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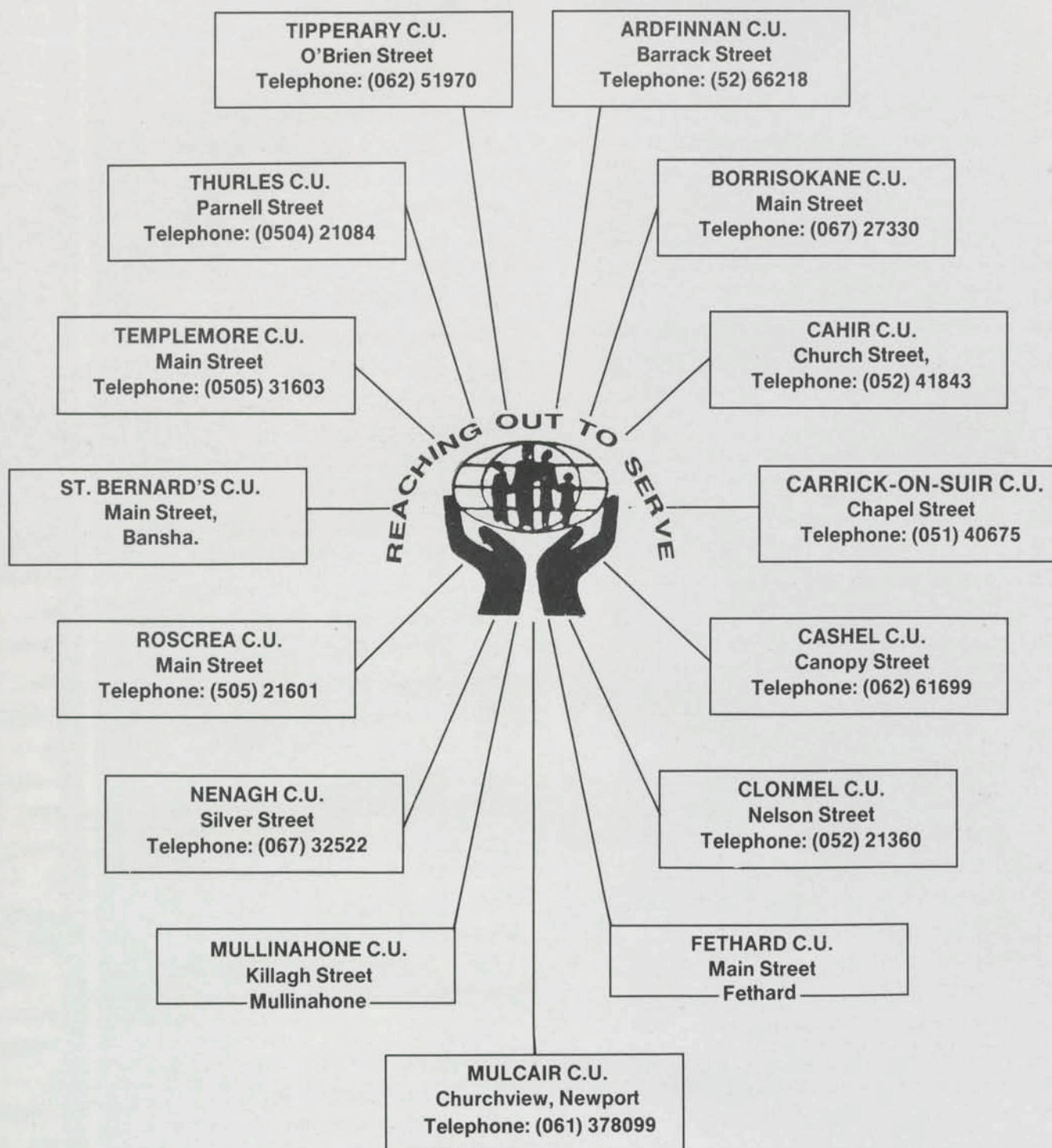


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“To Get Back to the Hurling”

It was early this September and I was visiting one of the homes of Tipperary. The cows had been milked and driven out on the after-grass and the family were relaxing after their day's work.

The comment was made about how quiet it was around here this September compared with last year and the year before. This naturally led the conversation back to the Munster Final and the trauma of that torrid day in Thurles. I sympathised all round and pointed out that the Munster Football Final had inflicted a further personal blow. The family understood fully. Cork had left a trail of disaster across two counties in two codes within two weeks!

The subject was changed to the slump in the beef trade, the fall in the price of milk and the rise in the cost of petrol. The woman of the house reminded us that all was not doom and gloom. The Holy Cross Novena had never enjoyed bigger crowds and the weather had never been better . . . “To get back to the hurling”, the man of the house interjected. I knew where his first love lay. And the same went for his two sons.

During the year I attended a G.A.A. function in my native parish at which the team of 1945 were honoured. They won the District League that year. I was delighted to meet the heroes of my youth and to tell them of my childhood memories. In the programme I was given day and date for my first ever football match in November 1945 when I was six years old. Our parish took on the town team who were hot favourites, having won the League the previous year. So confident were the townies that they had brought five bottles of whiskey with them to fill the cup! What surprised me most that day was the effect the game had on the grown-ups. They were no longer the calm sober soft-spoken people I knew around the neighbourhood. They were shouting and jumping about in an amazing fashion. My father, was a different man altogether on the sideline. So were our two next door neighbours. I began to feel that the wrong men were playing on the field and I expected my father and his two friends to go in at any moment. A small man with a cap a bit further up was in no doubt that he could do better than the referee. The game ended in a welter of excitement as our team scored the winning goal in the last minute. My father and his friends were chuckling all the way home at the men with the five bottles of whiskey and no cup from which to drink it.

This was my first Gaelic game and my first lesson in the dangers of over-confidence. I think that it ought to have been an inoculation against that disease, for disease it most certainly is, in sport and in life itself. Over-confidence is highly infectious and it is incurable. There is no known vaccine for it. It spares neither the young nor the old. It can devastate whole counties. I was struck down by it in Kerry in 1976 and again in 1982.

To get back to the hurling. After the victory in 1989 I must confess that I contracted the virus once more. I had met numerous Tipperary people including umpires who had officiated at League games. “Cork have nothing”, they all assured me. Experience was of no avail when the fever struck again. I just could not see Tipperary being beaten. Well into the second half of the Munster Final I thought that they would produce the old magic. But it just was not their day. Yet, it was a mighty contest, a wonderful game of hurling and our team were as magnificent, in defeat as they had been magnanimous in victory.

I attended my first Féile na nGael in Thurles this summer. I was privileged to say Mass for the great gathering of young people from all over Ireland and to watch them play in the hurling competitions. The parade through the town which passed the reviewing stand in Liberty Square where Uachtarán na hÉireann



Dr. Patrick Hillery presided, was one of the most colourful and impressive sights I have seen.

It was wonderful to see three generations celebrating together — old heads and young hands promoting Ireland's most ancient game in the birth place of the G.A.A. Dr. Croke would have been pleased. So would have Charles J. Kickham. This is the best possible training which the Association can give our young people. It puts them in touch with all that is finest in Irish sport, history, culture and music. This must always be the aim of the Gaelic Athletic Association. In future years “Centrefield”, “Lar na Paire”, will be an invaluable resource for young visitors, such as those to the Féile or those on school tours. I was proud to be associated with the heart-warming event of the Féile and I was not surprised to find that Tipperary men were its founding fathers.

While the Association has instilled inspiration into our young people it has been very careful not to neglect the older generation. The celebrations for the great teams of the past are enjoyable not only for the former players but also for their families. The All-Ireland winning teams of 1964 and 1965 were honoured in Croke Park on All-Ireland day. Prior to that a special function was held in Thurles to honour the stars of 1941 and 1945. It shows that their contribution to county or club has not been forgotten. Nor has the work of the officials of Divisional or County Boards.

Likewise, there is always a fine attendance at the funerals of the players and officials. An example was the wonderful tribute to the late John Maher who captained the Tipperary team in 1945 and who was laid to rest on the day before the Munster Final. I met Tipperary G.A.A. men and women at funerals as far away as Tralee and Roscommon during the past year. And I met Kerry people at the late Tim Maher's funeral in Boherlahan. These are the occasions which show another face of the Association — a proof of the bonds of friendship and respect which transcend the rivalry of competition.

But to get back to the hurling! It is my opinion — though I should not wish this to go beyond the pages of the Tipperary Yearbook — that the virus which struck us this Summer may very well spread to Cork before the Summer of 1991. If this happens then things not be as quiet in Tipperary at the beginning of September!

† **Most Rev. Dermot Clifford, D.D.**,
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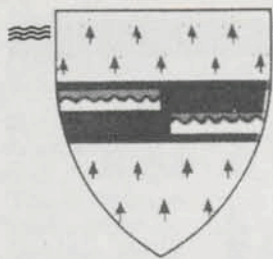
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Tipperary — Still a very vibrant force

Coming down to earth after the heights experienced in 1989 helps us to realise the uncertainties of sport. So much was achieved in '89 that we may be inclined to think that our failure to retain even one of those All Ireland titles relegates us once again to the category of 'also rans'.

Not so. It took us almost sixty years to experience the joy of three All Ireland titles in the same year. 1990 saw us again in the All Ireland junior and under 21 finals while our seniors lost out at the final hurdle in the provincial campaign. With a little bit of luck we might well have retained all three titles.

Are we complaining? No. The pages of this Yearbook clearly show its readers that Tipperary is still a very vibrant force in the GAA. The pulse continues to throb with all the fire and determination that has hallmarked our contribution over the years.

Tá Tiobrad Árann ag siúil go bródúil.

I want, once again to compliment the Communications Committee on once more enabling us to recall the happenings of 1990. Voluntary effort has invari-



Nollaig Ó Muiris

ably been the cornerstone of the Association and as well as having willing personnel to promote the various facets of the Association in relation to the games and all that goes with them, we also have a fine group whose know-how in presenting a vivid picture through the pages of this book, earned national

recognition last year through the acquisition of the McNamee Award. I congratulate them on this fine achievement. It was truly deserved.

As it is the last time I will have the opportunity to pen these lines as Board chairman, I also want to express my deepest appreciation of the wholehearted support and co-operation I have received throughout the county over the past three years. It has been a joy to lead the county at a time when our status reached such a height. At the same time I am well aware that nothing whatever could have been achieved without a commitment from a host of people whose combined efforts leave no doubt that we are the premier county.

Long may we remain so.

It is my earnest wish that my successor will experience the same joy and elation that I did over the three years. There were downs as well as ups, but in the final analysis, TIPPERARY was the winner.

Nollaig Ó Muiris
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Liam Ó Donnchú, Tipperary Yearbook Secretary, accepts the McNamee Award on behalf of the Yearbook Committee, from G.A.A. President John Dowling.

Decade starts with year of disappointment

By: JOHN O'GRADY

In sombre truth, it's no pleasure to review the forgettable first year of the Nineties. There were two elements in it, neither of them good; a struggling League and a worse Championship. These failures took on a particularly bleak character because they came on the heels of a spectacularly successful '89. Many a time one heard it said, during the long years of famine after 1971, with blithe optimism and mysterious confidence: "Tipp. will win three-in-a-row, once they win one". Well, we won the one, but the row has not reached further than that. Indeed, it can be said that the main result of Tipp's failure to live up to their title has been to downgrade it, retrospectively. We resented it when outsiders, especially those with Galway accents went on about Keady and Linnane and McGrath, and Delaney and Denton; but many of our own have since been heard to call it a lucky All-Ireland, one that needed a second to endorse it with the stamp of real credibility. Therein, I believe, lay the real sting of our Munster Final downfall and Cork's later conquest of Galway — we dearly wanted to be able to buttress a controversial title by an undisputed one, or more than one. That task now falls to 1991, and to hopefully wiser mentors and players.

There was never any great need to be embarrassed about winning in '89. If the path was smoothed by the folly of others — from one player's rejection of advice about hurling in New York to other men's indiscipline in Croke Park — that could not be laid to our charge, and the tirade against the referee, pushed to ridiculous limits by penmen of Western affiliation, was no credit to the persistent whingers.

NOT WISELY, BUT TOO WELL?

At the time of our post-final celebrations many opinioned that these were prolonged to the point of silliness. The recently minted term "hype" was freely used and often by the media which create it, to a large degree. Comparisons occurred to the minds of older people who could recall old welcomes for winners — a call to the steps of Thurles Cathedral for episcopal approval, a speech or two in the Square, a meal for the lads; a mild replica of the Thurles welcome repeated in other towns and then back to work on the farm, or wherever; all petering out within a few days with a "well done" or two from the neighbours and acquaintances. In a publicity conscious and more commercial world, this modest procedure is far from enough, so our players seemed to be on an endless rota of appearances and entertainments. No wonder Tipp started badly in the new League, lacking both physical fitness and mental sharpness, beginning a slump that never was recovered from, in either League or championship.

A theory soon surfaced that an



Tipperary County Secretary Tomás Ó Baróid keeps an eye on developments.

easygoing League was what Tipp. wanted, after several years of intensive competition and almost continuous training. Whether this, when voiced by management, was a useful excuse for early defeats or a conscious scheme in operation, is hard to establish by an observer. The second interpretation certainly did not justify itself in summer, for Tipp. were not conspicuously refreshed by their March-to-May holiday — it was our passiveness of approach that marked the difference between the '90 effort and the '87-'89 image of all-out zest; nor was the lethargy all on the field.

TIME OF EUPHORIA

Optimism certainly spread like a comforting wave of euphoria after we'd beaten Antrim in that All-Ireland. Within a week the Under-21 team had beaten Offaly in Portlaoise; and the juniors had already burnished up the glowing self-image of Tipperary. The accepted

shortcomings of the senior fifteen — its lack of a classic centreback or centre-forward, the frequent fallibility of the inner defence — would be mended by the development of the up and coming players, notably Conal Bonner and John Leahy, who'd be stronger and more mature in technique. Nor was it only our own expected strengthening that would ease the path for a conclusive clash with Galway; there was the accepted bad plight of Cork, almost an object of concern; and Galway themselves would perhaps be more vulnerable the next time. Kilkenny might take over from Offaly in Leinster. In Munster it was Limerick, always lucky battlers, who should be the major hurdle. Seldom has a scenario been less trustworthy, in general or in detail than that popular Tipp. premonition about 1990. I admit to sharing in a good deal of it myself, though the pattern of League performances soon prompted doubts about our calibre and our capacity to get it all right when the crunch came.

It is, after all, one of the duties of champions to look like champions; even a team short some players of note would do quite well if there was talent in depth in the squad. Tipp. had the misfortune to be without English, Leahy, Fox, Kennedy and Delaney for various spells and various reasons — in Delaney's case a much-publicised suspension over his unauthorised London appearance; in the others mostly injury.

UNDISTINGUISHED LEAGUE

The League, in fast summary,

consisted of a terrible start, a partial recovery before Christmas; a serious slump on resuming and a lucky escape from relegation on the very last day of the series, when Wexford's Houlihan pointed a last minute free to doom Galway to the drop and take away the hurt of Kilkenny's belated goal that robbed Tipp. of a brave win at Nowlan Park — the draw proved adequate recompense for our best display.

The League had opened in October with a fixture that seemed within the compass of even a side foundered from the eating and drinking circuit of the previous month — Dublin, in Croke Park, should hold no terrors. Tipp. appeared to be in control but ran out of "puff" with one point from play in the second half and got beaten by a McMahon point, after a dubious in-square goal by Doyle. We'd lacked Kennedy, Delaney, Hayes, Leahy and Fox. Sheedy of Portroe played wingback, Stakelum and McGrath at wing-forward. The worst item of the day — English retired with tendon trouble after twenty minutes. Dublin went on to win their first four games, but Tipp's result set a less desirable trend.

Cork in Thurles! One to win, if only to maintain our image with a view to the following summer. We lost and, in the end, rather handsomely. Had we but known it, there was in that grey November day a salutory hint to be cautious about the next Munster final, but it was all but forgotten until the events of July showed Cork to be not as poverty stricken as supposed, nor ourselves as rich. Fox and English were badly missed; Cormac Bonner nearly scored several goals but Hennessy and Fitzgibbon shared a depressing five of them. The All-Ireland champions trailed by thirteen points and lost by eight (5-8 to 0-15), with a jaded look about them.

POINTS UP NORTH

Two lost in a row, Tipp. went to the far North and brought two points past the customs on the way home. Had McCarry



Tipperary Selectors Donie Nealon, John O'Donoghue and Michael Keating.

not driven a late penalty over the bar and left Tipp. a point ahead (0-15 to 1-11), there would have been less to declare. Leamy got a run in goal, Dwan at left back, Ml. Doyle a recall on club form to centreback — he was not to be the only one-off recruit in the pivotal place during the League — Buckley and Everard half-forward trials, Aidan Ryan at left corner and Declan, rather oddly in the other. Conal Bonner at wing-back and Noel Sheehy at fullback were picked out for praise in the reports. Doyle was switched to full-forward as Bobby Ryan came on in defence.

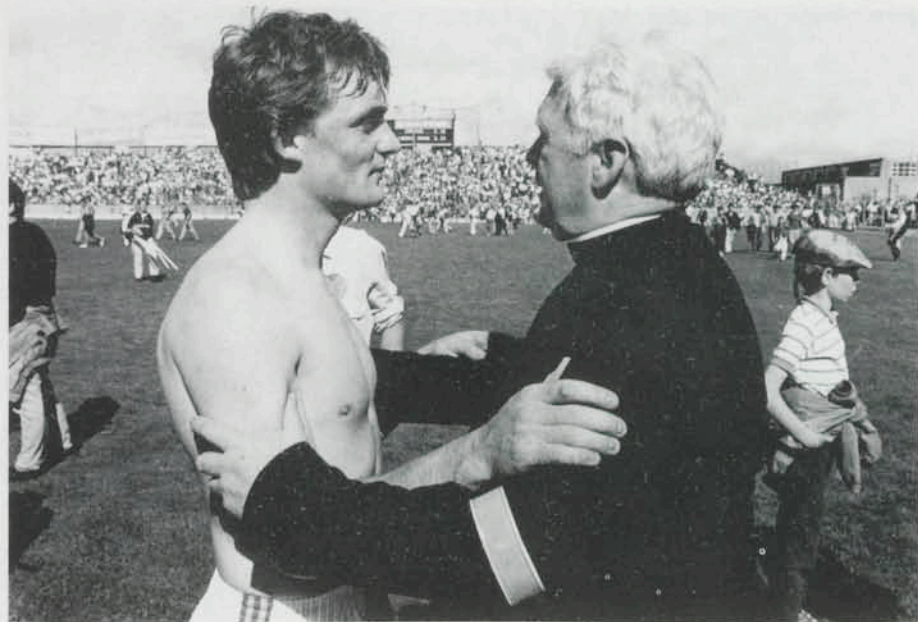
Galway came to town for the last game pre-Christmas, amid high interest for obvious reasons as the fall-out from August had hardly settled in the media. The victory was therefore quite satisfying (1-14 to 0-11). Hogan was back in goal; Madden on at wingback; Kennedy, after injury at centre; English active again at corner forward. Kennedy's comeback lasted only half the game as his fitness proved inadequate, Bobby Ryan arriving for the resumption. A goal by Cormac

Bonner, off an error by John Commins in goal, was the backbone of our score. Leahy had to be switched to midfield for Hayes and the move led to our late superiority.

TRIP TO THE SUN

Not so bad, then, to have four points as the League took its winter rest. The interim contained a panel trip to Florida, both deserved by those who went and envied by those of us at home in bleak old wintery Ireland. Early February brought an assignment to Enniscorthy. Tipp's record against Wexford in recent leagues had been a blot on our crest, and this one didn't erase the stain. English crossed one early ball. The next time he went for one, he finished with a fractured finger, and departed with six minutes played. No trace of Tipp. fire could be seen as Wexford dominated but drove wide galore. Hogan in goal and Donovan at fullback were best of our troubled defence; corners Ryan and Dwan and wingers Conal Bonner and Kennedy were never settled. Colm Bonner at midfield was replaced by John Cormack. In attack Fox and Leahy were badly missed, with only Cleary playing well. Sub. Conor Stakelum hit two points in a late push that Wexford held by four on a reckoning of 0-13 to 0-9. Declan Ryan came out of it with a knee problem, having again been placed in the unlikely spot of corner-forward, with O'Connell on the forty.

This defeat made a win over Limerick rather essential for peace of mind regarding relegation, with Nowlan Park due to be our last port of call. Alas Tipp. came up with one of our weakest displays of all, soundly beaten by 3-12 to 1-14. The three goals fell to Terence Kenny, two quite early and both of them unflattering to our inner defence. We were short English, Declan Ryan, Fox and Leahy, so the attack bore an unthreatening look on paper, and not much better on the field. Bobby Ryan was centreback, with Kennedy at midfield. Delaney, to loud applause, reappeared after the lifting of the suspension, and played well. O'Connell started at full-forward. Conor Donovan took the half-time "rap" for



Friends Meet... Fr. Michael O'Brien with Nicky English after the Munster Final.



Nicholas English (second from right) and Michael Cleary (right) in action during Munster senior hurling final v. Cork, at Thurles.

Kenny's goals and Sheehy moved to the full position as Conal Bonner came on at centre, so did Cormac Bonner, for Everard. All in all, a disturbing day, but we had the excuse of missing over half the attack, though this did not explain defensive errors.

SAVED BY DRAW

Now it was all or nothing at Nowlan Park as relegation loomed. For this, out of the blue and the staff of the "Connacht Tribune" came John McIntyre as a surprise centreback. The Lorrha player had been off the side so long that few thought he'd see the colours again. Leamy was in goal and did really well to be unbeaten till the very last minute. Heffernan came back again to the corner. Fox was still unavailable, so Buckley was right corner. McIntyre did not re-appear after the break, and was not again to feature in our plans — a single edition, so to speak — as Conal Bonner went centre-back and Madden came in on the wing. Tipp. hurled hard and well to avert a repeat of two years earlier but got caught in hectic extra minutes for a draw that galled our big following, but was mitigated within minutes by the news that Wexford had pipped Galway and sent the Connachtmen to the lower division.

After that, a couple of months of nothing serious. There were tournaments but we've grown to be unexcited about games in which players have one foot on the brake and in which line-outs are subject to all sorts of factors, from absence of big names to presence of lesser ones. Tipp. did not, in fact, win all that many of these evening enterprises and the benefits were more to the organisers than the mentors. There was a long wait for the championship. Cork,

after beatings by Tipp. in the '88 final and Waterford in the '89 semi-final, and with a very poor effort in the League replay against Wexford — themselves to be hammed by Kilkenny — did not offer a typical threat, it seemed to many, despite the oft-heard warning never to write them off. Limerick, it was widely considered, might be the main danger in Munster, with their fighting qualities possibly making up for individual weakness.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP

Well, we got past Limerick, though not all that well, 2-20 to 1-17. The eye-catcher in Monday headlines was the sending off of Mike Barron at about the quarter mark. He'd contacted Cormac Bonner

with a swing deemed rather previous and certainly not from a hip-to-hip clash. "Off", said referee Horgan of Cork. He was criticised for not giving the fullback a second chance, while the stroke itself was variously described according to the loyalties of the witness. Our loss to Cork a month later seemed to make the Barron episode all the more influential.

Limerick tore into the game with positive eagerness and Tipp. were not let settle. Kirby's breaks past a straining Bobby Ryan forced several frees and Ciaran Carey's nimble dodging was a worrying spectacle too. We were down three at half-way, eight against eleven and decidedly anxious. The Hegarty - Reale



Babs Keating and John Kennedy lead out the Tipp. team on Munster Final day.

midfield had the better of Carr and Hayes. On our team the placing of Colm Bonner at right back was the most novel in a senior context.

John Madden came on for Heffernan in order to maximise the loose man advantage at the back; Conal Bonner switched with Bobby Ryan, Colm to wing-back. It took thirteen minutes to gain the breakthrough against fourteen men, Declan Ryan snapping up the goal. After that Limerick's early exertions began to tell and Tipp. assumed control, endorsed by reserve Dinny Ryan's late goal — he'd replaced Cormac Bonner. It mattered little that Galligan got a goal for Limerick as the exodus was on. General verdict: unimpressive, but a visa to meet Cork.

CORK UNDER-RATED

Confidence was pretty high, though nobody could point to a really good Tipp. performance, if you leave the Toronto exhibition out of it. Cork had played a sharp first half to master Waterford, but their slack second half was held against them, their improvement overlooked. In the Tipp. camp, thoughts seemed to be on what would follow the Munster campaign more than on the immediate issue.

The selection was: Hogan, Madden, Sheehy, Ryan, Conal Bonner, Kennedy, Delaney, Hayes, Carr; Cleary, Declan Ryan, Stakelum; Fox, Leahy, English. By far the most debated choice was Leahy at full-forward, though Madden did not seem to many to be a natural corner-back. Kennedy's form after injury was another query, while Conor Stakelum had not been automatic. Cormac Bonner, whose modern fame began as a sub sull-forward against Cork in '88, was a surprise omission, though it has to be said he hadn't coped too well with the change of the hand-pass rule. But apart from specifics like these, the game, revealed from the start, Cork going to their play and Tipp. sluggish to react, either on the pitch or on the bench.

The latter aspect may have owed much to our apparent recovery from the slow start. Cleary and English goaled within a brief spell to give us the lead. Were the worries over? Cork had gained too much



TIPPERARY SENIOR HURLERS — MUNSTER FINALISTS 1990

Back Row: John Kennedy, Conor Stakelum, Noel Sheehy, Declan Ryan, Ken Hogan, Declan Carr, Joe Hayes, Bobby Ryan. Front Row: Nicky English, Michael Cleary, Pat Fox, John Leahy, Conal Bonnar, John Madden, Paul Delaney.

room in attack, with Kennedy unsettled at centre and his wingers bewildered, but no more came, despite the freedom of Foley and the menace of O'Sullivan. Illusions of security were shaken on the brink of the interval as Foley turned in a line-ball out of the air, unchallenged. They walked off with Cork stepping the more eagerly, though Tipp. were still two points up.

Disaster followed, signalled by fast and loose O'Sullivan points and a Fitzgibbon goal as Madden misjudged a dropping ball. Foley picked off stunning points and Cork were six ahead. Tipp. responded, helping to put the stamp of high excitement on the game, and got within one point. Again, the recovery was to fall short. A confused mix-up in defence left Fitzgibbon clear on the left to punish us, and the proverbial "tin hat" was put on the calamity by Cork's man of the day, Mark Foley, with a goal and a point. It had been thrilling, sporting and far from the imagined scenario. Criticism was virulent

over alleged inaction to remedy weak spots, the removal of Fox at the interval, the neglect of Cormac Bonner, the placing of Madden — nobody disputed Cork's right to the spoils of the game as played. A piquant extra flavour was lent to the media coverage by various views on Babs Keating's reference in advance to the impossibility of training a donkey to win a Derby. Whatever he meant by the unwise metaphor, Cork's Fr. O'Brien made excellent motivational mileage out of it, and his followers did not spare us, though Cork humour lacks bitterness, it has to be said, Cork's eventual September triumph served to maximise Tipp's loss, though nobody can be sure how a Tipp. v. Galway final would have gone. But if you're not in it, winning is harder still. All in all, not the year of our hopeful fancy, but with lessons to inculcate the right, realistic mentality for 1991. The new League has started brightly; championship, please copy!



One of the features of Féile na nGael in 1974 was the carrying by relay of a bronze hurley from Hayes Hotel, Thurles to the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick, where Féile was held. Seamus O Riain addressing a gathering that marked that special ceremony. Included are County Bord na nÓg members, Thurles Urban Council members, Féile officials and Regional Tourism Officer.



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Tipperary's Toronto Trip



MEMBERS OF THE TIPPERARY HURLING PANEL WITH BANK OF IRELAND OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE TIPPERARY TRAVELLING PARTY BEFORE LEAVING SHANNON AIRPORT

Back Row (l-r): Seamus McCarthy, Deputy Manager, Bank of Ireland Branch, Thurles; Cormac Bonnar, Joe Hayes, John Heffernan, John Cormac, Conor O'Donovan, Paul Delaney, Colm Bonnar, Bobby Ryan, Enda McGowan, Regional Manager, Bank of Ireland; Noel Morris, County Chairman; Ken Hogan, Donie O'Connell. **Front Row** (l-r): John Guiton, "Tipperary Star"; John Leamy, Aidan Ryan, Conal Bonnar, John Leahy, Michael Cleary, Pat McGrath, Noel Sheehy, Nicholas English.

On a moorning of beautiful spring mildness one had been tempted to stay at home. I remember remarking to John Leahy who travelled with me to Shannon that it could only happen to the Irish. Here were the Tipperary hurlers and friends ready to set off for Toronto with the sun beaming down on a March morning and at the same time reports coming in that snow had been falling on top of the Skydome.

Needless to say the temptation would need to be very strong on our shoulders to let up this trip of a lifetime however, and I can assure you that once we hit Shannon the weather virtually disappeared from our list of priorities.

Refreshments were consumed (heavy and light) and there was a real party atmosphere as good humoured banter started between players from different counties, as Tipperary and the All-Stars mingled.

Before we left Shannon on the Air Transat flight, arranged by Atlas Travel, in conjunction with the Irish Travel Bureau, and Kemptville Travel, we were joined by several Tipperary supporters, many of them well known characters who as it transpired provided many a laugh and a hell-raising night on tour. On the flight too were the Dublin and Tyrone football teams, Kerry football supremo, and now Kildare Manager, Mick O'Dwyer including Paddy Cullen (Dublin), Brian McEniff (Donegal) as well as the great Frank Cummins from Kilkenny.

Mr. John Dunne, a native of Fennor, and Managing Director of A.&P. Dominion, a major supermarket chain which had sponsored the games in the World famous Skydome was on hand to greet the party at Toronto Airport. He extended a special welcome to President of the G.A.A. Mr. John Dowling, Mr. Liam Mulvihill, Director of the Association, and its PRO Mr. Danny Lynch. President of the Canadian Board Mr. Brian Farmer was there too, and of course our own Tipp. party led by County

Board Chairman Mr. Noel Morris and County Treasurer, Mr. Michael Nolan.

Somebody's prayers were answered by the Good Lord because amazingly the weather was every bit as pleasant, if not more so, than at home. But in case we were inclined to get carried away we were quickly reminded that this situation was entirely unusual. As if to emphasise the point, somebody drew our attention to traces of frozen snow from the previous week's disastrous spell. Off then under a police escort (boy what treatment!) to the massive Sheraton Hotel, our base for the week.

The Toronto Irish News lay in front of our eyes telling us that this trip was all about the Celtic Renaissance. "A Renaissance is dawning in Toronto" the headline read. We certainly knew all about dawn at any rate, coming in as we did from many a late night — early morning in downtown Toronto. Renaissance we weren't sure! God help the poor bar staff at the Sheraton, one man was heard to say. How right he was as the reputation of the Irish as a race of people fond of a little drop zoomed. For nights, seemingly endless nights to the despairing barmen "Slievenamon", "Molly Malone", "The Banks Of My Own Lovely Lee" shattered their ears. Even the vivacious blonde with the skin tight outfit who provided a few songs on stage in the evening time had to delay her act on a number of occasions as the revellers took the show over.

It is important to remember, however, that in between the good times the teams paid a great deal of attention to training for games. Live Television exposure, especially back at home, made it important for the players to be in good shape and let everybody know at home that they could still swing the ould caman! The teams had three training stints at the Dome. A fascinating place. Weird but wonderful. My first visit was on the morning of the first Tipp. training session.

From: JOHN GUITON
(Tipperary Star)

The humidity inside the vast complex was something else. It is hard to describe the real meaning of what it's like to walk onto the artificial carpet-like astro-turf surface. In an article written elsewhere I described the situation as akin to hitting a hurling ball on the carpet in your sittingroom and somebody else hitting it back to you. Some players adapted well to the surface, others got burnt, and many experienced difficulties in ball control and keeping their 'footing'. But apart from the surface, the vast stadium is incredible.

It has a retractable roof which is only opened in Summer, but the sheer size of the complex is unbelievable. The brain-child of English born architect Rod Dobbie, it was constructed over two years at a cost of a whopping \$570 million dollars to build. That's only for the roof and arena.

Another \$160 million was paid out by tenants and sponsors. Over 200 staff are employed fulltime in the Dome, which stands on a massive 10.8 acres. Ten per cent of the funding came from the public, ninety per cent from private concerns. Standing thirty-four stories high it also serves as a major concert venue, and believe it or not contains a 350 suite hotel, and a 600 seat tiered restaurant, with all seats looking directly over the playing area. For anybody feeling a little thirsty there's a 300' long bar, and incorporated into the Dome is a full station for the sports network TSN which provided live coverage of the TV games.

In between our arrival in Toronto and the game itself we attended functions aplenty and met so many native Tipperary people who had us spoiled rotten by their hospitality. Oh what we'd give to be back there.

Declan Carr - Tipperary Captain

"QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS"

During your childhood days, living in Dublin, what influenced you to play Gaelic Games - particularly Hurling?

We didn't play much hurling in the early days, mainly football. Hurling took a back seat to football in the club I was in. My father has always been a major influence on my involvement in games.

Name the first Club you played for?

I played both hurling and football with Palmerstown G.A.A. Club. I won the Under-11 Dublin championship in both hurling and football, when aged nine.

Tell of your early days in Tipperary?

My family moved to Tipperary when I was about fifteen. I won a Minor hurling championship with Holycross in 1982. I was captain of the Thurles C.B.S. Harty Cup team, beaten by the North Monastery, in 1983. I was dropped off the County minor panel before the 1983 Munster Final.

Did you play under-21 hurling with

Tipperary?

1985 was a very successful year for me at this grade, winning the Munster and All-Ireland under-21 title.

You were part of a very successful coaching scheme in Tipperary. What are your memories of this?

I have happy memories of the coaching scheme. I made lots of good friends and got a clear insight on how deep the hurling roots are in this county. It might have been more successful if Tipp had been in the hurling limelight at the time. For a game that has such an influence on our lifestyle, there should be a permanent scheme in operation.

When did you make your Senior Inter-county debut?

I played a challenge game against Clare in Nenagh just before the '89 League.

Who would you consider the best players you encountered?

Michael Coleman, Colm Bonnar and Ger Hegarty come immediately to mind.

What are your memories of the '89 championship? You were replaced against Limerick but later played on the All-Ireland winning team; was awarded an All-Star, the first from your parish to get one.

Being replaced against Limerick was one of the most disappointing moments of my hurling career. After being consistent throughout the League, it was a big blow. I was delighted to get the chance against Galway in the semi-final, even though I half-expected to come on as a sub. in the Munster Final. As the year progressed things improved and it was great to get my confidence back after that disastrous day in June. To be awarded an All-Star was the icing on the cake, especially in my first inter-county campaign. As for being the first Holycross player to win the award, I'm sure if they were around thirty or forty years ago I wouldn't be the first.

You had a mixed season with Tipperary in 1990, with fitness problems due to illness, being replaced against Cork etc.?

Again bad memories. My illness came at a very bad time; however, I would not like to use it as an excuse. Maybe I didn't have the same physical strength as I would have had, but I thought I was fit to play. As regards being replaced, I felt I was not playing that badly and I might have got the benefit of the doubt.

You had a great year with Holycross Ballycahill?

After last year's defeat it was one we had to win. My greatest memory is of the tremendous commitment that was given by all the players.

You are Tipperary's captain. What are your hopes and ambitions?

I hope to lead the county to the best of my ability and to do justice to the greatest honour that has been entrusted to me. I also hope I've the support of the Tipperary people, players, selectors etc. This is a most necessary ingredient for success.

Have you any advice for young players?

Listen to coaches and heed their advice. Be prepared to accept constructive criticism and give the games the commitment they deserve.

Finally, Declan, what is your favourite playing position?

I prefer midfield or centre-forward.

[Declan was talking with Liam Ó Donchú]



Failure at Final Hurdle

Michael Dundon (Tipperary Star)

IT has frequently been said that while it is very difficult to win a championship, it is a very different matter entirely to retain it. This, Tipperary's Under-21 hurlers learned to their dismay this year when they set out to defend the last leg of the Triple Crown, so gloriously won in '89, but so disappointingly surrendered twelve months later.

SUPPORTERS of the Blue and Gold will readily concur that some of the county's greatest moments in recent years were provided by the Under-21 contingent and with Mick Minogue and his colleagues, Mick Ryan, Billy Carroll, Danny Morrissey and Paddy O'Meara once more at the helm this year, there was every reason for optimism that 1990 would be crowned with success.

Such optimism was severely tested in the opening game of the championship when Tipperary struggled to beat Waterford 2-15 to 2-11 at Semple Stadium and were forced to call senior John Leahy into the side. Leahy was being rested for senior duty but the mentors felt the Mullinahone man was needed to get over the crisis that Waterford had unexpectedly caused. Liam Sheehy, scorer of nine points, was Tipperary's saviour on the night.

Limerick provided the opposition in the Munster final and it was a game of special significance. The Tipp seniors had been sensationally beaten in the Munster final by an under-rated Cork, and county morale was low but in a glorious performance at the Limerick Gaelic Grounds the ghost of the Cork debacle was laid as Tipperary, with John Leahy a magnificent captain swept aside the Limerick challenge on a 2-21 to 1-11 scoreline.

It also marked the ninth Munster championship won going back to 1978, and five of those triumphs produced All-Ireland titles later.

With Limerick safely out of the way, Down provided the opposition for the All-Ireland semi-final which was played at Parnell Park in Dublin. Tipperary were without Conal Bonner for this game but Down's challenge was of the token variety as Tipperary marched through to the final, winning 6-13 to 0-8.

So another confrontation with Kilkenny was in prospect. There was initial controversy about the venue with Kilkenny offering to toss between Thurles and Kilkenny, but Tipp. opted for a neutral venue, thus sending the tie to O'Moore Park, Portlaoise. scene of so much chaos a year previously.

The defeat of the county's juniors by Kilkenny in the All-Ireland a short time

previously sharpened the appetite for this encounter and coach Mick Minogue said beforehand that he was confident Tipperary could shade the verdict.

Twenty-five thousand people thronged O'Moore Park for what turned out to be a classic confrontation between great rivals. Both sides had their share of seniors, and Tipperary were looking to the midfield partnership of John Leahy, the team captain, and Conal Bonner to forge a winning grip for them.

On the day however, Tipperary suffered an agonising defeat losing by 2-11 to 1-11. The general consensus was that the team had done enough to win but paid the penalty for some appalling finishing, having a total of fourteen wides over the hour. It was an absorbing encounter which ended in an intensely exciting closing passage as Tipperary, who had trailed by four points at the interval but who had reduced that deficit to a point during the third quarter, tried to salvage their crown.

Trailing by a goal with seconds to play Conal Bonner lobbed a free into the Kilkenny goalmouth, a melee resulted and referee Delaney decided to throw in the ball. John Leahy wins possession — the right man — but he is grounded as he makes for goal. A free is awarded, but their angle is acute. Leahy blasts for a goal but his shot is blocked and the final whistle is sounded. We have surrendered the Under-21 championship.

In the dressingroom afterwards Mick Minogue said that he could not see Tipp

winning the title with so many wides. "If we took half the chances we got, we would be the All-Ireland champions now", said a disappointed Mick who also pointed to the turning point of the game as being the Kilkenny goal scored just before the interval when Tipperary's Brendan Corcoran was down injured but could not be attended to.

It was Kilkenny's day however, and they were worthy champions with a performance that must have given their followers great encouragement for the future, particularly when coupled with their All-Ireland success at minor level.

Subsequent to the defeat in the final came the news that the selectors, who had done such great work at this level, would not be putting themselves forward for re-appointment in '91. This decision was taken prior to the final and was not influenced by the defeat. No doubt their influence will be greatly missed and the many tributes paid to them for their promotion of the county at this level are fully deserved.

However, a new year is dawning and Tipperary can face it with confidence. Already a number of the Under-21 squad have graced the senior scene, Mike Ryan, Upperchurch and Liam Sheedy having since been joined by Eoin Maher and Michael O'Meara, along with John Leahy and Conal Bonner, the regulars on the senior team.

We look forward to seeing them wearing the Blue and Gold at the highest level in the not-too-distant future.



Tipperary Under-21 captain accepts the Munster trophy from Munster Council Chairman Michael Maher.

A Munster hat-trick for the juniors

By: J. J. Kennedy

IN a year of triple championship surrenders the juniors, at least, had the consolation of a third Munster on-the-trot. The National Crown may have slipped in an August final against a classy Kilkenny side but otherwise there was much to admire about a campaign of length and effort that featured an elegant retention of the provincial pennant and a spirited late winner against Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final. And all that from a squad handicapped from the requirement of new blood after the previous year's success.

The governing rules decreed that when Billy Sweeney and his band of fellow-selectors — Jackie Cooke, Vincent Ryan, Jimmy O'Brien and Tommy Murphy — set about plotting the 1990 campaign they had to do so without the successful team of '89. New trials and new faces complimented the previous year's replacements as a side of younger character emerged with a notable U-21 overlap.

The public watched a four game championship but behind those highlights was a campaign of intensity. From the opening sessions in late March to the All-Ireland final in early August the side grafted through thirty training sessions and trials and six challenge games; hard, sweaty slogging in the cause of All-Ireland retention.

The sequence of preparatory challenges ran as follows: April 16th, a victory over Laois; April 20th, a draw with Kilkenny; April 27th, a defeat by Laois; May 24th, another Kilkenny draw; May 28th a victory over Waterford; June 1st a victory over Laois. Challenges always have to be taken in context of experimentation and depletion, of course, but the double draw with Kilkenny seemed a solid indication of merit in this side.

MUNSTER SEMI-FINAL v. CLARE

And so to the championship launch. The seniors may have dominated public attention but in their shadow the juniors diligently prepared for their own championship trail and a semi-final date with Clare to act as curtain-raiser to the senior tie at Limerick on June 20th. It was to be a repeat of the '89 Munster final with Clare fielding quite an experienced side and entertaining solid hopes after their first round victory over Limerick.

Alas for the Bannermen, while it remained relatively tight for the first half with Tipp on a three point interval lead (0-8 to 1-2) the second half presented quite a different tale. Clare could be grateful for Eoin McMahon in goal in preventing an even heftier trouncing than the eleven point end margin (1-16 to 1-5).

It was a comprehensive victory that sent Tipp forward to a Munster final date with Cork. Much admired on the day was the attacking play of Eamonn Maher well complimented by Padraig O'Brien. For the record the team lined out as follows: James O'Meara (Lorrha); Shane McManus (Emly); D. J. O'Brien (Newport); Sean Brett (Mullinahone); Michael Ryan (Fethard); Tommy Crowe (Arravale Rovers); Tony O'Meara (Thurles Sarsfields); Owen Cummins (Fethard); Chris Byron (Galtee Rovers); Liam Stokes (Kilsheelan); Padraig O'Brien (Portroe); Eamonn Maher (Skeheenarinka); Joe Harrington (Silvermines); Martin Grace (Kildangan); Ger Bradley (Newport). Sean Brett was injured and replaced by Bill Burke (Eire Óg Annacarty).

MUNSTER FINAL v. CORK

Goalie, James O'Meara, was injured in training for the Munster final and replaced on the day by Kildangan's Cathal Egan. Sadly O'Meara's championship was over.

Finals with Cork are never to be taken lightly, as we later discovered, but for once the Rebels seemed without a cause. Not to detract from Tipperary's exuberance but this was in fairness a pretty poor Cork bunch. Tipp went on the rampage, tossing points over with nonchalant ease from all angles and distances, leading by 0-13 to 0-2 at half time and eventually emerging with the Sweet Afton Cup in Ger Bradley's grasp on a scoreline of 0-18 to 2-6.

Forget the ease of the victory, we relished the three-in-a-row, especially against Cork. The juniors had matched the seniors and the season was bouncing along smoothly with growing prospects of retention of the All-Ireland.

Cork's full forward line had 'gone to town' in the semi-final against Waterford.

They were tamed by a Tipp full line on which Shane McManus showed reall class. Fethard's Michael Ryan starred on the half line even getting among the many points. The Byron-Cummins partnership once again did the trick at midfield. Once more Eamonn Maher was superb in attack although significantly had to retire with an injury that was to hamper the remainder of his season. Padraig O'Brien, Liam Stokes and the full line on which Joe Harrington did well completed the Cork demise with power hurling.

ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL v. GALWAY

"Super sub. Murray gives Tipperary dramatic win", ran the "Tipperary Star" headline after the All-Ireland semi-final joust with a Galway outfit that welcomed the return of Tony Keady. The headline focussed on Templederry's Tommy Murray who came on as a substitute and goaled in the final minute for a truly dramatic win after Tony Keady had put Galway into a seemingly winning lead.

After the ease of the Munster wins this was a tense character test against an experienced Galway whom we had also beaten in the '89 final. Galway misses and a few crucial breaks for Tipp were vital to the win. Tipp led by 0-5 to 0-3 at half time but needed nerve and confidence allied to a modicum of luck to redeem the game at the end. Ger Bradley won huge praise for his captain's role including an impressive and significant spell on Tony Keady.

Thoughts that this Tipp side wasn't going to surrender the All-Ireland crown were now firmly set. After being hit by two Galway goals early in the second half the side showed sound temperament in steadying, recovering and ultimately notching a memorable win. It hadn't been an even display but team spirit seemed to have prevailed over all difficulties.



Munster chairman Michael Maher presents the Munster junior championship trophy to Ger Bradley.

ALL-IRELAND FINAL v. KILKENNY

Off to Portlaoise then for the last game of the series, the big one, the All-Ireland showdown against a Kilkenny side that had beaten us in 1988. Hopes were high after the semi-final but memories of '88 were there to check any wild confidence.

It wasn't to be a Tipp highlight, however. While Tipp faltered Kilkenny were a class apart, leading by 2-8 to 0-6 at the interval having faced the breeze and winning in the end by a huge sixteen points. With Pat Ryan giving a Kilkenny exhibition at midfield — a repeat of his '88 showing — Pat Walsh was superb at centre-back and forwards like Carter and Walsh notching the scores, the Leinster champions were in the mood to humble Tipp.

In fairness while Tipp might have had the luck in the semi-final it deserted them on this occasion, missing some crucial early chances while Kilkenny compounded our problems by landing some marvellous outfield points. There was a glimmer of hope in the second half when a Liam Stokes goal brought the lead back to five points after Tipp had made many changes. But it was short-lived and even the most avid Tipp fan had to concede the inevitable long before the end of a disappointing final for Tipperary.

Still the end may have seen a crown vanish but there was much to admire about the season which had individual highlights in the three-in-a-row in Munster and the dramatic All-Ireland semi-final with Galway. And while individual players had problems at different times they also had memorable moments, from goalie Egan to corner-forward Bradley.



County Board officers and selectors with the Sweet Afton Cup after the Munster junior hurling final.

In retrospect perhaps having to find an entirely new side from the successful one of 1989 was too much of a burden; Kilkenny's success owed most to players who had won in 1988. For 1991 all players are again available which must surely strengthen the hands of the selectors considerably. We look forward confidently to the new year.

CHAMPIONSHIP STATISTICS

Munster semi-final — Tipperary 1-6 — Clare 1-5. Munster final — Tipperary 0-18 — Cork 2-6. All-Ireland semi-final — Tipperary 2-10 — Galway 3-5. All-Ireland final — Kilkenny 4-21 — Tipperary 2-11. Total scores: 5-55 (70 points). Total conceded: 10-37 (67 points).

Scorers: Ger Bradley 0-18, Eamon Maher 1-10, Liam Stokes 1-8, Joe Harrington 1-6, Padraig O'Brien 0-7,

Martin Grace 1-3, Tommy Murray 1-0, Chris Byron 0-1, Michael Ryan 0-1, Philip Kelly 0-1.

Team and subs: Cathal Egan (Kildangan); Shane McManus (Emly); D. J. O'Brien (Newport), Sean Brett (Mullinahone), Michael Ryan (Fethard), Tommy Crowe (Arravale Rovers), Tony O'Meara (Thurles Sarsfields), Chris Byron (Galtee Rovers), Owen Cummins (Fethard), Liam Stokes (Kilsheelan), Padraig O'Brien (Portroe), Eamonn Maher (Skeheenarinka); Joe Harrington (Silvermines), Martin Grace (Kildangan), Ger Bradley (Newport) (captain), James O'Meara (Lorrha), Bill Burke (Eire Óg Annacarty), Justin Quinlan (Arravale Rovers), Tommy Murray (Templederry), Martin McCabe (Newport), Seamus Hackett (Grange/Ballybacon), Joe Ryan (Rahealty), John Coffey (Killea), John Flannery (Burgess), Philip Kelly (Ballinahinch), Michael Cleary (Kilruane), Kieran Carroll (Thurles Sarsfields).
Mentors: Billy Sweeney (coach/trainer), Moyne-Templetuohy, Jackie Cooke (Thurles Sarsfields), Vincent Ryan (Eire Óg Annacarty), Jim O'Brien (Silvermines), Tommy Murphy (Carrick Davins).

◀ What did "The Senator" say?
Tommy Murphy, Tipperary Junior Hurling selector, in action at the All-Ireland.



Billy Sweeney congratulates Kilkenny's Ollie Walsh after the Junior All-Ireland.

1990 A Year of Great Expectations and Disappointments

Liz Howard County Board P.R.O.

An Oireachtas final victory, a minor camogie All-Ireland, several All-Ireland handball titles, Brian Burke on the Irish compromise Rules Football team sees the curtain fall on the Tipperary G.A.A. scene. A year which fell far below the expectancy of supporters but that is understandable, following the wonderful success story of 1989. However, with Tipperary doing well in the League and Clonmel Commercials disposing of Cork standard bearers St. Finbarr's in the Club Championship things are already looking brighter for 1991.

The biggest talking point was the failure of our senior hurlers in the Munster Final. Much has been written and too much said already but I'm firmly convinced that we didn't do ourselves justice on the day. The atmosphere was too casual and Cork were 'rairin to go'. Never underestimate Cork and frankly everyone in the county did. There is a lot of talent in the senior squad and Babs and Co. will ensure that 1991 will see a different approach. Some supporters were very vitriolic in their criticism but then it's easy to be a "hurler on the ditch". This team has brought a new dash and glamour to hurling. The hurlers of Tipperary can continue to adorn the game provided the spirit is willing. From what I have seen there is no greater incentive than a chance to topple Cork. Have no concern about our senior panel, they are on the way back.

Much more cause for concern is the lack of success at minor level. If this isn't rectified the county is in serious trouble. With the coaching scheme, Camp Rockwell and a lot of money being spent on promotion it is difficult to understand our lack of success. I question the value of trials, particularly in the winter and early spring months. Skilful young hurlers rarely shine in such circumstances. The players should be assessed on true form, at club and school level, perhaps a valid and fair input from teachers would help. All we want is that Tipperary will have the best available talent come championship time. Success at minor level must be a priority.

Tipperary beaten in two All-Ireland finals, junior and U21 was disappointing. Frankly, I felt that Kilkenny deserved victory at junior level, but the Under 21 was lost. The omission of Michael O'Meara was hard to understand. He would have revelled in the type of hurling on the day. The Under 21 grade has been very successful for Tipperary but 1990 should have added to that success.



Among the guests who attended a press conference to announce details of the Féile na nGael festival held in Thurles (L-R) - Ken Hogan (member of Tipperary senior hurling team and also Primary Schools' Coaching Scheme), Frank Dwan (chairman, Thurles Urban District Council), John Dowling (president of the G.A.A.), John O'Connor (representing sponsors Coca-Cola), Noel Morris (chairman, Tipperary County Board), Michael Maher (chairman, Munster Council).

Tipperary hosted Féile na nGael and it was a wonderful success, thanks to the work of children, clubs and the steering committee. Travelling through the county one was met with enthusiasm, warmth and welcome, the spirit of Tipperary lives on, Charles Kickham would be proud of the "Homes of Tipperary". Success came to Durlas Óg and Loughmore-Castleiney but the real success was the entire event. It was lovely to see Féile back in its birthplace - Tipperary.

There was a lot of speculation as to how "Italiá 90" would affect the G.A.A. "Italiá 90" brought joy and entertainment to the nation and only the real begrudgers would say otherwise. Any sportsman or woman wearing the Irish jersey (or shirt!!) deserves our support. Real sports lovers do not put up barriers, they are generous in spirit and recognition of others. The biggest enemy we have in the G.A.A. is our own attitude. My advice (freely given!) is, get on with our own business, promote

our wonderful game of hurling, the exciting game of handball, tidy up Gaelic football and acknowledge generously the success of other codes. The G.A.A. is the most influential organisation in this little island, it's sporting and social contribution is enormous, only we ourselves can damage it.

The Tipperary Association London honoured our winning captains of 1989 Bobby Ryan, Kevin Laffan and Declan Ryan, three men who represented the county impeccably. That social event was in May and a most impressive evening it was. Manager Babs Keating was also present. The Gaels of Britain should not be overlooked and to a degree I feel that they are since the All-Star and Australian trips started. Not for one minute am I suggesting that those trips aren't welcome but the Irish in Britain strive very hard to play and promote our games in an environment which is not always so welcoming.

Anyway, back to the Tipps in London, they have a vibrant and active association, there are many people who have given loyal service but no one will mind my mentioning Dick Butler, "Mr Tipperary" in London. Dick was proud and pleased to see the All-Ireland "Silverware" in London, he has a special place in our affections.

The Toronto venture proved most successful, our hurlers excellent ambassadors, both for hurling and Tipperary. Brian Burke's selection for the Compromise Rules panel to travel to Australia was greeted warmly. Victory in the series for Ireland but real question marks about the future of the series. The great Jack O'Shea proved to be the star of the tour,



Liz Howard

a man for all seasons, is Jacko.

Here at home, Holycross took county honours, making amends for last year. Declan Carr, leads Tipperary. We wish him well. Congratulations to all winning C'ships teams in Tipperary — bonfires burned in many areas as parishes celebrated success. County Chairman Noel Morris comes to the end of a most successful term. An energetic and direct man, he enjoyed his role. The evergreen Co. Sec. Tommy Barrett continues on. "Spike", efficient and capable treasurer did a good job over the past three years also.

Some of our loved ones were called to the "green fields of Heaven", that lovely gentleman John Maher of Kilnam, who captained Tipperary to All Ireland success joined many of his comrades. Tommy Barretts' graveside oration was fitting and

moving, one of the best has left us. The untimely death of Maura Fogarty touched us all with sadness. I will remember Maura, not only as Conor O'Donovan's girlfriend but for her vitality and sense of fun, also her courage and spirit. My own mother, who loved Tipperary and followed the Blue and Gold, went to her reward in April. When we were children, there was a picture of Dr. Croke Patron of the G.A.A. in our sittingroom. Whenever we "stepped out of line" she would say "Dr Croke is looking at you". She instilled in us a great love of Tipperary. Sympathy to all those who lost loved ones, they will live on in our hearts, their influence with us for ever.

It is November as I complete this long promised "piece" for the yearbook. Tipperary have just defeated Cork in the

League, the atmosphere is great, the players and mentors looking forward to 1990. Sitting in the Park Avenue, which is almost a "home from home" the company is excellent, Pat Fox, Donie O'Connell and Bobby Ryan as entertaining and genial as ever. The talk is of hurling and Bobby is off to meet Ger Cunningham and Tony O'Sullivan for a "Tipperary Spring Water". I'll call in on my way, that's what it is all about, no quarter asked or given on the field, but friendship when the final whistle blows. Ar aghaidh linn le cheile, Tiobraid Arannn Abú sa bhliain 1991.

Liz Howard
PRO Tipperary GAA Board



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Front row (L-R) — Donie Nealon (selector), Conor Stakelum, Michael Ryan (Upperchurch-Drombane), Michael Cleary, Dinny Ryan, Pat Fox, Joe Hayes, Jerry Williams, Sean Nealon, John O'Donoghue (selector). Back row (L-R) — Michael Brennan, Owen Maher, Noel Sheehy, John Madden, Ken Hogan, Donie O'Connell, Jody Grace, Mick Ryan (Ballinahinch), Padraig Hogan, Sean O'Meara, Bobby Ryan.

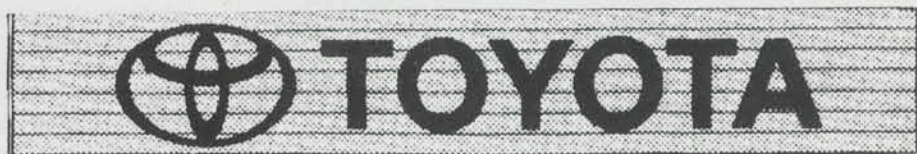
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The County Senior Hurling Championship

by Seamus J. King.

"We stand in an historic place on an historic evening", said Holycross-Ballycahill chairman, John Ryan, to a huge roar of approval from an enthusiastic crowd gathered in the village green of Holycross on the evening of October 14, after the club's success against Cashel in the County senior hurling final. It was the realisation of a thirty-six year dream and it brought them their fourth county final in six appearances. For Cashel it was the end of a dream of winning their first senior hurling title and they now find themselves sharing the unenviable top spot in the league of losing finalists: with Lorrha they have appeared in and lost five county senior hurling finals!

In the beginning of the year the conversation was about Clonoulty-Rossmore's chances of retaining their title. They had the talent and the experience and the assistance of Len Gaynor and a reasonably easy first round encounter against Éire Og. Victory put them through to a semi-final against Cappawhite at the revamped Sean Treacy Park which they won without impressing. In the meantime Kilruane-MacDonaghs had qualified in the north and Len Gaynor terminated his contract with them. So, they went into the west final at Golden on August 12 without his guidance or any other replacement. Their opponents were Cashel, who had a new purpose and direction as a result of securing the services of Justin McCarthy as coach. The game was a close and enthralling contest which was clinched in Cashel's favour by a Cormac Bonnar goal five minutes from time. The final score was Cashel 2-11 Clonoulty-Rossmore 0-15.

The north final was played at Nenagh on July 29 and Toomevara were Kilruane-MacDonagh's opponents. The game was one of the worst finals for years, filled with fouls, low scoring and frequent stoppages. At the end of the hour Kilruane MacDonaghs were ahead by 2-7 to 0-5. Three weeks later the south final was played at Clonmel between Carrick Swans and Killenaule. It was a game of two halves with Killenaule dominating the first and leading by eight points at half-time before Carrick switched it on after the interval and were in front by 3-7 to 2-7 at the final whistle.

The last of the four divisional finals to be played was the mid. This did not take place until August 26 when Holycross-Ballycahill and Loughmore-Castleiney faced each other at Boherlahan. John Cormack got a point thirty seconds into injury time to snatch a draw for Loughmore-Castleiney in a score of 1-10 all. The replay was at Semple Stadium on September 8 and it lasted 90 minutes. At half-time the sides were level at 1-5 to 0-

8. In the opening exchanges Holycross were well on top and had 1-4 on the score-board to a mere point for Loughmore after ten minutes. However, the latter made a few switches and scored five points in the next eleven minutes. In the second half Loughmore took the initiative and were five points up with five minutes of ordinary time remaining. Holycross came back with a string of four points, Loughmore went ahead again and, in the fifth minute of injury time Tony Lanigan got the equaliser for Holycross to leave the full-time score 1-11 each. In the extra time the game remained extremely even but Holycross had the edge in the final minutes and a goal in the last minute by Stephen Dwan clinched the issue at 2-19 to 1-18 in their favour. It was a great win for Holycross and one which tested their resolve to the last.



Dan Quirke (right) in action. Co. Quarter-Final v. Kilruane MacDonagh.

COUNTY QUARTER FINALS

The county quarter-finals were played on the weekend of the football All-Ireland. Not a very satisfactory situation but one that arises yearly with a glut of fixtures for too few dates. Two of the games were played at Leahy Park, Cashel on September 15 and 16 and the remaining two at Semple Stadium on the 16th.

The mid and south divisions met at Cashel. On Saturday evening the south champions, Carrick Swans, played the mid runners-up, Loughmore-Castleiney. The Swans went into the game as outsiders in most people's reckoning but they carried the game to Loughmore and for a time in the first half appeared capable of causing an upset. They led by 1-5 to 0-7 at half-time as a result of a Tom Waters goal in the 24th minute. In fact Waters had a second chance shortly before half-time but it was stopped by Eamon Sweeney. Swans stayed with the mid men for a short time after the in-

terval but then Loughmore pulled away and were ahead by 0-17 to 1-8 when Johnny McDonnell blew the final whistle.

The second contest at Cashel was played on Sunday evening. The final result might give the impression that the mid champions, Holycross-Ballycahill, had it all their own way against the south runners-up, Killenaule, but it wouldn't be a complete picture of what happened. Slow to get going Holycross had three goals scored before Killenaule got going, their first point coming in the fourteenth minute. However, they clawed their way back and gave a fine display especially in the third quarter when they reduced the lead to a mere three points. Even then they could have been better positioned but for many missed opportunities. In the end the mid men were comfortable winners by 4-17 to 3-9 with impressive

scoring performances by Declan Carr, 1-7 and Stephen Dwan, 2-5.

Earlier in the day the other two quarter finals were played at Semple Stadium. Cashel King Cormac's and Toomevara were first on the field with a one o'clock start. The north runners-up fielded a completely reshuffled lineout from their north championship campaign whereas the west champions had to play without an injured Pa Fitzell, who did, however, make his appearance before the game was over. On the run of play there was little or nothing between the sides and had Toomevara been more disciplined in their approach the result might well have been different. In the event Toomevara had more scores from play than Cashel but they paid the price for committing needless fouls by being punished by the unerring accuracy of Tommy Grogan, who found his mark ten times out of ten and gave Cashel victory by 0-16 to 1-9.

The second game turned out to be a great disappointment. County cham-

pions, Clonoulty Rossmore, surrendered their title in a most disappointing fashion to north title holders, Kilruane-MacDonaghs. Much was expected of the champions but they failed to lift themselves to any great heights and several members of the side played well below form. Kilruane were hungrier and sharper and their centreback, Joe Banaghan, gave a fine display. The north champions led by 2-5 to 0-6 at the interval and were ahead by 3-8 to 0-9 at the final whistle.

COUNTY SEMI-FINALS

The two mid teams were guarded for the semi-final pairings and the draw pitted Cashel against Loughmore-Castleiney and Holycross-Ballycahill against Kilruane MacDonaghs. Both games were played at Semple Stadium on October September 23 with Cashel and Loughmore providing the curtain-raiser. The west champions bridged a fifty-year gap when the qualified for their first county final since 1940 by beating the mid men 1-8 to 0-8. Playing with the wind in the first half Loughmore squandered many chances by going for goals when points were going abegging. Then John Grogan got a vital goal for Cashel five minutes before the interval to leave the half-time score 0-5 to 1-1. With the strong wind in their favour after the interval it appeared that Cashel should have the whipband. But the defences continued to reign supreme and it was only in the final quarter that Cashel pulled away to win by three points.

The second game ended in a draw. Far from being a classic it reached an exciting climax as Holycross-Ballycahill came from behind to level and then missed two great chances of outright victory in a hectic last five minutes. The sides were deadlocked six points each at the interval. In the second half Holycross went into a three point lead before Philip Quinlan levelled with a goal in the twelfth minute and then Jerry Williams got two points to put Kilruane into a match-winning position. However, the mid men came back to achieve an exciting draw.

The replay took place at the same venue a week later. Kilruane were eight points ahead after twenty minutes and seemed set for victory. But Holycross gradually came into the game and had cut the deficit back to four points, 2-5 to 0-7 at the interval. They had the wind in their favour in the second half and a fine Stephen Dwan goal, nineteen minutes into the second half, put them in front for the first time. They stayed in that position and were three points ahead, 1-16 to 2-10, when referee, John Moloney, blew the final whistle.

THE COUNTY FINAL

Holycross-Ballycahill had now played four Sundays in a row and sought a postponement of the county final, fixed for October 7. A special meeting of the Fixtures and Finance Committee was called and, as a result of a two-thirds majority, refixed the game for Saturday, October 13 — Sunday was out because Tipperary were scheduled to play their first league game against Limerick on that day. There was uproar at the news in Cashel and a decision taken not to play on Saturday. A further meeting of the Fixtures and Finance Committee was held and unanimously agreed to play the game at four o'clock on Sunday. In the meantime the league game was postponed and the late start was to accommodate patrons who wished to attend the senior football final at Cashel on the same day.

It was a most interesting pairing for a final. Holycross-Ballycahill, with three senior hurling titles to their credit were seeking their first victory since 1954. They were also striving to compensate for their defeat by Clonoulty-Rossmore in 1989. Cashel were going for their first-ever senior hurling title and were appearing in a county final for the first time in fifty years.

A fine crowd of 12,000 turned up for the occasion and were warmed up by a great display of hurling in the minor final in which north champions, Erin's Hope, defeated Holycross-Ballycahill. All was in preparation for an epic encounter in the senior game when, about ten minutes before the throw-in, the heavens opened and the rain came down unrelentingly for the hour. With a strong swirling wind as well conditions were well nigh impossible and yet the players served up a remarkable display of hurling. The game was a closely contested affair in which defences dominated and the greater experience and maturity of Holycross won out in the end. The mid men seemed able to make better use of their opportunities and were

more economical in their use of the ball while Cashel had to work extremely hard for all their scores. There were two points between the sides at half-time with Holycross ahead by 0-6 to 0-4 and, when Cashel drew level with eight minutes to go, it seemed as though they had the initiative. But Holycross threw in a sparkling finish with three brilliant points by Tony Lanigan and gave them victory by 0-13 to 0-10.

It was a well-deserved success by Holycross-Ballycahill. Great credit is due to a team that came back from last year's defeat and got through two draws on the way to achieving this victory. For Cashel it was a story of what might have been. Particularly galling was the disallowed goal in the twenty-second minute of the game, when a grand forward movement was finished to the net by Tommy Grogan, only to have play called back for a free. Also a talking point was the rain which slowed the game down and deprived the Cashel forwards of the fast breaking ball in which they revel. But, when these considerations are trotted out they have to be balanced against the fact that Cashel scored only four points in the course of the hour and were it not for Tommy Grogan's excellent free-taking, a wider margin might have separated the sides at the end.

Teams - Holycross-Ballycahill: Pat Slattery, Johnny Doyle, Tom Dwyer, Ruari Dwan, Phil Cahill, Michael Doyle, Phil Dwyer, Declan Carr (Capt.), Pat Lanigan, Paddy Dwan, Stephen Dwan, Tony Lanigan, Paul Slattery, Robert Stakelum, Paul Maher. **Subs:** Gerry Fennessy for Phil Cahill.

Cashel King Cormacs: John Ryan, T. J. Connolly, Pat O'Donoghue, Joe Minogue, Conal Bonnar, Pat Fitzell, Tony Slattery, Colm Bonnar, Willie Fitzell, Ramie Ryan, Cormac Bonnar (Capt.), James O'Donoghue, Ailbe Bonnar, John Grogan, Tommy Grogan. **Subs:** Michael Perdue for Joe Minogue; Sean Slattery for John Grogan.

Referee: Willie Barrett (Ardfinnan). **Man of the Match Award:** Stephen Dwan.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

- Sept. 15: County Quarter-Final at Leahy Park, Cashel
Loughmore-Castleiney 0-17 Carrick Swans 1-8
Referee: Johnny McDonnell (Roscrea)
- Sept. 16: County Quarter-Final at Semple Stadium, Thurles.
Cashel King Cormac's 0-16 Toomevara 1-9
Referee: Phil Cahill (Holycross-Ballycahill)
Kilruane-MacDonaghs 3-8 Clonoulty-Rossmore 0-9
Referee: Willie Barrett (Ardfinnan)
- County Quarter-Final at Leahy Park, Cashel.
Holycross-Ballycahill 4-17 Killenaule 3-9
Referee: Paddy Lonergan (Galtee Rovers).
- Sept. 23: County Semi-Finals at Semple Stadium, Thurles
Cashel King Cormac's 1-8 Loughmore-Castleiney 0-8
Referee: Willie Barrett (Ardfinnan)
Holycross-Ballycahill 0-12 Kilruane MacDonaghs 1-9
Referee: John Moloney (Galtee Rovers)
- Sept. 30: County Semi-Final Replay at Semple Stadium, Thurles
Holycross-Ballycahill 1-16 Kilruane MacDonaghs 2-10
Referee: John Moloney (Galtee Rovers)
- Oct. 14: County Final at Semple Stadium, Thurles
Holycross-Ballycahill 0-13 Cashel King Cormacs 0-10
Referee: Willie Barrett (Ardfinnan).

Justin McCarthy,
Cashel Coach.

In search of a system

By: SÉAMUS O'DOHERTY

IT MAY come as a shock to some readers to learn that there are **30** senior hurling teams in Co. Tipperary. There are only 12 in both Kilkenny and Wexford respectively and even less in Offaly. The Divisional system which prevails in the Premier County disguises the fact somewhat and even more significantly hides the truth that no more than eight have a serious chance of winning the County title. Discussion on how best to run a Divisional Championship will always pass an hour for enthusiasts, but unfortunately for Board officers, the 'best' system doesn't always work out that way. Whatever way you analyse it, the big money comes from the Senior Hurling Championship, and nobody can blame those who try to maximise this income.

But that's where the crux lies! Can you realise more income by increasing or reducing the number of games you play? The answer seems obvious, but perhaps it's incorrect.

From talking to regular matchgoers, the consensus is that for pure atmosphere, drama and big crowds you can't beat the open draw, straight knockout competition. In this way there are fewer games to be played, the attendances are high and teams must prepare properly for all games, because the first might be their last!

Only West Tipperary runs its Senior Hurling Championship in this way. Has it been successful? Most people agree that it has and I suppose with Cappawhite, Clonoulty-Rossmore and Cashel K.C. all reaching the Co. Final in the past four seasons you'd have to admit that the clubs have progressed. This year Cashel K.C. and Clonoulty-Rossmore met in the Divisional Final proving that an 'open draw' needn't be a financial flop! A total of seven teams took part and for good measure Cashel also won the Division's Subsidiary Competition, the Crosco Cup.

The South Division is the closest to the west for Drama. There, five teams took part in this year's championship. Two first round games were played and the winners here, Killenaule and St. Mary's advanced to the semi-finals with Ballingarry, who got the bye. The two losers, Swans and Cahir, then played off for the last semi-final place, and the Carrick men began their surge to the final where they deprived Killenaule of a three-in-a-row. Ballingarry won the Division I Walsh Shield for the League competition.

Up North, the losers' group still exists and like the South a first round loser ended up with the Divisional Title. Kilruane McDonaghs surprised many people by coming back from an early defeat by Éire Óg to beat Borrisokane. Borrisoleigh, Éire Óg and Toomevara.



County Board Officers (l-r): Michael Nolan, Treasurer; Noel Morris, Chairman; T. Ó Baróid, Rúnaí.

They followed this up with a victory over defending Co. Champions Clonoulty-Rossmore and only bowed out to Holycross-Ballycahill after a replay. In a division where some teams were busier than others, Roscrea were unlucky to get a first round bye, lose their only match and find the losers' group "option" was gone. In the Mid, few will be critical after the Co. Final success of Holycross 'B'. The Divisional Final went to a replay, which itself necessitated extra time. It was drama at its best. The losers group prevails here also, but the winners of the Cahill Cup, Mid and Co. titles didn't need to avail of it! Perhaps its significant that Holycross and Cashel, who contested the Co. Final won their two Divisional competitions this year. The North and South had honours shared.

After all that, my plea is for consistency in running the senior hurling competitions in the four divisions. If each division wishes to have a secondary competition before the championship, fair enough. Upgrade it if you like and let the winners qualify for the Co. Quarter Finals. Wouldn't it be great if the four championships were all open draw knockout, without second chances? Only the winner would go through to the

County Championship and all senior teams would have to raise their standards. If they failed in this objective, then promotion and relegation should be considered, but that's another issue. Perhaps clubs would think over these issues in the weeks before convention. After all, the County Championship is a straight knockout from the quarter finals on, why not have it so from the start?

For the record the senior teams who played in the 1990 Championships were:

West: Cashel K.C., Clonoulty R., Cappawhite, Golden-Lattin, Sean Treacy's, Éire Óg, Kickhams.

South: Swans, Killenaule, St. Mary's, Ballingarry, Cahir.

North: Kilruane, Éire Óg, Toomevara, Newport, Lorrha, Roscrea, Borrisokane, Shannon Rovers, Borrisleigh.

Mid: Holycross B, Loughmore C., Sarsfields, Moyne T., Drom Inch, Moycarkey B., Boherlahan, Gortnahoe G., Clonmore.

Since Carrick Davins won the last County title for the South Division in 1967, the honours have gone to the North on fifteen occasions, to the Mid six times and finally to the West twice. Significantly, the West victories have been achieved in recent years (1987 and 1989) from the straight knockout system!



ALL-IRELAND REFEREES

Will Barrett, Ardfinnan (left), who refereed this year's Royal Liver National Hurling League Final, and the All-Ireland Minor Hurling Final and replay; Paddy Russell (Emly) was in charge of this year's All-Ireland Senior Football Semi-final and Final. Congratulations to both.

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Coilin Mac Cnáimhsi (Conal Bonnar)
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A Childhood All-Ireland — Memories of '45

CLUSTERS of men and boys stood about the dimly-lit platform of Thurles railway station. The atmosphere was subdued. It was 3 a.m. on Saturday morning. Then a tremor stirred the crowd as a faint steamy whistle came from the dark countryside to the south. The first of the many special trains, carrying supporters for the All-Ireland hurling final of 1945 between Tipperary and Kilkenny, rumbled out of the gloom and drew alongside in a great hiss of steam and a squealing of brake-iron on gleaming wheels.

We found places together in a compartment where long seats held six passengers on either side. At first, few words were exchanged. But, as the engine gave a great smoky bellow and the long train began to creak into slow movement, the camaraderie of hurling broke down the barriers.

"They'll have to watch Jimmy Langton like hawks — he's a whore once he gets the ball into his hand".

"Kilkenny will have their work cut out to stop Tommy Doyle and Eddie Gleeson", countered a Thurles Sarsfields loyalist.

The carriage lights flickered faintly on the hedges and grass of the night countryside streeling by outside. Sometimes it lit up the heavy furls of smoke from the engine. When the train got into Templemore a shouldering crowd, good natured but anxious not to be left behind, surged on board. Several men came into our full compartment, apologetic but determined, and stood in the space between the rows of knees, reaching out to hold the wooden bar of the baggage rack above our heads. Having to stand all the way to Dublin was considered no more than a mild discomfort for people inured to frugal living and some hardship.

As the train clattered along the whiff of sooty smoke, of rust-boiled water and engine oil wafted through the carriages. Now and then a man would unearth a brown package from an overcoat pocket and begin to munch a sandwich quietly, shyly. There were some smiles when one fellow opened a sandwich to reveal a complete lamb chop between the slices.

My father, with an unerring nose for card games, discovered a poker school up in the swaying baggage car. Men sat round on crates, playing cards onto a raincoat laid out over a bulky package. The ticket checker looked on approvingly. By the time the fields had begun to turn a light grey and high electricity pylons marked the approaches to Dublin, the father had won a fair sum of money.

"If John Maher and 'Sweeper' Ryan



John Maher leading Tipperary to All-Ireland honours in 1945, followed by Tommy Doyle, Mick Murphy and Flor Coffey.

play as well as that then we're home and dried", said one of the poker school to him.

My brother Tom and I, twelve and ten respectively, stayed close to the father when the crowd debounced onto the platform at Kingsbridge. The early-morning city streets echoed to the shrill repeated cries of seagulls standing amongst the rows of chimney pots high above. We marvelled at the confident messenger boys weaving on heavy basket-fronted bicycles amongst the trams, buses, lorries, horse-drawn cabs and drays. The paper sellers at the corners bantered with the country fellows. "Are youse going to the Tipperary Mens Club?" one asked nasally. "All you need to get in is a red face and a brown suit". We boarded a tram for Monkstown, startled by the crackle of blue sparks made by the trolley-wheel on the network of wires above.

That night we took the train into the R.D.S. in Ballsbridge, where searchlights sweeping the sky overhead proclaimed that the Military Tattoo and Exhibition was held. The army, proud of its efficient guardianship of the highways and byways, coasts and ports during the now-ended Emergency, put on a great show. The crowd thrilled to the intricate and — to our eyes — highly hazardous motorcycle drill. There was a great cheer when one intrepid cyclist stood upright on the saddle of his machine, steering by the weight of his feet and nonchalantly poured himself a bottle of stout. There was a stirring re-enactment of the battle of Benburb, the ranks of O'Neills men bristling with long-handled pikes.

Norman Freeman

There was a record crowd of almost 70,000 next day at Croke Park. The streets outside were jammed with clamouring crowds pressing impatiently towards the turnstiles. We clung doggedly to the father's coat-tails, excited but alarmed at the crush of bodies. We managed to squeeze into the last few wooden sideline seats, at the railway end, right behind the goalposts. The sight of the immense crowd, packed into the stands and terraces, was thrilling.

The minor game was already in progress. The Tipperary followers around us said that Tipp. would walk it. But even from our worm's eye view of the pitch we could see the fair-haired head of a Dublin player called McEntaggart bobbing up and down all over the field, inspiring the city fellows to an unexpected victory.

We had never seen anything as colourful or resplendent as the Artane Boys Band, nor heard music played with such precision by so many. As it marched round the pitch, endlessly playing 'The Green Flag', a tremendous bee-swarm hum of expectation began to ripple through the spectators. This swelled and grew and then burst into explosions of cheering when the two teams ran out onto the field.

The small figure of the President of the Irish Free State, Sean T. O'Kelly, was led out to meet the captains. There was polite applause.

"If the grass was any longer you wouldn't see him at all", said someone irreverently.

Seeing the game from eye level at the

end line led to much uncertainty when the game began. Players were indistinct when play was at the far end, seeming to be rushing here and there in confusion. At that distance it was difficult to see scores; one could see the umpire raising the flag and little else. But when the ball came soaring in towards our goal the frantic tussles were right in front of us. We could sense the grunting bump of muscular bodies colliding, see the sweating faces distorted with tension and determination. We winced at the stinging clash of hurleys, saw scrabbling, studded boots shearing the grass, saw smudges of blood on the left hand hip of the white shorts where players wiped cut knuckles.

What was the most memorable was not the game itself, which we were too young to appreciate, but the bellowing of the spectators around. When the ball came our way huge outpourings of energy and emotion, spiced with jokes, obscenities and abuse seemed to cascade onto the pitch. There may have been some who calmly enjoyed the match but it was those who yelled, often with strong hints of violence, who caught our attention.

All through the game, from start to finish, a small florid-faced man with fuzzy, black hair and deep lines on his neck, kept shouting, "Come on, Gooseberry — come on Gooseberry", over and over like a feverish corncrake. It was years later that it struck me he might have been shouting encouragement to the Tipperary Midfielder, Henry Gooldsboro, in his tussles with Dan Kennedy. Even at that age it was possible to sense the frenzied loyalty towards county and parish, the



John Maher, Tipperary captain, with the Liam McCarthy Cup, on the day after victory in the 1945 Senior Hurling All-Ireland.

love of the skills, craft and fierce competitiveness of hurling, the channelling of the frustrations of stunted lives into aggressive partisanship.

Tipperary had the upper hand in the first half. The ball went over the bar before us again and again. On one occasion it seemed to us that Tipperary had scored another point; but the umpire hesitated and kept the flag down. An elderly man sprang furiously to his feet. "Put up that shaggin' flag", he roared. A spontaneous burst of laughter came from all around.

In the second half Kilkenny, now playing into our goal, came thundering back. There were some fearful goalmouth skirmishes as the Kilkenny forwards came racing in like infuriated wasps. At one time we saw the slight but wiry figure of the Tipperary goalkeeper, Jimmy Maher from Boherlahan, come crawling

out from under a maelstrom of legs, hurleys, arms and shoulders, gripping the ball in his hand. "Gee — they'll kill the little guy", exclaimed two US Army men who had stopped off in Dublin on their way home from war-ravaged Europe.

A Tipperary follower, face dark with worry, kept shouting "mark Langton will you". He pointed this dangerous player out to us. Not old enough to savour the delightful skills of this famous artist, I recall nothing more than the way his lank black hair flapped up and down as he ran about.

After the final whistle, with Tipperary well ahead, the great roar of victory ended the straining efforts to see and understand. People poured onto the field, stretched their legs, looked curiously at the weals left on the sod by boots and hurleys.

That night the glass canopy at Kingsbridge echoed to shouts and roars as flushed celebrants boarded the many special trains. The smell of stout was about the platform and in the corridors of the train. We dozed wearily, only waking when the train stopped at a station and the porter walked along the gas-lit platform, calling out in high pitched voice "Maraboro, Maraboro, Maraboro — Maryborough, as Portlaoise was then called.

The crowd which eased itself off the train in Thurles at 1 a.m. dispersed about the silent streets, buoyant but weary. Only a few faint shouts disturbed the peace. We began the three mile walk home along the dark road.



TIPPERARY — ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS 1945

Back Row: J. Mockler, G. Cornally, John Maher (Capt.), H. Gooldsboro, T. Wall, Rev. J. J. Meagher, P. Coffey, J. Davitt, J. Goffey, T. Brennan, J. Ryan, J. Maher. Front Row: J. J. Callanan, P. Purcell, T. Butler, M. Murphy, P. Ryan, J. Maher, T. Doyle, M. Ryan, T. Purcell, E. Gleeson, J. Leahy, T. J. Semple.

Le gach deá-ghuì agus Comhgháirdeachas do Coiste Cho. Thiobraid Árann ó Chomhairle na Mumhan C.L.G.

DATES FOR 1991 CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

Grad	Cluiche	Date	Replay
Iomaint Sinn & Soisir — Senior and Junior Hurling			
1st Rounds	Portláirge v Ciarraí	19/5	26/5 (wkd)
	Luimneach v Clár	19/5	26/5 (wkd)
Semi-Finals	Corcaigh v Portláirge/Ciarraí	2/6	9/6
	Tiobraid Árann v Luimneach/Clár	9/6	23/6
Final:	Senior	7/7	14/7
Final	Junior	21/6	29/6
Peil Sinn & Soisir — Senior and Junior Football			
1st Rounds	Ciarraí v Clár	26/5	2/6 (wkd)
	Luimneach v Tiobraid Árann	26/5	2/6 (wkd)
Semi-Finals	Corcaigh v Ciarraí/Clár	16/6	30/6
	Portláirge v Tiobraid Árann/Luimneach	23/6	30/6
Final	Senior	21/7	28/7
Final	Junior	28/6	3/7
Peil fé 21 — Under-21 Football			
1st Rounds	Portláirge v Luimneach	18/3 (Mon.)	23/3
	Tiobraid Árann v Corcaigh	18/3 (Mon.)	23/3
Semi-Finals	Ciarraí v Portláirge/Luimneach	30/3 (Sat.)	6/4
	Clár v Tiobraid Árann/Corcaigh	30/3 (Sat.)	6/4
Final		12/4	19/4
Iomaint fé 21 — Under-21 Hurling			
1st Rounds	Clár v Luimneach	12/6	19/6
	Ciarraí v Portláirge	12/6	19/6
Semi-Finals	Tiobráin Árann v Clár/Luimneach	10/7	17/7
	Corcaigh v Ciarraí/Portláirge	10/7	17/7
Final		24/7	31/7
Iomaint na Mionur — Minor Hurling			
1st Rounds	Corcaigh v Ciarraí	24/4	1/5
	Clár v Portláirge	17/4	27/4
Semi-Finals	Tiobraid Árann v Corcaigh/Ciarraí	1/5	8.5
	Luimneach v Clár/Portláirge	1/5	8.5
Final		7/7	17/7-19/7
Peil fé Mionur — Minor Football			
1st Rounds	Ciarraí v Clár	8/5	15/5
	Corcaigh v Luimneach	8/5	15/5
Semi-Finals	Tiobraid Árann v Ciarraí/Clár	10/7	13/7
	Portláirge v Corcaigh/Luimneach	10/7	13/7
Final		21/7	3/8
Corn Mhic Cráith — McGrath Cup			
Peil Sinn "B"			
1st Rounds	Tiobraid Árann v Clár	28/4	Extra time
	Luimneach v Portláirge	28/4	Extra time
Final		5/5 — 12/5	Extra time

TIPPERARY FOOTBALL 1990

SENIOR:

By Eddie Lonergan

IN the 1989/'90 National League, played under experimental rules, Tipperary having lost 2 of their first 3 games were out of the promotion race at an early stage.

In the post Christmas games some improvement was shown and they won 3 of their four games, the only defeat being to promotion seeking Wicklow in Aughrim. The selectors decided not to train for the league, only 3 sessions being held to familiarize the players with the experimental rules.

Training for the Championship commenced in February in the Canon Hayes Recreation Centre, Tipperary. The attendances were very good and there were 3 sessions each week. Two challenge games were played against Kerry at Killarney and Castleisland and the team played well on both occasions, losing by 2 points and 1 point.

During this period some training sessions were held in Clonmel, while in early April Clonmel became the main centre for training as they faced Limerick in the Championship there on May 6th.

Preparations continued to go well and on April 15th they retained the Halpin Cup by defeating Waterford in the final of the Stradbally Tournament.

Training continued at Clonmel and Marlfield and two games were played against the Co. Junior team. Despite the loss of Tom Macken, Ned Ryan and John Costello they faced Limerick with high hopes. However, on the day nothing went right in the first half and an early second half goal sealed the game for Limerick. Tipperary battled on to the end but a succession of wides meant they were still 6 points behind at the finish.

In September the new All-Ireland "B" Competition commenced and Tipperary defeated Wicklow in Aughrim before going out to Leitrim in Clonmel. The coach Johnny Mulvihill and selectors Pat Moroney, Sean Mockler and Willie Robinson are to be complimented on their efforts throughout the year as indeed are the panel of players who may receive the reward in 1991.

In last years yearbook Johnny Mulvihill, who announced his retirement during the summer following six years dedicated service, wrote "I believe that Tipperary along with the other so-called "weaker counties" should seek to have an open draw in the Munster senior championship". Following a motion from Clare this has now become a reality and

the draw ensures that Tipperary, Limerick or Waterford will contest the Munster Final in 1991.

I wish to congratulate Brian Burke on his selection on the Ireland team to play Australia in the compromise rules series in Australia. Also congratulations to John Costello (wing back) and Brian Burke and Ger Enright (Subs) on the 1989 Munster Railway Cup team that defeated Leinster in the semi-final before going down to Ulster in the Final.

The lineout against Limerick was as follows:

Ger Enright (Cahir); Brian Lawlor (Longford Slashers); Declan Haheesy (Grangemockler); Michael Ryan (Upperchurch/Drombane); Sean Brett (Mullinahone); Criostoir McGrath (Commercials); Donal O'Keefe (Commercials) (captain); Gene McGrath (Askeaton); Brian Burke (Fethard); Anthony Crosse (Éire Óg-Annacarty); Jim O'Meara (Grangemockler); Micheal Beston (Fr. Sheehy's); Davy Hogan (St.

Patrick's); Colm Duggan (St. Patrick's); Eamon Maher (Ballyporeen). Subs: Anthony Wall (Commercials) for Colm Duggan; Ruan Morris (Templemore); Willie Morrissey (Fethard); John Treacy (Loughmore/Castleiney); John Costello (Cahir).

The following is a list of match results:

National League at Clonmel: Tipperary 1-14, Limerick 2-13; National League at Callan: Tipperary 6-15, Kilkenny 0-9; National League at Naas: Tipperary 0-9, Kildare 3-17; National League at Clonmel: Tipperary 1-10, Waterford 1-7; National League at Aughrim: Tipperary 1-9, Wicklow 1-12; National League at Clonmel: Tipperary 5-14, Carlow 0-7; National League at Cooraclare: Tipperary 2-10, Clare 2-8; Halpin Cup Final at Stradbally: Tipperary 2-13, Waterford 1-9; Championship at Clonmel: Tipperary 1-6, Limerick 1-12; All-Ireland 'B' competition at Aughrim: Tipperary 2-7, Wicklow 0-9; All-Ireland 'B' competition at Clonmel: Tipperary 0-12, Leitrim 1-12.



Senior - Back Row: Brian Lawlor, Criostóir McGrath, Gene McGrath, Anthony Crosse, Ml. Beston, Brian Burke, Colm Duggan, Declan Haheesy. Front Row: Ger Enright, Eamon Maher, Donal O'Keefe, Sean Brett, Ml. Ryan, Davy Hogan, Jim O'Meara.



Tipp. Senior Football Selectors 1990: Willie Robinson, Sean Mockler, Pat Moroney, Johnny Mulvihill.

JUNIOR:

THE Junior campaign began with a trial at Clonmel on April 13th. A panel was selected and following training sessions and two games against the Senior team and a challenge game with Waterford at Clonmel they faced Limerick in the Championship at Clonmel on May 6th. After a delayed start due to the non arrival of the referee Limerick went into an early three point lead but 3 goals in as many minutes from Franny Kelly, Paul Costello and Jimmy Dunne set Tipperary up for a very easy win on the score Tipperary 7-14, Limerick 0-8. They were now through to meet Cork in the semi-final at Pairc Uí Chaoimh on May 27th.

In the meantime two training sessions were held at Clonmel and Castleiney and Waterford were defeated in a challenge at Leamybrien. In the game against Cork Tipperary got off to a good start with good displays from Jimmy Dunne, Jim O'Donnell and Ollie Downes paving the way for two goals from Franny Kelly.

Cork then got back into the game with a goal from a penalty and had a narrow lead at half-time.

Early in the second half Tipperary missed some easy chances of scores and Cork sealed victory with some great scores. The final score being Tipperary 2-4, Cork 3-12.



Tipperary Junior Footballers 1990. Back Row: Ger Kiely, Sean Dunne, Mark O'Connell (Thurles Sarsfields), Eamon O'Meara, Jimmy O'Donnell, Jimmy Dunne, Paul Costello, Ollie Downes, John Kelly, Willie Crowe, Ben Keane, Franny Kelly, John Ryan. Front Row: Seamus Butler, Liam Mooney, Jimmy Lowry, Shane McManus, John O'Meara, Peter Brennan, Mark O'Connell (Commercials), Philly Ryan, Finbarr Lonergan, Johnny Lowry, Peter Kilkenny, Paul McKeivitt.

Tipperary lined out as follows against Cork:

Philly Ryan (Commercials); Johnny Lowry (Arravale Rovers); Willie Crowe (Arravale Rovers); Peter Brennan (Loughmore/Castleiney); Sean Dunne (Lattin-Cullen) (captain); John O'Meara (Emly); Mark O'Connell (Commercials); Jimmy Dunne (Templetuohy/Moyne); Jimmy O'Donnell (Rockwell Rovers); Jimmy Lowry (Arravale Rovers); Ollie Downes (Cahir); Paul Costello (Cahir); Peter Kilkenny (Commercials); Franny Kelly (Commercials); Shane McManus

(Emly). Subs: Pat O'Halloran (Lattin-Cullen) for Paul Costello; Paul McKeivitt (Loughmore/Castleiney) for Mark O'Connell; Liam Mooney (Eire Óg-Annacarty) for Sean Dunne; Finbarr Lonergan (Cahir); Mark O'Connell (Sarsfields); John Ryan (Upperchurch/Drombane); Seamus Butler (Ballingarry); Brendan White (Swan).

