *The Tipperary Voice* newspaper's Sports Editor, P.M. O'Sullivan

(now a selector under Andy Moloney and Colm Bonnar at Ballyhale Shamrocks), about their passion for hurling. Inter alia, he asked how I saw the difference between club hurling in both counties. My answer was that tackling is faster and more aggressive in Kilkenny and that usually more than one player will be involved. Those words came to mind after watching the replay on September 27th as Kilkenny's recast defence – personnel and system – applied those principles and reduced Tipperary's scoring tally by 11 points. In any language, that was a significant turnaround. The assessment is simple – Kilkenny's three most influential players were in defence – Jackie Tyrrell, Padraig Walsh and Kieran



Patrick Maher, Tipperary about to be challenged by Cork's Bill Cooper during the All-Ireland Senior Championship semi-final in Croke Park on 17th August 2014.
(Photo: Brendan Moran/Sportsfile)

Joyce – which confirmed that Tipp had possession in the right area of the pitch, but couldn't use it as effectively as they had in the drawn game.

SIMILARITIES

Let's acknowledge that Tipperary's defence was also meaner in the replay and trimmed Kilkenny's return by 8 points, along with reducing the goals conceded from 3 to 2. Still we might have recalled similarities with Nowlan Park in July 2013 ... as Tipp scored the only first half goal, J.J. Delaney saved another certain Tipp goal, the Premier county led for periods of the game, Kilkenny's half backs were on top in the second half and dominated the high ball, Lar Corbett didn't finish the game, Henry Shefflin came on as a second half substitute, Brian Gavin was the referee and we lost by a goal. Regrets – there have been too many. Five times in six years Kilkenny has been our conqueror – twice by 3 points, once by 4 and once by 5. In any other era, it could have been a golden harvest for Tipperary.

REFLECTIONS

Firstly, let us acknowledge that after the loss to Limerick in June there was an overpowering sense of deflation. Defeat attracted significant media interest. The fact that Limerick were defending Munster champions and entitled to respect was lost in the mists of hyperbole. Remember too that they probably should have beaten Tipperary in the 2012 clash at Semple Stadium.

It took much dedicated work on the part of management to rebuild a brand which seemed shattered by the narrow loss. In reality, the problem was that the ghosts of an inconsistent League campaign returned to torment minds. Three consecutive losses in that competition had led to reports of crisis, catastrophe, imminent disaster and worse. The team beat Dublin and still it went on about how lucky they had been, that they really should have been in a relegation play-off! In a welcome contribution towards balance, Eamon O'Shea maintained that the sample of games (3) taken to arrive at this conclusion was too small for credibility.

The players recovered to beat Cork and Clare. They faced Kilkenny in the Final and if we overlook the doubtful nature of a point for Kilkenny and a wide signalled to us, the game was settled at the end of a long day by a slick piece of opportunism, which produced



a cheeky winning point. This League recovery process was invoked again after Limerick. The game that made Tipperary believe in themselves again was the victory over Galway. I can still feel the pride of all and sundry after the game, as loyalists relived how Tipp crushed the visitors in the last 20 minutes. Offaly and Dublin surrendered as our confidence rose and players displayed the full array of their hurling skills. The performance against Munster Champions, Cork, show-cased what could be done with a confident team, a shared purpose and a willingness to support each other. It had been five years since there was such a comfortable Croke Park win and it was all wrapped up with 20 minutes to go.

Where do we go from here?

We go back to planning a new campaign, looking at the players we need for a challenging 2015. They must be chosen on current form and be skilful enough to play at the breathtaking pace, which is the norm for inter-county hurling. They must be prepared to do what is required of them and must not be comfortable on the substitutes' bench. There is no comfort zone in inter-county hurling. They must have an overpowering desire to be successful hurlers and if they meet

J.J. Delaney (Kilkenny) hooks Seamus Callanan, Tipperary, as he goes for a goal chance during the All Ireland Senior Hurling Championship Final Replay at Croke Park on 27th September 2014.
(Photo: Brendan Moran/Sportsfile)



all the criteria, I wouldn't ask to see their birth certificates. Anyone who makes it to the match day panel must be useable in the heat of battle and sentiment must have no place in our deliberations.

CLUB MATTERS

In reflecting on 2014, I feel sympathy for the clubs which have been dragged along at the mercy of the All-Ireland championship campaign. In the greater scheme of things they hold their counsel. Toomevara had to wait a long time for their critical game with Loughmore-Castleiney, although a competitive challenge game in North Kilkenny, had them primed and ready many weeks earlier. Our club season is now high risk, because if Tipperary lose in Munster and end up in qualifiers, or are faced with a replay at any stage, the available playing dates are reduced significantly.

It doesn't help our champion club facing into a Munster campaign after several weeks of competitive activity to be without an opportunity for recovery. We can be fair to the clubs and the county team, but not by persisting with all adult club competitions being run on a League system. It is time to

introduce an all county Premier Dan Breen Cup Senior Hurling Championship with 16 teams and a Seamus O'Riain Cup second tier, with promotion and relegation, which will regulate the grading from year to year.

A Divisional championship may still be played, involving teams from both tiers, but without a link to the county championship.

