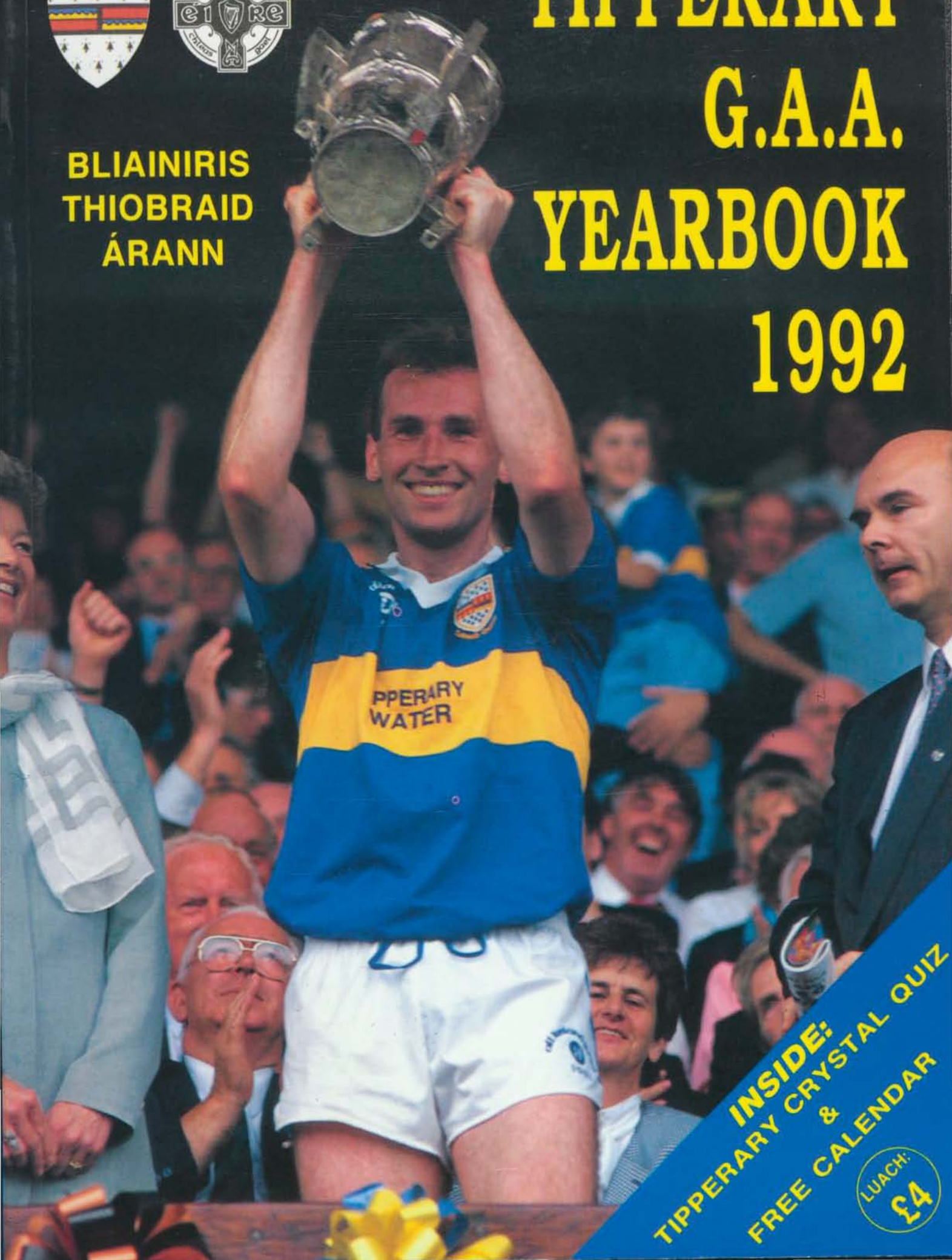




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1st. Rounds			
Corcaigh v. Ciarraí	24/5	14/6	Páirc Uí Chaoimh
Portláirge v. Tiobraid Árann	17/5	31/5	Clonmel
Semi-finals:			
Luimneach v. Corcaigh/Ciarraí	21/6	12/7	Limerick
Clár v. Portláirge/Tiob. Árann	28/6	12/7	Ennis
FINAL:	19/7	2/8	Jun. F. Final: 8/7 Replay 10/7
<b>PEIL FÉ 21</b>			
1st Rounds:			
Corcaigh v. Tiobraid Árann	10/6	17/6	Clonmel
Luimneach v. Ciarraí	10/6	17/6	Ballybunion
Semi-finals:			
Clár v. Corcaigh/Tiobraid Árann	2/7	9/7	Limerick/Ennis
Portláirge v. Luimneach/Ciarraí	2/7	9/7	Dungarvan/Miltown
FINAL:	22/7	29/7	
<b>PEIL NA MIONÚR</b>			
1st Rounds:			
Tiobraid Árann v. Ciarraí	6/5	13/5	Beaufort
Clár v. Portláirge	6/5	13/5	Tipperary Town
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Luimneach v. Tiobraid Árann/Ciarraí	1/7	8/7	Clonmel/Castleisland
Corcaigh v. Clár/Portláirge	1/7	8/7	Kilmallock/Dungarvan
FINAL:	19/7	29/7	
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1st Rounds:			
Portláirge v. Clár	24/5	31/5	Dúrlas
Corcaigh v. Ciarraí	24/5	31/5	Páirc Uí Chaoimh
Semi-finals:			
Luimneach v. Portláirge/Clár	14/6	21/6	Dúrlas/Ennis
Tiobraid Árann v. Corcaigh/Ciarraí	7/6	21/6	Páirc Uí Chaoimh/Dúrlas
FINAL:	5/7	26/7	Junior H. Final: 24/6. Replay 8/7
<b>IOMÁINT FÉ 21</b>			
1st Rounds			
Clár v. Luimneach	8/5	13/5	Ennis
Corcaigh v. Ciarraí	8/5	13/5	Kenmare
Semi-finals:			
Tiobraid Árann v. Clár/Luimneach	17/6	24/6	Ennis/Limerick
Portláirge v. Corcaigh/Ciarraí	17/6	24/6	Waterford/Ballyheigue
FINAL:	15/7	29/7	
<b>IOMÁINT NA MIONÚR</b>			
1st Rounds:			
Tiobraid Árann v. Luimneach	15/4	22/4	Mitchelstown
Clár v. Portláirge	15/4	22/4	Dúrlas
Semi-finals:			
Corcaigh v. Tiob. Árann/Luimneach	29/4	6/5	Limerick/Dúrlas
Ciarraí v. Clár/Portláirge	29/4	6/5	Ballyheigue/Mallow
	5/7	22/7	Minor H. Final and Replay
<b>Corn Mhic Graith - Peil Sinn 'B'</b>			
1st Rounds: Portláirge v. Clár	26/4 (extra time)		Limerick
Luimneach v. T. Árann			
FINAL: McGrath Cup	3/5 or 10/5 (extra time)		





# We never doubted them ... well almost never!

**I**T WAS raining heavily as we approached Cork City. I stopped for petrol a few miles out. The young attendant glanced at my number plate as he replaced the cap. "Ye'll win the Minor!", he quipped. "And the Senior after it", I shouted, as we headed off for High Noon at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

Outside the grounds Tipperary supporters read the papers, ate their sandwiches in their cars and exchanged views through open windows. They were cautious this time. Nothing less than a supreme effort could dislodge the All-Ireland Champions in their home ground where we had never beaten them in a Munster Final. It was agreed that comebacks take time and it was less than twelve months since we took the fall at Semple Stadium. It had taken the great Kerry team two years to recover from similar shock defeats in '76 and '82. "If we could pull through today we would be happy – anything else would be a bonus!", was how one veteran summed it up.

Inside, the rain stoppd. The Minors swept to victory in magnificent style. Our mood was 'upbeat', as the journalists say, when the Seniors took the field. But three first-half goals by Cork and two very near misses brought back the ghosts of the 1990 Munster Final. As Macbeth once said, "Here comes my pain again!" Even worse was to come in the second half as we trailed by nine or ten points. It looked as if we were in for a complete rout. If we could avoid humiliation at this point we would be content.

Then it happened. The sleeping giant was roused, he awoke and sprung into action. The crowd looked on in amazement as this Tipp. team dug deep into their reserves of talent, courage and skill. They grew before our very eyes as the Cork lead was clinically cut down and reversed. The true character of this Tipp. team finally showed itself. Who will ever forget the final breath-taking minutes of this epic contest? In the end the scores were level but Tipp. had the advantage now.

The replay at Semple Stadium followed the pattern of the first game in many ways. Again, Tipp. were nine points down coming into the final quarter. But the character of the team and their superior hurling ability and fitness told again at this point. But what excitement! The pitch invasion recalled the famous day in Killarney in 1950 when Tony Reddan was surrounded by Cork fans. This was the kind of game we heard the older generation speak about around the fire or in the train to Croke Park. Tipp. had more "in reserve" and more "in the reserves" than Cork had. But this Cork team are without question the best team and the finest sportsmen that Tipp. had encountered to date. Of course, we never



His Grace Dr. Clifford, Patron of the G.A.A., holds the McCarthy Cup while Peter Quinn, President of the G.A.A., looks on in admiration.

doubted Tipp. – well almost never!

Even though our two great annual tasks took longer than usual this year – the haysaving being even slower than beating Cork due to the bad weather – the summer was one of great expectations. Galway fell rather easily and there remained only our old rivals Kilkenny who had never acknowledged our victory over Antrim in 1989 as a real All-Ireland! They were to develop a healthy respect for Antrim in the semi-final, but in the final they were to lift their game against Tipperary who were hampered by injuries.

Kilkenny, who up to this had kept their good wine till last, uncorked a sparkling bottle in the first quarter and Tipperary Water seemed incapable of quenching them. But then Lady Luck took a hand. Michael Cleary tried for a point and had to be satisfied with a goal! It was enough to make the Cats cry! It was poetic justice for Nicky English's shot in Cork when he tried for a goal, scored a point and accepted a wide under protest. And so Declan Carr declared Tipperary the undisputed champions from the Hogan Stand. And that evening Tipperary people were walking tall all across the world, in New York, in San Francisco, in London, in Melbourne and in Uringford.

It was a truly great comeback for the 24th title, another glorious chapter in the story of the present team and in Tipperary's Hurling



His Grace Dr. Dermot Clifford with Bill Ryan, Laha.

Story. So we face the future with confidence. There will be injuries and we will have to budget for them. But from this year's experience we have rich reserves and the return of some other players can be anticipated.

Nothing succeeds like success and the Junior team regrouped and achieved All-Ireland honours again. The Minors were narrowly beaten, but they were the most stylish hurlers I saw all year in this grade.

I should like to congratulate Cashel King Cormacs on their first ever win of the Dan Breen Cup. This was a very welcome victory indeed and well deserved against a fine Holycross side.

The passing of Bill Ryan of Laha marked the end of an era. Bill was a fine sportsman, a gentleman and a wonderful example for the youth of this area. He visited me some weeks before the Final Whistle and he expressed the hope that as a Kerryman I would give football a push and help the "poor relation" to come up in the world. Now is the opportune time! The Open Draw has given teams like Limerick, Tipperary and Clare a chance to get to the Munster Final and as we saw last year in Limerick's case, in with a sporting chance of victory.

I saw Fethard win the County Final against Clonmel Commercial and the standard of football was very high indeed. This was confirmed when Fethard took on Dr. Crokes, Killarney at Fitzgerald Stadium two weeks later and gave them the fright of their lives.

And so, in the Hurling World the right order of things has been restored. Tipperary people face Christmas with an air of satisfaction, an air of work well done. I wish them all the joys of the Feast. Among the pleasures will no doubt be the turkey, the plum-pudding and the G.A.A. Yearbook 1992. Nollaig faoi shéan agus faoi shonas dibh.

+ Most Rev. Dermot Clifford, D.D.  
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# Tipperary — back with a bang

**W**E HAVE certainly come back with a bang in 1991. To quote a well worn phrase our Senior Hurlers won the "Mother of All-Irelands". They beat the best and proved to all that they really had the true grit of Champions.

Our Junior Hurlers also annexed the All-Ireland crown, winning in the process a notable four in a row in Munster. Our U-21 Hurlers had to give best to Limerick after a memorable three game saga. The Minor Hurlers fell at the final fence. So all-in-all, our County Hurling Teams gave us joy and pride in the Premier County.

On the football front we did not have success, the Seniors went out in the first round against Limerick, the Juniors were beaten in the Munster Semi-Final by Waterford. The U-21 footballers lost in the first round to Cork at Páirc Uí Chaoimh, while our Minors were unlucky against Kerry in Clonmel.

Our many players and selectors and indeed our patrons are lucky to have the yearbook where they can relive the stories of these campaigns, some with joy and for others the bitter cup of defeat.

Our Handballers brought back 13 All-Ireland titles and our County Junior Camogie team lost the All-Ireland final by a late goal from Down. Scór also had a well earned success when Clonmore brought back All-Ireland honours in Set Dancing. Camogie, Handball and Scór may be seen by some as Cinderella Competitions but they too are part of our great association and their exploits too are well documented in this book.



*Micheál Maguidhir*

Divisional affairs as well as those of Bord na nÓg are also treated. Our U-16 Hurlers from West Tipperary got to the Munster Final, so we hope that some of these lads will be aiming for the County Minor Jersey in 1992.

The Communications Committee who produce this book have made sure that our County History year by year is recorded for posterity and over the past twenty two years through thick and thin these yearbooks enable us to recall the past and are unparalleled as source material to those who research Club, Divisional County or Local Histories.

We have many willing and able people in the County who work at different levels for the association. All of their work is brought together in this book. I hope this book is

informative and entertaining and you the reader can recommend it to your friends and especially make sure in these times that it goes abroad to the many sons and daughters of the Premier County who have left our shores but still carry the pride of Tipperary with them.

Finally, as one who has been a member of the Yearbook Committee since its inception, it now gives me great pleasure to thank especially that Committee, and I exhort all concerned with our Association in the County to make sure that they for many years will have plenty good news to highlight in this annual publication in the years ahead.

"Rath Dé ar an leabhrán agus beannacht Dé ar lucht a léite."

**MICHEÁL MAGUIDHIR**  
*Cathaoirleach Coiste Chondae*

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# A MIGHTY MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIP

By JOHN O'GRADY ("Cúlbaire")

**T**HE two spectacular, flag-prolific, fluctuating games with Cork were the core of a mighty Munster championship, and will be its claim on the memory when today's young are a lot older; but they did not constitute the entire story of southern combat. First there was Limerick!

## LIMERICK FIRST

Looking back now from the secure heights of All-Ireland mastery, the preamble to that Thurles match on June 9th was unimaginably diffident among Tipp's large following. The causes were two-fold: the continuing fall-out from our devastating loss to Cork in the Munster Final of last season had shaken self-esteem; and Tipp's inglorious departure from the League at the hands of Offaly had capped our decline from the pre-Christmas heights of four wins in succession.

Manager Keating was at pains to refute reports and rumours of reduced morale; these had emanated from stories of a hard-hitting and blunt-spoken "talk-in" at which some players had voiced discontent or personal cribs. Such a session had indeed taken place, but Babs was quite right to deny any lowering of morale or weakening of purpose.

## FOX, ENGLISH BACK

Tipp chose this team to face Limerick: Hogan; Delaney, Donovan, Sheehy; Madden, Ryan, Kennedy; Carr, Hayes; Cleary, Declan Ryan, Leahy; Fox, Bonnar, English. Only one Bonnar, it may be noted, was fit and chosen. Illustrious corner-forwards Fox and English had missed the Offaly defeat but were deemed ready for championship action.

A negative advance fear was for Leahy's fitness. Another returning player was Kennedy at wing-back after a series of setbacks. Declan Ryan had spent most of the League at centre-back, sometimes quite well but to the detriment of attacking strength. Now the experiment was being definitely abandoned and the familiar features of Bobby Ryan were to be observed at number six – despite frequent views that he was getting on in years for so central a post; Bobby had made his own retort to that in the past, and would do so again.

The burden of doubts, though, seemed to pick out the inner defence as a possible problem zone. Terence Kenny had scored three goals against it in the League. There were those who thought All-Star full-back



Noel Sheehy out of his best spot at left corner.

## ANOTHER DISMISSAL

Limerick, too, had problems, both in advance through unfitness as with Ciaran Carey (victim of a kitchen blaze at home) and Fitzgibbon – two of their best forwards written off. An unforeseen extra loss was to occur when team captain Carmody at midfield got himself put off after 27 minutes for a pull on Cleary. Seeing him trudge to the bench must have sickened a host of Limerick followers – was it really possible that they were again losing a man against Tipp, as they'd done in 1990 with full-back Mike Barron?

Eagerness to get into it was all very well, but this was downright foolish – if it was also a reflection of too much faith in the virtues of trying to ruffle Tipp, Limerick, in some circles at least, have a folk memory going back to John Mackey in the '46-48 period which says – not always truly – that Tipp can be rattled to defeat instead of hurled in that direction. That view may be fine in bar-room or cross-roads' chat but ought to be barred from a dressing-room, even in diluted form. And what once worked at minor grade need not necessarily work among the men.

Tipp won by fourteen points before 35,000 people. They led even against the wind from Killinan, 1-6 to 0-7. The goal was kicked past Quaid by Cormac Bonnar – a play that had been practised in training by the Limerick-based teacher and had got a last polishing during the pre-game puck-around. Joe Hayes provided the ball which Bonnar laid boot to.

By then Tipp had lost the luckless Kennedy, limping to the line; Michael Ryan of Upperchurch-Drombane came on – it was to be the unsuspected start of great things for the son of Tommy and nephew of the much-publicised Ned of "the Line".

Quite early in the game we'd seen a sharp but short flare-up near Hogan's posts; Delaney and Limerick's Heffernan were "booked", not long before John Kennedy departed after a tackle. The game was ultimately consigned to history by English's goal with twelve minutes left. It was a flash of typical touch from English, taking a ball wide of the advancing 'keeper from a Bobby Ryan – Hayes delivery and slipping it neatly home.



Babs Keating . . . Calming the crowd – Munster Final in Thurles.



The "man of the match", as of others to come, proved to be John Leahy, proving more than just his fitness. So the first job had been reassuringly done, with the defence holding Limerick to ten points; certainly those forward absentees had left the visitors short of pace, craft and fire-power, but it was still a performance to send us to Cork with reasonable expectations.

## OFF TO CORK

There was a mass pilgrimage south for the final that had generally been forecast as the logical conclusion, on all known form, of the Munster series. Publicity and interest were at a peak. The day did not fully co-operate with the wishes of followers, becoming decidedly wet and overcast as the morning merged into the afternoon; but the rain eased off for the game itself.

There was reasonable hope in Tipp hearts. We'd never really conceded that the 1990 result was a true reflection of basic merit. Over-confidence had played some part and it had led to slowness to recognise problems, and deal with them. We'd chosen Leahy in the eccentric place of full-forward, left out Cormac Bonnar, removed Fox at half-time and tolerated defensive slackness for too long. All this was history, but hopefully it would be instructive in terms of team attitude and sideline alertness.

Tipp's selection was: Hogan; Delaney, Donovan, Sheehy; Madden, Ryan, Bonnar; Carr, Hayes; Cleary, Declan Ryan, Leahy; Fox, Bonnar, English. Tension was tight in the Leaside air before a packed audience. Could Tipp inflict a championship defeat on Cork in their own grounds? — an extremely rare event in hurling records.

To begin with, you could apparently forget the prospect. Three goals in our net within eighteen minutes, punishing sluggish inner defence — it was the stuff of Tipp nightmare and Cork dream, a throw-back to bad days in the early '80s. But Tipp rallied well, with Hayes a midfield revelation, and Leahy ended a long run by following up for a precious goal. So the interval was reached at only four points down (1-7 to 3-5).

## A BAD START

Fortune frowned again quite soon, as Fitzgibbon got Cork's fourth goal for seven up. Hayes was, to most people's surprise, called off. Aidan Ryan's arrival was to be important. So was that of Michael Ryan at left-back, as Sheehy took the central role. Ryan battled for a long clearance. It reached Fox. He beat Ger Cunningham — pandemonium among the legion of Tipp travellers. Cleary had two lovely points to level the game — it was great to see, after Tipp's early, and repeated, difficulties.

Came a much disputed episode. Did English's kick go inside or outside the upright at the city end? There seems little doubt from the most credible witness — English himself, no man to lay a false claim — that it was a valid point. The cost seemed enormous when O'Sullivan placed



*Nicky English kicks a point against Cork — or did he?*



*Pleading with umpires . . . He says he did!*





*Aidan Ryan . . . turns away after scoring against Cork in Thurles.*

Hennessy for a lead point as time ebbed.

Was all Tipp's valour to be unrewarded? The calming – and exciting – answer came from the resourceful Fox, who swung over the equaliser after a goalmouth scramble. It had been a truly marvellous match, fit to be ranked with the best in the long tradition. Tipp had shown endless reserves of heart in refusing to accept defeat – and it had been an honourably hard and sporting occasion.

Individually, the immense work-rate of John Leahy had been the outstanding aspect. We had learned useful lessons in defensive selection after those early setbacks, but there was also the controversial matter of Joe Hayes. Aidan Ryan had proven his definite return to the confidence of other years. Now, on home ground for the replay – even if Cork had no dislike at all of the Stadium – we had solid reason for hope of atoning for 1990.

#### THE EPIC REPLAY

What a treat was in store! And what a scare! And what an epic in the way of come-backs! The team was: Hogan, Delaney, Sheehy, Ryan; Madden, Bobby Ryan, Bonnar; Carr, Colm Bonnar; Declan Ryan, O'Connell, Leahy; Fox, Bonnar, Cleary. No English on account

of renewed hamstring trouble, a heavy blow and a loss to the glamour of the day.

The recall of O'Connell was a talking-point; he was, theoretically, to crowd Cashman and barge through to create openings. It worked only moderately and for the second half Declan Ryan took the "forty", with Aidan Ryan once again being drafted in, as was Hayes a little later.

Once more Tipp had repeated rallying to do. Cork turned their initial deficit into a five-point lead with a softish goal by Fitzgibbon, to which Cleary neatly replied to steady our ship. Then Fitzgerald got to a Hartnett line-cut for Cork's second goal. The interval scoreboard read: 2-8 v. 1-6 to Cork. Hartnett had done damage from wing-back as Declan Ran left him rather loose.

#### THE GREAT RECOVERY

No good signs followed the resumption. Tony O'Sullivan had three points in quick succession, forcing a switch of Colm Bonnar in place of Madden. Dire straits became desperate when Hennessy turned in a goal from left of the posts. Cork were a massive nine points up, two more than at our worst position in Cork.

Many a follower came to the obvious conclusion – we were gone. No such

submission, though, occupied the thoughts of the Tippetmen on the field. What followed was utterly remarkable – and maybe unbelievable, especially in Cork. The beaver-like Joe Hayes, again a powerful fetcher and provider, sent in a ball that lay in no-man's land for Fox to race onto and flick past the out-coming Cunningham.

A surge of Tipp followers burst through all restraint – not that there was a lot of it – to "mob" the scorer. He had given us hope. Then Conal Bonnar sent a long free dropping at the edge of the square. It never reached the ground, for Carr deflected it with a backwards connection past the 'keeper. Incursion number two!

The starring sequence went on. Aidan Ryan swooped on a ball, beat O'Gorman, got past full-forward Browne as he tried to first-time clear, closed in on Cunningham and beat him comprehensively. Incursion mark three, and the wildest of them all! A Fitzgibbon free brought a late scare, as did a ball that bobbed against Hogan's post, but the elegant Michael Cleary tacked on two sweet points to leave no doubt at all.

One of the greatest recoveries of all time had been consummated, Tipp were Munster champions – and Cork were as puzzled and unhappy as we had been in Centenary year on the same pitch.

The move of Leahy to midfield, of Declan Ryan to mark Cashman – his hand injury an undeniable blow to Cork – of Colm Bonnar to wing-back, the coming on of Hayes – Tipp had this time done the right remedial work while Cork left their full-back line, so vulnerable to Bonnar, Fox and Cleary, unaltered as the game swung against them.

'It had been an unforgettable experience, another great round of our age-long acquaintance with Cork. Morale was going to be high for what was ahead, another tilt with Galway at Croke Park in early August, a rivalry that had been a strong feature ever since our re-appearance in '87.

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# The Winning of Tipp's 24th

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*Munster had been won. It wasn't enough. Nothing less than a second All-Ireland would prove the pedigree of this Tipp. panel.*

In this, both the friends and the critics of Tipp. were at one. If only one national title was to be our lost out of four Munster victories since '87 – and that one secured against Antrim – the period would be flawed in our own eyes and in the sometimes rather jaundiced view of some national columnists.

That same basic issue was centred round our relationship and record vis-a-vis Galway. Whereas we in Tipp. held – and hold – a crib over the disallowing of an important English point in the '87 semi-final for John McGrath's penalised follow-up to a goalie's clearance, the opposition so to speak would be livid over Keady's suspension, the dismissals of Linnane and McGrath and the refereeing of Denton in the '89 semi-final.

In general, over the period, Galway had the best of it – this had to be conceded in any sober judgement – they had strength, dash, co-ordination and the tremendous spirit of a cross-Shannon crusade against the traditionally strong provinces.

So here, in '91, we were again. Tipp. spirit had been proven over and over again by repeated rallies against Cork, but there were bound to be questions asked about how and why we had fallen into such arrears.

On the other hand we were meeting a Galway which had been dramatically caught and passed by Cork in the '90 All-Ireland and just might be in decline from their peak years. The questions would be answered on August week-end in a packed Croke Par. It clashed with the Thurles Féile – some of us, might have left town,

anyway, even if there was no clash!

## TIPP. CHANGES

Madden and O'Connell of the Cork replay line-out were now replaced by Aidan Ryan and the returning English. Colm Bonnar went from midfield to Madden's place, Aidan Ryan taking over from Colm at midfield. Cleary going wing forward, Declan Ryan to centre, as he's done in the Stadium to mark Cashman for the second half.

In twenty-five minutes Tipp. held the unimaginable lead of 2-5 against a mere two points – and against the wind! Leahy to Cormac Bonnar – goal! Cormac to Cleary – goal! Galway's last line could not hold our attack, even if English was getting close attention from his man and others!

The powerful, purposeful Tipp. tide then slowed – Galway hit 1-3 in eight minutes, McGrath's great drive out of the best Galway stock. Leahy popped with a steadying point and Cleary had a pair to leave us two clear goals up at the interval – an excellent position indeed.

Tipp's defence, especially the Delaney-Sheehy-Ryan line had been flawless apart from a two-man mix-up that left McGrath free for his goal. Outside them the halves had not let Cooney and company draw them and develop the inter-passing, hard running, game of earlier years – Eanna Ryan was undeniably a loss to Galway in that respect.

## HOLDING ON

It's hard to maintain a positive attitude when a holding operation should suffice,



Declan Carr introduces John Leahy to President Robinson before the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Final.

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so even if Tipp. finally won well, by ten points (3-13 to 1-9) there were unimpressive stretches in that second half. English had limped off near the end of the first period and Cormac Bonnar joined him, to our dismay, with a calf injury. By then the issue had really been settled – Declan Ryan beat two men and whipped in Tipp's third goal after only two minutes of the half.

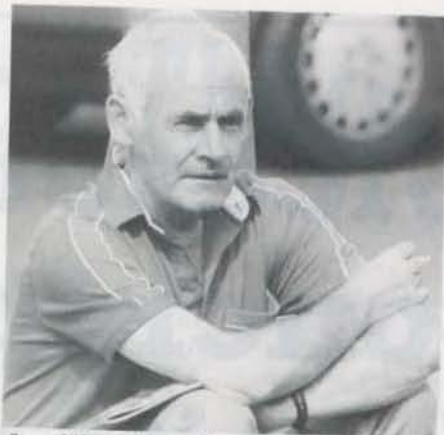
The tension drained and we could have the rare feeling of early security, though Galway battled away in a hopeless cause. It really became a matter of our defence playing for their own satisfaction to deny Galway another goal. Fierce pressure was held and Tipp. cheers greeted every block, tackle and relieving clearance – Sheehy in particular had a great game.

Lynskey and Cooney tried for the break repeatedly. Galway's quota of five new men proved no adequate replacement for the men of previous seasons. To the neutral, it had been the least distinguished of the Tipp.-Galway series, but the performance and the result very acceptable in Tipp.

Conor Stakelum replaced English quite capably, Ger O'Neill made a brief appearance and was replaced by the much-discussed Hayes. Tipp. did establish, at last, their best defensive formation of the year, but the injuries to Cormac Bonnar and English were going to be a month-long topic, and worry, for September.

For the third time in four years, Tipp. were in the full glare of pre-final publicity and "hype", with vast yardage of press attention and, in the last week of training, the descent of the media on the camp.

The pressure of favouritism was more or less unanimously awarded to Tipp. The basic reason was very obvious – Kilkenny



Sean O'Donnell – waiting to enter Croke Park on All-Ireland Final day.

had "got out of jail" not once but thrice on their chequered path to Croke Park – late goals against Wexford, Dublin and Antrim had saved apparent lost causes. They got much less credit for recovery than Tipp. had for their saving operations against Cork.

In Kilkenny itself there seemed a curious mix of irritation at being second in the betting, and of covert pleasure at the idea of surprising the old enemy; they'd never really believed in the genuineness of Tipp.'s return to strength, having had the better of us in several League campaigns. A piquant aspect of the final was the renewed, if proxy, rivalry of Babs Keating and Ollie Walsh as managers and spokesmen.

#### INJURIES PROBLEM

Would both Bonnar and English play – or either of them? If they played, would they last the pace or the tackling? How much of Tipp.'s attacking potential might be neutralised? Such thoughts occupied

our minds to a worrying extent, as did the certainty that a county of Kilkenny's tradition would be able to play, at worst, a respectable All-Ireland – and maybe something better.

Our selection, predictably, was the same as against Galway, charged with the duty of maintaining Tipp's strong record against Kilkenny – only the '67 defeat since 1922.

The atmosphere was what you might expect – capacity crowd, a pageant of banners traditionally or concocted for the day, with apt and witty slogans – "Tipp. to Trip" was a neat parody of the "Trip to Tipp". The minor result – our youngsters fading late against a Noreside surge led by young Delaney – was no good omen.

Nor were the opening passages of the senior final to our liking. Kilkenny, putting their best foot forward and showing early intent, bombarded our defence. Supplies came especially from Richie Power at midfield and there were repeated breaks from John Power and Christy Heffernan. Twice Kilkenny went three points up – a goal would have been really bad for Tipp. but the insiders, especially the neat Delaney held firm.

The turning of the trend was due to Cleary's fortuitous goaled free, Fox and Cleary points. We reached the interval at 0-9 each, doing rather well to be level. Conal Bonnar had switched with Bobby Ryan, John Leahy with Aidan Ryan – both shrewdly judged moves by Babs and colleagues.

#### ANXIOUS SECOND HALF

In an anxious second half, Colm Bonnar hurled a great spell from wing-back; Kilkenny cut back our lead from five to three points. Colm got to the rebound of a Hogan stop from Fennelly as Morrissey barely missed repeating his game-winning efforts earlier in the year – our hearts were gravely strained by such narrow shaves.

Then the ever-popular Pat Fox, in an attack that had lost both English and Cormac Bonnar to their known ailments – Stakelum and O'Connell the subs – shot a great "insurance" point. Declan Ryan finished well with strong interventions, while captain Declan Carr battled away bravely. John Leahy and Aidan Ryan, very mobile players apt to turn up in the moment of need, were again very prominent.

Then it was over. Carr was up there to collect the precious silverware from Peter Quinn and make the acquaintance of the lady President. Relief blended with satisfaction among the followers – it had been too much of a strain to be called enjoyable, but Tipp. had done the basic business, won our 24th All-Ireland and gained the necessary partner to the '89 title.

Never has a Tipp. team shown more consistent courage and determination through a championship. Morale is now sky-high for '92, though we have to go – as this year – to Páirc Uí Chaoimh, a titillating, but by no means daunting, prospect.



Michael Ryan in action during the All-Ireland senior hurling final against Kilkenny.





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# Tipp's Top Thirty 1991



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## 1. KEN HOGAN (Lorrha)

Born: 1/5/1963. 6' 2". 13 st. 7 lbs.

In his fifth senior championship Ken, the 1987 All-Star, produced two clean sheets out of five games. He is one of only seven Tipp. men to play on a winning All-Ireland team without conceding a goal. The last Tipp. man to perform the feat was John O'Donoghue (present selector) in 1965. Ken's most crucial save of the year came from Liam Fennelly late in the All-Ireland final. In the Limerick game he was active without being under severe pressure. The two games against Cork were the most difficult with four goals conceded each time. In truth he had little chance with most of them. He made two vital saves in quick succession from Mark Foley and John Fitzgibbon in that thrilling second half of the drawn game. In the replay his boot knocked Tomás Mulcahy's late effort against the post and Tipp. were safe. Ken felt that he should have stopped Fitzgibbon's first goal in the replay. After he settled against Galway there were few problems. His long puck out was a useful bonus.

## 2. PAUL DELANEY (Roscrea)

Born: 27/11/1966. 5' 9". 11 st. 7 lbs.

Paul returned to Ireland in the Springtime and had a glorious summer culminating in All-Ireland victory. Success was especially sweet for Paul after the disappointment of 1989. After a couple of seasons at wingback he reverted to the right corner for this championship. Had some early difficulty against Limerick but became very influential as the extra man. Paul had a handful in John Fitzgibbon for two games v. Cork but still played his part in Tipp's triumph. He played superbly against Galway but his best

display of the year was against Kilkenny, especially in the first half when the real pressure was exerted. His selected Limerick, Galway and Kilkenny opponents only scored one point each against him. A useful year's work by any standards. 'Guardian' player of the week for his All-Ireland performance.

## 3. NOEL SHEEHY (Silvermines)

Born: 5/12/1964. 6' 1". 12 st. 8 lbs.

One of Tipp's two 1990 All-Stars, Noel started the 1991 championship at left corner back but an injury to Conor O'Donovan saw him revert to full back during the drawn Munster final. By the end of the season he was once again acknowledged as the best No. 3 around. His All-Ireland semi-final display against Galway was top class and 'The Guardian' selected him as player of the week for his performance in that game. He was also RTE's Man of the Match. Noel's All-Ireland display was very determined and his efforts did much to snuff out the threat posed by Kilkenny's dangerous forwards. He held his immediate opponent Liam Fennelly to one point and controlled the defence with great authority. Had an excellent understanding with his corner backs and goalkeeper.

## 4. MICHAEL RYAN (Upperchurch Drombane)

Born: 4/2/1970. 6' 1". 13 st.

A versatile performer, Michael has played minor, under-21 and senior for Tipp. in hurling and football. Played in every round of the senior championship and by the year's end was acknowledged as the find of the season. Played in attack during the league semi-final v. Offaly and also with Tipp. under-21s but is at his best in the left corner of defence. Came on at wing back v. Limerick when John Kennedy was injured and came on against Cork when Conor O'Donovan retired. Michael's lengthy clearance which led to Pat Fox's goal in Páirc Uí Chaoimh will always be remembered. His All-Ireland performance was tremendous for one so young. He kept Kilkenny's danger man Eamon Morrissey under control and played a vital role in repelling the late surge by the Black and Amber. Michael was the youngest member of 'Babs' Babes'. His best tackle of the year was made on Tomás Mulcahy (Cork) when the teams were level at 3-15 each late in the replay. The attack was cleared and Cormac Bonnar put Tipp. ahead soon afterwards.

## 5. COLM BONNAR (Cashel King Cormacs)

Born: 12/6/1964. 5' 11". 12 st. 7 lbs.

The captain of Cashel K.C. this year, Colm played a big part in Tipp's success. He didn't make his appearance until the replay against Cork when he lined out at midfield. During the game he had a spell at right half back but ended up in the centre when John Leahy moved back to defence in the match winning switch. A fine performance in the All-Ireland semi-final saw Martin Naughton restricted to one point and Colm's place for the final was assured. In that game he faced the Cat's star D. J. Carey but Bonnar's power ensured that Carey contributed little from general play. Colm's clearance after Ken Hogan had saved from Liam Fennelly was his most vital contribution of the season and it guaranteed victory for Tipp. A tremendous competitor since Tipp's arrival in 1987.

## 6. BOBBY RYAN (Borrisoleigh)

Born: 23/10/1961. 5' 9". 12 st.

Captain and great favourite of the 1989 winning team, Bobby returned to that season's pivotal position for this year's campaign. A good start saw him reverse last year's form against Limerick's Gary Kirby, in the drawn game Cork's 1990 match winner Mark Foley failed to score and after an uneasy start to the replay Bobby confirmed his dominance which helped Tipp's cause immeasurably. Injury severely restricted Bobby's All-Ireland preparations and his early form at centre back was untypical. However, his



John Leahy - after the All-Ireland final win over Kilkenny.



switch to the wing was a shrewd one and there he played much more convincingly in what many people consider his best position. All through the season he was a source of great inspiration to those around him and his confidence helped the defence in their hard times.

#### 7. CONAL BONNAR (Cashel King Cormacs)

Born: 13/10/1969. 5' 11". 12 st.

An All-Star from 1989, the youngest of the three brothers missed the opening game against Limerick due to injury. His return for the Munster Final was timely and his work at left half back kept Cork's 1990 captain Tomás Mulcahy scoreless. In the replay he made one great blockdown in the first half against Fitzgerald, restricted Mulcahy to one point, and struck the free from which Declan Carr scored the vital second half goal. Despite many scars and much blood he did well against Galway but it was his performance when switched into centre back in the final which will be remembered most of all. We wonder what might have happened if he hadn't foiled Mark Foley's effort, with Cork leading by a goal, in the Thurles replay.

#### 8. DECLAN CARR (Holycross/Ballycahill)

Born: 30/7/1965. 6' 1". 12 st. 7 lbs.

Captained his club to Co. Championship honours last year and thereafter declared his intention of leading the county to the best of his ability. It worked out well in the end and Declan met Presidents Robinson and Quinn in Croke Park on September 1st. Declan did well at midfield against Limerick, hit a great overhead goal against Cork in the replay, got a point and spent some time at full forward against Galway, missed some of the training for the final but lined out and contributed to Tipp's 24th All-Ireland victory with a useful second half display. The captain had several midfield partners during the campaign including Joe Hayes, Aidan Ryan, Colm Bonnar and John Leahy. When the final whistle sounded Declan had made history and joined the long list of famous men who led Tipp. to victory. He was the first successful Holycross/Ballycahill captain since Pat Stakelum in 1949. His championship scoring contribution was 1-2. He played most of the drawn game v. Cork with a broken toe.

#### 9. AIDAN RYAN (Borrisoleigh)

Born: 30/1/1965. 5' 9". 12 st.

Out of the Tipp. colours for too long, some excellent club performances saw him restored to the panel for the Limerick game. He appeared in Cork as a midfield sub for Joe Hayes and scored a point, but it was his performance in the replay which really stole the show. Coming on as a half-time sub at right half forward, he performed superbly. This time he hurled like a man possessed and his late goal, which clinched the game, was a due reward for courage and skill. That display won him a midfield slot for the semi-final where he again showed his worth. The switch with John Leahy proved vital in the decider and it inspired Tipp's scoring surge late in the first half. In all, Ryan contributed a total of 1-4 to the scoring returns. 'Babs' paid special tribute to Aidan for the Thurles victory over Cork. "He made a massive contribution . . . when we needed something badly."

#### 10. MICHAEL CLEARY (Éire Óg, Nenagh)

Born: 16/8/1966. 5' 8". 11 st.

Top scorer in the 1991 championship with 3-35, Michael left an indelible mark on the campaign. He scored in every round, opening with 0-5 against Limerick and reaching a peak of 1-9 against Galway. His goal in the All-Ireland final was the decisive score of the year, even if he did try for a point! Either at right wing or left corner he terrorised defences this year and confirmed his selection last season as an All-Star. A marvellous ball player at any time, he has really blossomed since becoming a Tipp. player in 1988. Spends much of his free time practicing the skills which he displays on match days. Captained his club this season and led them to victory in the North Tipp. S.H.L. Hogan Cup. Belief in himself and his Tipperary colleagues is always his strong point. Two brilliant points from play finished Cork's injury time rally in Thurles.

#### 11. DECLAN RYAN (Clonoulty/Rossmore)

Born: 25/7/1968. 6' 1". 12 st. 7 lbs.

After a league campaign at centre-back, Declan returned to his '89 position of centre forward for the championship. Started well with



*Colm, Cormac and Conal Bonnar after All-Ireland Final win.*

three points against Limerick, had his hands full with Jim Cashman in the drawn game and began the replay on the right wing. Spent the second half helping Tipp's cause at centre forward. Declan scored a useful goal which killed off Galway's challenge in the semi-final. He had an excellent second half in the All-Ireland final, scoring a good point himself and setting up scores for others, most notably two for Pat Fox. His total scoring return was 1-7, which doesn't reflect all his solid and close work in the five games of the 24th championship success. Kept Tipp's hopes alive with a vital point when Cork's lead was as wide as the Stadium.

#### 12. JOHN LEAHY (Mullinahone)

Born: 16/9/1969. 5' 10". 12 st.

The inspiration of Tipperary throughout the year. His performances at left half forward, midfield and right half back were all tremendous and numerous honours came his way during the season. R.T.E. picked him as Man of the Match after his first game against Limerick. The miracle was that he played at all because a severe groin strain put his selection in jeopardy until Triona Maher, the physio, got to work. Leahy took most pleasure from beating Kilkenny but his greatest day was probably in the replay against Cork. He has developed superbly since his first All-Ireland in 1988 and this year's victory made up for under-21 disappointment in 1990 when he was captain. He scored 1-8 during the campaign with his goal coming in the Páirc Uí Chaoimh thriller. He was also R.T.E.'s Man of the Match for the replay of the Munster Final.

#### 13. PAT FOX (Éire Óg, Annacarty)

Born: 8/7/1961. 5' 8". 12 st.

Selected as R.T.E.'s Man of the Match in the All-Ireland final and subsequently as the Tipp. Association in Dublin 'Tipperary Personality of the Year'. Pat had a brilliant season. In all he contributed 2-17 to the scoring returns but his influence in Tipp's progress was enormous. His great goals against Cork in both Munster Finals will long be remembered but he notched some vital points too – the equaliser against Cork in Páirc Uí Chaoimh and the last clinching point against Kilkenny. His most decisive display was in the All-Ireland final when the burden fell on him to carry the threat of the full forward line. Five glorious points represented his success and Tipp. had every reason to be thankful to him. Seems certain to win his third All-Star award this year, having already been selected as "Gaelic Worlds's" most consistent performer in the '91 season.

#### 14. CORMAC BONNAR (Cashel King Cormacs)

Born: 31/5/1959. 6' 1". 14 st.

The influence of the biggest of the brothers and the oldest member of the team was never greater than in 1991. He scored Tipp's first goal against Limerick and against Galway and generally



caused chaos in all opposing defences. His pass to Michael Cleary (for a great goal) in the Thurles replay was brilliant. His power and athleticism were vital factors in Tipp's march to success and as a provider of opportunities he was superb. Injury against Galway led to his departure and inability to train for the All-Ireland meant his big day was not as successful as it might have been. His contribution to Cashel K.C. was significant this season. In all Cormac scored 2-3 in Tipp's All-Ireland campaign. All-Star honours look certain for the popular teacher.