The selectors were Johnny Mulvihill (Coach); Sean Mockler, Willie Robinson and Pat Moroney.

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UNDER-21 FOOTBALL:

By Colm O'Flaherty



(Back Row) Michael Ryan (Fethard), Paddy Ryan, Ger Deeley, Colm Egan, Noel Keane, T. J. Connolly, Anthony Wall, Eoghan Cooney. (Front Row): Eamon Maher, Willie Morrissey, Michael Ryan (Upperchurch), Finbarr Lonergan, Willie Tarrant, M. J. Browne, Pakie Hallissey.

FOLLOWING the good performance in 1989, there was much hope for 1990. However, 10 of the 1989 first fifteen had to be replaced, so a new team effectively had to be built.

TRIALS

Three trials was organised in December, at Clonoulty, Castleiney and Rockwell College. Despite club commitments and bad weather there were good turn-outs and a panel had to be picked for the South East of Ireland League.

SOUTH-EAST OF IRELAND LEAGUE

Having easily won this competition in 1989 it was decided to experiment and give al panellists an opportunity of a full game. In the first game, Tipp had a good win over Wexford in Horeswood, Co. Wexford on the score 2-4 to 0-7. The following Saturday virtually a new team defeated Carlow 0-12 to 1-6 in Carlow. Before the final against Waterford two further trial games were held in Cashel and Ardinnan. The final was played in Tramore on a very poor and water-logged pitch against the local county side. Fielding understrangth Tipp were beaten 0-10 to 0-7 by a much bigger, stronger Waterford side.

CHAMPIONSHIP PREPARATIONS

Everyone was looking forward to having Waterford in Clonmel for the first round of the Munster Championship. Preparations got under way in earnest with the trip to

Galway to play Galway. Following a good competitive game Tipp emerged victorious. This same Galway side was to contest the All-Ireland semi-final. Limerick were played and easily beaten on the way home in Askeaton. Again this overnight stay proved invaluable to building the team into a unit. Before the Waterford game nine training sessions, in Tipp. Town, Ardinnan and one in Clonmel were held and two challenge games were played against Duhallow and Carlow.

As the training had to be done throughout February it was virtually impossible to get a field to train on and this is a problem that badly needs to be tackled.

On the Bank Holiday Monday, 19th March, Tipp had their revenge on Waterford for the League defeat. However, it took a Colm Egan goal and some narrow misses by Waterford to secure this victory on a score 1-5 to 0-7. Before the Championship semi-final against Cork it was only possible to have two get-togethers, as the game was on the 29th March.

Tipp got off to a bad start losing senior player Anthony Wall and conceding a goal, yet recovered well to be still in contention at half-time. However, on the turnover it was Cork who got the early scores. However, Tipp finished strongly and could easily have had 2 goals. The final score of 1-9 to 0-5 hardly does justice to Tipp's performance.

The team was:

Finbarr Lonergan (Cahir); Willie Tarrant (Galtee Rovers); Paddy Ryan (Fethard); Michael Ryan (Fethard); Ger Deeley (Commercials); Michael Ryan (Upperchurch/Drombane); Willie Morrissey (Fethard); Noel Keane (Clonoulty/Rossmore); T. J. Connolly (Cashel K.C.); Eamon Maher (Ballyporeen); Eoghan Cooney (Swan); Anthony Wall (Commercials); Pakie Hallissey (Golden/Kilfeackle); Colm Egan (Kiladangan); M. J. Browne (Moyle Rovers). Subs: Roger English (Emly) for Anthony Wall; Denis O'Shea (Aherlow) for M. J. Browne; Anthony Wall for Noel Keane; Tim Cullen (Loughmore/Castleiney); Ger Kiely (Lattin-Cullen); Andrew O'Meara (Grangemockler); Niall O'Brien (Fr. Sheehy's); Fergal Gallagher (Arravale Rovers); Tom Maher (Ballyporeen); Cathal Egan (Kiladangan); Brian Leamy (Golden/Kilfeackle); Shay Ryan (Fethard).

It is interesting to note no less than eight of the first fifteen made the Under-21 hurling panel. Indeed it is pleasing to report that there was excellent co-operation between the Under-21 hurling selectors and the football selectors — which is not often there in other grades.

The selectors were: Colm O'Flaherty (Cahir); Pete Savage (Ardinnan); Michael Power (Newcastle); Noel Byrnes (Fethard); Jimmy O'Donnell (Rockwell Rovers).

MINOR FOOTBALL:

By Seán Hennessy

WHEN Kerry were narrowly beaten by Meath in the 1990 All-Ireland football final few people realised that their toughest encounter in the Munster Championship was against Tipperary.

Tipperary's preparations began way back in the month of February with trials in Kilsheelan, Loughmore, Thurles and Rosegreen. Between then and the finalisation of the squad almost 100 players were viewed in trials by our new coach, Seamus McCarthy and selectors Hugh Kennedy, Tommy Lonergan, Mick d'Arcy and myself. Trials continued throughout February and March. By then a preliminary final panel of 38 players was announced. The panel, drawn from players who had attended for trial, then commenced training under the excellent guidance of coach, Seamus McCarthy. Seamus had replaced another former great, Johnny Cummins, as coach, after Johnny had given four terrific years of service to the minors, twice coming agonisingly close to toppling Cork. Initially training took place in Boherlahan, Clonmel, Cashel and Canon Hayes Sports Centre in Tipperary Town. Later on training alternated between Cashel, on Saturday mornings and Tipperary on Wednesday nights.

One disturbing aspect of the training schedule was the intrusion of the Minor hurling panel training sessions on the Saturday morning sessions of the minor footballers. For over 10 years Saturday morning has been used by the footballers for trials and training in order to avoid a clash with the hurling and to afford an opportunity for dual players to represent their county in both games. To make matters worse the level of communication from the hurling fraternity was, to say the least, disappointing. This resulted in quite a number of players being forced to opt for either hurling or football. Definitely not a healthy state of affairs for an organisation which seeks to encourage players to participate in its games.

Nevertheless on the field the players continued to make great progress and to develop a spirited approach to the task in hand. The panel had been reduced to the final 24 as the countdown began to our meeting with Munster champions Kerry.

For the first time in a number of years we had opted out of the unsatisfactory Munster Minor League. Instead we had rigorous training sessions and stern tests against Wexford (twice), Galway and Fethard in challenge games. We were confident that we could beat Kerry. We had a talented, fit and well-prepared panel who were prepared to give their all for the



TIPPERARY MINOR FOOTBALLERS 1990

Back Row: Ken Ryan, Maurice Foley, David O'Neill, Liam Sweeney, John Lonergan, Sean Collum, Mark Sheahan, Mark Leonard, John Purcell, Fergal McLoughlin, Kevin Farrell, P.J. Arrigan, David Lavin. Front: Ml. Spillane, Paddy O'Shea, Padraig O'Keefe, Bernard Hahessy, John Cahalan, Brian Cahill, Riain Forristal, Gordon Loughnane, Declan McGrath, Gavin McGuirk.

blue and gold. Their determination was clearly evident in their approach to the challenge with Fethard just 6 days before our meeting with Kerry. Under the inspiration of captain Benny Hahessy not one player flinched from any challenge or contest in the game. Such was the enthusiasm of all the squad that one of our defenders, Ken Ryan, suffered a broken collar bone in the course of the game. Such commitment is to be admired and encouraged. The pity is that the necessary support and co-operation to translate that determination into success is not always given by those in positions to do so.

Encouraged by the determined mood of our squad we set off for Castleisland on Wednesday, 2nd May to play Kerry.

The opening exchanges were tense and closely fought. Both sides appeared evenly matched with perhaps Tipperary looking more dangerous near the goals. The early pointers proved accurate when we hit a purple patch and scored two goals and were unlucky not to raise another couple of green flags, being denied by the woodwork. Our forwards, especially the inside line were opening up the Kerry backs with both Paudie O'Keefe and Brian Cahill looking dangerous and Declan McGrath playing a roving game. The defence was coping admirably with all that Kerry could throw at us with the full-back line in command and the half-backs cutting off the supply. Midfielders Gavin McGuirk and John Purcell were holding their own. Kerry were in trouble. A few points for Kerry reduced our lead and then before half-time came the body blow. A rather dubious penalty was awarded to the surprised Kerry lads after goalkeeper Liam Sweeney had brought off a marvellous save. The penalty was converted and Kerry were back in the game.

The second half followed a similar pattern to that of the opening half. Our half backs and half forwards were now beginning to dominate. A few scores would set the scene for a hectic finish. Just when it appeared that we were going to come out on top, fate in the person of the referee dealt us another body blow. The unfortunate David O'Neill was harshly dismissed for a determined challenge for

the ball. Interestingly enough, the crowd, predominantly Kerry supporters, roundly disapproved of the decision with a chorus of boohs, obviously aimed at the referee. It was tit for tat after that but the exertions and whole-hearted determination of the Tipp lads took their toll in the last five minutes when Kerry scored six points without reply. The final score was Kerry 2-13, Tipperary 2-5. Tipperary had given Kerry a real fright and Kerry confided afterwards that they were lucky and relieved to have advanced to the next stage. They went on to account for Clare by 6-11 to 2-4 and Cork in the final by 1-10 to 0-3.

The great performance of our minors once again illustrates how close we are to repeating the breakthrough of 1984. All that is needed is a little more encouragement and co-operation especially within our own county and we know that we can march successfully into the 1990's.

Finally a word of thanks to all who contributed to our efforts during the year, to club officials, club members, players, county board officials, fellow selectors and our supporters míle buíochas agus Rath Dé oraibh. We look forward to your support and co-operation in the 1990s remember "ní neart go cur le chéile".

Team: v. Kerry. Liam Sweeney (Moynempletuohy), John Lonergan (Clonmel Óg), R. Forristal (Clonmel Commercials), Seán Colum (Templemore), John Cahalan (Shannon Rovers), Bernard Hahessy (captain), (Carrick Swan), Fergal McLoughlin (Ballyporeen), Gavin McGuirk (Rockwell Rovers), John Purcell (Thurles Sarsfields), Michael Spillane (Fethard), David O'Neill (Newport), Mark Sheahan (Eire Óg, Nenagh), Brian Cahill (Grangemockler), Paudie O'Keefe (Clonmel Óg), Declan McGrath (Lattin/Cullen). **Subs:** D. Lavin (Clonmel Óg), K. Farrell (Knockavilla Kickhams), P. O'Shea (Aherlow), M. Leonard (Aherlow), P. J. Arrigan (Carrick Davins), G. Loughnane (Thurles Kickhams), M. Foley (Clonmel Óg), K. Ryan (Clonoulty/Rossmore).

Scorers: P. O'Keefe 1-3; B. Cahill 1-0; D. O'Neill and D. McGrath 1 point each.

How successful is the Fás Coaching Scheme in the National Schools

Mick O'Connell – interviewed by Eddie Lonergan

THE vast majority of the schools are partaking in the scheme, but, of course, only time will tell as to whether it will be of benefit. Overall, I think it will.

At under-age level, particularly, it is important that the coach is proficient at the game himself. The better the footballer the more effective he will be as a coach, that is, of course if he applies himself sincerely to the job.

With most secondary school lads now continuing on to third level colleges or courses it is very difficult to recruit suitable coaches for a scheme such as this. However, we have a pretty good group of young men operating for us here in Tipperary, with a few exceptionally good.

While improvement in football standards is the prime aim of the scheme we can't overlook the social dimension. Inclusive of drivers, Supervisors and coaches there are upwards of 45 men (mainly from G.A.A.) employed on the scheme and I can't praise half enough the wonderful support received from Liam O'Brien, the Fás official responsible.

WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF UNDER-AGE COMPETITIONS

Generally, I am not in favour of it at all because young lads learning the rudiments of the game are going to learn the skills much more easily if they play around with the ball in a care-free, relaxed and non-competitive atmosphere.

I know that young lads delight in playing matches and am aware of the efforts of many dedicated people who organise under-age competitions. There is the risk that the boys might lose interest if these competitions were not there.

Ideally, I would like to see occasional friendly games played between schools or clubs with the more serious competitive games introduced for the age of fourteen onwards.



MASTER CLASS

Mick O'Connell shows the basis skills of football to pupils at Scoil Ailbhe, Thurles.

ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE STATE OF GAELIC FOOTBALL GENERALLY?

I'm not and am very critical of it and especially of the way it is being handled. Speaking to a hurling man in Tipperary recently he said that he himself, when looking at a football match, found it impossible to figure out which was supposed to be the good footballer. I believe him. At one time at least, a good player was distinguishable by his high spectacular fielding or maybe his fluent kicking with either leg. That day has gone and, indeed, that style of play is not now commended.

When answering some questions for last years Yearbook, I mentioned the stupidity of fiddling with the rules, and of continuing with the farcical Australian experiment. Whereas the possibility of compromise when the Australians use an oval ball and the Irish use a round one.

The Minor All-Ireland final this year was an example of good play. It was a marked

contrast with the Cork/Meath senior final with its 69 fouls or a free or foul per minute.

Gaelic football is badly in need of stabilization, that is, a decision should be reached on what kind of game it is going to be, for once and for all.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE OPEN DRAW IN THE MUNSTER FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP?

Whether the draw is open or closed, ability on the playing field is what will ultimately prove successful. That said, I favour the open draw because it will provide an opening for the less-successful (not the weaker) counties to qualify for a provincial final.

That's a very definite incentive for those counties to train harder and raise their standards. Kerry and Cork have monopolized that competition for too long and I hope the other counties now rise to the opportunity.

A Financial Windfall for Co. Board and Clubs

By TIM FLOYD (Draw Co-Ordinator)

TIPPERARY G.A.A. Draw, now in its third year, has grown to be recognised as an essential element in the development of Gaelic games in our clubs and county. Finance is now more important than ever, as the demands of modern times carry a much higher price tag than ever before.

The constant need for novel ideas to raise funds to meet these demands puts unwanted pressure on clubs. The County Board draw relieves clubs of this pressure by providing an acceptable form of fund raising to all punters and supporters alike. This draw on its own, can generate all the necessary finance a club needs in any one year. Once a club decides on its projected expenditure for a year, the measure of effort towards raising the funds to meet it, can be solely concentrated on the County Board draw. Our experience has shown that clubs have earned up to £20,000 from the very generous 45% commission on sales.

With a prize fund now in excess of £¼ million, the County Board must now sell a minimum of 9,000 units at £60 to cover its costs. Don't forget, only £33 of each unit is returned by our clubs. This is now a far cry from the original 6,000 figure targeted for the first draw in 1988. The Co. Board has now reached its limits in commissions and prize-fund value, in order to honour its current commitments. Over the past two years Tipperary G.A.A. Draw has generated over £1 million. Let us now look at the main areas where this money has been consumed:

Commission to Clubs: £560,000

The first draw in 1988 offered 33⅓% Commission to all our clubs acting as promoters. When the commission was increased to 45% in 1989 it proved irresistible to almost every club in the county. Clubs saw it as a break from their usual church gate collections, mini raffles, dances etc., and almost important, there was no risk. For every £60 unit sold, they were guaranteed £27. Even the smallest clubs could bring in 100 members, giving them a profit of £2,700. Bigger clubs with larger populations sold three and four times this. Clubs with development plans could make an all out effort for one year to avoid going into debt. I think we can safely say that the clubs of Tipperary are financially well off, thanks mainly to the county draw.

Prizes £250,000

In their first draw in 1988, Tipperary County Board could not be over ambitious



Cahir G.A.A. Club were top promoting club in the South Division last year. They are seen here receiving their £500 prize from Mick Frawley.



Gerry Kennedy, Drom-Inch, winner of a Mazda 323 in the August draw, receives the keys from Mick Frawley, watched by members of Drom club.

as they were breaking new ground with this venture. Setting their prize fund at £100,000 was indeed a brave risk. It has since been proved that the number one priority in any successful draw must be an attractive prize-fund. The following year the prize fund was raised to £150,000 and in the current draw the combined totals of the previous two years is on offer.

Simple Stadium Debt £100,000

While the debt on our stadium now seems to be under control, with the advent of its success as a concert venue, and the sale of five year tickets, such was not the

case prior to this summer. The £100,000 grant paid over the last two years from the draw fund was a life line, as it helped to ease the anxious looks of bank managers when promises were wearing thin. It's in everyone's interest to see this debt removed so that we can proudly look and say, it's our very own county stadium, without looking over our shoulders.

Hurling Coaching, £50,000

Munster Council initiated a scheme in 1989 in which they subsidised the appointment of two full-time hurling coaches in each county in the province.



John Joe McCormack, Toomevara, currently the top promoter in the country, was a winner in the Promoters Draw last year. He is seen here receiving his prize from Mick Frawley.

With the help of Tipperary G.A.A. draw, out county were in a position to improve this by appointing four coaches. The scheme has been a tremendous success as the work of the coaches has helped improve hurling standards in our schools and clubs.

Football coaching £30,000

Tipperary Football Board introduced a coaching scheme, with the help of FÁS Employment Agency, which saw the appointment of twenty young men throughout the county. The scheme was implemented and co-ordinated by the former Kerry footballer Mick O'Connell, and their work was concentrated mainly on the Primary Schools within the county. Tipperary G.A.A. Draw funds guaranteed back-up finance to ensure its success.

Inter-Divisional Expenses £28,500

These expenses are paid to all our clubs reaching the final stages of our county championships. It helps defray some of the expense incurred in preparation for a county title. These grants were suspended a few years ago due to lack of finance, but have now been reintroduced with the help of Tipperary G.A.A. Draw.

Post Primary Schools, £20,000

Over the past two years £20,000 has been channelled into all our Secondary and Vocational Schools in the county. This has been used in the purchase of hurleys, balls, helmets, and not forgetting the ever-increasing travelling expenses. With Tipperary G.A.A. Draw, County Board are now in a position to advance the cause in Gaelic Games in our post-primary schools, where the infiltration of other codes are a constant threat to its survival.

Primary Schools, £6,500

The grant to Primary Schools was used mainly for the purchase of helmets, hurleys and balls in order to supply at subsidised rates to beginners. Helmets which are now compulsory at Under-12 level are highly priced in the shops, varying from £20 to £30 each. With the help of this grant funded by the county draw, they can now be purchased through the schools for £10 each.

Purchase of Drom field £16,000

The primary purpose behind the purchase of Drom G.A.A. pitch, was to facilitate the Camogie Board's need to have their own ground for training and matches. Under a long-term lease agreement they are now independent and are no longer putting pressure on any club for the use of their field. From the beginning the Camogie Board have promoted Tipperary G.A.A. Draw and are fully deserving of this gesture by the County Board.

Centrefield Project and Sam Melbourne, £25,000

County Board have always had a wish to preserve part of its own heritage in Thurles, the birthplace of the G.A.A. By purchasing the Sam Melbourne Museum, and investing in the Centrefield Project as a location, this can now be achieved, thanks to Tipperary G.A.A. Draw.

Tipperary Senior Hurling Team £13,700

To complement all grants paid by

County Board, it's vital we have a successful Senior hurling team to make it all worthwhile. This we have in Tipperary, and following their All-Ireland success in 1989, they were rewarded with trips to Florida and Toronto. As the draw was such a success, County Bord were in a happy position to partly finance these in conjunction with the Supporters Club.

Other Grants

During the two years, many other areas enjoyed part of the profits from Tipperary G.A.A. Draw. Bord na nÓg benefitted to the tune of £4,000, most of which financed the annual weekend coaching session in Rockwell. £5,000 was paid towards the promotion of Local Radio within the county. The County Handball Board has received £1,000 each year, whilst the Camogie Board receive £500.

The future of Tipperary G.A.A. Draw

All the above mentioned areas illustrate the necessity to continue with this

venture. Great strides have been made over the past two years, and it's vital that this be carried on. Finance plays a big role in all schemes, and lack of it does little to generate enthusiasm and success. The third draw currently in existence looks like being as big a success, and therefore County Board can look favourably on these areas again for at least another year. The lifetime of the draw is entirely in the hands of all our clubs acting as promoters, but judging by present reactions the future looks bright for at least two more years.

Tipperary G.A.A. Draw Committee:

Chairman: Mick Frawley; *Co-Ordinator:* Tim Floyd; *Co-Chairman:* Noel Morris; *Co-Treasurer:* Mick Nolan; *North Reps.:* John Tierney, Shannon Rovers; Seamus Hogan, Kildangan; *Mid. Rep.:* John Ryan, Holycross; *West Rep.:* Gerry Creedon, Cappawhite; *South Rep.:* Con Hogan, Marlfield.

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G.A.A. Publications

By SEAMUS J. KING

THE year saw the publication of two more club histories, bringing to 22 the number written to date. I'm including in that selection a production from 1978 entitled: 'Kilcommon My Home: Mountainy Men at Play', which is as much a short social history of the Sean Treacy's country as a history of the G.A.A. in the area.

Roscrea are also included even though they haven't a club history as such but they have two written accounts of events in the club's history. In 1980, a commemorative programme was produced in honour of the new developments in St. Cronan's Park. It contained 112 pages of essays on the club's history and was edited by George Cunningham and Tom McCarthy. Four years later Seamus O'Doherty produced a 32 page magazine effort, devoted to the club's juvenile success in the eighties. Boherlahan also, have two productions: Philip Ryan published the 'Tubberadora-Boherlahan Story 1885-1975' in the mid-seventies and then combined with John Maher to write 'Boherlahan and Dualla: A Century of Gaelic Games' in 1987.

CAPPWHITE

The 'Cappawhite G.A.A. Story, 1886-1989' was launched in the Parochial Hall by Archbishop Clifford, Patron of the G.A.A. on December 18, 1989. It was the culmination of nearly four years work under History Chairman, John Kelly, former county senior hurler and headmaster of Cappawhite V.S. Initially, the research was done by a number of club members and particularly Tom O'Shaugnessy, who spent a day or two weekly, reading back numbers of 'The Nationalist' in Clonmel. Then in July 1987 a Teamwork Project of six people, under John Kelly, was commenced and they bought the book to completion.

The book contains 368 pages and was published in a hardcover edition of 1,000 copies. It has a dustcover in the club's colours. It sells for £10 and over half the copies have been sold.

The book covers the history of the club on a year by year basis. The opening chapter gives an interesting account of Cappawhite at the time of the foundation of the G.A.A. The population of the parish in 1880 was 2,461. The club came into existence in 1886. There was a major tournament in the parish in September, 1887 and about 10,000 people attended. The first photograph to appear is of Dr. J. Fitzgerald. He was President of the 'Cappawhite Bicycle Races and Athletic Sports' held in 1895 under G.A.A. Rules.

As the book progresses accounts become more detailed, reflecting the greater coverage of G.A.A. affairs as we get well into the twentieth century. Whereas 1953 gets half a page, 1987, when



Photo taken at launch of Cappawhite G.A.A. book (left to right): Liam Treacy, Michael Frawley, Joan Ryan, Dr. Clifford, Mary Kelly, John Kelly, Liam O'Brien, Jim Ryan, Fr. Curtin, P.P., Noel Morris.

the club made the great breakthrough to win the county senior hurling championship, is given nine pages. The photographic coverage improves greatly as the book progresses, with the eighties being particularly good.

For a person from outside the club the statistical section at the end of the book is particularly satisfying. This includes a very comprehensive Roll of Honour, lists of club officers, championship final results, etc. A fascinating section is simply entitled, 'Snippets', covering unusual things about people and events and extending for 16 pages. There are sections on camogie, the Vocational School, Cappawhite Tennis Club and athletics, with a profile of international athlete, Liam Hennessy. Overall, a very comprehensive account of the club and the G.A.A. and the people who made it all happen over 100 years. The book is a credit to the research team

and to John Kelly. The club can feel justly proud of this production and happy that the work was undertaken.

ST. MARY'S HURLING CLUB

A different kind of production is 'St. Mary's Hurling Club, Clonmel, 1929-89' by Sean O'Donnell. This saw the light of day on May 11, 1990 when it was launched by County Board P.R.O., Liz Howard at the G.A.A. Centre, Clonmel.

This book is completely the work of Westmeath born Sean O'Donnell, who has lived in Clonmel for nearly thirty years and teaches in Rockwell College. Its publication coincided with the sixtieth birthday of the St. Mary's Club but the author does not confine his attentions to that period. In an opening chapter, covering over twenty pages, he gives a general account of the G.A.A. in the town, prior to the formation of the club. During



Pictured at the launching of St. Mary's Hurling Club's history at G.A.A. Centre, Clonmel, on 11th May, 1990. Back row (L-R) - Jimmy Collins, Vice-Chairman; Michael O'Meara, Secretary; Con Hogan, Chairman South Board; Seamus Leahy, John Morrissey, C. Carroll. Front (L-R) - Frank Pyke, Michael Walsh, Libby Howard, County P.R.O., who launched the history; Seán O'Donnell, author.

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that period football was the predominant game. At one stage, in 1897, there were no less than seven football clubs in the town. One of these was the famous Clonmel Shamrocks, who were suspended by the G.A.A. in a dispute over expenses.

Even more fascinating is the account of the famous Clonmel man, William Prendergast, secretary of the G.A.A. and chief organiser of the American Invasion. The author corrects the general impression that Prendergast remained in the U.S. after the invasion, informing us that he arrived back with the main party after the invasion. He later returned to New York, became prominent in the G.A.A. and was involved in the development of Gaelic Park in New York.

But the book is predominantly about the St. Mary's club and its fortunes over sixty years. Whereas success wasn't generous to the club it did have its moments. One of these was in 1936 when it won its first championship, the south junior hurling title. A south intermediate title came in 1972 and the much desired senior championship in 1981. In between and since, there were lesser successes, especially in the juvenile grade. Also, at minor and under-21.

Sean O'Donnell peppers his story with the portraits of personalities and one of the most interesting must surely be Joe Butler, who played for St. Mary's between 1939 — 43. One of the most itinerant of hurlers he played for five counties and for two provinces and played in an All-Ireland senior hurling final.

One of the unusual aspects of this book is the appendix of names at the back. Nothing unusual about an appendix, but it is in a G.A.A. book. Naturally, the book is all the better for it. The book is divided up into 16 chapters which reflect the rise and fall and rise again of the club's fortunes through the years. There are also four appendices on Championship titles, Tipperary County Players, Féile na nGael, and other county players. The photographic content is impressive and the reproduction of the pictures, in a wide-format book, is very good. As well as the content the production of the book is very good with very clear print and good headings. Sean O'Donnell can be proud of his production and the St. Mary's club are lucky to have had a man of his calibre to undertake the task of producing this book. Anyone who has got a copy should hold on to it because it is already a collector's item. The print run of 500 copies is completely sold out which is as good an indication as any of the quality of the product.

ROCKWELL ROVERS

In 1988 sporting arrangements were organised between Rockwell Rovers and St. Davogs, Aghyaran, Co. Tyrone. In that year both teams were intermediate football champions in their respective counties and the connection was established by John McHugh, an Aghyaran man living in Newinn. St. Davog's visited Newinn, Rockwell Rovers returned the visit in 1989 and St. Davog's returned to Newinn again this year. In honour of the occasion the local club

produced a souvenir programme, which contains many interesting pieces on the history of the game in Rockwell Rovers including their history in the Rural Schools Hurling in 1955, their first county junior football title in 1963 and their great Centenary Year in 1987 when they amassed two county titles. Much of the material is taken from work in progress on the club's history by Tom O'Connor and the booklet can be had from club officials for £2, as long as copies remain.

TWO KERRY BOOKS

I would like to draw your attention to two new G.A.A. books from Kerry which made their appearance in the past year. Many of you will be familiar with one of them, the biography of Mick O'Dwyer by Owen McCrohan, available at £7.95. This is a very fine account of one of the greatest G.A.A. personalities of this century. The second book is called 'Trail Blazers — A century of Laune Rangers, 1888-1988' by Pat O'Shea. It covers the history of the G.A.A. in the Killorglin area, where football reigns supreme. However, there is a tiny hurling interest in the club being cultivated by one Bill Herene, who works in Africa for six week periods and during his spells at home brings teams of young lads to the hurling heartlands of Tipperary.

CENTREFIELD

In conclusion I should like to tell you about two publications from the Centrefield Research Unit in Thurles. Part



Josephine Quinn.

of Centrefield Museum, this unit, under the direction of Josephine Quinn of Clonoulty, has been beaver away at G.A.A. records for the past eighteen months. It has now made a list of and collected information on all All-Ireland players in the country. This material is being compiled county by county and Limerick and Tipperary are the first two to be completed. So, if you want a book that will tell you the name of every All-Ireland player in the county, where he was born, his date of birth and his roll of honour, you should get a copy of this production. It will put an end to all the usual pub arguments of when and where he won the All-Ireland.



Michael 'Babs' Keating, Tipperary hurling manager, who was honoured in Dublin at the Irish Life Manager of the Month annual awards presentation banquet, being presented with an award by Brian Dundan (Chief Executive - Ireland, Irish Life).

U-21



'A'

Under-21 'A' Champions: The Toomevara team which won the County U-21 hurling 'A' final at Boherlahan by defeating Ballingarry. Back Row (l-r): Francis Kennedy, Alan Maher, Bill Carroll, Kevin McCormack, Seamus Brislane, Tony Delaney, Michael O'Meara, Kevin Kennedy. Front Row: Tommy Dunne, Declan O'Meara, Philip Shanahan, George Frend, Paul Delaney, Joe Kennedy, Tony Carroll.

U-21



'B'

The Sean Treacy's (Aherlow) team which defeted Brackens (Templemore) in the County U-21 hurling 'B' final at Boherlahan. Back Row (l-r): Mark Leonard, Cory Ryan, Andrew Carr, Thomas Kennedy, John McCormack, John Ryan, Oliver Kennedy, Martin McCormack, P. Ryan (Manager). Front Row: Michael O'Brien, Denis O'Shea, Michael Ryan (Captain), Seamus Butler, Liam Hammersley, Val Kennedy, Pat Hickey.

Thurles Handball = a good year

THE club had a reasonably successful year of the playing side especially in the Juvenile Section, viz: the Feehan Trophy was competed for by a large number of juveniles. The standard of play reached was really high and competitive, all of which augurs well for the game. Some of the games were refereed by juveniles. At present other competitions are being arranged to take the players through the Winter season.

Juvenile members competed in the Féile na nGael Games and all who are associated with the club were delighted with their progress because finally they were placed in the medal winning honours. This was an Inter County Competition hence much experience was gained by our players.

The club have started a training and coaching course which is being well attended. Those taking part and all club members say a sincere thank you to

Michael McTiorall, Clonmel for giving so much of his time to us.

All club members say many thanks to Rev. Fr. Holmes, St. Patrick's College for his trojan help and guidance during the Féile Games and being present with us at presentation of prizegiving awards.

To all helpers who gave of their time and to our kind sponsors who have been with the club over a long time a Holy and Peaceful Christmas is our sincere wish.

Joe Fitzgerald, Secretary.

Presentation of Féile na nGael Handball medals to Thurles handballers.



Tipperary Handball 1990

By: EDDIE CORBETT, P.R.O.

"40/20 CAMPAIGN"

Tipperary were quiet in the 40/20 Provincial championship winning just four Provincial titles and two All-Ireland titles.

John O'Donoghue (Cashel), Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen) and Jim Ryan (Silvermines) were the All-Ireland winners. John and Eddie started the Munster campaign with many people tipping them for the All-Ireland title, notably Michael Tyrrell, Clonmel, former President who tipped them from the start.

John and Eddie began the Munster championship with a walkover over Limerick in the first round. In the Munster semi-final, they had an easy 21-6, 21-7 win over P. Buckley and M. Butler (Cork). In the Munster final, they met fellow Tipperary lads Billy McCarthy and Noel Ryan (Clonmel). John and Eddie did enough to beat a strong hitting Noel and Billy 21-13, 21-10. In the All-Ireland semi-final, they made the long journey to Ballaghaderreen Co. Mayo where they played very well to beat F + P McCann (Sligo) 21-10, 21-11. In the final, they had a hard fought win over J. Guilfoyle + R. McCarthy (Westmeath) 21-14, 20-21, 21-13 in an exciting game, to win the Junior doubles title.

Jim Ryan (Silvermines) began the year hoping to win the doubles All-Ireland title with Tom Kennedy (Silvermines) in the Master (B) grade.

But after losing the Provincial doubles title, Jim concentrated on the singles. In the Munster first round he received a walkover from Limerick and again the same happened against Clare. Jim was now in the Munster Final without playing a game but turned in a good performance to record an easy win 21-2, 21-9 over M. Jordan (Cork). In the All-Ireland semi-final, he had a tough match with L. Roche (Mayo) before winning through 20-21, 21-12, 21-7. Jim met C. Nugent (Antrim) in the final at Croke Park. It turned out to be a titanic struggle with Jim starting slowly losing the first game 21-9. In the second game, it was very close with each player in the lead at different times, Jim just pipped it, by just one ace. In the third game, Jim did an amount and picked some great ball to wear out C. Nugent to win 21-16 to claim the Masters (B) singles title.

Mick McGrath and John Ferncombe (Horse + Jockey) had a good Munster campaign with good wins over Cork and Clare. In the Provincial final, they met their great rivals and fellow Tipperary pair Jim Ryan and Tom Kennedy (Silvermines). They had an easy victory 21-5, 21-6 to win the Masters (B) doubles title. In the All-Ireland semi-final at Mitchelstown, Mick and John made their exit losing 21-7, 21-8 to the stronger T. Denning and L. Roche (Mayo).

"40/20 SEASON"

Even though Tipperary did not win as much as expected, they were always involved in some good games. Tony Ryan (Clonmel) made an unsuccessful return to Senior action when in April, Tony played N. Breen (Clare) in the Munster 40/20 Senior singles semi-final. Tony out of action for over two years, looked "out of sorts" playing well at times but never reached a consistent level losing out 21-14, 21-16.

Our Minor lads in the 40/20 turned in some superb performances. David Maloney (Cashel) was most unlucky playing powerfully to lose to F. Coughlan (Clare) 6-21, 21-17, 21-11 in the Munster Minor singles semi-final. Noel Marshall (Cashel) was Tipperary's other Minor singles and played brilliantly before losing to the eventual winner P. Walsh (Clare) in an exciting three game match.

David Maloney and Michael Carrie (Cashel) had an almighty close match with F. Coughlan and P. Walsh (Clare) in the Munster 40/20 Minor doubles final, before losing 21-11, 12-21, 21-19.

James Kennedy (Silvermines) was most unlucky in the U-21 singles final where he just lost to S. Palmer (Cork) 13-21, 21-18, 21-17.

John Dwyer and John Ryan Moore (Horse + Jockey) reached the Munster Novice 40/20 doubles final but lost out to T. Lynch and J. Creedon (Kerry) 21-20, 21-16 in a game that the Tipp lads had a good chance to win.

Danny Butler (Horse + Jockey) reached two Provincial Silver Masters (B) finals but lost both. Danny lost to S. Tanner (Cork) 21-12, 21-12 in the singles final. Danny and David Slattery (Lahorna) lost out to S. Tanner and B. O'Brien (Cork) 21-12, 21-5 in the doubles final.

Jim O'Meara (Fethard) reached the Golden Masters singles final before losing to D. Mulcahy (Waterford) 21-18, 21-11 in an exciting final.

"60-30 SEASON"

Tipperary did very well in the 60/30 season winning four All-Ireland titles and twelve Provincial titles. Josie O'Dwyer (Cashel) had a great win when he beat P. Quaile (Wicklow) to win the U-21 All-Ireland 60/30 singles title. Josie began the Munster campaign with an easy win over S. Palmer (Cork) in the semi-final. In the Provincial final, he met fellow partner Brendan Murphy (Cashel) and won 21-6, 21-11. Josie beat F. Maughan (Roscommon) 21-10, 21-11 in the All-Ireland semi-final.

In the final, Josie met P. Quaile (Wicklow) the '89 champion. Josie started slowly with P. Quaile in control leading well in the first game, but Josie came from the dead, playing solidly to edge home 21-20. P. Quaile again began the second game better and held on well to win by a comfortable 21-14. The third game, turned out to be a tough struggle with Quaile holding an early lead 14-10 but again Josie tossed well, with a good "Z serve" to win out 21-19 in an exciting match.

This is Josie's 2nd All-Ireland title, winning the last in 1981 when he won the U-12 singles title.

The Flaherty brothers Tony and Pat had a great victory when they won the All-Ireland Novice 60/30 doubles title.

Tony and Pat began the 60/30 season hoping to do well but in the county final they lost to P. Moore and Willie O'Dwyer (Cashel). In the Provincial championship they were not over-impressive even with easy wins over Clare and Kerry. In the final, they again met the Cashel pair but this time Tony and Pat came out on top winning 21-9, 21-11. In the All-Ireland semi-final, they had an easy win over M. J. Egan and R. Muldoon (Roscommon) 21-10, 21-11. In the final, they made the long journey to Kingscourt and did not leave down their loyal band of supporters with a brilliant 21-9, 21-9 win over T. Meehan and J. O'Reilly (Meath). Tony and Pat put in a lot of training prior to the final and it all paid off. In the first game, Tony and Pat started well with Tony's strong hitting on the leftside and Pat missing little on the right-side, they easily won 21-9. The second game, was much closer with the Meath pair improving but the Flaherty's again showed their best form to win 21-9.

Sean Doyle (Clonmel) made a winning start in the Masters when he won the Masters (B) 60/30 All-Ireland singles title.

This was Sean's first year in the Masters and he began the Munster campaign well when he beat F. O'Toole (Limerick) 21-3, 21-15. In the Provincial final, he had a surprise but convincing win 21-3, 21-7 win over D. O'Brien (Cork). In the All-Ireland semi-final at Clonmel Sean had a hard fought win over S. Clarke (Mayo) 12-21, 21-11, 21-14. In the final, Sean played N. Devereux (Dublin) at Talbotts Inch. It turned out to be a very close final with Sean just edging home 21-16, 21-19. In the first game, Sean held his own with scores level on a few occasions but Sean showed all his experience to win 21-16. The second game was again very close with Sean playing very well, tiring out N. Devereux to just win out 21-19. Sean has numerous titles like the Munster Open Novice singles & doubles titles '89 and a National League medal in '85 but this is Sean's first All-Ireland title.

The last 60/30 softball All-Ireland title was won by Tomas "Junior" Slattery (Clonmel) and Danny Butler (Horse + Jockey) when they won the Silver Masters (B) doubles title.

At the beginning of the 60/30, Junior and Danny were on opposite sides. Junior began the Munster campaign with Frank O'Brien (Ballyporeen) and Danny played with David Slattery (Lahorna). Both the Tipp pairs met each other in the Provincial final with Junior and Frank winning out. But before the All-Ireland semi-final, Frank O'Brien injured his back and was forced to pull-out. Danny took Frank's place. In the semi-final, they travelled to Castlebar and easily beat V. Conway and P. Browne (Mayo) 21-12, 21-12. In the final, Danny and Junior met R. Quinn and M. O'Brien (Dublin). The Tipperary pair began well and were always well in control in the first game playing very well with Junior great on the left-side and Danny showing all his experience on the right-side they comfortably won the 21-10. In the second game, they again were much too good winning easily 21-12. This was their first All-Ireland title.

Our Senior 60/30 players did reasonable well in the Coca-Cola championship.

John O'Donoghue (Cashel), in his first year as a Senior made it to the Senior singles semi-final beating well-known stars P. McAuley (Louth) and E. Jensen (Meath), but in the semi-final John made a tame exit losing 21-5, 21-15 to M. Walsh (Roscommon).

Billy McCarthy (Clonmel) received a walkover from P. Cleary (Wexford) in the first round but in the Senior quarter-final, Billy was well beaten 21-3, 21-2 by the Senior champion M "Duxie" Walsh (Kilkenny).

Willie Fitzgibbon (Tipp Town) made his debut in the Senior ranks this year but lost out to F. McCann (Sligo) 21-4, 21-16 in the first round.

John O'Donoghue and Eddie Corbett had a hard fought win over W. O'Connor and J. Grant (Meath) 21-20, 21-20 in the Senior doubles first round but lost out to current champions M "Duxie" Walsh and E. Downey (Kilkenny) 21-11, 21-9 in the quarter final.

Billy McCarthy and Eddie Farrell (Clonmel) played well but lost to T + J Quish (Limerick) 21-6, 21-11 in the quarter-final.

Tom Morrissey (Clonmel) teamed up with Tom O'Meara (Tipp Town) who replaced the injured Willie Fitzgibbon, and lost to M. Walsh and P. J. Moran (Roscommon) 21-11, 21-12 in the quarter final.

David Maloney (Cashel) had an easy Munster campaign beating Clare and fellow clubman Michael Carrie in the final. In the All-Ireland semi-final, David had an exciting 21-13, 21-15 win over C. Heneghan (Roscommon), the '89 champion, at Cashel. In the final, David began well but faded badly losing 21-13, 21-12 to T. Hynes (Wexford) in the Minor singles final.

David Maloney and Noel Murphy (Cashel) teamed up well to easily beat Cork, Clare and fellow clubmen N. Marshall and M. Carrie in the Provincial Minor doubles campaign. But in the All-Ireland semi-final, they travelled to Roscommon and lost 21-16, 21-15 to A + C Heneghan (Roscommon).

Josie O'Dwyer and Brendan Murphy (Cashel) won the

Provincial U-21 doubles by beating Cork in the final. In the All-Ireland semi-final, they had a 21-3, 21-7 win over F. Maughan and D. Guckian (Roscommon). In the final at Cashel, they lost a game that they should have won, when D. Gough and J. Lynch (Meath) beat them in a great U-21 final 17-21, 21-17, 21-16. Noel Ryan (Clonmel) and Martin Maher (Silvermines) teamed up in the junior doubles. They had a tough Munster campaign beating Limerick(2), Clare and then Limerick (1) in the Provincial final. In the All-Ireland semi-final in Clonmel, they had a titanic match with K. Geraghty and M. Cronin (Mayo) before winning through 19-21, 21-18, 21-9. In the final, they did not show their best form losing out to P. Kealy and B. Mullins (Offaly) 21-11, 21-15 at Croke Park.

Pakie Mullins (Clonmel) returned to championship after a break of two years. Pakie played no game in the Provincial Masters (A) championship. In the All-Ireland semi-final, Pakie showed some of his old form when beating T. Derrig (Mayo) 21-7, 8-21, 21-15. In the final at Cashel, Pakie made a great effort but just failed to beat a fitter and stronger N. Buggy (Wexford) 21-8, 12-21, 21-15.

Pakie Mullins and Jim Ryan (Silvermines) teamed up in the Masters (A) doubles championship. They had no game in the Provincial championships and All-Ireland semi-final. In the final, they were well beaten by N. Buggy and J. Goggins (Wexford) 21-8, 21-10.

Mick McGrath and John Ferncombe (Horse + Jockey) looked a good bet for All-Ireland glory but just failed in both courts. In the Provincial 60/30 championship, they had impressive wins over Cork in the semi-final and Limerick in the final. In the All-Ireland semi-final, they made the long journey to Castlebar and were surprisingly beaten 21-17, 21-10 by the eventual winners M. Coady and L. Roche (Mayo) in the Masters (B) doubles grade.

Danny Butler (Horse + Jockey) won his first All-Ireland title with T "Junior" Slattery after thirty years in the handball but was most unlucky to lose the singles title. Danny had a good Munster campaign with wins over Clare and Waterford and a titanic struggle with fellow Tipp man Frank O'Brien in the Provincial final. In the All-Ireland semi-final, Danny easily accounted for V. Conway (Mayo) 21-7, 21-4 at Clonmel. In the final at Kingscourt, Danny played extremely well but just failed, losing 10-21, 21-10, 21-20 to L. Ahern (Dublin) in the Silver Masters (B) singles final.

"Good Shows"

Sean Callaghan and Tom O'Meara (Tipp Town) put up a great show before losing to R. O'Connell and T. O'Brien (Limerick) 21-13, 6-21, 21-17 in the Provincial Junior 60/30 doubles quarter-final.

Sean Doyle and Ken Conway (Clonmel) reached the Munster Masters (B) doubles semi-final before going out after a fierce struggle with F. O'Toole and J. Reale (Limerick) 21-20, 19-21, 12-21.

Willie O'Dwyer (Cashel) reached the Munster Novice single final but was most unlucky on the night to C. McNamara (Limerick) 21-20, 21-18 in a very close match.

Frank O'Brien (Ballyporeen) reached the Silver Masters (B) Provincial final but lost out after an almighty match with fellow Tipp man Danny Butler 21-19, 20-21, 21-9.

Pat Cleary and Pat Gleeson (Lahorna) played very well before losing to D. Mulcahy and J. Kiely (Waterford) in the Munster Golden Masters Doubles semi-finals 21-9, 21-7.

"Juvenile News"

P J McGeer (Cashel) and John Corbett (Ballyporeen) were Tipperary's sole All-Ireland Juvenile winners this year.

The now famous combination between Cashel and Ballyporeen proved again to be a winning combination. P J and John teamed up at the beginning of the 60/30 campaign, to play-off a county trial final against T. Gleeson and D. Linehan (Silvermines), they had an unconvincing three game win. In the Munster semi-final, they had a tough win over Clare at Hospital.

In the Provincial final, they had a titanic struggle with J Kenneally and T. Reidy (Limerick), playing very well, before winning through 11-15, 15-7, 15-12. In the All-Ireland semi-final, they made the long journey to Roscommon town and had a comfortable 15-8, 15-11 win over J Casey and K Donnellon (Roscommon). In the final at Croke Park, they began superbly with P J strong-hitting on the left-side and John tossing well on the right-side, they easily won the first game 15-2. In the second game, they again began well leading 10-2 at one stage but J Gough and P McDwyer (Cavan) rallied to make it to 10 but the young Tipp lads held on well to win 15-10. Finbarr and Joseph Ryan (Silvermines) were Tipperary's only 40/20 Provincial winners.

In the Munster semi-final, they beat D & L Frawley (Clare) and comfortably beat G Donegan and S O'Sullivan (Cork) in the Munster final. In the All-Ireland semi-final, they easily beat Roscommon. In the final against M Finnegan and R Cunningham (Cavan), they began well winning the first game 15-10 but faded to the experienced Cavan pair to lose the second 15-8 and the third game 15-6.

HARDBALL

At the end of the '89 season, Tipperary won the Senior Hardball doubles title with Noel Ryan and Billy McCarthy beating T & J Quish (Limerick) in a superb final. When the '90 hardball season began in September, hopes were high for further success and again done well, when David Maloney and Noel Marshall (Cashel) won the Minor hardball doubles title. David and Noel was most unusual pairing but they teamed up well together. In the All-Ireland semi-final, Noel & David had a comfortable 21-

14, 21-15 win over D Clifford and J Long (Kilkenny). In the other semi-final, Tipperary other pair of Michael Carrie and Noel Murphy (Cashel) lost out to the stronger G O'Brien and M Maher (Kilkenny) 21-11, 21-17. In the final, David and Noel began well winning the lot game 21-15. In the 2nd game, Kilkenny pair got the upper hand and lead 20-13 at one stage but David and Noel fought back only losing 21-19. In the 3rd game, the Tipp pair were stronger and playing better to win commandingly 21-13.

In the Minor singles, Tipperary's two players lost out at the semi-final stages. David Maloney (Cashel) put up a brave show before losing 21-18, 15-21, 21-7 to G O'Brien (Kilkenny). Noel Murphy (Cashel) began well but faded, losing 7-21, 21-15, 21-11 to P J McGrath (Kildare). Martin Maher (Silvermines) was Tipperary's lone junior representative, losing to D Gough (Meath) in the quarter-final.

Tipperary seniors failed to retain the senior crown of '89. Noel Ryan and Billy McCarthy (Clonmel) made a tame exit as champions when they were convincingly beaten by T Sheridan and C McGovern (Meath) 21-4, 21-5 in the quarter-final. John O'Donoghue (Cashel) and Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen) were Tipperary's second pair. They had an exciting 21-2, 15-21, 21-19 win over T & J Quish (Limerick) in the quarter-final. In the semi-final, they lost out to T O'Rourke and M Dowling (Kildare) 5-21, 21-4, 21-10 in a match they could have won. In the senior singles, Tipperary's two representatives lost out at the quarter-final stages.

Billy McCarthy (Clonmel) was well beaten by P Winders (Kildare) 21-11, 21-5 and Noel Ryan (Clonmel) lost out to P. O'Keefe (Kilkenny) 21-19, 21-14.

"CIBA GEIGY Award for O'Brien"



The Ciba Geigy Clubman of the Year Awards 1989 were presented at a function in the Berkeley Court Hotel, Dublin, on Saturday, July 7. Photo shows: Handball GAA Clubman of the Year, Michael O'Brien, of Silvermines Handball Club, Tipperary, receiving his award from Dick Hickey (right), Chief Executive Ciba Geigy Ireland Ltd. Left is John Dowling, G.A.A. President.

In July of this year, Michael O'Brien (Silvermines) received the CIBA GEIGY handball award.

Michael is a well-known G.A.A. man and recently took over as North G.A.A. secretary. But over the last number of years, Michael has been deeply involved in handball circles. Michael was one of the men involved when the Silvermines club opening in 1978 and it is now one of the most successful clubs in the country.

Michael is presently North Tipperary handball board secretary/treasurer/P.R.O. and has one of the best run boards in the country with championships and internal competitions run off smoothly.

"Doubles pair get Sports Star Award"

At the tail-end of '89, Billy McCarthy and Noel Ryan (Clonmel) won the senior hardball doubles and also in January '90, they were named Tipperary United handball Sports Stars.

Billy and Noel achieved senior success when beating T & J Quish (Limerick) in a superb final. Billy and Noel caused a major surprise with their power packed display to win the title. Tipperary last won the senior title in 1975 when Paddy Hickey R.I.P. and John Cleary won it.

This was Billy's consecutive award, also winning 1988, and was Noel's second award.



Billy McCarthy and Noel Ryan (Clonmel) who were named Tipperary U.S.S. handball award winners for '89. Pictured with Michael Tyrrell (Clonmel) with the Senior Hardball doubles cup.

"Youth Award for Cannie"

The Cannie name is well known in handball circles but it was the lesser-known Ann-Marie Cannie who came to the for in January when she won the Cashel Lions Club Youth Award.

Ann-Marie plays for the Cashel handball club, winning numerous Community Games titles. She received the award for her activity and involvement in local community work.

"Feile na nGael"



Ken Conway (Clonmel), current County Secretary, and the man responsible for the running of "Handball Féile 90" in Tipperary.

This year, Féile na nGael was held in Tipperary on June 22nd and 23rd.

Under the leadership of Ken Conway (Clonmel), this enormous task of organising the handball section was done with great success. Ken left no stone unturned, organising accommodation, the playing of games and having courts in order. With the help of Pat McKenna (Thurles) they kept up the high standards set in Clare and Laois-Offaly over the last few years.

40/20 RESULTS:-

DIVISION (1) AT CASHEL

Clare, Toonagh — B Moore, P Dineen, A Marrinan and N Madigan

bt

Roscommon, St Coman's — A Fahy, M McHale, A Taylor and P Glanaghan

SKILLS —

- (1) A Hawe (Kilkenny)
- (2) M McHale (Roscommon)

DIVISION (2) AT SILVERMINES

Down, Downpatrick — J Cunningham, C Hanna, J Torney and T O'Connor

bt

Cork, Youghal — K Gallogley, B Gogin, E Goggin and K O'Riordan

SKILLS —

- (1) J Cunningham (Down)
- (2) K Galloghley (Cork)

DIVISION (3) AT FETHARD

Cavan, Cavan Gaels — D Keeney, K McDonald, E Matthews and P Galligan

bt

Derry, Dungiven — K Humphries, R Cooke, K McGuigan, D Keeley

SKILLS —

- (1) S Toomey (Ankrim)
- (2) M Herlihy (Kerry)

60/30 RESULTS —

DIVISION (1) AT CASHEL

Cavan, Kingscourt — M Cunningham, T Howe, D Cunningham and F Owens

bt

Meath, Crossakiel — S McDermott, M Farrell S Quinn and J Byrne

SKILLS —

- (1) M Cunningham (Cavan)
- (2) W Murphy (Kilkenny)

DIVISION (2) AT THURLES

Limerick, Broadford — J Stack, R Foley, E Shanahan and C & P Clancy

bt

Offaly, Fahy — S & P & F Flennon, K Hickey and E Dowling

SKILLS —

- (1) O Ryan (Carlow)
- (2) P Glennon (Offaly)

The "Handball Feile" turned out to be a great success, with clubs, local people and local business helping to contribute to its success.

"President — Mr. Tyrrell"

Tipperary own Michael Tyrrell (Clonmel) finished his three years as National President in March 1990 when the new President N Cahill (Dublin) took over.

Michael has served Tipperary and Munster handball well over the last twenty years. Michael was Tipperary County Secretary for nearly two decades and he improved the standard of the game in Tipperary. Michael also took on the post of Munster secretary and he still holds this position. Michael has made Munster the number one Province during this time. Michael also was the brainchild and chief organiser behind the very successful Munster 60/30 Open.

Michael was a great clubman, been one of the leading lights in the building of the fine 60/30 court in Clonmel in '78.

As a player, he won two All-Ireland titles, winning his first back in 1974 as a



Michael Tyrrell (Clonmel) who finished his three years as President in March.

member of the Clonmel team that won the Junior Interclub title. He teamed with Vincent O'Shea (Lahorna) in 1988 to win the Masters (B) doubles title.

Michael was the second Tipperary man to hold the President's post, Joe Bergin (Nenagh) been the first.

"Inter-Club News"

Tipperary clubs were very much involved in the 60/30 Inter-club competitions.

In the Open competition — Cashel came to the fore beating Clonmel to win the Munster title. The Cashel team of Josie O'Dwyer, John O'Donoghue, Brendan Murphy and David Maloney then lost out to St Coman's, Roscommon 115-97 in the All-Ireland semi-final.

In the Novice competition — Clonmel again showed their strength to win the Munster title beating Horse & Jockey. The Clonmel team of Sean Doyle, Jimmy Mullins, Ken Conway and Billy Dempsey put up a good performance before losing out to Beal na Mulla, Roscommon 129-117.

"County Board Affairs"



The County Board officers had another busy year. Officers were:-

Chairman	— Pat McKenna (Thurles)
Vice-Chairman	— J J Keane (Fethard) Peter Metcalfe (Newport)
Secretary	— Ken Conway (Clonmel)
Treasurer	— Michael Tyrrell (Clonmel)
Rep to G.A.A. Board	— Pat McKenna
Reps to Munster Council	— Ken Conway Tom Ahern (Ballina)
Delegates to Congress	— Ken Conway Pat McKenna
P.R.O.	— Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen)

Michael Tyrrell stepped down as secretary and fellow Clonmel man Ken Conway took over as secretary. The board were involved in the very successful G.A.A. County draw and the board also sold tickets for the Munster Council draw.

They ran the County 40/20 and 60/30 semi-finals and finals and Juvenile finals.

The North and South Board did their job successfully running both the 40/20 and 60/30 championship and also running internal competitions.

Officers of South Board:-

Chairman	— J J Keane (Fethard)
Vice-Chairman	— Dan Butler (Horse & Jockey)
Secretary/Treasurer/P.R.O.	— Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen)

"List of Club Secretaries"

South Tipperary	—
Carrick-on-Suir	— Patrick Doherty, 2 Connolly Park, Carrickbeg, Carrick-on-Suir.
Cashel	— Albert Carrie, Ard Mhuirc, Cashel (H) 062 61901
Ballyporeen	— Desmond Harrington, Woodhouse, Ballyporeen
Horse & Jockey	— Timmy Regan, Knockroe, Thurles
Golden	— Dinny Luby, Cloughaleigh, Golden
Clonmel	— Ken Conway, 34 Heywood Rd, Clonmel (H) 052 25682
Fethard	— Joe Keane, 72 St Patrick Place, Fethard (H) 052 31719
Tipperary Town	— Bernie O'Brien, 26 O'Connell Rd. Tipperary (H) 062 52589

"County 40/20 Championship"

"Winners"	—
Minor Singles	— David Maloney (Cashel)
Minor Doubles	— David Maloney & Michael Carrie (Cashel)
U21 S	— James Kennedy (Silvermines)
U21 D	— Silvermines or Ballyporeen
Novice S	— Jim Luby (Golden)
Novice D	— T Kennedy & J Ryan (Silvermines)
Junior S	— John O'Donoghue (Cashel)
Junior D	— John O'Donoghue & David Maloney (Cashel)
Masters S	— Jim Ryan (Silvermines)
Masters D	— John Ferncombe & Mick McGrath (Horse & Jockey)
Golden Masters S	— Jim O'Meara (Fethard)

Pat McKenna (Thurles), the present and highly successful County Handball Chairman.

Golden Masters D	— Jim O'Brien (Silvermines) & Pat Cleary (Lahorra)
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"County 60/30 Championship Winners"

Minor Singles	— David Maloney (Cashel)
Minor Doubles	— David Maloney & Noel Murphy (Cashel)
U21 S	— Josie O'Dwyer (Cashel)
U21 D	— Josie O'Dwyer & Brendan Murphy (Cashel)
Novice S	— Jim Luby (Golden)
Novice D	— Willie O'Dwyer & Paddy Hoare (Cashel)
Junior S	— Martin Maher (Silvermines)
Junior D	— Martin Maher & Tom Kennedy (Silvermines)
Masters S	— Mick McGrath (Horse & Jockey)
Masters D	— Mick McGrath & John Ferncombe (Horse & Jockey)
Silver Masters S	— Danny Butler (Horse & Jockey)
Silver Masters D	— Danny Butler & Frank O'Brien (Ballyporeen)
Golden Masters S	— Willie Maher (Lahorra)
Golden Masters D	— Pat Cleary & Pat Gleeson (Lahorra)

"County 40/20 Juvenile Winners"

U10 Singles	— A Carrie (Cashel)
U10 Doubles	— B Timmons & W McCarthy (Silvermines)
U11 S	— J Ferncombe (Horse & Jockey)
U11 D	— R Manton & P O'Connell (Cashel)
U12 S	— D Cagney (Cashel)
U12 D	— P Tobin & C McGrath (Carrick-on-Suir)
U13 S	— B O'Brien (Silvermines)
U13 D	— R Manton & S Hourigan (Cashel)
U14 S	— J Tobin (Carrick-on-Suir)
U14 D	— G O'Dwyer & G Ivors (Cashel)
U15 S	— O Hogan (Horse & Jockey)
U15 D	— M Kennedy & M Forde (Silvermines)
U16 S	— D White (Cashel)
U16 D	— F & J Ryan (Silvermines)
U17 S	— P Slattery (Youghalarr)
U17 D	— D Linchan & T Gleeson (Silvermines)

"County 60/30 Juvenile Winners"

U10 Singles	— A Carrie (Cashel)
U10 Doubles	— B Timmons & W McCarthy (Silvermines)
U11 S	— G Quirke (Silvermines)
U11 D	— P Hogan & M Carmody (Youghalarr)
U12 S	— N Slattery (Youghalarr)
U12 D	— D Hudner & K Timmons (Silvermines)
U13 S	— B O'Brien (Silvermines)
U13 D	— R Manton & S Hourigan (Cashel)
U14 S	— G O'Dwyer (Cashel)
U14 D	— C Maloney & T Flynn (Cashel)
U15 S	— C O'Brien (Silvermines)
U15 D	— M Kennedy & M Forde (Silvermines)
U16 S	— D White (Cashel)
U16 D	— F & J Ryan (Silvermines)
U17 S	— J Corbett (Ballyporeen)
U17 D	— D Linehan & T Gleeson (Silvermines)

"Community Games news"

The Cashel U15 girls team were the only Tipperary to reach the finals at Mosney, Co. Meath with an impressive Munster win. At Mosney, they did well winning the bronze medals. The team was Carol Maloney, Sandra Hourigan, Rosenne O'Dwyer, Caroline Kenny and subs, Clare Lonergan and Elaine Maloney. The team manager was Marueen O'Donoghue and team trainer was Damien Noonan.

An interesting note is that two of the girls, out-shone the boys in the County Juvenile championship. Sandra Hourigan did the double winning both the 40/20 and 60/30 U13 doubles with R Manton. Carol Maloney teamed up with T Flynn to win the U14 60/30 doubles title.



"Community Games Team" - The Cashel U-15 girls' team who won the bronze medals at the Community Games at Mosney, in September. Back row (L-R): Sandra Hourigan, Caroline Kenny, Carol Maloney. Front row (L-R): Rosanne O'Dwyer, Clare Lonergan, Elaine Maloney.

In the month of November, the County Board ran a highly successful County 60/30 Open doubles tournament.

All games were played on time with the tournament confined to eight pairs.

They were some very good and close games before a good size attendance.

Brendan Murphy (Cashel and Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen) beat Pakie Mullins and Eddie Farrell (Clonmel) 18-10 in the 20 minute time final. The game was close with scores level on many occasions but Brendan and Eddie got the break at 10 minutes to hold their lead of 8 aces comfortable to the end.

In the semi-final — Pakie and Eddie had a comfortable 18-11 win over Pat and Paul Griffin (Youghalarra).

In the other semi-final — Brendan and Eddie had a close struggle with John O'Donoghue and David Maloney (Cashel) before scrapping through 11-10.

RESULTS:

Quarter-finals:

Pat and Paul Griffin (Youghalarra) bt Noel O'Brien and Ken Conway (Clonmel) 15-12.

Pakie Mullins and Eddie Farrell (Clonmel) bt Tony and Pat Flaherty (Youghalarra) 19-15.

John O'Donoghue and David Maloney (Cashel) bt Josie O'Dwyer (Cashel) and Noel Ryan (Clonmel) 18-11.

Eddie Corbett and Brendan Murphy bt Billy McCarthy and Noel Ryan (Clonmel) 14-8.

Semi-finals:

Pakie Mullins and Eddie Farrell bt Pat and Paul Griffin 18-11.

Eddie Corbett and Brendan Murphy bt John O'Donoghue and David Maloney 11-10.

Final:

Eddie Corbett and B Murphy bt Pakie Mullins and Eddie Farrell 18-10.

"County Tournament"



Back row (L-R): Pat McKenna (County Chairman), Pakie Mullins and Eddie Farrell (runners-up) and Ken Conway (County secretary). Front row (L-R): Eddie Corbett and Brendan Murphy (winners).

"Munster Open"

The Munster 60/30 Open, at the end of the '89 season, proved very successful for Tipperary. Tipperary did well winning four titles.

John O'Donoghue (Cashel) had a good win over J Rossiter (Carlow) 21-19, 21-11 in the Junior singles final.

Sean Doyle had a double win, when winning the novice singles beating S O'Connor (Wexford) and then teaming up with Willie O'Dwyer (Cashel) to overcome the strong challenge from T

Rossiter and S O'Connor (Wexford) 17-21, 21-18, 11-3 in the novice doubles final.

Sean Lee (Roscrea) partnered by P Keady (Offaly) beat fellow Tipp lads, John Ferncombe and Mick McGrath (Horse & Jockey) 21-15, 21-14 in the Masters doubles final.

The Senior doubles invitation final — T & J Quish (Limerick) beat E Downey and M "Duxie" Walsh (Kilkenny) 21-19, 21-10 in a thrilling final.

THE NEW BALLINAHINCH HANDBALL COURT

The aspirations of all handball supporters in Ballinahinch/ Killoscully were realised in 1990 with the official opening of the new 40 x 20 court.

Back in 1989, few people would believe you if it was said that Ballinahinch parish would have a sports complex that would be of the highest standard, a proud facility for the 520 strong population of the 'wee' parish situated underneath the shadow of Keeper Hill. However, under the direction of the G.A.A. club, lead by P.J. Kelly, it was undertaken to build the facility onto the parish hall situated in the village. The speed of erection and the unique design of the movable back wall gave people the impression this mission was going to be completed before they realised it. Special mention must be given to Noel Cantillan, Michael Healy and Jim Fahy along with other tradesmen and local parishioners who gave their time willingly to fulfil their dream. The raising of funds was carried out by a hard working team of ticket sellers who sold more than 300 units in the County board draw. The acquiring of the land given generously by Mrs Julia Ryan and the help of Lottery funds meant the task undertaken was made easier. Work commenced with the clearing of the site and step by step it progressed from there.

The court at Ballinahinch is built to the most modern specifications. Indeed Ballinahinch's association with the sport goes back to the early days of the game itself as there used to be an alley in Killoscully a long time ago. The revival of handball was helped by the introduction of the game to students in Newport Vocational and St. Mary's secondary school among others. Many of the parish handballers joined the local Silvermines club with whom, numerous county titles were won. For the last few years it has



Ballinahinch Handball Court.

been the earnest wish of those involved in handball activities in the parish to have the proper facilities to promote their favourite pastime. Now the dream has materialised with a court that is geared to meet the most modern requirements. It has all the facilities with showers, viewing stand, toilets and the space available for future developments should the need arise. It has a glass backwall that is hinged on both sides and when opened will allow badminton to be played as well as the adaption for meetings, conferences, etc.

The official opening is to take place this side of Christmas.

Ballinahinch Handball club is now in existence and is busily active. The parish has a proud history and with such a splendid parish tradition in Gaelic Games the present officers and committee felt that it was only fitting that future generations should have nothing but the best indoor sporting facilities available to them.

Last but not least the club extends a special thank you to the parishioners who donated interest free loans so that the work could carry on. Ballinahinch parish can feel proud.

“Devaney Tournament”

In the month of March, the very successful Pat Devaney Tournament was run in Clare.

Three Tipperary players were invited, John O'Donoghue (Cashel), Noel Ryan (Clonmel) and Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen). In this very tough tournament, where all the top players take part, that Tipperary did well.

John had an almighty game with the hot-fancied W O'Connor (Meath) before

losing 21-20, 21-16. John lost to Noel Ryan in the Plate competition quarter-final. Noel Ryan had a titanic struggle with N Breen (Clare) winning by a mere one ace in the tie-breaker. In the second round, Noel was unlucky to lose to Pat Cleary (Wexford) by just one ace in the tie-breaker. In the Plate competition, Noel beat John O'Donoghue and P Conway (Clare) before losing to Eddie Corbett in the semi-final.

Eddie Corbett had a good win over E Jensen (Meath) 21-14, 18-21, 11-4 in the first round, but lost to P McAuley (Louth) 21-14, 21-16 in the second round. In the Plate competition, Eddie made the final before losing to T Quish (Limerick) 31-27.

In the major final — M “Duxie” Walsh (Kilkenny) bt P McAuley (Louth) 21-16, 21-7.

North Tipperary Handball Board

By Michael O'Brien

60 X 30 WINNERS

Shamrock Trophy	Hollyford	John Ryan, Canice Ryan, Donall O'Connell, Sean Allis, Seamus Ryan, Dan Quinn
Collins Shield	Hollyford	John Ryan, Canice Ryan, Donall O'Connell, Sean Allis, Seamus Ryan, Dan Quinn
Open Team of Six	Youghalarra	Pat Griffin, Paul Griffin, Christy Griffin, Pat Flaherty, Tony Flaherty, Garry Howard
Junior Singles	Hollyford	John Ryan
Junior Doubles	Hollyford	John Ryan, Canice Ryan
Golden Masters S.	Lahorna	Wille Maher
Golden Masters D.	Lahorna	Willie Maher, Pat Cleary
Open Singles	Silvermines	Martin Maher
Open Doubles	Youghalarra	Paul and Pat Griffin v Pat and Tony Flaherty
Novice Team of Four	Hollyford	John Ryan, Canice Ryan, Sean Allis, Donall Quinn
Masters Team of 4	Thurles	Jimmy Curry, Willie Kelly, Phil Lowry, Mick Fitzpatrick (Ballina)

JUVENILES

Under 10 Singles	Youghalarra	Brian Hogan
Under 10 Doubles	Silvermines	Brendan Timmons, William McCarthy
Under 11 Singles	Silvermines	Graeme Quirke
Under 11 Doubles	Youghalarra	Michael Carmody, Paul Hogan
Under 12 Singles	Youghalarra	Noel Slattery
Under 12 Doubles	Silvermines	Dara Hudner, Kieran Timmons
Under 13 Singles	Silvermines	Brian O'Brien
Under 13 Doubles	Silvermines	Padraig Sheehan, Muiris Daffy
Under 14 Singles	Silvermines	Michael Gleeson
Under 14 Doubles	Silvermines	Keith Lenihan, Kevin Timmons
Under 15 Singles	Silvermines	Colm O'Brien
Under 15 Doubles	Silvermines	Michael Forde, Mark Kennedy
Under 16 Singles	Silvermines	David Ryan
Under 16 Doubles	Silvermines	Joseph Ryan, Finbarr Ryan
Under 17 Singles	Youghalarra	Patrick Slattery
Under 17 Doubles	Silvermines	Denis Lenihan, Thomas Gleeson

SECRETARIES

Silvermines	Donall Quinn, Kilboy, Silvermines (067/25231)
Nenagh	Michael Hogan, 1 Silver St, Nenagh
Lahorna	John Carmody, 29 Sallygrove, Nenagh (067/29034)W
Ballina	Paddy Collins, Cullina, Ballina
Thurles	Joe Fitzgerald, 12 Abbey Rd, Thurles (0504/22532)
Newport	Peter Metcalfe, Lackamore, Newport (061/378146)W
Youghalarra	Christy Griffin, Kylebeg, Newtown (067/23378)
Roscrea	Marion Lee, Scart, Roscrea (0505/21077)
Hollyford	John Ryan, Gurthcross, Hollyford (062/77194)
Ballinahinch	Philip Kelly, Garage, Newport (061/378141)

40 x 20 Winners

Division 1	Youghalarra	Tony Flaherty, Pat Flaherty, Pat Griffin, Paul Griffin
Division 2	Silvermines	Matt Hanley, Noel Kelly, Johnny Forde, John Kennedy
Division 3	Silvermines	Matt Hanley, Seamus Treacy, Denis Gleeson, John Kennedy
Division 3	Newport	Denis Kennedy, Paddy Griffin, David O'Neill, William Bradshaw

JUVENILES

Under 10 Singles	Youghalarra	Brian Hogan
Under 10 Doubles	Silvermines	Brendan Timmons, William McCarthy
Under 11 Singles	Silvermines	Graeme Quirke
Under 11 Doubles	Youghalarra	Michael Carmody, Paul Hogan
Under 12 Singles	Silvermines	Fergus Gleeson
Under 12 Doubles	Silvermines	Kieran Timmons, Darra Hudner
Under 13 Singles	Silvermines	Brian O'Brien
Under 13 Doubles	Silvermines	Muiris Daffy, Padraig Sheehan
Under 14 Singles	Silvermines	Keith Lenihan
Under 14 Doubles	Silvermines	Kevin Timmons, Michael Gleeson
Under 15 Singles	Youghalarra	Seamus Slattery
Under 15 Doubles	Silvermines	Mark Kennedy, Michael Forde
Under 16 Singles	Youghalarra	Daryl Tucker
Under 16 Doubles	Silvermines	Finbarr Ryan, Joseph Ryan
Under 17 Singles	Youghalarra	Patrick Slattery
Under 17 Doubles	Silvermines	Denis Lenihan, Thomas Gleeson

REVIEW

While I am satisfied that the performance of the Board and the clubs was reasonable, I fear an air of complacency has crept in, in places, evidenced by a number of walk-overs, lack of participation in juvenile championships by a majority of clubs, and in general a poor attendance at meetings.

Some clubs seem to have a shortage of personnel willing to become involved in administrative and coaching duties. This in the long-term is not healthy. If the game of Handball is to develop and thrive our clubs must be run on an organised basis, pay careful attention to the young playing population and hold regular meetings. Perhaps sometime in the coming year the Board should hold a meeting on club management and development. While the above comments do seem critical it would be remiss of me not to mention the fine work many of our clubs are involved in. We now have more and better quality alleys than ever before, and a glance at the list of winners in this report provides evidence of the hard work of many dedicated clubmen.

40 X 20 COMPETITIONS

At divisional level the small alley competitions once again proved most popular and the meeting of rivals Youghalarra and Silvermines in the Team of Four was the highlight of Division 1. The high standard set in recent years was again maintained, and after a long battle the teams were tied on aces — 111 each — but Youghalarra claimed victory having won 4 of the 7 games. What a pity they met in the first round. It would have been a worthy final. Youghalarra went on to regain the title they last won two years ago. Silvermines gained some consolation with fine victories over Thurles and Youghalarra in the finals of Divisions 2 and 3 respectively. A fourth division was added for the first time this year and resulted in a fine victory for Newport over Hollyford.

On the County scene we again completed our half of the County championships successfully and Jim Ryan (Silvermines)

gave handball in the division a real boost by winning the All-Ireland Masters "B" final in a most convincing manner. With clubmate Tom Kennedy, he was defeated in the Munster Final of the Doubles competition.

Well done, Jim.

60 X 30 COMPETITIONS

The highlight of the year here was the All-Ireland Novice Doubles success of Pat and Tony O'Flaherty of Youghalarra. Congratulations to both players on a great achievement.

On the local front Hollyford was to the fore winning no fewer than 4 North Tipp. titles and with the club secretary, John Ryan, featuring in all five victories. In the Shamrock Trophy, Hollyford had the unique distinction of being both winners and runners-up. The Collins Shield also went to Hollyford and to the same sextet with a good victory over Lahorna. Neighbouring Gortahoola won the same competition in 1980.

John Ryan is Junior Singles Champion, and teamed up with his father, Canice, to win the Junior Doubles for Hollyford. Quite an achievement.

Lahorna's sole successes this year was in the Golden Masters Section. Willie Maher won the Singles and partnered Pat Cleary to success in the Doubles.

Martin Maher (Silvermines) regained the Open Singles competition after a period of three years. His last win in 1987 was in the Lahorna's colours. The Open Doubles went to Youghalarra and was shared by the Flaherty's and Griffin brothers.

The Novice Team of Four this year replaced the Singles and Doubles and proved to be a great success. Played on a home and away basis, Hollyford are first winners of this new title.

The Masters also got a shake up this year and a Team of Four was introduced — an improvement on the old Singles and Doubles. A Thurles/Ballina combination was victorious.

All competitions were run off successfully and while the Board did everything possible to avoid overlapping in the 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 courts, a certain amount will necessarily occur due mainly to our inter-county programme.

JUVENILES

The most serious aspect facing the Board next year is the lack of participation at juvenile level. Only two clubs entered players this year and with competitions available for all ages from under 10 to under 17, all clubs should have had some entry. If clubs are serious about handball and about the future of the clubs themselves careful consideration must be given to the promotion of the game among the youth. The popularisation of handball begins at local level with coaching, leagues and competitions for the younger generation. Club personnel must see that this is done for the game to survive. So I would appeal to all clubs to become active in this sphere and appoint somebody to look after the juvenile section of the club.

Silvermines took the "lions" share of Juvenile titles in the division and Andy Purcell must take most credit for these successes. He has been a tireless worker at juvenile level and is an example to all involved in Handball. Congratulations to Joseph and Finbarr Ryan (Silvermines) who won the All-Ireland 60 x 30 Under 15 title since last convention and are still in the running for this years under 16 crown.

PROGRESS

Much progress has been made in the division with regard to the provision of playing facilities. In recent years Ballinahinch have erected a magnificent 40 x 20 court which they hope to have opened for the coming season. Nenagh alley is opened but unfortunately Nenagh handball club has an uncertain existence at present. It is now two years since Nenagh was a paid-up affiliated club. Hollyford are in the process of roofing their 60 x 30 alley and I understand this will be done in the near future. Silvermines have given their alley in Dolla a face-lift. Lahorna have raised their backwall while Roscrea and Ballina promise to be serious contenders again this season.

BYE-LAWS

Our bye-laws have been updated and printed. I hope they will be respected by all the clubs. Unfortunately our records are not as well kept. It would be a mammoth task to update them, but I feel some effort should be made here.

Cumann Lughchleas Gael

Coiste Thiobraid Árann Thuaidh



*Thanks to all our Clubs and Patrons for their support
during the year*

***Buíochas do na hIomróirí, na Réiteoirí agus na hOifigigh de
bharr an co-oibriú a thugann siad.***

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 1990 CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

Nollaigh shona dhíbh uile

Go n-éirí libh san ath-bliain

LIAM Ó RIAIN

Cathaoirleach

MICHEÁL Ó BRIAIN

Rúnaí

SÉAMUS Ó HÓGÁIN

Cisteóir.

Scór comes of age

REVIEW NEEDED NOW

by Caitlín Ní Rí



Kickhams - Ballad Group: County Scór winners 1990. Included: Mary Crosse, Marie Doyle, Helen Carroll, Mary Ryan, Mary Morrissey.



Ballingarry - Set Dance: County Scór na nÓg winners 1990.

WE have just celebrated 21 years of Scór and at this point we have to ask ourselves is there a future for Scór or has Scór run its course? The powers that be at Croke Park appear no longer interested. There is a general air of apathy and lack of interest right down along the line as far as the clubs who, in actual fact, are the heart and soul of Scór.

An Oíche Cheoil of top class entertainment, involving past and present Scór artists alongside the Artane Boys' Band, held in Thurles at the request of the Féile na nGael Committee during the Féile weekend, attracted no interest.

G.A.A. personnel from the county and national level were conspicuous by their absences.

The time has arrived when a review of Scór will have to be done within the clubs and the county. Are we prepared to let Scór die a natural death or do we just keep running a competition with little participation and poor attendance as was the trend these past few years? Is the answer in some items being shortened or maybe dropped and new items introduced, or should the whole format of Scór be changed? Only the competitors, coaches and spectators within the clubs can come up with the answers.

Scór has an important place in our tradition, culture and heritage. Wouldn't it be a great shame to the G.A.A. and to us here in Tipperary with all our traditions if Scór were to lose its place in the G.A.A. calendar? If any of our games competitions were dropped or curtailed at any level there would be a big outcry all over the county. Why not the same for Scór, which has just as important a role to play within our communities?

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all those competitors who took part at every level of the competition and especially to those who

weren't the actual winners on the night. The highlight of the competition is the preparation and nights of practice at parish level. The competition becomes serious work after that.

Maybe attendances and numbers of competitors taking part have dropped over the years but certainly the same cannot be said about standards. This year standards were higher than ever in both our county finals and both nights served up top-class entertainment.

Tipperary had three representatives in the Scór na nÓg All-Ireland finals. We had no winners on the day but all our



GOLDEN/KILFEACKLE — SCÓR NA nÓG NOVELTY ACT MUNSTER WINNERS

Left to right: Robert O'Keefe, Ivor Hanrahan (kneeling), Marian Quinlan, David Keane, Rachel Ryan, Leah Ryan.



Templeberry - Figure Dancing: County Scór na nÓg winners 1990.



Members of the Country Scór Committee at the County Scór final in Thurles.

representatives did the county proud. We were represented by Triona Harrington, Upperchurch, in Solo Song, Golden-Kilfeacle in the Novelty Act, and Sean Treacy's in the Ballad Group.

On behalf of an Coiste Scór míle buíochas to the people who spent many nights coaching and practising in halls all over the county. I should also like to thank our adjudicators and you, our supporters. We look forward to your continued support and effort in the coming year. Tá súil agam go rachaidh Scór i gCo. Thiobraid Árann ó neart go neart an bhlian seo

chugainn.

SCÓR RESULTS 1989-'90

Scór na nÓg: Rince Fóirne - Templeberry; Aithriseóir-eacht - S. O'Sullivan, Fr. Sheehy's; Amhránaíocht Aonair - Criona Harrington, Upperchurch; Nuachleas - Golden-Kilfeacle; Tráth na gCeist - Burgess; Ceól Uirlise - Seán Treacy's; Bailéad Grupa - Seán Treacy's; Rince Seit - Ballingarry.

Munster results: Criona Harrington, Upperchurch; Golden-Feacle - Nuachleas; Sean Treacy's - Ballad Group.



Sean Treacy's (West) - Scór na nÓg County winners Instrumental Music: (l-r) Elizabeth Ryan, Francis Ryan, Michael Ryan.



Sean Treacy's, County and Munster Scór na nÓg winners (ballad group): Left to right - Siobhán O'Connell, Breda O'Connell, Mary Kate Byrnes, Deirdre O'Connell, Bridget Ryan.

Scór Sinsear: Rince Fóirne - Newcastle; Aithriseóir-eacht - Michael Gleeson, Portroe; Amhránaíocht Aonair - Donal Bowe, Moyne-Templetuohy; Nuachleas - Newcastle; Tráth na gCeist - Fr. Sheehy's;

Ceól Uirlise - St. Mary's; Bailéad Grupa - Kickhams; Rince Seit - Clonmore.



Criona Harrington, Upperchurch, Scór na nÓg County and Munster winner solo singing.



Siobhán O'Sullivan (Fr. Sheehy's), Scór na nÓg County winner - Recitation.



CLONMORE - COUNTY SENIOR SCÓR SET-DANCING CHAMPIONS 1990

Front (l-r): Catherine Nolan, Sadie Maher, Jane Bergin, Martina Fogarty. Back (l-r): John Maher, Brendan Nolan, Sean Fogarty (Mid Board vice-chairman), Francis O'Meara, Johnny Delaney.

1989 COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Finals were played too late for inclusion in last year's Yearbook.



BALLINGARRY — SOUTH AND COUNTY U-21 HURLING 'B' CHAMPIONS 1989

Back row (L-R) - Pat Leahy, Brendan Lawlor, Patrick Ivors, Hugh Cormack, Seamus Butler, Don Lyons, Brian Duggan, Ray Cashin, Shane Ivors, Tom Kerwick (capt.), P. J. Hogan, Anthony Carroll, T. P. Maher (selector). Front row (L-R) - Pat Corcoran, Richie Kealy, John O'Halloran, Seán Scott, Seán Ivors, Thomas Duggan, Patrick ("Blondie") Ivors, Ned Butler, Eddie Ryan.



MULLINAHONE — TIPPERARY JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS 1989

Back row (L-R) - J. Williams, B. O'Meara, S. Brett, P. Ryan, G. Brett, T. O'Brien, T. Lonergan, O. Maher, A. Curran, R. Cody, M. Scott, N. Leahy, T. Morrissey, J. O'Neill. Front (L-R) - S. O'Connor (selector), P. Fitzgerald, J. Leahy (capt.), L. O'Connor, J. Bolger, M. Skehan, P. Skehan, G. Bolger, J. McCormack, E. Duggan, M. Kennedy, P. Costelloe, J. Kelly (manager).



THURLES SARSFIELDS — COUNTY JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Front (L-R) - Ken Doherty, Michael Dundon, Ken O'Connor, Eugene McAree, Tom Maher, Graham O'Connor, Larry Barrett, Mark O'Connell, Martin McElgun, Andy Ryan. Back - Conor O'Dwyer (manager), Seamus Maher, Michael Sparrow, Padraic Dundon, Maurice McCormack, Ciaran Carroll, Murty Bryan, Ger Corbett, Seamus O'Shea, Dinny Maher, Liam Duggan, Trevor Cooke, Lar Barrett, Pat McCormack.



LATTIN-CULLEN — WEST AND COUNTY INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 1989

Front row (L-R) – Aidan O'Dwyer, Declan McGrath, Gerry McGuire, Michael Martin, Pat O'Halloran, Damien Moloney, Pat McGuire, Tommy Morrissey, Eamon Buckley. Middle row (L-R) – Mick Byrnes (selector), John Buckley, Jodie Morrissey, Seán Dunne, Neal Hassett, Willie Ryan, Nicholas English, Eddie Morrissey, Tim Kelly, Ger Howe. Back row (L-R) – Dinny Morrissey (selector), Con Power, Tim Hourigan, Tom Ryan, John Daly, James Kiely, Mick Hanley, Ger Kiely, Tom Burns (selector).



MULLINAHONE — TIPPERARY UNDER-21 HURLING CHAMPIONS 1989

Back row (L-R) – J. Bolger (manager), P. Costello, M. Nash, B. O'Meara, S. O'Connor, C. Duggan, J. O'Neill, E. O'Keefe, J. White, F. Morrissey, N. Leahy, P. O'Halloran, J. Ryan, J. McCormack (selector). Front row – K. Morrissey, E. Duggan, D. McNamara, T. Cahill, P. Skehan, M. Skehan, J. Leahy, G. Bolger, M. Kennedy, J. Ryan.



CAHIR U-21 FOOTBALL TEAM — SOUTH AND COUNTY 'B' U-21 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS, 1989

Back row (L-R) – Johnny McEniry, Barry Condon (selector), Andy Moloney, D. J. Buckley, Julian Carew, Finbarr Lonergan, Tony O'Brien, John Enright, Ger Leahy, Garry O'Mahoney, Joe Ahearne, Tomás Meade, Eoin Finn, P. J. O'Meara, Larry Nolan, Ger Coonan (selector). Front row (L-R) – Michael Quinn (manager), Pat Enright, David Butler, Ger Quinn, David Cunningham, Michael O'Donoghue, Brian O'Sullivan, Robert McInerney, Liam Butler, John Cummins (trainer).

The Walls of Carrick Swan

talking with Michael O'Meara

Picture a dark November evening in the early 1930s — The place is Newtown, a quiet secluded area about four miles north of Carrick-on-Suir. On their own land two young brothers are training. One enters a field and walks around the perimeter to get his bearings. He sets off for the far side of the field, stops, then begins to run backwards. It is the type of exercise he has done many times in the past. On this particular evening, however, he misjudges the distance, his momentum carries him on to the boundary fence of barbed wire and scough bushes and walls over into a ditch.

On the following Sunday, bruised and scarred, he turns out for his club. Team mates remark on the scars as he dons his jersey, his reply is 'Sure it's nothing'.

OUTSTANDING DEDICATION

The young man's name is Willie Wall and the incident reflects the strength, spirit and determination that characterised an outstanding hurling career.

Willie Wall and his younger brother Tom gave unstinted service to their club Carrick Swan and to Tipperary hurling for almost two decades at a time when it was extremely difficult for 'country lads' to compete on equal terms with players engaged in more sedentary occupations. Willie and Tom recall spending many a long day following a horse, before travelling to Thurles for training, perhaps three times weekly and, at certain periods, working a nineteen hour day before reporting for training sometimes without a bite to eat. Such was their dedication that they took these difficulties in their stride and succeeded in carving out a niche for themselves in the annals of Tipperary Hurling.

Pat Wall, father of Willie and Tom, was a noted footballer, winning many honours including an All-Ireland senior medal with Clonmel Shamrocks in 1900. Pat actually won a Leinster Championship in the same year in the same grade with the Slate Quarry Miners who went on to beat Shamrocks in the All-Ireland semi-final played at Deerpark. Shamrocks objected to the composition of the Slate Quarries team — four of the players were Tipperary men including Pat Wall — and were awarded the match. Pat and his colleagues were then picked by Shamrocks ('wasn't it a terror after they objecting to them') and won the All-Ireland defeating London-Irish in the final.

Pat Wall's sons took little time in following in their father's footsteps and



TOM WALL

their prowess as hurlers and footballers developed from an early age. Willie remembers playing football with 'The Monastery' in Carrick and recalls the arrival of Brothers Laffan and Madden who did much to promote hurling in the school.

Willie played on the Ahenny team defeated by Davins in the 1931 South Junior Hurling Final. It was a game that Ahenny should have won but they were denied victory by the late 'Cutie' Power goal. The Ahenny team broke up after this and the players split between the Davins and Swan. Willie played on the Swan side which took the South junior title in 1932 and which went on to win the Divisional senior title in 1933. Tom, meanwhile, played minor and junior with Davins and joined Swan in 1935. He hated to change 'but didn't relish the prospect of eventually lining out against the brother'.

GREAT CLUB GAMES

Together they won South Senior Championships in 1935, '36 and '39.



WILLIE WALL

Competitions were disrupted in the War years and the brothers helped Swan win in Junior in 1943 before taking South Senior titles in a row from '44 to '48. Swan's greatest year was 1947 when they won their only County senior Hurling title. Willie was fullback and captain whilst Tom played at centrefield on the team which defeated Borrisilleigh 5-4 to 2-2 in the final at Clonmel. They recall the semi-final in which they beat a young and emerging Holycross by 5-7 to 5-3 as being a great game. They describe the scenes before and after the final as 'hectic' and will never forget the wonderful support afforded the team. At that time special trains ran regularly to Clonmel for all the big games. They were invariably packed and the atmosphere was electric.

Swan owed much of their success in that era to their dedicated training and to the many challenge games in which they participated. Jerry Lynch, the club secretary, was described as a marvellous organiser and over the years the Wall brothers recall many outstanding games played against great club sides including Erin's Own ('who could field 14 Waterford players'), Mooncoin ('who had half the

Kilkenny team'), Tullaroan and U.C.C. Swan invariably were a match for these teams and Willie and Tom speak in glowing terms of players who assisted the club down the years including Eddie Eade 'a great hurler', Paddy Millea 'a great little lad' Paddy Toole, Tom Gough, and Paddy Mahoney — 'a wonderful goalie, the best in Ireland in his time'. They recalled a match against Erin's Own when the great Charlie Ware took a '70' which dropped into the goalmouth, Mahoney did not catch it but met it and hit it straight back to Ware who pucked it over the bar, 'Paddy Mahoney had a great stroke on a ball'.

Of all the games played by Swan, Willie and Tom are of one mind in describing the 1945 County semi-final against Thurles Sarsfields as the best game ever played by the club. Swan were well in front and heading for victory when they had a goal disallowed — 'referee Willie O'Donnell adjudged that Paddy Madden was in the square before the ball but he wasn't. This turned the tide in Sarsfields favour and two late goals gave them victory.

Willie Wall played his last game for Swan in 1948 but Tom played on until 1952 when he lined out on the team beaten by Borrisilleigh in the County semi-final.

The Walls were also accomplished footballers and they won South and County junior championship medals with Swan and Faugheen in 1941.

INER-COUNTY GAMES

Willie Wall made his first appearance in the County jersey in a league game in 1933 although he had not been considered good enough for the junior team which took All-Ireland honours earlier that year. He made his senior championship debut in 1935 and played at wing back on the side beaten by Limerick in the Munster Final. In 1936 he appeared at midfield when Limerick again triumphed in the Munster Final. He is critical of the effort made in 1936 and says that the team was only half trained. 'No one seemed to have any interest in the training' and he contrasted the approach with that of 1937 when Thurles Sarsfields were in control and took a great interest. 1937 was of course the year that the All-Ireland final was played in Killarney and asked if he was disappointed to miss out on a Croke Park final Willie replied that he didn't care as long as the match was won. He went on to say 'that Killarney is an awful lucky old ground for Tipperary' and recalled the Munster final of 1971 of which Tom Wall said 'Mick Roche's second half display was his best ever'. 1937 in Killarney, however, proved something of an anti climax for Willie Wall as he dislocated his knee during the game and knew at once 'that his career was finished'. Although he was to play championship again with Tipperary in 1943 and 1948 he 'was never the same and could not take chances with his knee'.