There may be over 30 teams playing in the Senior Championship, but they are not all Senior teams. If we really want to conquer Kilkenny, let's start by improving the structure of our club championships and helping our players to develop, by consistently playing against teams of a high standard, on a planned basis, with time for recovery between games. Less activity may yield more success!

Joe Hannigan, Chairman of the Football Board put our situation into context in *The Irish Examiner* of October 9th. "There are so many elements, so many teams, so many players lining out in both competitions. There are 32 senior hurling teams and 20 senior football teams and the majority of players are dual."

CONCLUSION

Reaching an All-Ireland Final is a wonderful achievement but defeat leaves everyone disappointed. Inevitably, the year 2014 will be filed away as a failure. Strictly speaking it is, because Tiobraid Árann is not etched on the base of the MacCarthy cup, but the All-Ireland day experience gained by so many players will prove beneficial in the future. Tipperary's record of coming back from a final defeat, since Wexford surprised us in 1960, is encouraging. There were wins in 1961, 1989 and 2010, even if it didn't happen in 1968, 1969, 1998 or 2012. The challenge is there to be met. The performances of our Under-21 teams in recent years have been encouraging and with the best of the Minor champions from 2012 also available, there is probably more talent coming through than pessimists might think. If there is a unified collaborative approach from all sides and an unquenchable spirit can be cultivated among the players, the immediate future may be more gold than blue. Meanwhile let's ensure that all of our sign posts are pointing in the right direction.

"Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will

To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield."

(Ulysses 1842, Alfred, Lord Tennyson)

COUNTY FINAL

moments

Holding on

SINCE the Dan Bren Cup was presented in 1931, the only clubs which have retained it are:
 Thurles Sarsfields 1935/36, 1938/39, 1944/45/46,
 1955/56/57/58/59, 1961/62/63/64/65, 2009/10.
 Toomevara 1992/93/94, 1998/99, 2000/01, 2003/04
 Roscrea 1968/69/70 1972/73
 Moycarkey-Borris 1932/33/34
 Kilruane MacDonaghs 1977/78/79
 Carrick Davins 1966/67
 Borris-Ileigh 1949/50
 Moneygall 1975/76.

All-Stars from the finalists clubs

Loughmore-Castleiney: Noel McGrath 2009 and 2010.

Thurles Sarsfields: Eddie Enright 2001, Padraic Maher 2009, 2011, 2014, Michael Cahill 2011, Lar Corbett 2009, 2010, 2011.

November days

TODAY'S decider will be the first played on a November day since 2002. On that occasion, Mullinahone and Thurles Sarsfields drew on November 3rd and replayed on November 10th. In the past 50 years, there were also November finals in 2001 (11th), 1998 (1st), 1997 (2nd), 1992 (1st & 8th), 1991 (10th), 1987 (1st), 1972 (12th), 1966 (6th), 1965 (14th & 21st) and 1964 (15th).

Most popular

IN ALL of the County Senior Finals played to date, the most popular pairing has been North v Mid, which provided the teams on 51 occasions. The next most frequent pairing is Mid v West, which occurred 16 times.



Brendan Carroll (Thurles Sarsfields) strikes the sliotar as CJ Kickhams Mullinahone's Eoin Kelly moves in during the Tipperary County Senior Hurling Championship Final on 3rd November 2002.

(Photo: Matt Browne/Sportsfile)

Draw time

IN THE history of the Tipperary Senior Hurling championship there have been nine drawn finals and two refixtures (1899 and 1910) which both followed objections. The draws were in 1930, 1945, 1965, 1975, 1977 1982, 1988, 1992 and 2002. Mullinahone beat Thurles Sarsfields in the 2002 replay by 2-10 to 1-11, after a 0-14 all draw.

CLONOULTY-ROSSMORE

celebrate 1989 victory

By: SEAMUS J. KING



CLONOULTY-ROSSMORE'S victory in the 1989 senior hurling championship may have been partly overshadowed in the rest of the county by Tipperary's return to All-Ireland glory after eighteen years in the wilderness, but there is no denying what the success meant to the parish.

There was good reason why this should have been so. It was thirty-eight years since the club won a West senior hurling title and all of one hundred and one years since county honours had been annexed.

There wasn't much inkling of a dramatic breakthrough when the club met Golden-Kilfeacle in the first round of the West senior championship at Cashel on May 28 with Aengus Ryan as referee and gate receipts of £1848. There was a hint of something special about the team the previous year when they defeated county champions, Cappawhite, in the first round but the feeling was dissipated by a heavy defeat at the hands of Cashel King

Cormacs in the semi-final.

Clonoulty won easily by 2-19 to 3-2 and went on to an equally facile victory over Kickhams by 2-14 to 1-5 at Golden on July 16. Cappawhite, who looked well against Cashel in the other semi-final, were their opponents in the West final at Emlly on August 20. Beforehand Len Gaynor was drafted in as coach and training took on a new dimension as a result. Sessions brought out full numbers, fitness levels were increased, team spirit was improved and a strong desire for success was generated.