# **15. NICHOLAS ENGLISH (Lattin Cullen)**

Born: 20/10/1962. 6' 1". 13 st.

Good form in early season looked promising, but alas the year was a disappointing one for Nicky. Scored a brilliant goal against Limerick but thereafter little went right. Had an unhappy day against Cork – was his kicked effort wide? – and was unable to play in the classic replay. After a bright opening against Galway he retired injured. Training for the final was limited but nevertheless he took his place in the left corner. Despite being unable to finish



*Nicky English with Mick Maguire following Tipp's victory.*

he made a contribution, which included being fouled for the now famous Michael Cleary goal from the free. Nicky's Croke Park presence was a boost to the Tipp. attack, but the replay victory over Cork ended all arguments about the Tipp forward line being a one man band.

# **16. CONOR O'DONOVAN (Éire Óg, Nenagh)**

Born: 7/2/1962. 6' 1". 14 st.

After a long injury problem, Conor regained his place at full back for the clash with his native Limerick. A top class display at No. 3 snuffed out the challenge posed by Terence Kenny and set Tipp. on their way to a convincing victory. The Munster Final in Cork marked the end of Conor's contribution as he retired injured at half time. Despite some good club displays he wasn't able to reclaim a place so he had to watch from the sideline as Tipp. proceeded to victory. A series of good performances with Éire Óg brought him back into the reckoning and he ended the season in the Royal Liver N.H.L. game against Kilkenny playing in the centre half back position. He could well reclaim his place in 1992.

# **17. JOHN KENNEDY (Clonoulty Rossmore)**

Born: 7/11/1964. 6' 1". 12 st. 9 lbs.

One of the unluckiest players with injuries in recent years. John was left half back in the '89 victory and early this year he returned to action after a long lay-off. His championship campaign, which started at left half back against Limerick, lasted about fifteen minutes and although he trained for the concluding stages, he

hadn't much chance of making it. His injury against Limerick gave Michael Ryan (Upperchurch/Drombane) his senior championship debut. John hopes to be back again in the new year and hopefully he will have more luck than heretofore. One of the select band of hurlers who hold All-Ireland hurling medals at minor, under-21 and senior.

# **18. JOHN MADDEN (Lorrha)**

Born: 13/2/1968. 5' 10". 12 st.

After serving his time in various positions, John claimed the No. 5 jersey for the Limerick game and did very well in the position. He spoke afterwards of his hopes for the future in his favourite slot. After a fine display in Páirc Uí Chaoimh, he had promised a lot in the replay – his first half solo run set up a John Leahy point – until he was withdrawn injured in the second half. He subsequently missed the All-Ireland semi-final and final and had to be content with a substitute's role for the second time in three seasons. Opinions vary on his best position and while he has seen service with Tipp. in the corner back, wing back and midfield sectors, his best form seems to be forthcoming from right half back.

# **19. JOE HAYES (Clonoulty/Rossmore)**

Born: 9/1/1963. 5' 11". 13 st.

"It was the most unbelievable match I have ever played in," said Joe Hayes after his great contribution to Tipp's recovery against Cork in Semple Stadium. In that sentence Joe summed up everybody's feelings. He started the campaign at midfield against Limerick and supplied the perfect pass for Cormac Bonnar's goal. Was replaced by Aidan Ryan in Cork when many people thought he should not be the first to go. Came back as a second half sub for John Madden in Thurles and played really well at midfield beside Declan Carr initially and later John Leahy. Joe lost out when Nicky English returned for the Galway game but he got in near the end when Ger O'Neill was withdrawn. He didn't grace Croke Park on All-Ireland day but the welcome he got in Liberty Square probably made up for it. Delivered the pass for Pat Fox's brilliant goal in the famous Thurles replay.

# **20. DONIE O'CONNELL (Killenaule)**

Born: 24/6/1960. 6'. 13 st. 7 lbs.

Donie hadn't been a Tipp. regular for some time but good form in training and on the club front brought him back to prominence. He was selected at centre forward for the replay against Cork but didn't manage to control the area as intended and was replaced at half time. Donie made a late appearance against Kilkenny when Nicholas English hobbled off and while he hadn't much time to make his name he did offer his usual enthusiastic wholehearted display which made life difficult for the Noresiders. At the end of the year Donie was in super league form against Kilkenny, clearly showing that the retirement story is untrue and that another year beckons.

# **21. CONOR STAKELUM (Borrisoleigh)**

Born: 25/4/1968. 5' 11". 13 st. 7 lbs.

A first choice forward in 1990, Conor didn't have too many chances to prove his worth during 1991. He scored two points in the campaign, both against Galway when he replaced the injured Nicholas English. He had a brief outing in the final against Kilkenny when he replaced Cormac Bonnar and spent some time at full forward and in the left corner of the attack. Conor's club and late season league form suggested that he will be challenging strongly for a place in 1992. Many people have forgotten that Conor played a decisive role in the 1988 league final win over Offaly.

# **22. GER O'NEILL (Cappawhite)**

Born: 13/10/1962. 5' 8". 13 st.

The twenty second and last player to represent Tipperary on the pitch during the 1991 championship. A Tipp. regular during the bad days, he won a county championship with his club in 1987 and good performances again this year saw him claim a place in the squad. Ger's only action came in the All-Ireland semi-final against Galway. He came on as second sub when Cormac Bonnar retired injured. During his time on the pitch he failed to score but good form in the closing stages of the Tipp. championship will have kept him in mind for next season's defence of the silverware.

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**23. JODY GRACE (Toomevara)**

Born: 9/1/1967. 6'. 13 st. 4 lbs.

The latest understudy to Ken Hogan. Jody came to prominence with the 1989 All-Ireland winning junior team. He kept a good goal for his club in this year's championship. Hasn't had too many opportunities to impress due to Ken's ongoing performances and availability but a dependable man to have in reserve.

**24. MICHAEL O'MEARA (Toomevara)**

Born: 4/2/1969. 6' 1". 12 st. 7 lbs.

Another of the young brigade – former Tipp. minor and under-21 player – Michael was an influential member of his club team which reached this year's county semi-final. Noted for his close marking and long striking, Michael's Tipp. trials have mainly been at corner back, although his club position is No. 6. Could well come into the reckoning when next season's blue print is being prepared. Didn't play in the 1991 championship but learned much from his involvement.

**25. SEÁN NEALON (Burgess)**

Born: 8/5/1967. 5' 8". 11 st. 10 lbs.

Some cracking displays at junior level – 2-8 v. Cork in the replay – were the highlight of Seán's season. Has been around the senior squad since early 1989 and has impressed from time to time. The current Tipp. forward line is the best around and may take a while to get into. An excellent free taker, Seán has caused many problems for opposing defences in his worthwhile career to date. Won an Oireachtas medal in 1990 to follow up his Vocational schools All-Ireland victory of 1984 with Nenagh.

**26. PADRAIG HOGAN (Borrisokane)**

Born: 30/5/1968. 5' 10". 12 st.

A graduate of the 1989 Under-21 All-Ireland winning team and holder of a Fitzgibbon Cup medal with Limerick University. Padraig was playing senior club hurling while still at school. Won an Oireachtas medal in 1990. His brothers Brendan (1987) and Adrian (1991 captain) have both played on losing Tipp. All-Ireland minor teams. Padraig was selected for the two league games v. Limerick and Kilkenny before the break but injury forced

his retirement against the 'Cats'. One to watch for the future.

**27. TONY LANIGAN (Holycross/Ballycahill)**

Born: 15/6/1968. 5' 10½". 12 st.

Winner of U-21 Munster and All-Ireland medals in 1989, he followed up with a county S.H.C. medal in 1990. His performances in that campaign led to involvement with Tipperary. Tony has been the star of the Holycross/Ballycahill attack this year and his scores and passes have done much to boost their championship effort. A former pupil of Thurles V.S. he was a Tipp. minor in 1985/86 and could well be a senior for a long time to come. Known to all as "Tonto".

**28. DONIE KEALY (Roscrea)**

Born: 28/2/1965. 5' 10". 13 st.

First played senior championship hurling with Tipp. in 1985, he captained the U-21s to Munster honours in 1984. Won provincial and All-Ireland honours at U-21 in 1985. Has played occasionally for Tipp. since returning to the squad in 1990. Usually a half back, he has been picked for the inner defence by club and county in recent times.

**29. MICK RYAN (Ballinahinch)**

Born: 26/2/1959. 6'. 13 st. 7 lbs.

A member of the junior selection, Mick had two All-Irelands to celebrate this year. Played regularly in the '90/91 league but failed to clinch a championship place. Strong and competitive, he is a useful man to have around. Although with all the Ryans and another Michael, it is sometimes tricky to remember who is who.

**30. NED RYAN (Loughmore Castleiney)**

Born: 6/12/1967. 6'. 12 st.

Winner of a county S.H.C. medal in 1988, it was his displays in the 1990 county championship which saw him in the Tipp. squad for most of the league campaign. A former student of the Templemore-Hurling School he has played all grades of football for Tipperary. Strong and determined, Ned was in good form against Kilkenny in the November league game.



## John Leamy

John Leamy achieved a rare, if not unique record, this year when he won a junior hurling All-Ireland medal. It was his fourth All-Ireland medal to win in different grades! His first was as a minor in 1982 when Tipperary beat Kilkenny in their last minor All-Ireland victory. Three years later he was on the successful side which beat Kilkenny in the under-21 All-Ireland and he was sub goalie in 1989 when Tipperary beat Antrim in the senior All-Ireland. This year's junior victory over Kilkenny completed his collection.

Do any readers know of other players in Tipperary with this rare distinction? Colm Bonnar came close to achieving it. He won minor in 1982 and under-21 in 1985 with John. In the latter year he was on the Tipperary team beaten by Wexford in the junior All-Ireland final. And, of course, he won All-Ireland senior medals in 1989 and 1991.



## NEW G.A.A. TRUSTEE

The Annual Congress of the G.A.A. in April of this year elected Tipperary G.A.A. secretary Tomás Ó Baróid to the position of Trustee of the Association. Tommy, who is in his 29th year as Tipperary County Secretary, is well deserving of the honour and is congratulated on acquiring such a prestigious position.



**T**HE announcement in October that Pat Fox had been chosen as "Tipperary Person of the Year 1991" by the Tipperary Association in Dublin was received with much satisfaction by the vast number of people in the county. It was seen as a fitting recognition for a player who has given long and sterling service to Tipperary hurling in three decades.

The statement issued by the Tipperary Association said: "His marvellous displays in this year's Munster and All-Ireland hurling finals made him a person apart in the Premier County and a worthy recipient of the Tipperary Personality Award for 1991. Arguably the best hurling forward in 1991, his unique ability to conjure scores led Tipperary to its 24th All-Ireland senior hurling title."

### A CULMINATION

To call this award a culmination is not to imply that Pat Fox is at the end of his days. Far from it! His dedication and commitment are such that one can safely bet that the thirty year old Éire Óg, Annacarty man has a number of years of hurling left in him for the nineties. But, the award must surely be seen as a high point in the recognition of a hurling wizard, who has been honoured in many ways over many years.

He has been the recipient of virtually all the awards that can come the way of a top class hurler. He was awarded the RTE 'Man of the Match' Award for his display in the 1991 All-Ireland. This display, which saw him score five points, was no flash in the pan.

He was also voted the Most Consistent Player of the Year for 1991. He has also at different times received the Player of the Month Award, Jury's Player of the Week and the Man of the Match Award. He received two Cidona Awards in 1981 and 1989 and got All-Star Awards in 1987 and 1989. There is probably no greater racing certainty than that Pat will pick up a third All-Star Award this year.

Some of his admirers would like to see him end the year with the most prestigious of all awards, the Texaco Award. He is probably a short odds favourite for that also.

### THREE DECADES

Pat's hurling career stretches over three decades and he has won All-Irelands in the seventies, eighties and nineties. Over that time he has played in a variety of positions. When he played minor for the county for the first time in 1978 it was at left corner-forward. Tipperary were beaten 1-14 to 3-6 by Cork in the Munster final. Two other survivors from that team are Bobby Ryan and Donie O'Connell.

Still a minor the following year, Pat played at centre forward on the team that lost to Cork by 1-8 to 2-4 at the semi-final stage. So Pat came through the inter-county minor grade without a Munster or All-Ireland medal. He had some consolation for these years when he won a county junior hurling medal with Éire Óg and an under-21 hurling medal with Cappawhite/Éire Óg in 1977.

# PAT FOX

By: SEAMUS J. KING

### UNDER-21

Pat came on to the under-21 panel in 1979 and was to be on it for four years and three All-Irelands. A sub during the earlier stages of the championship, he played centrefield against Galway in the All-Ireland final at Portlaoise and won his first All-Ireland in a scoreline of 2-12 to 1-9. Flowry Ryan was his partner and Michael Doyle was at full-forward.

Two more All-Irelands were to follow in 1980 and 1981. The first of these two was won against Kilkenny at Waterford in a score of 2-9 to 0-14. Pat was now at corner back and at full was Cormac Bonnar. Bobby Ryan was centre forward and Donie O'Connell was full.

Pat was in the same position in 1981 when Kilkenny were beaten once again at Waterford, this time by 2-16 to 1-10. Bobby Ryan and Donie O'Connell were in the same positions as in the previous year



Pat Fox after the All-Ireland Final.

and Nicky English was wingforward.

To have won three consecutive All-Irelands was a most satisfactory achievement. To throw away the chance of a fourth in 1982 was a big disappointment for Pat. He was again at corner back and the team included no less than eleven of the 1981 All-Ireland winning side. As well, no less than seven players were on the senior team.

Plenty of preparation was made for the first championship outing against Limerick on June 25 and all was set for what was thought to be an easy victory. From the beginning of the game problems abounded, especially in attack. Tipperary were behind by 1-6 to 0-4 at the interval and went further behind in the third quarter. By the time they got their act together towards the end it was too late and Limerick ran out easy winners by 2-12 to 1-7.

### SENIOR DEBUT

Pat had already made his senior debut as early as 1979 when he was drafted on to the National League panel and played a couple of challenge games. For the championship in 1980, when Tipperary were beaten by Cork in the Munster semi-final at Thurles, Pat partnered Gerry Stapleton at centrefield.

The following year he played corner-forward on the side that was beaten by Limerick in the replayed Munster semi-final. Michael Maher was a selector that year and maintained it was Pat's best position. One of Pat's older brothers, Kevin, was also on that team. Both of them were on again on the side beaten in the first round of the 1982 Munster championship by Cork. Pat was back at centrefield for this game.

The same year saw the beginning of Pat's knee problem. Playing inter-firm at Cashel he tore the ligaments in his knee and didn't take the proper care of the injury. The result was that he missed out on everything in 1983. He came back as a junior in 1984 and played cornerback on the side beaten by Cork in the Munster final.

Back on the senior side in 1985 he was at cornerback when Tipperary went down by 4-17 to 4-11 to Cork in the Munster final. For the debacle at Ennis in 1986 Pat was a sub and watched their stunning 2-10 to 1-11 defeat by Clare from the sideline.

### RECOVERY

After the great successes of the under-21 years, Pat must have felt that his chances of senior success were slowly slipping away in the aftermath of the 1986 championship. Little did he envisage the achievements of the following years. The new management took over and things began to look up again.

Pat lacked confidence in his knee and played indifferently in the early stages of the 1986-87 league. He is grateful to Babs for sticking with him and he has missed no championship game since then. Ironically, when he was taken off in the Munster final in 1990 it was the first time ever he was taken off in a championship game, whether at minor, under-21, junior or

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senior level.

He considers the success of Babs as due to a number of factors. Luck had a part to play in it. So had the Supporters' Club and the money they raised which enabled the players to be treated better, so that they responded better. Babs also brought considerable experience to the job. He has absolutely no bitterness towards Babs for taking him off in that final.

Pat's contribution to the recovery of Tipperary's hurling fortunes has been significant. He got the winning point which put the team into the 1987 league semi-final. He won the Man of the Match Award for his display against Kerry in the first round of the 1987 championship. He got the two points which gave us a draw against Cork in the Munster final. His contribution to our success in Killarney was enormous. In fact, he remembers that game as his greatest and, with this year's All-Ireland, the game that gave him the greatest satisfaction.

#### ALL-IRELANDS

The story of Pat's success in the last few years has been well documented. After the defeat in the 1987 All-Ireland semi-final, came the league victory of 1988 and the defeat in the All-Ireland of that year. Against Galway he found Ollie Kilkenny a tough opponent.

He has an interesting comment on all opponents. He reckons he has beaten them all and has been beaten by all. He prefers to mark a hurler that's tough than skilful. This may come as a surprise because many are of the impression that Pat is small in stature. He is, in fact, five foot eight inches and weighs twelve stone. He has a low centre of gravity and is a very difficult player to push out of the way.

What he may lack in height he makes up in skill and aggression. He can fight tenaciously for possession and then has the skill to put it to good use. On the top of that is his enormous experience. To date he has played inter-county hurling for all of thirteen years and has gained a wealth of



*Tipperary Natural Mineral Water Managing Director Pat Cooney (right) presenting the Tipperary Person of the Year Award to Pat Fox with Tipperary Association (Dublin) President, Jerry Hayes, looking on.*

experience in that time.

Another interesting fact about his playing career is that it has been significantly devoid of injuries. Apart from his knee, Pat has escaped all but superficial injuries. He has never broken a bone and has never had to retire because of injury.

The highpoint of his success was the All-Ireland senior hurling medal in 1989. A player has finally arrived when he has won this honour and all previous accomplishments are mere milestones on the journey. Pat's display may have been overshadowed by Nicky English's 2-12 but his contribution in the four championship games was vital and he was an essential link in a most impressive full-forward line. He shared in the euphoria of victory and the end of the long 18 year famine.

He shared the disappointment of defeat in the 1990 Munster final and the frustration of having been replaced at half-time. However, 1991 was to give him sweet revenge and his brilliant championship campaign was to erase the

memory.

His goal in the drawn Munster final was a gem of purest ray serene and a classic example of his opportunism and his knowledge of back play as well as forward play. That goal was part of the 2-12 he scored in the three championship games leading to the All-Ireland when he crowned an outstanding year by adding a further five points and winning the Man of the Match Award.

Equally important for him was to have beaten Kilkenny in a final. The sceptics had said 1989 was no victory despite having beaten Limerick, Cork and Galway along the way. To have added Kilkenny to that list of hurling scalps in 1991 put paid to these petty protestations.

#### CLUB AND FAMILY

At the time Pat Fox won the 1989 All-Ireland he was the only member of the team to be married. In 1985, when he was making his way back from the doldrums of injury, he married Marita Heffernan of Dundrum and she has shared his successes and failures since then. The couple have two children. Pat himself was the fifth of a family of six boys.

His father died earlier this year and his mother is still alive and well. Four of the brothers played on the Éire Óg team that captured the west championship in 1981. Pat won a second senior medal in 1986 and has Crosco Cup medals as well. Seamus has an All-Ireland junior medal from 1989 and Kevin has an All-Ireland inter-firm medal.

Latterly Pat has developed an interest in golf and is enjoying the game. It has had one good effect on his hurling because it has improved the flexibility of his right side and given him another option in tight situations.

Pat is shy and unassuming and while glad of the great honour the Tipperary Association has conferred on him dreads the thought of having to make an acceptance speech.

He is also an extremely courteous and helpful individual and everyone who knows him wishes him the best of luck in his hurling and business career.



*Pat Fox with his wife Marita proudly holding the Telecom Éireann Man of the Match Award after the All-Ireland Final.*



# Now Tipperary Stand On The Threshold Of Greatness

By: RAYMOND SMITH 'Sunday Independent'

**T**IPPERARY attained the maturity in 1991 that was missing when they failed to Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final in 1987 and again in the All-Ireland final of 1988.

Indeed, you could say that it was also missing in the case of the Munster final of 1990 as a mature team does not take anything for granted, especially against Cork.

What was so different in 1987 and '88 was that Tipperary looked to a very large extent to Nicky English to deliver for them up front and when he did not set the scene alight, you sensed that the cutting edge was not there in attack. Furthermore, in those '87 and '88 matches against Galway, Tipperary were facing a side that had been through two All-Ireland finals and there is no substitute for that kind of experience, gained in Croke Park itself.

Where a goal coming against the run of the play could rock them right back on their heels and raise inner doubts in 1987 - '88, Tipperary displayed a poise and resilience in face of adversity through the 1991 championship season that, to my mind, made this All-Ireland title win undoubtedly one of the finest ever achieved by the Blue and Gold.

There are those who contend that the replay against Cork in Semple Stadium was one of the most exciting matches they have ever enjoyed. The second half or

rather the last twenty minutes of it must rank with the most dramatic and adrenalin-pumping periods of hurling that I have seen in the South.

In my book, however, the first ten minutes in Cork was for the real aficionados. Why? Because it was a throw-back for me to the days when Tipperary went in hip-to-hip, letting the ash sing in pulsating duels, hitting too with shoulder power, fair and square, and

leaving Cork players sprawling on the ground in the fierce intensity of that opening onslaught.

## THIS WAS HURLING

Tipperary had died soft against Offaly in the National League semi-final in Limerick. I knew leaving the Gaelic Grounds that afternoon and mingling with the players later that it was a defeat that would bring recriminations in the homes of Tipperary. It was not just that Tipperary



Babs Keating, Mrs. Keating (mother) with Declan Carr at the Post Match celebrations.



A determined Bobby Ryan beats Limerick's Mike Galligan (left) and Pat Heffernan (right).



had lost a League test, that would be forgotten in time anyway. It was the manner of defeat. Going out like a damp squid.

It is an open secret now that there was an *inquest* held by the players themselves into the reasons why. Nothing was held back as they probed the question that ultimately must be faced by everyone who is honoured with the blue and gold jersey in senior grade: Have we got pride in wearing the colours?

"Babs" Keating had always insisted that this was the bottom line. He did not have to impress it now on his men. They knew it.

So an unwritten pact was formed among the "Boys of '91" and it was translated into a diamond hardness in Tipperary's approach, into the edge of steel that was not there on Munster Final Day '90, into what I can only describe as the Grand Sweep that exploded on Cork in the thrilling rally that brought the Premier County from nine points down in the epic replay in Semple Stadium, crowned by a victory that ranks as one of the greatest-ever.

That Grand Sweep too exploded on Galway in the first half of the All-Ireland semi-final, wiping away the memories of the 1987 and '88 defeats. And, if some of the Galway players demeaned themselves by stooping to over-physical tactics and petty throwing away of an opponent's hurley, it only tended to expose more the fact that on the day they were comprehensively beaten and could in no way blame the referee this time.

Tipperary's new-found maturity was seen to its fullest in the All-Ireland final itself. For the sake of confidence, for the tactical ploy of making Kilkenny apprehensive as a result of the presence of two men who on their day were capable of anything, I believe in cold retrospect that "Babs" Keating, Donie Nealon and John O'Donoghue played their hand extremely well when they decided to start Nicky English and Cormac Bonnar in the front line of attack. Of course, neither was fit to last the hour, even though Bonnar had come through a late fitness test that morning.

Two years ago if anyone had been asked whether Tipperary could win an All-Ireland final with Nicky English and Cormac Bonnar departing the scene – I mean an All-Ireland against a 'traditional' county like Kilkenny – the response would

almost assuredly have been in the negative.

It was no longer a one-man show, even a two-man show. The Munster campaign of '91 and the All-Ireland semi-final had shown that Tipperary's strength lay now in the talent in depth, especially among the forwards. John Leahy has emerged as one of the most exciting prospects that I have seen in watching hurling and writing on the national game, a player with an immense talent that has yet to be fully realised.

Michael Cleary was a tremendous asset right through the season both in play and in free-taking and Leahy and himself have the ability to turn any defence. Declan Ryan has an artistry and dexterity in flicking the ball from the ground into the hand that reminds me of the late Tommy Ryan of Thurles Sarsfields in full flight or of that consummate artist, Jimmy Kennedy. He has power in the shoulder too into the bargain. But as yet we have not seen the full range of his talents displayed in a sustained manner through the seventy minutes of a championship encounter. I await that day with relish.

Aidan Ryan, I feel, did not get full credit for his outstanding personal contribution to the Munster and All-Ireland wins in 1990. What of Pat Fox? He is just Pat Fox and that is enough – a corner forward who can turn the half chance into a goal of memorable quality and I think the goal he scored into the Killinan end in Thurles against Cork, beating Ger Cunningham as he advanced with an exquisite flick, like a tennis player scoring the winning ace, goes into my book as one of the best goals of its kind I have seen on this famous sod.

Now Tipperary stand on the threshold of what could develop into a golden era for the Blue and Gold. I do not doubt that if they can overcome Cork in Pairc Ui Chaoimh next June, they will go all the way and retain the Liam McCarthy Cup.

As I write this article, "Babs" Keating is being interviewed on television and quotes Cyril Farrell who he said had made the point that it takes a good team to win an All-Ireland title, a very good side to put two back-to-back and a great team to win three-in-a-row. "Babs" concurs with Cyril Farrell on that viewpoint.

If the present Tipperary team is to go into the record books as one above the ordinary, then it must put two All-Irelands back-to-back at least.

On their best displays in 1991 they have

the ability to do so, and, indeed, go on from there and complete a three-timer, if they retain their hunger.

It will be every bit as difficult going into Pairc Ui Chaoimh next year as it was this year. But Tipperary go there this time with the confidence born of being champions and undisputed champions at that. And, having overcome a nine point deficit in Thurles, it will take a lot of hammer-blows of fate to upset their composure.

Assuming that Nicky English and Cormac Bonnar will be fit to take their places beside Pat Fox in the full line of attack and that the half line again comprises Michael Cleary – Declan Ryan – John Leahy, I have no fears for the forward line being able to cope with the Cork defence and neither for that matter would I be worried about the midfield, a midfield of Declan Carr and Aidan Ryan.

A question mark still remains over the defence. The full back line of Paul Delaney, Noel Sheehy, Michael Ryan, came good before this last championship season was out. Ryan was the defensive find of 1991, Delaney class personified and I shall always remember one thundering brave-all-before-him clearance by Sheehy in the All-Ireland final.

The Bonnar brothers, Colm and Conal can be trusted to man the wing back positions with total commitment and élan in their hurling. Bobby Ryan played with immense courage and the undying 'spirit of Knocknagow that in fact could well decide whether Tipperary will retain the Liam McCarthy Cup.

In turn it leads on to the debate whether Conal Bonnar should be started at centre-back rather than being switched there in a crisis, that is if Tipperary do not, between now and next June, groom someone else to take over. Bobby Ryan with his experience is a tremendous asset to any squad to spring from the bench in a situation of injury in defence. The fact remains, however that Kilkenny could have put Tipperary away in the first half of this year's All-Ireland final and really should have done so.

The outstanding memory for me of 1991 will be of Thurles on the day of the Munster final replay – indeed, of a wonderful weekend that carried on into Monday evening.

To the Tipperary hurlers of '91 – and sporting Cork also – I say with feeling: 'Thanks for the memories'.



Officials of Kilkenny County Council pictured with Pat Fox (extreme right) at the recent Kilkenny/Slievenamon Association dinner dance (left to right): Tom Morris (Gortnahoe); Tadhg McSherry (Borrisoleigh); John McCormack (Thurles); Tom Kirwan (Moycarkey); Martin Mullally (Ballingarry); Michael Barry (Fethard).



# A League Short of Lure

By: J. J. Kennedy

**I**t began inspirationally, ended insipidly. Seldom has a league foretold so little of what to expect in the championship. Hard to imagine that a rollicking romp through the pre-Christmas itinerary forebode a New Year slump that ended with exit to Offaly in the semi-final . . . and pretty tepid exit at that.

Mind you Offaly's outright success softened the smack somewhat but it was meagre enough consolation in a competition that roared along boisterously early on only to tail-off in the feeblest of whimpers later. In retrospect perhaps it slimmed down expectations and concentrated minds for the championship; Offaly's win had the contrary effect in their worst championship year in many.

Inevitably we view league as championship precursor, there to blood and blend for the mid-summer highlights; useful when you stay the distance to knock-outs and there's both lure and lucre in outright success. Ironical then that the '90-'91 Royal Liver session gave us little comfort and lengthened odds on our championship prospects. The pre-Christmas business had been grand with four wins to a faultless account. And it resumed similarly after the turkey and pudding. But then came the losing business, controversially to Wexford and conclusively to Kilkenny. And the Offaly caper marked the nadir of our fluctuating graph.

So my assignment is to trace the span of a campaign from early flattery to late deception. It's for record rather than celebratory purpose; an eight game league of the highs and lows that was forerunner to our 24th All-Ireland.

Our tale commences in the fall of '90. Theo stepped out and O'Donoghue stepped in amid the lingering reverberations from the Summer Munster final; Cork's All-Ireland had fuelled the might-have-beens. The culbáire of '64 and '65 successes was to enjoy an extended honeymoon that would avoid defeat until the Wexford trip in March.

The ledger opened with a visit from Clare in late October. Len Gaynor beginning his new assignment across Shannon brought a Clare outfit to the Stadium that conceded twenty two points in a nine point loss. The Tipp craft was launched smoothly, albeit minus champagne bottles.

The opening salvo was competent and clearcut. Conor Stakelum, in exuberant form, hit seven; Fox landed six. Some wasteful shooting could be afforded in the luxury in the margin. It hadn't been a full strength side — it rarely is at this time of year. For the record we began thus: Jody



Tipp v Offaly — League Semi-Final in Limerick  
Selectors: Keating, Nealon, O'Donoghue plan strategy.

Grace; Michael Ryan (Ballinahinch), Noel Sheehy, Michael O'Meara; John Madden, Declan Ryan, Bobby Ryan; Colm Bonnar and Joe Hayes; Declan Carr, Gerry Williams, Michael Cleary; Pat Fox, Cormac Bonnar, Conor Stakelum. Mick Ryan shipped a heavy and late charge before half time and was stretchered off; his namesake from the 'Church was the replacement. Leahy came in for Hayes and O'Connell for Colm Bonnar.

And so with two points safely lodged to the account Croke Park and Dublin on November 4th was the next instalment. Upperchurch's Ryan retained right back, Carr moved out midfield alongside Bonnar and Leahy started at wing in attack.

Twenty two points against Clare and we did the same against Dublin, only this time there was the addition of a pair of goals. Big Bonnar had two first half 'goals' blown back and Dublin's Sean McDermott netted a pair; the net result was parity at half time, 2-4 to 0-10.

Squandered chances and shakiness in defence occupied the half time chat. And corrective measures were taken: out went Mick Ryan; Bobby slipped in corner back; Conal Bonnar (who started midfield instead of the injured Colm) went wing; Leahy came midfield; Stakelum out to wing; and enter Dinny Ryan at corner.

The transformation was total: we scored 2-12 to Dublin's 0-2 in the second half for an avalanche win; Cormac Bonnar and Dinny Ryan hit the goals.

Interrupting our league on the following Sunday came an Oireachtas final with

Galway — earlier we'd beaten Dublin in the semi. Joe Hayes captained the side at Ennis in a 1-15 to 0-7 success that surprised more than a few. It bridged an eighteen year gap.

Back to the league on the following Sunday and Cork came to town wearers of the crown they'd swiped from us in mid Summer. They'd been celebrating and wintering well in the calories department, as we'd done the previous year, looking noticeably unenthusiastic as Tipp swept to a nine point win.

Ken Hogan had resumed on goal, Ballinahinch's Mick Ryan was back corner, Loughmore's Ned Ryan partnered Conal Bonnar in the centre with Carr at ten; otherwise we fielded the same as against Dublin.

"Dashing Bonnar rattles Cork", proclaimed the 'Star' headline focussing in Cormac's impressive contribution to a morale restoring win. Roll on the summer, we thought. Three rounds and six points on the credit side of a league account looking rosier by the game.

A trip Shannonside then for the final league spin of the calendar year. Team the same as against Cork. At 0-9 to 0-5 to our credit at the interval it was far from decisive. A Joe O'Connor hit Limerick goal on the turnaround seemed to threaten our position but Fox smartly and rapidly cancelled at the other end and we held out for a 1-12 to 1-6 win. Saves by Hogan had been a feature as had English's entrance late in the time for his first acton since the Munster final.



Limerick had held us closest of the pre-Christmas games but we headed to the break hip to hip with Wexford atop the league pile on a perfect record of eight points. Qualification was virtually assured.

February 27th signalled the restart with Joe McGrath and Waterford at the Stadium. We expected it tough and weren't disappointed. Our lead was just 0-6 to 0-5 at half time but English kicked a pair of goals on the turnover and we constructed a lead that could easily withstand a pair of late Waterford goals. Final margin 2-14 to 2-8.

Tipp had played without the injured Ken Hogan, John Leahy and Colm Bonnar. Jody Grace was back, in goal, Declan Carr midfield with Conal Bonnar and Conor Stakelum on the wing making room for English in the corner. Stakelum hit four points and Fox had to withdraw with a head gash from a Damien Byrne clash.

With Wexford losing on the sam3 day Tipp went top of the table – the knock-outs were now certain.

Unbeaten we headed to Belfield Park Enniscorthy on March 3rd for a clash with a Wexford who'd beaten us regularly in recent times. In the snug confidence of qualification we experimented and lost one that might easily have been won. Grace was in goal; we had O'Donovan at full back; John Kennedy returned at wing; Carr and Hayes played centre; Holycross's Lanigan, O'Connell and Stakelum manned the 'forty'; Dinny Ryan was corner.

It was a case of *deja vu* in the first half, Wexford leading 1-8 to 0-1 at break time. Martin Storey had been causing problems at wing forward and all round Tipp were making little impact.

The second half though witnessed a Tipp transformation and that lead began to shrivel until Stakelum cancelled it outright with our only goal. And when Jimmy Holohan restored Wexford's lead with a point we seemed to have salvaged a draw with a Dinny Ryan equaliser. Not so deemed referee, John Bailey. In added time a dropping ball, an incomprehensible whistle, and Holohan landed the winner. The same Jimmy had saved us the previous year when pipping Galway and sending them to relegation while we drew with Kilkenny.

So a league defeat – our first – although



At the welcome home for the Tipperary team in Holycross  
Declan Carr, captain with former greats Mick Maher and Pat Stakelum.

on the plus side it was a fine second half showing by a depleted side cruelly deprived of a deserved draw.

Kilkenny visited the Stadium in late March for the final bout before knock-outs. They needed points, we didn't. Still we'd have liked to beat them to reverse recent trends in these clashes.

"Hungry cats savage Tipp", ran the 'Star' headline. Another stinging reversal from our keenest of rivals. We trailed 1-11 to 0-5 at half time and the gap held through the second period for an end deficit of 2-17 to 0-13. Still we tried to dwell as little as possible on the outcome and looked for better things in the semi-final. Ironically the defeat put us into the seemingly softer side of the knock-out draw. Offaly came from division two via a play-off against Down who'd previously beaten them; they put out Wexford in quarter-final extra-time. We should make the final it seemed.

Alas for vain hopes. Our late April semi-final with Offaly at Limerick marked the nadir of our league. We had Delaney back corner back alongside O'Donovan and Sheehy – it would later be our starting championship line; there was Madden, Declan and Bobby on the half line as they

had been for most of the league; Aidan Ryan failed fitness for midfield and so Leahy moved out to partner Conal Bonnar; Carr, Hayes and Stakelum manned the half line of attack; Dinny Ryan, Cormac Bonnar and Cleary started full.

A poor game compounded our displeasure at defeat. Faulty finishing deprived Dinny Ryan and Stakelum of first half goals that might have altered subsequent history. We retired level at 0-4 each at half time.

The resumption remained poor and tight. A lack of forward potency in the absence of Fox and English was to see the later switch of Declan Ryan to the troubled area for the championship. Daithi Regan pounced for the only goal of the hour that clinched it for Offaly (1-7 to 0-7) who went on to deprive Wexford in the decider.

Tipp's star looking so bright at Christmas was suddenly veiled by a foreboding eclipse. Expectations revised we plotted for championship and the rest as they say is history. Offaly are welcome to their league – the championship will do just grand.



Joe Hayes acknowledges the Tipp supporters after the semi-final against Limerick in Thurles.



# County Juniors carve a special niche

By Declan Kelly (*The Cork Examiner*)

**I**N Junior hurling parlance, 1991 will long be remembered in Tipperary as the year when familiar faces made a return to the championship scene and helped the juniors carve a very special niche in the county's hurling record books.

After the memorable treble of which the juniors were such an integral part in 1989, nobody would have blamed some of the senior figures if they had decided to leave the scene and bow out at the top.

True to form however, almost all of them made a dramatic return to the blue and gold this summer, and in doing so, reincarnated their exploits of two years hence.

Indeed, such was the similarity of their path to the title in both campaigns that they could have been forgiven for thinking that this year's win was something of a *Deja Vu* experience in many respects.

Those of us who were lucky enough to witness most of the games in both 1989 and 1991 will readily acknowledge that the junior hurlers provided us with more than our fair share of hurling entertainment.

This was never more in evidence, for example, than in what has become known as the "real" All-Ireland final against Kilkenny, where John Ryan from Upperchurch gave a second half display which will certainly live with him long after he has hung up his boots.

While that was the ultimate crowning glory however, the real graft began much earlier in the season when, after a steady preparation in challenge games, the squad faced Clare in the opening round.

This turned out to be a comfortable victory in the end, primarily because Tipp had moved into an unassailable lead of 2-10 to 0-4 by the interval.

Clare did offer some brief resurgence with two goals in the third quarter, but they simply did not have the firepower to threaten the Tipp defence, who were in superb form for the full hour.

Indeed, the final scoreline of 3-3 to 2-11 did not truly reflect the level of Tipperary's dominance, with players like Mick Stapleton, Damian Quinlan, Gerry O'Brien, Liam Sheehy, Eamon Maher and Sean Nealon in particularly good form.

With such a convincing win behind them, it was not altogether surprising to see Tipperary being ranked as firm favourites in their bid to secure an historic fourth Munster title in a row.



*Tipperary captain Gerry O'Brien holds the Cup aloft watched by Tipperary's Michael Maher, Chairman of Munster Council.*

Cork were to provide the opposition, and few who were lucky enough to be in Mallow for the game will ever forget the drama and tension which pervaded the final quarter.

Although there had been little or nothing between the sides at the interval, Tipp began to assert some dominance in the third quarter, and led by a seemingly unbeatable eight points with just five minutes to go.

There then followed what can only be described as the most remarkable of comebacks, as Cork gradually clawed their way back into contention.

A dubious free awarded in the dying moments secured a share of the spoils for the home team, and Tipperary supporters were left to return home wondering only about what might have been.

Still, the final scoreline of 4-13 to 5-10 was a more than adequate indication of the standard of hurling which had been served up to the sizeable attendance, and few of them would have been willing to miss the replay in Thurles the following week.

Unfortunately, from an entertainment perspective, the replay provided only rare glimpses of the competitiveness and zest which had pervaded the initial encounter.

Indeed, few could have predicted the overwhelming victory which Tipp ultimately enjoyed, when, after an evenly

contested first half, they stepped up a gear and moved firmly into control.

Two Seán Nealon goals in the third quarter really put paid to a weaker than expected Cork challenge, and Tipp eventually ran out winners by the scoreline of 2-20 to 0-11.

Perhaps the most noticeable feature of Tipp's victory that day was that it showed the strength of the whole panel, with players such as John Leamy, Pat Maguire and Padraig O'Keeffe proving themselves more than able deputies for the men they replaced.

And so, it was on to Birr for the All-Ireland semi-final, where Armagh were to provide the opposition.

To be candid, the less said about this game the better, for it turned out to be little more than shooting practice for the Tipperary forwards.

The final tally of three goals and nineteen points was more than indicative of the massive gulf between the teams, and called into question yet again the real worth of pitting two counties like this against one another.

Certainly, the Tipp selectors would have preferred a sterner test of character before the final, where, as expected, old foes Kilkenny were again the opposition.



Little was known of the Cats on this occasion, because Noel Skehan and his cohorts had to go in search of an entirely new fifteen after their success the previous year.

By the time the final whistle had sounded in Limerick on the day of the final, it seemed as if that requirement had proved to be just a little too onerous for the Noresiders, against a Tipp side which was probably stronger than it had ever been before.

Few enough conclusions could have been drawn from the first half activities, but the inspired introduction of John Ryan at the interval was to prove the ultimate match-winning move for the Tipperary camp.

Ryan was only on the field for forty seconds when he rattled the Kilkenny net for the first time, and he also had another disallowed, before registering his second legitimate green flag with just 12 minutes remaining.

This brace essentially gave Tipp the breathing space they needed, but it should not be forgotten either that a series of superb saves from John Leamy went more than a long way towards ensuring that the first leg of the double was completed.

The scenes of jubilation in Limerick after the game were more than reminiscent of the celebrations on the same turf after the victory over Galway two years previous.

Similarly, Portroe village was definitely the place to be that night, where captain Gerry O'Brien, so long a loyal servant to the county at senior and junior level, was justifiably toasted.

While the celebrations continued, those involved were certain that their exploits had ended at least for another season, but they had not reckoned with the powers that be within the Association.



*Tipperary mentors in a relaxed mood before the junior hurling All-Ireland semi-final between Tipperary and Armagh in Birr. (l. to r.) Noel Browne, Vinny Ryan, Tommy Murphy, Pat Flynn, Jackie Cooke, Jim O'Brien, Mick Cullagh, Noel Ryan and Billy Sweeney.*

Some weeks after the Kilkenny game came the news that the Association deemed it necessary for Tipp to play London in what they saw as the real All-Ireland final.

Those who were at the resulting game will need no convincing as to the insanity of that decision.

That aside, however, those of us who were lucky enough to be at most of the Tipp junior team's games this season will have gained many happy memories, because this year's panel could never be accused of failing to provide good hurling entertainment.

For this scribe at any rate, just as the

exploits of John Sheedy, Seamus Burke and company can easily be recounted from 1989, the consistency of players like Mick Stapleton, Shane McManus, Gerry O'Brien, and the forward trio of Sheedy, Nealon and Maher stood apart throughout this year's campaign.

Next season the defence of their All-Ireland title may not be such an easy task for the Tipperary selectors, but on the evidence of recent years, the future of junior hurling in the county is more than secure.

That, when everything else is considered, is all that can really be deemed to matter.

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# Tipperary U-21 Hurling 1991

By: JOHN GUITON (*Tipperary Star*)

**S**PORT can be so enjoyable, rewarding and fulfilling. A rich part of our lives. Frequently it can be so cruel too. There is a terrible irony in the fact that Tipperary U/21 hurlers, and Limerick for that matter, contributed so much to the Munster championship and yet they have nothing to show for their all out efforts.

In the year of draws, both teams carved their names in the record books beside the Dublins and the Meaths after contesting three games at semi-final stage, in order to establish a winner. In the end Limerick shaded the verdict in the second replay in Tipperary town, only to subsequently lose badly to Cork in the final.

## A MARATHON TIE

At the conclusion of this marathon tie Tipperary did not have to be reminded that they had missed a glorious chance of making the final from day one. They came within a whisker of suffering a humiliation defeat in an extraordinary match at Semple Stadium, the first meeting of the sides towards the middle of July, and had to depend on corner-forward Padraig O'Keeffe to clinch the equaliser in injury time.