Tom Wall began his intercounty career in the 1944 championship and played at

midfield in the All-Ireland winning side of 1945. It was a game Kilkenny were expected to win well and Tipperary's vote gave Tom great satisfaction. Willie, of course had mixed feelings as but for his injury he could also have been included. He felt greater sympathy however for Johnny Ryan who was only a sub because of a knee injury sustained in a football match the Sunday before the All-Ireland. Tom recalls the marvellous display of John Maher on Jim Langton, the performance of Eddie Gleeson, and the great display of Jim Devitt on Jack Mulcahy. He referred to Jim Devitt as a great character and to his death as a tragedy. He recalled meeting Jim at one of the games in Killarney in recent years — 'his daughter was married to a Mulcahy and he told me that they were going up to get their son christened and it had been decided that he was to be called Jack Mulcahy. At the christening the priest called out John Mulcahy and Jim shouted out — not John — Jack.'

Tom and Willie Wall played their last championship games for Tipperary on the team beaten by Limerick in 1948. The Swan club had the selection following their County championship success of '47 and the Wall brothers take pride in the team building which was done that year and which helped to bring about the great three in a row side of 1949/'51. Among the new players selected was Tony Reddan. Tom Wall recalls that he was 29 years old then and went on to win three All-Ireland medals and he deeply regrets that Mick Roche decided to retire at the same age. Willie Wall played at fullback in front of Tony Reddan in '48 and he describes Reddan as a wonderful man. Strangely, Willie Wall never met Tony Reddan from 1948 until their paths crossed at John Maher's funeral this year. Tony Reddan's greeting was 'I often wondered where did Willie Wall go!'

The Wall brothers bade farewell to the County colours in the 1948 National League final against Cork in Croke Park. Cork were narrow winners of a fine game. Tom was moved over on Fr. Bernie Murphy when Mick Ryan went off injured and he remembers 'one ball coming upfield, he just lifted his toe to it and doubled on it; there was a break in play because of an injury and I said to him — that was a grand bit of play. His reply was — 'tis easy for me, I'm every day at it. I went away and thought to myself we're after doing nineteen hours a day all week on the harvest. What a difference!

LOVERS OF HURLING

After their exploits on the playing fields the Wall brothers became avid followers and they never missed an important game. They hold mutual and very definite views on many aspects of hurling of which the following is a cross section:-

"Today's game has changed completely from that played in our day. It is not faster as many people feel. In our day it was all ground hurling, now it's catch and run. You cannot beat ground hurling, Tipp. won all their matches on the ground.

Running with the ball leads to trouble and slows up the game. The hand pass should be banned. The back has no chance with the hand pass. Jimmy Finn, the closest hurler ever, could give the ball to Christy Ring and Christy could hit it whatever way he turned. Now you can palm the ball. It's not hurling. There is no midfield play or overhead hurling now".

"The present Tipp. team could not compare with the teams of the past. The All-Ireland success was a wonderful boost for the youth but this year's Munster Final was a big disappointment. It could have been won, players were fielded who were not fit to play. The Oireachtas win was wonderful — John Madden should be tried in midfield, he has fine potential. There are a number of promising young players in the County including Eamon Maher of Skeheenarinka and the future looks bright. We're disappointed with Carrick. Swan are as good as any but the commitment is lacking".

"The Under-21 grade is the most important of all. It is the ideal stepping stone to Senior. It's a wonderful competition. The Under-12, Under-14 and Under-16 we have no time for at all. It's win the whole time. Players should be playing for the love of the game. Young players are burned out too early".

"Referees today are hopeless even in the All-Ireland finals. This year's All-Ireland Football Final was the worst ever seen. It was not Gaelic Football at all. In defence of referees however the TV is a problem with all the mistakes shown up. There was a better spirit and give and take in our day. You'd be ashamed to lie down and now they are throwing themselves down. We thought the world of Dick Hayes and the players from Coolmoyné even though we played it fairly tough between us. Often you might say it was wholesale slaughter, but we never held it against each other".

"To be able to defend yourself is one of the arts of the game. Stand in close and you'll never get hurt. We could not wear a helmet to save our lives".

Looking back on a lifetime in hurling, Willie and Tom Wall confess to having enjoyed every minute of it. Not surprisingly they regard the All-Ireland successes and the County Final success of Swan in 1947 as the highlights of their careers.

They had however one regret. 'We never had the satisfaction of beating Thurles Sarsfields in a championship. They were a marvellous club and were great to train a team. You could beat Sarsfields all over the field but they would still end up getting the scores. We would dearly love to have beaten them'.

To talk hurling with Willie and Tom Wall is a privilege. The passing years have in no way dimmed their passion for the game and there is nothing they like better than to see their beloved Swan and the blue and gold of Tipperary emerge triumphant on the playing fields. May the good Lord grant them continued good health and spare them to enjoy further successes in the years to come.

Minor Camógie – that elusive title is captured at last

THE winning of the Minor All-Ireland title will be regarded as a milestone in Camógie in Tipperary. This victory will have a beneficial influence on our younger girls playing the game of camógie and those starting to play the game. What has been achieved can be equalled again and again. To achieve the ultimate, a sustained arduous training programme had to be followed. Commitment to the task was very obvious from the first training session. We had up to forty girls at our first trial, this is an indication of the interest and depth of talent in the County at underage levels.

It was obvious from our first game against Cork, in Cork, that these girls meant business. To beat a very good Cork team in their own back garden by a margin of five points, and having scored a total of six goals and seven points, we knew that this team would take beating. Our next match was against Limerick and in this match Tipperary had a comprehensive victory on a score of 7-8 to 2 goals. The Munster final was our next match and Clare were our opponents.

We expected a stiff challenge from the Banner County; however, this did not materialise and Tipperary ran out easy winners on the score of Tipperary 8-8, Clare 2-0. We were pitted against Derry, the Ulster champions in the All-Ireland semi-final. To Tipperary, Derry were an unknown quantity; however, the Ulster champions last year had run Kilkenny — the eventual winners — very close. Tipperary really turned on the style in this match, notching up a score of 5-18 to Derry's one point. From the start of this game, one felt that if Tipperary got into their stride, Derry would have problems. Our forwards were cutting through the Derry backs rather easily, when the first score came after three minutes. The Tipperary team went on to record a one-sided victory.

We had now qualified for the second final in two years, and against the same opponents, Kilkenny. We knew we had learned from last year and Kilkenny would not be allowed to pull away in the second half as had happened in the previous year. Tipperary had trained very hard with the emphasis on stamina. Every training session was taken seriously with 100% turn-out. We could see from the players' response to direction during training that the girls were intent on reversing the result of last year. All was now in readiness for our All-Ireland clash with Kilkenny on July 29, in Nowlan Park, Kilkenny.

This game turned out to be a cracker, with camógie being played of the highest order. Tipperary had the wind advantage in the first half; however, they did not make the best use of it in the early stages, but as the game progressed they began to chalk up the scores and led at the interval by 10 points — 1-9 to 0-2.

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COUNTY CHAMPIONS & RUNNERS-UP

Competition	Winner	Runners-up
U-12	Toomevara	Thurles
U-14	Toomevara	Gortnahoe/Glengoose
U-16	Cashel	Burgess
U-18	Not completed: Moycarkey v Cashel, Nov. 25.	
Junior	Moycarkey-Borris	Thurles
Intermediate	Borrisokane	St. Bernadette's, Roscrea.
Senior League	Cashel	Toomevara
John Hogan Cup	Moycarkey-Borris	Clonmel St. Mary's
Ann Fraser Cup	Cashel	Toomevara

The expected challenge in the second half from Kilkenny — aided by the strong wind — did materialise and their first goal came in the fourth minute. However, the most crucial score from Tipperary came soon afterwards with a goal from Áine Hogan. This goal had the effect of stunting Kilkenny's challenge, but they still fought on and reduced Tipperary's lead to three points with only five minutes to go.

Tipperary's defence stood firm over these last few minutes, although there were some anxious moments. The sound of the final whistle was sweet music to both players, officials and supporters.

This historic victory was achieved by the Tipperary players who had given their all in a game that must rank as one of the best Minor finals seen for a long time. The final score: Tipperary 2-11, Kilkenny 3-6.

Everyone was a heroine on the day, from the goalkeeper to the full-forward, from substitutes that were used and those that weren't, because during the year — even if they didn't play on All-Ireland day — they had played their part.

At long last Tipperary had won their first ever All-Ireland in camógie and in doing so the seeds have now been sown for a bright future in the game.

Credit must go to the people who prepared this great team: Liam Hogan, Trainer/Selector, and co-selectors Martin Kennedy and John Devitt; to the Co. Board Officers, Geraldine Ryan, Marion Graham and Bridget Phillips, and to the parents of the players who brought them to training sessions and matches.

The preparation of this team was a mammoth task and had to be of the highest calibre to dethrone the champions in their own stadium. When Sinéad Nealon (capt.) lifted the cup the cheers from the Tipperary supporters could be heard back in Tipperary.

Team: Christina Kennedy (Burgess), Maria Hogan (Burgess), Sinéad Nealon capt. (Burgess), Marita Tobin (Cashel), Roisín Nash (Cashel), Neasa O'Dwyer (Cashel), Lorraine Graham (Moycarkey-Borris), Caroline Dooley (Gortnahoe/Glengoose), Helen Kiely (Drom-Inch), Jovita Delaney (Cashel), Ciara Burns (Burgess), Áine Hogan (Burgess).

Subs: Jacky Keating (Cashel), Claire Egan (Gortnahoe/Glengoose), Sylvia Ryan (Cashel), Tracy Bargery (Cashel), Grace Webster (Gortnahoe/Glengoose), Nuala Nealon (Burgess), Fiona Murphy (Toomevara), Helena Campion (Gortnahoe/Glengoose).

UNDER-18 COUNTY

Another first for Tipperary

Our u/18s achieved what our Minors had previously achieved during the year by bringing another 'first' to the county, then won the first u-18 Munster title, beating Limerick in the final. This competition does not go beyond Provincial level.

Earlier in this competition they had accounted for Clare and Cork. Both Clare (defending champions) and Cork were very fancied teams.

Our first match was against Cork, and Tipperary really turned it on by beating them by a staggering 18 points. This was a sweet victory as Cork had knocked us out of the championship last year. Our next match was against Clare, again our girls were in top form and easily beat off their challenge. Now we had reached the final and our opponents were Limerick, who had the advantage of a home venue at Ballyagran. Although Tipperary had to line out without two of its selected side, their replacements proved that they were more than capable of filling the positions left vacant.

At the break, Tipperary were ahead by 2 points. They were making hard work of it due mainly to the bad weather conditions which did not lend to open play. In the second half, Tipperary took the game to Limerick and added 2-5 without reply. This was a well deserved victory and completed an outstanding year in camógie for the county. The victory helped lift the girls, many of whom had played and lost in the All-Ireland junior final to Kildare, and polished performances were given by these girls: Deirdre Hughes, Kaiffee Moloney, Jovita Delaney, Helen O'Leary, Claire Madden, Orla Hogan, along with subs. on the junior team: Ailish Delaney and Michelle Kennedy.

U-18 Final Team: Ailish Delaney (Templemore), Caroline Dooley (Gortnahoe/Glengooles), Marita Tobin (Cashel), Deirdre Cooney (Burgess), Sinéad Nealon (Burgess), Deirdre Hughes (Toomevara), Orla Hogan (Burgess), Kaiffie Moloney capt. (Cashel), Ciara Burns (Burgess), Jovita Delaney (Cashel), Áine Hogan (Burgess), Helen O'Leary (Cashel), Claire Madden (Portroe), Michelle Kennedy (Clonmel).

Other players who formed the panel at games throughout the competition were Regina O'Meara (Toomevara), Sinéad Ryan (Cashel), Paula Loughnane (Holy-cross/Ballycahill), Maria Hogan (Burgess).

Again, the same management looked after this team as took charge of the successful Minor team, with the addition of Bridget Phillips and Bernie O'Dowd on the selection committee.

P.R.O. Liam Hogan

Lease of our own Camogie pitch

Because of numerous legalities, the final contract of our lease on the Ragg pitch was not completed until October 26. However, because it was one of the busiest seasons for camogie in the county, the pitch was constantly in use.

The pitch is ideally suited for camogie, being very central for all clubs and especially for county training. We at least now know where we are going and training and games can be arranged well in advance. Our sincere thanks to Noel Morris, Tommie Barrett, "Spike" Nolan and all G.A.A. clubs who backed us in this venture. Now we can set about the task of developing it and have a pitch and changing facilities with a club room we can be proud of when hosting major camogie events.

FÉILE NA nGAEL

This competition was completely new to all camogie clubs with the exception of Burgess, who had previously represented Tipperary on two occasions, but credit is due to all clubs who took part. Perhaps some clubs were not financially prepared for the enormous costs involved in competing; now is the time to get over this hurdle in order to be prepared for the competition next year.

Overall, Tipperary clubs done very well. Some were only pipped by a point to reach semi-final stage. Congratulations to Toomevara who were winners of Group 4. Honours and congratulations must also to Triona Maher of the Gortnahoe/Glengooles club, who was outright winner of the All-Ireland Skills. Triona (13 years) gave a tremendous performance against 14 other counties. Her parents and her club must be very proud of her. Well done, Triona.

Congratulations also to the Thurles club, who were awarded best dressed camogie team, and to Burgess club for Best Banner.

Coiste Camógaiochta Thiobraid Árann

1990 — the most successful year so far for camogie in Tipperary — commenced on February 4th with our Annual General Meeting in the Munster Hotel. There was a large attendance at the meeting with over 95% of clubs represented; this might be attributed to the fact it was the first A.G.M. to be held on a Sunday afternoon. With the long afternoon and evening ahead, it gave clubs plenty of time to air their grievances and to point out changes they felt would be of benefit to the Association and the County.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Chairperson: Geraldine Ryan Meaghair
Vice-Chairperson: Eamonn Browne
Secretary: Marion Graham
Treasurer: Bridget Phillips
Joint P.R.O.: Liam Hogan - Eamonn Browne

Fixtures Committee:

Mary O'Connell, Julia O'Dwyer, Sally Duggan, Marion Graham, Siobhán McDonnell, and Geraldine Ryan Meaghair.

U-16 Trainer: Liam Hogan. **Selectors:** John Devitt, Martin Kennedy, Liam Hogan

U-18 Trainer: Liam Hogan. **Selectors:** John Devitt, Martin Kennedy, Bridget Phillips, Bernie O'Dowd, Liam Hogan.

Junior Trainer: John Kennedy. **Selectors:** Bridget Phillips, Bernie O'Dowd, Liam Hogan.



All who competed in the skills competition of Féile na nGael

Congratulations to all clubs who took part, whether they won or lost; they did camogie proud in the county and, hopefully, everybody concerned enjoyed the week-end.



Marion Graham presented with cheque from John English, Tipperary Supporters' Club, re sponsorship for Junior All-Ireland Final.

The 21st annual Féile na nGael will be held in Tipperary again in June, 1991, culminating in the National Finals on Sunday, June 23. The overall format will be similar to 1990. Grading of clubs may be somewhat revised and some additional activities will be organised to celebrate the 21st anniversary.

Féile '90 was a big success for camogie in Tipperary and helped to bring out the best in under-age clubs who otherwise were only lukewarm. Hopefully all participating clubs gained something from it, and will help to be even more successful in '91. Success is not everything. A great deal of enjoyment was also got from it, but, especially, friends were made. For all young players from all corners of the country, winning is not everything in our native sport. Participating and making friends is more important.

Thanks to all who helped — to our numerous referees, umpires, linespeople, Br. Ó Dúgáin for the use of the Railway



Chairperson doing her bit during the skills! Geraldine Ryan Meaghair, Skills Official, Féile na nGael.

field for the skills final and for divisional finals, to Dúrlas Óg for the use of their pitch, to all G.A.A. clubs for their co-operation, to the skills judges, to my committee Geraldine Ryan, Biddy Phillips, Ann O'Rourke, Sally Duggan, Ann Moloney, to the Féile executive committee and everybody concerned too numerous to mention, a sincere thank you.

OUR SPONSOR — THANK YOU

No county, club or individual can reach that goal of getting to the top without sponsors, and camógie is no exception. Camógie is the poor sister to G.A.A. and is run on a shoestring budget. It barely breaks even year after year. When we found ourselves in the happy position of having one successful All-Ireland behind us and another one within our grasp, finance was our nightmare. So we set about the task of looking for sponsorship. Thanks to all those who helped, we were not found wanting on All-Ireland week-end.

On behalf of Tipperary teams and officials, I wish to extend a sincere 'thank you' to all who contributed to our appeal for sponsorship. The cost involved in reaching this stage of the championship is immense and we are always grateful for any assistance. A special thank you to our major sponsors, Bord na Móna, who gave a very generous contribution towards the cost of a set of track-suits; to C.I.E., who sponsored us with a carriage to Dublin and back; to Thurles Milk and Johnsons of Thurles who provided us with refreshments for all our training sessions for the



Trino Maher (Gortnahoe-Glengoose). All-Ireland Camogie Skills winner.



PARADE



BEST DRESSED CLUB AT PARADE — THURLES CAMOGIE CLUB

Biddy Phillips getting trophy from President Hillary

month prior to the Junior Final; to Frank Mulcahy, Anner Hotel, Thurles, and John and Breda Kennedy, Centenary Room, the Ragg, for financial support throughout the year; to Tipperary Spring Water who provided us with 2 sets of Kit Bags — one for our minors and one for our Juniors; to the County G.A.A. Board and the divisional boards and clubs of the county; to Tipperary Supporters' Club; Tipperary Dublin Association, and Schissers of Clonmel, and everyobdy who contributed a sincere thank you.

Social Scene

On writing this article, our 2nd Annual Dinner Dance is arranged for November 23 at John & Breda Kennedy's, The Ragg. If last year's is anything to go by, and with the success the county has achieved this year, it should be a very good night out.

Presentation of medals will be made to all our County Champions, our three Munster Champions and our Minor All-Ireland team. The highlight of the night will be the "Camogie Person of the Year". The winner of this will be top secret, only the President of the Camógie Association, Mary O'Callaghan, will it be known to until the announcement.

Before I conclude my report, I would like to thank all club secretaries and officials for their assistance to me during 1990. To the referees, linespeople and umpires,

gate collectors, those who prepared the pitches for games, to Jimmie Purcell, Semple Stadium and everybody who helped, a sincere 'thank you'. Thanks to the G.A.A. Board for the use of Semple Stadium and for their advice and financial assistance during the year. To all G.A.A. clubs for the use of their pitches and facilities for their local camógie clubs and for championship games.

1990 saw 24 clubs affiliate to the Co. Board. A special thank you to all those players, for without you are National game would be non-existent in Tipperary. To the parents of all players I hope you are proud of them for striving to flourish our national sport both at home and abroad; thanks to you, the parents, who brought the underage players to County trials and games for without your help that elusive title Tipperary have sought for so long would still be elusive.

Thanks to my fellow officers: Geraldine Ryan Meaghair and Biddy Phillips who have done Trojan work for camógie in the county over the past number of years. I would like to thank Eamonn Browne and Liam Hogan for their assistance to me with this article, and to Liam O'Donoghue for giving me the opportunity of writing it.

Is mise,

Marion Ní Greacháin,
Rúnaí, Coiste Chontae
Tiobraid Árann.

Junior County Team

By: EAMON de BRÚN, P.R.O.

CAMOGIE has taken an upward surge within the County over the past few years, and can be contributed to a number of factors, basically to a more organised County Board; of which Secretary Marian Graham has made an enormous contribution, not casting any aspersions on any of the other officers or past officers. She has immersed herself totally in the cause of camogie and the results of the various teams are proof positive of the organisation spoken about.

While the under-16 team created history by becoming the first team from the county in any grade to win an All-Ireland title (championship) and the U-18's having a fine win in the Munster Final. The success of the adult team is always considered a shade more important, I suppose for the fact that if your adult team is successful, it does great work at underage.

Because of the distinct lack of interest on the part of the senior players for a few years, it was decided to regrade to Junior, to give an opportunity to the players to sample success. In their first year in Junior ranks, players were again able to match, the opposition in most aspects of the game, and this instilled a certain confidence again in the players. They did not taste any success though and hopes were not very high. Still it was inevitable that the well organised Co. Board, would be rewarded for its efforts, and the underage success was again bound to create a stir which it duly did. Once more it became an honour to wear a County jersey, and the team of selectors Bernie O'Dowd and Billy Philips and coach John Kennedy, appointed early this year went about their work in a very determined fashion. In the beginning they were disappointed with the response, but as the season progressed, players realised the obvious chance of bringing success to the County. They trained on a regular basis and a panel was picked for the National League.

The first game which was played on the 26-11-89 in Kilkenny, against the home team, this was a difficult assignment and though the team played very well with its sprinkling of experienced and youthful players, Kilkenny emerged winners by the narrowest of margins. This loss was to prove very costly, since but one team was going forward it cost us a place in the League play-off. The second game in the League on 11-3-90 was against Derry in the Ragg. This was a tough sporting game in which the visitors surprised most people with the quality of their play, and it took all the experience and craft of the home side to emerge winners.

A decision was taken by the Co. Board and the selectors, to enter a team in the Munster Senior Championship, this was

to give the team an extra game and a little experience. The draw pitted us against Cork, and the game was played in Watergrasshill, with Cork as expected running out easy winners.

On the 6-5-90 another round of the National League was played when Galway provided the opposition. After a tough game we emerged victorious by a narrow margin, and things seemed to be coming together for the team. This was further borne out a fortnight later when the team travelled up to Cavan for another round of the league and came away winners by a big margin.

On the following Sunday, June 30th, the team commenced the campaign it had been gearing itself for when they played host to the old enemy Cork in Semple Stadium. This was a game where the team needed to call on all its spirit, commitment, and experience to emerge winners by a narrow margin, all the team played their part.

This win set up a Munster final date with Limerick, in Cappawhite and the team having played and trained hard for this occasion were determined not to be deprived of their goal and in a tough game where the players gave of their all, another Munster title was brought back by our captain Ann Gleeson. There were scenes of great excitement and jubilation after the game.

This win set up an All-Ireland semi-final date with Armagh. The game was played before a fine attendance in Semple Stadium on the 26-8-90. The girls from the North surprised everybody, with an excellent brand of camogie. It required our team to play above themselves to win this, and this they did. There were some excellent performances from our players and Ann Keeshan stood between Armagh and a victory.



Triona Bonnar (Tipp.) in action at the All-Ireland.

Team: A. Keeshan, J. Delaney, C. Madden, G. Ryan Meagher, C. Kennedy, K. Moloney, K. McCluskey, O. Hogan, D. Hughes, A. Gleeson, M. Stokes, M. Browne, T. Bonnar, A. Delaney, M. Stapleton, R. O'Meara, M. Kennedy, H. O'Leary, E. Guerin.

One couldn't but admire the team on this good performance, where they restored the good name of Tipperary Camogie.

Preparation for the All-Ireland final commenced the following Wednesday night and all players attended and resolved to make every effort to go all the way. It became known that the All-Ireland Champions Kildare would provide the opposition and that it would require a very big effort to dethrone them. Training was stepped up and two good challenge games were organised against the Cork senior team and the Wexford senior team, which had reached the All-Ireland Final, also against Kilkenny.

The first game against Cork in Cork showed signs that things were coming together, and that the work put in was paying off. The team gave as good as it got and only in the last few minutes did Cork get the scores to win. Those present were very pleased.

The following week, the team travelled to Gortnahoe, where it played host to Wexford. Again it showed great spirit and commitment, and made Wexford fight all the way for a win. For both games the team lined out without J. Delaney and G. Ryan Meagher, both of whom were injured.

Team v. Wexford: A. Keeshan, C. Kennedy, T. Bonnar, M. Stapleton, C. Madden, K. Moloney, M. Stokes, O. Hogan, B. Hughes, A. Gleeson, M. Browne, H. O'Leary.

After this game, preparation began to wind down and only a couple of training sessions were left. John Kennedy (coach) began to unwind the team and it worked out well.

The team had formed a great bond during the year, and this was very evident in the final preparations.

The team travelled to Dublin for the final on the Saturday evening and stayed in a hotel a short distance from Croke Park.

On Sunday morning they had a puck about in Na Fianna's ground in Mobhi Road. After a quick cup of tea, it was on to the game.

There was a tremendous following for the team, and it also included 5 buses from Derry, giving support to Tipp, in return for the hospitality shown to them earlier in the year when they stayed in Tipperary. Thanks to Elizabeth and Charlie Crampsie. Liz is Derry County Secretary.

The final started at a hectic pace and despite attacking strongly we were unable to get through for scores, and Kildare made good use of the chances they got,

due to weaknesses in our back line and forged well ahead. It looked as if we were going to be beaten easily, but then our younger players, took the game by the scruff of the neck, notably C. Madden, O. Hogan, D. Hughes, and it spurred the others to raise their game, and they fought back to within a few points of Kildare. Ann Keeshan also was instilling confidence in the team by virtue of some excellent scores. The team went in at half time some 5 points down and down further early in the second half, but then some inspired switches paid dividends and the team took the game to Kildare and had some very good scores, but unfortunately the final whistle came too soon.

When you consider the very young team which we had out, this was a tremendous performance and one which I have no hesitation in saying will bring back the All-Ireland title within two years. The panel for the final was A. Keeshan, J. Delaney, C. Kennedy, G. Ryan Meagher, C. Madden, K. Moloney, K. McCluskey Ryan, O. Hogan, M. Stokes, T. Bonnar, D. Hughes, A. Gleeson, H. O'Leary, R. O'Meara, A. M. Fitzgerald, M. Browne, A. Delaney, E. Guerin, M. Stapleton, M. Kennedy.

Thanks to everybody who helped in any



Ann Gleeson, Tipp. captain; Miriam O'Callaghan, referee; Kildare captain.

way during the year. To players, selectors, those who supplied transport, to sponsors for the All-Ireland and other occasions.

Reaching the All-Ireland was a great achievement and hopefully next year we might go one better. Lets hope so.

Toomevara Camogie 1990 A Great Year

1990 must go down in the history books as a memorable year for camogie in Tipperary, with the success of the U-16, U-18 and Junior teams as well as Féile Na nGael being held in Tipperary. our club seemed involved in every way with representatives on each team, as well as junior captain Anne Gleeson, and junior trainer John Kennedy from Toomevara. The winning of the Féile Na nGael Div. 4 was also a great achievement for our club and county.

Things began on the club scene with the Community Games U-13½ Competition and Toomevara took the title for the third year in a row with a great victory over Thurles. This team was eventually defeated in the Munster semi-final in Dungarvan later in the year.

The U-14 team began their championship action early and the Final was played before Féile Na nGael. In a great final we defeated Gortnahoe narrowly. This was one of the best games of the year with the standard of camogie from both teams very high. Down five points at half time the Toomevara fought back to win.

Féile Na nGael was next and

we did not really know what to expect. The games were taken one by one with caution but also with victory and we eventually reached the final. Our opponents were our hosts, Buttlertown from Waterford and the fact that we had drawn with them in the first round made the final a thrilling prospect. However victory was achieved again and a historic win was recorded.

The U-12 championship was still undecided however, and the final pairings were Thurles v. Toomevara. The first game ended in a most exciting scoreless draw, and the replay was also very exciting. Final score was Toomevara 0-1, Thurles 0-0. The U-12's had achieved another piece of history, a unique 4-in-a-row.

Moving to the U-16 championship we entered a very young team and eventually went down in the quarter final stages.

We had high expectations from our senior team in 1990 but again Cashel stood in the way. We were defeated in the county final for the second year in a row. On the other hand however this is only our second year senior and to reach two

consecutive County Finals is no bad achievement.

The club would like to congratulate all the Tipperary

teams, their mentors and the officers of the Board for their work and achievements in 1990.



TOOMEVARA — U-14 FÉILE NA nGAEL WINNERS AND COUNTY FINAL WINNERS 1990

Back (l-r): Mary O'Callaghan, National Camogie President; Brid Delaney, Bridget Phelan, Hilda Mounsey, Miriam Maxwell, Laura Boland, Madeline Hayes, Triona McCormack, Tara Young. Front (l-r): Sarah Bergin, Aileen Delaney, Suzanne Kelly, Aine O'Leary (capt.), Marie Ryan, Helen McGrath, Annette Ryan, Maria Kennedy, Anna Hogan.



TOOMEVARA — U-12 CAMOGIE COUNTY CHAMPIONS 1990

Back (l-r): M. Doran, D. Ryan, S. Maxwell, C. Mounsey, T. McCormack (capt.), S. Boland, S. O'Brien, L. Burke, J. Ryan, S. Kennedy, J. Boland. Front (l-r): H. Hogan, E. Guilfoyle, J. Mounsey, S. Guilfoyle, C. Maxwell, S. Mounsey, J. Phelan, S. Connolly, L. Young, G. Duff. Very front: B. Ryan.

Munster Schools' Camógie

By MARTIN QUIRKE

THE Munster Colleges Council organises the following Championships each year: Schools Senior Competitions, Junior Competitions (i.e. under 15), U-16 seven-a-side and a first year competition. The senior competitions are divided into Senior Intermediate A and Intermediate B; each geared to varying different standards in the many schools competing. The junior competition is for all schools, with a junior plate for the teams defeated early in the championship. All secondary schools are eligible to participate and at the moment about thirty five schools affiliate each year. (New affiliations are most welcome).

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

In the school year 1989/90 three Tipperary schools affiliated, Mercy Convent, Nenagh, Scoil Mhuire, Cashel and Loreto, Clonmel. Scoil Mhuire, Cashel entered the '89/90 season as Munster Champions at Senior and Junior levels. The Senior Team had its first outing in October against St. Patrick's Comprehensive School, Shannon. In near hurricane conditions Cashel emerged winners by one point. The game was dour and more a test of endurance than skill. In the Munster Semi-Final, Cashel met fellow Tipperary school, Mercy Convent, Nenagh. Held in November, the hurricane conditions of October gave way to foggy and misty conditions. Nenagh, with county U-16 players of the calibre of Orla Hogan, Marie Hogan and Ciara Byrnes in their team provided lively skillful opposition for the Munster Champions. Cashel might have lost their crown only for

the first half brilliant goalkeeping by Carol Dunne. With Sinead Ryan doing a great job of marking the skillful Orla Hogan, Cashel came more into the game in the second half and ran out winners by five points. Mercy, Nenagh acquitted themselves well and if progress continues it will not be long before they become the second Tipperary school to take the Munster Senior Title. Maybe, 1991 will see Cashel and Nenagh meet in the Munster Senior Title and so take over from Cork dominance of the '70's and '80's.

After a deserved Christmas break the Cashel girls began training early in January and a number of sessions were completed before the school holidays ended. St. Mary's, Middleton provided the opposition in the Munster final early in February. The Cashel girls, under the captaincy of Angela Ryan of Boherlahan, set out for Middleton in confident mood. Strangely, on the day of the game, the conditions were sunny and mild for the time of the year, strange because the weeks before and after were two of the worst weeks of the winter.

The ideal weather conditions brought out the best in the players and the early exchanges were keenly contested. The Middleton girls missed some good scoring opportunities and Cashel capitalised on this by scoring two goals in the first half leaving the half-time score: Cashel 2-4, Middleton 0-4. Middleton, in typical Cork tradition tried all they knew early in the second half, but Marita Tobin, Roisin Nash, Yvonne O'Dwyer, Sinead McGrath and Siobhan O'Sullivan defended brilliant-

ly. Then Jovita Delaney, Neasa O'Dwyer, Helen O'Leary and Aine Rothwell found their scoring form again and Scoil Mhuire won their second senior Munster title in a row.

The Ulster Champions, St. Patrick's of Maghera provided All-Ireland Semi-Final opposition. Early in March, the Cashel girls set off on a long journey to the sounds of cheering and good wishes on the streets of Cashel. The week-end in Maghera was most enjoyable and the girls won a close encounter without really reaching their full potential. This weekend up North will long remain in the minds of the girls who took part and for this two distinct groups of people must be thanked. Firstly, the Parent Council of Scoil Mhuire, who organised a raffle to provide the much needed funds and secondly, the teachers and pupils of Maghera who, I think, can give a lesson any day on what real hospitality is. We will remain forever grateful.

Scoil Mhuire had now reached the All-Ireland final for the first time in ten years and their opponents would be St. Raphaels of Loughrea. Loughrea, trained by the famed Cyril Farrell, were going for their sixth All-Ireland title in a row, an enviable record.

Early April was the date, O'Toole Park, Dublin the venue and the climatic conditions were ideal. Loughrea, playing some brilliant camogie were too strong for Scoil Mhuire and ran out winners by fourteen points. The Cashel girls failed to settle and though they tried very hard they could not match the Loughrea girls and



SCOIL MHUIRE CASHEL, MUNSTER CHAMPIONS & ALL-IRELAND FINALISTS 1989-1990

Back Row (left to right): Jovita Delaney, Roisin Nash, Sinead McGrath, Yvonne O'Dwyer, Marie Barron, Miriam Hayden, Caroline Graham, Sylvia Ryan. **Front Row (left to right):** Neasa O'Dwyer, Marita Tobin, Sinead Ryan, Angela Ryan, Siobhan O'Sullivan, Helen O'Leary, Aine Rothwell, Carol Dunne and Tracey Bargary.

had to do with taking second best in Ireland — this is nothing to be ashamed of.

In a year that took the girls north, south, east and west through the country there will be many memories that will stay with each girl of the panel. In spite of the fact that the Senior All-Ireland medal eluded them the girls can be proud of their efforts. They did themselves, their families, and their school proud.

SEVEN-A-SIDE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Seven-a-side Munster competition is run on a blitz format i.e. all on one Saturday. Scoil Mhuire of Cashel were slow to get going but still reached the Munster final where they easily defeated Scariff Community School to win this competition for the first time. The following weekend saw the provincial finalists meet in Dublin to determine who would be the All-Ireland Seven-A-Side Champions. Cashel won through to the final only to discover that their opponents were yet again St. Raphaels of Loughrea. So keenly was this game awaited that many of the other schools delayed their departure to view the final. Their delay was justified as the final produced an exacting and skillful game with the teams level on a number of occasions. Jovita Delaney was a real thorn in the side of Loughrea and with Marita Tobin and Roisin Nash playing very well also. Carol Dunne again proved

what a great goalkeeper she is, especially when the need is greatest. Neasa O'Dwyer, Tracy Bargary and Aine Rothwell also played very well. On the final whistle the Cashel girls were one point in front and the scenes of delight had to be seen to be believed. Loughrea had been captured and captain Sinead McGrath lifted the All-Ireland cup aloft.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

In the Junior competition, Hospital of Limerick and Charleville of Cork were defeated in the early rounds. Scariff Community School provided the opposition in the Munster Semi-Final. This game, played in Scariff, proved to be a very exciting affair. Captain, Marita Tobin and fullback Roisin Nash played particularly well. Scariff, who were very hungry for success started well and these early scores proved vital as they emerged winners on the score, Scariff 2-2, Cashel 1-3.

FIRST YEAR CHAMPIONSHIP

The first year competition is the only schools camogie competition that Scoil Mhuire of Cashel has not won. In the year gone by the First Years trained and prepared as well as could be expected and whereas they won some games this title still eludes the school.

THE FUTURE

In the school year 1990-91, Scoil Mhuire, Cashel will be aiming for three in a row

Munster Senior Titles. Mercy, Nenagh will be hoping to go one better than last year and reach a Munster senior final. Roscrea, Vocational School, All-Ireland Vocational Champions of 1989/90, have affiliated with Munster Colleges for 1990-91 as have Templemore Secondary School. These are just some of the reasons why Munster Colleges camogie should be even more interesting to all camogie people in Tipperary.

The Tipperary G.A.A. Co. Board are to be congratulated for including camogie in their coaching scheme in the schools. This should prove very beneficial to improving the level of skill and this way, to make the game more attractive.

The time is now ripe to start a Tipperary Secondary School camogie County Championship. This would provide an outlet for those schools involved in the coaching scheme but, as yet, not involved in formal championship. Competition, with coaching, would promote better and better standards and so draw bigger crowds.

Camogie is a game of skill. Girls compete earnestly but in a very sporting manner. If the game is promoted properly then there is no limit to the enjoyment that will be got out of competing and taking part — winning will come. The future lies in the promotion of the game in our schools as well as in the clubs.



TIPPERARY — MUNSTER U-18 CHAMPIONS 1990

Back Row (l-r): Ailish Delaney, Tiona Stead, Regina O'Meara, Marita Tobin, Claire Madden, Maria Hogan, Caroline Dooley, Mary Butler, Paula Loughnane, Helen Kiely. Front Row (l-r): Michelle Kennedy, Kaiffie Moloney (capt.), Jovita Delaney, Helen O'Leary, Deirdre Hughes, Sinéad Ryan, Orla Hogan, Áine Hogan, Sinéad Nealon, Ciara Burns, Deirdre Cooney.

THURLES JUNIOR CAMOGIE ACTIVITIES

THERE were many satisfying aspects to the year. Many good memories. People make the memories. This year our girls reached their first Junior County Final. By playing Lorrha, Templemore and Moycarkey we then had reached the county semi-final. Our hopes were high going into this game against Carrick-on-Suir. The girls spirit, dedication and commitment to training stood them in good stead. On we went to the county final. The game was played in Drombane, the opposition was provided by Moycarkey. This was a very stiff encounter as Moycarkey had a good

strong talented team and, more experienced, were worthy winners. Thanks to our supporters who turned up in large numbers for this game. The panel for the year was:

C. Stakelum, L. Lanigan, H. Maher, J. Molumby, V. Geoghegan, C. Barry, S. Fogarty, M. Cooke, S. O'Mahony, M. Stakelum, L. Murphy, L. Maher, C. McCormack, O. Quigley, B. Kennedy.

We also took part in the John Hogan Cup competition, playing Cahir, Templemore and Moycarkey. Losing one game and winning two, our girls played tremendously in all games but failed to

bring the cup to Thurles.

Fethard invited us to take part in their tournament which we won out and received beautiful trophies. We then played in the Michael Boyle Cup which Michael presented to our chairperson, Bernie O'Dowd. We defeated Templemore in a game as good as one is likely to see. So this ended our year with excitement and joy. Thanks to everyone who helped us during the year — in particular our trainers Maurice McCormack, Eamonn Stakelum and Bernie O'Dowd.

Two All Ireland Camogie titles for Roscrea V.S.

In 1989 Roscrea V.S. finished runners-up to Thomastown V.S. in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final. This year they want one better, not alone beating Thomastown V.S. 3-8 to 2-3 in the Senior All-Ireland but also taking the under 15 title.

THE SENIOR CAMPAIGN

Roscrea Senior teams faced Nenagh V.S. in the Munster Final for the second year running. Thanks to three goals from Fiona Davis they led by four points at half time. Then, despite a sterling display at full back by Linda Franks the Roscrea defence was torn to shreds by a rampant Nenagh forward line powered by the Nealon sisters. When Nenagh led by a point with a minute to go it seemed it was all over — but in stepped Offaly Senior player Michelle Davis to score her most important goal for her school. Roscrea had survived thanks to Dymphna Whyte, Siobhan Davis, and in particular full-forward Fiona Davis who scored (3-1).

Final Score: Roscrea 4-4
Nenagh 2-8

ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL

Roscrea V.S. 3-9 Loughrea V.S. 1-2

Spurred on by magnificent defensive play by E. Carroll and M. White Roscrea repulsed early Loughrea attacks. Points by S. McCarthy and C. Larkin were followed by a smashing goal by Fiona Davis. A booted goal by Sarah McCarthy ended the game as a contest as Roscrea led 2-6 to 0-0 at half-time. A string of points by M. Davis and a goal on the stroke of time by the same player saw Roscrea through to the final. A feature of the game was the display of goalie Anita Franks.

ALL-IRELAND FINAL

Roscrea V.S. 3-8 Thomastown V.S. 2-3

Thomastown opened briskly and a hesitant defence allowed them in for a soft goal. A fine goal by star forward Siobhan Davis steadied the Roscrea girls and when Dymphna Whyte crossed from the end line Pamela Brereton scored a second cracking goal. Sarah McCarthy pointed twice and M. Davis three times to leaves Roscrea leading 2-6 to 1-1.

After the break Thomastown attacked fiercely. Geraldine Tynan, outstanding at corner back, cleared ball after ball. Dymphna Whyte and Michelle Davis were completely on top at centre-field. The score of the match came 8 minutes into the second half when Sarah McCarthy grabbed a ball at centre-field and from 65 metres out sent the ball straight to the Thomastown net. The game ended with three points from Michelle Davis as Roscrea gave their three subs. a run.

Team and Scorers: Shinrone unless other stated

Anita Franks, Marie White, Linda

Franks (St. Bernadettes, Roscrea), Geraldine Tynan (St. Bernadettes, Roscrea), Emma Carroll, Dymphna Whyte captain, Michelle Davis, Claire Larkin, Sarah McCarthy, Siobhan Davis, Pamela Brereton, Fiona Davis (Coolderry).

Subs. used Amanda Quigley (Roscrea), Orla Finan (Borris-In-Ossory), Annette Fitzpatrick (Roscrea).

Roscrea Vocational School Camogie player of the year award. Players nominated: D. Whyte, M. Davis, S. McCarthy, S. Davis, F. Davis, L. Franks.

Though all the above players had played extremely well in both the All-Ireland Final and Semi-Final, Linda Franks was the player who performed to 100% of her ability in all three games, especially in the Munster Final when all seemed lost.

THE UNDER 15 TRIUMPH

Round 1

Roscrea V.S. 11-7
Ennis V.S. 0-0

Round 2 Munster final

Roscrea V.S. 4-3 Nenagh V.S. 2-4

This game was dominated by five players — Emma Carroll who marked the very dangerous Nuala Nealon, Siobhan Davis who scored the all important second half goal, Claire Larkin who was magnificent at centre fields, Sarah McCarthy in the unaccustomed centre back position and Kealin Hynes who starred at corner back.

Roscrea Scorers: A. Franks 2-1
S. Davis 1-2
O. Finan 1-0

ALL IRELAND FINAL

Roscrea V.S. 3-3 Loughrea V.S. 3-3

Two goals in the first five minutes by Orla Finan seemed to herald an easy win for Roscrea. Loughrea settled and held Roscrea scoreless for 15 minutes — a goal just before half time saw them a

mere three points adrift having played against a strong wind. With five minutes to go Roscrea went ahead with a fine goal from Lisa Carroll but Loughrea equalised before the final whistle.

Replay

Roscrea 5-7 Loughrea 2-1

The highly fancied Roscrea team was not caught napping twice in the one week. Emma Carroll took on the excellent Loughrea centre back most effectively scoring the opening goal after 5 minutes. Catriona Codd and Amanda Quigley hurled with great fire at centre field. Orla Finan at full forward scored and Sarah McCarthy combined beautifully up front as Roscrea led 3-5 to 0-0 at half time. The switch to full back of Anita Franks was paying dividends as her many fine clearances broke the spirit of the Loughrea forwards. Best score of the game came in the second half when Siobhan Davis doubled on the ball from 30 metres out to give the goalie no chance. The star of the match was Claire Larkin at centre back. In defence Margaret Whyte and Kealan Hynes were sound all through. Goalie McNamara cleared her lines when required. Lisa Carroll had her best game of the year at centre field.

TEAM AND SCORERS:

Patricia McNamara (Roscrea)
Kealin Hynes
Anita Franks (Shinrone)
Margaret Whyte (Shinrone)
Claire Larkin (Coolderry)
Catriona Coss (Borris-in-Ossory)
Amanda Quigley (Roscrea)
Emma Carroll (Shinrone) (1-0)
Siobhan Davis (Shinrone) (1-5)
Lisa Carroll (Shinrone)
Orla Finan (Borris-in-Ossory) (3-0)
Sarah McCarthy (Coolderry) (0-2)

TRAINERS:

G. Quigley
E. Arrigan



Roscrea Vocational School, All-Ireland Junior Camogie Champions, 1990.



Roscrea Vocational School All-Ireland Senior Camogie Champions, 1990.

Cashel take fifth Senior title in a row

By: ANNE MOLONEY

ONE of the most consistent championship contenders for the last decade has been Cashel, and it looks as if they intend the same dominance for the early part of the nineties at least. The Senior ladies won the "Ann Frazer" Cup and made history in the county when they captured the Senior County title for the fifth-year-in-a-row. Our Under-14's reached the County Semi-Final and our Under-16 clinched the title they lost to Burgess last year.

Our U-16's came through their section without a blemish but in the semi-final they had to fight all the way against a mighty determined Gortnahoe side. Although winning this game, they were far from impressive. The County Final was fixed for October 14th, venue Drumbane against the best in the North — Burgess.

Cashel got off to a good start with a well taken point after just minutes. It took Burgess a bit of time to settle down, still they seemed to have the majority of the play, but still could not break down a solid Cashel defence. Patrons were treated to an epic encounter in a nail biting finish. Cashel held on to win by five points, and regain the title they last won in 1988.

The Team: Paula Bulfin, Marita Tobin, Neasa O'Dwyer, Michelle Burke, Criona O'Donnell, Tricia O'Neill, Patricia Fitzgerald, Eileen Lonergan, Caroline Graham, Jackie Keating, Roisin Nash, Deirdre Moloney, Ailish O'Donnell, Tracy Bargary, Josephine Quinlan, Michelle Bulfin, Jovita Delaney (Capt.), Sarah Murphy, Silvia Ryan, Edel Keane.

If you view league and championship as twin pinnacles of hurling stardom then in 1990 Cashel Seniors scaled both obstacles. Our last Ann Frazer win was back in 1983 but this one ended sweetly. Our pathway to the senior title this year was far from impressive. Even though our visa had been secured without conviction the lesson would perhaps, stand to us by banishing presumption.

Our opponents Toomevara-Temple-derry had been knocking at the door for a few seasons chasing their first senior title. The final was played at Templemore on August 19th before a large crowd. The game was played at a cracking pace with play moving rapidly from end to end. Cashel had a narrow two point lead at half-time. The second half was brilliant. hard though Toomevara tried they never looked like overhauling the champions and Cashel were four points to the good when the final whistle was blown.

In the flush of victory however one cannot forget the great sportsmanship of Toomevara. The game itself was hard



CASHEL UNDER-16 COUNTY CHAMPIONS 1990

Back (left to right): B. Kelly (trainer), M. Tobin, N. O'Dwyer, M. Burke, C. O'Donnell, P. O'Neill, P. Fitzgerald, P. Bulfin, E. Lonergan, C. Graham, J. Keating, R. Nash, D. Moloney. Front (left to right): E. O'Donnell, T. Bargary, J. Quinlan, M. Bulfin, S. McGrath, M. Bulfin, J. Delaney (captain), S. Murphy, S. Ryan, E. Keane, D. Noonan.



CASHEL — SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONS 1990

Back Row (left to right) M. Tobin, R. Nash, K. Ryan, N. Tobin, A. M. Fitzgerald, I. Butler, M. O'Riordan, J. O'Dwyer, N. Ryan, C. O'Connell. Front: N. O'Dwyer, A. Ryan, H. O'Leary, N. Bonner, S. Ryan, P. Bonner-O'Dwyer (captain), J. O'Delaney, K. Moloney, T. Bonner.

fought and didn't have a bad foul or ugly exchange. Both trainer and mentors offered their sincere congratulations to Cashel as both teams retired to the Templemore Arms for a beautiful meal.

Long may such spirit continue in the game.

The Team: Julia O'Dwyer, Niamh Bonner, Noreen Tobin, Anne Marie Fitzgerald, Margaret Reardon, Kirsty McCluskey, Kaiffe Moloney, Irene Butler, Triona Bonner, Sinéad Ryan, Jovita Delaney, Phil O'Dwyer (capt.), Noreen Ryan, Roisin Nash, Helen O'Leary, Angela Ryan, Marita Tobin, Neasa O'Dwyer.



CASHEL UNDER-14 FÉILE NA nGAEL

St. Mary's camogie club

EVEN though we did not win any honours 1990 was a fairly successful year for our club.

For the first time we entered an Under-12 team in the championship. We were in group one and won this group by defeating Gortnahoe, Cashel, Bansha, Moycarkey and Ballingarry. We played Thurles in the county semi-final and were beaten narrowly on the night by a better team. Hopefully we can build on this team for the future.

Our Under-14 mainly consisting of Under-12 players did not win any game in the championship but did win one game in the Féile which was a great boost to them.

Our Under-16 team in a group of six played five, won two, lost two and drew one but did not progress any further.

We also entered an Under-18 team which at time of writing is still in the championship having won its first round game.

We got to the final of the John Hogan cup when we beat

Carrick-on-Suir and Fethard to win our group. Unfortunately for us we met a good Moycarkey team in the final who proved too good for us. We fielded a very young team with only four over 18 players and five under sixteen players.

In the junior championship a one point defeat by Cahir kept us out of the junior county semi-final.

There was compensation for us when Michelle Kennedy was selected on the panel for the county junior team which won out in Munster and suffered a narrow defeat in the All-Ireland final versus Kildare. She was also a member of the Under-18 team which won the Munster championship. Two Munster championship medals came to the club; our first honour.

We also had an association with the county's first All-Ireland victory when Martin Kennedy was a selector along with John Devitt of Cashel and Liam Hogan trainer of the county Under-16 team who beat Kilkenny in Nowlan Park.

Kilruane/McDonagh camogie club

Officers: Linda Williams; secretary: Elizabeth Williams; Treasurer: Jim Casey, Chairman; **Selectors:** Pat Foote, Paddy Ryan, Jim Casey and Ann Kelly.

Kilruane McDonagh decided against taking part in the Intermediate championship this year due to the fact that many of their players were too young and inexperienced for this grade. However, the club are looking forward to playing in the junior competition next year and are confident that the junior tournaments played during 1990 will give them the experience to enjoy next year.

The Under-14 players in the club got great value from their matches, tournaments and

training during the year. Féile na nGael afforded them the chance of playing different teams from other counties. Their first game in this competition was against Inishcrone, County Sligo. The team the parish hosted in the Féile. The local girls recorded a good win in this match but met much tougher opposition in their second outing against neighbouring parish Toomevara. Next in line on Saturday, 2nd June was Waterford and again our girls put in a great performance but had to accept defeat in the end.

Kilruane McDonagh have been putting great emphasis on coaching young players and are hopeful that the club is on sound footing in the future.

Templemore Camogie Club

Templemore camogie club was formed in January 1990 and elected the following officers and committee to run its affairs for the year:-

Chairperson — Mary Shelly

Secretary — Martin Bourke

Treasurer — Kathleen Maher

Committee — Brid Newe, Ann Prout, Francis Hartigan, Phil Ryan, Billy Costigan, Mick Delaney.

During that short period, the club has made considerable progress and fielded four teams in the Tipperary championship — U14, U16, U18 and junior. All teams acquitted themselves well with the U16 team winning five games out of six to reach the last six of the championship. They were narrowly defeated by Holycross after a reply who were later defeated in the semi final. The U18 team was defeated by Moycarkey in the semi final and the junior team lost to Moycarkey, eventual county champions, by four points. The club participated in Feile na nGael and hosted the Westmeath champions, Raharney. In addition to playing the game the club has organised many social activities for its members, including a days outing to Wicklow/Wexford and a weekend visit to the Templeogue club in Dublin. A club member, Ailish Delaney, won two Munster medals with Tipperary in U18 and junior. With the interest among

players, and the playing of camogie in both post primary schools in the town,

the years ahead will be very active and vibrant for the club.



TEMPLEMORE UNDER-16 TEAM

Back Row (l. - r.): Linda Quinn, Sinead Hennessy, Claire Butler, Eleanor Connolly, Emma McCormack, Noreen Delaney, Angela Hoban, Irene Whelan, Gina Cowan, Triona Ryan, Mary Hoban, Orla Morris, Tracey Groome. Front Row (l. - r.): Cathriona Webster, Denise Doyle, Elaine Cullen, Deirdre Ryan, Martina Shields, Martina Carroll, Christine Bergin, Patricia Ryan, Deirdre Hartigan.



TEMPLEMORE UNDER-14 TEAM

Back Row (l. - r.): Bernie O'Connor, Deirdre Hartigan, Yvonne McGorty, Sinead Hennessy, Julie Delaney, Christine Carroll, Siobhan Newman, Brenda Prout. Front Row (l. - r.): Margaret Cowan, Brid McGrath, Tina Hogan, Philomena Broderick, Angela Hoban, Ann Marie Ryan, Patricia Ryan, Linda Quinn, Tracey Groome.

Burgess Camogie 1990

By Liam Hogan



Action from Frazer Cup: Orla Hogan (Burgess) gets in her shot despite the efforts of Borrisokane's Ann Brennan.

1990 was a very active year for our little club. Training commenced as early as the 3rd of March for our under-age players i.e. Under-12 and Under-14. Of course Féile na nGael was the big event in the calendar of camogie and hurling clubs during 1990. Participation in this great festival meant that training had to commence earlier in the year to enable players to reach a certain level of fitness and skill. We were pitched into Division I for some reason or other. However, we accepted the challenge and to be very honest with our young players, they acquitted themselves with pride. Our first encounter was against that famous camogie club from Cork, Killeagh — we put up our usual stubborn resistance against a very good team, and were only beaten by a margin of 4 points. Killeagh went on to reach the final in Division One and were unlucky to lose in extra time. We had a victory over Portroe in Féile. We had some consolation when our banner was adjudged to be the best camogie banner in the country.

In May we travelled to Killarney to compete in the Pan Celtic Minor and Senior competitions. We had a fabulous weekend, winning both the Minor and Senior competitions. In winning the Minor we accounted for St. Monica's (Dublin), Bishopstown (Cork), and Killeagh (Cork). We beat Good Counsil (Dublin) in the senior final. We hope to go back to Killarney, next year to defend our titles.

In the Under-14 championship we had good wins over Roscrea, Portroe, Kilruane, however, we lost to a strong

of our better players Ciara Burns had picked up an injury in an Inter-County match prior to the final and this was a decisive factor in the outcome of the match. We lost one game in the championship and were then eliminated from the championship — rather harsh I would say!

In the U-12 championship our first outing was against Thurles and we achieved a draw in this game, and were unlucky not to have won. Our next match was against Portroe, and we took the spoils after a great match. Our next game was against Holycross, and our girls did not do themselves justice, and went down to Holycross. This was a very young team and our hopes are high for a good run in this grade in 1991.

In the Under-16 championship we had high hopes of retaining this championship, as the team contained six members of the successful county Minor team. We accounted for the following in this competition: Nenagh, Toomevara, Kildangan and Holycross. There was a long wait before the semi-final was played due to play-offs. This may have been a factor as we picked up injuries prior to the final. The final was played in Drombane on the 14th Oct. at 11.30 a.m. This was a game of the highest standard and gave evidence of the healthy state of camogie in the county at this age level. It was a close match all the way, and it was anyone's game up to the final whistle. We had our

opportunities to win but all credit to the Cashel girls who stuck to their task all through the game. If we had six members of the successful minor county team, Cashel had seven and their remaining players were stronger which gave them the advantage — 1991 is another year and maybe we can regain the title.

In senior grade we reached the Ann Frazer final only to be beaten by Cashel. The senior championship proper was an experience for our young players. Although we did not qualify for the final stages, we were happy with our displays, particularly against Toomevara and Cashel. We entered a seven-a-side competition in Butlerstown. Again this was our first venture in this type of competition. We performed very well and we hope to enter further competitions of this kind.

The high point to enter further competitions of this kind.

The high point of the Camogie Year was the performance of the county's Minor, Under-18 and Junior teams. Six members of the club played on the county minor team — Sinead and Nuala Nealon, Aine and Maria Hogan, Ciara Burns and Christine Kennedy. We were represented by six members on the Under-18 county teams — Sinead Nealon, Orla Hogan, Aine Hogan, Ciara Burns, Deirdre Cooney and Maria Hogan. On the county junior team we were represented by Orla Hogan. In all, 12 Munster medals came to the parish and six All-Ireland medals.

Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Camógie 1990

This year in terms of winning of title's, could not be considered successful, since it was the first year since our club was formed, where nothing of great significance was won.

Having won the County Junior championship last year, we were compelled to play in the Intermediate competition this year. We knew it would be difficult to make an impression in this grade and having been forced to line out without Marie Barenon, who had emigrated, Ann Frawley who had spent the summer in Rome and Edel English who was in employment outside the county during the summer our task was compounded. Exams also were a problem, as we had several girls doing Inter and Leaving Cert. The loss of those players, were a terrible blow, and this was borne out, later in the year when Ann Frawley and Edel English became available again. The contribution they made were immense. The rest of the panel played to the best of their ability and trained hard, Marie Dalton being an inspirational captain. We look forward to the coming year, with great confidence, as I know the girls are looking forward eagerly to it. Panel of players used during the year at intermediate were M. Mulvey, G. Browne, T. Kinnane, M. Dalton (Capt), E. Kearns, C. O'Brien, M. Bishop, B. Breen, O. O'Rielly, M. Browne, S. Browne, V. Wade, A. O'Brien, J. Horgan, R. Barron, C. Buckley, P. Buckley, G. O'Dwyer, A. Frawley, E. English, F. Butler, K. McCormack, M. Cussen, M. Hayes.

UNDER 14'S ENCOURAGING

While there wasn't much to cheer about at Intermediate level, at U14 level, there was very encouraging signs, that this panel, are heir apparents to the very successful side of the past few years. This side didn't get together until the middle of the year just a few weeks prior to Feile



Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Camógie Féile na nGael team. Back Row (l-r): M. A. Callinan, E. Carey, G. Alley, L. Breen, A. Kelly, A.M. O'Dwyer, T. Crawley, L. Callinan, L. Kelly, M. McGrath, B. Carew. Middle Row (l-r): Y. Bishop, T. O'Brien, R. Horgan, M. McGrath, M. Cussen, S. Heney, S. O'Neill, A. O'Brien. Back Row (l-r): M. Browne, J. Horgan, C. Buckley, L. Nolan, C. Hourigan, R. Barron, P. Buckley, E. Browne.

na nGael, but in those short few weeks, they made tremendous strides, and acquitted themselves very well in Feile. We didn't enter a team until very late, as we didn't think there would be enough players but thankfully our decision was rewarded when we ended up with a panel of 22 players, and after our exit from the championship and Feile we kept the squad together and got games for them and they have come on in leaps and bounds.

Some members of this panel, later joined the Intermediate panel, and were able to hold their own notably Joanne Horgan, Annette O'Brien, Caroline Buckley, Roberta Barron, they will be in contention very shortly for permanent places on our adult team. Siobhain O'Neill, Lisa Breen, Ann Marie O'Dwyer, Patricia Buckley, Moira Cussen are other members of the panel likely to be promoted shortly.

This team had the only success of our club during 1990 when they had a good win in the Fethard Festival tournament. Other members of this panel including girls mentioned were E. Carey, D. Horgan, C. Horgan, M. McGrath, T. Cranley, A. Kelly, L. Kelly, R. Horgan, L. Nolan, M.A. Callinan, L. Callinan, G. Alley, M. McGrath.

Fiona Butler is a very valuable addition to our club, and will fit in very well with the girls.

Madeleine Browne was the only club member to play at County level during the year and was a member of the All Ireland Junior panel.

Unfortunately, one of the best U16 players in the county, Triona Kinnane, didn't figure on the All Ireland team, as transport to training wasn't available, but we no doubt Triona has successful days ahead, as have many of our players at all levels.

JO NEEDHAM - First Lady of North Tipp Bórd na nÓg

Midway through the 1990 season, the withdrawal of Connie Grace from the secretaryship of North Tipp Bord na nÓg left the Board with a difficult void to fill. However when the call went out a willing candidate was soon found. Josephine Needham, secretary of Lorrha juvenile club and delegate to Board na nÓg meetings stepped into the breach and immediately made an impact with her efficient, courteous and quiet manner. Taking on responsibility is nothing new to the affable Jo. In her profession as a teacher, she ploughs a lone furrow in Redwood N.S. where declining numbers have left her without an assistant and catering for all grades from infants to sixth class.

Considering the family from which she comes, one is not surprised at the inbred enthusiasm she displays for all things Gaelic. Her father Garrett Howard won All Ireland medals with both Dublin and Limerick (five in all between 1921 and



1936). Her sister Liz is P.R.O. of the Co. Board. Indeed all the Howards have been prominent in many forms of Gaelic activities and the new generation of descendants are continuing this role in Burgess, Portroe and Lorrha.

Since coming to the Lorrha parish (she married Tom Needham) nineteen years ago, Jo's contribution to the Lorrha and Dorrha G.A.A. club and to the parish in general has been enormous. She has given outstanding service to the juvenile club in particular — ever diligent and available, training the young people of the parish, ensuring that they are always

well presented and always willing to overload her car to carry players to any part of the county. Behind the scenes she is the one who organises all the juvenile functions, leaving no stone unturned to ensure the satisfaction of local players and visiting guests alike.

North Bord na nÓg has been very fortunate to acquire the services of such a committed and devoted secretary. There is no doubt that every detail will be attended to, with the minimum of fuss. Jo will bring no little charm and elegance to the Board room and perhaps even a certain restraining influence on her male colleagues. The primary objective of instilling in the young people of North Tipperary a love and appreciation for our Gaelic games will always be uppermost. The priceless heritage which Joe Needham inherited in her own home will be now passed on to a broader spectrum of young people. The G.A.A. in North Tipperary will be richer as a result.

Thurles Camogie Club makes progress

I didn't know schoolgirls played camogie in Thurles", said the interested shopper as she dropped her coins into the box, outside the supermarket and fixed her flag on her sweater. That thought provoking comment, made a couple of years ago, called for some response. And while the club's under-age players haven't taken the county by storm since then, nonetheless it is generally felt that 1990 was the best year by far since the formation of the juvenile section of the club.

We fielded three teams in the championship — Under-12, Under-14 and Under-16 — for the first time ever. The Under-12 team had a significant run. With victories over Portroe, Holycross and a draw with Burgess, they qualified for the county semi-final where they overcame St. Mary's, Clonmel. In early July they drew with Toomevara in the county final in Semple Stadium. This was a fine achievement as Toome had already pipped them in an earlier round. On then to the replay at the Ragg and here, despite having much of the play, they eventually lost by just a single point. Great credit is due to this young team for a valiant effort and also to trainer Biddy Phillips and assistant Bernie O'Dowd.

Under-14 competitions took on a new dimension, this year, with Féile na nGael returning to Tipperary in the County Championship.

Our girls had an exciting campaign. This began with a narrow victory over Drom/Inch, followed by a somewhat easier triumph over Templemore and a fairly clear-cut win over Upperchurch. This took us to the county semi-final. The Under-14 Community Games competition was in full swing at this time also and victories over Drom/Inch and Holycross had earned us a final appearance against Tommevara. However, after a full-blooded contest we had to be happy with the silver medals, losing 3-2 to 1-0.

Three days later we faced the same opposition in the county semi-final with, unfortunately a similar result, with a slightly different scoreline. While we were somewhat disappointed we fully realised that this was the first year that these girls had played in serious competition.

Now to Féile na nGael, and on an evening when Ireland played Holland in Sicily we entertained our visitors from Portaferry, Co. Down. The following evening the entertainment took a nose-dive when they beat us by 2-1 to 0-1. On Saturday, June 23rd, we accounted for Upperchurch (6-0 to 0-0) and on that afternoon, in Kickham Park we lowered the colours of Oran from Roscommon 1-3 to 0-4, in a memorable game. Better still we had squeezed through, on score

difference, to the Div. III semi-final in Drombane, that same evening. Offaly were our opponents. Having to field without the injured Alison Wade, who hobbled on to the game unbowed, we succumbed by 2-3 to 0-0. The following day in the colour and spectacle of the Féile Parade we were made an award for the best attired camogie team on view. Credit for a successful year must rest with the girls themselves who were never less than committed. Also to trainers, Flan Quigley, Phyllis and Michael Kennedy who kept them eager throughout the year. One further distinction was to come our way in July when one of our great players, Noreen Gooney, won the Co. Community Games Under-14, Long Puck competition and went on to achieve 9th place in Mosney in September.

In Under-16 competition most of our players were in the 13 and 14 age bracket. It was our first time competing. Victory came our way against Ballingarry and

Fethard while losing to St. Mary's of Clonmel, Templemore and Gortnahoe. Bernie O'Dowd put these players through their paces and can look forward to more success in the future.

The Under-16 panel was: A. Treacy, A. Wade, E. Delahunty, E. Gooney, N. Gooney, D. Quigley, E. O'Kelly, O. Kennedy, N. Kennedy, P. Tierney, A. Mockler, M. O'Mahony, N. Quinn, S. Mason, B. Kennedy (captain), M. Max, L. Carew, M. O'Mahony, N. Maher, L. Ryan, Y. Ryan, P. Ryan, S. Carew and G. O'Neill.

To conclude then, quite a successful year for the juveniles. Next year we would like to have even more girls playing. If so they would be more than welcome. And finally what about a B competition in Tipperary? Not every emerging club can aspire to county championships like the traditional strongholds. Come on County Board, think about it.



THURLES — UNDER-12 COUNTY CAMOGIE FINALISTS 1990

Back Row (left to right): B. Phillips (trainer), C. Molloy, F. O'Donovan, C. Phillips (captain), A. Ryan, V. Ryan, N. Maher, E. Mernagh, C. Wade, D. Curtis, B. O'Dowd. Front Row: C. Curtis, M. Twomey, M. Kennedy, V. Kennedy, J. Dooley, L. Curley, A. Hussey, C. Hussey, E. Bowe, M. Butler. Missing from photo: A. Reamsbottom and C. Quigney.



THURLES FÉILE NA nGAEL CAMOGIE PANEL — 1990

Back Row: (left to right) A. Treacy, N. Gooney, E. Delahunty (captain), A. Wade, Y. Kearney, E. O'Kelly, A. Collins, E. Gooney. Front Row: A. M. Chute, R. Fogarty, D. Quigley, G. O'Neill, C. Phillips, S. Dunne, F. O'Donovan, C. Molloy.

MOYCARKEY BORRIS CAMOGIE

1990 was a most successful year for the Moycarkey Club.

Pride of place very definitely goes to the Junior team who had the distinction of winning both the League and Championship titles. The team managed to get through both campaigns without losing a match.

Having drawn with Cahir and defeating both Templemore and Thurles we reached the League final which was held in Gortnahoe G.A.A. field. In this game we played against Clonmel who were the winners of their side of the group. The John Hogan Cup was just reward for the efforts of our team throughout the game.

As the Championship progressed, we recorded victories over Lorrha, Templemore and Thurles. In the county semi-final, Moycarkey were lucky to snatch a draw against a spirited and determined Cahir team. Cahir dominated the game and with only eight minutes remaining in normal time, Moycarkey were fortunate to be able to bridge a six point deficit with two goals in quick succession. Moycarkey raised the standard of play considerably in the replay on the following Sunday and began to look a little more like prospective County champions. The final score was Moycarkey 1-4, Cahir 0-2, Moycarkey scorers were L. Graham 0-1, A. Ralph 1-1, Mary T. Burler 0-1, E. Butler 0-1.

And so we reached the County final for the second year in succession. Moycarkey's great team spirit was very much in evidence in this game, when they defeated a gallant Thurles team who had proved themselves to be formidable opponents in the past. The game was played in Drombane GAA field on 14 October. Moycarkey on winning the toss decided to play with the wind in the first half and got off to a great start when a 'thirty' taken by Siobhan Vaughan dropped into the corner of the Thurles net. A superb point by Louise Graham followed shortly after. The Moycarkey defence continued to successfully repel the Thurles surges upfield for goal. Midway through the first half, Claire Hanley sent the sliotar in from the right wing over the heads of the Thurles defenders and Esther Butler scored an opportune goal.

At the interval Moycarkey had 2-1 on the scoresheet, but faced a strong wind in the second half. The Moycarkey defence ably assisted by the midfielders succeeded in preventing Thurles from getting within good scoring range of the Moycarkey goalmouth. With Ann Ralph making a few really fine saves, the Moycarkey team seemed to gather momentum as the game progressed into the dying stages, and Mary Teresa Butler popped two more points over the bar.

Team Panel: A. Ralph, I. Coman, K. Bourke, S. Duggan, L. Graham, J. Burler, MT Butler, S. Vaughan, C. Hanley, E. Butler, C. McKenna, Louise

Graham, V. Molumby, A. Slattery, E. Fogarty, C. Barrett, T. Coman, S. Ralph, M. McKenna.

The victories of 1990 were the culmination of years of commitment, dedication and hard work by the players, trainer Eddie Ryan, selectors Anne Slattery, Joe Barrett, and Dan Butler and behind the scenes Mary Barrett and Liam Britton.

Next year the Junior team will move up to Intermediate ranks and have every reason to be optimistic about causing a few 'upsets' when they meet some of the more experienced and settled teams already playing in this grade.

The club also had teams in competition at U-12 and U-14 level. The U-12 team did extremely well to reach the County semi-final. Many of the players in this team are being coached in the skills of camogie in the local primary schools. The fruits of this training will hopefully be harvested within the next few years.

The U-14 team won the first four matches in their quest for county honours. They also took part in the Feile na

nGael competitions at the end of June. The team gave a good account of themselves against some formidable opposition. For the duration of the Feile na nGael in Thurles, the Club were hosts to the Antrim Camogie team.

At U-16 County level, Lorraine Graham was a member of the Tipperary team which defeated Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final.

Moycarkey + Borris League and County Championship titleholders 1990

Back Row: C. McKenna, C. Hanley, Lorraine Graham, E. Fogarty, V. Molumby, A. Slattery (selector), M. Barrett, T. Coman, K. Bourke, E. Butler, I. Coman, C. Barrett, Liam Britton (Chairperson), S. Ralph.

Front Row: S. Vaughan, J. Butler, Louise Graham, M.T. Butler, S. Duggan, A. Ralph.

Missing from photo: Joe Barrett & Dan Butler (selectors), Eddie Ryan (trainer), Mary McKenna, B. Morris.



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NORTH BOARD REVIEW

By Michael O'Brien, Secretary

The Senior Hurling League was the first of the 1990 competitions to get under way. The commencement date 11th March was rather fortunate for the Board and the clubs, as it was the first Sunday free from torrential rain for some time. In all we played 11 hurling competitions and 7 in football involving almost 200 fixtures.

Senior Hurling: Kilruane and Toomevara qualified for the finals of both our Senior Hurling Competitions — the Senior Hurling League and the championship. The teams in the League were divided into two groups of 5 and 4. Kilruane qualified out of the smaller group with victories over Shannon Rovers, Eire Og and Lorrha. Toomevara's path to the final was steeper. Victories over Roscrea, Newport and Borrisokane qualified them for a play-off against Borrisoleigh — the only team to defeat them in the league. Toomevara emerged victorious with only a single point to spare and set the scene for a clash with great rivals Kilruane. The league final was played in Moneygall on 22nd April. Toomevara won their first Senior title for almost thirty years.

The championship was played on a Knock-out plus Losers Group system. Eire Og, Newport, Toomevara and Lorrha had first round victories over Kilruane, Borrisoleigh, Borrisokane and Shannon Rovers respectively. Kilruane won the Losers Group and proceeded to the semi-finals where the other qualifiers were Toomevara, Newport and Eire Og. In the first semi-final Toomevara eventually defeated Newport who looked for long periods, like causing an upset to the League champions. Kilruane on the other hand, easily defeated Eire Og in Cloughjordan and so turned the tables on the club who had defeated them in the first round. Could Kilruane also turn the tables on Toomevara in the North Final and avenge the S.H.L. final defeat? The final was a tough close encounter between two determined teams which never developed into the classic expected. Kilruane regained the title after a lapse of 3 years.

Intermediate Hurling: Like their Senior counterparts Kilruane, Portroe lost the "League" but won the championship. The Ulster Bank Cup is North Tipperary's preparatory Intermediate Hurling competition and is run on a straight K.O. system. Portroe reached the final with wins over Burgess and Knockshegowna. Templederry had victories over Kildangan and Moneygall. The final was played as a curtain-raiser to the Senior League Final in Moneygall and while the pundits had put the favourites



BALLINA — NORTH TIPP JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS

Back — Jim McGrath, Pat Sheehy, Tomás O'Brien, Stephen Shanahan, Gerry McKeogh, Michael Kelly, Kevin Gleeson, Michael Shanahan. Front — Seamus McKeogh, Martin McInerney, Ronan Slevin, Connie Collins, Ger Spaight, Liam Sheehy, Peter Curtin.

tag on Portroe it was Templederry who tasted victory.

The championship proper was run on a league basis with each of the 7 clubs required to play 6 games. Portroe made the running from the beginning and was the only team of the top four to qualify for the semi-finals with an unblemished record. They were joined by Burgess Silvermines and Templederry. There was enormous interest in the draw for the semi-final pairings at the Board meeting. When they were eventually played there were some surprises in store. Favourites Portroe were almost pipped by Templederry and had to rely on some last second goals to record victory. Burgess were expected to reach the final but were forced to yield to a determined 'Mines team. The final between Portroe and Silvermines was a close encounter and it was only in the last few minutes that Portroe secured victory.

Junior Hurling: Thirteen teams competed in the Junior League. They were divided into 4 groups with the top team from each group qualifying for the semi-finals. Eire Og, Toomevara, Lorrha and Shannon Rovers filled those four positions and when the semi-final draws were made the neighbouring teams found themselves in opposition, Eire Og v Toomevara and Lorrha v Shannon Rovers. The Nenagh boys were victorious in the first semi-final in one of the most exciting games of hurling I have ever seen. Their great performance in Moneygall made them clear favourites for the title but Shannon Rovers who defeated Lorrha in the other semi-final had other ideas and caused quite a sensation with a 2-8 to 1-6 victory in the final.

The championship was played on a Knock-Out plus Losers Group system and the eventual finalists, Ballina and Toomevara, overcame their mediocre

league form to serve up a thrilling final. Indeed Ballina's form earlier in the year was such that they failed to qualify out of their group in the Junior Hurling League. It is time to say that Toome went into that final with the favourites tag but such was Ballina's commitment that they double scored their opponents to bring the title to the Shannonside town for the first time since Centenary year.

The Junior "B" competition was played at a much earlier time this year resulting in a higher standard of hurling. Neighbouring rivals Portroe and Burgess qualified for the final which was an exciting contest with patrons from both sides on their feet for most of the hour. Portroe were the eventual winners.

Under 21 Hurling: Eight teams took part in both the "A" and "B" competitions and while 0-11 was sufficient for Toomevara to win the premier section, the same score proved not enough for Lorrha when they lost to Shannon Rovers in the "weak" section.

Toomevara and Portroe set the pace in the "A" competition with big scores in the first round, Toomevara 2-16 Borrisoleigh 1-1, Portroe 3-18 Erins Hope 2-6. They qualified for the final with victories over Roscrea and Eire Og respectively and in a keenly contested final Toomevara emerged victorious on a scoreline of 0-11 to 0-9.

The "B" final was contested by Lorrha and Shannon Rovers. Two opportunist goals enabled Rovers to snatch victory and the Dan Gleeson Cup. The final score was Shannon Rovers 2-8 Lorrha 0-11.

Minor Hurling — Run on a league system, it was Eire Og and Erins Hope which emerged with full points on top of their respective league sections. Eire Og with most of last years victorious team, and easy victories over Kilruane, Moneygall Toomevara and Roscrea en-

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KILRUANE — NORTH TIPP SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS

Back row - Michael Cleary, Joe Cahill, John Conroy, Enda Hogan, David Quinlan, Martin Tooher, Joe Banaghan, Tony Sheppard. Front row - Philip Quinlan, Dinny Cahill, Pat Quinlan, Gerry Williams, Gilbert Williams, Jack Darcy, Jim Williams.

tered the final as clear favourites. The Borrisokane-Knockshewowna combination took the game to their opponents from the first whistle and displayed a fighting quality that brought them a one point divisional title from Eire Og and a county title later in the year at the expense of Holycross.

In the "B" section Shannon Rovers and Burgess had semi-final victories over Sean Treacys and Silvermines respectively. The two finalists had met earlier in the year in the league section when Rovers scored a 3-6 to 0-5 victory. The final however was a different matter with Burgess enjoying victory with a 2 point winning margin.

Football: Only three of the seven football competitions were completed before the end of October. Eire Og retained their titles in Minor "A" and Under 21 "A" while Portroe were victorious in Minor "B". Pride of place among our football champions must go to Eire Og Minors who not only retained their divisional title in convincing style, but proceeded to bring a county title to the club for the first time in the history of the club. Indeed only once before has the Minor Football title come to the division. That was in 1969 when Inane Rovers were victorious.

In Minor "B" Portroe struggled in their first round game to defeat Silvermines 1-2 to 0-3 and improved as the championship progressed. They eventually overcame Moneygall in the final 1-8 to 1-4.

The Under 21 "A" competition was unusual in that only 2 teams participated with Eire Og retaining their title with a 1-8 to 1-4 victory over Inane Rovers — the same score as the Minor "B" final.

At the time of writing, good progress



CLUB OF THE YEAR AND HURLER OF THE YEAR 1989

Jimmy Minogue (Secretary) and Ger Gavin (Chairman) who received the Club of the Year Award for 1989 on behalf of Eire Og along with Michael Cleary who received the 'Guardian' Hurler of the Year Award. Michael Kennedy (Eire Og) was named Footballer of the Year.



Incoming officers at Convention in January 1990 - Seamus Hogan (Treasurer), Michael O'Brien (Secretary), Billy Ryan (Chairman).



TEMPLEDERRY KENYONS — 1990 WINNERS OF ULSTER BANK TROPHY

has been made with the other football competitions and all have reached the semi-final stages. However, success on the hurling fields at divisional and County semi-final stages has caused delays, but hopefully all the competitions will have been completed by printing time.

North Board Officials 1990

Chairman:	Billy Ryan (Borrisoleigh)
Vice-Chairmen:	John Joe McKeogh Ballina) Donall Shanahan (Toomevara)
Secretary/PRO:	Michael O'Brien (Silvermines)
Treasurer:	Seamus Hogan (Kildangan)
Registrar:	Tommy Mulcahy (Eire Og, Nenagh)
Trustee:	James O'Leary (Templederry)

North Tipperary Finals 1990

Competition	Winner	Score	Runner-up	Score	Referee
S.H.C.	Kilruane	2- 7	Toomevara	0- 5	G. Long
S.H. League	Toomevara	1-10	Kilruane	1- 7	J McDonnell
I.H.C.	Portroe	3- 8	Silvermines	2- 9	M. Lenihan
Ulster Cup	Templederry	2-12	Portroe	2- 9	P J Kelly
J.H. "A"	Ballina	2-12	Toomevara	1- 6	M McDonnell
J.H. "B"	Portroe	1- 8	Burgess	0- 4	P J Kelly
J.H. League	Shannon Rovers	2- 8	Eire Og	1- 6	M. Cahill
U21 H. "A"	Toomevara	0-11	Portroe	0- 9	T F Stapleton
U21 H. "B"	Shannon Rovers	2- 8	Lorrha	0-11	MI Cahill
M.H. "A"	Erins Hope	1-12	Eire Og	1-11	P Sheedy
M.H. "B"	Burgess	0- 9	Shannon Rovers	1- 4	Mn Darcy
S.F.C.	S. Rovers	1- 9	Lorrha	1- 1	G. Hayes
I.F.C.	Kildangan	2- 9	Silvermines	3- 3	M. Maunsell
J.F.C.					
U21 F. "A"	Eire Og	1- 8	Inane	1- 4	M Maunsell
U21 F. "B"	Newport	1- 5	Portroe	0- 3	G. Long
M.F. "A"	Eire Og	2-14	Shannon Rovers	1- 2	M Maunsell
M.F. "B"	Portroe	1- 8	Moneygall	1- 4	D Darcy

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Eire Og Nenagh Capture Co. Minor Football Title

By Sean Minogue

After reaching the County Minor hurling final in 1989 there were great expectations for the minors for 1990. These expectations were fulfilled as a County Minor title arrived in Nenagh but in an unexpected manner in the form of a football title. Unexpected maybe but when one looks at the form line U16 Winners 1988, U14 Winners 1986, U12 Winners 1984 as well as reaching the County Minor semi-final before being defeated in a replay by eventual Co Champions Fethard in 1989 a county title was entirely possible.

NORTH TIPP GAMES

The football year at minor level commenced at Kilcolman with Newport the opposition. A small attendance saw the best minor football match of the year. A repeat of the previous years' North final with most of the same two teams saw Newport start in whirlwind fashion. Six points down at half time the character of the minors was called into question and how they responded. Led by a fine goal by Eddie Tucker Eire Og fought back magnificently and after a thrilling encounter had two points to spare at the finish.

The North semi final had Inane Rovers as opposition and Eire Og put up a much improved performance to win easily by 12 points. Eire Og were now in the North final where our opponents were Shannon Rovers who had provided trojan opposition when the sides met two years previously in the Under 16 final.

The North final was played in Borrisokane on August 6th and Eire Og gave a tremendous display of pant taking led by U16 star Kevin Coonan who was magnificent on the night to run out comfortable winners by 2-14 to 1-2.

The County semi-final was played on August 14th in Bohealahan with Aherlow as opposition. Eire Og were on top throughout with the half back line and Co. Minor Mark Sheahan at midfield in great form. A tough tackling Aherlow backline kept them in contention until Eire Og sent for supersubs John Collison and Michael Gilmartin who each grabbed vital goals leaving Eire Og nine points clear at the finish.

THE COUNTY FINAL

Defeat by the narrowest of margins in the North Minor Hurling final was a set back to the minors. But led by coach John Kissane who had coached the under 12 footballers to a county title they set about bringing back a county title with renewed effort. Challenge games were played against the Limerick County finalists in an effort to bridge the long wait to County final day in Cashel. Our county

final opponents were Clonmel Og a football stronghold. Having won the county 16 title in 1988 and defeated the same opposition in the county U16 final 1990 Eire Og knew that a performance of the highest quality would give them their first ever Co. Minor football title.

Right from the start Eire Og charged into action determined to bring the County title home. Corner forward Ml. Gilmartin received a beautiful pass from full forward Joe O'Donoghue, was up-ended. Penalty. The trusty boot of Kevin Coonan tucked the ball in the corner of the net. Star of the under 16 County final Robbie Tomlinson had a great run which culminated with Ml. Gilmartin fisting the ball to the net. Another goal. Clonmel Og rallied hard at this stage but with Derek Conroy magnificent at full back Eire Og held onto a half time lead of 2-2 to 0-3.

Once again Eire Og began well in the second half. A beautiful point by John Kennedy stretched the lead before a penalty brought Clonmel Og back into the game. Eire Og however were determined not to be overhauled. A fine defensive display with Fergal Hynes now at wing back showing the heart and determination of the team culminated with Eire Og stretching their lead to four points which despite Clonmel Og's best efforts remained the margin at the finish.

Amid great excitement the cup was presented to a proud Eire Og captain Mark Sheahan. This was Eire Og's first county title in this grade having previously being defeated after a replay in 1977 by the narrowest of margins.

A special word of praise to all associated with the minor team coach John Kissane, a Kerryman who also coached the under 12 team to a county title, selectors Patsy Bonnar, (Yes, he is from Donegal), John Foley and Tommy Mulcahy who spent so many hours helping out.

It has been a magnificent year for Eire Og in football with the minor title adding to the Under 12 and Under 16 titles. With the addition of the County Junior (1986) and County Intermediate (1988) titles there is now a stronghold of football in North Tipperary.

The team and subs which brought back the first ever County Minor football title to Nenagh were: Liam Walshe, Derek Conroy, Fergal Hynes, Gerard Cleary, Brian Connolly, Robbie Foley, Mark Sheahan, Con Howard, Kevin Coonan, Eddie Tucker, John Kennedy, Ml. Gilmartin, Joe O'Donoghue, Robbie Tomlinson, Mervan Scanlan, Padraig Walsh, Christy McLoughlin, Dan Dillon, Rory Flannery, Tom Moylan, Eamonn O'Kennedy, David Callanan, Cyril Bailey.



Eire Og, Nenagh, winners of the county minor football title at Cashel. Back row (L-R) - Eddie Tucker, Con Howard, Kevin Coonan, Joe O'Donoghue, Mark Sheehan (captain), Derek Conroy, John Kennedy, Fergal Hynes. Front row - Robbie Foley, Michael Gilmartin, Brian Connolly, Liam Walsh, Robbie Tomlinson, Cormac Malone, Gearóid Cleary.

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Ger Gavin, Éire Óg-Nenagh

Munster Clubman of the Year 1989

1989 was a great year for Tipperary with many honours coming to the county. Yet another honour for the county was the awarding of the Munster Ciba-Geigy Clubman of the Year award to Ger Gavin, Chairman of Éire Óg Nenagh.

Ger is a native of the adjoining parish of Kildangan and has been a member of Éire Óg for many years holding a number of positions before being elected Chairman in 1986.

Upon being elected Chairman, Ger set about organising the club and its facilities culminating in the building of a magnificent Sports Complex which is the home of Éire Ó Nenagh.

The Complex was built at a cost of over quarter-million pounds and Ger was at the forefront of the raising of finance. The completed Complex consists of two large dressing-rooms with showers and toilets, two meeting rooms, a large sports hall with stage area, a large size handball alley with a viewing area and clean-up room, a sauna and shower and a shop together with ladies' and gents' public toilets.

The raising of finance for the complex was a major headache. Ger led the way in style with a club draw which raised an initial £80,000. Ger had his own club of 22, a magnificent band including a very active ladies' committee, which made this draw so successful.

Ger along with his committee had many other projects including a Lord Mayor (£15,000) campaign, National Lottery grants added £40,000. Other small projects including a Golf Outing in conjunction with St. Cronin's

Workshop raised a total of £12,000. Loans from Croke Park and the Munster Council were negotiated and the debt today stands at approximately £40,000, thanks mainly to the leadership of Ger Gavin.

However, Ger is not just a builder of Pavilions, he is also in addition a wonderful club administrator. Having been elected Club Chairman, he realised the importance of immediately delegating various functions and set about taking the running of the club out of the hands of a small number of people.

He set up a number of sub-committees who undertook responsibilities in various areas and was primarily responsible for getting large numbers of people in the Nenagh area involved at various levels in running the numerous activities of the Club.

Éire Óg today affiliates the largest number of teams at adult level in North Tipperary.

The Juvenile activities of the Club are worthy of special mention. As part of Ger's delegatory process, a separate Juvenile Committee was formed to cater for Juvenile needs and upwards of 30 people are involved in running Juvenile affairs. Éire Óg have had great success at juvenile level over the past five years and the Juvenile Committee as set up have played a major part in this success.

Apart from the administrative side, Ger has also been involved as a selector on club teams including the club Senior team for three years, as well as serving over various football teams. He has been present at practically every game that Éire Óg have contested from Juvenile to Senior level and has



Ger Gavin, Munster Ciba Geigy Clubman of the Year, with Minister for Agriculture, Michael O'Kennedy, at the presentation of award.

congratulated his players on victory and consoled and praised them on defeat.

1989 was a special year for Éire Óg Nenagh. The three major awards in North Tipperary — Hurler and Footballer of the Year and Club of the Year — have come to the club. For our chairman to get Munster Clubman of the Year makes it the greatest year ever in our history.

As a result of Ger Gavin's vision, courage, enterprise and commitment we now have a club with a business management structure which provides a model foundation for ensuring a continued success and development of

the Club's activities. During his chairmanship, Ger Gavin has displayed the following characteristics: vision, enthusiasm, intelligence, charisma and patience to smile in face of disappointment, humility, generosity, courtesy, in-depth insight into human behaviour, ability to encourage participation, honesty and integrity of character, and a real and genuine love of Gaelic games.

Ger Gavin is a truly worthy Munster Clubman of the Year and I'm sure that all Tipperary men will join with us, his Éire Óg clubmates, in congratulating him on his magnificent achievement.

PORTROE'S OUTSTANDING YEAR

The year 1990 will go down as being one of the most successful, if not the best in the history of Portroe G.A.A. club this century, much depending on the results of our remaining games. At this time of writing the club has qualified for a County Intermediate hurling final and should they win this it will be a first ever success, at county level for the club in any grade.

At divisional level, the club is still involved in championships at football.

MINOR FOOTBALL

The first team to represent the club in the 1990 championship were the minor footballers in the B section played on a knockout basis. They had a win over Silvermines in the first round, beat Burgess in the semi-final and qualified for North Final title against Moneygall over whom they had three points to spare at the final whistle after a very entertaining game. This brought them to a county semi-final in Holycross against West champions Golden-Kilfeacle which ended in a draw. The replay at the same venue was a very exciting game with Golden-Kilfeacle ahead by three points at the finish.

MINOR B HURLING

This championship was a disappointing campaign as this team didn't perform to their full potential and failed to win a game in their section going down to Shannon Rovers, Newport and eventual winners Burgess.

ULSTER CUP

This competition run on a knockout basis for Intermediate hurling teams again proved a good preparation in the run up to the Championship. A first round victory over Burgess and a semi-final win over Knockshegowna brought a final show-down with Templederry in Moneygall. In this game Templederry went in at half-time with a commanding lead. Portroe returned for the second half with a rearranged team and in a typical fightback whittled down a big lead point by point until time ran out and left Templederry with a two point lead and The Ulster Bank Cup for 1990.

UNDER 21 HURLING

Champions in under 21 B in 1989 meant a step up to the A or strong group for 1990. With this competition run on a knockout, this team prepared well for a first round against the reigning champion Erins Hope. After a hard hours hurling and every player giving his all, we came out victorious to great scenes of jubilation.

With confidence now high we played Eire Óg Nenagh in the semi-final and scored a merited win, a feature of which

was some excellent scoring of long range points at vital stages during the second half.

We were now into a first ever final in this grade against Toomevara. After being all square at half-time and believing they could win this game, we went into a three point lead midway through the second half, but Toomevara hit a purple patch in the final quarter scoring five points without a reply and in the end had two points to spare much to their relief after a great hours hurling.



Portroe M.F.C.B. team defeated by Golden-Kilfeacle in county semi-final after replay in Holycross. Back - Chris Madden, Shane O'Driscoll, Paul Bourke, Alan Slattery (capt.), Paul Hayes, Trevor Madden, Pat O'Connor, Noel O'Halloran, Denis Hogan. Front - Denis Quinn, Denis Ryan, Pat Power, Padraig Quinn, Shane Kennedy, Gerard McKeogh.

JUNIOR B HURLING

Beaten by Burgess in the opening game by double scores, we bounced back to record wins over Lorrha and Templederry to qualify for another meeting with favourites Burgess in the final on the eve of the intermediate final. After a low scoring first half Portroe moved up a gear in the second half notched some vital scores and recorded a famous victory.

INTERMEDIATE HURLING

It has been a great year to date for the Intermediate team. They have been unbeaten in this years championship and even though they didn't always play to full potential in a couple of games and with lady luck often favouring them at vital times, no-one will complain after a few years of frustration that the North Title has been regained after a lapse of seven years.

They qualified for the county final having had to fight hard to hold off the challenge of a very good Golden Kilfeacle side in a game of high standard.