The expectation of a rousing contest was reflected in the gate receipts of over £6,000 at Emlly. Clonoulty got off to a stunning start and led by 2-3 to 0-0 mid-way through the first half. However, Cappawhite struck back to leave only two points, 2-8 to 2-6, between the sides at the interval. A goal but Peter Hayes soon after the resumption set Clonoulty on the road to victory which they eventually achieved on a scoreline of 3-20 to 4-6. It was a richly deserved breakthrough for the team, with T. J. Ryan as captain and the man-of-the-match award going to Peter Hayes.

The winning side was: Andrew Fryday, David



Back row (l.-r.): Alan O'Dwyer, Philip Quirke, John Kennedy, Dan Quirke, Joe Hayes, Peter Hayes, Cecil Ryan (B), Declan Ryan, Noel Keane, John Ryan (J), Neil Ryan (R), Timmy Corcoran, David Ryan (H). Front row (l.-r.): John Kennedy (Laffana), John Fitzgerald, Seamus Hammersley, Kevin Ryan (B), Michael Heffernan, Tommy Kennedy, T.J. Ryan (R), Andrew Fryday, Paddy Bourke, Patrick Ryan (B), Phil Shanahan, Tim Shanahan and James Ryan (W).

Ryan (H), Cecil Ryan, Noel Keane, Seamus Hammersley, John Kennedy, Phil Shanahan, T. J. Ryan (R) Capt., Kevin Ryan, Declan Ryan, Joe Hayes, Michael Heffernan, Dan Quirke, Peter Hayes, Tommy Kennedy. Sub: John Ryan (J) for Tommy Kennedy.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Clonoulty faced reigning champions, Loughmore-Castleiney, in the county quarter-final at Thurles on September 24.

In spite of having the better of the exchanges in the first half, they could manage only a three-point lead, 0-8 to 1-2, at the interval. Loughmore levelled with a John Treacy goal early in the second-half and for a good while the game hung in the balance. With nine minutes remaining Peter Hayes netted to give Clonoulty a three-point lead. However, the lead remained vulnerable until Kevin Ryan scored an insurance point near the end and this gave Clonoulty a 1-14 to 2-7 victory, Joe Hayes had a very fine game.

Clonoulty's next date was with Toomevara in the semi-final at Semple Stadium on October 8. Tommy Kennedy had a goal within two minutes of the start and that score signalled an easy passage for Clonoulty to a half-time lead of 2-6 to 0-1, the second goal coming from Declan Ryan. They eventually ran out convincing winners by 2-12 to 0-5 against an opposition that played way below par on the day. Tommy Kennedy topped the scoring list with 1-3.

The final set up Clonoulty against neighbours, Holycross-Ballycahill, at Semple Stadium on October 22. The build-up to the game was



Clonoulty-Rossmore 1989 Management team: Michael Ryan, Tom Ryan, Owen Ryan.

fantastic. Francis Kearney described it thus in his Yearbook article: 'Hurling was practically the only topic of conversation, banners and bunting in green and gold decked the village and every household lofted the colours in flags and a multiplicity of banners. The hearts of

young and old beat faster in anticipation of the great event. A palpable tension infused the air on the morning of the match. The message 'Declan is Magic' emblazoned on the road at Cross of the Hough by some covert night-walkers, lifted all

hearts on the long road

to Thurles and epitomised the euphoric spirit of the occasion..'

Clonoulty were slight favourites, The first half was dour and close. Defences ruled but Clonoulty had marginally the better of affairs and retired leading by three points, 0-8 to 0-5, at the interval. Nine minutes into the second half came a crucial score when Peter Hayes swept the ball to the Holycross net. A pointed penalty by Kevin Ryan soon had Clonoulty six points up and seemingly headed for victory. However, Holycross came back in a bid to save the day. They cut the lead to four points and

Path to Final

WEST CHAMPIONSHIP:

(28/05/1989) First round:

(16/07/1989) Semi-final:

(20/08/1989) Final:

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP:

(24-09-1989) Quarter-final:

(08/10/1989) Semi-final:

(22/10/1989) Final:

Clonoulty-Rossmore 2-19
Golden-Kilfeacle 3-2
Clonoulty-Rossmore 2-14
Kickhams 1-5
Clonoulty-Rossmore 3-20
Cappawhite 4-6

Clonoulty-Rossmore 1-14
Loughmore-Castleiney 2-7
Clonoulty-Rossmore 2-12
Toomevara 0-5
Clonoulty-Rossmore 1-11
Holycross-Ballycahill: 1-9

then substitute, Donal Ryan, goaled to leave but a point between the sides and still two minutes to play. At the end the last word came from outstanding centre back, John Kennedy, who pointed a '65' to secure Clonoulty's win by 1-11 to 1-9 amid unrestrained euphoria.

The victorious team was as follows: Andrew Fryday, David Ryan, Cecil Ryan, Noel Keane, Seamus Hammersley, John Kennedy, Phil Shanahan, T. J. Ryan (Capt.), Kevin Ryan, Declan Ryan, Joe Hayes, Micheal Heffernan, Dan Quirke, Peter Hayes, Tommy Kennedy. *Subs:* Paddy Bourke, Alan O'Dwyer, Neil Ryan, John Kennedy, Tim Shanahan, Timmy Corcoran, John Ryan, John Fitzgerald, Philip Quirke, Patrick Ryan.

Selectors: Tom Ryan, Michael Ryan, Owen Ryan. *Coach:* Len Gaynor.