The sides ended up with 2-10 apiece, but few in the sizeable crowd could have envisaged such a dramatic fightback from the Shannonsiders, as Tipp. looked to be cantering to victory entering the closing stages. They looked a safe bet to reach their third Munster decider, and probably snatch the honours, as they built up an eight point lead in the early stages of the second-half. Limerick with the benefit of a win over Clare rallied thanks to the inspiration of senior Frankie Carroll, and

two goals in the last three minutes from Padraig Tobin had Tipperary supporters numb in disbelief. Fortunately O'Keeffe came to the rescue and we lived to fight another day.

Shock was firmly etched on the faces of the Tipp. team and mentors as they trudged to the dressing-room more like men who had suffered a huge loss, rather than having fought bravely to survive. Yet one suspected that they would rectify the mistake next time out against a team that relied almost singlehandedly for so long on Carroll to score nine points of their total. That was no more than wishful thinking

however for in the replay at Kilmallock a week later in another tension-filled contest that went to extra time and still remained deadlocked, Tipp. had every opportunity again of winning. In what was scoringwise chiefly a personal duel between Ken Ralph, and Frankie Carroll, Tipp hardly reckoned on Limerick staging another fightback when they took control in the early stages, with the aid of the breeze, but again Carroll lifted Limerick. The rangy centre-forward hit all Limerick's eight points in the second half as they whittled away Tipp's three point interval lead. While it still looked as if Tipp might hold



TIPPERARY UNDER-21 SELECTORS 1991

Noel Brown, Mick Minogue, Paddy O'Meara, Billy Carroll and Willie Ryan.



THE TIPPERARY TEAM which drew with Limerick in the Munster under-21 hurling semi-final at Thurles.

BACK ROW (left to right) Paul Maher, Tom Duggan, Liam Fallon, Raymie Ryan, Declan O'Meara, Kevin McCormack, John Kennedy, T. J. Connolly, Ken Ralph, Tony Delaney, Eoin Maher, Michael O'Meara, Owen Cummins, Cathal Egan, Pat Ivors. FRONT ROW (left to right): Pat Maguire, Shane Ivors, Paudie O'Keeffe, Brian O'Dwyer, Eamonn Maher, Michael Ryan, George Frend (captain), Chris Byron, Michael Hogan, Denis O'Shea, Anthony Wall, Ailbe Bonnar, Vinny Ryan.



out by a slender margin, Carroll secured Limerick's passage to extra time with the equaliser (1-9 to 0-12).

For the most part of extra time, Tipperary looked the better outfit. The switch of hard-working senior player Michael Ryan from full-back to centre-back, to keep tabs on Carroll worked well. Ryan had played at full-forward in the drawn game in Thurles, but he clearly was much more 'at home' in his familiar defensive role now, and Tipp. led by 1-12 to 0-12 at the break of the extra period. Limerick looked a beaten side with Ciaran Carey, never fully recovered from his accident, tiring somewhat, but they called on all their reserves of strength and resilience to level the pegging once again (1-4 each).

## SECOND REPLAY

Now in the month of August and still no solution to the 'problem'! Round three took the teams to Tipperary Town, and alas Tipp's. hopes of a clean sweep of Munster hurling honours went by the wayside.

Three points separated the teams at the end (1-9 to 0-9), but Tipperary could have no complaints as they badly lacked scoring power. Overall Limerick were the more incisive side, and were it not for the Tipp. defence, the margin of defeat might have been greater. How Limerick relished the win, however, over opposition that had ended their championship prospects in three other grades.

So, after three tough matches Tipp. were left to regret that awful slip up on the

first occasion. Without doubt they were much better than Limerick on that evening, but learned in the long term, to their cost, that possession must invariably be translated into scores in order to achieve the desired results. In saluting the efforts of the team over this fascinating three match series, let's not forget the work behind the scenes of coach Mick Minogue (Roscrea) and selectors Billy Carroll (St. Mary's, Clonmel), Willie Ryan (Moycarkey-Borris), Paddy O'Meara (Lorrha), Noel Browne (Galtee Rovers). As much effort was invested in this side, as in the winning of All-Irelands in other grades, only it failed to yield fruit.

Tipperary have had great innings in this grade. No doubt, they'll come again.



*Sean Treacy's 1966 Co. Intermediate Hurling Champions at reunion on November 23, 1991.*



*Pictured at the blessing and unveiling of headstone, erected by Kilsheelan G.A.A. Club in August, 1991 to the memory of the late Jack Fleming, (left to right): Jimmy Prendergast, John Keboe, Jackie Geoghegan, Tommy O'Keeffe, Paddy Joe O'Sullivan and the late Jerry O'Keeffe, R.I.P., with Pat Larkin and Johnny Dempsey holding banner.*



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# Kilkenny minors end dreams of All-Ireland glory

Liam Doran "Nenagh Guardian"

**T**HE All-Ireland minor hurling title has been a difficult one for Tipperary to win in recent generations. In thirty-two years our only victories have been in 1959, 1976, 1980 and 1982. Kilkenny ended our dreams in 1960, '61, and '62. Offaly in 1987, while Galway halted us in the semi-finals of 1973 and 1983. This year we had a very good minor team which we hoped would make September 1st a really memorable day for Tipperary, but Kilkenny, with a great second half rally, dashed our hopes.

Shortly after three o'clock that afternoon the atmosphere in the Tipperary dressingroom was one of shock and disbelief that a game which looked like going their way midway through the second half should on the run in, be snatched from them. Some of the players were weeping. It was impossible not to share their disappointment. We had all come a long way together over the previous months of trials, training, and championship. For me there was the added bond in that some of the players have been close friends since under-12 days in the North. Victories over Cork, Limerick and Galway had fuelled the dream, and now the dream had been shattered . . .

## Munster championship

I saw the team taking shape in their friendlies against Clare, Limerick, Offaly, Galway and Wexford, and with each game I could see it was a team of great potential. The championship's opening game on May 1 was a tough baptism of fire against 1990 champions, Cork, in Limerick. The mentors made an astute choice in selecting Mark Leonard at midfield for he quickly established superiority over Cork's main star Brian Corcoran and the Cork mentors were forced to switch Corcoran away after about twenty minutes. A goal by Adrian Hogan had Tipp four points clear by the quarter hour but Cork showed their metal and at the interval Tipp were only one point ahead at the interval, 1-5 to 1-4. Seven minutes into the second half Tipp got the decisive breakthrough when after efforts by Adrian Hogan and Gerry Maguire were blocked, Tomás Fogarty got the vital touch to send to the net. Now Tipp were in the driving seat, and you could sense the desperation in the Cork camp as their three substitutes were used in quick succession. They got a penalty six minutes from the end, but only scored a point off it, and Tipperary held on for a magnificent victory, 2-9 to 1-7.



Adrian Hogan - Tipperary captain raises aloft the Munster Minor hurling championship cup.

It was a supreme team effort, all fifteen playing their hearts out. But for me what really emphasised the pride and honour of wearing the blue and gold was the courageous display of Brian Gaynor and Brian O'Meara. Gaynor received a facial injury early in the second half and O'Meara had to have stitches inserted in a head wound but both continued to play with skill and determination to the very end.



Minor hurling coach John Ivors

## Munster glory

Limerick were the opponents in the Munster final. Tipp had played them in a friendly in Cappamore on Easter Monday, and they looked poor as Tipp romped to a 3-9 to 0-2 win. Limerick had beaten Clare - rather surprisingly in the semi-final. With ten of the side that I saw on Easter Monday, I felt that the victory over Clare was a flash in the pan. Events in Pairc Ui Chaoimh bore out my view. Tipp were seven points clear at the interval, 2-6 to 0-5, and by the final whistle the margin had gone to fourteen points - Tipp's biggest winning margin in a minor final since 1961. It was a particularly memorable final for Sarsfield's Lar Barrett, who scored all three Tipp goals. The selectors gave Roscrea's Conor Egan, who had been added to the squad following some good performances with his club, a run in the last few minutes.

After a few days back training resumed twice a week at either Semple Stadium or the spartan surroundings of the Thurles Vocational school pitch. Galway were the opponents in Croke Park, and like Cork, formidable opponents. The squad and officials travelled up to Dublin on the Saturday evening, and stayed at the Spa hotel in Lucan. After Mass in Lucan church on Sunday morning, it was on to St. Brigid's G.A.A. club for a puck around. Galway had run Tipp close in successive under-16 Nenagh Co-op finals, so the Tipp lads knew they would pose a stern challenge.

Tipp had to line out without Brian Gaynor due to illness with Timmy Gleeson coming in to replace him. Tipp did well in the first half, leading 1-7 to 0-4 at the interval, but entered a valley period in the first quarter of the second half when a string of Galway scores reduced the lead to a single point. The introduction of Brian Fannery and Conor Egan helped to steady Tipp and with eight minutes to go Egan set up Tomás Fogarty for Tipp's second goal. Galway came back for a late goal, but Tipp's passage to the final was booked on a 2-15 to 1-13 scoreline. It was a game in which Michael Ferncombe established himself as a goalkeeper of real class, on two occasions with superb saves denying Galway of what seemed certain goals.

## The All-Ireland Final

With Semple Stadium closed off, the minor training was switched to Tipperary town. Travelling on the North bus on its circuitous route meant that Conor Egan and myself didn't get back to Roscrea from the sessions till after midnight. But



one didn't feel the journey, the "crack" on Bertie's bus was always tremendous.

It was the first time in 20 years that Tipp would have two teams in Croke Park on All-Ireland day. The seniors had won in 1962, but the minors had fallen to Kilkenny, this year's opponents. I hoped it wouldn't be an omen.

Two buses left Thurles on Saturday evening for Dublin. The minors were booked in to the Burlington along with the seniors. While Brian Gaynor came through his midweek fitness test to resume his place on the team, one member of the squad was to be bitterly disappointed that weekend. Brian Flannery was taken ill on Saturday night with appendicitis and had an early morning operation. His absence was felt keenly for Brian is the kind of player you can send into any position and know he would give 100 per cent. The mentors defensive substitution options were certainly reduced by his enforced withdrawal.

Kilkenny had their own problems, they were without Philip Larkin who was under suspension, but they wouldn't surrender easily. But it was a final Tipp found it hard to get going in. We had problems at midfield, and our forward line wasn't firing on all cylinders. We were ahead by two points at the interval, and seemed to be getting the vital breakthrough when Conor Egan goaled in the 48th minute. But instead of capitalising on it, we failed to score for the remainder of the half. Instead it was Kilkenny who were revitalised, and with P. J. Delaney hitting four points in quick succession, Tipp were overhauled and the Cup was snatched away to Kilkenny.



*Tomás Fogarty in action during the All-Ireland minor hurling final.*

And so a glorious run came to an end. It was a great privilege to be with Adrian and the lads over so many months, and the ultimate defeat won't dim the many wonderful memories. I must also comment on the work of John Ivors and selectors Jimmy Conroy, Sean Nugent, Phil Lowry and T. J. Dwyer. One would have to be there as I was over the many

months to really understand the tremendous amount of time and effort these men put into getting Tipperary to the first minor final appearance in four years. They left no stone unturned in their efforts for the lads and their dedication and commitment was deeply appreciated by the squad.

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**V**ictory at last! was the cry and the sign of relief among Cashel King Cormac's supporters at Semple Stadium, Thurles, on November 10 when their team recorded a first ever victory in the county senior hurling championship.

It was the 101st county final to be played since the first in 1887 and it was the fifth time in that period for Cashel to reach the final stage. Previous involvements in 1937, 1939, 1940 and 1990 had ended in defeat. Three players from the earlier days, Michael Leamy, Mickey Murphy and Michael Burke, watched the glorious breakthrough from the VIP section of Ardán Ó Ráin and savoured the sweets of victory that had eluded them.

In making the breakthrough Cashel joined a growing number of clubs which have won the ultimate honour in county hurling since the dominance of Thurles Sarsfields was ended in the mid-sixties.

During that time seven teams (eight if one includes Clonoulty-Rossmore, who won a first back in 1898) have won county senior hurling titles for the first time. They are Carrick Davins, Roscrea, Moyne-Templetuohy, Moneygall, Kilruane-MacDonaghs, Cappawhite, Loughmore-Castleiney and, now, Cashel. There are obviously other teams capable of making the breakthrough. One immediately thinks of Éire Óg, Nenagh and Lorrha.

In contrast to the 1990 championship, Cashel had a tough passage through the west. Whereas Kickhams didn't provide much opposition in the first round, a very determined Clonoulty-Rossmore had to be overcome in the semi-final. The final pairing with Cappawhite was a very difficult game.

The 1987 champions showed that they were no pushover and with a bit of luck might have got the verdict. In the end Cashel had four points to spare due mainly to the brilliant accuracy of Tommy Grogan, who scored ten of Cashel's twelve points from frees while Man of the Match, Jamesy O'Donoghue, got the other two scores from play.

Meanwhile, Holycross-Ballycahill were making snakelike progress through the mid division. Beating Gortnahoe in the first round they had to play Loughmore-Castleiney twice before coming out on top. They beat Thurles Sarsfields in one game but needed two matches to overcome Moycarkey-Borris in the mid final.

Toomevara, also, had a long trek through the north, beating Portroe, Roscrea and Lorrha on their way to the final. They drew with Éire Óg in the final on the first day but had four points to spare in the replay.

The earliest divisional final to be played was the south and it took place on the last Sunday in July. Killenaule won their fifteenth title when they beat Carrick Swan by two points on a scoreline of 0-15 to 1-10.

#### COUNTY QUARTER-FINALS

The first of the quarter-finals were played at Golden on September 29. In the first game Cappawhite had a comfort-

able win over Killenaule, winning by 2-18 to 0-13. The game was a close contest for three-quarters of the hour but then, in a sudden burst, Cappawhite shook off the opposition and pointed their way to victory with consummate ease. There were fine displays by Pa O'Neill, John 'Fox' O'Neill and Ger Ryan (B).

In the second game Cashel had a facile win over a desperately poor and disorganised Carrick Swan side. They led by 2-15 to 0-2 at half-time and strolled to victory by 4-18 to 1-7. Feature of the game was the perfect accuracy of Tommy Grogan, who scored ten points from placed balls and a brilliant display by Pa Fitzel at centreback.

The other two quarter-final games were played at Semple Stadium on October 13. In the first Toomevara had a dream start and were 2-2 up before Moycarkey had settled down. Gradually Moycarkey got to grips with the game and were only three points in arrears after twenty minutes. However, Toomevara stepped up their

great fight-back by Éire Óg in the final quarter and survived by 2-3 to 0-9. The excitement in the closing stages went some way towards making amends for what had been largely a poor enough contest. Holycross had but one score, a point from a free by Declan Carr, in the first half-hour and were behind by 0-4 to 0-1 at the interval. However, they got two goals at vital stages during the second half and survived the Éire Óg rally by 2-3 to 0-9.

In the replay the following Saturday, Holycross snatched victory from the jaws of defeat thanks to a last-minute goal by Tony Lanigan. It was a game that Nenagh looked like winning for most of the hour. Eight points clear after twenty minutes they led by 1-9 to 2-4 at the interval and were six points in front ten minutes into the second half.

Probably the turning point of the game was in the fifty-second minute. Michael Cleary had been fouled by Johnny Doyle on his way to the Holycross goal. Instead of getting a free, Cleary was penalised by referee Willie Barrett, for allegedly carrying the ball too far, and a free given to the champions. From that free Tony Lanigan picked up a short clearance from Nenagh goalkeeper Seamus Kennedy, passed to Tomás Fogarty, who rattled the net. This left only a point between the sides and, during the nail-biting closing stages, Philip Kennedy scored to give Nenagh a two-point advantage.

Then in the dying moments Pat Slattery's puck-out put Holycross into the attack and the Éire Óg defence got badly caught out when Paul Slattery made the room for Tony Lanigan to score the vital goal from the edge of the square.

#### THE SEMI-FINALS

The semi-finals were played at Semple Stadium on October 27. Cashel and Toomevara opposed one another in the opening game, a repeat of their quarter-final encounter the previous year. In a very close contest Cashel were never able to shake off a determined and fighting Toomevara. The west champions led by 1-5 to 0-5 at the interval and looked as if they would win comfortably. However, Toomevara came at them during the third

## The Senior Hurling Championship

By SEAMUS J. KING

display once again and were in front by 2-7 to 1-5 at the interval. In the third quarter Moycarkey reduced the deficit to two points and seemed set to go into the lead. But Toomevara rallied and at the end of a very exciting final quarter had two points to spare at the final whistle in a score of 2-9 to 1-10.

The second match ended in a draw. Draw specialists Holycross withstood a



Cashel - County Final Winners - Cormac Bonnar is congratulated.



quarter and the verdict was in doubt until Cormac Bonnar scored his second goal at the beginning of the third quarter.

For the final quarter Cashel held the initiative but they could never be comfortable against an opposition that refused to die. Had the north champions taken their opportunities from the placed ball the result might very well have been different.

In the second semi-final Holycross survived a strong Cappawhite challenge by the minimum margin in a score of 1-17 to 3-10. For much of the game the men from the west looked like bringing Holycross's reign to an end. They hurled with great zeal and proved themselves undeserving of their underdog tag. However, they were never able to get the vital scores when they most needed them. Cappawhite led by 1-6 to 0-7 at the interval.

With the wind in their favour Holycross reduced the deficit and went into a three-point lead. It seemed as if they would coast away. But Cappawhite struck back with two goals to go into a three-point lead. This setback seemed to stimulate the mid men who struck back with five points to be two points in front going into the last five minutes. During these minutes Cappawhite tried desperately to get the goal that would give them victory. But all they could secure was a point and they were behind by the minimum of margins when referee Michael Cahill sounded the final whistle.

#### THE FINAL

The final at Semple Stadium on November 10 was looked forward to with great expectation. Holycross, on the basis of their third final appearance and their ability to survive against great odds during their earlier games, were the slightest of favourites at about 9/8. They also had a new coach in Francis Loughnane.

Cashel, on the other hand, were determined to reverse the previous year's defeat. They had in their favour the immeasurable services of Justin McCarthy's coaching and the value of three tough encounters, with Clonoulty, Cappawhite and Toomevara, on their way to the final. Above all, they had a fierce determination to become the first Cashel team to win a senior hurling final.

An estimated crowd of twelve thousand was present when Johnny MacDonnell of Roscrea threw in the ball to begin the 101st county final. Holycross had a strong wind in their favour and, within two minutes of the start they should have had a goal up when Paul Slattery blazed the ball over the bar from less than ten yards with only the goalie, John Ryan, to beat.

Cashel replied with points from a Tommy Grogan free and a mighty effort by T.J. Connolly from under the new stand. Then disaster struck Cashel when goalie John Ryan, with apparently all the time in the world to clear his lines, fumbled the ball and Pat Cahill pounced to put the ball away for a Holycross goal. But Cashel came back and were unlucky



*Colm Bonnar raises the Dan Breen Cup following the County Final.*

when a fine effort by Ailbe Bonnar in the 16th minute was saved by the woodwork. Declan Carr got two points and Tommy Grogan one to leave the half-time score 1-4 to 0-4 in favour of the champions.

With the wind in Cashel's favour after the interval it looked as if it was to be their day. However, the third quarter was a tough and difficult time for the west men as the county champions refused to yield and put up the most determined resistance.

It took the full quarter for Cashel to draw level but then the turning point came in the sixteenth minute when Tommy Grogan netted to put Cashel two points ahead. Michael Doyle replied with a point, the only score by Holycross in the half, and, even though Cashel were dominant, the only reward they got was a 47th minute point by T.J. Connolly.

However, five minutes from time, Cormac Bonnar clinched the title with a superb goal and this put paid to any chance that Holycross had of staging a Houdini revival in the last minute. The last word came from Jamesy O'Donoghue who had a point in the 59th minute to give Cashel a 2-8 to 1-5 win and their first county final victory.

And so it was that a new name was inscribed on the Dan Breen Cup, which was received amidst great excitement by Cashel captain Colm Bonnar, from county chairman Michael McGuire. It was a

victory that was fully deserved and one to which all the team contributed handsomely but none more than Raymie Ryan, who won the Man of the Match Award presented by John Quirke of Cahir, Pat O'Donoghue, Conal Bonnar, Pat Fitzell, Colm Bonnar and T.J. Connolly. For Holycross their best performances came from Benjy Browne, Michael Doyle, T.J. Lanigan and Declan Carr.

The victorious panel was as follows: John Ryan, Michael Perdue, Pat O'Donoghue, Tony Slattery, Raymie Ryan, Pa Fitzelle, Conal Bonnar, Colm Bonnar, Willie Fitzelle, Jamesy O'Donoghue, T.J. Connolly, John Grogan, Tommy Grogan, Cormac Bonnar, Ailbe Bonnar. Sub: Timmy Moloney for Ailbe Bonnar. Also: Joe Minogue, Declan McGrath, Seanie Barron, Sean Slattery, Sean O'Donoghue, Joe O'Leary, Peter Fitzell, Ger Slattery, Sean Morrissey, Liam Devitt, Don Higgins. Selectors: Justin McCarthy (coach), Brendan Bonnar, Aonghus Ryan, John Darmody.

The Holycross-Ballycahill side was as follows: Pat Slattery, Johnny Doyle, Tom Dwyer, Ruairi Dwan, Phil Dwyer, Michael Doyle, Benjy Browne, Declan Carr, P.J. Lanigan, Paddy Dwan, Paul Slattery, Paul Maher, Tony Lanigan, Tomás Fogarty, Pat Cahill. Subs: Ciaran Carroll for Paddy Dwan; William Ryan for Tomás Fogarty. Also: Donal Ryan, Robert Stakelum, Jim Butler, Timmy Gleeson, Paddy Browne. Selectors: Michael Ryan, Seamus Mackey, Phil Lowry, Francis Loughnane (coach).

### COUNTY SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP 1991 RESULTS

#### COUNTY FINAL - Semple Stadium, Thurles, November 10:

Cashel King Cormacs 2-8; Holycross-Ballycahill 1-5.

Referee: Johnny MacDonnell (Roscrea).

#### COUNTY SEMI-FINALS - Semple Stadium, Thurles, October 27:

Cashel King Cormacs 2-10; Toomevara 0-13.

Referee: Michael Greene (Upperchurch-Drombane).

Holycross-Ballycahill 1-17; Cappawhite 3-10.

Referee: Michael Cahill (Kilruane-MacDonaghs).

#### COUNTY QUARTER-FINALS - Semple Stadium, Thurles, October 13:

Toomevara 2-9; Moycarkey-Borris 1-10.

Referee: Tommy Lonergan (Kilsheelan).

Holycross-Ballycahill 2-3; Éire Óg, Nenagh 0-9.

Referee: Willie Barrett (Ardfinnan).

#### REPLAY: Semple Stadium, Thurles, October 19

Holycross-Ballycahill 4-6; Éire Óg, Nenagh 1-14.

Golden, September 29:

Cappawhite 2-18; Killenaule 0-13.

Referee: Johnny MacDonnell (Roscrea).

Cashel King Cormacs 4-18; Carrick Swans 1-7.

Referee: P. J. Kelly (Ballinahinch).



## SENIOR

By MICHAEL POWER

**A**FTER six years' dedicated service, Johnny Mulvihill announced his retirement as senior coach. Mickey Niblock, ex-Derry and Ulster player, agreed to take over the coaching of the team.

In the 1990/91 National League, we had a great start with wins over Limerick and Clare. However, with Brian Burke not returning from Australia and, in addition, home based players not been available due to club commitments, we lost the next three games to Wexford, Carlow and Wicklow.

The 1990/91 National League was completed with victories over Waterford and Kilkenny. During the league, training took place at least once a week, mainly in Clonmel Sportsfield, but from January onwards the panel trained twice weekly with the Open Draw in mind.

Preparation continued to go well and on the 31st March the Halpin cup was retained by defeating Waterford in the final of the Stradbally tournament.

For the first time the McGrath Cup was separated from the Championship.

On the 23rd April we played Westmeath in a challenge which ended in a draw at Roscrea. On the 28th April we played Clare in the first round of the McGrath Cup at Ennis and had an easy win.

In the final our opponents were Limerick and, at the request of the Munster Council, the team management agreed to move from Clonmel to Thurles as a curtain-raiser to the National Hurling League semi-final replay: Kilkenny v. Wexford.

## TIPPERARY FOOTBALL 1991

After a great tussle, Limerick emerged as narrow winners. After this game, team management minds were firmly set on the forthcoming championship encounter with Limerick, at Askeaton.

With this in mind, challenge games were played against Carlow, Sligo and the Juniors, emerging with wins in two and the Sligo game ending in a draw.

May the 26th arrived, we got off to a great start with two early goals but in the second half Limerick gradually got on top emerging as winners by the narrowest of margins, one point.

To all, this game marked a new chapter in the Munster Football championship. The game was more competitive and the advent of the Open Draw has given a new lease of life to football in the so-called weaker counties. Limerick gave a great account of themselves in the Munster final, only being defeated by two points by the might of Kerry in Killarney.

The coach, Mickey Niblock, and selectors Sean Mockler, Michael Forristal and William Robinson, together with the panel of players, are to be complimented

for their efforts during the year. The championship lineout against Limerick was as follows:

Philip Ryan (Commercials); Wallie Tarrant (Galtee Rovers), Gene McGrath (Commercials), Tom Guilfoyle (Templetuohy/Moyne); Tom Anglim (St. Patrick's), Tom Macken (Ballyporeen), Michael Coonan (Newcastle); Declan Hahessy (Grangemockler), Jimmy Dunne (Templetuohy/Moyne); Jim O'Meara (Grangemockler), Christoir McGrath (Commercials), Davy Hogan (St. Patrick's); Peter Lambert (Nemo Rangers), Colm Egan (Kildangan), John Costelloe (St. Finbarr's). *Subs:* Michael Beston (Fr. Sheehy's), for Michael Coonan; Franny Kelly (Commercials) for Declan Hahessy; Paul Lonergan (Cahir), Riain Forrestal (Commercials); Francis Conroy (Fr. Sheehy's); Liam Duggan (Thurles Sarsfield); Liam Mooney (Eire Og, Annacathy); Sean Brett (Mullinahone); Pádraig O'Keeffe (Clonmel Og).

The following is a list of match results: National Football League 1990/91:

*At Askeaton:* Tipperary 2-9, Clare 0-13; *at Clonmel:* Tipperary 2-9, Clare 0-13; *at Gorey:* Tipperary 0-3, Wexford 1-7; *at Clonmel:* Tipperary 1-9, Carlow 3-10; *at Clonmel:* Tipperary 1-9, Carlow 3-10; *at Aughrim:* Tipperary 1-6, Wicklow 3-10; *at Ardfinnan:* Tipperary 1-10, Waterford 1-9; *at Ardfinnan:* Tipperary 5-15, Kilkenny 0-4.

**McGrath Cup:** *At Ennis:* Semi-final — Tipperary 2-13, Clare 1-2; *at Thurles:* Final — Tipperary 1-13, Limerick 1-16.

**Munster Championship:** *at Askeaton:* 1st Round — Tipperary 2-7, Limerick 0-14.

Finally, congratulations to John Costello, Philip Ryan and Franny Kelly on being part of the Munster panel that got to the Railway Cup Final.



TIPPERARY SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM 1991

Back Row: Jimmy Dunne, Christoir McGrath, Tom Macken, John Costelloe, Gene McGrath, Colm Egan, Peter Lambert, Declan Hahessy. Front Row: Sean Brett, Jim O'Meara, Philip Ryan, David Hogan, Willie Tarrant, Franny Kelly and Tom Guilfoyle.



# Tipperary Junior Football 1991



**TIPPERARY COUNTY JUNIOR FOOTBALL TEAM V LIMERICK**

*Back row (l. to r.) S. Roche, T. Gleeson, N. Ryan, R. Cashin, F. Conran, P. Murray (captain), M. O'Connell, S. Delahunty, D. Foley, L. T. Ryan, J. O'Donnell. Front row (l. to r.) D. O'Shea, G. Leahy, J. McNamara, S. McManus, M. J. Browne, W. Peters, M. O'Connell, P. Everard, R. Forrester, P. Norris, J. Lowry.*

Selectors appointed by Tipperary Football Board:

Tom Cusack, Fr. Sheehy's.  
Mick Byrne, Lattin/Cullen.  
Ritchie Boyle, Ardfinnan.  
John Kelly, Rahealty.  
Willie Robinson, Kilsheelan, as  
coach/selector.

With Tipperary being allowed to field their second best team, there was sure to be plenty of talent available to the selectors, and with this in mind, trials were organised on a regional basis.

The first trial was held in Drombane, on Friday, 12th April, between players from the North, Mid and West Divisions. The turnout was very disappointing, to say the least.

The second trial was held in Ardfinnan, on Friday, 19th April, with all South Clubs being asked to send players. Again, the turnout was very small.

The third trial was held in Drombane, on Friday, 26th April, with a South Selection to play the pick of the other three divisions. Nearly sixty players were notified for this game, but only half of these turned up. However, a very informative game was held between two evenly matched teams.

The final trial was held in Clonmel between the same two teams, on Friday, May 3rd, after which the county panel was selected.

The county junior team played their first challenge game against Clonmel Commercials in Clonmel on Wednesday, 5th May, winning on the scoreline of 1-16 to 2-11.

A training session took place at the same venue on Monday, 13th May.

A challenge game between Tipperary seniors and juniors took place in Clonmel on Tuesday, 21st May, the seniors winning on the scoreline of 3-13 to 3-8, after a very competitive game.

The first championship outing was



**WHAT WILL WE DO!**

*Mick Byrne (selector), John Kelly (selector), Tom Cusack (Selector) and Willie Robinson (coach/trainer), discuss some tactical changes for the second half of the Munster junior football championship semi-final match against Waterford at Dungarvan.*

against Limerick in Askeaton, on Sunday, 26th May. Tipperary had to withstand a very spirited performance from a fast and fit Limerick side, before coming from behind to snatch a well deserved draw. Before the replay, a challenge game was arranged with Moyle Rovers at Monroe, on Friday, 31st May. Between injuries and defections, a very depleted squad turned up for the game. The championship replay with Limerick took place in Clonmel, on Wednesday, 5th June. This game was played in miserable conditions, but with Tipperary showing improved form from the drawn game, they went on to win on the scoreline of 0-12 to 1-5.

Tipperary were now in the semi-final, and with every chance of reaching the Munster Final.

Another challenge game was played in Clonmel, on Monday, 10th June, against Clonmel Commercials, and on Wednesday, 12th June in Castlelyons, a very competitive game was played against Imokilly of Cork, Tipperary winning on the scoreline of 2-13 to 2-10.

Further training sessions were held in Monroe and Clonmel on Monday, 17th June and Wednesday, 19th June respectively.

The Munster semi-final was played in Dungarvan on Sunday, 23rd June, with Waterford as opponents. Unable to field the strongest team possible, due to injuries, Tipperary were beaten by a faster and more determined Waterford side, on the scoreline of 0-14 to 2-5.

This brought an end to Tipperary's interest in Junior Football for 1991.

**Team v Waterford:** Francis Conran (Fr. Sheehy's); Riain Forrester (Clonmel Commercials); Mark O'Connell (Clonmel Commercials); Paul Norris (Moyle Rovers); Willie Morrissey (Fethard); Donal Foley (Moyle Rovers); Willie O'Meara (Fethard); Seamus Delahunty (Moyle Rovers); Paul Murray (captain) (Kiladangan); Shane McManus (Emly); Paudie Everard (Moynel/Tempeltoohy); Michael J. Browne (Moyle Rovers); Shay Coen (Fethard); Liam Duggan (Thurles Sarsfields); Joe McNamara (Clonmel Commercials). Subs: Mark O'Connell (Thurles Sarsfields); Chris Coen (Fethard); Denis O'Shea (Aherlow); Jim O'Donnell (Rockwell Rovers); Roy Cashin (Ballingarry); Willie Peters (Clonmel Commercials); Seamus Roche (Kilsheelan); Ger Leahy (Cahir); Liam Cronin (Moyle Rovers); Derry Foley (Moyle Rovers).



# Under-21 Football

## 1991

By: Colm O'Flaherty

**H**aving lost quite a number of experienced players from the 1990 panel, it was necessary to introduce quite a few new players for the 1991 League and Championship campaigns. Trials were held in December at Golden and Ardfinnan. Unfortunately, it emerged, at this early stage that a number of players would not be available as they were "resting" or concentrating on hurling.

As the 1990 Under-21 championship was not yet completed Tipp played their first game in the South East of Ireland League without some established players. Despite this Wexford were defeated 2-10 to 2-7 in Ardfinnan. The following week Tipp were again in Ardfinnan where they defeated Carlow 4-13 to 0-7. Again on the following Sunday Tipp travelled to Portlaoise where they defeated Waterford 1-9 to 1-8 in a very tough encounter. Thus Tipp were through unbeaten to the final of the competition for the third year in a row.

A trial and five training sessions were held in February and one challenge won against Limerick. As usual there was the difficulty of getting a training venue as the work has to be done under the worst weather conditions. On the first week-end in March two challenge games were played, against Offaly in Durrow and the Tipp seniors in Ardfinnan. These games appeared to settle the team and helped the selectors pick the team for the league final. This game was played in Tullow, Co. Carlow against Carlow. Tipp played very well in the first half, with captain Michael Ryan in great form in midfield and T. J. Connelly operating very successfully at full-forward. In the second half Carlow made a spirited rally and in the end Tipp were lucky to hang on for a 1-15 to 1-12 victory.

With the championship now only nine days away one training session was held in Ardfinnan. Unfortunately, injuries started to mount and a number of key players were injured in club games, so it was a depleted side that faced Cork in Pairc Uí Caoimh.

Playing with the wind, on a very cold and wet evening, Tipp got off to a disastrous start, conceding a penalty goal, which was followed immediately by a point from a free. Tipp fought back well and led briefly during the half. However, by half-time it was obvious that a stronger Cork would be difficult to contain against the wind. In the end Cork were convincing winners on a score of 2-14 to 1-5. A disappointing aspect of the defeat was the failure of a number of older and experienced players to raise their game when required.



UNDER-21 FOOTBALL TEAM V CORK

Back row: Eamonn Ryan; Dessie Fitzgerald; Ken Doherty; Peter Gleeson; Padraig O'Keeffe; Shay Ryan; Liam Sweeney; Alan Quirke; Anthony Wall; Conor O'Dwyer; Paddy Ryan; T. J. Connelly; Ger Leahy. Front row: Martin McCabe; Larry Stapleton; Bernard Hahessey; Rian Forrestal; Denis O'Shea; Michael Ryan (captain); Tom Guilfoyle; Eamonn Maher; Mark Sheehan; Raymond Ryan.



TIPPERARY UNDER-21 FOOTBALL SELECTORS AT PAIRC UÍ CAOIMH BEFORE THE MUNSTER U-21 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH AGAINST CORK

Left to right: Jim O'Donnell, Noel Byrne, Eddie O'Gorman, Colm O'Flaherty, Pete Savage.

If Tipp is to succeed at Under-21 level, as it is now run i.e. early in the year, more work will have to be done during the Winter time. Also the lack of sufficient football games at club level is certainly keeping back the development of the game in the county. The Under-21 football championship as it is now run i.e. at the very end of one year and the beginning of the next take away any credibility that the championship might have. One wonders if this competition in its present format, is not a waste of time, as all players who play under-21, are already catered for at other levels?

For the record the team that played Cork on the 18th of March was:

Liam Sweeney (Moyné Templetuohy); Rian Forrestal (Commercials); Paddy Ryan

(Fethard); Peter Gleeson (Arravale Rovers); Raymie Ryan (Cashel); Michael Ryan (captain) (Upperchurch-Drombane); Shay Ryan (Fethard); T. J. Connelly (Cashel); Alan Quirke (Arravale Rovers); Padraig O'Keeffe (Clonmel Óg); Eamon Maher (Ballyporeen); Anthony Wall (Commercials); Conor O'Dwyer (Upperchurch-Drombane); Mark Sheehan (Eire Óg, Nenagh); Denis O'Shea (Aherlow).

Subs: D. Fitzgerald (Ballyporeen) for Conor O'Dwyer, Larry Stapleton (Templemore) for A. Quirke, E. McCabe (Newport) for M. Sheehan, Eamonn Ryan (Ardfinnan); G. Leahy (Cahir); B. Hahessey (Carrick Swan); K. Doherty (Sarsfields); T. Guilfoyle (Moyné Templetuohy).



# TIPPERARY MINOR FOOTBALL 1991

By: Sean Hennessy

Once again it's a story of what might have been for Tipperary Minor Footballers in 1991. Another courageous performance against Kerry, another hour when Lady Luck at times deserted us and yet another frustrating hour of trying to interpret refereeing decisions left those involved, especially players and mentors, shattered and a little angry.

With Seamus McCarthy again at the helm and assisted by selectors Hugh Kennedy, Tommy Lonergan, Mick d'Arcy agus mé féin it all began with trials in Marlfield, Lisvernane, Cahir, Loughmore and Drombane during the month of March. After a series of trials a panel of players was chosen to commence training. During the following months we made every effort to accommodate dual players in their ambitions to represent their county in football and hurling.

Our training continued, mainly in Cashel and Tipperary Town and we upped the tempo with a few challenge games in May.

We travelled to Ennis to play Clare in our first challenge on May 11th. Clare were well prepared as they were due to play Kerry in the Munster Championship on the following Thursday. As a result we were well pleased with our performance in a tough encounter which Clare won by 2-12 to 2-8. We followed up with a game against Galway on 21st May in which Galway survived a late Tipperary onslaught to win by two points; 2-13 to 3-8.

So our team was beginning to take shape and in the run-up to our semi-final meeting with Kerry we arranged challenges against Roscommon, Kildare and Dublin. We travelled to Roscommon where we went down by the narrowest of margins, 1-12 to 1-11. Kildare and Dublin travelled to Clonmel and we were greatly encouraged by the performances of many players individually and also by the team spirit which was beginning to build up. Kildare held out to win 2-14 to 3-10 and Dublin survived a late rally to hold out and win by 0-9 to 0-8.

After our encouraging performances our players slowly but surely began to believe in themselves. Thus it was with a quiet determination and an increasing self-confidence that we approached our Munster semi-final in Clonmel on July



TIPPERARY MINOR FOOTBALL TEAM 1991

Back row (l. to r.) David O'Neill, Newport; John Purcell, Thurles; James Finn, Moyle Rovers; Mark Leonard (captain), Aherlow; Liam Walsh, Eire Óg, Nenagh; Denis Finn, Moyle Rovers; Tony O'Sullivan, Arravale Rovers; Michael Mahoney, Commercials. Front row (l. to r.) Michael Quinlan, Fethard; Gavin McGuirke, Rockwell Rovers; Kevin Coonan, Eire Óg, Nenagh; Joe English, Ballyporeen; Kieran O'Reilly, Cashel; Robbie Tomlinson, Eire Óg, Nenagh; Mark O'Halloran, Swan.

11th. Conditions were not the most pleasant with rain showers becoming more frequent as the evening went on. To make matters worse the whole set-up in Clonmel with (perhaps more correctly without satisfactory dressing-rooms was most unsatisfactory).

So it was on to the game and a rather greasy ball and slippery conditions which the players did well to overcome to provide an entertaining game. The early exchanges saw both teams missing scoring opportunities before Tipperary had a clear cut goal chance which however resulted in a point. The game was evenly balanced throughout with scores difficult to come by. With our defence playing soundly and our forwards beginning to make openings in the Kerry rearguard it looked as though we would cause an upset.

However, once again, the gods and a couple of earthly creatures conspired to prevent the underdog from causing such an upset. With one point separating the teams and less than ten minutes remaining Kerry broke upfield and against the run of play scored what was to be a decisive goal of the game. The final score was Tipperary 1-5; Kerry 1-10.

On behalf of the coach and selectors I would like to thank the players for their dedication and enthusiasm, club officials,

members and supporters and all those who assisted in providing transport or other facilities for trials and training. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish new coach, Johnny Mulvihill and his co-selectors Hugh Kennedy, Mick d'Arcy and John Cummins every success in the coming year, go n-ciri an t-ádh libh.

## Tipperary team and Subs v. Kerry

L. Walsh (Eire Óg, Nenagh); C. O'Reilly (Cashel); D. Finn (Moyle Rovers); M. Leonard (Aherlow); M. Quinlan (Fethard); J. Purcell (Thurles Sarsfields); M. O'Mahoney (Commercials); M. O'Halloran (Carrick Swans); K. Coonan (Eire Óg, Nenagh); J. English (Ballyporeen); T. O'Sullivan (Arravale Rovers); D. O'Neill (Newport); J. Finn (Moyle Rovers); G. McGurk (Rockwell Rovers); R. Tomlinson (Eire Óg, Nenagh).

Subs: S. Duggan (Commercials); D. Lavin (Clonmel Og); J. Fitzgerald (Newcastle); P. J. Lanigan (Grangemockler); S. Buckley (Cappawhite); E. McAree (Sarsfields); J. Roche (Kilsheelan); T. Tierney (Thurles Kickhams); P. Burke (Upperchurch Drombane); A. O'Dwyer (Lattin-Cullen); P. Darcy (Borrisokane).

Scorers: R. Tomlinson 1-0, K. Coonan, D. O'Neill 0-2 each; J. Finn 0-1.



# TIPPERARY HANDBALL 1991

By EDDIE CORBETT, P.R.O.

*It has been another great year in Tipperary handball, winning a total of thirteen All-Ireland titles, making it one of the most successful counties in handball.*



**COUNTY BOARD OFFICERS 1991**

Left to right – Tom Morrissey (Treasurer), Ken Conway (Secretary), Pat McKenna (Chairman) and Eddie Corbett (P.R.O.)

## “40/20” CAMPAIGN”

### MINOR SUCCESS

The Minor pair of Noel Murphy and David Maloney (Cashel) were a very experienced pair for their age and in the '91 40/20 championship they were the leading players. In the Provincial championship, they had a comfortable win over Cork in the first round, and an awkward and tricky semi-final win over fellow clubmen Timmy Maloney and Noel Marshall.

In the Munster final they comfortably overcame J. Healy and C. Maxwell (Clare). In the All-Ireland semi-final, David and Noel were in most impressive form with David really on his “power-kill” and Noel missing little on the right side they easily beat D. Mullanniff and R. Charles (Westmeath) 21-9, 21-12 in Ballyporeen.

After a lengthy delay due to the E.S.B. strike, the final was played in Croke Park where David and Noel met the much talked about C. Curran and J. McClean (Tyrone). The Tipp duo showed their better doubles play in the difficult Croke Park court, winning comfortably after a tough first game: 21-18, 21-10.



40/20 Finals – Tipperary supporters before their departure from Cashel for the 40/20 Minor and Senior finals in Croke Park with the four players: John O'Donoghue, Eddie Corbett, David Maloney and Noel Murphy.

## Senior success for Corbett and O'Donoghue

Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen) and John O'Donoghue (Cashel) in their first year in Senior 40/20 handball had a superb senior doubles All-Ireland success in May. After winning the Junior 40/20 All-Ireland title in '90 Eddie and John went into the '91 championships with a comfortable 21-5, 21-13 semi-final Provincial win over J. Herlihy and D. O'Callaghan.

In the Munster final, John and Eddie only showed their best form in patches and were very lucky to overcome B. O'Brien and T. Fitzgerald (Kerry) 20-21, 21-6, 21-18.

In the All-Ireland semi-final in Ballyporeen, it turned out to be one of the best games of the year. John and Eddie played Walter O'Connor and James McGovern (Meath); Walter was a late replacement for Tom Sheridan.

In the first game, the Tipp pair began well, playing strongly to win 21-12. Then the court was deemed unfit to play and it was decided to go to Cashel.

