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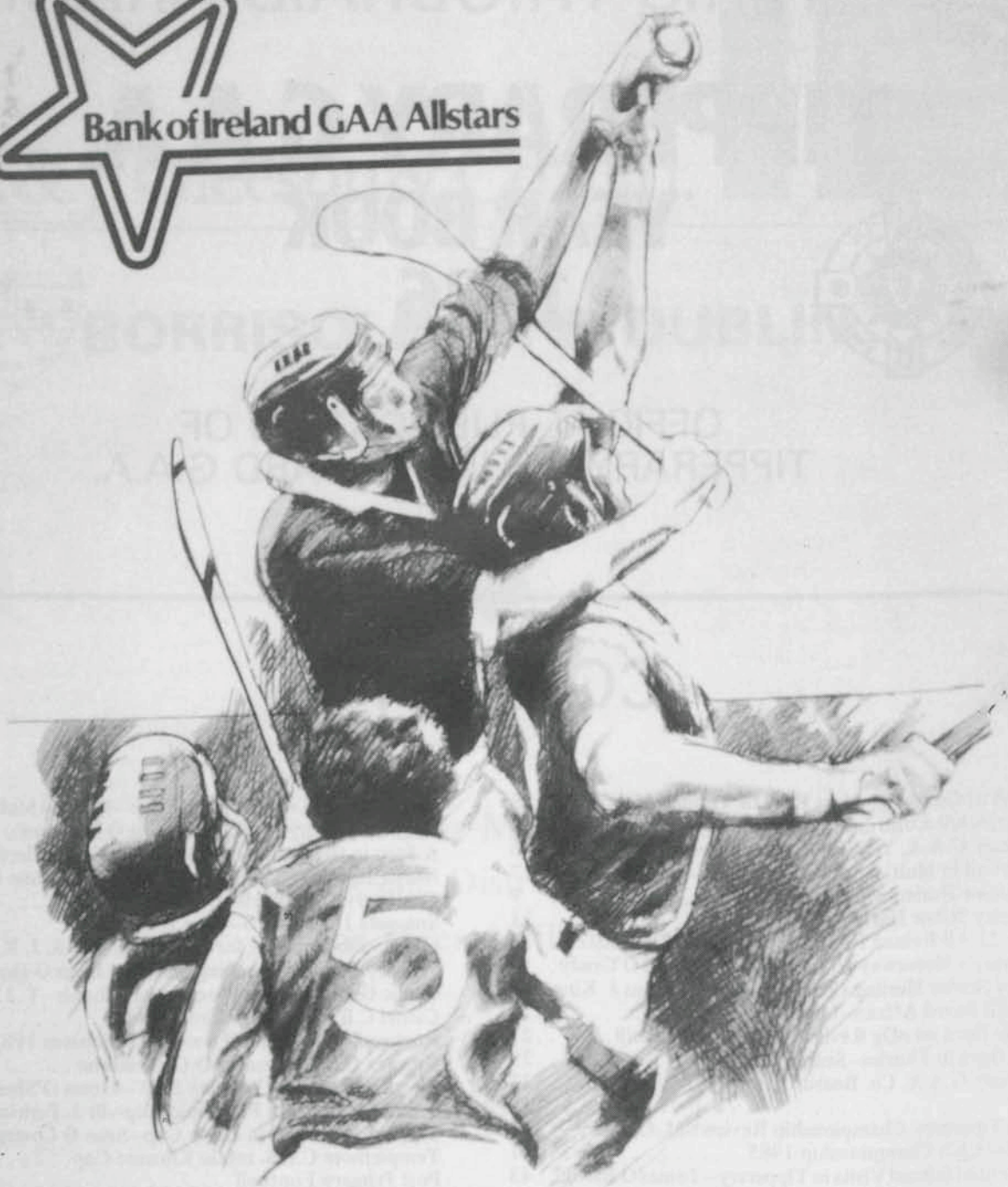
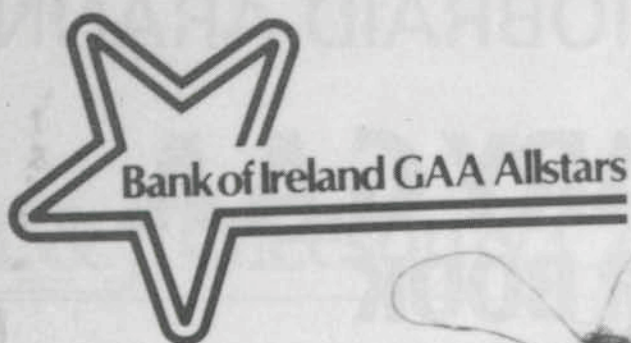
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Let this issue of Bliainiris Thiobrad Arann be a bond of goodwill between all of us who own this county to be ours by birth or adoption. The pages of the annual show an impressive record of activity throughout the county, in County Board,



Pope John Paul II greets Most Reverend Dr Thomas Morris, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly.

divisions and clubs.

Praise for the under-21 team who brought home the St Patrick's Cross trophy! Praise for all who played their parts for club or county! Praise for the champions of the future, alert boys and girls who know there's always something to be learned and practised, fitness, skills, discipline, teamwork!

Rath agus beannacht!  
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*Co. Chairman*

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Looking back on the year just ended the greatest source of disappointment was the defeat of the senior hurling team in the Munster final by old rivals Cork. Much has been said and written about this game and I do not propose to dwell further on it in this publication.

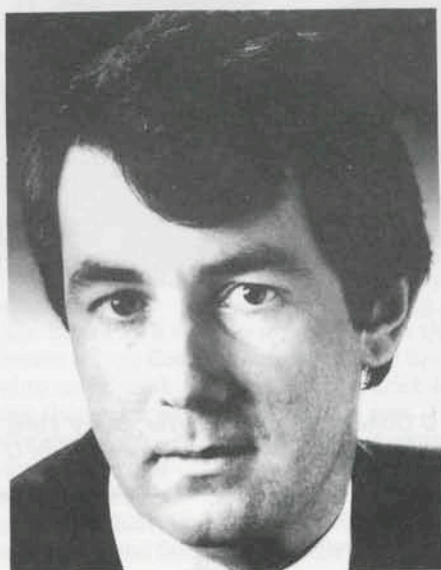
Nobody is very happy when the Co. senior hurling team loses a Munster or All-Ireland final. We lost this years Munster senior final, but we won two, the junior and U-21 hurling with the latter going on to win the All-Ireland. We also contested the Munster minor hurling final and the senior hurling team were victorious in the Open draw competition. Our junior footballers also reached the Munster final, where they lost by the minimum margin to Kerry in a replay.

Therefore, looking back on the events of the year it must be said that Tipperary made a very worthwhile contribution to an eventful season, and as far as hurling is concerned, we are little behind the best in any grade.

The games in the county are generally in a very healthy state. We continue to show remarkable progress in under age hurling grades, and this is a situation that must eventually make for a bright future at senior level.

In a county where hurling has been a strong point over the years, it is only to be expected that more emphasis is placed on this game. However, the Co. football board are now making great strides towards the promotion of the big ball game. We salute those men who are willing and ready to take on this onerous task.

The wonderful performance of the minor team in winning the Munster final in 1984 and going on to contest the Centenary All-Ireland final was a just and fitting reward for their dedication and commitment. With the proper co-operation and encouragement



*Michael Lowry, Tipp. G.A.A. Chairman*

this very welcome progress in football will continue and the promise shown by those young players will eventually bear fruit.

Whilst the year under review was a comparatively successful one, the defeat of the senior hurlers will be remembered more so than some impressive performances from many of our teams during the year. It is the ardent wish of our supporters to see the McCarthy Cup back in the Premier county after a fifteen year absence. To achieve this aim we will need the utmost in dedication and discipline from our players plus a generous giving from officials and Co. board members. However, in the recent Co. final Kilruane and Roscrea showed a revival of the fire and determination that is traditional to Tipperary hurling. We look forward to an extension of that fire to the performance of our players, when donning the blue and gold jersey in the year ahead.

In this my first year as Co. chairman, I am pleased to welcome this annual publication of the Tipperary Year Book. This years production maintains the very high standard associated with previous publications, and covers in

great detail the events of the past year. While keeping our supporters and members up to date with the happenings of the Association within the county the year book can also be seen as a good promotional exercise. For no matter what success we may have on the playing fields the promotion work must never be neglected, standards must be maintained and we should remember that the top of a tree dosent grow of its own accord.

In these days of many counter attractions the G.A.A. is competing for members. The fact that the Association represents something totally Irish and that the games will survive because, they are part of our heritage is no longer security against the many counter attractions of todays society.

It is of vital importance therefore that the association make every effort to avail of every opportunity to sell itself at all levels. Many clubs in the county, have made great strides in the development of club grounds and other amenities for their members and I compliment them on their initiative. It isn't easy to keep a publication like a year book going. There can be a tendency to run out of ideas, but I feel we in Tipperary can pride ourselves in the fact that we have produced an Annual every year since the first publication back in 1970.

To the Editor and his committee responsible for this edition and to all who have been intimately associated with publications down the years I offer my sincerest thanks and the thanks of the Co. board.

Rath Dé ar ár imreoirí, ár lucht leanúna agus ar ár léitheoirí uilig.

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# Tipp's Fall in Multi-Goal Munster Final

*By John O'Grady*

Sunday 8th July 1985 has two distinctions in retrospect: it proved to be the precise end of Tipperary and the less specific end of the Summer. Neither of them pleasant things to have laid to its charge, it may be said. It was warm in the car as one shared in a massive exodus of Tipp followers and watched in awe the blatant, hectic indiscipline of drivers who passed right and left, indiscriminately. With touching faith, some followed blindly where others led into bye-roads to escape tedious queueing outside the bigger towns. I got to Cork myself through forestry plantations to the west of Fermoy where only God or Cork's forester Tim Crowley would have been sure of the road. As we walked the wellknown path down the Marina road, past the oil and fertiliser plants, it was stiflingly hot. Pairc Ui Chaoimh, more or less filled, has seldom presented a more brilliantly bleached appearance. Had we but known it, 1985 was about to give us few days as good – and the team that beat us in the July sun was going to fall in August mud.

It's a reasonable bet that conversation in many a Tipp vehicle on the outward trip was as much on the venue as the teams. Seldom was the place of combat as keenly or as heatedly discussed. Having gone to Ennis in the first round and rather fortunately except with the draw that set up our Thurles replay

win, here we were boldly invading champion Cork for the Munster final. Some would have substituted another adverb – with suggestions of folly. Many had assumed that neutral Limerick would be our choice and Co. Board's 18 v 17 vote to renew a Tipp-Cork contract and to travel took them by more than surprise. Nor did the report of the separate counts – the third one taken with voters standing up for greater visibility – exactly please those who felt

the time had come to go neutral. I was myself a trenchant sharer of the doubts and have heard nothing since to prove that the interests of Semple Stadium are better catered for by a Tipp-Cork agreement than by the neutral system on which the name and fame of the old Sportsfield was built by Cork-Limerick finals in the past. The "home" end of our agreement confers little visible help to Tipp while the "away" one takes us to a field where our history is strongly adverse – and not

only against Cork. But whatever the theoretical-cum-financial motivation, here we were on our way to tackle them in their amphitheatre beside the Lee. "A larger dare to our great enterprise", as the optimistic Hotspur says in Henry IV: but he lost too.

## Optimists and Pessimists

There were some Tipp people optimistic enough. The main plank in their hunch was how unlucky we had been in Thurles for the Centenary final; the venue would be beneficial in making our team fight harder; and we'd shown we could rise to it – even above ourselves – against Cork. Players had been quoted in the press as being unworried about the venue; selectors in the same vein, though one begs leave to wonder if either were ever given a free choice. Nobody, of course, can say what would have happened elsewhere; but underdogs are hardly wise to try to bark like "overdogs".

The Munster campaign began with the negative end of a comparable bargain with Clare – and Tipp were decidedly fortunate to come out of Ennis with a draw at 1-8 each. It was a novelty to by passing by an empty



**THE TIPPERARY SENIOR HURLING TEAM**

*Back row: Michael Doyle, Ian Conroy, Donie O'Connell, Gerry Stapleton, John Sheedy, Peter Brennan, Seamus Power, John McIntyre.*

*Front row: Bobby Ryan, Liam Maher, Donie Kealy, Jack Bergin, Nicholas English, Pat Fox, Ger O'Neill.*

Gaelic Grounds on the Ennis Road and on to the compact Cusack Park. The omens had not been good in the League—Clare did very well indeed until they lost the Thurles final to Limerick; Tipp did very poorly and their fall against Wexford at Carrick eventually doomed them to relegation. But the immediate pre-Ennis form improved the odds; Tipp won the Ford open draw against Galway and, more to the point, beat Clare in the semi-final by 3-13 to 1-12.

Our Ennis visit would have abruptly terminated the championship for us had not the defence resisted stoutly over the last quarter or a bit more; and had not John Sheedy in goal dived far to his left to reach a drive from Cyril Lyons, for Bobby Ryan to be in the right place to send the clearance further. Once Guilfoyle had goaled early in the second half to level the scores—our single goal had come from a fine shot by Doyle very early in the game—the odds were strongly against us. Midfield, beginning as Conroy—Manion ended as Stapleton—Maher; Ian's exit was controversial, as it was to be in Cork. A severe disappointment was the way English was checked by an emergency wing-back, the veteran Callinan, though Nioclas was to be the ultimate saviour with a late point. The Tipp team: Sheedy, Bergin, Brennan, Fox, Kealy, McIntyre, Ryan, Conroy, Mannion, English, O'Connell, Maher, O'Neill, Power, Doyle. Subs who came in were Stapleton and Scully. Perhaps the best of the less familiar people was wing-back Kealy. Sighs of relief punctuated our way home—mixed with foreboding about how Cork might have dealt with a team in such middling form.

#### Clare at Stadium

Clare had to come to Thurles—a place they've often played well in. Not this time; Tipp killed them off fast, with a burst of three goals in seven minutes—Power goal from play, Power penalty, O'Connell run and Corry deceiving toss—though it was Clare who'd had the earlier openings. English got a

fourth goal and soon after resuming and people were soon departing, many only finding out on radio that Clare had scored several late, useless but disturbing goals; 5-14 to 4-6. Our sole change from Ennis had been Stapleton for Mannion at midfield. Again Conroy was replaced by Philip Kennedy; Scully again came in for Doyle.

So Tipp had reached a second consecutive Munster final, and had beaten Clare in three championships in a row—an advance on that long line of winless years that followed 1973, but still without the long-sought acquisition of a title; the breakthrough that we at home, our exiles abroad and well-wishers everywhere have been waiting for. Speculation was extremely lively, given extra edge by the publicity and argument over where we should play Cork. One thing was obvious: Cork were not going to be complacent against a team that had them more or less beaten in '84, until lapses in concentration and the cuteness of O'Leary turned the game about.

It was a major occasion. Tipp never had a bigger or louder following away from Thurles. The scene was moving and spectacular as the teams danced out, ours led by Bergin of the county champions. There were fears about several sectors of our selection, which again started with a Conroy-Stapleton midfield. The attack, to some people's surprise, had been restored to its formation as against Clare. Public opinion had been displeased with Conroy's dual removal in previous games. Cork had listed Barry Murphy as a corner forward but, to nobody's astonishment, he immediately went to mark Peter Brennan—a contest about which much Tipp anxiety had been expressed.

#### Goals Aplenty

It proved to be basically a game of goals; many more than would be expected in the tension and close marking of a typical final. The first arrived fast, and was to be ominous for goalkeeper Sheedy's fortunes of the day, and for our general defensive fabric. Fox had a ball in

seemingly safe possession but it fell loose for Denis Walsh, whose mistimed effort hopped badly for Sheedy—the start we had feared. But to our vast encouragement Cork's defence proved vulnerable, too, and the Tipp roars rose for O'Neill, finishing an O'Connell burst, and for English, tapping in one that arrived via Power and Doyle, leaving Cork backs severely stranded and goalie Cunningham exposed. The see-saw swung again, as Barry Murphy caught unhindered and passed to the waiting Mulcahy; number two in the net and Cork's behind-goal brigade exulting; worse still, Sheedy reached low for a hopping ball, let it fall into the path of a hopeful Barry Murphy. The damage was heavy, but Tipp heartened their supporters with a great run of points—English, O'Neill, Bobby Ryan from half back, Stapleton from midfield. Cork changed Cashman onto English, who had given McCurtain a thorough roasting. We reached the interval quite honourably, two points down; the huge throng had plenty to chatter about during the break. Conroy had the better of U.C.C. team-mate Hartnett; Stapleton had done quite soundly on Fenton; but neither lasted the seventy minutes, Aidan Ryan and Kennedy coming in.

The second half saw Tipp still well in it and capable of rousing retort—up to a point. Cork put on the pressure but Liam Maher's scooped goal checked them. Then came, when Cork needed it, a Fenton penalty goal, whistled against Brennan for holding. Still Tipp had a sting in them; O'Connell broke away and English got the pass, drew Cunningham and carefully placed our fourth into the corner of the net. Only two points down, again—could Tipp carry the fight all the way and pull off the bravest of victories. Alas, not to be; Cork finished far the faster and stronger with a sequence of unanswered points into the Blackrock end. The last quarter featured a couple of ill-tempered clashes at our rear end as frustration deepened—these, along with a few minor tiffs early on,

to be the basis of the famous-cum-notorious interview given by Cork coach McCarthy later in the week. So despite the satisfaction of running up 4-11 we had to bow to Cork's 4-17; and to wonder at the lack of amendment to a defence that was so porous and lacked, most prominently a solid middle core. There were other observations, too, among the supporters—criticism being one of the few pleasures of yet another defeat, another postponement of that authentic Tipp hurling revival we all long for.

#### ALL-IRELAND SENIOR HURLING FINAL REFEREE



One of the country's top referees, George Ryan was in charge of this year's All-Ireland senior hurling decider between Galway and Offaly. This was George's second senior final, having already refereed the 1979 final.

# OUR JUNIOR HURLERS

## ALL-IRELAND FINALISTS

by Michael Dundon,  
Tipperary Star



In the wake of Tipperary's defeat by Wexford in this year's All-Ireland junior hurling final there have been calls within the county for the withdrawal of Tipperary from the competition altogether. This is an amazing development, particularly when one considers that Tipperary were among those who called for the revival of this competition three years ago, and have contested the Munster final in the first two years and the All-Ireland final this year.

While acknowledging that incidents after this year's All-Ireland final in Kilkenny may have coloured "thinking" at official level on the competition, one has to say that the argument regarding what the junior competition is doing for hurling in the county is not very relevant. One might just as easily argue that the under-21 competition, which Tipperary has dominated in recent years, has not led to senior success either, and why not scrap that too? Likewise the minor grade.

No, the junior competition must be taken on its own merits, and if it provides a stepping stone for up and coming young players on their way to the senior side, so much the better, but the association must always be prepared to cater for the man who will never be good enough to play senior for his county, but who still can contribute much to the games in the county.

In an article in last year's Year Book, I made the point that we have too many senior clubs in Tipperary, and I still hold to that. It is a factor which militates against our winning this title outright, yet we came so close to doing so this year, and can quite rightly claim that the cham-

pionship was left behind us in Kilkenny.

This year's selection committee put a tremendous amount of work into the team and had the assistance of Theo English as coach. The opening game was against Waterford in Cappoquin, and while victory was ours on a 2-14 to 1-8 scoreline, the performance was less than impressive, even allowing for the absence through injury of Joe O'Dwyer and the "resting" of Michael Scully of Roscrea, due to play senior hurling the following Sunday against Clare, and Liam Stokes, due to play senior football that day also.

It was a vastly different story however when Tipperary entertained the Munster champions of the two previous years, Cork, in the semi-final at Boherlahan. On that evening, Tipperary hurling with great determination and skill, led Cork 1-5 to 0-2 at halftime and built up a 2-9 to 0-4 lead at the end of the third quarter. The champions put up a mighty effort in the closing stages but Tipperary held on for a 2-11 to 2-7 win.

### Munster Final

The possibility of a Munster title loomed large on the horizon now and Limerick provided the opposition in the final at Semple Stadium. This was a heart-stopping affair which will always be remembered for Seamus Bourke's penalty goal in the last minute which turned what seemed like imminent defeat into glorious victory on a 3-6 to 1-10 scoreline. The Clonmore man was the hero of the night, scoring 3-3 of the Tipp tally and underlining his great ability with placed balls near goal, but fullback Pat Larkin too had a stormer.

The All-Ireland semi-final

at Semple Stadium against Cavan was an historic occasion, as it was the first time the Ulster men played hurling in Thurles. It turned out to be historic for another reason also as Seamus Bourke must have established something of a national record in scoring 6-5 of Tipperary's 8-20 in their runaway win. Cavan registered a mere 1-3.

So to Kilkenny and the All-Ireland final against Wexford. Wexford were slight favourites for the title, but Tipperary, chasing their first success since '53, played fast open hurling in an exciting first half to lead by two points at the interval, having faced the breeze. Everything seemed set for a Tipp victory, but inexplicably, Tipperary abandoned the approach that had paid such rich dividends early on, and started to "mix it" with Wexford.

It was a ploy which failed badly, as the stronger Leinster men revelled in the close exchanges and hauled themselves back into the game. Still with seven minutes to play, Tipperary were only one point adrift, and with the Wexford goal a "no-go" area for Tipp forwards, Wexford held on for a famous victory.

Tipperary's disappointment at the defeat was understandable, and with the county having to field a completely new side in '86, the prospects of going one further next year are not great. Yet how different our outlook would be had Tipperary won, because at any time an All-Ireland victory is a great achievement, no matter what the grade, and who will deny

that in these rather barren times, we can hardly turn up our noses at such a success.

And, contrary to what some suggest, the competition serves as a "blooding ground" for some good young players. Colm Bonnar immediately springs to mind as a player who must be close to a regular senior inter-county place. He has been very consistent with the under 21 side for the past couple of years, and his displays with the juniors, indicated that he is just as capable against more mature opponents, and his inclusion in the senior panel for the league is well deserved.

Another who could make an impact later on is Toomevara's Noel McDonnell, as sweet and tidy a wingback as one would like to see, while at a time when many senior positions hand in the balance, one would like to see junior backman Martin Bourke in a county trial to determine how he would fare. Liam Stokes' first half display in the All-Ireland final underlined his potential, and he is another young player with a lot of years ahead of him.

From this it can be seen that the junior competition has quite a bit to offer, and certainly, Tipperary supporters got plenty to cheer about in the wins over Cork and Limerick which were the highlights of the campaign. It would indeed be a pity if any decision were taken to withdraw from the grade, and hopefully good sense will prevail.



Tipperary junior hurlers who took the Munster title by defeating Limerick in the final at Semple Stadium.

Back row: Seamus Bourke, Joe O'Dwyer, Pat Larkin, Jim McLoughney, Davy Ahearne, Martin Bourke, Liam Stokes.  
Front row: Joe McGrath, Denis Darcy, Pat McLoughney, Michael Ryan, Liam McGrath, Michael Murphy, Noel McDonnell, Gerry O'Brien.

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The Tipperary Minor Hurling team who failed to Cork in the Munster Final

Back row: Phil Shanahan, John Madden, Lar Cleary, Seamus O'Shea, Dan Quirke, Brian Burke, Phil Cahill

Front row: Rory Brislane, Joe Cahill, Tony Lanigan, Michael Nolan, Philly Ryan, James Cahill, Andy Rossiter, David Quinlan.

# TIPPERARY MINOR HURLERS 1985

by Br. J. Perkins

Tipperary met Clare in the first round of the Munster minor hurling championship. Clare had already beaten Kerry and had their team in training under Fr W. Walsh of St Flannan's since Christmas and were fully geared for a Munster championship. Tipperary on the other hand, spent too much time getting a team together, getting rid of the mediocre players, rather than training or coaching the selected twenty-four. They nearly paid for their lack of training and a well prepared Clare team nearly caught them before the sixty minutes were over.

Let us see what the "Tipperary Star" had to say about it. "Phew! What a contest. Thrills, spills, high drama and fervour, all combined to produce a most memorable second-half to the Munster minor hurling semi-final at Limerick on Wednesday night last as Clare, eleven

points in arrears after thirty-two minutes, rose from the dead, to fight back on level terms, only to see Tipperary by virtue of a late Dan Quirke goal snatch a sensational victory. Not by any stretch of the imagination was the standard of hurling in the top category but the final twenty minutes of sustained excitement left the fair-sized attendance breathless. After referee Gerry Molyneaux sounded the full-time whistle, the unanimous opinion voiced was, that for value for money, this game must rank as one of the all-time greats at under-age level". The half-time score was Tipperary 2-6 Clare 0-4. The full-time score was Tipperary 4-8 Clare 2-12.

In this match we saw a Tipperary team with their backs to the wall and still fought back upfield to shake the net when all seemed lost. They had the

grit and the determination but the weak spots had appeared in the heat of battle. Try as the Selectors did between this match and the Munster final, there were doubts about certain positions. Exams and club matches did not help to observe the weak spots in a good team. But a chain is as good as its weakest link. A well motivated team took the field for the Munster final. We had heard of this great Cork team that had beaten a good Limerick team in the other semi-final. Mark Foley, their giant full-forward had to be watched but we knew Rory Brislane would not allow him much scope. No stone was left unturned to have the team in good shape, but we had to bear in mind that we were meeting Cork for the first time for many years "in the lions den", on a Munster final day.

The Tipperary association in Cork had done everything possible for us to facilitate us and make us "feel at home". They succeeded, too, and the players were cool and relaxed. We had a Garda escort laid on and a light meal was ready when we reached a very quiet and pleasant retreat, where the team got ready mentally before setting out for Páirc Ui Chaoimh.

Cork on their home-ground were on the attack continually for the first fifteen minutes scoring 1-3 in this period despite playing against the breeze. The nerves slowly disappeared. Back came Tipperary with a vengeance to leave the half-time score Cork 1-5, Tipperary 1-4. Try as Tipperary did in the second half, they could not break the stranglehold at centre-field. Cork introduced two good subs. (Coutts and Riordan) and one or two of the Tipperary boys failed to respond to the promptings of the Selectors and of their fellow team-mates who gave everything they had against this first-class Cork team who went on to take a well deserved All-Ireland. Our congratulations to them and to trainers Johnny Clifford and Charlie McCarthy.

The Tipperary selectors were: Donal Shanahan (North), Phil Lowry (Mid), T.J. O'Dwyer (West), Dick Goldsboro (South). The trainer-coach was Br J. Perkins.

The Tipperary Munster final minor hurling team was: Philly Ryan (gl), Boherlahan, Seamus O'Shea (Sarsfields), Rory Brislane (Toomevara), James Cahill (Templemore), Phil Cahill (Moycarkey-Borris), John Madden (Lorrha), Phil Shanahan (Clonoulty), MI Nolan (Capt.) (Roscrea), Lar Cleary (Cappawhite), Tony Lanigan (Holycross), Joe Cahill (Drom-Inch), Andy Rossiter (Sarsfields), David Quinlan (Kilruane), Dan Quirke (Clonoulty), Brendan Burke (Fethard), Subs: Damian Quinlan (Arravale Rovers), Fergus McGrath (St Mary's, Clonmel), (both played).

Jody Grace (gl) (Toomevara), Tom Dwyer (Holycross) Sean Alley (Knockavilla), Maurice Whelan (Swan), Alan O'Dwyer (Clonoulty), MI Grace (Galtee Rovers), Frank Cunningham (Emly).



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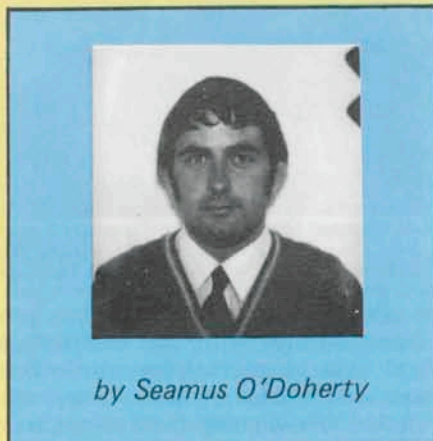


*Joseph O'Connor,  
Prop.*

# UNDER 21 ALL-IRELAND REGAINED

The success of the Tipperary under 21 hurlers in winning this year's Munster and All Ireland titles was very well timed. Following the disappointment of Centenary year, when the County was defeated in three All Ireland finals and the dejection of our continued failure at senior level, it was a great thrill to win an All Ireland after a three year lapse. Coincidentally Tipperary's last All Ireland title was recorded at minor level in 1982 when the bulk of this years U-21 winning team played in the victory over Galway at Croke Park.

Apart from proving the excellent judgement of the minor selectors at that stage, it confirmed the determination of these players to succeed in the blue and gold colours at the highest level. Since the inception of the under 21 championship in 1964, Tipperary's record in the competition has been excellent. All Ireland honours have been achieved in 1964, 1967, 1979, 1980, 1981 and 1985, and only Cork lead Tipperary on the



*by Seamus O'Doherty*

honours list. The golden age for Tipperary has certainly been from 1978 to date. In those years the County has won seven provincial and four All Ireland titles. Much of the credit for these wins is attributed to the diligence of team coach Mick Minogue (Roscrea), who has held this position since 1979. Many of

the games involving Tipperary in those years have been very exciting and many memorable incidents are recalled from this frequently downgraded competition.

## Recent Losses.

For the last two seasons Tipperary, with lightly rated teams, suffered the indignity of losing All Ireland finals to Galway and Kilkenny respectively. These defeats were the major motivating force as this season's campaign began and the desire to avenge these defeats and regain the Crois Caiseal Trophy, were the main reasons why Mick Minogue decided to remain as coach having earlier considered stepping down.

The 1985 draw gave Tipperary an easy start in the shape of a home game against Kerry! This assignment never materialised however, as the Kingdom decided their preparations and players were not sufficiently good to consider challenging the provincial specialists on their own ground.



**THE TIPPERARY TEAM WHICH DEFEATED CLARE IN THE MUNSTER U-21 HURLING FINAL AT THURLES**  
Back row: John Kennedy, Pat O'Donoghue, Noel Sheehy, John Bergin, John McGrath, Michael Corcoran, Liam Stokes  
Front row: Michael Cunningham, Noel McDonnell, Donie Kealy, Michael Scully, (Capt), Colm Bonnar, Tom Leamy.

### The Start.

The end result of this walk over was that Tipperary now without a competitive game together, faced Waterford in their own Walsh Park early in May, with a place in the provincial decider at stake. The strength of the Waterford challenge was expected to be great, because not alone did they have the benefit of home territory, a few senior inter county players in their ranks and the encouragement of running Tipperary minors to just one point in the provincial semi-final of 1983. Apart from that Waterford had prepared their team very well for this game and were fully committed to taking on Tipperary.

It was a game Tipperary worked very hard to win. In fact their display that night left much to be desired. There were difficulties at half-back at mid-field and in attack and in view of these deficiencies it wasn't surprising that Waterford had rallied after a bad start to level the scoring by half time, 1-4 to 0-7 (w). The selectors solved some of their problems by introducing Paul Delaney (Roscrea) at left half back in that half and bringing Aidan Ryan (Borrisoleigh) to midfield to help John Kennedy (Clonoulty-Rossmore).

Tipperary got away to a great start after half time with team captain Michael Scully (Roscrea) slotting 4 points within 6 minutes of the resumption. Waterford rallied again with a goal and it was anybody's game until Noel Sheehy (Silvermines) struck for two goals in quick succession, to give the Tipperary men breathing space. Another Waterford rally yielded a Liam O'Connor goal, but two late pointed frees by Scully made it safe for Tipperary on a 3-11 to 2-8 scoreline. Outstanding in a far from convincing team were Colm Bonnar (Cashel) and Donie Kealy (Roscrea) in defence, John Leamy (Golden-Kilfeacle) in goal and forwards Scully, who scored 0-10 and Sheehy, who notched 3-0.

### Munster Final

The next outing was the Munster final on July 12th at Semple Stadium against Clare, with whom Tipperary have enjoyed some great tussles at this level in recent years. The disappointment of the senior and minor defeats at Páirc Uí Chaoimh were still fresh in Tipperary people's minds, but nevertheless optimism prevailed that the 21s would succeed. The defection of Paul Delaney through illness gave Noel McDonnell (Tommevara) his chance at wing back. Other changes from the Waterford game saw Aidan Ryan at midfield in place of Ger Bradley (Newport) with MI Cunningham (Emly) in to the wing forward spot. Michael Scully switched to corner forward with Seán Slattery (Cashel) and Liam Stokes (Kilsheelan) replaced Tom Leamy (Golden) at full forward.



*A delighted Michael Scully, Tipperary's captain, raises the cup in triumph after Tipperary's win over Clare in the Munster U-21 hurling final. On left is Brendan Vaughan, Munster Council chairman, and on right is Fr Seamus Gardiner, PRO, Munster Council.*

Clare entered this game with a confident attitude. They had beaten Cork and Limerick on their way to the final and were trained by Scan Hanley, who trained the winning Clare minor team of 1981. The large crowd expected a thriller and they were right! incredible looseness by the Tipperary fullback line and lack of penetration in attack were the main reasons why Clare led at half time by 3-3 to 0-7. The brilliance of midfielders Aidan Ryan and John Kennedy had gone for nought, due to below par displays from many of their colleagues.

Tipperary mentors made several switches during the interval, but the most crucial of all was made early in the second half, when Noel Sheehy was withdrawn from the attack to take up a position at right wing back. John Cormack (Loughmore-Castleiney) was introduced to Sheehy's place in attack. His contribution was immediate as he set up Michael Scully for a great goal, which opened up the game and gave Tipperary hope. The excitement was intense as eight hectic scoreless minutes passed. Scully levelled. Tipperary moved ahead. Val Donnellan's fortuitous long range goal levelled for Clare. The atmosphere was unbelievable. Sheehy had switched to centre back with Donie Kealy on the wing. Michael Scully

edged Tipperary clear and sub, Murty Bryan (Sarsfields) added another point to establish a most dangerous two point lead for Tipperary. With two minutes to go John Leamy made a brilliant save from Joe Chaplin. Clare were foiled and Tipperary had done it again. Joy for Tipperary as Scully accepted the Cup from disappointed provincial chairman, clareman, Brendan Vaughn. Scully was certainly the hero of the hour-scoring a total of 1-10. Others who impressed were Colm Bonnar in defence, Noel Sheehy when switched to defence, midfielder Aidan Ryan and John Kennedy, Michael Cunningham and John McGrath (Borrisoleigh) in attack. Final score 1-16 to 4-5.

### Tullamore Semi-Final

A welcome break of a month followed before Tipperary met Galway in the All Ireland semi-final at Tullamore. This was a difficult assignment for the Blue and gold following Galway's encouraging win over Cork in the senior game a week earlier and the fact that the tribesmen included three of that team, Peter Finnerty, Joe Cooney and Anthony Cunningham in their U-21 squad. On the Tipperary team Paul Delaney returned to wing back with Noel McDonnell moving back to corner back. John Cormack earned a starting place instead of Sean Slattery at corner forward. Despite success in defence Noel Sheehy returned to half forward.

The game, played on a muddy pitch, was always close and interesting but despite the closeness of the scoring all through, Tipperary led most of the way. A good first half display, which gave them a one point lead after playing against the breeze, paved the way for a Tipperary win. The basis for Tipperary's win extended to a superb half back line, the constant work of Aidan Ryan at midfield and the ability of the forwards especially Noel Sheehy, John Cormack and Michael Cunningham to take points from play. Scully's reputation preceded



*Pat O'Donoghue checks a Kilkenny attack*

him and he was closely marked, but still recorded 0-5 of the Tipperary total.

Galway switches and substitutes were followed by Anthony Cunningham's goal which reduced Galway's defeat to just two points 0-14 to 2-6. Tipperary's reply was instant, Aidan Ryan and Michael Scully set up substitute Murty Bryan, who handpassed to the net and that was that. Both sides added a point and then it was over.

John Bergin (Moynemaguihy) gave a useful performance at full back with Colm Bonnar again majestic in the left corner. The half back line was in superb form as the forwards moved the ball smartly and successfully. This was an excellent win and it gave the Tipperary men the confidence required to face another All-Ireland final in a positive frame of mind.

#### The Decider.

For the second year in succession, it was a Tipperary-Kilkenny final at Walsh Park, Waterford. We recalled Kilkenny's win over us at the same venue in the centenary decider and hoped for better luck this time. Kilkenny's free scoring exploits in earlier rounds and the fears expressed in print by coach Minogue and captain Scully ensured 'the Cats' received all the attention they deserved. Unfortunately, John Bergin was hospitalised following a road accident and while released before the game, he was unable to line out at full back. This was most upsetting, especially in view of his highly commended display against Galway.

The selectors chose Pat O'Donoghue (Cashel) to line out in his place. Pat had been replaced in the Munster final against Clare and hadn't played against Galway, but now had his big chance to answer his critics by marking Kilkenny dangerman, Michael Rafter. Tipperary had six survivors from the 1984 final and this was an excellent base from which to work.

The final was a disappointing game however as neither side reached its potential at any stage during the game. The first half was all Tipperary. Kilkenny lost full forward Rafter early on and his absence upset their rhythm. Tipperary's territorial advantage due mainly to the wind assistance was not translated into scores. Indeed they recorded thirteen first half wides and had a goal disallowed as well. Despite an early goal by John McGrath the forward line took a long time to find its range.

By half time Tipperary had a forged a six point lead 1-5 to 0-2 despite their problems at half back and in attack.

Kilkenny's early second half comeback did not materialise and with just 15 minutes to go the lead had been increased to eight points 1-8 to 0-3. The concluding quarter though, gave Tipperary a lot more than they bargained

for. Goals by Joe Walsh and Tommy Bawle boosted Kilkenny before sharpshooter Eamon Morrissey pointed to level the scoring. With the breeze in their favour and the play breaking in their favour a Kilkenny win now seemed inevitable.

It was here however that the courage and character of this Tipperary team was really seen. All around the field players resolved themselves to take control and delightfully it was the blue and gold who took control. Substitute Murty Bryan popped over a point before Noel Sheehy struck a super long range one to increase the lead. Larry Cleere narrowed the gap again for Kilkenny, but Tipperary held on in 'lost' time to earn a one point victory and a sixth All-Ireland for the county on a 1-10 to 2-6 score. Michael Corcoran was the outstanding player on view but Pat O'Donoghue had a great game at full back thereby justifying his inclusion. John Leamy made two vital saves in the game the one before half time being crucial. Colm Bonnar maintained his consistently sound performances over the season. Aidan Ryan and John Kennedy contributed much at midfield with John McGrath and Michael Scully the pick of an inaccurate attack. Brendan

Vaughan, as vice-president of the G.A.A., again made the presentation to Michael Scully much to the approval of success starved Tipperary supporters.

The panel for the All-Ireland final was: J. Leamy, N. McDonnell, P. O'Donoghue, C. Bonnar, M. Corcoran, D. Kealy, P. Delaney, A. Ryan, J. Kennedy, M. Cunningham, J. McGrath, N. Sheehy, J. Cormack, L. Stokes, M. Scully.

Subs: M. Bryan, J. Seymour, G. Ryan, S. Collison, T. Leamy, G. Bradley, D. Carr, J. Flannery, M. McKenna, J. Bergin.

The selectors were: Billy Carroll (chairman, St Mary's), Donie Moloney (Roscrea), Bertie Fitzpatrick (Roscrea), Billy Ryan (Moycarkey-Borris), Bill Hayes (Clonoulty-Rossmore), with Mick Minogue (Roscrea) the trainer coach.

Already many of this team have played with the Tipperary senior team. Donie Kealy, Aidan Ryan, John McGrath, Noel Sheehy, Michael Scully and John Leamy have been members of the county senior squad in recent games. We all hope that these players will enjoy as much success at the top grade as they have previously in minor and U-21 competitions.

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## Tipperary's All-Ireland U-21 Hurling Title 1985

### *-What they said in the papers.*

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"Tipperary deservedly won their sixth All-Ireland U-21 hurling title, when they beat Kilkenny by a point at Waterford yesterday. The scoreline might suggest this was a thriller, but nothing would be further from the truth. It was not up to the standard of some previous finals in the grade and had Tipperary lost they would have only themselves to blame.

"Tipperary then were worthy winners but had to suffer some last quarter palpitations before clinching the issue. Most prominent for them were Michael Corcoran and Paul Delaney at wing back, midfielder Aidan Ryan and a most dependable goalkeeper in Leamy".

*Gerry McCarthy*

*The Irish Press - August 26th 1985.*

"Full marks to the Tipperary youngsters for avenging last year's defeat by the Leinster county, at the same Walsh Park venue and recording the county's sixth success in the grade, but how they dived with defeat, during a match that only briefly lived up to expectations, for a somewhat disappointing crowd of little more than 5,000.

"Determined not to let this final chance of championship glory in 1985 slip from their grasp, Tipperary managed

to shut out the now frantic attempts of Kilkenny, to maintain their momentum".

*Damian McElroy*

*The Irish Independent*

*August 26th 1985*

"The Rip roaring finale which had a 6,000 attendance on its toes made up to a considerable extent for the mediocrity of the hurling that preceded it. Never say die Kilkenny came within a whisker of hanging on to their crown, but it would have been a travesty of justice, had Tipperary lost a final, which they dominated for lengthy spells.

"Their outfield hurling had a stamp of quality about it, with the Cashel pair of Pat O'Donoghue and Colm Bonnar shining in defence and Aidan Ryan, John Kennedy, Michael Scully and John McGrath also leaving a marked impression on the game".

*John Murphy*

*The Cork Examiner - August 26th 1985*

"Tipperary, beaten in the All-Ireland U-21 hurling finals of the last two years, made no mistake at the third attempt when they scored a richly deserved victory over Kilkenny in a decider, which provided a pulsating finish, at Walsh Park yesterday.

"If the hurling overall failed to

measure up to the standard of other finals in the grade, there was ample compensation for the 8,000 attendance in an exciting final quarter as Kilkenny fought back from a seemingly hopeless position, to draw level - only for the Tipperary men to pull clear again and claim both the title and sweet revenge for last year's defeat, at the hands of the same opposition".

*The Irish Times — August 26th 1985*

"As befits near and keen rivals this was a highly competitive affair punctuated by many passages of excellent hurling with the honours resting unquestionably where they belong at the long whistle, despite the single point separating margin.

"For the Munster side enjoyed the lion's share of the play and were infinitely the better all round side and only for sheer unpalatable first half wastage, might well have won by a more handsome margin".

*The Munster Express — August 30th 1985*

"A sweet one, even if we had to endure a few heart flutters in the last quarter. A victory had always seemed on if not assured for three quarters of the game, but in the last ten minutes some of us would have been content with a draw after watching an eight point lead being swept away on a Kilkenny tide, which threatened more.

"If not a final of classic hurling it

certainly had plenty of raw bravery in the tackle with nothing missing in will on either side. There was little of the fancy and no time for sluggish hesitancy in the final quarter especially as men in possession were tackled hard and scores always well earned".

*Westside*

*The Nationalist — 31st August 1985*

"Tipperary made heavy weather of dethroning a very moderate Kilkenny side and should never have found themselves in the position of having to fight so desperately in stamina and courage to initially stem the Kilkenny side and then surge forward to grab the match winning scores, in a nail biting finish, that had the crowd on its toes until referee John Denton of Wexford brought matters to a close.

"Tipperary's remarkable consistency in this competition owes a lot to the work put into the team behind the scenes by coach Mick Minogue and his selectors, who made the most of the talent available".

*Michael Dundon*

*Tipperary Star — August 31st 1985*

"Certainly on the day's play, Tipperary were the better team but really they worked harder than they needed to, to secure victory. The main cause of our problem was an inaccurate attack, which shot thirteen wides in the first half when it seemed that with wind

assistance Tipperary would over-run Kilkenny.

"Much of the credit for Tipperary's win goes to the right flank of the defence where two similar style hurlers gave what I considered brilliant performances, Noel McDonnell and Michael Corcoran".