Referee: John Moloney (Galtee Rovers).

Scorers in the championship: Kevin Ryan (0-28), Joe Hayes (2-16), Dan Quirke (2-13), Peter Hayes (4-3), Declan Ryan (2-8), Tommy Kennedy (1-10), Michael Heffernan (0-5), T. J. Ryan (0-4), Noel Keane (0-2), John Kennedy (0-2). For: 11-91; Against: 11-34.

MUNSTER PROGRESS

Clonoulty headed for Munster at Bruff on November 5 but their progress was halted by Limerick champions, Ballybrown, in the semi-final. John Kennedy was missing, having flown out to the U.S. the same morning. The Limerick side led by 0-6 to 0-4 at the interval and went seven points in front on the resumption before a Peter Hayes goal gave Clonoulty hope. However, this was dimmed when Noel Keane was sent off for a foul on Terence Kenny and, later in the half, by the dismissal of David Ryan. Down to thirteen players Clonoulty fought like demons to rescue the day and came within a whisker of doing so. Points by Joe Hayes and Declan Ryan left just one between the sides with time almost up. Two minutes into added time a Kevin Ryan free from the sideline about forty yards out veered wide and ended Clonoulty's hopes of Munster glory on a scoreline of 1-10 to 1-9.

Clonoulty-Rossmore PLAYER PROFILES 1989

Ryan, T.J. – Playing at centre field, with the heart of a lion, T.J. had the honour of captaining this team. He managed the club's victorious 1997 senior county final team. T.J. captained Tipperary's Junior football team of 1987. Known affectionately to his supporters as 'The Horse'.

Bourke, Paddy – Paddy was the sub goalie on this team. Has given all of his adult years to the Club. Paddy is currently a selector on club's senior team, is a former secretary of the Club and has been involved in juvenile coaching at all levels within the club.

Corcoran, Timmy – The 'Elder Lemon' of this panel. Timmy has coached at all levels within the club and was the first coach that the younger members of this panel had. Timmy was part of Tipperary's Minor

hurling panel of 1975.

Fitzgerald, John – John hails from a staunch GAA family. Has played at all levels for his native Clonoulty-Rossmore.

Fryday, Andrew – Was number 1 on the day and is presently number 1 in the club as he is the current chairman of Clonoulty-Rossmore. Andrew is the holder of two senior county medals as he also played in goals on the 1997 county winning team. Played senior hurling for Clonoulty-Rossmore for 25 years and also played on the Tipperary Junior Football team of 1987.

Hammersley, Seamus – Seamus played right half back on this team and was probably the tightest man marker of the back sextet. He is an uncle of present senior hurlers Timmy and Conor.

Hayes, Joe – The man they

call 'The Legend'. He scored a point with his opponents hurley in the county semi-final of 1989. Is the holder of two All-Ireland senior medals and one minor medal. "Joe was always quick with a turn of phrase and was almost as quick on the feet".

Hayes, Peter – Peter played full forward on this team and was scorer of the vital goal on county final day. A citeóg with an eye for goal scoring 5-03 in this championship. Has coached many successful underage teams in the club and was part of the Tipperary 1987 senior hurling panel.

Heffernan, Michael – Michael 'Shiner' Heffernan was a battling left wing forward on this team. Won *Man of the Match* in the 1997 county final. Is a referee today and also tested referees in his time. Former chairman of the

club and coached the club's winning 1996 minor team.

Keane, Noel – Noel played left corner back in this final. Was a notable powerful ball striker. Went on to captain the club's 1997 senior team that captured Dan Breen. Represented Tipperary at minor and U21 level.

Kennedy, John (Clonmel) – Was centre back on this team and as reliable as a Toyota car. Captained Tipperary minors to All-Ireland victory in 1982 and captained Tipperary senior team in 1990. Was excellent in the county final in 1989 and won his second senior county medal in 1997 with

his native club. Is the holder of one minor All-Ireland medal, one U21 All-Ireland and two senior All-Ireland medals.

Kennedy, John (Kilkenny) – A staunch club man in every way. Had one of his greatest hurling days in 2010 when Tipperary captured the All-Ireland Senior title and his son Brian won an All-Ireland Minor title playing for Kilkenny. Still attends all club matches that he can get to.

Kennedy, Tommy – Played left corner forward on this team. Was skilful and slight of foot and was noted as a player with an extraordinary pair of hands. Scorer of 1-10 in the championship.

Martin, R.D. – Ever present on Clonoulty-Rossmore teams, R.D. Martin is still toting out to this present day. Was part of the Clonoulty-Rossmore Junior B panel this year. His presence resonates around the fields and Richard holds more medals than most in the club.

O'Dwyer, Alan – Alan came on as a substitute in this final in the forward line. Was noted for having a lightning quick pair of hands. Was part of the Tipperary 1985 minor hurling panel.

Quirke, Dan – Dan played right corner forward with a keen eye for a score. Is holder of two county senior hurling medals. Played minor and U21 with Tipp and in his *Man of the Match* performance in the 1989 U21 All-Ireland Hurling final. He was the



Memorabilia Fair

Sunday, November 30th, 2014, 12-4pm

Thurles Sarsfields Social Centre
(beside Sempie Stadium)

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Collectors and sellers are cordially invited to attend this event, where it is hoped they will find plenty of material to interest them.