They were now only an hour's hurling away from a County title which had eluded them twice in the past. It would be a fitting reward for all the time and dedication that had been given by players, selectors, coach and trainer to attain this goal since the beginning of the year.

FIELD DEVELOPMENT

A major re-development of two playing pitches has just been completed in the past couple of months. The club made a decision at the beginning of the year to level, drain and re-seed the existing field. Plans were prepared, field surveyed and tenders placed with the work to commence in August and be finished within a two month period. Everything worked according to plan and with the support financially of the parish, all works have been completed to a high standard.

While this work was being carried out we travelled to neighbouring club grounds to train and prepare for matches. We would like to thank the following clubs for use of their grounds and facilities, Burgess Ballina, Ballinahinch, Nenagh C.B.S. and especially to The McDonagh Park Committee and Eire Og Club Nenagh for their hospitality and excellent facilities of their complex provided to us during the past couple of months of our preparations for our games.

County Intermediate Hurling Final

Sunday 11th November and Leahy Park in Cashel will forever remain special in the minds and hearts of Portroe people who were present to witness the club make history by winning its first ever county title after a great hours hurling against a gallant Mullinahone team.

Portroe having failed in two previous attempts for county Intermediate Hurling honours in 1981 and 1983, came into

this final fully prepared to a Mullinahone team bringing with them the spirit of Kickham in their blood, and with the taste of a double county champions success from 89 still fresh they yearned to bring further honour to their little village in the valleys of Slievenamon.

But this was to be Portroe's day, when after an hour of tough and competitive hurling played in conditions not conducive to fast and free flowing hurling they got well on top in the final quarter and deserved their 2-12 to 1-11 victory over a Mullinahone team who battled all the way to the final whistle. Great scenes of jubilation followed the presentation of The Miller Cup by county chairman Noel Morris to inspirational captain John Sheedy. Soon after everyone headed for home to climb to the summit of our little Everest for celebration which was still going strong until midweek.



PORTROE — COUNTY INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONS, 1990

Back row (L-R) - Ger Power, Anthony O'Connor, Pat Sexton, Gerry O'Brien, Liam McGrath, Noel O'Halloran, Denis Hogan, Liam Sheedy, Chris Madden, Jimmy Sheedy, Mike Madden, Declan Kelly, Martin McKeogh, Paddy Conroy, Mike McKeogh. Front row (L-R) - Donncha Keating, Martin McKenna, Mike Gleeson, John Sheedy (captain), Barry O'Driscoll, James Seymour, Padraig O'Brien, Pat Hickey.

BURGESS WIN TWO COUNTY FINALS

MINORS' SUCCESS

The club had no success at adult level with the Intermediate team being defeated in the semi-final and the Junior B team lost the final for the 2nd year in a row, so it was left to the under age teams to obtain some success. This they duly did winning North and County B titles at U16 and Minor Hurling.

The Minor team had the most difficult task with some very close and hard fought games. They began the campaign with a win over Newport but had a set

back when Shannon Rovers beat them by 10 points in the second round. They recovered to defeat Portroe in the next round and qualified for the semi-final in which they had a comfortable win over Silvermines. Shannon Rovers were again our opponents in the final and after a tremendous hours hurling, Burgess were champions and collected the Nealon Trophy. Aherlow were our opposition in the County semi-final and in a low scoring and tame affair, Burgess qualified

for the final. Drom and Inch had defeated Mullinahone in the other semi-final and so provided the opposition. In the final the game was played in Borrisoleigh on Saturday 27th October and after a magnificent game in dreadful weather conditions, Burgess won their first ever County Minor title on the score 1-7 to 1-6. It had been a long struggle and great credit is due to both players and selectors.

BURGESS UNDER 16'S ROAD TO GLORY

From the beginning of the year it was obvious that the Burgess Under 16 team had the potential to bring honours to Ballywilliam and Newtown. High scores were the hallmark of comprehensive victories on their way to the semi-final. Their penultimate tie against Silvermines was probably their closest call. A disputed scoreline led to uncertainty as regards the winners and a replay was ordered. There was no denying Burgess' superiority in the refixture and they qualified comfortably for the final. Newport had appeared to be the team to beat in the other half of the draw. However, Ballina-Ballinahinch surprised them in the semi-final. Three quick goals in the final ended Ballina's challenge and sent Burgess forward to contest the county championship. On September 30th at Semple Stadium this well-drilled team created a historical niche for themselves by bringing the first ever county under-age title to the parish. They had shown themselves to be a most dedicated bunch of lads whose courage and determination are an example to all. Their hard work and discipline were duly rewarded in a breakthrough that must surely have laid the foundation for greater days ahead.

"Ar aghaidh leis an sport agus beimid ann arís le cúnamh Dé"



BURGESS — NORTH AND COUNTY MINOR B HURLING CHAMPIONS

Front row (L-R) - Shane Ryan, Conor Fitzgerald, Padraig Hogan, Seamus Slattery, Gerard Sullivan, Kevin Cooney (capt.), David Ryan, Darren Meaney, Brian Cooney. Back row (L-R) - Tod Slattery, Kieran Kyne, Darrell Tucker, Michael Creamer, Colm McDonnell, John Ryan, Eugene O'Brian, John McKenna, Patrick Slattery, Seamus Collins, Liam McGrath.



BURGESS — NORTH AND COUNTY U-16 B HURLING CHAMPIONS

Front row (L-R) - Kevin McDonnell, Tomás Hanrahan, Aidan O'Leary, William Ducie, Brian Cooney, John Carmody, Seamus Slattery, David Ryan, Darren Ryan, James McDonnell. Back row (L-R): Paul Slattery, Shane Ryan (capt.), Conor Fitzgerald, Pierce O'Brien, Seamus Collins, Darren Meaney, Liam McGrath, John McKenna, Darrell Tucker, Denis Crowe, Padraig Hogan.

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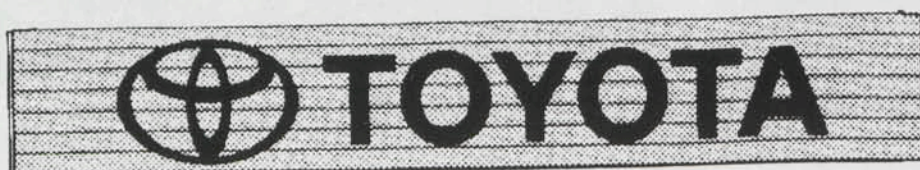
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AN HISTORIC WIN FOR ERIN'S HOPE

by M. Ó Cléirigh

Whenever the history of Borrisokane Club is written, Sunday 14th October, 1990 will be an outstanding date. History was made on that day in Thurles, when joined with Knockshegouna Club, under the banner of "Erin's Hope", the minors won the coveted County Hurling title for the first time. The excitement and pride which this win generated was something to cherish for always. All the disappointments and frustrations of previous years lay forgotten. The Seán Treacy Cup had come to Lower Ormond for the first time. There is no describing that emotional scene when Declan Costelloe raised the cup in Semple Stadium on that historic occasion.

The year started with a poor display against Borrisoleigh/Templederry. There was some improvement in the North semi-final and good displays by Adrian Hogan, Tommy Haugh, John Egan, Kevin Corrigan and Julian Slevin, was enough to let us pull away in the last ten minutes against a gallant Moneygall team. Eire Óg were the opposition in the North final and that encounter produced "one of the best games of hurling in North Tipperary in 1990" to quote Billy Ryan, North Board Chairman. All seemed lost when Eire Óg led by seven points with twenty minutes to go but that never-say-die attitude of Adrian Hogan, Alan Carroll, Shay Killeen, Henry Reid, Eoin Cleary and Pat Delahunty and indeed of the whole team prevailed. All the stops were pulled out and a one point victory was achieved in a nail-biting finish. A gap of 33 years waiting was filled. The County semi-final against Knockavilla/Kickhams proved to be another cliff-hanger. Knockavilla had the best of it in the first half but still led by three points only. On the change-over they increased their lead to eight points. Then a brilliant all round come back put Erin's Hope in the driving seat and finally they ran out winners with a five point margin. Henry Reid gave one of his best displays ever in that game and was ably assisted by Paul Darcy, Brendan Reid, Raymond Killeen, Morgan Haugh and Enda Dunne.

On to the final against famed Holycross/Ballycahill. Four years ago when this team were playing in the under/14 final, which they won, there was a Mission in the Parish that evening and Borrisokane Camogie team had won their County Junior title. Again this year, there was a Mission in the Parish on that County Final Sunday and the Camogie team had already won the County Intermediate Final. All the signs looked

good and indeed they proved to be good omens. But then the injuries struck. At training sessions Keith Slevin broke a finger, Brendan Reid pulled ankle muscles and Jason Treacy had his ankle in plaster a week previous to the final. Not a very bright outlook. However, Keith Slevin gave a magnificent display with his fingers strapped, Jason Treacy had the plaster removed and gave one of his best displays and Brendan Reid came on in the last quarter.

Final day commenced with the team gathering for the bus, complete with their new outfits kindly presented by Irish Life, Loughnane's Concrete Ltd and Martin Guest. They were given a great send-off from the town and hopes were high for a victorious return. All were quiet on the bus going to Thurles, the tension was mounting. On arrival in Thurles, passes to be distributed, into the huge dressing room, tension higher, gulps of water, rubs from Masseur Ned Fogarty, words of encouragement from selectors Paul Hogan, Tadhg Slevin, Martin Guest, Ger Brennan. Then out on to the sward, gosh it's a huge field, team photos, puck around, sizing up the opposition, the wind is very strong, will we be playing with it, last minute drink again and then the match was on.

The game went in our favour from the throw-in and two great goals from Ray Killeen raised all our hopes. Michael Darcy and Eoin Cleary were always tormenting Holycross. Declan Costelloe played a captain's part at centre-field all through. Henry Reid, Alan Carroll and Keith Slevin were superb in the backs. Adrian Hogans accuracy from frees and probing runs were outstanding and helped him win the coveted "Man of the Match Award". Shay Killeen, one of four sets of brothers on the team, gave a brilliant display in goals, stopping a semi-

penalty at a vital time. When the final whistle blew, we had won by 2-9 to 0-10. In that moment of glory let us not forget John Norton. John Moloney and Barry Gohery who were also on the panel.

Then the wild excitement, the realisation that the dream had really come true, the presentation of Sean Treacy Cup, more photos, lap of honour, back to dressing rooms, high elation, scene cannot be described. Someone once wrote "one crowded hour of glorious life is worth an age without a name" and indeed that hour after the match was such an hour. On to the Anner for meal and then the cavalcade home, to a tremendous welcome with bonfires blazing and cheering crowds on the streets. Indeed, a day and a night to remember.

Great credit for training and nurturing this team in their earlier years must go to Fr Madden, Paddy Murphy, Tadhg Slevin — the coaching and encouragement they got in the National Schools in Borrisokane, Aglish, Kylepark, Carrig and Shinrone cannot be diminished. Most of them hurled with Borrisokane Vocational School, another great nursery for hurling. All in all, a great conclusion to years of work spent training and fostering the youth which is so important and pays off in the end.

What of the future? The 1957 minor team formed the basis of the great Borrisokane senior team in the 60's — a team which many considered a most unlucky team as far as winning titles was concerned. Its not too much to expect, that this brilliant minor team will be the foundation of a winning senior side in the not too distant future. There is a solid reason for assuming that these young lions, possessing as they do, such never say die fighting qualities, will provide the steel needed in a senior side, in the heat of championship fare.



ERIN'S HOPE — Minor Hurling Champions

Back Row: (L to R) Paul Hogan (Sel), Enda Dunne, Ml. Darcy, Declan Costelloe (Capt.), Shay Killeen, Henry Reid, Alan Carroll, Adrian Hogan, Tadhg Slevin (Sel.) Front Row: (L to R) Martin Guest (Sel), Eoin Cleary, Keith Slevin, Tommy Haugh, Paul Darcy, Jason Treacy, John Egan, Ray Killeen, Morgan Haugh, Ger Brennan (Sel).

The 90's are looking good

By Cyril Darcy

In the Autumn of 1986, I submitted an article to you entitled "The Way Forward" which you published in your year book. In that article I discussed many issues concerning the state of Tipperary hurling at that time and also expressing my views as to how I would see the situation improving.

THE main thrust of the article was my hope that the County Board would adopt new strategies and select one person to oversee the management role, thus setting the structures in place to establish a firm plan to return Tipperary hurling to its rightful place. I put particular emphasis on carrying out a thorough examination of the material that was available at that time in Tipperary and also placing great emphasis on setting out a detailed plan and working to that plan. I was fully convinced at that time and have since been proven right, that there was ample talent in county Tipperary to produce a good senior hurling championship team.

Since that autumn of 1986 a lot of water has flown under the bridge and I am happy to say that Mr. Michael Lowry who was the County Chairman at that time grasped the nettle and following his proposals to the County Board, they agreed to appoint Babs Keating as the new Tipperary manager to take on this onerous task. When Babs was appointed he selected his own two selectors which also was a very good idea. The three people that were now selected to produce the goods in Tipperary were from Junior clubs. Loyalties disappeared and they seemed to work for the good of Tipperary.

Following the enjoyment and entertainment that this Tipperary team has given to us over the last three years and as it is once again the autumn of 1990, I felt it was time again perhaps to have a look at the present situation. In looking at how this management team functioned over the last three years, I am going to pay particular emphasis to different aspects as follows.

First of all I am going to look at how they carried out their assessment of the situation at that time and what resulted from that assessment, also how they introduced their plans and above all I will try to evaluate the progress over the couple of years and perhaps in conclusion make one or two final points.

ASSESSMENT

As mentioned this management team seemed to get away from club and parish loyalties and they carried out a detailed assessment of the material available to them. In this assessment it was proved

that the county had an abundance of talent available. This was already accepted by many people because of the successes at that time of the minor and Under-21 teams. There is little more that can be said in this area. Babs and his team must get full marks for the methodical way that they approached this task.

FORMULATING A PLAN

This area was approached on the basis of short term and long term goals. The obvious short term goals was to start winning games, get the team fit and to try out as many players as possible during the league campaign of '86/'87. The long term aims was to build up a strong eager team based on the principles outlined by Babs on many occasions, speed, skill, stamina, commitment, determination. Motivation at this stage was evident. Of course the other very important aspect that supported this plan was the fund raising associated with the supporters club, this took a lot of pressure off the County Board in the area of financing this comprehensive plan. The whole area of setting up the plan was very well developed and leaves very little room for criticism.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PLAN

Talking about a plan and introducing one are two different things. When plans are applied many problems can arise. It would be fair to say that this plan was most successful and the fruits of the hard work were soon seen. The team started winning and went from strength to strength and soon found themselves in the Munster Final of 1987. They played two of the finest games of hurling that were witnessed for a long time and it was now obvious that Tipperary had made a breakthrough sooner than expected with a very young team.

Having won the Munster title they now contested the All-Ireland semi-final of 1987 against a very experienced Galway side and with a bit of luck they could have won this game, nevertheless it was a wonderful experience and a wonderful game and we were all very proud of this Tipp team and of course "there was more".

1987/'88 League campaign started with a great appetite again for the game and

with the advent of finding a few new players, progress continued. It was a great league campaign and Tipperary progressed to the final and won the league against Offaly in 1988. The momentum continued and this team having retained their Munster title were ready again to challenge Galway in the All-Ireland final of 1988. Galway again took the laurels and we had to be satisfied with the league victory of '88 and Munster title.

In the league campaign of '88/'89 Tipperary played a low profile and this seemed to be a good tactic as a much greater team now emerged in 1989 for the championships. Again Tipperary succeeded in achieving their third Munster title in succession and were again to meet Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final. Eventually through pure determination and grit the big break through had arrived and Tipperary were successful in defeating Galway in a hard game. This team were now determined to go all the way and defeat Antrim in the All-Ireland. They left no stone unturned and on the first Sunday of September of 1989 in a day many of us will never forget, Tipperary were glorious in victory and Bobby Ryan stepped forward and accepted the McCarthy Cup for the first time since Tadgh O'Connor accepted this trophy in 1971.

From a brief account of the plan in action it was obvious it was a great success, of course many would say that with a bit of luck we could have been more successful. I believe myself as my teacher Pat Stuart from Borrisokane used to say "Success is 99% perspiration and 1% inspiration", I believe this to be true and of course luck also plays a part.

EVALUATION

In evaluating the success of the Tipperary team, I have no intention of taking from the many fine victories or to be critical of the management team. The key to proper evaluation is to examine the progress of the project and to pick out the areas that can be improved for the good of the project or operation in hand. On one hand this can be difficult looking at the many successes and on the other hand there has to be a few issues worth mentioning especially if mentioning them will spark off discussion in certain areas

and perhaps put these issues right for Tipperary to stay at the top.

First of all just to comment on the general project since 1987. I have very little criticism but perhaps I would make a point. In my view the one weakness that existed in this whole project was the lack of man management (the psychology bit). This is no reflection on the training and related areas like skills, stamina, speed etc. What I mean is the motivation in tight situations to be able to raise the game to a higher level when some victories seemed possible.

I believe for the class and the skill that this Tipperary team has they have seldom reached their full potential and I often question why? It has been pointed out to me by people that perhaps one of the reasons is that this team has never being allowed to settle properly and this can be supported by the fact that in the selection of the teams prior to many important games that major changes were made. Perhaps this was one of the reasons and

some people would argue it was not, but I think it is a point worth mentioning. I often feel that even with the vast amount of experience that this Tipperary team has, they still have not enough of belief in themselves to scale the heights that is required when the occasion demands.

There are just few individual points in my evaluation of the situation that I feel I should mention. The Pat O'Neill episode that could have been avoided with a bit of forethought, this in my opinion affected the performance of the Tipperary team in the All-Ireland Final of 1988. Perhaps the one big mistake to date was in Tipperary's outing against Cork this year when three All-Stars sat on the side line in favour of untried and untested players. Perhaps there was a reason for this decision. The opinion many suggest that this was one big error of judgement and to the outsider this had a detrimental effect on the morale of the whole team.

I am still to be convinced that this was a wonderful Cork team, having said that

they were certainly superior to Tipperary on the day in question and the best of luck to them. To conclude I hope I haven't been critical but I have once again to make the point that in whatever area we chose in life we all have to make such mistakes to succeed and the important point that I am trying to make is that we have to learn from making mistakes. This can be a very constructive element in improving our performance in the future. In my view we have a very good management system now in situ in Tipperary. We have a very good hurling team established and we continue to have some good young talent emerging. I feel that there are at least two or three All-Irelands available to us in the next three to five years.

Let's get on with it, let's convince the pundits who still maintain that we only beat Antrim in an All-Ireland, that this team is one which will prove to be the best team of the 90's. So the best of luck for 1991.



TIPPERARY MINOR HURLING TEAM 1990

Back row - Kevin Maher, Pat Leahy, John Hodnett, Gerry Maguire, Sean Collum, Paudie O'Keeffe, Brian Gaynor, Sean O'Donoghue, Eddie Tucker, Gerry Butler, Vincent Kelly, P. J. Walsh, Ger Collins, Adrian Hogan. Front row - Michael Ferncome, Brian O'Dwyer, Tommy Dunne, Brian O'Meara, Vinny Ryan, Michael Skehan, John Kennedy, Shane Ivors, Pat McGuire, Philip Skehan, Thomas Gleeson ("Mossie"), Chris Madden.

GAMES: Wednesday, May 16, at Limerick — Tipperary 1-10; Clare 1-10.

Wednesday, May 23, at Limerick (replay) — Clare 2-13; Tipperary 0-10.



Noel Morris (County Chairman), John Sheedy (selector), Sean Nugent (selector), Phil Lowry (selector), Timmy Delaney (coach), T. J. Dwyer (selector) and Mike Nolan (county trainer) at the Tipperary v. Clare minor match at Limerick.

JIMMY KENNEDY

By Seamus J. King

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

EARLY PROMISE

Of course Jimmy Kennedy did not spring full-blown into hurling stardom in that summer of '49. He had a very respectable apprenticeship over the previous five or six years. As long as his memory serves him he recalls hitting a hurling ball about but he did not play for a team until he went to St. Flannan's College, Ennis in 1940. In 1944 he helped the College team to win the Harty Cup, Munster Cup, the All-Ireland Individual College title and the Interprovincial Colleges' title. When St. Flannan's played Thurles C.B.S. that year the Tipperary school included Pat Stakeelum, Tommy Ryan and Seamus Bannon. Jimmy recalls playing the Interprovincial in Kilkenny and meeting Jim Langton as they took a stroll in the town on the Sunday morning. 'We met him on the street and he stopped to talk to us. He stayed chatting to us for half an hour and he treated us as equals. We were tremendously impressed.' He gives great credit to Tull Considine for the success of the 1944 team. The President of the College, Canon Quinn, brought in the former Clare star. According to Jimmy he was one of the greatest trainers and was brilliant at assessing a player's potential. When he took over the team he began playing players in positions they had never been in before. He insisted on ground hurling and crossing the ball. By this stage Jimmy had most of the hurling skills and had perfected the art of picking the ball off the ground easily and quickly. But he learned his team experience in Flannan's.

U.C.D.

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



Jimmy Kennedy being carried off the field after victory over Laois in the 1949 All-Ireland.

Century Radio and Christopher is in the family business. His wife died in 1983.

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

WITH DUBLIN

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

He played his first inter-county championship in the summer of 1947 and got to the Leinster final against Kilkenny at Portlaoise. Kilkenny had Diamond Hayden, Terry Leahy and Jim Langton and beat Dublin well. Jimmy held his place on the Dublin team and achieved success in the 1948 championship. They beat Wexford in the semi-final and when word came to them in the dressingroom that Laois had beaten Kilkenny in the other semi there was a great cheer. They went on to beat Laois in the final at Tullamore but lost to Waterford in the All-Ireland. No less than seven, Jimmy Kennedy, Mick Hassett, Frank Cummins, Dave Walsh, Johnny O'Connor, Mick Feeney and Ned Daly, of the U.C.D. team played on opposite sides in that All-Ireland. Jimmy's growing stature as a player was recognised the following spring when he was captain of the Leinster side in the Railway Cup. This brought him to the attention of the Tipperary selectors.

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

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

'On Easter Saturday I came back to my digs in Leinster Road, where there was a message awaiting me: I was to go to Barry's Hotel. I made my way there to find my father, Phil Purcell, Fr.

Johnny Minihan, Dinny Costello and Seamus Gardiner present. 'I sent you a declaration form,' said Purcell, 'and you never returned it.' I told him my reason. They took me into a room and gave me a long chat. I said I couldn't go without Joe Butler. I was informed he wasn't necessary as Tipperary had enough backs. I told them I wouldn't do anything until I spoke to Mick Darcy.

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

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

As stated above Jimmy Kennedy made his debut in the Thomond Tournament. He recalls driving down from Dublin and meeting the team at Sadleir's Hotel in Limerick. He didn't know anybody and there was a bit of awkwardness until Pat Stakelum came over to greet him and welcome him to the team. In his short career he was to win three All-Irelands, one National League and a couple of Thomond Tournament and Monaghan Cup medals.

CONTRIBUTION

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

TECHNIQUE

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

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

LAST YEAR

Tipperary played Waterford in the first round of the 1951 championship and just got there by 2-10 to 1-10. Jimmy Kennedy scored 1-3. The selectors sprang a big surprise by dropping him for the semi-final against Limerick and replacing him by Tim Ryan of Borrisoleigh. The latter were the new county champions. Jimmy was very disappointed at being dropped because he believed that he was still maturing as a player. The occasion was also Tipperary's first championship appearance at Thurles since 1945 and he would have loved to be on. He made a late appearance in the game and got a tremendous ovation from the fans as he came onto the field.

He was recalled for the Munster final against Cork on July 29. He had a most unfortunate hour when nothing would go right for him and it was the first hour in which he failed to score. There was a reason for the poor display. He had cracked two ribs in training and was advised by his doctor not to play. But, he was so delighted at being restored to the team that he foolishly determined to play. Because he was well strapped up his movements were very restricted during the game. He was dropped for the All-Ireland final, in which Tipperary beat Wexford by 7-7 to 3-9.

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

A MAJOR INJUSTICE

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

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

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

“Féile ’90 – music, money and memories”

It was to be the biggest and most innovative concert of its kind ever staged in Ireland, a musical extravaganza for this country, and an unprecedented moneyspinner for Thurles and its environs. The first ever “Féile” was much more than any of these things. It turned out to be one giant party, a celebration to beat all celebrations, and a relatively incident free weekend. The traditionalists *mightn’t have been too happy* initially but by the end of the weekend, even they had been forced to stand on the side of praise. In a weekend of many memories for thousands of people from all over the country, Declan Kelly of ‘The Tipperary Star’ recalls those heady days of the August Bank Holiday weekend, when more people made ‘The Trip to Tipp’ than ever before.

In the days of Ring, Mackey and Rackard, Meatloaf was a dish eaten by Americans, The Sawdoctors were a tried and trusted profession, and The Black Velvet Band formed part of the chorus in the frequently aired ballad called ‘The Galway Shawl’. Little did they think back then that with only ten years to go to the end of the decade, groups of the same name would be drawing thousands to the revered sod of Semple Stadium, not to witness a hurling game, but rather to listen to contemporary and popular music. Changed times indeed. Changed times and changed traditions.

By Declan Kelly
“The Tipperary Star”

The idea of staging concerts inside Gaelic games stadia was not a new one when the Semple Stadium Management committee decided to pursue the dreamchild which would eventually become Féile ’90. What WAS very new however, was the eventual proposal to hold a three-day concert with more music, more bands, and more top name acts on the one stage than had ever been seen before in this country. It was a daunting proposal which required a great deal of thought.

When the possibility of staging a massive concert of this kind was initially mooted, it was not altogether surprising that there would be some opposition, mostly from the traditionalist strain, who feared that it would either be inappropriate, ill advised, or even possibly dangerous. As subsequent events have shown, although practical mistakes were made, the inaugural Féile proved to be an unreserved success, so much so that negotiations are currently in progress to finalise a repeat act for the same time next year.

It would take more space than is available in this entire yearbook to catalogue all of the happenings of Féile ’90, so for the purpose of convenience and clarity in this article I have divided the



Some of the crowds who attended “Trip to Tipp”.

concert into its three separate days, and detailed the happenings which were relevant to each of those days. Sit back and remember if you were part of the unique musical experience; sit back and regret if you were not . . .

Friday, August 3rd

Just under a week before the actual concert was scheduled to take place, the staff and crew from promoters MCD arrived in Thurles with their rigging and equipment, and began erecting the outer layers of the massive dome-like stage where the big event would eventually take place. Last minute Garda-security arrangements were put in place, the final predictions, optimistic, negative or otherwise were aired, and all the best laid plans were completed.

And then it happened. The first drizzle of hitch-hikers which were to become a symbolic feature of the whole weekend began arriving in the Cathedral Town as early as Wednesday morning. Each train to Thurles brought a new convoy, as the search for lodgings began in earnest. And what a search it proved to be for some

people. While most were accommodated in Thurles or its surrounding areas, many had to travel as far as Portlaoise, Nenagh, Birr and other areas for a bed.

There were many however who were not looking for a bed however. They had, as Christy Moore puts it “their tent and their groundsheet rolled up tight”, before embarking on what was to be a unique adventure. These were the real characters of Féile ’90, the embodiment of the festival spirit.

By Friday evening, despite the fact that a large percentage of the local music buffs would have been attending the hurling All-Ireland in Portlaoise, thousands had already made their way to Semple Stadium, now a maze of barriers, caravans, stalls and stewards. Inside, the dome was now fully erected, the pitch was surrounded by further stalls, and the atmosphere was the proverbial electric. Now all that was needed was the music.

That too came up trumps on Friday night, with the Amazing Colossal Men doing their reputation no harm at all, and No Sweat warming up the by now fifteen thousand-strong crowd for the main acts

which were to follow, namely Big Country, and Meatloaf. Of the latter duo, the Glasgow band Big Country definitely stole the show, and in many people's opinion, were the highlight of the entire weekend. Meatloaf was his usual pompous brash and arrogant self, but on this occasion, his set seemed to fail to ignite. Nevertheless, it had been a sound beginning on stage, and the scene had been set for the rest of the weekend.

By Friday night, a secluded area behind the stage had been cordoned off for members of the press and members of the bands. Here on Friday night could be seen mingling members of No Sweat with the aforementioned Big Country, while some of the bands not due to appear until the Saturday had arrived a night early to sample the atmosphere. They would not have been disappointed.

Saturday, August 4th

Saturday began the entire occasion in earnest, as the various facets to the Féile '90 operation began to rear their head, ugly or otherwise. From an early hour, crews were working both on the streets of Thurles and inside the Stadium itself, to clean up the oceans of chip bags, bottles, cans and virtually every other item of garbage under the sun before the commencement of Saturday's revelries. Toilet queues also became a common sight, various people cringing in agony, legs crossed, expressionless and motionless, fearing to move in case their respective bladders decided to open the floodgates. For these people, refusing to answer Nature's Call had become something of an art form by the end of the weekend. Finally, perhaps the most undesirable aspect of all was the appearance of that much maligned fraternity . . . the ticket tout.

Now, with Friday night out of the way, the touts had something to bargain with, namely weekend tickets, but I am glad to say that at the first Féile '90 at least, the black market couldn't have turned a whiter shade of pale even if it had tried. Most people made the decision to buy from the official outlet, especially since forged tickets entered circulation early on Saturday morning, so that the touts got their fingers well and truly burned, and most of them had given up the ghost by early on Sunday morning. That was one of the most pleasing sights of all at the first 'Trip to Tipp'.

Saturday's music not surprisingly drew the crowds. Earlier in the day, The Black Velvet Band, That Petrol Emotion (undoubtedly the loudest band of the weekend) and Moving Hearts had got the afternoon off to the ideal start, but it was in the evening that the Stadium really erupted. Something Happens, The Four Of Us and finally, Liam Ó Maonali and The Hothouse Flowers brought a crowning glory to what was possibly the most impressive day of non-stop music ever celebrated in this country. Another day had slowly drawn to a close. Clean-up crews feared the worst the following morning, the weary legs dragged their



Féile '90 - "Trip to Tipp."

owner's torsos back to the campsites, and the day long chant of "anyone for the last few choc-ices" faded into oblivion. We slept in anticipation of what was still to come.

Sunday, August 5th

Sunday had been labelled as the 'Family Day' of Féile '90, and that was not altogether surprising, since the line-up contained artists suitable to all age groups. Christy Moore and Mary Black were superb in the afternoon, as were The Sawdoctors and Deacon Blue, but without a shadow of a doubt for me, the highlight of the entire weekend was the set of Van 'the Man' Morrison, which brought the curtain down on the entire weekend. Morrison pulled out all the stops with a show filled with experience and musical brilliance, before the lights went out on Féile '90 for the final time. Not even the scare cause by one fan who fell from the roof of the stand to escape with minor injuries as the crowd watched

in horror, could take from the grand finale.

It was a tired and weary contingent which trooped out of the Cathedral Town on Monday morning for the most part, although there were still some stragglers trying to make their way home as late as Wednesday. As a crowd of up to sixty thousand, who had spent a minimum of two million pounds over the weekend prepared to evacuate, last shillings were spent on one more souvenir, be it a T-shirt, headband, poster or other item of memorabilia.

Already the dismantling of the site had begun, and promoters and organisers, not to mention the townspeople, generally proclaimed themselves very happy with the weekend. Plans are already afoot to make next year's Féile an even bigger weekend, and an even bigger occasion than the inaugural one. Let us all hope that this year's Féile was but the first of many Trips to Tipp in the not too distant future.



Finalising plans for Féile '90 at Semple Stadium: Left to right - Liam O'Donoghue, Stadium P.R.O.; Michael Maher, Munster Council Chairman; Michael Lowry, Chairman Semple Stadium; Eamonn McCann, MCD Promoters, and Tommy Barrett, Semple Stadium Treasurer.

Tiobraid Árann ag Labhairt

Le: SIOBHÁN NIC GABHANN

OVER the years, Tipperary teams have made their mark on the playing field. *Tiobraid Árann ag Labhairt* too has been making its presence felt over the last 2½ years at both local and national level. Working to promote the use of 'an Ghaeilge' the *Tiobraid Árann ag Labhairt* team has made progress in the educational system and throughout the community.

Tá beagán Gaeilge ag gach duine, i ngach club, cumann agus paróiste, Is Leatsa Í — an Ghaeilge, and everyone is capable of using Irish on a bilingual basis — bilingualism being one of the main principles of *Tiobraid Árann ag Labhairt*. There is a strong Irish tradition in Tipperary and part of that tradition and culture is *ea an Ghaeilge*.

Ag obair go lánaimseartha le *Tiobraid Árann ag Labhairt* tá Siobhán Nic Gabhann, Feidhmeannach Sinsearach, Siobhán Uí Chriagáin, Feidhmeannach Oideachais agus Pobail, agus Agnes Uí Dhochartaigh, rúnaí agus timire. Is é Lúcas Ó Muircheartaigh Stiúrthóir an Tionscadail and Máire ní Chéilleachair is the inspiring Educationalist attached to the Project. Trí bhliain ó shin, thosaigh Pilot Scheme in iarbhunscoileanna agus bunscoileanna *Tiobraid Árann*. Múinteoirí from the 20 schools involved joined forces enthusiastically with the Project team to develop the most modern methods of language teaching, and to make Irish a more enjoyable subject for students, a language which they could learn to speak with confidence, a language through which they could enjoy many activities. Since then textbooks, "Abhair Leat", "Is Leatsa Í", "Bímse ag Caint", "Bí ag Caint" have been developed for students at primary and postprimary level to achieve these aims. But the Irish language does not belong solely to the classroom and should not be confined to 'an seomra ranga'.



Siobhán Uí Chriagáin agus Máire ní Chéilleachair, Oideachasóir *Tiobraid Árann ag Labhairt*.



Siobhán Nic Gabhann
Feidhmeannach Sinsearach
Tiobraid Árann ag Labhairt

To this end *Tiobraid Árann ag Labhairt* moved into the community at large and from the widespread support and goodwill indicated a 3 year plan was drawn up for the implementation of the Project's ideals. Ag obair as Oifig an V.E.C. san Aonach, chuir *Tiobraid Árann ag Labhairt* roimhe impact mór a dhéanamh ar an bpobal. Tugadh faoi thacaíocht a thabhairt don phobal. Thosaigh cúrsa oíche Gaeilge do dhaoine fásta timpeall an Chontae, cuireadh cúrsa ar siúl don Rialtas Áitiúil, gach seachtain sna páipéir áitiúla bhí ceacht beag Gaeilge — each in turn dealing with Irish of the nature and level required by those participating. As an indication of the support for the Project and in an attempt to make the public aware of the large number of people and businesses locally willing to use their Gaeilge — beagán, maith nó líofa, *Tiobraid Árann ag Labhairt* issued 'Eolaire d'Aonach Urmhumhan', 'Eolaire Dhúrlas Éile' agus 'Eolaire don Tulach Sheasta'. For those who already have 'Gaeilge líofa' the challenge is to encourage those with the 'beagán Gaeilge' for whom the challenge and consequently the reward will be greater for their úsáid na Gaeilge. Not everyone has the opportunity to become a fluent Irish speaker but we can all use a little Irish, le chéile, sna siopaí, wherever. No one should feel the need to apologise for having 'just a cúpla focal' — practice makes perfect.

Faoin am seo tá an Scéim san scoileanna ag dul ar aghaidh go han-sásúil, múinteoirí agus daltaí araon ag baint tairbhe agus taitnimh sísti, daltaí ag teacht le chéile do 'Lá Spóirt', 'Tráth na gCeist', Dioscó/Céilí, comórtaisí éagsúla chomh maith le turas go dtí an Ghaeltacht. Tá níos mó Gaeilge le feiscint sna siopaí, agus san nuachtáin, tá sí le cloisint ag cruinnithe, i gClubanna éagsúla, ag Aifrinne agus seirbhísí eaglasta, a 'Tráth na gCeist', a eagraíonn Conradh na Gaeilge agus *Tiobraid Árann ag Labhairt* agus tá go leor eagraíochtaí sásta an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn.

However to maximise the use of Irish it is necessary that Clubs and other organisations make a conscientious effort to use a certain amount of Gaeilge regularly in their affairs, this particular theme was highlighted by Siobhán Nic Gabhann nuair a labhair sí le Bord *Tiobraid Thuaidh den Cumann Luathchleas Gael* i mí Aibreán. Cumann Luathchleas Gael *Tiobraid Árann* has a major role in the promotion of Irish games, but also in the promotion of an Ghaeilge; ag cruinnithe — Ait ina féidir an clár a bheith as Gaeilge, an Ghaeilge; ag cruinnithe — áit ina féidir an clár a bheith as Gaeilge, an Ghaeilge ar thicéidí, i gcomórtaisí ar nós 'Scór' but also in the regular meetings of the various Coistí. Sampla maith is ea an club i mBuiríos Uí Chéin áit ina raibh Nollaig Mac Domhnaill an-ghníomhach, ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam, go raibh ticéad na mball as Gaeilge le foclóirín beag úsáideach as Gaeilge freisin! Once the Irish atmosphere is created tiocfaid labhairt na teanga go mórán stró.

Tá curtha anois le foireann *Tiobraid Árann ag Labhairt*. Ag feidhmiú san Aonach tá Máire Uí Uallacháin, i Ros Cré tá Carmel Uí Choistealbha, i nDúrlas Éile tá Máire Éilí, Máire Ní Dhuinn agus Seosaimhín Ní Cathail. Tá Antoinette Coffey, AEO, ag feidhmiú san Teampall Mór, agus Agnes Uí Dhochartaigh i gceantar an Dolaidh. Gan amhras tá Siobhán Uí Chriagáin ag feidhmiú le breis is bliain anuas i mBuiríos Uí Chéin agus san Tulach Sheasta. Ní neart go cur le chéile agus mar sin oibrímis le chéile amach anseo.

Tá tacaíocht thabachtach á fáil ag an Tionscadal ón gCrannchur Náisiúnta, ón gComphobal Eorpach, ó Bhord na Gaeilge, the Ireland Funds agus FÁS ach ag deireadh an lae is ag brath ar mhuintir *Tiobraid Árann* atáthar. Go raibh gach rath ar ár saothair agus go bhfaighe an Ghaeilge an stádas céanna sa Chontae is atá á fáil ag ár gcluichí.

Tiobraid Árann Ag Labhairt — Is Leatsa í — Guthán 067-32282.



Nationwide Silver Jubilee Awards

By Michael Maher

THIS year was the Silver Jubilee of Tipperary's win over Wexford in the 1965 All-Ireland Senior Hurling Final. The previous year, they had beaten Kilkenny. However, only one award was made by Nationwide Building Society. Instead the 1949, 1950 and 1951 Tipperary winners were the guests last year. How well we remember Seamus Bannon on that day in the line-up of the recipients. Since then, he has passed to his eternal reward as has Johnny Walsh of the subs. Go ndéanfaidh Dia trocaire ar a nAnam.

I was honoured to be one of the recipients of the award this year being part of the 1964 and 1965 teams. Curiously enough, I was also present at the award to the Roscommon team of 1943/44 at the Abbey Hotel, Roscommon, on a beautiful August evening. I was there as an invited guest being chairman of Munster Council. Boyhood memories recalled for me the names of Jimmy and Phelim Murray, Bill Carlos, Brendan Lynch whom I afterwards knew as Garda Inspector in Clonmel, Dr. Donal Keenan with whom I worked on the McNamee Commission and who regretfully died in late September after giving a last salute in Croke Park the previous Sunday. Liam Gilmartin of centrefield fame was also there. He wrote a lovely letter of thanks to Croke Park after the event. Jack McQuillan of football and political fame honoured us with his presence as did Dr. Hugh Gibbons of similar achievements.

Others such as Bill Jackson, Frankie Kinlough and Owensie Hoare having died in recent years were represented by their families.

Nationwide honour those teams of the past with a celebration dinner in the county of the team concerned during the month of August and then invite the respective teams to the hurling and football finals where they participate in the interval ceremony between minor and senior games.

The Tipperary team was entertained at Dundrum House hotel in early August. It provided a unique occasion for the players, their partners, selectors and some selected dignitaries to assemble again and reminisce on the past. Nearly everyone were present excepting the late Tom Ryan of Tommevara who was represented by his brother Roger. The two captains were Sarsfield's Jimmy Doyle and Michael Murphy, the latter saying the "cúpla focal" and well and humorously he did it quoting the words and advice of Paddy Leahy on many occasions. Tony Wall had just returned from Peace-Keeping duty in the Lebanon and was to return again the following week to complete his stint.

A beautiful meal was served by Dundrum House Hotel under the personal supervision of its owner Austie Crowe. Presentations of Cavan Crystal Bowls were made to team members and Croke Park's Donal Hickey arranged to give two complimentary tickets to the

team members for the All-Ireland Final. He also arranged the time-table for the day.

Much discussion and reminiscing followed. Introductions were made and new friends were acquainted. Some had to leave a bit early while more stayed for a long night but all renewed friendships and came home with pleasant memories.

All-Ireland Final Day meant an assembly at Croke Park at 12.30 for a pre-match meal with a visit from the Uachtarán, Uachtarán Togha and Árd Stiúinthóir. The party would love had the Tipperary senior team been in action in the All-Ireland final where we could worry about their prospects but that was not the case. We could relax but all, I think, would have preferred to be concerned and applauding for Tipperary as All-Ireland participants.

The interval ceremonies with the parade and introduction of the team members showed ex-players, some carrying extra weight and of less sprightly step but others like Mick Byrne of Nenagh were still fit to play again. Many felt a bit clumsy saluting the crowd. When the hand went up it was difficult to control it but the army men did it in style. To the strains of Slievenamon we left Croke Park arena with a last farewell.

Irish Nationwide Building Society and Cumann Luthcleas Gael are deserving of our sincere thanks and appreciation.



TIPPERARY PLAYERS OF '64 AND '65 WHO WERE HONoured BY IRISH NATIONWIDE

Front (left to right): Peter O'Sullivan, Len Gaynor, Jimmy Doyle (captain, 1965), M. Fingleton (Irish Nationwide), John Dowling (President, G.A.A.), Michael Murphy (captain, 1964), Mackey McKenna, John Doyle. Centre: Patsy Nealon representing D. Nealon, Roger Ryan representing his brother Tom (R.I.P.), John O'Donoghue, Michael Maher, Kieran Carey, Michael Keating, Sean McLoughlin, Theo English. Back: Mick Burns, Seamus Mackey, Liam Devaney, Liam Kearney, Larry Kiely, Pat Ryan, Paddy Doyle.

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Brian Bourke

BRIAN BOURKE — Tipperary's first representative on the Irish Football team in the Compromise Rules Competition in Australia.

Brian was born in America and came to live in Fethard when he was two years old.

He attended Primary School with the Patrician Brothers in Fethard and, in due course, progressed to second level. He first came to prominence on the football scene at under-age level. He won hurling and football championships in all grades.

At under-16 came a highlight. A seven-a-side team representing Fethard and featuring Brian and a host of future Fethard stars defeated the cream of Irish



football counties at Gormanston and, under the guidance of Pat Sheehan and the late Nick O'Shea, brought All-Ireland honours back to Fethard.

Further success followed in Minor with his club and in 1984 Tipp minors powered at midfield by Brian won the coveted Munster championship and went under to Dublin in the All-Ireland Final.

Success eluded him at Under-21 grade

with his county but he proudly led his club to two County Under-21 titles.

Brian came onto his club's senior team at the tender age of 15 and won county championships at this level in Centenary Year '84 and again in 1988.

He is an established and valued member of the Tipp. senior football team and led them to victory in the McGrath Cup in 1989. In '89 also he caught the eye of the Munster selectors and represented his province in the Railway Cup.

The ultimate honour has now come his way with his selection to represent his country in the Compromise Rules games against Australia. His selection brought honour to Brian himself, his family, his club, his parish and his county. Well done Brian! We salute you.

South Tipperary Round-Up

A total of 122 teams contested the 14 championships in the South Division in 1990. The following is a brief summary of the action in each grade.

SENIOR HURLING

(5 teams)

Two first round games were staged with the two losers playing off for a semi-final place with the fourth spot going to the team which received a first round bye. Killenaule and St. Mary's won the first round games defeating Swan and Cahir respectively whilst Ballingarry got the bye to the semi-final. Swan won the losers play-off and the semi-final draw saw St. Mary's oppose Killenaule and Swan tackle Ballingarry. St. Mary's went out rather tamely to Killenaule in a replay whilst Swan scored a clear-cut victory over Ballingarry.

The final was one of the best in recent years and Swan staged a great second half display to oust the holders. The man of the match award sponsored by John Quirke was won by Swan's Eoin Cooney.



"Nationalist" award winners with Board officers and sponsor at South Board social. Back Row (l-r): M. Walsh, vice-chairman; Wiollie Barrett, treasurer; Ml. O'Meara, secretary; Ted Dillon, "Nationalist"; Con Hogan, chairman; Jimmy Collins, vice-chairman. Front Row (l-r): "Young Footballer" Pat Ryan, Fethard; "Hurler" John Leahy, Mullinahone; "Footballer of the Past" Jimmy Hickey, St. Patrick's; Brendan Long, Editor "Nationalist"; "Young Hurler" Paudie O'Keeffe, Clonmel Óg; "Footballer" Franny Kelly, Commercials.

SENIOR FOOTBALL

(9 teams)

This championship was run off on a knockout basis and produced a number of well contested games. Commercials and Fethard met in the opening round with the Clonmel side just getting through by the narrowest of margins. They then went on to defeat Moyle Rovers in the semi-final. The second semi-final saw surprise packets St. Patrick's, Grangemockler, defeat Fr. Sheehy's.

Many expected the holders and county champions Commercials to have an easy task in the final which was staged in Monroe. However, the combination rose

SOUTH TIPPERARY REVIEW

By Micheál Ó Meara (Rúnaí)

ROLL OF HONOUR 1990

Senior Hurling: At Clonmel — Swan 3-7; Killenaule 2-7. Ref. W. Barrett.

Senior Football: At Monroe — St. Patrick's/Grangemockler 1-10; Commercials 1-7. Ref. J. McCarthy.

Inter-Hurling: At Clonmel — Mullinahone 3-13; Kilsheelan 0-8. Ref. J. Loneragan.

Inter-Football: At Clonmel — Grangemockler 0-8; Ballyporeen 0-5. Ref. T. J. Corby.

Junior Hurling: At Clonmel — Skeheenarinka 1-13; Ballyneale 2-4. Ref. M. Walsh.

Junior Football: At Monroe — Fethard 1-11; St. Patrick's 1-6. Ref. J. McCarthy.

Under-21 Hurling: At Monroe — Ballingarry 1-8; Swan 0-7. Ref. T. Loneragan.

Under-21 Hurling (B): At Clonmel — Fethard 1-9; Moyle Rovers 2-4. Ref. B. Carroll.

Under-21 Football Final: Commercials v Fethard.

Under-21 Football (B): At Monroe — Ballyporeen 2-6; Kilsheelan 1-2. Ref. S. Mullins.

Minor Hurling: At Clonmel — Killenaule 3-17; Ballybacon-Grange 2-6. Ref. T. J. Corby.

Minor Hurling (B): At Clonmel — Mullinahone 3-7; Ballingarry 1-5. Ref. T. J. Corby.

Minor Football: At Kilsheelan — Clonmel Óg 0-14; Fethard 0-13. Ref. T. Loneragan.

Minor Football (B): (replay) At Clonmel — Moyle Rovers 2-11; Killenaule 1-7. Ref. J. Keane.

Clonmel Oil S.F.L.: At Ardfinnan — Commercials 1-7; Cahir 2-3. Ref. T. Loneragan.

S.H.L. (Division I): Walsh Shield at Fethard — Ballingarry 3-7; Killenaule 0-6. Ref. W. Barrett.

to the occasion in style and giving a power-packed display they gained an unexpected but fully deserved victory in an outstanding game which produced football of the highest quality.

INTERMEDIATE HURLING

(6 teams)

This championship was contested on a league basis with the top four teams going through to the semi-finals. In the main the league stages were devoid of interest and we had many uncompetitive games. Kilsheelan, Fethard, Davins and Mullinahone were the semi-finalists and they were drawn in that order.

Kilsheelan ousted holders Fethard who gave lack-lustre displays whilst Davins provided only token opposition to Mullinahone.

Much was expected of the final but Kilsheelan could never raise their game and the Mullinahone success story continued with the easiest of victories.

INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL

(8 teams)

This championship was again run on a league basis in two groups of four with the top two in each group going forward to the semi-finals. These semi-finals saw Ballyporeen account for Swan and Grangemockler overcame Ballingarry. The final was well contested in difficult conditions. Ballyporeen squandered many scoring chances and paid the penalty as Grangemockler got on top in the second half to gain a popular victory — their first ever in the grade.

JUNIOR HURLING

(16 teams)

Run on a knockout basis this is always a difficult championship to win and we had our usual quota of highly entertaining games.

Ballyneale beat St. Patrick's in a great semi-final whilst Skeheenarinka had an easier passage against St. Mary's.

The final was well contested but Skeheenarinka always had the edge and they gained a well merited success over Ballyneale in the final played at Clonmel.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

(14 teams)

Also run on a knockout this championship produced an early upset with holders Moyle Rovers going under to Ballyloobey/Castlegrace. They in turn lost to Cahir in the quarter-final and the semi-finals saw Cahir oppose Fethard and favourites St. Patrick's take on Kilsheelan. Fethard came through by the narrowest of margins whilst St. Patrick's coasted to an easy win and looked to have the title at their mercy. Fethard, however, gave a marvellous display in the final — winning in most impressive fashion against a St. Patrick's side which never lived up to its reputation.



Grangemockler — South Intermediate Football Champions. Back: Pay Joy, Ml. Crowley, Declan Haheesy, Rd. Lanigan, Peter Lyons, Cormac Healy, John O'Meara, Gus Heffernan, Andrew O'Meara, Jerry Ryan, Tom Keating, Ml. J. Tobin, Jimmy Bolger, Mark Comerford, Ml. Freaney, Johnson Lyons, Aidan Bradshaw, Cathal Houlihan, Rd. Tobin. Front: Walter Crowley, Timmy Bolger, Kieran Maguire, Gerry O'Meara, Eamon O'Meara, Anthony Joy ("mascot"), Jim O'Meara (capt.), Eamon Phelan, Brian Cahill, P.J. Lanigan, Eamon O'Hanlon, Larry Delaney, Shane Murray, Rd. John Tobin. Absent from photo: Val Needham and Richie Lyons.



Skeheenarinky — South Junior Hurling Champions 1990. Back Row (l-r): R. E. Carey (Selector), P. Mackin, I. O'Donnell, M. Geary, M. Donoghue, D. Fitzgerald, J. Geary, J. Hyland, J. Maher, T. Vaughan, R. Vaughan, E. Fitzgerald, D. Cahill, J. English (Selector). Middle Row (l-r): R. Meade, R. McLoughlin, P. Vaughan, J. O'Brien, J. Maher (capt.), D. Hickey, F. McLoughlin, Joe English, Ed. Maher, P. Bennett (Trainer). Front Row (l-r): L. Finn, P. Maher, E. Maher, Pat Mackin, J. McDonnell, M.J. Meaney.



Killenaule — Minor Hurling South Champions.



Fethard — U-21 'B' Hurling South Champions. Back Row (l-r): J. Connolly, Ml. Broderick, P. Ryan, D. Morrissey, S. Ryan, Ml. Ryan, J. Hurley, E. Cummins, J. Cummins, L. Treacy. Front Row (l-r): Ml. Spillane, L. Ryan, C. Looby, Ml. Quinlan, M. Ryan, W. Morrissey (C), D. Cummins, T. McCarthy.

UNDER-21 HURLING

(5 teams)

This championship run on a knockout basis yielded a very high standard. The two semi-finals proved most enjoyed with Ballygarra readily accounting for St. Mary's and Swan giving a power-packed display to shock the reigning South and County Champions — Mullinahone.

The final played in Monroe produced a gripping tussle with Ballygarra showing great determination to overcome Swan who were unable to repeat their semi-final form.

UNDER-21 HURLING (B)

(9 teams)

This was again a good competition played on a knockout basis. Moyle Rovers and Fethard proved worthy finalists and went on to serve up one of the most enjoyable games of the year. Fethard were the hot favourites but they had to pull out all the stops to come from behind and defeat a gallant opposition by a two points margin.

UNDER-21 FOOTBALL

(5 teams)

Commercials and Fethard have qualified for the final. Fethard shocked the Divisional and Co. title holders Slievenamon, in one semi-final whilst Commercials had a comfortable victory over Mullinahone in the second.

UNDER-21 FOOTBALL (B)

(11 teams)

This was a well contested championship which produced football of a good standard. Kilsheelan, St. Patrick's, Ballyporeen and Killenaule were the semi-finalists.

Whilst Ballyporeen had a runaway success over Killenaule, Kilsheelan had to go to a replay to account for St. Patrick's.

The final proved a little disappointing with Ballyporeen proving too strong for a gallant Kilsheelan. This was Ballyporeen's first success in the grade and it was well merited.

MINOR FOOTBALL

(7 teams)

Contested on a one group league basis with the top four teams going through to the semi-finals, this proved one of the best championships of recent years and the semi-final places were hard won. Holders Fethard won through to meet a promising Ardfinnan whilst Clonmel Óg, defeated finalists in 1989, qualified to meet Commercials.

Fethard scored a comfortable win over a disappointing Ardfinnan whilst Clonmel Óg ousted their local rivals in a thrilling tussle. For the second year in succession the final produced one of the best games of the year and this time it was the turn of Clonmel Óg to make history by atoning for



Ballyporeen — U-21 Football 'B' South Champions. Front Row (l-r): F. McLoughlin, D. Fitzgerald, E. Fitzgerald, E. Maher (capt.), R. Meade, D. Hickey, D. Harrington, M. Geary. Back Row (l-r): J. English, R. McLoughlin, T. Maher, C. Quinlan, A. O'Farrell, P. O'Gorman, T. Sheehy, M. O'Donoghue, K. Goff, D. Cahill.

the previous year's defeat and take their first title by the narrowest of margins.

MINOR FOOTBALL (B)

(10 teams)

Ten teams contested this competition in two groups with the top two in each group going through to the semi-finals. Killenaule scored a narrow win over Mullinahone to reach the decider whilst Moyle Rovers had a comfortable success over Newcastle. The final produced an exciting game of contrasting fortunes and ended in a draw. Moyle Rovers won the replay in good style to win a first ever success in the grade.

MINOR HURLING

(5 teams)

The standard and competition in this

grade proved generally disappointing. It was run on a league basis with the top two teams going through to the final. Killenaule were the favourites from an early stage and they confirmed this rating with an impressive final win over Ballybacon-Grange who provided gallant opposition.

MINOR HURLING (B)

(12 teams)

Played on a two group league basis with the top two in each group going through to the semi-finals this championship provided good competition.

The semi-finals saw Mullinahone defeat Clonmel Óg and Ballygarra account for Davins.

The final played at Clonkeen was highly entertaining with Mullinahone proving too strong for a gallant Ballygarra.



St. Patrick's, Grangemockler — South Senior Football Champions 1990. Back Row (l-r): Ml. Freaney, Declan Hahessy, Thos. Anglim, Eugene McCormack, Andrew O'Meara, Richie Lanigan, John O'Meara, Colm Duggan. Front Row (l-r): Peter Lyons, Ger O'Meara, John Keane, Eamonn O'Meara, Davy Hogan, Ml. Crannitch, Jim O'Meara.

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THE Clonmel Commercials have entered the last decade of the Twentieth Century with all green and gold flags flying. Once again the Clonmel club, which boasts such a proud record, has brought the highest football honours to its home town by winning the county senior football championship for the second consecutive year. Being the poor relation in this county has never affected the loyalty and integrity of this great G.A.A. club who have over the years, maintained the highest standards on and off the field, and whose voluntary service to the Clonmel community is often undervalued. The present senior panel, most of whom have grown up together in this great football nursery, are now on their way to equalling the record of the club's most successful team — the gauntlet has certainly been thrown down to the renowned team of the 60's and future G.A.A. history will be witness to their success.

EARLY GAMES

The 1990 championship campaign began in February 1990 when selectors Martin Conran, Michael O'Connell, Paul Dillon, Michael Forrestal and John McNamara decided on a plan of action, and the senior panel under the captaincy of John Kerins and the assistance of trainer Ben Keane began their programme. The team played a number of League Games before meeting Solohead in the first round of the county championship at Clonmel on Sunday, 8th April, which resulted in a convincing with 3-12 to 1-1. The second round game was against Fethard and was fixed for Sunday, 13th May, at Kilsheelan. This game, which finished in a draw 0-13 to 1-10 was regarded as probably the most outstanding game of the entire competition. The replay was scheduled for Sunday, 3rd June, also at Kilsheelan, and Commercials proved the better team on the day, winning 1-12 to 0-12, despite the absence through injury of Donal O'Keefe and Criostoir McGrath. The strength of our reserves was never so badly needed as on this occasion and every player produced that bit extra to ensure our victory.

Unbelievably, the team had to field again 6 days later on Saturday, 9th June, when they met Fr. Sheehy's (Clogheen) at Cahir in the County Quarter Final. The determination and class of the Commercials players once again came to the forefront and we ran out winners 1-13 to 0-9. In spite of all the urgency of our Quarter Final game, we now had to wait until Sunday, August 12th for our county senior Semi-Final against Eire Óg/Cappawhite. We had a convincing win over our West opponents with a score of 0-23 to 0-12.

THE COUNTY FINAL

Thus we had arrived at the County Final which we expected would be played on the 26th August. This fixture had to give way to a Mid Senior Hurling Championship Final which involved our County Final opponents Loughmore-Castleiney. The new date allotted was Sunday, 30th September, but once again football played second fiddle to hurling. Loughmore were granted a second reprieve and eventually our county final date was fixed for Sunday, 14th October, in Cashel.



THROWING IN THE BALL AT COUNTY FINAL

Bill Ryan, Laha, Castleiney, member of the Bloody Sunday team throwing in the ball to start the county senior football final at Cashel on 14th October, 1990.

This was the ultimate goal of both selectors and players, and the team took the field in Cashel determined to win their second county title in a row but, at the same time, having the highest respect for their worthy opponents.

In spite of the fact that Loughmore opened the scoring with a Jim Maher point, we soon took control, equalising with a Joe McNamara point, and then taking the lead with a Franny Kelly point. A fine opportunist goal by Joe McNamara put us four points ahead 1-2 to 0-1. We added four further points to our score before half-time, conceding two to our opponents, and led at half-time 1-6 to 0-3. Neither the players nor the mentors showed any complacency at half-time and every encouragement was given to the team to keep up the effort. This they certainly did, and goalkeeper Philly Ryan and the backs stuck to their task and ensured that Loughmore found scores hard to come by. Given a good supply of the ball from midfielders and half-backs, our forwards lived up to their high reputation and two goals by arch-scorer Franny Kelly, saw us run out winners 3-10 to 1-5.

Captain, John Kerins, was presented with the cup by the chairman of the Football Board, Mr. Hugh Kennedy, amidst great jubilation. The "Man of the Match" award, presented by Mr. John Quirke, jeweller, Cahir, was won by Franny Kelly whose contribution of 2-7 was a major factor in our facile win.

1990 has been a long strenuous year which included numerous very necessary challenge matches and we would like to express our appreciation to all our host clubs, and in particular to the Kilmacud

Crokes of Dublin where, once again, we enjoyed participating in their excellent 7-a-side. The club have also fielded in the first round of the 1990 Munster Club Championship where they met and defeated the Clare county champions, St. Joseph's, Miltown Malbay 1-8 to 0-7.

Congratulations to the senior panel for their wonderful loyalty and dedication to training throughout the year and we look forward with anticipation to making it three-in-a-row in 1991.

Following is the team and substitutes who won for Clonmel Commercials their 12th county senior title:

Philly Ryan, John Kerins, Rian Forrestal, Mark O'Connell, Sean O'Loughlin, Gerard Deely, Peter Kilkenny, Tony Gleeson, Donal O'Keefe, Debbie O'Shea, Criostoir McGrath, Martin Quinlivan, Joe McNamara, Franny Kelly, Willie Peters. Subs: Ben Keane for Martin Quinlivan; Anthony Wall for Criostoir McGrath; Pádraig Kavanagh for Joe McNamara; also Stephen Flynn, Conor English, Jim Coyne, David O'Donnell, Brendan Kearney, Michael O'Mahony and Larry Fahey.

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Swan take 20th title

NOEL RUSSELL, P.R.O.

ON the 19th of August last, at Clonmel Sportsfield, our senior hurlers won the South title for the 20th time and the first since 1986 when defeating champions Killenaule 3-7 to 2-7 in a memorable game.

Training for the 1990 campaign began in March under the watchful eye of trainer Bernard O'Neill. Tournaments and challenge games were the order of the day for the first month or so.

EARLY ROUNDS

In the first round of the championship we were drawn against Killenaule who seemed to have the "Indian sign" over us the past couple of years. The game was played in Clonmel and after a good hour's hurling by both teams Killenaule again proved our masters with a seven points' victory, 2-15 to 1-11. We had our chances of victory but overall we could not complain about the result.

So it was into the losers' group but we were not too despondent as we are generally slow starters in the competition. Our play-off game was against Cahir and it was with apprehension that we travelled to Clonmel, but after a shaky opening period we finally took control and ran out winners by 3-15 to 2-10. Some concern for our selectors was conceding soft frees near goal.

Training was now being stepped up and the attendance increasing as we awaited the semi-final clash with our great rivals from Ballingarry.

Ballingarry had already won the league final and were installed as favourites in the days coming up to the game.

We were more hopeful than confident

as we took the field on that windy day in Clonmel. We had first use of that big wind but after ten minutes we only had a few points to show on the scoreboard, then our forwards clicked into overdrive and Ballingarry were swept off their feet.

Our big full forward line of Tony Fitzpatrick, Dick Lonergan and Tom Waters were revelling in all the possession that was coming their way and the game was as good as over by half-time. Ballingarry tried to rally early in the second half but the Swan men were in confident mood now and giving nothing away. We ran out easy winners in the end: 4-12 to 0-6.

The hunger that was missing in previous years was now evident in our play and some of our near veterans seemed to be after visiting Tir na nÓg. Maurice Walsh was brilliant at left full-back, Eoin Cooney was hurling like a man inspired and we thought surely a Tipp Under-21 certainty. Ray Walsh also a newcomer showing great promise.

THE FINAL

South final day was nothing new to the "Swans" but everybody in the club seemed to sense the need for victory this time round.

The men from Killenaule, the holders in '88 and '89, were again our opponents but after our display in the semi-final we were quietly confident of taking the cup back to Carrick.

South final day arrived and it turned out one of the wettest days of the year. We played into the breeze in the first half and looked in deep trouble at half-time with the

score Killenaule 1-7 to 0-1 ahead. The Swan dressingroom at half-time was no place for the faint-hearted as harsh words were spoken and each player to a man listened and obeyed.

Within two minutes of the restart the tonic we needed arrived — a passing movement involving Seán Cronin, M.J. Russell ended with Tony Fitzpatrick bulging the Killenaule net and the Swans were now flying. Points followed in quick succession and then Dick Lonergan and Tom Waters fired in more goals and the game was within our grasp.

But Killenaule, stout men that they are, rallied with a good goal and we had to sweat out the last few minutes' final score Swans 3-7, Killenaule 2-7.

Gerry Kehoe lifted the cup to delighted Swan supporters and the young juveniles, wet as they were on the far side of the ground, now had their own local heroes.

We pay tribute to our backroom team of Pat Ryan, Michael Walsh and Tony Fitzpatrick (who coached the team), also our great trainer Bernard O'Neill.

The full panel that gave Swan its 20th title was: William Barret, Kevin Nugent, Paul Walsh, Maurice Walsh, Eoin Cooney, Gerry Walsh, Gerry Kehoe (capt.), Sean Cronin, Kevin O'Shea, Ray Walsh, Brendan White, M.J. Russell, Dick Lonergan, Tony Fitzpatrick, Tom Waters, Tony Roche, Maurice Grace, Maurice Whelan, Matty Whelan, Matty Waters, James Connolly, Derek Hogan, Noel Walsh, Martin Walsh, Michael Whelan, Bernard Hahessy, Michael Fleming.



CARRICK SWAN — South Senior Hurling Champions

Back Row: Maurice Grace, Kevin O'Shea, Brendan White, William Barret, Gerry Kehoe, Kevin Nugent, Tom Waters, Tony Fitzpatrick, Eoin Cooney. Front Row: Bernard O'Neill (Trainer), Michael J. Russell, Ray Walsh, Maurice Walsh, Gerry Walsh, Paul Walsh, Sean Cronin, Dick Lonergan.

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A dream realised for Moyle Rovers

By: ANTHONY LONERGAN (Chairman)

SUNDAY, May 20th, 1990 will always have a special significance for past, present and future members of the Moyle Rovers G.A.A. Club. On that date Mr. Michael Maher, Munster Council Chairman performed the official opening of our magnificent new playing pitch and other amenities at Moyle Park. The events of that evening were the realisation of a dream held by members down through the decades, a dream that was brought to reality by a hard working, loyal and dedicated group of people whose achievements have far surpassed any expectations that one could have visualised when a Special General Meeting on the 15/12/1982 sanctioned the purchase of the six acre site at Monroe.

Events were set in motion in 1980 when a development committee of five was formed to actively pursue the acquisition of a pitch. Fund raising was a priority and various projects were undertaken and carried out successfully. Several sites were visited until agreement was reached in the November/December period of 1982 for the purchase of the site at Monroe.

Following the purchase, the Club had to the beginning of 1983 a six acre stubble site and a deficit in the bank. Over the next seven years, development work and major fund raising went hand in hand. The major fund raising projects were two Club 1,000 Draws, one in 1983 and one in 1985 together with sponsored walks, fetes, mayoral election, sponsored greyhound meetings at Clonmel track, non stop draws and many other events.

The development work consisted of draining and levelling, reseeded and construction of the boundary block wall which was all completed in 1984. Dressing rooms and other amenities were commenced in 1986 and completed in 1987. Goal posts were erected in 1986 and the first game was played in Moyle Park on All-Ireland Hurling Final day, 1986. Seating was the next priority and with the help of a grant from Lottery funds it was possible to have this work together with shed/dressing room outside toilet and surfacing of the car park carried out. This phase of development was completed in 1989.

We were now in a position to plan seriously for the official opening which was tentatively fixed for May. Contacts were made with the County Board and Tipperary team management who agreed to honour us by playing at the official opening. Opposition was kindly provided by our near neighbours and great sporting rivals Kilkenny.

What a pairing — All Ireland Champions and National League



MR. MICHAEL MAHER, MUNSTER COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, PERFORMING THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF MOYLE PARK ON 20th MAY, 1990

Others in the picture (left to right) Jimmy Collins, Vice-Chairman South Board; Very Rev. Fr. Seán Nugent P.P.; A. Lonergan, Club Chairman; John Burke, Club President; Con Hogan, Chairman South Board; Michael McCarthy, Club Secretary; Michael O'Meara, South Board Secretary.

Champions to provide a fitting contest to mark the official opening. The date was set for the evening of May 20th.

Enthusiasm in the weeks preceeding reached fever pitch amongst club members. No stone was left unturned to make this gala occasion a night to remember. Car parking facilities were provided by local land owners, extra seating was installed to ensure the comfort of spectators, stewarding was provided and supervised by club members who together with the local Gardai from Clonmel ensured that everything leading up to the game went without a hitch.

The official opening took place at 7 p.m. followed by the game at 7.30. As we stood to attention for the playing of our National Anthem by the Moycarkey pipers band we surveyed the scene at Moyle Park situated under the shadows of Slievenamon with a sense of pride that made all the hard work over the years very worthwhile.

A sum of approximately £125,000 has been invested in the facilities to date. Due to the hard work of our members, the goodwill of countless people from within and outside our parish, our sponsors, and last but by no means least the advice, guidance and generous grants from the G.A.A. authorities at various levels, little or no debt exists today.

Our club has at last a permanent home of which we are extremely proud. It will always be a fitting monument to the people who worked so hard to make it possible and to the people who down through the years kept the Moyle Rovers G.A.A. Club to the forefront of G.A.A. affairs in our premier county.

Moyle Rovers Abu!

*I passed through friendly Fethard
Where Slievenamon doth smile;
And stopped at fair Lisonagh
By the River banks of Moyle.*

*Game filled the woods of Lakefield
The pheasant, woodcock, grouse;
I saw foxes, hares and horses
Round Clonacody House.*

*I thought of our ancestors
and those difficult days of yore;
When the people oft assembled
For the Mass at Donoughmore.*

*But the River Moyle keeps roving
By Annsfort's lonely ridge
'Till it meets the gentle Anner
Not far from Thorny Bridge.*

*Giantsgrave all gazed in wonder
And Clonmel skies were brown
When they saw the thousands thronging
Through Caherclough and Orchardstown.*

*The Carrick flags were flying
As they passed Kilsheelan side
Where the married Moyle and Anner
Meets the Suir's bright, sparkling tide.*

*In that famed field near the River
Tipp./Kilkenny boys did play;
For the opening of your Sportsfield
on the 20th Day of May.*

*May the name of famed Lisonagh
And Powerstown e'er grow;
May the Sky Blue flag of Moyle Rovers
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Br. Joseph Perkins.



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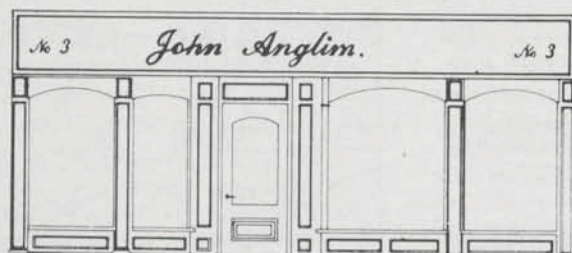
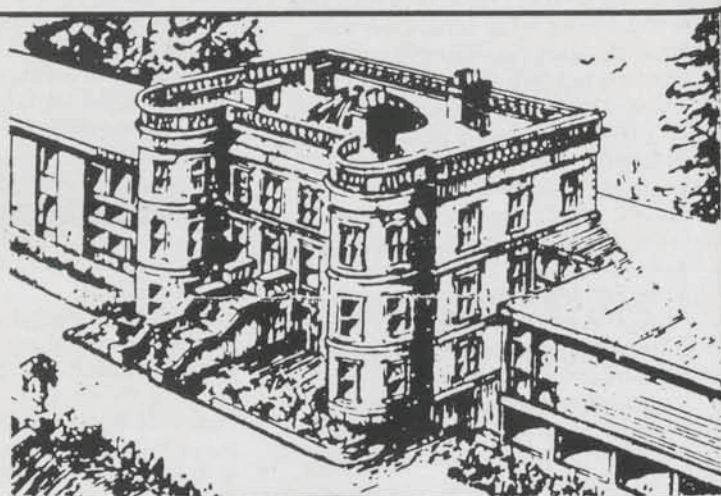
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Seathrún Céitinn Remembered

Memorial Unveiled at Burgess, Ballylooby

SEATHRÚN Céitinn was born in Burgess in the parish of Ballylooby about the year 1570. A Norman family, the Keatings settled in South Tipperary in the 13th century and, until the confiscations of the 17th century, were wealthy landowners. The ruined castles of Nicholastown, Moorstown and Loughloherly bear witness to this former glory. Although evidence is lacking, it is generally believed that Seathrún attended the bardic school of the McGrath family, chroniclers of the O'Briens, at Ballynomasney where he studied classical Irish, history and genealogy as well as achieving mastery in the intricacies of the bardic metres. Wishing to become a priest and with no seminaries in Ireland, Seathrún, like his fellow Irishmen with vocations, sought an education at one of the newly founded colleges in Europe. He studied theology for four years in

Bordeaux where he became acquainted with the new Tridentine learning which he used so effectively in his two important religious works, "Trí Biorghaoithe an Bháis" and "Eochair-Sciath an Aifrinn". With a doctorate in theology, he returned to his native land in 1610 and began his ministry in his own diocese, where his skill as a preacher soon gained him fame. There is evidence to show that he was parish priest of Outragh, four miles north of Cahir, and it was here he gave his sermon on immorality which had unforeseen consequences. It so happened that Elanor Laffan, wife of Squire Mockler of Knockgraffon, was in the congregation and she believed (as did many others!) that it was primarily for her ears the good Seathrún intended his sermon.

Immediately, she complained him to her friend, Donncha Ó Briain, President of Munster, and Seathrún thought it wise

to absent himself for a while. Now was the time for him to begin work on his life's ambition—a history of Ireland down to the Norman Invasion.

In search of manuscripts and knowledge, he travelled the length and breadth of Ireland, consulting the best scholars and authorities of his day. Meanwhile, Donncha Ó Briain died, and in 1624, Seathrún returned and continued with his priestly and literary activities. The Butler Lords of Cahir and Dunboyne were both friends and patrons of his and, at Rehill, he and many other priests often sought refuge. Despite the Butler connection, however, and his own Norman background, Seathrún sided with Eoghan Rua and the Old Irish in the Confederation split in Kilkenny. The date of his death is not known. He is buried in the little church of Cill Chiaráin in Tubrid along with Dr. John Brennan and Fr. Eoghan Duhy.

Keating's poetry is highly regarded by scholars and critics and "Óm Sceol ar Ardmhá Fáil, A Bhean Lán de Stuaím" and "Mo Bheannacht Leat a Scríbhinn" will always be loved and recited. It is on his prose work, however, especially "Foras Feasa ar Éireann", that his reputation rests, and earns for him the title of father of modern Irish prose. "Foras Feasa" was the essential source book of poets and scholars for over two hundred years and no other work in Irish was copied as often — sufficient testimony to the regard in which it was held.

As long as the Irish people cherish the ideals for which he laboured, Seathrún Céitinn's fame as poet, writer, priest and patriot will live, not only in his native county, but in all Ireland. Gura móide Flaitheas Dé a anam usual.



Plaque is unveiled by His Grace, Archbishop Thomas Morris, accompanied by Fr. Ml. O'Farrell, P.P., Ballylooby and Duhill.



Clergy who attended the unveiling include Archbishop Thomas Morris, Bishop Michael Russell, Fr. Joe Murphy, Fr. Ml. Power, Mons. C. Lee, An tAthair Ó Fiannachta (Maynooth) Mons. M. Olden.
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Four points short of senior status

Four years ago in the Tipperary G.A.A. Yearbook of 1987 there was published an article entitled "The Hurlers Dream". It purported to be an analysis of the state of hurling and its development in Mullinahone. Much water has flowed between Anner's banks since then and things in the valley near Slievenamon have changed, some would say changed utterly.

Two All-Ireland medals at Under-21 and senior had come to Mullinahone within seven days. Our first ever. Hurling fever raged on. The pilgrimages to Holycross began not the usual September ones but the later November and December ones. First came the juniors to try conclusions with twice Northern winners Knockshegowna.

The following weeks the *Nenagh Guardian* said it all "Leahy (2-13) tears Knockshegowna asunder". Mullinahone 2-14, Knockshegowna 1-7. Then came the Under-21's to meet their fate against Erin's Hope (Borrisokane/Knockshegowna surprise winners over Toomevara. Perhaps the *Guardian* was right again "the only consolation that they (Knockshee) have (after the junior semi-final) is that they must face Leahy again in the Under-21 as part of the Erin's Hope combination. Erin's Hope never played with confidence and Mullinahone were in two county hurling finals.

It was the dream junior county hurling final. Nicky English's Lattin-Cullen v John Leahy's Mullinahone. The man from Scariff in the Co. Clare came to find out, he told Noel Morris "who was the best junior hurler in Ireland?" We never found out but Mullinahone in a seven minute spell before half-time turned a six point deficit into a seven point lead. In a four minute spell Peter Ryan became immortal when he crashed in 2-1. Toss Lonergan hit some inspired points. In the second half Lattin-Cullen came back but they were unable to overcome the havoc wrought in that seven minutes.

Seven days later the David v Goliath clash in the Under-21 final. The giant Clonoulty scorned scoring opportunities in the first half and had 14 wides. Mullinahone had only 5 wides in the full hour. They struck the front for the only time with three minutes to play. Back roared Clonoulty but the thin green and red line stood firm. A magnificent hurling double had been won. The footballers had the chance to make it a treble. Leahy had won nine championship medals in 1989.

During the 1980's 56 hurling championships had been decided in Tipperary. South sides won only 4 of them. Mullinahone brought 3 of those titles to the

south, neighbours Ballingarry won the other.

1990

Could we keep up the progress? The heart said yes but the head said no. The early results of 1990 in a new grade said the head was right. Three straight defeats, at juvenile level the previous year was barren but better days awaited in 1990.

With a lovely hurling team we captured the South Tipp U-12 "B" title with a fine win over Killenaule. We visited Newport for the Féile and won nothing. We returned home and surprised many by winning the South Tipp U-14 rural hurling final. Three great games with Cappawhite but defeat in the second replay saw us denied a county final appearance. Kyran Vaughan and Jimmy Clarke were on the Tipp Under-14s in Waterford.

Late in the year Tony Dalton was on the Tipp Under-16 team in the Nenagh tournament. The Skehan twins Michael and Philip and Brian O'Meara at 17 all made the Tipp minor team. Sean Brett an established county senior footballer made the junior hurling team and played brilliantly in the All-Ireland final in Portlaoise. John Leahy was captain of the Under-21 side and was dogged by injury. He also held his place on the senior side. Mullinahone was the only club in the county to have a player on every Tipp hurling championship team in 1990.

Yes people were taking note of our hurlers. Our Under-12 side had one very bright prospect. He will still be eligible for minor in the year 2,000.

After our bad start we recovered our confidence and began to display better form in the intermediate grade. Marlfield and Ballybacon fell and we had gained our objective — a semi-final place. We were invited to Dublin to uphold the honour of Tipperary in the All-Ireland junior sevens. Raw and green we lost our first game, but we are good learners and we overcame Faughs (Dublin), St. Fintan's (Laois), Feenagh/Kilmeedy (Limerick), Tullogher (Kilkenny) and finally Faythe Harriers (Wexford) in the final to bring an All-Ireland hurling title (it's only one) to the little village and to Tipperary in 1990. It was without doubt the greatest day in the history of our club.

Back to domestic affairs. We defeated Ballingarry the night before we went to Dublin in the South Tipp minor hurling 'B' final, another first for the club at the third attempt. Severely depleted we were to lose the county semi-final to Drom.

At that time Killarney and its aftermath was still in the future but the pieces had slotted into place in Mullinahone for a hurling take-off.

In Mullinahone they had begun to "follow that dream". Four short years later defeat in the county intermediate hurling



Mick Strappe, Ted Dillon, Eamonn Lacey of Clonmel Nationalist reporting on the games at Clonmel Sportsfield.

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MULLINAHONE — South Intermediate Hurling Champions 1990

final was regarded by the club as a temporary set-back. The whole idea of Mullinahone as a senior hurling club was as foreign then as that of a woman president of Ireland. A four point defeat by Portroe in a good game gave promise of an even better future. Let us examine the rise of the club since 1986.

1987-1988

In juvenile ranks we had "the history makers" the under-14s who won the clubs first ever underage hurling title when they took the 1986 South Tipp rural title. We lost the under-12 "c" South Tipp final that year also and won the South Tipp U-16 'C' hurling final.

In 1987 our under-12 hurlers won the divisional 'C' title while our under-16s lost the South Tipp 'B' final. 1987 will forever be the year of Leahy as he flashed like a meteor across the minor hurling scene. The club fielded a first ever minor hurling side and with Leahy in the van surged into a South Tipp minor B final against Fethard scoring two highly symbolic victories over Carrick Swan. We started that final with five fifteen-year-olds on the team and ended with a fourteen-year-old as well. We drew — but superior strength told in the replay. Still the dream lived on in the hearts of the dreamers.

In 1988 our under-12s lost the South Tipp 'B' final but our under-16s won the divisional 'B' title. At this level we had now graduated to the level of the big boys at 'A' level.

In adult ranks we have lost the 1986 junior final after a replay and in 1987 fate decreed that we and the 1986 winners should meet in round one. A number of factors conspired against us and with minor Leahy scoring all our points we fell to defeat. The alarmists proclaimed our place in the sun was over but others thought differently. Leahy playing in an All-Ireland minor final was to be the highlight of the year but the following year brought a new dawn.

A new regime was installed in the seats of power or more correctly different men were put behind different levers. The early year belonged to Leahy as the Nowlan Park debacle of March catapulted him into the Tipp senior panel and a fleeting appearance in the League final. Could he stay in that panel and make the team? The

parish seethed with excitement. The Munster final came and went and then came the crowning moment of the year or so we thought. Selection to play in the All-Ireland final. While Cappa mourned, Mullinahone went mad. Defeat in the final for Tipp but carnival in the streets of Mullinahone.

In the Autumn days we began to hurl and got to the junior hurling final again despite the loss of players to other clubs and places. A surprise defeat in the final in the South but we had one late runner. For the first time in history we were fielding an under-21 team of our own or at least one or two of the players were 21. The rest were younger.

The football side looked promising enough but it was the hurlers who caught the imagination of the parish. First to fall were Fethard our minor conquerors of the previous year, then in the South Final Killenaule, in the County Semi-final Emly and on Dec. 18th, 1988 history was made when proud Loughmore fell by a single point 1-9 to 1-8 in Cashel on a never-to-be-forgotten day in a replay. The football championship had been won the previous week. It was Mullinahone's first ever county hurling title.

Meanwhile down in the ranks the struggle to rise went on. At Under-12 level we had to rebuild in 1989 for the first time since 1984. No trouble in fielding fifteen now as hurling fever raged through the land. At under-14 level we lost to Cahir who went on to win the championship and to Clonmel Óg who were narrowly defeated. Two of this squad Kyran Vaughan and Pat Croke made the Tipp under-14 panel to play in Waterford. Michael Skehan didn't make the minor hurling team and the parish was aghast.

Our under-16's were defeated in a tight semi-final in the "A" championship by eventually winners St. Mary's. Brian O'Meara's fifteen-year-old hero of the under-21 win of 1988 won an All-Ireland medal with Scoil Ruain, Killenaule, as did his colleague Declan McNamara. Our minor hurlers once more lost the final this time to Ballybacon/Grange. Could we have reached our zenith? If one looked back and down we had come a long, long way but we looked forward and up. we

could still progress. The All-Ireland successes of 1989 provided a further spur.

1989

The objectives of 1989 for the adults were simple. The South Tipp junior title lost in 1988 would have to be won and we would give the Under-21 "A" a rattle against St. Mary's. Played on a balmy summer evening in Kilsheelan the fierce determination of fourteen lads in the green and red proved more than St. Mary's could stomach.

The South championship lay before us. At junior all proceeded according to plan until Ballingarry gave us a nasty jolt and forced a draw. In the replay we were a better side and also South Tipp Under-21 champions as Carrick had by now fallen. Moyle Rovers our conquerors of 1988 barred the way to a hurling double. We were favourites, a position in which we are never comfortable but we still managed to win a rugged clash.

In the Intermediate semi-final in the South we faced a favoured Davins but we proved far too strong. Kilsheelan who had dethroned the previous years champions Fethard stood in our path to another new title. They fell 3-13 to 0-8. More history made and on to the county semi-final. A close thing against county senior title holders Holycross with Leahy scoring all ten points, the clincher from a line ball.

We stood one step away from senior status. By now an unthinking few regarded Mullinahone as almost invincible but the final miracle was not to be. Portroe were a fine hurling side. They got away to a dream start scoring a goal within twenty seconds and were 1-2 to nil up early on. We came back and the game was delicately balanced in the second half. We netted one that wasn't allowed and they netted one that was. It made all the difference. We were not to become senior hurlers just yet but we will in the not-too-distant future. We must learn from our setbacks and not be discouraged. I quote once more from the yearbook of 1987 "a veritable tidal wave of talent seems to be building up. The raw material will of course have to be nourished and developed" but their day has dawned for the hurlers of Mullinahone.

Ristead Ó Siocháin



Representatives and members of the Tipperary 1941 and 1945 hurling teams who were honoured by the Tipperary Board pictured with County Board officials Seamus O Riain, President; Noel Morris, Chairman, and Tommy Barrett, Secretary.

Co. Board Honours

'41 and '45 teams

By: JOHN GUITON (Tipperary Star)

ON Friday night, October 26th last the cream of Tipperary's hurling talent of yesteryear gathered with their wives and family members for a lavish reception at Park Avenue House, Thurles.

Tipperary G.A.A. Board had come up with the grand and fitting gesture of honouring the men of 1941 and 1945. As every Blue and Gold hurling follower knows 1941 goes down in the history books as the year of the foot and mouth disease in animals. This county was one of the worst hit. An eventful period it had been, quite dramatic and extraordinary too, and now the great men of that time had gathered for much reminiscing in convivial surroundings. They were joined by the All-Ireland winning side of 1945, described by former president of the G.A.A. Mr. Seamus O'Riain as "one of the finest teams ever to wear the Blue and Gold jersey".

It was truly a marvellous sporting occasion. Sure, the economic and social chaos caused by the epidemic in 1941 will always command vivid memories for the Tipperary side of that year, but on this evening everybody wanted to look back on the happy moments, and share the great tales of sporting endeavour that put such great exponents of the great game of hurling on a pedestal. Like all such occasions there was room for a little sadness too, at the passing of some great names of that era, but how fitting that

wives, and in some cases sons and daughters, of those great gaelers were on hand to share with us the stories, and often good humoured recollections of their contribution to the life of the Association.

Former president of the Association, and current president of Tipperary G.A.A. Board, Mr. Seamus Ó Riain, in a typically eloquent address, paid tribute to the stars present. He reflected on the dramatic developments of 1941. In an effort to reduce the spread of foot and mouth disease the Department of Agriculture took stringent measures that resulted on a ban on travelling. Tipperary beat Waterford in a delayed first round of the Munster championship, and while they were due to meet Cork in the semi-final all games in which our county participated, and indeed games within the county, were banned because of the spread of the disease.

Tipp. wanted Central Council to postpone the All-Ireland hurling final, but it would not agree, and ruled that teams be nominated, and if a nominated team won the All-Ireland they would be awarded the 1941 championship. Munster Council decided that either Cork or Limerick should contest the All-Ireland, Limerick already having reached the Munster Final. Cork

beat Limerick and then accounted for Dublin, in the All-Ireland. However in an extraordinary development Tipp. beat Cork in the Munster Final played in October, causing one of the biggest sensations in the history of the Association.

Mr. Ó Riain in singing the praises of the 1941 team did likewise of the men of 1945. "We can safely say that this team who beat Kilkenny was one of the most skilful, courageous and most complete teams ever to wear the Blue and Gold", said Mr. Ó Riain. He singled out for special mention the famous Ryan brothers from Moycarkey-Borris. How nice it had been to see Johnny, Paddy (sweeper) and Mutt present with their team colleagues and friends on such a glittering occasion. He told of the hard luck story that surrounded two of the Ryan brothers. Johnny had been captain in 1941 when of course Tipp. did not contest the All-Ireland, and in 1945 he missed the All-Ireland due to injury. Paddy Ryan had the misfortune that when captaining the 1938 team it had been ruled out of the championship due to injury. Both County Chairman Mr. Noel Morris and Co. Secretary Mr. Tommy Barrett paid tributes to both teams. Mr. Morris spoke of the great friendships that exist between the players, and said how glad he had been as Chairman to preside over such a memorable event.

Mr. Barrett chief organiser of the function, warmed the hearts of many of the former players present when he spoke of his memories of 1941 and 1945 teams as a youngster. "I remember travelling to 1941 game on the back of a lorry with friends. Dinny Gorman was my idol at the time. I can now show you tonight a match programme of that game costing a princely two old pennies" said Tommy.

Each team member was presented with a beautiful clock with name engraved and the Board also made Hall of Fame presentations to former Chairman of the Munster Council and

The Ryans of Moycarkey



The Ryans of Moycarkey - Johnny, Mutt and Paddy (Sweeper) - were honoured at the County Board function.

South Board Secretary Mr. Jerry O'Keeffe, and to another great gael and lifetime servant of the Association, Mr. John Joe Maher from Roscrea. The presentations were sponsored by Bank of Ireland.

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BACKGROUND

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A project team has been set up consisting of representatives of Thurles Development Association, Shannon Development Company and Tipperary County Board GAA, with the objective of establishing a visitor attraction based on the history and games of the GAA. A feasibility study which was carried out, concluded that the project was viable and would attract 50,000 visitors annually to Thurles.



MUNSTER COUNCIL SUPPORTS CENTREFIELD

Munster Council Chairman, Michael Maher, presents a cheque (£20,000) from the Munster Council to Centrefield chairman, Jim Finn. Also in photo: Liam Ó Donnchú, John O'Dwyer, Tomás Ó Domhnaill, Séamus King, Sean O'Callaghan, Eamonn de Stafford.

LOCATION

The committee has now purchased the town's old National Bank building which is one of the finest non-ecclesiastical buildings in Thurles. Built in 1863, it is a large building with a fine cut-stone facade, and located 60 metres from Liberty Square, it is an ideal home for the project. An adjacent half acre site provides adequate space for landscaping, coach and car parking, and any future extension of the existing building which may be necessary. With the generous support of FÁS, renovation of the building began in July 1989, with the major job of replacing the roof and securing the building. Those working on the project are all young people under 30. When complete, the project will be titled Lár na Páirce or Centrefield.

THE NEED FOR LAR NA PAIRCE

Sporting organisations throughout the world are now recreating and reliving their historic past. Basketball, baseball, golf and soccer, are all interpreted within several exciting and imaginative visitor centres. Gaelic games do not yet benefit from the heightened awareness and prestige which a first rate interpretive centre can impart.

This need to preserve and foster the rich heritage which the games have bestowed, presents an opportunity for Thurles, a town presently without a visitor attraction. Since Interpretive Centres are really successful, only when located where the event being interpreted actually occurred, the Centrefield concept is uniquely suited to Thurles and for this reason will be developed **exclusively** as an interpretation of the heritage transmitted to us from Gaelic Games.

THE PROJECT TEAM

Chairman J. Finn (TDA), Secretary T. Casey (TDA), Treasurer L. O'Donnchú (GAA), E. De Stafford (Shannon Development), S. King (GAA), N. Morris (GAA), S. O'Callaghan (TDA), T. O'Domhnaill (Shannon Development), J. O'Dwyer (Development Officer).

Centrefield is being supported by Shannon Development; Tipperary County Board, the Munster Council and the Central Council, GAA.

WHAT WILL LAR NA PAIRCE HAVE TO OFFER?

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HOW WILL THE GAMES BE INTERPRETED?

The plans for centrefield envisage that the ground floor area will consist of interactive display where light, sound, graphics and video are used to bring alive the history of the GAA and its enormous effect on Ireland's historic and cultural development. A small cinema will be included showing highlights of classic games from the past, using all-round sound to pull visitors directly into the atmosphere of the games.