On to Cashel and a dramatic change-about with the Meath pair playing superbly to win the second game 21-6. The third game began as the second game with the Meath pair well in control, leading 8-2 and again 15-4. Then John and Eddie clawed their way back into the game coming to 19-17 and 20-17 and then to 20-all and then the home fans went wild with joyful scenes when Eddie tossed out the last ace to win a memorable fight-back 21-20.

In the delayed All-Ireland final, due to the E.S.B. strike, John and Eddie were well on top to beat Thomas Maguire and Billy Silcock (Antrim) 21-11, 21-13 in Croke Park to win their first Senior title and also Tipperary's first Senior All-Ireland 40/20 title.



## Ferncombe and McGrath: First All-Ireland

John Ferncombe and Mick McGrath (Horse & Jockey) in the month of April won their first All-Ireland title when they captured the All-Ireland Masters (B) 40/20 doubles title.

They began the Provincial campaign with a convincing win over Cork. In the semi-final, they again had a comfortable win over fellow clubmen John Butler and John Ryan (Moore).

Then in the Provincial final they again had an easy win over S. Vaughan and B. Cullinane (Clare) 21-6, 21-7 to retain the title they won last year.

In the All-Ireland semi-final in Ballyporeen, Mick and John had a tough struggle with Jim Doyle and Tom McGrath (Wexford) before winning 21-11, 6-21, 21-2. In the final, in Kilbeggan, Mick and John had a titanic struggle before beating the strong Michael Corbett and Seán Clarke (Mayo), 21-17, 9-21, 21-18.

## GLORY FOR LEE

Seán Lee (Roscrea) has been involved in handball for well over two decades but 1991, winning two All-Ireland titles, proved to be his best year yet. Seán began the year in good form in the Provincial campaign with an easy win over L. O'Shaughnessy (Clare) in the quarter-final.

In the semi-final, Sean commandingly beat S. Tanner (Cork) and in the Munster final Seán beat J. Cullinane (Clare) 21-12, 21-19.

In the All-Ireland quarter-final clash, he easily beat J. Quinn (London) 21-13, 21-4 in Mitchelstown. Then in the All-Ireland semi-final Seán had a titanic struggle with Ger Murphy (Kilkenny) before winning 21-17, 19-21, 21-16.

In the final, Seán again played well to beat Charlie Nugent (Antrim) 21-13, 20-21, 21-7 in another epic match, to win the All-Ireland Silver Masters (B) singles title. Seán comfortably won the first game but Charlie Nugent nicked the second game by the narrowest of margins. Seán showed his best in the third game, being fitter and stronger, to win comfortably.



### ALL-IRELAND HONOURS FOR GIRLS

*In their first year in championship handball, Carol Maloney and Caroline Kenny (Cashel) won the All-Ireland U-15 girls doubles title. The Cashel girls in the All-Ireland semi-final were in great form, beating Derry 15-6, 15-8. In the final in Roscommon they both played superbly, with Carol showing great skill and power on the left side and Caroline tossing brilliantly on the right side they comfortably beat Oldtown, Dublin, 15-6, 15-9.*

## 40 x 20 PROVINCIAL WINS

Tipperary also won six other 40/20 Provincial titles. Noel Murphy (Cashel) had a good Munster campaign with an easy win over J. O'Brien (Cork) in the quarter-final.

In the Munster semi-final Noel overcame fellow clubman and partner David Maloney 18-21, 21-14, 21-14. Then in the final, Noel had a good win over Conor Maxwell (Clare) 21-14, 21-19, this being the first Provincial title for Tipperary in the '91 season.

In the All-Ireland semi-final, Noel received a walk-over as J. McAuley (Louth) was ruled out due to injury.

In the final Noel lost out to Ciaran Curran (Tyrone), 21-10, 21-10 in a tough-luck story with Noel going well but then injuring his knee, and after an injury-time break he limped back on court, causing Curran many problems but could not put much pressure on the injury, losing out in two straight games in the Minor singles final.

Tony and Pat Flaherty (Youghalara) won the Novice doubles Provincial title, with an easy win over Clare (2) and then a commanding 21-6, 21-16 win over C. O'Brien and D. O'Connor (Cork) in the semi-final.

In the final they had an exciting 21-14, 13-21, 21-19 win over G. Guiney and D. O'Riordan (Cork). In the All-Ireland semi-final Tony and Pat lost out to R. Willoughby and S. Doyle (Wicklow) 21-9, 21-18 in Goresbridge in a tough fought semi-final clash.

Mick McGrath (Horse & Jockey), one of the most experienced Tipperary handballers of the present day, won the

Provincial Masters (B) singles title with an easy win over M. Boyle (Cork) in the quarter-final and then beat fellow clubman John Ryan (Moore) in a hard fought match, 21-4, 10-21, 21-12 in the semi-final.

In the Provincial final Mick had a comfortable 21-6, 21-9 win over J. J. Sugrue (Kerry), being always well in control. In the All-Ireland semi-final in Ballymore Eustace Mick lost out to J. Casey (Meath) 21-19, 12-21, 21-13 in a close-fought match with the Meath man edging home.

Jim Ryan (Silvermines) teamed up with Billy McCarthy (Ballyporeen) for the first time in '91, winning the Provincial Masters (A) doubles title by beating fellow Tipp men Tom Morrissey and Pakie Mullins (Clonmel) 21-14, 21-4 in Ballinahinch.

In the All-Ireland semi-final Jim and Billy turned in a great performance before losing to Ned Buggy and Jimmy Goggins (Wexford) 21-15, 21-20 in Goresbridge.

Sandra Hourigan (Cashel) was the star girls' handballer last year but this year she was in the tough U-14 singles grade where she won the Provincial title but in the All-Ireland U-14 singles 40/20 she lost out to Antrim 15-2, 15-8.

In the play-off for the bronze medal, Sandra overcame the strong challenge of Oldtown, Dublin.

Jackie Keating (Cashel) did well in the girls' U-17 singles grade, winning the Provincial title and then in the All-Ireland semi-final Jackie had a titanic struggle with Derry before losing 11-15, 15-14, 15-11. In the struggle for the bronze medal, Jackie recovered to beat Oldtown, Dublin.



# HARDBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

## Maloney – Minor Champion

David Maloney (Cashel) won the All-Ireland Minor Hardball singles title in June. David began the glory trail in Roscrea when he easily accounted for Pat Murphy (Limerick) 21-11, 21-8 in the quarter-final clash. In the All-Ireland semi-final, David met fellow club-player and 40/20 partner Noel Murphy who had a runaway win over G. Walsh (Roscommon) and it was a hard-fought clash with David pulling through 21-17, 21-9.

In the final in Roscrea, David began well to easily win the first game 21-4. In the second game P. J. McGrath (Kildare) began the better, leading 9-1 at one stage but David fought his way back and when he got in front, David won comfortably 21-3.



Minor singles champion David Maloney (Cashel) with P. J. McGrath (Kildare), runner-up, after winning the All-Ireland minor hardball singles title.

## HISTORIC WIN

David Maloney and Noel Marshall (Cashel) had a historic win, beating fellow clubmen Noel Murphy and Michael Carrie in the All-Ireland minor hardball doubles final.

David and Noel had an easy quarter-final opener, beating J. Greaney and P. Quaid (Limerick) 21-8, 21-9.

In the All-Ireland semi-final, David and Noel had a runaway win over J. Doyle and L. Pratt (Kilkenny) 21-0, 21-2.

Noel Murphy and Michael Carrie had a tough quarter-final win over P. Murphy and P. Shanahan (Limerick) 21-10, 21-15, and then in the All-Ireland semi-final they had a marathon win over T. Winders and P. J. McGrath, (Kildare) 21-11, 18-21, 21-8.

In the historic final in Cashel, it was an exciting tussle, David and Noel, the '90 champions, began well, leading comfortably in the first game but Noel and Michael staged an impressive comeback, tossing well to win the first game 21-17.

In the second game David and Noel

were much the stronger to win 21-3. The third game again saw David and Noel dominate with some powerful play to win easily 21-11 and thus retain the minor doubles crown.

John O'Donoghue (Cashel) and Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen) reached the All-Ireland Senior hardball doubles final but failed to add to their 40/20 crown.

John and Eddie had a comfortable quarter-final passage when beating Pius Winders and John Browne (Kildare) 21-10, 21-12 in Talbot's Inch.

In the All-Ireland semi-final they comfortably beat F. McCann and S. Davey (Sligo) 21-12, 21-4. But in the final in Roscrea, John and Eddie never showed their best form but were still most unlucky to lose out 21-16, 21-17 to Willie Pratt and Billy Bourke (Kilkenny).

Tipperary's other Senior doubles pair, Noel Ryan (Clonmel) and Billy McCarthy (Ballyporeen), were very unlucky to lose out to B. Bourke and W. Pratt (Kilkenny) 21-19, 19-21, 21-6 in the All-Ireland Senior doubles quarter-final.

## Senior 60/30 News

Tipperary in '91 had four 60/30 players in action in the All-Ireland Senior championship. Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen) made it to the Senior singles semi-final in his first year in singles softball. Eddie had a three-game win over Francis McCann (Sligo) 21-19, 14-21, 21-10 in the first round in Roscommon.

In the quarter-final in Cashel, Eddie had an exciting 21-18, 21-19 win over twice former champion Tom O'Rourke (Kildare).

In the semi-final in Croke Park Eddie began slowly losing the first game 21-5 to the current champion, Michael "Duxie" Walsh (Kilkenny) but was unlucky not to take the second game, losing 21-18.

John O'Donoghue (Cashel) had a comfortable 21-19, 21-9 win over Rob McCarthy (Westmeath) in the first round in Roscommon. John was forced to withdraw from his quarter-final clash with Micky Walsh (Roscommon) due to a recurrence of a right-hand injury which has bothered him over the last number of years.

Willie Fitzgibbons (Tipp Town) put up a brave performance before losing out to Walter O'Connor (Meath) 21-19, 21-5 in the first round in Roscommon.

Eddie Corbett and John O'Donoghue reached the Senior 60/30 doubles semi-final this year with an easy win over Pat Donagh and Dominic Sheridan (Cavan) 21-11, 21-16 in the quarter-final in Croke Park.

In the semi-final in Croke Park Eddie and John made a tame and unimpressive exit, losing to Ollie Harold and Billy Bourke (Kilkenny) 21-11, 21-12.

Willie Fitzgibbons and Noel O'Brien (Clonmel) went under to John Molloy and Egin Jensen (Meath) 21-14, 21-3 in the senior doubles first round in Talbot's Inch.

## Devanney Tournament

In the month of March, the well-known and generally recognized the best tournament in the country, the Pat Devanney 40/20 tournament, was run in Clare. The top twenty players included Noel Ryan (Clonmel) and Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen).

Noel lost out to B. O'Brien (Kerry) in the first round but made it through a tough plate competition to the final, but a tired Noel lost out to P. Walsh (Clare) 31-12.

Eddie had a tough win over P. Hall (Dublin) 21-20, 20-21, 11-3 in the first round and in the quarter-final Eddie had a titanic match with the eventual champion, M. "Duxie" Walsh (Kilkenny) before losing out 11-21, 21-15, 11-6.



# Three All-Irelands on the one day

In the month of November, Tipperary Juvenile girls won three All-Ireland 60/30 Juvenile titles in Cashel.

Sandra Hourigan and Caroline Kenny are two of the best known handballers. In the Provincial final they had an easy 15-2, 15-3 win over Clare. In the All-Ireland final, with Sandra very strong on the left side and Caroline as ever always consistent and tossing well on the right side, they comfortably beat Roscommon 15-3, 15-4 to win the U-14 doubles title.



*Sandra Hourigan and Caroline Kenny, All-Ireland 60/30 U-14 doubles Juvenile girls title.*

Carol Maloney is making quite a name for herself in '91. Carol is sister of well-known Minor star Dvid Maloney. Carol earlier in the year had a brilliant U-15 40/30 championship, she played in the U-15 singles and in the Munster final, she overpowered her Clare opponent to win 31-4.

In the All-Ireland final, Carol again showed her tremendously strong left hand with a powerful 15-2, 15-0 win over Roscommon to win the U-15 singles title.



*Carol Maloney - All-Ireland U-15 singles 60/30 Juvenile girls' title.*

Jackie Keating has been unlucky in the past not to win national honours, losing in some thrilling finals like the 40/20 championship, losing out to Derry in a marathon three games.

In the 60/30, Jackie was very determined to claim her first All-Ireland title and in the final she had another tough match before winning 15-9, 15-13 against Dublin in the U-17 decider.



*Jackie Keating - All-Ireland 60/30 U-17 Singles juvenile girls title.*

## COMMUNITY GAMES SUCCESS

### GOLD FOR GIRLS



*The Cashel girls who won U-15 Community Games title in September. Back row - Albert Carrie (Secretary), Carol Maloney, Caroline Kenny, Sandra Hourigan, Pat O'Donoghue (Treasurer and Team Manager). Front row - Roseanne O'Dwyer, Alison White, Caitriona O'Reilly.*

### BRONZE FOR BOYS



*The Cashel boys who won bronze in the U-13 Community Games in September. Back row - Pat O'Donoghue (Treasurer and Team Manager), Walter Manton, John Hall, Derry Cagney, Albert Carrie (Secretary). Front row - Robert Manton, Albert Carrie, William Cleary.*



# "JUVENILE FRONT"

**O**n the Juvenile front this year, Tipperary won five Munster titles but failed to win any boys All-Ireland titles.

On the 40/20 season, the first Provincial title was in the U-12 doubles where John Ferncombe (Horse and Jockey) and Albert Carrie (Cashel) showed some fine form with a comfortable win over Kerry in the Munster semi-final and in the final, they had a hard fought win over D. Madden and D. Hogan (Clare) 15-7, 11-15, 15-8; Denis White (Cashel) and John Carmody (Youghalara) teamed up for the first time with an easy win over Kerry in the Munster semi-final in the U-17 doubles and in the Munster final had an easy 15-7, 15-6 win over J. Phillips and M. O'Brien (Limerick).

In the All-Ireland semi-final, they began well but faded losing 11-15, 15-11, 15-6 to N. Barnes and G. Buggy (Wexford) in Mitchelstown.

In the 60/30 season; Albert Carrie (Cashel) had a change of partner in Graham Quirke (Silvermines) and were in good form beating a strong Limerick pair 15-13, 15-7 in the final to win the U-12 doubles title.

Connie Crochet (Cashel) showed some fine form for a good win over J. P. O'Keefe (Cork) 13-15, 15-5, 15-6 in the Munster U-17 singles final. In the All-Ireland semi-final, Connie was most unlucky, with a back-injury he put up a brave performance before losing out after a tough match with R. Fogarty (Laois) 15-6, 10-15, 15-9.

Denis Lenihan and Tomás Gleeson (Ballinahinch) showed good form in the Munster campaign with a great win over T. Shanahan and G. Sheedy (Limerick) 15-3, 13-15, 15-12 in the U-17 doubles final but in the All-Ireland semi-final they lost out to G. Buggy and N. Barnes (Wexford) 15-7, 15-9 in Lahorra.

A new competition was run in the 40/20 with the South division playing the North division in two competitions. In the Section (I) final of U-12, u-13, u-14 doubles the South division had a good win with the team of A. Carrie and J. Ferncombe U-12 doubles, C. McGrath and J. Tobin U-13 doubles and N. Butler and J. Kennedy U-14 doubles beat the North team of P. Hogan and J. Carmody U-12 doubles, P. Hogan and G. Quirke U-13 doubles and B. O'Brien and G. Quirke U-14 doubles.

In the Section (2) final of U-15, U-16, U-17, the North division had an exciting win with the team of M. Gleeson and K. Lenihan U-15 doubles, M. Kennedy and M. Forde U-16 doubles and J. Carmody and T. McNerney U-17 doubles beating the South team of C. Moloney and C. Kenny U-15 doubles, J. Tobin and O. Hogan U-16 doubles and D. White and

C. Crochet U-17 doubles.

Pat McKenna; County Chairman. presented two beautiful trophies to J. Tobin for the Section (I) winners and T. McInaney for the Section (2) winners.



"JUVENILE CHAMPIONS"

Albert Carrie (Cashel) and John Ferncombe (Horse & Jockey) who won the Munster U-12 doubles 40/20 title in '91.

## "Féile na nGael"

This year, saw Tipperary holding "Féile" for the second year in a row and it been the 21st year of "Féile na nGael".

Ken Conway again had the responsibility of organising the handball section. Ken kept up the fine work, receiving enormous praise from all the visiting teams.

Tipperary clubs did well getting to two finals with the Silvermines team of B. O'Brien, K. & B. Timmons. D. Hudner and G. Quirke did well getting to the final losing out to a strong Kerry team.

Brian O'Brien did well being runner-up in the Division 3 40/20 skills tests. Horse & Jockey reached the Division 2 60/30 final with the team of N. Butler, J. Ferncombe, M. & D. Leahy and J. Kennedy losing to Offaly.



Albert Carrie (Cashel) runner-up in Division I 40/20 skills test in the Féile na nGael.

Cashel made up a team when Wexford withdraw and were very unlucky not to

reach the final in a strong Division I 40/20 with the team of S. Hourigan, B. & and R. Manton and A. Currie. Albert Carrie at the age of 11 did extremely well to be runner-up in the Division I 40/20 Skills tests.

## World Championship

In the month of February a total of 33 Irish players travelled to Phoenix, Arizona, to take part in the seventh World Championship.

Two Tipperary men - Jim Ryan and James Kennedy (Silvermines) paid their own way to travel to the championships. Jim Ryan played in the C Singles and Masters Doubles.

Jim, in the C Singles, had a very easy win over B. Meyer (U.S.A.) 21-1, 20-0 in the 1st round and in the 2nd round a 21-19, 21-3 win over T. McGrath (U.S.A.) 21-11, 21-9.



(U.S.A.) Jim Ryan and Brian Meyer after their C Singles clash.

In the quarter-final Jim lost out to fellow Irishman Jim McKeon (Cavan) 21-6, 19-21, 11-4. In the Masters doubles - Jim teamed up with Seamus Buggy (Wexford) and won the 1st round 21-4, 20-21, 11-4 against S. Harrison and D. Wells (U.S.A.) In the 2nd round Jim and Seamus lost out to J. Ward and P. Piscatelli (U.S.A.) 21-1, 21-3.



(Australia) James Kennedy with Dominic Di Sebastiano before their 23-and-Under quarter-final in the world championships.



James Kennedy also played in the C Singles and the U-23 Singles.

James began his action in the C Singles with wins over M. Gustafson (U.S.A.) 21-5, 21-3 in the 1st round and R. Slack (U.S.A.) 21-6, 21-4 and T. Copen (U.S.A.) 21-2, 21-14 in the 3rd round. But in the quarter-final, James lost out to R. Alvarez (U.S.A.) 21-13, 21-9. James also made his exit at the quarter-final stage losing 21-5, 21-17 to D. Di Sebastiano (Australia) in the U-23 Singles event.

## "Civic Reception - Cashel handballers"

In July of this year, Cashel Urban District Council honoured the Cashel handball club with a Civic Reception for their All-Ireland winners in early 1991. Maureen O'Donoghue "Chairperson of Cashel U.D.C. welcomed the big attendance and spoke on the handballers who were honoured.

All-Ireland U-15 40/20 Doubles title - Carol Moloney and Caroline Kenny. All-Ireland Minor 40/20 doubles title - David Moloney and Noel Murphy. All-Ireland Minor Handball Singles title - David Moloney. All-Ireland Minor Handball Doubles title - David and Noel Marshall. All-Ireland Senior 40/20 Doubles title - John O'Donoghue and Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen).

Albert Carrie on behalf of the Cashel club thanked Cashel U.D.C. for giving this Civic Reception to the handballers and also thank them for providing the site for the Monto Carrie courts but the highlight of Alberts' speech was the poem by Paddy Doyle about the handballers.

Others to speak were: Dick Woods, Cashel U.D.C.; Lorcan O'Rourke, Administrator of the Irish Handball Council and Ken Conway, secretary of the County Handball Board. The handballers made a surprise presentation of Tipperary Crystal to Maureen O'Donoghue for all the work and commitment shown for handball.



**"CIVIC RECEPTION"**  
*Cashel U.D.C. players, officials and friends present at the Civic Reception in July.*



**TIPPERARY "SPORTS STARS" AWARDS**  
*Eddie Corbett and John O'Donoghue being presented with their Cidona Award for 1990 by Mr. Brendan McGuinness, Showerings.*

## Tipperary Sports Stars Awards



*Ken Conway (Clonmel) the new treasurer of the Irish Handball Council.*



*Ann Marie Carrie (Cashel) who won the Cashel Youth Award for the second year in-a-row in January.*



# O'DWYER AND HOARE – NOVICE CHAMPIONS

Willie O'Dwyer and Paddy Hoare (Cashel) won their first All-Ireland title in September in the Novice 60/30 doubles title.

Willie and Paddy began the 60/30 campaign with hard-fought wins in the county championship and again in the Provincial semi-final they had a close call – winning over John Ryan (Moore) and Kevine Croke (Horse & Jockey) 21-16, 21-20.

In the final they showed some good form to beat Limerick convincingly.

In the All-Ireland semi-final in Talbot's Inch they were in great form, easily beating J. Anthony and D. O'Brien (Kilkenny) 21-18, 21-9, with Paddy solid on the left side and Willie highly impressive on the right side.

In the final in Croke Park Paddy and Willie in their first final began slowly with scores level until 8-all, but then the Cashel pair pulled away with some fine handball and comfortably won the first game 21-8 against the Cavan pair of Joe Dillon and Jim McGovern.

In the second game the Cavan pair began well with Joe Dillon prominent on the left side, but again with scores at 8-all Willie and Paddy showed some of their best form with Willie dealing well with the difficult glass right-side wall and Paddy tossing brilliantly and missing nothing. They comfortably won 21-8.

## Second All-Ireland for Lee

Seán Lee (Roscrea) won his second All-Ireland of the year when winning the Silver Masters (B) singles 60/30 title in September.

Sean began his 60/30 campaign with a comfortable win over fellow Tipp player Mick Fitzpatrick (Ballina) in the semi-final and then in the Provincial final Seán again had a comfortable win over J. Collins (Cork) in Clonmel.

In the All-Ireland semi-final, Seán had a hard-fought win over Brian Murphy (Wexford) 16-21, 21-3, 21-9 in Wexford town.

In the All-Ireland final in Croke Park, Seán again started slowly like his semi-final win, with John Curran (Tyrone) dominating to lead 9-0 at one stage. Slowly but surely, Seán began to show his best form and when he took the lead he played extremely well to win the first game 21-16.

In the second game Seán was in total command, winning at ease 21-2.

## WORLD POLICE GAMES

Tipperary handballer Tony Flaherty (Loughalarra) was part of the Irish team that took part in the World Police Games in Memphis, Tennessee.

Tony won two bronze medals in a hotly contested handball section. In the singles, Tony reached the semi-final where he lost out to Peter Service (U.S.A.), the eventual champion. In the doubles Tony teamed up with Mick O'Leary (Dublin) and they also reached the semi-final where they lost out after a close match with Senno and McFarland (Mexico), the eventual champions.



Tony Flaherty (Loughalarra) won two bronze medals at the World Police Games in 1991.



David Maloney and Noel Murphy (Cashel) with Peter Quinn, President of the G.A.A., after winning the All-Ireland 60/30 Minor doubles title.



## "Charity Tournament success"

The now annual "Charity 60/30 Tournament" was organised by Vincent O'Shea in January was a huge success with well over a hundred players taking part and raising in the region of £600 for the Guardian Angel School for the handicapped in Thurles. There were four divisions.

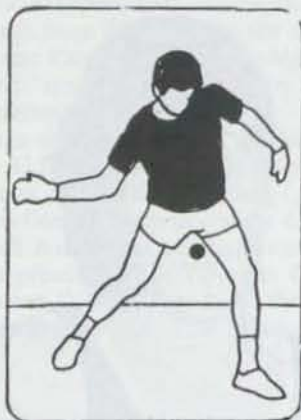
### RESULTS:

**Division 1:** Youghalarra: Tony and Pat Flaherty, Pat and Paul Griffin bt. Horse & Jockey - Danny Butler, Kevin Croke, Mick McGrath and John Ferncombe in the final.

**Division 2:** Horse & Jockey - John Ryan Moore, John Dwyer, Kevin Croke, Timmy Regan, Jim and Dinny Luby bt. Ballina - Alan Deane, Willie Burke, Gerry McKeogh, Pat Coleman, Martin McInerney and Paddy Collins in the final.

**Division 3:** Silvermines - Andy Purcell, John Forde, John Gleeson, Mick Fitzpatrick, Jim O'Brien (snr.) and Jim O'Brien (jnr.) bt. Hollyford - Donal Quinn, F. Ryan, John and Canice Ryan, S. Ellis and Donie O'Connell in the final.

**Division 4:** Ballinahinch - Mick Ryan, Tomás Gleeson, Phil Kelly, Richard Hayes, Mick Harrington and Denis Lincoln bt. Silvermines - Joseph Ryan, S. Treacy, Maurice Duffy, Denis Gleeson, Tom Quigley and John Kennedy.



## "40/20 Inter- Club"

Early in the year, Silvermines had a comfortable win over Cashel in the county 40/20 Novice Inter-Club final. In the Provincial Final, Silvermines - Kevin Keyes, Jim Ryan, Johnny Forde and James Kennedy had a good win over Kiskeam of Cork but in the All-Ireland semi-final, they lost out to Na Fianna, Dublin in Kilbeggin.

## North Tipp Handball Board

### 1991 40 x 20 winners

Division 1	Youghalarra	Tony Flaherty/Pat Flaherty Paul Griffin/Pat Griffin
Division 2	Silvermines	James Kennedy/Andy Purcell Joseph Ryan/Finbarr Ryan
Division 3	Newport	Denis Kennedy/John Healy Paddy Griffin/David O'Neill
Division 4	Youghalarra	Pat Slattery/Ned Gleeson Michael Kearns/Kevin Cooney

### 40 x 20 JUVENILE WINNERS

U-10 S.	Silvermines	Jim Egan
U-10 D.	Ballina	David Collins/David Hickey
U-11 S.	Youghalarra	Brian Hogan
U-11 D.	Silvermines	Michael Purcell/Wm. McCarthy
U-12 S.	Ballina	Paul Coleman
U-12 D.	Youghalarra	Ml. Carmody/Paul Hogan
U-13 S.	Newport	Derek O'Neill
U-13 D.	Silvermines	Kieran Timmons/Shane Egan
U-14 S.	Newport	Kenneth O'Brien
U-14 D.	Newport	Mark Lenihan/Patrick Lenihan
U-15 S.	Ballinahinch	Keith Lenihan
U-15 D.	Newport	Cyril O'Neill/Michael O'Brien
U-16 S.	Silvermines	David Forde
U-16 D.	Newport	Kenneth O'Neill/John O'Mahony
U-17 S.	Ballina	Tony McInerney
U-17 D.	Ballinahinch	Thomas Gleeson/Denis Lenihan

### 60 X 30 WINNERS

Shamrock Trophy	Hollyford	Frank Ryan/Joe O'Connell Denis Fahy/Donal Kinnane John Quigley/Tommy McGrath
Collins Shield	Lahorna	Paddy Kelly/John Carmody Tom Moyles/Martin Spain Paul Maher/Tom Ryan
Open Team of 6	Ballina	Martin McInerney/Jeddy McKeogh Ml. Gleeson/Connie Collins Tony McInerney/Willie Bourke
Novice Team of 4	Newport	Gerry Foley/Padraig Harvey Noel Harvey/David O'Donoghue
Masters Team of 4	Thurles	J. Curry/Sean Lee Phil Lowry/W. Kelly
Junior Singles	Thurles	Tony Coogan
Junior Doubles	Thurles	Tony Coogan/W. Kelly
Open Singles	Ballina	Martin McInerney
Open Doubles	Youghalarra	Paul Griffin/Pat Griffin

### JUVENILE 60 X 30 WINNERS

U-10 S.	Ballina	Edward Lynch
U-10 D.	Ballina	David Collins/David Hickey
U-11 S.	Silvermines	Brendan Timmons
U-11 D.	Silvermines	Ml. Purcell & Wm. McCarthy
U-12 S.	Silvermines	Graham Quirke
U-12 D.	Youghalarra	Ml. Carmody/Paul Flood
U-13 S.	Newport	D. O'Neill
U-13 D.	Silvermines	Henry Sheahan/K. Timmons
U-14 S.	Silvermines	Brian O'Brien
U-14 D.	Newport	Thomas Clifford/Kenneth O'Brien
U-15 S.	Silvermines	Kevin Timmons
U-15 D.	Newport	Cyril O'Neill/Ml. Moylan
U-16 S.	Newport	David O'Neill
U-16 D.	Silvermines	Mark Kennedy/Ml. Forde
U-17 S.	Youghalarra	J. Carmody
U-17 D.	Silvermines	Cathal Shanahan/D. Ryan



## COUNTY 40/20 WINNERS '91

Minor Singles:	N. Murphy (Cashel)
Minor Doubles:	D. Moloney and N. Murphy (Cashel)
Novice Singles:	T. Regan (Horse & Jockey)
Novice Doubles:	T. & P. Flaherty (Youghalarr)
Junior Singles:	N. Ryan (Clonmel)
Junior Doubles:	P. and P. Griffin (Youghalarr)
U-21 Singles:	J. Kennedy (Silvermines)
U-21 Doubles:	J. Kennedy & T. Quigley (Silvermines)
Masters (A) Singles:	J. Ryan (Silvermines)
Masters (A) Doubles:	J. Ryan (Silvermines) and B. McCarthy (Ballyporeen)
Masters (B) Singles:	M. McGrath (Horse & Jockey)
Masters (B) Doubles:	M. McGrath and J. Ferncombe (Horse & Jockey)
Silver Masters (B) Singles:	S. Lee (Roscrea)
Golden Masters Singles:	J. O'Meara (Fethard)
Golden Masters Doubles:	J. O'Meara (Fethard) and P. Maher (Clonmel)

## COUNTY 60 X 30 WINNERS '91

Minor Singles:	D. Moloney (Cashel)
Minor Doubles:	D. Moloney and N. Murphy (Cashel)
Novice Singles:	S. Doyle (Clonmel)
Novice Doubles:	W. O'Dwyer and P. Moore (Cashel)
Junior Singles:	T. O'Meara (Tipperary Town)
Junior Doubles:	T. O'Meara and S. O'Callaghan (Tipperary Town)
U-21 Singles:	M. McInerney (Ballina)
U-21 Doubles:	N. Jones and G. Roche (Tipperary Town)
Masters (A) S:	P. Mullins (Clonmel)
Masters (A) D:	P. Mullins and T. Morrissey (Clonmel)
Masters (B) S:	J. Ferncombe (Horse & Jockey)
Masters (B) D:	J. Ferncombe and M. McGrath (Horse & Jockey)
Silver Masters (B) S:	S. Lee (Roscrea)

## COUNTY 40/20 JUVENILE WINNERS

U-10 Singles:	J. Egan (Silvermines)
U-10 Doubles:	D. Collins and D. Hickey (Ballina)
U-11 S:	A. Currie (Cashel)
U-11 D:	D. Tobin and R. Kane (Carrick-on-Suir)
U-12 S:	J. Ferncombe (Horse & Jockey)
U-12 D:	P. Hogan and M. Carmody (Youghalarr)
U-13 S:	D. O'Neill (Newport)
U-13 D:	C. McGrath and P. Tobin (Carrick-on-Suir)
U-14 S:	K. O'Brien (Newport)
U-14 D:	G. Luby and D. Fogarty (Golden)
U-15 S:	J. Tobin (Carrick-on-Suir)
U-15 D:	G. Tobin and P. Casey (Carrick-on-Suir)
U-16 S:	B. Croke (Horse & Jockey)
U-16 D:	J. O'Maloney and K. O'Neill (Newport)
U-17 S:	T. McInerney (Ballina)
U-17 D:	D. Linchan and T. Gleeson (Ballinahinch)

## COUNTY 60/30 JUVENILE WINNERS

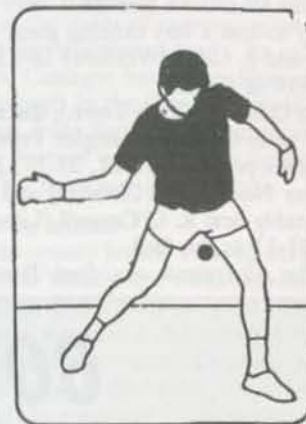
U-10 Singles:	Ballina
U-10 Doubles:	D. Collins and D. Hickey (Ballina)
U-11 S:	A. Currie (Cashel)
U-11 D:	Silvermines
U-12 S:	J. Ferncombe (Horse & Jockey)
U-12 D:	P. Hogan and M. Carmody (Youghalarr)
U-13 S:	D. Cagney (Cashel)
U-13 D:	J. Connolly and J. Hall (Cashel)
U-14 S:	B. O'Brien (Silvermines)
U-14 D:	K. O'Brien and J. Clifford (Newport)
U-15 S:	K. Linchan (Ballinahinch)
U-15 D:	C. O'Neill and M. Moylan (Newport)
U-16 S:	K. O'Neill (Newport)
U-16 D:	M. Kennedy and M. Forde (Silvermines)
U-17 S:	C. Crochet (Cashel)
U-17 D:	T. Gleeson and D. Linchan (Ballinahinch)

## "60/30 Inter-Club"

Clonmel won both the Novice and Open 60/30 Provincial Inter-Club in October.

In the Open Provincial Championship, they had a hard fought win over Loughalarr in the semi-final but in the final they had a comfortable win with the team of Noel Ryan, Tom Morrissey, Pakie Mullins and Frank Scully over Cashel: Josie O'Dwyer, Brendan and Noel Murphy and David Moloney, the '90 champions. In the All-Ireland semi-final, they were very unlucky to lose out to Kells. Meath by a mere four aces.

In the Novice Provincial Championship, they had an easy win over Kilgobnet in the semi-final and also in the final they convincingly beat Silvermines - James Kennedy, Jim Ryan, Jim O'Brien and Johnny Forde with the team of Sean Doyle, Ken Conway, Thomas "Junior" Slattery and Billy Dempsey. In the All-Ireland semi-final, Clonmel were well beaten by the strong St. Mary's, Wexford.



## "O'Shea - North Chairman"

Vincent O'Shea (Lohorna) was elected North Board Chairman in February after Sean Lee (Roscrea) resigned. Vincent is well known on the playing front, winning four All-Ireland titles, two as a Novice and two in the Masters (B) grade.

Vincent is well known for been the chief organiser of the Charity 60/30 tournament run in January over the last number of years and he is also a leading official of the Lahorna club.



Tipperary, always known for their 60/30 exploits, also won twelve Provincial 60/30 titles.

David Maloney (Cashel), one of Tipperary's busiest players, won the Provincial 60/30 Minor singles title with a fine win over fellow partner Noel Murphy (Cashel), 21-9, 21-7, in the semi-final.

In the final, David had a very easy win over J. Phillips (Limerick). But in the All-Ireland semi-final David made a surprise and tame exit, losing 21-10, 21-8 to B. Gilhooley (Wexford), never showing any of his top form.

Martin McInerney (Ballina) returned to championship action after a lengthy break with a fine success in the Provincial U-21 singles title.

In the semi-final, Martin had a tough win against the ever-improving Norman Jones (Tipp Town), 21-3, 19-21, 21-13.

In the final, Martin had a runaway win over Limerick, 21-0, 21-4. In the All-Ireland semi-final Martin never got a look in, losing 21-1, 21-8 to G. O'Brien (Kilkenny).

Martin McInerney (Ballina) and Brendan Murphy (Cashel) had an easy Munster campaign to win the U-21 doubles title with a very easy 21-1, 21-0 win over Ger Roche and Norman Jones (Tipp Town) and then easily overcame Limerick in the final.

In the All-Ireland semi-final, they were unlucky to lose a very exciting game to T. Hynes and J. Carty (Wexford) 15-21, 21-13, 21-18 in Cashel.

Tom O'Meara (Tipp Town), the stylish player, won the Junior singles Provincial title with a powerful 13-21, 21-17, 21-10 win over Noel Ryan (Clonmel) and then comfortably beat R. O'Connell (Limerick) 21-9, 21-11 in the final.

In the All-Ireland semi-final Tom lost

## Provincial 60/30 titles

out to John Rossiter (Carlow) 21-8, 21-20 in a match he should have won in the second game.

Pakie Mullins (Clonmel) again retained the Provincial Masters (A) singles title, beating fellow clubman Tom Morrissey and in the All-Ireland he beat N. Buggy (Wexford) 6-21, 21-10, 21-11.

In a thrilling final in Roscrea, Pakie lost out to Liam Roche (Mayo) 7-21, 21-10, 21-18 in a nail-biting final.

Pakie Mullins and Tom Morrissey (Clonmel) won the Munster Masters (A) doubles title with a close-fought win over Jim Ryan (Silvermines) and Billy McCarthy (Ballyporeen) 21-15, 20-21, 21-3 in a close-fought match, with the Tipp pair being unlucky with Tom carrying a right shoulder injury.

John Ferncombe and Mick McGrath (Horse & Jockey) won the Provincial Masters (B) doubles title with a good win over D. O'Brien and V. O'Callaghan (Cork) in the semi-final.

In the final, they overcame T. & S. O'Mahoney (Waterford). In the All-Ireland semi-final, John and Mick never found their best form, losing out to J. Doyle and M. Lambert (Wexford) 21-15, 21-10 in Wexford town.

Sean Lee (Roscrea) teamed up with Mick Fitzpatrick (Ballina) to win the

Provincial Silver Masters (B) doubles title with a comfortable win over J. Collins and P. O'Brien (Cork) in the final, but in the All-Ireland semi-final they lost out to B. Murphy and J. Cogley (Wexford) 21-11, 21-13.

Paddy "Musha" Maher (Clonmel) had a fine Munster Golden Masters (B) singles campaign with a good win over J. Wall, Waterford, in the semi-final and M. Hyde (Cork) in the final. In the All-Ireland semi-final in the Garda Depot, Dublin, Paddy played well but lost out 21-10, 9-21, 21-15 to Mick Ryan (Dublin).

Paddy "Musha" Maher (Clonmel) and Willie Maher (Lahorna) teamed up to win the Provincial Golden Masters (B) doubles title with a comfortable win over Waterford in the semi-final and then beat M. McCarthy and M. Hyde (Cork) in the final.

In the All-Ireland semi-final they went under to a better Dublin pair of M. O'Brien and R. Quinn 21-11, 21-15 in Cashel.

Elaine Maloney (Cashel) won the Munster U-14 60/30 Juvenile girls singles title with a fine win over Clare, 31-18 but in the All-Ireland final in Cashel she lost out to Kildare.

Clare Lonergan and Donna Harding (Cashel), after their Munster 60/30 U-15 Juvenile girls doubles win, put up a brave show in the All-Ireland final before losing out to Kildare 15-4, 15-10.

Sarah Crochet and Linda Gillespie (Cashel) reached the All-Ireland U-16 doubles 60/30 Juvenile girls final but lost out to Roscommon 15-3, 15-4.

Carol Dunne and Kaifee Maloney (Cashel) also reached the All-Ireland U-19 60/30 Juvenile girls doubles final. They both played very well before losing out to a strong Roscommon pair 21-18, 21-17 in the final.

## 60/30 CAMPAIGN

### Minors again champions

David Maloney and Noel Murphy (Cashel) won their second doubles title of the year when in August they won the All-Ireland Minor 60/30 softball doubles title.

It was a tough and long year for David and Noel, getting through a comfortable Munster campaign with their toughest match against fellow clubmen Michael Carrie and Noel Marshall in the Provincial semi-final. In the Munster final they were well on top, winning 21-7, 21-5 against Cork.

In the final in Croke Park in August, David and Noel recorded their second doubles title of the year, beating Ciaran Curren and Martin Toner (Tyrone) 21-20, 21-15.



**Handball Success!** - The cups and trophies won by Tipperary handballers in 1991. Left to right - Minor handball doubles: Paddy Russell Memorial Cup won by Noel Marshall and David Maloney. Minor handball singles: Joe Hassett Memorial Cup, won by David Maloney. Community Games U-15 Girls: John Fegan Memorial Cup, won by Cashel Girls U-15. Minor 60/30 doubles: Nuactain Gael bog-Lianthroid Mionúr Dolam won by Noel Murphy and David Maloney. Senior 40/20 doubles: Willie Black Trophy, won by John O'Donoghue and Eddie Corbett.



# County Camogie report



Discussing junior camogie All-Ireland final, left to right: Eamonn de Brun, County Camogie Board Chairman; Biddy Phillips, selector; Marian Graham, County Camogie Board Secretary; John Kennedy, trainer and selector; Bernie O'Dowd, selector; Liam Hogan.

**I**t gives me great pleasure to review once again the activities within the County over the past year. Our Annual General Meeting was held on January 13th with 15 clubs out of a possible 25 whom affiliated.

**Officers Elected:** Chairperson: Eamonn Browne; Vice-Chairperson: Liam Hogan; Secretary: Marion Graham; Treasurer: Bridget Phillips; Registrar: Bridget Phillips.

**Development Committee;** Martin Bourke, Geraldine Ryan Meagher, Bernie O'Dowd, Liam Hogan, Paddy Corrigan.

**Fixtures Committee:** Sally Duggan, Julia O'Dwyer, Conor Ryan, Padraig Mullins, Marion Graham.

**U-16 Trainer:** Sean Nealon; **U-16 Selectors:** Martin Kennedy, John Devitt; **U-18 Trainer:** Liam Hogan; **U-18 Selectors:** Martin Kennedy, John Devitt, Bridget Phillips, Bernie O'Dowd, Padraig Mullins; **Junior Trainer:** John Kennedy; **Junior Selectors:** Bridget Phillips, Bernie O'Dowd.

Tipperary had come to an end of the most successful season they had achieved in the history of the Association, winning three Munster titles and reaching two All-Ireland Finals.

The highlight of the year winning the first ever title, that being the Minor final. So, we looked forward with optimism to an even greater 1991. In any sport, they will tell you it's tough at the top, but while Tipperary's Junior Camogie team are not in a position to offer comment on that matter they will certainly confirm that it's even harder to get to the top.

After being beaten four points by Kildare in the 1990 final, they had tasted defeat and were looking forward to tasting glory in 1991. Sadly, this was not to be, while some of us were jumping for joy in Croke Park on September 22nd at the prospects of taking home the New Ireland cup to Tipperary, "Bonnie" MacGreevy for Down was rattling the Tipperary net to restore Down's lead in the dying moments of the game.

Our Minors did not achieve the same success they so rightly achieved in 1990. With so many of the previous victorious team not eligible to play this year, the selectors had a major task ahead. Training commenced in March with approximately 40 girls rearing to go. This number was gradually decreased to 22. They reached the Munster Final but were defeated by a strong Cork side. With the talent we saw emerging this year, another minor title is not in the far distant future.

**Club Activities during the Year**  
The County organised the following competitions during the year: U-12; U-14; U-16; U-18; John Hogan Cup; Ann Fraser Cup; Junior, Senior & Intermediate Championships. The following are the winners and runners-up of the various competitions.

From the list of winners, and runners-up below, a total of 10 out of 25 clubs shared the thrills of competing on County Final day at different levels. In recent times, Camogie has grown from strength to strength in the four corners of the county from Bansha to Cloughjordan and from Portroe to Clonmel, a definite sign of what to expect in the future.