Stands will be available for renting and anybody so interested should contact the organisers before November 27th.

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proud scorer of 3-02. Dan has also represented Tipperary at all levels in football.

Quirke, Philip – Younger brother of Dan, Philip was a powerfully built back man and a very valuable member of this panel. Is also the holder of two senior county medals and has in the past managed the club's senior team.

Ryan, Cecil – Known as Clonoulty-Rossmore's Rock, Cecil played full back on this team and played in the final with the use of only one knee. This was a very proud day for his parents Packie and Tess as Cecil was the eldest of three Ryan brothers on the panel.

Ryan, David – David played right corner back on this team and was a no compromise defender. Son of one of the club's true legends, the late Jim Ryan Hanna.

Ryan, Declan – 1989 was a magically year for him as he won county a senior hurling medal, captained Tipperary to All-Ireland U21 victory and also won senior All-Ireland with Tipperary. Declan won Senior All-Ireland medals with Tipperary in three decades. He is the holder of two county senior medals and 2 All-Stars. Declan recently managed his club to the U16A County Hurling Championship.

Ryan, James – A close tight marking wing back, James

has played at all levels for his club. Was very dedicated in all of his preparations for a game and was always one of the



T.J. Ryan – Clonoulty-Rossmore 1989 Captain – lifts the Dan Breen Cup.

very best to attend training. James can still to this day be seen attending training sessions, such is his interest.

Ryan, John – To his team mates, he was known as 'The gallant John Joe'. Corner forward was his position and he made several appearances from the substitutes bench.

Ryan, Kevin – Kevin completed the centre field partnership with T.J. Ryan. The younger of three Ryan brothers on the panel. Went on to win his second senior county medal in 1997. Has stayed actively involved with the club and has been involved in the management of several club teams. Was on Tipperary minor panel of 1987 and U21 panel of 1989 and 1990.

Ryan, Neil – Affectionately known to his team mates as 'Corner Back'. Neil also won a county minor medal in 1981. He is also the proud holder of a county Junior football and Intermediate medal. Neil also captained Cashel CBS to Corn Phádraig honours.

Ryan, Patrick – Patrick, the third of the Ryan brothers on this panel. Had the misfortune of breaking his ankle in the county semi-final and was ruled out for the final.

Shanahan, Phil – Played left half back on this team. Was a classy club hurler, reliable, honest and tough. Phil was very much before his time as he attended the gym on a regular basis when nobody attended gyms. Played minor hurling with Tipperary in 1985.

Shanahan, Tim – Younger brother to Phil, Tim represented the club at all levels. Was part of the club's U16 team that won county honours in 1984.

Highlights on TG4

Highlights of today's final can be seen on TG4 tomorrow night, on the GAA 2014 programme, in its usual 8.30 timeslot. The programme will also feature the Kerry Football final replay, the Ulster Club Hurling final, the Shelmaliers v Kilcormac-Killoughy clash, and the game between Omagh St Enda's and Crossmaglen Rangers.

Le chéile arís!

By Séamus Ó Dubhagáin

AR AIS ar na bealaí seanaitheanta sa chuideachta céanna athuair. I mbliana is sinn sna flathis tráth nó in uamar na haimléise ar uaireanta eile, is de shíor faoi scáth na meán cumarsáide, is deas siúl go breá reidh i bhfochair ár gcáirde thar tithe sraithe Bóthar na Naomh ar ár mbealach chuig ócáid iontach sealbhach.

Ar ndóigh is iad na cuimhní cinn a mbronnann an taithí doimhin pearsanta ar an ócáid-ag imirt le chéile sna cluichí móra millteanacha sa bhunscoil, ag fanacht ag an gcrosbhealach tráthnóna samhraidh, an sliotar ag preabadh timpeall an bhoird sa chistin agus thar aon ní eile, ag lascadh na liathróide go hard na spéire ag bun na nGailte, Bhearnáin Eile nó Shliabh na mBan. Bhí rud éigin againn nach raibh ar fáil d'éinne eile seachas dúinn

féin agus an pobal inar dteannta. Ní raibh aon laoch imeartha ná réaltóg ar Leith againn, statisticí ná eolairí spóirt, ní raibh aon chláir teilifíse spóirt ná tuilsoile i spéartha na hoíche. Ní raibh ach luí na gréine agus tuirse ar an mbealach abhaile agus an síorchaint faoin lámh in uachtar a fháil ar an gcéad dúshlán eile, an chéad cluiche mór eile romhainn.

I mbliana shroich Teampall Doire an cluiche leathcheannais sinsearach don chéad uair riamh. Níos tábhachtaí fós, tá an t-íománaíocht le feiscint is le cloisteáil i lár na sléibhte leis na cianta, rud a nasc an pobal le chéile leis na glúinte. Nuair a bhuaigh Cluain an Ultaigh i 1989 bhí céad bliain slánaithe acu ón uair roimhe sin agus fiú ag na Sáirséalaigh, lean gorta amháin thar tríocha bliain. Sé an rud is tábhachtaí ná go bhfuil an t-íománaíocht go smior i ngach aon phobal ó cheann ceann an chontae agus gurab é frithbhualadh an chroí ag na pobail chéanna.