*'An Sliotar'*

*The Guardian — August 31st 1985*

"In a way there was a certain amount of third time luck attached to this Tipperary All-Ireland final win. They lost the two previous finals and although they were the better team on this occasion, they nearly blew it. Tipperary were good, but not to the extent one had been let to believe. Midfielder Aidan Ryan played some tremendous hurling and Michael Corcoran did likewise, of the rest Michael Scully, Paul Delaney and Noel McDonnell looked to have a promising future in the game".

*John Knox*

*Kilkenny People — August 31st 1985*

"I was sure we were going to make it when we fought back and got level with them. We had the breeze behind us and we were getting plenty of the ball and we should have finished the job".

*Martin Fitzpatrick, Kilkenny Coach*

*Kilkenny People — August 31st 1985*



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## TIPPERARY'S MOTORWAY TO FORD SUCCESS

BY JOHN O'GRADY

At a time when championship and league titles are thin on the Tipperary ground, it's nice to own a title we may be in no danger of losing. The 'Ford Open', having run twice, in Centenary Year and in '85, seems certain to depart from the competitive calendar; and as Tipperary are the holders we are apt to stay that way, until the next Centenary?

The curious thing is, we very nearly declined to enter at all! Majority thinking was reflected in Michael Frawley's blunt rejection of it at the Rockwell Co. Convention and the competition was seen as an unnecessary adjunct to the established pair and as further encroachment of inter-county activity on the Sundays available for club games.

The perspective altered radically, when Tipperary not only failed to qualify out of the league section, but were doomed to relegation by results in the last round, with the heavy defeat at Carrick by Wexford marking our failure to help ourselves. Months, barren of serious outings and reliable trials, now loomed ahead until summer and our scheduled visit to Ennis. Clare, the tenants of Ennis, had by contrast done extremely well in the league. Our selectors saw no sense in giving the 'Open' a miss and Board opinion went along with them quite readily once the position became clear.

It seems like poetic justice that Tipperary should proceed to win it. And there is no doubt that the experience gained in the five matches was a help to the selectors in choosing players for the championship and in building up the morale to face into Ennis. Without the 'Open', who knows but we might never have got to the Munster final? And even admitting the third-place ranking of it behind championship and league, there was still a fair degree of credit in winning out. To beat Wexford at New Ross, Clare at Limerick and Galway at Cork, not bad going by any means.

First of the five rounds took Tipperary to the tidy Meath town of Trim, and we 'trimmed' the native hurlers easily, 3-18 to 0-7. English's two goals opened up the expected gap. Stars of the display were O'Neill, Bobby Ryan and Conroy.

Next and hazardously, to Wexford. They had created a stir already by soundly drubbing the holders, Cork. So it was all the more pleasant for Tipperary ears to learn on radio that it had ended 1-14 to 1-7. in our favour. And better still, it had been done with fourteen finishers, Conroy



Tipperary captain Jack Bergin holds up the cup after Tipperary defeated Galway in the Ford Open Hurling Final at Pairc Ui Chaoimh, Cork.

having been sent off after a tackle on Courtney. Power and McIntyre were not available, so Kealy was a youthful centre-back and O'Connell started at full-forward, though Doyle finished there. A lead of 1-8 to 0-3 at the interval promised well and it was defended resolutely. English slipped in typically for the goal. The loss of Conroy was made up for by Liam Maher's good last quarter at midfield and the half-back play of Bobby Ryan and Conor Donovan. Ger O'Neill sealed the success with three late points and Carrick had, to a degree, been avenged.

Ambition was sharpened by this win, but the next was less satisfying. Antrim at Thurles did not sound much of a problem, but loose defence left Antrim in with a slender chance all the way. The 2-17 to 4-7 score was not good

reading. The game marked the final appearance of Jim Keogh at full-back, as replacement for Brennan. Brophy was not available. Kealy was again centre-back and O'Connell was club tied. A revealing sidelight of our unexpected difficulties was that English, though less than fit, had to come in for Dooley. A sloppy display, complacency leading to uneasy moments.

The semi-final was against Clare. The shadow of the coming championship lay over the game. Could we strike a prospective blow for ourselves? We could: 3-13 to 1-12. O'Neill placed Power for our first goal. The Cappa-white forward goaled himself and Doyle had the third.

The final was, naturally enough, in the field down-river from the now silent Ford premises on the Lee. It rained. At the end, our jubilant players were as muddled as a rugby team, but they were happy. Fox was back at corner, Bobby Ryan could not play at all. A reshuffle of the half-backs lined them out as Conroy, McIntyre and Donovan. Mannion partnered Kennedy at midfield. It took a smart piece of perception by Power to get Tipperary started, he caught out the Galway backs with a suddenly hit goal off a free and levelled the scores. This inspired Tipperary to a burst of six points in eleven minutes, English, Maher and Power being involved and we led 1-6 to 0-5 at the interval. With Lynskey forceful against McIntyre, Galway made a positive re-start in a downpour. Haverty beat our backs off a free, but Tipperary were not ruffled, English, Maher and Power, strong points together. Noel O'Dwyer made a short appearance, his last of the year, for the off-form O'Neill. Power gave endless problems to Conor Hayes. Kennedys form was one of the keys to victory, with Mannion industrious beside him and Conroy repeated his Clare impression. McIntyre recovered and finished strong as anyone.



The Tipperary team which won the Ford Open Draw senior hurling tournament for the first time  
Back row: Michael Doyle, Ian Conroy, Donie O'Connell, Nicholas English, Bobby Ryan, Conor Donovan, John Sheedy, John McIntyre  
Front row: Liam Maher, Philip Kennedy, Jack Bergin, Brian Mannion, Peter Brennan, Seamus Power, Ger O'Neill

# THE 1985 COUNTY SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

BY SEAMUS J. KING

When Kilruane-MacDonaghs won the county final in Semple Stadium on October 13 it was the fifth time that the senior hurling title had gone to the parish of Cloughjordan. The first occasion was in 1902 when the famous Lahorna De Wets won the title. There was a long wait until 1977 for the second title and this was the start of a three-in-a-row. However, there was at least one connection between the two teams, the secretary of the De wets team was Michael Gaynor of Rapla, the granduncle of Len, who contributed so handsomely to the victories of 1977-78-79. Many would agree that his hand was very much responsible for the 1985 success as well.

Kilruane's success was at the expense of old rivals Roscrea. The teams had already met in the north final at MacDonagh Park, Nenagh, when Kilruane were successful in a scoreline of 2-10 to 1-10. The basis was laid for the success with two goals in the first twelve minutes and the Cloughjordan men led all through. However, although their display left a lot to be desired they revealed a toughness which was going to be an important factor in winning the county final. It was Kilruane's eight divisional title and Roscrea were seeking their seventeenth.

Meanwhile, Holycross-Ballycahill were marking their Centenary Year with victory in the mid division at Boherlahan. The win gave them their sixth title in the grade and their first since 1978. On both occasions the opposition was provided by Thurles Sarsfields. Before the game there was plenty of talk that this was the match to see. On the day it was a miserable, boring affair, bearing not even a ghost of a relationship with the contests between the sides back in the fifties. The game retained interest for the spectators only because of the fact that the teams were locked so closely together. In the end only two points separated them in a scoreline of 2-8 to 1-9.

In the west Eire Og-Cappawhite were going for their third divisional title in a row. The setting was Bansha with the great backdrop of the Galtees darkened by clouds. Their opponents were Cashel-King Cormac's whom they had defeated in the two previous years. This was a game that Cashel lost rather than Cappawhite won. They outthurred the champions in most departments for almost the entire hour and then they

shadow of the great displays they had given their followers in 1984.

In the south division Carrick Swans were taking their third-in-a-row and their eighteenth since they won their first in 1933. Their victims were St Mary's, Clonmel, going for their second ever. Previews of the game had the Swans hot favourites. On the day, however, St. Mary's, a young team, came within an inch of success. Only lack of scoring power deprived them of victory. The game was played in picturesque Kilsheelan.

## Quarter-Finals

The draw for the quarter-finals had the north against the mid and the west against the south. The latter games were played at Bansha on a pleasant, sunny Sunday. Cappawhite were first to the fray against a St Mary's team that seemed to lack faith in itself. The west champions played some stylish hurling and with a hat-trick of goals from Ger O'Neill they led by nine points, 3-5 to 0-5, at the interval. They maintained their advantage in the second half and, with three minutes to go, were still

## RESULTS

### County quarter-finals:

Cappawhite 4-8 St Mary's 2-12  
Carrick Swans 3-9 Cashel 0-10  
Kilruane MacDonaghs 2-10 Thurles  
Sarsfields 2-3  
Roscrea 2-11 Holycross-Ballycahill 1-10

### County semi-finals:

Kilruane MacDonaghs 2-8  
Cappawhite 2-2  
Roscrea 4-17 Carrick Swans 2-8

### County final:

Kilruane MacDonagh 2-11  
Roscrea 0-10

gave away scoring chances, goals and points, with prodigal abandon. In the end Cappawhite were four points ahead in a scoreline of 1-10 to 0-9. The victors' performance was only a



Kilruane Mac Donagh captain Tony Sheppard receives the Dan Breen Cup from County Chairman Michael Lowry

eight points ahead. But two St Mary's goals by Derek Williams and substitute Tommy Walsh suddenly changed everything. In the end Cappa survived and qualified for the semi-final with a score of 4-8 to 2-12.

In the second game Cashel King Cormac's continued the squandermania they had indulged in the divisional final. Without taking from the Swans victory, it has to be said that Cashel were totally inadequate when it came to scoring. In the first half they shot an incredible fourteen wides to the Swans' four. With the exception of a drive by Tommy Grogan in the second half the Swans' goalie, Willie Barrett, was otherwise untroubled. The result, a victory of 3-9 to 0-10 for the Swans, left it difficult to evaluate the southerners' true worth.

#### North V Mid.

The other two quarter-final games took place at Semple Stadium on September 21. In the first game Kilruane MacDonaghs had a seven point victory over a very disappointing Thurles Sarsfields. In fact the winning margin did not do justice to the northmen's superiority. Kilruane dominated the first half and led by 1-9 to 0-2 at the interval. It took Sarsfields ten minutes to score and they got their second point just before the interval. Thurles improved in the second half but they revealed a shortage of scoring power and, in the end, were behind by 2-10 to 2-3.

In the second game Holycross-Ballycahill's dream of adding the county to their mid title came unstuck when, in spite of a wholehearted performance, they went down by a four point margin to Roscrea in a scoreline of 2-11 to 1-10. Because the game was keenly competitive and the sides close, the game was interesting and entertaining. Holycross had the benefit of the wind in the first half but failed to make use of their chances. Two Roscrea goals at vital stages saw them ahead by 2-3 to 0-5 at half-time. The mid men produced their best hurling in the second half, but their effort wasn't sufficient to get the better of Roscrea.

#### Semi-Finals

And so the stage was set for the semi-finals at Semple Stadium on the last Sunday in September. The first game was between the north champions and the west champions. By any standards this was a disappointing game with little of a competitive edge about it. It was marked by a complete failure on the part of Cappawhite to make use of the scoring opportunities they got. One looked around for the forward line that had moved with such speed and purpose during the 1984 championship. As an indication of their poor performance Cappawhite scored only two



**Roscrea Senior Hurling team:** Back row: Danny Moloney (masseur), John Stone, Gerry Ryan, Kevin Moloney, Donal Kealy, Liam Spooner, Kevin O'Connor and Francis Loughnane. Front row: Michael Scully, Eamonn Bergin, Val Ryan, Joe Bergin, Ger O'Connor, Tadhg O'Connor, Paul Delaney and Peadar Queally.



**CASHEL SENIOR HURLING TEAM 1985**

points in the first fifty-three minutes of the game. When their two goals came Kilruane's place in the final was already secure. Cappawhite shot ten wides in the first half and were behind by 1-4 to 0-1 at the interval. The final score was 2-8 to 2-2 in favour of Kilruane. The other point about the game was the relatively poor performance by the north men.

This poor performance contrasted with a very fine display by Roscrea in the second semi-final when they overwhelmed Carrick Swans by 4-17 to 2-8. One of the great performances of the game was given by veteran, Francis Loughnane, who had a personal tally of 2-4 and who posed a constant threat to the Swans' backline. The first half was close enough with only three points between the sides at the interval. The score was 0-10 to 1-4 in favour of Roscrea. In fact the Swans squandered a number of scoreable opportunities during this period and did not seem to be hurling with the same confidence as they had shown in the quarter-final. In the second half it was all Roscrea after

Eamon Bergin got a goal four minutes into the second half. After, that the south men lost all composure and gradually faded from the scene.

#### The County Final

Ten and a half thousand people turned up for the county final at Semple Stadium on October 13. There were many children present. They had been invited along as guests of the county board from schools throughout the county. The day was pleasant and dry and all the arrangements contributed to an enjoyable occasion.

As a result of the semi-finals, Roscrea were regarded as the more skillfull out fit with greater scoring ability. And during the course of the first half they seemed to justify that projection. In contrast the Kilruane performance was pedestrian and without imagination. Roscrea had three points on the board before there was a reply from the north champions. They dominated at centre-field where Peadar Queally was king and Bergin, Scully and Loughnane looked dangerous in the forwards. However,



KILRUANE MAC DONAGH— TIPPERARY SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS 1985

Back row, l. to r.: Ed. Fogarty (Masseur), Paddy Williams, Seamus Gibson, John Cahill, Enda Hogan, Dinny O'Meara, Eamonn O'Shea, Jim Williams  
Front row, l. to r.: Dinny Cahill, Gilbert Williams, Jim O'Meara, Michael Hogan, Tony Sheppard (captain), Seamus Hennessy, Gerry Williams, Philip Quinlan

opportunities were not taken, no goal was scored and what seemed to be a victorious Roscrea first half resulted in a lead of only 0-8 to 0-4 at the interval. Not enough by a long shot.

Kilruane resumed with a new centre-field of Dinny Cahill and Joe Banaghan and the move soon brought results. Queally's influence declined and Roscrea never re-established control in the area. On the top of that was the move of Eamon O'Shea to centre-forward. Gradually gaps began to appear in the Roscrea centre-back line and Kilruane points, two from O'Shea, brought them within a point of their opponents. But the game was dogged and the result still hung in the balance. That was, until the fifty-first minute when O'Shea burst through to set Pat Quinlan up for a goal and the lead for the first time for Kilruane. Two minutes later O'Shea sealed Roscrea's fate when he doubled on a dropping ball, from a long range free from Gilbert Williams, and scored Kilruane's second goal. Roscrea's challenge came to an end and it is significant that they scored only two points in the second half to leave a final score of 2-11 to 0-10 in favour of the north champions.

The teams for the final were as follows: Kilruane MacDonaghs: T. Sheppard (capt), J. Cahill, D. O'Meara, S. Gibson, M. Hogan, J. O'Meara, G. Williams, S. Hennessy, E. Hogan, Jerry Williams, Jim Williams, E. O'Shea, D. Cahill, P. Williams, P. Quinlan.

Subs: J. Banaghan for E. Hogan, Pat Quinlan for S. Hennessy.

Roscrea: K. Moloney, J. Bergin, V.



County Senior Hurling Final Referee Donal O'Gorman pictured with his linesmen before the game at Semple Stadium, Thurles.

Ryan, T. O'Connor, P. Delaney, D. Kealy, K. O'Connor, P. Queally, G. Ryan, J. Stone, G. O'Connor, L. Spooner, M. Scully, F. Loughnane, E. Bergin. Subs: F. Fletcher for E. Bergin, J. Pyne for T. O'Connor.

The referee was Donie O'Gorman of the Thurles Sarsfields. The cup was presented to Tony Sheppard by county chairman, Michael Lowry. The man of the match award, sponsored by Frosts Gargae, Nenagh, was presented to Eamon O'Shea by Donal Shanahan, representing the sponsors.

The victory was a great achievement for the Kilruane MacDonagh club. It was the best possible success to have in the Centenary Year of the club. But it wasn't the club's only achievement during the year. They also won the county junior championship and the divisional senior football championship. To top it all the parish priest of Cloughjordan, Fr Eddie Whyte, produced a fine club history which told the story of the G.A.A. in the parish up to the present year. The only task that remains to be done at the end of 1985 is to write another chapter that will properly chronicle the great achievements of the year.



#### KNOCKAVILLA KICKHAMS— U-14 RURAL HURLING COUNTY CHAMPIONS 1985

Back row, l. to r.: Tom Ryan, Paul Ryan, Tim Brien, Ger Browne, Tom Farrell, Kevin Horgan.

Middle row, l. to r.: Christy Ryan (selector), Oliver Cussen, Declan Crosse, John McCormack, Tomas Murphy, Seamus Farrell, Liam Hourigan, Kevin Farrell, Tommy Kelly (selector).

Front row, l. to r.: Jerry Cahill (selector), Pat Butler, Aodmain Dwyer, Patrick Morrissey, Michael Dwyer (captain), John Morrissey, Vincent Kelly, Gerard Butler. Missing from photo: Christy Ryan.

# ARRAVALLE ROVERS – COUNTY SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 1985

Back row, l. to r.: Richard Crowe, Pat McCormack, Billy Cronin, Joe Browne, Paul Londers, Willie Gilsenan, Tony Meagher, James O'Donoghue, Brendan Fogarty, Willie Crowe, Paddy Keely, Willie Madden, Martin Lowry.  
 Front row, l. to r.: Jimmy Lowry, Arthur Ryan, John Lowry, Denis Kenneally, Tom Toomey (captain), Tom Richardson, David Walsh, Damien Quinlan, Barry Walsh, John Conroy, Michael McCarthy, John Crowe.

Photo— O'Shea Thurlas



# FOOTBALL BOARD AFFAIRS

by Michael Power (Secretary)

The year just ended was one of the most active years on the football scene for a long time. Eventhough no major honours were won, I think it is fair to say that football has reached a stage of credibility.

Our activities include the following:

1. Preparation of all county teams.
2. County League
3. Post primary schools competition
4. Coaching scheme— Eamon Young.

## Minor

Trials were held in January and February 1985. We participated in the Munster Minor Football League and defeated Waterford on aggregate scores after games in Cahir and Dungarvan to reach the final against Kerry. After the great run in 1984 the selectors had only six players eligible to play minor again in 1985. They were Brian Burke, Fethard, Sean Brett, Mullinahone, Ger Enright, Cahir, Derek Pyke, Commercials, Michael Coonan, Newcastle and Philip Quirke, Galtee Rovers and it can be seen that the selectors had a huge task on hands to finalise a team to attain the standards of 1983 and 1984. We faced Kerry in league final without Brian Burke and plus the fact that a settled team had not been attained. It was not surprising that we were beaten on the score 1-8 to 3 points on the 30th March 1985 in Limerick. More attention was paid to training after the league final and with practice matches against Offaly and Dublin all was in readiness to tackle Cork in Pairc Ui Caoimh on the 3rd May 1985.

The team put up a great performance and were only defeated in the last minute

of the game. We had an opportunity to draw level but hit the crossbar and from the resultant break Cork scored the clinching goal. The final score was 2-8 to 1-8 and Cork went on to contest the All Ireland final only to be defeated. The coach Seamus McCarthy and selectors Hugh Kennedy, Tommy Lonergan, Ned Sheehan and Ml Darcy, thank you for your great effort. For Seamus McCarthy, he has resigned from the position of coach and it can now be said under his three year tenure, we established that we could compete with the best. A standard has been set and it will not be easy to attain. Finally thanks to the Cahir Club for the use of facilities. The team that played Cork was — Ger Enright, Cahir, Niall Fogarty, Golden, Brian Lawlor, Templemore, John O'Meara, Emly, Derek Pyke, Commercials, Philip Quirke, Galtee Rovers, Dermot Hackett, Fethard, Ml Coonan, Newcastle, Dom Quirke, Clonoulty, Ml Nolan, Roscrea, Brian Burke, captain (Fethard) Chris Coen, Fethard, Pat

Burke, Commercials, Colm Egan, Kiladangan, Sean Brett, Mullinahone. Subs: Philip Ryan (Commercials), Declan Ryan (Clonoulty), Willie O'Meara (Fethard), John Lowry, Arravale Rovers, Paul Costello, Cahir, Derry Foley, Moyle Rovers, Christian Healy, Newcastle, Colm Duggan, St Patricks, Martin Ryan, Ballinahinch, and Thomas O'Sullivan, Sarsfields.

## U-21 Team

The u-21 selection held trials in March 1985 and after two games with Waterford, whom we defeated easily on both occasions, in Cahir and Dungarvan, a panel was selected.

Serious training commenced in early May for the match against Cork on the 23rd June 1985 in Pairc Ui Caoimh. Further practice matches were held against Clare and Carlow, both of whom we defeated easily. Our last game before the Munster semi-final was against the Garda whom we defeated to continue our

tenure of the Dr Morris Cup. On the night of the game against Cork, Tipperary were the best team except on the score board. We were defeated on the score 9 points to 1-5.

However the team put up a great performance and Cork ran out easy winners of the All Ireland Championship.

With the team so young, the future is bright and let us hope that we may go one step better in 1986.

The team and subs that played Cork were as follows: Ger Enright, Cahir, Eamon O'Meara, captain, Grange-mockler, Richie Quirke, Cahir, Michael Fitzgerald, Fethard, Frank Howlin, Cahir, John Owens, Moyle Rovers, Andrew Healy, Newcastle, Brian Burke, Fethard, Jerry Ryan, Ard-finnan, Jim O'Meara, Grange-mockler, Rick Grogan, Galtee Rovers, David Fogarty, Golden, Ml Corcoran, Emly, Brian Stokes, Kilsheelan, Joe Lambert, Ardfinnan. Subs: Seamus Delahunty, Moyle Rovers, Michael Holland, Killadangan, David Walsh, Arravale Rovers, Willie Madden, Arravale Rovers, Paul Walsh, Swans, John Costello, Cahir, Peter Healy, Newcastle and Paddy Murphy, Fr Sheehy's.

The selectors were as follows: Coach— Seamus McCarthy, Tom Maher, Pete Savage, Timmy O'Shea and Michael Power.

Finally thanks to the Galtee Rovers Club for the continuous use of facilities for training.



Beaten County Minor Finalists, Eire Og, Templemore

## Junior Team

After a county trial and a practice match against Galtee Rovers the team was selected to play Limerick in the first round of the Munster Championship. We defeated Limerick and then went on to defeat Clare in the semi-final to qualify for the Munster final against Kerry.

In preparation for the Munster final the juniors had a practice match against the seniors and did reasonably well.

Arrangements were made and everything was in apple pie order to take on Kerry in Moyvane near Listowel, on a wet and blustery evening. After a great struggle the game ended in a draw, 7 points each. The replay was fixed for Sean Treacy Park on Friday the 28th June 1985.

However, arrangements did not go as smoothly and the selectors got more worried about where the match should be played instead of getting on with the business of winning the title for the first time since 1952.

However we were defeated by one point on the score Kerry 1-6 and Tipperary 1-5. This was a game that should have been won and in the end the penalty was paid for not being able to take our scores either from frees and play. The selectors were as follows: William Robinson, Michael Byrne, John Bourke, Larry Roche and Danny Kane.

The team that played Kerry in the Munster final replay was as follows:

Tommy Twomey, captain, Arravale Rovers, Paddy Kendrick, Fethard, Pat Larkin, Kilsheelan, Willie Crowe, Arravale Rovers, Martin Hanley, Galtee Rovers, Pat McGrath, Loughmore, John Owens, Moyle Rovers, Terry Ryan, Roscrea, Carl Lowry, Arravale Rovers, Tom McGrath, Loughmore, Brendan White, Swans, MI Healy, Fethard, Kevin Geraghty, Kilsheelan, John Treacy, Loughmore, MI McGrath, Loughmore. Subs: Sean Quinn, Galtee Rovers, Tom Richardson, Arravale Rovers, Kevin Hall Cashel, Tom Ryan, Loughmore, MI Ahern, Mullinahone, Jimmy Dunne, Templemohy, Moyne.

## Senior Football

The seniors had a long



*Dermot Hackett, Fethard minor football captain, receives the Hogan trophy from Hugh Kennedy, chairman of the Football Board*



*Rival minor captains, Dermot Hackett (Fethard) and Brian Lawlor (Templemore) with referee Pat Loneragan, before the county final*

campaign commencing in October with the league and finishing with the McGrath Cup final in July. They had seven games in the league, winning two, drawing one and losing four. Spirited performances were given in all games and four points was the heaviest defeat they suffered.

Preparation for the Open Draw and Championship commenced in late January with a training session once a week.

The coach to the team John Mulvihill, produced a physically fit team.

At this stage the target was to win the McGrath Cup.

We faced Clare in the first round on the 9th June and after a good performance victory was snatched from us and had to settle for a draw. We won the replay in Cork the following Sunday when the extra time had to be played to decide the issue. The victory against Clare was sweet as we had failed to beat them in the last three McGrath Cup finals.

On the 23rd June 1985 we faced Cork in Thurles

and suffered a heavy defeat. This defeat did morale no good for the McGrath Cup final and despite the best efforts of the coach and selectors, defeat was to be our lot in the McGrath Cup final, only this time at the hands of Limerick.

The coach, John Mulvihill, and all the selectors are to be thanked for a great effort. In September 1985, the coach, John Mulvihill and selectors Noel Byrne, Sean Connolly, D. J. Gleeson and Sean Mockler were appointed for the coming season, 1985/86. They have adopted a youth policy in that many of the 1984 successful minors are promoted to the senior team.

As the team is young their youth policy will take time and people will have to be patient and not expect miracles to happen overnight. Finally we thank Golden and Arravale Rovers clubs for making their facilities available to us during the year.

The team that played Limerick in the McGrath Cup final was as follows: Tommy Twomey, Arravale

Rovers, MI Fitzgerald, Fethard, Thomas London, The Garda, Dublin, Jim Lyons Grangemockler, Donal Foley, Moyle Rovers, John Owens, Moyle Rovers, Andrew Healy, Newcastle, Gene McGrath, Commercials, Brian Burke, Fethard, Tom McGrath, Loughmore, Pat McGrath, Loughmore, Benny Conway, Fr Sheehy's, Liam Stokes, Kilsheelan, Jim O'Donnell, Rockwell Rovers, Franny Kelly, Commercials. Subs: Anthony Colville, Fethard, Mark O'Connell, Commercials, Cormac Bonner, Cashel, Carl Lowry, Arravale Rovers, Richie Lanigan, Grangemockler, Willie Peters, Commercials, John Treacy, Loughmore.

## Post Primary School Competition

The post primary school competitions were run off efficiently and the winners were as follows:

McGowan Cup: Clonmel

High School

Cusack Cup: Tipperary CBS

U-14: Fethard P.B.S.

The highlight of the competitions being the u-14 blitz; twelve schools congregated in Rockwell College on Wednesday the 8th May 1985. Using four pitches the competition was run off very quickly and each school had at least two games, depending if they qualified for the quarter finals they would of course have more.

Great credit is due to Rockwell College for making its facilities available and the board is grateful for the co-operation received. However, Fethard P.B.S. stole the show by defeating the home team, Rockwell College in the final.

However, we would encourage more schools to participate in the county post primary competition. The number of schools now participating is now in the region of fifteen and we feel this can be increased.

Finally a word thanks is due to secretary Tony Smith Rockwell College and Chairman Colm O'Flaherty, Cashel Vocational School, for the efficient manner in which the competitions are completed each year.

## Coaching Scheme

Eamonn Young has just

completed his five week stint in Tipperary and we are pleased that his stay in the county went reasonably well.

The following clubs together with the schools, primary or post primary, in the parish or towns have benefited from his expertise.

Cahir, Ballylooby, Fr Sheehys Clogheen, Newcastle, Fethard, Grangemockler, Ballyporeen, Lattin/Cullen, Aherlow and Arravale Rovers, Tipperary.

Great co-operation was received from the clubs and schools and there is no doubt that all derived great benefit from the scheme. The clubs efforts are to be congratulated despite the short evenings, practically in all cases the exercises took place on the club's playing field as lights were erected to facilitate the coach.

There is no doubt that the scheme will be a success because of the man's enthusiasm and organisation together with the clubs enthusiasm.

Hugh Kennedy, is a member of the Munster Council Coaching Committee that strongly recommended that such a position be created to improve the state of football in the four

weaker counties in Munster.

After a struggle the position was eventually created and there need be no regrets. The appointment of Eamonn Young by the Munster Council will have long term benefits and there is no doubt if the knowledge is applied, standards will rise.

Eamonn Young will spend his second stint on the county in late March or early April.

Finally all concerned are to be thanked for their cooperation.

#### County League

The league for 1984/85 was a great success. The twenty seven teams participated and they were divided into four groups based on their record. The winners and runners up of the groups were as follows:

- Division 1: Ardfinnan
  - 1: Commercial
- Division 2: Emly
  - 2: Moyle Rovers
- Division 3: Newcastle
  - 3: Newport
- Division 4: Aherlow
  - 4: Loughmore

Division 1 and 2 played for the Tipperaryman's Cup and the semi-finals produced victories for Commercial and Moyle Rovers.

Before a fine and enthusiastic crowd the final was played in Kilsheelan with Commercial winning on the score 2-8 to Moyle Rovers 1-6. This game was of a high standard and it showed that Tipperaryman's Cup is no second rate competition. Commercial have now won the trophy for two years in succession. Moyle Rovers lost nothing in defeat and with such a young team, their day will come. Divisions 3 and 4 played for the newly inaugurated trophy, The Tipperaryman's Shield. Semi finals resulted in victories for Newcastle and Newport. Newcastle defeated Newport in the final on the score 1-10 to 1-4 in Sean Treacy Park, Tipperary to become the first holders of the shield.

A total of seventy six games were played throughout the entire league e.g. the number of games played by finalists: Commercial 6, Moyle Rovers 8, Newcastle 10, Newport 9. The idea of the league was to improve the number of games the club teams were playing and eventually help to raise the standards of football.

The league is a must if

any club wishes to do well in their relevant championship and that seems to be borne out by the fact that teams won divisional championship or appeared in the finals for the first time in a long time e.g. St Patrick's Drangan, Ballyporeen, Newport, Grangemockler etc. It may be said that the county league commencing in November is not the most desirable, however I feel a county league is better than no league. If all championships were knocked out there is no doubt but the timing could be improved.

However the continued success of the league depends on the cooperation of the clubs, which to date in most cases has been great. A great development has been the host club providing refreshments to the visiting team, referee and umpires and it is gradually becoming the norm.

The 1985/86 league has just recently commenced and again twenty seven teams are participating. The primary object of the board was to provide more competition, a greater mingling of clubs and improve standards and I think we are achieving our object.



Andrew Healy (Newcastle) and Seamus O'Neill (Commercial). Andrew was captain of the U.C.D. Sigerson Cup Team, which defeated Queens, Belfast in the final at Croke Park in February 1955.



The Newcastle team and subs that defeated Newport in the inaugural Tipperaryman's Shield Final at Sean Treacy Park, Tipperary in August, 1985.

Back row: John O'Loughlin, Finbarr Hickey, Michael Coonan, MI Purcell, Tomas Sweeney, Ernie Makem, Ger O'Shea, MI Hallinan, Niall Power, Anthony Condon  
Front row: Paudie Sweeney, James Lonergan, Andrew Healy, John Devaney, Peter Healy, Tom Lonergan (Captain), Tom Hackett, Anthony Cullinan, Christian Healy

## TIPPERARY SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM 1985



Back row, l. to r.: Tom Toomey, Jim Lyons, Donal Foley, Gabriel Irwin, Gene McGrath, Brian Burke, Richie Lanigan, Jim O'Donnell, Carl Lowry, Tom Lundon, Joe Keane, Liam Stokes.

Front row: John Owens (½ head), Mark O'Connell, Willie Peters, Seamie O'Neill, Andrew Healy, Michael Riordan, Anthony Colville, MI Fitzgerald, Cormac Bonnar, Benny Conway, Franny Kelly.

## TIPPERARY MINOR FOOTBALL TEAM 1985



Back row, l. to r.: Michael Nolan, John O'Meara, Philip Ryan, Gorry Enright, Dan Quirke, MI Goonan, Brian Lawlor, Chris Coen, Niall Fogarty, Paul Costelloe.

Front row: Tom O'Sullivan (half); Pat Burke, Derek Pyke, Colm Egan, Brian Burke, Derek Hackett, Philip Quirke, Sean Brett, Willie O'Meara.

# County Bord na nÓg Review 1985

## County Bord na nÓg Officers 1985

Chairman: Donal Shanahan  
(Toomevara)  
Secretary: Michael Maxwell  
(Clonoulty-Rossmore)  
Treasurer: Denis Hogan  
(Durlas Og)  
Representative to Senior  
Board: Br J. Perkins  
(Upperchurch-Drombane)  
P.R.O.: Liam McGrath  
(Hollycross-Ballycahill)



**EIRE OG U-14 WEST CHAMPIONS, 1985**

Back row: J. Ryan, V. Ryan, L. Ryan, M. McCanthy, D. Horan, R. Maxwell, L. Power, T. Ryan, W. Corbett, N. Heffernan, N. Butler  
Centre row: M. Heffernan, D. O'Mahoney, M. Heffernan, R. Quinn  
A. O'Brien, G. Leahy, T. Heffernan, L. Horan, D. Kelly, P. Ryan  
Front row: D. Quinn, G. Quinn, O. Kelly,



L. McGrath Co. Bord na nÓg, presenting the U-16 football trophy to Paul Norris, captain Moyle Rovers, after their victory over Arravale Rovers in the Co. Final at Boherlahan.

## Mícheál O Meiscill, Rúnaí

Carrick Swan and Arravale Rovers defeated Toomevara. In the final Durlas Og proved too good for Arravale Rovers. U-14 U/Rural Hurling: In the semi finals Kickhams beat the South champions and Durlas Og beat the North champions. In the final Durlas Og accounted for Kickhams.

U-14 Rural Hurling: Kickhams beat Moycarkey and Kilruane beat Fethard in the semi finals. In the final Kickhams proved too good for Kilruane.

U-14 U/Rural Foot ball: In the semi-finals Arravale Rovers beat Roscrea and Durlas Og beat Commercials. Arravale Rovers beat Durlas Og in the final.

U-14 Rural Football: Moyne-Templetuohy beat Kickhams and Fethard got w. o. from North champions in the semi-final with Fethard emerging victorious in the final.

Turas na nÓg: Arravale Rovers proved too good for Fethard in the final and gained a trip to the All Ireland Football final.

Bord na nÓg competitions were completed in good time this year and there was some great competition in both football and hurling.

The following is a run down of the various competitions.

U-12 Football: Both semi finals were played in Hollycross. Arravale Rovers beat Durlas Og and Fethard beat Eire Og Nenagh. The final was played in Boherlahan with victory going to Arravale Rovers.

U-12 Hurling: Both semi finals were again played in Hollycross. Durlas Og defeated



**CARRICK SWAN'S SOUTH TIPPERARY U-14, FEILE NA nGAEL CHAMPIONS 1985**

Back row: R. Hawkins, J. Bourke, J. O'Halloran (capt), P. Kavanagh, J. Cooke, M. Whelan, E. O'Hanlon, B. Cooney, G. O'Brien, D. McNamara, B. Hahessy  
Front row: M. Dunne, R. Walsh, P. Kelly, G. Morrissey, B. Waters, J. Walsh, B. Barry, P. Hennebry, L. Casey, D. Boland, M. Cullen

U-16 Hurling: In the semi-finals Cashel beat Moycarkey and Toomevara beat St Mary's Toomevara renewed rivalry with Cashel in the final with Toome proving superior.

U-16 Football: In the semi-finals Arravale Rovers beat Eire Og Nenagh and Moyle Rovers beat Templemore with Moyle Rovers beating Arravale Rovers in the final. Scor na nOg is as popular as ever and when the divisional winners played their talents against each other in the final in Holycross, a packed audience enjoyed a great night. Finally we want to thank all those who helped during the year, particularly team officials, field committees referees and Co. Bord members and wish you all a happy Xmas and prosperous New Year.



**ARRAVAL ROVERS WEST AND COUNTY U-12 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 1985**

*Back row: M. Gleeson, J. Murray, J. Sullivan, T. Sullivan, J. Lacey, K. Flynn, M. Morrissey, D. Cleary  
Front row: G. Quinlan, M. Quirke, D. Lynch, P. Malone, A. Flynn, D. Quirke, K. Sullivan, M. Waldron*



**Carrick Swans, South U-12 Hurling Champions**



*Donncha Horan (captain), after receiving the trophy from Jim O'Donoghue, treasurer, West Tipperary Bord na nOg*

It was an argument, some nights before the great day of the 1984 All-Ireland, which set me thinking of some of the great days seen by Thurles town since the founding of the G.A.A. There were days I had seen myself and, days I had heard about only from some who saw them and, there were days I had heard about only from some who had heard about them from others. A case of dúirt bean liom go ndúirt bean léi.

For me there was never quite another day in Thurles, or anywhere else for that matter, like that in 1945 when John Maher and his men stopped Cork in their run for five-in-a-row. It was Cuchullian in the gap facing the strangers, only that there were fifteen Cuchullians the whole way up the field from Jimmy Maher between the posts to John Coffey above in the corner. Gloriously sunny and the war just over, there was an atmosphere down through the town that day, that lighted many a dull night afterwards. It was great to be alive and Tipperary were on the way to Croke Park and the Minors were going with them and Cork was beat and the hay was saved and what else could anyone want out of life!

But there were other days which stand out for me and not all of them involved Tipperary. There was a never-to-be-forgotten day in 1944, or was it 1946? When Mick Mackey in the twilight of his career showed flashes of the magic which had bewitched the crowds in the Thirties and Cork were lucky to scrape to a draw. Afterwards, I squeezed through the crowds in the Square until I saw my hero, surrounded by admirers in Jim Maher's. There he was with a pint of ale in his hand and for the first time in

# GREAT DAYS in THURLES

BY SEAMUS LEAHY

my life the awful thought struck me that I had not been told the entire story when I was informed that great hurlers did not go near public houses. When I plucked up the courage to raise the matter with my mother at the end of the summer holidays, she told me that sometimes fat men like Mick Mackey simply had to, on medical advice, drink a little ale after a match in order to replace lost sweat, but she imagined that a man like Mick Mackey wouldn't get much pleasure out of it. I could see there was no point in telling her that the ale I had seen him with wasn't so small and that he looked to me to be enjoying himself.

## Thurles replay.

A day which many old-timers in Thurles used talk about, though, when I was a lad, was the day when Tipperary, with only fourteen men, struggled for the Munster crown for fifty minutes against Cork in 1926. Anno Domini was on the side of Cork who had a team that was on the way up but, though many of Johnny Leahy's men had gone slightly over the top, there was power still in the old lions. When Tipperary got back from their six-weeks tour of the United States some weeks before and found they had to face Cork, they decided that if they could get onto the heavy pitch in Cork and keep the lively young Cork lads close to them, they could win. They went to Cork and after sixteen minutes they were five points to nothing. But, if they could handle the Cork hurlers, they couldn't handle the Cork supporter who broke down the barricades and flooded onto the pitch. The match was abandoned and Cork, seeing that they couldn't beat Tipperary at home, opted to play on the livelier, more open ground of Thurles.

It took all the attention of Tom Semple's stewards to keep order among the huge crowd which gathered to see



Tiobraid Arann — America bound — early 1960's

Cork snatch a goal at the Killinan end in the last few minutes to force a draw in the replay. And when the teams lined out for the third time and Cork won a thrilling game which saw a Tipperary player sent to the line after ten minutes, there could be little doubt that, though Dublin was the headquarters of the G.A.A., Thurles was its heart and soul. The failure of one man to keep his temper had cost Tipperary the game, and as it transpired, the All-Ireland, but Thurles had re-established its place as the capital city of hurling. In their old age, I heard Sean Oge Murphy and Jim Hurley talk of the unforgettable quality of those Thurles days in 1926.

It had been forty odd years before that again, that Thurles had first established its reputation as a sporting venue when, within a year and a half of the historic meeting at Hayes's Hotel, the town provided the first great tournament in the history of the G.A.A. Organised by the Thurles club, it was an event which not alone gained national attention, but which gave to Thurles an even greater significance than it already enjoyed in G.A.A. affairs.

Hugh Ryan, Andy Callanan, Denis Maher, Jim Stapleton, John Gleeson and James Butler were the ones chiefly responsible for a programme which brought Dublin Metropolitans (Michael Cusack's own club), to play Holycross, and Moycarkey to play Nenagh in hurling, while in football Faughs played Two-Mile-Borris, Bray Emmets played Thurles, Dun Laoghaire (Kingstown) played Templemore and Davitts played what was described as Central Tipperary.

While the Dublin clubs were assisting in the arrangements for the number of special trains which would bring them and their many supporters to Thurles, those on the spot were busy for a considerable time beforehand at Turtulla, where Thomas Hackett had lent his fields for the occasion. It had been decided that, on account of the number of teams participating, two pitches would be needed and these had to be fenced, wired, laid out, lined and equipped with the new goal-posts and side-posts. And while the men of vision and action bent their backs to the task, they were subjected to considerable ridicule from critics who confidently predicted that the G.A.A. was about to provide a return to the bloody days of faction-fighting. How could anyone suggest that the kind of crowd which was sure to be at Turtulla could fail to provide a rare old free-for-all!

But the prophets of doom were indeed confounded and, though the Nenagh captain later declared that "even the Angel Gabriel would lose his temper with Moycarkey", the day was a resounding triumph of sporting spirit. The excitement was intense as the special trains pulled in at the station and,



*Reddan in action:*

*A fine action study of the celebrated Tipperary goalie as he prepares to bring off another of his fabulous saves.*

led by bands, the crowds moved towards Turtulla. It was then the organisers discovered that there are areas in which enthusiasm is no match for experience. It had been decided to charge for entry in order to defray expenses, but when the crowd arrived in a bunch, the frail barriers were swept aside and the people and bands marche right through. The gatemen looked ruefully at the few shillings they had collected and, entering into the spirit of the occasion, abandoned any attempt to charge anyone.

The attendance was like a who's who of the infant organisation, Dr Croke was there and the veteran Fenian, John O'Leary, Maurice Davin and Michael Cusack, J. K. Bracken, John M'Kay and Wyse-Power and Frank Moloney of Nenagh. The enthusiasm on the field was matched only by the good humour of the spectators and everywhere there was a feeling that something of great significance was taking place. Fortified by refreshments in Hackett's home which had been given over for the occasion, the players returned to the town after the games and in the evening, with excitement running high in the Square, the crowds began moving, as if by spontaneous impluse, towards the Archbishop's residence. Accompanied by the Dublin bands, they flowed across the bridge and the old war-horse, visibly affected by the demonstration, looked out over the sea of faces and spoke to them of the dream of freedom which had stirred his youth and of the hope

for the country's future which the G.A.A. represented. And while pressmen scribbled his words, he sent a message of goodwill to W. E. Gladstone who, a fortnight before, had introduced his Home Rule Bill in the House of Commons.

The crowds cheered and scattered to their trains and their carts, and the worried men of the local committee sat down to face the grim reality of the day. They had incurred huge expenses, had entertained lavishly, and had failed to take a 'gate'. They decided to throw themselves on the understanding and generosity of the townspeople and in this they showed the same instinctive wisdom that had actuated them in their decision to stage the tournament. The townspeople responded most gallantly and within twenty-four hours of the appeal's being made, the debts of the tournament had been paid.

But the great success of the day was in the air of confidence which it brought to the new organisation throughout the country. In Tipperary its effect was phenomenal. Within a short time new clubs were formed in Roscrea, Ballina, Birdhill, Newport, Tour, Ballinahinch, Killoscully, Latteragh, Toomevara, Killea, Borrisoleigh, Upperchurch, Drombane, Clonoulty, Annacarthy, Hollyford, Cappawhite, Donohill, Knockavilla, Donasheigh, Solohead, Lattin, Emly, Cullen, Tipperary, Boherlahan, Moyglass, Glengoole, Gortnahoe and Grangemockler.

Challenges and tournaments, Canon Fogarty tells us, became the order of the day. Little wonder that Michael Cusack could write, "If you want to see the New Ireland that has arisen, go and look at Tipperary and hear the big drums of Knocknagow".

## COUNTY HANDBALL BOARD OFFICERS 1985

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Ken Conway, Clonmel

### *Vice-Chairman*

Pat McKenna, Thurles

### *Secretary/Treasurer*

Michael Tyrrell, Clonmel



The Secretary of the Yearbook Committee would like your assistance in naming this Tipperary Football team.