## Féile na nGael:

The county hosted Féile na nGael again in 1991. While some clubs expressed their criticism of the costs involved, the overall opinion was that it did wonders for camogie in the county. Eighteen years ago when camogie first took part in Féile na nGael few envisaged its impact on camogie or the progress it would achieve. It has grown from a noble ambitious idea of Seamus Ó Riain, Tomás Ó Baroid and Eamon de Stafford to a major national event.

What a pity that this major gathering of youth enjoying our national sport could scarcely get a mention in the newspapers or on R.T.E.

In the camogie competition, 16 clubs from the county took part with each club hosting a club from outside the county. Many lasting friendships have been made

Competition	Winners	Runners-Up
U-12	Toomevara	Bansha
U-14	Thurles	Toomevara
U-16	Burgess	Gortnahoe/Glengoolie
U-18	Cashel	Burgess
Junior Championship	Clonmel	Shannon Rovers
Inter Championship	Roscrea	Portroe
Senior Championship	Cashel	Toomevara/Tempelberry
John Hogan Cup	Thurles	Clonmel
Ann Fraser Cup	Toomevara/Tempelberry	Cashel



over those two weekends with some clubs having already paid a return visit to the clubs they hosted. All our teams gave an excellent account of themselves with St. Bernadette's, Roscrea, taking the fourth division title.

Congratulations St. Bernadette's on behalf of the County Board! Through this publication, I would like to thank everybody involved for their contribution to the competition for the two years that Tipperary were hosts. To the families who welcomed the young girls into their homes with open arms, the fields committees for their work on the fields – they were second to none in the country.

The referees without whose help the weekend would not be possible. To the clubs and their officials whose 100% effort left the camogie association not wanting. To the camogie committee especially in the person of Bridget Philips who put everything into it not only for the weekend but the previous months leading up to it when few realised what was being done to make it the success it was. On behalf of myself, I would like to thank the Co. Executive, Liam O'Donoghue, Donal Shanahan, Denis Floyd, Liam McGrath, Seamus King and the other members of the committee for their help to me for the two years that Féile was in Tipperary.

#### Development of camogie grounds

The asset of acquiring our own playing pitch through the generosity of Tipperary G.A.A. Board left us wondering how we ever managed without it.

We commenced development on August 29th, the weather for development was good, but the first stage of development took longer than was expected, the weather changed, so the contractor had to move out. Now, we find ourselves without a pitch for the coming season, so we are back to where we started. The final stage of development will not recommence until March 1992 or when weather permits. Hopefully, hurling clubs will be as generous to us again for the short time we will be in the wilderness as they have been in the past.

A major fund-raising task to acquire the necessary funds for development took place on the All-Ireland weekend that being a walk from Thurles to Dublin. We left Thurles on the Friday morning with a very sparse amount of helpers. Some clubs like to pass the buck and leave the work for somebody else to do, but are good at whining when they see something being done that they don't approve of. Wake up clubs, this pitch is for everybody's use, not just the clubs in the surrounding area of the Ragg.

Saturday was a bumper day and everybody worked tirelessly from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Again if we had a larger number of collectors, it goes without saying that we would have a much larger income at the end of the day.

The tired bunch set out again for Newlands Cross on Sunday morning, for two hours this was fairly successful, but not as good as we anticipated.

We left Monday night to "The Gods" and hoped that everybody would be in a generous mood after the All-Ireland. It was a bit of a disaster to say the least, people had already contributed or were rushing to the best point to see Tipperary's homecoming.

At least for the weekends effort, we had a few thousand pounds we didn't have before we started out. For this, I wish on behalf of the Board to sincerely thank all those who contributed. It was greatly appreciated. To the collectors, young and old a heartfelt thanks. To the Newbridge G.A.A. club for the use of their facilities for the weekend, to Thurles Milk, Frank McKevitt for providing us with refreshments, to Paddy Prior, Borrisoleigh and Liam O'Donoghue for their help with amplification. Thank you!

#### Our sponsors – thank you!

Again, we had to appeal for financial assistance to hurling clubs and companies towards the costs of our All-Ireland expenses. Many clubs gave generously and for this we are extremely grateful. The costs involved on reaching this stage of the championship is immense and we are always grateful for any assistance.

This year, our major sponsors were Fitzgibbon Furniture, Thurles, who provided the team and officials with a beautiful set of tracksuits. We may not have won the All-Ireland but if a prize were to be given for the best track-suit, Tipperary would have come out on top. R.V. Chemicals, Nenagh gave us a very generous subscription. For this we gave them the rights of the "Oil of Ulay" logo on our jersey up to May 1992. C.I.E. gave us a generous discount on a carriage to Dublin and back. Thurles Milk and Johnsons, Thurles, provided the team with refreshments for all our training sessions for the month prior to the final. We thank also Tipperary G.A.A. Board for their grant, the North Board for their generous contribution, also Tipperary Supporters Club, to everybody who gave so generously to our appeal – Thank you!

#### Social Scene

November 23rd, 1990, saw a gathering of some 260 people to the Centenary Rooms, the Ragg for the most successful Dinner Dance to date.

Presentation of medals were made to all county champions by the president of the Association, Máire Ní Cheallachain. Also to our Munster champions and to our victorious All-Ireland Minor champions who were guests of honour at this function.

The highlight of the night was the presentation of the "Camogie Person of the Year". This was a top secret, known only to the President until it was announced, that Julia O'Dwyer, Cashel, was the Tipperary Camogie Person 1990 – a title she so righteously deserved. Julia has given years to her club both as administrator and player. A beautiful trophy was presented to her by the President, sponsored by Pat Dunne from Cashel. Well done Julia and congratulations!

This year our Dinner Dance will be held in the Anner Hotel, Thurles, on January 10th, 1992. Tickets can be had from any officer of the Board or from your local camogie secretary.

Before I conclude my Report, I would like to thank all club secretaries and officials for their assistance to me during 1991. To the referees, lines people and umpires and those who prepare the pitches for games, it was most appreciated. A personal thanks to Jimmy Purcell, Semple Stadium and Jimmy Coppinger, Durlas Og, for their help to me during the year. Also to the members of the Templemore G.A.A. club for the use of their grounds for county training and the numerous county finals we had there during the year. To all G.A.A. clubs who gave the use of the pitches and facilities to their local camogie clubs, thank you! Thanks to the G.A.A. Board and to the G.A.A. Members Draw for their advice and financial assistance during the year.

I cannot conclude my Report without thanking the chairman of the G.A.A. Board, Michael Maguire for his support to the Tipperary camogie team on All-Ireland day. He was with us in the hotel on Sunday morning and his kind words of encouragement to us before we departed on the bus to Croke Park was much appreciated. His sympathetic words in the dressingroom after the game helped to raise the hearts of what was by now a devastated team. His own minors had tasted defeat two weeks previously so he knew what it was about.

To everybody who turned out to greet the team back in Thurles on the Monday after the final – Thank you! To the Thurles Silver Band, to Ann Moloney and Julia Dwyer of Cashel who organised the fantastic reception for the girls when they arrived in Cashel and to the band who led them through the town. It was very encouraging and much appreciated.

In 1991, 25 clubs affiliated to the County Board. A special thanks to all those players for without you, our national game would be non-existent in Tipperary. To the parents who brought girls to county training, you haven't gone unnoticed. Thank you!

Thanks to my fellow officers, Eamon Browne and Liam Hogan. To Bridget Philips, the lady with the tight hold on our money and who has done trojan work for camogie in the county and to the members of our sub-committees – many thanks for your help! Two other ladies who have been silently helping camogie are Martina Ryan and Orla Guinan. Their assistance to me during the year has been second to none. One of these days, we might even make players out of you. Thanks girls! Thanks to Mary O'Dwyer and John Devitt who contributed the article for the county teams. Last but not least, Liam O'Donoghue for giving me the opportunity of writing on it.

Mise le meas,

Marion Uí Greachain

Runaí Coiste Chontae Thiobraid Árann



# THE JUNIOR TEAM

Mary O'Dwyer, P.R.O.

**A**FTER some very lean years for camogie in Tipperary, 1988 saw the tide beginning to turn when our Juniors made it to the Munster Final. Unfortunately, Limerick won on that occasion, but by just one point.

In 1989, Tipperary settled down and brought home the Munster Cup and it has been ours ever since. In 1990 we came within four points of an All-Ireland victory and this year we came within two points of that elusive title. A story of steady progress and mounting excitement. The All-Ireland title has never been won by Tipperary at this level and, at this stage, dare we hope for 1992? It's looking good.

Great work has been put into the building of this team, from the girls themselves, the Co. Board, their selectors - Biddy Philips and Bernie O'Dowd and from their coach/selector - John Kennedy. Under the ever present and watchful eye of Biddy, Bernie and John, this team has gone from strength to strength and is getting stronger. They are a group of girls who have brought back interest and pride in Tipperary camogie and there's great credit due to them for that.

The season of 1990/91 started on 21st October, 1990, in Scariff where they had an easy victory over Clare in the first round of the League. Then on November 18th, had their second easy victory when they beat Cork 7-4 to 1-5 in Thurles. Helen O'Leary being the main thorn in Cork's side by scoring all of the seven goals. Their third easy victory was notched up over Waterford in Lismore when they beat the home team 6-11 to 0-5 on the 10th March, 1991. But on 26th May, 1991, Limerick put a stop to our League hopes when they beat us at home 2-9 to 2-7 after a very tough struggle and closely contested match.

Then came the eagerly awaited championship and in the Munster semi-final we were up against old rivals Limerick. Tipp, during a very wet first half in Thurles in June '91, stamped their authority over the visiting team and went on to win 2-9 to 1-8. Some great play from Ann Keeshan, Sinead Neylon and Cora Kennedy ensuring that Limerick found it difficult to put scores on the score-board. Tipp had exacted their revenge on the Limerick side who had knocked them out of the League just a couple of weeks before. Tipp were fit and determined and they carried this to Cork where they emerged Munster champions for the third year in a row.

In the All-Ireland semi-final against Dublin, the girls took on some of the antics of the hurlers and, having let their opposition gain a substantial lead, stepped up a gear. Deirdre Hughes was in great form and was no small help in lifting Tipp from what seemed an impossible situation.

But come back they did and won. Next outing - Croke Park.

Finally the great day arrived and, it seemed, half of Tipp was on the road to Croke Park for the second time in September. The team lined out, captained by Kaiffe Moloney (Cashel) to pit their skills against the girls from Down.

Seeming more at home in Croke Park this year than they had done last year, the girls settled down quickly but, despite superb play from Cora Kennedy, Anne Gleeson, Triona Bonnar, Sinead Neylon, Jovita Delaney and Ann Keeshan, they were unable to take the lead in the first half. Not to be deterred, they came back after some half-time words of wisdom and encouragement from Biddy, Bernie and John to take the game to Down and to really put in a challenge for the crown.

So we saw Kaiffe Moloney, Claire Madden, Deirdre Hughes, Joan Tobin, Orla Hogan, Helen O'Leary and sub. Geraldine Ryan Meagher pull out all the stops and bring the team to two points behind. These girls had come from behind before, could they do it again?

Then, a goal - a goal was scored for Tipp with less than a minute to go. The crowd cheered, the subs bench went wild... but, alas, Down stole a march - pucked the ball out quickly to their forwards who buried it in the back of the net on the other side of the pitch. The final whistle blew. Devastation. Tipp had glory for just 30 seconds and then had it snatched away again. Naturally there was great disappointment. However, having met the girls on a few occasions since, it is evident that they have picked themselves up, dusted themselves off and are starting all over again.

We can do it in 1992. Go for it girls and good luck!

## COUNTY TITLE FOR THURLES

By Flan Quigley

TIPPERARY County Champions! It's a proud title. When achieved for the first time it is indeed sweet. And so it was on Friday, June 7th, when our U-14 girls proved that no team could equal them in the Premier County. They had just defeated the holders, and great exponents of the game, Toomevara.

Like many successful campaigns, one can never be quite sure of the prospects at the beginning of a season. However, our opening game was encouraging, when we defeated Knockavilla by 6-1 to 0-0.

Holycross were next on the list and proved to be quite stubborn opposition before Thurles emerged victorious by 3-2 to 0-0. Our final game in the league section of the championship was against Cashel and here the score was 4-5 to 0-0 in our favour. We now had reached the County Semi-final without conceding a score. This was encouraging.

We next faced Roscrea in the penultimate tie. Disaster struck on the eve of this game when our captain and star forward Reena Fogarty suffered a knee injury which ruled her out of action. When I say that Reena contributed 18 goals and 20 points in twelve games during the season, her loss could be properly appreciated. To their credit, her colleagues rose splendidly to the occasion and survived a strong Roscrea challenge by 2-1 to 0-1.

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Under control! . . . Joan Tobin in action on All-Ireland day.



## THURLES - U-14 COUNTY CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS 1991



Back row (left to right) - F. Quigney (manager), S. Dunne, C. Butler, M. Duggan, Y. Kearney, F. O'Donovan, N. Gooney, L. McLoughlin, G. O'Neill, C. Curtis, S. Ryan, N. Ryan, M. Kennedy, P. Kennedy (coach). Front row (left to right) - C. Molloy, L. Condon, C. Moore, A. D'Arcy, M. Twomey, R. Fogarty (capt.), N. Maher, C. Phillips, P. O'Dwyer, U. Ryan. (Inset: L. Curley).

### County Title for Thurles

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Now to the final and Toomevara. Toome had overcome our challenge on a few occasions during the past couple of years so our task was formidable. Our girls struck early and turned over leading 2-1 to 0-1. The second half saw Toomevara pile on the pressure but a brilliant defence - together with an outstanding display by goalkeeper Suzanne Dunne - held out and Thurles raided again to clinch the title by 3-2 to 0-3.

Those who played in the final were:

Suzanne Dunne, Fiona O'Donovan, Mary Kennedy, Noreen Gooney, Yvonne Kearney, Philomena O'Dwyer, Gillian O'Neill, Ursula Ryan, Caitriona Moore, Lucy McLoughlin, Carol Phillips, Reena Fogarty (captain), Alice D'Arcy (sub.), Claire Molloy (sub.).

Late June saw this talented team compete with success in Féile na nGael. Operating in Division Two we drew with eventual champions Galway (2-2 each), with Down (1-1 each) and defeated Gortnahoe. These results qualified us for the semi-final v. Wexford. On a 2-1 to 1-1 scoreline we made our exit, disappointed but happy in the knowledge that we could more or less hold our own in any company. This view was further supported when we narrowly lost to Division I finalists Ballyboden/St. Enda's of Dublin in a lively challenge on the morning of the All-Ireland Camogie Finals.

One further distinction was to come to our team and club again when one of our star defenders, Noreen Gooney, was to win the gold medal in Mosney, in September, in the U-14 Long Puck competition. This great distinction was richly deserved by Noreen who was an inspiration to her club all year long.

I would like to thank each and every member of the panel - not forgetting the subs - for a year of great commitment, hard work, enthusiasm, punctuality and lots of good fun. Also their parents, our supporters and the club itself. I know I speak for the team when I say thanks to my fellow selectors Phyllis and Michael Kennedy. Their dedication to Gaelic games is total and I know the girls found their enthusiasm infectious.

The future in camogie for these young players seems bright. It is indeed satisfying to see that both the Ursuline and Presentation Secondary Schools in town have added camogie to their extra curricular activities this year.

Our U-16s defeated Holycross, Moycarkey and Knockavilla while losing to Gortnahoe.

Our U-12s performed well considering that most of the players are young enough again for next year.

### THURLES JUNIOR CAMOGIE TEAM

Winners of John Hogan Cup (1991) and County Semi-finalists



Back row - Fr. B. Fletcher (trainer and selector), S. O'Mahony, M. Delaney, L. Murphy, C. Kennedy, C. Stakelum, M. Stakelum, B. O'Dowd (chairperson and selector). Front row - L. Maher, S. Fogarty, A. Wade, L. Lanigan, P. Ryan, M. Cooke.



# TIPPERARY MINOR CAMOGIE TEAM

By: John Devitt

**T**HE Tipperary Minor Camogie trials started on the 9th of March of this year with over 40 girls turning up – all of whom were worthy of a trial. It took a number of trials before a panel was finally picked to go into training in the defence of the All-Ireland title won the previous year.

The first match was against Limerick in Limerick on 28th of April. Following a number of training sessions the team approach the game with a certain amount of caution, because one never knows the quality of the opposition at this level. Starting slowly Tipperary led at half time but one felt that they were capable of more. This they proved in the second half when they really got their act together and ran out convincing winners on the scoreline of 8-6 to no score. An interesting feature of the game was the hat-trick of goals scored by Ann Barry who was introduced as a second half substitute. This was a very encouraging display by the team.

It was now onto the Munster semi-final where the opposition was Clare. The game was set for Thurles on Saturday, 18th of May. This game was again approached cautiously but a little more was known about the Clare team, as colleges camogie is strong in Clare. Clare proved to be a very strong team and it took a great team effort to contain them. The final score was Tipperary 2-7, Clare 1-1. In this game Ciara Burns gave a fine individual performance of skills and speed. The team showed a great will to win.

The scene was now set for the Munster final where the opposition was our old rivals – Cork. Word was that Cork were a well-balanced team and were confident of beating Tipperary.

Due to a number of girls doing exams training had to be curtailed. The Munster final was fixed for Ballincollig, Co. Cork, on Saturday, 6th of July. A large crowd turned up for what was expected to be a very close game. They were not disappointed. It turned out to be a very whole-hearted display of camogie by both teams. Both teams hurled as if their lives depended on it but unfortunately it wasn't to be Tipperary's day and they were dethroned by a very good Cork team on the score 3-8 to 2-6. Great credit is due to this Tipperary team for their spirit and character. It is interesting to note that a number of girls are under-age for the team again next year.

**Panel:** Tracey Bargery (captain), Ann Barry, Madeleine Bulfin, Caroline Graham, Michelle Burke (all Cashel),



Féile na nGael Parade – Fethard



"Camogie Person of the Year" 1990 – Julia O'Dwyer (left) presented with her trophy by Máire Ní Cheallacháin, President of the Camogie Association and Geraldine Ryan Meagher, chairperson of Tipperary Camogie Board.

Christine Kennedy, Áine Hogan, Elizabeth Kennedy, Theresa Brophy (all Burgess); Helena Campion, Claire Egan, Clodagh Dunne, Triona Maher (all Gortnahoe); Olivia Shanahan (St. Mary's, Clonmel); Fiona Slattery (Holycross); Aileen Delaney, Marie Ryan, Noelle Kennedy, Suzanne Kelly (all Toomevara-Templederry); Helen Kiely (Drom and Inch); Ailison Lalor (Portroe) and Fiona

Butler (Knockavilla Kickhams).

Selectors: (Trainer) John Devitt (Cashel) and Martin Kennedy (St. Mary's, Clonmel).

The Tipperary U-18 team are through to the Munster Final also where they are due to play old rivals Cork on December 1st at a Tipperary venue.





JOVITA'S FAN CLUB - AT THE PRESENTATION OF CIDONA AWARDS

Back row: (l. to r.) Martin Quirke, Dinny O'Dwyer, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Devitt, Tom Tobin, Marion Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril O'Dwyer, Ann Moloney, Mrs. Tobin, Bridget Philips, Geraldine Ryan Meagher, Kaiffe Moloney, Evelyn Quirke, Fr. T. O'Donnell. Front row (left to right): Richard Delaney, Julia O'Dwyer, Neasa O'Dwyer, Marita Tobin, Mrs. Delaney, Jovita Delaney, Richard Delaney, Antoinette O'Donnell, David Delaney, Mary Coman.

## *Féile na nGael skills officials*



Left to right; Mary O'Dwyer, Helen O'Leary, Geraldine Ryan Meagher, Bridget Philips, Trésa Healy, Jo Golden, Phylis Breslin.



TIPPERARY FÉILE NA nGAEL CHAMPION

Clodagh Dunne, Gortnahoe/Glengoolie, winner of the Tipperary County Skills presented with her trophy by Geraldine Ryan Meagher, County Skills official.



# CASHEL CAMOGIE 1991

**O**N Sunday the 20th of October at Templemore Sportsfield our senior girls won the county title for the sixth time in a row by defeating Toomevara-Templederry 3-16 to 2-6 in a hotly contested game.

This same squad represented Tipperary in the senior club competition and after beating off the challenges of Lismore of Waterford and Ballingarry of Limerick were pitched against the famous Glen Rovers of Cork who were Munster and All-Ireland champions.

Sadly, we lost this one for the second time in two years. We did not go down without a fight and in the end were only beaten by four points.

Our U-14 squad started off the year taking part in the championship and in

Féile na nGael even though they didn't win any honours they nevertheless played well in all their matches and if they keep up the bit of training there may be some stars of the future in that lot.

The U-14 panel were: A. O'Dwyer, V. O'Byrne, S. Crowe, S. Tuohy, K. Bargary, G. Hickey, E. Flynn, C. O'Dwyer, M. Lacey, S. Nash, A. Heffernan, E. O'Reilly, C. Kenny, E. Ryan, A. McCormack, B. Moloney, M. O'Dwyer, E. O'Dwyer, T. McGrath, L. Keane, L. O'Sullivan, M. Quinlan, C. O'Donnell.

Our U-16s had some runaway victories in their earlier games but in the county semi-final went down to a stronger more experienced Gortnahoe team. Our U-18 team gained com-

pensation in this competition having come through the earlier rounds run off in a blitz. They faced Burgess in the final on Sunday 10th of November, our girls were easy winners with a score of 2-7 to 0-3.

Further honours were received in the club when Jovita Delaney won the Showerings Cidona Award – this same player won the "Cork Examiner" Young Player of the Year award, Julie O'Dwyer was Tipperary camogie Person of the Year.

A number of our girls wore the county jersey both U-16, U-18 and Junior and we had the distinction of having a Cashel girl lead all of these county teams. Tracey Bargary U-16, Helen O'Leary U-18 and Kaiffe Moloney Junior.



*CASHEL SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONS 1991*

*Back row (l. to r.) P. Bonner, R. Nash, M. Bulfin, R. Ryan, J. Keating, I. Butler, K. Moloney, A. M. Fitzgerald, A. Ryan, N. O'Dwyer, M. Tobin, T. Devitt (Trainer). Front: N. Kelly (Selector), T. Bargary, T. Bonner, N. Bonner, S. Ryan, J. O'Dwyer, M. O'Riordan (captain), J. Delaney, H. O'Leary, C. Dunne.*



*CASHEL U-18 COUNTY CHAMPIONS 1991*

*Back row (l. to r.) Ann Barry, P. Moloney, P. Bulfin, J. Delaney, M. Tobin, M. Bulfin, R. Nash, M. Bulfin, T. Bargary, K. Moloney (trainer). Front row: A. Ryan (captain), H. O'Leary, N. Dwyer, E. Loneragan, P. Fitzgerald, S. Murphy, C. Dunne, S. Ryan, J. Keating.*



# Schools' Camogie All-Ireland Title for Nenagh

**S**t. Mary's Secondary School, Nenagh, added another chapter to the history of Tipperary camogie in the Spring of 1991 when they won the school's U-15 All-Ireland title. This was a first for Nenagh and St. Mary's are only the second Tipperary school to win this coveted title.

Camogie began in St. Mary's, Nenagh, in 1978 and since then it has progressed under the guidance of Ger Dullea and the late Joe Doran. The Intermediate Munster title was won in 1980, 1981 and again in 1989. Then the school won their first Munster (U-15) title when they defeated Scariff in the final. To reach the final St. Mary's beat Shannon Comprehensive School, Coláiste Muire, Ennis, St. Aly's, Cork, and St. Mary's, Middleton in the semi-final. The match against Middleton was a real thriller with both teams playing excellent camogie.

In the Munster final the Nenagh girls showed that this team has great character as well as talent. Nenagh led by 6 points at half-time. In the second half Scariff fought back to take the lead with ten minutes left. However, St. Mary's finished much stronger and won by 4 points in the end. St. Mary's defeated F.C.J., Bunclody in the All-Ireland semi-final. This match was played on a very wet day under atrocious conditions. Nenagh won the match comfortably enough on a score of 1-7 to 0-2.

In the All-Ireland Final which was played in Tullamore on Saturday, 20th April, the Nenagh girls defeated St. Cuan's from Castleblakney, Co. Galway on the score of 3-9 to 1-10. All present agreed that this was a memorable match and in fact far overshadowed the senior final. It was a very exciting game with both teams playing fantastic camogie and showing great skill as the scoreline suggested.

St. Cuan's established an early lead but once the Nenagh girls got going and began to move the ball around the scores came quickly. Ciara Burns, Aine Hogan, Noelle Kennedy and Elaine Quinlan were all in brilliant scoring form, particularly, Ciara Burns who ended up with a personal tally of 2-5. Elizabeth Kennedy at full back was a tower of strength in the Nenagh defence. However, this was essentially a great team performance with each member of the team doing exactly what was expected of them.

**Team:** Christine Kennedy, Elizabeth Kennedy, Sheila Kyne, Suzanne Kelly, Maire Slattery, Ciara Burns, Maureen Kyne, Elaine Quinlan, Marie Ryan, Alison



Winners of Avonmore Cup - Ballingarry Tournament. Under-12 Camogie team - Ballingarry. Front row (left to right): K. Norton, N. Dalton, E. O'Brien, J. Cahill, C. Cooney, L. Maher, A. Maher, M. Brennan. Back row: E. Maher, M. Keogh, J. Walsh, A. Kavanagh, P. Corcoran, E. Moloney, J. Walsh.



Members of Shannon Rovers Junior Camogie team who were defeated by Clonmel in the final. Back row (l. to r.) Ann Hegan, Bridie Brophy, Carmel Hogan, Helen Fox (captain), Bridget Burke, Sinead Cahalan, Ann O'Meara, Colette Horan, Mary Leenane. Front: Olive Guest, Mairead Burke, Catherine Burke, Teresa Burke, Michelle Cahalan, Annette Fogarty and Maura Cahalan.



Drom/Inch Féile na nGael team.



St. Mary's, Nenagh - All-Ireland Champions 1991. Front row (left to right): Alison Lawlor, Christine Kennedy, Sara Madden, Mairead Hogan, Aine Hogan (captain), Ciara Burns, Suzanne Kelly, Marie Ryan, Deirdre Kirby. Back row (left to right): Ger Dullea (trainer), Susan Kenneally, Sara Bergin, Elaine Quinlan, Sile Kyne, Elizabeth Kennedy, Marie Slattery, Maureen Kyne, Anne Marie Ryan, Noelle Kennedy, Madeleine Hayes, Hilda Mounsey, Geraldine Burke (trainer).



Lawlor, Noelle Kennely, Áine Hogan.

Subs: Ann Marie Ryan, Sarah Madden, Madeleine Hayes, Susan Kennelly, Mairead Hogan, Hilda Mounsey, Sarah Bergin, Deirdre Kirby.

The success that this team achieved was due in no small measure to Ger Dullea and Geraldine Burke. Both Ger and Geraldine have worked very hard over the years with various school camogie teams and this victory was a just reward for this dedication.

## Tipperary Schools Camogie

Yet another major development took place in Tipperary camogie during 1991, namely the inauguration of a secondary schools county competition. On 21st March, with the blessing of the Tipperary Camogie Co. Board, a schools meeting was held in Thurles. From this meeting a 10-a-side blitz competition was organised to be held in Cashel on 15th May.

Nine teams participated in this competition and after a very enjoyable day's play Borrisokane Community College emerged winners of the A section and Our Lady's Secondary School, Templemore, were crowned B section champions. The standard of camogie was of a high order and when one considers that many of the participating schools were taking part for the first time in competition then the future looks good.

On the 2nd October, 1991 the first A.G.M. of the Tipperary Schools Camogie was held. Following on the success of the inaugural competition it was decided to continue with the 10-a-side U-14 blitz in the coming year. It was also decided to begin an U-16 competition. Fifteen schools have entered these competitions for the coming year.

This display of interest is beyond belief and surely indicates that the interest is there, it only needs organising. At this point I would like to compliment and thank all the teachers involved and those getting involved. Great credit is due to these people for giving of their own time to promote and organise camogie for the girls in their schools.

So we can see that the future looks good for camogie in Co. Tipperary. The interest in the game is growing each year. The standard of skill is rising. Encourage your school to start a camogie team and if you wish to get involved in competition contact any officer of the Camogie County Board. I hope that when we come around to next year's Year Book that I will have more All-Ireland successes to report and a continuing rise in interest in the game in our schools.

*Martin Quirke*



The Burgess camogie panel and mentors which won the county Under-16 final by beating Gortnahoe-Glenagoole at The Ragg. Kneeling (front row) left to right: Roberta Guest, Maureen Kyme, Christine Kennedy, Áine Hogan (captain), Elizabeth Kennedy, Therese Brophy, Máiréad Hogan, Siorcha McDonnell. Standing (back row) (left to right) Conor Ryan, Catherine Slattery, Ciara Burns, Elaine Quinlan, Ann Marie Ryan, Sheila Kyme, Marie Slattery, Jackie Maher, Mary Slattery, Karen O'Donoghue, Liam Hogan.

# Burgess Camogie

*Liam Ó h-Ógáin*

Our first training session in the current year was held on the first week of February '91 and training has continued to date. It has been a long year for our players and committee. Our players graced the field in all grades in the county championships. We had players representing the club at schools competitions, inter-county U-16, U-18 and Junior and we had one player from the club Orla Hogan, who made the Munster Junior team.

In April we travelled to Salthill, Galway, to compete in the Pan Celtic Camogie competitions. We took part in the Minor and Senior competitions. We reached the final of the Minor competition and the semi-final of the senior competition.

In April the local convent team, St. Mary's, Nenagh, won the All-Ireland Junior Schools Camogie. The club had the distinction of supplying the captain, Áine Hogan. In all we had 10 players on the panel, eight on the first twelve and two subs.

For the fourth consecutive year we took part in Féile na nGael. We welcomed the Kilkenny girls from Freshford to our parish and we must say that the Kilkenny girls were a credit to the Freshford club. We had a good run in the competition but had to give way to better teams.

In the U-12 championship we reached the county semi-final stage only to go under to Bansha.

In the U-14 championship we were not as successful as other years and had to give way to Toomevara and Kilruane and drew with Portroe.

The U-16 championship was our All-Ireland this year, as far as competitions went, when we recaptured this title after an absence of two years, last winning it in 1989. In this competition we accounted for our great rivals Toomevara and Cashel and defeated Gortnahoe in the final. The final of the U-18 championship was decided on the 10th November. After high expectations we were disappointed to lose to our arch rivals Cashel. It was a wet and windy day and the standard of camogie suffered as a consequence.

In the senior championship we lost narrowly to Cashel and Toomevara. We are still a very young team and maybe 1992 could see us making the breakthrough.

Our thanks to all those who supported us throughout the year, namely our supporters, those who helped out financially, mentors, officers and the local G.A.A. club for its facilities.



# TOOMEVARA CAMOGIE CLUB

## 1991

**N**INETEEN-NINETY-ONE will go down as a mixed year for the club, with lots of enjoyment from a lot of teams, winning and losing — but also a great deal of sadness with the loss of one of our finest players as well as coach, Catherine Guerin.

The year began on a high note with victory over Cashel in the Ann Frazer Cup for our senior team and it was a promising start.

The u/12's once again achieved their own piece of history winning their fifth successive county title by defeating Bansha. The u/14's were next and they reached the County final also. In a great final, Toome went down to a strong Thurles side and were relieved of their title. They enjoyed the Féile weekend once again and although they did not reach the final, it is an occasion that will always be remembered with experience gained and new friends made. We hosted Ballyboden, Dublin, this year and they were eventually defeated in the final. Thanks to all parents that hosted the girls for the weekend. The u/13½ Community Games team also won out the county final for the third year in a row at the expense of a promising Upperchurch.

The u/16's will probably feel they lost out on a county title as they were narrowly defeated by eventual winners, Burgess. They put up a tremendous display of camogie against the favourites and nearly pulled off a victory. Well done for their effort during the year. Our u/18 team put up a good fight against champions Cashel and although defeated in the semi-final can feel happy with their display.

Our senior team was probably our most disappointing at the end of the year. Hopes were high of a victory over Cashel when they reached their third successive county final. Cashel, however, won very convincingly on the day. It was a young team, however, with a lot of new players so they should take heart from the experience gained. In reality, looking back, our senior team only played one real match during the summer and this also showed on final day.

On the county scene, things were not as successful as last year, with the minors going down to Cork. Suzanne Kelly, Aileen Delaney, Marie Ryan and Noleen Kennedy represented the club on the team for that Munster final. The juniors were represented by trainer John Kennedy from Toome and players Anne Gleeson, Cora Kennedy and Deirdre Hughes. Once again the All-Ireland eluded them as they experienced a narrow defeat at the hands of Down.

The saddest part of the season came in



**TOOMEVARA SENIOR TEAM — COUNTY FINALISTS 1991**  
**ANN FRAZER CHAMPIONS 1991**

*Back Row (left to right): Siobhán Cusack, Mary Stapleton, Cora Kennedy, Majella Maxwell, Suzanne Kelly, Nora Dwan. Front Row (l. to r.): Maria Ryan, Noelle Kennedy, Josie Browne, Ann Gleeson, Aileen Delaney.*



**TOOMEVARA U/12 COUNTY CHAMPIONS 1991**

*Front Row (left to right): N. Ryan, L. Woods, E. Guilfoyle (capt.), L. Young, J. Boland. Back Row (l. to r.): C. Hackett, S. Maxwell, C. Maxwell, C. Mounsey, S. Shepherd, J. Duff, S. Boland.*

August when we lost Catherine. She will be missed by all forever and she has given a tremendous amount of time, work and dedication to the club. She trained all the underage teams of the club and took them to u/12 county final victories and u/14 All-Ireland Féile, as well as county final success. She played on u/12, u/16, u/18 teams down through the years, right up to senior level with the club. She holds many titles with the club, including u/14 county honours, two u/18 county titles, an Intermediate county medal, as well as

three senior Ann Frazer Cup medals.

She will be a huge loss to the club and will be missed greatly by all of her clubmates within the county and club.

The club would like to extend sincere sympathy towards her parents, sister and brothers and we hope that they can be somewhat comforted by the fact that she influenced so many people and has left a special memory within the hearts of all who knew her.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh d'anam dilis.



# St. Mary's Camogie Club

## Clonmel - 1991

*By Martin Kennedy*

1991 proved to be our most successful year since our foundation over four years ago.

We fielded an U-12 team which played two exciting draws against Bansha and Gortnahoe and lost an exciting game to Ballingarry by two points. Outstanding new club members in this age group were Paula Spillane and Natalie Phelan.

We had very little success at U-14 but did have some very good displays in the Féile na nGael competition. We were unlucky to lose to Fethard by one point and also to lose to the Offaly county champions by one point. The only team to beat us decisively were St. Mullin's of Carlow who proved to be the outstanding team in the group and went home as worthy champions.

We played two games in the U-16 and lost one and drew one. Our U-18 team went out in the first round to a very good Burgess team.

It was at junior level that our much sought for success eventually arrived. We got a great boost at the beginning of the year when we managed to recruit four new members to our junior panel. Our new found confidence got a set back when we lined out against Cahir in the John Hogan Cup. A first round defeat set us back on our heels but this proved a blessing in disguise because it showed us that anything that was to be won would have to be earned and earned the hard way. Subsequent wins over Fethard, Thurles and Loughmore put us into the league final against Thurles.

This was a most exciting game of camogie and with just seconds to go we were leading by two points only to lose in the most cruel way by conceding a goal with no time left to come back.

This was a game we should have won and we vowed then that come championship time we would be back and no mistakes would be made. The loss of county U-15 player O. Shanahan, through illness, and county player M. Stokes, examined, proved too much for us. Final score



*Clonmel - County Junior Champions - Back row (l. to r.) C. McMenamin, P. Power, T. O'Shea, N. Fitzmaurice, M. Stokes, L. O'Mahoney, F. Hackett, L. Ryan, B. Hickey, M. Kennedy, F. McMenamin, L. Buckley, M. Kennedy. Front row: M. Peters, M. O'Sullivan, C. Shanahan, O. Shanahan, C. Landy, C. Ryan (captain), C. Landy, T. Burke, D. McMenamin. Missing from photo: Dolores Tyrell.*

Thurles 4-0, Clonmel 2-5.

We started our junior championship run with decisive wins over Fethard and Loughmore. Next followed a close encounter with Gortnahoe in Gortnahoe when we were lucky to win by one point. Next followed a decisive win over Cahir and we were into the county semi-final.

In this we faced Thurles, the only team to have beaten us since our first game defeat by Cahir at the start of the season. This was a close tough encounter that we won eventually by 5-3 to 4-1. Now we faced Shannon Rovers from the extreme north of the county in the final at the new field in the Ragg. After a tension filled hour we eventually won by three points 1-4 to 1-1.

This was a game in which every girl played her part but none more so than T. Burke in goal, Olivia Shanahan at midfield, who was unanimously elected player of the match, M. Stokes who had suffered the disappointment of losing the All-Ireland final with Tipperary, the previous Sunday and Michelle Kennedy whose accuracy from frees and play proved most important as she got all the scores of 1-4. The defence ably marshalled by captain C. Ryan and well supported by Linda Ryan,

M. O'Sullivan and F. Hackett proved rock solid. Bríd Hickey our third midfielder with Olivia and M. Stokes kept the ball coming to the forwards but a strong Rovers defence made sure that M. Kennedy, D. Tyrell, C. Shanahan and Louise Buckley were going to earn anything that was got. But thankfully enough scores were got and we at last had our first trophy.

Team: T. Burke, F. Hackett, L. Ryan, M. O'Sullivan, C. Ryan (captain), B. Hickey, O. Shanahan, M. Stokes, M. Kennedy, L. Buckley, C. Shanahan, D. Tyrell. Sub: F. McMenamin. Others who played their part in other games were L. O'Mahoney, Carmel Landy, Caroline Landy. A special word of praise to Nóirín Fitzmaurice who had played outstandingly in all our games but unfortunately was indisposed for the final.

Full credit to Mollie Peters who did so much work with the team during the year and also thanks to Tom O'Shea, M. Kennedy, P. Power and Dan McMenamin who all worked so hard on behalf of the club during the year. Congratulations to M. Stokes and O. Shanahan who both represented Tipperary during the year.



# St. Bernadette's Camogie Club (Roscrea)

## 1991 Intermediate County Champions

(By Betty Ryan)

**S**T. BERNADETTE'S were worthy winners of this year's Intermediate title which was played in Templemore on 18th August when they swept aside a spirited and determined challenge from favourites Portroe and thereby earned promotion to senior status for next year. It was a fitting way to celebrate the silver jubilee of the club and the sweetest of victories. Final score St. Bernadette's 1-6, Portroe 1-5.

Our spirit was well tested in this game by a Portroe team that had been regraded from senior status at the start of this year. The team found themselves down five points at the interval. A few positional switches were made at the restart of the second half. The Portroe path to goal was sealed off by the defence – they only succeeded in getting one point from a free in the second half. The team were playing like champions and were rewarded with a well taken goal to seal the issue.

**Panel of Players:** Ann Keeshan (captain), Brid Treacy, Aileen Delaney, Betty Ryan, Linda Franks, Geraldine Bourke, Mary Moloney, Yvonne Kirwan, Mandy Quigley, Elizabeth Shanahan, Breda Moloney, Emma Carroll, Rosie Ryan, Colette Phelan, Mary Hogan, Lisa Carroll, Bernie Feehan, Marina Kiely, Martina Kirwan, Marita King, Eilis Quinlan, Patricia McNamara.

**Selectors:** Jimmy Carroll, Bernie Feehan, Jerry Kirwan. **Trainer:** Gerry Kirwan.

The club rejuvenated interest in underage camogie in 1990. This was due mainly to the tireless work of Mary Moloney assisted by Jimmy Carroll and Patsy Carroll. Mary called to the local schools at the start of 1990 season and canvassed players for an under-14 team.

Her diligent efforts were rewarded this year when the U-14 team won the division 4 All-Ireland Féile final. The club also entered an U-16 and U-18 team in the championship this year.

The U-16s reached the county semi-

final and also emerged winners of the Templemore festival tournament. The U-18s went down by a narrow margin to a strong Cashel team.

Camogie has a long tradition in Roscrea town and its surrounds. Roscrea Camogie

gave their services to the county.

Kathleen Treacy, Mona Quigley, Geraldine Feehan, Bernie Feehan, Rosie Ryan and presently the county goalkeeper Ann Keeshan. The major achievements to date – three U-14 county finals in a row, two



St. Bernadette's (Roscrea) team and officials. Division 4 winners of Féile na nGael 1991

Club holds the proud distinction of having been Tipperary County Champions for an unbroken 16 years – between 1946 – 1961. By the mid-Sixties this club was no longer in existence and St. Bernadette's was founded in 1966 to restore interest in the game.

The founders were P. O'Brien (R.I.P.), Jimmy Carroll, Maisie Cunningham, Bernie Feehan and Mary Kirwan. Jimmy Carroll holds the position of chairman of the club for an unbroken 25 years. He has worked tirelessly for the club since its formation, and is proud of the fact that the club has never failed to field a team in all those years. Few can match Jimmy's experience on camogie matters.

Another founder member Bernie Feehan continues to serve the club well both as player and administrator. Her contribution to the club is immense. The club has contributed numerous players over the past 25 years to Tipperary county teams at different grades. In recent times the following were some of the players who

U-16 county finals, one Junior final in 1984, two Intermediate finals 1986-1990.



Eamon Browne presents the cup to Ann Keeshan (captain).



# Nenagh Vocational School Camogie

THIS WAS a very good year for camogie in Nenagh Vocational School with their Senior girls unbeaten at county and provincial level.

Their first game was against Borrisokane V.S. and was played in Borrisokane on October 12th, 1990. The first half was closely contested with play swinging from end to end as each side attempted to dominate. Nenagh were slightly ahead at the interval.

In the second half the Nenagh girls began to gain control and with Sinéad Nealon and Deirdre Hughes controlling the centre of the field a plentiful supply of ball was laid on for the forwards. Nuala Nealon at full forward made good use of the possession she got and the Nenagh girls finished with a comfortable lead.

The next round of the county championship was against Thurles V.S. A fine display by Therese Brophy in goal and Nora Dwan at full back made things very difficult for the Thurles forwards. Aileen Delaney and Sinéad Carson on the wings gave forwards Fiona Murphy and Sheila Brophy many opportunities to display their scoring ability.

The first round of the Munster championship saw Nenagh pitted against Mannix College, Rath Luirc, Co. Cork. The match was played in Rathluirc in very inclement weather. The Cork side were very big and the wet, heavy conditions suited their style of play. The match was very close right to the end but the wholehearted efforts of the O'Brien sisters, Patricia and Loretto, as wing backs, Audrey Ryan and Deirdre Hughes around midfield and Sinéad Nealon, Nuala Nealon and Jean Morris in the forwards gave Nenagh a slight edge which brought them victory.

The Munster final saw Nenagh against old rivals Roscrea V.S. who had narrowly beaten them the previous two years. A burning desire to avenge these defeats saw the Nenagh girls play with great drive and determination from the throw-in. This was a great game of camogie and a worthy Munster final, with both sides producing excellent displays and in the end Nenagh emerged as deserving winners by a margin of five points.

**Team:** T. Brophy, N. Dwan, P. O'Brien, S. Nealon, L. O'Brien, S. Carson, D. Hughes, A. Ryan, F. Murphy, A. Delaney, J. Morris, N. Nealon. **Subs:** S. Byrnes, S. Brophy, L. Hogan, A. Hogan, J. Maher, S. McCarthy.