I ndeireadh na dála ní hé an bonn ná an bua bun agus barr an scéil. Nuair a thuirlingíonn an seanfhear den traen sa stáisiún ar maidin agus e ag filleadh abhaile ó'n iasacht don cluiche is mar an gcéanna é agus an leaid óg ag barr an droichid nó na himreoirí ag ullmhú i bPáirc Uí Mhuiris. Tá dlúthbhaint agus ceangail acu lena chéile-roinneann said a

gcairdeas agus a gcomhionannas agus inniu a gcomhluadar agus tuigeann said go beacht cé hiad agus cad as dóibh in ainneoin an domhain ina chíorthuathail mór thimpeall orthu. Is annamh a tharlaíonn a leithéid agus tá an domhan mór in éad linn-is féidir é sin go léir a chur i Leith na h-íománaíochta.

Cluichí ceannais an chontae-ceiliúradh lúcháireach ar shaol an phobail i dTiobraid Árann – Bí linn!



The O'Shea family photographed outside the Hogan Stand on one of their many trips to Croke Park this year were Tipperary followers and Sarsfields stalwarts Kevin and his son Connor, Pat, Seamus, Colm and Donal.

Also on the Thurles Sarsfields Senior Hurling Panel: Tom King, James Ryan, Aidan Doyle, Michael O'Dwyer, Pa Phelan, Dylan Burke, Aidan Ryan, Graham Maher, Pa Crone, Kevin Dunne.

Also on the Loughmore-Castleiney Hurling Panel: Darren Danaher.

Promoting Scór IN YOUR CLUB

SCÓR IS involved each year in promoting our unique heritage and culture within the G.A.A.

Three categories of Scór at county level ensure that all age groups are catered for:

- Scór Sinsear for adults.
- Scór na n-Óg for the 12-17 age group.
- Scór na bPáistí for Primary schoolchildren.

Each club in Tipperary is encouraged to participate in the many competitions that make up Scór:

- Rince Foirne • Recitation
- Ballad Group
- Question Time (Scór na bPáistí)
- Novelty Act (Scór na bPáistí)
- Rince Seit • Solo Singing
- Instrumental Music
- Rince ar an Sean-nós (Scór na bPáistí)
- Léiriú stáitse • Comórtais eile (le sócrú).

Adults, teenagers and young people alike participate in and enjoy competitions at club and county level, growing in stature and self confidence as they perpetuate the tradition that is Scór.

Your club, if not already involved, might consider entering some competitions in 2014/2015 Scór.

There are many Scór personnel who will only be too happy to offer advice and provide you with information re competitions and venues.

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An bhliain seo caite bhí an bhliain againn. Tá súil againn go mbeidh a leithéid againn arís i mbliana.

Seo thíos cuid de na buaiteoirí i gcomórtais na bliana 2014. Tréaslaíonn Bord an Chontae leothu go léir.

Seosaimhín Ní Chathail (Co. Chairperson Scór)



Newcastle, winners of the Rince Foirne in the Co. Final of Scór Sinsear. Front (l.-r.): Rosie McCarra, Sínead Grant, Leah Condon, Veronica McNamara. Back (l.-r.): Josephine Cahill (Co. Chairperson Scór), Treasa McGrath, Shauna Ryan, Ciara Gough, Catherine Ryan.



Ciara Ryan, JK Brackens, winner of the Solo Song in the Co. Final of Scór Sinsear with Josephine Cahill (Co. Chairperson Scór).



Noel Joyce, JK Brackens, winner of the Recitation in the Co. Final of Scór Sinsear, receiving the cup from Josephine Cahill.



Newport, winners of the Instrumental Music in the Co. Final of Scór na nÓg (l.-r.): Cathal Floyd, Ciara Floyd, Keelan Floyd, Ciara Ryan, Josephine Cahill (Co. Chairperson Scór), Ellen Gorman.



Moyne-Templeuohy, winners of the Léiriú in the Co. Final of Scór Sinsear. Front row (l.-r.): William Maher, Catherine Dunne, Mary Walsh, Mark Dunne. Back row (l.-r.): Josephine Cahill (Co. Chairperson Scór), Willie Cullen, Francis Cleere, Eamonn Travers.



Éire Óg Nenagh, winners of the Ballad Group in the Co. Final of Scór na nÓg (l.-r.): Caroline Browne, Orlaith Kennedy, Eva McKeogh, Josephine Cahill (Co. Chairperson Scór), Sínead Long, Maire Long.

Scoláireachtaí 2015

D'éirigh le níos mó ná caoga dalta ó Chontae Thiobraid Árann scoláireachtaí a bhaint amach i mbliana agus bhaineadar idir tairneamh agus tairbhe as an tréimhse a chaitheadar sa Ghaeltacht

All clubs will be circulated with application forms for the Gaeltacht scholarships 2015 in January and the form will also be available for download on the Tipperary GAA website. Bigí cinnte go bhfuil na foirmeacha i gceart agoibh agus go bhfuil clárúimhir an chlub breactha síos agoibh. Cuirfear na hiarrthóirí go léir faoi agallamh arís i mbliana. Beidh litir ag teastáil ó rúnaí an chlub chun tacú leis an iarratas

Bí ag faire amach ar na fógraí sna nuachtáin agus ar an suíomh.