Kiladangan Team 1934, 1938, 1943: Back row: Tommy Collins, Danny Moloney, Paddy Morrissey, Johnny Hogan, Rev. Fr James McNerney, CC, Martin Hogan, (Michael Holland and Eamonn Kelly— County Tipperary u-21 champions), Bill Gleeson, Joe Cleary.  
Front row: John Gleeson, Rody Gleeson, Mick Hanrahan, Danny Gleeson, Elizabeth McGrath (for her father Edward 'King' McGrath), Nicholas Flannery, Mick Culhane, Seamus Flannery, Mick Murphy, Maurice Corboy.

Photo: Padraig O Flannabhra

## 1959 TIPPERARY MINOR HURLING TEAM RE-UNION



Photograph taken at a function in Clonmel during the year at which members of the 1959 Minor Hurling team held a re-union.

Back row: Tom Ryan, Pat Crampton, Paddy Tynan, Willie Lonergan, Pat Griffin, John O'Donoghue, Ronnie Slevin, Jim Ryan, George Kinane, Mick Ryan.

Front row: Seamus O'Donoghue, John Gleeson, Murt Duggan, Larry Kiely captain, Paddy Ryan (selector), Mick Nolan, Paddy Doyle, Albert Croke

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Nollaig O Muiris  
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Pádraig O Meachair  
Rúnaí

# Tipperary G.A.A. Co. Board Officers 1985



County Board Officers at this year's Convention in Rockwell College:  
From left: Martin O'Connor, Treasurer; Michael Frawley, whose term as Chairman ended; new Chairman Michael Lowry; and Secretary Tommy Barrett.

## Cathaoirleach:

Michael Lowry (Holycross-Ballycahill)

## Rúnaí:

Tommy Barrett (Thurles Sarsfields)

## Cisteoir:

Martin O'Connor (Nenagh)

## Central Council:

John Doyle (Holycross-Ballycahill)

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Fr P. Duggan (Upperchurch-Drombane)

## Youth Officer:

Liam O'Donnchu (Thurles Sarsfields)

Oifigeach na Gaeilge: Eamonn de Stafort (Silvermines)

## HOLYCROSS FOOTBALLER STARS FOR THE DUBS

Extra interest was generated in this year's All-Ireland Senior Football Final, between Kerry and Dublin, by the fact that former Tipperary Intercounty Footballer and Holycross clubman was a member of the Dublin panel.

Tommy got his place at centre-forward with the Dubs in the first round of this year's championship. He was, however, replaced against Mayo in the drawn semi-final. On All-Ireland day he got a quick baptism of fire when he had to replace the injured Charlie Redmond in the early stages. But Tommy rose to the occasion and produced a sparkling performance.



Tommy Carr scores for Dublin

# Scór

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The Co. finals of Scór '85 were held in the Scouts Hall, Nenagh on February 16th, before a capacity attendance. Continuing on the system of judging initiated the previous year, three sets of adjudicators were brought in from Clare, Limerick and Cork, and as a result of their deliberations, the following were declared winners:

**Rince Fóirne:** Thurles Kickhams.  
**Aithriseoireacht:** Marie O'Donnell (Golden)

**Amhrán Aonair:** Carol O'Dwyer (Arravale Rovers)

**Nuachleas:** Golden-Kilfeacle.

**Tráth na gCeist:** Newport.

**Ceol Uirlise:** Drom-Inch.

**Bailéad Ghrúpa:** St Mary's, Clonmel.

**Rince Set:** Newcastle.

The above representatives were very successful in the Munster semi-final, with all but the Instrumental Musicians' qualifying for the final in the Premier Hall, Thurles. Again, the representatives did the county proud and crowned a great night by winning four Munster titles. The successful competitors were those in Solo Singing, Novelty Act, Question Time and Set Dancing. Newcastle added further honours when winning the All-Ireland final. This was a fitting reward for a team which after many years of endeavour, finally achieved ultimate honours. It was particularly satisfying for Seamas McGrath the longest serving member of the group.

An Coiste Scor Thiobraid Aranin held an open meeting in September to afford the general public the opportunity of airing views, which always seem rampant after Scór competitions. Unfortunately, the attendance was small, which would indicate contentment with Scór as it is, or perhaps more significantly, an indifference or lack of interest. Among the items which were discussed and about which concern was expressed were:

1. That many clubs have not a special committee to cater for Scór.
2. That Scór in Tipperary is too disjointed because of the multiplicity of groups which organise the various stages.
3. That communication is sadly lacking, as information seems to take too long to filter back to the clubs.
4. That each Division would appoint a Scór development officer to encourage greater participation from all clubs.
5. Greater efforts necessary in relation to publicity at all levels. Clubs, divisions and county need to be more active in arranging greater coverage and awareness among the general public, through the local media.
6. More finance must be spent in promoting Scór. The various competitions generate quite an amount of revenue, but in general little of it is ploughed back into promotion at ground level. Clubs have a duty to do much more than open a hall and put a table at the door on the night of a competition. Scór activity needs to be continued throughout the year through organising classes, concerts, seisiúna and other such get-togethers. The question must be posed, whether Scór has merely promoted the various aspects of our culture for purely competitive purposes. Take Set Dancing for example a competition, which has taken on a new life, since the initiation of Scór. Yet, how often do we see our young people dancing a traditional set in a non-competitive atmosphere or not preparing for same. We must

## Scór na nOg '85

**County Champions.**

**Figure Dancing:** Newcastle.

**Recitation:** Clonoulty-Rossmore.

**Solo Song:** Silvermines.

**Novelty Act:** Upperchurch-Drombane

**Question Time:** Eire Og-Annacarty.

**Instrumental Music:** Newport.

**Ballad Group:** Borrisoleigh.

**Set Dancing:** Templemore-Clonmore.

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create situations and occasions, where the skills and talents developed through Scór can find an outlet to be displayed as in the days of yore.

After the open meeting, referred to above, the county committee met to elect new officers. The new committee is now as follows:

**Chairman:** P. J. Harrington (Upperchurch)

**Secretary:** Mary Kenny (Borrisoleigh)

**Treasurer:** Seamas McGrath (Newcastle)

**Coiste:** Johnny McDonnell (Roscrea)

Nan Kelly (Portroe), Eamon Browne

(Knockavilla), Denis Ryan (Clonoulty),

Michael Fogarty (Golden), Richard

Sheehan (Mullinahone), John Hennessy

(Killenaule), Nora Troy (Thurles) and

Joe O'Halloran (Thurles).

**P.R.O.:** Denis Floyd (Newport)

Seamas McGrath is the county's delegate to An Coiste Scór na Mumhan, on which Eamon Browne was recently elected vice-chariman.

Co. Scór final will be held in Cashel on February 28th.

A change in groupings sees Tipperary paired with Cork and Waterford for the Munster semi-finals.

## Munster Dates

**Scór na nOg** semi-final at Cashel, 1st February.

Final at Thurles, 15th February.

The other semi-final (Kerry, Limerick and Clare) will be in Cappamore, 25th January.

## Senior Scór.

15th March at Cork (Tipperary, Cork, Waterford).

22nd March at Cappamore (Limerick, Kerry, Clare).

5th April, Final in Thurles.

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tussles and although Fethard, won through by a two points margin, a young Ardfinnan fifteen showed great promise. As was generally anticipated Fethard and Ardfinnan won their way through Group A and were joined in the semi-finals by Commercials and Fr Sheehys. Fethard and Ardfinnan were drawn against each other in the semi-final and despite bad weather conditions, they attracted a fine attendance. Ardfinnan put up another spirited performance, but the experience of Fethard again proved decisive and 'The Blues' had five points to spare, 2-6 to 0-7 at the end of the hour.

Commercials had an unexpectedly easy task in the other semi-final as they overcame a disappointing Fr Sheehys by 3-12 to 1-7. The final was arranged for Sunday evening August 18th in Kilsheelan, but Fethard were very much opposed to playing in the evening and the game was in doubt up to 24 hours beforehand. Common sense prevailed however, and the game went ahead as scheduled, before a large attendance.

The exchanges were close and hard-fought all through and the standard of football never reached great heights. Both sets of defenders acquitted themselves well and the scoring was low. Fethard made the better use of the scoring chances and scored a well merited success by 0-9 to 1-3. 'The Blues' had fine players in Michael Fitzgerald, Dinny Burke, Chris Coen, Brian Burke, the Hackett brothers and Michael Healy, whilst Donal O'Keeffe, Mark O'Connell, Gene McGrath and Franny Kelly played their hearts out for Commercials.

Final score: Fethard 0-9 Commercials 1-3.

#### Intermediate Hurling.

(9 teams — 17 games played.)

This championship was played on the same basis as the S.F.C. and the semi-final pairings resulted, Killenaule V Fethard. Cahir V. Kilsheelan.

Both games were played at Clonmel and provided mixed fare. The Cahir-Kilsheelan tie was extremely dour and hardfought with little open hurling, whilst the Killenaule-Fethard tie produced some splendid passages of open play and a few great scores. Killenaule and Kilsheelan won their way to the decider and although Kilsheelan were the holders, their impressive semi-final display assured for Killenaule the tag of favourites. They justified their rating in no uncertain manner with a clear cut 1-13 to 1-5 success. Donie O'Connell and Joe O'Dwyer were undoubtedly the Killenaule heroes on a day which saw few Kilsheelan players play to their best form.

Final score: Killenaule 1-13  
Kilsheelan 1-5.



**ST MARY'S CLONMEL WINNERS OF SOUTH TIPPERARY MINOR HURLING 1985**

Back row: J. Dempsey, P. McCarthy, Mal Guerin, D. J. O'Connell, G. Mahoney, Ger Deeley, Rob Hayes, G. McGrath, P. Kavanagh, J. Harvey, Dick Ryan, S. O'Flynn, S. Hickey  
Front row: B. Condon, Pat Ryan, G. Burke, J. Dunphy, Dec Ryan, D. O'Donnell, B. McGrath, Phil Ryan, D. Hickey, L. O'Duibhir.



**CARRICK-SWANS SOUTH TIPPERARY INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 1985**

Back row: M. J. Russell, W. Hahessy, B. White, D. Hogan, P. Walsh, R. Lonergan, J. Walsh, W. Barrett, T. Fitzpatrick, B. Lonergan, T. Waters (capt), J. Murphy  
Front row: B. White, M. Walsh, T. Roche, G. Walsh, J. O'Neill, P. Murphy, M. Walsh, P. Kirby.



**ST MARY'S CLONMEL WINNERS OF SOUTH TIPPERARY U-21 HURLING 1985**

Back row: J. Lonergan, A. Moynihan, M. O'Loughlin, F. McGrath, J. Dempsey, J. Harvey, M. Quinlivan, J. McCarthy, P. Kavanagh, G. McDermott, M. O'Reilly  
Centre row: J. Dunphy, T. Power, G. Burke, D. Ryan, B. Hewitt (capt), L. O'Duibhir, K. Leahy, A. Johnson  
Front row: G. Lawless, M. Hally  
Insets: M. Fehilly, J. Hill  
Not in photograph: P. Hayde, M. Maunsell, D. O'Donnell

### Intermediate Football.

(12 teams — 24 games played.)

This championship, played on the same basis as the I.H.C., built up to a tremendous climax. The semi-final draw saw Swan paired with Mullinahone and Grangemockler with Newcastle. The games provided a fine double bill at Kilsheelan with Grangemockler proving impressive winners and Swan coming from behind to force a draw. The replay was staged in Clonmel and after a close contest Swan won through by a two points margin. The stage was then set for a great local derby, that was played in a fantastic atmosphere before one of the biggest attendances of the year. Grangemockler were favourites, but a succession of early wides proved costly and Swan gained in confidence as the game progressed. A purple patch in the second half saw Grangemockler stretch four points clear, but their supporters joy was shortlived as Swan came back for a Michael Russell goal and splendid points from Paddy Murphy and Paul Walsh to shade the issue. Paddy Murphy, Paul Walsh and Thomas Waters gave superlative performances for the winners, whilst Jim Lyons, Richie Lanigan and the O'Meara brothers tried hard for the gallant losers. Final score: Swan 1-8 Grangemockler 1-6.

### Junior Hurling.

(14 teams — 13 games played.)

This championship was played on a knock-out basis and produced a number of exciting games before, Ballyneale, Killenaule, St Marys and Mullinahone won through to the last four. Killenaule caused an upset against Ballyneale and Mullinahone scored a narrow success over a young St Marys. The final was somewhat disappointing, but proved a great triumph for Mullinahone in their Centenary Year. Ollie Maher, Liam and Tim O'Connor, Johnny McCormack, Albert Madden and Dick Egan all played major roles in a historic success. Final score: Mullinahone 1-11 Killenaule 1-6.

### Junior Football.

(18 teams — 18 games played.)

Also played on a knock-out system the junior football championship final produced a novel pairing in Ballyporeen and St Patricks, Ballyporeen had scored an impressive semi-final success over Commercials whilst, St Patricks struggled through by the narrowest of margins against Swan. The decider attracted a fine attendance and in terms of commitment and sheer effort the game surpassed anything else played in the division, during the year. Ballyporeen just about deserved their victory over gallant

opponents but what a pity there had to be a loser.

Final score: Ballyporeen 0-6  
St Patricks 0-5.

### U-21 Hurling.

(7 teams — 6 matches played.)

Thanks to the wonderful co-operation of all competing clubs, this championship was concluded on 26th May and produced impressive champions in St Marys, who played some fine hurling to overcome the strong challenge of Ballingarry-St Patricks. The winners were an extremely well balanced young side and they seem set to run up a sequence in the competition. Earlier they had accounted for holders Cahir-Ballybacon and St Augustines.

Final score: St Marys 1-13  
Ballingarry-St Patricks 1-7.

### U-21 Football.

(11 teams — 11 matches played.)

This championship was completed in mid July and was won in most impressive style by a very strong St Augustines team that fielded such experienced performers as Liam Stokes, Michael Fitzgerald, Brian Burke, Tommy Sheehan, Chris Coen, John Larkin and the Hackett brothers. Newcastle who did extremely well to get to the decider had no answer to the power play of the

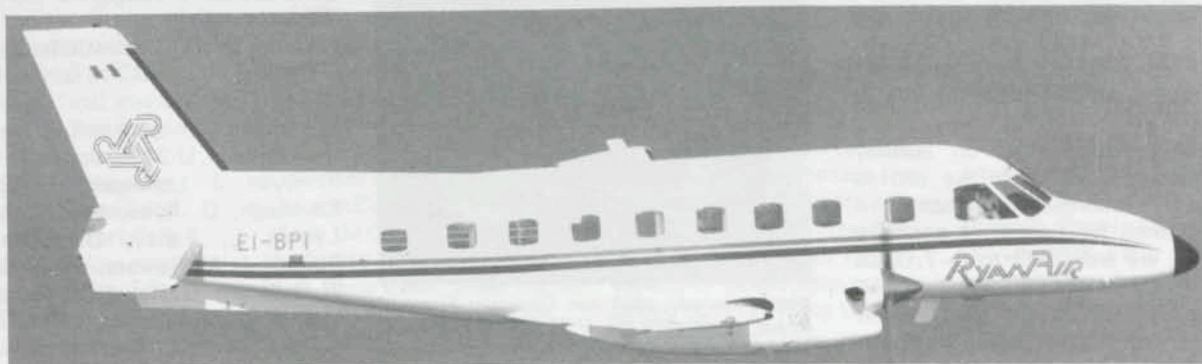


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combination and were comprehensively defeated.

Final score: St Augustines 2-13  
Newcastle 1-2.

#### Minor Hurling.

(6 teams - 16 games played.)

St Marys and Davins qualified for the final for the second successive year. The Clonmel side gained sweet revenge for the 1984 defeat by giving an impressive display that yielded a clear cut victory. St Marys had players of great potential in goal, Declan Ryan, Pdraig Kavanagh, Fergus McGrath, John Dunphy and D. J. O'Connell.

Final score: St Marys 3-9 Davins 1-4.

#### Minor Hurling 'B'.

(5 teams - 9 games played.)

This championship proved very worthwhile and produced a most entertaining final between St Augustines and Slievenamon. The Fethard-Kilsheelan combination started favourites, but the men from Moyle Rovers-Grangemockler played with tremendous determination and no little skill and recorded a splendid victory. Liam Cronin, Denis and Frank Fennessy, Derry Foley, John and Michael McGrath were the key players in Slievenamon's success, whilst Brian Burke, Michael Ryan, John Geraghty, Paul Hayes and Willie O'Meara played

their hearts out for the gallant losers.

Final score: Slievenamon 1-11  
St Augustines 2-5.

#### Minor Football.

(6 teams - 18 matches played.)

Once again, the minor football championship proved one of the year's most keenly contested competitions. After a number of good games Fethard, Commercials, Slievenamon and Ardfinnan progressed to the last four and they were drawn in that order. Fethard and Slievenamon won their way to the decider for the second year in succession, but whilst Slievenamon were holders 'The Blues' were hot favourites on this occasion. It was Slievenamon who dominated the early exchanges, however, and playing splendid football they seemed certain to retain their crown as they led by 3-5 to 0-4 at the break. Fethard staged an amazing second half rally and amid tremendous excitement drew level and went on to notch the winning score in the closing minutes of a remarkable game.

Final score: Fethard 1-12  
Slievenamon 3-5.

#### Minor Football 'B'.

(8 teams - 23 games played.)

This championship was introduced for the first time this year and proved

an unqualified success. Davins and St Martins won their way to the decider and following a fine game the Carrick side won the day against plucky rivals. Davins impressed all through the competition and with some fine young talent at its disposal, the club should have a fine future with the big ball. The performance of St Martins, the football wing of Marefield, was extremely encouraging and their future also looks assured.

Final score: Davins 1-9 Marefield 1-3.

### CARRICK FOR FOOTBALL

Famed hurling club—  
Carrick Davins—won their  
first ever Minor B Football  
County Championship  
this year.

## COMMERCIALS RETAIN CO. U-21 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 1984

by John McNamara.

The 1984 U-21 Co championship was the fastest competition ever run in this county. On top of this it must have been the hardest won competition as well. The first round of south took place on 16th December, when we had a 1-8 to 0-8 victory over Ardfinnan. On Sunday 23rd, we defeated Slievenamon 1-4 to 0-6. In the south final on Sunday 30th we had a three point victory over St Augustines 3-5 to 1-8 in a most thrilling final. In the Co. semi-final on Sunday 6th January at Holy-cross, we defeated Nenagh by 1-10 to 2-00.

All was in readiness for not only a repeat of the previous years U-21 final against Lattin-Cullen and Emly, but also a repeat of the 1981 Co. minor final.

Played at Boherlahan on Sunday 13th January, once again we proved ourselves the champions of champions and, cushioned by two great goals by D. O'Shea, we won 2-3 to 0-7. Thus in five straight Sundays we had defeated three very strong group teams plus Ardfinnan and Nenagh. No mean achievement.



Hugh Kennedy, chairman Tipperary Football Board, presenting the U-21 Football Championship Trophy to Mark O'Connell, Commercials after the U-21 county final 1984.

Throughout the entire competition we had many individuals giving outstanding performances, but overall one could only say that it was a marvellous team effort.

Detailed results once again:

Commercials V Ardfinnan 1-8 to 0-8  
Commercials V Slievenamon 1-4 to 0-6  
**South final.**

Commercials V St Augustine's 3-5 to 1-8.

**County semi-final:**

Commercials V Nenagh 1-10 to 2-00

**County final:**

Commercials V Lattin-Cullen-Emly 2-3 to 0-7.

The team that represented the club in the 1984 Co. U-21 final:

P. Ryan, J. Lonergan, E. Wynne, P. Kavanagh, D. Pyke, M. O'Connell, M. Lynch, L. Fahey, D. O'Keeffe, P. Burke, J. McNamara, P. McGabhann, W. Peters, R. Gaffey, D. O'Shea.

Subs used throughout competition:

A. McCarthy, L. O'Donnell, K. Leahy, E. Lalor, A. Atcheson.

**South Tipperary Bord na nOg.  
1985 Winners**

Grade	Winners	Runners-up	Entd.
U-12 Urban-Rural Football	Fethard	Ardfinnan	19
U-14 Rural Football	Fethard	Ardfinnan	15
U-14 Urban-Rural Football	Commercials	Ardfinnan	13
U-16 Urban-Rural Football	Moyle Rovers	Commercials	17
U-12 Urban-Rural Hurling	Swan	Ballybacon-Grange	16
U-14 Rural Hurling	Fethard	Killenaule	13
U-14 Urban-Rural Hurling	St Mary's	Swan	9
U-16 Urban-Rural Hurling	St Mary's	Killenaule	12
U-12 Football (Special)	Ballylooby	Fr Sheehy's	11
U-12 Hurling (Special)	Marlfield	Kilsheelan	8

**Scór na nOg.**

**Céilí Dancing:** Newcastle

**Recitation:** Marlfield (Michelle Hannafin)

**Solo Song:** Killenaule (Martina Geoghan)

**Novelty Act:** Ardfinnan.

**Question Time:** Fr Sheehy's (John Keating, Frank O'Brien, Noele Murphy.)

**Instrumental Music:** Ballybacon-Grange (Claire and Naoimh English)

**Group Singing:** Ardfinnan.

**Set Dancing:** Newcastle.

**1985 Officers.**

**Chairman:** James McCarthy (Moyle Rovers)

**Vice Chairman:** Patrick Nagle (Swan) Richie Sheehan (Mullinahone)

**Secretary-Treasurer:** Patsy O'Halloran (Kilsheelan)

**P.R.O.:** Richie Sheehan

**Co. Board Rep. (Rural):** John Hayes (Killenaule)

**Co. Board Rep. (Urban-Rural):** Patrick Forristal (St Mary's)

**South Senior Board Rep.:** Patrick Nagle

**PROGRESS  
IN COUNTY**

**U-12 Urban-Rural Football:** Fethard beat Nenagh in Co. semi-final, beaten in final by Annavale Rovers.

**U-14 Rural Football:** Fethard got walk-over from north in semi-final and went on to beat Moyne-Templemouhy in final.

**U-14 Urban-Rural Football:** Commercials lost to Dúrlas Og in Co. semi-final.

**U-16 Football:** Moyle Rovers beat Loughmore in Co. semi-final and won Co. title by beating Arravale Rovers..

**U-12 Hurling:** Swan beaten by Dúrlas Og in Co. semi-final.

**U-14 Rural Hurling:** Fethard beaten by Kilruane in Co. semi-final.

**U-14 Urban-Rural Hurling:** St Mary's beaten by Knockavilla Kickhams in Co. semi-final.

**U-16 Hurling:** St Mary's beaten by Toomevara in Co. semi-final.

## FETHARD MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 1985

The results at underage level over the last 4 years would suggest that Fethard were strong prospects for the title having won the under 14 in 1981 and the under 16 in 1983. However, 'there's many a slip twixt cup and lip'.

Our first round against Commercials in the spring emphasized that nothing could be taken for granted. An emphatic win for Clonmel showed that much had still to be done. However, we managed to get through the league section without dropping any more points and reversed the first round defeat by Commercials in the South semi-final at Cahir.

The South final was a truly amazing game. The Moyle Rovers-Grangemockler combination at one stage were 13 points ahead and looked as sure a certainty going in at half time as ever any team were. A quick Michael Riordan goal, and point after hard-earned point saw us scrape home when

*by Donncha De Burca*

many had almost conceded defeat.

The County semi final against Golden was another very hard tough game with our greater combination winning through against very stiff opposition. The County final against a very young Templemore team was perhaps easier than the semi final, but Templemore with 12 of their team underage will be strong contenders in 1986.

This county title bridged a gap since 1957 and indeed the captain of the team Dermot Hackett is son of former Fethard star Seamus Hackett, a member of the 1957 side. The significance of a minor win is that it gives hope for the future of the senior team. With Chris Coen, Brian Burke, Willie O'Meara and Dermot Hackett all established senior players, now likely to be



**FETHARD CO. MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS**

*Back row: W. O'Meara, L. Ryan, M. O'Riordan, B. Burke, E. Sheehan, P. Hayes, A. O'Donovan, D. Kane, P. Mullins, C. Coen  
Front row: G. Horan, C. Keogh, M. Ryan, S. Ryan, W. Morrissey, G. Murphy, D. Hackett (capt), J. Connolly, T. McCarthy, K. Burke.*

joined by Paul Hayes and others in 1986.

The minor title is reward also for the many within the Fethard Club who work so diligently with the juveniles year in and out. This victory especially would have made a happy man of Nicky O'Shea who died during the year and who gave so much effort to

the development of these young players.

Unfortunately, unable to be present at the final also were Louis Coen, a great worker for juvenile games—through illness and Fergus McCormack a star player all year who was hospitalized for a knee operation at the time of the final.

Donncha de Burca a scriobh

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# Munster Club Championship Semi-finals 1985

## HURLING

**Patrickswell 2-12**  
**Moycarkey-Borris 0-6**

Patrickswell, the Limerick champions, so totally eclipsed Moycarkey-Borris in the Munster semi-final at Limerick's Gaelic Grounds, that the Tipperary representatives left the pitch bewildered at the extent of the defeat they had suffered. The twelve point winning margin scarcely reflected the superiority of the Limerick men. This defeat was completely out of character for a side that has shown much sterling qualities in the four years in which they have been such a force in club hurling.

Moycarkey were justifiably optimistic going into this game, having edged out the Limerick champions in the final two years previously. However, on the day, they had no answer to a Patrickswell side that was bursting with enthusiasm and confidence.

**Patrickswell:** J. Murphy, E. Kelleher, L. Enright, J. O'Brien, P. Foley, S. Foley, D. Punch Pa. Foley, G. Bourke, G. Kirby, A. Carmody, S. Kirby, G. Hayes, R. Bennis, F. Nolan.

**Moycarkey-Borris:** T. Doran, J. Hackett, W. Ryan, R. Hayes, E. Darmody, J. Bergin, T. Mullins, J. Leahy, L. Dempsey, T. Cullagh, J. McCormack, D. Fogarty, N. Slattery, D. Quigley, J. Flanagan. Subs: M. Clohessy for Doran. M. Flanagan for Quigley, Jim Flanagan for Cullagh.



MOYCARKEY-BORRIS COUNTY CHAMPIONS, 1984



FETHARD FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS, 1984

## FOOTBALL

**Castleisland Desmonds**  
**3-7 Fethard 1-8**

A gallant effort by Fethard to win a place in the Munster senior football club final failed at Fethard when the Kerry champions staged a determined second-half come back, which brought them a rather flattering five point victory.

Fethard more than matched their opponents in the first half, at the end of which they led by 1-6 to 0-5, but an injury which sidelined full back Mick O'Riordan was a big draw back to them.

Castleisland looked the more balanced and settled team in the second half and slowly edged out Fethard. Though defeated, this was a fine display by Fethard who, with a bit of luck especially early in the second half, could have taken a firmer grip on the game.

**Fethard:** A. Corville, M. Fitzgerald, M. O'Riordan, J. Hackett, P. Kenrick, D. Bourke, D. Hackett, M. Harrington, J. Keane, M. Healy, R. Hayes, P. Hanrahan, T. Sheehan,

Subs: N. Sharpe for P. Harrington, M. Downes for M. O'Riordan.

**Castleisland Desmonds:** C. Nelligan, D. Kirwan, B. Lyons, W. King, D. Lyons, A. O'Connor, M. Kearney, M. O'Connor, D. Hanafin, D. Lyne, C. Horan, M. Buckley, J. Jordan.

Sub: W. O'Connor for Kearney.



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# PRESIDENTIAL SCHOOL VISITS IN TIPPERARY

by Tomás O Baróid

On Monday 4 March, the then President of the G.A.A., Paddy Buggy, undertook his last promotional tour of Post-Primary schools in Co. Tipperary. During his term of office he had visited every Post-Primary school in Carlow, Cavan, Kilkenny, Laois, Leitrim, Longford, Louth, Meath, Monaghan, Offaly, Roscommon and Sligo on this basis. Tipperary however was by far the biggest undertaking because of the sheer size and number of schools involved. Indeed, while the business was concluded in three days in each of the other counties, the Tipperary itinerary involved five days work. The President was accompanied as he had been on each of the other visits by Pat Daly, the Youth Officer from [roke Park. The Tipp Co. Board was represented by The Co. Chairman Co. Secretary, Co. Youth Officer and the officers of each Divisional Board.

On the morning of the 4th the flurry of activity in the Abbey school hall in Tipperary and the presence of pupils attired in the colours of all the neighbouring clubs was evidence to suggest that it was more than the usual Monday morning. Paddy Buggy was as enthusiastic as he had been when he undertook his first visit in Dunshaughlin on September 9, 1983. He was happy to be fulfilling his primary objective of meeting and speaking with the biggest possible number of young people.

In the background, Michael Frawley and Gerry Ring busied themselves with final details while many of the local clubs were also represented.

The Principal, Br Bourke extended a very hearty welcome to the President as did the Principal in each of the following 27 schools. The President referred to various aspects of the G.A.A., par-



*Paddy Buggy — visit to schools in West Tipperary receiving presentation from Jerry Ring,*

ticularly as they pertain to young people. He spoke with high regard and deep respect for teachers who voluntarily organise school games. He said that no small amount of responsibility rested on their shoulders given the influence they have and the contribution they make to the development of young people. Pat Daly introduced a range of promotional material designed to be of assistance to children and teachers alike.

Throughout the visit the boys and girls listened with intent and interest, a fact which was borne out by the questions which they posed and the enlightened discussion which they entered into. Various topics ranging from the availability of playing fields, the use of Croke Park for soccer, lack of finance, attendance at international games in Lansdowne Road and the cost of entry to club and county games were discussed. The response from teachers was sufficient to suggest that there is an ever growing need for dialogue and communication between the county board, provincial and central council to ensure that the priority

hitherto attached to the promotion of Gaelic games is maintained. The escalating cost of promoting games, particularly hurling, was seen as a problem which required urgent attention. The other major problems which the schools are experiencing is the availability of fields to play their games and the need for close liaison between the local club and the School. The President in reply said that clubs and field committee should only be too willing to provide playing facilities, even though he understood the problem of grounds being "torn up" during the winter months when school games are played but he was quick to point out that no matter how bad fields may look in the winter, nature provides the answer in the spring.

Clubs also he said should be in close contact with the schools and the teachers. Clubs should provide training facilities if required, equipment and transport in this way the youth will show their appreciation in later years.

The local club officer, the teacher, the county board official or central adminis-

trator are all striving to attain the same end. While each member of the unit has an important role to play, each experiences his own particular problems. Their coming together leads to an increased awareness of each other's role which ultimately results in the adoption of a more unified approach by all. This has been a very definite and tangible result of Paddy Buggy's visit to Tipperary.

On behalf of The County Senior Board I wish to thank very sincerely our Uachtarán P. O Bogaigh for affording us so much of his valuable time. It was a most inspiring visit and we would hope that it can be undertaken again.

I wish to thank our organising committee, Liam O Donnchu, John Costigan and T. J. Egan, who were mostly responsible for arranging the itinerary and co-ordinating the whole effort; to the officers of Divisional Boards and other officials, school-teachers and Bord na nOg personnel who co-operated with us to make it the success it no doubt was.

Táimid buidheach díbh go léir.

## CIBA GEIGY CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR



Jim O'Donoghue

In 1985 James O'Donoghue of Arravale Rovers was chosen as clubman of the year for Tipperary.

James has a long and distinguished record in the affairs of the Arravale club having first come to prominence as a player in 1940s. Having served on the committee for a number of years he became club chairman in 1952, a position he held until his retirement from the post in 1974.

His greatest achievement during this period was the purchase and development of Sean Treacy Park in the early 1960s. His leadership and dedication was an inspiration to all during this period. His great reward

came in 1975 when the All Ireland u-21 football final between Dublin and Kerry was played at Sean Treacy Park.

As treasurer of West Bord na nOg for a number of years he has been a strong advocate of juvenile affairs and has taken a special interest in Scor na nOg.

His service to Arravale Rovers has been recognised by awards and especially by his unanimous nomination as club Life President.

He has also been very active in other organisations in his local parish. Witness to this is the fact that in 1982 he was chosen as Honorary Mayor of Tipperary Town.



Group of Tipperary officials at launching of Munster Council coach/organiser scheme

Back row: Fr Seamus Gardiner, Munster Council, Tom Maher, Pat Moroney, Sean Connolly, Taidhg Crowley, Munster Council  
Front row: Eamon Young, Brendan Vaughan, Munster Council, Hugh Kennedy, Michael O'Connor and Donie Nealon, Munster Council.

### NEW FOOTBALL COACHING SCHEME

This year a new and exciting initiative regarding the promotion of football in the four weaker counties of Munster was launched by Mr Brendan Vaughan, Chairman of the Munster Council. The new scheme entailed the appointment of Corkman Eamonn Young as coach on a full-time basis. Eamonn will

be visiting clubs in Tipperary, Waterford, Limerick and Clare and will be guiding them with the preparation of teams and in general club organisation. He will also be visiting schools encouraging the promotion of the game. This is a very welcome initiative by the Munster Council.



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## "BLUES" HONOUR FAMOUS TEAM

Early in October Thurles Sarsfields club honoured the men from this legendary club, who won ten county senior hurling championships in eleven years. It was indeed a very memorable occasion and the photograph reproduced here is a reminder of the talent which was available to this Thurles club at that time. It shows the team which won the last Cork Church Tournament (1959-60). They had beaten Glen Rovers in the semi-final and accounted for Bennettsbridge in the final.



THE LAST CORK CHURCH TOURNAMENT WINNERS IN THE 1950's, THURLES SARSFIELDS

Back row: Noel Murphy, Mickey Byrne, Larry Keane, Michael Dorney, Sean McLoughlin, Michael Craddock, Benny Maher, John Joe Gaynor, Patsy Dorney, Tommie Ryan,  
Front row: Neddie Maher, Blackie Keane, Michael McElgunn, 'Musha' Maher, Michael Murphy, Jimmy Doyle, Tony Wall, Michael Stapleton, Paddy Doyle.

## ABBAY C.B.S. CUSACK CUP— U-15 FOOTBALL COUNTY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONS

The Abbey C.B.S. won the Cusack Cup which they last held in 1983 when they defeated a very good Carrick-on-Suir side in a thrilling game in Clonmel in May.

At half time all seemed lost for the Abbey after playing with the wind when they trailed by six points. However a great second half performance in which Fergal Gallagher and Colm Bresnan scored two great goals put the Abbey side back in contention.

The general play of Michael Duggan at centre-field especially in the last quarter, broke the Carrick-on-Suir dominance and the Abbey ran out narrow winners over a very good Carrick side.



ABBAY C.B.S. — CUSACK CUP U-15 WINNERS 1985

Back row: R. English, R. Barlow, G. Crosse, D. Burke, F. Gallagher, D. Keaty, N. Foley, J. Tynan, M. Ryan, W. Maher, M. Dwyer, J. Murphy, A. Quire, J. Ring (Coach)  
Front row: R. Quinlan, P. Gleeson, C. O'Donnell, J. Quirke (Capt), C. Bresnan, C. Stapleton, W. Ryan, S. Russell, E. Fahy, P. Hogan.

# Sam Melbourne's G.A.A. Museum

by Pádraig O Meachair

Down the years I have paid a number of visits to Sam's Museum at his home at Villa Park Gardens. His enthusiasm for everything Gaelic is as great as ever, and his knowledge of G.A.A. affairs in general is so deep that time flies while in his company. I have said on numerous occasions that Sam is the greatest Public Relations man and ambassador that the G.A.A. has.

## Early Youth

Sam was born in Curraheen, Horse and Jockey, Co. Tipperary. They had their own hurling field at the back of the house. In his youth like those of that era, Sam was very fond of cycling. He cycled everywhere, to Limerick, Portlaoise, Clonmel, Nenagh and to Cork in 1946 for the Tipp v Limerick game.

This locality around the Jockey is steeped in true Gaelic tradition. Sam's house was homestead for the Ryans, the Gleesons, the Mahers and many others. Jack Gleeson, big Bill Gleeson and Paddy Maher "Best" played cards at Sam's home every Sunday night.

## In Business

Sam spent about 15 years in business in Thurles, but his generous spirit and kindness of heart, made him too soft a man in dealing with the public. He came to Dublin 26 years ago. Sam is happy anywhere in this island, because he talks to everyone.

When he left Thurles he had just 16 hurleys in his possession. — no trouble getting them now.

## Hurleys

Sam started collecting hurleys away back in 1935. The oldest hurley he has dates back to 1870. He has Kevin Barry's hurley in his proud

possession in a special glass-case. The great Paddy Scanlon gave him the hurley he used in 1936, made with a hatchet and a piece of glass.

One family Sam idolises is the Ryan's of Moycarkey. He tells the story of Johnny Ryan's hurley. He treasures this hurley, because in 1935 Johnny gave it to him, and in 1937 when Tipp were to play Kilkenny in Killarney, Johnny borrowed the hurley from Sam and I told him says Sam "to bring it back even if it was in chaff". "Sweeper" Ryan gave his hurley to Sam in 1937 while Mutt gave his 1945 hurley to Sam.

The collection of 308 hurleys also includes ones from such greats as Jack Lynch, the former Taoiseach, our own great Tony Reddan, Pat Stakelum, John Doyle,



Pádraig O Meachair

Mick Roche, Padraig Horan, Damien Martin, Eddie Keher, Seamus Durack and the great Limerick stars, Mick Mackey and Jackie Power.

Sam says "there is a story attached to every hurley, "they are all the same to me — I treasure them all".

## Jerseys

Sam has in his proud possession many jerseys worn by great men — the greats of both Gaelic football and hurling — Jimmy Deenihan, Tim Crowley, Dermot Earley, Fr Peter Quinn, Danno Mahony, Jimmy Keaveney, Jim English, Dan Ryan (referee) John Dowling, Babs Keating and over 100 others, kindly donated by players, relatives or friends. The hours of sweat saturated in these jerseys is a living proof of our great Association over the past 100 years.

## Boots

Sam's collection of boots demonstrates the progress made by Irish manufacturing firms over the years. They also are a living memento of the "big feet" of former great players. In every sense it would be hard "to fill their boots". Former players like Paddy Cullen, the legendary Phil Cahill, Willie Casey, Kevin Behan, John Egan and Mikey Sheehy and many others. Sam possesses also the army boots, of the late Col. Tommy Ryan of Tipperary, worn in 1924.

## Medals

A medal is something everyone is proud of and



Sam Melbourne in his Museum

many players have donated medals to Sam, a proof, in my opinion of what the man means to them. The great Tommy Treacy (1927), Willie Ryan's (1920) Bloody Sunday medal, Paddy Croke (1950) Harty Cup medal, Des Foley (1964) John F. Kennedy's medal, Dinny Barry Murphy of Cork (1929) medal, Mary Cooney of Dublin 1934, 35 Camogie medals. In all Sam has over 100 medals in gold and silver – evidence of the various championships played around the world.



*Sam with his great friend Jimmy Murray, Ballingarry*

#### Whistles

Another necessity in all our games is the whistle. Many referees have given Sam whistles of all kinds and sizes – G.A.A. President, Dr Mick Loftus of Mayo, John Moloney of Tipp, Noel O'Donoghue of Dublin, Paddy Johnson of Kilkenny, Pat Collins of Westmeath, Jimmy Hatton of Wicklow and many others.

#### Sliotars

The hurling ball has changed over the years in quality, size and weight. Sam has the 1896 All-Ireland final ball, the 1921 sliotar, the Munster final ball of 1950 bringing us up to the present day and the now much-used Cummins and Nuri hurling balls.

#### Footballs

Like the sliotar, the footballs that Sam possesses illustrate the scientific research and advances made over the years.

#### Caps and Stockings

The cap has been replaced by the helmet. Old photographs of teams show that the cap was as necessary a "piece of gear" as the togs. Sam has the cap worn by the great Mikey Maher of Tubberadora in 1896/81, of Johnnie Leahy in 1916, of Tommy Leahy in 1931 and of Peter McDermott in 1954.

Sam's Museum is worth a visit. It is the greatest exhibition of so many things that we cherish in the G.A.A. and it is proof of the advances made over the past 100 years. The innumerable photographs looking down on all visitors – photographs of personalities,

teams and players. The comprehensive library of scrap-books of G.A.A. material, is alone worth seeing. They bring to life the outstanding deeds of men from every era. One of these books was lost for 22 years and then turned up again. They will be invaluable in years to come.

#### On Tour

Sam has taken his Museum on tour throughout the country. With Sam on all these tours is his fellow great Tipp man – Jimmy Murray, from Ballingarry, born near the home of J. J. Barry, the "Ballincurry hare". Jimmy knows each item and where its place is.

The museum has been to the following places – Littleton (twice), Thurles (twice), Nenagh, Boherlahan, Goatenbridge near Ardfinnan, Charleville, Mitchelstown, Killinkere in Cavan (four times), Borris-in-Ossory, Wexford, Listowel, Glanmire, Pairc Ui Chaoimh, Ballycotton Ballina, Ballinamore, Manorhamilton, Galway, Letterkenny, Kells (Co. Meath), Drogheda, Carlow, Cloughbawn and Duffry Rovers in Wexford, eight places in Dublin city, Windgap, Graignamanagh, Slieverue, Dungarvan, Tramore, Rathdowney (twice) Leixlip (twice), Banagher and Roundwood (Co. Wicklow), Wexford town for Slaney Festival. In 1980 Sam transported the Museum to New York, on the Newmarket-on-Fergus trip to the States.

The exhibition has been opened by great people like Jack Lynch, Michael O'Hehir, Pat Fanning, Con Murphy,

Paddy Buggy, Mick Dunne, Snitchy Ferguson, Jack Mahon, Dr Mick Loftus and many others. It has been visited by thousands and "the visitors books", alone, provide interesting reading. Many great exponents of our games have visited the museum and Sam tells me that 5,000 people a year visit the exhibition, which is constantly on show at Sam's home.

Here is just a few comments of people who visited it. Jack Lynch: "Taispeántas iontach", an exhibition of everything that is truly Gaelic in the Association".

Michael O'Hehir: "One of the greatest shows on earth – it spans the century".

John Synott: "a credit to you, Sam – I don't know how you keep going".

Damien Martin: "It surpasses all my expectations – Sam an unpaid servant who brings pleasure to the Gaels of Ireland".

John Joe Doyle, famous Clare hurler of 50 years ago, "I visited Sam's Museum. All I can say is, that it is fantastic; how any man could collect all the material; Sam, you are one genuine sincere Gael and they are pretty scarce nowadays; thrilled to see so many hurleys of the men who laid the foundations of the G.A.A. in our clubs and counties – the clubs are the grassroots of the Association."

Pat Stakelum: "An inspiration to us all to see what Sam has done in keeping the past before us".

These are just a few tributes to the man who has done so much for the Association since 1935.

It is a revelation and an inspiration to visit Sam's exhibition and speak to the man himself – the simplest and most unassuming of men. "Ni bheidh a leitheid ann arís."

Sam is very grateful to all his friends and benefactors for their kind assistance. In 1979 Sean Clerkin and his good wife Statia got together a committee to help Sam in his museum work. This committee grew to be one of National proportions. On it were people like Jack Fitzgerald of Meath, Micheal O Muireachtaigh, Tommy Norton of Dublin, Davy McCormack of Kildare, Liz Howard of Tipp, Michael Sheridan of Cavan and many others.

Finance was necessary and it came from the ordinary gael and from sponsorship. A Hiace Van was purchased, blazers and other necessary equipment for the trip to the States was purchased, but sorry to say, all necessary help came from the "grassroots" and no help from the top.

Sam's museum has gone from strength to strength – the two are inseparable. One without the other is just not on. Wherever the museum's "home" is going to be, it is my wish that Sam will be an integral part of it.

In the words of "Goggles" Doyle: "Sam's Museum does not get the publicity it deserves – it is a revolution and an inspiration. I sincerely thank Sam for doing that work for the Association".

Sam is my idol. I feel he can play his own part in revitalizing once again Tipperary hurling. He is simple, inoffensive and unassuming. In a word he is a great Tipperary man.