Next was the All-Ireland semi-final against Thomastown V.S. This was played in Johnstown, Co. Kilkenny. Thomastown got off to a dream start with two goals in the first five minutes. Nenagh settled well after this setback and dominated the remainder of the game but could not get

sufficient scores to gain victory. The final score was Thomastown 2-2, Nenagh 0-5.

The final game of the year was the county final against Roscrea. This was

played in Roscrea and after a powerful display of camogie Nenagh scored a comfortable victory to leave them as both county and Munster champions.



**NENAGH VOCATIONAL SCHOOL SENIOR CAMOGIE TEAM**

Front row (left to right) - A. Hogan, T. Brophy, F. Murphy, N. Nealon, N. Dwan, D. Hughes, A. Delaney, S. Nealon. Back row (left to right) - C. Slaterry, S. Byrnes, L. Hogan, S. Brophy, L. O'Brien, S. Carson, P. O'Brien, J. Morris, A. Ryan.

## Portroe - North Tipp. 'Club of the Year' 1990



North Tipp. Board Chairman Billy Ryan presents Cuchulainn statuettes to Pat Hickey (Secretary) and Michael Gleeson (Chairman) of Portroe, winners of North Tipp. 'Club of the Year' award 1990.





UNDER-14 FOOTBALL - ARRAVALE ROVERS - WEST CHAMPIONS

Back row (l. to r.) D. O'Donoghue, E. McElligott, T. Conroy, G. Ryan, S. Coman, M. J. O'Dwyer, T. O'Reilly, P. Moore, M. Doherty, E. O'Sullivan, D. Buckley, B. O'Sullivan, D. Quinlan, D. Crowe, P. McEvoy. Front row: P. Daly, L. Quirke, P. Collins, T. Cuss, J. O'Dwyer, N. Considine, E. O'Dwyer, M. Dullea, N. Halligan, M. Cummins, M. Brady.

## West Board Review

By: Jerry Ring (Secretary)

**D**espite the fact that many of our players were involved on county panels, causing disruption of internal championships, to date the Division has only to play the two U-21 Football Championship finals.

We, however have yet to finish our senior football West Championship and play the finals of the O'Donoghue Cup S.F.L., the J. F. L. and the Crocco Cup. S.H.L. These internal competitions will run on into the new year.

Of the county championship successes to come to the Division so far, pride of place must go to the Dan Breen Cup which rests in the city of the Kings for the very first time. Cashel also annexed the D. P. Walsh Cup for the county junior hurling championship so they have joined the few elite clubs who have already won this double.

Down the road in Rosegreen, fellow parishioners have won the minor football championship 'B' McEntee Cup. This is their first ever county title so it has certainly been a historical year for the parish and augurs well for the future.

The Cashel U-21 hurlers have also yet to play the county 'A' final and the West U-21 F.C. 'A' final and they carry the favourites tag into each.

A young Arravale Rovers side take on Moneygall in the county I.H.C. final. If they could win this one it would be a fitting way to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the clubs first West S.H.C. title.

Kickhams reached the county M.H.C. 'A' final and after doing well in the first half were eventually defeated by a good Eire Óg (Nenagh) side. In the M.H.C. 'B' final Aherlow put up a great show going under in the end to Boherlahan by just two points.

On the football front, the Divisional

senior football championship, no matter when it's played gives grave cause for concern. The talent is in most clubs but I doubt if the interest is there and indeed the hard work that must go into the training of teams.

The day is long gone when a club can put out 15 on the day and hope to win. Also clubs should not be making excuses when they cannot get the commitment from their players. The term "small" clubs is synonymous with "small" efforts and little activity. All clubs can be small if they wish - just look at Aherlow and Rosegreen.

Arravale Rovers and Rosegreen have won the Co. Minor Football Championships in 'A' and 'B' and we hope for a good response from the rest of our non senior Divisional champions in the county games.

### S.F.C.

The following teams took part: Galtee Rovers v Cashel; Lattin/Cullen v Emly; Golden/K. v Cappawhite; Arravale Rovers v Rockwell Rovers.

### I.F.C.

The following teams took part on a double round league basis. Eire Óg, Clonoulty Rovers and Solohead.

### J.F.C.

The following teams took part:

Golden/K. v Cappawhite, Glengar v Rosegreen; Sean Treacy's v Galtee Rovers;

Arravale Rovers v Kickhams; Aherlow v Rockwell Rovers; Cashel.

### U-21 F.C. 'A'

Aherlow v Cappa/Eire Óg, Cashel v Arravale Rovers.

### U-21 F.C. 'B'

Golden/K. v Galtee Rovers, Lattin/Emly v Clonoulty, Rosegreen v Sean Treacy's, Kickhams v Rockwell Rovers, Solohead.

### M.F.C. 'A'

The following played on a league basis: Aherlow, Arravale Rovers, Cashel, Cappa/Eire Óg, Lattin/Emly.

### M.F.C. 'B'

Two groups played on a league basis:

Group 1: Golden/K., Rosegreen, Solohead, Sean Treacy's.

Group 2: Kickhams, Clonoulty/R., Galtee Rovers, Rockwell Rovers.

### Junior Football League:

Group 1: Arravale Rovers, Galtee Rovers, Rockwell Rovers, Solohead and Glengar.

Group 2: Kickhams, Rosegreen, Golden/K. and Aherlow.

O'Donoghue Cup S.F.L. - Full round: Aherlow, Arravale Rovers, Cashel, Emly, Galtee Rovers, Golden/K., Lattin/C., Rockwell Rovers, Solohead.

### S.H.C.:

Preliminary round: Sean Treacy's v Western Gaels (Rockwell, Rosegreen, Emly, Solohead). Kickhams v Cashel,

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Golden/Lattin v Clonoulty/R., Eire Óg v Arravale/Galtee; Cappawhite v Sean Treacy's.

#### I.H.C.

Run on a league basis for the following teams:

Arravale Rovers, Galtee Rovers, Golden/K, Sean Treacy's.

#### J.H.C.

Two groups on a league basis:

Group 1: Aherlow, Arravale Rovers, Eire Óg, Rockwell Rovers, Rosegreen, Sean Treacy's, Solohead.

Group 2: Cappawhite, Cashel, Emly, Kickhams, Lattin/C. and Golden/K.

#### U-21 H.C. 'A'

Sean Treacy's/Aherlow v Cashel; Cappa/Eire Óg v Kickhams.

#### U-21 H.C. 'B'

Galtee Rovers v Lattin/Emly, Arravale Rovers v Clonoulty/R., Golden/K. v Rosegreen/Solohead.

#### M.H.C. 'A'

Run on a league basis for the following: Arravale Rovers, Cappa/Eire Óg, Cashel, Kickhams.

#### M.H.C. 'B'

Two groups in a league:

Group 1: Galtee Rovers, Golden/K, Lattin/C., Sean Treacy's, Clonoulty/R.

Group 2: Aherlow, Rosegreen, Rockwell Rovers, Emly/Solohead.

#### Crosco Cup S.H.L.:

Full round: Arravale Rovers, Cashel, Clonoulty, Eire Óg, Golden/K., Kickhams, Sean Treacy's/Aherlow, Western Gaels (Cappawhite withdrew).

## SCÓR 1991

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Cappawhite  
Amhránaíocht Aonair. . . Mary Morrissey  
Kickhams  
Nuachleas: . . . . . Cappawhite  
Trath na gCeist. . . . . Cashel  
Ceol Uirlise: . . . . . Sean Treacy's (Co.)  
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**ARRAVALA ROVERS - WEST I.H. CHAMPIONS 1991**

Back row (l. to r.): John Delaney, John Ryan, Justin Quinlan, Stephen Nugent, Jim Lowry, Pat O'Donnell, Kevin O'Sullivan, Alan Quirke, Micheál Gleeson, Robbie Quinlan, Willie Crowe, Eddie McGrath. Front row (l. to r.): Richard O'Connor, Sean McCarthy, John Quirke, Tony Lohan, Damian Quinlan, G. O'Dwyer, Peter Gleeson, Gary Quinlan, Larry O'Donnell.



**CLONOULTY/ROSSMORE - WINNERS OF WEST INTERMEDIATE FINAL 1991**

Back row (l. to r.) Dominic Ryan, Kevin Ryan, Michael Hughes, Noel Keane, Dan Quirke, Michael Murphy, Andrew Fryday, Maurice Quirke. Front row (l. to r.) Kenneth Ryan, Declan Ryan, Johnny Fitzpatrick, Alan O'Dwyer, Neil Ryan, Willie Heffernan, Michael Heffernan.



**CASHEL KING CORMACS - WEST AND COUNTY JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS 1991**

Back row (l. to r.) Joe Moloney (selector), Seamie Delahunty, Aidan Fogarty, Seanie Morrissey, Joe O'Leary, Tom Walsh, Tommy Fitzgerald, Sean Slattery, Gerry Grey, Seanie O'Donoghue, Ger Slattery, Arthur Fitzell, Joey Moloney, Sean Rodgers, Michael Browne (selector). Front row (l. to r.) Peter Fitzell, Joe O'Dwyer, Brennan Bonnar, Liam Devitt, Ger Quinlan, Raymie Davern (captain), John Fitzelle, Denis Keating.



**KICKHAMS - WEST TIPP M.H. CHAMPIONS 1991**

Back row (l. to r.) Bobby Alley, John Cussen, Aidan Heaney, Tommy Murphy, Jimmy Farrell, Vincent Bradshaw, James McCormack, Paul Morrissey, Sean Buckley (captain), Clive Morrissey, Adrian O'Dwyer, Alan Hogan, Aidan Murphy. Front row (l. to r.) Seamus Cussen, Ger Farrell, Donal O'Brien, Aidan Slattery, P. J. Horgan, Kevin Ryan, Seamus Hennessy, Aidan Butler, Brian Horgan, Michael O'Brien.



# WEST TIPPERARY CHAMPIONSHIP AND LEAGUE PROGRESS

Final Date	Competitions		Teams	Games	Finalists				Referee	Co. Progress
22/9	S.H.C.	K/O	9	9	Cashel	0-12	Cappawhite	0-8	J. Kennedy	Co.
13/10	I.H.C.	League	4	7	Arravale Rovers	0-13	Golden/Kilfeacle	1-5	P. Russell	
20/10	J.H.C.	League	13	45	Cashel	1-10	Rosegreen	1-9	P. Lonergan	Co.
18/8	U-21 H. 'A'	K/O	4	3	Cashel	3-13	Cappa/Eire Óg	1-9	C. O'Sullivan	
25/8	U-21 'B'	K/O	6	6	Clonoulty/Rossmore	2-8	Rosegreen/Soloh.	2-4	R. Barry	
22/9	M.H.C. 'A'	League	4	9	Kickhams	1-4	Cashel	0-4	R. Barry	
6/10	M.H.C. 'B'	League	9	21	Aherlow	2-7	Lattin/Cullen	1-6	W. Morrissey	Co. Final
	Croscó	S.H.L.	8	29	Cashel		Clonoulty/Rossmore			
	S.F.C.	K/O	8	8	Lattin/C. - Cash./Galt.		Arravale-Gold./Cappa.			
13/10	I.F.C.	League	3	7	Clonoulty/Ross.	0-9	Eire Óg	0-7	T. Mehan	
3/11	J.F.C.	K/O	11	10	Aherlow	0-11	Rosegreen	1-4	J. Moloney	
	U-21 F. 'A'	K/O	4	3	Cashel		Aherlow			
1/12	U-21 F. 'B'	K/O	9	11	Kickhams	2-6	Rosegreen	0-11	G. Ryan	
22/9	M.F.C. 'A'	League	4	14	Arravale Rvs.	3-14	Aherlow	2-7	J. O'Donnell	Co.
21/9	M.F.C. 'B'	League	8	16	Rosegreen	0-7	Galtee Rovers	1-3	N. Lonergan	Co.
	O'Don. Cup	S.F.L.	9	38	Golden/Kilfeacle		Arrav./Latt.			
	J.F.L.	League	9	19	Aherlow		Rosegreen			
			122	255						
Final Date:	Competitions		Teams	Games	Finalists					



**CLONOULTY/ROSSMORE - WEST TIPP  
U-21 'B' H. CHAMPIONS**

Back row (l. to r.) Kenneth Ryan, Paul Dwyer, Edward O'Dwyer, Seamus Coffey, Seamus Coen, Tommy O'Shea, Maurice Quirke, George Quirke, Tomás Barry, Michael Hughes, Mark Keane, Ian Ryan. Front row (l. to r.) Mitchell Heffernan, Aidan Butler, William Ryan, Liam Coen, Willie Heffernan (capt.), Patrick Fogarty, Joseph Wade, Michael O'Donnell, Michael Brennan, Michael Ryan.



**AHERLOW - WEST JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS**

Back row (l. to r.) Lar Ivory, John Ivory, Michael Moroney, Sean Russell, Michael O'Brien, Tom Peters, Ciarán Clifford, Tom Leonard (trainer). Front row (l. to r.) Luke Leonard, Patrick O'Shea, Mark Leonard (captain), Denis O'Shea, Bobby Russell, Eamonn Mullins, Martin Ryan, Derry Peters, Tom Hanly (trainer).



Action from the West Tipperary senior hurling final between Cashel King Cormacs and Cappawhite



**AT WEST BOARD CONVENTION**

Left to right: J. Ring (secretary), B. Ryan (treasurer); J. J. Kennedy (P.R.O.); Jim Ryan (Chairman).





**AHERLOW – WEST M.H. 'B' CHAMPIONS**

Back row (l. to r.): Davie Shanahan (trainer), Billy Hennebry, Michael Russell, Kieran Moroney, John Reardon, Don Walsh, Michael Moroney, Mark Leonard (captain), Declan Reardon, John Frewen, Ger Kirby, Mike Kirby (trainer). Front row (l. to r.) Anthony Moroney, Derry Peters, John Burke, Conor O'Shea, Liam Lewis, George Kiely, Eddie Moroney, Mark O'Shea, Lionel Leonard.



**ARRAVALLE ROVERS – WEST AND COUNTY M.F. 'A' CHAMPIONS**

Back row (l. to r.) Kieran Cummins, Eoin Brennan, Alan Quinlan, Michael Gleeson, Kevin O'Sullivan, Ciarán Flynn, Denis Cremins, Graham Lonergan, Ciarán Ryan, Damien Lynch, David Cleary, Mark Waldron, Rory Kissane. Front row (l. to r.) Brendan Crowe, John Lacey, Toss Martin, Gary Quinlan, Mark Gleeson, David Quirke, Tony O'Sullivan (captain), Brian Lacey, Sean O'Halloran, Kevin O'Sullivan.

## RIGHT:

At a West Tipp. Bórd na nÓg function, Pat Fox made presentations to the captains of all West Tipp. juvenile champions 1991. Front row (l.-r.): Thomas Keane (Sean Treacy U-14 'B' hurling); Michael O'Brien (Kickhams U-15 Garda Cup hurling); Tom Costello (Cappawhite U-13 Garda Cup football); Pat Fox; Pat McEvoy (Arravale Rovers U-14 U/R hurling); Conor Ryan (Clonoulty U-12 'A' hurling); Tom Julian (Cappawhite U-14 'B' football). Centre (l.-r.): Bernard Ryan (Sean Treacy U-12 'B' hurling); David Byrne (Emly U-12 'C' football); James Tierney (Golden U-12 'A' football); Pat Julian (Cappawhite U-12 'B' football). Back (l.-r.): David Ryan (Arravale Rovers U-16 'A' football); Donal McGrath (Aherlow U-14 R hurling); Billy Reardon (Aherlow U-14 R football); Pat Hughes (Aherlow U-16 'B' football); Jason Nugent (Arravale Rovers U-14 U/R football); James McCormack (Kickhams U-16 'A' hurling); Micheál Ryan (Clonoulty U-16 'B' hurling).



# Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Coiste Thiobraid Árann Thiar



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# A First for Cashel King Cormacs

By: MICHAEL DUNDON, (Tipperary Star)

ONE of the great things about the Tipperary senior hurling championship in recent years has been the number of clubs winning the Dan Breen Cup for the first time, or else, regaining it after a long number of years in the doldrums. Not since the triumphs of Kilruane MacDonaghs in the late seventies and to a lesser extent the wins of Moycarkey-Borris and Borrisoleigh in the early eighties have any clubs dominated the competition to even a limited extent, and this has added an exciting dimension to the competition.

Yet, for all that, it was very predictable that Cashel and Holycross-Ballycahill would reach this year's final and it can safely be said that few winners were more popular than the West champions. It must also be stressed that this is no reflection on Holycross-Ballycahill who have provided some sterling contests over the past three years, but to most hurling followers it was a serious omission, in need of being rectified, that a club with the great tradition of the King Cormacs should never have won the championship.

Prior to this year, Cashel had appeared in the final on four occasions and lost each time. Their great side of the late thirties and early forties twice suffered defeat at the hands of Moycarkey-Borris and also went under to Thurles Sarsfields – teams that surely deserved to put Cashel on the championship map. Then last year, Cashel succumbed to Holycross-Ballycahill who were themselves winning the Dan Breen Cup for the first time since 1954. The experience of '90 helped Holycross-Ballycahill appreciate at first hand the great sense of achievement in Cashel, and to their great credit few clubs could have been more gracious in defeat than the Mid champions.

When all the ifs and buts of the year are threshed out, it has to be acknowledged that this was Cashel's year. Since their defeat in 1990 nothing else occupied their thoughts only of making amends and no stone was left unturned in their efforts to achieve this.

Their campaign to reach the decider indicated their great sense of purpose as the challenges of Knockavilla Kickhams initially, and then Clonoulty-Rossmore, the county champions of '89, were brushed aside with confidence.

In the West final, Cappawhite provided the opposition, and they too had to give way to the march of the Kings. Carrick Swans were beaten comfortably in the county quarter-final which put the West champions into the county semi-final against Toomevara. The victory over Toomevara was not one of Cashel's better performances, but it achieved its purpose –



Colm Bonnar in action for Cashel King Cormacs in the West Tipperary senior hurling final against Cappawhite in Clonoulty.

the securing of a place in the final.

Holycross-Ballycahill, in the meantime, has come through an arduous campaign, playing nine matches to reach the final, having been involved in three drawn ties along the way. The Mid. champs in their third successive final, were most people's favourites, though some harboured doubts about their ability to stay going after such an extensive programme.

Without going into the detail of the game, Cashel were clearly the masters but made heavier weather of triumphing than their share of the play suggested. Their control stemmed from the excellent halfback line of Ramie Ryan, Pa Fitzell and Conal Bonnar who both in cutting off Holycross attacks and setting up counter attacks were the most influential combination in the game.

It was anybody's game until Tommy Grogan took a pass from Jamesie O'Donoghue in the sixteenth minute of the second half to score the goal that finally made Cashel believe they could win. They were now two points ahead (1-6 to 1-4) and with Holycross committed to all-out attack to retrieving the situation, the lead was a precarious one, especially when viewed in the light of the Mid champions amazing record of snatching draws and victory in exciting climaxes.

However, the seal was set on Cashel's victory when Cormac Bonnar, having a rather quiet game by his own standards, grabbed a T. J. Connolly delivery, rounded his man, and smashed home a goal of great quality. The last few minutes saw Cashel on a high as they and their supporters enjoyed to the ultimate the prospect of the elusive first senior championship success.

Of course no victory for Cashel at the present time can escape the influence of the Bonnar family and this was no exception. Four brothers played on the team, Colm, the captain, Cormac, Conal

and Ailbe while Brendan was one of the three selectors and their father Pierce also played his part behind the scenes. Cashel's men were all heroes and the club now has the added bonus of nominating the man to lead Tipperary in defence of their All-Ireland crown in '92. How fitting too that veterans like Pa Fitzell and the Grogans should achieve their lifelong ambition – a county senior medal.

There is also likely to be a further spin-off for the club in that the performances of some of their men are likely to lead to their inclusion in the county senior squad for the league. Man of the match on the final day, Raymie Ryan immediately springs to mind, but T. J. Connolly is another who should come into the reckoning.

For the rest of the clubs in the county, Cashel have set a headline. Despite so many setbacks over such a long period, they persevered in their ambition and it can safely be said that the disappointments of previous years heightened the satisfaction at the successful conclusion to this year's programme.

Now comes the hard part – the task of retaining the trophy. As all champions will agree, it is harder to hold on to the cup than to win it and it will be the ambition of all clubs to lower the colours of the champions. This is what makes for good competition and one expects that Cashel will not want for qualified opponents in the West division anxious to take their scalp.

While not for one minute taking from Cashel's success, it is true to say that quite a few clubs this year will feel that they might have succeeded had they enjoyed a better "break". In that sense, Cashel's win gives many more heart and sets the scene for an exciting championship in '92. For now however, it is Cashel's year and right well have they deserved their hour of glory.

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**S**UNDAY, November 17th, 1991, will always have a special significance for the past, present and future members of Rosegreen G.A.A. Club. For on that day they won their first ever Co. Final, beating the North Champions Burgess 3-7 to 0-6 in a very fine and sporting game, played at Holycross. Rosegreen is a very small unit, being the smaller part of Cashel/Rosegreen parish.

From the beginning of the year it was obvious that this Minor team had the most difficult task with some very close and hard fought games.

Our campaign started this year on May 5, with a win over Golden/Kilfeacle, but had a set back in the next round when beaten by Sean Treacy's by three points. They recovered to draw with Kickhams in Cashel on August 14 and won the replay at the same venue by 0-9 to 1-5, and qualified for the West Final against Galtee Rovers. After being beaten in the previous year's final, we were determined to win this one. After

# Rosegreen capture County Minor Football 'B' Title

**By: Willie O'Grady**

some very hard training sessions under our Trainer, Liam Kelly, we played Galtee Rovers at Cashel on September 21. After a great game played in very poor weather conditions, we won on the score 0-7 to 1-3.

Newcastle, who were South Champions, were our opponents in the semi-final played at Kilsheelan on October 6. This was a game we nearly left behind, winning by eight points at one stage and lucky to snatch the winning point in the last minute. Final score: Rosegreen 1-9, Newcastle 2-5.

This brought us to Holycross to play the North Champions, Burgess, on November 17. A large crowd of supporters travelled to witness a great win for Rosegreen on the score 3-7 to 0-6. This great bunch of lads created history, they had great courage, determination, and their breakthrough must surely have laid the foundations for greater days ahead.

Our three wise men who selected the team were: Denis Ryan, Fintan Ryan, Michael Doyle.



Rosegreen, West & County Tipperary M.F. 'B' champions 1991. Back row (left to right): D. Ryan (selector), Gordon Egan, Eddie Tobin, Damien Fogarty, John O'Grady, Justin Phelan, Sean Skeffington, Keith Barry, Diarmuid O'Brien, Patrick Skeffington, Thomas Manton, Richard Corcoran, Michael Doyle (selector), Fintan Ryan (selector). Front Row (left to right): Pádraig O'Brien, Charles Graham, David Golden, Sean Og Ryan, Tom Shelley, Alan Golden, James Shelley, Michael Corcoran, Liam Sherlock, Willie McGarry, Chris O'Brien.



## "Siucra" All-Ireland Elevens

Tipperary hurling reigned supreme in this year's "Siucra" All-Ireland Elevens hurling championship which was held in Carlow Town. Thirty nine of the country's leading hurling clubs sent teams to contest the second All-Ireland Elevens tournament to be promoted by Carlow Town Hurling Club and to be sponsored by Siucra.

At the end of an exhausting day's hurling Roscrea came out on top in the Senior Final while the plate competition (for first round losing teams) was won by Cashel.

Both Roscrea and Cashel played six matches on their way to victory in their respective competitions. In the tournament final proper Roscrea won a thrilling final against the Laois men of Camross by 1-5 to 1-4.

In the plate competition Cashel, trained by former Cork hurling great Justin McCarthy and inspired by Cormac Bonnar, defeated a gallant Oran team from Co. Roscommon by 2-7 to 1-4 in the final.



**CASHEL KING CORMACS - PLATE WINNERS IN CARLOW SIUCRA ELEVENS - 1991**  
Back row (left to right): Angus Ryan (selector), T. J. Connolly, Cormac Bonnar, Michael Perdue, Pearse Bonnar (medic), Colm Bonnar, Pat O'Donoghue, Seanie O'Donoghue, John Darmody (selector), Justin McCarthy (coach/selector). Front row: (l. to r.) Brendan Bonnar (selector), Raimie Ryan, Sean Slattery, Tony Slattery, Joe O'Leary, Tommy Grogan, Conal Bonnar, Peter Fitzell.

## GALTEE ROVERS OPEN NEW PAVILLION



*Inside the new building*



*An external view*



*Tree planting ceremony at opening of Galtee Rovers Pavillion. Mrs. Philip Ryan, His Grace Dr. Dermot Clifford, Bill Tunney, Liam Quirke, chairman.*



*Opening and blessing of Galtee Rovers pavilion: John Moloney, His Grace Dr. D. Clifford, Fr. Purcell, Liam Quirke, chairman, Larry Roche.*



# Caiseal na Rí-Iománaithe

le LLAM PRÚT

**I** NA dhán "Cuimhne an Domhnaigh" tá line álainn filiochta ag an Arannach Máirtín Ó Direán agus a oileán rúin á thabhairt chun cuimhne aige: an t-oileán mar mháthair 'Ag ceapadh a háil le dán (téad) a cuimhne'. Mar sin leis a shamhlaimse Caiseal Mumhan i lár na seascaidí — an Bóthar Mór, an Bóthar Glas, an Geata Iochtarach ina raibh agus ina bhfuil muintir Chnámhsí ina gcónaí, láimh le Marglann na gCapall, leis an bPríomhshráid, le Bóthar Chorcaí agus, go háirithe, le Bóthar Ghabhailín.

Ní raibh na Bonnars, muintir Chnámhsí, in aois bunscoile fós an uair úd agus tá baill den teaghlach sin atá níos sine ná Cormac agus Colm agus ní raibh Conall saolaithe fós fiú amháin sna blianta atá i gceist agam.

Bhí muintir Ghrugáin, na Grogans, ann ar ndóigh, agus tá cáil nach beag bainte amach acusan — John, go háirithe — mar lántosach cumasach ar fhoireann an chontae, agus Tommy a scóráil deich bpointe in aghaidh Cheapach na bhFaoiteach i mí Mheán Fómhair seo caite. Tuairim dhá bhliain ó shin a fuair a n-athair scímh, John Joe, an fear tacsáí, bás, go ndéana Dia trócaire air. Bhí agus tá siopa milseán ag Bean Uí Ghrugáin ar an bPríomhshráid.

Bhí cáil na hiománaíochta rianúin ar Chaiseal Mumhan, Cashel King Cormacs, agus is maith mar a baisteadh Cormac Bonnar, an té a bheadh ina rí ar Chaiseal Mumhan, an Lochlannach (an Viking) gona chlogad, a mhiseach is a chumas mór reatha, dá mbeadh breith a mbéil ag a lán de mhuintir an chontae is an bhaile mhóir.

## Páircín Caol

Tá páircín chaol imeartha ar Bhóthar Ghabhailín ina mbíodh an camán á luascadh agam féin is ag Tom Cotter, na Fitzells, Paddy Donoghue, Conor Davitt an tsiopa ar Bhóthar Chorcaí, Aengus Ó Riain agus a thuilleadh acu. Sa Pháircín sin, a bhfuil ribín eile bainte dhi ag an gComhairle Chontae le déanaí, á caolú tuilleadh arís, a chloisinn daoine ag déanamh aithrise go líofa ar Mhícheál O Muircheartaigh le linn sosa. Duine amháin a chloisinn á dhéanamh sin, is a chloisim fós, is ea Micí Joy (Mícheál Seoighe). Dúras an uair úd agus deirim fós é — Má bhí sé ar chumas Mhíchíl Uí Mhuircheartaigh an Ghacilge a chur i mbéal na ngarsún sa chlós imeartha bhí de chumas ann an Ghacilge a theagasc arís do mhuintir na hÉireann. Níor ghá dó ach leanúint dá thráchtareach Ghacilge ar na cluichí. Ach ní bheadh RTÉ sásta go gcasadh sé ar an mBéarla agus go gcloifeadh leis an teanga sin!

Sa pháircín chéanna sin a chuir muintir Chnámhsí barr feabhais ar na scileanna atá chomh paiteanta sin acu anois. Agus is

ann, ní foláir, a chonaic an t-iománaí clúiteach Jim Devitt na Bonnars óga im mbun na gcamán agus a dúirt "Them Bonnars will make tidy hurlers yet!" Fuair Jim bás tuairim dhá bhliain ó shin, go ndéana Dia trócaire air.

Is cuma cén bóthar a rachaidh tú amach ón mbaile, tá Carraig Phádraig os do chomhair i gcónaí má chasann tú thart agus í níos áille ó Bhóthar Thiobraid Arann ná ó Bhóthar Chrois an Ghúlaigh nó ó Bhóthar Chill Náile nó Chluain Meala; is é sin, go dtí go mbreathnóidh tú uirthi ó cheann éigin eile de na hairdeanna sin.

## Athruithe Móra

Tá athruithe móra tagtha ar Chaiseal Mumhan anois. Tá craobh de Chonradh na Gacilge ann anois ach samhlaítear dom nach bhfuil sí díreach chomh gníomhach ná chomh hoigeanta is bhí an tráth a raibh Labhrás Ó Murchú in a bun agus Mcheál uasal Mac Cárthaigh ó Chnoc a' Bhile á stiúradh. Bhí siopa poitigéara ann an uair úd agus ainm an úinéara, Pádraig Ó Mathúna, i nGacilge os cionn an dorais ann. Níot chuir mé aithne ar phádraig go dtí gur cuireadh an fhéile DÚCHAS ar bun i gCaiseal i 1983. O shin i leith táim ag cur aithne agus ath-aithne ar mhuintir Chaisil. Casadh Seán Ó hAodha agus a

bhean Máire orm arís. Bhí a mac Colm ar scoil agam sna seascaidí, an t-aon teaghlach lán Ghaelach is cuimhin liom ón uair úd. Níorbh eol dom an tráth sin gur i gCaiseal Mumhan atá an triú leabharlann is tábhachtaí sa tír agus an Déan sárchumasach Woodworth i gceannas uirthi.

Príomhchathair na Mumhan ab ea Caiseal na Rí agus príomhchathair na Mmhan i gcónaí is ea í mar a mhíneoidh Tom Wood duit má thugann tú cuairt ar an gCarraig. Tá a muintir bródúil aisti agus tá sí luaite go sioraí i litríocht na Gacilge, fiú in aimsir Eoghain Rua Uí Shúilleabháin. Scríobh mé féin dhá dhán ina hómós breis is fiche bliain ó shin. Tá suil agam nach bhfuil an imirce ar siúl uaithi mar a bhí sna seascaidí nuair a bhreac mé na línte seo:

Faoi scáil na Carraige le cianta  
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Sin, ó d'imigh uaithi a Rí.

Tabhair faoi deara nár chuireas aon lánstad leis an dán agus ní chuirfeadh anois ach chomh beag. Mara bhfuil Caiseal ina lárionad ag Rialtas na hÉireann níos mo, Caiseal na Rí-Iománaithe atá ann feasta.



Cormac Bonnar (right) and Liam Simpson in the All-Ireland senior hurling final.



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## Senior Hurling:

Eight teams affiliated for the Senior Hurling Championship which was played on a loser's group system. Boherlahan & Thurles Sarsfields qualified for the Semi-Finals from the winners section and were joined by Moycarkey from the losers' group with Holycross coming through Quarter-Final by beating Loughmore in a replay. Holycross just pipped Thurles Sarsfields at Littleton and Moycarkey beat Boherlahan in Holycross for a local Derby Mid-Final. At the end of a very keen contest and one of the best Mid-Finals in years, the game ended in a draw. The

## Championship Results 1991:

**Senior Hurling:** Holycross 2-6; Moycarkey 0-12. Ref. Michael Greene. (Replay)  
Holycross 1-11; Moycarkey 0-9.  
**Intermediate Hurling 'A':** Upperchurch 0-10; Clonmore 0-9. Referee: Michael Doyle.  
**Junior Hurling 'A':** Killea 1-14, Moycarkey 3-6. Referee: Pat Cullen.  
**Junior Hurling 'B':** Sarsfields 3-5; Gortnahoe 1-5. Ref. Phil Lowry.  
**U-21 Hurling 'A':** Gortnahoe/Glengoole 3-5, Boherlahan 1-1.  
**U-21 Hurling 'B':** Drom 3-9; Moyné-Templetuohy 0-10. Ref. Pat Cullen.  
**Minor Hurling 'A':** Holycross 0-10; Sarsfields 0-6. Ref. Philip Ryan.  
**Minor Hurling 'B':** Boherlahan 2-11; Brackens 1-9. Ref. Kevin Darmody.  
**Minor Hurling 'C':** Kickhams 1-8; Rahealty 1-3. Referee: Phil Lowry.  
**Cahill Cup Final:** Sarsfield's 3-6; Loughmore 2-9. Ref. Michael Green; (replay):  
Sarsfield's 2-11; Loughmore 0-11. Ref. Ml. Green.  
**Intermediate Hurling League Final:** Upperchurch 2-15; Holycross 2-10. Ref. Pat Cullen.  
**Junior Hurling League Final:** Boherlahan 0-11; Killea 0-10. Ref. John Harkins.



**LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY WINNERS OF THE MID JUNIOR FOOTBALL TITLE (B) 1991**  
Back row (l. to r.) Eugene Stapleton, Jim Maher, Timmy Connolly, Tommy Sweeney, Richard Stapleton, John Egan, Michael Connell, Pat Connolly. Front row: Lant Carroll, Paddy Hennessy, Jim Healy, Johnny Healy, Jimmy Nolan, Tommy Gleeson, Tom Connolly.



**BOHERLAHAN MINOR 'B' COUNTY CHAMPIONS 1991**  
Back row (l. to r.) P. O'Dwyer, P. O'Dwyer, B. O'Dwyer, K. Traynor, M. O'Dwyer, D. Kennedy, M. McLoughlin, C. Gleeson (captain), F. Hickey, G. Flanagan, M. Ferncombe. Front row (l. to r.) A. Flanagan, J. Tarrant, D. Ryan, D. O'Dwyer, P. O'Dwyer, A. O'Dwyer, M. Ferncombe, E. Maher, G. McLoughlin, B. Ferncombe, J. Ferncombe.



**THE HOLYCROSS/BALLYCAHILL MINOR HURLING TEAM WHICH WON THE MID FINAL AT SEMPLE STADIUM**  
Back row (l. to r.) Noel Ryan, David Burke, Richard Doyle, P. J. Mackey, Paul Ryan, Michael Ferncombe, Liam McGrath, Tommy Flanagan, Philip Ryan. Front row: Andre Lynch, Timmy Gleeson, Tomás Fogarty (captain), Jim Ryan, Denis Allen, James Ferncombe.



replay never reached the heights of the drawn game and Holycross retained their title for the third year in a row. Holycross with victories over Nenagh in a replay and Cappawhite in the Co. Semi-Final, Holycross qualified for the Co. Final which they lost to West Champions 'Cashel King Cormacs'.

#### Intermediate Hurling

Five teams affiliated for Intermediate Championship which was run on a league system and all games were well contested. Upperchurch and Clonmore qualified for the Final and after missed chances on both sides, Upperchurch emerged winners by the narrowest of margins.

#### Junior Hurling 'A'

The Junior Hurling was played on a league system. Killea and Moycarkey qualified for the Final and after a very sporting game, Killea were winners on the score 1-14 to 3-6.

#### Junior Hurling 'B'

Again, this was played on a league system. Thurles Sarsfields and Gortnahoe contested the Final and with a mixture of youth and experience, Thurles Sar's held on for a narrow but deserved victory.

#### Junior Hurling 'Play-Off'

The Play-Off between Killea and Thurles Sarsfields for the right to contest the Co. Semi-Final. The game was evenly contested but in the end Killea pulled away for a hard earned but deserved victory.

#### U-21 Hurling 'B'

This was played on a league system. Drom-Inch v Moyne-Templetuohy qualified for the final. Drom ran out easy winners after a very sporting and well contested game.

#### Minor Hurling 'A'

Three teams affiliated in this competition with Holycross and Thurles Sarsfields contesting the Final. For the second year in a row Holycross retained their title after a very sporting game. Final score . . . Holycross 0-10, Thurles Sars.0-6.

#### Minor Hurling 'B'

Boherlahan and Templemore Brackens reached the final of this competition with Boherlahan emerging worthy winners after a very sporting game. Final score: Boherlahan 2-11, Templemore Brackens 1-9. In the County Semi-Final the Mid-Champions showed great determination to come from behind to pip North Champions Silvermines and qualify for a County Final date with West Champions Aherlow.

#### Minor Hurling 'C'

A new competition for weak clubs with Rahealty, Clonakenny, Moyne-Templetuohy, Loughmore and Thurles Kickhams graded to take part and run on a league system. Rahealty and Thurles Kickhams contested the final and after a good entertaining game, Thurles Kickhams won their first Minor championship after years of disappointment. Final: Score Thurles Kickham's 1-8; Rahealty 1-3.



**THURLES KICKHAMS MINOR FOOTBALL 'B' CHAMPIONS**

Back row (l. to r.) Jody Fitzpatrick, Patrick Campion, Gearoid Nevins, Mark Breen, Thomas Stapleton, Leonard Phillips, Eric Campbell, Eddie Ryan, Keith Fitzgibbon, Fergus O'Rourke, Eddie O'Meara, Denis Kennedy, Tomás Tierney. Front row (l. to r.) Jerome O'Meara, Brian Scully, Philip Butler, Michael Cleary, Jim Ryan, Robert Carey, David Dunne, Keith Hennessey, Ted O'Connor, Ronan O'Gorman, John Harris, Francis Delaney.



**HOLYCROSS-BALLYCAHILL WINNERS OVER BOHERLAHAN-DUALLA IN THE MID MINOR FOOTBALL FINAL AT HOLYCROSS**

Back row (left to right) Noel Ryan, David Bourke, Michael Ferncombe (captain), Philip Ryan, Liam McGrath, P. J. Mackey, Kevin O'Meara, Aidan Hassett. Front row: Joe Burke, Thomas Flanagan, Thosy Fogarty, Jimmy Ferncombe, Denis Allen, Michael Lee, Timmy Gleeson.



**BOHERLAHAN - DUALLA - WINNERS OF THE MID UNDER-21 'B' FOOTBALL FINAL AT DROMBANE**

Back Row (l. to r.) Robert Hunt, Billy Tarrant, Conor Gleeson, James Tarrant, Michael Murphy, T. J. O'Dwyer, J. J. McGrath (captain), Frank Hickey. Front row: Aidan Flanagan, Brian Dwyer, Alan Wade, Michael Delaney, Tony Lacey, Thomas Quirke, Dave Ryan.



**THE HOLYCROSS-BALLYCAHILL SENIOR HURLING TEAM - MID TIPPERARY SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS**

Back row (l. to r.) P. J. Lanigan, Declan Carr, Tom Dwyer, Benjy Browne, Ciaran Carroll, Tony Lanigan, Pat Slattery, Johnny Doyle. Front row: Paddy Dwan, Michael Doyle, Paul Maher, Tomás Fogarty, Paul Slattery, Phil Dwyer (captain), Ruairi Dwan.



### Senior Football

No game played in this grade yet, which brings out the argument that 'open draw' in County Championship is not for the betterment of football in Tipperary.

### Intermediate Football

Thurles Sarsfields and Templemore contested the Final which was run on a league system after a very close hard game. Thurles Sarsfields retained their title and will be competing in senior ranks in 1992. Thurles Sarsfields 1-4, Templemore 0-5.

### Junior Football 'A'

Played on a league system and after a number of draws - Templemore are awaiting the winners of Drom v Upperchurch in the Semi-Final. Mid Final, Upperchurch 1-10, Templemore 1-5.

### Junior Football 'B'

Again played on a league system. Loughmore and Thurles Sarsfields contested the final with Loughmore winning by a narrow margin. Loughmore-Castleiney 0-6; Thurles Sarsfields 0-4.

### Under-21 Football 'A'

This competition is not finished.

### Under-21 Football 'B'

Boherlahan and Upperchurch contested the final. Boherlahan won this game after it had been very close right up to the last few minutes. They got a lucky score to hold on for a narrow victory. Boherlahan 0-9; Upperchurch 0-5.

### Minor Football 'B'

Loughmore and Thurles Kickhams were the finalists in this competition and after a great display of football the game ended in a draw. In the replay Thurles Kickhams came out on top to add this final to their Minor Hurling 'C' Final. In the Co. semi-final, Kickhams v Burgess with Kickhams giving a great account of themselves and with a bit of luck could have won but Burgess took their scores and were worthy winners. Thurles Kickhams 1-5; Loughmore 0-4.



**THURLES SARSFIELDS - WINNERS OF THE MID TIPPERARY INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL TITLE FOR THE SECOND SUCCESSIVE YEAR AT THE RAGG**

Back row (l. to r.) Ken Doherty, Brendan Carroll, Padraic Dundon, Maurice McCormack, Mark O'Connell, Michael Sparrow, Seamus O'Shea, Liam Duggan. Front row (l. to r.) Ken O'Connor, Walter Doyle, Kevin Cummins, Graham O'Connor, Donal O'Grady, Pat McCormack (captain), Martin McElgunn.



**LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY, MID SENIOR FOOTBALL WINNERS 1990**

Back row (l. to r.) Tom McGrath, Pat McGrath, Jim Maher, John Cormack, Joe Kiely, Philip Kennedy, John Treacy, Martin Meagher. Front row (l. to r.) Mick McGrath (K.), Ned Ryan, John Kennedy, Paul McKerritt (captain), Eamonn Brennan, Seamus Bohan, Peter Brennan.



**THURLES SARSFIELDS - CAHILL CUP WINNERS 1991**

Back row (left to right): Connie Maher, Michael Maher, Seamus Maher, Tony O'Mara, Liam Duggan (captain), Murty Bryan, Maurice McCormack, Paddy Maher. Front row: Clive Hanrahan, Seamus O'Shea, John Dorney, Paddy McCormack, Tommy Maher, Seamus Quinn, Andy Rossiter.



**THURLES KICKHAMS - WINNERS OF THE MID TIPPERARY MINOR HURLING 'C' FINAL AT SEMPOLE STADIUM**

Back row (l. to r.) Seamus Maher, Gerry O'Meara, Jim Ryan, Leonard Phillips, Padraig Barry, Ted O'Connor, John Harris, Brian Scully, Mark Breen, Keith Fitzgibbon, Denis Kennedy, Eddie Ryan, Fergus O'Rourke. Front row: Ronan O'Gorman, Michael Kennedy, Philip Butler, Keith Hennessy, Tomás Tierney (captain), David Dunne, Michael Cleary, Gearoid Nevins, Francis Delaney.

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**DROM-INCH - WINNERS OF THE MID TIPPERARY UNDER-21 'B' HURLING FINAL AT SEMPLE STADIUM**

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**THURLES SARSFIELDS - WINNERS OF THE MID JUNIOR HURLING 'B' FINAL AT HOLYCROSS**

Back row (l. to r.) Trevor Dwyer, Jim Corbett, John Purcell, Lar Bennett, Mark O'Connell, Ger Stakelum, John Cahill, Sean Mullanne. Front row: John McCormack, Kevin Cummins, Denis Maher (captain), Michael Hanrahan, Declan Keher, George Grogan, Eddie Enright.