The first floor area will incorporate a standard museum display of artefacts, but with modern technology used to demonstrate the historic context and importance of the exhibits. Here cups, medals, hurleys and programmes will be displayed along with models of how famous grounds would have looked in the past at an early stage of development. As a basis for this display the famous Sam Melbourne collection, which is now owned by the Tipperary County Board, is being made available. Finally, in the dramatic concluding exhibit, a large wrap-ground screen and special effects will allow visitors to directly experience the unique atmosphere and intensity of All-Ireland Final Day.

It is also proposed that the National Archive of Gaelic Games will be located within the building. With the support of FÁS, research has been carried out to provide a centralised data-base of statistical information covering all Gaelic Games. When operational, visitors to the centre can be provided with pen pictures of each player to win an All-Ireland title, along with other statistical and historic information.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT SOUGHT

When complete, it is estimated that Lár na Páirce will have cost upwards of £0.65 million. The financial package being put in place will involve a mixture of private and public sector funding, along with a substantial GAA and community contribution. Financial projections indicate that once in operation, Lár na Páirce will trade profitably, provided it is not burdened by annual repayment on substantial borrowings.

Therefore the Project Team are appealing to the many friends and supporters of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael for the assistance which will be necessary to make Lár na Páirce become reality. In supporting this project you will help directly with the creation of six jobs, generate a large financial spin-off greatly benefiting the economy of the Tipperary area, but above all you will have assisted in the creation of a fitting tribute to great players and outstanding achievements in over 100 years of Gaelic Games.

Contributions will be gratefully accepted by any member of the project team or may be forwarded to:

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A Century by the Decade



Seán Ó Driscoll

100 YEARS AGO — 1891

The Gaelic Athletic Association was in turmoil from 1890 — 1893. The Annual Congress of 1891 was only attended by fifteen counties. There was a sharp decline in the number of affiliated clubs also. Congress was held in Thurles which was the norm at that time.

The Parnellite Split caused major disruption of all G.A.A. affairs nationwide and Tipperary was no exception. Several clubs in the Premier County supported Parnell as political leader others opposed his views. Clubs, families and friendships suffered as feelings between the two groups which were identified as Parnellites and Anti-Parnellites ran high.

Parnell "Ireland's Uncrowned King" was born in Co. Wicklow on 24th June 1846. Charles Stewart Parnell was one of eleven children born into a Protestant family. He spent most of his youth in England.

A man of fine physique, he was elected as M.P. for Meath. He supported Home Rule and became leader of the Nationalist Party. In 1879 he was to become President of the Land League.

The famous, Captain Johnny Leahy was born, on January 1st 1891.

90 YEARS AGO — 1901

The Annual Congress was held in Thurles, in September.

The Adjourned Convention met in November and implemented some rule changes. Some of the points of the new rules were:-

- 1) The crossbar to be 8 feet in height (was 10ft)
- 2) Hurling balls to be lighter and smaller, to help speed up the game. To be between 5 and 7ozs. in weight.
- 3) Throwing of the hurley to be made illegal.
- 4) Lines across the pitch at 10, 21, 30 yards and at half way line.

Dick Cummins of Fethard was elected Co. Chairman for the second year. He was elected as the first Chairman of the Munster Council when that body was formed at a meeting in Mallow on June 30th.

The North Tipperary Board was formed at a meeting in the Nenagh Institute on June 30th. Mr. E. Keeshan of Roscrea was elected Chairman.

Archbishop Croke, the first patron of the G.A.A. died in July.

Tipperary beat Wexford in the 1899 All Ireland S.H. Final which was played on 24th March 1901, at Jones's Road, Dublin. Tipperary were represented by Moycarkey and Blackwater represented Wexford. The Moycarkey men won the day by 3-12 to 1-4 to bring championship honours to the premier county for the fifth time.

Tipperary:- Tim Condon (Captain); W. Gleeson, Joe O'Keefe, J. Gleeson, R. O'Keefe, D. Walsh, Jas O'Keefe, J. Walsh, M. Maher, M. Wall, J. Ryan, J. Flanagan, P. Byrne, W. Dunne, B. Gleeson, J. Maher, T. Ryan.

80 YEARS AGO — 1911

Thurles Blues defeated Toomevara in the County S.H. Final by 4-5 to 1-0 at Cashel.

Tipperary represented by a Two-Mile-Borris selection won the Cuffe Shield Tournament which was organised in aid of the Irish College in Ring, Co. Waterford. With victories over Limerick and Kilkenny the premier county hurlers qualified for the final. The trophy was won, with an easy victory over Wexford, by 7-2 to 2-1.

The Munster J.H. title was captured at the expense of Limerick. In the final which was not played until June 16th 1912 Tipperary had fourteen points to spare over Limerick Tipperary 6-4 Limerick 2-2. The following team represented Tipperary in the final which was played in Waterford.

Tipperary:- J.M. Kennedy (Captain); Paddy Devitt, Paddy English, Jack Hammonds, Willie Smee, Phil Leahy, John Leahy, Ned Gilmartin, Tom Hockler, Andy Callanan, "Wedger" Meagher, Tim Dwyer, Ned McGrath, Jack Kennedy, Jack Ryan, Joe Fitzpatrick, Jimmy Murphy.

The famous S.H. team of 1887 that took the first All Ireland ever played were presented with their medals and photographed also.

William Duane of Clonmel was elected South Board Chairman at the Annual Convention, held in Clonmel on February 5th.

The County Convention was held in

the Confraternity Hall, Thurles on February 12th.

Nenagh defeated Templetuby in the County S.F. Final by 2-3 to 0-0.

Tipperary O'Learys won the South S.F. Championship and the hurling honours went to St. Ailbe's of Curly.

70 YEARS AGO — 1921

There was little or no activity in the county due to the political situation which became more serious every year since 1916. The War of Independence and the Civil War were more on the minds of the people than sporting issues.

A meeting of the County Board decided not to hold any championships. The country was under Martial Law which caused disruption in the lines of the people. Several members and supporters of the association were arrested, or on the run.

The struggle for freedom, was more important to the people of that time, than the struggle, for championship honours.

Bob Mockler of the Horse and Jockey who was playing for Dublin, captained his adopted county in the All Ireland final which was not played until 1923, with victory going to Limerick.

The Annual Congress which was held in Dublin, on March 27th was a very low affair. The attendance was down considerably on other years. The business was kept to a minimum.

On Sunday morning, November 21st, 1921, fourteen members of the British Secret Service were killed in Dublin. The Crown Forces decided to take reprisals. The football match at Croke Park that afternoon was the target.

Dublin and Tipperary lined out in a Senior Challenge game with about 10,000 spectators present. After about 10 minutes of play and without any warning British soldiers fired machine gun and rifle bursts into the crowd. When silence befell our National Stadium fourteen lay dead and over sixty more were wounded.

Tipperary footballer Mick Hogan of Grangemockler was cut down wearing his county colours, near Hill Sixteen.

The Tipperary team was:- Frank "Scout" Butler, Ned O'Shea (Captain), Gus McCarthy (Fethard);

Jerry Shelly, Mick Hogan, Mich Tobin (Grangemockler), Jim Egan, Bill Barrett, Jack Kickham, Jim Doran (Mullinahone), Tommy Ryan (Castlegrace), Bill Ryan (Castleiney), Jim Ryan (Templemore), Jim McNamara (Cahir), Tommy Powell (Clonmel).

The following are the names and addresses of the thirteen people who were killed in Croke Park on Bloody Sunday or died of wounds within the following weeks:

BOYLE, Jane, 12 Lennox Street, Dublin.
BURKE, James, Greenland Terrace, Windy Arbour, Dundrum, Co. Dublin.
CARROLL, Daniel, Ballincara House, Templeberry, Co. Tipperary.
FEENEY, Michael, Smith's Cottages, Gardiner's Place, Dublin.
HOGAN, Michael, Grangemockler, Co. Tipperary.
MATHEWS, James, 42 North Cumberland St., Dublin.
O'DOWD, J., Buckingham St., Dublin.
OLEARY, Jeremiah, 69 Blessington St., Dublin.
ROBINSON, William, 15 Little Britain St., Dublin.
RYAN, Thomas, Viking Road, Dublin.
SCOTT, John W., 15 Fitzroy Ave., Drumcondra, Dublin.
TEEHAN, James, Green Street, Dublin.
TRAYNOR, J., Clondalkin, Co. Dublin.

60 YEARS AGO — 1931

The Premier County hurlers under the great Martin Kennedys leadership travelled to the U.S.A. Several games were played on the tour and Tipperary were unbeaten. The beautiful Mayor Walker Cup was also won during the American trip. A game in San Francisco which Tipperary beat their hosts by 7-5 to 5-4 was played under floodlights.

Kilsheelan won the South S.F. Championship at Clonmel when they defeated Ardfinnan by 1-1 to 1-0. Bob Redmond of Clonmel was the referee.

Kilsheelan:- M. Strappe, J. Kehoe, P. Larkin, W. Larkin, J. Hunt, J. Commins, J. Lonergan, T. O'Keeffe, J. O'Keeffe, M. Morrissey, M. Lonergan, M. Kehoe, E. Butler, J. Dunne, J. Fleming.

The Dr. Harty Cup was won by Rockwell College for the 5th time. They defeated Doon C.B.S. (Limerick) by 6-2 to 1-1 in the final at Mitchelstown, on April 26th.

Moycarkey /Borris won the Mid Tipperary S.H. title in convincing fashion with a score of 8-3 to 1-3 over Thurles Sarsfields.

Munster beat Connacht by 10-9 to 1-2 in the Railway Cup Hurling semi-final. They accounted for Leinster in the final by 1-12 to 2-6. The following Tipperary players were in the victorious panel :- T.O'Meara, P. Purcell, P. Cahill, T. Treacy, M. Kennedy, J. Gleeson and T. Leahy.

The provincial footballers made in a splendid double with victories over Connacht by 4-5 to 1-7 and 2-2 to 0-6 over Leinster in the final — Tommy O'Keeffe brought a football medal to the Premier County.

50 YEARS AGO — 1941

Tipperary won the Munster S.H. title, but Cork won the All Ireland. Due to an outbreak of Foot and Mouth disease in the county, Tipperary were prevented from playing their game against Cork, in Limerick. The Limerick people were afraid that the infection would be spread

by the crowd travelling to the game. Many sporting fixtures were cancelled. Cork were nominated to represent the province in the All Ireland series and they duly won the title.

A delayed Munster final was played on 26th October at Limerick. Tipperary surprised the All Ireland champions and won by 5-4 to 2-5.

The County Convention was held in Nenagh on 2nd February.

David Meagher of Ardfinnan was elected South Board Chairman at the Divisional Convention which was held in Clonmel on January 18th.

Eire Og Annacarty won the West S.H. Championship at Sean Treacy Park, Tipperary, on 19th October, when they beat Golden by 4-4 to 3-6.

Arravale Rovers beat Mullinahone in the South S.F. Final, at Clonmel on December 7th, by 2-6 to 1-1.

William O'Donnell of Golden was the referee for the All Ireland S.H. final between Cork and Dublin, at Croke Park, on September 28th.

Tom Cahill, a member of the famous Mullinahone footballing family won a Cavan County Senior football medal in the Slashers colours.

Three natives of the Kilcommon Parish, Phil Devitt, Dan Ryan and Tommy Ryan won Dublin County Senior hurling medals with the famous Faughs Club.

Boherlahan lined out in the County S.H. final at Thurles on 30th November and took the title with a narrow victory over Eire Og, 2-2 to 0-6.

40 YEARS AGO — 1951

Two famous personalities were called to their eternal reward during the year. T.F. Kiely world athletic champion and G.A.A. player James O'Brien the famous Thurles Blues goalie who was known to one and all as the "Hawk".

Thurles C.B.S. recorded a great victory over Sullivan's Quay (Cork) in the Dr. Harty Cup final, at Kilmallock, on March 4th by 3-5 to 1-3. This was the fifth victory for Thurles in the famous schools hurling competitions. They were also victorious the previous year.

Tipperary Junior hurlers captured the Munster title with victories over Cork and Clare. In the final at Kilmallock on July 22nd they beat Limerick by 4-8 to 3-2 to record their tenth title in the grade.

The Seniors made it a Munster double with victories over Waterford by 2-10 to 1-10, Limerick 3-8 to 1-6.

On July 29th Cork and Tipperary lined out in the Limerick Gaelic Grounds for the provincial decider. In typical Cork-Tipp style the game was memorable for the forty two thousand lucky enough to be there. Tipperary without the injured Sean Kenny were 0-9 to 1-4 in front at half time, after a thrilling first half.

Tipperary quelled the Cork Rally and held out by 2-11 to 2-9 for another sweet Munster Final victory.

Leinster champions Wexford provided the opposition in the All Ireland final at Croke Park on September 2nd.

Wexford started well and opened up a five point lead but a more experienced Tipp team were in front by 3-6 to 2-6 at half time. A much fitter Tipperary pulled away and the Liam McCarthy Cup was on its way to Liberty Square for the third year in succession. Final score Tipperary 7-7, Wexford 3-9.

Tipperary:- Tony Reddan, Mickey Byrne, Tony Brennan, John Doyle, Jimmy Finn, Pat Stakelum, Tommy Doyle, John Hough, Phil Shanahan, Ed Ryan, Mick Ryan, Tim Ryan, Paddy Kenny, Sonny Maher, Seamus Bannon. Sub:- Sean Kenny.

30 YEARS AGO — 1961

Newport won the North Minor Hurling Championship with an easy victory over Borris-Leigh by 5-11 to 2-4.

Liam Devaney who gave many great displays in the blue and gold was selected for the Hurler Of The Year Award, by the Texaco Committee. The Borris-Leigh man was also presented with the Tipperary Sports Star Hurling Award.

Tipperary beat Wexford in a replay of the Oireachtas Cup Final by 2-13 to 3-4. The first game ended at 3-6 to 2-9.

Michael "Babs" Keating was the choice for the Tipperary Sports Star Footballer of the year award. Ardfinnan won the South S.F. title and South and County M.F. Championships. Ballybacon/Grange captured the South U21(H) Cup. "Babs" also won his second successive Munster Minor Hurling Medal.

Tipperary took N.H.L. honours at the expense of Waterford on May 7th at Croke Park. Three points separated the teams, with the title going to Tipperary, for the tenth time, by 6-6 to 4-9.

On June 25th at Thurles, Tipperary beat Cork in the inaugural Munster Intermediate Hurling final. After a great game of hurling Tipp edged out their old rivals by 3-10 to 2-12.

Wexford won the All Ireland (Home) final after a replay with Tipperary by 4-11 to 3-9.

A gallant Dublin team, made Tipperary battle all the way, at Croke Park, on September 3rd before Matt Hassett collected the Liam McCarthy Cup.

Great displays from Tony Wall and Liam Devaney kept the Tipp men in the hunt for honours. A very unlucky Dublin team just failed at the final whistle by 0-16 to 1-12. A scoreline that was too uncomfortable for the Tipp people in the 68,000 crowd.

Tipperary:- Donal O'Brien, Matt Hassett (Capt), Ml. Maher, Kieran Carey, Mick Burns, Tony Wall, John Doyle, Matt O'Gara, Theo English, Jimmy Doyle, Liam Devaney, Donie Nealon, John "Mackey" McKenna, Willie Moloughney, Tom Moloughney. Subs: T. Ryan, J. Hough, S. McLoughlin. Dublin won the Camogie title when they defeated Munster Champions Tipperary by 7-2 to 4-1.

20 YEARS AGO — 1971

The Annual County Convention was held in Thurles on January 31st.

The most famous rule in G.A.A. history — Rule 27, which prevented G.A.A. members from playing, or attending Soccer, Rugby, Hockey or Cricket games, was removed from the rule book, as well as Rule 28, which ensured that Rule 27 was fully implemented, by the vigilance committee. Mr. Pat Fanning President of the Association presided over the Annual Congress at Queens University Belfast, on 11th April where that historic decision was taken.

Michael "Babs" Keating led a gallant bunch of senior footballers to win Division 11 of the N.F.L. Tipperary held out, against a very determined Waterford fifteen, at Clonmel, on May 16th in the final game by 0-10 to 1-6. The film clip of Keatings punched point was shown on R.T.E. sports programmes many times.

Tipperary:- J. O'Donoghue, J. Harney, E. Webster, M. McCormack, D. Fitzgerald, D. O'Gorman, P. O'Donoghue, D. Burke, S. Kearney, P. Blythe, M. Keating, P. O'Connell, J. Cummins, D. Strang, C. McElwee, P. Moroney, L. Myles, K. McGrath, J. O'Connell, P. Condon, J. Ryan.

On September 19th, at Kilkenny, the Premier County hurlers added another All Ireland title to the county's list. The Intermediate championship was won with a 3-16 to 3-13 victory over Wicklow.

Tipperary:- W. Barneville, J. Dunlea, P. Kennedy, G. Keogh, D. Crowe, P. Quinlan, B. Teehan, O. Quinn, J.P. McDonnell, S. Power, J. Noonan, M. Brennan, E. Butler, P. Lowry, J. Barry.

A record tally of 2-11, from Eddie Keher, in the All Ireland S.H. final at Croke Park, on September 5th, was not enough to take the title to Kilkenny. Tipperary led by 2-10 to 2-4 at half time and emerged as champions after eighty minutes of hurling by 5-17 to 5-14. A

great display from "Babs" Keating, who hurled in his bare feet, for some of the game, and contributed seven points, will be remembered by Tipp fans, for many a long day.

Tipperary:- Peter O'Sullivan, Liam King, John Kelly, John Gleeson, Tadgh O'Connor Mick Roche, Len Gaynor, P.J. Ryan, Seamus Hogan, Francis Loughnane, Noel O'Dwyer, Dinny Ryan, John Flanagan, Roger Ryan, Ml. "Babs" Keating.

Subs:- Jimmy Doyle, Paul Byrne.

Michael "Babs" Keating rounded off a good year when he was selected by the Tipperary Sports Panel as the Hurler and the Footballer of the year in the county.

Four Tipperary hurlers were selected on the inaugural Bank of Ireland All-Stars team. Tadgh O'Connor at right half back. Mick Roche as centre back, Francis Loughnane at No. 10, and Michael Keating in the No. 11 jersey.

"Babs" was the choice made by the Texaco Committee as Hurler of the Year.

Féile na nGael, that great festival of Irish Youth was held in Thurles for the first time. Portroe beat Knockavilla Kickhams 1-2 to 1-1 in the Section D final.

Paddy Hickey brought the All Ireland Senior Handball title in the Singles Hardball grade to the county.

10 YEARS AGO — 1981

The County Convention was held in Nenagh on January 25th.

On August 16th at Kilsheelan, St. Mary's (Clonmel) became South Hurling Champions, for the first time in their history. Led by former Limerick player Mossy Carroll they edged out Carrick Swan by 1-14 to 1-12.

A great display from Noel O'Dwyer, helped Borris-Ileigh to the County Senior Hurling Championship, played in

Thurles on October 25th. The winners confirmed their North Final form over opponents, Roscrea by 1-14 to 0-12.

Pat Fox received the Tipperary Sports Star Award for hurling.

Seamus McCarthy of Galtee Rovers was named as the Tipperary Sports Star in the football section.

The U21 Hurlers, commenced their year, with a first round victory over Kerry, and earned a semi-final place, by 5-17 to 1-1. A total of 6-14 to 1-3 for Waterford, put them into a fourth successive Munster clash with Cork.

The Munster final was played at Thurles, on July 15th, and the crown was defended successful, with Tipp scoring 1-15, to 0-10 for Cork.

For the second year running, it was a Kilkenny, Tipperary clash at the same venue, Waterford.

The three in a row was achieved in great style, defending champions, Tipperary, had nine points to spare, winning by 2-16 to 1-10 for Kilkenny.

Tipperary:- J. Farrell, M. Ryan, P. Brennan, P. Fox, I. Conroy, J. McIntyre, P. McGrath, P. Kennedy, A. Kinsella, N. English, B. Ryan, M. McGrath, G. O'Neill, D. O'Connell, A. Buckley.

Tipperary Footballer, Harry Mulhaire, was a member of the successful Munster Railway Cup panel, in the 3-10 to 1-9 victory, over Connacht.

Munster won the Railway Cup hurling title, with a 5-13 to 1-8 victory over Connacht, in the semi-final.

They then accounted for Leinster, in the final, by ten points, scoring 2-16 to 2-6. Pat McLoughney played in goal and Tadgh O'Connor played in the left corner back spot. Paddy Williams was in the panel.

Ciarán Mac Nioclás, Roscrea, accepts his McNamee Award from G.A.A. President John Dowling following his success in the "Best Club Notes" section of the competition.



County Bord na nÓg Review, 1990

by JAMES GLEESON, Secretary

There was no doubt but that 1990 was a tremendous year for juvenile games in the county. Féile na nGael was coming back to Tipperary after an absence of nineteen years and, fittingly enough, it returned in the year following Tipperary's magnificent All-Ireland senior hurling title for the first time since 1971.

THE atmosphere and excitement generated by Féile was much reflected in the playing of our championships. Interest and enthusiasm in the juvenile games brought the crowds back to see our county semi-finals and finals.

Kilruane continued their success of 1989 with another Rural hurling title plus some hectic encounters against Durlas Óg. Roscrea are back in the big-time after a magnificent Under-12 hurling final victory. Two town teams, Durlas Óg and Éire Óg Nenagh in all accounted for five titles. The Rural football title went to Loughmore who along with Mullinahone and Cappawhite brought unbelievable levels of excitement to the Juvenile scene.

U-12 FOOTBALL

Éire Óg Nenagh got through to their first county final at the grade since 1984 after a relatively easy win over Durlas Óg by 5-3 to 3-2. Kingpins from the South, Clonmel Commercials, had to play Arravale Rovers twice before booking their final place. That final was played in Drombane before a small crowd. The lads from the North put in a spirited performance and emerged victorious by 2-3 to 0-2.

U-12 HURLING

As in the football, two town teams contested the hurling final as well. Roscrea overcame South champions Cahir by 2-4 to 1-1 in one semi-final. Durlas Óg had the same level of victory over Knockavilla Kickhams by 3-2 to 1-2 in the other semi-final. In a thrilling final played in Semple Stadium before a large attendance, the strength and skill of the Roscrea lads brought them victory at this level for the first time.

U-14 Urban/Rural hurling 1989 champions Durlas Óg got a dreadful fright from St. Mary's, Clonmel, before emerging victorious in the first semi-final. Kilruane had a facile win over Knockavilla Kickhams in the other semi-final. The final, which drew the biggest crowd of the juvenile calendar this year, promised much but, sadly, never sparked. Kilruane were strangely subdued and only put up token resistance to an excellent Durlas Óg side.

U-14 RURAL HURLING

In 1983 it took three pulsating games to separate Toomevara and Knockavilla

Kickhams. The following year it took three excellent games to separate Éire Óg and Knockavilla again in under-12 hurling. In 1990 we witnessed three epic encounters between the young hurlers of Mullinahone and Cappawhite to see who would contest the county Rural final.

Cappawhite just shaded the third game. Meanwhile, Kilruane had a runaway victory over Loughmore in the other semi-final. Sadly, the final did not live up to expectations. The boys from the West had no answer to Kilruane's skill, strength and speed.

TURAS NA nÓG

The winners of the county Rural and Urban/Rural championships play off each year for a free trip and match tickets to the All-Ireland finals in Croke Park. It alternates between hurling and football from one year to the next.

Kilruane came up against Durlas Óg for the third time in a major game this year. Remember, Durlas had beaten Kilruane in the Division I final of Féile na nGael and in the Urban/Rural championship final. It turned out to be an exciting, well-contested game with both sets of players giving it their all. In the end the Thurles lads shaded it by just one point.

U-14 URBAN/RURAL FOOTBALL

Durlas Óg overcame West champions Galtee Rovers by 3-8 to 0-5 in one semi-final. Ardfinnan had a relatively easy win over Newport in the other.

The final between Durlas and Ardfinnan was a repeat of their clash two years ago in an under-12 semi-final which Ardfinnan won. However, the honours this year would go to Durlas Óg who have now won the Under-14 double for the second year in a row.

FÉILE NA nÓG

Loughmore Castleiney triumphed over Newport in one semi-final played in Templederry. Ardfinnan had a 1-8 to 1-1 victory over Galtee Rovers in the other semi-final.

The final was a keenly contested affair with the Mid lads shading matters by just one point. It was nice to see Loughmore back again in contention at county juvenile level.

U-16 HURLING

Éire Óg Nenagh accounted for Knockavilla Kickhams in one semi-final in

the Ragg. Holycross had a 3-12 to 2-5 victory over St. Mary's, Clonmel, in the other semi-final.

Holycross fought bravely but were unable to overcome the power and skill of a well balance Éire Óg side.

U-16 HURLING 'B'

This was the second year in which the Under-16 hurling championship has gone to county level. Burgess had to fight very hard to overcome Éire Ó Templemore in one semi-final. Likewise, West champions Clonoulty-Rossmore had to pull out all the stops to overcome a game Ballingarry side in the other semi-final.

The final was played in Semple Stadium where Clonoulty never play to their true potential and were comprehensively beaten by a very fit and eager Burgess side.

U-16 FOOTBALL

Holycross had Éire Óg rattled for much of the semi-final in Borrisoleigh before the craft and determination of the Nenagh saws saw them through to their second U-16 county final appearance. Clonmel Commercials defeated Arravale Rovers by 3-8 to 1-11 in the other semi-final.

The final turned out to be an exciting see-saw battle with both sides looking like attaining victory at different times of the game. In the end Éire Óg had that bit more in reserve and added the football trophy to the under-16 hurling title.

U-16 FOOTBALL 'B'

North champions Ballina defeated Fr. Sheehy's Clogheen by 3-5 to 1-3 in one semi-final. Galtee Rovers had a comprehensive 3-8 to 1-3 victory over Loughmore in the other.

The final took place in the Ragg in conjunction with the 'A' final. It turned out to be a closely contested encounter with Ballina shading matters by a mere three points.

PEADAR CUMMINS TOURNAMENT

The Under-14 Inter-Divisional Tournament in memory of the late Peadar Cummins of Borrisoleigh was brought forward to the second Saturday in July this year. Mid had a rare and thrilling victory over North (who were undefeated in the tournament up till this year) in one semi-final. West overcame South after extra time in the second semi-final.

The final, played on the same day, saw

Mid notch up a comprehensive victory over West. Our thanks to the Borris Ileigh Juvenile Club for continued sponsorship.

GARDA CUP

The U-16 inter-divisional hurling tournament was sensibly played in the Spring this year. North had a clear-cut victory by 3-13 to 0-7 over West in one semi-final. South had a one-point victory over Mid in the other.

North defeated South by 2-8 to 1-2 in the final which was played in Semple Stadium. Our gratitude to the Tipperary Garda Association for continued sponsorship.

FOOTBALL CUP

The U-16 inter-divisional football tournament semi-finals were held in Holycross on Saturday, 19th May. North easily accounted for Mid while West had two points to spare over South. West had a thrilling 1-8 to 1-7 victory over North a week later.

LONG PUCK

The county Long Puck final was held before the Tipperary — Galway game at the official opening of the Ragg Field in May. Gerard Flanagan, Boherlahan, was first, followed by Mark O'Shea, Aherlow; Raymond Hackett, Toomevara, and Paul Mullins, St. Mary's, Clonmel. Ger went on to win the Munster long puck final.

FÉILE SKILLS

Each Division had two representatives in the county final of the Féils skills competition this year. Gerard Flanagan, Boherlahan, emerged victorious with Donal Leahy, Lattin-Cullen in second place. Thomas Dunphy, St. Mary's, Clonmel, represented Tipperary in the All-Ireland skills final later in the week.

FÉILE NA nÓG

Clonmel Óg represented Tipperary in the All-Ireland Féile na nÓg U-14 football finals in Galway this year. Although not winning major honours, they did themselves and their county proud.



Co. Bord na nÓg officers 1990 (l-r): James Gleeson, Secretary; Donal Shanahan, Chairman; Paddy Nagle, Treasurer.

FÉILE NA nGAEL

As mentioned already, Féile na nGael returned to Tipperary after an absence of nineteen years. Tipperary hurling proved to be a match for the rest with three of the five divisional titles coming to the Premier County. Durlas Óg, Loughmore/Castleiney and Fr. Sheehy's, Clogheen, being the lucky ones.

TONY FORRISTAL TOURNAMENT

Tipperary took part in the Tony Forristal U-14 inter-county tournament sponsored by Waterford Glass. They were grouped with Dublin, Cork and Clare. They had an easy victory over Dublin while going down narrowly to Cork and Clare (the eventual winners). Out thanks to selectors Nicholas Lonergan, Jim Lynch, Tom Gleeson and Paudie Butler for their hard work and dedication in preparing the team.

MUNSTER U-16 HURLING

All four divisions took part in the

Munster under-16 hurling championship. All teams gave a good account of themselves with North winning out for the second year in a row.

FUND-RAISING

County Bord na nÓg are once again involved in promoting the County Board Draws, though our units are down to 21. We held a bucket collection on Munster Final day which realised £1,200. We also organised a table quiz which realised £150.

A word of thanks to all our supporters who helped out with these ventures. Thanks, too, to the Allied Irish Bank who gave us sponsorship towards the running of our championships. Also to Nenagh Co-op Creamery, the County Senior Board and Munster Council for their continued financial support.

CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion, I would like to thank my fellow officers and Board members for their hard work, dedication and co-operation over the year. A word of thanks to the various park committees for allowing us the use of their fields. Thanks too to the referees and their linesmen and umpires for officiating at our games. A word of thanks to the many supporters who came to the games this year.

We are indebted to the club officers, trainers and selectors for preparing and looking after the young players. Finally, our sincere gratitude to the players themselves who continue to play Gaelic games and provide us with atmosphere, excitement and good healthy competition.

NENAGH CO-OP TOURNAMENT

Tipp Bord na nÓg, with financial support from Nenagh Co-op Creamery, once again organised an under-16 inter-county hurling tournament. Eight teams took part including two teams from Tipperary. After the preliminary rounds and semi-finals Galway and Tipperary reached the final. Tipp. won their third title in a row.



Gerard Flanagan, Boherlahan, receives his trophy from Archbishop D. Clifford, following his victory in the Munster Poc Fada competition.

Rockwell coaching scheme

THE U-16 hurling coaching course organised by county Bord na nÓg in conjunction with the county senior board began on Friday night, July 27th when close on eighty players from all over the county assembled at the spacious grounds of Rockwell college, Cashel, for a weekend of hurling, gym work, basketball, tennis and swimming.

The course, organised and efficiently run by Board secretary James Gleeson and co-ordinator, Bro. Cahill, had as chief coach, Joe McGrath. Joe is recognised as one of the best coaches in the country and he was ably assisted by Donie Nealon, Ken Hogan, Phil Lowry, Danny Morrissey who worked non-stop throughout Saturday. Also on Sunday he had the help of county coaches, local man, Jim O'Donnell and Loughmore's Jack Walsh.

The weekend started on Friday night at 7 p.m. with the registration of all players. This was followed by the official opening by Con Hogan, chairman of the South Board, a man who has a great interest in the youth of the county and can be relied on at all times to help at juvenile level as was shown by his excellent work during Féile na nGael.

This was followed by a very interesting talk by chief coach, Joe McGrath, who stressed the importance of peak fitness, both physical and mental, in order to achieve peak performance. He spoke of the spirit and determination required and also the amount of time and effort players have to put into training which might not always be rewarded.

The players were also addressed by course co-ordinator, Bro. Cahill, a former trainer with Wexford teams and by James Gleeson, Board secretary, who welcomed everyone and asked for full commitment from everyone in attendance.

Gerry Flynn on behalf of Rockwell college welcomed everyone and hoped they would have a very happy and fruitful weekend.

After this lecture it was down to business with all players tagging out and reporting to the gym where Tony Slattery, P.E. teacher in Nenagh C.B.S., and former wearer of the blue and gold at underage level, put the players through an hour of various exercises. One had to admire Tony's enthusiasm and professional approach as he explained in detail each exercise, the need for each exercise and what results can be achieved.

After this everyone headed for a most welcome dip in the College's spacious swimming pool and this brought activities to an end for Friday.

On Saturday morning all players were out on the playing pitches bright and early. They were divided into four groups

(20 in each group) with a coach in charge who put them through the various skills of the game. This went on throughout the day and ended with two games. In these games Phil Lowry's team got the better of Ken Hogan's with Joe McGrath's team coming from behind to draw level with Danny Morrissey's team. The result of this game was to be decided at 10.00 on Sunday morning with a shoot-out, world-cup style, each team taking five frees from various angles and distances.

The referees for those two exciting games was Dick Buckley who was warned after the game that he will have to shed a few pounds before next year's course and Joe McGrath's favourite, Sammy Ryan.

After tea on Saturday night the assembly was addressed by chairman of the county board, Noel Morris, who thanked everyone involved in organising the course, the coaches and also board members who gave of their weekend to look after the juveniles of the county. Noel during his term of office has been a great source of help and encouragement to Bord na nÓg and he deeply appreciates the work being done. He clearly recognises the need for this type of course and hopes to see many of those who attended both this and last year's course leading by example both at club and county level.

This address was followed with a lecture by Joe McGrath who in a very informative address went through each position on the field and explained to a very attentive audience what was required by each player in each position and also their role in backing up the next player.

After this there was a session in the pool followed by a film after which all retired weary, but I'm sure, much the wiser.

On Sunday it was up bright and early with all attending Mass in the College Chapel. All were togged out and on the playing pitches by 10.00 a.m. for the shoot-out between Joe McGrath's and Danny Morrissey's teams. This took the form of '65' metre frees which went to a sudden death play-off with Liam McGrath

of Emly shooting the winner for Danny Morrissey's team.

At this stage our chief coach, Joe McGrath, had to leave but the boys were in capable hands with four coaches putting them through their paces up to 12.00 noon.

After a clean-up it was down to the lecture room to be addressed by our best known referee, John Moloney. He explained to the boys the role of the referee, what the referee expected from the players and also what players expected from the referee. John, who is very strong on discipline explained to the boys that discipline is required at all times and cited as an example our county teams saying that if players are to enjoy themselves playing the game it will have to be played in the same way as those Tipp teams.

This very informative talk was followed by lunch after which the boys returned to the playing pitches for another series of mini-matches. After those games Con Hogan, chairman of the South Board was again on hand, to close a wonderful weekend's coaching. He again thanked everyone connected with the course: Joe McGrath and his wonderful team of coaches; Bro. Cahill for co-ordinating the weekend; James Gleeson on his organisational abilities; to the Board members who gave of their weekend to help at the course and supervise, namely, Jim Quinn (St. Mary's), Paddy Nagle (treasurer of county Bord na nÓg), Jim Lynch (chairman of South Bord na nÓg), Dick Buckley (Killea), Richard Barry (Cappawhite), Jimmy Murray (Ballingarry), Sammy Ryan (chairman West Bord na nÓg), Tommy Kelly (secretary West Bord na nÓg). He also paid thanks to John Moloney for his work with juveniles. He also thanked Rockwell College staff, namely, Gerry Flynn and Cahir footballer, Hugh O'Donoghue, for looking after everyone over the weekend.

Finally at approximately 5 p.m. the course finished with everyone going home happy in the knowledge of a job well done.



FOOTBALL STARS OF THE FUTURE

Prizes presented to boys after the County Football Final recently (l. - r.): John McNamara (Secretary, Commercial Football Club); Connie Power (Top Scorer 1990); Donncha Fahey (Footballer of the Year); Niall Wall (Man of the Match); John Kerins (Commercial Football Club); Br. Joe Ryan (Teacher and Coach).

Tony Forristal Tournament 1990

JIM LYNCH

EVERY year come August, our top U-14 hurlers in the county look forward to the Tony Forristal Hurling Tournament in Waterford. This great tournament, organised by Waterford Glass G.A.A. Club, continues to grow in stature every year, and with 17 county teams participating this year it has now become more or less an All-Ireland competition. It is, in fact, the only competition of its kind in existence.

Just to remind readers of how this tournament came about. Back in 1981 Tony Forristal, a worker in Waterford Glass and a very active member of Waterford Glass G.A.A. club, was tragically killed in a road traffic accident while travelling home after a match with the Waterford U-21 hurling team. Out of this tragedy was born the Tony Forristal Tournament, organized by Tony's colleagues at Waterford Glass G.A.A. club in memory to him.

Tipperary are the only county to have won this tournament on three occasions — in 1983, 1987 and 1988. The tournament is run on a league format with each county playing three matches on Saturday, the top team going on to contest the final on Sunday. This year Tipperary were grouped with Clare, Cork and Dublin. All games were played at Walsh Park and our hosts were the famed Mount Sion club.

Preparation for this tournament starts in our county around the middle of June with each Division holding trials. The best from each Division then goes forward for a county trial — from which the best 21 are chosen to represent our county in Waterford. The county selectors are — North: Tom Gleeson of Portroe, Mid: Paudie Butler of Drom and Inch (Paudie also acts as coach), West: Nicholas Loneragan of Sologhead and yours truly represents the south.

The selectors spared no effort in endeavouring to pick the best player to represent us in Waterford. With Féile na nGael returning to this county in 1990 our U-14's had a very busy few weeks. With both Féile and our championships the selectors had a great opportunity of viewing players in the thick of action. However, this year the play-offs of our county championship were delayed a little and this unfortunately hindered our preparation.

We played two challenge games, one against the Limerick Forristal team and the other against Drom and Inch U-16 team. After the Drom game we finalised our panel and these are the players who represented us in Waterford in 1990.

Michael Haverty, Sean Sheppard (Kilruane); Ky Vaughan, Jimmy Clarke (Mullinahone); Colm Heaney (Rockwell Rovers); Brian Horgan, Aidan Murphy

(Knockavilla); Ger Flanagan, Michael Ferncombe (Boherlahan); John Enright, Jimmy Darcy, David O'Riordan, Matty Dowd, Daithi Dunne (Durlas Óg); Tom Moylan (Newport); Noel Ryan (Holycross); Seamus Meagher (Borrisoleigh); David Kennedy (Loughmore), Noel Hogan (Lorrha), Tom Conroy (Éire Óg Nenagh) and John Gleeson (Portroe).

On Saturday, 25th August, it was a happy and confident Tipperary party that left for Waterford. We knew our first game against Clare was going to be a tough one particularly as news had reached us that Clare had put in good preparation for this tournament.

The day was fine and very warm and the surface of the pitch was rock hard as the sunny South-East had not seen rain for weeks beforehand. We started extremely well against Clare and we were unlucky not to have had two goals in the first five minutes. But as often happens, Clare went down-field and got a few scores on the board. Tipp's cause was not helped with an injury to wing-back Michael Ferncombe but some great play by Ky Vaughan at full-back and Noel Hogan at wing-back kept the Clare attack in check.

Brian Horgan and David O'Riordan thundered into the game at midfield and they made sure the Tipp forwards had a plentiful supply of ball. Great play by Ger Flanagan, Noel Ryan and in particular John Enright soon had Tipp back in the game. Play was swinging from end to end with some terrific passages of hurling. Tipp were dealt a hammer-blow just before the interval when Clare got through for a lucky goal.

The second-half saw Tipp play their best hurling. A switch between Tom Moylan and Jimmy Darcy benefited both and the introduction of Colm Heaney into the full-back line strengthened it considerably. Noel Ryan continued to hurl well and Daithi Dunne on the "40" was now seen at his best. Johnny Enright, whenever in possession, was creating

havoc and Seamus Meagher was making his size felt around the square.

Tipp were soon on level terms but try as they might they could not get their nose in front. With just a few minutes remaining Clare crept into a two-point lead. Tipp bombarded the Clare goal for the past few minutes but the Clare defence to their credit yielded nothing. After a terrific game of hurling Clare won on a score-line of 3-6 to 3-4.

Next on the agenda was a game against our great rivals, the boys of Cork. This game was fought with the same fervour as a Munster Hurling Final. John Gleeson was inspired in the goal and the full-back line of Haverty, Vaughan, Heaney were terrific throughout the game. Noel Hogan and Jimmy Darcy hurled well and Jimmy Clarke settled in well at wing-back.

Our forwards found the going tough against a very solid Cork sextet. Scores in this game were hard to come by. Johnny Enright, Daithi Dunne and Aidan Murphy tried their best but failed to break down the Cork defence. Despite our best efforts we went down by a point in this game on the scoreline of 1-5 to 0-7.

Our next game against Dublin was a tame enough affair with Tipperary very convincing winners. Ger Flanagan, Brian Horgan and Noel Ryan were terrific in this game. Tom Conroy, Tom Moylan and Sean Sheppard also caught the eye.

Clare, as we thought, qualified easily from our group for the final, which they duly won. They beat Kilkenny by six points and, indeed, the match against Tipperary was the hardest they got in the tournament.

All of our boys played in the tournament and I am sure it was a great experience for them. Their discipline both on and off the field was exemplary and they did our county proud. They were extremely disappointed in not winning this tournament as indeed were ourselves, as we knew that maybe just one further week of uninterrupted training would have won us this tournament. However, we must accept defeat as well as victory and we look forward with great optimism to next year.



Tipperary team and selectors which took part in the Tony Forristal Tournament 1990

Nenagh Co-Op Tournament

Under-16 Hurling by Frank Morris



TIPPERARY U-16 HURLING 1990 — NENAGH CO-OP. TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Front (l-r): Kieran O'Reilly (St. Mary's), David Burke (Holycross/Ballycahill), Thomas Dunne (Toomevara), Richard Doyle (Holycross/B'cahill), Ray Killeen (Erin's Hopes), Robert Tomlinson (Éire Óg) capt., Philip Shanahan (Toomevara), Frank McGrath (Éire Óg), Sean Kelly (Kildangan), Séamus Morrissey (Cashel). Back (l-r): Liam Phelan (St. Mary's), Mark Rabbitte (Borrisoleigh), Declan Keher (Dúrlas Óg), Kevin O'Sullivan (Arranvale Rovers), Tommy Hough (Erin's Hopes), Joey Brennan (Newport), Shay Killeen (Erin's Hopes), Brian Flannery (Kildangan), Liam McGrath (Burgess), Tomás Keane (Upperchurch Driombane), Paul Darcy (Borrisokane), Dermot English (Cappawhite). Missing from photograph: Mark O'Halloran (Carrick Swans), Terry Dunne (Toomevara).

THIS is the third year of the competition and has expanded to eight teams, Tipperary A & B, Waterford, Kerry, Clare, Limerick, Offaly and Galway.

The competition started on the October weekend when Tipperary 'A' started their campaign by defeating Limerick in a hard fought game by 2-6 to 1-7 at the Gaelic Grounds. Conditions were deplorable with incessant rain and hailstones falling during the second half. Mark O'Halloran sustained a fractured thumb during this game and took no further part in the competition.

Scorers: Joe Brennan (1-2), Tommy Hough (1-0), Kevin O'Sullivan (0-2), Robbie Tomlinson and Declan Keher (0-1 each).

On the Monday of that weekend we faced Clare at Nenagh, again in atrocious conditions. Tipperary had built up a commanding lead of 3-3 to 0-2 by half-time and never looked in any danger adding a further 1-3 in the second half to Clare's 1 point. This game was brightened on a dour day by the outstanding performance of the Tipp. half-back line of Tomás Keane, Philip Shanahan and Seamus Morrissey and the goal-scoring of Joey Brennan, Liam McGrath and Kevin O'Sullivan.

Scorers: Joe Brennan (2-0), Kevin O'Sullivan (1-2), Liam McGrath (1-1), Tommy Hough, Robbie Tomlinson and Brian Flannery (0-1 each).

Final score: Tipperary 4-6, Clare 0-4.

At this stage both Tipperary 'A' and Galway had qualified for the semi-final, but Galway were in favour of playing this round to decide who would top the group and who would be runners-up. Again Nenagh was the venue on Saturday, November 3rd. One major difference was that the sun shone during the game. Tipp. gave more players from the panel a "run" during this game, also seeing the return to the game of Tommy Dunne and Frank McGrath and the introduction of Ray Killeen at corner forward. This game showed the best of Sean Kelly, Robbie

Tomlinson and Declan Keher. As a result of this game Tipp. topped the group because of having a greater score total over the 3 games than Galway.

Scorers: Tommy Dunne (0-6), Ray Killeen (1-1), Declan Keher (0-2), Joey Brennan (0-1).

Final score: Tipperary 1-10, Galway 3-4.

The semi-final between Tipp. and Offaly took place in Moneygall and once Tipp. got going there was going to be only one result. In this game Shay Killeen, Richard Doyle, Philip Shanahan and Brian Flannery were excellent with Tomás Keane having an exceptional hour at right half-back. Brian Flannery and Declan Keher played well at centrefield. Tommy Dunne was again to the fore followed by Ray Killeen.

Scorers: Tommy Dunne (1-7), Ray Killeen (1-0), Joey Brennan (0-2), Robbie Tomlinson, Brian Flannery, Tommy Hough and Liam McGrath (0-1 each).

Final Score: Tipperary 2-13, Offaly 0-2.

The final took place in Nenagh on 20.11.1990 and Galway, having disposed of Waterford in the other semi-final by 2-17 to 3-3, faced Tipp. again. This time Tipp. were to full strength and, being very much aware of the threat to their grip on this competition, started like a whirlwind. Ray Killeen had the ball in the Galway net after approximately 20 seconds. Going from there, Tipp. built up an eight points lead at half-time. The question was, would this be enough facing Galway, the wind and the never far-away rain in the second half.

After about 15 minutes this was questionable as Galway had gone into a 1 point lead and their tails were up. The move of Tommy Dunne to midfield and the introduction of Tommy Hough at full-forward steadied the ship. On this occasion Shay Killeen, Sean Kelly, Mark Rabbitte and an outstanding performance by Richard Doyle helped by Philip Shanahan (though hampered by a nose injury), Brian Flannery and the performance of Tommy Dunne in his new

role at full-forward helped to bring this trophy to Tipp. for the third time in a row.

As a matter of interest, Tommy Dunne has been on the three winning teams.

Scorers: Tommy Dunne (0-5), Ray Killeen (1-2), Kevin O'Sullivan (1-0), Tommy Hough (1-0) and Brian Flannery (0-1).

Final score: Tipperary 3-8, Galway 2-8.

Each member of the panel contributed at some stage during the competition and the ability of players like Kieran O'Reilly, Liam Phelan, David Bourke, Dermot English and Paul Darcy were unfortunate that the talent available meant that they were unable to retain a permanent position on the team throughout the competition. Each of them played and the hope is that they have all gained experience which will help them in the future. One comment could be made that every game we played was not conducive to easy forward play but each player learned that every score gained in bad conditions requires total commitment of every forward on view in every game. The quality of the hurling and commitment of the players in the final would have done credit to a mid-summer game.

The team in the final was: Shay Killeen (Erin's Hope); Sean Kelly (Kildangan), Mark Rabbitte (Borrisoleigh), Richard Boyle (Holycross); Thomas Keane (Upperchurch), Philip Shanahan (Toomevara), Frank McGrath (Éire Óg Nenagh); Declan Keher (Dúrlas Óg), Brian Flannery (Kildangan); Robbie Tomlinson capt. (Éire Óg Nenagh); Liam McGrath (Burgess), Kevin O'Sullivan (Arrivale Rovers); Ray Killeen (Erin's Hope), Tommy Dunne (Toomevara), Joey Brennan (Newport).

Subs: Tommy Hough (Erin's Hope), Seamus Morrissey (Cashel), David Bourke (Holycross), Paul Darcy (Erin's Hope); Liam Phelan (St. Mary's Clonmel), Kieran O'Reilly (St. Mary's Clonmel), Dermot English (Cappawhite), Mark O'Halloran (Carrick Swans), Terry Dunne (Toomevara).

Selectors: John Ivers (Coach/Selector) (Templemore Éire Óg), Jimmy Quinn (St. Mary's Clonmel), Tommy Kelly (Knockavilla Kickhams), Jimmy Conroy (Éire Óg Nenagh), Frank Morris (Templemore Éire Óg).

Teaching the game I love

By KEN HOGAN

A BIG DECISION

IT'S a big decision for a person to decide to take a year off his or her chosen career to concentrate on a totally different profession which does not guarantee a permanent future as in travelling to the schools and clubs in Tipperary, coaching and promoting Gaelic games. For me the decision was taken with very little reluctance as I was brought up in a traditional Gaelic household, where hurling has always been an integral part of my life. To be given the opportunity to promote the game I love so much was the challenge I needed and I am grateful to An Garda Síochána for their co-operation and assistance in helping me achieve my goal.

A certain amount of preparatory work was undertaken so that my role as a coach was a successful one. I attended coaching courses organised in Rockwell and Thomond College by the Munster Council. These courses were very informative and gave me the confidence and expertise to go ahead with my own programme. Organisation and preparation are essential if you wish to be successful in any career.

AIMS

The aims of the Coaching Scheme, which was jointly set up by the Munster Council and the Tipperary County Board is to improve the standard and increase overall participation in Gaelic games. A county coaching committee was set up to monitor and control the scheme. The Tipperary County Board decided to fund two extra hurling coaches in addition to the hurling and football coaches which are being provided by the Munster Council.

As a coach I see my primary responsibility as promoting and making Gaelic games attractive in every school and club throughout the county. I always encourage sportsmanship, discipline and emphasise that skills alone will win out at the end of the day. Obviously if a young player wants to enjoy the game he must first of all master the basic skills.

To be a coach you must be enthusiastic and able to communicate as well as being a good organiser:

The scheme was introduced in October, 1989 in the post-primary schools. Principals and staff were most enthusiastic and some actually re-scheduled their timetables in order to facilitate the coaching sessions. As well as outdoor facilities, videos and indoor facilities were made available to me during times of inclement weather. From my experience over the past year, all schools are conscious of their responsibility to promote our national games. Teachers have been supportive in assuring that this



Ken Hogan in action v. Limerick.

scheme is a success. The promotion of Gaelic Games in schools still depends on the enthusiasm of the teachers. All schools promote the game by way of colourful and attractive materials which are produced in Croke Park. Obviously teachers are in an ideal position to influence our young people. The G.A.A. owe so much to their great work over the years.

Naturally with a scheme as intensive as this one, certain difficulties will be encountered. There is a huge area to cover in terms of coaching which includes co-ordinating coaching courses, travelling to clubs and schools, striving to improve presentation and establishing a core of coaches who will continue the work in our absence. We cannot do it all.

WORK MUST CONTINUE

Our work will be fruitless if it is not continued. To alleviate the problem, we are endeavouring to establish a core of coaches throughout the county.

Consequently a series of coaching courses were held in Tipperary. The courses were aimed at motivating potential coaches, providing them with basic coaching instruction and giving guidelines on how to conduct a training or coaching session. These courses were geared mainly towards primary and post primary teachers and juvenile team mentors.

Some people are of the view that there is too much underage competitions. Maybe "competition" is the key word. Youngsters will never have enough games and so obviously the team aspect must be introduced but the win at all costs attitude at this level should be avoided. Certainly there must be competition but emphasis must not be taken from mastering the skills and certainly not on winning medals only.

Overall there has been a very positive response from the children. Fortunately this county is on a high at present with the

success of our hurlers but long term the youngsters will only play the game if they are genuinely interested. It's my job to make the game attractive to them and to assist in whatever way possible in helping them to improve as players.

IMPROVED FACILITIES

Facilities are way better now than when I was going to school. This is a big help and makes it easier to make progress. If we promote the games as well as we can then, there is no fear of young people not wanting to play them. The G.A.A. must invest all they can afford in the younger generation. It will pay off in years to come. This scheme must be maintained as the results are already there for everybody to see. Munster Council have given the lead in this area and it is up to the other Councils to embark on similar schemes.

The money is well spent as it improves the welfare of those who will be the cornerstones of the Association in years to come. Some teams even at this level will stop at nothing in their lustful pursuit of victory. The primary emphasis should be placed on skill acquisition and it should be given priority over any other consideration.

Being a well known player is certainly a help but that also wears off as the youngsters get to know you better. They must trust you and have confidence in your ability to coach them and make them proficient at their sport. It takes an amount of hard work to be a successful coach. It has its frustrations and its highs and lows. As is the case in every job it's up to yourself. It comes down to how well you apply yourself and the level of enthusiasm you bring to the job.

SATISFACTION

At the end of the day though, there is great satisfaction in dealing with youngsters and getting the best out of them. It is only in years to come that one will see the hard work bearing fruition. I will always remember and appreciate the assistance I received when I was learning the game. If you believe in yourself and have the ability to relate with the younger generation, give it a shot, you will not regret it.

It would be inappropriate of me to give an account of my coaching experience without mentioning the County Coaching Committee led inspiringly by Chairman Tom Cullum and Secretary Denis Floyd, who gave me the opportunity of fulfilling my burning desire to teach the game I love. They were at all times supportive and helpful and we in this county are fortunate to have such able and competent men. Also my fellow county coaches Phil Lowry, Jim O'Donnell, Jackie Walsh whom I met each month to discuss our various ideas and problems. Long may their great work continue.

Coaching: The Way Forward

By DENIS FLOYD

COACHING has become an integral part of hurling and football activities in Tipperary over the past year or two. A major injection of finance and provision of coaching personnel have given the young people of the county the opportunity, heretofore unknown, to improve the quality of their game.

The FÁS Football Scheme and the work of the Munster Council/Co. Board coaches have put the spotlight on the importance of games development — further evidence of the G.A.A.'s change in policy from physical development of facilities to a realisation that our greatest asset, our games, must be promoted.

Tipperary has been to the forefront in such promotion and the fruits of the successful County Draw ensure that schools and clubs are provided with valuable assistance in the work for Gaelic games.

The four coaches employed under the Munster Council initiated scheme and operating under the jurisdiction of the County Board Coaching Committee, have now been working just over twelve months. Two of the original appointments (Jack Ceasar and Ken Hogan) have gone on to ply their trade in different fields, but Jack Walsh and Michael O'Dwyer have proved to be able replacements and along with Phil Lowry and Jim O'Donnell, they have been providing a valuable service to all units of the G.A.A. in the county.

The Post Primary Schools were first to benefit when the scheme commenced in October 1989, with all the 27 second-level institutions receiving regular coaching visits. The outstanding co-operation of teachers and management ensured a most productive and worthwhile input into a vital area, with 1st and 2nd Year pupils mainly participating and a number of school teams also receiving additional tuition.

From Easter to June the Primary Schools were the focus of attention. 138 schools participated — each receiving three visits — a limited input in reality, but a very fruitful one, with teachers and pupils involving themselves with admirable enthusiasm. For the summer months the coaches concentrated on the juvenile clubs with special attention given to weaker areas.

During the year also, a series of Coaching Initiation Courses were held throughout the county. These were aimed at introducing club and school mentors to the principles of coaching and equipping them with basic fundamentals to enable them to commence work with their own players.

In the second year of operation the same areas will be attended to: Secondary Schools from September to February, Primary Schools from March

to June and focus on the clubs during the holiday periods. This year, however, a major emphasis will be on building up a core of qualified coaches from among the many voluntary workers who give so much time to the young players at various levels. Active coaches in every club should be the ultimate aim of the current coaching scheme. To achieve this, however, it will be necessary to change the universal attitude to coaches and coaching.

MISCONCEPTIONS

To some, coaching is only for beginners. To juveniles, a coach is someone who "teaches us how to hurl". To many adult teams, a coach is someone who will guide them to championship success. While this attitude of winning exists, coaching in its true sense takes a back seat. In addition, the current multiplicity of competitions at under-age level leaves little time for formal coaching and the pressure to win takes the enjoyment out of the game.

Coaching, that is skill development, character formation and cultivation of proper attitudes, is the basic foundation without which a fully-rounded player cannot hope to mature. This process, if neglected at the elementary stage, can never be completely rectified. Preoccupation with competition militates against children becoming skilful players. Clubs must decide on their priorities: whether the short-term gain of a few victories is preferable to the slower process of moulding players for the future.

Participation is the key, with plenty of time for informal practice and friendly matches and no undue pressure or expectation to reach any particular standard or achieve a result.

WINNING — THE BE-ALL AND END-ALL?

Our games nowadays offer a preponderance of rewards. Trophies, plaques and medals adorn the sideboards of every house as parents proudly display the laurels won by their offspring. Such rewards have become so commonplace that they have lost all meaning and are rarely a true reflection of merit. Of late, it has become apparent that a large proportion of children who take part in an activity for reward will not continue that activity into later life or, if they do, the same enthusiasm will not be present.

Another obvious result of the preoccupation with winning is the increasing level of violence in our games. The opponent is often portrayed as an object to overcome, an enemy to defeat and in extreme cases is presented as a focus for hatred in order to "psyche players up" to win.

The repercussions of this are clear: Violent games, injury to opponents and the overall image of our games destroyed

and reduced to little more than organised mayhem. If violent play is seen to be successful it will be encouraged further and it will also transcend other non-sporting areas of children's behaviour. The coach is a vital figure in counteracting such tendencies. By his example, attitudes, exhortations and general demeanour, the coach moulds the players of the future and creates the type of game which the next century will witness.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

There is no denying that sport plays an important role in the healthy development of children. However, highly competitive sport has many adverse effects. Playing to win or to satisfy the demands of parents, mentors, etc. brings psychological pressures which many children cannot handle. For every winner there are many losers and in a hyped-up situation, losing to a young mind, is failure, incompetence, inferiority and low ability.

If there is pressure on children from significant adults to compete and win, this makes losing all the more damaging. The child feels he is not only letting himself down, but that he has failed his parents/teacher/mentor. Self-esteem may be irreparably damaged in those early formative years. The coach must be conscious of the emotional and psychological make-up of each individual on his team, be aware of how each one reacts to varying situations and plan a programme to suit the needs of all his players.

COACHING STRUCTURE

A change of attitude among officials, allied to a proper coaching structure, is the way forward. The challenges to be met are many and varied and one must question whether the G.A.A. is yet awake to them on a rational basis. One gets the impression that while All-Ireland finals and national showpieces run off smoothly, everything in the garden is rosy. But those working at grass-roots level realise the struggle involved and the challenges to be met.

In an age where more leisure time is available, where children expect immediate gratification, where the imposition of discipline is a major problem, where so many other attractions enable people to be entertained without effort, where changing lifestyles put greater strains on expectations of fitness, skill and commitment, where people tend to be passive rather than keen to be involved, where alcohol seems to be central to all social activities — these are some of the problems which club officials encounter and against which they need training and back-up to survive and develop as we move towards the 21st century.

HOLYCROSS-BALLYCAHILL

County Senior Hurling
Champions 1990



BACK ROW (l. - r.): C. Croke, T. Lanigan, T. Dwyer, T. Stakelum, J. Doyle, S. Dwan, Pat Slattery, D. Carr, P. Dwyer, M. McGrath, C. Carroll, B. Browne, T. Lanigan, J. Ryan, G. Fennessy. FRONT ROW (l. - r.): D. Ryan, Pat Cahill, Paul Maher, Paul Slattery, Phil Cahill, M. Doyle, P. J. Lanigan, R. Dwan, R. Stakelum, M. Fleming.

CLONMEL COMMERCIALS

County Senior Football
Champions 1990



BACK ROW: Tony Gleeson, Cíostóir McGrath, Gerard Deeley, Martin Quinlivan, Ben Keane, Dermot O'Shea, Padraig Kavanagh, Anthony Wall, Conor English, Jim Coyne, Seán O'Loughlin, Francis Kelly, Donal O'Keefe. MIDDLE ROW: Michael O'Mahony, Brendan Kearney, Peter Kilkenny, Philip Ryan, John Kerin (Capt.), Mark O'Connell, Rian Forristal, Joe McNamara, Willie Peters, David O'Donnell. FRONT ROW: Niall Kelly, Ian Barnes.

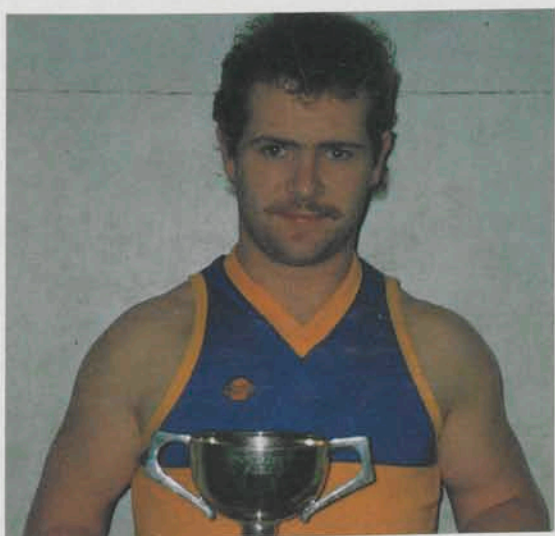
HANDBALL ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS



Sean Doyle (Clonmel) who won the All-Ireland 60/30 Masters (B) singles title in September.



Thomas "Junior" Slattery (Clonmel) and Danny Butler (Horse & Jockey) who won the All-Ireland 60/30 Silver Masters (B) doubles title in September.



Josie O'Dwyer (Cashel) who won the All-Ireland 60/30 U-21 singles title.



Noel Marshall and David Maloney (Cashel) after winning the All-Ireland Hardball Doubles title.



Eddie Corbett and John O'Donoghue after beating J. Guilfoyle and R. McCarthy (Westmeath) in the All-Ireland Junior 40/20 doubles final.



Pat and Tony Flaherty (Loughalarra) who won the All-Ireland 60/30 novice doubles title in September.



John Corbett (Ballyporeen) and P. J. McGeer (Cashel) who won the All-Ireland 60/30 U-17 doubles title in October, pictured with Lorcan O'Rourke (Irish Handball Council secretary).



Jim Ryan (Silvermines) been presented with his medal by Robert Maguire (Antrim) after winning the All-Ireland 40/20 Masters (B) singles titles.

TIOBRAID ÁRANN

All-Ireland Vocational
Schools Champions 1990



BACK ROW (l. - r.): Tom Flanagan (Thurles), Eamonn Kenny (Carrick-on-Suir), Tomás Fogarty (Thurles), John Hackett (Tipperary Town), Noel O'Halloran (Nenagh), Conor Maher (Cahir), P. J. Walshe (Killenaule), Martin Hayes (Templemore), Michael Ferncombe (Thurles), Brian O'Meara (Killenaule), John Dooley (Roscrea), Richard O'Brien (Roscrea), Adrian Hogan (Borrisokane). FRONT ROW (l. - r.): Declan Hally (Clonmel), Conor Egan (Roscrea), Timmy Gleeson (Thurles), Enda Pheelan (Roscrea), Tomás Gleeson (Killenaule), Capt.; Shane Ivors (Killenaule), John Cahalan (Borrisokane), Martin Gleeson (Killenaule), Philip Shanahan (Nenagh), Denis Doughtan (Roscrea).

In short, we must equip our club leaders with the know-how to manage their players in a manner which will bring maximum satisfaction to the club as a unit and to the members individually. An organised coaching structure throughout the county should incorporate some of the following components:

1. Regular Coaching Courses for those in charge of teams.
2. Follow-up courses to monitor the activity and progress of all qualified coaches.
3. Ongoing assessment of coaching requirements at all levels throughout the county.
4. A campaign to reduce the emphasis on competitions and winning at juvenile level. Initiate a process of rewarding children for skill development rather than pressurising them to win games.
5. Organise a system for selecting competent people at club level to act as coaches.
6. Establish a representative body for coaches. At present, coaches have no position in the Association — they are neither players nor administrators. A

forum for coaches, to voice opinions, pool resources and ideas, keep abreast of developments and organise refresher courses would be a welcome dimension to coaching.

Lack of progress in Coaching initiatives and developments down through the years is probably attributable to the fact that there has been no officer directly responsible for coaching and no co-ordinated policy at county or club level. The level of coaching has depended entirely on the enthusiasm of local personnel.

SELECTING COACHES

Selection of coaches has generally been a haphazard process at club level and perhaps at times at county level. A person who is not considered good enough to train adult teams, usually a parent of one of the players, one has plenty of time, who takes on the job because nobody else volunteers for the position, and who is probably a community conscious person involved in several other parish activities — these are generally the types one sees pushed into taking charge of juvenile teams.

Prospective coaches must be enthusiastic about the games and the Association. They should have a clear understanding of the rules and the individual skills and be capable of demonstrating each skill. They should be clearly able to communicate to young people. They need to be creative, imaginative and be good organisers. They need to be capable of quickly assessing the range of ability of their charges and setting and maintaining standards to match these abilities.

Our clubs need to have an organised canvassing system to seek out competent personnel and recruit new leaders, mentors, coaches to share the burden of responsibility.

Let us commence now to build the Association that we wish the next generation to witness. Let's mould the type of player of whom we can be proud and create the type of game we want to enjoy in the 21st century. Let us make every effort to involve the personnel that will do justice to our Association and reflect all that is good in Gaelic games.

Franny looks to the future

Franny Kelly (Clonmel Commercial) will captain the Tipperary senior football team in the coming year. To the following questions, he outlines his hopes.

What does it mean to you to captain the Tipperary senior football team?

It is a great honour for my club, Clonmel Commercial, and also for me to captain the Tipperary football team. As a young boy I always wanted to play for Tipperary, but to go on and captain my county is an extra special honour and one I hope will go on and bring football honours to Tipp in 1991.

Do you like training under Mickey Niblock?

In the short time that I have trained under Mickey, I feel that he has added a new confidence to all the players. He is a great motivator and takes great pride in training the Tipperary team. On behalf of myself and the rest of the panel and selectors I welcome Mickey Niblock to Tipperary.

Will the Open Draw motivate the panel to put in an extra effort?

Yes, of course, the draw itself — Tipperary v Limerick the winners to play Waterford in the Munster semi-final — is motivation in itself. But, of course, both Limerick and Waterford are also going to be strongly motivated. In the final result, it is the team who prepare the best and play well on the day will qualify for the Munster Final.

What are your hopes for the coming year?

My hopes for the coming year are to lead out the Tipperary football team in a Munster Final, and also that the people of Tipperary will turn up on Munster Final Day in their thousands as they have done for the hurlers. After all, the footballers are from the same county and wear the same Blue and Gold.

What has been the highlight of your career?

There have been many highlights in my career, from winning my first County U-12 medal with Commercial in 1974 to winning my 4th senior county medal in 1990. However, the highlight of all has been playing for Munster in the Railway Cup Final in Croke Park in 1985 when I played corner forward. On that day I played with eleven Kerry men, two Cork men and a Clare man.



Franny Kelly (Commercial) receiving the "Man of the Match" award from the sponsor John Quirke, Jeweller, Cahir, after the County Senior Football Final at Cashel.

MID TIPPERARY BORD na nOG 1990

One cannot review juvenile G.A.A. matters in mid Tipperary without automatically thinking of the National Feile na nGael finals held in County Tipperary in June of this year. The staging of these games was a great occasion for the County and in particular for mid-Tipperary because the finals were held in Semple Stadium. The Feile competition proved to be particularly successful for the mid-Tipperary clubs. Pride of place must go to Durlas Og who for the first time captured the Feile Division 1 title for the county. Durlas Og have often in the past represented Tipperary in the National Feile finals but despite always acquitting themselves very well they had not succeeded in winning the national title. Durlas Og can be particularly proud to have taken this coveted national title in their town.

Feile na nGael 1990 will long be remembered also by Loughmore/Castleiney. This small rural club excelled themselves also in Feile. They captured the division 3 title with a great display of courage and skill in the final against the Antrim champions. Boherlahan/Dualla can also be very proud of their achievements in these national finals. They competed in Division 2 and succeeded in reaching the national final. Here they met up against the Wexford champions. In the final Boherlahan put up a tremendous display only to be narrowly defeated at the finish.

All our clubs in Mid-Tipperary can look back with pride on their participation in these national Feile finals. All clubs had their fields and facilities in excellent order and all their players toggled out impeccably for both the matches and the big parade. We look forward with great anticipation to the National finals being held once again in County Tipperary in 1991.

At divisional level Mid Bord na nOg took a decision this year to introduce a C Championship. This was done for the benefit of the weaker teams and also to eliminate very lopsided games. By and large it was successful in doing this. The following is a brief outline of our year:

U/12 FOOTBALL SECTION A

Three teams were graded in this section: Durlas Og A, Holycross A and Templemore. Holycross A and Durlas Og A contested the final with Durlas Og A victorious thus reversing the result of the earlier league round.

U/12 FOOTBALL SECTION B

This section was divided into two groups. Group 1 consisted of Durlas Og B, Moycarkey and Gortnahoe. In Group 2 were Templetuohy, Loughmore and Drom. Durlas Og B and Drom emerged to contest the final with Drom coming out winners.

U/12 FOOTBALL SECTION C

Holycross B, Templemore B, Upperchurch and Durlas Og C were in this section. In the final between Holycross B and Upperchurch, Holycross won by 1 point.

U/12 HURLING SECTION A

Durlas Og A, Gortnahoe, Holycross A and Templemore A were graded into this section. Durlas Og A and Holycross A contested the final. It took a replay to sort out these two teams with Durlas Og A winning by 2 points.

U/12 HURLING SECTION B

The four teams in this section were Durlas Og B, Moycarkey, Drom and Holycross B. In the final between Durlas Og B and Drom, Drom emerged convincing winners.

U/12 HURLING SECTION C

The four teams in this group were Durlas Og C, Loughmore, Moyne and Upperchurch. Moyne and Loughmore came through to reach the final with Moyne taking their first title of the year.

U/14 URBAN-RURAL FOOTBALL: SECTION A

The four teams graded in this section were Holycross, Durlas Og A, Loughmore and Moycarkey. Loughmore and Durlas Og A contested this final in which Durlas Og were fortunate to eventually succeed by 1 point. Durlas Og later went on, of course, to become Co. Champions in this competition for the 2nd year in succession.

U/14 URBAN-RURAL FOOTBALL: SECTION B

The four teams in this section were Templemore A, Templetuohy, Durlas Og B and Boherlahan. The final here was between Templemore A and Durlas Og B with Durlas Og B emerging as champions.

U/14 URBAN-RURAL FOOTBALL: SECTION C

The three teams in this group were Clonakenny, Templemore B and Upperchurch. Upperchurch won this competition beating Templemore B in the final.

U/14 RURAL FOOTBALL

Six teams entered for this competition, Templetuohy, Boherlahan, Moycarkey, Gortnahoe, Loughmore and Holycross. Loughmore won this mid title beating Boherlahan in the final. Loughmore went on from there to become county champions thus crowning a great year for the Loughmore juvenile club.

U/14 URBAN-RURAL HURLING: SECTION A

Loughmore, Gortnahoe, Holycross and Durlas Og A were in this section. The final was between Durlas Og A and Loughmore which Durlas Og A won. Durlas Og went on to become county champions.

U/14 URBAN-RURAL HURLING: SECTION B

Boherlahan, Durlas Og B and Moycarkey were in one group here while Templemore, Upperchurch and Drom were in the other. Boherlahan, winners in one group met Templemore, winners in the other group, in the final with Boherlahan emerging as champions.

U/14 URBAN-RURAL HURLING: SECTION C

Templemore B, Clonakenny and Moyne were in this section. The final was between Moyne and Clonakenny with Moyne the winners.

U/14 RURAL HURLING

Eight clubs entered for this competition, Moycarkey, Loughmore, Boherlahan and Holycross were first round victors over Gortnahoe, Drom, Moyne and Upperchurch respectively. Loughmore beat Moycarkey and Boherlahan beat Holycross in the semi-finals. In a very keenly contested final Loughmore beat Boherlahan.

U/16 FOOTBALL: SECTION A

The four teams in this section were Durlas Og A, Holycross, Templemore and Upperchurch. This was a very keenly contested competition. After the league rounds, Durlas Og A, Templemore and Holycross were on 4 points each. Holycross got the bye into the final. Durlas Og and Templemore played off for the other final position which Durlas Og won. In a very keenly contested final Holycross hung on to win by 1 point, thus retaining their title.

U/16 FOOTBALL: SECTION B

Boherlahan, Durlas Og B, Loughmore and Moycarkey were in this section. The final here was between Loughmore and Moycarkey with Loughmore coming through as mid champions.



TEMPLEMORE ÉIRE ÓG, MID U-16 B HURLING CHAMPIONS, 1990.

Back row (L-R): David Bourke, Frankie Percy, Fergal McDonnell, Johnny ormond, William Cahill, Mervin Bradish, Paul Hanna, Timmy Tuohy, Aidan Hartigan, Maurice O'Connell, Pat Butler. Back row (L-R): Michael Fogarty, Tom Tynan, Ronan Loughnane, David Russell, Tommy Meagher, Joe Shields, Pa Patterson, Paul Walsh, Donal Bourke, Tony Broderick, Richard Buckley, Brian Curtin, Dick Buckley.



MOYCARKEY-BORRIS, BEATEN SEMI-FINALISTS IN GROUP B OF FÉILE NA nGAEL

Back row (L-R): R. Clancy, V. Stapleton, J. Burke, A. Kirby, A. Cooney, P. Coman, B. Lamphier, R. Ryan. Front row (L-R): R. Gleeson, D. Minchin, K. Maher, A. Galvin, N. Maher, J. Kennedy, F. Ryan.

U/16 FOOTBALL: SECTION C

Clonakenny, Templemore B, Templetuohy and Gortnahoe were in this group. The final here was between Templetuohy and Gortnahoe. Templetuohy won this first ever championship.

U/16 HURLING: SECTION A

Upperchurch, Durlas Og B, Holycross and Durlas Og A were in this section. After the league rounds Durlas Og A and Holycross emerged to contest the final. It took a replay to separate these two teams with Holycross winning the title by 6 points. Holycross had completed the u/16 hurling and football double for the 2nd year in a row.

U/16 HURLING: SECTION B

In group 1 of this section were Templemore A, Loughmore, Moyne and Drom. In group 2 were Boherlahan, Gortnahoe and Moycarkey. The final here was between Templemore and Moycarkey. In a very good game Templemore emerged worthy champions.

Overall the Bord and clubs can look back on a very successful season. All the clubs that represented the division in the various county championships can look back with pride on their performances. Loughmore and Durlas Og brought back 3 county titles between them.

U/16 MUNSTER INTERDIVISIONAL HURLING:

In this competition our mid u/16 team can look back with satis-

faction. They reached the semi-final stage where they came up against a very strong North Tipperary side who went on to win this competition.

PEADAR CUMMINS TOURNAMENT:

This is an interdivisional u/14 hurling competition for Co. Tipperary. Since the competition started a number of years back the North Tipperary division has always won it. In 1990, however, our own Mid u/14 team were successful for the first time. This success only emphasises the increasing strength of juvenile hurling in the mid division and we look forward with confidence to the next few years.

SCOR NA NOG

From this year onwards responsibility for organising Scor na nOg in the county lies with the County Scor Committee. This came about as a result of a motion passed at this years C.O. Bord na nOg convention. Divisional Scor Committees are organising Scor na nOg in their respective divisions: The 1990 Mid Scor na nOg winners were:

Figure Dancing:	Upperchurch/Drombane
Recitation:	Upperchurch/Drombane
Sole Singing:	Upperchurch/Drombane
Novelty Act:	Upperchurch/Drombane
Question Time:	Boherlahan/Dualla
Instrumental Music:	Holycross/Ballycahill
Ballad Group:	Upperchurch/Drombane
Set Dancing:	Moycarkey/Borris.

In concluding this report I would like to express a word of appreciation to all involved in juvenile affairs in the division. These people give their time and energy freely. I know that parents and others appreciate this. I also know that every juvenile club in the division would welcome more help. If you feel that you are in a position to help your local club why not make contact with a committee member.

We look forward to 1991 with confidence.

Tom Joyce
Secretary

MID TIPPERARY BORD NA NOG OFFICERS:

President:	Very Rev. Fr. O'Rourke Gortnahoe/Glengoole
Chairman:	Pat Ryan Holycross/Ballycahill
Vice-Chairman:	Paudie Butler Drom/Inch
Secretary:	Tom Joyce Holycross/Ballycahill
Treasurer:	Frank Morris Templemore
P.R.O.	Frank Morris Templemore
Mid Senior Bord Rep.	Martin Treacy Holycross/Ballycahill
Co. Bord na nOg Reps.	Michael Carey Upperchurch/Drombane
	Frank Morris Templemore



MID TIPPERARY BOARD OFFICERS, 1990

Back row - Willie Clohessy, Dick Buckley, Liam O'Dwyer, Sedn Fogarty. Front row - Joan Ryan, Timmy Grace, Tom O'Hara, Liam Hennessy, Noel Murphy.

Durlas Óg — 'A New Decade'



DURLAS ÓG — Under-12 Mid Hurling and Football Champions; Beaten County Hurling Finalists 1990

Back Row (l. - r.): Declan Ryan, Dara Kinnane, Michael O'Dwyer (Football Captain), Ger Grady, Kevin St. John, Kevin Ryan, Michael Callinan, Lar Mackey, Tony Dunne, David Kelly, David Molumby, Tom Lyons, Joe Cleere, Rory Long, Padraic Dwyer, Conor Stapleton, Nigel Massey, Jimmy Coppinger (Trainer), Jim Mackey (Mascot). Front Row (l. - r.): Christy Kennedy, John Roberts, Michael Hayes, Emmet Maher (Hurling Captain), David Kennedy (Mascot), Gary Coppinger, Kevin Cleary, Padraic Stapleton, Ray Molumby, Gary Kelly, Denis Mackey, Chris Finlay, P. J. Lalor, Colum Maher.

What a start to the new decade. During the championships campaign our young hurlers and footballers, under the influence of hard-working and committed mentors, brought five divisional titles back to the club — Under 12 'A' hurling and football, Under 14 'A' hurling and football and Under 14 'B' football, two county titles in Under 14 'A' hurling and football (the second year in succession that this has been achieved), our Under 14 hurlers won the county Board na nÓg sponsored Turas na nÓg to the All-Ireland hurling final (our footballers won the football trip last year), the Under 16 'A' reached the divisional finals in both codes and of course the major triumph of the year saw our Under 14 hurlers capture the most coveted under age trophy in the country, the Christy Ring Memorial Trophy, when they won the All-Ireland Division I Feile na nGael title in Semple Stadium in June, the first Tipperary team to do so in the 20 year history of the competition, amid scenes of unbridled joy and celebration. The memories of that glorious afternoon, when our young hurlers did themselves and their club so proud, will long live in the hearts of all our faithful members and supporters. It was truly a remarkable achievement by a juvenile club that is little more than ten years a-growing and hopefully it will act as the spur for an even greater commitment during the coming decade. Our Under 13 hurlers rounded off a great year on the playing fields by winning the Lisdowney, Coca-Cola sponsored 7-a-side hurling tournament held in September/October, which had over 20 clubs from various counties participating.

Off the field, the 3rd June 1990, will be long remembered as the date on which Michael Maher, in the company of many distinguished guests and visitors, officially opened our new club pavilion to the strains of 'Congratulation' performed by the Thurles Silver Band. This official ceremony was the culmination of years of hard work by dedicated committee members under the inspirational leadership of Mr Gerry Spain, club chairman. In all, in the region of £100,000 has been spent over the past number of years in purchasing a playing field and erecting a pavilion. The generosity of the people of the parish of Thurles is deeply appreciated. Their support for all the club's fundraising activities

has always been willingly forthcoming. The development of facilities at the club, in the interests of our young players, is by no means complete and a lot of hard work still lies ahead. However, as in the past, willing hands ready to take on the task, won't be lacking.

It is vitally important that the club continues to build on its outstanding successes, both on and off the field, during the eighties. The nineties beckon to all involved in the club, and to prospective new members, to continue the good work and that come the year 2,000 all will look back on the previous decade with justifiable pride.



DURLAS ÓG — Under-14 County Football 'A' Champions 1990.

Dúrlas Óg Make History

by Jimmy Coppinger

Sunday 24th June 1990 will forever be etched in the minds of the u14 Feile na nGael hurling panel, as it was on this famous day in the history of the club that we succeeded in becoming all-Ireland champions for the first time.

We played host to Patrickswell for the weekend, and as it progressed they proved to be great ambassadors for their club and county. We wish them every success in their own county championships.

On Friday, 22nd we played Patrickswell in Pairc na nÓg. We played well in the first half but seemed to lose our concentration in the second and eventually Patrickswell took the honours with a score line of 3-6 to 3-1. On Saturday, June 23rd, we played in Pairc na nÓg against Holycross, having made some changes from the night before. These changes along with a conviction that we could still progress further in the competition, manifested itself on the pitch over the next 40 minutes and at the final whistle Durlas had won comprehensively.

The match between Patrickswell and Shannon proved very favourable to Durlas Og because Shannon beat our guests.

The match in the afternoon between Durlas Óg and Wolfe Tones (Shannon) took on greater significance as Holycross put up a great performance against Patrickswell. We had to beat Shannon to qualify for the semi-final of the competition. With the team playing as one, Wolfe Tones were never given a chance to use their weight and height advantage in this game as the ground hurling produced by Durlas Og was magnificent. In this regard the highest of praise should go to our midfield of Pat Hackett and David O'Riordan and half-forward line of Oliver Geoghegan, David Dunne and Liam Scully. The backs led by Jimmy Darcy, our team captain, put up a performance that must have been the envy of many a more senior team manager. These six, Colin Coppinger, Mark King, Michael Kennedy, Matthew O'Dowd, Jimmy Darcy and Gary Mernagh, were scrooge-like in their willingness to part with the ball. At the final whistle Durlas Og emerged victorious in what could only be described as one of the greatest juvenile hurling games of all time. The final score was Durlas Og 2-4 to 2-3.

Our victory meant that we had to travel to Boherlahan to play Arravale Rovers in the semi-final. We were again in top form with John Enright and John Dwyer and Pat Lawlor producing top class performances to emerge victorious by 7-5 to 2-0.

As the time of the final drew near the tension could be seen on the faces of the Durlas Og unit. I use the term unit in this situation to convey a message and feeling of unity of purpose, in both the players, selectors and club members, for the task that lies ahead.

In the final in Semple Stadium we had to face Kilruane MacDonagh. The game commenced and as it progressed it proved to be a very tight affair with no quarter given or asked on either side.

At the final whistle Durlas Og were Féile u14 hurling champions, an honour never held before by any club in Tipperary. Pat Stakelum in the dressing-room after the match stated that in his lifetime no moment gave him more pleasure than to see Durlas Og capture the coveted Christy Ring trophy. A prize above all prizes of juvenile games.

FEILE NA NGAEL GLORY FOR DURLAS ÓG

The following is a pen-picture of the players who wore the Durlas Og colours with distinction last June when they beat a gallant Kilruane team in the national final in Semple Stadium before such distinguished people as President Patrick Hillery and many more. Indeed the captain of the Durlas Og team, Jimmy Darcy, had the honour of presenting Dr. Hillery with a gift on behalf of all the young participants in Feile na nGael over the past 12 years as a token of sincere gratitude for his keen interest in Feile na nGael during his presidency. We look forward to meeting his successor in Semple Stadium next June.



Jimmy Darcy (Capt): School: CBS Thurles. Favourite position: Centre back. Greatest sporting thrill: Winning Feile na nGael. Sporting honours: Primary Schools County U11 & U13 Hurling & Football, 2 C.U 14 Hurling, 2 C.U. 14 Football, Feile na nGael. Sporting ambition: Win All-Ireland with Tipp. Favourite player: Nicky English. Hobbies: Hurling, football, rugby, art. Advice to Others: Have commitment, determination, confidence. Never give up.



David O'Riordan: School: Scoil Ailbhe, Thurles. Favourite Position: Mid-field. Greatest Sporting Thrill: Winning Feile na nGael. Honours: Primary schools county hurling & football, U12 C.H., U14 C.H. & F, Feile na nGael. Sporting Ambition: Play with Tipp. Favourite Player: Nicky English. Hobbies: Hurling, football, soccer. Advice to Others: Always obey the referee.

A few things helped to make this the special weekend it was. Firstly to the parents of the boys who kept guests for the weekend, a very sincere thank you. To the officers and club members who supported and encouraged us all the way a very sincere thank you. I would like to thank Bro. Hickey (manager), Bill Darcy, John Dunphy, Seamus Maher and Pat McEvoy for the endless hours of work spent with these kids. Our appreciation too of the work of Bro. Fitzgerald with the squad over the years I say to you mentors, on behalf of the players and adult members of the club a sincere thank you on a job well done.



Matthew O'Dowd: School: C.B.S. Thurles. Favourite Position: Right wing back. Greatest Sporting Thrill: Winning Feile na nGael. Sporting Honours: Primary Schools H & F County H & F, Feile na nGael. Sporting Ambition: To play with Tipperary in hurling. Favourite Player: Joe Hayes. Hobbies: Hurling, soccer. Advice to Others: Close marking if playing as a back.



Pat Hackett: School: Vocational School, Thurles. Favourite Position: Mid-field. Greatest Sporting Thrill: Winning Feile na nGael. Sporting Honours: Mid and county titles in hurling and football U12 and 14, Feile na nGael. Sporting Ambition: Play hurling or football for Tipp. Favourite Player: John Leahy. Hobbies: Hurling, football, rugby, athletics. Advice to Others: Play hurling in a manly fashion and enjoy it.



Mark Wade: School: C.B.S. Thurles. Favourite Position: Mid-field. Greatest Sporting Thrill: Winning Feile na nGael. Sporting Honours: County primary schools H & F, County Club H & F, Feile na nGael. Sporting Ambition: To play for Tipp. Favourite Player: John Kennedy. Hobbies: Hurling, soccer, pool, collection programmes. Advice to Players: Train regularly.



Oliver Geoghegan: School: Scoil Ailbhe, Thurles. Favourite Position: Centre back. Greatest Sporting Thrill: Winning Feile na nGael. Sporting Honours: Primary Schools H & F, C.U.12H, C.U.14 H & F, Feile na nGael. Sporting Ambition: Win hurling All-Ireland with Offaly. Hobbies: Hurling, rugby, swimming, tennis. Favourite Player: Johnny Pilkington. Advice to others: Develop both sides of hurling and play the ball on the ground.



Darren Molumby: School: C.B.S. Thurles. Favourite Position: Centre forward. Greatest Sporting Thrill: Winning Feile na nGael and to win two county titles this year. Sporting Honours: County primary schools football, County club H & F, Feile na nGael. Sporting Ambition: Play hurling and football for Tipp. Hobbies: Hurling, football, soccer, coin collecting. Advice to Others: Discipline, dedication and punctuality at training are vital.



Raymond O'Riordan: School: Borrisoleigh. Favourite Position: Wing forward. Greatest Sporting Thrill: Winning Feile na nGael. Sporting Honours: County primary schools hurling and football, County club hurling and football, Feile na nGael. Hobbies: Hurling, football, music. Sporting Ambition: Play for Cork. Favourite Player: Teddy McCarthy. Advice to Others: Concentration and commitment are vital.



Colin Copping: School: C.B.S. Thurles. Favourite Position: Full back. Greatest Sporting Thrill: Winning Feile na nGael. Sporting Honours: County primary schools H & F, County club U12 & U14 H & F, Feile na nGael. Sporting Ambition: To play full back for Tipperary. Hobbies: Hurling, football, swimming, tennis, soccer. Favourite Player: Colm Bonner. Advice to Others: Mark tightly in the back line.



John Enright: School: C.B.S. Secondary. Favourite Position: Corner forward. Sporting Honours: Primary Schools H & F, C.U.12H, C.U.14 H & F, Feile na nGael. Sporting Ambition: To play senior inter-county hurling. Favourite Player: Michael Cleary. Hobbies: Music, scouts, T.V. reading, swimming. Advice to Others: Train regularly.



Mark King: School C.B.S. Thurles. Favourite Position: Full back. Greatest Sporting Thrill: Winning Feile na nGael. Sporting Honours: Primary schools football U.14 C.H. & F, Feile na nGael. Hobbies: Hurling, football, soccer, rugby, athletics, table tennis. Favourite Player: Cormac Bonnar. Advice to others: Have confidence in yourself.



Liam Scully: School: C.B.S. Thurles. Favourite Position: Half forward. Greatest Sporting Thrill: Winning Feile na nGael. Sporting Honours: County Primary schools H & F, County club H & F, Feile na nGael. Sporting Ambition: To play for Tipp. Favourite Player: John Leahy. Advice to Others: Training pays off in the end.



David Dunne: School C.B.S. Thurles. Favourite Position: Centre forward. Greatest Sporting Thrill: Winning Feile na nGael. Sporting Honours: Primary Schools H & F, County H & F, Feile na nGael. Favourite Player: Paul Delaney. Hobbies: Hurling, football, running, rugby, soccer. Advice to Others: Play the ball first time on the ground.



Patrick Lawlor: School C.B.S. Thurles. Favourite Position: Wing back or full forward. Greatest Sporting Thrill: When fouled in last minute of Feile na nGael. Sporting Honours: County Primary schools H & F, County club H & F, Feile na nGael. Sporting Ambition: To play with Tipp. Favourite Player: Conal Bonner. Hobbies: Hurling, football, squash, handball. Advice to Others: Be aggressive but clean in your play.



Barry Long: School: C.B.S. Thurles. Favourite Position: Mid field. Greatest Sporting Thrill: Winning Feile na nGael. Sporting Honours: County primary schools H & F, County club H & F, Feile na nGael. Sporting Ambition: To win an All-Ireland senior medal. Favourite Player: Pat Fox. Advice to Others: Give total commitment to your club.



John Dwyer: School: C.B.S., Thurles. Favourite Position: Corner forward. Greatest Sporting Thrill: Winning Feile na nGael. Sporting Honours: Country primary schools H & F, County club H & F, Feile na nGael. Sporting Ambition: Play with Tipp. Favourite Player: Declan Carr. Hobbies: Hurling, golf, tennis. Advice to Others: Be a good loser.



Michael Kennedy: School: C.B.S. Thurles. Favourite Position: Corner back. Greatest Sporting Thrill: Winning Feile na nGael. Sporting Honours: County primary schools H & F, County club H & F, Feile na nGael. Sporting Advice to Others: Never throw in the towel.



Garry Marnagh: School: C.B.S. Thurles. Favourite Position: Left wing back. Greatest Sporting Thrill: Winning Feile na nGael. Sporting Honours: County primary schools H & F, County club H & F, Feile na nGael. Sporting Ambition: To win senior All-Ireland hurling title with Tipp. Favourite Player: Nicky English. Hobbies: Cycling, hurling, rugby. Advice to others: Get to the ball first.



John Bowe: School: C.B.S. Thurles. Favourite Position: Wing forward. Greatest Sporting Thrill: Winning Munster Under 12 Football Community Games. Sporting Ambition: To play hurling for Tipperary. Favourite Player: Declan Ryan. Hobbies: Hurling, football, soccer, scouts. Advice to Others: Pay attention at training.