#### Conclusion

This is my tribute to a man whose contribution to the G.A.A. is immeasurable

Since writing this article Sam's Museum has been acquired by the National Wax Museum which is situated off Parnell Square Dublin. It certainly has found a good home but I would prefer if it was still "on the road" and situated in Croke Park.



**CAPPAWHITE WEST SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS**

Back row: Ger Ryan (B), Dasun Hennessy, Noel Buckley, John (Fox) O'Neill, Martin McDermott, Danny O'Neill, Mike Buckley, Conor Ryan (capt), Simon Ryan (L), Danny Ryan (P), Mylie Coughlan, Johnny Ryan (P)  
Front row: Sean Hennessy, Lar Cleary, Paul Butler, Ger O'Neill, Pa O'Neill, Eugene Maguire, Brendan Hennessy, Eamonn Ryan (B), Austin Buckley, Anthony O'Neill.



**EMLY, WEST INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONS**



**Clonoulty-Rossmore U-21 who defeated Lattin-Emly in the West U-21 hurling final**

Back row: John Kennedy, Dan Quirke, Martin Coffey, Tommy Kennedy, Phil Shanahan, Andrew Fryday, Niall Ryan (R), Niall Fitzgerald, John O'Dwyer.  
Front row: Alan Duggan, Noel Keane, Roger Ryan, David Ryan (H), capt, Pat Burke, Declan Ryan, Sean Slattery.



**CAPPAWHITE, WEST JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS**

# West Ti Roun

It has been a busy year on the playing fields of the West. Thirteen championships and three leagues were organised. 117 teams affiliated and were involved in approximately 243 games. There were problems with fixtures because of Co. games and 'free Sundays'. To avoid the usual club problems, some championships were also begun earlier. In hindsight this solution may not have been advantageous to all clubs. The fact is that the Division has about 25 Sundays to play its championships and because other demands on players and the fact that some championships are played on a league basis, there are many Sundays on which some clubs cannot field a team. The trend of using championships to provide regular participation in games has also lead to over affiliation in some clubs and is stretching club resources to the limit. The debt of talent and the pool of players available to many of our clubs is on the decline.

However generally our championship games were well attended and well contested even though their quality may not have been of a very high standard.

## Senior Hurling Championship.

This was a knock out competition and seven teams affiliated. In the first round Eire Og pipped their neighbours and old rivals Kickhams by one point. Cappawhite overcame a youthful and promising Clonoulty-Rossmore side in a very close game. Golden took Sean Treacys to a replay before they conceded. Cashel who had a bye in the first round defeated Eire Og in one semi-final, while Cappawhite had to withstand a late Sean Treacys rally to book their place against Cashel in the final. The final was close and Cappawhite were the winners.

Cashel and Cappawhite had mixed fortunes in the Co. championships. Cashel went out to Carrick Swans in the quarter final. Cappawhite defeated St Marys in the quarter final,

# Tipperary and-up

By Jerry Ring

but lost their semi-final to Kilruane, the eventual Co. Champions.

## Intermediate Hurling Championships.

This championship was played on a league basis. It was confined to clubs not fielding a senior hurling championship team. Eight teams affiliated, but there was a great disparity in the standards. This system militates against small non-traditional hurling clubs. Emly and Solohead were the two top teams on points in the league and contested the final. Emly undefeated in the league confirmed their superiority by winning the championship in a hard fought final at Soloheads expense.

Emly gave Killenaule a great game in the Co. semi-final and at the end of the game one goal separated the sides with Killenaule coming out victorious.

## Junior Hurling Championship.

This competition was confined to teams fielding a senior hurling team. It was run on the league system. Some clubs did not take the earlier stages of the competition seriously enough. Because the championship begins before the S.H.C. and finishes after the S.H.C. the strength of some teams is weakened when players are used in the S.H.C. This often causes a dramatic change of fortunes for a club. However it took play-offs between Cashel, Kickhams and Eire Og before Cashel qualified to meet Cappawhite in the final. The final was keenly contested and a most enjoyable hours hurling that ended in stalemate. It took extra time in the replay for Cappawhite to take the championship.

Cappawhite defeated Mullinahone in the Co. semi-final, but unfortunately they were no match on the day for a very useful Kilruane side in the Co. final.

## U-21 Hurling Championship.

This championship has the name of being the worst run competition, yet it provides the best standard of



CLONOULTY-ROSSMORE WEST MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONS



KICKHAMS INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Back row: Christy Ryan, Tommy Keane, Eamonn Ryan, Pat Higgins, Roger Kennedy, Tony Doherty, D. J. Butler, Paudie Slattery, John Slattery, Dan Ryan, Jimmy Hayes  
Front row: Willie Crowe (capt), Pat Carroll, James Hanly, Martin McGrath, John Farrell, Tony Farrell, Walter Carroll, Paddy Hayes, Micky Butler.



ARRAVAL ROVERS WEST JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE WINNERS



GOLDEN-KILFEACLE WEST MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS



*Clonoulty-Rossmore, West Junior Football Champions*



*Cappawhite, Minor Football Champions 'B'—West Champions*

hurling. Nine teams affiliated for the championship which was played on a knock out basis. The first round games played in April showed, that some clubs had very little preparation done. Clonoulty-Rossmore, Golden, Emly-Lattin and Arravale Rovers reached the semi-finals. Clonoulty-Rossmore confirmed their dominance in this competition by defeating Emly-Lattin in the final. It also augers well for the game that Golden and Arravale Rovers reached the semi-finals of this competition.

Clonoulty went on to defeat St Marys in a hard fought Co. semi-final in Cashel. They then met Toomevara in the Co. final in Holycross. This was an exciting game during which Clonoulty held the upper hand for long periods of the game. However, in the end a few costly lapses cost them dearly. A late Toomevara rally saw them through safely. It was the third time unlucky for Clonoulty. They were good enough to win a Co. title, yet they will be the first to admit that the winning of a Co. Championship at this level is no easy task.

#### **Minor Hurling 'A' Championship.**

Seven teams affiliated and the

competition was played on the league system. The two top teams on points contested the final. Clonoulty-Rossmore defeated Arravale Rovers in the final.

Clonoulty drew with a good St Marys side in the Co. semi-final. However, in the replay Clonoulty put up a poor show and St Marys ran out worthy winners.

#### **Minor Hurling 'B' Championship.**

Five clubs affiliated for this championship which was also played on a league basis. Standards varied widely in the competition. However, Galtee Rovers created a surprise when they defeated a fancied Sean Treacys side in the final. This competition is worthwhile and has done much to awaken an interest in hurling in all parts of the Division.

Galtee Rovers played a storming game against Slievenamon in the Co. semi-final and fully deserved their victory. They play Borrisoleigh in the Co. final on November 17th.

#### **Crosco Cup — Senior Hurling League.**

Eight teams affiliated for this competition which was played on a full round league system. Most of the league games were completed

before the championship began. In the early rounds, there were many surprise results. Golden, Eire Og, Cappawhite, Cashel and Clonoulty-Rossmore were all in the league with a great chance up to the closing stages. However, it was Clonoulty-Rossmore and Cashel that reached the final. In the final, Clonoulty-Rossmore ran out worthy winners over luckless Cashel.

#### **Senior Football Championship.**

The senior football championship this year provided many headaches for the Board. Eight teams affiliated. It was played on a knockout basis with a losers group. In order to meet county deadlines for this competition and because of problems in the running of the championship in the west, the Board decided to nominate Arravale Rovers and Galtee Rovers to play in the Co. quarter finals. This was done despite the fact that Galtee Rovers and Cappawhite had qualified for the west final. In view of decisions later made by the county fixtures committee, the Board could have solved the problem without nominating. In fact it is regrettable that the west final is not yet played. It is now fixed for December 1st. Galtee Rovers and Cappawhite defeated Emly and Cashel respectively in the semi-finals and Arravale Rovers reached the final of the losers group.

Galtee Rovers and Arravale Rovers caused probably the greatest upset in the championships when they defeated their southern rivals in the Co. quarter finals in Cahir. Arravale Rovers defeated Fethard and Galtee Rovers defeated Commercials. Galtee Rovers were defeated by Loughmore in the Co. semi-final. However, Arravale Rovers progressed to the Co. final after an impressive win over Templemore. In the Co. final they led Loughmore all the way and a great last minute Loughmore rally left both sides to fight another day. The replay was played on November 17th in Cashel.

#### **Intermediate Football Championship**

Five teams affiliated for the competition and it was played on a league system. Rockwell Rovers were the favourites to win this competition. However, their rivals Kickhams defeated Eire Og in a crunch game and went on to meet Rockwell Rovers in the final. Kickhams surprised many and deservedly defeated a fancied Rockwell Rovers side in a very good final. This was Kickhams first time to win this championship.

A depleted Kickhams side was defeated by Carrick Swans in Cahir in the Co. semi-final. The losses of Martin McGrath, Domnic Hayes

and James Hanley proved too much for them.

### Junior Football Championship.

Thirteen teams affiliated in this championship. It was played on a knockout system. There were many exciting games in the championship. However, some games were one sided. Clubs fielding their second string adult team found the competition too much. Arravale Rovers, Rosegreen Emly and Clonoulty-Rossmore reached the semi-finals. Clonoulty-Rossmore eventually defeated Arravale Rovers in a great final.

Clonoulty-Rossmore defeated Ballyporeen in Bansha and play the Co. final in Drombane on November 24th.

### U-21 Football Championship.

Ten teams took part in this knockout championship. The first round games were played early in the Spring. Again as with the U-21 hurling, this idea was none too popular with clubs. Lattin-Emly, Kickhams, Clonoulty-Rossmore and Cappawhite reached the semi-finals and Lattin-Emly who have dominated the competition in recent years defeated Clonoulty-Rossmore in the final.

Lattin-Emly play the Co. semi-final against St Augustines.

### Minor Football 'A' Championship.

Seven teams affiliated and the competition was played on a league basis. The competition was keen and there was very little between the top teams. Arravale Rovers defeated Galtee Rovers in a play off for the right to meet Golden in the final. In the final a young Golden side defeated Arravale Rovers.

Golden were not good enough for Fethard in the Co. semi-final, but indeed they acquitted themselves well in defeat. Fethard were later run-away victors of this championship.

### Minor Football 'B' Championship.

This championship was run on a league basis with five teams participating. There was a wide disparity of standards and some clubs had particular difficulty in fielding teams. However, the competition is graded to cater for the weaker clubs and was worthwhile. Kickhams, Rockwell Rovers and Cappawhite reached the concluding stages of the competition. Cappawhite went on to defeat a fancied Rockwell Rovers side in the final.

In the Co. semi-final Carrick Swans were too good for Cappawhite.

### O'Donoghue Cup — Senior Football League.

Ten teams took part in the league

and it was played with two groups of five teams. Oola from Co. Limerick were allowed into the competition. The league was well contested and played for the most part before the senior football championship. Most senior football clubs do not take the league too seriously and it is often evident that it overlaps with the junior football league.

Rockwell Rovers won group I and Cashel won group II and they now meet in the final which will be played on November 24th.

### Junior Football League.

Eight teams took part in this league which was played on a home and away basis. This competition has proved to be a great success and was played usually midweek. Its a popular competition and caters for all club junior players. Unfortunately, this year not all clubs played their fixtures and this caused some problems in the final stages of the competition.

Rosegreen, Golden, Arravale Rovers and Rockwell were in the



Cappawhite captain Conor Ryan, being presented with the West senior hurling championship trophy, by West chairman, Brendan Ryan.

league with a chance right up to the end. However, Arravale Rovers and Golden got through to the final and Arravale won by the narrowest of margins.

### West Championships And Leagues 1985.

	Winners	Runners Up
S.H.C.	Cappawhite	Cashel
S.H.L. Crosco	Clonoulty-Rossmore	Cashel
I.H.C.	Emly	Solohead
J.H.C.	Cappawhite	Cashel
U-21 H.C.	Clonoulty-Rossmore	Emly-Lattin
M.H.C. 'A'	Clonoulty-Rossmore	Arravale Rovers
M.H.C. 'B'	Galtee Rovers	Sean Treacys
S.F.C. Finalists	Galtee Rovers V	Cappawhite
O'D. S.F.L. Finalists	Rockwell Rovers V	Cashel
I.F.C.	Kickhams	Rockwell Rovers
J.F.C.	Clonoulty-Rossmore	Arravale Rovers
J.F.L.	Arravale Rovers	Golden-Kilfeacle
U-21 F.C.	Lattin-Emly	Kickhams
M.F.C. 'A'	Golden-Kilfeacle	Arravale Rovers
M.F.C. 'B'	Cappawhite	Rockwell Rovers

### Scor Winners 1985.

	Scór Sinsear	Scór na nOg
Rince Fóirne	Kickhams	Kickhams
Aithriseoireacht	Marie O Donnell	Mgt Phelan
	Golden-Kilfeacle	Clonoulty-Rossmore
Amhránaíocht Aonais	Carol O Dwyer	Josephine Moloney
	Arravale Rovers	Rosegreen
Nuachleas	Golden-Kilfeacle	Golden-Kilfeacle
Tráth na gCeist	Kickhams	Eire Og
Ceol Uirlise	Cappawhite	Sean Treacys
Bailead Ghrúpa	Arravale Rovers	Rockwell Rovers
Rince Seit	Clonoulty-Rossmore	Arravale Rovers

In the Arravale Rovers dressingroom before the County Final on Sunday 3rd November one could sense the tension. The will to win seemed overpowering and many of the players faces showed the strain of the occasion. That game, the first leg so to speak, ended in a draw and many believed that Arravale's chance had come and gone.

At the replay on 17th November again at Cashel, a different pre-match atmosphere was to be witnessed. Gone were the debilitating nerves; yes, there was strain, but somehow one felt that the tension was well under control.

Why were seasoned players so tense the first day? Why, the neutral observer would ask, were the joyous post-match scenes so all-embracing after the victory? Any one of a dozen members of the panel would explain these matters by drawing attention to the extraordinary ill-luck that has plagued them in the county championships of recent years. Perhaps the final minute Fethard goal in 1982 is now buried at last, not to mention the fiascos of '76 and '84! Seldom has a panel better deserved county honours than this Rovers one and the number of neutral observers, who afterwards made it their business to convey their congratulations to the club, underlined this.

Strangely, both Rovers and Loughmore lost their opening games in their respective championships. Another coincidence lies in the fact that each celebrates its club centenary in 1985. There was therefore, no shortage of comment on the importance of the outcome when the teams lined up for the replay.

#### The Game

As Arravale Rovers marched behind the band in the pre-match parade it was noticed that Carl Lowry and Barry Walsh were included, while Loughmore had the services of Gerry Stapleton. How these switches would influence the course of events were matters gravely discussed by the faithful, as Tommy Lonergan of Kilsheelan threw in the ball



*Ted Loughman, Arravale Rovers, presents Centenary Cup to Brendan Ryan, chairman West Tipperary Board, for M.H.C. 'B' Divisional competition.*

*Hugh Kennedy, chairman of Tipperary Football Board presents the Co. Cup to Tommy Toomey, capt Arravale Rovers, after the Co. S.F.C. final 1985.*

## ARRAVALLE ROVERS WIN 1985 SENIOR FOOTBALL TITLE

ARRAVALLE ROVERS	1-5
LOUGHMORE	1-3

between Willie Crowe, Paul Landers and the McGraths, Pat and Tom.

Rovers got a flier of a start. Paul Landers was here, there and everywhere. His speed off the mark was a vital factor and he supplied ball after ball to the Rovers offence during the opening 10 mins. This liberal supply was bound to mean scores and Tony Meagher pointed two frees to give the Tipp Town boys the start they wanted.

Gradually Loughmore came more into the game and with their half-backs doing particularly well they lifted the siege. Time and again Brennan, Egan and Treacy cut off dangerous Arravale attacks and set up moves for Loughmore. After 18 mins Brendan Fogarty slipped Pat Treacy for once and powered a left-footed drive past J. Kiely in the Loughmore posts, but to Fogarty's dismay the ball thundered off the crossbar. However, Barry Walsh followed up, only to see his

blistering volley-shot scrape the top of the bar. Loughmore replied with two points, the first by corner forward Lynch being a beauty. The half time score was Arravale Rovers 0-14, Loughmore 0-2.

#### Second Half

As they did in the first, Rovers opened brightly in the second half and Brendan Fogarty found the range with a marvellous long distance point. Further sparring between the teams saw Rovers with good possession but little to show for it. Then, after some 12 minutes of the half Gerry Stapleton struck a fine goal for Loughmore and levelled the scores at 1-2 to 0-5.

#### Battle Royal

Now the battle-royal began in earnest as Loughmore advanced in numbers, going all out for the lead. That they failed to get the crucial score that would have put them ahead for the first time in either game, was a credit to a marvellous Arravale defence. True,

Loughmore had chances but they were few and far between as tenacious defenders converged on every ball, high or low. During this critical period none played better than young Davy Walsh at left corner back. The former county minor at a blinder, covering and clearing like a veteran.

#### The Winner

It was to another young player that Rovers turned to for the winner. When Tony Meagher centred in the 18th min. of the half Brendan Fogarty parried the ball across the square and Jimmy Lowry cleverly steered his ground shot to J. Kiely's right for a fine opportunist goal. Now Rovers had the bit between their teeth and with Madden, Richardson and Kenneally excelling they contained Loughmore's attack, limiting them to a single point. The Tipp Town selectors wisely moved Billy Cronin to centre forward and introduced veteran Pat Kelly to the full line of the attack. Cronin's strength and fielding won vital possession for his side during the hectic closing minutes and with Willie Crowe fielding as well as ever, Loughmore's cause was lost when the final whistle sounded.

#### Invasion

As the Rovers fans invaded the pitch in a rushing flood of raw emotion no one begrudged them and their heroes their moment of triumph. The Loughmore men were gracious in defeat and had much to be proud of in spite of their loss.

When the Arravale side reached Tipp the celebrations were long and enjoyable. The breakthrough had at last come after 44 years of effort. Arravale Rovers team: Tom Toomey, captain, Joe Browne, Pat (Bomber) McCormack, Davy Walsh, Willie Madden, Tom Richardson, Denis Kenneally, Willie Crowe, Paul Landers, Brendan Fogarty, Tony Meagher, Carl Lowry, Barry Walsh, Billy Cronin, Jimmy Lowry, Sub: Pat Kelly. P.S. Alex Fox would have been proud of you, lads!

Centenary year was drawing to a close when on December 2nd the West Board held its Centenary Banquet at Dundrum to celebrate the historic occasion and honour those who had been part of the division's history. But there was also a County flavour to the occasion which was graced by the presence of county Board officers and officers from the other divisions as well as the Tipperary minor football and u-21 hurling sides who were presented with their Munster championship medals by County Board Chairman, Michael Frawley.

However it was primarily a West celebration which featured a scripted history of the division compiled by Seamus King (Cashel) and J. J. Kennedy (Kickhams) and narrated by former Director General of the Association, Sean O Siochain, who was one of the special guests at the function; the other special guests being Seamus O'Riain,

former President of the Association, Micheal O Freaghaile, Co. Chairman, Hugh Kennedy, Chairman of the Football Board, Donie Nealon, Secretary of the Munster Council and Fr Pierce Duggan, Chairman of the County Centenary Committee. The narration was interspersed with well-known ballads by Christoir Gallagher and Eddie Dalton and by the numerous presentations which were

# WEST TIPP CENTENARY BANQUET

made. Pride of place among the presentations went to the surviving founder members of the West Board. Earlier in the evening they had been

by J. J. Kennedy

present at the Golden Vale premises, scene of the founding of the Board in 1930, where a plaque was unveiled by West Chairman, Brendan Ryan. Now at the Banquet at Dundrum House Hotel, C. F. McCarthy, Eire Og, Annacarty, Dave Carew, Clonoulty, Mick Ryan (F), Clonoulty— sadly since called to his reward— and Tom Duggan, Kickhams, were each honoured with a presentation. Another founder member Pat McGrath, Arravale Rovers is still hale and hearty but was unable to be present.

Also among the guests of honour who were made presentations were: All-Ireland S.H. medal holders Paddy Furlong, Kickhams, who was unable to attend, Jim Devitt, Cashel, John O'Donoghue, Arravale Rovers, Peter O'Sullivan, Cashel, Terry Moloney, Arravale Rovers, Donal O'Brien, Kickhams, Dinny Ryan, Sean Treacys and John Kelly, Cappawhite; selectors of All Ireland S.H. winning teams Jim Stapleton, Solohead, unavoidably



Photographed at unveiling of plaque at the Golden Vale, Dundrum on the night of the West's Centenary Banquet

Jerry Ring (West secretary), Seamus O'Riain (former President of the G.A.A.), Sen. Willie Ryan (Life President of West Board), Denis Touhy (Life President of West Board), Tom Duggan (founder member), Dave Carew (founder member), Bill Hayes R.I.P. (Registrar), Mick Ryan (Fox) (founder member), C.F. McCarthy (founder member), Brendan Ryan (West chairman), Michael Frawley (County chairman), Sean O Seochain (former Director General of the G.A.A.)



Tommy Ryan, former athlete and county Camogie Board Secretary, pictured with Bill Hayes at the West Centenary Banquet.



At West Centenary Banquet, All-Ireland senior hurling medal holders, Dinny Ryan (Sean Treacy's), John Kelly (Cappa), Peter Sullivan (Cashel K.C.), Donal O'Brien (Kickhams), Terry Moloney (Arravale Rovers), John O'Donoghue (Arravale Rovers), Jim Devitt (Cashel). Also in 'photo, West chairman Brendan Ryan (extreme left) and All-Ireland senior hurling selector Jimmy Hennessy (extreme right).



At Centenary Banquet, All-Ireland senior referees, George Ryan, John Moloney and Jackie Hayes with Brendan Ryan and Jerry Ryan.

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absent and Jimmy Hennessy, Kickhams; N.F.L. Div. two medal holders Mick Burns, Lattin/C., Pat Moroney and Mick McCormack, Aherlow and Patsy Dawson, Emly; All Ireland senior handball medal holder, John Cleary, Arravale Rovers; All Ireland senior Scor winners, Jim Leahy, Willie McEvoy, Jimmy Nugent, and Jimmy McCarthy, all of the Arravale Rovers Novelty Act; All Ireland senior referees Jackie Hayes, Arravale Rovers, John Moloney, Bansha and George Ryan, Lattin/C.; and from the 1934 All Ireland M.F. team William Griffin, Clonpet and William Hennessy Arravale Rovers (now in Ballymena and unable to attend).

Special presentations were made to Bill Hayes, registrar of the Board for over fifty years who has sadly since departed this life, and Tommy Ryan, Cashel, who has had a life long association with both Camogie and Handball, being the county camogie Board's first secretary as well as a noted runner in his time.

It was a night of presentations to all of those in the division who had been part of the G.A.A.'s history in the area. The list of recipients includes the following:

Life presidents of the Board— Denis Touhy, Eire Og, Anacarty, Willie Ryan,



At West Centenary Banquet Sean O'Siochain narrating the division's history.



Pat Moroney (Aherlow), Mick McCormack (Aherlow) and Mick Burns (Lattin-Cullen), N.F.L. Division II medal holders; John Cleary (Arravale Rovers), All-Ireland Handball medal holder, pictured receiving presentations at West Centenary Banquet. Also in photo Brendan Ryan and Jerry Ring.

Golden, Jim O'Donoghue, Arravale Rovers.

Presidents of the Board— Very Rev. Dean Lee P.P. Cashel, who was unable to be present; Very Rev. Gus O'Donnell, President of St Patrick's College and formerly of Golden/K.; Very Rev. Tom Kennedy P.P. Clonoulty/R.; and Rev. John Walsh, Lattin/C., who was unable to attend.

Past and Present Board officers not already included; Michael Ryan, Arravale Rovers, Mick Maguire, Lattin/C., Eamonn Browne, Kickhams, Roger Kennedy, do., J. J. Kennedy, do.,

John Treacy, Cappawhite, Morty O'Connell, Golden, Mick Maxwell, Clonoulty, David Moloney, Bansha, Richard Meagher, Arravale Rovers, John Currihan, Golden, Jerry Ring, Arravale Rovers, Ml Frawley, Emly and Brendan Ryan, Clonoulty. Seamus King was also made a presentation for his work in the division.

Other referees in the division: Paddy Lonergan, Galtee Rovers, Paddy Russell, Emly, Sammy Ryan, Golden, Willie Morrissey, Kickhams, Liam O'Dwyer, Eire Og, Tom Meehan, Cashel, Aengus Ryan, Cashel, Nicholas Lonergan, Solohead, Tom Leonard, Aherlow, Eamonn Browne, Kickhams, Liam Quirke, Galtee Rovers, Con Sullivan, Arravale Rovers, Eamonn Buckley, Lattin/C., Dave Sullivan, Rosegreen, Jerry Ring, Arravale Rovers.

The referees of the 1984 county finals were presented with pullovers and ties and the recipients of club of the year awards, Arravale Rovers and Cappawhite, received awards from Pat Dempsey, Manager, A.I.B. Tipperary. All club chairmen in the division were made presentations on behalf of their clubs as were all West Tipp schools.

It was truly a gala occasion with recognition for all. A night the West will long be proud of.

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Co. U-16 Champions

# Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Camogie Club

While the Gaelic Athletic Association has always been considered a male-dominated organisation, I have at club level for a number of years past, been advocating the involvement of our ladies in our club. Therefore I was happy and delighted to be able to offer my help to the ladies when they approached me to assist them in getting the Camogie Club off the ground. There had been a club in existence on a couple of occasions in the past, but they had never played competitively.

When the girls came together for the first time last year, I was wondering about my decision to help out. Many of them were practically new to the game and would need to work very hard to make the necessary improvement to compete in competition.

I am glad now I persevered because the girls' insistence on getting the club together, despite a distinct dis-interest on behalf of a lot of people, was the spur they needed, and their dedication and commitment was a joy to behold. The improvement they have made has been tremendous.

BY EAMONN DE BRUN

Last year, our first, we reached the U-14 semi-final and were beaten by the eventual champions, after putting up a fine display.

Our U-16 team again reached the county semi-final, to be beaten by the eventual county champions, Portroe; this game played on an atrocious evening in Borrisoleigh, was as good a game as one is likely to see, and the girls played tremendously.

The girls also reached the county final of the junior 7-a-side competition in conjunction with County Camogie Day. This was also a fine performance since all our girls were under 16 and were meeting seasoned campaigners.

Therefore we were optimistic entering 1985, that with some improvement, there was every possibility that we could lift some title.

Unfortunately some of the girls who had shown promise last year, did not play this year and we were forced to withdraw our U-14 team from the championship. This was most disappointing, especially since, if the en-

couragement was given at home, this could be avoided.

No such disappointment though with our U-16 panel. They set out early this year, adamant that the previous year's disappointments would be set right. Our first game against Roscrea, played in the outside field at the stadium, ended in a big win for the girls, and our hopes were high. We had this year acquired the services of two girls from outside the parish.

Our next game was played in Cahir and Carrick Rangers provided the opposition. We had only the bare 12 players on this occasion and shortly after the start on of the girls had to leave to get Mass and we played for most of the game with 11 girls. Thankfully our team played with great spirit and held out for an easy win.

Borrisoleigh-Drom-Inch (St Culainn's) provided the opposition in the county semi-final, which was played in Drombane. This was a very stiff encounter, as St Culainn's had a good strong and talented team, and we needed to draw on all our resources to repel their challenge.

The girls' spirit, dedication and commitment to training stood them in good stead in this game.

In the county final, the opposition was provided by Templederry, also in Drombane. Our supporters turned up in large numbers for this game, and the girls did not disappoint them. Making history they went on to win easily in the finish. The excitement and joy afterwards was unbelievable. The panel for the year was S. Browne, M. Browne, J. Lonergan, E. Kearns, M. Browne, J. O'Dwyer, M. Dalton, H. Carew, U. O'Dwyer, B. O'Neill, N. Tobin, T. Horgan, P. Cussen, M. Ryan, C. Horgan E. Murphy.

The girls also reached the County 7-a-side junior final recently to be beaten by Borrisolane. Those over 16 who assisted us on the junior team were M. Hourigan, G. Browne, H. Lonergan, Mgt Hayes.

Girls honoured with county jerseys: M. Browne, S. Browne, U. O'Dwyer, H. Carew, M. Hourigan, K. Horgan. I haven't the slightest doubt but many more of the girls will be honoured. Thanks to everybody who helped us during the year. Officers: Chairman—Eamonn Browne Secretary—Mgt Hayes, Treasurer—Miriam Browne, Committee—Joe Lonergan, Alice and Tommy Hayes, Noreen Browne, Mary Heney, Ml Cummins.



KNOCKAVILLA-DONASKEIGH, COUNTY U-16 CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS

# GARDA CUP GOES WEST

## Under 16 Inter divisional final



Conail Bonnar, captain of west Tipperary.

In the Garda Cup under 16 inter-divisional hurling final at Semple Stadium West Tipperary upset the odds somewhat with an exciting and thoroughly deserved two point win over the Northern counterparts after a contest that would have done justice to a more senior grade.

As a curtain raiser to the Tipp/Antrim N.H.L. tie this contest was well worthy of the billing. From the start it was keenly contested with plenty of crisp striking and the quality of play in general brought loud appreciation from the small attendance.

The West lads hit the front from the beginning and held the position tenaciously to the end despite a brave second half challenge by the losers which yielded three goals and produced a rousing finish as the winners held out for a two-point verdict.

With breeze advantage in the first half, the West played some impressive hurling and strode ahead to build up a 0-11 to 0-4 interval lead. For this position, they owed a lot to the hurling of wing-forward Michael Perdue and the striking of fellow Cashelman Conal Bonnar who showed maturity beyond his years in pointing three 65s. With the more positive attitude the West was good value for its lead despite hitting seven wides.

The second half opened in a welter of excitement with the sides exchanging goals in the first two minutes. The West got the first when Brendan Ryan finished but when Brendan Hogan cancelled for the North and then added a second in the third minute, things looked threatening for the West. But the West lads stuck for some valuable points and happily seeing another North goal disallowed for an obvious square infringement. Just three minutes remained when

the North shot their third goal, the best score of the game, from Colm Egan. It left just two between the sides but in a thrilling finish, the West held out for a thrilling win.

The foundation of the West win was laid by the midfield partnership of Tim Shanahan and Cieran Cussen, the half-back play of Brendan Corcoran and Conal Bonnar, and half-forward Michael Perdue and Brian Leamy. But all fifteen can justly take credit for a fine performance.

The North probably expected to win this competition and can hardly blame the likes of goalie Liam Sheedy (brother of Portroe's John), Seamus Feehan, Joe Kennedy, Colm Egan, Denis McCoy and Brendan Hogan for the defeat.

Scorers for the West :  
M. Perdue 0-7, B. Ryan 1-0,  
C. Bonnar 0-3, S. McCarthy  
0-2, B. Leamy, M. Minogue,  
T. Shanahan 0-1.

Scorers for North :  
B. Hogan 2-1, C. Egan 1-2,  
J. Kennedy, J. Loughnane,  
D. McCoy and M. Delaney  
0-1 each.

West team: Patrick Kearins (Kickhams), Noel Keane (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Arthur Fitzell (Cashel), Philip Quirke (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Brendan Corcoran (Emly), Conal Bonnar (Cashel), Pat Hickey (Sean Treacys), Cieran Cussen (Kickhams), Tim Shanahan (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Michael Perdue (Cashel), Justin Quinlan (Arravale Rovers), Brian Leamy (Golden-Kilfeacle), Brendan Ryan (Golden-Kilfeacle), Michael Minogue (Cashel), Sean McCarthy (Arravale Rovers).

North Team: Liam Sheedy (Portroe), Enda Loughnane (Silvermines), Seamus Brislane (Toomevara), Aidan Hough (Borrisokane), Joe Kennedy (Toomevara), Seamus Feehan (Roscrea), Tom Madden (Lorrha), Joe Loughnane (Borrisoleigh), Denis Kennedy (Roscrea), Paul Delaney (Borrisoleigh), Colm Egan (Kiladangan), Denis McCoy (Roscrea), George O'Leary (Borrisoleigh), Pat O'Brien (Portroe), Brendan Hogan (Borrisokane). Subs: D. O'Meara, M. Doorley and M. Delaney.

West Tipperary 1-15  
North Tipperary 3-7

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The above season began on 12th April with u-12 football. This competition was played in three grades, A, B & C. The winners were A Arravale Rovers, B Aherlow and C Rockwell Rovers. The u-12 hurling began on 17th May and was played in two grades, A and B. The winners were A Arravale Rovers and B Lattin-Cullen.

The u-14 competition began on 7th June and the winners were as follows. U/R Hurling Kickhams, Rural Hurling Kickhams, Grade B Hurling Eire Og.

U/R Football Arravale Rovers, Rural Football Kickhams, Grade B Football Aherlow.

The U-16 competitions began on 5th August and the winners were as follows:

A. Hurling, Cashel; B Hurling Cappawhite. A. Football Arravale Rovers, B Football Kickhams.

The West Tipperary Gardai Cup competitions for u-13 football and u-15 hurling were both won by Kickhams.

Despite the bad year weatherwise all the games were on target and with three County titles coming to the division it was all in all a good year.

Scor na nOg was again an outstanding success this year. Every club in the division partaking and wonderful entertainment enjoyed by large attendances, especially at the final which was held in Halla na Feile, Caiseal.

by Micheál O Meiscil, Rúnaí



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# Kilruane take Munster title

KILRUANE 0-12  
BLACKROCK 0-6

The wildly excited supporters of Kilruane MacDonagh rushed on to the Gaelic Grounds in Limerick to salute their heroes, who had brought off a richly deserved 0-12 to 0-6 victory over Blackrock in the replayed final of the Munster Club senior hurling championship.

It was only fitting that the Tipperary champions should thrash their Cork rivals by double scores because they dominated three-quarters of the game, and indeed the entire second half.

Inspired by a splendid display by the entire defence and especially by left-half-back, Gilbert Williams, Kilruane's determination was all too much for a star-studded Blackrock side, in which even established inter-county stars like Tom Cashman, Frank Cummins and Dermot McCurtain, were never allowed to stamp their authority.

Kilruane were slow into their stride and trailed by 0-4 to 0-2 after 15 minutes. Gradually however, the influence of Gilbert Williams on the half-back line; Seamus Hennessy and Enda Hogan at mid-field and Gerry and Jim Williams and Eamonn O'Shea in the half-forward line, began to tell.

Two superb points from acute angles way out on the left by Philip Quinlan and Eamon O'Shea enabled Kilruane to turn over leading by a point 0-6 to 0-5, and they then went on to completely outplay a very disappointing Blackrock side.

There was no stopping the four Williams brothers and the Kilruane task was made all the easier, not only by the poor oppos-

ition provided by Blackrock, but also because the usually reliable Pat Moylan failed with two easy frees at a crucial stage.

Blackrock's only score of the second half was a point by Eamon O'Donoghue in the 18th minute and strangely this was the last score of the game.

**KILRUANE** MacDONAGH T. Sheppard, J. Cahill, D. O'Meara, S. Gibson, J. Banaghan, J. O'Meara, Gilbert Williams (0-2), S. Hennessy (0-2), E. Hogan (0-1), Gerry Williams (0-2), Jim Williams, E. O'Shea (0-1), D. Cahill, Paddy Williams (0-3), P. Quinlan (0-1).  
Sub: M. Hogan for Hennessy.

**BLACKROCK:** J. O'Leary, P. Maher, R. Browne, A. Creagh, T. Cashman, F. Cummins, D. McCurtain, J. Cashman, M. Kilcoyne, F. Delaney (0-2), P. Deasy, P. Boylan (0-2), F. Collins (0-1), E. O'Donoghue (0-1), P. Kavanagh.

Subs: E. Kavanagh for Delaney, J. Evans for P. Kavanagh.

Referee: T. Murray (Limerick).



*Donie Nealon*



*Len Gaynor*

The Irish Life sponsored managers of the month for May '85 were Len Gaynor and Donie Nealon. Both had guided Tipperary to victory in the Ford Open Draw competition.



A Youthful Tommy Treacy

# TOMMY TREACY

## R.I.P.

If Tommy Treacy had never won a medal, I would consider him to be one of Tipperary's greatest hurlers. The greatness of Tommy Treacy lay in the man himself, in his character, his great mind and soul. He was a father-figure, a hurler, a friend, a man of steel whom all men loved, admired and held in the highest esteem

during his long life.

The love he bore for Tipperary, for hurling and for its people could not be measured. Here was a man, and more than a man; he was a giant, brave and fearless, and deadly in earnest. When the honour of Tipperary was at stake, he spared not life nor limb. Willingly would he have sacrificed all for the sake of the

Blue and Gold.

In Killea he was born; in Fertiana, Holycross, he spent his youth. In his many years in Dublin with Johnson, Mooney & O'Brien and with "Young Irelands Club" he won many friends and had no enemies. In hurling he found his consolation and his joy. The tougher the game was, the more he liked it. Like a

*In Templemore's quiet sacred ground  
Tommy Treacy sleeps today;  
Beside his wife, loved Ellen fair,  
Lies the hero of Killea.*

*The finest hurler Tipp e'er knew;  
The bravest in his day;  
Where will we see his likes again,  
In the thick of the fiercest fray.*

*He'd burst his way right through  
stout steel;  
He knew not fear or dread;  
How oft we saw the bandage white  
Dyed crimson round his head.*

*Cuchulainn-like, he swept the ball  
On ground or in the air,  
And wherever ash was heard to  
smash,  
Tommy Treacy was surely there.*

*Holycross will long remember him  
And his native place, Killea;  
Round Fertiana's fertile fields  
He spent many a youthful day.*

*To Young Ireland's fame, we link  
his name  
We heard Croke Park's stands ring;  
In every game we heard his name;  
He led them like a king.*

*His confrere's now in mournful  
mood,  
The powerful bold and brave,  
From far and near, those men  
were here  
Standing round a hero's grave.*

*'Twas Charles Kickham who  
portrayed  
For us, the fearless dasher;  
Tommy Treacy's name, we'll  
ever acclaim  
As our typical "Matt the Thresher"*

*My long-loved friend, now sleeps  
in peace,  
Beside his fair-wife, Ellen,  
In heaven's holy, peaceful home,  
They'll ever more be dwellin'.*

*I retraced my step when all had  
gone;  
I thought I heard him calling;  
I'm unashamed to say, I knelt  
to pray  
As sad tears were slowly falling.*

Br. J. Perkins



John Doyle and Pat Stakelum pictured with the late Tommy Treacy

lion he tore into the fray. On ground or air 'twas all the same to him as he swept the sliotar onwards towards the goal. In him we saw the most typical Tipperary hurler of them all – a modern Matt the Thresher – a skillful hurler, too, whose deeds will be remembered and whose fame will be spoken of down the years "as long as Slievenamon hold memories of Knocknagow and the Devil's Bit stands guard o'er the fertile fields and homes of grand Killea."

He won a Junior All-Ireland in 1926, and won two All-Ireland Hurling medals (1930 and 1937). He won Railway Cup honours in 1930, '31, '33, '34.

Tommy was ever true to faith and fatherland. He was a member of the Sodality in St Peter's Church, Phibsborough for over forty year. 'Twas here his Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr O'Rafferty, assisted by Fr Pierce Duggan and Rev. Fr Grimes (Chanel College). Edmond Browne, that great Newport singer, a close friend of Tommy's, filled St Peter's Church with his magnificent singing of "Nearer My God to Thee" and Tipperary's own Anthem "Slievenamon".

Many of his old friends and Tipperary people attended Mass and bade farewell to his mortal remains with the coffin draped in the Tipperary and Young Irelands colours—Blue and Gold. When the funeral cortege arrived in Templemore a guard of honour was there. Members of the County Board, boys from the Templemore C.B.S., many old Tipperary hurlers, his friends in Templemore and Killea, and from all over Tipperary and other counties, honoured him with their presence.

The sun was shining brightly on the far-off homely hills around Carden's Wild Domain and on the beautiful Church Steeple as we laid him to rest, beside his beloved wife, Ellen, who died on 13th December 1964. The sacred clay of Templemore's cemetery was placed o'er Tommy's grave, one Friday 27th September 1985.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam. Ave atque vale.

Br. J. Perkins



Friends and comrades from his playing days at the grave of Tommy Treacy.  
Included are: John Maher, Michael Maher, Phil Ryan (Castle), Jim Devitt, Willie Wall, Mutt Ryan, Jim Lanigan, Jimmy (Butler) Correy, Johnny Ryan, Mickey Byrne, John Joe Maher, Pat Stakelum, Tommy Max, Tommy Doyle.



Some of the attendance at the funeral of Tommy Treacy  
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The remains of the late Tommy Treacy being carried to its final resting place.

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In a fallow period bouquets are few for selectors, trainers or coaches; if anything they get more of the critical fall-out than the players. Not only the best hurlers, but the smartest selectors, tend to be on the proverbial ditch. And many an official selector, having done his futile stint, is relegated swiftly to that same ditch — where, presumably, he at once recovers the wisdom that deserted him in office.

Over the whole painful period since 1973 there have been many and various selectors. All started with copious public goodwill. If they have themselves been good or even great hurlers, that's counted as a very positive plus; defeat, though, is not long eroding this provisional fund of esteem. Indeed it becomes a critical theme — "wouldn't you think men of their ability and experience wouldn't do such ridiculous things . . . ." There's no doubt it's pretty easy to be an amateur selector — you can recommend a player, then conveniently write him off if he fails to perform, and then reverse your own opinion half-way

# County Senior Hurling Selectors

by John O'Grady

through a match; you can agree with everybody else's suggestions and join heartily in castigating the official people's decisions. 'Twas ever thus. When I hear people harking back longingly to the days of that famous personality Paddy Leahy and wishing we had his flair, colour and tactical cleverness now, I am impelled to recall the 1952–57 period of defeat by Cork and Clare on one occasion — and the fierce criticism heaped on Paddy and his colleagues over choices and switches.

Our present selecting position derives from Moycarkey-Borris' county win over Roscrea in the 1982 replay. Co. Board gave the new champions carte blanche to find four good men and true, plus one of their own. The club officers consulted some elder statesmen in the parish — Paddy "Sweeper" Ryan among them — and got acceptances from Pat Stakelum, Fr Ray Reidy, John Kelly and Len Gaynor, while Liam Hennessy, club chairman, completed the

quintet. All bar Hennessy were in their day intercounty backmen, Liam a sturdy club forward. The team they picked and managed did what hadn't been done since 1973 and won a Munster first round against Clare. Alas a second success was beyond them — Waterford beat Tipp in the semi-final at Cork. The prestige of breaking our duck contributed to retention of the five, even though Borrisoleigh had won the county title and were clamouring for either control or representation — to the extent of a Convention motion that was ruled out. Many thought they had a case, but the advantages of continuity won the argument — the men in charge wanted to carry on. Which they did, guiding Tipp to a repeat win over Clare at Thurles — Liam Maher returned to the net the rebound off Power's penalty in the very last passage of play. Fortunate, certainly, but a few weeks later in the Centenary Munster Final we looked like cashing in most profitably on the luck of the semifinal. When Noel O'Dwyer swung over a fourth leading



Tipperary U-21 captain, Micheal Scully receives the All-Ireland trophy from vice-president of the G.A.A. Brendan Vaughan



*Rival Tipperary and Kilkenny captains prior to the All-Ireland U-21 final in Walsh Park, Waterford*

point from right wing, Tipp had Cork practically taken. The stunning twin blows of O'Leary's goals mocked our brief spasm of joy and triggered virulent criticism of the fielding of less than fit men in Fizzle and Cahill and, above all, the switch back to left back of Power, who'd been tormenting Donal O'Grady, to replace the crooked Bobby Ryan.

Moycarkey-Borris regained the title and so the status quo was bound to remain for 1985. The relegation in the League was a poor start and the "escape" at Ennis, leading to a win at home over Clare, was accompanied by loud disputation about Conroy's dual exit; the merits of such as Brennan at full-back and Doyle in the attack were also argued. For the Munster final the first question was not players but venue; and here it is hard to know whether to sympathise with the selectors on being dragged to Cork by insistent Board leadership — successful in a much doubted vote or votes — or blame them for not standing firm in the interests of players whose alleged keenness for Pairc Ui

Chaoimh was official fiction; they were never asked. Anyhow when we got to Cork, a most unintegrated defence ruined the work of an attack that ran up enough to win — yet in seventy minutes no solitary amendment was made to the starting defence. That went down badly with the critics. In fairness though, we had the unlooked-for errors of a goalkeeper who had single-handed kept us alive at Ennis. Hard to budget for that sort of thing.