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Níl cead ag iarrthóirí an dara scoláireacht a bhuaich.

Tá an scéim thuas teoranta i mbliana arís do dhailtaí sa 2/5ú bliain agus an idirbhliain.



Katie Shanahan, Barrisoleigh, winner of the Solo Song in the Co. Final of Scór na nÓg with Josephine Cahill (Co. Chairperson of Scór).



Aoife Fogarty, JK Brackens, winner of the Recitation in the Co. Final of Scór na nÓg, with Josephine Cahill.

Remembering **OWNEY**

By SEAMUS O'DOHERTY

THE HEROES of Tipperary's Senior All-Ireland victories in 1964/65 were honoured by the Co. Board at this year's county semi-finals. Those were also the first two years of the under-21 grade at inter-county level and Tipperary played in both All-Ireland finals against Wexford, winning in 1964. En route to the final Tipperary beat Cork, Clare, Waterford and

Roscommon.

Among the stars of those teams was right half back **Owen Killoran** of Roscrea, who died on October 10th last. His colleagues included Noel O'Gorman, Mick Roche, Len Gaynor, Francis Loughnane, Peter O'Sullivan and 'Babs' Keating, who all went on to play in Senior Finals in the years ahead. Roche and Keating had already starred in

Tipperary's Senior win against Kilkenny in 1964. John Dillon who captained Roscrea to a first Senior Co title in 1968 was also on the team, while Barney Hogan was a substitute. Owen captained the Tipperary under-21 team in 1965, when the Munster title was retained, but this time Wexford turned the tables in the All-Ireland final. Francis Loughnane and Sean Carroll were the other Roscrea players involved.

Owen was a brilliant under-age hurler with Roscrea and in 1962 he captained the club to the county Minor title – his fourth success – when beating Na Fianna (Mid) in the Final. His display at centre back was 'impressive' according to match reports.

The previous year, he played on the club's first North under-21 Final winning team as they beat Kildangan. Owen turned in a 'good performance' at half back. Unfortunately, the competition wasn't extended to county stage until 1963. The talented Owen captained Roscrea to victory in that first final, when they beat Holycross-Ballycahill at Nenagh on April 19th 1964. They had previously overcome Lorrha in the North Final and Cashel in the county semi-final.

In December of 1964, Roscrea again beat Cashel in the under-21 county Final by an amazing 1-1 to 0-2. That team was captained by Francis Loughnane and Owen was a key player, in a brilliant

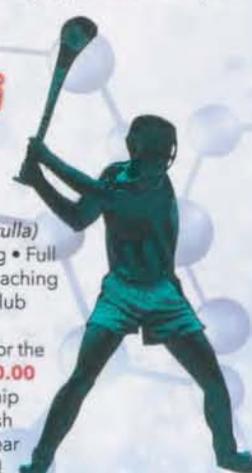
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TIPPERARY – Under-21 All-Ireland Champions 1964

Back row (l.-r.): Ossie Bennett, W. Smyth, N. O'Gorman, J. Dillon, **Owen Killoran**, M. Roche, T. Butler, N. Lane, J. Doyle.
Front row (l.-r.): T. Brennan, C. O'Dwyer, P. O'Sullivan, F. Loughnane, M. Keating, L. Gaynor, J. Fogarty, M. O'Meara.

defence.

Owen was playing Senior with Roscrea in 1963 and after victories over Toomevara in the North Final and Moycarkey-Borris in the Co. semi-final it was looking good as the Reds prepared to face Thurles Sarsfields in the final at Nenagh on October 27th. Unfortunately for Owen, his mother died overnight and naturally he withdrew. The Roscrea selectors recast their team which failed to produce their best form and lost by two goals.

The stylish hurler played with Roscrea Seniors again in 1964 and was impressive at right half back in their five point county quarter-final loss to Sarsfields at Nenagh. He was in action again in 1965, but Roscrea (without the experienced Kieran Carey and John Dillon) lost to Lorrha in the North semi-final.

Thereafter, Owen made the decision to play Rugby and at the time Rule 27 was in place and foreign games were banned to GAA members, either as players or spectators. By the time the rule was

deleted (1971), Owen was too long gone to reclaim his zest for hurling, although several Roscrea RFC players doubled up, including Liam Spooner (Roscrea Hurling captain 1978 and Leinster Junior Rugby captain 1975), Peadar Quealy (Roscrea Hurling captain 1982 and Tipp Senior captain 1981), Philly O'Rourke (a Roscrea and Tipp minor hurler in 1962), Christy Jones (Laois hurler) and Paddy Kelly (Laois hurler).

Owen's loss to Roscrea hurling was huge and it was always agreed locally that if he had stayed with the game, Ros might have won their first county title before 1968.

Owen represented his clubs (Roscrea Hurling and Inane Rovers Gaelic Football) on Tipperary championship panels for Minor Hurling and Football 1962, Under-21 Football 1963 1964 1965, and Junior Football 1965. His half back colleague on the Tipp Under-21 teams of 1964/65, Len Gaynor (Kilruane MacDonaghs) recalled Owen as "an unassuming man, who tackled tenaciously, played his position well and delivered the

ball quickly to the forward line. He was very skilful, respected by his team mates and proved to be an excellent captain in 1965".