**THE KILLEA TEAM WHICH REGAINED THE MID TIPPERARY JUNIOR HURLING 'A' TITLE BY DEFEATING MOYCARKEY-BORRIS IN THE FINAL AT HOLYCROSS**

Back row (l. to r.) Jim Hamill, John Coffey, Sam O'Meara (captain), Sean Sullivan, John Guider, Paddy Clarke, Pascal Nugent, Peter Bourke. Front row: Pat Brett, Pat Bohan, Willie Butler, Larry Broderick, Seamus Bourke, Tim Quinlan, Batt Bourke.



**THE UPPERCHURCH-DROMBANE TEAM WHICH REGAINED THE TOMMY TREACY MEMORIAL CUP BY DEFEATING CLONMORE IN THE MID TIPPERARY INTERMEDIATE HURLING FINAL AT THE RAGG**

Back row (l. to r.) Padraig Burke, Padraig Hayes, John Ryan, Pat Carey, Seamus Armstrong, Tomás Keane, Michael O'Dwyer, L. T. Ryan. Front row: Jim Ryan, Liam Shanahan, Richie Ryay, Jerry Ryan (captain), Michael Ryan, Seamus Barry, Ailbe Quinlan.

## 1971 - A FIRST FOR MOYNE-TEMPLETUOHY

"I remember early mornings in Barna, late nights in Moyneard, long waits in Killoran; I saw them first as Mites, now we all see them as Mighties," so spoke our much esteemed Dr. Denis Finn when the senior hurling cup was carried aloft through Templetuohy for the first time in hurling history. On the previous Sunday night an outside bonfire atop the castle at Moyneard outshone all the other bonfires that blazed at every cross-roads to welcome home the county champions; at last the blue riband of senior hurling had come to Moyne-Templetuohy.

The Mighties indeed; on that never-to-be-forgotten Sunday at Semple Stadium, every heart warming to them as they tore the form book to shreds. The pundits and the correspondents who had predicted that, well, maybe Moyne might make a run for it for a while, must have chewed hard on their pencils as fifteen clean-limbed and erect young men trained to concert pitch, chased and lashed at every ball as if they hated it, and with an intensity that caused one to wonder whether any team could sustain such tactics; sustain it they did and when the final whistle was blown Moyne-Templetuohy had put Tipperary hurling back on its pedestal; a famous hurler from another county whose name was once a household word goes on record as saying: "I haven't seen the likes of that for many a long day."

Allow us to salute you once again, Templetuohy village, Moyne village. From Barna and from Ballyknockane, Castle-town; from Kilclooney and from Killoran;

from Lisheen and from Lisdaeen; from every corner of the parish we thank you; your triumph made old men young and young men tall.

In the midst of all the celebrations a man from Moyne, now in his mellow years, re-echoed the words of the Prophet Simeon - with tears of joy in his eyes, he said: "I have waited and prayed and hoped for this day and now that it is here I can depart from the scene happily" - to him the hurling men of Moyne-Templetuohy say: Abide with us, we have to bring the All-Ireland Cup along the same bonfired route next year.

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**Scores:** Moyne - Martin O'Grady (1-1), M. Troy (1-0), T. Egan (0-3), P. Sweeney (0-2), W. O'Grady and W. Fogarty (0-1 each). Roscrea - F. Loughnane (0-3, frees), T. O'Connor (0-1), J. Tynan (0-1), P. Roland (0-1).



Back row (left to right) - Martin O'Grady, Thomas Russell, Michael Coen, William O'Grady (Red), Tom O'Grady, Tom Quinlan, Michael O'Grady.

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# IN THE DAYS OF 'LISTENING IN'

SÉAMUS LEAHY

**I**S there anything nowadays to compare with the pleasure of sitting back in the comfort of your own home, flicking a switch and watching the small screen while a Tipperary team proceeds to beat the sowl-case out of Cork or Kilkenny, as the case may be!

Is there anything as totally satisfying as, having watched Tipp doing their stuff at some distant venue, to arrive home in time to relive all those golden moments over again on the box; to see the answers to all the questions that had shortened the miles home (Was Pat Fox actually fouled? Did Bobby hit your man?); to restore to reality incidents of the game which were already in the process of being distorted by imagination!

And isn't it grand that the great followers of the game in decades long past, whose hard-earned shillings built up the GAA before the sponsorship boys arrived on the scene and who are no longer able to stand the push of the crowd, can have as good a view of the game as the Archbishop himself from beside their own fires! It's grand, surely.

The viewing of the match on Sunday night is now as much part of the ritual as the game itself and the choosing of the venue for the occasion is as important as choosing one's position in the field. And often one has as little control over one as the other. . .

I remember setting out from Thurles after the final whistle of that never-to-be-forgotten game on that golden July afternoon in 1987 to return to the holiday-place in West Kerry, intent on breaking the journey to see the match in Rathmore on the Cork-Kerry border. In a pub on the Kerry side of the line we stretched our legs and, as ten o'clock approached, excitement mounted just as it had done earlier in the day before the sky was split with the roar that went up when Tipp burst onto the field.

And then . . . on the stroke of ten . . . the local sergeant lurched in, turned off the television and told us to DRINK UP AND GET OUT!

I pointed out with what reasonableness I could muster that we would not drink another sup, that we would only sit there and watch the game, that we had rushed over a hundred miles of bad oul' roads to get there, that we would be as quiet as mice and that we always shouted for Kerry in the football. But he was adamant — out we must go.

And then, losing all sense of dignity, I pleaded with him. Didn't he realise

that we hadN't won a Munster Final for eighteen years? If Kerry had been out of it for that long and had played a draw like we had done that today, we'd keep every pub in Tipperary open as long as there was a single Kerryman there who wanted to see the match . . . and so on. But he was inexorable; out we had to go.

So there was nothing for it but to try and break all speed records to Killarney, and by the time we arrived at Ryan's Hotel we knew that there couldn't be much of the programme left. Up the stairs we tore, following the Barman's directions, to a television room, and as we burst in the door, there was Nicky English on the screen without his hurley, with the sliotar at his feet, and Ger Cunningham coming out to meet him from the Killinan end. We held our breath — wasn't it worth all the hassle for this one moment — and when the sliotar sailed by the Corkman we gave such an almighty roar as relieved all the frustrations of the evening — and of the eighteen years.

Ah, the television is grand if they'd only put the right stuff on it!

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But long before the gogglebox made us spectators as well as listeners, we had the radio commentary to enliven our Sunday

in the country, people began drifting in after the dinner until, by the time the match was due to begin, everything that needed to be discussed *had* been discussed and everyone was psychologically disposed to keeping the mouth shut and listening to the commentary.

Though family memory went back to the 1928 All-Ireland in which my uncle Mick Leahy played for Cork, the first match I remember hearing broadcast was the 1942 Munster Final when Tipp were overwhelmed by Cork in the last quarter after having styed with them until that. Jerry Coffey was Captain bUT my principal recollection of the commentary is the repeated references to Jimmy Maher in the Tipp goal and the predictable stir that these references caused among our radio audience in Tubberadora, since Jimmy was very much the local boy. Indeed my memory is quite correct in that matter, since newspaper accounts of the game confirm that, but for Jimmy's performance during that fatal final quarter, the margin of 4-15 to 4-1 would have been even greater.

With most of us, of course, our memory does not reach back beyond Micheál O'Hehir, and most of our



*Micheál Ó Hehir signing autographs in Thurles some years ago.*

afternoons, though as I remember it, the games broadcast were few and far between. A 'match on the wireless' was a social occasion, too, since in the early years not nearly every house had a radio.

recollections of the big games of our childhood are inextricably bound with the silver voice which blended us all together as one vast audience and made us spectators in a way that was only slightly re



## IN THE DAYS OF 'LISTENING IN'

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moved from the effect of actual presence at the game.

But the world did not begin with Micheál O'Hehir and we were all familiar with stories of earlier broadcasts by Paddy Mehigan — best remembered as 'Carbery' — and by Canon Hamilton, who much later became Parish Priest at Nenagh. One of the most widely-repeated stories of Carbery's broadcasts was when, with the enthusiasm that might be expected of a man who had himself played for Cork, he announced during a stirring Cork-Limerick encounter, "There's two points between them and I'd dearly like to be between two pints myself!" The story, of course, is apocryphal — Carbery was much too astute and professional a reporter to drop his mask in such a manner.

The best-known story of Canon Hamilton's broadcasts is how he managed to give the wrong result for the 1937 Football Final between Cavan and Kerry. But it wasn't the Canon's fault at all. A couple of minutes from full-time a Cavan forward put the ball over the bar with what the referee adjudged a throw. The white flag went up and few spectators noticed that the referee had given a free out, so that at the end of the game the public address system announced Cavan the winners.

Canon Hamilton was one of those who had not noticed that it was a free and not a kick-out which had been taken and so he duly congratulated Cavan on their victory and all over the country radios were switched off in the belief that Cavan were champions. Mid you, in the replay there was no room for doubt when Kerry won a colourless and physical game by a margin of six points.

Through the war years when cars were off the roads and attendances dropped dramatically, there was nothing like the coverage of Sunday sport which came later and but for Seán O Ceallacháin on Sunday night we would have had to wait for Monday's paper for GAA results. I have a distinct recollection of word coming to the Sunday night gathering at Breen's Cross that Cork had beaten Galway by a solitary point in the All-Ireland semi-final, at Ennis. That was, if memory serves me right, 1944, and the result had been given on *Radio Éireann* at the end of the News.

Still, there was Micheál O'Hehir with his live broadcasts of All-Ireland and provincial finals and it seems that there was a flavour about those which their modern counterparts lack. There was little to protect the broadcaster from the crowd or to dull the sound of spectator exuberance, so that the shouts of those near the commentator were clearly audible and, one imagines, expressly intended to be heard over the airwaves. When Murty Whelan told us that he would be going to the All-Ireland in 1945 we immediately decided that he should get beside the broadcasting box and at an appropriate

moment shout, "Up Nenagh!" It hadn't occurred to us that many others might have similar ideas, so that, while Micheál O'Hehir followed every stroke of Tipp's 13th All-Ireland win, our ears remained cocked for that individual shout that would prove that Murty had indeed got where he said he would.

In 1947 when the All-Ireland Football Final was played in New York, Micheál O'Hehir travelled out with the teams and there was an unforgettable atmosphere when, after evening devotions, we all gathered round the wireless to await the hook-up with New York. There was, I remember it, as much crackling as commentary but we were able to keep track of the score and in those days we were easily satisfied. For along time afterwards, the broadcast was the principal subject of conversation everywhere, with everyone describing the various ruses adopted to cut down the interference; the most popular stratagem appears to have been to turn up the volume to the maximum and then retire to another room altogether on the principle that the voice would carry farther than the interference.

The broadcast of the epic Tipp-Cork replay of 1949 (God bless Jimmy Kennedy for ever and ever. Amen) is remembered principally for the repeated begging of Micheál O'Hehir of the *Radio Éireann* authorities to allow the broadcast to continue when the game went into extra time. To the natural excitement of one of the most memorable of all hurling games was added the additional tension of not knowing how long more the commentary would be allowed continue. Never did O'Hehir put such earnestness into a description of a game as he put into his pleas to the authorities to leave him on the air, but while the great encounter was still unresolved, bureaucracy triumphed.

"Tipp and Cork be damned!" it seemed

to say; the plug was pulled, the voice of the greatest sports commentator in the world broadcasting the greatest game in the world was cut off in mid-sentence and a lady in suave tones announced that we would now hear a short story in Irish. I often wonder if the combined curses that must have ascended from around thousands of wirelesses all over the country might have been heard in *Radio Éireann*. I often wonder, too, how many hurling followers formed a lasting dislike at that moment of short stories in Irish.

One could go on with reminiscences of match broadcasts. I remember, deep in Nigerian bush, tuning in to *Radio Brazzaville* on a Monday to hear the previous day's broadcast of the 1963 All-Ireland between Kilkenny and Waterford. Despite endless practice, I had much trouble in finding *Brazzaville* and when I did find it, the second half was in progress. Half an hour later I realised what had happened: *Radio Brazzaville* had obviously received a separate tape for each half of the game and had broadcast the second half first; then, quite happily, they gave us the first half!

Micheál O Muirheartaigh, indeed, has been a superlative substitution for O'Hehir, but, for those of us too set in our ways and opinions to change, the line is drawn under the early history of sound broadcasts with the television sequence on the evening before this year's All-Ireland. Before the cameras was wheeled Micheál O'Hehir and once again the airwaves were alive with that wonderful voice as it brought the magic of the Croke Park of another day before our imagination. The owner of the incomparable voice, hunched in the wheelchair, tried to utter words that would not come and his eyes filled with tears. His weren't the only ones.



Tipp captain Declan Carr gives a close-up of the McCarthy Cup to Thurles C.B.S. pupils Oliver Geoghegan and Johnny Enright.



# A YOUTH POLICY PAYS

By: JOSEPH PERKINS

*SUCCESS is said to be 99% perspiration and one per cent inspiration, and the only place you find "success" before "victory" is in the Dictionary.*

**T**O gain success we must start before birth, with the parents. Their physical, mental and spiritual state must be correct before the child sets out on the long winding road of life. Parents influence the child, as the teachers do later, and then his mentors – not "tormentors". All have a duty to fit him for the game of life. Therefore, we must start young.

So many influences are at work that we must take special care and adopt a positive policy to hand on the faith of our fathers (in the broad sense of the word) and bring up our youth in the strong, noble tradition of our ancestors, leaving out what is useless and protecting what is most precious. Goldsmith puts it well:

*"Ill fares the land, to handing ills a prey,  
Where wealth accumulates, and men decay.  
Princes and lords may flourish, or may fade;  
A breath can make them, as a breath has made.  
But a bold peasantry, their country's pride,  
When once destroyed, can never be supplied.*

## CHANGING TIMES

When I returned to Tipperary in 1976, having served the Lord in a good few other counties, I thought we had lost some of the old values we had before I left home in the mid forties. The love of hurling, music, hunting, plays, singing and "Knocknagow" was very strong, and to



Bro. Joseph Perkins and Bro. Noonan enjoying the sunshine and the hurling.

wear a Pioneer pin, have a Rosary Beads or carry a hurley were the sure sign of being a mature person, a Tipperaryman, in the true mould of a *Matt the Thresher*.

The seventies were rather blank ones for Tipperary and I could easily see why. We lived in the past – it was cheaper – hoped hurlers would grow, as apples grow on an apple tree; but things had turned sour – crabs, tiny and of little use, grew instead. There was no care, no sustenance, no food being applied to the roots of the tree and the parent tree only brought forth leaves – no fruit.

A youth policy had to be adopted – and it was. We saw the rise of the rural schools,

better competitions for the Post Primary Schools (Canon Fitzgerald and Croke Cup), good *go-ahead* men in charge of Bord na nOg, grading, good refereeing, better pitches, separate Committees for seniors and juveniles, and of course, coaching.

## COACHING – NOT NEW

We take all this for granted now. Those who preached it in the Seventies had to endure the sneers and snide remarks of those who said: *what was good enough for our fathers was good enough for us. We never had to be coached.* But the amazing thing about it was they were coached by their local heroes, in their local packed fields, who would not allow them to catch the hurley wrongly and showed them how to be *sweet hurlers*, how to strike on the ground, use the hip, or defend themselves properly, before the coming of helmets and gumshield – all very necessary for every age when one or two hatchet men can create havoc.

The late Mick Prior of Borrisoleigh had coached his young stalwarts, most of whom now have finished their hurling careers. The father of modern coaching, Tony Wall, had written his book, published in 1965 in order to improve the standard of hurling, already slipping, with few to take the boys and girls, to the field. Foreign games, T.V., Leisure and Pleasure were weakening the Gaelic fibre of rural and urban life, alike.

Alf Ó Muirí, wrote in his Preface to Tony Wall's book:



County hurling coach, Jackie Walsh, explaining the skills of the game to juvenile members of Upperchurch-Drombane G.A.A. club.



*This book provides expert advice for both mentors and young players – especially in those areas where there is little hurling tradition. His theme, that great hurlers are not “born” but “made” sounds a note of heartening encouragement, for all who strive to bring hurling back.*

I will go as far as to say that hurling was, if not dead, at least dormant, in a soil that had dried up, with few to till it, to get off the ditch and start the ball rolling once more.

I have sung the praises of those, before, who started the revival, the awakening, the Ais-círl of hurling in a County that had not won a Minor Hurling All-Ireland from 1965 to 1976 and would not win a Senior Crown from 1971 to 1989 – eighteen long years of waiting.

But the seed had been sown, watered and fostered. The youth policy of Fr. J. J. O'Rourke in Loughmore/Castleiney would produce a great harvest for that club, for Templemore C.B.S., and for the County. The juveniles, nurtured in

Kilruane have now reached the autumn of their great careers. Nenagh, Toomevara, Cashel, Cappawhite can look back to their juvenile days with joy and thanksgiving.

The work of the Ryans in Holycross/Ballycahill and that of Michael and John Doyle (Junior), Liam McGrath and others is a lesson to many around them.

Moycarkey/Borris were less careful in their promotion of underage teams, in spite of good work in their schools. Boherlahan, Clonoulty, Upperchurch, Drom, Knockavilla, Mullinahone, Skeheenarinka etc., etc. knew the power of a good youth policy.

Of course, the miracle of Durlas Óg is there for all to see. Four clubs in the Urban parish, plus the schools (and vice-versa) are benefitting from the herculean work of dedicated enthusiasts. To win a County Under-16 hurling competition and to be beaten only by a goal by no less a team than Borrisoleigh with their second Under-16 team will take beating and is a monument to hard work and the three D's of Discipline, Dedication, and

Determination.

Some names and clubs I have mentioned, in order to illustrate the great work done and being done. Greater names have been left *un-penned*, un-honoured and unsung. They will not mind. They are happy in their work for youth, for God and for Ireland. Their motto is: *Mol an Oige and tíochofaid sí*, and come it will, and bear fruit, and the fruit will remain. They seek no glory; they need no crown; the success of others is their All-Ireland and Immortal Prize.

*Along the cool sequestered vale of life  
They keep the noiseless tenor of their glory.*

*Come forth! Come forth! the hour is nigh.  
Your giant strength to mould.  
With steadfast hearts and courage high.  
March onward, firm and bold;  
For no true Gael can ever fail,  
If these his watchwords be –  
Honour and Truth and Stainless Youth,  
They'll make old Ireland free.*

## ALL-IRELAND FOOTBALL FINAL 1900

# Victory for Clonmel Shamrocks – but club suspended

While Tipperary, represented by Clonmel Shamrocks, won the All-Ireland Football Final of 1900, the event is remembered more for what happened off the field rather than on it.

The late Canon Fogarty in *“Tipperary's G.A.A. Story”* wrote:

### CLONMEL SHAMROCKS SUSPENDED

The crux between the Shamrocks and the Central Council of the Association arose over expenses connected with the All-Ireland of 1900. It was a rule of the Council to pay only the railway fares of teams travelling to the venue of play. On the eve of their final with London, the Shamrocks' captain sent a note to the Central Secretary, asking ten pounds in addition to fares, declaring as his reason for the increase that he had to bring players from outlying districts and keep them in Clonmel the night previous to their going to Dublin.

Accompanying the note was a threat, that if the amount demanded was not given, the team would refuse to travel. The Secretary wired: “Railway fares paid, and other expenses will be given after the match.”

The match took place, but the Council refused to pay the expenses. Shamrocks

took the matter into a law court, and got a decree against the Secretary for £7.10.0. Following the court-case, a Council meeting was held, at which opinion was divided as to what should be done. Messrs. Fraher, Dungarvan, Martin of Limerick and Kearney, Belfast, held that the club was justified in its action, as the Council ought to have paid what its Secretary had promised and not let the matter into court. Others thought differently. A two years suspension on the club was proposed by a Council trustee, and seconded by a delegate from Kilkenny. This was carried by five votes to three, some delegates not voting.

The suspension was badly received throughout the country: Michael Cusack wrote: “Don't give up the game in disgust! The suspension won't last six weeks, if I live that time.” Limerick County Board stated: “The team has been shamefully treated. The Council has suspended one of the best Gaelic clubs in

Ireland, after all it has done for the Association.” Wexford County Board suggested: “That the governing authority in each county take the matter up, and insist on justice being done to the star footballers of gallant Tipperary.” Dublin suggested similar action. Home opinion advocated: “That the county cut itself adrift from the Association because the suspension only added insult to injury.

After four months a Tipperary motion to have the suspension removed, was introduced and passed at Congress. Messrs. Cummins, Fethard; Condon and Meehan, Clonmel, and delegates from Limerick, Kerry and Dublin spoke in its favour. For the moment the air was cleared, but the Central Authority still refused to pay the expenses – £7.10.10; and Shamrocks had a seizure made on the Secretary's property.

Another All-Ireland Convention was called, and on the motion of a delegate from Belfast, the club was expelled from the Association. The expulsion remained for two years, and then the principle for which Clonmel fought and suffered was recognised and passed. It is to be regretted that things were allowed to drift to such a miserable impasse, and one is surprised that a few sensible men could not be





### CLONMEL "SHAMROCK" GAELIC FOOTBALL CLUB TIPPERARY 1900 COUNTY CHAMPIONS

(From a Photo by Messrs. A. J. Webster and Co., Parnell Street, Clonmel).

Front row: James Lonergan, V.P.; J. O'Brien, James Tobin, Treasurer. Middle row: P. Ryan, J. Dwan, R. Ryan, J. Tobin (captain), L. Tobin, P. Sweeney, P. Moloney. Back row: T. F. Hogan, President; H. Brennan, Hon. Sec.; M. Phelan, P. Murray, J. M. Long, M. Aylward, J. Kavanagh, D. Myers, W. Tobin, P. Russell, P. Kane.

(Photo: Courtesy of Seán Lonergan, Kilsheelan)

## Clonmel Shamrocks suspended

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found to bring about an amicable settlement.

Clonmel Shamrocks, the greatest team in the history of Tipperary's capital, appeared no more. The sentence of excommunication hurled at them by officialdom was a killing blow to this grand football combination.

Pádraig O'Toole in the book *"The Glory and the Anguish"* writes:

The year 1902 was to see a resurgence in interest both on the playing fields and in spectator involvement in Gaelic football. The 1900 All-Ireland Final was played at

Jones' Road in October 1902, with London Irish playing the Tipperary champions, Clonmel Shamrocks on the 26th, with T.H. Redmond refereeing. The exiles did not put up a great show, however, but had the consolation of being afforded a civic reception in the Mansion House later in the evening hosted by the Lord Mayor with Jim Nowlan and Luke O'Toole also in attendance.

This game was to be remembered more for what happened off the field than what happened on it. In the days immediately before the final in Jones' Road on the 26th October, Clonmel Shamrocks contacted Secretary O'Toole prior to leaving for Dublin the following day. They stated that they would refuse to travel to Dublin if this extra allowance was not forthcoming and Luke O'Toole, in response to their demand, sent a telegram confirming that the rail fares had been paid and any other expenses would be paid after the match. When the matter was discussed at

Convention three months after the event, the motion to give Clonmel Shamrocks the £10 was heavily defeated.

Later on that year, Clonmel Shamrocks got a court decree against Luke O'Toole for £7.0s.10d. and has his personal property seized in lieu of that amount. As a result of their action the Central Council suspended the Club with a proviso that if they apologised for their action and paid half the legal costs of pursuing the court decree, the suspension would be lifted.

The club refused to relent, which resulted in Clonmel Shamrocks being suspended for life by the Central Council. This suspension caused a minor split in the Association as a number of County Boards came out in support of the Tipperary club. The Central Council relented, however, in January 1905 and the suspension was lifted to end a conflict of almost two years' duration.

*Incidentally, was this team presented with their All-Ireland medals?*



### "MAN OF THE MATCH" AWARD

"The Man of the Match" Award for the Mid Tipperary senior hurling final (replay) was presented to the Mid Tipperary G.A.A. Board by the Gortnahoe/Glengoole club in memory of the late Tom O'Hara. Photograph shows the winner, Ruairí Dwan, with the trophy. Also included are (left to right): Andy O'Gorman, Mid Tipperary Youth Officer and member of Gortnahoe/Glengoole Club; Jimmy Meighan, Chairman of Gortnahoe/Glengoole Club and Robert O'Hara (son of the late Tom O'Hara) who presented the trophy.



# County Bord na nÓg Round-up 1991

By: JAMES GLEESON, Secretary

*As the curtain comes down on the Juvenile Calendar for 1991, we can look back to an exciting and action packed programme of events filled with many memorable and evenly contested games from an ever increasing Bord na nÓg schedule*

**I**N a year in which Declan Carr brought back the Liam McCarthy to a huge reception in Liberty Square, and in the year when Féile na nGael was successfully hosted by Tipperary for the second year in a row, the County Juvenile scene was mainly dominated by three clubs – Dúrlas Óg, Cahir and Toomevara.

In its most successful year to date, Dúrlas Óg captured four juvenile county titles as well as Turas na nÓg and runners-up spot in the U-16 'B' hurling final. It is the third year-in-a-row that they have won the U-14 urban rural double. They were unbeatable at U-16, winning the football and hurling competitions.

Toomevara has kept up a remarkable record at under-age level in recent years by winning the U-12 and U-14 rural hurling finals. And what about Cahir! They contested no less than seven county semi-finals. They won the County U-12 and U-14 rural football finals. Furthermore, they won Co. Final Féile na nÓg (U-14 Football), were runners-up in Division 3 All-Ireland Féile na nGael and were also runners-up to Dúrlas Óg in Turas na nÓg play-off.

The year will also be remembered for the magnificent display by the Tipperary U-14 hurling team in winning the Tony Forristal Memorial Tournament in Waterford towards the end of Summer.

## U-12 HURLING

Cashel representing the South division for the second year in a row, accounted for Holycross after a replay, in the first semi-final. Toomevara had a relatively easy victory over Clonoulty in the other semi-final. The final which was played at Holycross turned out to be a thriller. When referee Peter O'Sullivan blew the final whistle the north champions had emerged victorious by one point – 3-2 to 3-1.

## U-12 FOOTBALL

Mid champions Holycross had a good victory over Goden in the first semi-final by 4-3 to 2-2. Meanwhile Cahir were meeting Kildangan in the other semi-final in the Ragg. The north champions fought bravely for long periods but in the end Cahir emerged victorious by 4-5 to 1-5. The final, which was scheduled for Cashel was a rather one-sided affair with Cahir unstoppable on the evening and crowned champions on the score 3-8 to 1-1.

## U-14 URBAN RURAL FOOTBALL

It was nice to see Ballina/Ballinahinch making a mark again in the County Juvenile football arena after winning the U-16 'B' final last year. However they had to give second best to Arravale Rovers in

the first semi-final played in Borrisoleigh. Dúrlas Óg had a five points victory over Cahir in the other semi-final. In the final which was played at Cahir, Arravale Rovers played well but lost out to an excellent Dúrlas Óg side on the score 4-8 to 2-8.



The Dúrlas Óg U-16 hurling team which completed the county U-16 double by defeating Kilruane MacDonagh in the hurling final by 10-10 to 1-5 at Templemore. Back Row (left to right): Jim Darcy, John Callinan, Tom Gooney, Peter Broderick (captain), Pat Murray, Gerry Spain, Pat Hackett, Matthew Ryan. Front Row: Pat Lawlor, Liam O'Dwyer, Raymond O'Dowd, Raymond Carew, Philip Butler, Michael Galvin, David Dunne.



The Tipperary U-16 hurling team which played Limerick in the Nenagh Co-op tournament at Cappawhite. Photo includes: Brendan Cummins, Ballybacon-Grange; Gavin O'Mahony, Ballybacon-Grange; Darren O'Connor, Cahir; James Keating, St. Mary's; Ky Vaughan Mullinahone; Pat Croke, Mullinahone; Paul Shelley, Killenaule; Michael Ryan, Clonoulty; James McCormack, Knockavula Kickhams; Bobby Alley, Knockavula Kickhams; Conor O'Shea, Aberlow; Brian Fogarty, Golden; Tadgh Burke, Holycross; Noel Ryan, Holycross; Pat Murray, Dúrlas Óg; Gerard Flanagan, Boherlahan; Richard Cassidy, Moycarkey; P. J. Brett, Drom & Inch; Terry Dunne, Toomevara; Pat Madden, Lorrha; Stephen Hogan, Lorrha; Niall Deegan, Roscrea; Enda Egan, Roscrea; Andrew Horan, Shannon Rovers; Tom Moylan, Newport; Niall Dempsey, St. Mary's; Kevin O'Sullivan, Arravale Rvs; Darren McGrath, Kildangan; Colm O'Flaherty, Cahir.



### U-14 RURAL FOOTBALL

Cahir had to fight hard all the way to account for a good Ballina side on the scoreline of 3-6 to 3-0, in the first semi-final. Aherlow had a slightly easier task in the other semi final, when they defeated Mid Champions Moycarkey by 5-5 to 2-4. Cashel was the venue for the final and try as they may, Aherlow had no answer in preventing Cahir winning their first of two County football titles in 1991.

### UNDER-14 RURAL HURLING

Toomevara had an easy win over Cahir in one semi-final. Gortnahoe-Glengoose accounted for Aherlow in the other semi-final by 2-3 to 1-3. The final which was played at the Ragg turned out to be one of the most exciting games of the 1991 Juvenile Calendar, Toomevara seemed to sit on an early seven point lead. Gortnahoe fought back tenaciously and skillfully before going down by 3-8 to 2-5 in an excellent final.

### UNDER-14 URBAN/RURAL HURLING

In the first semi-final Arravale Rovers and Ballingarry drew on the scoreline 4-5 to 3-8. In the replay the Tipperary town lads had a runaway victory. In the second semi-final Dúrlas Óg always had enough in reserve by overcoming Toomevara on the scoreline 3-9 to 1-6. The final promised much, but sadly turned out to be a complete mismatch with Dúrlas Óg winning by a big margin.

### U-16 'A' FOOTBALL

Dúrlas Óg had two points to spare over Clonmel Commercials in one semi-final while Arravale Rovers defeated North Champions Newport in the second semi-final. It took two hard fought games to decide who would be U-16 football champions in 1991. In the replay Dúrlas Óg had a few points to spare over their old rivals Arravale Rovers thus completing the first leg of the U-16 double.

### UNDER-16 'A' HURLING

Kilruane defeated St. Mary's, Clonmel by 1-10 to 1-5 in one semi-final. Dúrlas Óg had to wait till the last agonising seconds to come from behind against a gallant Knocknavilla Kickhams side in the other semi-final played in Drombane. In the final Kilruane played well above themselves, but in the end had to give way to an all-conquering Dúrlas Óg team in the final played in Templemore.

### UNDER-16 FOOTBALL 'B'

Kilruane representing the North Division played Aherlow in the first semi-final. The West lads had enough craft and skill in reserve to forge a convincing victory. In the second semi-final, Cahir had a far easier victory, accounting for Templemore by 2-13 to 1-5.

In the final Aherlow came from behind to win their first U-16 County title at Juvenile level.

### UNDER-16 HURLING 'B'

Dúrlas Óg 'B' and Borrisoleigh had semi-final wins over Clonoulty and Cahir respectively. The Ragg was the venue for the final between Borrisoleigh and their

neighbours Dúrlas Óg. A huge crowd witnessed one of the most intensely fought games of the year. Borris playing with a strong second half wind emerged victorious by three points to claim their first ever County Juvenile Championship.

### TURAS NA nÓG

A free trip to the All-Ireland Football final between Down and Meath awaited the winners of this year's Turas na nÓg. The U-14 rural football champions Cahir and U-14 urban hurl champions Dúrlas Óg played out for this annual outing. The game was played in Golden with Dúrlas Óg emerging victorious by 3-6 to 1-6.

### FÉILE NA nÓG

Cahir had easy victories over Clonmel Óg and Cashel to earn the right to represent Tipperary in the Annual U-14 National Festival of Football. The finals were played in Meath. In the week following Féile na nGael Cahir put up excellent performances in dispatching two local Meath teams before going down to a much stronger London side in a crucial Division III qualifying game.

### FÉILE NA nGAEL

The 21st anniversary Féile na nGael was celebrated in fitting style in the county which first inaugurated this wonderful festival of hurling 21 years ago. As well as the usual games in hurling, camogie and



Photo taken at a function by Bord na nÓg to present medals to the Tipperary Under-16 hurling team which won the Nenagh Co-op Tournament. Back row (left to right): Richard Barry, Jim Lynch (South Tipperary Bord na nÓg), Nicholas Loneragan, Tommy Kelly, Sammy Ryan. Front row: James Gleeson (secretary County Bord na nÓg), Paudie Butler (Under-14 selector), Nicholas English (who presented the medals), Noel Morris (chairman County Board), Donal Shanahan (Chairman, County Bord na nÓg).



### TOOMEVARA U-12

The Toomevara team which won the county Under-12 final at Holycross. Back Row (left to right): Brian McGrath, John Hogan, Brian Hackett, Ken Hall, David Maher, James O'Meara, Andrew Ryan, Tomás Ryan. Front Row (left to right): Brendan Dunne, Paul McGrath, Paddy O'Brien, Patrick McGrath, Barry Dunne (captain), Stephen O'Meara, Andrew Ryan.



handball; school visitations; quizzes; concerts; parades, mass and guest appearances – a magnificent museum display of 21 years of Féile na nGael was on show in Hayes Hotel for the two weeks. of Féile. Whatever about the future of Féile, all participants in Féile '90 and '91 will have happy memories for many years to come. Fethard and Sean Treacy's were Tipperary's only hurling winners this year.

## SKILLS

The County Skills Final was held in Semple Stadium during Féile na nGael Week. Austin Cooney, Moycarkey emerged winner and was the proud recipient of a beautiful watch, sponsored by Roscrea Oil. Runners-up were Mark Wade, Dúrlas Óg (2nd) and Thomas Cunningham (3rd).

## LONG PUCK

The County Final of the U-14 long puck was held in Dúrlas Óg ground on Tuesday, 14th May. Vincent Liffey, Lorrha was the winner.

## NENAGH CO-OP TOURNAMENT

Tipperary Bord na nÓg is grateful once more to Nenagh Co-Op Creamery for their continued sponsorship of the U-16 Inter County hurling tournament. Tipperary, Galway, Limerick, Kerry and Waterford were the teams participating in this year's tournament. Since its inception in 1985, Nenagh Co-Op Tournament has probably never been as closely contested as this year. After a series of qualifying games and two semi-finals Galway and Limerick have reached the final due to be played in Athenry towards the end of November.

Tipperary selectors were appointed early in the year. These were Tommy Kelly (West), Jimmy Quinn (South), Paddy Madden (North) and Martin Treacy (Mid). A series of trials were held in Holycross and the Ragg before a panel was assembled for the first round ame against Galway in Athenry. Informed opinion was that this year's panel would not adequately compare with the three Tipperary teams which have already won the tournament. However they played brilliantly and went down by a late goal to a very fancied Galway outfit. They needed to beat Limerick by three clear points to reach the semi-final. But in a rain swept Cappawhite they defeated Limerick but alas, by only two points and so go out of the tournament. Galway and Limerick had semi-final wins over Kerry and Waterford respectively and now meet in the final.

## PEADAR CUMMINS TOURNAMENT

The U-14 Inter Divisional Hurling Tournament in memory of the late Peadar Cummins was once again organised successfully by the Borrisoleigh club. In the semi-finals North and West had wins over South and Mid respectively. In a close fought final encounter North emerged champions. Our thanks to the Borrisoleigh club for their continued holding of the tournament.

## GARDA CUP

Both semi-finals of the U-16 Inter

Divisional Hurling Competition were held in Semple Stadium on July 14. South had a tremendous victory over North in one rivetting semi-final. Mid had a slightly easier victory over West in the other. In the final South tried hard but had to give way to a more composed Mid side by 2-11 to 1-9. Our thanks to Tipperary Garda Association for continued sponsorship.

## FOOTBALL CUP

West and South had semi-final victories over Mid and North in the U-16 Inter divisional football competition. A very good South team had an easy 4-12 to 1-4 victory over West in the final.

## ROCKWELL COACHING WEEKEND

The weekend hurling coaching course for the top U-16 players in the county was held for the third year in a row in Rockwell College. Once again it was an outstanding success. Coaches were Liam O'Donoghue, Limerick, Vincent Teehan, Offaly, Sean Hanley, Clare, Sean O'Meara, Lorrha, Phil Lowry, Jackie Walsh, Br. Cahill, Kilkenny C.B.S., Danny Morrissey, Cashel, Tony Slattery, Nenagh C.B.S.

The course was opened by Michael Maguire, Chairman of the County Board, Noel Kelly, Dublin gave a very informative talk on preparation for games and motivation. John Moloney spoke about refereeing. All the coaching sessions, mini matches and talks were entered into enthusiastically by all the players. While we have young hurlers with the right attitude, outlook and enthusiasm as these 80 U-16's have, the future of Tipperary hurling is bright. Our thanks to all the help we got from Rockwell College, particularly Dave Morris. Our thanks to all board officials who supervised over the weekend.

## FUND RAISING

A bucket collection was taken up on County Final day in Semple Stadium, realising close to £1,200. A table quiz was held in the Anner Hotel early in the year. A sincere word of thanks to County Senior Board and Munster Council for their continued financial support.

## CONCLUSION

I would like to offer a sincere word of thanks to my fellow officers, County Cord na nÓg for their hard work, dedication and co-operation over the year. Thanks too to the various park committees for allowing us the use of their fields. We are grateful to the referees, their linesmen and umpires for dilligently carrying out their duties at under-age games. We thank the supporters who came in large numbers to cheer on their teams. We are indebted to the club officers, trainers and selectors for unselfishly preparing and looking after the players. Also a sincere word of thanks to the young players themselves who continue to promote and play Gaelic games.

I would like to offer a particular word of thanks to 'Babs', his fellow selectors and the victorious All-Ireland winning Tipperary team for making the jobs of all of us involved in juvenile games that much easier this year. Several people have commented to me how much easier it is now to get juveniles to play hurling and football, particularly at U-15 and U-16 level. Long may the situation continue.

Finally a sincere word of thanks to Seamus King, Cashel for undertaking the mammoth task of compiling the 50 years history of Tipperary Bord na nÓg since 1940. It will run to over 200 pages and will contain a wealth of information on all juvenile happenings in the years since 1940. Hopefully we will see it in the shops in the not too distant future.



At the reception by Tipp. N.R. and S.R. Co. Councils for the Tipperary team – Left to right: T. Ó Baróid (Co. Secretary); Noel Davern T.D. (Chairman S. Tipp. Co. Council and now Minister for Education); Michael Maguire (Co. Chairman); Senator Tony McKenna (Chairman N. Tipp. Co. Council) and Michael 'Babs' Keting (Tipp. team manager).



# FÉILE NA nGAEL 1971-91

By: SEAMUS KING

**F**ÉILE na nGael came of age in 1991 and it was only fitting that the celebrations should be held in County Tipperary. It was here, twenty-one years before that the three men of foresight and vision, Tomás O Baróid, Seamus Ó Riain and Eamon de Stafort, thought up the idea of a festival of hurling for young people from all over the country.

The format of events on the weekend of June 21-23 was very similar to that of 1971, but the programme was more extensive over the previous two weeks. The first event was the official opening of the Féile Exhibition in Hayes's Hotel on June 8. It is worth noting that the co-ordinator of this project was Willie Corbett of Drombane, who had performed the same task back in 1971.

The official launch of Féile took place the following day and it was performed by Uachtaran C.L.G. Peadar Ó Cuinn. On Monday, June 10, the visitation of Primary Schools in the county



Vincent Liffey, Lorrha (right) winner of the Under-14 County Final of the Poc Fada competition (Féile na nGael) receives his award from Donal Shanahan, Chairman Tipperary County Bord na nOg.



Loughmore-Castleiney taking part in the Féile na nGael parade at Liberty Square, Thurles.

by G.A.A. and R.T.E. personalities began and continued during the week. Tuesday saw the divisional finals of the Féile Skillstar Competition. On Sunday the All-Ireland final of the Féile Poc Fada competition and the Camogie County Skillstar Competition took place.

The number of events increased during the second week. Monday saw the county finals of the Tipperary Primary Schools Competition. On Tuesday the county final of the Skillstar Competition took place at Semple Stadium. There was a gala night for the Primary Schools at Hayes's Hotel on Wednesday with the final of the Table Quiz Competition. Thursday saw the arrival of teams and officials from all over Ireland to centres at Nenagh, Thurles, Tipperary, Cashel and Clonmel. There was a Golf Slogadh at Thurles Golf Club on Friday and the first round games got under way. The games continued through Saturday and the finals were played on Sunday.

## No President

For the previous ten years President Hillery had never missed a Féile. Now in retirement he was invited for the official opening of the exhibition. President Robinson had been invited on the Sunday for the finals but had a previous engagement and was unable to attend. Without the presence of the President, the event lacked some of the pomp and circumstance of previous events.

Despite that Sunday, June 23 was a very successful day. All the teams and bands assembled at Semple Stadium on Sunday morning for Mass celebrated by Most Rev. Dr. Clifford. Afterwards there was the Féile Parade, which included over



Féile na nGael flag is raised by Michael Maher, G.A.A. Vice President.



twenty bands, through the streets of the town. The teams then returned to Semple Stadium for the main events of the day, the finals. Before the games began, the assembled boys were addressed by Árd Stiúirthóir Liam O Máolmhíchil. He told them that by their presence they were very important people as they were the representatives of over 200,000 young people who played our games in the four provinces. 'The disciplined, colourful and vibrant array is a source of satisfaction to all of us, but you mean more than that in that you symbolise our past, you represent the whole great Association of today and you are our future', he added.

#### Successful

Dúrlas Óg were hoping to do well in Division I and repeat their victory of 1990 but they were beaten by Na Piarsaigh of Cork in their third match and failed to qualify. The Cork champions won out the division. Ballingarry performed very well before being beaten in the semi-final.

Borrisoleigh were beaten in the final of Division II. Tipperary teams were rather unlucky in this section, with no less than three of the semi-finalists coming from the county. The other two were St. Mary's and Arravale Rovers. After a promising opening half in the final Borrisoleigh succumbed to a much stronger, Horeswood, Co. Wexford side and were beaten by 2-7 to 1-2.

Division III provided an all-Tipperary final. Ballygalget, Cahir, Fethard and Cashel made it to the semi-finals with Cahir and Fethard coming through. This all-South final provided great excitement with Fethard winning decisively in the end by 4-3 to 0-5 and reversing the result in the south championship.

No Tipperary team reached the semi-final stage in Division IV but there was another all-Tipperary final in Division V. In this

game Sean Treacy's proved too strong for Newcastle and won by 4-2 to 1-2.

Overall then a reasonably successful Féile for Tipperary teams. Not so much success in handball or camogie. In the former Silvermines were beaten in the final of Division 3 and Roscrea won Division 5 of the camogie competitions.

#### Some Bests

At the conclusion of the grand parade on the Sunday a number of prizes were awarded. Navan O'Mahony's were voted the best dressed hurling team. Loughmore-Castleiney won the best banner in Tipperary and Birr got the best visiting banner. The best dressed team in camogie was won by Loughmore-Castleiney. The best banner in the county went to Upperchurch-Drombane and the best visiting banner was won by Ballyboden-St. Enda's, Dublin.