After that defeat, continuity was under threat, automatic block re-appointment unlikely. Method of choice was the first problem. Wait till the county final and give the new champions what Moycarkey-Borris had got in '82? Wouldn't look so good, seeing that Borrisoleigh had been denied in '83. The Co. Board eventually decided on a supremely awkward system — have each division nominate three, not confined to home territory. Why not just nominate one, as had been done many times in the past? Perhaps the divisions, or some of them, did not relish narrowing down to one and displeasing some who might

not be the one. Picking three would be less revealing. Having picked three, the divisional reps at Co. Board were not formally bound to vote for them in order of choice at home, or to vote for any of them. Thus, the South's Babs Keating, on the voting figures, got amazingly little support — some say that there was something close to an organised spreading of the word against the man who came top in South.

Liam King, Co. Board member, got there well ahead of Gaynor. John Kelly's withdrawal saw Jimmy Hennessy make a come-back. Fr Reidy, a Mid nominee, led the poll; Pat Stakelum also succeeded easily. A week or so before the vote it was rumoured that both Mid nominees might withdraw — a Mid Board meeting was called at Boherlahan on Mid final day.

When Kilruane won the county it was commonly presumed that Gaynor would be named within days. In fact, it took a few weeks before Len joined the squad — his club sought a session with the Board leadership and the other four to clear

the air regarding the club's unease at what it claimed was disproportionate blame for their man over Tipp defeats. As the quintet is now complete, one assumes the air is clear, or fairly clear, for the difficult assignment ahead of them. Coaching duties may still have to be assigned.

Of the five, only Hennessy lacks a fine playing record. Stakelum is on the short-list of great centre-backs; All-Ireland captain as a youth in 1949; Munster and Ireland choice — one still recalls his controlled flighting of 70s and frees, the crispness of his compact ground play. Fr Ray was one of the best minor centre-backs ever. As a clerical student he could practically come straight off the train home and play a vital part for Sarsfields. Missionary work in Africa followed. King carries the prestige of our very last All-Ireland in 1971; a formidable and hardy backman. Gaynor had a brilliant wing-back career from the winning year of 1965 up to the mid-seventies; his competitive spirit has been of vast benefit to Kilruane.



Peadar Cummins

## PEADAR CUMMINS REMEMBERED

Borrisoleigh has had a remarkable link with the Association since its infancy. It is a parish that has contributed many famous names to Tipperary's hurling tradition down the years. To the followers of Borrisoleigh's hurling fortunes great names spring to mind.

But when one attempts to measure the immense contribution made to our Club, both on and off the field, by many individuals, the name of Peadar Cummins ranks highly on what would be a very long list.

He wore his beloved Maroon and White with distinction on the playing

fields, but it was when his playing days were over that his greatest input to our Club and the Association began.

He emulated the work of the late Mick Prior, with a similar sincerity, enthusiasm, and a sense of pride in his Club. He won the confidence and trust of our juveniles and he placed his wonderful talents at their disposal in so many different ways.

His love for the cultural and musical aspects of the Association was evidenced in his involvement with 'Scor'. His nimble feet beat out many a set; and his unassuming but unshakable pride in his national and parochial

heritage won him the admiration and respect of all who were fortunate enough to have known him.

On a sunny Sunday evening in May last year (one year after his mournful passing from this life) we stood around his grave once more. This time a magnificent monument marked his final resting place, unveiled before a huge gathering of North and County Boar na nOg officials; parishioners and Gaels from all over the County.

Many eloquent tributes were paid at his graveside, and the lone piper marked the touching occasion with an appropriate musical requiem.

This very fine gesture by the North Bord na nOg in perpetuating Peadar's memory is deeply appreciated by the Parish; agus tabharfaidh sé spreagadh agus muinín don aos óg atá faoi láthair, agus fíú dóibh siúd nach bhfuil tagtha fós, as gach a bhfuil gaelach agus onorach sa chumann Lúithcheas Gaeil againne. Mairfidh cáil agus cuimhne Pheadair anseo i mBuireas le fada an lá.

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# MID TIT REVIEW



SARSFIELDS PARADE

By  
TOM  
O'HARA



## Senior Hurling Championship.

Eight teams affiliated for the 1985 senior hurling championship which was again run on a losers group system. In the first round, Sarsfields, Holycross, Drom and Loughmore were successful against Moycarkey, Upperchurch, Moyne and Boherlahan respectively.

It took a second meeting to separate Sarsfields V Moycarkey and Moyne V Drom. The Sarsfields-Moycarkey drawn game was easily the best game of the first round and indeed was regarded by many as the best game of the entire competition.

Holycross and Sarsfields were through to the semi-finals, after the first round, Drom beat Loughmore in a quarter final game to also qualify for a semi spot and the line up was completed by Moycarkey, who proved easy winners of the losers section.

The semi-final pairings resulted Sarsfields V Drom and Moycarkey V Holycross. In the latter game, Holycross gave a much improved performance on their first round display and ran out decisive and deserving winners over their Cahill Cup final conquerors and Centenary County Champions. The Sarsfields V Drom game was keenly and closely contested all through and at the end of a very competitive game Drom had lost their mid title by the minimum margin. The scene was now set for what everyone expected would be a great final between those great rivals Holycross and Sarsfields, who had disposed of the reigning county and divisional champions en route.

The final was at Boherlahan where the local club had everything in perfect order for the big occasion. The weather was perfect and the attendance quite good. The game itself however, failed to live up to expectations and at no stage



THURLES SARSFIELDS – MID FINALISTS

Back row: Pat McCormack, Ciaran Carroll, Paddy Maher, Murty Bryan, Connie Maher, Jim Moloney, Pat Stakelum, Tom Barry.  
Front row: Michael Maher, P. J. Kavanagh, John Cahill, Sean Byrne, Pat McCormack captain, Francis Murphy, Kevin Cummins.



THURLES FENNELLY'S – MID JUNIOR CHAMPIONS

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### Minor Hurling 'A'.

This competition was played on a league system and did not provide any outstanding games up to the final. Moycarkey beat Holycross in the first semi-final and there was a big disappointment, when Clonmore failed to field a team against Sarsfields in the other semi-final. It was then the old firm of Sarsfields and Moycarkey meeting in the final. In the first half Sarsfields were well on top and led by nine points at the interval. Moycarkey came back strongly in the third quarter and had Sarsfields under strong pressure, the town team however, rose to the challenge in the last quarter to run out convincing winners.

### Minor Hurling 'B'.

This competition was also run on a league system and produced many close and exciting games before Boherlahan eventually took the final honours.

### Senior Football.

'Loughmore make it 21 in a row'.

Six teams took part in the senior football championship which was played on a losers group system.

Loughmore reached the final via the winners section and their age old rivals got into the final via the losers group. The game played in Templemore provided one of the best mid-finals for many years. Loughmore had the tonic of a whirlwind start in which they scored a goal and a point, but thereafter Templemore were with them all the way and contributed their share to a very good and sporting encounter.

### Intermediate Football.

Moycarkey completed the Intermediate double when their footballers accounted for Loughmore in a very well contested final.

### Junior Football.

Like the hurling competition this championship had an affiliation of sixteen teams and was on a losers group system. Sarsfields and Templemore eventually qualified for the final and in a sporting well contested game of a good standard Sarsfields were narrow, but deserving winners.

### U-21 Football.

Nine teams participated in the U-21 football championship. The competition did not produce any outstanding games and holders Holycross having defeated Templemore in a replay went on to retain their title when disposing of the Templetuohy-Gortnahoe combination by a one point margin in a very low scoring decider.

### Minor Football 'A'.

Templemore again proved too strong for all opposition and went on to retain



Pat Cullen, chairman of the Mid Board presents the Johnny Leahy Cup to Michael Doyle, Holycross captain after their win



Stephen Dwan, winner of the Man of the Match award is presented with the trophy by sponsor, Jack Glasheen, Holycross and Thurles

their title in this grade. The final against Sarsfields was the outstanding game of the competition and produced football of a very good standard. Sarsfields matched the champions for three quarters of the game, but in the closing stages Templemore pulled away for a convincing and deserved victory.

### Minor Football 'B'.

Six teams participated in this championship which was run on a losers group system. After a series of interesting games, Loughmore proved worthy winners of the competition.

All competitions in the division were completed at a reasonably early date and a spirit of sportsmanship, which prevailed at all times, reflects the highest credit on all concerned, both players and officials. No mention of games in Mid Tipperary in 1985, would be complete without paying tribute to Holycross and Boherlahan clubs for the improvements carried out in their sportsfields.

Holycross club installed new side line seating on both sides of the field, added new dressing rooms as well as a score board and press box.

Boherlahan also put in a new side line seating on one side of the pitch and had a new score board erected as well.

Both clubs are to be complimented on these added amenities for players and spectators.

### Mid Board Officers 1985

Chairman: Pat Cullen,  
Loughmore-Castleiney

Secretary: Tom O'Hara,  
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Senior Football — Templemore

Intermediate Football —  
Moycarkey

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U-21 Football — Holycross

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Templemore

Minor Football 'B' —  
Loughmore

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# LOUGHMORE'S HISTORIC 21<sup>st</sup>



*The victorious Loughmore-Castleiney team*

Loughmore-Castleiney made what must be national history in 1985 when they won their twenty-first consecutive mid senior football title. The venue was Templemore on Sunday evening, September 15 and their opponents on the occasion were old rivals Templemore. It was one of the best finals in the grade in the division for some years and at the final whistle Loughmore-Castleiney had four points to spare in a scoreline of 1-7 to 0-6. They had led by 1-3 to 0-4 at the interval.

The team that played on the historic occasion was as follows: J. Kiely, R. Stapleton, E. Webster, T. Ryan, E. Brennan, P. Tracy, P. McGrath, T. Connolly, G. Stapleton, F. McGrath, M. McGrath, J. Tracy, P. Lynch. Subs: R. Egan for R. Stapleton. N. Ryan for G. Stapleton.

The victory was a unique event in the life of Eddie Webster, who has given so much service to football for nearly a quarter of a century not only to his club, but to his county and province as well. Eddie won his eighteenth medal on that September Sunday. He had given up football three years previously after winning seventeen in a row but as coach of the 1985 team he was called in as a replacement in the mid final for Seamus Fogarty, who was unable to play because of injury. There



*The selectors: M. Connell, T. Egan, E. Webster, J. V. Burke, S. Mockler*



*Eddie Webster*

is one other player who shares the record with Eddie, Paddy McLoughlin, who is now living in Templemore and involved in the coaching of the minors of that club. Paddy won eighteen mid finals in a trot before he retired after the 1982 final.

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# Minor Hurling Honours for Sarsfields



*Sarsfields captain Seamas O'Shea, proudly holds the Sean Treacy Cup aloft, following the presentation by his Grace Most Rev Dr Thomas Morris.*

The Sean Treacy Cup is back in Thurles Sarsfields possession for the first time since 1973, following their Minor county success in October. This is the fourth victory for the blues in this competition and one hopes it will herald great things for this far-famed Thurles club in the years ahead.

In the mid final against Moycarkey-Borris in August, they had a convincing victory on a score of 2-10 to 0-6, but one must remember that this was third time lucky for the Thurles lads as they had been beaten in the two previous finals.

In the county semi-final, they accounted for north champions Toomevara in a very keen game, and then to the county final against south champions St Mary's from clonmel, a team that had overcome west's Clonoulty-Rossmore in a replayed semi-final.

Thurles Sarsfields 2-10 St Marys 1-7 In a very entertaining final, with plenty of good hurling, Sarsfields owed their success to the ability of their forward division to make full use of their limited possession and also the excellence of their full-back line to counteract sustained St Mary's pressure.

The south champions put plenty of endeavour into this game, but lacked the finish of the champions. They won many friends in defeat by the excellent brand of hurling they played. Sarsfields success owes much to the



## SARSFIELDS MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONS

*Back row: John Ryan, Seamus Maher, Jim Woodlock, Jackie Griffin, Gerry Doyle, Ciaran Carroll, Seamus O'Shea, Tom Sullivan, Noel Sheehan, Bill Mullaney, John Cahill, Fionn Stakelum*  
*Front row: Kevin O'Shea, Ronan Keher, Michael O'Dwyer, Garry Loughman, Paul Murphy, Andy Rossiter, Dara Purcell, Ger Mockler, Andy Ryan, Tony O'Mara.*



Referee Gerry Long with minor captains, Seamus O'Shea and John Dunphy.



Dara Purcell of Sarsfields breaks through

good work being done for juveniles by Dúrlas Og.

Sarsfields scorers : A. Rossiter 0-5, G. Loughnane 1-0, J. Woodlock 1-0, N. Sheehan 0-2, P. Murphy, R. Keher, T. Sullivan 0-1 each.

St Mary's scorers : J. Dunphy 0-4, M. Guerin 1-0, D. O'Donnell, G. Deely, R. Hogan 0-1 each.

Sarsfields: C. Carroll, T. O'Mara, G. Doyle, G. Mockler, D. Purcell, S. O'Shea S. Maher, G. Loughnane, A. Rossiter, J. Woodlock, R. Keher, N. Sheehan, P. Murphy, T. Sullivan, A. Ryan.

Subs: J. Griffin for Doyle, B. Mullanny for Purcell.

St Mary's: D. Ryan, G. Bourke, P. Kavanagh, D. Ryan, J. McCarthy, F. McGrath, J. Harvey, D. J. O'Connell, G. Deely, D. O'Donnell, S. Hickey, J. Dunphy, J. Dempsey, L. O Duibhir, R. Hogan.

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# MOYCARKEY-BORRIS HURLERS REGAIN COUNTY INTERMEDIATE TITLE AFTER 31 YEARS

by Jimmy Fogarty

"Nothing succeeds like success" says the old proverb and for the Moycarkey-Borris club it is a saying that has become very true in the present decade. Since the breakthrough of the club's senior hurlers in 1982 at county level hurling is booming in the parish and that success rubs off on all teams. Heretofore it was often contentment in playing well and the tag of 'gallant losers' was all too often the rewards at the year's end. But now there is purpose and pride in every team and the burning ambition to succeed. It was that great will to win which was the chief hallmark of the 1985 intermediate hurling team, mid and county champions.

When a club fields a senior team the second string is usually all the weaker and their task that more difficult to take any major honours. One had to go back in the mid division to the great Thurles Sarsfields squads of the 1950's and '60's to field both senior and junior teams to reap success. In 1985 Moycarkey-Borris were fortunate to string together a second team built around experience, successful under age sides and some seasoned and good juniors.



*Pictured before the start of the county intermediate hurling final, John Hackett (left), Moycarkey-Borris captain; referee Donie Nealon, and Joe O'Dwyer, the Killenaule captain.*

The records show that teams from the parish up to '85 had won nine No.1 junior (now intermediate) in 1910, 1912, 1943, 1945, 1946, 1952, 1954, and the last in 1960 captained by Michael Shanahan while the only county title in the grade came in 1954,

when Larry Dowling led the side that won the club's only No 1 title.

This year the campaign began in the unlikely venue of Kickham Park, Thurles against a newly formed Threecastles team from Kilkenny in the opening challenge game of the season on 14th April. It continued with challenge games and tournaments involving sixteen other games. By first mid championship tie on 3rd June in Semple Stadium V Sarsfields the team had established itself somewhat. The first half of that opening game was a real nightmare occasion for Moycarkey. Nothing went right and the 'Blues' had crept into, what appeared an unassailable lead of eight points. But Moycarkey were a transformed outfit in the last half and ran out winners by 1-12 to 0-9. Twelve days later, it was back to Semple Stadium again and a date with Clonmore(holders). A scoring burst by big full forward Pat Flanagan saw Clonmore ousted by 2-13 to 1-4. Various reasons decreed that the final could not be played until 7th September and Moycarkey finalists stuck to training and the challenge game circuit. The panel despite the long wait trained astutely and with great dedication.

In the interim, the seniors had been defeated by Holycross and the inters had the stage to themselves and Paddy Doyle took over as trainer-coach. The former Sarsfields star got the best out of his charges and they responded to his urgings and motivation. At Holycross on that first Saturday in September, Moycarkey came up against Sarsfields once more, the latter having defeated Clon-



*Moycarkey-Borris, county intermediate champions pictured here after their semi-final game with Shannon Rovers at Borrisoleigh*

Meanwhile, Killenale had come through the south division, and defeated Emly in the other semi-final. The stage was set for the grand finale, between the geographical neighbours and old foes. But for decades, rivalry had been restricted to challenge games

Killenaule were favourites, but Moycarkey-Borris thrived in the tag of 'under dogs'. This team had come the hard way and would not be found wanting in the final hour. Martin Cooney was in action early, stopping a Brennan piledriver and with Jimmy Bergin making inter-county player Donie O'Connell very tenaciously, Liam Bergin, playing wide against Killenaule captain, Joe O'Dwyer and Liam Hackett and Jim Flanagan doing a good policing job on midfielders Shanahan and Ahearne, the battle was won. A well contested first half saw Moycarkey retire with a 1-5 to 0-3 interval lead, Eamonn Walsh once more finding the netting. Some fine defensive play by all the Moycarkey backs against the second moiety breeze took all Killenaule threw at them and when Eamonn Healy and

For all associated with the panel, it was a marvellous occasion and what a successful year for captain John Hackett now holding the two trophies and the cherished captain's prize from Thurles golf club. As one supporter quipped after the final whistle "there will be peace now on the border for the winter"

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## Bord na nÓg

### Tiobraid Árann Méanach

by Batt O'Meara, Secretary.

Beidh cuimhne go deo ag gach éinne ar shamhradh na bliana 1985, an droch aimsir agus an bháisteach go léir. Dob é an t-aon solás a bhí againn ná gur imríodh cluichí iontacha ar fud na roinne agus gur bhain na himreoirí go léir taitneamh astu. I rith an tSamhraidh bhí spioraid bríomhar i measc na gclubanna go léir. Chuir sead fóirne ar an bpáirc in ngach grád idir peil is iomáint. Chabhraigh siad leis an mBord agus chomhoibrigh siad lena céile mar sin ní hé ionadh gur críochnaíodh ár gcomartaisí páirce in am.

Traoslaím leis na buaitheoirí go léir agus molain na himreoirí óga a ghlac páirt sna comórtaisí.

Má fhaighimid an tacaíocht céanna an bhliain seo chugainn agus má dheineann na clubanna an sár iarracht céanna, beidh dul chun cinn á ahéanamh againn mar beidh cluichí Gaelacha á imirt go forleathan i dTiobraid Árann Méanach.

1985 proved to be yet another very successful year for Mid Tipperary Bord na nOg. It was a year free of disputes or controversy of any kind and credit for this satisfactory state of affairs is due to the excellent co-operation of the clubs and their representatives at our meetings. Juvenile players and mentors must also be complemented as the standard of friendships and sportsmanship generated at all our games was exemplary.

Mid April saw the beginning of the eight championships and after many rousing games the honours were shared amongst eight clubs.

The following is a club by club account of the years' happenings.

**Dúrlas Og:** A feature of the 1985 championship, was the spectacular success of the Thurles Club in the under 12 and under 14 competitions, hurling and football. The club made what was

virtually a clean sweep in these grades starting with a double mid success in the under 12 age group, their hurlers going on to great county final victory. To supplement their Feile na nGael success earlier in the season, their under 14 hurlers, won through the mid division and finished with the big one in the county decider.

In football the club captured the mid title once again, but failed narrowly to take a further county title against Arravale Rovers. Their B football side made it three titles out of four in the under 14 urban-rural competitions. Dúrlas Og's committee must be one of the busiest and active in the county. They affiliated 14 juvenile teams in the 1985 championships, and recently have undertaken the huge task of purchasing and developing a new sportsfield. We wish them well in their venture.

**Gorthnahoe-Glengoole:** Indications are



Durlas Og U-14 panel which won the Tipperary Feile na nGael hurling and Feile na nOg football board and Co. U-14 hurling final

Back row: J. Coppinger (committee), G. Rafter, G. O'Connor, P. Dundon, E. Connan, S. Quinn, A. Claffey, D. Condon, L. Barrett, Liam Hanrahan (Selector)

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DURLAS OG, COUNTY U-21 URBAN-RURAL HURLING CHAMPIONS

that this club may soon be emerging as a major force within the division. This year their win over Holycross-Ballycahill in the mid under 14 rural decider gave the club its first title since 1957, when the great Larry Kiely of Tipperary senior All-Ireland fame led them to victory. The availability of talent within the parish was clearly seen when their under 16 hurlers played 180 minutes of spectacular hurling against Boherlahan. These games gave a much needed boost to the under 16 championship within the division and it was unfortunate that there had to be a loser. No doubt the hard work and attention paid to juveniles in recent years by Fr Fogarty and his dedicated committee members will soon bear fruit at minor level.

**Boherlahan-Dulla:** must surely be the unlucky club of the division, being just edged out in both under 14 rural championships by the ultimate winners. However, the highlight of the year for the club must have been the performance of their under 16 hurlers. In mid August they created one of the shocks of the year when they defeated Dúrlas Og in the A championship. This win must surely give encouragement to other clubs who may think that they are out of their depth in the A section.

Full of confidence the famed Tubberadora parish went on to defeat Gortnahoe-Glengoole in the semi-final, and after three thrilling games. Moycarkey-Borris provided the opposition in the final and after a close fought exciting

encounter, Boherlahan were defeated by two points. Overall a successful year for Dick Delaney and his dedicated committee.

**Clonakenny:** 1985 will be remembered as the year the under 12 hurlers made history by winning their first title at juvenile level. This victory is proof of what can be achieved by a group of dedicated young players and mentors.

It sets a headline for other small clubs and the Bórd looks forward to seeing Clonakenny go on to further success in the near future.

**Templemore:** This football stronghold qualified for four mid football finals, but were only fortunate to be successful in the under 16 football decider. However the displays given by the teams, shows that there is some fine footballing talent available in the club and success cannot be too far away. It is encouraging to see the club fielding two teams at under 12 level as this ensures that

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**Scór na nOg Winners.**

**Figure dancing:** Drom-Inch

**Recitation:** Holycross-Ballycahill

**Solo Singing:** Loughmore-Castleiney

**Question Time:** Boherlahan-Dualla

**Novelty Act:** Upperchurch-Drombane

**Instrumental Music:** Moycarkey-Borris

**Ballad Group:** Dúrlas Og

**Set dancing:** Clonmore

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weaker players get an opportunity of playing in the championship.

**Upperchurch-Drombane:** again figured prominently in juvenile activities within the division. They captured two titles, under 12 football B section and under 16 hurling B section. The hurling victory was their third title in a row, so a break-through at minor level must come soon. As in previous years they were to the fore in organising Scór na nOg particularly at parish level.

**Moyne-Templetuohy:** The long awaited resurgence of Moyne-Templetuohy was this year given a boost, when they notched up an under 14 double in rural football and urban-rural B hurling. Their footballers went on to qualify for the rural football county final for the second year in a row, but were unfortunate to be beaten by Fethard. The Purcell Family, Moyne has always taken a keen interest in juvenile affairs, within the division and this year they presented a trophy to the Board. May I take this opportunity of thanking Tom and Mrs Purcell for their kind gesture.

**Drom-Inch** were again unlucky not to break the juvenile title barrier. Their under 16 hurlers promised well early in the championship, but failed to take the B title from Upperchurch-Drombane. This club deserves more honours for the amount of work they are doing, nobody would begrudge them success in 1986.

**Holycross-Ballycahill:** qualified for two mid finals rural hurling and under 16 football, but were unsuccessful in both. The club has been making great strides with the big ball in recent years and this year beat the mighty Dúrlas Og on route to the mid decider. Hurling is not being neglected either, as parish leagues are organised throughout the season. This is the kind of ground-work that yields success, so 1986 could be a luckier one for the Abbey boys.

**Loughmore-Castleiney:** Their major achievement of 1985 was winning the under 16 B football title. Right through the competition they showed that they have many promising young players, who are only too eager to emulate the great juvenile teams of the seventies.

Their hurlers also gave some encouraging displays and all this augurs well for the future prospects of the club.

**Moycarkey-Borris:** had an unusually quite year at under 14 level, but their under 16 hurlers captured the premier competition when they retained the mid title. Cashel provided the opposition in the county semi-final, and just edged out the mid champions after a thrilling game. However, it is evident that there is considerable talent in the club and more honours can be expected to come Moycarkey's way in the near future.

**Knock:** affiliated an under 14 hurling team in the mid championship for the

## TORTHAÍ NA BLIANA

		Winners	Runners-up
Under 12 Hurling	Sect A	Dúrlas Og A	Drom-Inch
	Sect B	Clonakenny	Upperchurch-Drombane
Under 12 Football	Sect A	Dúrlas Og A	Templemore A
	Sect B	Upperchurch-Drombane	Templemore B
Under 14 Urban-Rural Hurling	Sect A	Dúrlas Og A	Boherlahan-Dulla
	Sect B	Moyne-Templetuohy	Upperchurch-Drombane
Under 14 Urban-Rural Football	Sect A	Dúrlas Og A	Templemore
	Sect B	Dúrlas Og B	Clonakenny
Under 14 Rural Hurling		Gortnahoe-Glengoole	Holycross-Ballycahill
Under 14 Rural Football		Moyne-Templetuohy	Boherlahan-Dulla
Under 16 Hurling	Sect A	Moycarkey-Borris	Boherlahan-Dulla
	Sect B	Upperchurch-Drombane	Drom-Inch
Under 16 Football	Sect A	Templemore	Holycross-Ballycahill
	Sect B	Loughmore-Castleiney	Upperchurch-Drombane
Féile na nGael		Dúrlas Og A	

first time ever. We look forward to their participation in the 1986 championship and assure them that they are most welcome to compete in Mid Bórd na nOg competitions.

In conclusion a special word of praise to all our referees for ensuring that all

our games were played in a sporting fashion and also to those people who gave their time to ensure that venues and pitches are both, made available and in perfect condition for our games.

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# The Munster Hurling Final 1941



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Seated: Tom Semple (Chairman, Mid Tipperary G.A.A. Board 1912-1916), Very Rev Fr Finn P.P., Drom.*



*Survivors of the Tipperary 1941 hurling team which defeated All-Ireland champions, Cork, in the Munster final of that year, the Foot and Mouth Year, who were honoured by Thurles Sarsfields at a function.*

*Back row: John Maher, Tommy Doyle, Johnny Ryan, Niall Condon, Dinny Gorman  
Front row: Phil Dwyer, Paddy Ryan (Sweeper), Mutt Ryan, Pat Doorley,*

The year 1941 is always remembered in Tipperary as the year of the Foot and Mouth Disease. Games were not allowed. Cork was nominated to represent Munster in the All-Ireland final against Dublin, having beaten Limerick. All-Ireland champions 1940. Tipperary had beaten Waterford in the first round. The delayed Munster final between Cork and Tipperary was played at Limerick on 26th October and resulted in a sensational victory for Tipperary on the score of 5-4 to 2-5. Cork, having beaten Dublin were officially the All-Ireland champions and were confidently expected to win the Munster title.

Often, in the past, however, Tipperary have done best when least was expected of them. In this Munster final, less than ever was expected, but it is no exaggeration to say that they seldom did more. Most praiseworthy feature of the victory

was that it was won from a full-strength Cork team which put everything it had into the game and hurled every bit as good as when defeating Limerick and Dublin. When at their very zenith Cork were never more than second best. Hurling the county's traditional full-blooded ground game, Tipperary beat them good and well.

Cork came to Limerick for the game as intent on winning as when they played Dublin. Eager to consolidate their claim to the title they fielded their All-Ireland line-out. Even at half-time the team and its supporters were confident that Tipperary would be 'slaughtered' before the end. Tipperary, however, had other ideas. On the change of ends, Cork put everything they knew into the game. For a quarter of an hour they pummelled the Tipperary defence, which stood as firm as the Rock of Cashel against all attacks.

Cork tried again and again, but in vain. In 15 minutes hurling, they forced about a dozen 70's. Through it all Tipperary stood firm.

Tipperary Gaels knew that the backs had it in them to play their part. It was the forward line about which most misgivings were expressed. It was felt that even if the backs did succeed in keeping the Cork score within reasonable limits, the Tipperary attack would be unable to run up a winning score.

The game was still young when Tipperary supporters all over the field were no longer prefacing statements with 'if'. Tipperary was hurling with terrific drive and spirit. Pulling on the ground on each and every ball, they were walloping Cork in every department. Tipperary's playing of the one game suitable to their style of play was the prime factor in Cork's defeat. When Tipperary got moving and they were going practically all the time, there was no stopping them. Repeatedly, they swept play from their own to the Cork goal without a red-jerseyed man ever getting 'a smell of the ball'. It was Tipperary hurling at its best, a reproduction of the fireworks which beat Limerick for the Munster title in Cork in 1937. That day, Tipperary hurled magnificently, as good as anyone could wish to see. Yet, in this '41 final, everyone who saw the match is agreed, they were still better. Cork simply could not stand up to the brand of hurling Tipperary handed out to them. They tried hard, made positional changes during the game, but it was all to no avail. Tipperary rose to great heights and had Cork performed even better than they did, which would be hard to expect. Tipperary, it is certain, would have pulled out something extra to keep in front. Cork were regarded as unbeatable, but it is doubtful if any team could have survived Tipperary's whirlwind.

In the first half, the hurling was the best seen in Munster, or outside it, for many years. We are all too prone to employ extravagant superlatives when recounting any little thing out of the ordinary. The first 30 minutes of this game, however, could not be described by even the most hardened critic as other than titanic. There was only one stoppage, for a slight injury. The rest of

the half was an unbroken battle-royal. It possessed a continuity which made the game great and thrilled the spectators to the marrow. The second period, although splendid, was not quite so good. It would have been a physical impossibility for players to maintain the first half pace.

Big man of the Tipperary team, in every sense, was Bill O'Donnell, Golden. Playing at centre-field, he rampaged about almost as if there was no opposition. His goal from a free, 60 yards out astonished Cork, or as a jubilant Tipperary supporter said, "that shook 'em". The Golden man has played some great games, but in this game he was better than ever. His play inspired his team-mates and was a big factor in the victory. Little behind him was Peadar Flanagan, in the half-line of attack. He raced into balls at sprint pace, hit them on the ground, and never missed one. The red head was always popping up to give trouble for Cork and in the process he beat Campbell and Cottrell. Tommy Treacy was almost as good as ever. He was the brains of the attack and distributed the ball to great effect. Heeney, J. Ryan, M. Ryan and J. Looby did everything that was asked of them, and did it right capably. All the backs were splended and played as a Tipperary defence has not for years performed. It is no reflection on the others to say Cornally was the best of the lot. Sullivan, who has become a night-mare to full-backs, the Sarsfields' man beat all ends up. Cornally was having so much the better of matters that the Cork selectors put 'Scully' in the corner and moved in 'Micka' Brennan to mark him. Cornally, however, gave a repeat performance. After Cornally, Doyle was the next best of the defenders. He played his best game since 1937, when he trounced Mickey Cross in Cork. No report of the game would be complete without mention of Jimmy Maher in the Tipperary goal. Time after time he made wonder saves and his anticipation was almost uncanny.

#### Scores and Scorers.

In a thrilling opening, Lynch from a free, had a point for Cork, but O'Donnell equalised from a '70 and almost im-

mediately from a free 60 yards out, he drove the ball into the Cork net.

Two minutes later, Treacy took a short pass from Looby and shot past Buttimer. In a Cork raid a close shot from Lynch glanced off Maher's stick into the net.

O'Donnell's great marksmanship, however, nullified this score, as from another free, he sent the ball over the heads of the players crammed in the Cork goal-mouth past Buttimer. Lynch, from a '70, reduced Cork's arrears with a point. O'Donnell next placed a free from his own half into the Cork goal-mouth and Heeney finished by raising the green flag once more. Just on half-time Lynch got a point for Cork who were then behind (1-3 to 4-1).

Cork got a flying start into the second half when Ring had a goal in the first few minutes. Then O'Donnell and Lynch had points from frees and the Tipperary man followed with another a few minutes later.

A point by Young was Cork's reply to a goal by Heeney. Treacy closed the scoring with a well-taken point for Tipperary.

Tipperary: Jimmy Maher, (Boherlahan) goal, Dinny Gorman (Holycross), Ger Cornally (Sarsfields), Tom Hayes (Moycarkey), Johnny Ryan (Moycarkey) capt., John Maher (Sarsfields), Tommy Doyle (Kickhams), Wm O'Donnell (Golden), Niall Condon (Killenaule), Mat Ryan (Moycarkey), Jim Heeney (Kickhams), Peadar Flanagan (Temple-derry), Jerry Ryan (Eire Og), Tom Treacy (Young Irelands), Jer Looby (Boherlahan).

Sub: Tom Hayes (Moycarkey) for N. Condon.

In spite of this defeat, Cork retained their All-Ireland Medals and are recorded in the history books as All-Ireland champions for 1941. There was almost a similar situation in football in 1925. Kerry defeated Cavan in the semi-final but Cavan objected. Kerry counter-objected and both teams were disqualified. Mayo, nominated by Connaught beat Wexford, in the other seme-final. In the delayed Connaught final, Galway defeated Mayo and became All-Ireland champions. In fact this was their first national title in senior football.



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# Reflections on Events of 1985

By Liz Howard, P.R.O.

"God gave us memories, so that we have roses in December", I'm not quite sure if they are the exact words of the poet, but you'll get the general idea. 1984 was a unique year, but we in Tipperary were looking to the playing fields and summer days of '85. Hopes were high, the McCarthy Cup seemed a distinct possibility. Maybe it's just as well we can't 'read the tea leaves' or gaze into 'crystal balls'. Anyway, neither the summer days, nor McCarthy Cup materialized.

The outgoing Co. Chairman Michael Frawley handed over to Michael Lowry at Co. Convention, the youngest man ever to hold the office in Tipperary. At congress in Ballina, Michael Frawley was elected to the prestigious position of Trustee. We bid goodbye to Paddy Buggy and welcome Dr Mick Loftus. Paddy Buggy had acquitted himself well during his term. Tipperary schools were delighted that he made time to visit during a hectic year, Paddy never lost the common touch. Neither will the genial Dr Loftus.

Tipperary hurlers did badly in the League, made amends in The Ford Open Draw, defeating Galway convincingly in Pairc Uí Chaoimh. Nice to see Jack Bergin step up to accept the magnificent Trophy. The championships started, our minor footballers were unlucky to be beaten by Cork in a great game. Cork weren't taking any chances, they normally travelled to a home venue but last year Pairc Uí Chaoimh was their choice and as we all know there is no more 'home venue' than Pairc Uí Chaoimh. Many of that minor team are already wearing senior inter-county jerseys, they have skill and the will to win. Their day will, come provided they don't lose heart.

## Four into Finals.

Tipperary hurlers, senior, junior minor and U-21 all reached the Munster final in respective grades. Two won, two lost, are the statistics, but what an amount of discussion the Munster hurling final evoked. You know the Munster final I'm talking about! It's history now that we travelled to Cork. Were we ever

wiser and sadder men and women. Despite the venue, could we have won? Yes, in the case of the minor game, doubtful, in the senior. You may not agree, but I felt that we ran out of steam after fifty five minutes. Tipperary were better in '84 and should have won the Munster final, but in '85 Cork finished very strongly. However, Tipperary played some magical hurling. Man, woman and child hit for Cork, blue and gold flew proudly. Then, we were asked to remove our flag poles going into Pairc Uí Chaoimh. What an insult, we are civilized people, highly unlikely to start a 'Faction Fight'.

## Critical Remarks.

Mind you, 'certain people' thought our hurlers were over robust. One man (whose name I refuse to mention), hit out at Tipperary and Val Dorgan went to print. Generations' of Tipperary hurlers were made little of. I can well remember the 'nameless one' being hurled off the field by Mick Rocke, who had more class and style than half a dozen of the 'nameless one'. If anything spurs Tipperary hurling, it will be the degrading remarks made by this person. He is now condemned to the wilderness, because he spoke about the shortcomings of his own team, not because he insulted Tipperary. Had the



Liz Howard



Seamus Power receives the B. & I. Personality of the month award from Victor Williams, manager B. & I. Also included are Tommy Barrett, county secretary and Pat Shanahan, selector.

McCarthy Cup stayed in Cork, that 'gentleman' would still be riding high.

It was left to our junior and U-21 hurlers to restore our pride. A superb U-21 final against Clare gave the many vocal supporters lots to enthuse about. Our hurlers showed courage and determination, the switching of Noel Sheehy and the individual display of Michael Scully did much to fashion the victory. The juniors stole a march on Limerick in the dying seconds, Seamus Bourke was the hero of the evening. The U-21's went on to win the All-Ireland, defeating Kilkenny in Waterford, the juniors disappointed in Kilkenny, Wexford jubilant winners.

Hopes were high that Tony Ryan would recapture former glory in the handball alley, but 'Ducksie' O'Brien had a golden year and won all before him. Tipperary camogie team was beaten in the championship by Wexford. The 'hurling Tipperarys in Dublin' won the Offaly Association 7 a side for the third successive year, the footballers entered a team for the first time.

#### **Club Games.**

The local championships provided great entertainment, Thurles Sarsfields minor hurlers, making a welcome return to the big time and winning county honours. It was an all north senior final with Kilruane compounding their

superiority. Co. final day, saw over 2,000 school children come to Semple Stadium, guests for the occasion. They added immensely to the day, a day which saw His Grace Archbishop Morris meet the respective senior captains and referee prior to the game. His Grace, a regular and most welcome spectator, a true patron of the G.A.A.

Fethard captured the minor football title and at the time of writing, Loughmore-Castleiney and Arravale Rovers have to meet again to decide where senior honours will rest. Neither is the U-21 football final played, but Toomevara took the hurling title. Kilruane added the junior crown, while Moycarkey captured the intermediate title.

#### **Developments Galore.**

Development continued off the playing fields, two evenings I particularly enjoyed were the opening of the field in Ballingarry and the opening of the dressingrooms in Holycross. Rev Fr Whyte P.P. Cloughjordan compiled the 'G.A.A. History of the Parish of Cloughjordan' and Seamus King produced 'G.A.A. History of Cashel and Rosegreen'. The launching of both were sociable and pleasant occasions. They add to the growing list, Lorrha, Moycarkey, Glengoole, Gortnahoe already in print and Toomevara soon to follow.

The coaching scheme for primary

school children was without question a huge success. Run over a period of six months practically every school availed of the scheme. During the summer a coaching course was organised for national teachers, again this was most successful.

Every year some of those we know and admire are called to their eternal reward. I cannot mention everyone, but the death of our beloved Tommy Treacy robbed us of one of the finest hurlers ever to wear the blue and gold. Tommy lived in Dublin for close on fifty years, but his heart was still in his native Killea and Tipperary. He was laid to rest in Templemore on a bright sunny afternoon, his comrades, friends and admirers came in hundreds to pay their last respects. So too did the school boys from the local C.B.S. Tommy would have liked that. Jimmy Lanigan, Ballingarry, another popular man who went to his reward during the year. Jimmy was one of the county's best athletes, also talented hurler and footballer. To those who lost loved ones, during the year, we extend sympathy.

1985 had its good days and its bad days, we must always concentrate on the good, while learning from the not so good. As we, inevitably, look forward our wish is for 'All things bright and beautiful' for Tipperary and Tipperary Gaels in '86.

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# CONSTRUCTION TEAM AT HOLY CROSS

Holycross moved around its parish with a temporary playing pitch until it finally settled beside the Railway in the early sixties.

There it enjoyed facilities which sufficed for the day. In recent years it added to its dressing rooms.

1985, however, was a year of great progress. Realizing that its ground was well able to cater for Mid and County Championships and was an overflow for Semple Stadium it really set about catering for its patrons.

John Ryan's team of Chairmanship started and at its February '85 meeting much thinking and discussion took place. Policy decisions



*Michael Maher*

*by Michael Maher*

were taken amongst which was an outline for the year of Field Development. The Chairman himself together with Club Treasurer Francis Maher and long serving Committee Member Michael Ryan were delegated to research costs of materials and availability of equipment.

The first group of voluntary workers arrived at the grounds on a dry February day in '85. These were made up of Dwans, Ryans, Maher, Longs, Hayes and Quinlans. Excavation was carried out and Michael Connolly of Killough ensured that 250 tons of stones and mill waste was dispatched for foundations forming an

embankment and the base for sideline seating at the one time.

Peter Scully of Spollens nearby was relied on for Readymix. Screeds were supplied by Father Matt McGrath from the Abbey and Willie Ryan supplemented from his own equipment. A gang of ten volunteers laid a ten foot strip of concrete along the full length of the field in three hours and repeated the process on the other side within a week. Matt Quinlan was probably the champion screeder.

The Research team had already unearthed Pat McGrath, New Inn, a former parishioner as a very suitable client to do the casting of the seating for 2,500 people and Jack O'Brien co-ordinated the block laying to support the seats. Craftsmen, farmers, shopkeepers and members of the Garda led by Jimmy Burke undertook the placing into position of the seats as they were brought to the site. All the time work was proceed-



*Jack O'Brien relaxes and contemplates on a job well done*

ing for a deadline namely the Cahill Cup Final.

The Glasheen sponsored Scor Board was already installed and now a Press Box was incorporated into a structure close to it.

The entrance at the sideline displays the emblems of the G.A.A., St Michael and the Crusaders. The sign writing was done by Niall O'Dwyer of Clonoulty on structural steel work provided by Fitzgibbons, Thurles.

Pakie Carr and Jim Hayes painted gates and doors. Seamus Mackey made the numbers for the Sideboard and it was John Bourke who dismantled the goal posts on Spollens hoist on a windy evening and re-erected them with a gleaming coat of paint.

Materials and Machine Hire would have cost £10,000 and without all the voluntary help a similar sum would have been spent on labour and further machinery hire.

In all fifty six people helped in a voluntary manner

and all feel they have a sense of ownership in the development and are protective and proud of it.

There was no magic story for money raising. The usual 600 draw, Sales of Work, Concerts and Card games were restored too and being a parish with a growing population Michael Lowry, M.C.C. kept the Club briefed of the availability of a small County Council amenity grant which in due course came along.

The success of this project to my mind has been greatly due to the spirit engendered into Club Members in particular by the Chairman John Ryan. He led by deed and example. Those who helped were proud of their club and their parish. They now have a high regard for this playing field and all it stands for. They will guard it and protect it and they have contributed to the parish a fully completed project which will last for many years to safeguard the playing of Gaelic games in the Parish.



*Entrance to Sideline*



*Senior selectors at opening game, Tipperary v Limerick*

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# NORTH TIPPERARY REVIEW 1985

le Pádraig Ó Meachair, Runaí

## Review of Championships S.H.C.

Nine teams took part in this years championship with five in one section A and four in section B.

First round draws.

Borrisokane V Borrisileigh.

Toomevara V Roscrea.

Eire Og (a bye).

Kilruane V Silvermines.

Moneygall V Lorrha.

Teams in section A had four games each while those in section B had three games.

Borrisileigh and Roscrea came from section A and Kilruane and Lorrha emerged from section B. With the cross-draw system, the draws for the semi-finals were Kilruane V Borrisileigh which turned out to be a fiasco, with Kilruane winning easily. The second semi-final between Lorrha and Roscrea went to a replay with Roscrea winning easily.

The stage was set for a good north final, with Kilruane winning by one goal at Nenagh.

Results of concluding stages were:

Semi-finals.

Kilruane 2-14 Borrisileigh 0-4.

Roscrea 2-6 Lorrha 1-9.

Roscrea 2-7 Lorrha 0-12 (replay).

North final.

Kilruane 2-10 Roscrea 1-10.

## Hogan Cup (S.H.)

This competition was introduced to honour the late Hubie Hogan of Lorrha, who was chairman of the north division for 7 years. There were eight teams entered omitting the Co. finalists Kilruane and Roscrea.