An affable man, Owen, made friends wherever he went and when his rugby playing days ended he served the club as an official. To his great delight, the club finally lifted the Leinster Provincial Towns Cup in the 1974/75 season, winning three of their four games by a point. During the club's Golden Jubilee season 1999/2000, he held the position of Hon. Subscriptions Treasurer.

Owen will be remembered as a delightful half back, who would probably have played Senior championship hurling for Tipperary if he had stayed with the hurley and sliothar. He made a tremendous contribution to Tipperary hurling in a short career and he will be remembered with affection by the older members of the GAA family.

He is mourned by Geraldine (wife), Paula (daughter), Eoghan, Brian and Dave (sons) and four grandchildren.

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"Captains of the Premier Ship" SET TO BE LAUNCHED

"Captains of the Premier Ship" a 320 page book on Tipperary's All-Ireland winning senior hurling captains will be launched in St Patrick's College, Thurles on Saturday, November 15th by Tipp legend Nicky English.

The book, penned by *Tipperary Star* journalist Noel Dundon, charts the careers of Tipperary's twenty one All-



Noel Dundon

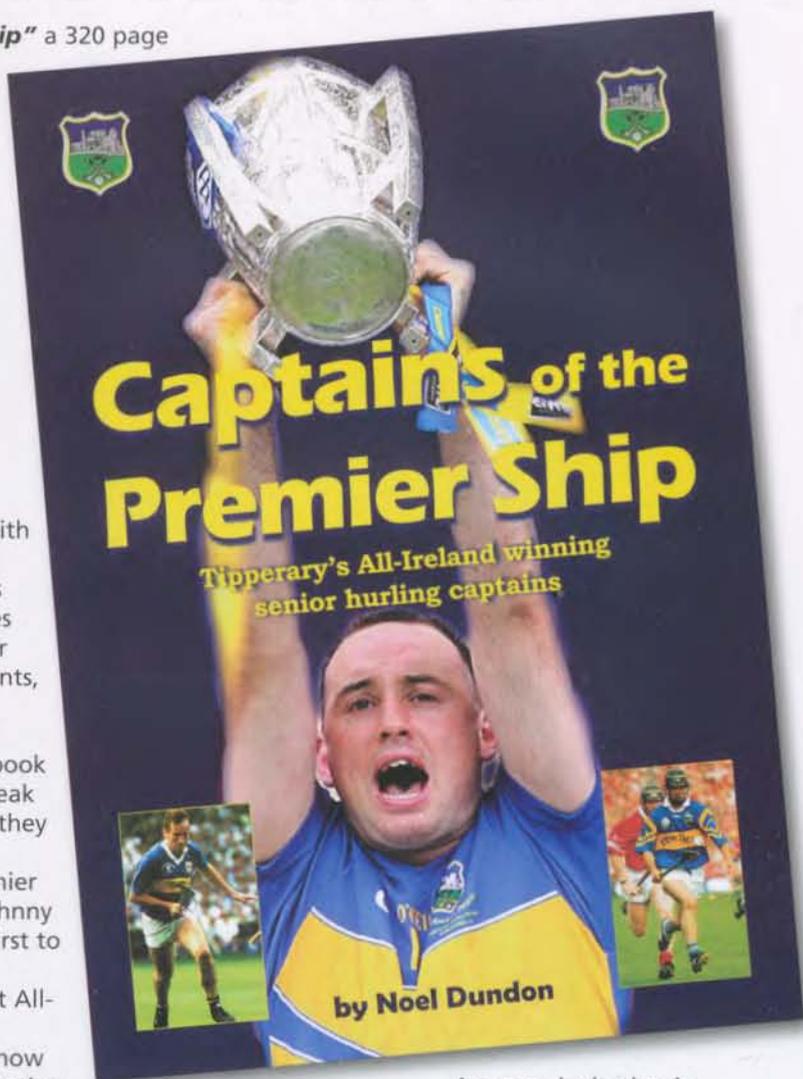
Ireland Ireland winning senior hurling captains with interviews and stories telling tales about their achievements, many of

which are quite unique.

An interesting angle to this book is that many of the captains speak about each other and the role they played in bringing the Liam McCarthy Cup back to the Premier County – did you know that Johnny Leahy of Boherlahan was the first to do so?

Did you know that Tipp's first All-Ireland winning captain, Jim Stapleton of Thurles, did not know when he set out for the train station on the morning of the game, that he would go down in history as the first? Read all about the position he and captain Dinny Maher found himself in.

Who was Tipperary's youngest winning captain? How about the oldest? Which Tipperary captain led his men to the promised land on a record three occasions? All will be revealed in the book which is a must for all GAA enthusiasts in the Premier County.



An open invitation is extended to all Gaels to come along to the launch. There will be plenty of GAA chat, tall tales and stories on the night. Refreshments will be served also.

The book will be available in local bookshops throughout Tipperary and in the GAA shop, Slievenamon Road, Thurles – an ideal stocking filler for Christmas.

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