**FÉILE NA NGAEL, DIVISION 1,
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NORTH TIPP CHAMPS RESULTS

North Tipp Bord Na nÓg Championship Results 1990

by Liam Hogan

by Liam Hogan			Semi Finals		Kilruane 5-8 Moneygall 5-2	Newport 1-2	Toomevara 2-2
U/12 HURLING SECTION 1			Final		Kilruane 5-7 Moneygall 0-3		
			UNDER 14 HURLING SECTION 2				
A			B				
Round 1	Eire Og 4-4 Toomevara 1-1 Roscrea 5-3 Borrisokane 1-1	Moneygall 4-0 Borrisoleigh 2-0 Kilruane bye	Rd 1	Portroe 5-4 Silvermines 4-3 Borrisoleigh 4-9 Burgess 0-0	Ballina W.O. Templederry S. Rovers 2-5 Kildangan 2-2		
Round 2	Roomevara 8-5 Borrisokane 1-0 Eire Og 4-1 Roscrea 4-0	Moneygall 5-1 Kilruane 3-1 Borrisoleigh bye	Rd 2	Silvermines 4-4 Burgess 2-5 Borrisoleigh 2-9 Portroe 0-1	Ballina 3-3 S. Rovers		
Round 3	Roscrea 2-2 Toomevara 0-3 Eire Og W.O. Borrisokane	Kilruane 3-2 B'leigh 2-0 Moneygall bye	Rd 3	Borrisoleigh 3-10 Silvermines 0-0 Portroe 2-3 Burgess 0-0	Ballina 2-5 Kildangan 1-2		
Semi Finals	Roscrea 3-1 Eire Og 3-1	Moneygall 0-0 Kilruane 1-3	Semi Finals	Borrisoleigh 5-4 Ballina 0-8	S. Rovers 3-0 Portroe 1-4		
Final	Roscrea 5-8	Eire Og 0-2	Final	Borrisoleigh 4-6	Ballina 1-0		
U12 HURLING SECTION 2			U16 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP				
			Section 11				
A			B				
Rd 1	Kildangan 3-1 Silvermines 0-0 Templederry 3-1 Newport 0-0		Round 1	Templederry 3-3 v Silvermines 6-10 Borrisoleigh Rec. W.O. v Portroe Newport bye			
Rd 2	Kildangan 0-5 Templederry 1-2 Silvermines 7-8 Shannon Rovers 0-3	Portroe 5-2 Burgess 3-1 Ballina 1-1 Lorrha 1-0	Round 2	Templederry 6-3 v Borrisoleigh 6-6 Silvermines 2-2 v Newport 6-4 Portroe bye			
Rd 3	Kildangan 4-2 S. Rovers 1-0 Silvermines 3-1 Newport 2-0	Burgess 2-0 Lorrha 1-1 Ballina 1-5 Portroe 1-0		Ballina/B.hinch 3-6 v Lorrha 1-7 Burgess 6-11 v S. Rovers 0-0			
Rd 4	Kildangan 7-0 Newport 0-0 Templederry 3-2 S. Rovers 0-0	Ballina 1-2 Burgess 0-0 Portroe 2-3 Lorrha 1-0	Round 3	Templederry 0-3 v Newport 2-16 Silvermines v Portroe Borrisoleigh Bye			
Rd 5	Templederry 3-2 Silvermines 0-2			Ballina/B.hinch 0-2 v Burgess 2-9 Lorrha 1-9 v S. Rovers 2-5			
Semi Finals	Ballina 3-0	Templederry 1-2	Round 4	Templederry Rec W.O. v Portroe Newport 5-7 v Borrisoleigh 2-2 Silvermines Bye			
Final	Kildangan 2-4	Ballina 0-2		Ballina/B.hinch Rec. W.O. v S. Rovers Burgess 8-5 v Lorrha 2-3			
UNDER 14 HURLING URBAN-RURAL			Round 5	Silvermines 3-3 v Borrisoleigh 1-8 Portroe v Newport			
			Semi Final	Ballina/Ballinahinch 3-5 Burgess 4-8			
			Final	Burgess 4-3			
A			B		Newport 2-7 Silvermines 2-2		
Rd 1	Eire Og 5-6 Lorrha 1-0 Kilruane 5-11 Newport 1-10	Toomevara 2-9 Borrisokane 0-6 Roscrea 2-9 Moneygall 2-2	Round 1	Roscrea 1-6 v Kilruane 2-1 Borrisokane 6-6 v Kildangan 2-2			
Rd 2	Newport 3-5 Lorrha 2-4 Kilruane 6-8 Eire Og 1-3	Toomevara 5-2 Moneygall 1-2 Roscrea 2-5 Borrisokane 2-5	Round 2	Moneygall 0-4 v Toomevara 2-7 Eire Og A Bye			
Rd 3	Kilruane W.O. Lorrha Eire Og 4-9 Newport 0-1	Toomevara 3-4 Roscrea 3-4 Borrisokane 7-3 Moneygall 5-7	Round 3	Roscrea 0-2 v Borrisokane 4-9 Kilruane 3-2 v Kildangan 4-10			
Semi Finals	Eire Og 4-1 Kilruane 5-6	Toomevara 1-1 Roscrea 2-5	Round 4	Moneygall 0-4 v Eire Og 2-10			
Final	Kilruane 5-2	Eire Og 2-2		Toomevara A Bye			
UNDER 14 HURLING RURAL							
Rd 1	Newport 2-4 Kilruane 6-9 Toomevara W.O. Borrisokane	Lorrha 0-1 Moneygall 2-5					
Losers Group	Moneygall 5-5	Lorrha 4-4					
Losers Group Final	Moneygall 5-2 Moneygall 4-3	Borrisokane 4-5 Borrisokane 0-3 (replay)					

Round 5		Roscrea 0-2 v Kildangan 4-7 Kilruane v Bokane
Round 6		Eire Og 4-10 v Toomevara 1-4 Moneygall A Bye
Semi-Final		Borrisokane 2-6 v Toomevara 2-10
Semi-Final		Eire Og 4-12 v Kildangan 0-1
Final		1. Eire Og 5-10 v 2. Toomevara 4-9
U12 F	Sec I	Semi Finals: Eire Og 1-4 Roscrea 1-2 Kindangan 4-6 Newport 1-0 Final: Eire Og 3-6 Kildangan 3-2
U12 F	Sec 11	Preliminary Rd: Kilruane Rec W.O. from Lorrha Quarter Finals: Ballina/B.hinch 2-7 Portroe 0-0 S. Rovers Rec. W.O. from Templederry Borrisokane 2-2 Silvermines 0-0 Kilruane 1-3 Burgess 1-1 Semi-Finals: Ballina/B.hinch 3-3 Borrisokane 0-3 Kilruane MacD 1-2 S. Rovers 1-2 R. Kilruane McD. 4-1 S. Rovers 2-3 Final: Ballina/B.hinch 2-4 Kilruane 1-2
U14 F	Sec 1	Quarter Finals: Ballina/B.hinch 5-1 Roscrea 3-0 Newport 3-2 Kildangan 0-2 Semi-Finals: Eire Og 3-5 Kilruane Mac 1-1 Newport 5-5 Ballina/B.hinch 0-1 Final: Newport 1-4 Eire Og 1-4 R. Newport 2-6 Eire Og 1-3
U14 F	Sec 11	Quarter F. Borrisokane Rec W.O. from Silvermines Templederry Rec W.O. from Borrisoleigh S. Rovers 4-3 Burgess 1-1 Lorrha 2-3 Portroe 1-4 Semi-Finals: Borrisokane 4-4 Lorrha 0-1 Shannon Rov. 5-9 Templederry 0-1 Final: Borrisokane 5-10 S. Rovers 0-0
U16 F	Sec 1	Quarter Finals: Kildangan 5-5 Newport 1-3 Eire Og 3-5 Burgess 2-3 Semi-Finals: Kildangan 3-5 Roscrea 1-3 Eire Og 1-5 Borrisokane 0-2 Final: Eire Og 3-8 Kildangan 1-4
U16 F	Sec 11	Quarter Finals: Ballina/B.hinch 2-7 Kilruane MacDon. 0-0 Moneygall Rec. W.O. from Lorrha Silvermines 4-4 Templederry 1-1 S. Rovers Rec. W.O. from Borrisoleigh Semi-Finals: Ballina/B.hinch 1-2 Moneygall 2-8 Shannon Rovers 2-8 Silvermines 0-1 Final: Ballina/Ballinahinch 2-8 Shannon Rovers 0-6

Scór Na nÓg 90 — North Winners

Rince Fóirne	:	Templederry
Aithriseoireacht	:	Denise Hogan (Kilruane)
Amhrán Aonair	:	Caroline Madden (Burgess)
Nuachleas	:	Borrisoleigh
Tráth na gCeist	:	Burgess
Ceol Uirlise	:	Lorrha
Bailéad Ghrúpa	:	Toomevara
Rince Seit	:	Burgess

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North Tipperary's march to second successive Munster title

By Jimmy Conroy

When North Tipperary took the Munster U16 Inter Divisional hurling title at Pairc Ui Caoimh in July '89, it was their first championship since 1984. However after the '89 success our thoughts immediately focussed on the 1990 campaign. In early September the same selectors — Liam Hogan (Shannon Rovers), Paddy Madden (Larrha), Pat McGrath (Toomevara), Johnny Gleeson (Kildangan) and Jimmy Conroy (Eire Og) were returned unopposed and they immediately began setting plans in motion to retain the title. With a backbone of eight players from the successful '89 combination it was obvious that there was an abundance of talent available. Trials were held in February and March and as the opening championship date approached in mid April, problems arose due to the unavailability of three of the top players: Mark Rabbitte had a fractured wrist and Philip Shanahan and Robert Tomlinson were also ruled out. So it was with some trepidation that we took the field against a strong and determined Limerick City at Cappamore. The game turned out to be a hard fought encounter and at the end the North Tipp boys had survived on a 0-12 to 2-5 scoreline with the second Limerick goal coming on the call of time. A month later we faced East Clare at Ballina. This game turned out to be a one sided affair as North Tipp romped to 4-

12 to 2-5 victory. Exam time then intervened and at the end of June North faced Mid in an all Tipperary semi-final at the Ragg. Again the holders took the early initiative and had built up a substantial lead at the break and at the end they had reached the final without ever moving into top gear. This game was played in very difficult weather conditions. The North boys had two weeks to prepare before facing Cork City in the Munster final.

THE FINAL

Useful challenge matches were arranged against Eire Og and Kilruane minor teams and as the team faced Cork in Semple Stadium on Munster final day, the rain came down in torrents. This did not deter both teams from producing some brilliant passages of hurling. From an early stage it was obvious that they were evenly matched and at the break the Tipp boys led by the slenderest of margins. As the second half began conditions deteriorated, but nevertheless the standard never flagged as both teams fought for the initiative. Midway through the half the home side finally gained the upperhand with goals from Tommy Hough and Robert Tomlinson and despite a late Cork surge they held out for a 2-10 to 2-6 victory to keep the title in North Tipperary for another year. So it

was a delighted Philip Shanahan who received the trophy from Munster Council Chairman Michael Maher after such a thrilling victory. To crown a memorable year the North Tipp lads also retained the Garda Cup and then later in the year defeated South Galway to mark the opening of a new pitch in Clarenbridge. During the year they turned in many outstanding displays and throughout the campaign they proved that hurling is very much alive and well in North Tipp and no doubt come next year, another combination from the Division will be going all out to complete a hat trick of titles.

Panel: Shay Killeen (Erins Hopes), Sean Kelly (Kildangan), Mark Rabbitte (Borrisoleigh), David Creamer (Eire Og), Frank McGrath (Eire Og), Philip Shanahan (Toomevara), Capt, Mervin Scanlon (Eire Og), Brian Flannery (Kildangan), Pádraic Madden (Lorrha), Thomas Dunne (Toomevara), Terry Dunne (Toomevara), Keith Slevin (Erins Hopes), Robert Tomlinson (Eire Og), Tommy Haugh (Erins Hope), Joey Brennan (Newport), Pat Quinlan (Shannon Rovers), Liam McGrath (Burgess), John McKenna (Burgess), Adrian Ryan (Templederry), Liam Walsh (Eire Og), Stephen Hogan (Lorrha), Tomás Gleeson (Ballina), Roy Killeen (Erins Hopes), Barry Linnan (S. Rovers), Aidan Maxwell (Toomevara), Art Flannery (Kildangan), Paul Darcy (Erins Hopes).



NORTH TIPPERARY UNDER-14 HURLING

Back Row (l. - r.): Mark Rabbitte, Tommie Hough, Sean Kelly, Shay Killeen, Brian Flannery, Pádraic Madden, David Creamer, Joe Drennan. Front Row: Tommie Dunne, Terry Dunne, Mervin Scanlon, Frank McGrath, Keith Slevin, Robbie Tomlinson, Philip Shanahan (Capt.).

Éire Óg dominate Juvenile scene

1990 was a great year for the Éire Óg Juvenile Club, reaching the six North Finals and winning three of them. These 3 teams went on to annex county titles also.

U-12 HURLING:

This team topped their group in their section, by beating Toomevara, Roscrea and Borrisokane. They beat Kilruane in the North semi-final qualifying them to meet Roscrea in the final. This final turned out to a one-sided affair with a much improved Roscrea team winning easily in the end.

U-14 FOOTBALL:

The Éire Óg under 14 footballers defeated Kilruane in the North semi-final qualifying them to meet arch rivals Newport in the final. A late rally saw them gain a draw in this final. However in the replay Newport deservedly took the title thus depriving Éire Óg of five in a row.

U-14 HURLING:

This team were runners-up in their group when they beat Lorrha and Newport but lost to Kilruane. They qualified to meet champions Toomevara in the North semi-final. Having beaten Toomevara they went on to meet Kilruane in the North final. However after a brilliant first half display they were finally overcome by a physically stronger Kilruane team. The under 14 hurlers also acquitted themselves well in the Féile competition, where they were grouped with such top sides as Na Píarsaigh of Cork, Coolderry of Offaly and Kilruane.

UNDER 12's TAKE FOOTBALL HONOURS

1990 saw Éire Óg, Aonach clinch their seventh North Tipp. title in succession. The campaign opened with a semi-final versus Roscrea, played under ideal conditions in Muine Gall on the 2/5/90. After a hard struggle we emerged victorious on a scoreline 1-4 to 1-2 pts.

The North final was a great advertisement for juvenile football, played in Toomevara on the 11/5/90 against a gailant and well coached Kildangan. Thanks to a whirlwind start, the Éire Óg boys built a lead of eight points inside ten minutes. At the call of time we were ahead by four points — Éire Óg 3-6, Kildangan 3-2. A feature of this game was the brilliant display of our wing backs Ritchie Flannery and Daragh Breen.

Our next stop was Buiris Uí Leith on the 29/6/90 for a county semi-final date with Durlas Óg. In a high scoring game we ran out winners by 5-3 to 3-2.

We had reached our first Co. Final since 1984 and expectations were high as we headed for Drombane and a clash with that football stronghold Cluain



ÉIRE ÓG U-16 HURLING & FOOTBALL — NORTH AND COUNTY CHAMPIONS 1990

Front Row (l-r): Frank Shanahan, Paul Henry, John Tucker, Liam O'Gara, John Manley, Roboert Tomlinson (capt.), Shane Connolly, Declan Bailey, Kevin Tuckey, Michael Toohey, Michael A. Gaynor. Back Row (l-r): John Burns, John Guest, Michael Grey, Mervin Scanlon, Liam Walsh, Declan O'Meara, Christy McLoughlin, Eddie Guerin, Michael Loughnane, Frank McGrath, Padraic O'Kennedy, David Sheahan, Ronan Walsh, David Creamer.



ÉIRE ÓG U-12 FOOTBALL TEAM — NORTH AND COUNTY CHAMPIONS 1990

Front Row (l-r): Ml. Hackett, Ml. Gleeson, J.P. Ryan, J. Slattery, D. Daly, E. Murtagh, T. Moloney, D. Burke, D. Breen, D. O'Keefe, E. Kissane, S. Spillane. Back Row (l-r): F. Nugent, A. Quinn, C. Grey, Ml. Ryan, R. Flannery, A. Manicle, E. O'Connor, H. Flannery (capt.), L. Delaney, T. Maher. Missing from photo: Ml. McNamara, N. Tomlinson.

Meala Óg. Despite being on top from the throw-in, we found scores hard to come by. An opportunist goal by Frank O'Keefe, who maintained his record of a goal in every game, set us on our way. Again our half-back line of Ritchie Flannery, Eoin O'Connor and Daragh Breen together with Aidan Manicle at full-back and Darren Daly at midfield repulsed many promising Cluain Meala attacks. A great goal by wing forward, J. Slattery sealed victory eight minutes from the call of time. A feature of this game was the display of Liam Delaney between the posts for Éire Óg. At the long whistle we were ahead by 2-3 to 0-2. Amid scenes of great jubilation the cup was presented to our captain Hugh Flannery.

Éire Óg Juv. Committee wish to express their appreciation and sincere gratitude to Pat Bonar and John Kissane for their commitment and dedication in putting together a skillful and well coached outfit.

UNDER 16 DOUBLE

Éire Óg's U-16 footballers regained the Co. Championship in impressive fashion following a far from promising beginning in the earlier rounds.

The opening game against Burgess on April 18th proved very difficult as a very much understrength side struggled to a 3-5 to 2-4 victory. A week later though again understrength they faced Erins Hope in the North semi-final. In a very robust encounter we emerged victorious by 1-5 to 0-2. The final at Kilcoleman on May 25th against Kildangan was a repeat of the thrilling U/14 final two years ago but on this occasion the Éire Óg boys showed remarkable improvement to run

out easy winners by 3-9 to 1-4. There was a lapse of three months before facing Mid Champions in the Co. semi-final on August 29th at Borrisoleigh. After an uncertain opening period, we really turned on the style after the interval to run out easy winners by 3-9 to 1-7. This victory put Éire Óg into their fourth successive Co. final and on September 8th they took on Clonmel Commercials and after producing the best display of the year we outclassed the South champions to win on a 3-11 to 2-7 scoreline, and win the first leg of the U/16 double which was completed later in the same month by the hurlers taking the Co. title.

U/16 HURLING

Éire Óg U/16 hurlers began the quest for honours in early August when defeating Moneygall by 2-10 to 0-4. Their next game saw them defeat Toomevara by 4-10 to 1-5 and qualify for the semi-final, where they had a very easy win over Kildangan on a 4-12 to 0-1 scoreline. In the North final, they again faced old rivals Toomevara, and after one of the best games for a long time, Éire Óg had regained the title after a one year lapse on a 5-9 to 4-8 scoreline.

On September 22nd Éire Óg face West Champions Knockavilla Kickhams and after a hard fought encounter emerged victorious by six points. A week later they faced Mid Champions Holycross in the Co. Final and in a game which produced some excellent hurling the North champions won the Co. title on a score of 0-11 to 0-6. This victory was just reward for the amount of dedication and commitment shown by all the players during the year.

Newport — North Tipp. U-14 Football Champions 1990

Newport ended Eire Og's dominance of juvenile football in North Tipperary by taking the U14 championship after a very exciting replay.

Newport's path to the final was recorded with impressive wins over Kildangan (3-2 to 0-3) and Ballina/Ballinahinch (4-5 to 0-1).

The drawn final was played at the end of April in Kilcolman with both teams deadlocked at 1-4 each. Newport dominated the first half but allowed Eire Og into the game in the last quarter. In the previous years championship the same happened at semi-final stage when both teams played a draw, and Eire Og won the replay. Newport were determined that history would not repeat itself. When they replayed one month later in Ballina. This time they made no mistake as they finished worthy winners by 2-6 to 1-3. Seanie Ryan received the cup on behalf of Newport at the end of the game.

Following this victory Newport represented North Tipperary in both rural and urban-rural championships but failed to bring a county title in either. Loughmore were their opponents in the rural which they lost by 2-4 to 0-3 whilst Ardfinnan



NEWPORT — NORTH TIPP. U-14 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 1990

Back Row: Thomas Moylan, Sean O'Gorman, Brendan O'Loughlin, Michael Moylan, Trevor Delahunty, Michael Coffey, Warren Flanagan. Front Row: Tom Clifford, Kenneth O'Brien, Brian Lenihan, Aidan O'Gorman, John Coffey, Seanie Ryan (Capt.), Cyril O'Neill, Mike O'Brien.

proved too strong in the urban-rural. Overall Newport were very pleased having captured on "A" title after many years trying. The team was managed by Tim Floyd, Cyril Gleeson and Paddy Clifford whilst the panel consisted of the following:- John O'Toole, Sean O'Gorman, Trevor Delahunty, Micheal Coffey, Brian Lenihan, Tomas Clifford, Kenneth

O'Brien, Tomas Moylan, Ml. Moylan, Seanie Ryan, Aidan O'Gorman, Brendan O'Loughlin, Cyril O'Neill, Warren Flanagan, Ml. O'Brien, Wm. Floyd, James Collins, Cormac Gleeson, Brian Coffey, Jack Coffey, Pat Lenihan, Larry Jones, Mtn. Coleman, Mark Lenihan, John Doyle, Conor Egan, Chris Ryan, Paddy Ryan, Diarmad Houlihan.



BORRISOKANE — UNDER-14 FÉILE TEAM

Back Row (l. - r.): Alan O'Brien, Adrian Egan, Mark Donoghue, Brian Murphy, Enda Slevin, John O'Donoghue, Paul King, Peter Conway. Middle Row: Martin Costelloe, Shane Guest, Pat Maher, Kieran Reddan, Stephen Ryan, James Glennon. Front Row: Marcus Slevin, Alvin Larkin, Niall Slevin, David King, Raymond Carroll, Tim Tully. Others on football panel not in photograph: Conor Foxton, Dermot Murphy, Nicky Kennedy, Kenny Gleeson, Vincent Hogan, David Connery.

BORRISOKANE

Under 14 footballers brought us the first North Juvenile title for three years when they won the Under 14 Football (Div 2). Silvermines were first opposition and after beating them we advanced to semi final against Lorha. This was a very good display and showed great improvement overall and we were through to the final against Shannon Rovers. Our lads took command from start and were too strong for a young Rovers team. We had gained a North title after a lapse of 3 years.

Much was expected of this team in the Hurling Championship and indeed they gave some very good displays. They reached semi finals of Rural and Urban Rural Championship and were narrowly defeated in both. They also had a good run in the Feile beating Cashel and Roscrea but losing narrowly to Rathmine (Wexford) who went on to win the final in Division 2 of the Feile. Wasn't it a great honour for Captain Enda Slevin to meet President Hillery on the big day.

TEMPLEDERRY — UNDER-12 WINNERS OF THE KENYON TROPHY 1990



A FIRST FOR ROSCREA

As G.A.A. followers throughout the county are aware Roscrea has a proud history on the hurling field with county titles having been won in all grades. The one glaring omission in their list of honours however, was an U-12 county title. Thankfully this was put right in 1990. The basis for the historic success was laid with the U-10 leagues, which have become a regular feature of Saturday mornings in the town and these provided a strong panel, all of whom played their part throughout the year. There was an early setback with a two point defeat by Nenagh in the first round of the league section but this only spurred the team on both in training and future games. Victories over Erins Hope, Toomevara and Moneygall, in the semi-final, set up a revenge meeting with Nenagh for the North title. Another close encounter was expected but a whirlwind start by Roscrea proved decisive and victory was achieved by a five goal margin. Many thought that Cahir would be a soft touch in the county semi-final but such was not the case and this was probably the teams hardest match of the campaign. But, the boys stuck manfully to their task and some late scores clinched a



ROSCREA — COUNTY UNDER-12 HURLING CHAMPIONS

Back Row: Ronan Buckley, Graham O'Callaghan, Michael Murphy, Warren Noone, Garry Nash, Mark Moloney, Owen Maher, Tomás Loughman (Capt.), Tomás Carey, John Carroll, Sean Maher, Tony Douglas, Tadhg O'Connor, William O'Connor, Niall Moloney. Front Row: Enda Fitzgerald, Mark Rowland, John Lyons, Kevin Loughnane, Jim McDonnell, Keith Kenneally, Liam England, Trevor Fletcher, David Loughnane, Emmett Dunphy, Darryl Martin, Michael Molloy, Robert Ryan, John O'Lone, Niall O'Meara.

final spot against Durl's Og. This game, played on the hallowed Semple Stadium was another thriller and again it was the never say die attitude of the Roscrea lads which proved decisive and amid scenes of great delight the county U12 cup was presented to captain Tomás Loughman by Donal Shanahan. A special word of praise for the five selectors — Tom McCarthy, Oliver Egan, Billy O'Connor, Willie Stapleton and Jim Sheedy — who prepared the team so well and played no small part in the teams success. The team which played in the county final was

Emmett Dunphy, Sean Maher, Tomás Carey, Tony Douglas, Tadhg O'Connor, John Carroll, Keith Kenneally, Tomás Loughman, David Loughnane, Trevor Fletcher, Liam England, Darryl Martin, Garry Nesh, Owen Maher and Jim McDonnell. Well done also to the 18 subs many of whom played no game during the year, but all of whom trained so diligently. Hopefully this is only the beginning of illustrious careers for these lads and who knows maybe some of them can emulate Tadhg O'Connor (Snr) and bring the McCarthy Cup to Roscrea.



KILDANGAN — UNDER-12 SECTION 2 WINNERS

Back Row (l. - r.): Ger Kennedy, Michael Connors, Dan Hackett, Liam Flannery, Brian Lawlor, David Morrissey, Dermot Hogan. Front Row (l. - r.): Enda Nolan, John Slattery, Bernard Maher (Capt.), Colm McGrath, Stephen Hegarty, Kieran Hayes, Michael Ryan, Fergal Kelly.

Under-12 title for Kildangan

Kildangan emerged victorious in the 1990 North U12 Section 11 hurling championship. A draw against Templederry in their opening game followed by victories over Silvermines, Shannon Rovers and Newport saw Kildangan through to the semi-final stage of the competition.

In the semi-final Portroe provided the opposition and they proved a difficult hurdle for the Kildangan lads. The

opening half saw Portroe in command and went in at the break leading by two goals — having held their opponents scoreless in the process. However in the second half the tables were turned and a "gutsy" display from all fifteen Kildangan boys saw them recover and emerge eventual winners by four points. Final score Kildangan 2-4 Portroe 2-0.

The final pitted Kildangan against Sean Treacy's and both teams provided

the large attendance with a memorable game of hurling. After a closely fought first half the physically stronger Sean Treacy's were ahead by two points. But as in previous games Kildangan reserved their best hurling for the second half.

Final score Kildangan 2-4 Sean Treacy's 0-3.

Well done to trainer Seamus Hayes and his fellow selectors on their fine achievement.

BALLINA JUVENILE G.A.A.

Under-age teams in Ballina were looked after down through the years by a dedicated few in the Junior Club. A major success was achieved in 1969 when the under-13 hurling team won the North and County Championships.

In 1982 the idea was put forward that a separate committee should be formed to look after the under-age players and on the 6th of December 1982 a meeting was held in Ballina Hall for the purpose of forming a Juvenile Club. Present at that meeting were Rev. Fr. Kelly C.C., Christy Collins, John Joe Nevin, Tommy Mills, R.I.P., Derry O'Leary, Frank Hogan, Danny McKeogh, Michael Kelly, William Shanahan, Tony King, Matty Eames, Gerry McKeogh, Liam Floyd and Jimmy Kent. The Juvenile Club was formed on that night and was to be responsible for all teams from under 12 up to and including minor. The club has progressed very satisfactorily since and is now catering for eight teams and is totally self financing. The club also assists the Junior club financially and otherwise in the development of the playing field and its facilities.

COUNTY JUVENILE TITLE

Success on the playing fields has also been achieved with North Tipperary Championships having been won at Under-12, Under 14, Under-16 and Minor level. This year, 1990, was the first year since the formation of the Juvenile Club that a county under age Championship has been won with the Under-16(B) football team going all the way to bring the first County Football Championship to the club. Throughout this Championship the team showed great resilience and a high level of football skill. For this, great credit is due to their trainers Frank Hogan and Martin Aherne. Both put a lot of time and effort into getting the best out of this team and their commitment was richly rewarded at the end of the day.

The team opened their Championship campaign at Ballinahinch when they played Kilruane in the first game of the North Championship. Having disposed of Kilruane their next game was against Monegall in the North semi-final in Nenagh. A victory here put them into the North final against Shannon Rovers. This game was played in Dolla and at the end of a hard fought encounter Ballina were the winners and North Champions.

On then to the County semi-final against Fr. Sheehys which was played in Holycross. This was a very good game of football with both teams displaying a lot of skill. Ballina came through on the score line of 3-6 to 1-5 and reached their first County Final.

The final was played on a Saturday afternoon at The Ragg and the opponents were Galtee Rovers. In this game Ballina got off to a good start and dominated the early exchanges. They led by 5 points



BALLINA U-16 HURLERS

Back row (L-R) - Keith Hogan, Michael Sheehy, Gavin Jennings, Sean Collins, Trevor Hogan, Alan Morgan, Shane Gleeson. Middle row - Frank Hogan (selector), Denis Lenihan, Adrian King, Brian Gleeson, John Hassett, William Shanahan, John Butler, J. D. Frawley, Martin Aherne (selector). Front row - Diarmuid McKeogh, Gerard McKeogh, Thomas Gleeson, Tony McInerney (capt.), Des Nevin, Brian Stritch, Thomas Hannon.

after 20 minutes but Galtee Rovers got back into the game and coming up to half time seemed to have weathered the Ballina storm and looked the more impressive team.

The great character of the Ballina lads was very evident in the opening ten minutes of the second half and they again took the game to their opponents. The centre line of the team from Johnny Hassett in goal, Tony McInerney at full back, Thomas Gleeson at centre back, Keith Hogan at centre field, Denis Lenihan at centre forward and Sean Collins at full forward were very prominent and stood up well to the challenge

of Galtee Rovers. when the referee sounded the final whistle Ballina were the winners on the score line of 3-4 to 1-7.

The team lined out as follows in the County final:-

Johnny Hassett, Gerard McKeogh Tony McInerney (Capt.), Shane Gleeson, Gavin Jennings, Thomas Gleeson, Brian Gleeson, Keith Hogan, Brian Stritch, William Shanahan, Denis Lenihan, Adrian King, Trevor Hogan, Sean Collins, Dessie Nevin.

Subs. Alan Morgan, J.D. Frawley, John Butler Thomas Hannon, Diarmuid McKeogh, Michael Sheehy.



BORRISOLEIGH UNDER-14 HURLERS

Back row - Con Kinnane, Pat Maher (selectors), Philip Rabbitte, Sean Maher, Timmy Ryan, Tomás Ryan, Seamus Maher (capt.), John Delaney, Damien Ryan, Mark Stapleton, Olly Kelly (manager). Front row - Michael Ryan, Bernard Kinnane, Oliver Kelly, Liam Small, Michael Stapleton, Fergal Ryan, Martin Hennessy, Conrad Kennedy, Jimmy Ryan.

BORRISOLEIGH'S UNDER 14 TITLE

Borrisoleigh's first round games were against Burgess, Portroe and Silvermines and they had clear victories in all three matches — the back-line proving to be very strong and only conceded one point in all. They met Shannon Rovers in the semi-final and this proved a very exciting game. Rovers put up a brave fight but Borrissleigh's strong line up the middle was the decided advantage and the final score was Borrissleigh 5-4, Rovers 3-0. The final was played in Nenagh on July 18th and their opponents in this game were Ballina-Ballinahinch. The game got off to a slow start with Borrissleigh's cap-

tain, Seamus Maher scoring the only point in the first half. However they seemed a much more determined side in the second half with Jimmy Ryan, Conrad Kennedy, Seamus Maher, Angelo Walsh and Mark Stapleton all adding to their final score of 4-6. The back-line again proved themselves and only allowed Ballina-Ballinahinch one goal.

This was Borrissleigh's first Under 14 section 11 championship title and it was a worthy reward for the selectors and players who showed great dedication throughout the year.

Kilruane MacDonagh — U14 Hurlers

If 1989 was a very successful year for the U14 hurlers of Kilruane, then 1990 was even more so. The club had the satisfaction of retaining the North and County Rural titles. In addition these young hurlers regained the North Urban/Rural title only to lose the county final. As well as all this the team had a great run in Feile na nGael where they qualified for the Section 1 final only to be narrowly beaten by Durlas Óg for the title.

In the North Rural the team had three games to retain the title. In the first round Kilruane defeated Moneygall by a big margin in a game played in Cloughjordan. There was a long break before the semi-final against old rivals Toomevara played in Nenagh. The Kilruane lads scored a decisive win on a scoreline of 5-7 to 2-2.

Moneygall themselves came through from the losers' group to qualify for the final which was played on Monday evening, July 23rd in Nenagh. Again we proved far too strong for the opposition. A couple of goals early on helped us on our way and we were in control from then on.

The final score was: Kilruane 5-7, Moneygall 0-3

The team and scorers: Kevin O'Brien, Des Kenneally, Michael Haverty, Edward Troy, Conor Ryan, Michael Ryan, Michael Mulcahy, Tom Brennan, Aidrian Mulcahy (Captain) (0-1); Mark O'Leary (0-1), Sean Sheppard (2-1), Liam Ryan, Sean Costello, Declan Darcy (2-3), Willie Brennan (0-1).

In the North Urban-Rural Kilruane were grouped with Eire Óg, Newport, and Lorrha.

The team had easy wins over Newport and Eire Óg while we got a walkover from Lorrha. In the North semi-final Kilruane came up against Roscrea with the game played on Monday evening July 2nd in Nenagh. With only a week to prepare after the rigours of a hectic Feile week-end, the Kilruane lads were given a very stern test by the Roscrea boys. Indeed we were flattered to win by a comfortable 10 points, particularly after some great saves in goal by Kevin O'Brien in the 2nd half and after a very good start.

The final score was Kilruane 5-6 Roscrea 2-5.

After a long delay the final against Eire Óg again took place on Sunday evening August 5th in Moneygall. This game was in complete contrast to the earlier round match and at half time the Nenagh boys led by 2-2 to 0-0 and were completely on top. A change of tactics by the Kilruane mentors brought immediate results. They got two quick goals and after a period of strong pressure went ahead with a third one before going on the win comfortably by 5-2 to 2-2. The team was the same as played in the rural final with Ruan Casey coming in as sub. Scorers: D. D'Arcy 2-1, S. Sheppard (1-0), W. Brennan (1-0),



Kilruane MacDonagh — winners of the U-14 (Rural) County Final.

M. O'Leary (1-0) and L. Ryan (0-1).

Before regaining the North Urban/Rural title the team had already qualified for the County Rural Final by easily defeating Loughmore Castleiney in the semi-final, played at Borrisoleigh on a scoreline of 10-7 to 2-3 on Wednesday August 1st.

The Rural final was against Cappawhite on Wednesday August 22nd in the Ragg. At this stage the Kilruane lads were striving to make up for the disappointment of losing the U/Rural final to Durlas Óg. They made no mistake in this, retaining their title with an easy win the scoreline of Kilruane 5-6 Cappawhite 0-4. They dominated the game from start to finish and were always too strong for a gallant Cappa' side. Again the side was the same as in the North finals. Subs who came on were Michael Reddan, Brendan Ryan and Ruan Casey. Scorers D. Darcy (4-3), W. Brennan (1-0), M. O'Leary (0-1), S. Sheppard (0-2)

Meanwhile in the U/Rural, the Kilruane boys also scored a good win over Arravale Rovers in the Co. Semi-final, played in the Ragg on Wednesday August 8th. After a very close opening quarter the lads got through for a few quick goals and had a good half time lead. The dominated after that to win by 7-6 to 2-2.

The final with Durlas Óg was eagerly awaited with the Thurles lads having defeated us narrowly in the Feile na nGael final. The game was played on Sunday evening the 19th August in Borrisoleigh. As it turned out our lads had no answer to a slicker, fast-striking and well trained Durlas outfit. The Kilruane lads could never get going and were well beaten on the scoreline of 5-8 to 1-0. The following Tuesday night week both teams clashed again in Templemore for the Turas na nÓg tickets. This was an excellent and very hard fought game with Durlas Óg just pipping our lads by 3-6 to 4-2.

The team which played in both county finals was the same: Kevin O'Brien (goal), D. Kenneally, Ml. Haverty, E. Troy, C. Ryan, Ml. Ryan, M. Kenneally, A. Mulcahy (capt), T. Brennan, Mark O'Leary, S. Sheppard, W. Brennan, S.

Costello, D. Darcy, L. Ryan.

The subs were Ruan Casey, Cronan Casey, Niall Grace, Michael Mulcahy, Michael Reddan, John Reddan, John Coughlan, Michael Walsh, Brendan Ryan, Seamus McLoughney, Damien Farrell and Seamus Donnellan (full panel).

FEILE NA nGAEL

As well as doing very well in county competitions, the Kilruane U14s also had a most successful Féile weekend. The parish hosted the Offaly champions, Coolderry and they proved to be very popular guests. The weekend helped to start a new relationship with the Coolderry lads, one we hope will continue to grow. A return visit to our Feile hosts would be an appropriate step in this regard.

As to the hurling itself the weekend was more successful than anyone could have imagined. Having defeated Coolderry, we went on to defeat Eire Óg, Nenagh and draw with na Piarasigh to qualify for the semi-final over the Cork lads on better scoring difference. In the semi-final we had a tremendous game with St. Vincent's, Dublin in Nenagh on the Saturday evening on a scoreline of Kilruane 1-5 Vincents 1-4.

The Sunday was a very exciting day for all the clubs concerned. After the Mass in Semple Stadium there followed the very colourful parade around Thurles itself; the climax was the march past the reviewing stand before the many VIP's.

The Section 1 final against Durlas was a very exciting game with plenty of good hurling. With the breeze in the first half, the Kilruane lads were only level having scored 0-3 to Durlas' 1-0. Durlas took charge in the second half for a time and went 5 pts ahead. However the Kilruane boys battled back with a goal and a point to reduce the deficit to a point. Try as they did they could not level or lead and Durlas Óg finished strongly with two more points.

Final score: Durlas Óg 2-4 Kilruane 1-4.

To round off the day the whole panel and mentors were treated to a very enjoyable meal by the club in the Park Avenue Hotel on the Sunday evening.

South Tipp Bórd na nÓg



GRANGEMOCKLER-BALLYCAHILL — U-14 SOUTH TIPP WINNERS SPECIAL COMPETITION

Back row (L-R) – Shane Comerford, Richard Coady, Thomas McCarthy, Eamonn Cooney, Paul Burke, Laurence Heffernan, Gavin Comerford. Middle row (L-R) – Desmond Lyons, Kevin Tobin, Desmond Murray, Vincent Murphy, Ted McGuire, Kevin Freaney, Francis Connolly. Front row (L-R) – Noel Murphy, Richard Burke, Michael Houlihan, Paul Cahill, Pádraig McCarthy, James Wallace.

PROGRESS IN COUNTY

Under-12 Football (A)

Commercials beat Arravale Rovers in semi-final replay at Cahir. Beaten by Eire Óg (Nenagh) in final at Drombane.

Under-14 Rural Football

Ardfinnan defeated Galtee Rovers in Semi-Final Replay at Cahir. Lost in the Final to Loughmore at Cashel.

Under-14 Urban/Rural Football

Ardfinnan beat Newport in Semi-Final at Cappawhite, but lost their second final to Durlas Óg at Golden.

Under-16 Football (A)

Commercials defeated Arravale Rovers in semi-final at Cahir. Beaten by Eire Óg, Nenagh, in final at Inch.

Under-16 Football (B)

Fr. Sheehy's defeated by Ballina in semi-final at Holycross.

Under-12 Hurling (A)

Cahir beaten by Roscrea in semi-final at Holycross.

Under-14 Hurling (Rural)

Mullinahone were defeated eventually after a series of games in semi-final by Cappawhite. Draw on 27/7/90. Replay and extra time still deadlocked on 5th August. Beaten at third attempt on 17th August. All games played at Cashel.

Under-14 Hurling (Urban/Rural)

St. Mary's defeated by Durlas Óg in semi-final at Cashel.

One hundred and forty teams took part in our championships during the year. Nine competitions were played in both codes, seventy-one taking part in football and sixty-nine in hurling. The following are the details of the finals of the eighteen competitions.

By Patsy O'Halloran
(Secretary)

Under-16 Hurling (A)

St. Mary's lost to Holycross in semi-final at Golden.

Under-16 Hurling (B)

Ballingarry defeated in semi-final replay at Clonoulty.

Divisional Under-16 hurling team defeated by Imokilly (Cork) in first round of Cúisde Iomana Competition at Kilworth on April 21st.

Divisional Under-16 Football team

Grade	Winners	Runners-Up	Venue	Referee
U-12 Football (A)	Commercials	Cahir	Ardfinnan	W. Barrett
U-12 Football (B)	Ballingarry	Fr. Sheehy's	Monroe (R)	C. Boland
U-12 Football (C)	Mullinahone	Newcastle	Monroe	W. Walsh
U-14 Football (R)	Ardfinnan	Fethard	Kilsheelan	W. Robinson
U-14 Football (u/r)	Ardfinnan	Clonmel Óg	Cahir	C. O'Flaherty
U-14 Football (sp)	Grangemoackler	Kilsheelan	Carrick	J. Hogan
U-16 Football (A)	Commercials	Ardfinnan	Cahir	C. O'Flaherty
U-16 Football (B)	Fr. Sheehy's	Mullinahone	Clonmel	J. Lonergan
U-16 Football (C)	St. Patrick's	Kilsheelan	Fethard	S. McCormack
U-12 Hurling (A)	Cahir	Ballingarry	Monroe	J. Lonergan
U-12 Hurling (B)	Mullinahone	Killenaule	Cloneen	J. Harrington
U-12 Hurling (C)	Ballyneale	Marfield	Kilsheelan	N. Coughlan
U-14 Hurling (R)	Mullinahone	Cahir	Kilsheelan	W. Robinson
U-14 Hurling (u/r)	St. Mary's	Ballingarry	Cloneen	T. Lonergan
U-14 Hurling (sp)	Kilsheelan	Newcastle	Marfield	T. J. Corby
U-16 Hurling (A)	St. Mary's	Swan	Kilsheelan	N. Coughlan
U-16 Hurling (B)	Ballingarry	Fr. Sheehy's	Marfield (R)	M. Kennedy
U-16 Hurling (C)	Cahir	Moyle Rovers	Fethard	M. McCormack

were defeated by West Tipp in semi-final or Garda Cup competition.

Paul Mullins (St. Mary's) won the divisional Póc Fada competition at Kilsheelan and at the same venue Tom Lane (Moyle Rovers) and Thomas Dunphy (St. Mary's) were winner and runner-up respectively in the Féile skills competition and both represented the division in the county final.

Scór na nÓg '89/'90

Following are the winners of the various competitions in the Scór na nÓg finals held in the G.A.A. Centre, Clonmel, on Friday, 8th Dec., 1989.

Céili Dancing Swan
Recitation Fr. Sheehy's
(Siobhán O'Sullivan)
Solo Singing Ardfinnan
(Catherine Shine)
Novelty Act Marlfield
Question Time Ballingarry
Instrumental Music Cahir
Ballad Group Marlfield
Set Dancing Ballingarry

Siobhán O'Sullivan (recitation) and Ballingarry (Set Dancers) were winners in County Final of Scór na nÓg in Thurles.

Bórd na nÓg officers:

Chairman: Jim Lynch (Cahir)
Vice-Chairman: Nicholas Moroney
St. Patrick's)
Secretary: Patsy O'Halloran
(Kilsheelan)
Treasurer: Michael Lavin
(Clonmel Óg)
P.R.O.: John Dalton (Ballingarry)
Co. Board Rep. (R.): Michael
Longergan (Ardfinnan)
Co. Board Rep. (U): Michael Lavin
(Clonmel Óg)
South Board Rep.: Jimmy McCarthy
(Moyle Rovers)
Registrar: Paddy Nagle (Davins).



BALLINGARRY U-12 'B' FOOTBALL SOUTH CHAMPIONS 1990

Front row (L-R) - Sean Brennan, Nigel Cleere, Edward O'Brien, Michael Morris, Damien Ivors, Enda Meagher, James Dunne. Back row (L-R) - John Dalton (treasurer), Noel Burke, Sean McGrath, Sean O'Brien, Michael McGrath (capt.), Paddy Lawlor, William Maher, Patrick Walsh, Liam Croke, Martin Maher (trainer, selector and secretary Juvenile Club). Missing from photo: Murt Duggan (selector).



KILSHEELAN — WINNERS OF SPECIAL U-14 HURLING COMPETITION

Front (L-R) - Mark Strang, Patrick Larkin, Niall Clooney, Liam Robinson, Derek Kennedy, Jason Fogarty, Alan Fitzgibbon. Back (L-R) - Richard O'Gorman, Mark O'Connor, Patrick Burke, Jason Walsh, Jason Strang, Seán Foley, Richard McMahon, Noel Ryan.



BALLINGARRY U-12 'A' HURLING SOUTH FINALISTS 1990

Front (L-R) - Noel Burke, Sean Brennan, Geoffrey Croke (R.I.P.), Jason Ivors, Enda Meagher, Edward O'Brien. Back (L-R) - Martin Maher (trainer, selector and secretary Juvenile Club), Sean McGrath, Liam Croke, David Sheehan, Sean O'Brien, Paddy Lawlor, James Murray (chairman Juvenile Club), Michael McGrath, Nigel Cleere, Patrick Walsh, William Maher, John Dalton (club treasurer and P.R.O.). Missing from photo: Murt Duggan (selector).



BALLYNEAL-GRANGEMOAKLER — U-12 SOUTH TIPP WINNERS GROUP C

Back row (L-R) - Ger O'Toole, Richard Burke, Paul Cahill, Kevin Tobin, Ted McGuire, Kevin Freaney, Desmond Murphy, James Wallace, Martin Keating. Middle row (L-R) - Ian Walsh, Jamie Fox, Willie Wallace, Cathal Houlihan, Shane Murray, Paul Ryan, Kieran McNally. Front row (L-R) - Patrick Tobin, Alan Burke, Brian Dignam, Jamie Murphy.

Laying the Foundations

There is nothing in the mind that was not first in the senses. Hurling must be SEEN, HEARD, SMELT, TASTED and TOUCHED. Matches must be SEEN, stories and ballads HEARD, SWEAT and packed stadiums SMELT, real blood-tingling encounters TASTED and the ash must be TOUCHED as well as the clash felt, to get the real "feel" and sense of hurling

By **BRO. JOSEPH PERKINS**

THE family and school play a big part in developing those senses. Pope John Paul II said: "The family is the first and vital cell of society, because of its service to life and because it is the first school of social virtues".

School continues the good work begun in the family and both school and family work together in the *field* of development. The love for hurling must continue to be instilled in maturing youth. 'Tradition' means a handing on from parent to offspring or from one source of schooling to another. Thank God, we have a strong Gaelic tradition in both family and school.

When I returned to Tipperary in 1976 I found big changes in the youth I used to know. I had dreamed dreams, magnificent ones, but I often awoke to find them gone. Through the influence of Martin O'Connor, and a man called 'Babs' Keating, who was then living in Nenagh, they succeeded in getting me elected the post of 'Youth Officer' for the County of Tipperary. The spirit at that time was low enough. Traditions were breaking down on account of an alien media and other influences that were taking its toll on the minds of our youth.

We had got to beat them at their own game. The homes and the schools had to be motivated and encouraged. The **senses** had to be appealed to, also. **Books, badges, stickers, hurleys, sliotars, slides, pictures, videos, games, leagues, fresh competitions** had to be put before them. Hurling is in the blood, and the blood had to be stirred. Transfusion, infusions had to be made gently, causing no illusions or confusions.

The work already done years before could easily be seen — Fr. Jim Power in Cappawhite, 'Roache' Williams in Kilraune, M. Prior in Borrisoleigh, Paddy Mahers in Moneygall, Moycarkey and Clonoulty, Fr. J. J. O'Rourke in Loughmore, Br. Noonan and 'Monte' Carrie in Cashel, John Costigan in Templemore C.B.S., etc., etc.

Many a time I heard it said: "They got too much at juvenile level" or "they are burned out" etc., etc., and the hurler on the ditch sat back and moaned once more.

But ten years ago many responded to the Call. The 'slump' was stopped; the landslide was halted. Men of courage were on their feet, digging the foundations, sowing the seed, training the new growth.

We have seen the fall of some clubs, the rise of many. Up sprung young growth in Nenagh, Toomevara, Clonolty, Mullinahone, Durlas Óg, Clonmel Óg etc. etc., to mention but a few. But all around us we see the growth of many vibrant Clubs. Just as Ardáin (Stands) are now rising from their foundations, so are strong "oaken clubs" appearing on the Gaelic scene. We must not allow even the hardy oak to grow too old. Young trees must be annually and painstakingly planted.

Of course, the best propaganda and motivating influence of all was the day "the famine was over in Killarney" and the 1989 All-Ireland — and that team was itself the result of deep-foundation-work at Juvenile, Minor and Under-21 level. After this Tipperary were magic. Up went the stickers, the badges, the flags and banners once more — as of yore! The blood had now its correct portion of red and white corpuscles. The leukaemia and cancer had gone. Tipperary had got a new lease of life. The flowers were in full bloom. Winter had passed and the song of the birds could be heard in the oak and ash green woods. The voice of the 'knocker' was still.

Even now we must be on our guard. Tradition thrives on hard work. The only place 'success' comes before 'work' is in the Dictionary. The winds of change are constantly blowing. No house can be safely built on sand. We need deep foundations and rock-like endurance. The 'Chernoblean' and 'Sellafieldian' — many-headed giants, are ever threatening. Their dusts are death-destroying; their danger is imminent. We cannot sit back and hope they'll go away. We fight for survival in this 'cancerian' and 'leukaemian age', where aid are no more a help, but a deadly influence on those who are not aware of the perils that surround us.

At present Tipperary is strong but not immune. Money is being poured into coaching; our schools are doing well; Bord na nÓg is growing; never was there so much talent available for Minor, Under-21 and Senior teams. Much

responsibility rests on the shoulders of our selectors. Their judgement must be good, their honesty must be impeccable, and their training methods up to date.

Their aim should be to Mould, to Motivate and win Matches through Discipline, Determination and Dedication, using their Speed, Skill, Strength and Stamina, playing for the credit of their little villages and parishes, for the honour of Knocknagow, with Matt The Thresher for their model, Our Lady for their love and God as their guide.

We salute the many men and women who are doing so much for our Gaelic Games, laying the foundations and building the house. Their faith, their work, the 'magic' draws, entices, lures, leads so many to watch, to discuss, to play the greatest game in the world.

We may have the drones, the power-hunters, the seekers of self-glory in our midst. But for all of these, we have the truly genuine, the workers, the motivators, the lovers of our Gaelic Traditions. Some are forced out, others stay on, doing the hard work, fighting the good fight. Some have opted for the pen, knowing that it is mightier than the sword (and often as 'cutting' or sharp) and as useful as the 'ould' camán.

The teller of tales, the writer in the Press, the hurler on the ditch, the competitor in the field, the speaker in the boardroom, the trainer on the pitch, the teacher in the school, the parent in the home — all have their part to play in *laying the foundations* of an Ireland that will not only be Gaelic, Free, United but will be Honoured, Honourable and HONEST

"Everyone who comes to me, and listens to My words, and acts on them is like a man building a house, dug deep, and laid the **foundations** on a rock. When the floods came, they beat against that house, but could **not** shake it, because it had been **so well built**".

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Faces at the County Senior Football Final in Cashel.

Commercials Juvenile Club

1990 was quite a successful year for our Juvenile Club.

U-12: Our sincere thanks to Brother Joe Ryan and Michael Forde for their work with these players. Having defeated Clonmel Óg 1-4 to 1-3 in the South Semi-Final we went on to defeat a much fancied Cahir team in the South Final 5-1 to 4-3.

It took two meetings to decide the county semi-final against Arravale Rovers but Commercials went on to gain their place in the final by 3-3 to 1-5.

With hopes high we took on Eire Óg Nenagh in the final but a well below

standard display saw us defeated by 2-3 to 0-2.

U-14: Despite many hours of hard work put in by the squad under the watchful eye of senior and inter-county player, Franny Kelly, and secretary George Barry, our U-14's were defeated in the South semi-final 3-3 to 0-7 by Clonmel Óg.

U-16: Following an uneven campaign our U-16's defeated Clonmel Óg 2-7 to 2-5 in the South semi-final. Ardinnan were our opponents in the South Final and in a hard

fought close battle we emerged victors 2-5 to 1-7.

Arravale Rovers were to prove formidable opposition in the County Semi-Final. Nonetheless we overcame them on the score 3-8 to 1-11 to earn us a place in the County Final.

However, as with our U-12's, Eire Óg Nenagh proved much too strong in the County Final and despite a great team effort we were defeated 3-11 to 2-7.

Congratulations to all concerned with our U-16's especially John McNamara, Billy Cahill and Jimmy Quinn, selectors.

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FREE ENGRAVING

Féile na nGael 1990

By Seamus J. King

When the Féile na nGael initiative became a reality nearly two decades ago, under the guiding influence of Tipperary man Seamus Ó Riain, Tomas O Baróid and Eamon de Stafort, few could have envisaged its impact on the ancient game of hurling, and the progress it achieved, according to G.A.A. President, John Dowling, when he spoke at the official launch of the 20th Féile in Thurles on June 16th. Féile had grown from a noble and ambitious ideal to become a major national movement.

Féile na nGael, the Coca Cola sponsored festival of hurling, camogie and handball for the under-14s, was returning to the place of its birth in 1971 for the first time. The work of organising this major event was shared by a National Executive under the chairmanship of Padraig Mac Floinn of Co. Down and secretary, Padraig P. Guthrie of Co. Clare and a County Executive, under the chairmanship of Donal Shanahan of Toomevara and secretary, Denis Floyd, of Newport. The other members were Seamus J. King, Cashel, Liam O'Donnchu of Thurles Sarsfields, Liam McGrath of Holycross-Ballycahill, Eugene Ryan of Moneygall, James Gleeson of Templederry, Ken Conway of Clonmel, Marion Graham of Littleton, Eleanor O'Connell of Thurles and P. J. Harrington of Upperchurch.

FIVE DIVISIONS

The County Executive had the task of organising the advent of under-14 teams from 31 counties and having them hosted by clubs in the county. Because 49 teams from within the county were participating in the festival of hurling 9 of them had to be hosted also. The 80 teams were graded into 5 divisions. In addition sixteen camogie teams, 17 handball teams and a number of skills representatives had to be accommodated.

The actual competitions began on Friday evening, continued through Saturday and the finals were played on Sunday. However, earlier, in the week, beginning on Monday, June 18, visitations were made to about fifty primary schools in the county by well-known G.A.A. and media personalities such as John Dowling, Liam O'Maolmhichil, Michael O Muircheartaigh and Mick Dunne. The highlight of these visits, for many of the youngsters, was the gift pack each boy and girl received, compliments of Coca Cola. Another event was a Golf Slogadh, organised on the Thursday at Thurles Gold Club, in which 55 teams of four participated. The proceeds from this event are to help finance the special celebrations for the 21st in 1991.



Jimmy Darcy (Dúrlas Óg) presents signatures of all Féile na nGael players to President Patrick Hillery on the occasion of his final visit to Féile na nGael, as President of Ireland. G.A.A. President, John Dowling, is also present.



P. Clarke, Portaferry, presents a bronze statuette depicting "The Hurler" to President Hillery at Féile na nGael in Semple Stadium. G.A.A. President, John Dowling, is also present.



County Tipperary Féile na nGael executive photographed at a press conference at Hayes Hotel. Back Row (l-r): Seamus King, Eugene Ryan, James Gleeson, Liam O'Donnchú, Liam McGrath. Front Row: Marian Graham, Donal Shanahan (chairman), Denis Floyd.

FIRST VICTORY

In all the years of Féile a Tipperary team has never won Division 1. This year the county celebrated its first victory when Dúrlas Óg were triumphant. In winning the Christy Ring trophy for the premier event they beat another Tipperary team, Kilruane MacDonaghs, by 2-4 to 1-4. A Tipperary team also featured in the Division II final, Boherlahan-Dualla who went down to Rathnure from Co. Wexford 2-3 to 2-1. There was another Tipperary victory in Division III when Loughmore-Castleinev got the better of Antrim champions, Loughgiel-Shamrocks by 1-3 to 1-1. The final of Division IV for the Dr. Birch trophy was contested by Louth and Kerry with the Leinster side successful. Both the contestants in Division V were also from Tipperary, with Fr. Sheehy's defeating Aherlow by 2-4 to 2-1. Both teams fielded a girl in the final. Overall a very satisfactory weekend for Tipperary hurling with no less than six of the ten finalists coming from the county.

PARADE

One of the highlights of the final day was the grand parade through the town. This was a colourful and enjoyable spectacle which saw 112 clubs from all over the country marching in club colours and behind their club banners. They marched past a reviewing stand in Liberty Square where President Hillery, who was attending his tenth and final Féile, and G.A.A. and Civic dignitaries were seated.

The parade assembled at Semple Stadium after a special open air Mass at which the Patron of the G.A.A., Most Rev. Dr. Dermot Clifford, was principal concelebrant, and with twenty marching bands to liven up proceedings, they left the Stadium going to Liberty Square via Parnell Street, past the reviewing stand in the Square and back to the Stadium via Friar Street. The impressive array of colour, sound and movement took over an hour to pass the reviewing stand.

At the conclusion of the parade prizes were awarded as follows: Hurling: Best dressed team — Lorrha. Best Tipperary banner — Marfield. Best visiting banner — Loughgiel Shamrocks, Antrim. Camogie: Best dressed team — Durlas Og. Best Tipperary banner — Burgess. Best visiting banner — Oisín's Glenariffe, Co. Antrim.

On their return to Semple Stadium the participants were addressed by President Hillery prior to the commencement of the final.

SUCCESS

The event was a major success with a couple of exceptions. Conspicuously absent was any appreciable publicity from the national media. The weekend brought 3,000 hurlers, camogie players and handballers together for a weekend in exciting competition and yet the scale of the organisation and participation scarcely merited a mention in the daily newspapers or R.T.E. Equally disappointing was the poor turnout in the streets of Thurles for the parade. The



Féile na nGael flag is raised in Thurles by John Dowling, G.A.A. President, accompanied by Donal Shanahan, Tipperary Féile na nGael Chairman.



FR. SHEEHY'S UNDER-14 JUVENILE HURLING TEAM
Winners of Division 5 Féile na nGael 1990.



At a function held in Thurles, Tipperary County Board made a presentation to three founder members of Féile na nGael — Tomás Ó Baróid, Seamus Ó Riain and Eamonn de Stafort. Photographs shows (l. - r.): Donal Shanahan (Chairman Tipperary Executive Féile na nGael); Tomás Ó Baróid; Seamus Ó Riain; Eamonn de Stafort; Denis Floyd (Secretary Tipperary Executive Féile na nGael); Noel Morris (Chairman Tipperary County Board) who made the presentation on behalf of the County Board.



LOUGHMORE/CASTLEINEV UNDER-14 HURLING TEAM AND MENTORS
— Winners of Division 3 Féile na nGael Title in Semple Stadium

Front Row: Ciarán Webster, Paul Ormond, Brian Webster, Joe Danagher, Martin Cosgrave, Brian Dunne, Ailvy Stapleton, Johnny Gleeson, Michael Brennan, Tommy Ormond, Eamonn Sweeney. Second Row: Richard McGrath, John McGrath, Anthony Keane, Mervyn Deegan, Gerard Heffernan, Oliver Ryan, Donal Bolger, Micheál Webster, Thomas Foy, David Kennedy, Dominic Brennan, Michael Ormond. Back Row: Stephen Maher, Don Bolger, Eddie Webster.

only thing one can say about the attendance is that it was a little bit better than the miserable turnout for the Centenary Parade in 1984.

These criticisms don't in any way take from the continued success and essential health of Féile na nGael. The enthusiasm and excitement of the under-fourteens

over the four days was infectious. The vision and foresight of the three founding fathers was again realised. It was only fitting then that the three, Seamus O Riain, Eamon de Stafort and Tomás Ó Baróid, should have been honoured by a Civic Reception by Thurles Urban Council on

the Thursday night. Later in the year they were also honoured by the Tipperary County Board. It was a small way of saying 'Thank You' to three visionaries who thought up a brilliant idea nearly two decades ago and saw it go from success to success.

Memories of Féile na nGael

By Sean Kennedy (Moneygall Player)

I will forever remember the enjoyment provided by Féile na nGael in June 1990. I had never realised how popular Féile was all over the country until it returned to Tipperary this year. The clubs from the weaker counties get a great thrill playing against opposition from the traditional hurling areas. This is all thanks to Seamus O Riain and others from our own club who were responsible for organising the first Féile in 1971.

We were drawn to play St. Vincents of Dublin and on Thursday 21st June they arrived in Moneygall. On Friday evening we played them in the first game in Moneygall. Their players were very big and strong but some of them had not the skill to match. Their physical strength proved too much for us and they defeated us by 1-10 to 1-1. This was not the best result for us so we were looking for a win the following morning against old rivals Toomevara. This was a very exciting game and we came out victorious thanks to a late goal.

On Saturday afternoon we were back to Moneygall to play Killimordaly from Galway. This was our best performance of the week-end and we won by 4 points. Unfortunately for us St. Vincents beat Galway and drew with Toomevara and so were winners of the group. We had the satisfaction of being runners-up in what was a very strong section.

On Saturday evening we travelled to watch St. Vincents play Kilruane in the semi-final. Although we only knew the Dublin players for two days we were all Vincents fans for this game. After a very close game Kilruane were winners by a point.

On Sunday morning we travelled to Thurles to take part in grand parade. As we paraded into Semple Stadium many of us had dreams of hopefully running out on this famous field with Tipperary in future years. We were then addressed by the President Dr. Hillery after which we returned to the stand to watch the finals. On Sunday evening it was time for us to say goodbye to our friends from Dublin who were very thankful for the hospitality shown them over the weekend. Before they went they invited our team to spend a weekend in Dublin which we gratefully accepted.



MONEYGALL TEAM FOR FÉILE NA nGAEL 1990

Back Row: Fergal Hourihane, P. J. Hoolan, Donal Crowley, Enda Fanning, Declan Delaney, Eamon Kennedy, Joe Smyth, Jonathan Lowther, Michael Toohey. Front Row: Sean Jones, Mark Keeshan, Diarmuid Kennedy, Denis Dwyer, Sean Kennedy, Barry Ryan, Thomas Toohey, Enda Gleeson, Patrick Smyth. This team was also runners-up to Kilruane in the North Tipperary Under-14 Final.

We visited St. Vincents club on the first weekend in September and it was great to meet their players again. We played them in a challenge game and were unlucky to lose by a goal. To finish a great weekend we attended the All-Ireland finals in Croke Park.

The memories of Féile na nGael will remain with us for ever. Thanks to St. Vincents our visitors for inviting us to Dublin and for treating us so well. I hope the friendship built up between our club

and theirs will remain for many years. Thanks also to Toomevara club who gave us such a welcome when we played there in Féile and had their facilities in excellent condition. Thanks also to our other opponents Killimordaly from Galway.

As a player I am very lucky as I will still be under-14 in 1991. Féile na nGael will once again be in Tipperary and I am really looking forward to another memorable weekend.



Picture taken in Toomevara field during Féile na nGael

Left to right: John Cleary, Toomevara captain; Joe Smyth, Moneygall captain; John Dowling, Uachtarán C.L.G.; Bill Lilley, Coca Cola; Noel Morris, Chairman Tipperary Co. Board; Michael Cahill, Referee; Donal Shanahan, Chairman Tipperary Féile na nGael.

West Tipperary Bord na nÓg

By TOMMY KELLY, Rúnaí

While 1990 saw the decline of our adult county teams, it was a most exciting and successful year for Bord na nÓg, not alone in West Tipperary but throughout the county. This was due in no small way to the staging, after an absence of twenty years, of that wonderful feat of hurling, Féile na nGael. Here in West Tipperary all clubs took part with the exceptions of Éire Óg, Solohead, Rosegreen and Rockwell Rovers and it hoped that for the 21st anniversary of Féile next year all clubs within the division will take part.

LOCAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

On the local championship scene here in West Tipperary a total of 152 games were played in the various grades. Pride of place must go to the Arravale Rovers club who recorded three championship wins in the 'A' competitions, winning U-21 football, U-16 football and U-14 Urban/Rural hurling.

In the 'A' competitions Galtee Rovers recorded a double in the U-14 Rural and Urban/Rural football championships, to add to their win the U-16 'B' football competition. Kickhams recorded a double championship win, taking the U-12 'A' and U-16 'A' hurling competitions while Cappawhite won the U-14 Rural hurling championships.

Clonoulty/Rossmore had an excellent year, winning the U-12 'B', U-14 'B' and U-16 'B' hurling competitions as well as the U-12 'C' football championships. Aherlow were successful in the U-12 'B' football with Rockwell Rovers taking the U-14 'B' football. Aherlow also retained the U-13 Garda Cup hurling competition with a good win over Kickhams while the U-15 Garda Cup football competition was won by Arravale Rovers.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following teams from the division contested county finals: Cappawhite, after a terrific semi-final in which it took three games to separate themselves and a gallant Mullinahone side, were beaten in the county rural hurling final by a strong Kilruane team; Galtee Rovers, having defeated Loughmore in the U-16 'B' county football semi-final, were beaten by Ballina in the final; Clonoulty/Rossmore, who defeated Ballingarry in the U-16 'B' hurling county semi-final, were themselves defeated by a very good Burgess side in the final. While all our teams played very well in both county semi-finals and finals it is the first time for a long number of years that our division has failed to record a county final win.

INTER-DIVISIONAL SCENE

On the inter-divisional scene West Tipperary was defeated by North Tipperary in the first round of the U-16 hurling Garda Cup competition. In the inter-county U-16 Munster hurling West Tipperary defeated East Limerick at Cappamore but were defeated by North Kerry in the second round played at Kilmallock. The team and officials were as follows: Shane Slattery (Emly); Liam McGrath (Emly); Dan Ryan (Clonoulty); Paul Morrissey (Kickhams); Seamus

Morrissey (Kickhams); Mark Keane (Clonoulty); Aidan O'Dwyer (Lattin/C); Joseph Wade (Clonoulty); Derry Peters (Aherlow Rovers); Pádraig Moloney (Galtee Rovers); Georgie Kiely (Aherlow); Declan Sheehan (Cappawhite); James McCormack (Kickhams); Michael Butler (Cashel K.C.). Subs: Dermot English (Cappawhite); Mark Gleeson (Arravale Rovers); Alan Quinlan (Arravale Rovers); Conor O'Shea (Aherlow); John Heney (Rockwell Rovers); John McCarthy (Solohead). Jim Fogarty (Golden) was coach/selector to this team with fellow selectors Michael Gleeson (Arravale Rovers) and Tom Peters (Aherlow).

U-16 FOOTBALL

In the U-16 Garda Cup football competition West Tipperary overcame South Tipperary in the first round and also defeated North Tipperary in the final, thus retaining the trophy they won in 1989. Team and officials were as follows:

Dermot Donovan (Arravale Rovers), Seamus Morrissey (Cashel K.C.), Paul Morrissey (Kickhams), Aidan O'Dwyer (Lattin/Cullen), Martin Moloney (Rockwell Rovers), Pádraig Moloney (Galtee Rovers), Seán Óg Ryan (Rosegreen), Shay Lynch (Arravale Rovers), Derry Peters (Aherlow), John Heney (Rockwell Rovers), Brendan O'Sullivan (Solohead), Damian Lynch (Arravale Rovers), Damian Myles (Rockwell Rovers), David Flaherty (Cashel K.C.), Mark Keane (Clonoulty/R.), Ian Ryan (Clonoulty/R.), James McCormack (Kickhams), Alan Quinlan (Arravale Rovers), Keith Nolan (Solohead), Craig Rothwell (Cashel), George Kiely (Aherlow).

As in previous years, the coach was Davy Quirke (Arravale Rovers) with the assistance of Tom Peters (Aherlow), John Looby (Rockwell Rovers) and county coach Jimmy O'Donnell (Rockwell Rovers).

TOURNAMENTS

Our U-14 hurlers took part in the Peadar Cummins tournament played in Borrisoleigh. In this we were defeated by Mid-Tipperary in the final, having overcome South Tipperary in the semi-final. The team was coached by Jim Fogarty, Golden, with selectors Denis Ryan (Clonoulty), Denis O'Shea (Aherlow) and Sammy Ryan (Golden).

On the inter-county scene West Tipperary had the following players on the county U-14 team which took part in the Tony Forrester tournament in Waterford:

Brian Horgan (Kickhams), Aidan Murphy (Kickhams) and Colm Heney (Rockwell Rovers). The West selector on this team was Nicholas Lonergan, Solohead.

For the third year running, Nenagh Co-operative Society have sponsored an U-16 inter-county hurling tournament with the following teams taking part:

Tipperary (A), Tipperary (B), Galway, Clare, Limerick, Offaly, Waterford and Kerry. West Tipperary players on the 'A' team were: Seamus Morrissey (Cashel K.C.), Kevin O'Sullivan (Arravale Rovers) and Dermot English (Cappawhite).

On the Tipperary (B) panel West Tipp had the following: Joseph Wade (Clonoulty/R.), Aidan Butler (Clonoulty/R.), Paul Morrissey and Bobby Alley (Kickhams), Derry Peters and George Kiely (Aherlow) and Aidan O'Dwyer (Lattin/Cullen).

FÉILE NA nGAEL

The West Tipperary Féile skills competition was held in Cashel and was won by Donal Leahy, Lattin/Cullen, with Aherlow's Conor O'Shea runner-up.

In the Féile na nGael hurling competitions eleven teams from the division took part with each one hosting a team from outside the county. Many a lasting friendship was made over that weekend with some clubs having already paid return visits to the club they hosted. All our teams gave an excellent account of themselves, with Aherlow reaching the final of division five. In this they were beaten by a very good Clogheen team.

On behalf of the Board I would like, through this publication, to thank everyone involved in the Féile for their wonderful help and co-operation; the families who looked after the youngsters over the week-end; the field committees for their work on the fields; the referees, without whose help the week-end would not be possible; the club managers and officials who saw to it that each visiting club was welcomed with open arms; finally, the organising committee for their work with fixtures, etc.

SCÓR NA nÓg

Scór na nÓg in West Tipperary was an outstanding success and the following were the winners:

Figure dancing: Lattin-Cullen (Triona Rafferty, Ann Cora English, Carol Redican, Nuala English, Ann O'Dwyer, Michelle O'Sullivan, Patricia Raill, Laura McGrath).

Recitation: Sean Treacy's (Alice Cleary).

Solo singing: Sean Treacy's (Deirdre O'Connell).

Novelty act: Golden-Kilfeacle (David Keane, Robert O'Keeffe, Ivor Hanrahan, Marian Quinlan, Rachel Ryan, Leah Ryan).

Question time: Clonoulty-Rossmore (Joseph Wade, Roger Ryan, Ann Marie Ryan).

Ballad group: Sean Treacy's (Breda, Deirdre and Siobhain O'Connell, Mary Byrnes and Bridget Ryan).

Instrumental music: Sean Treacy's (Elizabeth Ryan, Francis Ryan, Michael Ryan).

Set dancing: Cappawhite (Catriona Barry, Noreen O'Meara, Marie O'Dwyer, Ann Riall, Rosaleen O'Dwyer, Karen Tierney, Brenda Spillane, Ann Marie Carabine).

At county final level the West was successful in the novelty act, ballad group and instrumental music with both Golden/Kilfeacle (novelty act) and Sean Treacy's (ballad group) each winning a munster final. Alas, we had no success in the All-Ireland finals.

THANKS

Our competitions started this year on April 16th and were finished on August 25th with a total of 152 games played. For this we must thank the clubs and club officers for their wonderful help and co-operation; also the help and assistance given to the Board by our excellent panel of referees who accommodate us at all

times.

Here let me offer the Board's sincerest congratulations to Paddy Russell on his most efficient handling of both the All-Ireland football semi-final and final. Down through the years Paddy has given great assistance to our Board and can be seen each Monday and Friday nights, and other times at a moment's notice, refereeing juvenile games throughout Tipperary.

Again, as in previous years, we must acknowledge the help and co-operation of the field committees and also the work done by the Board officers throughout the year. A special word of thanks to Senior Board P.R.O. J. J. Kennedy for reporting on our games on both 'Star' and 'Nationalist' and also for publishing our fixtures each week.

Again we must acknowledge the help and assistance given to our Board by West Tipp Senior Board, mainly through their secretary, Jerry Ring.

MID/WEST RADIO

Since last year's publication Tipperary Mid/West radio has returned to the air and we are glad to say that we have our own slot each Saturday morning between 11.30 and 1.00. Thanks to Michael Hennessy, Tipperary Mid/West and also our own roving reporter, Sammy Ryan. Our games are also featured on Tipperary Mid/West radio on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. during the Senior Board programme thanks to Jerry Ring and Jimmy O'Connell, the presenters.

REFLECTION

Now as the Winter nights draw on and our members are taking a well-earned rest it is time for club officers and mentors to reflect on the past year and come forward with ideas on how to improve the structure of our games, especially in the areas of coaching, grading, etc.

President: James O'Donoghue (Arravale Rovers).

Chairman: Sammy Ryan (Golden).

Vice-Chairmen: Liam O'Dwyer (Eire Óg) and Nicholas Lonergan (Solohead).

Secretary: Tommy Kelly (Kickhams).

Treasurer: Eamonn Buckley (Lattin/Cullen).

Registrar: Lou Reardon (Galtee Rovers).

Co. Board Representatives: Eamon Buckley (Lattin/C.) and Richard Barry (Cappawhite).

Selectors - U-16 hurling: Jim Fogarty, (Golden, coach); Michael Gleeson (Arravale Rovers), Tom Peters (Aherlow).

U-16 Football: David Quirke (Arravale Rovers), John Looby (Rockwell Rovers), Tom Peters (Aherlow), Jimmy O'Donnell (Rockwell Rovers).

U-14 Jim Fogarty, Golden (coach); Sammy Ryan, (Golden, coach); Sammy Ryan (Golden); Denis Ryan (Clonoulty); Denis O'Shea (Aherlow).

County selectors: U-16 'A': Tommy Kelly (Kickhams). U-16'B': Sammy Ryan (Golden). U-14: Nicholas Lonergan (Solohead).



GALTEE ROVERS — WEST TIPP. UNDER-16 FOOTBALL "B" WINNERS 1990

Back Row (l. - r.): Michael White, Raymond Hickey, Dallen Browne, Stephen Crowe, Larry Quinn, Michael O'Shea, Oliver O'Brien, Declan Ryan, Ger Lonergan, James Galvin. Front Row (l. - r.): Mark Crowe, Brendan Healy, Eamonn Lonergan, Andrew Compton, Padraig Moloney, Liam Esmond, Thomas Esmond, Sean O'Neill.

WEST TIPP BORD NA nÓG WINNERS 1990

Grade

U-12 'A' F.C.
U-12 'B' F.C.
U-12 'C' F.C.
U-14 Rural F.C.
U-14 U/R.F.C.
U-14 'B' F.C.
U-16 'A' F.C.
U-16 'B' F.C.
U-15 Garda Cup F.C.
U-12 'A' H.C.
U-12 'B' H.C.
U-14 Rural H.C.
U-14 U/R.H.C.
U-14 'B' H.C.
U-16 'A' H.C.
U-16 'B' H.C.
U-13 Garda Cup H.C.

Winners

Arravale Rovers
Aherlow
Clonoulty/Rossmore
Galtee Rovers
Galtee Rovers
Rockwell Rovers
Arravale Rovers
Galtee Rovers
Arravale Rovers
Kickhams
Clonoulty/Rossmore
Cappawhite
Arravale Rovers
Clonoulty/Rossmore
Kickhams
Clonoulty/Rossmore
Aherlow

Runners-up

Cashel K.C.
Galtee Rovers
Cappawhite
Kickhams
Arravale Rovers
Golden/K.
Cashel K.C.
Golden/K.
Galtee Rovers
Cashel K.C.
Cappawhite
Kickhams
Kickhams
Aherlow
Arravale Rovers
Galtee Rovers
Kickhams

Referee

Paddy Lonergan
Paddy Russell
Pat Cormack
N. Lonergan
Paddy Russell
Michael Carew
John Kennedy
Tom Meehan
Richard Barry
Jim O'Donnell
Angus Ryan
P. O'Sullivan
Richard Barry
Eamonn Browne
Paddy Lonergan
C. O'Sullivan
S. Ó Riain



Cappawhite - West Tipp. U-14 Rural H. Champions 1990. Back Row (l-r): John Coyle, William Buckley, Thomas Costello, Eugene O'Neill, Colm O'Neill, Kieran Quinn, Michael McCarthy, George Furlong. Front Row (l-r): Damien O'Neill, John Ryan (P), Seamus Breen, Aidan Ryan (P), Myles Shanahan, Patrick Julian, Stephen Griesewood.



Kickhams - West Tipp. U-16 'A' H. Champions 1990. Back Row (l-r): T. Farrell, P. Morrissey, C. Morrissey, W. Guilfoyle, M. Ryan, P. Farrell, J. McCormack. Middle Row (l-r): D. Ryan, D. Hourigan, D. Buckley, B. Horgan, A. O'Dwyer, G. Farrell, A. Murphy. Front Row (l-r): J. Cussen, V. Bradshaw, M. Ryan, J. Shanahan, S. Hennessy, A. Heaney, M. O'Brien. Missing from photo: B. Alley, J. O'Dwyer, P.J. Horgan, A. Butler.



Arravale Rovers - West Tipp. U-14 U/R hurling champions 1990. Back Row (l-r): Sean O'Halloran, Jason Nugent, Kieran Greene, Pat McEvoy, John O'Donoghue (mentor), Pat Marnane, Paul Maher, Gerard McGrath, Enda O'Sullivan, Niall English, Bill Gleeson, Frank Spillane (mentor). Front Row (l-r): Ian Morrissey, David Morey, Kieran Codd, Jamie Wade, Kenneth Bowes, Conor Tierney, James Quinn, Barry McGrath, Tommy Frazer, Declan Crowe.



Clonoulty/R - West Tipp U-14 'B' Hurling champions 1990. Back Row (l-r): Tom Maher (selector), William Ryan, Gerry Ryan, Roger Ryan, Michael Wade, Derek Ryan, Kevin Morrissey, Patrick O'Brien, John Heffernan, Brian Lyons, Kevin Lanigan-Ryan, Kevin O'Sullivan, Michael Coen (selector). Front Row (l-r): Michael Carroll, James O'Dwyer, Conor O'Dwyer, Tony Ryan, Michael Maher, James Ryan, Diarmuid Brennan, Neil Kearney, Michael Coen, Mark Guilfoyle, John Maher.



Rockwell Rovers - West Tipp. U-14 'B' F. winners 1990. Back Row (l-r): Martin Tobin (selector), P.J. Moloney, Paul Flanagan, Vincent O'Farrell, John O'Donnell, Colm Heaney, Oliver Hally, Eamonn O'Dwyer, Donal Moloney (selector), John Hally, John Fitzgerald, Michael (Taylor) Ryan (selector), Michael Tobin (selector). Front Row (l-r): Damien Hally, Mark Hally, Lee O'Connor, Kevin Heaney, Thomas Flynn, Pat Fitzgerald, Vincent Phelan, Andrew Tobin, Alan Moloney.



Galtee Rovers - West Tipp U-14 F. rural and urban/rural champions 1990. Back Row (l-r): Michael White, Michael Scanlon, John Murphy, Peter O'Sullivan, Martin O'Dwyer, Sean O'Neill, John Wunlan, Michael Collins, Lee Dowling, Thomas Moloney. Front Row (l-r): David O'Gorman, Theo Donovan, Mark Crowe, David Noonan, John Peters, Liam Phelan, Eamonn Lonergan, Brendan Healy, Cathal Moloney, Timothy O'Dwyer.



Clonoulty/R - West Tipp. U-16 'B' Hurling Winners 1990. Back Row (l-r): Tomás Barry, Mark Keane, James Carroll, Nollaig Heffernan, John Barry, Seamus Lacey, Patrick Wade, Tom Ryan, Rodger Ryan, Joseph Wade, Martin Bourke. Front Row (l-r): Michael Wade, Tom O'Dwyer, Gerry Ryan, Ian Ryan, William Ryan, Donie Fogarty, Ollie Quinn, Kevin Lanigan-Ryan, John Morrissey, Roddy Aheame, Michael Ryan.



Aherlow, West Tipp. U-12 'B' Football Champions 1990. Back Row (l-r): Denis O'Brien, Cian O'Brien, Denis Grogan, Michael Carey, James Noonan, Patrick Bourke, David Hennessy, Anthony Donovan, Paul Kiely, Philip Kiely, Paul McGrath. Front Row (l-r): Sean Hennessy, Derek Valance, Leo Leonard, Peter Leonard, Tom Russell, Noel O'Brien, Noel Clifford, Michael Frewen, Cathal O'Shea, Liam O'Brien. At Back: Tom O'Shea and Tom Peters (mentors).

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WEST TIPP. — UNDER-15 FOOTBALL GARDA CUP WINNERS 1990

Back Row (l. - r.): Jimmy O'Donnell, coach (Rockwell Rus); Tom Peters, selector, (Aherlow); Kevin O'Sullivan (Arravale Rus); Padraig Moloney (Galtee Rus); Alan Quinlan (Arravale Rus), Aidan O'Dwyer (Lattin/C), Martin Moloney (Rockwell Rus), Damien Lynch (Arravale Rus), Seamus Morrissey (Cashel K.C.), Mark Keane (Clonoulty/Rossmore), James McCormack (Kickhams), David Flaherty (Cashel K.C.), David Quirke, manager/coach (Arravale Rus), John Looby, selector (Rockwell Rus). Front Row (l. - r.): Paul Morrissey (Kickhams), Dermot Donovan (Arravale Rus), Sean Og Ryan (Rosegreen), George Kiely (Aherlow), Derry Peters (Aherlow), Brendan O'Sullivan (Solohead), Shay Lynch (Arravale Rus), Keith Nolan (Solohead), Craig Rothwell (Cashel K.C.), Don Walsh (Aherlow), John Heney (Rockwell Rus), Derry Farrell (Rockwell Rus), Damien Myles (Rockwell Rus).

Munster Vocational Schools Football

By Coireal Ó Glasáin

TIPPERARY played Clare in the Final of the Special Section of the Munster Football, Vocational Schools Competition. During the early stages of the game exchanges were even and was played at a furious pace. Two spectacular saves by Tipp goalie, Declan Burke (Templemore) and a lapse on two by his opposite number, allowed Tipp to take a lead which they never relinquished. They played good combination football and picked off some quality scores.

Having won the Special Section, Tipp now faced Kerry in the Munster semi-final proper, played at Pairc Uí Riain, Newport. Kerry started well and their full-forward posed the Tipp defence many problems. He was finally contained by Michael Shelley of Killenaule, and Tipp came back into the game. John Cahalane (Borrisokane), John Foley (Newport) and Brian O'Meara (Killenaule) kept Tipp in the hunt. Kerry hung on grimly to win eventually by one point. Kerry went on to win the All-Ireland final. So Tipp were certainly up to the standard. A greater commitment from all Vocational Schools was all that was needed for Tipp to make the big breakthrough.

John Foley (Newport) captain, played wonderful football for Tipp and gave great leadership to his team-mates.

Tipp team: D. Burke (Templemore), Michael Shelley (Killenaule), Morgan Hough (Borrisokane), Thomas Fogarty (Thurles), Terry Fraher (Clonmel), John Hadnett (Tipperary), Adrian Hogan (Borrisokane), P. J. Walsh (Killenaule), John Foley (Newport) (captain), Eoin Hurley (Newport), K. O'Shea (Carrick-on-Suir), M. Hayes (Templemore), G. Creed (Cahir), H. O'Meara (Clonmel), N. O'Brien (Carrick-on-Suir), L. Gubbins (Tipp).



KICKHAMS — WEST TIPP. U-12 'A' HURLING CHAMPIONS 1990

Back Row (l. - r.): N. Ryan, L. Morrissey, A. Crosse, F. Heney, F. Morrissey. Middle Row (l. - r.): S. O'Brien (selector), B. O'Dwyer, D. Breen, D. Murphy, O. Morrissey, J. Breen, A. Ryan, J. Carew (juvenile secretary). Front Row (l. - r.): D. McGrath, S. Ryan, W. Keane, R. Horgan, F. O'Brien, J. Kelly, F. Horgan. Missing from photo: D. Crosse (captain, in hospital), G. Hayes, L. Ryan, S. Quirke, P. Kennedy.



CLONOULTY/ROSSMORE — WEST TIPP. U-12 'C' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 1990; UNDER-12 'B' HURLING CHAMPIONS

Back Row (l. - r.): Liam Kearney, Padraig Coen, Joseph O'Keeffe (selector), Patrick Flynn, Con O'Keeffe, Dan Lacey, Conor Ryan, Eamonn Slattery, Richard Mahoney, James Ryan, Christy Ryan, Brian Lyons, Tadhg Bourke, Michael Heffernan, Patrick O'Brien, Kenneth Ryan, Tom O'Brien (coach), Liam Ryan. Front Row (l. - r.): David Ralph, T. J. Ryan, Kieran Ryan, Patrick Flynn, John Kearney, Alan Kennedy, Michael Kennedy, Kieran McCormack, Michael O'Dwyer, James Caplis, Declan Ryan, John Devane, Philip Maston, Joseph Carroll, Michael Fogarty, Liam Ryan, Mark O'Dwyer.

When Tipperary nearly changed the course of G.A.A. history

By Seamus Leahy

Incredible as it may seem as we draw close to the end of the century, only four men have held the post of General Secretary of the G.A.A. since 1901. And of these, the present incumbent seems likely to hold office well into the next century.

Of the four, two of them — Luke O'Toole and Pádraig Ó Caoimh — between them directed the affairs of the Association for over sixty years. This was a period which began with the Association still desperately trying to recover from the aftermath of the Parnell Split — and desperately trying to make ends meet — and ended with the magnificently formidable organisation with which we are familiar today.

No attempt to account for the phenomenal success-story of the G.A.A. could fail to take account of the enormous organisational skill and administrative ability of these two men. As I write, I have before me a tribute penned on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of the Association by Ó Caoimh to his predecessor. This was a man who, when he came to the Secretaryship, was aware that not alone was there no money to pay a Secretary, but there was not even enough to set up an office. Among O'Toole's achievements as listed by Ó Caoimh was the establishment of provincial councils, the acquisition and development of Croke Park, the revival of the Tailteann Games and what he referred to as "a hundred more developments that contributed incalculably to making the G.A.A. the national institution it is today". That was in 1934.

But while the foundations of the organisation were made permanently secure by the indefatigable Wicklowman, it is generally agreed that it was Ó Caoimh himself who transformed it into the modern institution which is so much part of our national life.

I remember many years ago listening to the President of the Irish Rugby Football Union W. G. Fallon speaking at a meeting of a debating Society at U.C.D. on the subject of the role of sport in Irish society. The place of the G.A.A. in Irish life, he said, was unique and was due mainly to the fact that it had in control of its affairs,



Luke O'Toole (1901-1929)

Pádraig Ó Caoimh, who was, in his opinion, one of the ablest organisers and administrators this country had seen in any sphere.

It was a high compliment but it brought a challenge. To her feet came Ó Caoimh's daughter to claim that the success of the G.A.A. was not due to any one man but to the fact that it answered a need that was deep within the great majority of Irish people. Its success, she said, was due to the support it received from ordinary Irish people in every corner of the country.

The truth of the matter may lie somewhere between the two points of view. But the immediate purpose of this article is to account for Tipperary's part in giving the G.A.A. as its General Secretary the man who was to play such a key role in its development.

Of the contest for the secretaryship, Canon Fogarty, historian of the first half of Tipperary's G.A.A. story, wrote, "Paddy won — according to Johnny Leahy — by getting the Tipperary vote". That Paddy Ó Caoimh should have been



Pádraig Ó Caoimh (1929-1964)

in any doubt about getting the Tipperary vote may seem, with the benefit of historical hindsight, somewhat strange, since the other Munster counties voted solidly for him and he was on terms of closest personal friendship with many Tipperary G.A.A. personalities. To explain this peculiar situation, we must go back to the 1916 Rising and to the All-Ireland Final of 1917.

When Luke O'Toole died while drawing up an agenda for a Central Council meeting in mid-July, 1929, the Association felt shattered by the loss of the man who had been the corner-stone of its activities for nearly thirty years. But this did not prevent it from acting with considerable alacrity to fill his position. When the meeting of the Central Council which he had been planning did take place, the principal item on its agenda was the setting up of machinery to select his successor.

It is an indication of the extent which the Association had changed during O'Toole's term of office that the Central

Council took a decision that all applicants for the job would have to sit a written examination in Irish, English, Mathematics and Book-keeping; then, on the basis of the results of this examination and of interviews, a Council meeting on the eve of the All-Ireland Hurling Final would make the appointment. In the meantime, it became known that there were eleven applicants, almost all of them either well-known players or experienced officials. And as time passed, two names began to emerge more and more as having a considerably better chance than the others — Padraig Ó Caoimh of Cork and Frank Burke of Dublin and Kildare.

The credentials of Paddy Ó Caoimh were formidable. He had been an Irish language enthusiast, a G.A.A. man and a prominent figure in the national movement in Cork since his early youth. He had been one of the most active officers of the Cork No. 1 Brigade of the I.R.A. during the Black and Tan War, had been imprisoned and had fought on the Republican side in the Civil War. He had been a teacher for a number of years, had been a prominent referee and was secretary of Cork County Board, a position in which his flair for administration had become a byword. He had been a close personal friend of many Tipperary officials of the 1920's such as Wedger Meagher, Johnny Leahy and Frank McGrath. With these he had shared experiences in the days of the national struggle to match their common involvement in G.A.A. affairs.

But among those same Tipperary officials there was something not far removed from reverence for Paddy Ó's main rival for the General Secretaryship — Frank Burke. The Kildare-born Dublin star had a sporting record that was quite unique at the time and, in fact, his record still stands — he had won two hurling All-Irelands with Dublin in 1917 and 1920, and had won three football titles, in 1921, '22 and '23. Besides these, he had played in two other football finals which Dublin had lost, in 1920 and '24. On his first appearance in an All-Ireland he had won a hurling title at Tipperary's expense; on his second, he had lost a football title to Tipperary.

His national record was just as striking. As a pupil at St. Enda's, he had been a particular favourite of Padraig Pearse and when he had gone on to study at U.C.D. he continued to live at St. Enda's and to help out with the running of the school. He had fought in the G.P.O. during the Easter Rising, was imprisoned in England, and when he was released had returned to teach at St. Enda's and to become its headmaster.

With the Tipperary officials who had themselves been involved in the national struggle, there was for Frank Burke the naked admiration that was not unusual among those who felt that they had "missed the bus" in 1916 for those who had not. Seamus Ó Riain, who, though of a much younger vintage, came of a family which had eaten and drunk revolution for



Seán Ó Siócháin

many years, tells of how, playing in a Leinster Colleges hurling game in 1932, he could not take his eyes off the figure of Frank Burke on the sideline. The inherited reverence for the disciple and comrade of Pearse made it difficult for the young Moneygall to focus his attention on the game. This was an attitude that was common at the time among those who shared the ideals for which people like Frank Burke had worked and fought.