Borrisokane V Moneygall, Silvermines V Burgess. Borrisileigh V Eire Og, and Lorrha V Toomevara.

Moneygall, Silvermines, Eire Og and Lorrha qualified for the semi-final. Eire Og beat Silvermines in the semi-final and they await the winners of Moneygall V Lorrha which takes place on Sunday December 1st.

## Junior Hurling 'B'.

This competition aroused the greatest interest of all in 1985. It is for the coveted Dan Gleeson Cup. There were four sections with four teams in each section.

A: Borrisokane V Templederry.

Roscrea V Ballina

B: Shannon Rovers V Lorrha.

Silvermines V Burgess.

C: Moneygall V Portroe.

Kilruane V Ballinahinch.

D: Eire Og V Toomevara.

Kildangan V Knockshewowna.

In the semi-finals, Burgess beat Toomevara and Lorrha beat Eire Og. The final was played on Sunday November 17th and Burgess beat Lorrha by 1-11 to 2-5 in a great game, third time lucky.

## Ulster Bank Cup.(Intermediate Hurling).

Seven teams entered with Temple-



*In safe hands — Tony Sheppard, Kilruane captain.*

derry and Shannon Rovers (intermediate champions) qualifying. They had to go to a replay, which proved to be a thriller, Templederrey beating the champions by 1-12 to 1-10.

#### Intermediate Hurling Championship.

This championship is always interesting and the clubs concerned take it very serious and prepare earnestly.

The first round draws:

Section A.

Templederrey V Portroe.

Shannon Rovers V Burgess.

Section B:

Ballina V Newport.

Ballinahinch V Kiladangan.

Eire Og (a bye).

This championship began on 28th April, just a fortnight after the S.H.C. Each game was interesting. Early on, it looked as if Newport or Templederrey would emerge as champions. Shannon Rovers came back with a bang and the semi-finals were Templederrey V Portroe and Newport V Shannon Rovers.

Portroe defeated Templederrey by 1-8 to 1-6 while Shannon Rovers beat Newport. The stage was set for a good north final between Shannon Rovers and Portroe. Portroe were hit by injuries and the greater fitness of Shannon Rovers won the day.

#### J.H.C.

Ten teams took part in this championship which was divided into two sections. The draw was as follows:

Roscrea V Toomevara.

Moneygall V Knockshegowna.

Lorrha V Templederrey.

Kilruane V Newport.

Borrisleigh V loser of Kilruane/Newport Winner a bye.

It was evident from an early stage that Kilruane and Toomevara were the strongest teams in this grade.

In the quarter-finals, Roscrea beat Moneygall, Toomevara beat Knockshegowna, Silvermines and Kilruane were through to the semi-finals. Toomevara beat Silvermines and Kilruane beat Roscrea.

The stage was set for the north final between Kilruane and Toomevara. At half-time, Toomevara, who had been completely on top in the first half, led by seven points. Kilruane were a transformed team in the second half. Billy Shea was introduced and Len Gaynor moved out of the square. It was a great finish with Kilruane getting the vital scores in the dying minutes.

Kilruane have proved worthy champions and have added a county title to their north title.

#### U-21 Hurling Championship.

With Tipperary doing well in this grade, there was great interest in the club championships.

In north Tipperary, the strong teams take part in the championship, and the



NENAGH -EIRE OG, DEFEATED IN CO. JUNIOR FOOTBALL FINAL



KILRUANE MACDONAGH, NORTH TIPPERARY AND CO. JUNIOR CHAMPIONS 1985



SHANNON ROVERS, NORTH TIPPERARY INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONS 1985

weaker teams play for the Walsh Trophy.

The draws for the Championship were  
Lorrha V Kilruane.

Erins Hope V Roscrea.

Toomevara V Borrisileigh.

Eire Og (a bye).

In the semi-finals, Toomevara beat Eire Og by 2-12 to 0-9 and Kilruane beat Roscrea by 5-7 to 3-9.

The final between Toomevara and Kilruane was played in Moneygall on Saturday 31st August. A great crowd saw a titanic see-saw struggle with Kilruane getting a last minute chance to draw the game with a free. The opportunity was missed and Toomevara won by one point. The final score being Toomevara 2-6 Kilruane 1-8.

Toomevara went ahead and won the Co. championship. They certainly have the nucleus of a great senior team in a year or two. Their outstanding hurler was the skilful, Noel McDonnell. No wonder he has been chosen on the county senior team.

He deserves the hurler of the year award, sponsored by the Guardian.

In the B section, there were nine teams and Moneygall were victors here over the previous years winners Templeberry.

#### Minor Hurling.

In north Tipperary, there are two grades A and B. In section A there were six teams Eire Og, Erins Hope, Roscrea, Shannon Rovers, Toomevara and Kilruane. This section was played on a league basis and although Toomevara were beaten in earlier rounds, they still qualified and they beat Roscrea convincingly in the north final. Toomevara beat Kilruane in a play-off, previous to the semi-finals.

The only sad feature about this grade is that Eire Og conceded a walk-over to Roscrea early on. This should not happen in a town the size of Nenagh.

Toomevara got great value out of their minors and they did not expect their team to be north champions. Attention and coaching brought the team on well. However, they failed to Thurles Sarsfields by eight points in the Co. semi-final at Borrisileigh.

#### Minor B Hurling.

There were ten teams in this grade and again it provided plenty of matches. Borrisileigh and Moneygall qualified for the north final and Borrisileigh won easily by 3-13 to 0-7. They went ahead and won the Co. title beating Galtee Rovers in the final.

The weaker minor teams are very pleased with this competition, but it is important that the teams be graded properly.

#### Senior Football.

The senior football championship consisted of four teams, Lorrha, Wolfe

### NORTH TIPPERARY FINALS 1985

*Seamus O'Doherty*

Senior Hurling	Kilruane McDonagh's 2-10	Roscrea 1-10
Intermediate Hurling	Shannon Rovers 3-9	Portroe 1-7
Junior Hurling	Kilruane McDonagh's 1-14	Toomevara 1-11
Junior 'B' Hurling	Lorrha V Burgess	
Under 21 Hurling	Toomevara 2-6	Kilruane McDonagh's 1-8
Under 21 'B' Hurling	Moneygall 2-9	Newport 0-7
Minor Hurling	Toomevara 1-13	Erin's Hope 0-12
Minor 'B' Hurling	Borrisileigh 3-13	Moneygall 0-6
Under 16 Hurling	Toomevara 3-8	Roscrea 1-8
Under 16 'B' Hurling	Moneygall 7-12	Shannon Rovers 2-3
Under 14 Hurling	Roscrea 4-7	Toomevara 5-1
Under 14 Rural Hurling	Kilruane McDonagh's 6-5	Toomevara 5-2
Under 14 Sect. 2 Hurling	Burgess 2-0	Borrisileigh 0-2
Under 12 Hurling	Toomevara 5-2	Moneygall 0-4
Under 12 Sect. 2 Hurling	Ballina 1-2	Borrisileigh 1-0
Senior Football	Kilruane McDonagh's	Wolfe Tones
Intermediate Football	Newport 4-5	Moneygall 1-9
Junior Football	Eire Og 2-9	Ballina 0-1
Under 21 Football	Newport 0-7	Inane Rovers 0-2
Minor Football	Inane Rovers 1-4	Eire Og 1-3
Under 16 Football	Eire Og 3-5	Inane Rovers 0-1
Under 14 Football	Inane Rovers 9-6	Eire Og 1-1
Under 12 Football	Eire Og 2-1	Inane Rovers 1-2
Minor 'B' Football	Burgess 1-6	Moneygall 1-3
Under 16 'B' Football	Ballina 2-4	Newport 2-0
Under 14 'B' Football	Eire Og	Burgess
Under 12 'B' Football	Erin's Hope 3-2	Newport 1-0

Tones (Borrisokane-Shannon Rovers), Newport-Ballinahinch and Kilruane.

The semi-finals were played on the 17th March and the final is due to be played on Sunday December 1st between Kilruane and Wolfe Tones.

#### Intermediate Football.

There were five teams entered for this championship, Newport, Borrisileigh, Portroe, Moneygall and Borrisokane. Newport and Moneygall qualified for the north final which Newport won by five points. They have progressed in the Co. championship by beating Moycarkey and they meet Carrick Swans on Sunday November 24th at Cashel in the Co. final. The Newport side fought back and won.

#### Junior Football Championship.

There were fourteen teams entered for the junior championship which began on Sunday 24th February. The pairings were:

Knockshegowna V Kiladangan.  
Shannon Rovers V Ballinahinch.  
Burgess V Silvermines.  
Kilruane V. Ballina.  
Newport V Toomevara.  
Portroe V Inane Rovers.  
Templeberry V Eire Og.

Eire Og beat Silvermines in one semi-final and Ballina beat Inane Rovers. In the final Eire Og beat Ballina. Since then Eire Og beat Thurles Sarsfields in the Co. semi-final and they meet Clon-

oulty in the Co. final at Drombane on Sunday 24th November.

#### U-21 Football.

Only six teams took part in this knock-out championship, Eire Og, Silvermines, Sean Treacys, Moneygall, Newport and Inane Rovers.

Both Newport and Inane Rovers qualified for the final, which Newport added to their intermediate title. Since then they beat Holycross in the Co. semi-final at Drombane on Sunday 17th November.

#### Minor Football 'A' and 'B'.

In section 'A' there were six teams Erins Hope, Inane Rovers, Newport, Eire Og, Kilruane and Shannon Rovers. This was played on a losers group system and Inane Rovers and Eire Og qualified for the final, which Inane Rovers won at Toomevara.

In section 'B' Portroe met Moneygall, Silvermines met Templeberry, Sean Treacys met Kiladangan and Burgess had a bye. Burgess met Moneygall in the final and Burgess won by a goal. They represented the division in a Co. semi-final with Loughmore at Moneygall on Sunday, November 10th.

#### U-17 Football.

This competition has to be completed with semi-finals due to be played early in December. Kilruane meet Inane Rovers and Newport meet Eire Og.



*Kilruane celebrate*



*Michael McGrath and Len Gaynor accepting the D.P. Walsh Trophy on behalf of Kilruane MacDonagh—Junior Co. champions*

Toomevara 1985

# A Step in the Right Direction

By Donal Shanahan

A Munster junior trophy, two county titles, four divisional titles and a couple of near misses fairly reflects the level of participation and success of our teams during a year which saw us celebrate 100 years of organised activity of our national games in the parish.

Though it is difficult and maybe unfair to single out any one success during the year, one must see the winning of a Co. U-21 title as being the most significant of all, as it reflects the logical extension (though not as simple as it seems) of underage success in the parish for the past decade to which many have given of their time and loyalty so freely. An eventually easy victory over Nenagh brought this panel to a north final against Kilruane who as always provided a tough hours hurling before a late goal secured the spoils for Toomevara. Man of the match who stood head and shoulders above the rest, was surely Noel McDonnell who used all his experience accumulated during the year, winning Munster and All-Ireland U-21 Medals, to hold out the Kilruane attack. The intensity of training increased during September to see off the challenge of Templetoohy/Gorthnahoo-Glengoole in the Co. semi-final which set up a titanic struggle with Clonoulty in the final. Though matches rarely live up to expectations, this one surpassed itself in skill, tension, fine scores and a finish to



Toomevara Captain, Billy Delaney with the U-21 hurling cup after this years county final

match, in which we got a 'break' in the form of a goal from Pat King in the closing stages to clinch victory. It was just reward for Pat who had played so well during the year, but was unfortunately injured for the month before the final and only played in the last 10 minutes of the final. Brian Delaney was the proud captain who brought the Dwan Cup to the parish for the very first time.

A second Co. title was achieved by

the U-16s who after having a rather easier than expected victory over Roscrea in the north final, accounted for St Mary's in the Co. semi-final which brought them face to face with west champions Cashel who had beaten them two years previously at U-14 level. After a close marking first half the forwards turned in a brilliant second half hour in which some fine scores were recorded to win by 1-12 to 0-5.

## Minor Success.

The minors also had a great summer which was highlighted by a tremendous victory over Co. title favourites, Roscrea, in the semi-final. After a slow start to the year, they eventually annexed the divisional title with a win over Eirins Hope (Borrisake-Knockshewowna) which was just reward for a panel who put in the work in the field and got their just reward, when Kenneth McDonnell hoisted the Hamilton Trophy in after match celebrations. A disappointing performance in the Co. semi-final against a stronger Thurles team ended our aspirations for a third Co. title. An interesting postscript to the three successful teams was the noteworthy contribution which Michael O Meara played in all three as a half-back and also as a goalie.

A very skilful U-12 team also turned in a great north final against Moneygall



The Toomevara team, winners of the county under 21 hurling final

to win a title, which has now come to the parish five times in the past six years. County honours eluded them however, as Arravale Rovers proved too strong on the day for our future 'heroes'. The U-14s were the unlucky team of the year as they were beaten in two divisional finals, one of them being a classic against Roscrea and beaten by a single point. For any club to reach all under age finals and miss out on only one of them by a whisker is surely a proud record which will hopefully maintain a conveyor belt of future senior players in the years to come.

On the adult scene the senior team, in its first year back in the senior ranks put in some creditable performances with a victory over Borrisakane and especially over Borrisleigh. Defeats by Roscrea in the 1st round, but more especially by Nenagh in a match which the locals dominated without putting it on the scoreboard was particularly galling and left them waiting for other teams to be beaten (which didn't happen) to maintain an interest in the knock-out stages. None the less, a lot of work was done, confidence and experience gained to hold out a certain amount of optimism for the coming year.

The junior A team also reached the north final against Kilruane who gained revenge for the U-21 defeat. On a very windy September afternoon in Nenagh,

we lost a considerable half-time lead only to be hauled back by a stronger Kilruane 15, who wore us down and caught us on the line. The defeat should not however, take from the many fine performances they put in during the year and none more impressive than that first half exhibition in the final.

The junior B team, making a comeback to this competition for the first time in a number of years did themselves justice in reaching their respective semi-final by defeating Kilruane in a fine game in Moneygall. A lapse of concentration allowed Burgess in for the crucial scores in the last 10 minutes to grasp victory away from the locals who seemed to be heading for victory.

Having won the Intermediate title in 1984, Liam McGrath captained the Co. junior team to victory in Munster with fine and exciting victories over Waterford Cork and Limerick, only to be beaten in the All-Ireland final by Wexford. Tony

Dunne, Noel McDonnell, Joe McGrath, MI Murphy and Sean Nolan all figured prominently on the team during the year.

Also on the representative scene Rory Brislane and Joseph Grace played on the Co. minor team who were narrowly beaten in the Munster final.

Finally, on the day of the north U-21 final a 'mixed bag' of both young and not so young participated in the All-Ireland 7-a side and after some tremendous victories bowed out at the semi-final stage which was adorned with such names as Middleton, Borrislough and Glen Rovers. Any disappointment was soon forgotten when news of U-21 success filtered through.

1985 was a year of immense activity and no little success which brought its inevitable strain on all committees, selectors trainers (etc). To the players, supporters (etc) our heart-felt thanks, but especially to the finance committee which probably worked hardest with least recognition.

In retrospect the year brought its own successes and celebrations. A year any club in any county would be proud of. Though great in themselves these victories can now be looked back upon as merely a stepping stone for bigger and brighter days to come, when a senior championship will once more find a resting place in Toom.

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The enthusiasm generated by the celebration of centenary year lost none of its momentum in 1985 with followers of juvenile games in the division being treated to some memorable games during the season. The titles were shared among eight clubs with Toomevara, Roscrea and Ballina-Ballinahinch recording doubles and Eire Og occupying top spot with three victories. It was pleasing to see Moneygall, Borrisokane and Kilruane MacDonaghs back among the honours again. The grading system has ensured a more even spread of titles and more competitive games. However, an increasing tendency by clubs to seek entry into section two will bring about a situation where the strong will get stronger and the weak get weaker.

The primary school coaching sessions in hurling proved to be a resounding success. All clubs in the division will benefit from the participation of the schools. One hopes that a follow-up course will soon be arranged to build on the solid foundations already laid.

#### U-12 Hurling:

Toomevara reasserted themselves in section one. Their attempt to achieve five in a row was halted last year at the semi-final stage by Moneygall. However they exacted sweet revenge in this year's decider when they proved too strong for a skillful Moneygall outfit. In section two Ballina-Ballinahinch made it three in a row when they defeated Borrisoleigh to collect the title.

#### U-12 Football:

Only two teams took part in section one with all the rural teams entering section two leaving the two urban teams to fight out the final. Eire-Og repeated last years victory over Roscrea to take the honours. In section two Borrisokane tasted success with a victory over Newport.

#### U-14 Hurling:

Toomevara's firm grip in this grade was broken by their arch rivals Roscrea and Kilruane MacDonaghs. In the rural final MacDonaghs collected their first hurling title since 1980 when they upset hot favourites Toomevara in the decider. Roscrea accounted for Toomevara in the urban-rural final. In section two Burgess defeated Borrisoleigh to capture the title.

#### U-14 Football:

The urban teams again dominated section one with Roscrea reversing the result of the U-12 final. In section two the Eire Og B team collected the title at the expense of Burgess.

#### U-16 Hurling:

Toomevara and Roscrea have dominated this grade for a number of years and they again faced each other in the final. Toomevara reversed the result of last years final and they went on to take

## NORTH TIPPERARY BORD na nOg REVIEW

by  
Connie Grace.



KILRUANE U-14 TEAM AND SUBS, NORTH TIPPERARY U-14 RURAL CHAMPIONS

the county title in style. The solid work being done by Toomevara with their juveniles is beginning to reap reward in the higher grades with their minors and U-21's chalking up notable victories. In section two Moneygall's perseverance was rewarded with a title. Their victims in the final were Shannon Rovers.

#### U-16 Football:

Roscrea and Eire Og again contested the final with Eire Og collecting their third title of the year. In section two Ballina-Ballinahinch notched their second victory of the year when they accounted for Newport in the final.

#### Féile na nGeal:

Féile na nGeal once again was run on Blitz competition. Toomevara and Roscrea again qualified for the final with Roscrea qualifying for the co. semi-final.

#### Garda Cup

North Tipperary qualified for the final of the Garda Cup hurling by defeating Mid Tipperary in the semi-final. In the final they had to give best to the boys from West Tipperary.

#### Interdivisional Football:

North Tipperary chalked up an

## RESULTS 1985

#### Winners Sect. 1

U-12 H Toomevara  
U-12 F Eire Og  
U-14 RH Kilruane MacD.  
U-14 Urban-Rural H. Roscrea  
U-14 F Roscrea  
U-16 H Toomevara  
U-16 F Eire Og

#### Winners Sect. 2

Ballina-B'hinch  
Borrisokane  
Burgess  
Eire Og B  
Moneygall  
Ballina-B'hinch

#### Scór na nOg Winners

Rince Foirne—Eire Og; Aithriseoireacht—Egan, Newport; Bailead Aonair—Mary Egan, Silvermines; Nuachleas—Borrisoleigh, Tráth na gCeist—Burgess; Ceol Uirlise—Newport; Bailead Grúpa—Borrisoleigh; Rince Seit—Portroe.

Long Puck—Owen Cleary (Borrisokane)  
Skills—Thomas Madden, Lorrha.

unexpected but very welcome victory in the U-16 interdivisional football. In the semi-final they defeated West Tipperary and surprised many by their victory over South Tipperary in the final.

#### Scór na nóg:

Scór which seems to be dying a lingering death at senior level continues to maintain its popularity at juvenile level. All clubs hold parish finals and the crowds have flocked to see the area finals and the north final. In this years final both Newport and Borrisoleigh had a double success atoning for their defeats in the championships.

#### Buíochas:

The Board would like to thank all who helped in the smooth running of the championships in the division. This opportunity is taken to extend the Board's gratitude to the officials of all the clubs for their co-operation during the year. A special word of thanks to our dedicated referees who give their time unselfishly in the service of the Board. We look forward to a successful year for the division in 1986.

After their win in the 1983 Co. U-21 hurling final, their first win since 1968, Roscrea were determined to retain their title in Centenary Year. Following their narrow two point victory over Borrisoleigh in the north final, they faced the Cahir-Ballybacon combination in the Co. semi-final in early December. They found it hard to cope with the absence of sharpshooter Michael Scully who was injured. After an unconvincing display it was really John Pyne's scoring ability (2-5), which earned Roscrea a final place against Moycarkey-Borris. Roscrea had every reason to fear Moycarkey, especially after their seniors and minors had beaten Roscrea in Co. finals in consecutive years. Michael Scully had been joined on the injured list by Brendan Carey so Roscrea's task had become more difficult.

Amazingly, the match was fixed for December 23rd just short of Christmas Day! Thankfully the fans who turned up for the game were rewarded with a tremendous tussle which had much to enjoy and where the hurling skill was first class. Adding to the enjoyment of the game was the sporting manner in which it was played.

Scoring was close enough for the first twenty-five minutes with Ros-

crea leading by 0-4 to 0-3. Two minutes before half time, Aidan Minogue shot harmlessly from thirty yards out towards the Moycarkey Goal, but incredibly the defence

## CENTENARY U-21 HURLING TITLE FOR ROSCREA

by Seamus O'Doherty

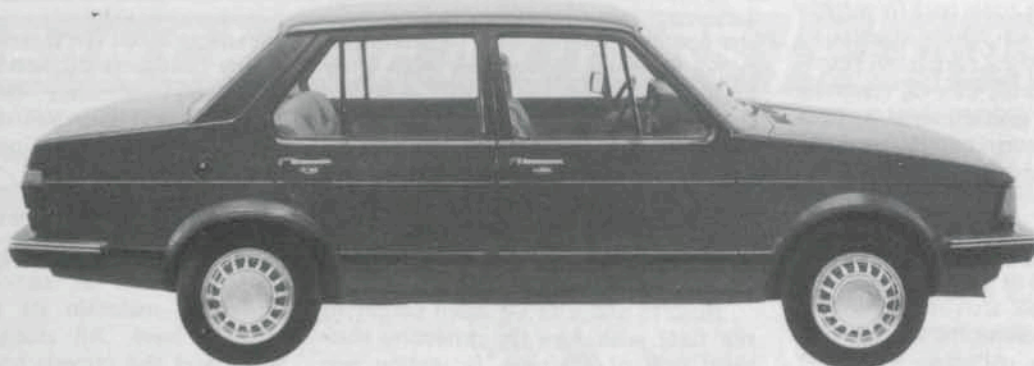


*Eddie Hogan, captain of the victorious Roscrea U-21 hurling team which won the county final, is presented with the cup by County Board chairman, Michael Frawley.*

allowed it to slip all the way to the net for a fortuitous goal. Inspired by this Tony Maher and Eamon Bergin added points to give Roscrea a 6 point half time lead.

Early second half points by John Pyne, Donie Kealy and Aidan Minogue increased Roscrea's advantage to 9 points and victory seemed certain. The final quarter produced some of the best hurling seen at this level for a long time and while Roscrea failed to score again, Moycarkey's great rally ended with them still 3 points in arrears on a 1-9 to 1-6 scoreline. The superb defensive hurling of Roscrea in that gripping last quarter was the decisive factor. So Roscrea's fifth Co. title was annexed and the hope was that the club would lead the Co. team to victory at Munster and All-Ireland level. Eddie Hogan, who played minor, U-21 and senior championship hurling for the Co., was the Roscrea captain. His team was: K. Moloney, J. McMahon, E. Hogan, M. Fletcher, P. Delaney, D. Kealy, B. Wright, J. Pyne, M. Nolan, E. England, T. Maher, A. Minogue, L. Carson, E. Bergin and P. Hogan. Subs: G. Dooley, B. England, T. Deane.

The selectors were: Donie Moloney, Ned Treacy and Kevin Brady.



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1886.

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The team was: John Walsh (Nenagh and Thurles), James Hanly, Pat O'Meara (Nenagh), Martin Gleeson, Dan Gleeson, Pat McGrath, M. Gleeson (Silvermines), Matt Costelloe, Pat Gleeson, Matt Hayes (Knigh), Pat O'Meara, P. O'Meara (Lorrha), John Ryan, Pat Guinane, Pat Buckley (Youghal), Mike Grace, Pat Reidy, Pat O'Brien (Carrigatoher), John Kennedy, James Clarke, (Arderoney), James Brooder (Kilbarron).

The Cappawhite club was founded.

90 Years Ago.

1896.

Tubberadora beat Suir View 4-8 to 2-2 to capture the Co. senior hurling title for the second time. Johnny Walsh won the second of his five All-Ireland senior hurling medals. The Tubberadora star won his medals in 1895, 1896, 1898, 1899 and 1900.

Dublin beat Tipperary in the Croke Cup Tournament by 1 point in the final. This senior football game was played at Jones's Road, Dublin.

80 Years Ago.

1906.

Tom Semple of Thurles won the Long Puck Championship of Ireland. He sent the 9 oz ball 96 yards with a massive stroke.

Lahorna De Wets won the north senior hurling title when they defeated Lorrha 4-6 to 1-4. Thurles Blues beat De Wets in the Co. senior hurling final played in Nenagh 4-11 to 3-6. Tom Semple was captain of the Blues.

Grangemockler captured the second of their three-in-a-row of Co. senior football titles.

The County Convention was held in Thurles. Denis O'Keeffe was re-elected as Co. Chairman, he was a native of Horse And Jockey. Munster (represented by Tipperary) beat Leinster (selected from Kilkenny, Laois, Dublin and Wexford) to win the Railway Shield in a replay. Munster 4-10, Leinster 4-4. Drawn game Munster 4-6, Leinster 3-9.

70 Years Ago.

1916.

Boherlahan won the Co. senior hurling championship when they defeated Toomevara 2-2 to 0-0. They led 1-1 to 0-0 at half-time. Tom Semple was the referee.

# SNIPPETS FROM THE PREMIER COUNTY 1886-1976

by Sean O'Driscoll



Tipperary captured the All-Ireland senior hurling title. The Kerry hurlers were first to fall on a scoreline of 4-2 to 0-1 played at Fermoy. The semi-final between Tipperary and Limerick was played at Dungarvan. Tipperary 4-4, Limerick 2-4.

In the Munster final also played in Dungarvan, the Tipperary men ousted Cork with a display of classic hurling by 5-0 to 1-2. Galway were next to fall before the mighty Tipperary men who had twenty five points to spare over their western opponents in the All-Ireland semi-final.

The final was delayed until 21st January 1917 due to the political climate. Kilkenny (Tullaroan) led by captain Sim Walton provided the opposition. Tipperary were in front at the interval 1-2 to 0-1. With 10 minutes remaining Kilkenny were 5 points in front. Tipperary staged their traditional fighting finish to lead 5-4 to 3-2 at the final whistle.

Johnny Leahy's Boherlahan team was as follows: Dick Walsh, Denis Walsh, Hugh Shelly, Paddy Leahy, Jimmy Murphy, Joe Fitzpatrick, Jack Power, Tom Shanahan, Jer Collison, Willie Dwyer, Arthur O'Donnell, Jack Doherty, Tom Dwan (goalie) and Willie Dwyer.

Johnny and Paddy Leahy were brothers.



*Hurling League game, Dublin v. Tipperary at Croke Park  
A Dublin back running out to clear from a Tipperary forward  
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## 60 Years Ago.

1926.

Rody Nealon won an All-Ireland senior hurling medal with Tipperary. His son Donie won five during his career in the blue and gold. Martin Kennedy scored 27 goals for Tipperary on their American tour.

The following were members of the Tipperary Co. Board for 1926. Johnny Leahy (Chairman), Wedger Maher (Secretary), Frank McGrath, W. O'Dwyer, Tim Gleeson, Jim McLoughney (Treasurer), A. Mason, J. Gleeson, J. J. Hayes, J. Campbell, J. J. Callanan, M. Moylan, R. Nealon, J. Conway, P. Kennedy, P. Hennessy, J. Shelly, T. Regan, E. Duhy, E. Cummins, M. Dargan and Rev. H. Synnott C.C.

Moycarkey won the Co. senior hurling championship by beating Boherlahan 6-4 to 4-2. John Joe Hayes was the victorious captain. Toomevara won the north senior hurling final with a 5-4 to 2-0 win over Youghalarra.

Mullinahone won the Co. senior football championship following a replay with Templemore. The first game ended 1-1 each. The replay was in Mullinahone, when the home team scored 3-3 and Templemore could only reply with 0-5.

## 50 Years Ago.

1936.

Cork defeated Tipperary 3-8 to 4-2 in the Munster senior hurling championship.

John Maher and Phil Purcell were selected for the Munster hurling team but the medals eluded them as Leinster won 2-8 to 3-4.

Clonmel Commercials won the Co. minor football title. Thurles C.B.S. won the Dean Ryan Cup. Roscrea defeated Kildangan in the Co. senior hurling final to win their first title in this grade on a scoreline 5-3 to 3-0. Templemore won the Co. senior football championship with a 2-5 to 1-6 victory over Arravale Rovers.

Cashel defeated Golden Fontenoys 6-2 to 4-1 in the West Tipperary senior hurling final.

## 40 Years Ago.

1946.

Tommy Doyle of Thurles Sarsfields was the Tipperary captain when the premier county defeated Galway to win the Monaghan Cup in London. Tommy won his sixth Co. senior hurling medal with the Sarsfields that year also.

Four Railway Cup Winners Medals were brought to Tipperary by Jim Maher, Ger Cornally, Jim Devitt and Tommy Doyle.

Munster beat Connaught 3-12 to 4-8.

Jim Williams the Tipperary goalkeeper and Mick Cahill were honoured with selection on the Munster football team. In the final versus Leinster the Tipperary



*Mícheál O hEithir discussing the merits of a game with Tipperary hurling star of the 1950's, Jimmy Kennedy of Pócán and Thurles.*



*Group of Tipperary delegates to Congress 1985*

*Back row: Tom O'Hara, Mick Egan, Mick Frawley, Seamus O Riain, Mick Maguire, Denis Floyd, Jerry Ring*

*Front row: Tommy Barret, Mick Lowry, Libby Howard, Sean Mockler, Martin O'Connor.*

men played their part when Munster won 3-12 to 4-8. Tipperary defeated Cork by 5-6 to 4-2 in the Munster minor hurling final. They lost the All-Ireland to Dublin by 2 points. Dublin 1-6, Tipperary 0-7.

The beaten Tipperary team was: W. O'Brien (Nenagh), John Doyle (Holycross), J. Nolan (Nenagh), H. Sheehy (Nenagh), C. Dalton (Bansha), J. Ryan (Roscrea), B. McGrath (Nenagh), J. O'Grady (Thurles C.B.S.), P. Shanahan (Toomevara), M. Ryan (Nenagh), M. Shaughnessy (Nenagh), P. Kenny (Thurles C.B.S.), T. O'Meara (Roscrea), M. Maher (Boherlahan), W. Steiglitz (Thurles C.B.S.), D. McNulty (Roscrea sub for Dalton (injured).

### 30 Years Ago.

1956.

Clonmel Commercials and Loughmore met in the Co. senior football final with victory going south 3-9 to 0-7.

Thurles Sarsfields defeated Lorrha by 3-8 to 1-4 to win the Co. senior hurling final for the 19th time. Sarsfields won the minor, junior and senior hurling titles to complete a great treble that year.

The Munster senior football game between Cork and Kerry at Killarney was refereed by Sean Cleary of Clonmel Commercials and Tipperary football fame.

Tipperary goalie Tony Reddan and Pat Stakelum were selected on the Ireland hurling team.

Tony Reddan, Mickey Byrne, Jimmy

Finn, John Doyle and Pat Stakelum were honoured with selection in the Munster blue. Leinster proved too good on the day and finished with 5-11 on the scoreboard to Munsters 1-7.

### 20 Years Ago.

1966.

Current Tipperary County Secretary Tommy Barrett was one of the Umpires in the 1966 All-Ireland senior hurling final when Cork beat Kilkenny 3-9 to 1-10.

Tommy Foran of Carrick-on-Suir was the referee for the All-Ireland minor hurling final drawn game between Cork and Wexford which ended at 6-7 each.

Tipperary won the Munster intermediate hurling title with a 4-2 to 1-7 win over Galway.

North Tipperary won the All-Ireland Vocational Schools hurling championship.

Carrick Davins won the Co. senior hurling title when they defeated the north team from Lorrha 2-12 to 1-3. Roscrea captured the Co. minor hurling trophy when they defeated Cappawhite 2-7 to 1-7. Holycross won the mid senior championship. Arravale Rovers were crowned west senior hurling winners.

### 10 Years Ago.

1976.

John Moloney of Bansha was appointed as the referee to handle the N. F. L. final.

Eddie Webster won a Railway Cup Football Medal. Michael 'Babs' Keating

won a South Tipperary Intermediate Hurling Medal with Ballybacon-Grange.

Cork defeated Tipperary in the Munster senior hurling championship game 4-10 to 2-15.

The Fr Sheehy Park in Clogheen was officially opened with a senior hurling game, with Tipperary providing the opposition to Wexford. Ballingarry beat The Swan 3-0 to 0-3 in the south U-12 hurling final. The Swan won the South Tipperary minor hurling final when they defeated Ballingarry 5-9 to 1-9.

Roscrea U-14 hurlers represented Tipperary in the Feile na nGael held in Cork during the month of July.

Galtee Rovers won a football double when they captured the west and Co. senior football championships.

The first Sunday in September was a joyful day for Tipperary hurling followers. The minors won the All-Ireland title for the 13th time at this level. Joe Hogan of Roscrea had the honour of bringing the 'Irish Press Cup' home to the premier county. The Kilkenny challenge was swept aside by a fast, skillful Tipperary team. The scoreline of 2-20 to 1-7 tells its own story.

The victorious team was: Vincent Mullins, P. Loughnane, P. J. Maxwell, Tony Slattery, M. Stapleton, Gerry Stapleton, Joe O'Dwyer, Joe Hogan, Pat Ryan, Eamonn O'Shea, M. Doyle, Tommy Grogan, M. Murphy, John Stone, and Pat Power.

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There is a special historical section completed in a countdown fashion which incorporates: Ten oldest hurling rules, ten important games which ended in confusion, nine G.A.A. controversies, eight famous G.A.A. athletes, seven famous last minute goals, six famous firsts, five matches that changed G.A.A. history, four All-Irelands that were not completed, three famous hurling matches in ancient times two world champions from Tyrone and the one most successful county. Gaelspórt will retail at £3.95 but will be available to school and club units at a specially reduced price of £3.00. It may be ordered in Tipperary from: Liam O Donoghue, G.A.A. Youth Officer, Ballymoreen, Littleton, Thurles Co. Tipperary.



Andrew Fryday, Clonoulty-Rossmore captain, receives the Junior Football County Championship Cup from Brendan Ryan, County Vice-Chairman

## FANAITE na Sionainne

Kerry Football stalwart, Jack O'Shea presents a trophy to Frank Moran, Chairman of Shannon Rovers Hurling and Football Club.



1898-4



### New G.A.A. Trustee

1985 G.A.A. congress, held in Ballina in april, had a special significance for Tipperary as former county board chairman Mr Michael Frawley was elected trustee of the association. His election highlights the high esteem in which this Emly clubman and former Munster council chairman, is held among the gael of the association.

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# A G.A.A. BIBLIOGRAPHY FOR COUNTY TIPPERARY

When preparing this article I spoke to a man who had been recently offered the program of the 1930 All-Ireland hurling final for £30. It was an eight page production in a small format and my friend had got the seller to come down to £25. Philip Ryan of Boherlahan told me some time ago that he had no copies of 'The Tubberadora-Boherlahan Hurling Story' left and how he would love to have a few dozen. Many Tipperary people would give anything to own a copy of Canon Fogarty's 'Tipperary G.A.A. Story' but it is out of print.

All of this is by way of introduction to a list of books relating to the G.A.A. in the county. For a place so steeped in the tradition of hurling and so rich in achievement the library is surprisingly bare. It may be due to the kind of people who played and followed the game over the past century. They were predominantly of oral rather than literary bent. They followed the game, spoke of the players and the contest before and after and read the account of the local hack or the national scribe in the following week's papers. But their impressions and opinions were given no permanent form except in the fallibility of oral transmission.

Even the great stars were given little literary treatment. They did get exposure on the hungry Sunday newspapers especially when the latter realised the value for sales from the late forties onwards. A number of magazines came into being and they were avidly read for their accounts of epic encounters and dramatic displays. But other than those transient accounts there is little permanent record. It is significant that only two Tipperary stars, Tommy Doyle and Tony Wall, have books written about them.

## Canon Fogarty.

What then is available to the bibliophile on the G.A.A. in County Tipperary? Heading the list by a long puck must surely be Canon Fogarty's 'Tipperary's Hurling Story' which was printed by the 'Tipperary Star' in 1960. Containing 380 pages it covers the history of the G.A.A. in the county from 1884-1934. There are nineteen pages of appendices at the end of the book containing the highlights of the county's achievements between 1934-1956. It is a comprehensive account of the first fifty years and should be the starting point for any club contemplating a history. It lists the achievements of every club and gives



by Seamus J. King

the names of the outstanding personalities. It has been unfairly criticised for errors and too little praised for its mine of information.

Pre-dating Canon Fogarty was another publication by the 'Tipperary Star' in 1938 of 'Conventions or a Dozen Years with the Gaels of Tipperary' by Rev J.J. Meagher. The author was chairman of the county board and the book contains his addresses to county convention from 1928 to 1938 inclusive. Also included in this 146 page production are miscellaneous pieces by Fr Meagher including addresses to a number of Thurles Sarsfield club conventions.

Of course every follower of Tipperary hurling should read 'Tour of the Tipperary Hurling Team in America, 1926', by Thomas J. Kenny, (George Roberts, London), 1928. 112p.p. This is an entertaining and highly readable personal account of the first tour of a Tipperary team to the U.S.

## Conventions.

A vital source of information on the G.A.A. in the county is, of course, convention handbooks. These include not only county conventions but also divisional ones. These handbooks vary in quality and comprehensiveness but they have improved dramatically in latter years. The west division handbook for the past few years is a credit to divisional secretary, Gerry Ring. The quality for the earlier years was sometimes so bad that much better accounts of what took place are available in the local papers. County convention hand-

books are available back to the thirties at least, but contemporary newspaper accounts are an important alternative source of what transpired.

The greatest source of information on G.A.A. events is, undoubtedly, the minutes of club, divisional and county board meetings. The quality of these can vary enormously and depend totally on the efficiency and conscientiousness of secretaries. In fact, from the point of view of history the secretary is the most important individual in the club or on the board. As important as the taking of minutes is the storing of them. In this respect there are some sad tales to relate. Dick Bracken was a most efficient secretary of the Lorrha and Dorrha G.A.A. club for about twenty years and kept good minutes but they have been lost. Another Lorrha man, Michael Moylan, was secretary of the North board for over forty years and all but three years of his minutes have been mislaid. The west board is in existence since 1930 and all minutes since 1935 are intact, though varied in quality. The minutes of the county board also go back to the thirties.

## Programs.

Programs, especially county and divisional final productions, can be rich in information on the clubs involved. Some followers of the game are avid collectors and have fine collections. County secretary, Tomas O'Baroid, has a comprehensive collection of programs. Liam O'Donnchu, who was program editor at Semple Stadium for the past decade, has another good collection. These are all valuable collections and the owners are normally loath to give them on loan.

Other recommended reading for the followers of Gaelic Games in the county should include the following books. Raymond Smith has quite a lot of material between covers and much of it is of relevance to the Tipperary man. Four of his productions deserve mention 'Decades of Glory' (1966), 'The Football Immortals' (1968), 'The Clash of the Ash' (1972) and 'The Hurling Immortals' (1984).

Two books that give us information on the great period of Tipperary hurling between 1945 and 1965 are by stars from that period, Tommy Doyle and Tony Wall. 'My Lifetime in Hurling', by Tommy Doyle (as told to Raymond Smith), was published by Hutchinson and Co., London in 1955 and contains

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178 pages. Tony Wall's book entitled 'Hurling' contains 120 pages and was printed by Cityview Press Ltd, Dublin in 1965.

#### The Yearbook.

Since 1970 a committee has been producing an annual yearbook. Seamus O'Riain was the inspiration behind this project when he was county chairman and the original editor was an enthusiastic Gerry Slevin. The production has come out faithfully since and has expanded and become more comprehensive. The special Centenary Edition was an extremely comprehensive account of everything that happened in the G.A.A. in the county for Centenary Year. It is a collector's item and should be in every household. The fourteen Yearbooks that have been produced to date contain records for the year that has past and important historical flashbacks and obituary notices.

Another interesting publication is the 'Report of the Commission on the G.A.A. in Tipperary' which came out in 1978. The commission was set up to examine what was wrong with the state of the game in the county and the report of 46 pages, edited by Michael O'Riain of Tipperary, was printed by 'The Guardian', Nenagh.

#### Club Histories.

It has been stated that a comprehensive history of the county cannot be written until club and divisional histories have been researched. If this is so it will be a long time before Canon Fogarty's work is completed. Of the seventy clubs in the county fewer than twenty percent have produced either club or selected club histories. At the divisional level only the mid has produced something. 'A Century of Gaelic Games in Mid-Tipperary', edited by Michael Dundon and printed by 'The Tipperary Star' in 1984 is an one hundred and twenty page account of the highlights of the first hundred years in that division. In preparation at the moment is a more detailed account of the west division since its foundation in 1930 by J. J. Kennedy.

The following is a list of club and selected club histories to date.

'Moneygall Hurling Story 1885-1975', by Seamus O'Riain. (Wellbrook Press, Freshford), 1975. 44pp.  
'Official Opening of Thurles Sarsfield Social Centre', (Wellbrook Press, Freshford), 1977. Selected club history.  
'The Tubberadora-Boherlahan Hurling Story', by Philip F. Ryan, N.T., ('The Tipperary Star', Thurles), 1978. 46pp.  
'Kilcommon My Home: Mountainy People at Play', by Bill O'Brien, (Slater Bros, Clonmel), 1978. 24p.p.  
'Official Opening of Dressing-rooms and Dedication of Seamus Gardiner Memorial Park, Borrisokane', (Walsh Printer, Roscrea), 1978. Selected club history.



A selection of Tipperary Club Histories

Omitted from the picture are two books: 'The History of Gortnahoe-Glengoolie G.A.A., 100 Years', edited by John Guiton and 'The Green and Golden Years of Toomevara G.A.A.', by Donie Shanahan.

'Aherlow G.A.A.: Official Opening of O'Gorman Park', (Dalton, Printers, Limerick), 1979. Selected club history.  
'Official Opening of Pavilion at St. Cronan's Park, Roscrea', (J. F. Walsh, Printer, Roscrea), 1980. Selected club history.

'Cappawhite G.A.A.: Official Opening of Pairc na nGaedhael', (Fitzpatrick Bros, Tipperary), 1983. Selected club history.

'Lothra agus Doire: 1884-1984: Iomaint agus Peil', by Seamus J. King, (The Brosna Press, Ferbane), 1984. 420p.p.  
'The Red Years: A Roscrea G.A.A. Publication' by Seamus O'Doherty, (Modern Printers, Kilkenny), 1984. 32p.p.

'Moycarkey-Borris G.A.A. Story', by T. K. Dwyer and Jimmy Fogarty, ('The Tipperary Star', Thurles), 1984. 416p.p.  
'Ballybacon-Grange Hurling Club 1928-1984', by Fr Pat Moran, O.S.A., (Kennedy Print Ltd, Clonmel), 1985. 58p.p.  
'The History of Gortnahoe-Glengoolie G.A.A. 100 Years', by John Guiton, (C.N.B. Press, Cork), 1985. 128pp.

'Ballingarry Parish Sportsfield: Official Opening. Commemorative Programme and Brief History of Parish', (Conmore Press, Kilkenny), 1985. Selected club history.

'Kilruane Mac Donaghs and Lahorna De Wets 1884-1984', by Very Rev. Edward J. Whyte, P.P., (The Brosna Press, Ferbane), 1985. 202p.p.

'G.A.A. History of Cashel and Rosegreen, 1884-1984', by Seamus J. King, (The Leinster Leader Ltd, Naas), 1985. 567p.p.

'The Green and Golden Years of Toomevara G.A.A.', by Donal Shanahan, (The Brosna Press, Ferbane), 1985. 200p.p.

#### The Ideal World.

The ideal situation for anyone in-

terested in information on the G.A.A. in the county would be to have one central location where all information would be stored. The obvious place is the county library in Thurles and the new centre for local studies would be the ideal location. The problem with records is storage and the problem in the past, and, to a great extent still, is that clubs have no proper filing facilities. Everything falls back on the shoulders of the secretary whose business it is to protect the minutes and club correspondence. He may be short of space or his house may be damp or the dog or the child may want to have fun with the minutes. There is too much dependence on him and there should be another system.

I would like to see the day when a copy of the minutes of every club and every division and of the county board, would be handed over to the county library at the end of each year. Such a development would secure them for posterity but it would also make them easily available for any researcher in the future. That refers to the future. The past is equally important and the quicker existing minutes, however partial or flimsy they may be, are also copied and stored in the library, the better. There are plenty of youth employment schemes at the moment under which the work of getting existing minutes into typescript form could be undertaken. The Centenary Year brought about a new awareness of the past and the writing of club histories has made many people conscious of the need to keep proper records. It is to be hoped that this new awareness will ensure that the records of the next hundred years will provide a more complete picture of what happened in the G.A.A. in the club and the county than those of the past century.

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*Teachers Hurling Coaching Course*

*Photograph taken at this Summer's coaching course in Scoil Ailbhe, Thurles. Included are coaches: Donie Nealon, Timmy Delaney, Br J. Perkins and Liam O'Donoghue, who organised the course.*

## TIPPERARY PRIMARY SCHOOLS COACHING SCHEME

Liam O Donnchú

One of the highlights of the G.A.A. calendar in Tipperary for 1985 must surely be the successful operation of the Primary Schools Coaching Scheme. This project, which provided twenty six jobs throughout the county, was launched by Minister of State, George Birmingham in April.

The number of schools which participated in the scheme was 137 with a pupil involvement in the region of 6,000. The duration of the coaching scheme was from 8th April to 4th October and during that time the pupils were coached in the skills of hurling by coaches, who had completed intensive training and communications programmes prior to being appointed coaches.

Schools were visited by the coaches once every seven or eight days by way of a schedule drawn up by course administrator, Tom O'Hara.

The coaches were:

Connie Maher, Sarsfields (Senior coach)  
Richard McGrath, Loughmore.  
Brendan Everard, Templetohy.  
Ned Ryan, Loughmore.  
Gerry Purcell, Templemore.

Declan Carr, Holycross (Senior Coach)  
Tommy Noonan, Moycarkey.  
Michael McKenna, Moycarkey.  
Liam Kelly, Boherlahan.  
Cristoir Croke, Holycross.

Noel Russell, Carrick Swans (Senior coach)  
Michael J. Russell, Carrick Swans.  
Tommy Sheehan, Fethard.  
Richard Quirke, Cahir.  
Pat O'Brian, Cahir.

Vincent McKenna, Borrisokane (Senior coach)

Paul Delaney, Roscrea.  
Noel Ryan, Moneygall.  
Christopher Madden, Knockshegowna.  
Michael Rowan, Roscrea.  
John Collins, Templetohy.  
John Collins replaced Michael Rowan.

Pat Fox, Anacarty (Senior coach)  
Thomas Leamy, Golden.  
Walter O'Connell, Knockavilla.  
Sean Slattery, Clonoulty.  
John Halley, New Inn.

During the summer holidays the focus of attention switched to the clubs and the coaching of children, continued at the local grounds. Club officers supported the scheme extremely well. Even the summer's inclement weather did not dampen the youthful enthusiasm for the coaching sessions.

Back to the schools again in September and when, in October, that the scheme concluded, there was much disappointment among teachers and pupils alike. County board officers are to be complimented on their initiative in embarking on such a scheme. Already its success is very evident from the enthusiasm it generated among the boys and girls, their parents and teachers towards our games.

The ever efficient, Tom O'Hara as course administrator and secretary Geraldine were responsible for the smooth running of the project.

To all concerned, boards of management, teachers, coaches, pupils and organising committee, a sincere thanks for a vital job very well done.



*Photo taken at the launching of the G.A.A. Coaching Scheme includes: John Costigan, Jimmy Hennessy, John Lanigan, Paddy Brown, Liam O'Donoghue, Br MI Keane, Tom O'Hara, Tim Maher, Michael Lowry, (county chairman), Pat Cullen (mid chairman), Martin O'Connor and minister of state George Birmingham, along with boys of Scoil Ailbhe, Thurles.*

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After a very shaky start, however, Borrisokane began to get a grip on the game only to be rocked on their feet by two well taken goals by T. Kearns and another just on the call of half-time. At half-time, Borrisokane led by 1-8 to 3-1 having played against the breeze in the first half. The second half was all one way traffic, however, with Borrisokane completely dominating the game and ran out easy winners, due mainly to magnificent point scoring by David Quinlan (Kilruane) later to play on Tipperary minor team, ably assisted by Padraic Hogan (Borrisokane), Ger Leenane (Shannon Rovers) and Sean Gardiner (Borrisokane).

## Presidents visit highlight of the year.

In a year that saw Borrisokane V.S. and north Tipperary senior hurlers win Munster titles and Joe O'Dwyer of Cashel V.S. winning an All-Ireland handball medal, the highlight of the year was unquestionably the visit of the president of the G.A.A. Paddy Buggy to the post primary schools in the county.

## Presidents visit

During the first week of March our president Paddy Buggy on the invitation of Co. Youth Officer Liam O'Donoghue made a courtesy call on all our post primary schools in the county. The visit was organised by the Canon Fitzgerald committee in conjunction with the Co. Board. Without exception every school made strenuous efforts to ensure that the occasion would be a memorable and nostalgic occasion.

The president thanked all of the schools for their great work in promoting gaelic games in the past and hoped that this work would continue in the future and was very impressed and thankful for the welcome he had received in the premier county.

## Mid-western blitz.

— The year got off to a flying start with a senior hurling blitz organised by John Molloy (Garbally college) with teams from Galway, Offaly and Tipperary. Borrisokane V.S. and Nenagh V.S. were the Tipperary entrants and both were expected to do well.

After a great days hurling Borrioscane V. S. were worthy winners with victories over Our Lady's College (Gort), Banagher V.S. and a great win over the host school Garbally College (Ballinasloe) in the final. The winners received a magnificent set of prizes, the best I have seen, presented by the host school Ballinasloe.

North Tipp inter-schools hurling U-19.

Reigning All-Ireland champions Nenagh V.S. reached the final yet again with an easy win over Templemore V.S. while arch rivals Borrisokane were accounting for Roscrea V.S. who had earlier disposed of Thurles V.S.

In the final, Borrisokane V.S. their spirits high as a result of their win in the hurling blitz were installed as clear favourites to wrest the crown from the holders.

U-15 hurling.

The U-15 final was a repeat of the senior final with Nenagh V.S. having accounted for Templemore V.S. and Borrisokane getting there by the skin of their teeth, having come from behind against Thurles V.S. to scrape home by two points to contest the final.

In a very close exciting game Borriskane held out to win by the narrowest of margins.

1st year hurling.

This competition which is confined to first year students has proved to be very popular with all the schools. Since its inception both Nenagh and Borrisokane have dominated the competition with Borrisokane winning on three occasions and Nenagh winning the last two years. Well done Liam Heffernan and John Hassett!

### Junior Football.

Thurles V.S. finally made the break-



*Cashel V.S. U-14 footballers who were presented with their medals and the Teehan Cup by G.A.A. president Paddy Buggy, on the occasion of his visit to the school.*

through after many frustrating years without a trophy, when they defeated a gallant Templemore side in a highly entertaining final. Congrats Brendan Kelly and John O'Riordan.

#### Munster individual schools hurling U-19,

For the first time this competition, for the Corn Uí Droma, was run on the open draw knock out system. Three Tipperary teams entered the championship, Roscrea, Nenagh and Borrisokane. Roscrea were drawn against Croom of Limerick while Borrisokane and Nenagh drew Cork opposition Bandon and Midleton.

Nenagh the reigning champions were expected to match the best in defending their title, but a lack lustre display all round, resulted in their relinquishing their crown at the first hurdle, when they were decisively beaten by a faster, fitter Midleton side in a poor game played at Charleville. Down the road in Croom on the same afternoon, Borrisokane fared much better, when they had a convincing win over Bandon on the score 4-9 to 2-2.

Meanwhile Roscrea, entered to play in Munster for the first time since they won their one and only All-Ireland title in 1980, were unable to field a team and unfortunately had to give a walk over to Croom.

#### Munster semi-final.

Borrisokane's next outing was against Midleton, played on a very cold, frosty day at Emly. The Tipperary boys were forced to start the game without the services of their star half back Sean Gardiner, injured in the previous game against Bandon and was replaced by his club mate Brendan Brennan.

Having won the toss and elected to

play with the strong breeze in the first half, Borrisokane were quick to settle, and after early dominance were rewarded with the scores that were to be the basis for their victory. In the space of three minutes, Tom Killackey (Kilruane) aptly nicknamed 'the Bomber', crashed to the net, two superb goals, followed quickly by points from Padraic Hogan, David Quinlan and Martin Tooher. The Midleton defence was under constant pressure during the first half and at half time, Borrisokane deservedly led by 2-10 to 0-3 and well on the way to a Munster final spot.

Midleton fought back gamely in the second half, but Borrisokane's all round balance saw them through on the score 4-12 to 1-7.

#### Munster final.

The Munster final was fixed for the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick, with Croom, playing in their first Munster final, providing the opposition. In a chilly, but bright afternoon the Tipperary boys were presented with the stiffest challenge they could have imagined, in a game that allowed little time for complacency and was played at a lively pace from start to finish. The big crowd of dedicated supporters were treated to a feast of fare, that is seldom seen during winter months.

Borrisokane ended a brilliant first half performance with a 2-3 to 1-0 lead, but before the final whistle the Limerick lads had clawed their way back to within seconds of a famous victory.

Early in the second half and with six points to spare over their opponents, it seemed that the Tipperary boys would maintain their dominance.

Eamon Kelly (Kildangan) and Martin Tooher (Kilruane) were in great form at midfield with the Kildangan man successfully hindering the efforts of Limerick All-Ireland minor hurling medalist Brendan Heffernan.

Padraic Hogan, David Quinlan and Tom Killackey were acquitting themselves well in attack and the defence superbly marshalled by Joe Cahill (Kilruane) were doing well. Within the space of three minutes, Croom were back in the game. A goal and a pointed '65 without reply left only three points between the sides. Tom Killackey and Brendan Heffernan swapped points to leave Borris leading by 2-6 to 2-3 entering the last quarter. David Quinlan increased the Borris lead with a point and two minutes later, Croom scored another shock goal to leave but one point between the sides. In the dying seconds, Croom were awarded a penalty and to the relief of the Tipperary boys, decided to level the scores. To the delight of all concerned the final whistle was blown immediately afterwards and both sides had lived to fight another day. Final score: Borrisokane 2-6, Croom 3-3.

#### Replay.

The replay was played a week later at the same venue with John Moloney as referee.

It was obvious from the outset that the Borris boys were not going to be caught this time. Borrisokane were masters throughout in the first half and opened up a commanding lead of 2-3 to 0-4 in the first quarter despite losing the services of midfielder Eamon Kelly after only ten minutes. The Tipperary boys continued to dominate and let at half time by 2-5 to 0-6 having played



**SOUTH TIPPERARY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL U-16 HURLING AND FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS**

*Above the Cashel V.S. U-16 Hurling and Football panel who completed the double of Vocational Schools titles*

*Back row: Liam Connolly, Billy Eakins, Michael O'Grady, Joe McGrath, Andy Moloney, Seamus Murphy, Paul Cormack, Seamus Hayes, Fintan Ryan, Michael O'Shea, Niall Williams, Ger Bennett, Michael Cormack*

*Centre row: James Lawrence, James Hallissey, Arthur Fitzell, (Hurling Captain), Colm O'Flaherty (Coach), Kevin Landy (Football Captain), Pat Hallissey, James Tarrant.*

*Front row: Ger Ryan, Pat Hourigan, Pat Butler, John Butler, Declan McGrath, Billy Tarrant, Aidan Murphy, Joe Butler.*

against the breeze in the first half.

In the second half it must be stated that Croom were always within striking distance and ready to take the initiative should the leaders drop their tempo. It was only in the final stages of the match that Croom made their greatest bid to draw level before John Moloney blew the final whistle.

Borrisokane held out in the end to win by 3-8 to 2-8, but the final score was not a reflection on the supremacy they enjoyed for the most of the hour.

Joe Murphy was in outstanding form in goal for Borrisokane getting great cover from Ger Brennan and Ger Leenane. Joe Cahill at centre back and his two wing backs Sean Gardiner and Brendan Brennan dominated that area of the field and gave their forwards plenty of good ball from which to score. Martin Hogan, Padraic Hogan and Brian Leenane were the pick of the forwards. Final score Borrisokane 3-8 Croom 2-8.

#### **Borrisokane V.S.**

Joe Murphy (Knockshewanna) Jer Brennan (Knockshewanna), Jer Leenane (Shannon Rovers), Sean Gardiner (Borrisokane), Joe Cahill (Kilruane), Brendan Brennan (Borrisokane), Martin Tooher (Kilruane), Eamon Kelly (Kildangan), Padraic Hogan (Borrisokane), David Quinlan (Kilruane), capt. Brian Leenane (Shannon Rovers), Aidan Fogarty (Knockshewanna), Martin Hogan (Shannon Rovers), Tom Killackey (Kilruane).

Subs: Pat Houlihan (Lorrha) for E. Kelly (injured).

Borrisokane scores:

P. Hogan 0-4.

M. Hogan, B. Leenane 1-0 each.

David Quinlan 1-1.

J. Cahill, M. Tooher and P. Houlihan 0-1 each.

#### **All-Ireland semi-final.**

The All-Ireland semi-final brought together the eagerly awaited clash between the 1984 U-15 champions, Banagher V.S. and the 1983 champions Borrisokane. In 1983 Borrisokane defeated their opponents on the way to their All-Ireland title, while in 1984 Banagher V.S. exacted revenge for their previous years defeat by beating Borrisokane by two points in a thrilling All-Ireland final. To add further to the occasion Borrisokane defeated Banagher convincingly in the mid western blitz played earlier in the season at Ballinasloe. The scene was now set for a great game at Tynagh's newly developed grounds before a large attendance.

The game itself turned out to be a real nightmare and disappointment for the Tipperary lads; being trounced by a much fitter and more determined Offaly side by fourteen points. To this day the Munster standard bearers are at a loss to explain their dismal and poor showing, when the form books were



**BORRISOKANE MUNSTER SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS 1985**

*Back row: Padraic Hogan, Ger Brennan, Joe Murphy, Martin Hogan, James Mulvihill, Martin Cahalan, Martin Tooher, Eamon Kelly*

*Front row: Ger Leenane, Aidan Fogarty, David Quinlan (Captain), Sean Gardiner, Brian Leenane, Joe Cahill, Tom Killackey.*

all pointing in their favour. Overconfidence, fatigue from too many games, injuries etc., have all been put forward as excuses for their failure, but all in all this is a game that most Borrisokane lads will want to forget.

#### **Inter county hurling**

Due to financial constraints and lack of manpower, there was considerable doubt as to whether North Tipperary would take part in this competition earlier in the year, but finally succumbed to pressure from the powers that be, and agreed to fulfill their fixtures as arranged.

In their semi-final clash versus Clare at Cusack Park, North Tipperary, backboned by nine of the successful Borrisokane team trounced a very weak and disappointing Clare side by eighteen points.

#### **Munster final.**

The Munster final brought legendary

rivals North Tipperary and Cork County in opposition at famed Semple Stadium in a game that produced all that is best in Tipperary - Cork clashes. Cork were quick to settle and shot in to an early lead and deservedly led by six points at half time. The second half was a titanic struggle with North Tipperary fighting back to draw level and edge ahead with time running out. After a marvellous hours hurling North Tipperary defeated the 'ould enemy' by two points and qualified for yet another All-Ireland semi-final. The star of the Tipperary team was Sean Nealon, son of the legendary Donie, whose deadly accuracy from frees from all angles, was the difference between the two sides.

#### **North Tipperary:**

J. Murphy (Borrisokane V.S.) G. Brennan (Borrisokane V.S.), G. Leenane (Borrisokane V.S.) M. O'Meara (Nenagh V.S.), P. Hogan (Borrisokane V.S.), S. Gardiner (Borrisokane V.S.), J. Cahill (Borrisokane V.S.), M. Tooher (Borrisokane V.S.), R. Dowling (Templemore), T. Lanigan (Thurles), M. Hogan (Borrisokane V.S.), D. Quinlan (Borrisokane V.S.) capt., M. Landy (Roscrea), B. Carey (Roscrea), S. Nealon (Nenagh).

#### **All-Ireland semi-final.**

North Tipperary versus Offaly were the pairings when they met at Shinrone in late March. North Tipperary short Padraic Hogan and Eamon Kelly through injury, received in the replayed Munster final, played two days previously were compensated by the return of Toomevara and Nenagh star, Michael O'Meara. Tipperary were first to score and were fortunate through lapses by the Offaly goalie to lead by 2-1 to 0-1 after fifteen minutes. From there on, North Tipperary seemed to tire with Offaly gaining in confidence and playing with great zest and zeal than their near neighbours, ran out winners by five points. And so North Tipperary's tale of woe at all-Ireland semi-final stage continued. Beaten in their last

#### **Results at a glance.**

##### **North Tipperary.**

Senior Hurling.

Borrisokane - winners

Nenagh - runners-up.

Junior hurling.

Borrisokane - winners.

Nenagh - runners up.

First year hurling.

Nenagh - winners.

Borrisokane - runners up.

Junior Football.

Thurles - winners.

Templemore - runners up.

##### **Munster Senior Hurling.**

Inter county.

North Tipperary - winners.

Cork County - runners up.

Individual Schools.

Borrisokane - winners

Croom - runners up.

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four outings at this stage of the competition, North Tipperary, once the specialists of the series, must be wondering what they must do to win an All-Ireland, a feat they last achieved in 1977.

#### **Vocational School Games in South Tipperary.**

Hurling and football continue to prosper in South Tipperary's seven schools, while handball, often the forgotten sport in G.A.A. circles brought South Tipperary an All-Ireland title.

#### **Munster inter-scheme football.**

South won the special competition for the six weaker schemes in Munster for the second time, when they defeated Cork City and in the final, Limerick County. It needed a replay to decide the final. The team was drawn mainly from Tipperary town, with Clonmel, Cashel, Carrick and Cahir supplying the rest. Tipperary's best were Pat Redigan, Michael Grace, Tipperary Town and John O'Connell, Cashel.

Unfortunately, the side were then beaten in the semi-final by an excellent Cork County team that went on to Munster honours.

#### **Inter-schools competition.**

As in the school-year 1981-'82, Cashel dominated the four competitions, i.e. U-16 hurling and football and U-14 hurling and football. Cashel won both U-16 competitions and U-14 football, while the lost the U-14 hurling to a very good Killenaule team, who were beating Cashel for the second year in-a-row, in this final.

#### **U-16 hurling — Evans Cup.**

On the way to the final Cashel beat Cappawhite in Cappa, while on the other side Carrick beat Clonmel and Tipperary Town. The final played in Clonmel was a great game, with Cashel just beating a good Carrick team 4-6 to 4-4. Arthur Fitzell, capt., Joe McGrath, Billy Eakins, Tony Lacey, Kevin Landy and Declan McGrath were best for

Cashel, While Michael Waters, Pat Roche and Mattie Wall were best on a good Carrick team, ably coached by St Mary's senior hurler, Mick Kelly.

#### **U-16 Football — West Board Trophy.**

Cashel won their way to the final by beating Cappawhite in Cappa and Killenaule in Killenaule. While Tipperary reached the final by defeating Clonmel and Carrick-on-suir. The final was played in Golden and Cashel came out on top in keenly contested game on the score 2-9 to 1-7. However, the loss of a key player sent to the line in the first half, probably cost Tipperary the game. Best for Cashel on the day were Patrick Hallissey, Arthur Fitzell, Kevin Landy, Michael O'Grady, Ger Bennett and Fintan Ryan. While Dinny Healy, Pat Redigan, John Maher, Jim Grace, John Finnan and Pat Delaney were Tipperary's best.

#### **U-14 Football — Teehan Cup.**

This particular competition has always been the most evenly contested and '84 — '85 was no exception. Cashel reached their third final by beating Cahir in Cahir and Killenaule in Killenaule. While Clonmel reached the final by beating Cappawhite and Tipperary Town. In the final, played in Cashel, Cashel came out on top on a score of 2-5 to 1-1. T. J. Phelan was Cashel's star, while others to play well were Patrick Hallissey, Liam Tuahy, Tony Lacey and Ken O'Connell. While for a gallant Clonmel team Jamie Brannigan and Michael Peters were best.

#### **U-14 Hurling — O'Donoghue Cup.**

Killenaule and Cashel won through to this final, a repeat of '84; Killenaule beating Clonmel and Cappa and Cashel victors over Cahir. The final, played in Cashel was dominated by the better Killenaule side who ran easy winners on a score of 5-4 to 1-4. Best for a good Killenaule team, well trained by Principal Michael Hassett, were Kevin Burke, capt., Ml. Lanigan, Lar Duggan, J. McGarry and forwards George Stapleton and Michael Kelly.

For Cashel Tony Lacey, James Tannant and Fintan Ryan tried hard.

#### **Paddy Buggy's Visit.**

The President of the G.A.A. visited all the south Tipperary vocational schools, but for Killenaule and Cashel the visit was extra special. In Killenaule he presented the U-14 hurlers with their medals, while in Cashel he presented the U-16 hurling and football medals and the U-14 medals.

The committee is grateful to the G.A.A. for the use of their fields and to the many referees who give of their time.

#### **Cashel's Trip to Leeds.**

Cashel U-14 football team had a trip of a lifetime, when they spent five days in Leeds, guests of the local G.A.A. clubs. While there they played two football games against a Yorkshire selection winning 4-6 to 4-3 and against Leeds 6-3 to 4-1. For these games they received beautiful trophies. The boys and tour organiser Seamus Mullaney, principal stayed in the homes of the Irish community in Leeds. The boys were loud in their praise for the hospitality of the Irish Community in Leeds, especially John Hourigan formerly of Dundrum. Leeds will be making a return visit this year.

#### **Handball All-Ireland.**

Joe O'Dwyer, of Cashel brought the county its fifth all-Ireland senior handball medal, when he defeated David O'Brien of Swinford, Co. Mayo on a score of 21 to 18, 21 to 11.

#### **Conclusion.**

No report of mine would be complete without a special word of praise and thanks to our gallant band of referees who continue to serve us throughout the year. We in Tipperary are very fortunate to have at our disposal, such a fine selection of first class referees, who are prepared to give of their time, at short notice and during inclement weather in the depths of winter. A sincere thanks to one and all.

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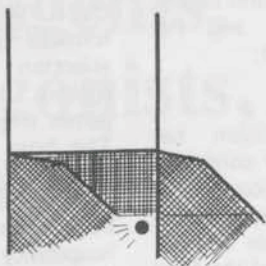
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# Cashel C.B.S. retain Dr Croke Cup

Cashel C.B.S. retained the Dr Croke Cup (Co Tipperary post primary schools U-16 hurling championship) when they defeated Nenagh C.B.S. in the final played at Semple Stadium, Thurles as a curtain raiser to the Canon Fitzgerald cup final on May 1st.

Cashel were capturing the title for the sixth time since it was first played for in 1933. Their previous victories were recorded in 1959, 1962, 1973, 1980 and 1984.

As the reigning champions Cashel

did not enter this year's competition until the quarter-final stage when they overcame a stiff challenge from Clonmel C.B.S. at Kilsheelan by 4-4 to 0-9. A feature of this game was that all Cashel's goals came from the stick of centre-forward, Adrian Ryan.

In the semi-final, played at Clonoulty, they beat a good Roscrea C.B.S. team by 2-7 to 2-2. The stage was now set for the final against arch rivals Nenagh C.B.S.. Cashel, playing with the wind and rain behind them in the opening

half led at the interval by 1-7 to 0-2. However, during this half Cashel lost three of their best players, Jimmy O'Neill, Alan Wade and Brian Leamy with head injuries.

Nenagh had much the better of the second period, but wasted several chances and were deprived of scores on many occasions by the brilliance of the Cashel keeper, Patrick Kearns. Cashel finished the stronger and goals by Conal Bonnar and Adrian Ryan before the end left them winners by 3-7 to 1-5.

The team was: Patrick Kearns (Knockavilla), Kieran Slattery (Knockavilla), Noel Keane (Clonoulty), Philip Quirke (Clonoulty), Michael Heffernan (Clonoulty), Tim Shanahan (Clonoulty), Alan Wade (Knockavilla), Brian Leamy (Golden), Kieran Cussen (Knockavilla), Michael Perdue (Cashel), Brendan Ryan (Golden) capt., Conal Bonnar (Cashel), Jimmy O'Neill (Cashel), Donal Moloney (Rockwell Rovers), Adrian Ryan (Cashel).

Subs: James O'Donoghue (Cashel), Michael Minogue (Cashel), Raymond Heney (Knockavilla), T. J. Connolly (Cashel), Johnny Ryan (Boherlahan), Ailbe Bonnar (Cashel).

Team Coach: John Gleeson.

Team Manager: Mattie Finnerty.



**CASHEL C.B.S. DR CROKE CUP CHAMPIONS 1985**

*The victorious Cashel C.B.S. team which retained the Dr Croke Cup (Co. Tipperary Post-Primary Schools U-16 hurling competition) when they defeated Nenagh C.B.S. in the final by 3-5 to 1-3 at Semple Stadium, Thurles.*

*Back row: John Gleeson (Team Coach), Michael Brosnan (Cashel), Brian Leamy (Golden), Donal Moloney (Rockwell Rovers), T.J. Connolly (Cashel), Raymond Heney (Knockavilla), Patrick Kearns (Knockavilla), Adrian Ryan (Cashel), Philip Quirke (Clonoulty), Conal Bonnar (Cashel), Kieran Cussen (Knockavilla), Noel Keane (Clonoulty), Mattie Finnerty (Team Manager)*

*Centre row: Alan Wade (Boherlahan), Tim Shanahan (Clonoulty), Michael Perdue (Cashel), Br Treacy (Principal), Brendan Ryan (Golden), capt., Kieran Slattery (Knockavilla), Michael Minogue (Cashel), Mitchell Heffernan (Clonoulty)*

*Front row: James O'Donoghue (Cashel), Ailbe Bonnar (Cashel), John Ryan (Boherlahan), Jimmy O'Neill (Cashel)*

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## ROCKWELL AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

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## 1985



*Philly Quirke, Rockwell Captain*

After a very indifferent League campaign Rockwell set out in February to try and win the championship last won by the College in 1976 when the team was captained by the then Tipperary footballer, Eugene O'Doherty from Templemore.

The Agricultural Colleges title is difficult to win. With 13 schools taking part, competition is keen and it is very difficult for a southern college to take the title as many of the other colleges are from predominantly football areas such as Cavan, Meath and Galway.

The team that represented Rockwell in the 1985 championship was made up of students from various counties, Laois, Cork, Kilkenny, Wexford and Tipperary. It was a team of tremendous spirit and never saw defeat. Even in the semi final when they stared defeat in the face they never gave up and were rewarded for their spirit.

The campaign opened in Claregalway where Rockwell faced Ballinafad from Co. Mayo. Ballinafad were an unknown quantity but had not done well in the League during the first term. The pitch in Claregalway was partly frozen in early February and good football was not on in the conditions. The experience of Phil Quirke the Tipperary minor and the Rockwell captain held the team together in the early stages when Rockwell showed some nerves. As time went on Rockwell took a grip on the game and ran out easy winners 2-8 to 1-1.

Pallaskenry were the next opponents. This was the match Rockwell were waiting for. Everything was geared to this. Pallaskenry had won the League and

drawn with Rockwell in the process. Many of the students knew each other so rivalry was at a height. The venue was Bansha, the date was Thursday 7th March the referee John Moloney. Rockwell took this match from the start especially from the half back line of Phil Kiely (Cahir), Phil Quirke (Galtee Rovers) and Pat Kavanagh from Wexford. No sooner was the ball thrown in than Kiely made the first of his many solo runs up his own side and shot the first point. Galvin took over in the middle of the field and the forwards with plenty of ball took their scores. Goals from Diarmuid Condon (Fr Sheehy's), Keoghane and Dineen helped Rockwell to run out easy winners 3-7 to 1-6.

Multyfarnham in Co. Westmeath were Rockwell's semi final opponents, on a cold wet windy day in Kilcormac, Co. Offaly. It was a credit to both teams that they managed to serve up such a good game in the conditions. This was to be Rockwell's hardest game and they knew this going into it. Multyfarnham are always a good side and 1985 proved no exception. It was a ding dong struggle with fortunes swaying. Multy were rocked by two early goals from Philly Ryan (Boherlahan) but never lost their heads. Ger Galvin at centre field for Rockwell had a tremendous game but in spite of that Multyfarnham kept within distance of Rockwell in the first half against the wind.

Things were not looking too good for the Tipperary college when they had to face the second half only a few points ahead. Determination not to be beaten at this stage took over and the second half opened with three unanswered points from Condon and Michael Cotter. Rockwell were leading by two points coming into the last ten minutes but were shocked by a late Multyfarnham goal. Phil Quirke again rallied Rockwell and coming from defence was fouled on the 40. Galvin, who was a fine kicker of the dead ball drove the ball against the wind to the square where John Dineen finished it to the net, and Rockwell were through to the football final.

On 29th March Rockwell travelled to Birr to meet Mountbellew, Co. Galway in the final. The team had watched Mountbellew in the semi final against Clonakilty and felt reasonably confident that they could take the cup to Tipperary. As in all the matches, this one too was won from the half back line but when the pressure was on during the last quarter Liam Keating (Cahir) came bustling out time after time with the ball and again and again he found John Dineen who was nominated "Man of the Match" ready to take the ball forward from him. It was a happy Phil Quirke who went up to take the Avonmore Cup from Fr Ulick Troy, Chairman of Westmeath Co. Board and carry it back to the foot of the Galtees.

The Rockwell team was Denis Fahy (Laois), Liam Keating (Cahir), Michael Delaney (Templemore), Jim Lovett (Rockwell Rovers), Pat Kavanagh (Wexford), Phil Quirke, (Galtee Rovers), Phil Kiely (Cahir), Ger Galvin (Cork), John Stafford (Wexford), Diarmuid Condon (Fr Sheehy's), Michael Cotter (Cork), Martin O'Riordan (Cork), Liam Keoghane (Kilkenny), John Dineen (Cork), Phil Ryan (Boherlahan).



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# Roscré C.B.S. Abú i gCorn an Phiarsaigh

By Séamus O Coisdealbha

The opening game in this U-15 competition took place in the beautifully laid out Drombane pitch against Hospital, Co. Limerick. The game was nothing more than a practice spin and a one sided game saw Ros Cré 20 points in front at the finish. Robert Fahy gave a five-star display in the backs and Colm Phelan emerged as a full forward of note.

Ros Cré were drawn against Clonmel in the second round and the venue was again Drombane. Played in blustery conditions the game, to use the old cliché, was a match of two halves. Ros Cré were 12 points ahead at the short whistle due to a magnificent midfield performance by Eoin Maher and the point taking of Liam Fallon, Philip O'Rourke and Eoin Killoran. On the change over 2 quick goals for Clonmel aided now by a stiffening breeze had the game wide open again. A mighty struggle ensued and with 5 minutes remaining the narrowest of margins separated the teams. Brilliant saves by Aidan Connolly plus a heroic full back line in Micheál

O'Dwyer, John Gunnell and Noel Ahearne inspired Ros Cré to hold on until the relieving final whistle.

The semi-final saw Ros Cré encounter Coláiste Spiorád Naomh, Cork at Caiseal. Ros Cré with Proinsias Loughnane in brilliant form at midfield were well worthy their 5 point victory.

The final saw Ros Cré paired with Nenagh C.B.S. their near neighbours and great rivals. Nenagh were undoubtedly the hottest of favourites having been beaten finalists in the Rice Cup the previous year. Favouritism counted little that day in Cloughjordan, when after 60 minutes of a tension packed rip roaring encounter, both sides lived to fight another day. Cloughjordan was again the venue and again we had a mighty battle of hard fast hurling. Never more than 2 points separated the sides, but when star centre back Robert Fahy retired injured, things looked ominous for the reds. A reshuffled back line held firm, whilst up front Martin Mortimer was hurling with rare determination and curbed a hitherto rampant Joe Kennedy.

Both sets of spectators were spellbound by the skilful hurling and unyielding determination of the teams. However when Phil Lowry sounded the final whistle Ros Cré had recorded one of its sweetest victories on a 3-9 to 2-11 scoreline.

Ag an gcabhsúr bronnadh Corn an Phiarsaigh ar Eoin Meachair, captaen Ros Cré. Thug sé árd mholadh d'á fhoireann agus bhí fhios ag gach duine go raibh sé tuillte go maith acu.

Foireann Ros Cré: Aidan Connolly, John Gunnell, Micheál O'Dwyer, Noel Ahearne, Donal Franks, Robert Fahy, John Tracey, Proinsias Loughnane, Eoin O'Maher, Martin Mortimer, Liam Fallon, Brendan Dooley, Philip O'Rourke, Colm Phelan and Eoin Killoran.

Fir Ionaid: Fabian Jones, Roderick Greene, Eddie Ryan, MI Mullally, John Kealy, David Kinsella and Brendan Keeshan.

The team was managed by Jim Costello and John Dunphy.



ROSCREA C.B.S. CORN AN PHIARSAIGH 1984-85

Back row: Séamus O Coisdealbha (trainer), Roderick Greene, Proinsias Loughnane, Max McLoughlin, Martin Mortimer, Colm Phelan, Eddie Ryan, Eoin Killoran, John Gunnell, Robert Fahy, John Dunphy (trainer)  
Centre row: Fabian Jones, Brendan Dooley, John Tracey, Eoin Maher (captain), Brendan Keeshan, MI O'Dwyer, Philip O'Ruairc, Liam Fallon, Noel Ahearne  
Front row: John Kealy, Donal Franks, Aidan Connolly, David Kinsella, MI Mullally.

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## Fethard Fake First Title as Thurles C.B.S. Still Tops

Patrician Brothers school in Fethard prevented Scoil Ailbhe Thurles from completing the grand slam for 1985 when they had a thrilling 1 point victory in the Under 13 football final. Despite that setback it was another very successful year for Thurles C.B.S. winning all the Cross Country titles in February, taking the Under 11 and Under 13 hurling titles in May and taking the Under 11 football title in November.

### Final results 1985

U 11 Hurling: Thurles C.B.S.

5-4; Nenagh C.B.S. 1-3.

U 13 Hurling:

Thurles C.B.S. 3-2;

Nenagh C.B.S. 1-3.

U 11 Football:

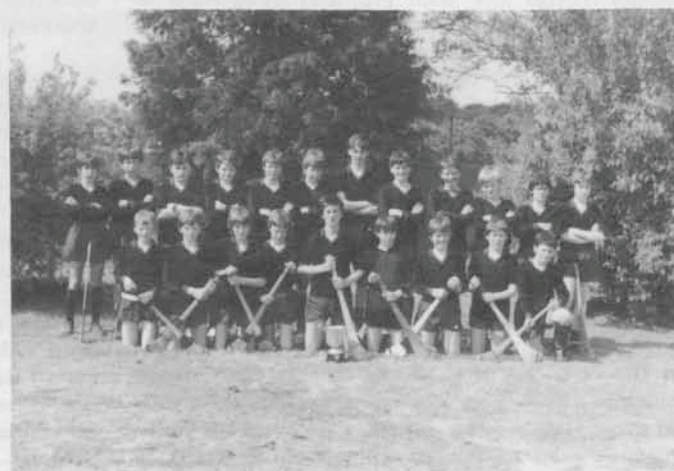
Thurles C.B.S. 4-3;

St Peter & Paul's Clonmel

1-0.

U 13 Football: Fethard 1-2;

Thurles C.B.S. 0-4.



### Successful Lineouts were:

Scoil Ailbhe u-11 H.:

D. Moore, N. Hanrahan, P. Purcell, C. Ryan, E. Enright, F. Doyle, T. Kennedy, D. Keher (captain), S. Ryan, M. Bowe, M. Larkin, D. Shanahan, F. Loughnane, D. Burke, K. Hennessy, G. Spain, R. O'Dowd.

U-13 H.: J. Cleary, J.

McCarthy, J. Callanan, J. Curry, T. Tierney, A. Claffey, A. Lynch, T. Coman captain, G. Collins, R. Delahunty, M. Murphy, P. Murphy, T. Lanigan, D. Fitzpatrick, L. Barrett.

U 11 F.: A Hassett, M.

Brennan, P. Murray, R. O'Dowd, M. Cleary, G. Spain, M. Lee, W. Fitzgerald captain, J. Campbell, G. Mernagh, E. Ryan, T. Larkin, M. Ryan, M. McCarthy, P. Broderick.

Fethard U 13 F.: D. O'Dwyer, D. Tobin, J. Hannigan captain, P. Blake, L. Treacy, M. Quinlan, J. O'Meara, E. Walsh, P. J. Ahearne, M. Conway, R. Ryan, E. Tynan, R. Broderick, John Neville, Luke Hackett, K. Hackett, Ray Cummins, S. Murray, A. O'Meara, W. Cuddihy.

## THURLES Rice Cup Winners 1985

by James O'Shea.

The Rice Cup (under 14) is run on a league basis and because of the large number of teams involved, it is one of the most exciting and testing schools' competitions.

This year Thurles C.B.S. won the Rice Cup after no less than six games. Nevertheless, they did not emerge at the top of their group, having been narrowly beaten by a strong Abbey C.B.S. team. But despite that setback, the Thurles team trained with greater determination and dedication and showed a will to win which is more often the exception than the rule among that age group. They disposed of Roscrea Templemore, Lismore and Kilkenny to

reach the final, ironically enough against the team that beat them in the opening stages, Abbey C.B.S.

That game was played in the new Holy Cross pitch and was one of the best seen in years, with a standard of hurling that could well be emulated by the more senior school teams. The

Abbey team was physically stronger, but overall appeared to lack the skill and balance of the Thurles lads, who on the day won well. Hopefully This Thurles C.B.S. group will form the nucleus of a good Harty team in a few years time.— Le Cúnamh Dé (agus na Traenáilthe).



BR RICE CUP WINNERS 1984

Back row: Noel O'Dwyer, Padraig Dundon, Tony Conan, David Fitzpatrick, Colm Harrington, John Ryan, Denis Macken, Seamus Quinn, Tommy Hayes  
Centre row: Graham O'Connor, Declan Hogan, Declan Ryan, Garry Purcell, Greg Rafter, Clive Hanrahan, Declan Long, Pat Morrissey, Sean Mullaney, Michael O'Sullivan  
Front row: Seamas Quinn, Liam Hennessy, Jimmy Doyle, Martin McElgunn, John McCarthy, Rory Delahunty, Rory Purcell.



**THURLES C.B.S. CANON FITZGERALD CUP WINNERS 1985**

*Back row: Tony O'Meara, Pat Minogue, Nicholas Mockler, Noel Sheehan, Bill Mullaney, Garry Loughnane, Paul Gooney.  
Centre row: Martin Power, Pat Slattery, M.P. Cullagh, Andy Bourke (capt), Ronan Keher, Pat Cahill, MI Bourke  
Front row: Bill Lanigan, Tom Ryan, Fionn Stakelum, Joe Loughnane, Kevin Ryan, Andy Ryan.*

# THURLES C.B.S. WIN FITZGERALD CUP

In the Harty Cup (1985) under eighteen, Thurles had a comfortable 3-7 to 1-6 win over Limerick C.B.S. In the next round against St Colman's Fermoy, they never struck their true form and were beaten by a few points. This was a very young team and ten of them were under seventeen and therefore eligible for the Canon Fitzgerald cup team.

In the first round they beat Borrisokane Vocational School, and then old rivals Templemore C.B.S. They met Roscrea C.B.S. in the final in Semple Stadium on 8th May. Tim Hennessy of Arravale Rovers was the referee. Final

score Thurles C.B.S. 5-9, Roscrea 2-5.

The Thurles boys gave an all-round polished performance to take the title for the fourth time. The "Tipperary Star" has this to say about the game, "Thurles won this game because they were slick, confident and above all direct, in their methods, and from the very start were on top of their game. It was a victory that hopefully puts the famed hurling nursery back on a pedestal again and indeed it cannot but do an amount of good for the morale of all concerned."

Scorers for Thurles C.B.S. were Paul Slattery (2-6), Pat Cahill (1-3), Andy Ryan and Ronan Keher (1-0) each.

The Thurles C.B.S. team were Kevin Ryan (gl) (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Fionn Stakelum (Durlas Og), Andy Bourke (Moycarkey-Borris) Capt., MI Bourke (Moycarkey-Borris), Tony O'Meara (Durlas Og), Billy Lanigan (Moycarkey-Borris), Martin Power (Moycarkey-Borris), Nicholas Mockler (Durlas Og), Bill Mullaney (Durlas Og), Garry Loughnane (Durlas Og), Noel Sheehan (Durlas Og), Pat Slattery (Holycross), Andy Ryan (Durlas Og), Ronan Keher (Durlas Og), Pat Cahill (Moycarkey-Borris).

Subs: Tom Ryan (Moycarkey-Borris), M.P. Cullagh (Ballycahill), Paul Gooney (Durlas Og), Pat Minogue (Durlas Og), Joe Loughnane (Durlas Og).



*Br Perkins*

by  
*Br J. Perkins*

1984-85

# TIPPERARY SCHOOLS IN HARTY CUP

There is no post-primary hurling competition that generates as much enthusiasm amongst participants as the prestigious Harty Cup. Since the inception of the famous competition in 1918 the trophy has come to Tipperary a mere eleven times. Yet when the (1984-85) competition commenced we had five participants from the Premier County and it is with regret I relate the trophy failed to come our way this year either.

The main contenders from the county at the outset appeared to be Thurles C.B.S. and Cashel C.B.S. The year previously Cashel C.B.S. had acquitted themselves with distinction against eventual winners Farranferris, Cork. When fate destined that both schools should again be paired together in round one a rousing encounter was anticipated but the Cashel boys failed to raise their game to previous year heights and were defeated by the Cork nursery, the score being 4-6 to 1-4.

Thurles C.B.S. with players of the calibre of Seamus O'Shea, Phil Cahill, Andy Rossiter and Pat Slattery had a very impressive first round win over Limerick C.B.S. and many followers had great hopes that the famous nursery could once again bring back the Cup to familiar surroundings. The opposition in round two was St Colman's Fermoy and this was one day that nothing went right for the Thurles boys and they were comprehensively beaten by 2-7 to 0-4. There was great disappointment in the Thurles camp following this defeat as one and all felt that they had not done justice to their ability.



by Sean O Costagain

Templemore C.B.S. having won the Kinnane Cup the previous year felt that with a little luck they could acquit themselves well in the competition and in some pre-Christmas practice games had showed a fair amount of promise. But by the time the

quarter-final showdown with De La Salle, Waterford took place four players were unable to line out, some having taken up employment and another player was prevented from playing because of illness. Considering the above setbacks Templemore gave a very good account of themselves and eventually were defeated by 2-8 to 0-7. A feature of the Templemore C.B.S. performance on that occasion was a brilliant display at centre back by James Cahill.

Roscrea C.B.S. first round opponents were the famed North Mon. and what a fright the "reds" gave the Cork boys. Roscrea were in front for most of the game and with M1 Nolan giving great inspiration to his teammates a historic victory was in prospect but a lucky goal and a last minute point deprived the Roscrea boys of what would have been a

memorable day. The eventually lost on a score of 2-9 to 2-8. It must have been some little consolation for Roscrea that North Mon went on to capture Harty Cup and All Ireland honours. Had lady luck smiled on the Roscrea boys on 6th February in Boherlahan we could be quite easily talking about Roscrea C.B.S. magestic year. With the wonderful enthusiasm of teachers and pupils from the Roscrea nursery a "big" victory could be just around the corner.