With Johnny Leahy, who had already been County Chairman and was now settling in to a long period of years as Tipperary's County Secretary, there was an additional cause of admiration. When, back in 1917, he had captained the Tipperary team that was intent on capturing its second All-Ireland in a row, he had been stopped in his tracks by a star-studded Dublin team captained by the famous Dr. John Ryan. The game was regarded at the time and for long afterwards as one of the greatest of all All-Ireland finals and on the Dublin team which emerged victors by two points was Frank Burke who had been released from an English prison some months previously. Johnny was always apt to admire a man or a team who had got the better of him — some of his closest friends in later life were opponents of his hurling days — and now he had one more reason for admiring Frank Burke. As the years passed he stood more and more in awe of Burke's national record and his achievements as a sportsman.

Tipperary's County Chairman since Johnny had vacated the post and had taken up the Secretaryship had been Fr. John Joe Meagher, who relied heavily on Johnny's judgement in most matters. Thus, since a very short time elapsed between the advertising of the post of General Secretary and the filling of the post, Johnny's feelings on the matter would be of vital importance. And Johnny's feelings were that, whatever Paddy Ó Caoimh's qualifications and



Liam Ó Maolmhichil (1979-)

whatever their personal friendship, he could not advise the Tipperary delegate to vote against Frank Burke.

John Joe Callanan of Thurles, who had won an All-Ireland with Dublin but who was now back playing with Tipperary, was the county's Central Council delegate and was less swayed by sentiment than was the Boherlahan captain. On an August day when the bringing in of the hay was more on people's minds than anything else, he turned up on the banks of the Suir to discuss the impending election. 'Jobie', as John Joe was known — he would captain Tipperary to victory in the All-Ireland the following year — was for some now-forgotten reason not anxious to attend the Central Council meeting and wanted Johnny to go in his place. But he had strong views on who the best man for the job was and he pushed hard the claims of Paddy Ó Caoimh. Sitting in a gap in the meadow in the afternoon sunshine, they argued the whole issue until Johnny yielded. But not entirely. "All right!" he told Jobie. "You can go yourself and vote for Paddy Ó. I can't vote against Frank Burke". And so, on the eve of the All-Ireland Final of 1929 — in which Cork beat Galway — Jobie was in Dublin to cast Tipperary's vote for Paddy Ó Caoimh.

The election itself was full of drama. The original eleven contestants had been narrowed down to three and on the first count the voting was: Ó Caoimh 11, Burke 10 and Hugh Corvin, the Ulster Secretary, 2. On the second count an extraordinary thing happened. Corvin's two votes transferred to Burke but another Ulster delegate — Eoin O'Duffy, Commissioner of the Garda Síochána and later to gain notoriety as leader of the 'Blueshirts' — having voted for Burke on the first count, now switched to Ó Caoimh. He had been, it is said, hard pressed by Padraig Pearse's sister to support the Headmaster of St. Enda's and, feeling that he had satisfied honour

by voting for him on the first count, he proceeded to vote thereafter for the man whom he considered best for the job.

Thus it was that the attendance of a proxy voter — O'Duffy was only there as a stand-in for an Ulster delegate who had been a candidate for the job and did not now wish to vote — decided the future of the G.A.A. It is equally true, of course, to say that the Tipperary vote had a vital bearing on the outcome.

Johnny Leahy came to appreciate the wisdom of the Central Council's choice, indeed all fairminded persons did. As he lay dying in Cashel Hospital in 1949 he mumbled of the 1917 Final when Frank Burke had first crossed his path. Among those at his funeral in Boherlahan was Padraig Ó Caoimh, accompanied by Michael Kehoe, then President of the G.A.A.



Frank Burke

Frank Burke lived to within shouting distance of his centenary, almost to the last an attender at Croke Park, though he had reason to complain near the end that his tickets for Finals did not arrive with the same certainty as in the days when Paddy Ó Caoimh and later Seán Ó Siócháin held the office he had once contested. When he died some years ago, I wrote to his son, whom I had never met, told him of Johnny Leahy's admiration and how he had always regretted that Tipperary could not vote for him in 1929. Back came a letter of warmest appreciation, assuring me that in time, too, Frank Burke himself had admitted that the choice of the G.A.A. had been a wise one. It was a generous statement and the ghosts of Johnny and of Jobie and Paddy-Ó — and of Frank — must have nodded in appreciation.



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AT THE CLUB'S ANNUAL SOCIAL

(Left to Right): Fr. Pat O'Gorman (Patron), Ger Corbett (Secretary), John Cormack (Treasurer), Seamus Maher, Larry O'Connor, Ken Doherty, Clive Hanrahan, Michael Dundon, Noel Morris (County Chairman), Ger Stakelum and Liam O'Donnchu (Club Chairman).

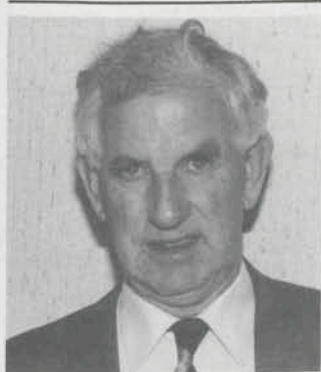


TIPPERARY DELEGATES AT THE G.A.A. ANNUAL CONGRESS

(From Left) Back Row: Tom O'Hara, Dick Fitzgerald, Michael O'Meara, Jim Ryan, Michael O'Brien, Michael Frawley. Front: Noel Morris, Mick McGuire, John Doyle, Michael Nolan, Hugh Kennedy.

Mid G.A.A. Review

THE year under review can be regarded as a very successful one for the association in Mid-Tipperary. Affairs ran smoothly in the Boardroom and we had a number of excellent games of a very high standard in many of our competitions. The highlight of the year was the victory of Holycross-Ballycahill in the senior hurling final, to regain the title after a lapse of thirty-six years. The achievement of Moyne-Templetuohy in winning the county junior hurling title also deserves special mention. Having won the 'B' title in Mid they beat 'A' winners Moycarkey in the play-off for the right to represent the Division in the county championships. After an exciting draw and replay with South champions Skeheena-rinka they went on to score a narrow victory over Ballina in a thrilling county final.



By Tom O'Hara
Secretary

The drawn game at Boherlahan although never reaching any dizzy heights of excitement was nevertheless close and exciting all through, a game in which both sides in turn had chances to claim the title. In the end however a draw was a fitting result. The replay at Semple Stadium on Saturday, Sept. 8th gave both teams an opportunity to show their true worth and in one of the best finals for years Holycross just held on to the Leahy Cup for the second successive year. In a replay that took one and a half hours to decide both teams deserve highest congratulations on their commitment, sportsmanship and dedication. They did our division proud.



BOHERLAHAN-DUALLA — MID 'B' MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Back Row: A. O'Dwyer, G. McLoughlin, Timmy Crowe, B. O'Dwyer, M. O'Dwyer, R. Hunt, L. Nash, S. Hickey, M. O'Dwyer, K. Traynor, F. Hickey. **Front Row:** L. Maher, A. Flanagan, R. Power, M. McLoughlin, K. O'Donnell, M. Ferncombe, T. Quirke, David Ryan, Jimmy Ferncombe.



UPPERCHURCH-DROMBANE — MID INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Back Row (l-r): Eugene Shortt, Tommy Tierney, Pat Carey, Padraig Hayes, John Ryan, Seamus Armstrong, Jerry Ryan, Donal Hayes. **Front Row:** Ailbe Quinlan, Michael Dwyer, Seamus Barry (capt.), Michael Ryan, Richie Ryan, L. T. Ryan, Liam Shanahan.



BOHERLAHAN-DUALLA — MID JUNIOR 'B' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

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At the time of writing five county finals have been decided and Mid teams contested four of those — Holycross winning the senior, Moyne the junior and Holycross and Drom lost narrowly in the Minor 'A' and 'B' finals. Templemore Brackens are through to the final in Under-21 'B' hurling. In football Loughmore reached the senior final losing to Commercial's, Boherlahan were victorious in the minor 'B' final. The junior, intermediate and Under-21 semi-finals yet to be played. A very good year for teams representing our division, and may be even better before the curtain falls.

Senior hurling: Nine teams affiliated and the championship was run on a losers' group system. Holycross, Sarsfields and Loughmore qualified for the semi-finals from the knock-out section and were joined by Moyne-Templetuohy who qualified for the semi-finals via the losers' group section. The semi-finals Loughmore-Castleiney v Sarsfields and Holycross-Ballycahill v Moyne-Templetuohy provided first class fare in two well attended games. The highlight of the semi-finals was the great showing of Moyne-Templetuohy against the champions and favourites Holycross-Ballycahill in a closely contested game that could have gone either way. The stage was now set for a repeat of the 1989 final Loughmore v Holycross and what a final it turned out to be.

Intermediate Hurling: Upperchurch-Drombane and Holycross-Ballycahill contested this final. Upperchurch having stepped down from senior ranks were favourites to take the title but after a closely contested game Holycross had added the Intermediate crown to the senior and minor already won. This was a big disappointment to Upperchurch who failed to score from two penalties in the closing stages of the game and earlier in the year had accounted for the same opposition in the league final.

Junior Hurling 'A': This was on a League system and Moycarkey and Killea qualified for the final. After a closely contested game all through Moycarkey emerged the narrowest of winners on a 3-5 to 0-13 scoreline.

Junior Hurling 'B': Also played on a league basis Moyne and Clonmel contested the final with Moyne proving best in an entertaining game.

Under-21 Hurling 'A': Played on a losers' group system Sarsfields and Boherlahan qualified for the final. This was a well contested

game all through with hurling of a very good standard with Sarsfields holding on for a narrow win and third Mid final in-a-row.



UPPERCHURCH-DROMBANE — MID JUNIOR FOOTBALL 'A' WINNERS

Back Row (l-r): Tom Ryan, Gerry Ryan, Seamus Armstrong, John Ryan, Tom Kennedy, Conor Dwyer, Gerry Ryan (R), Padraig Burke. **Front Row:** Padraig Hayes, Sean Whelan, Michael Ryan (capt.), Liam Shanahan, Ailbe Quinlan, Michael Dwyer, L. T. Ryan.



THURLES SARSFIELDS — MID U-21 HURLING CHAMPIONS

Back Row (l-r): Tommy Maher, Fiona Stakelum, Pat Minogue, Ger Collins, Tony Coman, Padraic Dundon, Walter Doyle, Sean Callanan. **Front Row:** Eugene McAree, Graham O'Connor, Clive Hanrahan, Brendan Carroll (capt.), Donal O'Shea, Seamus Quinn, Richie Corcoran.

Mid-Finalists 1990

Senior Hurling
Replay
Intermediate Hurling
Junior Hurling 'A'
Junior Hurling 'B'
Under-21 Hurling 'A'
Under-21 Hurling 'B'
Minor Hurling 'A'
Minor Hurling 'B'
Cahill Cup
Junior Hurling League
Intermediate Hurling League
Intermediate Football
Junior Football 'A'
Junior Football 'B'
Under-21 Football 'A'
Under-21 Football 'B'
Minor Football 'A'
Minor Football 'B'

Holycross-Ballycahill 1-10
Holycross-Ballycahill 2-19
Holycross-Ballycahill 2-9
Moycarkey-Borris 3-5
Moyne-Templetuohy 1-8
Sarsfields 1-11
Templemore Brackens 2-6
Holycross-Ballycahill 8-7
Drom-Inch 4-11
Holycross-Ballycahill 1-14
Moycarkey-Borris 5-8
Upperchurch 3-10
Sarsfields 1-5
Upperchurch-Drombane 0-11
Boherlahan-Dualla 1-5
Loughmore-Castleiney 0-8
Templetuohy-Moyne 5-9
Holycross-Ballycahill 3-4
Boherlahan-Dualla 2-8

Loughmore-Castleiney 1-10
Loughmore-Castleiney 1-18
Upperchurch-Drombane 1-9
Killea 0-13
Clonmore 0-6
Boherlahan-Dualla 1-7
Rahealty 0-5
Sarsfields 3-8
Boherlahan-Dualla 2-5
Loughmore-Castleiney 0-13
Loughmore-Castleiney 0-7
Holycross 2-5
Templetuohy-Moyne 1-3
Templetuohy-Moyne 0-8
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Under-21 Hurling 'B': Also played on a losers' group system Rahealty and Templemore Brackens qualified for the final. Playing with the aid of a strong breeze in the first half Templemore got on top and despite a great fight-back from Rahealty in the second half held on to take the title.

Minor Hurling 'A': Played on a league system the final was contested by old rivals Sarsfields and Holycross. After the earlier round games Sarsfields were regarded as favourites to succeed, but in the final Holycross gave one of their best displays to run out fairly decisive winners.

Minor Hurling 'B': Also played on a League system with Drom-Inch and Boherlahan-Dualla meeting in the final. Played at Drombane the game produced a good standard of hurling with Drom finishing fairly decisive winners in the end.

Intermediate Hurling League: In the final of this competition Upperchurch had a good win over Holycross in a keenly contested game.

Junior Hurling League: Moycarkey had a good win in the final of this competition at the expense of Loughmore-Castleiney.

Senior Football: Clonmel Commercials beat Loughmore in the final by 3-10 to 1-5.

Intermediate Football: As with Upperchurch in hurling Templetuohy-Moyne had regressed to Intermediate level in football and were favourites to take the title. The competition was on a league system and Sarsfields and Templetuohy qualified for the final. This was a closely contested game with Sarsfields showing improved form from the semi-final win over Holycross — holding on for a narrow victory.

Junior Football 'A': Also on a league system Templetuohy and Upperchurch qualified for the final. There was little between the sides all through the game and in the end Upperchurch held on for a narrow victory.

Junior Football 'B': Neighbours Boherlahan and Moycarkey contested this final which was also on a league system. The game was well contested all through with Boherlahan's stronger finish clinching the honours for them.

Under-21 Football 'A': This was played on a losers group system and Templemore



LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY — MID U-21 FOOTBALL WINNERS

Back Row (l-r): Aidan Ryan, William Tracy, Philip Kennedy (capt.), Tim Cullen, Pat Gleeson, Noel Kennedy, Michael O'Connell, Denis McGrath. **Front Row:** Pat Connolly, Michael Ormond, Philip McGrath, Declan Laffan, John Kennedy, Seamie Bohan, Brendan O'Connell.



MOYCARKEY-BORRIS — MID JUNIOR HURLING 'A' WINNERS

Back Row (l-r): Andy Burke, Tom Gleeson, Jim Flanagan, Liam Dempsey, Toddy Walshe, Jim Bergin, Jack Caesar, Mark McKenna. **Front Row:** Tom Ryan, Eamon Healy, Martin Cooney (capt.), Michael Dempsey, Dick Quigley, John Flanagan, John Ryan.



MOYNE TEMPLETUOHY UNDER-21 TEAM — UNDER-21 'B' FOOTBALL WINNERS

Back Row (l-r): Tom Brosnan, Tom Quinlan, Theo Lloyd, Tom Guilfoyle, Liam Sweeney, Michael Buggy, William Maher, Dermot Campion. **Front Row:** Fintan Campion, Jimmy Doyle, Martin Ryan, Jimmy Kennedy, Tim Bergin (capt.), Seán Everard, Pat O'Connor.

qualified for the final. In their first outing Loughmore had lost to Templemore but came back via the losers' group and reached the final and a second clash with their old rivals. This was a see-saw struggle all

through and looked like ending all square when Loughmore forced a '45'. This was to be the last kick of the game and free-taker Tim Cullen made no mistake when scoring direct for a dramatic victory.

Minor Football 'A': Played on a league system, Holycross and Templemore qualified for the final and just to

show that they could do it with the big ball the boys from the Abbey held on for a narrow but deserved victory.

Minor Football 'B': Also played on a league system. Boherlahan and Kickhams qualified for the final with the former finishing the stronger for a clear-cut victory.

Cahill Cup Senior

Hurling League: Old rivals Loughmore and Holycross qualified for this final and as in all other games in recent years served up an entertaining final. There was little between those sporting rivals all through with Holycross just holding on to collect the first trophy in what was later to prove a record year for the club.

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Lowry, Moyalliffe,
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Knock, Roscrea.



DROM-INC — MINOR 'B' HURLING CHAMPIONS

Back Row (l-r): Sean Ryan, Tommy Kennedy, J. Hoare, Kenneth Ryan, P.J. Nolan, Andy Bourke, Kevin Nolan, Michael Stapleton. **Front Row:** Matthew Cahill, Mark Jordan, Tommy Kiely, Roger McLoughlin (capt.), Lorcan Looby, Robert Kennedy, John Egan.



SOME MID-TIPPERARY REFEREES PHOTOGRAPHED AT THE CONCLUSION OF A REFEREES' COURSE WITH JOHN MOLONEY

Back Row (l-r): Pat Ryan, John McLoughney, Pat Lynch, Kevin Darmody, Tom Maher, John Kelly, Pat Ryan, Paul Barry, Tim Cullagh, Don Bolger, Philly Ryan, Tommy Flanagan, Michael Greene, John Harkin. **Front Row:** John Moloney, Liam Hennessy (Mid Board Chairman), Pat Cullen, Willie Clohessy, Martin Treacy.



TEMPLEMORE BRACKENS — MID U-21 B HURLING CHAMPIONS 1990

Front (l-r): John Maher, Jim Quinlan, Paddy Marnell, Jim Fogarty, Larry Broderick, P.J. Corcoran, Anthony Marnell, Seanie Percy, Raymond Doyle, Sean Leahy. **Back (l-r):** John Ivers, Martin Grey, Brendan Bane, Michael Marnell, Declan Doyle, Kieran Broderick, Peter Bourke, Sean Collum, Seamus Delaney, Michael Crampton, Jack O'Shea.

Emly men in Hayes' Hotel

Marcus de Búrca

NOW in his 94th year, Paddy McGrath of Tipperary town is one of the oldest sources of information about the Association in the county. A son of the late Pat McGrath, who was second chairman of the Munster Council from 1902 to 1904, until he became secretary of the Council, Paddy worked in the G.A.A. with his late father for many years before the latter's death aged 70 in 1931.

Despite his age, Paddy enjoys excellent health and is to be seen in his native town almost every day. Moreover, his almost incredible memory makes him a fount of information about some of the early decades of the GAA in this century. He was, after all, 35 years old when his father died, and it is from him and the many GAA figures who visited his home that he has acquired much of his store of early GAA lore.

When I visited Paddy earlier this year he quickly turned the talk round to the perennial question of exactly how many men were at the foundation meeting of the GAA in Hayes's

Hotel on November 1, 1884. Clearly he had read the various accounts that have appeared since the Centenary Year of 1984. Like this writer, Paddy has never accepted that only seven men sat (or stood) around Miss Hayes's billiard room 106 years ago.

To my astonishment, Paddy told me for the first time that he knew of the identity of at least four Tipperary men who were at the 1884 meeting, three of whose names have never figured in any report. At least two, if not all four, of these men used to visit the McGrath home regularly in the 1920s. Three of the four were Bob Frewen of Aherlow and Con McGrath and Jack Guerin, both of Emly.

The claim that Frewen was in Hayes's Hotel came as no surprise. The Aherlow man was active both in the Land League (for which he served a jail term) and in the Fenians. In 1888 he became Treasurer of the GAA, and that same year accompanied the team of hurlers and athletes who toured the U.S. — the so-called "American Invasion".

But what of the two Emly men McGrath and Guerin —

the former, incidentally no relation of Paddy McGrath? According to the latter, both had been active in athletic affairs in South Tipperary before 1884. Possibly, like several others who came to the Thurles meeting in 1884, they assumed they were going to see a body founded to promote only athletics, instead of one also catering for hurling and football.

Mention of the two Emly men sent this writer back to his copy of Canon Fogarty's 1960 book "Tipperary's GAA Story", published by the *Tipperary Star*. There, in a list (on page 25) of members and founders of early clubs in this county, are to be found "Con McGrath, Tim Crowe, Morgan Burke, John Guerin, Emly" — proof at least that both were active from the start, and probably (like many others of the early GAA officers) active before 1884.

Of the subsequent careers in the Association of McGrath and Guerin this writer has so far been able to gather only sparse details. But it is known that McGrath, who died in 1925, was from Emly village, where his family had a grocery



Bob Frewen of Aherlow — at the G.A.A. foundations meeting in 1884.

and liquor business. Guerin is believed to have been from the Bansha area, and seems to have left Emly on his marriage, but may be buried in Emly cemetery.

Perhaps some GAA enthusiast in the Emly area will take up this search? For information supplied, and enquiries made on his behalf in recent months, this writer is indebted to (amongst others) Ger Riordan (Cullen), Michael Frawley (Emly) and Captain John Carroll (Dublin) the last-named vice-president of the Tipperary Association in Dublin and a native of Emly.

To any observant reader who has spotted that the name of the fourth Tipperary man mentioned by McGrath has not been given above, the answer has to be that this must await a later occasion, when this man has been more fully researched.



WINNERS OF TIPPERARY G.A.A. YEAR BOOK QUIZ

WHO WERE PRESENTED WITH THEIR PRIZES BY COUNTY CHAIRMAN, NOEL MORRIS

Left to right: Mick McCarthy, Year Book committee; Noel Morris, Co. Chairman; Pat Power, Clonmel; John Lonergan, Kilsheelan; Michael Ryan, Kilcommon; Liam Ó Donncha, Year Book committee, and Seamus King, Year Book committee.



Paradise Regained

By: **BOB STAKELUM**

WHEN the final whistle blew at the end of the 1989 County Final a deep depression came over us as we feared that never again would we come so near. We appreciated that Clonoulty-Rossmore deserved to win, but knew that with a little luck the game could have been drawn. We looked with envy at the joyous Clonoulty fans, smiled with effort as we congratulated them before retiring to a quiet dressing room. Is there any place more depressing than a losing team's dressing room? "Hard luck". "It is not the end of the world"; "Next year is another year". These phrases may be meant to console, but nothing can take away that miserable feeling that we are as far away as ever from the longed for title.

What a change in 1990. Now we were the kings and the glory of a wonderful county final win could never be taken away.

MID TIPPERARY GAMES

When the senior team failed to Drom/Inch in the first round of the Cahill Cup, it did not give great hope for 1990. We thanked God for the losers group, settled into training and played a little better in the games that followed. A win over Loughmore in the Cahill Cup final renewed our hopes that 1990 would be our year.

In the first round of the Mid Championship we had the better of Drom but stumbled and almost fell in the semi-final against Moyne at Templemore. If Moyne had taken their chances Holycross-Ballycahill would have waved bye bye to their Mid title.

In the Mid Final against Loughmore, the team looked moderate; depending on a late goal by Tonto Lanigan to put them two points ahead. Loughmore had missed several good scoring chances but showed their resilience by fighting back to equalise.

The replay at Semple Stadium provided first class hurling Holycross had a great first quarter and led by seven points only to be pegged back to level terms at half time. With normal time played, we were still two points behind, getting the equaliser in the fifth minute of added time. During extra time the teams swapped scored with Holycross-Ballycahill ahead by one point with one minute to go. A shot from Tonto Lanigan struck the post, a forward missed the rebound, the ball came across to Stephen Dwan who slammed it to the net. An epic had come to an end with Holycross Ballycahill putting two Mid Senior titles back to back for the first time since 1947/48.

While the senior team was struggling to find its form, our Under-16 and Minor teams had brought glory to the parish by winning mid titles in hurling and football in both codes. Our U-12 B team made their contribution by winning the Mid C

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The Holycross-Ballycahill team which won the Mid intermediate title by beating Upperchurch-Drombane in the final at The Ragg. Back row (left to right) - Paddy Browne, John O'Brien, Seamus Browne, Matt Quinlan, Michael McGrath, Alan Quinlan, William Ryan, Tim Stakelum. Front row - Tom Skehan, Criostór Croke, Pat Cahill, Tom O'Gorman, Jim Butler, Tommy Lanigan, Jim Ryan (captain).



HOLYCROSS-BALLYCAHILL — MID TIPPERARY MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONS

Back row (L-R) - Conor Ryan, Paul Ryan, Declan Quinlan, Declan Ryan, Michael Ferncombe, Seamus Ryan, Liam McGrath, Andrew Lynch. Front row (left to right) - Richard Doyle, Timmy Gleeson, Thomas Fogarty, Thomas McGrath, Thomas Flanagan, Denis Allen, James Ferncombe.



Holycross-Ballycahill U-16 team which drew with Durlas Óg in the Mid Bórd na nÓg under-16 final at Boherlahan. Holycross-Ballycahill won the replay. Back row (L-R) - Noel Ryan, Kevin O'Meara, Richard Doyle, Jim Ryan, Philip Ryan, Michael Lee, Paudie Lee, Joseph Bourke. Front row - John Butler, David Bourke, Padraig McGrath, Tadhg Bourke, Brendan Treacy, Alan Joyce, Aidan Hassett. In front - Conor Doyle.



The Holycross-Ballycahill team which won the Mid minor football final at Littleton. Back row (L-R) - Kevin O'Meara, Conor Ryan, Seamus Ryan, Liam McGrath, Declan Ryan, Liam Bannon, Pat Whelan, Paul Ryan, Declan Quinlan, Michael Loughnane, Joe Bourke, Joe Bourke, James Bourke. Front row - Stephen McGrath, Michael Ferncombe, Jimmy Gleeson, Thomas Fogarty, Denis Allen, Thomas Flanagan (captain), Philip Ryan, James Ferncombe, Thomas McGrath, Andrew Lynch, Kevin O'Meara, Philip Ryan.

Football title in a thrilling and somewhat controversial game with Upperchurch.

For the Minors it was a most satisfactory performance as the Mid Minor football championship was for the first time. Templemore may have been the better footballers but our youngsters stuck to their task to win, on the score 3-4 to 0-12.

In the preliminary rounds of the Minor championship, Sarsfields had a nine point win over our Minor hurlers but when mid final time came, Sarsfields must have been shocked to be twenty two points behind at half time. They fought bravely in the second half but were still fourteen points behind at full time. Killenaule provided tough opposition in the County semi-final but the accuracy of Liam McGrath and some fine saves by Michael Ferncombe gave us a deserved two points win.

THE COUNTY QUARTER AND SEMI-FINAL

The senior team went on to defeat Killenaule in the County Quarter Final, they qualified for a semi-final place against Kilruane. The memories of bad beatings by Kilruane in 1978 and 1979 still rankled, especially as three or four of the current team were on the receiving end in those games. Holycross-Ballycahill could have won the game if they had availed of chances that came late in the game. By and large we were happy with a draw.

Our happiness was dissipated early in the replay. Kilruane goaled in the first minute, established complete superiority and led by eight points after twenty minutes. The holycross fighting spirit showed when they reduced the lead to four points at half-time. On the resumption they added three further points to leave one point between the teams. Kilruane came back with two points, Stephen Dwan and Tony Lanigan reduced the lead to the minimum.

Kilruane added a point before Stephen Dwan obtained possession about thirty yards out. When tackled he passed to M. Doyle who used his strength to break past three defenders and palm the ball to Stephen Dwan. I doubt if Tony Sheppard saw Stephen's shot as it rocketed to the net. But still Kilruane came back to equalise. Tony Lanigan and Stephen Dwan scored points. Kilruane fought on. They attacked the Holycross-Ballycahill goal in force, the ball hopped dangerously around the square, but Phil Cahill appeared from the ruck and somehow he had the ball in his hand. Kilruane fouled him to give us great relief. It was one of the occasions that make you realise that two points is a dangerous lead. Would John Moloney ever blow the final whistle? The ball again comes into the heart of the Holycross defence, Michael Doyle and Tom Dwyer get it clear and it reaches Tonto. He rounds his man, takes off on a dazzling thirty yards solo before hitting the ball sweetly over the bar to give us a three point lead. At the final whistle exhausted Holycross-Ballycahill supporters almost wept with joy and relief.

INTERMEDIATE SUCCESS

On the Sunday after the Kilruane game our Intermediate team faced Upperchurch in the Mid final. Two defeats at the hands of the opposition earlier in the year put our team into the underdog category. The boys were not overawed, they had the advantage of training with the senior team while Declan Carr had put them through a rigorous and often a painful training schedule. At the Ragg on that October afternoon the unbelievable happened as the Intermediates added their Mid title to the U-16, Minor and Senior titles already won. Upperchurch got off to a great start with an early goal, but Holycross-Ballycahill recovered to lead by three points at half time. An early second half goal put them six points ahead but the Church scored five points on the trot to leave one point between the sides. Mick McGrath saved a penalty. Upperchurch equalised but Holycross had three points in a row. Then came a second penalty to Upperchurch. Again Mick McGrath saved the day to ensure a victory that was sweet and well deserved. This team had not all the luck in the County semi-final against Mullinahone, losing by one point after having two goals disallowed for square infringements.

THE COUNTY FINAL

For the first time ever the club had Minor and Senior teams in the County finals, and Fr. Matty McGrath ensured that the occasion would be properly honoured when he urged householders to display the club colours and intimated that an anonymous donor had offered a prize of £100 for the best banner. Banner making became a household industry for the week. Youngsters and some not so young painted the players names on the roads. By the Friday before the finals banners were displayed on all roads, flags flew and kids had organised the teachers to make green and white favours.

As I attended the final senior training I thought back to a similar occasion in 1951. At that time we trained in Loughaun and without the benefit of dressing rooms toggled out on the side of the road on cold October nights. Light for sprints was provided by John Doyle who drove his car into the field. After the session we cycled or walked home with our toes shoved into the boots. Now players arrive in cars, tog out in a dressing room, showers are available and they are taken down for tea to the Community Centre.

Weather forecasts were listened to very carefully on the Saturday. Wind is always a hurler's dread but the experts were badly at fault as they did not predict the heavy rain that fell during the senior game.

Fr. Everard got the day off to a good start when he wished the team well at 10 a.m. mass. After mass we met the exiles from the States, Britain and Europe who had come home specially for the game.

Weather conditions were good during the Minor game. We suffered with our young team as they fought gallantly to the last; they went to the dressing rooms to

console the Minors and encouraged the seniors. Speeches were given, blessings dispensed, and to a roar of encouragement the team took the field. We were dismayed to see the rain was falling in torrents.

The game itself has been well described in the press and widely shown on video. For Holycross the moment of truth came when Cormac Bonner broke through the defence and sent a bullet like shot one foot above the bar. This put Cashel back on level terms with Holycross losing a four point lead. Cashel appeared to be on song but they drove weakly wide.

Stephen Dwan placed Tony Lanigan to score a point from the left wing. Had we weathered the storm? Cashel came again, but were repulsed and once again Tonto pointed. Surely we will win now, but wouldn't another point be nice. Is there long to go? Some lit cigarettes with hands that shook. Cashel were awarded a free about 60 yards out. Tommy Grogan looked for instructions from the bench and was told to drop the ball into his forward line. It came down on the 21 yards line to be grabbed by Ruairi Dwan; he cleared crossfield towards Declan Carr who crashed shoulder to shoulder with a Cashel player. Both went down. Declan regained his feet, crossed the ball to Stephen Dinan; he slipped in on to Tonto who rounded his man, steadied himself, shooting over the bar. Tonto — you beaut. What a relief. At worst it would be a draw.

At the puckout Willie Barrett raises his arms to signify that all is over. For some seconds we sit, still overwhelmed at the results. Tears were barely restrained. Thirty six years is a long time but, thank God, the lads of 1990 can now take their places with pride alongside the bald and grey-haired veterans of 1948/51/54. Many of us will never see such a joyous day again, but it was good to be there, to watch proud fathers, mothers and wives beaming at each other. Such moments of pure joy are rarely granted on this earth.

When Noel Morris presented the Cup to Declan Carr, our normally conservative supporters let themselves go. Declan, it is to be feared, that your acceptance speech which was eloquent and gracious, went largely unheard.

Their dressing room in 1989 was very subdued but this year, joy was unconfined as the players tramped in followed by half the male population of the parish. Our ladies so modest, would not dream of intruding on a male basion. However they waited outside to give their heroes a rapturous reception.

CELEBRATIONS

Celebrations followed at Park Avenue and in the village on that Sunday night. A bonfire blazed on the green as the Moycarkey band led the parade to the Abbey. Speeches were made and before the official celebrations concluded John Doyle gave a rendering of "Slievanamon" that would leave Louise Morrissey green with envy. She never had the chance to sing it on such a glorious occasion.

Will we ever see such a year again — seven Mid titles, the Cahill Cup and the Tipperary G.A.A. Year Book — 151

Dan Breen Cup? Memories come crowding in; Tony Lanigan's last point against Kilruane and his three against Cashel; Stephen Dwan's display against Kilruane; the Mid Minor hurling and football finals, and not least the performance of the Intermediate team when they defied the odds to defeat Upperchurch in the Mid final. Let us not forget the veterans. Matt Quinlan and Mick McGrath. Both admit that they are over forty but Matt took his place with his son Alan on the Intermediate side while Mick's son Liam was a member of the panel for the Intermediate game with Mullinahone.

All our selectors must be thanked, they acted wisely and well, and gladly bore the criticism that is always a selector's lot. And of course our new honorary citizen-

coach Paddy Kenny — now feels like Oisín in Tir na nÓg. Paddy's army came, saw and conquered. Brian Boru before Clontarf could not have been more eloquent. Thanks Paddy for a job well done.

The final official celebration was in Ballycahill on the Wednesday night after the game when the Moycarkey Band led the parade down to the Village. In the light of an enormous bonfire the team was welcomed and speeches made. Bernie Bannon appropriately had the last word.

We sadly missed John Ryan, Garrynamona, R.I.P. It would have been his night of nights.

After the game I met Philly Dwyer, Whitefort. "Bob, 'twas great" he said and I agreed. We smiled happily at one another, two proud fathers who would

not dream of praising their own. "Do you know", said Philly "coming towards the end of the game I prayed to every old man I ever knew that knew anything about hurling and whom I knew was in heaven". Perhaps these old timers were congregated at heavens windows, glorying in the victory and maybe having an odd word to say to King Cormac and King Aengus across the way.

Of course we were very lucky to draw with St. Brendans of Kerry and happy to have beaten them in the replay.

However Patrickswell defeated us in the Munster semi-final on the score of 0-13 to 0-9 at Semple Stadium. Maybe it was a sad finish, but 1990 will be forever remembered in Holycross and Ballycahill.

CLONMEL ÓG 1990

C LONMEL ÓG minors made history this year by winning the South (A) football championship for the first time by beating last year's champions, Fethard, at Kilsheelan in what turned out to be one of the finest football matches seen in this grade for years. Although we reached the county final against Éire Óg Nenagh, we failed to produce the same standard of football that saw us through the South.

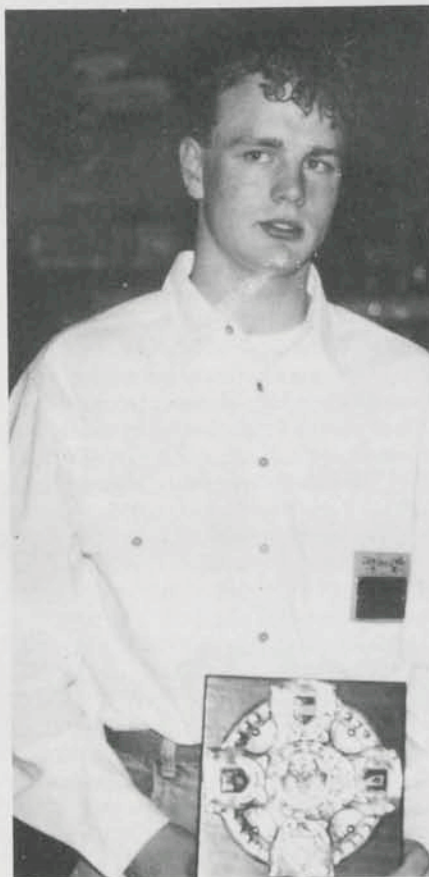
Full credit is due to all of the panel, management and selectors of this grade for their total dedication and commitment throughout the year. *Manager:* Jim Cleary. *Coaches and selectors:* Ed Kearney, Ed Fox, Sean O'Keeffe, John O'Loughlin and Bill Peters.

Our club and committee were also proud of the fact that Paudie O'Keeffe was nominated as the South Tipp Young Hurler of the Year. Paudie along with Kevin Maher played with the Tipp minor hurling team this year and along with John Loneragan, Moss Foley, David Lavin and David Donoghue played with the Tipp minor football panel. Paudie O'Keeffe also showed his football talents during the year when playing inter-county (senior) with Tipperary.

A special mention for Paul Lucey and Alan Johnson who played with South Tipp in the U-16 hurling championship (Garda Cup) and Paul Lucey also played with the county (B) U-16 hurling team.

There are a host of up and coming stars at juvenile level. Our U-16 footballers had a great run in the South but were beaten in the South semi-final by Commercials. *Manager:* Michael O'Loughlin. *Selectors:* Paddy Doyle, Sean Crotty.

the U-14s had a marvellous year, reaching the South (F) final but were beaten by a better Ardfinnan side. They also represented Tipp in Féile na nÓg in Galway. They went to Boherlahan on the



Paudie O'Keeffe, Clonmel Óg, Tipperary South Young Hurler of the Year - 1990.

week-end of Féile na nGael and won two football tournaments against Caltra (Galway) and Grangemockler. *Managers:* Christy Aylward and Dale Kearns.

Our U-12's qualified for both (A) South semi-finals. They were beaten in football by one point by Commercials in what everyone watching this match described as the best U-12 game the South championship has seen for many a year.

In the hurling semi-final Cahir proved much too strong for us. *Managers and selectors:* Joe O'Donoghue, Seamus Stritch, Cathal Ryan.

Our U-10s turn out in large numbers every Saturday and Wednesday throughout the Spring, Summer and Autumn. They are currently participating in hurling and football leagues which will yield medals for all at their annual Christmas party. *Manager and selectors:* Sean Quirke, Jim Flynn, Ed. Fox.

We were very successful with the **Tipp Year Draw** this year with sales soaring up to over 830 members. We are deeply grateful to all these members who support our young and up-coming club. The chairman, Cathal Ryan, is the driving force behind the draw sales this year with all the committee fully behind him.

A special mention for the club co-ordinator John O'Loughlin and his wife Kathleen who have done tremendous work over the past couple of years to ensure that the draw runs smooth:

President, Ned Hall; *Chairman,* Cathal Ryan; *Vice-Chairman,* Christy Aylward; *Secretary,* Sean Quirke; *Assistant Secretary,* Mary B. O'Donoghue; *Treasurer,* John O'Loughlin.

Committee: Seamus Stritch, Michael O'Loughlin, Syl Murray, Paddy Brett, Richard Brennan, Sean O'Keeffe, Jim Flynn, Paddy Doyle, Con Lucey, Joe O'Donoghue, Jim Cleary, Ed Kearney, Brendan Dunne, Ed Fox, Margaret Quirke, Sheila Walsh, Cora Gentles, Julian O'Donoghue, Sean Crotty, John Fitzgibbon, Lily Landy, Dale Kearns, Vanessa Morrissey, Pat Whelan, Maurice Heafey, Noreen Terry, Eileen O'Donovan, John Tobin, Frank Murray, Lily O'Donnell, Kathleen O'Loughlin, Joan Doyle.

SEÁN Ó CUIRC
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New G.A.A. Grounds at Drom-Inch

SUNDAY evening, May 13th, was surely a red letter day in the history of Drom-Inch G.A.A. Club. On that evening the magnificent new Gaelic Grounds at Inch were officially opened. Michael Maher, chairman of the Munster Council, did the Club proud by accepting the invitation to officially open the ground.

Michael was loud in his praise of the achievements of the Club, in a comparatively short time, to have made such significant progress which included a well laid-out playing area, comfortable stand and ultra modern dressing-rooms with hot and cold showers laid on. But the big success of the evening was to have such an attractive pairing as Tipperary and Galway to play in a tournament at a time when both counties were bracing themselves for a big show-down on the first Sunday in September.

The game was so attractive that the club was sure to have an over capacity crowd at the Ragg that evening. The Club was not disappointed as the crowds flocked from near and far for the occasion and full credit to the Club for the precision-like manner in which they dealt with every contingency.

After the game, which was won by Tipperary, both teams and mentors were treated to a sumptuous meal at the nearby Ragg Lounge, made famous by the devotion and dedication of John and Breda Kennedy.

The old G.A.A. field on the Ragg-Borrisoleigh road was acquired by the Club in the mid-thirties from the Irish Land Commission. It was a wonderful achievement for the Club members of that time to be able to procure and own a playing ground of their own and we of this generation must not lose sight of the dedication and inspiration of those involved.

Many great games were played there and the old field has served the Club faithfully for many generations. The Camogie club for many years almost made it their home ground and it is gratifying, now that the local club has left it, to know that it is now officially the property of the County Camogie Board, and we wish them much success there.

Some four years ago Drom-Inch decided that there was urgent need for better facilities and in order to keep in line with modern times, improvements would have to be made. Many meetings were held and the idea of modernising the old field tossed about, and after much thought and careful consideration — under the guidance of Rev. Tony Ryan C.C., who was the local curate of the time — it was decided to purchase a new site and start from scratch.



Munster Council chairman Michael Maher (fourth from left) — unveiling a plaque to commemorate the official opening of the Drom-Inch G.A.A. club grounds at The Ragg. Included in photograph (L-R): Fr. Ted O'Rahilly, C.C., Drom-Inch; Tommy Butler, Kevin Bourke, secretary, Drom-Inch G.A.A. club; Michael Maher; Seamus Butler, chairman, Drom-Inch G.A.A. club; Fr. Paddy Flynn, P.P., Drom-Inch; Fr. Tony Ryan, C.C., Cappamore, and formerly of Drom-Inch.

Many sites were inspected and eventually agreement was reached with John Egan, the new proprietor of Inch House. It was now down to the serious business of fund-raising and development. Fr. Tony Ryan was the real driving force behind this venture and in no time he had the whole parish working to surmount what at the time looked like the unsurmountable.

Soon the club got a rude awakening and was dumfounded when the news suddenly and unexpectedly came through that Fr. Tony had got a new appointment and was transferred to minister in the parish of Gortnahoe. It was a severe shock and for the time being it appeared that the whole project might fall by the wayside. However, as we all know, no man is indispensable, and again Lady Luck smiled on the club when a man of the calibre of Seamus Butler was appointed to take over where Fr. Tony left off.

Seamus immediately got down to work and, through his zeal, dedication and hard work, he brought the other club members with him with the result we now have a ground that is the pride of our own parish and the envy of many.

Many clubs have played here in the recent past and all have been loud in their praise of the fine spacious playing field, equipped with a neatly laid-out covered stand on one side and seating accommodation and pleasant embankment on the other. These, with the beautiful modern dressing-rooms equipped with toilets and hot water showers, make it an amenity that the Club can justly be proud of.

There are also spacious car parking facilities and The Ragg is central for most clubs in the division. The field is nicely located with its idyllic surround and in the middle of Inch tidy village area.

Drom-Inch Club are well aware there is yet more to be done but, with the enthusiasm and dedication that has manifested itself in the past few years, we are confident that the remaining odds and ends will be tidied up in the not too distant future. Perhaps it is appropriate in conclusion to congratulate the chairman, Seamus Butler, and his host of loyal workers, both male and female, for giving so much of their time, energy and money to provide such a magnificent amenity in the parish.



FIELD COMMITTEE, 1990

Back row (L-R) — Matt McGrath, Paddy Fogarty, Joe McGrath, Ned Carr, John Hassett, Martin Fahey, Larry Cody. Front row (L-R) — John Kennedy, Anthony Cahill, Seamus Butler, Martin Ryan, Mary Hayes, John Ryan, Kevin Bourke, Willie Clohessy.

Moyne-Templetuohy Juniors make club history



MOYNE-TEMPLETUOHY — COUNTY JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS

Back Row (l-r): Willie Fogarty, Brendan Everard, Jim Ryan, Seamus Maher, Dinny Kelly, Joe Kennedy, Tom Quinlan, John Hogan. Front Row: Jimmy Doyle, Martin Troy, Willie Butler, Martin Ryan, Eamonn Kelly (capt.), Eamonn Doherty, Michael Buggy.

It was a memorable victory for Moyne-Templetuohy when their Junior B hurling team defeated their 'A' counterparts, Ballina, from the north, to take the Junior title for the first time by the narrow margin of three points. It was their first junior title and also the first time the second squad in the club won a county title, this year's senior team having been knocked out by county champions Holycross in the Mid semi-final.

The campaign began in June against Gortnahoe at Castleiney, when Moyne ran out easy winners with a score of 2-20 to 0-9. Old rivals Loughmore were the opposition in the semi-final, when at half-time Moyne-Templetuohy trailed by six points, but displayed great determination and eventually won their way to the Mid 'B' final (1-6 to 0-7) against a fancied Clonmore side at the Ragg.

On this occasion the forwards tested the patience of mentors and supporters, as they squandered chance after chance and barely held the lead by two points at half-time. On resumption they snatched the vital scores to win by 1-8 to 0-6, and all was forgiven.

A title had been won and the side was growing in confidence. There was great speculation about the clash against the Mid A titleholders, Moycarkey-

Borris, with a place in the county semi-final as the prize. Moyne did the unexpected and truly established themselves as Mid-Junior champions, with captain Eamon Kelly in devastating form scoring 2-2 from play, and Dinny Kelly totally dominating the full-back line, with the final score reading 5-7 to 2-8.

The county semi-final was played against south champions Skeheenarinky, in wet and windy Golden, in October. It turned out to be a controversial game. On the final whistle the Moyne followers ran celebrating onto the pitch, thinking John Hogan had scored the winning point two minutes before the end, only to be told by referee Peter O'Sullivan that the match was a draw: Moyne 2-9, Skeheenarinky 1-12. Speculation still continues as to whether a point had been added somewhere or omitted, but at least neither team had lost, and supporters looked forward to another tough and entertaining game.

The re-match was again fixed for Golden, but this time Moyne-Templetuohy made no mistake winning by 3-5 to 2-5. Bredndan Everard scored a personal tally of 2-5 in this game, with Murty Troy adding the third. John Hogan, Joe Kennedy and Tom Quinlan played extremely well on the day.

Old and young travelled to

Cashel on November 11 to support the green and gold in the county title battle against Ballina. The fitness, determination and will to win which the side had shown all through the championship came to the fore again.

Joe Kennedy dominated centrefield for the first twenty minutes, as Moyne established a lead of 1-5 to 0-1, through another Murty Troy goal and excellent free-taking by Brendan Everard.

Ballina rose to the challenge and helped by a Connie Collins goal, came back into the game and only trailed by two points at half-time. It was a nail-biting second half, with Ballina pressing hard. Moyne supporters will never forget Eamon Kelly's goal in the sixth minute, as he snatched a low ball and blasted to the net; or John Hogan's enormous workrate at centre forward. Yet, the backs were the heroes in the final quarter with only three points between the sides, and Ballina desperately seeking the equaliser. Full-back Dinny Kelly denied them on several occasions and drove some fine clearances, with Willie Butler also in command at centre-back. Jim Ryan and Seamus Maher chased and defended relentlessly, and goalkeeper Marty Ryan saved the day in the dying minutes and danced out between the opposition to clear.

Yet, it was all a team effort from start to finish, a blend of experience and youth, and we must not forget the contributions of Eamon Doherty, Micheál Buggy, Tom Quinlan, Willie Fogarty, Jimmy Doyle or William Maher, Denis Doherty, Jim Quinlan, P.J. Ryan, Patrick Sweeney, Tim Brosnan and Liam Stapleton or the selectors Sean Fogarty, Willie Fogarty, Dan Taylor and Willie Butler.

Others involved with the team were John Everard, chairman, and Fr. Tom Fogarty. Moyne can be particularly grateful to Eamon Owens, their trainer, who had them in superb condition for this final.

On winning the Junior title, veteran player Willie Fogarty, better known as 'little Willie' among the players, hurled his way into the club's history. He is now the only player to win a county final at four different grades, in four separate decades: minor in 1964, senior in 1971, intermediate in 1983, and junior in 1990. An unusual achievement, and one which is a just reward for Willie's dedication to Moyne-Templetuohy hurling over the years.

Moyne must now look forward to 1991, and if they can harness the same motivation and determination at senior level, they will soon repeat their achievement of '71 when they won the county senior title.

Phil Bowe, P.R.O.
Moyne Hurling Club

P.R. Cleary remembered

= General Secretary 1889-1890

Former G.A.A. President Séamus Ó Riain delivered the following oration on the occasion of the unveiling of a plaque to commemorate the late P.R. Cleary, who was General Secretary of the G.A.A. from 1889-1890. The ceremony took place at Killeacle cemetery.

SIX years ago we celebrated the centenary of Cumann Luithchleas Gael. Glowing tributes were paid to the founders and to the great achievements during the century when the G.A.A. developed from small and humble beginnings to be the premier sports association in the country. It overcame many barriers, intrigues and open hostility at times, and its success was assured by the loyalty of its supporters, and in no small measure by the determined and unselfish devotion of people, whether in low positions or high, who gave leadership and encouragement in the difficult times.

The most trying period was the first decade from 1884 to 1894. They were the formative years when it would appear that the future of the Association hung in the balance. It was beset by internal discord and hostile forces in the establishment of the day.

Within three years of its foundation, the two chief founders, Michael Cusack and Maurice Davin, were out of office, although Davin returned again for a second term. Within the space of ten years there were four changes of President, and at least ten general secretaries operated for short periods, indicating the instability of the early years. When Davin returned in 1888 he had as general secretary William Prendergast, a young athlete from Clonmel, and when they both resigned the following year the G.A.A. was in a perilous state.

In these circumstances it needed a man of exceptional courage and strong convictions to take on the responsible office of general secretary. The man elected to that post at the convention of 1888, held in January 1889, was Patrick Roger Cleary, in whose memory we are gathered here to-day to pay our tribute to his unselfish part in helping to carry the G.A.A. over a very troublesome period.

Patrick Cleary is one of the almost forgotten men of the G.A.A. of that period, and nothing has been recorded of him except his name, until a few people in West Tipperary decided that his name should be recorded in a permanent way here in this cemetery where he lies buried. I am indebted to those who have researched his life: Willie Ryan, former Senator and former Chairman of the West Board; Mick Frawley, a well-known G.A.A. official and presently chairman of the County Draw Committee, and Gerry Ring, secretary of the West Board.

Their researchers have uncovered some facts about P.R. Cleary's life. He was born in Lagganstown, the youngest

of the five children of Roger Cleary and his wife Honora (Ryan), in 1857. He was educated in Mungret College and qualified as a teacher. He was appointed Principal of Inch St. Laurence National School in Caherconlish, a single-roomed school of the type that was common in rural Ireland a hundred years ago with 80 pupils. He married a local girl, Minnie Dooley, whose father was a member of the R.I.C. They had three daughters — Minnie, Nan and Kitty.

His two years in office were beset with difficulties. A number of counties refused to recognise the Central Council and would not take part in the All-Ireland championships. But Cleary succeeded in completing the inter-county championships although with reduced participation by counties, eight in both hurling and football. He organised the games and refereed some of them himself. Dublin beat Clare in the hurling final, and Tipperary beat Laois in the football.



Seamus Ó Riain, John Dowling, G.A.A. President, Liam Ó Maoilmhichil, Árd Stiúrthóir with relatives of P. R. Cleary at the unveiling ceremony.

The G.A.A. was rent by divisions, which had their origin in the political situation that existed. The "new departure", a move to bring about an alliance between the parliamentary agitators and the advocates of physical force for a common national approach, was not fully accepted by the latter group and the conflicting views found their supporters within the G.A.A. The physical force group of Fenians gained dominance on the Central Council and some counties, including Limerick, had two county boards — an official one and a breakaway board of people not prepared to accept the Fenian policy.

At the convention of the "official" county board in Limerick, in 1888, P.R. Cleary was elected secretary of the board, which indicated that his sympathies were with the Fenian side. He was a delegate to the Annual Congress of 1888 held in Thurles in January 1889 and he was elected general secretary of the Association. His fellow Limerick delegate, Anthony Mackey, was elected treasurer. At the following Annual Convention in November, Patrick Cleary was elected for a second term. He served until the next convention when he was succeeded by Maurice Moynihan of Kerry.

In 1890 there was a slight improvement in the number of counties fielding teams in the championships. Cork and Wexford contested the final in hurling and football, Cork coming out on top in both for a notable double. The athletic championships were held in both 1889 and 1890 and the handball championships were carried out, the great Tom Jones of Kerry gaining the honours.

All in all Cleary proved to be an active secretary and considering the limiting circumstances in which he was operating, his performance was satisfactory, to say the least. I am indebted to Marcus de Búrca who tells me that Cleary continued his active interest in the G.A.A. in Tipperary and was acting chairman of the Co. Board for a time in 1902.

There is no further evidence of his G.A.A. activity. It is presumed that he lost his teaching post because of his political views. I know that in 1893 he was not teaching in Caherconlish. It is said that he departed from the parish and after some years he came to reside in Tipperary town where he worked as a land surveyor. It was customary for teachers of his time to engage in that activity. He died in Tipperary in 1933 at the age of 76 and he

was buried here in Kilfeacle cemetery, which also is the last resting place of the patriot martyr, Sean Treacy.

Le fada an lá nior tugadh aon aitheantas cóir do Phádraig Ó Cléirigh ná do dhaoine eile comh-aimsearach leis a shaothraigh go dian ar son Cumann Luithchleas Gael. Tá ard-mholadh tuille ag na daoine a thionscnaimh an beartas seo, a dhearaigh an leacht cuimhneacháin agus a d'agraigh na h-imeachtaí go léir don ócáid seo.

Sé mo phribhleid an leacht a nochtadh thar ceann a bhfuil i lathair agus tá mé thar a bheith buíoch don choiste de bharr an caoi seo a thabhairt dom.



Seamus Ó Riain delivers the oration

1942 Dr. Croke Cup Championship

1942 was the first year that Rural Parish Schools were admitted to this hurling competition. The main organisers, among others, were: Bro. J.V. Hutton C.B.S., Willie O'Dwyer N.T., Willie Tuohy N.T. and Timmy Maher N.T.

March 28, 1942: Nenagh C.B.S. defeated Fethard P.B.S.

April 5th, 1942: Holycross 9-1, Clonoulty 1-1.

April 19, 1942: Thurles C.B.S. 8-5, Holycross 0-1.

May 7, 1942: Final at Borris Ileigh — Thurles C.B.S. 6-2, Nenagh C.B.S. 3-1.

The Thurles team travelled to the

match in pony and trap. Later in their hurling careers the members of the Thurles team won seventeen All-Ireland senior hurling medals.

Thurles team: Noel Egan (Slievenamon Road), S. Gleeson (Abbey Rd.), Seamus Bannon (Inch), M. Mullalloy, Dermot Foyle (Slievenamon Rd.) capt., Pat Stakelum (Ballycahill), Toss Tynan (Mill Rd.), Martin Ryan (Holycross), Billy Gleeson (Parnell St.), J. Harris (Bohernanave), P. Kennedy (Glastrigan), P. Kenny (Borris Ileigh), Frank Barrett (Holycross), John Doyle (Holycross), S. Lipper (Mitchel St.). Subs:

Pat Walsh (Butler Ave.), B. Mooney (Abbey Rd.).

Both John Doyle's sons won county championship medals with Holycross in 1990, which was trained by Paddy Kenny.

Holycross Croke Cup team

1942: Eddie Hilton (Graigue), Tadhg Dwyer (Whitefort), Jim McHale, P. Kelly (Graigue), J. Donnelly, J. Byrne (Cormackstown), F. Stakelum (Glenreigh), John Dwyer (Whitefort), T. Ryan (Hanna), P.M. Butler (Newtown), M. Fennessy (Killenyarda), L. Skelly (Village), M. Allen (Glenveigh). Subs: P. Dwyer, Mattie McGrath (Killenyarda).

(Details supplied by Frank Barrett)



STAR-STUDED THURLES TEAM

Thurles C.B.S. team that won the Croke Cup (for Tipperary schools) in 1942. Back (from left) — P. Walsh, L. Gleeson, M. Ryan, M. Mullalloy, S. Bannon. Middle (from left) — P. Stakelum, J. Doyle, D. Foyle, T. Tynan, J. Kennedy. Front (from left) — J. Harris, P. Kenny, N. Egan, F. Barrett.

WEST TIPPERARY REPORT

— Jerry Ring



KICKHAMS — WEST TIPP. M.H.C. 'A' WINNERS 1990

Back Row (l-r): Jimmy Farrell, Vincent Kelly, Timmy O'Brien, Clive Morrissey, Christopher Ryan (Faugheen), Christopher Ryan (Dundrum), Tom Farrell, Sean Buckley, Laurence O'Dwyer, James McCormack, Alan Hogan, Paul Ryan. Front Row (l-r): Donal O'Brien, Declan Hogan, Paul Morrissey, Aidan Slattery, Kevin Farrell, Declan Crosse, Ger Butler, Bobby Alley, Seamus Cussen, Gerard Browne.



GALTEE ROVERS — WEST TIPP. S.F.C. WINNERS 1989 & O'DONOGHUE CUP WINNERS 1990

Back Row (l-r): Philly Keaty, Willie Crowe, Michael Grace, Seamus McCarthy, Chris Byron, Philip Quirke, Michael McCarthy, Jimmy Ferris, Michael O'Brien, Liam Hickey, Michael Grace, John Daly, Liam O'Brien, Liam Gubbins. Front Row (l-r): Carl Hickey, Seamus Byron, Kevin Roche, Edmond Fahy, Michael McCarthy, Pat Bergin, John O'Dwyer, John Gubbins, Willie Tarrant.



CASHEL K.C. — WEST TIPP. U-21 'A' H.C. WINNERS 1990

Back row (l-r): Michael Perdue, Michael Brosnan, Seamus Morrissey, Timmy Moloney, John Maher, Denis Keating, T.J. Conolly, Trevor McInerney, Michael Delahunty, Andrew Courtney, Noel Murphy, James Maher, Ger Slattery (mentor). Front Row (l-r): Ramie Ryan, James O'Donoghue, Conal Bonnar, Ailbe Bonnar, Declan McGrath, John Paul O'Dwyer, Joe O'Leary, Seanie O'Donoghue, Pat McInerney, Sean O'Dwyer.



CAPPAWHITE — WEST TIPP. I.F. CHAMPIONS 1990

Back Row (l-r): Kieran Devery (trainer), Michael Buckley, Dan Ryan (P), Dick Quirke, Francis Quinn, Austin Buckley, Pa O'Neill, Dan O'Neill, Ger O'Neill, Cathal Creedon, Ger Ryan (B). Front Row (l-r): Eamonn Ryan (B), Sean Hennessy, Eugene Maguire, Martin McDermott, John Ryan (P), Anthony O'Neill, John O'Neill, Paul Buckley, Sean O'Neill, Lar Cleary, Tony Fitzgibbon.

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Championships

Senior Hurling Championship — 7 teams — K/O

Kickhams, Eire Og and Sean Treacys lost their first round games. Cashel who got a bye in the first round defeated a spirited Lattin/Golden combination in one semi-final. Cashel and Clonoulty/Rossmore met in the final in Golden on August 12th and Cashel had only two points to spare after a close game. Hopes were high that Cashel and Clonoulty would go well in the County Championship. Cashel did well and were eventually defeated by Holycross in the County final, while confidence in Clonoulty was misplaced when they were all beaten by Kilruane in the County Quarter Final.

Crosco Cup S.H.L. — League 9 Teams

This competition was unfinished in 1989 and the final was played in April 1990. Clonoulty who were County Champions had four points to spare over Kickhams in the final.

The 1990 League was divided into two sections. Cashel and Cappawhite came through Group 1 and Arravale Rover and Kickhams reached the semi-finals in Group 11. Arravale Rover gave a good account of themselves, taking Cappawhite to a re-play in one semi-final, while Cashel defeated Kickhams in the other. The final was played on May 27th and Cashel had a three point victory over Cappawhite in a close game.

Intermediate Hurling Championship - League — 6 Teams

Six teams affiliated but Cashel later withdrew. Four teams went through to semi-finals, Solohead lost out. Arravale Rovers defeated Emly in one semi-final while Golden/Kilfeacle defeated Galtee Rovers in the other. The final was played on September 30th and Golden/Kilfeacle had a five point winning margin over the Rovers. Portroe the eventual county champions defeated Golden/Kilfeacle in the County semi-final.

Junior Hurling Championship-League — 10 teams

This league was played in two groups, five teams in each. The two top teams on points in each group contested the semi-finals. Cappawhite, Clonoulty/Rossmore and Sean Treacys made no progress in Group 1. Rosegreen and Lattin/Cullen came through after a series of play offs. Arravale Rovers, Rockwell Rovers and Eire Og lost out in Group 11 from which Cashel and Kickhams qualified. Rosegreen defeated Kickhams in one semi-final, while Cashel came through against Lattin/Cullen in the other. In the final in Cashel on September 30th Rosegreen were far too good for a fancied Cashel side in the local derby. Rosegreen were eventually defeated by Ballina in the County semi-final.

U21 Hurling Championship 'A' — 4 Teams — K/O

Cashel had a comprehensive victory over Clonoulty in one semi-final played in June. Cappawhite/Eire Og defeated Arravale Rovers easily the first Saturday in September. The final was played on October 21st with victory going to Cashel. They were later dramatically defeated by Toomevara in the County semi-final.



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U21 Hurling Championship 'B' — 5 Teams — K/O

Sean Treacys/Aherlow defeated Kickhams in the first round and defeated Lattin/Emly easily in the semi-final. Golden/Kilfeacle had a narrow victory over Galtee Rovers in the other semi-final. Sean Treacys/Aherlow defeated Golden/Kilfeacle in the final after a replay involving two fine games. They now go on to meet Shannon Rovers in the County semi-final.

Minor Hurling Championship 'A' — 6 Teams — League

This championship was played on a League basis with the four top teams playing the semi-finals. Clonoulty/Solohead and Lattin/Emly did not reach the semi-finals. Kickhams defeated Arravale Rovers in one semi-final while Cashel had the better of Cappawhite/Eire Og in the other. The final was played on August 12th and after a great game Kickhams managed to pip Cashel at the post. Kickhams were later defeated by Erins Hope, the eventual County Champions, in the County semi-final.

Minor Hurling Championship 'B' — 5 Teams — League

The two top teams on points contested the final. This was decided after a series of play offs involving Rosegreen, Golden/Kilfeacle and Galtee Rovers. Sean Treacys did not do well. The final was played between Aherlow and Rosegreen on October 6th and was won by Aherlow. Aherlow were later beaten by Burgess in the County semi-final. They eventually won the County M.H.C. title.

Senior Football Championship — 10 teams — K/O

Solehead, Galtee Rovers, Rockwell Rovers, Clonoulty/Rossmore and Cappawhite/Eire Og were defeated in the first rounds.

Emly defeated Golden/Kilfeacle in round 11 but were later defeated by Lattin/Cullen in the semi-final. Cashel defeated Arravale Rovers in the other semi-final. In the final Cashel created history by defeating Lattin/Cullen and thereby taking the Senior double.

In the County open draw Cappawhite/Eire Og defeated Lattin/Cullen, Emly defeated Arravale Rovers, Clonoulty/Rossmore gave a walkover to Galtee Rovers, Golden/Kilfeacle defeated Cashel and Rockwell Rovers defeated Newcastle after a replay. In round 11 Fr. Sheehy defeated Rockwell Rovers, Cappawhite/Eire Og defeated Golden/Kilfeacle, Galtee Rovers defeated Eire Og, Nenagh and Emly were defeated by Ardinnan. In the County quarter finals, Galtee Rovers were defeated by Loughmore and Cappawhite/Eire Og defeated Cahir. Cappawhite/Eire Og were eventually defeated by the County Champions, Clonmel Commercials in the County S.F.C. semi-final.

O'Donoghue Cup S.F.L. — 11 Teams — League

The competition was played in two groups. Group 1 had six teams and Golden/Kilfeacle and Galtee Rovers reached the semi-final. There were five teams in Group 11 and Cashel and Emly reached the semi-final. Galtee Rovers had a rather easy win over Emly in the final.

Intermediate Football Championship — 3 Teams — League

Arravale Rovers, Eire Og and Cappawhite affiliated in this championship and Cappawhite defeated Eire Og in the final.

Cappawhite beat Shannon Rovers in the County semi-final.

Junior Football Championship — 10 Teams — K/O

Lattin/Cullen, Glengar, Sean Treacys, Cashel and Arravale Rovers all failed at the first hurdle. Aherlow defeated Galtee Rovers in the second round. In the semi-finals Kickhams defeated Rockwell and Aherlow defeated Rosegreen. Aherlow won the final.

Junior Football League — 7 Teams

This was a full round league and although most of the games were played it was not taken very seriously by some clubs.

Kickhams defeated Rosegreen in the final.



ROSEGREEN — WEST TIPP. J.H. CHAMPIONS 1990

Back Row (l-r): Willie O'Grady, Gabriel Shelly, Teddy Gould, Michael Doyle, Eamonn O'Dwyer, Georgie Corcoran, Jim Walsh, Liam Kelly, Andy Flanagan, John O'Grady, Donal Fanning, Fintan Ryan, Michael Fanning, Michael Tobin, Pat Cormack, Denis Manton, Ned Hayde. Front Row (l-r): Liam Ryan, Sean Óg Ryan, P. J. Gould, John Walsh, Jimmy Hickey, Michael Corcoran, Stephen O'Brien, Albert Mooney, Mick Mackey, John Shanahan, Paul Cormack.



AHERLOW — WEST U-21 F.C. 'B' CHAMPIONS 1990

Back Row (l-r): Larry Ryan, David Grogan, Brian O'Brien, Pat Carey, Sean Russell, Mark Leonard, Michael Moroney, Bobby Russell, Gerry McGrath, John Frewen, John Ivory, Ciaran Clifford, Dara Maher. Front Row (l-r): Martin Ryan, Tony Donovan, Ger Kirby, Owen Ryan, Luke Leonard, Denis O'Shea, Pat Frewen, Brendan Carew, Patrick O'Shea, Toby Peters.



CLONOULTY/ROSSMORE — CROSCO CUP WINNERS 1989

Back Row (l-r): John Kennedy (Laffana), P. J. Shanahan, Philip Quirke, John Kennedy (Piercetown), Andrew Fryday, Dan Quirke, John Ryan, Cecil Ryan, Joe Hayes, Maurice Quirke, Declan Ryan, T. J. Ryan. Front Row (l-r): Kevin Ryan, James Ryan, Johnny Fitzpatrick, Timmy Corcoran, Seamus Hammersley, Phil Shanahan, Tim Shanahan, John Fitzgerald, Paddy Burke, Michael Murphy.



GOLDEN/KILFEACLE — WEST TIPP. M.F.C. 'B' WINNERS 1990

Back Row (l-r): Michael Fogarty, T.J. Tierney, Kevin Moloney, Martin Moloney, Noel Moloney, John Ryan, Denis O'Callaghan, Pat Moloney. Front Row (l-r): Brian Fogarty, Barry Ryan, Liam Rafferty, Anthony Casey, Stuart Beattie, Anthony Beattie, Barry Williams, Pat Dalton.

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encouragement in the promotion of the Gaelic Games
in the Division.*

*Congratulations to all Divisional and County Championship
Winners*

Séamus Ó Riain
Cathaoirleach.

Diarmuid Ó Rinn
Rúnaí

Breandán Ó Riain
Cisteoir



**SEAN TREACY'S/AHERLOW
— WEST TIPP. AND COUNTY U-21 'B' H.C. WINNERS 1990**

Back Row (l-r): William Ryan, James Caplis, James Fahy, Michael Slattery, Michael Moroney, Oliver Kennedy, Mark Leonard, Cory Ryan, John McCormack, John Ryan, Michael O'Brien, Tom Kennedy, Martin McCormack, Paddy Ryan (coach). Front Row (l-r): Anthony Burns, Fan Ryan, Eamonn Keane, Andy Carr, Denis O'Shea, Michael Ryan (capt.), Liam Hammersley, Seamus Butler, Pat Hickey, Val Kennedy, Sean Russell.



AHERLOW — WEST TIPP. J.F. CHAMPIONS 1990

Back Row (l-r): Martin Peters, John Ivory, Tim Ryan, Mark Leonard, John Peters, Jerry McGrath, Michael Moroney, Bobby Russell, Sean Russell, Ciaran Clifford, Michael Carew. Front Row (l-r): Toby Peters, Lar Ivory, Patrick O'Shea, Brian O'Brien, Luke Leonard, Harry Mullins, Denis O'Shea, Tom Richardson, Tom Peters.



AHERLOW — WEST TIPP. M.F. 'A' CHAMPIONS 1990

Back Row (l-r): Mark O'Shea, Declan Reardon, John Butler, Martin Ryan, Michael Moroney, Kieran Moroney, Mark Leonard, John Frewen, Owen Ryan, Ciaran Clifford. Front Row (l-r): George Kiely, John Reardon, Conor O'Shea, Don Walsh, Luke Leonard, Patrick O'Shea, Jackie Bourke, Derry Peters, Tony Donovan, Anthony Moroney.



GOLDEN/KILFEACLE — WEST TIPP. I.H. CHAMPIONS 1990

Back Row (l-r): Brian Leamy, Pat Dalton, John Cooney, Tony Cooney, David Fogarty, Declan Keaty, James Hallissey, Ken Whelan, Dinny Browne, Tom Leamy, Eamonn O'Donnell, John Cash. Front Row (l-r): Liam Rafferty, Kieran Hogan, Pakie Hallissey, Donie Crosse, John Curriuan, John Leamy, Niall Fogarty, Kevin, Downey, Brendan Ryan, Liam O'Sullivan.

U21 Football Championship A — 5 Teams — K/O

Cashel defeated Lattin/Emly to reach the semi-final where they disposed easily of Arravale Rovers. Cappawhite/Eire Og defeated Clonoulty/Rossmore in the other semi-final. The final was played between Cashel and Cappawhite/Eire Og on November 25th. Cashel won by 2-7 to 1-5 and now play Nenagh in the county semi-final.

U21 Football Championship 'B' — 8 Teams — K/O

Kickhams, Sean Treacys, Galtee Rovers and Solohead went out in the first round. Rosegreen defeated Rockwell Rovers in one semi-final and Aherlow defeated Golden/Kilfeacle in the other. Aherlow defeated Rosegreen in the final and will play the North champions in the County semi-final.

Minor Football Championship 'A' — 7 Teams — League

Arravale Rovers, Clonoulty/Solohead and Cappawhite/Eire Og failed to make the semi-finals. Aherlow defeated Cashel and Lattin/Emly defeated Kickhams in the semi-finals.

In the final Aherlow had a narrow victory over Lattin/Emly. They were defeated by Eire Og (N), who became County Champions, in the County semi-final.

Minor Football Championship 'B' — 5 Teams — League

The two top teams on points contested the final. Rockwell Rovers and Golden had to play off for the right to face Rosegreen in the final.

Sean Treacys and Galtee Rovers were also in the competition. Golden defeated Rosegreen in the final. They defeated Portroe in the County semi-final after a replay and were narrowly beaten by Boherlahan in the county final.

Scor 90

	Scor Sinsir	Scor Na nOg
Rince Foirne:	Arravale Rovers	Lattin/Cullen
Aithriseoireacht:	Eileen Heffernan Cappawhite	Alice Clery Sean Treacys
Amhranaíocht Aonair:	Alice Ryan Clonoulty/Rossmore	Deirdre O'Connell Sean Treacys
Nuachleas:	Sean Treacys (County & Munster)	Golden/Kilfeacle
Trath na gCeist:	Kickhams	Clonoulty/Rossmore
Ceol Uirlise:	Cashel (Co.)	Sean Treacys
Bailead Ghrupa:	Kickhams (Co.)	Sean Treacys (County & Munsterf)
Rince Seit:	Arravale Rovers	Cappawhite



KICKHAMS — WEST TIPP. J.F.L. CHAMPIONS 1990

Back Row (l-r): Paul Ryan, Martin Browne, Christopher Ryan, John Butler, Kevin Farrell, John O'Dwyer, Larry Farrell, Sean Bradshaw, Eamonn Ryan, Tommy Landers, Tony Farrell. Front Row (l-r): Gerard Browne, Vincent Kelly, Denis Heelan, Ger Butler, Willie Crowe, Paddy Fitzgerald, Pat Carroll, Johnny Butler, Paudie Slattery.



**CASHEL KING CORMACS — COUNTY HURLING FINALISTS - WEST TIPP. SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS
- SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS AND CROSCO CUP WINNERS 1990**

Back Row (l. - r.): Michael Perdue, Peter Fitzell, Pat Fitzell, Tommy Grogan, Willie Fitzwell, Seanie Barron, Pat O'Donoghue, John Ryan, Sean Slattery, Ramie Ryan, T. J. Connolly. Front Row (l. - r.): Don Higgins, Declan McGrath, James O'Donoghue, Colm Bonnar, Ailbie Bonnar, Cormac Bonnar, Tony Slattery, Joe Minogue, John Grogan, Joe O'Leary.

Date	Champ/League	West	Co.	Winner	Runner Up	Referee
12/08/90	S.H.C.	6	4	Cashel	2-11 Clonoulty/Rossmore 0-15	P. Russell
30/09/90	I.H.C.	13	1	Golden/Kilfeacle	2-14 Arravale Rovers 3-6	P. O'Sullivan
30/09/90	J.H.C.	24	1	Rosegreen	1-14 Cashel 0-8	G. Ryan
21/10/90	U21 H.C. A	3	1	Cashel	1-11 Cappawhite/Eire Og 0-7	E. Browne
04/11/90	U21 H.C. B	5	1	Sean Treacys/Aherlow	1-12 Golden/Kilfeacle 2-9	P. Russell
11/11/90	Replay	-	-	Sean Treacys/Aherlow	2-8 Golden/Kilfeacle 2-5	G. Ryan
12/08/90	M.H.C. A	19	1	Kickhams	3-8 Cashel 1-13	P. Lonergan
06/10/90	M.H.C. B	13	1	Aherlow	4-7 Rosegreen 4-2	J. Kennedy
22/04/90	Crosco '89	1	-	Clonoulty/Rossmore	1-8 Kickhams 0-7	P. O'Sullivan
27/05/90	Crosco '90	20	-	Cashel	0-12 Cappawhite 0-9	G. Ryan
19/08/90	S.F.C.	9	-	Cashel	3-10 Lattin/Cullen 0-8	C. O'Sullivan
14/10/90	I.F.C.	3	1	Cappawhite	3-11 Eire Og 1-4	J. O'Donnell
13/10/90	J.F.C.	9	1	Aherlow	3-10 Kickhams 1-3	J. Moloney
25/11/90	U21 F.C. A	3	1	Cashel	2-7 Cappawhite/Eire Og 1-5	N. Lonergan
10/11/90	U21 F.C. B	7	1	Aherlow	2-13 Rosegreen 2-6	N. Lonergan
28/07/90	M.F.C. A	24	1	Aherlow	1-7 Lattin/Emly 0-8	P. Lonergan
28/07/90	M.F.C. B	12	3	Golden Kilfeacle	1-5 Rosegreen 2-1	C. O'Sullivan
22/09/90	O'Donoghue Cup	29	-	Galtee Rovers	7-11 Emly 0-5	T. Meehan
15/09/90	J.F.L.	24	-	Kickhams	6-8 Rosegreen 3-6	N. Lonergan
Open Draw			9			

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Great year for Primary School Games

Paul Brett = Secretary Schools Board

The year 1990 will go down as one of the best years in the history of the Tipperary Primary Schools Board. First of all I would like to express our sincerest thanks to the Senior County Board for their wonderful co-operation during the year both physical and financial. On the financial side we would like to express our sincere thanks for the following grants:
Helmets (£4,000); Hurleys (£2,400); Sliotars (£1,000); Footballs (£200).

Due to these grants many schools have now got a supply of helmets or their pupils bought them outright. At the same time many schools were able to supply their pupils with subsidized hurleys and buy a supply of sliotars for the school.

Another major step this year was that for the first time all county Primary Schools Finals were held in hurling. We would like to thank all the schools for their co-operation in this regard in making sure that the "Finals" day was such a great success. We would like to thank specially the following who sponsored the shields for the finals: Irish Permanent Building Society, Clonmel; Mrs. Teresa Ahearn T.D., Mr. M. Smith T.D., and Mr. M. Lowry T.D.

The finals took place in Semple Stadium, on Wednesday, June 13th. The standard in all four games was of the highest and many future stars were on view. Friendships were also made and we look forward to the follow on this year (1991). We would like to congratulate the winners but more so all teams for the high standard of hurling and sportsmanship.

Results: Roinn A: St. Mary's C.B.S. (Clonmel) 1-1; Roscrea B.N.S. 1-0. Roinn B: Borrisokane N.S. 3-0; Boherlahan N.S. 0-3. Roinn C: Templemore B.N.S. 2-4;



Recently, the County Board made a grant of £7,600 to the Tipperary Primary Schools for the promotion of G.A.A. in the schools. Picture shows County Chairman Noel Morris making the presentation to the Secretary, Paul Brett, N.T., St. Oliver's Clonmel, with Eugene Ryan, N.T., Moneygall, on the left and Paudie Butler, N.T., The Ragg, Chairman, on the right.

Kilruane N.S. 1-2. Roinn D: Ballylooby N.S. 5-3; Gurtagarry N.S. 2-5.

The games were refereed by our county coaches.

On the county scene we played Limerick Primary Schools in hurling and football. After two very close games

Limerick managed to win both. We hope to do better on our return to Limerick in 1991.

We would like also to point out that a number of our pupils appeared in Croke Park during the All-Ireland football and hurling series.



St. Mary's C.B.S., Clonmel, Under-13 hurling team who won the Tipp County Primary Schools Hurling Championship. Back row (L-R): Michael Connolly, Declan Nugent, Patrick Grogan, Ronan Doyle, Rory O'Connor, Brian O'Shea, Bro. J. Ryan (teacher/coach), Niall O'Shea, Mark Hickey, Laurence Ryan, Anthony Bates, Niall Cahill, Paul Kennedy. Front row (L-R): Ciaran Burke, Ian Patterson, Paul Fanning, Bernard Wall, Bernard Walsh (captain), Seán Early, Matthew Power, Tom Lonergan, Paul Rhatigan. Missing from photo: Niall Wall, John Ryan, Ian Moore, Eamonn Ryan, John Bergin.



Boherlahan N.S., winners of 1990 Roinn B Tipp Primary Schools competition for the second year in succession. Back – J. Maher, N. O'Connor, F. O'Dwyer, B. Hennessy, P. Carew, P. Maher, D. Burke, E. Dwyer, M. Lacey. Middle – D. Moylan, S. Hickey (captain), B. Crosse, J. Akins, W. Hickey, J. Hunt, A. Ferncombe, E. Ryan, N. Carew. Front – N. O'Gorman, S. O'Dwyer, D. Hayes, M. O'Dwyer, L. Hickey, D. Donnelly, M. Sweeney, S. Crowe.



St. Colmcille's Primary School, Templemore – County Hurling Champions 1990. Front (L-R): Andrew Ahearne, Patrick Kennedy, Hugh Dunne, David Maher, David Bourke, Jim O'Boyle, Johnny Doran, Eamon Corcoran (captain), David Hoctor, Francis Hogan, Michael O'Brien, David Grehan. Back (L-R): Damien Harkins, Mervin Deegan, David Collins, Brian Hennessy, David Delahunty, Darren Owens, William Collier, John Henderson, Joe Cusack, Raymond Greed, Raymond Creaney, David Finnerty, Brian Kenny (trainer).



Siobhán O'Dwyer, Ballyboy East, Ballyboy, who represented Munster in the I.N.T.O. Football Mini-Sevens at Croke Park on All-Ireland Football Semi-final day. She is a pupil of Ballylooby N.S.



Ballylooby N.S. – County Champions Roinn D. Front row (L-R): B. Ó Inglis, A. Ó Cinnéide, P. Breathnach, C. Ó Cofaigh, S. Ó Inglis, G. Ó Cuinn (capt.), C. Mac Cormaic, G. Ó Cinnéide, S. Ó Cofaigh, B. Ó Barcar. Back row (L-R): Dónall Mac Cárthaigh P.O., P. Ó Dubhuir, N. de Búrca, D. Ó Cofaigh, D. Óg Mac Cárthaigh, D. Ó Riain, B. Ó Muiriosa, A. Ó Cinnéide, T. Ó Gormáin, N. Mac Gearailt, P. de Baróid, P. Ó Béara, E. Ó Riain.

While not as many schools took part in the Under-11 hurling championship Cahir B.N.S. had a great win over St. Mary's C.B.S. in the final.

Another innovation this year was the organisation of "Blitz" by our county coaches. These proved very popular with the smaller schools and were a tremendous success.

We know there are a number of schools who are not part of our Board. We would like all schools to be involved so we ask any school interested in taking part in our hurling leagues which begin in March 1991 to contact our Runaí at the earliest opportunity.

Committee:

Uachtarán: Mr. Gerry Daly (Ballycahill).
Cathaoirleach: Mr. Paudie Butler (Inch).
Leaschathaoirleach: Mr. Gerry McDonnell (St. Oliver's, Clonmel).
Runaí/Cisteoir: Mr. Paul Brett (St. Oliver's).
Mr. N. McDonnell (Agligh) and Mr. E. Ryan (Moneygall) look after the schools in the north of the county.



St. Mary's C.B.S., Clonmel, who retained the Tipp Primary Schools U-13 Football Championship. Back row (L-R): Br. J. Ryan (teacher/coach), Mark Hackett, Rory O'Connor, Maurice Pollard, Eoin Fahey, Donnchadh Fahey, Paul Fanning, Niall Wall, Wesley Crowe, Raymond Hennessy. Middle row (L-R): Mark Wall, Alan Lee, Tommy Power, John Bergin, Connie Power, Noel Grant, Barry Darmody, Noel O'Mahoney. Front row (L-R): P. J. Prendiville, Alan Harvey, Ian Burke, Bernard Wall, Alan Fitzgibbon, John Ryan, Colm McMenamin, Seán Harris, Kieran Kelly.

By Eugene Ryan

Thirty eight schools took part in the North Tipp. Primary Schools hurling competitions and it took a total of 34 games to decide the winners.

On Wednesday 30th May a large crowd attended the finals in McDonagh Park, Nenagh and were treated to a feast of hurling from eight well prepared teams.

There was an extra incentive for victory this year as the winners would go forward to represent North Tipp. in the county finals in Semple Stadium. The results were as follows:

Group A

Roscrea Boys N.S. 5-2

Toomevara 2-3

Referee: Gerry Long (Knockshegowna)

Group B

Borrisokane Boys N.S. 0-5

Templederry 1-0

Referee: Ger Hayes (Moneygall)

Group C

Kilruane 5-11

Dunkerrin 2-5

Referee: Conor O'Donovan (Éire Óg)

Group D

Gurtayarry 9-9

Kilkeary 2-5

Referee: Jimmy Conroy (Éire Óg)

Gurtayarry's victory was especially noteworthy as it was their third year in a row to achieve success. The four winners were worthy representatives of the division at the county finals in Thurles on 13th June. Borrisokane were the only team to achieve success but all teams are to be complimented on their performances. It was regrettable that each of the North teams was playing against a much bigger school. Hopefully the grading system will be changed in future years to provide more even competition.

Football: During the winter months we organised a very successful Gaelic Football competition. A total of 23 teams took part and while the standard was not very high it was obvious that the schools had benefited from the visits of the football coaches.

The results were as follows:

Group B

Puckane 2-0

Moneygall 1-2

Group C

Kilruane 2-3

Burgess 1-1

Group D

Kylepark beat Kilkeary

Thanks once again to all the teachers for their help and co-operation in the smooth running of the competitions. Thanks also to the referees, park committees, and the North Tipp. Senior Board officers for their continued support.

NORTH TIPPERARY PRIMARY SCHOOLS



BORRISOKANE BOYS N.S. — Winners of North and County Group "B"



GURTAGARRY N.S. — Winners of North Final Group "D"



ROSCREA SCHOOL — Winners Division I

Back Row: Oliver Nolan, Emmett Dunphy, Garry Nash, Neil O'Connor, Eoin Ryan, John Maher, Tony Douglas, Tadhg O'Connor, Aidan Moloney, Ken Barry, Ian Hanrahan, James Maher, J. Sheedy N.T. Front Row: Darragh Martin, Niall O'Meara, John O'Lane, Niall Moloney, Keith Kenneally, Paddy Moloney, Stephen Shanahan (Capt.), Michael Molloy, Aylvin Stapleton, Graham O'Callaghan, John Lyons, Brendan Doran, Liam England.



Presentation to Football Winners – Michael O'Brien, North Tipp. Secretary; Mrs. Darcy-Cooney, Principal, Kilepark N.S.; Conor Foxton, Captain Kilepark N.S. (Winners Group 'C'), Seamus Hogan, North Tipp. Treasurer.



Presentation of prizes to North Tipperary Primary Schools Football Winners – Michael O'Brien, North Tipp. Secretary; Paul Dooley, Principal, Kildangan N.S.; Cathal Hogan, Captain Kildangan N.S. (Winners Group 'B'), Seamus Hogan, North Tipp. Treasurer.



KILRAUNE N.S. — WINNERS DIVISION 3 NORTH TIPP. PRIMARY SCHOOLS 1990

Back Row (l. - r.): Gilbert Williams, Raymond Grace, Patrick Spain, Anthony O'Sullivan, Cronan Casey, Eoin Dwan, John Coughlan, Deirdre Kirby, Patrick Darcy, John McCarthy, Michael Keogh, Patrick Kenneally, Erwin Koch, Con Corrigan. Front Row (l. - r.): Thomas Grace, Susan Kenneally, Ciara Gaynor, Alan Dwan, Mark O'Leary, Paul Corrigan, Ruan Casey, Dessie Kenneally, Patrick Clebert, Declan Kennedy and Martin Clebert.

The American Invasion 1888

IN response to several enquiries regarding the Irish athletic team which visited the States in September 1888, it may be of general interest to Tipperary Gaels to know some further particulars regarding the "invasion".

THE START

At a meeting of the Central Council held at Limerick Junction on the 6th July, 1887, with Mr. Maurice Davin in the chair, the projected tour was decided upon and the sum of £1,000 was fixed as the requisite amount to pay the expenses of the players and athletes.

Arrangements were accordingly made, the best hurlers and athletes in Ireland were selected, as well as a select committee to look after all details in connection with venues and fixtures. Mr. John Cullinane, of Bansha, went some weeks previously to the States as advance agent to complete arrangements at the other end.

ON FRIDAY, SEPT. 14th

Previous to their departure for Cork, en route to the States, the invading force of hurlers and athletes, to the number of 50, gave an exhibition display in the grounds of St. Patrick's College, Thurles, which, by the kindness of the Very Rev. Arthur Ryan, who was then president, were given for the occasion. Amongst those who witnessed the games were: Most Rev. Dr. Fennelly, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly (he

was then Adm. of Thurles), Very Rev. Arthur Ryan, Rev. N. Rafferty, Rev. J. D. Ryan, Thurles; Rev. J. O'Brien, O.S.A.; Rev. Dr. Hayes, The College, Thurles; Rev. F. Mullins do.; Rev. J. F. Anderson, O.S.A.; Rev. F. Doggeth, O.S.F., Thurles; Rev. F. Dwan, Killenaule; Messrs. T. Condon, M.P., Clonmel; Jas. Walsh, Cashel; Dr. Heffernan, Killenaule; Hugh Ryan, Thurles; A. Callanan, do. There was much enthusiasm at the various athletic feats and at the hurling match between Tom O'Grady's team and Sutton's the latter were the victors, the scoring being 1 goal 3 points to 6 points.

The following is a complete list of the team and officers: Maurice Davin, President G.A.A.; R. J. Frewen, treasurer; W. Prendergast, hon. sec.; J. Cullen, record sec.; Rev. Concannon, King's Co., representative and Mr. Tom Harrington, Johnstown. Tipperary: Pat and Maurice Davin, Carrick-on-Suir; Dr. J. C. Daly, Borrisokane; P. O'Donnell, Carrick; W. Prendergast, Clonmel; Tom O'Grady, Moycarkey; John O'Brien, do.; Tom Ryan, Clonoulty; and Jim Stapleton, Thurles Sarsfields. Dublin: G. Burgess, P. P. Sutton; J. Furlong; J. Hayes; F. Coghlan. Wexford: J. Royce. Kildare: P. J. Molohan. Kilkenny: W. Fox, Mooncoin; M. Curran, Castlecomer; J. Grace, Tullaroan. Offaly: J. Dunne, J. Nolan, J. Cordial, P. Meleady. Leix: P. Ryan and W. McEvoy. Limerick: D. Shanahan, Kilfinane; J.

McCarthy, do.; M. Connery, do.; J. Connery, do.; D. Godfrey, Murroe; W. Reale. Limerick: W. McCarthy, Macroom. Cork: W. Phibbs, J. Mooney, Ballyhea; T. M. O'Connor, Cork; D. Power, Shanballymore; J. Coghlan, Buttevant; T. J. O'Mahoney ("the steam engine"). Waterford: P. Hickey, Carrickbeg; P. Keohan, Dungarvan. Clare: J. Rourke, J. Fitzgibbon, O'Gonnolloe, P. Minogue, Tulla.

By bringing the pick of Ireland's athletes as well as two hurling teams, it was thought to give an international complexion to the Association by organising athletic contests with the athletes of other countries in America, and more important still, to show the American sporting public what a wonderful game of skill, speed and stamina the national pastime of Ireland was. Such a tour, they assumed, would be a financial success, that it would enable the Central Council to wipe off their debt, award the championship medals and trophies, and put the Association generally on a sound financial basis.

At this period, too, it was suggested to revive the Tailteann Games in 1889, and that the monies realised as a result of the tour would help to provide prizes for this international event.

Further details and photograph can be found in Tipperary Yearbook 1988 — Page 117.

Research: Willie Gaynor (Thurles)

The Colleges Hurling Scene 1989-1990

SEÁN Ó COSTAGÁIN

On the Colleges' scene it gives me great pleasure to say that the past twelve months have been very successful. The enthusiasm generated by our triple All-Ireland victory and the Co. Board's very generous grant of £10,000 to our post-primary schools set the tone of the year and I would like to relate that the schools responded accordingly.

THE Canon Fitzgerald Cup committee who run the Tipperary post primary competitions had four competitions during the 1989-90 campaign.

At Under-16 A level for the bigger schools in the county we had the Croke Cup competition which is the oldest post-primary competition in the county.

Thirteen schools participated and following a series of very interesting games the two teams to emerge to contest the final were Nenagh C.B.S. and Thurles C.B.S. The final was a little disappointing with the Nenagh boys scoring a decisive victory over the Mid Tipp school by 3-9 to 1-5.

As a result of a motion at the A.G.M. of Canon Fitzgerald Committee, it was decided to have a (B) competition at under-16 level for the weaker schools in the county. Nine of our post-primary schools affiliated for this competition and it was a great success with the participating schools expressing great satisfaction with it.

The two teams to emerge to contest this final were St. Joseph's, Borrisoleigh, and Clonmel V.S. The initial game ended all square but in the replay the North Tipp school ended worthy winners on the score 4-11 to 0-6.

A new trophy, Corn Uí Aonghusa, was presented by the post primary schools for this competition. It perpetuates the memory of the late Tommy Hennessy who gave wonderful service in his capacity as a referee to the schools in his all to short life.

The Fitzgerald Shield (U-17) B hurling competition provided some very keen competition. Ten schools participated and Roscrea V.S. and Thurles V.S. emerged to contest the final. This was one of the best games of colleges' hurling of the year. In the end of an exciting game of swaying fortunes Thurles V.S. emerged winners by 1-15 to 2-7.

The Fitzgerald Cup (U-17 A) had eight schools participating. The top half of the draw saw Killenaule V.S. emerge as winners, having defeated Our Lady's, Templemore, and Cashel C.B.S. in the process.

Tipperary C.B.S. provided the opposition in the final, having defeated



NENAGH C.B.S. DEFEATED HARTY CUP FINALISTS 1989-'90

Back Row (left to right): Brother J. Casey (Principal), Mr. V. Kyne (trainer), Padraig Kirby (Kilruane), Con Howard (Eire Óg), Chris Madden (Portroe), Eddie Tucker (Eire Óg), Mark Sheahan (Eire Óg), Brian Flannery (Eire Óg), John Doughan (Moneygall), Brian Connolly (Eire Óg), Brian Gaynor (Kilruane), Colm McDonnell (Burgess), Paudie Quinn (Portroe), Mr. Martin Slattery (trainer). Middle Row (left to right): Brian Kennedy (Kildangan), Fergal Hynes (Eire Óg), Sean Kelly (Kildangan), Denis Hogan (Portroe), Eamonn Troy (Moneygall), Eoin Daly (Kilruane), Brendan Shanahan (Eire Óg), Darrell Tucker (Burgess), Mr. Martin Hudner (Vice-Principal). Front Row (left to right): David McAuliffe (Eire Óg), Mark Langton (Eire Óg), Cyril Bailey (Eire Óg), Robert Foley (Eire Óg), John Hogan (Portroe), Gearoid Cleary (Eire Óg).



THURLES VOCATIONAL SCHOOL — FITZGERALD SHIELD WINNERS 1989-'90

Back Row (l. to r.) Eamonn Ryan (Holycross), Michael Ryan (Clonoulty), Paul Ryan (Holycross), Lar Barrett (Thurles Sarsfields), Liam McGrath (Holycross), Tom Flanagan (Holycross), Tomás Fogarty (Holycross), Paddy Dunne (Upperchurch), Ian Ryan (Clonoulty), T. J. McCarthy (Moycarkey). Front Row (left to right): Gerry Dwyer (Upperchurch), Philip Ryan (Holycross), John Purcell (Thurles Sarsfields), Denis Allen (Holycross), Thomas Max (Thurles Sarsfields), Michael Ferncombe (captain) Holycross, Timmy Gleeson (Holycross), James Ferncombe (Holycross), Michael Murphy (Thurles Sarsfields), John Ryan (Upperchurch), Aidan Butler (Clonoulty). Missing from photo: Ken Concagh (Moycarkey).



ABBEY C.B.S. — FITZGERALD CUP WINNERS 1990

Back Row (left to right): Padraig Moloney (Galtee Rovers), Richard O'Brien (Galtee Rovers), Michael Gleeson (Arravale Rovers), Damian Moloney (Lattin/C.), Ger Kirby (Aherlow), John Daly (Galtee Rovers), Mark Leonard (Aherlow), Michael Heffernan (Annacarty), Kevin O'Sullivan (Arravale Rovers), Aidan O'Dwyer (Lattin/C.), Tony O'Sullivan (Arravale Rovers), Mark Gleeson (Arravale Rovers). Front Row (left to right): Brian Moore (Arravale Rovers), Rodney O'Donnell (Galbally), Kieran Flynn (Arravale Rovers), Andrew Nolan (Solohead), Ger Maguire (Lattin/C.), Thomas Martin (Arravale Rovers), Michael Moroney (Aherlow), Brian Roche (Pallasgreen), Nicky Brett (Arravale Rovers), John Lacey (Arravale Rovers).



**OUR LADY'S, TEMPLEMORE — KINNANE CUP (UNDER-16½)
MUNSTER CHAMPIONS (1989-90)**

Front Row (left to right): Brian Phelan (Upperchurch), Donal Ryan (do.), Jim O'Shea (Clonmore), Martin Deegan (Clonmore), Thomas Dunne (captain) (Toomevara), Sister Helen (Principal), Frank Guilfoyle (Templetuohy), Diarmuid Everard (do.), Tomás Keane (Upperchurch), James Ryan (Templetuohy), Tony Broderick (Killea), Noel Cahill (Loughmore), Jack O'Shea (Clonmore). Back Row (left to right): Willie Butler (teacher), Ronan Loughnane (Templemore); Donal Bourke (Killea), William Cahill (Clonmore), Terry Dunne (Toomevara), Martin Fogarty (Killea), Oliver Dwan (Drom), Niall Ryan (Upperchurch), John Maher (Clonmore), Colm Dunne (Loughmore), Richard Buckley (Killea), Paul Walshe (Templemore), Denis Kelly (Borrisoleigh), Seán Ó Costagáin (teacher). Missing from photo: James McCarthy (Templemore), Michael Sheedy (Clonakenny), Davie Russell (Templemore).



ABBEY C.B.S. — MUNSTER U-15½ 'B' HURLING WINNERS

Back Row (l. to r.): John McEvoy (Arravale Rovers), Niall English (Arravale Rovers), Declan Reardon (Aherlow), Kevin Jones (Arravale Rovers), Kevin O'Sullivan (Arravale Rovers), James McCormack (Kickham's), Oliver O'Brien (Galtee Rovers), Conor O'Shea (Aherlow), John Buckley (Arravale Rovers). Front Row (left to right): Oliver O'Neill (Lattin/C.), Brendan Crowe (Arravale Rovers), Andrew Kavanagh (Arravale Rovers), Michael Collins (Galtee Rovers), Sean O'Halloran (Arravale Rovers), Brian Fogarty (Golden/K.).



CASHEL C.B.S. — RICE CUP WINNING TEAM 1990

Back Row (Left to Right): Philip O'Dwyer (Boherlahan), John O'Donnell (Cashel), John O'Donnell (Rockwell Rovers), Michael McDonnell (Cashel), T. J. McFeaney (Cashel), Declan O'Dwyer (Boherlahan), Mark Hickey (Boherlahan), Eamon Ryan (Golden). Middle Row (Left to Right): John Gleeson (team coach), Jim O'Leary (Cashel), Aidan Butler (Knockavilla), Don O'Dwyer (Boherlahan), David O'Gorman (Cahir), James Hyland (Cahir), Gerard Flanagan (Boherlahan), Brian Horgan (Knockavilla), Liam Burke (Boherlahan), Eoin Lawrence (Cashel). Front Row (Left to Right): P. J. Dunne (Cashel), Andrew Moloney (Cahir), John McGrath (Knockavilla), Colm O'Flaherty (Cahir), (captain), Matt Finnerty (team manager), John O'Dwyer (Cashel), Ruairi Ryan (Cashel), Derek Egan (Rosegreen), James Wade (Boherlahan).



**ALL-IRELAND (UNDER-21) MEDAL WINNERS PRESENTING KINNANE
CUP MEDALS IN THEIR ALMA MATER — OUR LADY'S, TEMPLEMORE**

Front Row (left to right) Ronan Loughnane (Templemore), James Ryan, Niall Ryan, Tomás Keane, Terry Dunne, Brian Phelan. Back Row (right to left): Sean Ó Costagáin, Seamus Bohan (Loughmore), Richard Buckley, Brendan Bane (Templemore), Tomás Dunne, Conor Stakelum (Borrisoleigh), John Maher, Jack O'Shea and Willie Butler.

Thurles C.B.S., and the holders Nenagh C.B.S. on the way. This final was a novel pairing as neither school had previously won the trophy.

The West Tipp boys had been unsuccessful in two previous attempts in finals but Gerry Maguire's team made no mistake this year, beating a game Killenaule team by 2-6 to 0-7.

There was great jubilation in the Abbey at having at long last become the champion school in the county.

There is no doubt but the prestige Colleges' competition is the famed "Harty". Three schools from Tipp participated in 1989-90. Thurles C.B.S. bowed out in round one. The same fate befell Tipperary C.B.S. but not before Nenagh C.B.S. overcame the West boys. Nenagh C.B.S., with a very well balanced and determined group of players, went all the way to the final.

It was with great hope we went to Limerick on Harty Cup final day for confrontation with St. Flannan's, Ennis. How appropriate it would have been to have the famous trophy in the county in "Triple Crown Year". Fate decreed otherwise as on the day the Tipp boys never rose to the occasion and were defeated 0-10 to 0-3.

I must say my heart went out to the boys and their mentors as, having watched their progress over the year, I feel that due to the pre-match hype and the pressure of the occasion they did not do themselves justice. Having experienced the occasion I think that Nenagh C.B.S. could do very well this year. Undoubtedly at the moment they are Tipperary's best chance of capturing the trophy.

Our Lady's, Templemore, following their Rice Cup Munster Under-14 victory in 1989, had a very good year on the Munster Colleges' hurling scene. After a lapse of five years they captured the Kinnane Cup (Under-16½) championship with an excellent 2-7 to 0-3 victory over Scariff Comprehensive.

The senior team competed in the Corn Phadraig Senior (B) championship and were defeated in the final by Scariff Comprehensive on the score 1-12 to 0-10. Scariff subsequently captured the All-Ireland title.

In the Corn on Phiarasigh Munster (Under-15) championship Templemore lost an outstanding final to Abbey C.B.S. on the score 2-8 to 1-7. There was satisfaction in Templemore that despite those narrow defeats the school, with the material at its disposal, could make a realistic attempt at capturing the Harty Cup in a few years time if a genuine attempt is made.

Tipperary C.B.S. by any standards had a wonderful year. They captured the Tipperary (under-17) football title as well as the Corn on Phiarasigh and Fitzgerald Cup. They also contested the Munster Senior (B) football final, losing to St. Flannan's. There is no doubt but former All-Star Paddy Kelly and his many helpers are doing great work for our Gaelic games in the Abbey and perhaps the "Harty" could return to that nursery in the not too distant future.

The Rice Cup Munster (Under-14) championship annually provides us with very interesting and competitive hurling and I am glad to say that 1989-90 was no exception. The committee adopted a new policy of playing the final on a week evening at seven o'clock, thus giving parents a chance to see it.

The final between Cashel C.B.S. and Doon C.B.S. was played in Dundrum before a "gate" of £600 and the Cashel boys ran out worthy winners on the score 2-5 to 0-3.

Over the years the commitment and motivating factor of Matt Finnerty and John Gleeson have reaped many rewards and I would say none more so than this year's prestigious "Rice". The great work of Cashel Gales and also the Cashel Vocational School played no small part in moulding that fine group of players that was this year's Cashel senior team that so nearly brought home the famous Dan Breen trophy for the first time. I have often wondered where many of these players have gone as a very small percentage of the fine C.B.S. teams have come to the fore.

To conclude, I would like to express my appreciation on behalf of the schools to our Co. Board for once again giving our twenty-seven post-primary schools a magnificent grant of £10,000 for 1990-91 season. You are definitely doing your part and let's hope that all of us will respond with a genuine effort in the promotion of Gaelic games in the schools.

There is a general satisfaction with the coaching scheme and I must say that the group of five young men under the direction of a most efficient and conscientious Chairman, Tom Colum, are doing great work and are very much appreciated by school principals and games-masters.



NOEL MORRIS PRESENTS CHEQUE FOR £10,000 TO TIPP. POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS CHAIRMAN T. J. EGAN

Back Row: T. Barrett, J. O'Riordan, J. Hassett, C. O'Loughlin. Front Row: N. Morris, T. J. Egan, J. Costigan and Matty Finnerty.



NENAGH C.B.S. — CROKE CUP CHAMPIONS 1989-'90

Back Row (Left to Right) John McKenna (Burgess), Liam Walsh (Eire Óg), Liam McGrath (Burgess), Jerome Mounsey (Toomevara), Declan Bailey (Eire Óg), Liam O'Gara (Eire Óg), Shane Connolly (Eire Óg), Mervin Scanlon (Eire Óg), Eddie Guerin (Eire Óg), Michael Loughnane (Eire Óg), Brother J. Casey (Principal). Second Row (Left to Right): James McDonnell (Burgess), Art Flannery (Kildangan), Brian Flannery (Kildangan), Shane Ryan (Burgess), Len Gaynor (Kilruane), David Creamer (Eire Óg), Darrell Tucker (Burgess), John Tucker (Eire Óg), Pádraig O'Kennedy (Eire Óg), Joe Ryan (Silvermines), Christy McLoughlin (Eire Óg). Front Row (Left to Right): Sean Kelly (Kildangan), Willie Hackett (Toomevara).

To ensure that schools will be able to maintain their present standards over the coming years I think that personnel from local clubs may have to be utilised as has not been the practice heretofore.

The timing of our games in midweek, I am aware, does not lend itself to that type

of co-operation but personnel are getting scarce in many schools because due to education cut-backs very few young teachers are being introduced to the system and as you are all aware, training teams and coaching is basically a young man's game.

Thurles win Munster Title

by JOHN O'RIORDAN

THURLES Vocational School captured the 1989/90 Munster Senior B hurling title, thus making it three in a row for Tipperary Schools. Tipperary Town 1978/88, Killenaule 1988/89 being previous winners.

The campaign began in Newport where they had an easy win over Ennis Vocational School.

The semi-final against Tralee Community College took place in Croom. An evenly contested first half, with Tralee missing many scoring chances, saw Thurles lead by five points. A good second half display left Thurles winners by 5-10 to 0-4.

The final, played in Fermoy on December 13th against Clonakilty Community College, almost became a casualty to bad weather. Heavy fog enveloped the pitch an hour before play. However, it lifted significantly to allow play.

Thurles opened the scoring after 1 minute with a Lar Barrett point. Further



THURLES VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Back Row (Left to Right): Ian Ryan, Paddy Dunne, Tomás Fogarty, James Ferncombe, Tomás Max, Paul Ryan, Jimmy McCarthy, Michael Murphy, Liam McGrath, John Purcell, Lar Barrett, Cormack Cassidy, Paul Barry. Front Row (Left to Right): James Bourke, Derek McCarthy, T. G. Shelly, Timmy Gleeson, Tom Flanagan, Anthony Graham, Denis Allen, John Ryan, Michael Ferncombe, Ken Concagh.

points by Tom Flanagan, Paul Ryan and Liam McGrath pushed them further ahead. The Cork boys should have had more scores but poor finishing and a good Thurles defence left them trailing at half-time by six points.

The third quarter was evenly contested. However, in the last quarter, Thurles stamped their authority on this game. Points by Timmy Gleeson, Michael Murphy, who also added a goal, brought

the game to an end amid jubilant scenes from the Thurles supporters.

Final score: Thurles 2-9, Clonakilty 0-3.

Team: Ml. Ferncombe, T. Max, J. McCarthy, A. Graham, C. Cassidy (Capt), T. Gleeson (0-1), J. Ferncombe, D. Allen, J. Purcell, T. Flanagan (0-3), T. Fogarty (0-1), L. Barrett (0-1), M. Murphy (1-1), P. Ryan (0-1), L. McGrath (1-1).
Subs: P. Dunne, R. Ryan.

County Post Primary Football

Under-14 Championship

Compiled by: SEAMUS J. KING



1990 CARRICK C.B.S. U-14 FOOTBALL — WINNERS OF CUP

Back Row (left to right): Brian Farrell, Alan Hearne, Brian Walsh, James Connolly, Robert Ryan (captain), Keith Kennedy, Lawrence Heffernan. Front Row (left to right): Fintan Lowry (manager), Maurice Torpey, Pat Crotty, Des Lyons, Mark Reade, Paul Casey, Leo Commins, Kieran Power, Emmet Lonergan.



CASHEL C.B.S. — RUNNERS-UP IN CUP COMPETITION

Back: J. O'Donnell, J. Hyland, B. Horgan, P. O'Dwyer, G. Flanagan, A. Moloney, D. O'Gorman, L. Burke. Front: J. Wade, P. Flynn, A. Murphy, P. Delahunty, J. McGrath, D. Egan, G. Barry.

SEVENTEEN schools, providing twenty teams, participated in the county under-14 football championship at Rockwell College on May 9. Carrick-on-suir C.B.S., Clonmel High School and Nenagh C.B.S. fielded two teams. As in previous years, the championship was run in the form of a blitz. The event was organised excellently by Tony Smith of Rockwell College and Colm O'Flaherty of Cashel V.S. So effective were the arrangements that the heavy day's programme of 54 matches was completed on time.

Four groups of five teams played on a league basis in the morning. The top two teams in each group qualified for the quarter-finals of the competition proper and the third and fourth teams qualified to play off for the Shield.

The quarter-final pairings for the Cup were St. Joseph's, Cahir, versus Newport; Tipperary C.B.S. versus Clonmel Vocational School; Cashel C.B.S. versus Nenagh C.B.S. 'A', and Carrick-on-Suir C.B.S. 'A' versus St. Joseph's, Borris-oleigh.

The semi-final pairings were: St. Joseph's versus Cashel C.B.S. The latter won by 3-0 to 0-6. In the second semi-final, Carrick-on-Suir beat Tipperary C.B.S. by 3-3 to 2-0.

In the final, Carrick-on-Suir C.B.S. 'A' team proved too good for Cashel C.B.S. and won convincingly by 5-3 to 4-0.

Cahir Vocational School had an easy win over Clonmel High School 'B' in the final of the Shield. The final score was 5-6 to 1-2. In the quarter-finals, Clonmel High School 'A' defeated Fethard P.B.S. by 2-7

to 0-3, Carrick C.B.S. 'B' defeated Ballingarry by 3-7 to 2-0; Clonmel High School 'B' beat Rockwell College by 2-3 to 1-1, and Cahir V.S. beat Nenagh C.B.S. 'B' by 5-11 to 1-1.

In the semi-finals, Clonmel High School 'B' surprisingly beat their 'A' team by 2-7 to 3-2 while Cahir V.S. convincingly beat Carrick C.B.S. 'B' by 3-12 to 1-2.

Overall the competition revealed the impressive strength of football in Carrick-on-Suir C.B.S. with their 'A' team winning the Cup and their 'B' team reaching the semi-final of the Shield. Cahir Vocational School must be quite pleased with their performance. As well as winning the Shield their team scored a very impressive 13-29 in the knockout stages of the competition.



1990 CLONMEL HIGH SCHOOL UNDER-14 FOOTBALL — RUNNERS-UP IN SHIELD

Back Row (left to right): S. Aylward, A. Morrissey, K. O'Brien, M. Hackett, M. Gregory, G. Fuller, P. O'Gorman, D. Tobin. Front Row (left to right): T. Currans, A. Kearney, T. Creed, G. Grant, K. Fahey, T. O'Donoghue, L. Bates.



CAHIR V.S. — WINNERS OF JOHN QUIRKE SHIELD

Back: K. White, E. Guthrie, A. Maloney, B. Browne, S. Donovan, P. Ryan, E. Lonergan, P. Lonergan. Front: G. O'Mahoney, P. Wills, P. Kinahan, C. Carroll, M. O'Connor, B. Healy.

THE U/15 footballers of High School, Clonmel, had a very full and arduous campaign in 1990. After a very successful run in the Munster Colleges' competition they were eventually defeated in a replay by Farranferis, Cork. However, they received ample compensation by winning the Co. Tipperary Cusack Cup competition.

The standard of football in this competition was of a very high quality and the Tipperary schools proved to be more formidable opponents than those in the provincial series. High School overcame Cashel C.B.S. in the opening game of the Championship by 3-8 to 3-3. The Abbey, Tipperary, and High School clashed in the semi-final, with victory going to the Clonmel outfit on the score of 3-6 to 1-8.

In the final played in Cashel, Thurles provided determined and skilful opposition. This was a closely fought encounter with victory eventually going to the Clonmel boys. The final score read — High School 3-8, Thurles 3-3.

When High School's B. Walsh received the Cusack Cup from Mr. Dick Lowney, it was a fitting finale to an eventful year.

Under-15 Championship



HIGH SCHOOL CLONMEL UNDER-15 FOOTBALLERS 1990

Front Row: Stephen Hally, Stephen Granville, Brendan Walsh (Capt.), John McNamara, Ivan McMenamin, Brian O'Donnell, Paul Cahill. Middle Row: Mr. M. Forrester, Ciaran Forrester, Eddie Morrissey, Jonathan Dowling, Paul Williams, John Crotty, Niall Dempsey, Michael Byrne, John Tobin, Fiachra Fahy, Mr. B. Granville. Back Row: John Conway, Simon McGowan, Graham Cantwell, Keith O'Brien.

UNDER-17 CHAMPIONSHIP

McGowan Cup for Abbey C.B.S., Tipperary



ABBEY C.B.S. — MCGOWAN CUP WINNERS 1990

Back Row (l. - r.): Alan Hogan (Kickhams), Mark Leonard (Aherlow), Thomas Martin (Arravale Rus), John Daly (Galtee Rus), Damian Moloney (Lattin/C), Alan Flynn (Arravale Rus), Aidan O'Dwyer (Lattin/C), Tony O'Sullivan (Arravals Rus), Brian Roche (Pallasgreen), Kieran Flynn (Arravale Rus), Pádraig Moloney (Galtee Rus), Kevin O'Sullivan (Arravale Rus), Anthony McGrath (Arravale Rus), Mrs. Maguire, Mrs. Gleeson, Tom O'Donoghue (Manager). Front Row (l. - r.): Micheál Gleeson (Arravals Rus), Nicholas Brett (Arravals Rus), Michael Moroney (Aherlow), Johnny Lacey (Arravals Rus), Gerry Maguire (Lattin/C), Andrew Nolan (Solohead), Dermot Donovan (Arravals Rus), Shay Lynch (Arravals Rus), Ger Kirby (Aherlow).

ON May 7th last the Abbey C.B.S. won the McGowan Cup, Tipperary Colleges' Under-17 Football Championship by virtue of a deserved victory over Clonmel High School, at Cashel. This trophy had evaded the Abbey until this year's team banished the ghosts of many semi-final and final reverses, some of which were agonisingly close.

An emphatic victory over Cashel C.B.S. after a dour struggle — at one stage only two points separated the sides — set up the final clash with Clonmel.

After a close first half of many missed scoring chances, the Clonmel challenge faded and the final score: Abbey 13 points, Clonmel 5 points, saw the long cherished championship won for the first time.

Abbey C.B.S. Team: K. O'Sullivan (goal) (Arravale Rovers), A. Nolan (Solohead), D. Donovan (A.R.), C. Flynn (A.R.), A. O'Dwyer (Lattin/Cullen), G. Maguire (L/C), B. Roche (Pallasgreen), J. Daly (Galtee Rovers), M. Gleeson (A.R.), T. O'Sullivan (A.R.), T. Martin (A.R.), D. Moloney (L/C), N. Brett (A.R.), M. Moroney (Aherlow), J. Lacey (A.R.).

Missing from the Abbey final day team was stalwart centre-back, Mark Leonard (Aherlow), who was laid-low by a 'flu-attack.

Abbey C.B.S. — Munster Football finalists

Cappamore was the venue for the Munster B Senior Football Championship final on Sunday, April 1. St. Flannan's of Ennis narrowly defeated the Abbey C.B.S. after a keenly contested game that ended in a welter of excitement, as the Tipperary boys staged a last ditch challenge to retrieve a cause that seemed long lost. The final score of 1-9 to 1-5 did scant justice to the courageous fight-back of the Abbey team.



ABBEY C.B.S. — MUNSTER S.F. 'B' FINALISTS 1990

Back Row (l. - r.): Micheál Gleeson (Arravals Rus), Mark Leonard (Aherlow), Conor Bourke (Oola), Sean Cummins (Arravals Rus), John Kiely (Galbally), Kevin O'Sullivan (Arravale Rus), Calm Finnan (Galbally), Declan Nugent (Arravale Rus), Paddy Maher (Arravale Rus). Front Row (l. - r.): Gerry Maguire (Lattin/C), Declan McGrath (Lattin/C), Declan Crosse (Kickhams), Declan Hogan (Kickhams), Brian Gallagher (Arravals Rus), Brian Roche (Pallasgreen).

Gaelic Games in the Vocational Schools 1989/90



by T.J. EGAN

All-Ireland titles for Tipperary and Borrisokane hurlers – Historic double for Roscrea girls

TIPPERARY Vocational Schools' proud record at Provincial and National level continued in 1990 with further success for their inter-county hurlers — Borrisokane Community College — and an historic double for Roscrea V.S. Camogie teams — whilst Thurles V.S. recorded their first ever Provincial title in winning the Munster "B" senior hurling championship.

INTER-COUNTY SUCCESS

Having last secured the premier prize in 1988, a determined Tipperary Vocational Schools' team emerged victorious and worthy winners of the 1990 Vocational Schools' All-Ireland Championships.

Under the astute management of John Scully (Cashel), manager, and ably assisted by fellow selectors John O'Riordan (Thurles), Michael Keeley (Templemore) and Michael Kelly (Carrick-on-Suir) the first game of the season was played against Wexford, at Wexford Park. Conditions were far from ideal. A strong wind and poor ground conditions resulted in a mediocre performance, despite some masterful strokes from players on both teams.

Tipperary played against the wind in the first half and led by 2-5 to 0-3 at half time. Buoyed up by their comfortable lead of the first half, Tipperary showed great commitment and co-operation in the second half. They added a further 2-13 to their score, giving them a decisive win over Wexford with a final score of 4-18 to 0-3. Things augured well for the future. Their next encounter was with Offaly, in Birr, on 31-3-1990. This was a repeat of last year's semi-final in which Offaly emerged victorious.

Tipperary was determined to avenge that defeat but it was Offaly who got off to a ream start and led by 1-2 to no score after five minutes. Tipperary showed their class within minutes and with a few flashes of brilliance from the full-forward, the deficit was erased and a commanding lead built up. Tipp never lost its composure for the remainder of the game and emerged easy winners on a scoreline of 5-17 to 2-2. It was sweet revenge for a number of players that had lost last year's semi-final. With two convincing wins behind them, they knew it would take an even greater effort

to dethrone the champions, Kilkenny — their final opponents on Sunday, May 22.

THE FINAL

On our first outing in March the ground conditions were poor, due to the time of year, but this was nothing compared to what we had to encounter in Croke Park. The grass was very short and an abundance of sand made it almost impossible to hurl on, not only for the Vocational schools' match, but for the senior hurlers of Kilkenny and Wexford in the game that followed.

THE GAME

With six county minors, Tipperary were strongly fancied to stop Kilkenny making two in a row. Tipp stamped their control on the game right from the start and should have had victory sealed long before the end. However, their finishing was not up to its usual high standard. In all they had seventeen wides as against five for Kilkenny. With some fine individual performances, Tipperary led by two points at the interval.

SECOND HALF

The second half saw the sides level on a number of occasions. It was not until sub. corner forward Thos. Fogarty rattled the net that Tipperary took control and finished by adding scores at will — late but deserving win on a scoreline of 2-10 to 0-11.

THANKS

Whilst congratulating the victors, a great debt of gratitude is due to the Teachers, parents and selectors who, on eighteen occasions in all, travelled with players from all over the county to training sessions and matches in Thurles. Much of the training took place in the evenings after school and during the Easter holidays. To all who gave so unstintingly of their free time — a sincere thank you.

Once again A.I.B. must be complimented and thanked for their support given to Vocational School games down through the years. The financial and other assistance is very much appreciated.

A special word of thanks to Nenagh C.B.S. and Scoil Mhuire, Templemore, for providing the "friendly" challenge matches. The experience gained in the

skilful play of the games was most beneficial. Unfortunately an eagerly awaited challenge with the county minors did not materialise.

Once again North and South Tipp. V.E.C. have kept the flag flying by bringing an All-Ireland title to the county as they have done in the past during the lean years. To conclude, I again congratulate an exceptional group of players who must be highly commended for their dedication and commitment to Vocational schools' hurling, in spite of the many demands made on them by other organisations. They were all heroes in their own right; not doubt we will be seeing a lot more of them in the years to come.

Panel: Tomás Gleeson (capt), Killenaule; Michael Ferncombe (Thurles), Noel O'Halloran (Nenagh), Timmy Gleeson (Thurles), Martin Gleeson (Killenaule), Phil Shanahan (Nenagh), John Hadnett (Tipp Town), John Cahalan (Borrisokane), P.J. Walsh (Killenaule), Adrian Hogan (Borrisokane), Brian O'Meara (Killenaule), Conor Maher (Cahir), Shane Ivors (Killenaule), Conor Egan (Roscrea) Martin Hayes (Templemore), Thomas Fogarty (Thurles), John Dooley (Roscrea), Richard O'Brien (Roscrea), Denis Doughan (Roscrea), Eamonn Kenny (Carrick-on-Suir), Declan Halley (Clonmel), Tom Flanagan (Thurles), Enda Phelan (Roscrea).

All-Ireland glory for Borrisokane C.C.

Borrisokane Community College bridged a seven year gap when they captured their second All-Ireland junior (U.15) hurling title at the expense of Kilkenny champions, Thomastown V.S. En route to the final, Borrisokane had good wins over Nenagh V.S., Charleville V.S. and a gallant Causeway Comprehensive School from Kerry in the Munster final.

MUNSTER FINAL

The Munster final was a closely contested game throughout with Causeway showing that their dethronement of the previous year's winners, Killenaule, was no fluke. They dominated the game for long periods and, coming up to



BORRISOKANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE — ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS 1990

Kneeling (left to right): Leonard Deane, Nigel Dunne, Sean Sheppard. Second Row (left to right): Andrew Horan, Jason Treacy, Denis O'Sullivan, Damian Horan, Keith Slevin (captain), Declan McLoughney, Martin Haverty, Declan Troy, Barry Geogheary. Standing: T. J. Egan (trainer), John Slattery, Paul Darcy, Barry Leenane, Adrian Mulcahy, Pat Quinlan, Sean Gaynor, Julian Slevin, Tommy Hough, John Egan, Paddy Ryan, Pat Delahunty.

half-time, there was only one point between the sides. However, on the stroke of half-time, Denis O'Sullivan (Moneygall) got the all important goal to send Borris in at half-time four points in front.

Early in the second half Raymond Hogan increased the Borris lead with a point from a free and it looked as if the Kerry challenge was fading out. With ten minutes remaining, Causeway were awarded a penalty, which was saved on the line by Keith Slevin, but the ball broke loose and was finished to the net by Kevin Boyle. It was a nail-biting last few minutes but Borrisokane held out to win by 1-7 to 1-4 with Keith Slevin earning the "Man of the match" award.

ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL

Borrisokane's opponents in the All-Ireland semi-final were Galway champions Athenry V.S. and the venue was Banagher on the shores of the Shannon. This was a game that most of the Tipp boys will never forget — as was evident when the final whistle was blown — for it was a game that Borrisokane could easily have lost — and the expressions of relief on the faces of the victors told it all.

Starting brightly, they were five points clear by the tenth minute and led by 1-5 to 0-5 at half-time. In the early stages of the second half, Athenry pressed hard and were on level terms by the tenth minute. The Munster champions now looked to be in real trouble with Raymond Hogan virtually a passenger through injury and Adrian Mulcahy already withdrawn at half-time. Athenry went ahead for the first time

in the game with a point but Borris, through Paddy Ryan, levelled the scores once again.

With six minutes remaining, and with Athenry looking like winners — Borris were awarded a penalty which Keith Slevin duly crashed to the net. Having got that vital score, the Tipp boys defended heroically and scraped home on the score of 2-6 to 0-9, and qualified to meet Leinster champions, Thomastown, in the All-Ireland A.I.B. final, with Keith Slevin again being nominated as the "Man of the match".

ALL-IRELAND FINAL

Borrisokane's hopes of All-Ireland glory were dealt a severe blow in the week prior to the final when it was learned that star forward Raymond Hogan would miss the final through illness. It would be the first time for many years that a Hogan would not be on the starting line-out — but the set-back and the sadness was to act as an extra spur to all the team to "give it their all" and win the final for Raymond — who was now in a Dublin hospital.

THE MATCH

Borrisokane had to make a second change just before the game as Paddy Ryan also had to cry off through injury. Julian Slevin was given the right corner forward spot in a rearranged attack and it proved to be an All-Ireland that Julian will remember with fond memories — as he scored two vital goals in the space of five minutes to ensure that the trophy was Tipperary bound.

This was by far the Lower Ormond

standard bearers' best performance in respect of teamwork — commitment and flair — and it was also sweet revenge for Borrisokane's defeat at the hands of Thomastown in the 1987 senior final.

THE PLAY

Borrisokane got off to a good start and established an early dominance through Keith Slevin at centre back — an inspiring captain — and Paul Darcy and Barry Leenane dominating midfield. At half-time Borris led by 1-6 to 1-3.

SECOND HALF

The game turned Borrisokane's way midway in the second half when Julian Slevin scored his two vital goals to be followed shortly afterwards by another great goal from Tommy Hough. Lesser teams would have given up at this stage but Thomastown came back and with Borris losing concentration, scored two quick goals in succession to reduce the Borris lead. Thomastown might have reduced the deficit further but for two marvellous saves by in-form goalie Pat Quinlan. With time running out, Borrisokane held on to win on the score 4-9 to 2-7.

This was a badly needed boost for the school as it had not much success for a few years previous — well done to all concerned.

P.S. It is very pleasing to be able to confirm that Raymond Hogan is making an excellent recovery from his illness and I am sure it would be the wishes of all Gaels everywhere to see Raymond back in action — on the playing fields of Tipperary

which he has adorned with such distinction in the past — well done, Raymond.

Borrisokane Community College: Pat Quinlan (Shannon Rovers), Damian Horan (do.), Jason Treacy (Knockshewanna), John Egan (Borrisokane), Declan Troy (Kilruane), Keith Slevin (Borrisokane, capt.), Martin Haverty (Kilruane), Paul Darcy (Borrisokane), Barry Leenane (Shannon Rovers), Tommy Hough (Borrisokane), Sean Gaynor (Kilruane), Adrian Mulcahy (do.), Julian Slevin (Borrisokane), Declan McLougney (Kilruane), Denis O'Sullivan (Moneygall). *Sub:* Pat Delahunty (Knockshewanna) for Mulcahy.

Referee: Pat Horan (St. Rynagh's).

ERIN'S HOPE

Congratulations to local club Erin's Hope (Knockshewanna/Borrisokane) on winning their first ever county minor title. Twenty-three of the panel members were either present or past pupils of Borrisokane Community College.

THE FUTURE

There is no doubt but that we have entered a period of major change in terms of Post Primary schools' Gaelic games. Many schools are now experiencing great difficulty in relation to finances — falling numbers and the obvious fall-off in the number of young teachers coming on stream. Coupled with that we have the situation where a lot of teachers, who have

given sterling service over many years are slowly but surely easing themselves out of games promotions. Age is an obvious reason for this development but also the fact that a lot of schools are finding it difficult to release teachers to attend games due to the large numbers in our classes as a result of the cut-backs in education generally.

FINANCES

Thankfully our financial situation is in a healthier balance than most other counties due to the very generous grant of £10,000 which the County Board recently presented to the Post Primary schools of the county. Our Co. Board has given a lead to all other counties for its very substantial cash injection which all our schools gratefully accepted. The Board made a similar contribution last year and are also jointly financing with the Munster Council the very successful coaching courses which are now being conducted in all our schools throughout the winter. A sincere thank you to county chairman Noel Morris and his fellow officers and Board for their interest and commitment to our schools.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I would very much like to also thank our very generous sponsors A.I.B. for their continued sponsorship of our games nationally to the tune of £60,000 — annually divided equally between colleges and vocational schools — our

grateful thanks — to the Park Committee and our loyal band of referees who continually come to our assistance throughout the year and at great inconvenience to themselves — we say well done to one and all and long may the great relationship that exists with the schools continue.

Finally, I would like to make a special appeal to all team managers and selectors of all our under-age teams to be extra vigilant and compassionate in relation to training sessions — practice matches etc. We have an excellent squad of young talented and skilful players at our disposal at present and it is up to all of us to ensure that they are minded and treated properly. I have witnessed at first hand in the recent past young boys being "pressurised" into attending training sessions three and four nights weekly at venues many miles from their homes and returning home very late from these training sessions.

These players are well catered for in their respective schools and clubs and, coupled with the added pressure of gaining sufficient points from their Leaving Cert. to gain entry to third level education, they can well do without the "blackmailing" tactics which they are subjected to — to attend unnecessary training sessions.

Our success rate at Minor level in recent times is not very impressive and as a result we should all be working and planning together to ensure that our county will always be the Premier county.



The Committee of the Tipperary Supporters' Club which was elected at the club's A.G.M. held in the Montrose Hotel, Dublin.

(Photo: Joe Fanning)

Treble Crown For Cashel Vocational School

The school year 1989 — 1990 was one of the most successful for the hurlers and footballers of Cashel Vocational School. During the year three championships were won, all by the same panel of players!

WEST BOARD TROPHY — U-16 HURLING FOR VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

The first competition game, having played a number of challenge games, was against Clonmel in Cashel. Clonmel had a fine big side, and in the end Cashel were lucky to win by three points. The next game was also in Cashel, this time against Cahir.

Cahir had a number of good players, but in the end they were heavily beaten. The final was played in Cappawhite, with the County Coach Phil Lowry, the referee. Although, while on top, Cashel found scores hard to come by. In the end the final score was 2-6 to 0-3.

The successful team was: Donal Ryan (Golden), Brendan Moloney (Golden), Noel Marshall (Cashel), Michael Ferncombe (Boherlahan), Michael Corcoran (Rosegreen), Kevin Moloney (Golden), Donncadh Kennedy (Boherlahan), Jimmy Moloney, capt. (Cashel), Tom Shelly (Rosegreen), Kelvin Flanagan (Cashel), Sean Ryan (Rosegreen), Michael Quinn (Clonoulty), Mark Keane (Clonoulty), Liam Barron (Cashel). Subs: Jimmy Ferncombe (Boherlahan) for Barron; Thomas Bennett (Cashel) for Kennedy.

EVANS CUP — U-16 FOOTBALL FOR VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

With roughly the same panel the football campaign began following a number of challenge games. The game was in Cappawhite against the locals. This was won easily. The semi-final was in Clonoulty, refereed by local man John Kennedy. Following a hard-fought game Cashel advanced to the final to play Cahir. The final was played in Cashel and playing some outstanding football Cashel won well on the score 5-10 to 0-3.

The team was: Anthony Casey (Golden), Noel Marshall (Cashel), Kevin Moloney (Golden), Donncadh Kennedy (Boherlahan), Michael Corcoran, capt. (Rosegreen), Martin Moloney (Golden), Timmy Moloney (Cashel), Anthony Beattie (Golden), Tom Shelly (Rosegreen), Kelvin Flanagan (Cashel), James Shelly (Rosegreen), Raymond Adock (Cashel), Mark Keane (Clonoulty), Sean Ryan (Rosegreen). Subs: Liam Barron (Cashel) for Adcock.

MacGABHANN SHIELD — UNDER-17 FOOTBALL FOR POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Cashel played their first game in Littleton against Ballingarry Secondary School. This was a most difficult game and it took an injury-time point by Marco

Marcella to secure a one-point victory. The semi-final was against Newport Secondary School, in Clonoulty. Again, against a fancied side, Cashel were worthy winners.

The final was again in Cappawhite against Newport Vocational School. Here Cashel had their easiest victory on a score of 6-5 to 1-0. The team was the same as the Vocational Schools team, with Tom Shelly as captain.

The following players also played in some of the nine competitive games: Martin Ferncombe, Jimmy Ferncombe

(Boherlahan), Liam Sherlock (Rosegreen), Sam Ryall (Moycarkey).

CELEBRATION DINNER

To celebrate this unique triple crown the whole panel were treated to dinner. Hugh Kennedy, Chairman of the Football Board, presented the trophies to all.

30 GAMES IN THE YEAR!

The hurlers and footballers of the Vocational School, Under-16s and Under-14s, had a very busy year, playing in all 30 games, between challenges and competitive games.



CASHEL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Back Row (l. - r.): M. Moloney, S. Ryan, S. Ryall, A. Casey, K. Moloney, D. Kennedy, B. Moloney, N. Marshall, M. Ferncombe. Front Row (l. - r.): M. Quinn, M. Ferncombe, M. Corcoran (Capt. U-16 Football), T. Shelly (Capt. U-17 Football), T. Moloney (Capt. U-16 Hurling), A. Beattie, T. J. Tierney. Seated (l. - r.): L. Sherlock, D. Ryan.



CASHEL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL — Under-17 McCabhan Shield Winners

Back Row (l. - r.): M. Keane, J. Shelly, M. Moloney, B. Moloney, K. Moloney, M. Hoare, D. Kennedy, M. Corcoran, K. Flanagan, R. Adcock. Front Row (l. - r.): T. Shelly (Capt.), A. Casey, N. Marshall, A. Beattie, S. Ryan, T. Moloney, T. J. Tierney.



All-Ireland Vocational Schools Handball Champions — Noel Murphy and Noel Marshall.

All-Ireland Handball Champions

Cashel players Noel Murphy and Noel Marshall have retained the Munster title and having successfully got through their All-Ireland semi-final against Roscommon, took on Tyrone, the Ulster champions. The game, played in the Croke Park alley, was well contested but in the end the Cashel pair came out on top.

ALL THE RESULTS

Compiled by Séamus Ó Doherty

INTER-COUNTY HURLING

Senior:

Sunday, June 10—at Limerick Gaelic Grounds	
Tipperary	2-20
Limerick	1-17

Sunday, July 15—at Semple Stadium

Munster Final:

Cork	4-16
Tipperary	2-14

Junior:

Sunday, June 10—at Limerick Gaelic Grounds	
Tipperary	1-16
Clare	1-5

Wednesday, June 20—at Semple Stadium

Munster Final:

Tipperary	0-18
Cork	2-6

Thursday, July 12—at Limerick Gaelic Grounds

Tipperary	2-10
Galway	3-5

Friday, Aug. 3—at Portlaoise

All-Ireland Final:

Kilkenny	4-21
Tipperary	2-11

Under-21:

Thursday, July 5—at Semple Stadium	
Tipperary	2-15
Waterford	2-11

Wed., July 25—at Limerick Gaelic Grounds

Munster Final:

Tipperary	2-21
Limerick	1-11

Saturday, Aug. 16—at Parnell Park

Tipperary	6-13
Down	0-8

Sunday, Sept. 9—at Portlaoise

All-Ireland Final:

Kilkenny	2-11
Tipperary	1-11

Minor:

Wed., May 16—at Limerick Gaelic Grounds	
Tipperary	1-10
Clare	1-10

Wed., May 23—at Limerick Gaelic Grounds

(Replay)	
Clare	2-12
Tipperary	0-10

Under-16:

Sunday, July 15—at Semple Stadium

Munster Final:

Tipperary North	2-9
Cork City North	2-5

Saturday, June 30—at The Ragg

Semi-Final:

Tipperary North	2-14
Tipperary Mid	2-1

Saturday, May 12—at Ballina

Tipperary North	3-13
Clare East	2-4

Saturday, April 21—at Cappamore

Tipperary North	0-11
Limerick City	2-4

INTER-COUNTY FOOTBALL

Senior:

Sunday, May 6—at Clonmel

Munster Championship:

Limerick	1-12
Tipperary	1-6

All-Ireland 'B' Football Championship:

Sunday, Sept. 23—at Aughrim

Tipperary	2-7
Wicklow	0-9

Sunday, Sept. 30—at Clonmel

Leitrim	1-12
Tipperary	0-12

Junior:

Sunday, May 6—at Clonmel

Tipperary	7-14
Limerick	0-8

Sunday, May 27—at Páirc Uí Chaoimh

Cork	3-12
Tipperary	2-4

Under-21:

Monday, March 19th—at Clonmel

Tipperary	1-5
Waterford	0-7

Wednesday, March 28th—at Clonmel

Cork	1-9
Tipperary	0-5

Minor:

Wednesday, May 2—at Castleisland

Kerry	2-13
Tipperary	2-5

COUNTY FINALS

Senior Hurling:

Holycross-Ballycahill	0-13
Cashel K.C.	0-10

Senior Football:

Clonmel Commercial	3-10
Loughmore C.	1-5

Intermediate Hurling:

Portroe	2-12
Mullinahone	1-11

Intermediate Football:

Junior Hurling:

Moyne Templeuohy	2-8
Ballina	1-8

Junior Football:

Under-21 Hurling A)

Toomevara	3-9
Ballingarry	0-6

(B) Sean Treacy's, Aherlow	2-13
Brackens, Templemore	2-6

Under-21 Football

(A)

(B)

Minor Hurling A)

Erin's Hope	2-9
Holycross 'B'	0-10

(B) Burgess	1-7
Drom-Inch	1-6

Minor Football A)

Eire Óg, Nenagh	2-6
Clonmel Commercial	1-5

(B) Boherlahan Dualla	2-4
Golden-Kilfeacle	1-5

Under-16 Hurling A)

Eire Óg, Nenagh	0-12
Holycross-Ballycahill	0-6

(B) Burgess	5-11
Clonoulty-Rossmore	1-8

Under-16 Football A)

Eire Óg, Nenagh	3-11
Clonmel Commercial	2-7

(B) Ballina	3-4
Galtee Rovers	1-7

Under-14 Hurling u/r

Dúrlas Óg	5-9
Kilruane McD.	1-0

Rural: Kilruane McD.	5-6
Cappawhite	0-4

Under-14 Football u/r

Dúrlas Óg	2-12
Ardfinnan	2-3

Rural: Loughmore-Castleiney	2-5
Ardinnan	1-7

Under-12 Hurling

Roscrea	2-6
Dúrlas Óg	1-3

Under-12 Football

Eire Óg, Nenagh	2-3
Clonmel Commercial	0-2

OTHER RESULTS

Munster Club Championship:

Holycross/Ballycahill	0-10
St. Brendan's (Kerry)	0-10

Replay: Holycross/Ballycahill	2-10
St. Brendan's	2-9

Patrickswell	0-13
Holycross-Ballycahill	0-9

Senior Football:

Clonmel Commercial	1-8
St. Joseph's (Clare)	0-7

Clonmel Commercial	2-9
St. Finbar's	1-11

Exhibition Game — Toronto S.H.

Tipperary	5-15
Bank of Ireland All-Stars	3-11

Dr. Harty Cup:

Semi-Final:

Nenagh C.B.S.	1-7
St. Patrick's, Shannon	2-2

Final:

St. Flannan's, Ennis	0-10
Nenagh C.B.S.	0-3

Garda Cup Under-16 Hurling:

1989 Final:

North Tipp	1-15
West Tipp	3-4

1990 Final:

North Tipp	2-8
South Tipp	1-2

Football:

Under 21 'B' 1989 Co. Final

Cahir	1-5
Upperchurch-Drombane	0-2

Intermediate 1989 'B' 1989 Co. Final

Lattin-Cullen	0-10
Mullinahone	1-4

Inter-Firm All-Ireland

Junior Hurling Final

Tallis Bros. (Kilkenny)	1-8
Margley Dev. Traders (Nenagh)	1-6

Vocational Schools:

All-Ireland U/15 Voc. Schools

Hurling Final:

Borrisokane V.S.	4-9
Thomastown V.S.	2-7

Camogie:

Munster U/18 Final:

Tipperary	4-7
Limerick	0-5

Munster Junior Final:

Tipperary	2-7
Limerick	0-7

All-Ireland Junior Semi-Final:

Tipperary	3-6
Armagh	1-7

All-Ireland Junior Final:

Kildare	2-14
Tipperary	3-7

All-Ireland Minor Final:

Tipperary	2-11
Kilkenny	3-6

All-Ireland Voc. Schools:

Junior Final:

Roscrea V.S.	6-6
Loughrea	1-1

Senior Final:

Roscrea V.S.	3-8
Thomastown V.S.	2-3

Féile na nGael

Under-14 Hurling All-Ireland Finals (hurling)

Division 1:

Dúrlas Óg	2-4
Kilruane-McDonagh's	1-4

Division 2:

Rathnure (Wexford)	2-3
Boherlahan	2-1

Division 3:

Loughmore C.	1-3
Loughell Shamrocks (Antrim)	1-1

All-Ireland Garda S.H.

Championship Final:

Garda College (Templemore)	2-14
Laois/Offaly	2-9

Munster U/14 Poc Fada Champion:

Gerard Flanagan (Boherlahan)

Oireachtas Cup (senior hurling)

1989 Final:

Galway	1-19
Tipperary	0-8

1990 Semi-Final:

Tipperary	1-16
Dublin	1-14

1990 Final:

Tipperary	1-15
Galway	0-7

All-Ireland Vocational Schools

Senior Hurling:

Semi-Final:

Tipperary	5-17
Offaly	2-3

Final:

Tipperary	2-10
Kilkenny	0-11

Munster colleges Senior

Hurling 'B' Final

Scariff Com. Coll.	1-12
Our Lady's, Templemore	0-10

Munster Colleges Senior

Football 'B' Final

St. Flannan's	1-9
Abbey C.B.S.	1-5

JOHN MAHER - R.I.P.

John of Killinan, as he was known died in Beaumont Hospital, Dublin on July 12, after a short illness. Son of Long Dinny, himself a first All-Ireland medal winner, John grew up in a home of complete dedication to the G.A.A.

His early playing years recall the era of the bicycle and horse drawn transport and his stories of the poorer days of the Association were worth recalling.

John made his Inter County debut against Cork in 1929, playing on the late Ga Ahearne, of which he said he "got a roasting".

The following year he won his first All-Ireland medal 1930, and travelled to the United States to win what was termed the first World Championship. He won Senior Co. Championships with Sarsfields in 1929, '35, '36, '38, '39, '42, '44, '45 and 1946, and in the intervening years he captured two more All-Ireland crowns, in 1937 in Killarney, and as captain in 1945.

His many other successes include 3 Railway Cups, four Co. league and many Thomond Feiseanna Trophies and other tournaments.

He was a man of exceptional personal qualities, physically strong with a personality to match. John Maher personified as a holder and a person "The Spirit of Tipperary" and was often referred to as "The Matt The Thresher of his Time".



Tommy Barrett, Tipperary County Secretary, delivers the oration.

Honesty, kindness and humility were qualities this lovable christian Catholic man portrayed, who never had an unkind word for friend or foe alike.

To his wife May, brother Rickie, sister Josie, his three sons and three daughters, and their families, and many friends the Gaels of Tipperary and Ireland extend a very sincere sympathy.

Ni bheidh a leithéad ann airis. Ar Dheis De go raibh a anam agaus Anamnacha na Mairbh go léir.

T.O.B.



The late John Maher with Sean O'Callaghan and former Taoiseach, Jack Lynch, at a function in Sarsfields clubhouse.



Guard of Honour of Sarsfields Club members and Tipperary hurlers.

OBITUARIES

MI. O'Connor

(Portroe)



It was with great shock and disbelief we learned of the untimely death of Michael O'Connor on 28th January last following a road accident.

Michael was a great member of our club, always willing and able to help whenever called upon. His support of the club, his participation in Scór, his great humour and wit which he brought with him is sadly missed by all who knew him. The crowds that attended his funeral from all walks of life bear testimony to the high esteem in which he was held by all.

Michael will be sadly missed by all in Portroe Club, but we are confident that from his resting place in Heaven he will continue to follow the progress of everything in Portroe.

To his parents, brothers and sisters we extend our heartfelt sympathies and will remember you in our prayers for him. May his soul rest in peace.

1990 was still in its early January infancy when the West division lost its oldest founder father with the death in his nineties of Tom Duggan, Garrane, Knockavilla.

Sixty years earlier in the Spring of 1930 Tom had been one of the enterprising band who gathered in Dundrum to establish the fourth division in the county. It was a meeting and an initiative backed by county secretary, Johnny Leahy, at which Tom Duggan represented, with others the Knockavilla Club. The birth of the Kickham club with the uniting of the Knockavilla and Donaskeigh ends of the parish was still five years away.

At a time when the parish rule was not a strictly enforced decree Tom Duggan, like many of his contemporaries, played with a number of different teams but was probably best remembered for his association with the great Clonoulty side of the twenties and early thirties.

On a side noted for its hardy fibre Tom stood shoulder to shoulder with players like Dan English, the Brownes, Mick Ryan (Fox), Jack O'Dwyer (L), the Goulds, Kennedys, Dave Carew, Pake Mahony, Matt Morrissey and many others.

Tom Duggan

(Knockavilla)

Clonoulty won the 1927 Mid championship, losing the county final to Boherlahan, who were then playing in the South division. The following year was controversial. Clonoulty represented the Mid since that division's championship wasn't completed in time and once more clashed with their arch-rivals, Boherlahan, in the county decider. The game broke up in disorder in the second half and Clonoulty were suspended — a decision that always rankled with Tom and his associates.

Then came the setting up of the West division in 1930 and with Knockavilla in the junior ranks, Tom continued to play senior with a Clonoulty team that took the first four West championships.

In later decades Tom played a prominent part with juvenile sides and for all of his long life maintained a keen interest in the games. As a guest at the Centenary celebrations in Dundrum in 1984 Tom and his old comrade, Mick Ryan (Fox), Ballagh, reminisced with almost boyish enthusiasm. They shared a dislike for some of the modern refinements of the game.



Both men have now departed after long and full lives and will no doubt continue the discussion in more heavenly surroundings. They left behind a sound legacy of hurling tradition. May they both enjoy eternal peace. — J.J.K.

Bernard Maher



THE parish of Kildangan was shocked and saddened in late October with the news of the tragic death of Bernard Maher. Bernard — pictured above receiving the U-12 Section II Hurling trophy from Chairman of Bord na nÓg Liam Hogan — was an outstanding member of Kildangan Juvenile Club.

In 1989 he played on the victorious U-12 Section II football team while this year he captained the U-12 hurlers to Section II honours.

Bernard was very active in a wide range of activities varying from hurling, football and soccer to fishing, rowing, badminton and set dancing. Always happy and full of life his sudden passing left all who knew him deeply saddened.

To his heartbroken parents Sean and Eileen, sisters Theresa and Geraldine and brother John, we extend sincerest sympathy on their tragic loss.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Jack Moloney

(Roscrea)

It was with great sadness that the town of Roscrea learned of the death of Captain Jack Moloney in early October. At the age of 95, there is no doubt he led an active and worthwhile life and the huge attendance at his funeral bore testimony to his popularity.

He was always keen on hurling and way back in the 1921/22 era when stationed at Crinkle during 'the troubles' he played for Offaly in the Leinster Championship. In his youth, Jack was active in the North Tipperary Brigade of the Old I.R.A. and was very active in 'Flying Column' activities.

Later on he was a noted greyhound trainer and he achieved great prominence in the coursing world. He was also involved in the local Fire Brigade for many years.

Within the Roscrea Hurling Club Jack Moloney was highly respected. He became President of the club in 1968 and held that position until his death. During his reign the club won its first ever Co. Senior Hurling title and went on to



claim a total of six in all. The initial club All-Ireland title was also annexed and Jack was not too far from the action when the club opened its magnificent G.A.A. pavilion in 1980. His loss to his family and the community will be a big one.

In a tribute to him John Joe Maher, Vice-President of the Roscrea club said "Jack was a sterling Gael and a man who was steadfast in his political, social and sporting beliefs".

Jack is survived by his wife Ciss, a large family and numerous friends.

Paddy Malone



THE death of Paddy Malone on August 19th after a brief illness took from Portroe one of its finest men.

Paddy was a man of high integrity, who loved his family, and the parish he lived in and always took a keen interest in its people and activities within it. He always had a great love for the G.A.A. club in the parish and followed the local teams through thick and thin.

In his youth he played hurling with the Quarry Rovers and later Portroe, a dependable backman who played the game courageously and sportingly and in later years on selection committees and officerships of the club.

The large attendance, at his funeral bore ample witness to the high esteem in which he was held and it was a fitting tribute to him that the members of the Portroe 1950 team should carry his coffin, which more than words indicated the standing of Paddy Malone.

To his wife Mary, sons and daughters we extend the sympathy of the club. May his soul have an eternal resting place in heaven.

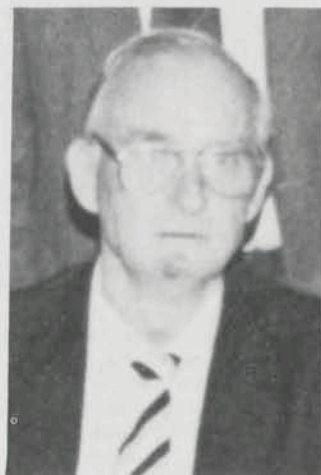
Seamus Bannon

HURLING men everywhere were saddened earlier this year to learn of the death at the relatively early age of sixty-three of that legend and hurler Seamus Bannon. His death brought back many memories for the older generations as regards his exploits on the hurling field — exploits that caused him to be regarded as the most typical Tipperary hurler of all time by the sportswriters of his day.

A native of Drom, Seamus had been in failing health for some time. he played his early hurling with Drom before moving to Nenagh and later hurled for Young Irelands in Dublin.

He came on to the Tipperary team in 1949 at the start of that great era in Tipperary hurling and was a key figure in the All-Ireland victories in '49, '50 and '51. He continued to wear the county senior jersey up to 1956 and also won National League medals with Tipperary and Railway Cup honours with Munster in what is generally regarded as being a period of tremendous hurling in Munster.

He later emigrated to England and was, up to retirement some years back, due to ill health, employed in the prison service there.



Seamus kept in regular contact with Tipperary hurling affairs and returned in Centenary year for the Mid G.A.A. Board function to honour all-Ireland medal winners from the division. He was back in Ireland again last September when he joined with his colleagues in the three-in-a-row side who were honoured by Irish Nationwide on all-Ireland day.

Though Seamus won his all-Ireland medals at corner forward, he was a most versatile player and was equally at home at half-back,

midfield or half-forward. Contemporaries describe him as being one of the greats of the Tipperary teams of the forties/fifties.

Seamus Bannon was laid to rest in Shankill Cemetery in Dublin. A large number of former players and team mates travelled to pay their final tribute. Pat Stakelum paid eloquent tribute on behalf of all Tipperary Gaels, in a fitting oration.

Seamus is survived by his wife Sally and three sons Denis, Paul and Tony. We offer them our deepest sympathy. May the sod of Erin rest lightly on his earthly remains.

BANNON FROM THE RAGG

Across Ireland's hurling fields he strode

Like some Legendary Greek God, A striking figure surely on and off the sod,

He loved the game he played so well,

He was fit and fast and clean, His ground striking left or right, Had brilliance seldom seen, Those heady days on the Ennis Road,

Saw him raise many a flag, A supreme hurling stylist, Was Bannon from the Ragg.

Gerard Ryan

Tim Maher (Boherlahan-Dualla)

IN the dying days of 1989, the death took place after a long and debilitating illness of Tim Maher, Ardmoyle, Cashel, Co. Tipperary. six months previously he had undergone a quite serious operation and, though early results seemed heartening it soon became apparent that he was not making the desired recovery. Though he fought for life with great tenacity he had to succumb in the end and died peacefully on December 26, 1989.

Tim Maher hailed from a family nurtured in the finest traditions of the Gaelic Athletic Association from its infant days. His grandfather the late Paddy Maher was a member of the Suir View team which won County honours back in 1897 and two grand uncles Peter and Con Maher were also members of that team. In addition Peter Maher was his club's representative on the Tubberadora team when they won their first All-Ireland final in 1895.

This infectious enthusiasm for the activities of the G.A.A. was to continue in the next generation of Maher's and Tim's father, the late Pad. Maher and his uncle Johnny were members of the great Johnny Leahy led team when they won county senior hurling honours in 1929, 1927 and 1928. Pad Maher

continued to work for the local club when his active playing days came to an end and he was a member of the local committee right up to the time of his rather premature death in 1954. Johnny Maher, like so many young men of his generation was forced to take the emigrant ship to America in 1929 and continued his interest in his land of adoption right up to the present day where he is still hale and hearty. His many visits to the homeland invariably coincide with All-Ireland day and he was a proud spectator when Tipperary took their latest title in 1989.

Tim's brother Mick too was a hurler of considerable skill in his day and was a member of the Tipperary All-Ireland minor finalists in 1945 and 1946 playing alongside such notable players as Pat Stakelum, Paddy Kenny and the late lamented Seamus Bannon.

Tim Maher's insatiable interest in the games of the organisation go right back to his childhood days to which I can truthfully verify as I sat beside him in the infant desks in Ardmoyle School almost sixty years ago. Serious illness in early manhood however, was probably the main reason why Tim never took an active part in the game



itself and so he threw himself with ceaseless effort into the administrative side of the association. Way back in the fifties while still only in his twenties he was chairman of the Suir View Club and it was under his expert guidance that they won Mid Junior honours in 1959. Somewhat later when the mid rules decided that parishes should be confined to a single club Tim became Vice-chairman of the Unified Boherlahan-Dualla club. From that position he graduated to Chairmanship of the club in 1968 and continued in that distinctive role until 1976. During that period he worked with untiring zeal and probably his greatest and most lasting achievement during his term of office was the purchase and development of the sportsfield and sports centre in Boherlahan.

Tim Maher's interest, however, was not confined to his own club and in 1976 he was elected treasurer of the Mid Board a position he held for the mandatory three year period. Then in 1979 he became chairman of that body and for the next three years he was to fill that position to the great satisfaction of all the clubs in the division. On the expiry of the period of his chairmanship he became a Mid representative on the County Board and in 1984, the centenary year of the organisation he was honoured by the clubs of the county when at the annual convention he was selected as a county representative on the Munster Council, a position he held right up to the time of his death save for a brief one year period.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his bereaved widow May who, incidentally is a niece of that legendary Boherlahan hurler the late Arthur O'Donnell; to his son P.J. who is now carrying on the family tradition, and is the present hard-working chairman of Boherlahan Club; to the other family members, Jim, Marie and Beryl; to his brother Paddy and to his many relatives and life-long friends. May he rest in peace.

P.ÓR.

Tommy Mills

(Ballina)



ONE of the most senior members of Ballina G.A.A. club, Tommy Mills of Ballina passed to his eternal reward on the 8th of July, 1990, at the age of 76 years. A life long member of the G.A.A. club, Tommy was a legend in his lifetime both within the G.A.A. club and within the parish. A veritable mine of information on happenings in the club for over 50 years, Tommy's opinions and advice were often sought by the club's officers over the years and were always readily given.

Blessed with a kindly nature and a happy personality, Tommy could always be relied upon to inject a bit of humour into any occasion.

He was the club's delegate to both North and County Conventions for as long as anybody can remember and he also served the club in a variety of other positions over the years. As the club's First Aid man and Physio he patched up many an injured player and brought new life to many a tired muscle. His special "rub" was much sought after by Ballina players down the years.

A fiercely loyal Tipperary supporter, nothing pleased Tommy more than to discuss with his friends, over a pint of his favourite beverage, the achievements of Tipperary teams and players past and present and his hopes for the Tipp teams in the future. One of his last achievements was to secure transport and tickets for this year's Munster Final, which sadly he did not live to see. However, he was not forgotten on Munster Final day and on 15th July in Semple Stadium a minute's silence was observed in his memory while fifty thousand people stood and offered a silent prayer for the repose of his soul.

Both young and old in Ballina G.A.A. and in Ballina parish will miss Tommy Mills. His like pass through but seldom.

At his funeral the members of both the adult and juvenile G.A.A. club provided a Guard of Honour.

To his brother Billy, his sister Peggy, his many relatives and friends the sincere sympathy of the Ballina G.A.A. club is extended.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh D'anam dílis.

Michael Heffernan

HIS passing brought back memories of pure hurling skill on the playing fields of North Tipperary and beyond. He is best remembered in the No. 12 position of his beloved Kilruane MacDonaghs. His light steely frame, his footwork and his hurling prowess enabled him to be rightly regarded as one of the leading forwards in the division at the height of his playing career.

In 1940 he was a member of the team who made the historic breakthrough in taking the first senior hurling title to the parish since the famous De-Wet's.

Mick came from a family who have, and are rendering sterling services to the G.A.A. with his brothers Con and Ted—all played in the Kilruane colours. The late Con really made his mark as a referee and an administrator. He had the distinction of refereeing the first North Final to be played in Nenagh's new MacDonagh Park when Roscrea defeated Kildangan. His ability as an administrator marked him out as one of the most knowledgeable and efficient officers ever to adorn any boardroom.

Mick, despite his ability, only succeeded in getting one trial for the county, such was the situation at that time. This was only to be changed by the arrival of new county champions in 1948, ironically as of now Holycross.

However, if he did not gain due recognition himself, better things were in store for his own family. He had now moved to Nenagh and started a hardware business. He was blessed to see three of his sons wear the blue and gold; Liam (Minnie) took part in one of the finest Under-21 games ever played between Tipperary and Cork in Thurles. Brian was to win an All-



Ireland Under-21 medal against Kilkenny in Waterford in a hectic game. Unfortunately, a serious hurling injury that left one ear permanently deaf cut short a promising hurling career. His last appearance in the county colours was when he replaced the injured Pat Fizzle in the famous 1984 Munster Final.

It was his youngest son, John, who was to attain the ultimate. By first winning three Munster medals, one National League and then the elusive senior all-Ireland medal in 1989.

A source of great pride and joy was the bringing of the Liam McCarthy Cup to the Heffernan household by the county chairman. Mick, now in failing health, was overcome by the occasion.

He came from, and was part of, a family that forged two traditions—hurling and schoolteaching, his father being a schoolteacher and his brother Con also. The new generation of Heffernan's sees his own son Liam and Con's son Liam following in this tradition.

Apart from his hurling, Mick Heffernan will also be remembered as one of nature's gentlemen and for all of those attributes may the soil of Tipperary rest gently on him.

Go nDearna Dia Trocaire Air.

Paddy Lynch

(Ballinahinch-Killascully)

THE glories and beauty of our National pastime, the skill and manliness of youthful endeavour, is the envy of other cultures and the pride and joy of all Irishmen. Down the years there have been great men, whose efforts and commitment have sustained the game of hurling and brought it from strength to strength in many areas. Such a man was Paddy Lynch of Drumbane, Killascully.

His passing from this life on 18th August, 1990 was mourned by all who loved the game throughout the length and breadth of Tipperary. The large and representative gathering for the removal of the remains and subsequent burial bore ample testimony to the popularity and esteem in which Paddy was held. Paddy, though gone to his eternal reward, will live on vividly in the minds and hearts of his legion of friends with whom he shared the joys of living. He was loyal and dedicated to the G.A.A.



The sudden death of Paddy cast a gloom over the G.A.A. in North Tipperary. Paddy played hurling and football for Ballinahinch and was a member of the victorious 1949 junior hurling team "Knockmeal Rangers". A wing-back of tremendous dash, he was always there to break up a counter-attack from the opposing forwards and make the relieving clearance. He was a past secretary of the club where he showed great leadership qualities. His work and dedication with juveniles led to his name synonymous with juvenile hurling in North Tipperary.

As a steward at major games, Paddy became a well-known figure and his courtesy and consideration endeared him to all.

He is also a tragic loss to his parish as he was always on hand to help out be it the parish council or painting the parochial hall or cutting the grass around the church.

As was fitting, his coffin was draped in the club colours and the cortege was met on arrival at Killoscully church by a guard of honour of club members. A tragic loss to his family. They will miss him most. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and family, brothers and sisters. Ar dhéis Dé go raibh a anam.

John O'Sullivan

(Ballina)

ON the 15th February, 1990 Ballina G.A.A. club lost a most loyal servant and a fine player with the untimely death of John O'Sullivan, Ayrstown, Ballina, at the young age of 35 years.

One of the few players in the parish to hold two county championship medals, John won North and County Under-13 hurling championships with the club in 1969 and won North and county junior hurling championships in 1984.

He was involved in the Ballina club since his childhood and played juvenile, minor, junior and intermediate hurling with the club. A forward with lots of skill he was dedicated to his club and its teams and was always available for training and games.

At the removal of his remains and at his burial members of the



Ballina club formed a guard of honour and his coffin was draped in the club's colours.

To his wife Deirdre, his children Eoin, Sinead and Theresa, his many other relatives and friends we extend the sincere sympathy of the Ballina G.A.A. club.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh d'anam dílis.

Paul Meaney

(Burgess)

"The Good Die Young"

THIS phrase could certainly be applied in the case of Paul Meaney who departed this life on 5th June at the tender age of 21 years. Paul had been one of the clubs most promising young hurlers, so his passing caused deep sadness throughout the parish and particularly in the club where we had been looking forward to seeing him perform for the Burgess team.



Paul played his first hurling game at the tender age of 9 years when he lined out in the U-12 grade. He won his first medal in 1980 when Burgess won the North Tipperary section II, U-12 championship. The following year he was captain of the U-12 team that lost the final to Kildangan. He won an U-16 hurling medal in 1982 when only 13 years old. He won a second U-16 championship section II medal in 1984 when Burgess defeated a Conor Stakelum powered Borrisoleigh in a thrilling final. In 1985 Paul won a North Tipp minor football medal with the club and the following year he was a prominent member of the minor team that won the Nealon trophy and were narrowly beaten by Gortnahoe-Glengoele in the county Minor B hurling final. 1988 saw him collect an Under-21 medal when Burgess won the U-21 'B' hurling championship. He packed a lot into his short career and played some brilliant games for the club.

Paul was also a very good son to his parents John and Noreen Meaney and equally good to his younger brothers and sisters. It was a great comfort to his family to be able to nurse him through his last weeks at their home in Newtown.

His funeral was one of the largest ever seen in Newtown with all his fellow players in attendance as well as large numbers from other clubs throughout North Tipperary. His coffin was draped in the No. 2 jersey in which he won his first medal with the club 10 years earlier. Members of that team helped carry his coffin the short distance from his home to the chapel. They also provided a guard of honour the following day as the hearse made its way slowly through the huge congregation to Youghalara churchyard where Paul was laid to rest. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a Anam.

Nollaig MacDomhnaill

ALL of North Tipperary was Ashocked in the middle of November to hear of the sudden death of Noel McDonnell, Borrisokane.

In his early years Noel was an outstanding colleges player with St. Flannan's College, Ennis, and he had the distinction of winning Munster senior colleges medals in hurling (1958) and football (1959). In 1958 he played a big part in helping St. Flannan's to All-Ireland victory.

On leaving school he had many fine performances with Eire Óg, Nenagh, before moving on to play with Borrisokane for a number of years. Following his playing career his contribution to Borrisokane club as an active committee worker and official was second to none. He was always available to help the club in any way and he made a huge contribution as chairman of the club and selector with various teams. His commitment and example were an inspiration to others and he gained great satisfaction from Erin's Hopes' recent county minor success.

In 1987 he was appointed chairman of North Tipperary Primary Schools Board and was the main inspiration behind the very successful hurling and football



competitions played in recent years.

Outside of the G.A.A. Noel played a leading role in many community activities in Borrisokane and Aglish. He spent many years actively involved in the local drama groups and as far back as 1966 he played a leading part in the pageant Seachtar Fear Seacht La' which was performed in McDonagh Park, Cloughjordan, as part of the 1916 Commemoration ceremonies. His love of the Irish language was well known and he was actively involved in "Tíobráid Árann ag Labhairt".

While undoubtedly the greatest loss will be to his wife and family, the communities of Aglish and Borrisokane as well as the surrounding areas will miss him greatly. Ní bheidh a leithéid ann arís.

Paddy O'Dwyer

(Boherlahan)



Paddy O'Dwyer, "The Bridge", Thurlesbeg, died suddenly on 27/6/89. In his younger days he, with his brother, the late Lar O'Dwyer, played with the local club for a number of years. Paddy was a member of the Tipperary minor hurling team defeated by Clare in 1940 and he won a Co. Minor title with Mid-Tipp that same year. He soon graduated to senior ranks and continued to play for the club right up to the early sixties. A player of considerable speed and accuracy he also wore on occasions the county jersey in senior and junior ranks.

Paddy was a sprinter of note and competed in athletic meetings throughout the county in the 'forties. A great lover of our games he is sadly missed by his many relatives and friends. Go ndéa Dia trócaire air.

Jim Gleeson

(Portroe)

THE death of Jim Gleeson on June 20th following a road accident cast a dark cloud over Portroe and surrounding areas. His death coming at the prime of his life caused much shock and sorrow.

Jim played hurling and football with his native Portroe, served on the committee for a number of years, and always worked willingly for the good of the club, especially among the youth of the club.



It was through his participation in Scór competitions that Jim gained much noteworthy fame. His great acting ability and portrayal of many characters in novelty act competitions brought honour and fame to the club, and great joy to those fortunate to see these acts.

His popularity among his parish and surrounding areas was much in evidence by the large crowds that attended his funeral.

To his wife Christine and young family, his mother and brothers we extend our deepest sympathies. Go ndéa Dia trócaire ar a anam.

Robert Manton

(Boherlahan)

BOB Manton died on January 5th, 1990. He had been seriously ill for some months previously.

Bob's hurling career began with his native Moyne-Templetuohy, to whom he gave sterling service until he came to reside in this parish in 1946; and he played consistently for the local senior hurling team until stricken down by serious illness in the early fifties. This illness necessitated an earlier than expected retreat from major competitions and caused him to miss the Mid senior hurling success in 1953.



Bob continued to give his services to the club acting as a mentor and trainer of young players for many years.

His sons Denis, John, James, Robert, Thomas, Pat and Gerard all in turn played for the club. Ar dheis láimh Dé go raibh a anam.

Paul Hanrahan



PAUL Hanrahan, aged 14, son of John and Catherine Hanrahan, South Lodge, Carrick-on-Suir, was tragically drowned while on a family outing to the seaside at Bunmahon, Co. Waterford. Paul was a member of the Under-14 Ballyneale/Grangemockler team which won the South Under-14, S Division Football Championship a few weeks earlier. Lively, outgoing and popular, he was second eldest in a family of five, attended Carrick-on-Suir Vocational School and was a past pupil of Grangemockler N.S. Sincere sympathy is extended to his parents, brothers and sisters.

Johnny Walsh

(Boherlahan-Dualla)

ON May 27th, 1990 John Walsh died suddenly at his residence, Ballinree, Boherlahan. Possessing an activity and litherness of frame that belied his sixty years, John's death was a great shock to all who knew him even though he had been seriously ill for some ten years.

John Walsh hailed from one of the most famous hurling families in the country. This family could boast no less than twelve All-Ireland senior hurling medals, one actually won by John himself, as a member of the All-Ireland Tipperary hurling victors of 1951. His father, the late Johnny Walsh won five All-Ireland medals in 1895, '96, '98, '99 and 1900. An uncle Denis Walsh won another five in 1895, '96, '98, '99 and 1916 the last one at the record age of 42. A third uncle Dick was with Denis a member of the 1916 team and Johnny's 1951 win gave a grand total of twelve — a truly remarkable family achievement.

Johnny Walsh's career with his club began in 1944 when as a young juvenile he participated in the revived Dr. Harty Shield competition. He quickly graduated to Minor level and was a member of the Mid Tipp. minor team to win county honours in 1948, the minor competition at that time being played on a divisional basis. He was also on the Tipperary County Minor team in that year beating Cork decisively in the Munster semi-final but failing narrowly to Waterford in the final. A most interesting duel was to take place



that day between Johnny and the up and coming young Waterford player who in later years was to become one of their county's star forwards — Mick Flannelly.

Meantime Johnny's active role with his club was becoming ever more intense. He was a member of the 1947 Boherlahan No. 1 Junior team which won the Mid final of that year, but later were defeated by Nenagh St. Mary's in the County Final. On the following year he graduated to the local senior squad and continued to give unbroken service to the club right up to 1967. In that year he lined out in the Mid No. 1 Junior final and on the day was to play alongside his son, John junior. He captured a Mid senior hurling title in 1953 but that year they failed to Borrisoleigh in the County Final.

Johnny Walsh's interest in the affairs of the local club was to continue and he was an active committee member and a senior club selector on a number of occasions. Johnny's family too, have given many years of service to the club and still continue to do so. May he rest in peace. — P. Ó R.

Tommy Fogarty

THE passing of the affable Tommy Fogarty, Aughnagamaoun, Horse & Jockey left a void in his native Moycarkey-Borris and a great sadness to all lovers of hurling and athletics.

The late Tommy hurled for many years with Moycarkey-Borris teams in all grades and was a member of the Tipperary All-Ireland junior hurling team of 1953. In later years he served on the club committee and was a senior selector with the club.

He was equally well known on the athletic fields and won many individual awards at county level in cross-country and won the Munster junior in 1948. His greatest achievement and one of which he was particularly proud came in the All-Ireland senior cross-country championships at Belfield, Dublin in 1948 when he finished in 5th position and third scoring man for the all conquering county side of the time which included such famous athletes as Mick Blake (Coolquill), Mick Cleary and Patsy Carroll (Moneygall), Tim Ryan (Golden) and John Treacy (Ballysloe).



He served for many years as secretary of the Moycarkey-Borris A.C. and was a founder member of the community games committee in the parish and played a major part in the amalgamation of the Moycarkey-Borris and Coolcroo clubs. He also competed with the latter club in his youth and was an energetic member of the Coolcroo golden jubilee committee.

Tommy Fogarty bore sincerity and enthusiasm into all clubs he was associated with and those who had the pleasure to work with him have many happy memories of this great gael to cherish. To his wife and family sincere sympathy is extended. I measc naomh na hEireann go raibh Tomas Ó Fogartaigh.

Niall Condon

THE passing of Niall Condon in the autumn left the Tipperary hurling scene bereft of one of its most colourful, and popular servants. In his early seventies, Niall who had been ill for some time, hailed from a well known and highly respected Ballinure family and had been as outstanding an athlete as a hurler.

Niall's name is synonymous with the famous "Foot and Mouth" team of '41. He appeared at midfield with the late and great Bill O'Donnell on the Tipp. side which defeated Cork in that memorable Munster final, played in October of that year. He had tussles aplenty that day with former Taoiseach Mr. Jack Lynch and it will be recalled how big a part he played in Tipp's win over Waterford earlier that year, before the Government travel restrictions, because of the disease, led to Tipp's exclusion from the championship run. That Munster final victory had a special chapter in the history books because Cork had already been crowned All-Ireland champions.

That honour turned out to be the highlight of Niall's playing career in which he excelled as a strong and fearless performer, and in the forties he figured at different stages with Killenale-Moyglass, Moycarkey-Borris, and Thurles Sarsfields. He started the decade with his native parish of Killenale, and later won a county senior hurling championship with Thurles Sarsfields in 1946. In such limited space available it would be impossible to document all his



career, but one of its great highlights too was his tussle with the great Mick Mackey in the Ryan-Lacken Memorial club tournament won by Thurles Sarsfields against Ahane, in Newport, in 1946. Playing at corner-back in that game he proved to be quite a stumbling block for Mackey, and that performance more than any other illustrated clearly his willingness to meet any challenge, no matter how formidable.

A superbly fit man at all times, while he did not devote as much time to athletics as he did to the game of hurling he was able to win long jump titles well beyond his youth, and seemed to have been naturally talented in that respect. As is well known by now, Irish Soccer International and former Dublin G.A.A. star Niall Quinn is his nephew.

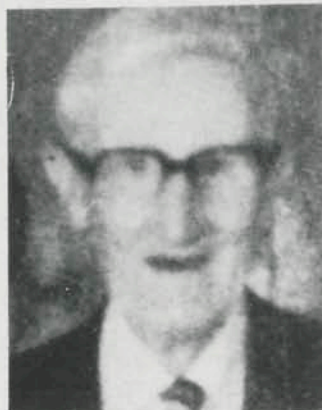
Many well known names from the world of sport were among the large congregation at the removal of the remains from his residence at Dublin Road, Thurles, to the Cathedral of the Assumption, on Wednesday, September 12th, and at the interment on the following day at St. Patrick's Cemetery in the town. Tipperary Gaels are greatly saddened at the passing of such a noted personality. J.G.

Michael (Mikey) Ryan

THE death of Mikey Ryan, Killurney in June of this year removed from the G.A.A. scene in the parish of Kilsheelan and Kilcash, one of its greatest supporters and personalities. Mikey had been involved with the Kilsheelan club since its foundation and with his three brothers played an important part in its early years of success.

When he retired after a long career as a player, he became the supporter supreme, and his great spirit and enthusiasm for the games he loved inspired the teams and players that the club produced in the decades that followed. His support for his club and county knew no bounds and when pain and suffering became part of his life in his latter years, his great spirit and willpower ensured that he was in attendance at club and County games come hail, rain or snow.

As the Club's Hon. President, he was a much respected figure and solid testimony to this was borne



out as his remains were received at Gambonsfield Church when young and old alike turned out to pay their final tribute.

His loss to the Club is great, but to his daughters Breda and Noreen who so unselfishly cared for him, his loss is greatest. To them we tender our sincere sympathy. Go ndeanna Dia trocaire ar a anam dilis.

Jim Cody

ON the 6th November, word filtered through that one of Clonakenny's most respected citizens — Jim Cody had passed away. For many years Jim was the father figure of G.A.A. in the parish. He held many different officerships in the club and at the time of his death he was their esteemed President.

A veteran of the War of independence, Jim took the Republican side after the treaty and played a leading role in the founding of the Fianna Fáil party, to whom he remained loyal to the end. He was very proud in latter years when his great friend Michael Smith brought singular honour to the parish in his attainment of Ministerial status in a Fianna Fáil Government.



At the time of his death Jim had reached the fine age of ninety one and was quite active up to a few days before his death. He was a countryman at heart and he farmed successfully in his native parish, as well as running a thriving "Sawmill" business with his brother Andy who, predeceased him. In that capacity the Cody family were very much appreciated local employers.

As a community man Jim had few equals. When Muintir na Tire was alive in every parish, Jim was one of the leading figures in the Clonakenny branch, and any worthwhile community project always had his full support.

For many years Jim was the main communication between club and Mid Board for matters pertaining to Gaelic affairs in the parish.

He represented the Clonakenny Club with distinction in that capacity, and should any promising young player emerge for county Minor trials, it was the big hearted Jim who would put his car at their disposal and transport the aspiring player to the scene of the trial. He was widely respected in this sphere and his judgement was much respected by County Selectors.

No words of mine would do justice to his contribution to the G.A.A. in Clonakenny. For many years he was the club treasurer and no matter how much expense the club incurred or how little the club income appeared to be, we usually ended up in credit at the end of the year — the loaves and fishes miracle all over again.

It was with great pride that Jim presided over Clonakenny's most successful ever period in G.A.A. circles in the sixties. There was no

more happy man on Easter Sunday, 1967 when Clonakenny captured the Co. Junior football title in Roscrea with a two points win over Lorrha and in November, of the same year when the Co. Intermediate Hurling trophy was captured in Cashel at the expense of Kilsheelan. I think Jim felt that both those county titles, the only ones ever captured by the small Mid-Tipp. parish were ample rewards for his many years of dedicated work. An added source of joy to him was the fact that his son Paddy played a very important role in those victories.

He was a great follower of Templemore C.B.S. Harty Cup games and he was immensely proud of the fact that two of his grand nephews Brendan Russell and Eamon Cody captured Harty Cup and All-Ireland honours in 1978 with the Templemore team.

I am reliably informed that in his young days, Jim was a hurler of no mean repute and in 1927 in the company of the late Tommy Treacy, the Bohans, Coffeys and Mahers he helped Killeen capture the Mid-Tipp. Junior hurling championship. As one of the few remaining links with that team the Killea Club honoured Jim at their annual dance this year with a presentation.

So on November the 8th, as we interred the remains of Jim Cody in his beloved Clonakenny we witnessed the passing of a warm, humble and simple man whose motto in life was: "To give and not to count the cost". Our sympathy to his wife and family on their sad loss.

*And no matter what way the game may go,
May I rest in friendship with every foe,
And when the final whistle for me is blown,
As I stand at last at God's Judgement throne,
May the great referee, when he calle my name, say
"You hurled like a man you played the game".*
S. O'C.

Pat Kavanagh

IT was with deep regret and profound sorrow that we learned of the sudden death of Pat Kavanagh, Knockrinroe, Templemore. Minutes before the end of the County U-21 Football semi-final between Templemore and Arravale Rovers at Boherlahan on November 26, 1989, Pat collapsed and died suddenly. It was only appropriate that his death should occur at the game he had lived all his life for, as he was an outstanding in his younger days and a fanatical G.A.A. supporter.

His coffin was draped in the Loughmore-Castleiney colours



and a guard of honour was provided by the club and the Clonmore and Templemore G.A.A. clubs.

Pat's playing career was a very impressive one, both as a hurler and footballer, and spanned two decades. He played on the Loughmore/Castleiney No. 1 Junior hurling team that won the Mid Championship in 1940, and the following year he played centrefield on the first senior hurling team from the parish, which was beaten by Thurles Kickhams in the first round on the score 6-4 to 2-3. As a twenty-year-old, he captained and led by example, the senior football team that won the county championship, defeating Clonmel Shamrocks in the final, on the score 1-8 to 0-2.

In a playing career which spanned almost twenty years, he won six Mid Senior Football medals, two County Senior Football Medals and a Mid No. 1 Junior hurling medal, and wore both the club and the county jersey with distinction.

In November, 1961 he moved to Knockinroe and took a keen interest in the G.A.A. affairs of the parish. He was one of those who formed the juvenile club in Clonmore in 1968 and he was selector of the Under-17 football team that won the Mid Championship in 1971.

Apart from the G.A.A. he was a very highly respected member of the farming community, and was involved for many years in the I.F.A., and was chairman of the Templemore branch for twenty-five years. He had a great love of horses, and at the time of his death, was President of the Golden Vale Hunt and was its chairman for many years.

Courteous and kind, his passing leaves a void in our community that can never be filled and takes from our midst a stalwart who gave tremendous, loyal and dedicated service to the G.A.A. all through his life. Sincere sympathy to his wife, family, relatives and friends.

Ar dheis lámh Dé go raib anam uasal, Pádraig. **M. Dé Búrca**

Fanny Rowland

THE untimely death of 'Fanny' Rowland since our last publication robbed Roscrea of one of its finest ever hurlers. Old timers have very clear memories of Fanny hurling defiance at all opponents from his half back position, which

he graced for almost fifteen years with his club. On occasions he even proved his versatility by playing elsewhere. Although a long serving player, Fanny failed to win a Co. Medal and had the misfortune to be on losing teams in 1945 v. Sarsfields and in 1954 v. Holycross. In the latter year Fanny was the lynch pin of the Ros defence, and many wonder what would have happened if he hadn't been injured. His great spirit saw him return to action later in the game, but by then the initiative had been lost. His North final display v. Borrisleigh in 1954 will long be remembered. Fanny was an excellent captain but had to be content with Divisional honours.

At Inter County level his experience was limited to League appearances, when perhaps the heavy going restricted his excellent ball playing skill.



Fanny was always highly regarded within the county and his family certainly carved the name on the history books. His brother Patsy, the present Roscrea chairman, played on four Co. Senior Final winning teams, while Fanny's son, Joe, was goalkeeper on Roscrea's last winning team in 1980.

For all Fanny's years hurling with Roscrea, John Joe Maher was the club secretary and his memories of the great man are "he had tremendous ability in any situation and should have played championship hurling with Tipperary".

Peter Tobin



DURING the year, the death occurred of Peter Tobin. Peter was well known in handball circles in the Sixties and Seventies when he was deeply involved with the Ballypatrick Handball Club.

Peter was involved with the training of the Ryan brothers Tony and Noel during the Seventies in which they won many All-Ireland titles. Peter was also a member of the Tipperary United Sports Panel for many years.

To his family and relatives we extend our deepest sympathy.

Johnny Whelan

THE death of Johnny Whelan in early June of this year removed from our midst one of Kilsheelan's longest serving players. Johnny's career as a player spanned four decades, he started off playing football with the club in the late 'twenties and continued to give service as a player until the mid 'fifties. He was selected on the county senior football team in 1939 and 1940 and was a member of the county junior football team in the 'forties.

He captained the Kilsheelan junior football team of 1942 to South and County honours and eight years later in 1950 he was a member of a great junior football side which again captured divisional and county honours. He is remembered by players of his era



Johnny Whelan

as a player of great strength who could hold his own in forward or defensive roles.

He continued to hold an avid interest in Gaelic games after his playing career ended and was a regular attender at club and county games. He also enjoyed attending county conventions which he did on many occasions.

His great service to club and county was acknowledged by a

huge attendance of former players, neighbours and friends as his remains were laid to rest in Gambonsfield cemetery. We tender

our sincere sympathy to his wife Bridgid and family.

Go nDeana Dia trocaire ar a anam.

Geoffrey Croke

BALLINGARRY parish was numbed and saddened by the untimely death of 11-year-old Geoffrey Croke in September 1990. A few months previously Geoffrey had played a very significant part in helping the U-12 footballers from the parish win their first U-12 South Final since 1973. He also gave an outstanding display at wing-back in the U-12 hurling "A" South Final against Cahir in July. He had a rare blend of skill, enthusiasm and courage for a youngster of such tender years. He

had a tremendous future ahead of him at under-age and would have held down the centre-back position at U-12 next year but alas it was not to be!

He will be greatly missed by his team-mates and everyone who knew him.

We offer our profound and sincere sympathy to his parents Kathleen and Tom and his sisters Marie, Aileen and Siobhán, his grandmother and his granduncle Andy.



7th Brigade All-Army Hurling Champions during the Emergency years, which included the late Mick Mackey of Limerick, late Jim Devitt and Jimmy Cooney of Tipperary. (Can any reader name this team? Contact Yearbook secretary).



If you can identify this team or any of its members, please contact the Yearbook Secretary: Liam Ó Donnchú, Ballymoreen, Thurles.

TIOBRAID ÁRANN

*All-Ireland Junior
Hurling Finalists 1990*



BACK ROW (l. - r.): John Coffey, Chris Byron, Owen Cummins, Tommy Crowe, Michael Ryan, Martin Grace, Liam Stokes, John Flannery, Cathal Egan, Michael Cleary, Joe Harrington, Bill Burke, Martin McCabe, Joe Ryan, Tommy Murray, James O'Meara. FRONT ROW: Seamus Hackett, Ciaran Carroll, Sean Brett, D. J. O'Brien, Eamon Maher, Ger Bradley (Capt.), Shane McManus, Tony O'Mara, Damian Quinlan, Padraig O'Brien, P. J. Kelly.

TIOBRAID ÁRANN

*All-Ireland Under-21
Hurling Finalists 1990*

BACK ROW: Conal Bonnar, Noel Keane, Owen Maher, Brendan Bane, Brendan Corcoran, Anthony Wall, Ger Dooley, Liam Sheedy.
FRONT ROW: Colm Egan, Des Lyons, Michael Ryan, Pádraig O'Brien, John Leahy (Capt.), George Frend, Liam Fallon.