## Nenagh Brave Effort

The fifth school from Tipp that participated in the Harty was Nenagh C.B.S. and with players like Kirby, Burns, Gaynor and M1 Nolan on their panel a good run in the competition was anticipated. Martin Slattery and Vincent Kyne the team trainers, put their charges through a thorough preparation and had some fine practice games with Templemore C.B.S. and Kilkenny C.B.S. before their first outing against Colaiste Chriost Ri Cork. This game showed the North Tipp boys to be a team of above average ability and they emerged clearcut victors over the Cork City boys.

In the quarter-final Nenagh were opposed by a North Mon team that had got a rare fright from Roscrea C.B.S. and with the Nenagh teams preparation having been interrupted by flu they were comprehensively beaten by the "Mon".

So once again the Tipp schools while participating have failed to capture the famous "Harty". I suppose it is only fair to mention that all day schools are at a disadvantage nowadays with school buses taking the boys home at four o'clock most of the training and preparation must be done at lunch break and it is not often of sufficient duration to do a good training session. Well, whatever the situation we must continue to keep trying and perhaps in the not too distant future some Tipp school will again achieve victory in the prestige competition.

"Is é is luath is fearr"



All Stars, Nioclás English and Paddy Kelly, Limerick, on Abbey C.B.S. staff, receive presentations from Br Burke, Principal.

# Templemore C.B.S. retain Kinnane Cup

Having captured the Centenary Kinnane Cup Munster (u-16½) hurling there was not very high hopes within the school that they could retain the trophy in 1985. In the first round having had a few very worthwhile challenge games with St Colmans, Fermoy, and Kilkenny C.B.S., Templemore travelled to Tipperary Town to face the challenge of Ennis C.B.S. and they had a very easy victory over a poor Ennis team the score being 4-17 to 1-4.

In round two De La Salle

Hospital provided the opposition and again Templemore emerged clear winners by 6-11 to 2-5. The feature of this game was the brilliant display of Mí Ormond who scored 5-4 during the course of the game.

As the semi-final against Nenagh C.B.S. approached the Templemore boys were improving by leaps and bounds and in the best game of the competition they had a great victory over the North Tipp boys on the score 3-6 to 1-6.

In the first quarter of this game Nenagh were dominant

and but for a brilliant display at centre back by Seamus Bohane Nenagh's lead could easily have been greater than 1-3 to 0-1. Before half time Templemore crept back into the game and were but two points in arrears at half time. The second half belonged to Templemore and eventually they secured victory with outstanding contributions coming from Mí Ormond, Seamus Slattery, Conor Stakelum, Mí Ryan and Edmond Quinlan.

In the final Clonmel C.B.S. were our opponents

and but for an outstanding first eleven minutes during which the Templemore boys scored 3-1 the result could easily have gone in favour of the Clonmel boys. It was a great game of hurling with determination oozing out of both teams and with twenty minutes left to play Clonmel had clawed themselves back to within three points of the Templemore boys. At this stage a lucky break decided the issue when diminutive corner forward Seanie Everard having slipped his marker shot a great goal that sent the Cup back to Templemore C.B.S. for another year. The players who shone in this contest were Sean Slattery, John Gleeson, Mark Hoeter, Conor Stakelum, Edmond Quinlan, scorer of two goals and Mí Ormond.

Having retained the trophy the school Principal Br Scanlon decided that Mr Paddy Buggy, President of the G.A.A. should be requested to present the medals to the boys on the occasion of his visit to our school in April. The lucky recipients with their trainers and school principal is included in photo with Mr Buggy.



Templemore C.B.S.

Back row: Seamus Bourke, Sean O Costagain, M. Corcoran (Killea), Seamus Bohane (Castleeiney), Mark Hoeter (Templemore), Brendan Bane (Templemore), Brian Lawlor (Templemore), Edmond Quinlan (Upperchurch), John Gleeson (Drom), Mí Cahill (Templemore), Joe Kennedy (Templemore), Mí Ryan (Upperchurch), Eamon O'Dea (Templemore), Kieran Broderick (Killea), Brother McMahon.  
Front row: Liam Perkins (Upperchurch), Brian Larkin (Templemore), Sean Slattery (Upperchurch), Phillip Quinn (Drom), Richard Ryan (Upperchurch), Br Scanlon (Principal), Conor Stakelum (Borrisoleigh), capt., Paddy Buggy, Seanie Everard (Templemore), Anthony Shelly (Templemore), Mí Ormond (Templemore), Seamus Delaney (Templemore), Mark Buckley (Clonakenny).

## TIPPERARY POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

*by Tony Smith*

### Under 17 championship.

Twelve schools entered this competition. They were divided into four groups of three teams each:

#### Group 1.

Templemore C.B.S.

Nenagh C.B.S.

Mercy Convent, Newport.

#### Group 2.

Clonmel High School.

St Joseph's Cahir.

Presentation Convent, Ballingarry.

#### Group 3.

Rockwell College.

Cashel C.B.S.

Tipperary C.B.S.

#### Group 4.

Fethard C.B.S.

Carrick C.B.S.

Tipperary V.S.

Two teams from each group qualified for the quarter-finals. The results were as follows: Clonmel High School, Templemore C.B.S., Rockwell College and Cashel C.B.S. were successful against Nenagh C.B.S., St Joseph's Cahir, Carrick C.B.S. and Fethard C.B.S.

In the semi-finals Clonmel High School defeated Templemore C.B.S. and Cashel C.B.S. defeated Rockwell. In the final the High School were successful after a very good game of football.

The organising committee included Hugh Kennedy, chairman of the football board, Colm O'Flaherty, chairman of the schools committee and Tony Smith, secretary of the schools committee.



Scoil Ailbhe Under 11 Footballers who won the County Tipperary Schools Football League with their coach Br Fitzgerald.



Patrician Brothers, Fethard, Under 13 Football Champions

Back row—Eoin Tynan, Mr Dwyer (coach), Philip Blake, Liam Treacy, P. J. Aherne, Senan Murray, Ray Ryan, William Cuddihy, Riobard Broderick, Donny Tobin, Michael Conway, Br Raymond (Principal), Luke Hackett.

Front row—Ray Cummins, Kenny Hackett, Eugene Walsh, Michael Quinlan, Johnny Hannigan (capt), Johnny Nevelle, Derry O'Dwyer, Anthony O'Meara, Jimmy O'Meara.

# 1985 — ANOTHER GOOD YEAR FOR *Patrician Brothers* *Fethard*

by Denis Burke  
Team Trainer

1985 proved to be another very good year for Gaelic Football in Patrician Brothers School Fethard. Our under 18 team retained the Munster title u-18c and the under 14s won the Tipp title for the first time.

The senior team had three games in Limerick before Christmas and beat Kilrush, Lisdoonvarna and Ballybunion to book a semi-final place against Dungarvan in Clogheen in February. In this game our defense was dominant with Chris Coen and Liam Cronin in terrific form and our forwards scored some very nice points to put us into the final against old rivals Killorglin from Kerry. If ever a team suffered setbacks before a game then we did before this one. County minor star Brian Burke was lost with a leg injury; key forward James Ryan (Drangan) was ill in hospital and forwards Eddie Casey and Joe Walshe (Killenaule) carried neck injuries into the final. In the event a rousing dressing room speech from the injured Brian Burke sent the team onto the Charleville pitch in very determined mood. The Kerry boys with first use of the stormy wind forced the pace but our defence again held firm and a half time lead of only 2 points was a good position for us. However it took all of twelve minutes to wipe out the lead, ten minutes more to build a two point advantage and the last eight in desperate defence. Killorglins wild shooting however helped us and the final whistle brought welcome relief. Every player on the team had given 100% but Liam Cronin (Moyle Rovers), Chris Coen (Fethard) and Willie O'Meara (Fethard) were most prominent on the day.

Team: Liam O'Dwyer (Moyglass), Colm Kehoe (Fethard),

Paul Hayes (Fethard), Liam Cronin (Moyle Rovers), Willie Casey (Moyle Rovers), Chris Coen (Fethard), Eddie Sheehan (Fethard), Joe Walshe (Killenaule), Fergus McCormack (Fethard), Liam Ryan, Willie O'Meara, Ger Murphy, Johnny Connolly (all Fethard), Eddie Casey (Moyle Rovers), Justin Maher (Moyle Rovers).

The under 14 Tipperary championship was played as an 11-a-side blitz in Rockwell in May. Two challenge games before the day put us in good shape and wins over Nenagh, Tipperary and Cahir put us into the semi-final against Carrick CBS. We could be said to be fortunate to win this game because Carrick never hit their true form and

perhaps were tired after coming through a tougher morning session. We managed however to squeak through to a final meeting with a very fancied Rockwell team now red hot favourites in their own ground. However a few early scores seemed to make us confident and while Rockwell pulled level in the second half a long solo burst from Christy Looby and a resultant goal from Evan Colville was the turning point in our favour. Our two "big men" Dermot Kane and Miceal Broderick played their hearts out and the skill of St Patricks player Michael Cranitch in the backs made him surely our man of the match.

The victory of this team

gives us some hope for the future and now that such great school players as Brian Burke, Willie O'Meara, John O'Connor, Colm Kehoe, Liam O'Dwyer and the Hacketts (John and Dermot) are left school we can only hope that the new players will aspire to be as good as those. In any case Gaelic football is alive and flourishing in the school. Long may it remain so. In conclusion the school would like to thank all the clubs, Moyle Rovers, St Patricks and Fethard who so generously sponsored the final last year and whose help is always readily given and sincerely appreciated.

U-14 team: Robert O'Dowd, Kevin Coffey, Michael Cranitch, Miceal Broderick, Tommy O'Brien, Dermot Kane, Dermot Quinn (Cloneen), Alan Colville, Christy Looby, Paddy Ryan, Evan Colville, Paul Barrett, Hugh O'Donnell, Michael Neville, Michael Spillane.



**Fethard U-18 Football Team.**

Back row: J. Noonan, E. Casey, J. Maher E. Sheehan, B. Burke, L. O'Dwyer, P. Hayes, C. Keogh, M. Brett, J. Ryan, P. Broderick, W. O'Meara, D. Kane, D. Burke, (Trainer).  
Front row: D. Hogan, J. Walsh, L. Cronin, W. Casey, F. McCormack, C. Coen (capt), G. Murphy, J. Connolly, C. O'Dwyer, G. Horan.



**Fethard U-14 Football Team.**

Back row: D. Quinn, C. Looby, P. Ryan, K. Coffey, R. O'Dowd, T. O'Brien, M. Crannitch, D. Kane, D. Burke (Trainer).  
Front row: M. Neville, A. Colville, M. Spillane, M. Broderick, E. Colville, P. Barrett, E. Houlihan.

# Tipperary County Champion- ship Results 1985

## Munster Club Championship

### Hurling:

Kilruane MacDonagh 1-18

Tallow (Waterford) 1-17

Kilruane MacDonagh 1-8

Blackrock 1-8 (draw)

### Replay

Kilruane MacDonagh 0-12

Blackrock 0-6

### Football:

Arravale Rovers 0-3

St Finbarr's, Cork 2-11



## McCarthy Cup comes to Thurles

John Gaynor, Drish, Thurles and Garda Joachim Kelly, the Offaly hurler, with the Sean McCarthy All-Ireland senior hurling cup, pictured at Thurles Swimming Pool when they took part in a life-saving display in connection with "Water Awareness Week".

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## Senior Hurling.

### Quarter Finals

Cappawhite 4-8

Swans 3-9

Kilruane 2-10

Roscrea 2-11

St Mary's 2-12

Cashel 0-10

Sarsfields 2-3

Holycross-Ballycahill 1-10

### Semi-Finals

Kilruane 2-8

Roscrea 4-17

Cappawhite 2-2

Swan 2-8

### Co. Final

Kilruane 2-11

Roscrea 0-10

## Senior Football

### Quarter Finals

Arravale Rovers 2-7

Galtee Rovers 2-8

Loughmore-Castleiney 2-15

Templemore 1-12

Fethard 1-7

Commercials 1-7

Wolfe Tones 0-8

Kilruane 2-2

### Co. Semi-Finals

Loughmore-Castleiney 1-7

Arravale Rovers 4-9

Galtee Rovers 1-4

Templemore 1-2

### Co. Final (draw) (replay)

Arravale Rovers 0-8

Arravale Rovers 1-5

Loughmore-Castleiney 1-5

Loughmore-Castleiney 1-3

## Minor Hurling.

### Co. Semi-Final

(draw)

St Mary's 1-7

(replay)

St Mary's 2-16

Sarsfields 2-15

Clonoulty-Rossmore 0-10

Clonoulty-Rossmore 2-7

Toomevara 1-8

### Co. Final

Sarsfields 2-10

St Mary's 1-7

## Junior Hurling.

### Co. Semi-Finals

Kilruane 4-7

Cappawhite 3-3

Fennelly 3-6

Mullinahone 1-7

### Co. Final

Kilruane 4-12

Cappawhite 1-2

## U-21 Hurling.

### Co. Semi-Finals

Clonoulty-Rossmore 2-12

Toomevara 0-15

St Mary's 0-9

Moyne-Gortnahoe 3-2

### Co. Final

Toomevara 2-14

Clonoulty-Rossmore 1-14

## Minor Football.

### Co. Semi-Finals

Templemore 1-12

Fethard 1-9

Innane Rovers 0-3

Golden-Kilfeacle 0-5

### Co. Final

Fethard 3-10

Templemore 3-1

## Minor 'B' Hurling.

### Co. Semi-Final

Borrisoleigh 1-6

Galtee Rovers 4-6

Boherlahan 0-5

Slievenamon 2-4

### Co. Final

Borrisoleigh 4-8

Galtee Rovers 3-4

## Intermediate Hurling.

### Co. Semi-Final

Moycarkey-Borris 1-9

Killenaule 1-7

Shannon Rovers 1-6

Emly 0-7

### Co. Final

Moycarkey-Borris 2-6

Killenaule 1-7

## Minor 'B' Football.

### Co. Semi-Final

Davins 4-6

Loughmore-Castleiney 2-5

Cappawhite 0-3

Burgess 0-5

### Co. Final

Loughmore-Castleiney 1-0 v

Davins 1-6

## Intermediate Football.

### Co. Semi-Finals

Newport 2-5

Swans 1-7

Moycarkey-Borris 1-7

Knockavilla-Donaskeigh 1-3

### Co. Final

Newport 1-5

Carrick Swans 1-3

## Junior Football.

### Co. Semi-Final

Clonoulty-Rossmore 1-7

Eire Og (Nenagh) 1-12

Ballyporeen 0-3

Sarsfields 0-4

### Co. Final

Clonoulty-Rossmore 0-8

Eire Og 0-4

## U-21 Football.

### Co. Semi-Finals

Lattin-Emly 3-2

Newport 2-5

St Augustine's 0-8

Holycross-Ballycahill 1-6

### Co. Final

Lattin-Emly 3-9 v

Newport 0-1

# OBITUARIES



**MICK RYAN (Fox)**

Another great Tipperary Gael passed away this year in the person of Mick Ryan (Fox) of Ballogh. Mick Fox, as he was commonly known, was an active man for all of his 86 years. He was one of Clonoulty's greatest gaelers and helped them win their first three West Senior Hurling honours 1930, '31, '32. He also played for Tipperary when they won the triple crown in 1930. As well as a player he was a very active club member and was on the committee that acquired the present G.A.A. grounds in 1936 at Clonoulty. This achievement was one of his greatest joys. The wonderful attendance at his funeral bore testimony to the high esteem in which Mick was held.



**BILL HAYES**

In his 52nd year as Registrar of the West Tipp G.A.A. Board Bill Hayes died in July 1985. At his graveside in St Patrick's cemetery on July 18th last, Michael Frawley, trustee of the G.A.A., paid this parting tribute to one of the division's most loved personalities.

Ar an ócáid bhrónach seo tá sé mar dhualgas orm cúpla focal a rá i dtaobh Liam O h-Aodha atá curtha againn anseo. Chaith sé fúmhóir a shaol ag obair ar son Cumann Lúthchleas Gael mar Cláráitheoir Coiste Thiobraid Arann Thiar. Sa phost sin d'obair sé go macánta, díograiseach agus bhí meas mór ag gach duine air dá bharr.

Before we leave this greavside where we have just laid to rest the mortal remains of Bill Hayes, it is only fitting that we would pay our tribute to a true and trusted friend and a loyal and staunch colleague.

Eighty years ago on the 20th May last Bill Hayes was born in Emmet St Tipperary town. Since his place of birth bore the name of one of our country's best remembered heroes, it is understandable that Emmet's idealism did in a very significant way influence his outlook in later life.

His early boyhood and formative years were spent under the shadows of the Slieve Phelim hills and around Hollyford's scenic countryside. Here he learned all about the area's historic associations. In particular the hardships endured in bygone days around the penal Mass Rock overlooking Kilcommon village. All of this imbued in him a love of country which he proudly and unashamedly retained to his dying day. This upbringing also helped to cultivate in Bill Hayes many of the traits which made him such a likeable and distinguished character.

Of him it can be said he was a superb mixture of strength, tenderness and purposefulness all tempered with a downright mixture of devilment and fun. Growing up in times that were both turbulent and hard Bill's fate like that of most young men and women of the time was the emigrant ship. It is said of him that his first sightings of the Statue of Liberty were none too appealing. There and then he vowed that his bones would never rest in American soil.

True to his promise he returned to his homeland with the all-conquering Tipperary 'Triple crown' team of 1930. December 1931 saw him attend his first meeting of the then infant West Tipp Board. Three years later he was appointed the Board's second registrar in succession to C. F. McCarthy. Until his death he had given fifty one years of unbroken service to the cause which he so deeply cherished.

It was typical of the man's dedication to the association that he attended a recent meeting of the Board although obviously in failing health.

During the 'Emergency' in World War Two he served as a section commander with the L.D.F. and later in the rank of Lieutenant with the F.C.A.

Bill Hayes's passing marks the end of an era. His sense of love of country and all things Irish has earned for him deserved recognition as one of Tipperary's faithful and favourite sons. What better epitaph is needed.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anan.

## PHILIP O'HALLORAN

On Monday 23rd Sept. 1985 the evening after the All Ireland Football Final, Philip O'Halloran was discussing the aftermath of the Big Match with his friends in Kilsheelan Village when he suddenly collapsed, and despite



*Philip O'Halloran*

the best efforts of his companions to revive him, he passed to his eternal reward at the early age of forty four years. His sudden death cast a great gloom over the whole area.

Philip O'Halloran, (Philly) as he was known to all his friends gave a lifetime to the Kilsheelan G.A.A. club both as a player and administrator. His playing career commenced at under age levels in 1954 at both hurling and football. Showing determination and skill he caught the eye of the county selectors when he represented Tipperary in the Vocational Schools Hurling Championship in 1958. Philly had the honour of representing Tipperary in Junior Hurling during 1966 and also figured on the County Junior Football team during 1970. It was at club level where Philly really excelled and he had the honour of winning a number of South Tipperary Junior Hurling and Intermediate Hurling Championships during the late sixties and early seventies. At football he was a fast and skillful forward and no one will forget the last minute point which he scored from an acute angle when beating Ardara in the County Senior Football Championship final of 1968. Our first County Senior Football Championship in 35 years. Philly also played a major part in our South Senior Football victory of 1970 and also the County Senior Football Championship Final of 1972.

Despite breaking his leg in 1973 he continued to play with the club up to 1977 and great credit must be due to him for lining out in September 1984 with the 1968 Senior Football team to mark the Centenary Celebrations of the Club, when they played the 1984 Senior Football team.

To his wife Mary, sons Mark and Senan, daughter Aine, sister Teresa, brothers Patsy, Noel and Johnny we offer our deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Philly O'Halloran's activities were not confined solely to the G.A.A. scene and there was nothing better he liked than to travel the length and breadth of South Tipperary looking for a good game of 25 or 45. During these outings he made many new friends especially in the areas of Clonmel, Lisronagh, Ardara, Clogheen, Newcastle, Kilcash and Ballyneale.

Clogheen, Newcastle, Kilcash and Ballyneale.

Philly was also a life-member of the Kilsheelan branch of the P.T.A.A. and was President of this branch at the time of his unexpected death.

Philly O'Halloran was a wonderful family man and had great time for all the children of the area. His job during the last couple of years kept him in close contact with these children as he drove them to and from school each day. His sudden departure from this life caused widespread grief among the schoolchildren and it was a fitting tribute to Philly that they should form a guard of honour as his remains were carried into Kilsheelan Church on the night of the funeral.

We would like to think that Philly's memory and influence will long live on in the high ideals he set for all of us in Kilsheelan.



**WILLIE BOLAND**

The death of Willie Boland will be deeply mourned by GAA officials and followers not alone in South Tipperary but all over the county and, indeed far beyond.

In his younger days he was a notable hurler himself and won a South Tipperary Senior Hurling medal with Moyglass in the 1930s and was also honoured by the county at a time when this was a singular achievement.

It was in his role as photographer, however, that he became best known. He was there for all the big games and particularly relished Tipperary's spectacular string of victories in the 1960s. No distance was too far for him to travel to where a county team in either hurling or football was in action and he superbly captured on film many historic moments in Tipperary's GAA history.

Last year he followed the fortunes of Tipperary minor footballers from the time they beat Cork in Clonmel until their appearance in the All Ireland final on the third Sunday in September. This was history repeating itself as far as Willie was concerned for he did the same thirty years before when his son, Liam, captained the Tipperary team which reached the final of the same competition in 1955.

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But Willie was a true sportsman at heart and he took just as much enjoyment in attending much less glamorous games. His was a most familiar face at every venue in the county wherever a ball was being kicked or a sliothar pucked. They were all the same to him, junior, juvenile, minor or senior games from the first rounds to the final. His knowledge of the games and the enjoyment he took from them was reflected in the often superb photographs which he produced. Many of them have become milestones in the history of the games he loved so well.

We extend sincere sympathy to his wife and family.

His passing leaves a void amongst his huge circle of friends that will never be filled.



**JOHN FLEMING**

Tradition has it that a dark cloud has hung over Clonmel ever since the hanging of Father Sheehy. On a Sunday in June, however, we left Clonmel in bright sunshine and arrived in Father Sheehy's beloved Clogheen to find dark clouds gathered over the Knockmealdowns and a quiet almost sombre atmosphere in the pleasant village that usually teems with life.

In common with a few thousand others we had come to Clogheen to pay our last respects to John Fleming whose untimely death cast a deep sadness over a wide area and somehow it seemed appropriate that the bright sunshine had given way to a dull and cloudy scene that matched the mood of the village.

As mourners filed into the splendid Clogheen parish church the sight of the coffin wrapped in the blue and gold of John's beloved Tipperary and bearing the number six jersey in the clear colours of the Father Sheehy's club drew many a tear and memories came flooding back.

The Tipperary flag brought to memory the days when John wore the blue and gold with pride and distinction. A long-serving member of the county football team, his dedication and spirit knew no bounds and the tremendous turnout of his former team mates at the removal of his remains and funeral provided fitting testimony to the esteem in which he was held.

His club jersey was a poignant reminder of the immense contribution which he made down the years at club level. A pillar of the old Burncourt/Clogheen team with which he won county junior football championship honours in 1960, John was instrumental in the founding of Father Sheehy's, initially as a junior hurling club in 1958. He played numerous roles in the progress of Father Sheehy's and was a guiding light behind the purchase and development of the splendid Father Sheehy Park. In recent times failing health did not deflect him from his enthusiasm and interest in the club and he served as a selector up to the time of his death. Indeed, the club's centenary year success in the county intermediate football championship and the graduation to senior ranks this year was a matter of great pride to John whose role as a mentor and motivator played no small part in that historic victory. His passing has left in the club, a void that will never be filled.

As the club members formed an impressive guard of honour for the cortege as it wound its way to John's final resting place in Shanrahan Cemetery, we recalled other aspects of the magnificent contribution made by John Fleming to GAA affairs in the county. It was inevitable that his talents should manifest themselves in the boardroom and he was first elected to represent the South division at county board in 1976. He was vice-chairman of the South Board from 1971 to 1979 and he was elected to succeed Mick McCarthy as chairman in 1979. John went on to serve the full three year term and in spite of the constraints imposed on him by failing health, he adorned the position and won the admiration and respect of all.

Given his deep commitment to the association it was entirely in character that John should offer his services as a referee at an early stage of his career and he won wide acclaim for his impartial and sympathetic handling of many important games.

The heartfelt sympathy of all Gaels is extended to his loving wife Mary, children Siobhan, Aileen, Michael, Orla, Liam and Sean, his brother, his sisters and other relatives.

Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh a anam dilis.

## DENIS NOONAN

On Friday 13th Sept. Denis Noonan Clonmore passed to his eternal reward after a short illness. He had a tremendous love for Gaelic games and his life was one of total dedication to the GAA. He became involved with his club in West Tipperary at an early age and in 1950 he helped Aherlow



*Denis Noonan*

win the West J.F. defeating Rockwell Rovers in the final. Two years later, while playing at center forward his club again won the West J.F. final by defeating Emly but were beaten by Cahir in the County final. In 1953 he played in the West senior football final when Aherlow amalgamated with Emly to form a senior team. For numerous years he had been an officer in the club.

In 1964 he moved to Clonmore and it was evident he was going to take a keen interest and play a major role in the running of the club. He played J.H. and J.F. and was one of the main men to reorganise the club in 1969 after it had failed to affiliate with any team the previous three years and he was secretary of the club that year. He was very much involved with the juvenile club and during this time the club contested mid U-17 H and U-17 F finals before winning the mid U-17 F final in 1971. He was a member of the junior hurling team that won the mid title after a lapse of 38 years. This year he was selector and also a selector on the county J.H. team beaten by Wexford in the All Ireland final. During his illness he took a keen interest in the affairs of the club and would freely talk about the games he so dearly loved. The GAA has lost a loyal comrade.

May he rest in peace.



## NICKY O'SHEA

On the 15th of August the blue and white draped coffin containing the mortal remains of Nicky O'Shea was borne to Killusty Church. Nicky was home! What an appropriate day for a man whose devotion to that feast knew no bounds. Every year on that feast of the Assumption, Nicky had come to

Killusty, at the foot of Slievenamon, to lead pilgrims on the climb to the Holy Year Cross. Now they had come to bid farewell to this most Christian man.

The greatest love in Nicky's life, after his faith, was Fethard football and, particularly, its juvenile side. As a young man, Nicky had played the game but his service later in life had consisted mainly in his work at committee level and in the management of under-age teams. Parents could not have had their children in more caring hands. Often the rewards, in terms of winning, were slight but Nicky's rewards were measured in services rendered. Then the glory years came. Under his guidance, great young players and teams brought back a wealth of trophies to Fethard and Killusty. In 1982, at Gormanston, in the Og Sport Gael competition, Fethard beat the best in the country to become Og Sport All-Ireland champions. That was a victory for Nicky to savour.

In 1984, Nicky was in Kilsheelan to see Fethard seniors a team which included many of the players he had supervised through juvenile grades, win the Co. Championship. With one accord, the team carried the cup to the sideline where Nicky sat and 'Slievenamon' was lustily rendered.

And now he is gone to his eternal reward. We, who knew and admired him, could imagine him organising a chorus of his favourite songs when, after many years of waiting, Fethard minors finally won the Co. Championship this year. At mid-field was his nephew, Chris Coen.

His family has lost a loved member; his community a christian man and his club a tireless worker.

"Lives of good men all remind us We can make our lives sublime, And departing leave behind us Footprints on the sands of time"

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam naofa.

D.O.C.



## PADDY MULLINS

It was with a sense of real regret that we learned of the sad and unexpected death of Paddy Mullins, former loyal, committed and dedicated club official, and

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supporter extraordinary of the searers of the green and gold.

Paddy Mullins was a Clonmelman born sixty-nine years ago and reared in the famous Old Bridge area of the town. It was priceless to hear him speak of this historic area and he had an in-depth knowledge and recollection of its people and their families.

Paddy moved from the Old Bridge and became involved in our club shortly after its inception. He represented the club in many official capacities with honour and distinction and played a leading role in fashioning many of our victories. He always possessed a fanatical appetite to see Commercials reign supreme above all other clubs in the county and was always at his brilliant best when they succeeded in the after-match inquest. It was a very proud moment for him when his son, Jimmy who predeceased him by a couple of years, wore the green and gold of the club culminating in the winning of a county senior medal in 1956.

It is at juvenile level that Paddy will always be remembered with pride for his unstinting loyalty and devotion to the youth of our club and town. He was at his best and happiest when working with the young lads, introducing them to Gaelic games, by coaching and training and looking after their needs by the maintenance of jerseys, and footballs and boots with care and affection. Our club saw it fitting to honour him in this respect by forming a guard of honour of juveniles in club colours as his remains, draped in the club flag, were carried shoulder-high from the church by club officials on its journey to its last resting place. There was also a guard of honour of players, officials and supporters at each side of the cortege as it passed through the town.

It was a sad occasion for all of us, but we were proud to honour a man that had done so much for our club and town. He is a big loss to us and virtually irreplaceable. It is our fervent hope that the great work that Paddy did quietly and very often behind the scenes, will act as an inspiration to former players and anybody interested in joining the club, to help ease the workload of the few, thereby ensuring the continuation of the fabulous record and success story of the wearers of the green and gold.

We tender sincere sympathy to his beloved wife, Moira, to his daughter, Ann and son Tony and relatives on their tragic loss.

Go ndeana Dia trocaire ar a anam.

—“Green and Gold”



**JACK HARRIS**

The passing of Jack Harris, early this year, brought great sadness and nostalgia to lovers of hurling in the county.

Jack first came to prominence by his outstanding performances with Thurles C.B.S. in the Munster colleges, Dean Ryan and Dr Harty Cup competitions, in the early 1940's.

While a student at U.C.C., he had the unique distinction of winning both Sigerson and Fitzgibbon Cup medals in 1947.

Whenever people recall the brilliant county minor team of 1945, they are bound to mention the wing forwards, Paddy Kenny and Jack Harris. Jack had skill to his fingertips, brilliant ball-play and deft control, a compact bundle of energy, he was a 'thorn in the side' of many a backline.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved.



**GERARD McENTEE**

The death occurred on 14th November of Gerard McEntee, Thurles after a short illness.

Gerry as he was affectionately known to all Tipperary gaeldom was a native of Ballinamore, Co Leitrim.

He came to Thurles in the mid forties and immediately joined the Sarsfields club. Football was his greatest interest and he played a very active part in its promotion, on and off the field, up to his death.

He was a member of the committee which steered Sarsfields to their first senior mid football title in 1952, eventually beaten by Galtee Rovers in the Co. semi-final replay.

He was also involved in the formation of The Crokes Club culminating in a senior foot-

ball championship Co. title in 1960. He represented Sarsfields and mid Tipperary on the Co. board and at the mid convention 1985, he was appointed treasurer of that body, a post he cherished highly.

Gerry was a lover of all things Irish, a man of exceptional character, loved by all who knew him, his passing has left a void in our ranks impossible to fill.

His funeral to St Patrick's Cemetery was indicative of his popularity in his adopted county and as he was laid to rest beside his life true colleague, Larry Moloughney R.I.P. I thought of the many outings together, the sing song, the stories, which usually were rounded off with renderings of Slievenamon and Lovely Leitrim.

To his sister, brothers, nieces, nephews and many friends, the gael of Tipperary offer a very sincere sympathy.

Ar dheis de go raibh a anam.

T. O B.



**MICHEAL MAC CARTHAIGH**

Is bocht agus is trua an scéal é ár gcara Mícheál Mac Cárthaigh a bheith imithe ar shlí na fírinne. Ghlaoigh Dia chuige féin é maidin Dé Domhnaigh, 28 Aibreán, 1985.

Bhí Dia flaithiúil, thar cuimse nuair a chruthaigh sé Mícheál. Thug sé na tréithe go fairsing dó agus shaothrigh Michael na tréithe sin le neart oibre ar mhaithe leis féin agus ar son leasa na tíre.

Uasal den chéad scoth ab ea Mícheál. Fear ard, stuama, cneasta, léannta agus umhal i gcroí ab ea é. Bhí ard-mheas ar gach rud Gaelach aige, an ceol, na cluichí, na rinncí, an stair agus thar gach ní eile an Ghaeilge féin. Is maith a bhí sé tuille aige nuair a toghadh é ina Uachtarán ar Chonnradh na Gaeilge sa bhliain 1959.

Bhí spéis faoi leith aige i ngach rud a bhain le Contae Thiobraid Árann agus is beag duine a fheadadh é a shárú ar stair an chontae.

Tá breis agus fiche bliain ann ó chéad chuir mé aithne mhaith air agus le méadú aithne tháinig méadú measa. Ag cruinnithe is beag a bhíodh ciall leis an

mbeagán agus is minic a glacadh lena chomhairle.

Is féidir a rá go cinnte go raibh sé i measc na bhfear is fearr a thuig cad is tír-ghrá ann agus a chuir an creideamh sin i bhfeidhim.

Bhí ard-mheas aige ar an gCreideamh, ar an Aifreann agus ar an gcléir. Níor chuala mé riamh é ag lochtú duine ar bith. Ní raibh an focal cáinte ná an focal searbh riamh ina bhéal. Naomh ab ea Mícheál.

Tá sé imithe uainn anois agus tá folús in ár saol ach is mo an bearna a bheidh i saol a pharóiste féin a ghraigh sé thar áit ar bith eile — Cnoc a'Bhile agus Dún na Sciath. Is trua nach bhfaca sé i gcló an stair den pharóiste a bhí á scríobh aige ach táim cinnte go bhfoilsoidh a cháirde go tapaigh anois é. Sin é an leacht cuimhne is fearr a árdú dó.

I measc naomh na hEireann go raibh Mícheál Mac Cárthaigh.

L. O. C.



**PADDY KENNY**

The burly figure and the capable, sharp debating voice of Paddy Kenny were well-known at Tipperary conventions for a good forty years or more. His other most prominent role was as a county hurling selector, he served with Paddy Leahy as one of those who chose the breakthrough team of 1958. He also helped with some All-Ireland winning minor teams. Paddy in his prime was an excellent footballer and represented the county on numerous occasions and was a member of the Tipperary Senior team that sensationally defeated Kerry in the 1928 championship.

His career in the council room began quite spectacularly with the 'Cooney Case' of 1938. Paddy, as a fellow Carrick man with Jimmy Cooney, had a special interest in the much-publicised issue of Clare's objection. Kenny represented Tipperary in the central council's debates on the matter, which ended badly, with Tipperary out of the championship, that later went to Dublin over Waterford. Paddy, always nicknamed 'Waxey', was a perennial

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south member of Co. Board and was always willing to put his views quite trenchantly.

His later years were brightened by the prominence of Carrick-Davins, double Tipperary title winners, who had Mick Roche as their most glamorous personality. Paddy's son Brian was their sound full-back, while Seamus was a useful forward. We extend sympathy to the bereaved.



## MICHAEL BUTLER

On Friday morning 22nd November, the sad news filtered through the parish of Inch, that Micheal Butler was dead. The news sent shock waves through the parish and we all found it difficult to come to grips with the fact that the news was true.

Michael was one of those kind and gentle people that any parish would be proud of. He was a loving husband, a devoted family man and above all lived an exemplary christian life. The Missle was part and parcel of Michael and never was he seen to attend Mass without it, his devotion to Mass and his religious duties would put all of us to shame.

Michael was one of a family of six boys and three girls and was one of the six Butler brothers that helped, in a big way, to bring a junior Co title to Drom-Inch in 1973. Michael may not be as well known as his brothers Eamon, Seamus, Paudie and Tommy, all of whom wore the county colours with distinction, but at club level, he was among the best ever to wear the Drom-Inch jersey.

Michael Butler set very high standards for himself and he expected high standards from his associates and would not accept unfair criticism of anyone or anything from anybody. When we look back on Michael's life, we should feel privileged to have known him and to have been associated with him and so we feel all the more grief, that he should have been taken from us at the young age of thirty six.

To his loving wife, Cathy, his dear mother, brothers and sisters and a host of friends, we offer our deepest and sincerest sympathy and pray that God will give them the strength to bear their heavy cross with resignation.

May he rest in peace.

T.E.

## DAN GLEESON

On Friday, 9th March 1984 we heard the sad news that Dan Gleeson had died after a short illness. His death was a great shock to all his friends. Dan was a great organizer and leader. He was the main organizer of that meeting that started the building of the Kenyon Community Centre. His contribution to this parish, both on and off the field, is now history. He was a man of craft and motivation and will probably be best remembered for his part in the great Templederry victories of the seventies. He was a member of the Tipperary Co. Board for several years and also held the position of Chairman of the Templederry Club for over twenty years. Dan was a great character, who made friends wherever he went. As a young man he came to live in Templederry, and the great turn out of neighbours at his funeral bore ample proof of the high regard in which he was held in this parish of his adoption.

The oration at the graveside by his great friend Liam Maher will never be forgotten.

To honour his contribution to the club and to commemorate his memory the Templederry club presented "The Dan Gleeson Trophy" to the North Tipperary Board. This trophy is played for by junior clubs in the Division and though Dan cannot be present at these matches I am sure he is watching with interest from on high.

He is a great loss to his family. Templederry have lost a capable administrator and a great believer of the Association.

Go ndeanaigh Dia trochaire ar a anam.

## THOMAS O'KEEFFE

Nobody could have had better hurling breeding than the aimable Thomas, as he was always called, he was son of the great Jim O'Keeffe, Horse and Jockey. Jim was one of the original first-generation Fitzpatrick's, who gave hurling its earliest crop of great names.

Winner of three All-Irelands ('98 with Tubberadora, '99 with Moycarkey, 1900 with Moycarkey Borris) he was still to be seen cycling briskly into Thurles up to his last years. Thomas' own personal great deed is easily isolated. Though not a regular on the 1945 team, he played against Limerick and Antrim, his goal against Mackey's team in the Munster final set Tipperary, on the road to victory. It came right from the throw-in. In those days only the backs went back, to await the incoming forwards as these reacted to the throw-in O'Keeffe was on his way towards the Killinan goal, when the ball followed him. It hopped nicely, a foot off the grass and Thomas whipped it to the net. For the All-

Ireland, full-forward was assigned to Anthony Brennan.

In his schooldays, O'Keeffe was a Thurles C.B.S. Harty player. He was on his parish team for the winning of the 1937 Tipperary title treble and played intermittently afterwards, oddly, he was not on the 1943 team that lost sensationally to Eire Og-Anacarty. It was his display against Ger Cornally of Sarsfields at Gaile in the 1944 mid final, that brought him to the notice of the selectors for the following year. A placid and easy-going personality, Thomas is sadly missed round 'the Jockey'.

## DINNY HEALY

The family name automatically brings up a place and a sport, Coolcroo and running. Dinny was one of six brothers, who all made a fine impact on athletics in the 30's and 40's; and some of them, Paul, Tom and Dinny, were excellent hurlers as well.

Dinny came on at centre-forward on the team that took the third of the three successive Tipperary championships of 1932 '34, he played on the wing against Sarsfields in the Mid final. His brother Paul, who died tragically in a road accident only a few years ago, was on the 1937 team. Tom, an Irish champion at a mile and half mile, hurled on several teams in the early 40's. Dinny was a cross-country champion.



## MICK MAXWELL

All Yearbook material for the present issue was with the printers when on Friday 29th November the word spread that Mick Maxwell, Gooldscross, was dead. The news was as chilling as it was unexpected coming, as it did, just a few short months after Mick's many friends had gathered to sympathise and pay respects on the passing of his wife, Ethel. The Grim Reaper had left the Maxwell family parentless and the '86 Yearbook would be incomplete without some words of appreciation.

Just a few weeks before his untimely death Mick, in his double role as West and County Secretary of Bord na nOg, had produced his '85 reviews for this present Yearbook. The word had been passed to him on a Sunday and true to form on the following Wednesday the 'phone rang for Mick to say that all was ready and waiting to be collected. The West

review was something he had been doing for a number of years but the county version was new because '85 was his first year as county secretary.

Although in Gooldscross for the past twenty two years Mick had lived in quite a few places in his sixty four years of life. He was a native of Kildare, spent his early years in Shinrone, Co. Offaly, and worked with C.I.E. in Roscrea and Horse and Jockey before taking over as Station Master at Gooldscross. It's strange how such details only emerge when a man, whom we have known as a friend for so many years, has passed on.

The G.A.A. was very much in Mick's blood. Few people knew that the famed Wedger Meagher of Toomevara Greyhound fame was Mick's uncle. Many however will remember his son, P.J., bursting from full back with some rousing clearances at a crucial stage in the second half of the All Ireland minor hurling final against Kilkenny in 1976— that was the win which broke a losing sequence going back to 1959 and which started the present underage success of the county. Later P.J. was to captain Eire Og, Nenagh to an u-21 county title.

Mick guarded the finances of the West Tipp senior board from 1980-83 and served on county Board. However I think juveniles held a special attraction for him. The Clonoulty/Rossmore club have special reason to be grateful to him for the work he did at juvenile level which is now paying off in higher grades.

Since becoming involved with the West Tip Board in 1980 I have always rated Mick Maxwell as a friend and one with many endearing qualities. He was a man of strong views— always regretting the dropping of the 'foreign games' ban in 1971 and having little time for modern 'coaching'— but whether you agreed or disagreed with him you couldn't deny that the views were held with sincerity and conviction. I will always remember with appreciation the friendliness and hospitality received from both Mick and Ethel— whether you rang or called to the house you were fussed-over until your needs were met.

Mick's devotion to the association was complete and never sought any reward. Nothing illustrates this better than the All-Ireland minor campaign of 1976: a lot of the training was done at Clonoulty pitch through the long months of preparation and Mick and his wife always had tea and sandwiches prepared and ready for the entire panel. Such was his commitment. His passing leaves the Maxwell family without a devoted father and the rest of us without a treasured friend. On the Friday before his death he attended Hollyford for juvenile Scor, one of his greatest loves. He served to the end. His loss will be great. May he rest peacefully.

J. J. K

# Le gach deá-ghuí agus Comhgháirdeachas do Coiste Cho. Thiobraid Árann ó Chomhairle na Mumhan C.L.G.

## **Championship Fixtures 1986**

Iomáint Sinsir	1/6/86	Clár v Luimneach (if Replay 8/6)
	8/6/86	Corcaigh v Port Láirge (if Replay 15/6)
	22/6/86	Tiobraid Árann v Clár nó Luimneach (if Replay 29/6)
	20/7/86	An cluiche ceannais
Peil Sinsir	18/5/86	Céadbhabhta (if Replay 25/5)
	1/6/86	McGrath Cup Final (home) (extra time with S.H.C. at Ennis)
	15/6/86	Cluiche leath-cheannais (if Replay 22/6)
	6/7/86	Cluiche ceannais (if Replay 13/7)
Iom. fé 21	9/4/86	Céadbhabhta (if Replay 16/4)
	23/4/86	Cluiche leath-cheannais (if Replay 30/4)
	8/5/86 (Asc. Thurs.)	Cluiche ceannais (if Replay 14/5)
Peil fé 21	16/4/86	Céadbhabhta (if Replay 25/4)
	30/4/86	Cluiche leath-cheannais (if Replay 7/5)
	14/5/86	Cluiche ceannais (if Replay 9/7)
Iom. na Mionúr	7/5/86	Céadbhabhta (if Replay 16/5)
	4/7/86	Cluiche leath-cheannais (if Replay 11/7)
	20/7/86	Cluiche ceannais
Peil na Mionúr	25/4/86	Céadbhabhta (if Replay 2/5)
	16/5/86	Cluiche leath-cheannais (if Replay 21/5)
	6/7/86	Cluiche ceannais
Iom. Sóisir	21/5/86	Céadbhabhta (extra time)
	4/6/86	Cluiche leath-cheannais (extra time)
	18/6 or 20/6	Cluiche ceannais (if Replay 25/6 or 27/6)
Peil Sóisir	28/5/86	Céadbhabhta (extra time)
	11/6/86	Cluiche leath-cheannais (extra time)
	25/6/86	Cluiche ceannais (if Replay 2/7)

**IF YOU CAN'T  
BEAT IT,  
DWINK IT.**