The National Executive of Féile na nGael, 1991 was as follows: Chairman, Pádraig MacFloinn, Down; secretary, Pádraig P. Guthrie, Clare; Donal Hickey, Dublin; Eamonn MacMahon, Antrim; John O'Connell, Cork and Jim Whelan, Wicklow. The Tipperary Executive was: Chairman, Donal Shanahan, Toomevara; Runáí, Denis Floyd, Newport; Programme, Seamus J. King, Cashel; Parade, Liam O Donnchú, Thurles; Fields/Referees, Liam McGrath, Holycross-Ballycahill; Schools, Eugene Ryan, Moneygall; Skills, James Gleeson, Templederry; Handball, Ken Conway, Clonmel; Camogie, Marion Graham, Littleton; Catering, Eleanor O'Connell, Thurles, and P. J. Harrington, Upperchurch-Drombane; Tommy Kelly, Kickhams; Museum, Willie Corbett, Upperchurch-Drombane.



John O'Connell of Coca Cola arrives at Carrig N.S. during the School Visitations of Féile na nGael.



Celebrating Aifreann na Féile at Semple Stadium, Fr. Tom Fogarty, Archbishop Dermot Clifford and Fr. Seamus Gardiner.



Féile na nGael School Visitation at Tankardstown N.S. Special guest was Micheál Ó Muirheartaigh.



# CASHEL KING CORMACS

County Senior Hurling  
Champions 1991



BACK ROW (l. - r.): Peter Fitzelle, Don Higgins, Ger Slattery, Sean O'Donoghue, John Ryan, John Grogan, Willie Fitzelle, Pa Fitzelle, Seanie Barron, Tony Slattery, Sean Slattery, Liam Devitt, Ramie Ryan, Pat O'Donoghue, Joe Minogue. FRONT ROW (l. - r.): Declan McGrath, Joe O'Leary, Timmy Moloney, Jamsie O'Donoghue, Tommy Grogan, Ailbe Bonnar, Colm Bonnar, Conal Bonnar, Michael Perdue, T. J. Connolly, Cormac Bonnar, Seanie Morrissey.



# FETHARD

County Senior Football  
Champions 1991



BACK ROW (l. - r.): John Hurley, Michael Ryan, Shay Ryan, Owen Cummins, Liam Connolly, Thomas McCarthy, Shay Coen, Michael Spillane, Michael Broderick, Liam Ryan, Joe Keane. FRONT ROW (l. - r.): Chris Coen, Willie O'Meara, Dermot Hackett, Michael Fitzgerald (Captain), Willie Morrissey, Tommy Sheehan, Martin Coen, Martin Ryan, Philly Blake, Michael Riordan.



# Tony Forristal Tournament

## All-Ireland U-14 hurling

### win for Tipperary

By Jim Lynch

**I**N 1982 Waterford Glass G.A.A. club decided to organise an inter-county under-14 tournament in memory of one of their members Tony Forristal.

Tony was tragically killed in a road traffic accident while returning home from an under-21 hurling match with the Waterford team. Tony was a tremendous Gael and no doubt a tremendous worker with both his club Mount Sion and also with his native county.

His colleagues at Waterford Glass greatly appreciated his work for the G.A.A. and so in 1982 "The Tony Forristal Tournament" came into being. 1991 saw this tournament celebrate its tenth anniversary. Each year has seen it grow in size and this year a total of 18 teams took part.

It is the only under-14 competition of its kind in existence and I think at this stage it has become an All-Ireland competition. Since 1982 Tipperary have participated every year and have been champions on three occasions 1983 - 1987 - 1988.

What would 1991 bring - to be champions in this year would be a great way for the county to celebrate a decade of participation in this great tournament.

#### Early planning

The selectors were picked early in the year and showed one change from last year. Tom Gleeson (Portroc) represented the North - Paudie Butler (Drom-Inch) the Mid - Jim Fogarty (Golden) the West and yours truly from the South.

Jim Fogarty was the new face and being a man of vast experience and of long involvement with juveniles he fitted like a glove into the scene.

We met in May and plans were made from there. It was decided that the selectors would try and see as many championship matches as possible, and also the matches in the Féile na nGael competition. Players usually are seen to better effect in these matches than in trials.

The Peadar Cummins tournament in Borrisoleigh in which divisional teams participate was used also as a trial. Following this tournament we picked 40 players to come to a trial at the Ragg on Saturday, July 6th. Each Saturday morning after that we hurled at the Ragg until eventually we had the panel down to 25. We arranged a game with Upperchurch under-16 selection and used this game to



Tipperary U-14 hurling team (1991) - Tony Forristal Tournament winners - Back row - Liam Nolan, David Fogarty, Ollie Geoghegan, Dara Quinn, Sean Maher, Niall Slevin, Kevin O'Brien, P. J. Sweeney, Pat McEvoy, Mark Keeshan, Declan Crowe, Johnny Enright. Front row: Liam Cahill, Jason Nugent, David O'Riordan, Ger Looby, Philip Rabbitte, Colin Allen, Ray Hackett, Mark O'Shea, Declan Browne, P. Butler (coach).

pick our final 21. It wasn't an easy job and this was the panel that we thought would represent Tipperary best at the Tony Forristal Tournament.

Jason Nugent (Arravale Rovers); Pat McEvoy (Arravale Rovers); Declan Crowe (Arravale Rovers); Ollie Geoghegan (Durlas Óg); Johnny Enright (Durlas Óg); David O'Riordan (Durlas Óg); Liam Cahill (Ballingarry); Colm Allen (Fethard); Declan Browne (Moyle Rovers); Liam Nolan (Sean Treacy's); Mark Keeshan (Moneygall); P. J. Sweeney (Moynemacsherry); Ger Looby (Golden); David Fogarty (Golden); Darragh Quinn (Eire Óg Nenagh); Kevin O'Brien (Kilruane); Sean Meagher (Borrisoleigh); Philip Rabbitte (Borrisoleigh); Mark O'Shea (Aherlow); Ray Hackett (Toomevara); Niall Slevin (Borrisokane).

Johnny Enright - Durlas Óg was given the honour of being captain of this team and what an inspiring one he turned out to be.

We were drawn in a tough group with Clare, Limerick and Cork - our games in that order. Word had it that both Clare and Cork in particular had prepared well

for this tournament.

#### Early games

Clare, champions of 1990 were physically much bigger and stronger than us and we found it hard to settle against them. Their backs were inclined to foul and Johnny Enright punished them severely every time. We turned over at half-time a point in arrears having missed a few easy scores in the first half. Mark O'Shea of Aherlow was moved to centre forward, with Liam Cahill going to the wing and he was instructed to roam.

The second half saw Tipp hurl a lot better - David O'Riordan and Sean Meagher gave nothing away and David Fogarty was a very sound centre back. Liam Cahill and Mark O'Shea benefitted from the change, and were now hurling very well.

Johnny Enright and Colin Allen began to take their scores and at the end of forty minutes Tipp had won on the scoreline 3-6 to 2-5. It was a tough opener and it was a very disappointed Clare party visited our dressingroom afterwards. The tea and sandwiches were very welcome at this



stage.

Our next game was against Limerick who had been easily beaten by Cork earlier on. We made a number of changes for this game and it saw Declan Crowe from Arravale Rovers – Niall Slevin from Borrisokane and Ollie Geoghegan wear the Tipperary jersey for the first time. This was a game that Tipperary were always going to win but were made fight all the way by a gallant Limerick fifteen.

Our goalkeeper Kevin O'Brien and full back line of Hackett, Rabbite and Meagher saved us many a time in this one. Liam Nolan hurled very well in the middle of the field while Mark O'Shea and Niall Slevin were best of our attack. We won on the scoreline 2-7 to 1-5.

Cork at this stage had beaten Clare easily so at 5.50 p.m. on that Saturday evening at the Roanmore ground the "mother of all battles" was going to take place. For the victors a place in Sundays final at Walsh Park.

#### "Mother of All Battles"

The Tipp team was picked and Jimmy Murray and John Cahill were busy rubbing tired legs. I heard the phrases "Remember Pairc Ui Chaoimh and Semple Stadium in July" being mentioned. There was no need to fire up these players – the mere sight of the red jerseys was enough.

Only the team – subs and mentors were allowed into the field. The tension was hectic, Gleeson and Fogarty were drinking water to cool the nerves. The game started and boy was it hectic. Tipp started majestically 1-1 to the good after 5 minutes of play.

Declan Browne of Moyne Rovers in his first game had billowed the net and settled Tipp. Our half-back line of Nugent – Fogarty and O'Riordan gave it their all and both Liam Cahill and Ger Looby of Golden hurled hard in the middle of the field. Tipp conceded two goals before half-time and were now leading by one point at half-time. 1-5 to 2-1 Cork would have the aid of a freshening breeze in the second half.

On the turn-over Tipp hurled as if their young lives depended on it. Darragh Quinn and Johnny Enright exploded into action. Kevin O'Brien in goal put up the shutters and in front of him Ray Hackett – Philip Rabbite and Sean Meagher stood firm. It was nip and tuck from end to end. Colin Allen at full forward rose high and caught and the net was bulging. Tipp were two points to the good with the end in sight.

But back came Cork with a goal but then Liam Cahill and Johnny Enright pointed to leave Tipp in front by the narrowest of margins 3-6 to 3-5. This was a great team effort. Victory was very sweet.

On Saturday night we were hosted by the Sacred Hert Club in Waterford City and terrific hosts they were. Curfew was 11 p.m. as Sunday was going to be a big day for us. Galway were our opponents and we would have to be on top of our game to win.



*Johnny Enright (Durlas Óg) – Tipperary captain accepts the cup from Mrs. Betty Forristal.*

#### The Final

Sunday came and another brilliant day of sunshine. Blue and gold flags were to be seen around Walsh Park in plentiful numbers. There were no injuries in the camp and everybody was looking forward to the game against Galway. The jerseys had been washed and ironed on Saturday night thanks to Marion Cahill. Both teams paraded behind the Brass Band and a great atmosphere had built up by the time Ray Moore threw in the ball.

Liam Nolan and in particular Liam Cahill lorded it in the middle of the field.



*Liam Cahill, Ballingarry, winner of "Player of the Tournament" in the Tony Forristal inter-county under-14 tournament.*

In this game we saw Darragh Quinn display all his vast array of skills and shoot four great points from play. Niall Slevin

and Pa McEvoy worked like beavers and Mark O'Shea made life a misery for the Galway centre-back.

Our backs were like misers – they were giving nothing away. Ray Hackett, Philip Rabbite and Sean Meagher in particular made sure our goalie Kevin O'Brien enjoyed the final. Tipperary turned over leading 1-7 to 0-1 at the interval.

The second half saw more of the same from Tipperary – Galway could not get into the game. Liam Cahill was still playing great hurling in the middle of the field assisted in this half by Ger Looby. Our captain too Johnny Enright was playing his part and Colin Allen at full forward showed his great scoring potential by notching 1-2. Mark Keesham and P. J. Sweeney also got among the scores when they were introduced as subs.

I have left out the most consistent line until last – that was our half back line of Nugent, Fogarty and O'Riordan who were teak-tough all through the tournament. When the final whistle had sounded Tipp had won the tenth Anniversary of the Tony Forristal Tournament on the scoreline 2-14 to Galway's 1-4.

Johnny Enright our captain receiving the trophy from Betty Forristal and Johnny was complimentary to every one in his acceptance speech. Liam Cahill a very talented young hurler from Ballingarry was voted "Best Player of the Tournament" a merit richly deserved.

A great day for these young boys and a great day for Tipperary hurling. They were great ambassadors for Tipperary during their stay down in Waterford – their discipline both on and off the field during the weekend was a credit to their parents and to their clubs.

I have no doubt that these boys will continue to hurl and develop their skills and in a few short years will see them grace the major hurling fields of Ireland in the famed blue and gold jerseys of their beloved Tipperary.



# West Tipperary Bórd na nÓg

TOMMY KELLY (Rúnaí)

**N**INETEEN-NINETY-ONE was once again a most successful year for Bórd na nÓg in West Tipperary. The highlight of the year was the tremendous display of our divisional U16 hurling team in qualifying for the Munster final. While we were comprehensively beaten in the final by a very good Cork city side, our boys put up some excellent performances during the year.

On their way to the final they overcame two Cork sides, Muskerry and Carrighoun, and had a great victory over a very useful East Clare side in the semi-final. It was indeed a tremendous experience for the boys from West Tipperary to take part in that wonderful festival of hurling which is Munster final day at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Also on that day the parents of all those players were supplied with tickets, compliments of county and West senior boards. This was something which was greatly appreciated by all concerned.

Our team was excellently togged out thanks to the kind sponsorship of Gleeson concrete (jersies), Noel Browne, Bushire (togs), Andy Lacey, Royal Hotel (socks), Sean Crowe Motors (kit bags), and Noel Ryan who sponsored the hurleys for the final. There was also cash sponsorship from Horkan-Fitzgeralds, the Brown trout restaurant, Seamus Hanly tyres, (all Tipperary town), Shane Ryan (H), Cappawhite, and Tipperary co-op. creamery. A special word of thanks to the selectors, Tom Peters, Denis Ryan, and Michael Gleeson and to trainers John Leamy, Richard Barry and Tommy Kelly. Also thanks to the many people who attended the training sessions at Sean Treacy Park and imparted their expert knowledge and good wishes to the team and selectors. A special word of thanks to Arravale Rovers club for the use of their pitch for training.

## TONY FORRESTAL TOURNAMENT

On the inter-county scene we can look back with pride on the achievement of our county U14 hurling team who won the Tony Forrestal tournament in Waterford. The following players from our division more than played their part in this victory: David Fogarty, Golden (centreback), Jason Nugent, Arravale Rovers (wing forward), Mark O'Shea, Aherlow (centre forward), Ger Luby, Golden (midfield), and Declan Crowe, Arravale Rovers (corner forward).

A special word of congratulations to Jim Fogarty and his fellow selectors, Jim Lynch, Paudie Butler and Tom Gleeson for a job well done.

## NENAGH CO-OP TOURNAMENT

In the U16 Nenagh Co-op tournament Tipperary were defeated in the first round



### CLONOULTY/ROSSMORE — WEST TIPP U16 (B) HURLING CHAMPIONS

**Back Row (l-r):** Jim O'Dwyer, Roddy Ahearne, Patrick O'Brien, Dereck Ryan, Tom O'Dwyer, Jerry Ryan, Seamus Lacey, Patrick Wade, Roger Ryan, Seamus O'Dwyer, Tomás Barry, Denis Ryan (selector). **Front Row (l-r):** James Ryan, John Heffernan, Nollaig Heffernan, T.J. Maher, Oliver Quinn, Kevin Lanigan-Ryan, Michael Ryan, William Ryan, Michael Coen, Michael Wade, Tony Ryan, John Maher and Donnchadh Ryan (mascot).



### AHERLOW — WEST TIPP U14 RURAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

**Back Row (l-r):** Toby Peters and Luke Leonard (managers), Donal McGrath, Mark O'Shea, Billy Reardon, Robert Shanahan, Timmy Leonard, Denis Grogan, Noel Clifford, Morgan O'Connell, Paddy Burke, Dan Walsh (manager). **Front Row (l-r):** Cathal O'Shea, James Noonan, Mick Carey, Mark O'Brien, Paul Kiely, Barry Leonard, Philly Kiely, Cian O'Brien, Thomas Hennessy, Paul O'Brien, Anthony Donovan.

### CLONOULTY/ROSSMORE — WEST TIPP U12 (A) HURLING CHAMPIONS



**Back Row (l-r):** Joseph O'Keeffe (selector), Noelette O'Dwyer, Helen Campion, Liam Ryan, Patrick Flynn, Con O'Keeffe, John Kearney, Bart Flynn, Conor Ryan, Tadhg Bourke, Pádraig Coen, Mark O'Dwyer, Michael Fogarty, Tom O'Brien (trainer). **Front Row (l-r):** Willie Devane (selector), John Devane, Edmund Maher, Alan Kennedy, Conor Devane, Richard Sadlier, Liam Ryan, Liam Manton, James Caplis, Denis Ahearne, Kieran Ryan, Liam Devane and Joe O'Keeffe (mascots).



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by a very good Galway side on the score 4-10 to 3-10. In the second round played at Cappawhite on October 26th, Tipperary showed considerable improvement in defeating Limerick by 1-7 to 0-8. However, Tipp went out of the competition on score difference. The following West players were on the Tipp selection: Michael Ryan (Clonoulty), James McCormack (Kickhams), Bobby Alley (do.), Conor O'Shea (Aherlow), Brian Fogarty (Golden) and Kevin O'Sullivan (Arravale Rovers).

### GARDA CUP

In the Garda Cup inter-divisional competitions, West Tipperary were defeated by Mid Tipperary in the hurling and by South Tipperary in the football. The selectors for the football team were: Tom Peters, John Luby and David Quirke, who also coached the side. The following was the panel: Francis Jones (Arravale Rovers), Kieran Moroney (Aherlow), Vincent Peters (Rockwell Rovers), Dallen Browne (Galtee Rovers), Donal Ryan (Arravale Rovers), Colm Heney (Rockwell Rovers), Ger Lonergan (Galtee Rovers), John Heney (Rockwell Rovers), Liam Barron (Cashel), Conor O'Shea (Aherlow), Dermot O'Brien (Rosegreen), Brian Fogarty (Golden), Liam Lewis (Aherlow), Steven Fergal Gayson (Cashel), Alan Golden (Rosegreen), Liam Sherlock (Rosegreen), Pat Hughes (Aherlow), Michael Lonergan (Emly).

### LOCAL SHAMPIONSHIPS

On the local scene we played a total of 160 games, starting on April 8th and playing our last final on August 21st. The format for running our games was changed with the U14 and U16 footballers starting the season instead of the U12s, whose competitions this year were moved to the Summer months.

### SPECIAL THANKS

Here let me, on behalf of West Tipp Bórd na nÓg, pay a special thanks to all those people who gave of their time and energy to look after the juveniles of the various parishes within our division. This is truly where our great national games are kept alive and without the work of you people at juvenile level all over the county we would have no trips to Munster finals or all Ireland success to celebrate. You are indeed the lifeblood of this great association of ours. A heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you.

As if the work of organising our local championships was not enough, we again had to organise that wonderful festival of hurling, Féile na nGael. Here let me congratulate all the clubs and field committees for their work and co-operation during this festival which was the 21st anniversary of the founding of Féile na nGael. A special word of congratulations to Seán Treacy's U14s who emerged as all Ireland champions in



### AHERLOW — WEST TIPP U16 (B) FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

**Back Row (l-r):** Tom Peters (selector), Robert Shanahan, Micheál Russell, Ciaran Moroney, Sean Peters, Eddie Moroney, Liam Lewis, Conor O'Shea, Declan Reardon, Fergal Clifford, Pat Hughes, Mark Leonard (selector). **Front Row (l-r):** Billy Reardon, John O'Connell, Lionel Leonard, Mark O'Brien, Mark O'Sullivan, Donal McGrath, Timmy Leonard, Barry Leonard, Seán Moroney.



West Tipp U16 Hurling Selectors: Michael Gleeson, Denis Ryan, Tom Peters, Tommy Kelly.



### WEST TIPPERARY U16 HURLING TEAM

**Front Row (l-r):** Stephen Bourke (Emly), Michael Collins (Galtee Rovers), Kevin O'Sullivan (Arravale Rovers), Colm Heney (Rockwell Rovers), Brian Horgan (Kickhams), Aidan Butler (Kickhams), Brian Walsh (Galtee Rovers), Sean O'Halloran (Arravale Rovers). **Middle Row (l-r):** Bobby Alley (Kickhams), Jerry Frawley (Emly), John Heeney (Rockwell Rovers), Donnchadh Breen (Emly), Shane Slattery (Emly), Oliver O'Brien (Galtee Rovers), James McCormack (Kickhams), Oliver O'Neill (Lattin/C), Conor O'Shea (Aherlow). **Back Row (l-r):** Brian Fogarty (Golden/K), Niall English (Arravale Rovers), Michael Ryan (Clonoulty/R), Dallen Browne (Galtee Rovers), Jim O'Leary (Cashel), Eamon Buckley (Cappawhite), Ger Lonergan (Galtee Rovers), George Fahy (Sean Treacys), Liam Barron (Cashel).

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division 5 of Féile na nGael. Also, a special word of thanks to our referees who performed so diligently on this occasion. A suitably inscribed framed parchment has been presented to each referee to honour this occasion.

The continuing success of the coaching system, which is very well organised by the county coaching committee is reflected in the excellent standard of our games. All clubs and schools are adequately catered for within this system and help is forthcoming at all times to any club which needs it; all you have to do is ask.

Also, during the year our Board had to take disciplinary measures against some clubs. The question of abuse of match officials or players is a very serious one and a set code of conduct must be forthcoming at all our games. While no board likes to have to suspend or fine clubs, I feel that the Board must be complimented on

its firm handling of the cases that came before it this year and it is hoped that a repeat of such incidents will not happen again for a long time.

Finally, on behalf of West Bórd na nÓg let me thank most sincerely all clubs and club officers for their help and co-operation throughout the year and also all the players who gave us such wonderful entertainment during the year; to the referees and officials, without whose help our games could not function; to the West senior board for their help, both financial and otherwise; to the West senior PRO, J.J. Kennedy, for his coverage at all times of our games on both the *Star* and *Nationalist*; to Sammy Ryan and Tipp Mid West radio for excellent coverage of our games on their Saturday morning programme; to Jerry Ring and Jimmy O'Connell for excellent coverage on the West senior programme on Tuesday nights; and finally to my fellow officers who worked diligently throughout the year to ensure the successful running of our games. To each and everyone who helped in any way throughout the year

and, finally, season's greetings to each and everyone and thanks for a job well done.

## WEST BORD NA nÓG OFFICERS 1991

*President:* James O'Donoghue, Arravale Rovers.

*Chairman:* Richard Barry, Cappawhite.

*Vice-chairman:* Liam O'Dwyer, Éire Óg, and Denis Ryan, Clonoulty.

*Secretary:* Tommy Kelly, Kickhams.

*Treasurer:* Eamonn Buckley, Lattin/Cullen.

*Registrar:* Lou Reardon, Galtee Rovers.

*Co. Board Reps:* Nicholas Lonergan, Solohead, and Eamonn Buckley, Lattin.

*U14 County hurling selectors:* Jim Fogarty, Golden.

*U16 football selectors:* Tom Peters (Aherlow), John Looby (Rockwell Rovers), David Quirke (Arravale Rovers).

*U16 hurling selectors:* Tom Peters (Aherlow), Denis Ryan (Clonoulty) and Michael Gleeson (Arravale Rovers).

*U16 county hurling selector:* Tommy Kelly, Kickhams.

## WEST TIPPERARY BORD NA nÓG CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS 1991

GRADE	WINNERS	RUNNERS-UP	REFEREE
U12 (A) F.C.	Golden/Kilfeacle (Arravale Rovers won the final by 2-1 to 1-3 but lost on objection)		Tom Meehan
U12 (B) F.C.	Cappawhite 3-5	Galtee Rovers 2-3	Eamonn O'Dwyer
U12 (C) F.C.	Emly 5-3	Lattin/Cullen 2-0	Sammy Ryan
U12 Football Shield	Rockwell Rovers 3-3	Clonoulty/R 2-5	Jim O'Connor
U14 Rural F.C.	Aherlow 7-1	Clonoulty/R 1-2	Paddy Russell
U14 Urban/Rural F.C.	Arravale Rovers 3-6	Aherlow 1-7	John Moloney
U14 (B) F.C.	Cappawhite 3-3	Lattin/Cullen 2-2	Eamonn Browne
U16 (A) F.C.	Arravale Rovers 3-6	Aherlow 1-7	John Moloney
U16 (B) F.C.	Aherlow 3-10	Galtee Rovers 3-4	Paddy Russell
U13 Garda Cup F.C.	Cappawhite 3-10	Cashel K.C. 1-9	Nicholas Lonergan
U12 (A) H.C.	Clonoulty/R 1-3	Cappawhite 1-2	Sammy Ryan
U12 (B) H.C.	Sean Treacys 4-1	Rockwell Rovers 0-1	Liam O'Dwyer
U14 Rural H.C.	Aherlow 4-2	Cappawhite 2-5	Willie Morrissey
U14 U/R H.C.	Arravale Rovers [Cappawhite withdrew from Final]		
U14 (B) H.C.	Sean Treacys 4-0	Golden/K 2-3	John Kennedy
U16 (A) H.C.	Kickhams 2-11	Arravale Rovers 4-4	Angus Ryan
U16 (B) H.C.	Clonoulty?R 6-8	Aherlow 5-2	Richard Barry
U15 Garda Cup H.C.	Kickhams 5-12	Galtee Rovers 2-5	Eamonn O'Dwyer



# Sean Treacy's G.A.A. 1991 - The Juveniles Year

**T**HE past year has been one of the most successful for the Juvenile Club. The under-12 hurlers won the West "B" final. The under-14 hurlers won the West "B" final and they also won the All-Ireland (Division 5) of the Féile na nGael competition.

In the under-12 competition, we defeated Lattin Cullen, Éire Óg Annacarty, Emly and Rosegreen in the final. The O'Sullivan Cup was presented to the Captain Bernard O'Brien.

In the under-14 competition, we defeated Solohead, Galtee Rovers, Rockwell Rovers, Lattin-Cullen and Golden in the final. The Cashel-King Cormacs Cup was presented to the captain Thomas Keane.

In the All-Ireland Féile na nGael competition, we defeated Tyrone, Lattin-Cullen, Cavan and Mayo in the Final. The McMahon Memorial Trophy was presented to the Captain

Thomas Keane.

Gerry O'Toole did a trojan amount of work in coaching and training the underage teams and adopted a professional approach at all times. He was ably assisted by P. J. Caplis, Michael Ryan (W), Michael Corcoran and Noel McMahon. The travel arrangements for the teams was co-ordinated in each area by Mrs. Mary Ryan N.T., Kilcommon, Mrs. Mary Ryan, Hollyford, Mrs. Mary O'Dwyer, Milestone, and Michael Corcoran, Rears Cross.

The following players got trials for the West Division Under-14 teams - Liam Nolan, Liam Caplis, Thomas Keane, Kevin Ryan, Kieran O'Brien, and Tom O'Dwyer. Liam Nolan and Liam Caplis got trials for the County Under-14 team and Liam Nolan played with the County Under-14 team which won a tournament in Waterford.

Our under-16 team played well in all their matches. They were coached by Michael Ryan (D). George Fahy played on the West Tipperary Under-16 team who were beaten by Cork City in the Munster Final.

In the Féile na nGael festival, we hosted the Omagh Club from County Tyrone and would like to thank the people who provided accommodation for the visitors and who helped in any way to make their visit so enjoyable.

Outside of the playing fields, we had some successes in Scór. In Scór na nÓg 1991, Deirdre O'Connell won the West Final for solo singing. We were represented in instrumental music by Cathriona Shortt, Michael Ryan and John Meehan. They went all the way to the All-Ireland final and were beaten by a narrow margin.

In Scór na bPáistí, we had winners in Deirdre O'Connell who won the Inter-County final in solo singing. Our instrumental music team of Michael Ryan, Maria Shortt and Damien Byrne won the Inter-County final. Our ballad group which consisted of Deirdre O'Connell, Siobhan O'Connell, Marie Shortt and Damien Byrne won the Inter-County final. Our ballad group which consisted of Deirdre O'Connell, Siobhan O'Connell, Marie Hanly, Bridget Phelan and Michael Ryan won the West final.



**SEAN TREACY G.A.A. UNDER-12 HURLING TEAM  
WINNERS OF WEST 'B' CHAMPIONSHIP 1991**

Back Row: P. Quigley, T. Shortt, S. Quigley, T. Ryan, S. O'Connell, R. J. Hammersly, P. Shanahan. Middle Row: P. Caplis, E. Ryan, D. O'Toole, J. Carey, M. Ryan, G. O'Toole, T. Ryan, N. Butler, L. Ryan. Front Row: P. Nolan, P. Ryan, T. O'Connor, B. O'Brien, N. Ryan, E. O'Toole, D. Carey, M. Ryan, J. Shanahan.



**SEAN TREACY'S UNDER-14 HURLERS**

Winners of West 'B' championship and All-Ireland Féile Na nGael Hurling (Division 5) 1991. Back Row: B. O'Brien, V. Carr, G. Ryan, P. Shanahan, N. Ryan, P. Carr, K. Ryan, J. O'Dwyer, F. Carr, L. Nolan, P. Quigley, L. Caplis, J. Ryan. Front Row: P. Ryan, D. O'Toole, E. Ryan, R. Hammersly, T. J. Devitt, T. Shortt, P. Quigley, O. Carr, T. Keane, K. O'Brien, T. O'Dwyer.



# Mid Tipperary Bord na nÓg 1991 Review

TOM JOYCE - Secretary

**H**URLING and Football in Mid Tipperary at juvenile level continue to thrive. This can be clearly seen by the successes we have had in our division this year.

You may recall that last year (1990) was a very a very successful one for our clubs with Dúrlas Óg winning the Division I National Féile na nGael title, Loughmore-Castleiney winning the Div. 3 national title and Boherlahan-Dualla, runners-up in the Div. 2 section.

Coupled with that success, a number of our teams also won county titles in the various grades and our mid-Tipperary u/14 hurling team won the Peadar Cummins tournament for the first time.

The real proof of our continued development is that for the second year in succession we have continued to achieve many notable successes. The most notable, I believe, belongs to Dúrlas Óg, who won county titles at u/14 hurling section A, u/14 football section A, u/16 hurling section A and u/16 football section A.

This is the first time that any club has made a clean sweep of both the under 14 and under 16 county titles. It is a remarkable achievement by any standards. Congratulations to all involved.

Congratulations also to Austin Cooney (Moycarkey-Borris) who won the county under-14 Féile na nGael skills competition, and to Mark Wade (Dúrlas Óg) who was the runner-up.

This year saw another first for our division because our under-16 hurling team won the Garda Cup inter-divisional hurling competition for the first time. This prestigious competition has been dominated mainly by the North division, who by virtue of its size — 22 juvenile clubs as against 11 in the mid division — has an inbuilt advantage.

However, 1991 proved a milestone for us. In the semi-final against the West Division, we had a comprehensive victory. In the other semi-final the South defeated the North. The final was played in Cashel between the South and the Mid. In an excellent match the class in the Mid team eventually prevailed and we finished up deserving winners by 5 points.

For the record, the team that evening was as follows: Tadhg Bourke, Holycross-Ballycahill (capt.); Aidan Hassett, Holycross-Ballycahill; Peter Broderick, Dúrlas Óg; P.J. Brett, Drom/Inch; Ger Flanagan, Boherlahan-Dualla; Pat Murray, Dúrlas Óg; Alan Joyce, Holycross-Ballycahill; John Callanan, Dúrlas Óg; Noel Ryan, Holycross-Ballycahill; Brian Phelan,



**DURLAS ÓG — COUNTY BORD NA nÓG URBAN-RURAL UNDER 14 'A' HURLING CHAMPIONS**

*Dúrlas Óg won their third title in a row when beating Arravale Rovers in the final at Golden.*  
Back Row (l. to r.): Seamus Maher (selector), Br. Hickey (coach), Michael O'Dwyer, Colin Coppinger, David Butler, David O'Riordan, Mark Wade, Johnny Enright (captain), Michael Hackett, Dara Kinnane, Brian O'Grady, Mark Ryan, Pat McEvoy (selector). Front Row: Kevin Ryan, Christy Kennedy, Emmet Maher, John Bowe, Damien Daly, David Broderick, Jason Kavanagh, David Molumby, Donal Collins, Ollie Geoghegan. Missing from photo: John Dunphy (selector).



**DURLAS ÓG — COUNTY U-16 'A' FOOTBALL (REPLAY) CHAMPIONS**

*Played at Cashel.*  
Back Row (l. to r.): Tom Fogarty, Michael McCarthy, Pat Murray, Peter Broderick, Mark Ryan, Benny Maher, Pat Hackett, Gerry Spain, Ned Cornally, Bill Fitzgerald, Tom Gooney. Front Row: David Dunne, Michael Cleary, Matt Ryan, Darren Molumby, Liam Dwyer (capt.), Raymond O'Dowd, Matthew Dowd, Michael Galvin, Jimmy Darcy, Raymond O'Riordan, Philip Butler.

Upperchurch-Drombane; Risteard Cassidy, Moycarkey-Borris; Ml. Ferncombe, Boherlahan-Dualla; Declan Laffan, Loughmore-Castleiney; Paddy Holland, Drom-Inch; Brendan Hogan, Gortnahoe-Glen-goole. Subs. used were: Brian Lamphier, Moycarkey-Borris; Philip O'Dwyer, Boherlahan-Dualla.

Other members of the panel were Dan Griffin, Upperchurch-Drombane; James Ryan, Moyne-Templetuohy; Kevin Dwan, Drom-Inch; Robert Ryan, Moycarkey-Borris; John Butler, Holycross-Ballycahill; Jimmy Darcy-Dúrlas Óg; Tom Fogarty, Dúrlas Óg; Mattie Ryan, Dúrlas Óg.

I have already paid tribute to Dúrlas Óg on their outstanding achievements this year. Other clubs in our division also had a very successful year. Lack of space will not allow me to deal with all clubs individually but I would like to mention the success of a few in particular.

Over the last number of years Moycarkey-Borris have gone through a lean period — by their previous high standards — but 1991 saw a resurgence from them which looks very promising for the future. As anybody involved in juvenile affairs will know, it takes a few years, at least, to lay the foundations for success. In Moycarkey-Borris men like John Hackett, Joe



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Moran, John Comerford, Eddie Clancy and others have been quietly but effectively laying the foundation for future success and they received their first rewards this year by winning 8 mid titles at various grades. Congratulations to all concerned.

Since Dúrlas Óg was formed in 1979 they have won the under 12 section A hurling title each year up until now. Holycross-Ballycahill have come close to beating them on several occasions. However, 1991 proved to be the milestone for Holycross as they defeated Dúrlas Óg in the final for the first time.

Holycross also won the under 12 football final against their great rivals, thus completing the double over Dúrlas Óg for the first time ever. Unfortunately, for Holycross, Cahir became their bogey team in the county series. They beat their under 12 hurlers in the county semi-final after a replay and their under-12 footballers in the County final.

Another club to make a great effort to return a county title to the division this year was Gortnahoe-Glengoole. They reached the under-14 rural hurling County final, only to be narrowly defeated by the overwhelming favourites, Toomevara, in a great county final. Gortnahoe-Glengoole can be proud of their effort.

I look forward with great anticipation to next year. The young boys in our division are in capable hands in all our clubs. Each club has its own dedicated people. These people are low profile people. They never get any public acclaim, and often see the credit for a club's success go elsewhere. I thank everybody involved with our juveniles. May God reward you.

## Mid Tipperary Bord na nÓg 1991 Results

### COMPETITION

U/12 Football Section A  
U/12 Football Section B  
U/12 Football Section C  
U/12 Hurling Section A  
U/12 Hurling Section B  
U/12 Hurling Section C  
U/14 U/R Football Section A  
U/14 U/R Football Section B  
U/14 U/R Football Section C  
U/14 U/R Hurling Section A  
U/14 U/R Hurling Section B  
U/14 U/R Hurling Section C  
U/14 Rural Football  
U/14 Rural Hurling  
U/16 Football Section A  
U/16 Football Section B  
U/16 Football Section C  
U/16 Hurling Section A  
U/16 Hurling Section B  
U/16 Hurling Section C

### WINNERS

Holycross-Ballycahill  
Drom-Inch  
Moyné-Templetuohy  
Holycross-Ballycahill  
Moycarkey-Borris  
Upperchurch-Drombane  
Dúrlas Óg A  
Boherlahan-Dualla  
Moycarkey-Borris  
Dúrlas Óg A  
Moycarkey-Borris  
Upperchurch-Drombane  
Moycarkey-Borris  
Gortnahoe-Glengoole  
Dúrlas Óg A  
Templemore  
Moycarkey-Borris  
Dúrlas Óg A  
Dúrlas Óg B  
Moycarkey-Borris

### RUNNERS-UP

Dúrlas Óg A  
Moycarkey-Borris  
Upperchurch-Drombane  
Dúrlas Óg A  
Drom-Inch  
Clonakenny  
Templemore  
Loughmore-Castleiney  
Moyné-Templetuohy  
Templemore  
Drom-Inch  
Loughmore-Castleiney  
Loughmore-Castleiney  
Holycross-Ballycahill  
Holycross-Ballycahill  
Dúrlas Óg B  
Gortnahoe-Glengoole  
Holycross-Ballycahill  
Upperchurch-Drombane  
Templemore

U/14 Poc Fada

Jason Hassett, Boherlahan-Dualla  
Austin Cooney, Moycarkey-Borris  
Mark Wade, Dúrlas Óg  
Austin Cooney, Moycarkey-Borris

Winner  
Runner-up  
Winner  
Runner-up

U/14 Skills

Mid-Tipperary Bord na nÓg Officers 1991

*President* - Very Rev. Fr. O'Rourke, P.P., Gortnahoe-Glengoole.

*Chairman* - Pat Ryan, Holycross.

*Vice-Chairman* - Paudie Butler, Drom-Inch.

*Secretary* - Tom Joyce, Holycross-Ballycahill.

*P.R.O.* - Pat Ryan (Jnr.), Holycross.

*Treasurer* - Frank Morris, Templemore.

Co. Board na nÓg Reps: Michael Carey, Upperchurch-Drombane; Frank Morris, Templemore.

Mid Senior Board Rep.: Martin Treacy, Holycross-Ballycahill.



Opening of Féile na nGael Museum in Hayes's Hotel, Thurles, on June 9th, 1991.

Left to right: J. C. Ryan, Denis Floyd, Liam McGrath, Willie Corbett, Patrick Hillary (former President), Liam Ó Maolmíchil, John O'Connell, Liam Ó Donnchú, Eugene Ryan and Seamus King.



# Dúrlas Óg — Another wonderful year

## UNDER-14 DOUBLE

**T**HIS year our u/14s continued the proud tradition that has built up in recent years. That is, they again retained both county titles. This is the third consecutive "double" we have achieved, a truly remarkable achievement by any standards.

While we now hold both titles, we must admit that along the way we had some hard battles, notably against Cahir in football and Toomevara in hurling.

In all great teams there seems to be a sense of purpose about them at all times. That ultimately they, first of all, love the games they play and, secondly, that there is a purpose at the end of all the training. This sense of purpose seems to permeate all age groups of Dúrlas Óg at the moment.

On this occasion our success at u/14 level is even more significant in that our success was achieved without the assistance of five players, who were with us at the start of the year. These players were missing through injury mostly. All would have been on our A team. But it is marvellous to see players coming into the team off the bench and doing such a great job for the team.

At this stage tribute should be paid to the team officials who have guided these young men to success. Raw material without coaching is not very effective. Again, congratulations to the mentors and manager of this team. — Br. Hickey.

## U-16 'A' HURLING — COUNTY

## CHAMPIONS

Four teams contested the mid U-16 'A' championship — Boherlahan, Holycross, Dúrlas Óg and Loughmore/Castleiney. Our first match was away to Boherlahan and after a good contest we emerged victors.

Loughmore/Castleiney were our hosts in round two and we overcame their challenge easily enough. Holycross were making equally good progress which resulted in a Holycross v. Dúrlas Óg mid final. It was played at Littleton on the Saturday preceding the All Ireland hurling finals.

It was a typical Holycross/Dúrlas Óg affair — tough and uncompromising with no quarter asked or given. Scores were hard to come by with both sets of backs dominating. As the game progressed, our overall strength became a telling factor. An early Michael Galvin goal settled the team after Holycross had opened with a point. Assisted by the wind in the second half, we began to impose ourselves on the game and when John Harkin blew the final whistle we were comfortably ahead. Peter Broderick collected his first trophy as captain of a Dúrlas Óg team.

Knockavilla Kickhams provided the opposition in a county semi-final played at Drombane. Dúrlas Óg went into the match as favourites and emerged with championship hopes intact, if only just. In truth we were lucky, having literally been 'destroyed' in almost every department for long periods of the match. Failure of our 'big guns' in particular to respond to the

challenge led to some harsh words at half time when not alone were we 0-7 down but faced with the prospect of playing into a stiff wind in the second period.

Never was the determination, sheer guts and will to win of this great bunch of juvenile players more needed than when they faced into that second half. They continued to struggle but began to claw back the Knockavilla lead. Their refusal to contemplate defeat, the discipline instilled in them over five years of under age campaigning and their pride in themselves and their club kept them going forward, searching for scores when others might simply have thrown in the towel.

Time was up, indeed the game was in overtime when Pat Lawlor scored the all important goal that saw Dúrlas Óg take a 0-1 lead, the first time they led since the match began. The final whistle brought relief and a win, some might say hardly deserved, but for but it was a triumph built on character and determination. When our hurling ability failed us on the day those important attributes kept us going and ultimately saw us through to victory.

Kilruane were our county final opponents and the venue was Templemore. Playing against a stiff breeze in the first half we enjoyed a period of almost total dominance, the Kilruane boys being slow to settle and 'get into' the match. We led by 0-5 at half-time and with the wind to our backs in the second period were confident at the break.



UNDER-14 DUAL CHAMPIONS — TURAS NA nÓG WINNERS

Front Row (left to right): P. O'Dwyer, C. Kennedy, M. O'Dwyer, D. Molumby, D. Butler, G. Kelly, C. Maher, D. Daly, J. Bowe, J. Kavanagh. Back Row (left to right): P. McAvoy, O. Geoghegan, D. O'Riordan, E. Maher, J. Enright, D. Kinnane, John Dunphy, B. O'Grady, M. Wade, C. Coppinger, M. Hackett, M. Ryan, Declan Ryan, Br. Hickey.



However, it was Kilruane who dictated matters for long periods of that second-half. Nevertheless, we had the composure and confidence to keep them at bay and with our backs playing particularly well we held on to record a good victory — 0-10 to 1-5. Peter Broderick accepted the cup for Dúrlas Óg and in the process made a little bit of club history — our first double at U-16 'A' level.

So the team who have won everything — well, almost — move on to join the senior clubs in the town. Each member of the panel holds five county juvenile medals, U-12 hurling; U-14 hurling and football and U-16 hurling and football. On the way they also won county Féile na nGael and Turas na nÓg. A great achievement but, then, they were a very special group of lads. We, in Dúrlas Óg, wish them well in the future.

### U-16 'B' HURLING

In Dúrlas Óg our expectations have always been high for our 'A' teams. For us, as for other clubs, the strength in depth of our panels is judged by the performances of our 'B' teams and 1991 saw us lucky enough to produce a wonderful 'B' panel.

The 'B' campaign began, oddly enough, with a defeat, at the hands of Upperchurch/Drombane. Wins followed against Drom/Inch and Gortnahoe which saw us into the mid final where Upperchurch/Drombane provided the opposition.

Upperchurch were installed as firm favourites having beaten us in the first round. We had, however, managed to strengthen the panel in the interim. The final was a classic, played in ideal conditions at the Ragg. Both teams were evenly matched and served up what must surely have been one of the best juvenile matches of the entire year. Only a puck of the ball separated both teams throughout and only a puck separated them at the finish.

On that eventful evening players like the Cornally brothers, Dom and Ned, came of age. Gavin Purcell showed his class. John Gleeson and Michael Kennedy held the full-back line together. Shane Nolan showed what a classy goalkeeper he will be in the future. Michael McCarthy, so committed and dedicated, had the game of his life and led the forwards in inspirational fashion. Captain, Liam Mockler and Raymond O'Riordan continued to excel around the middle, as they did all through the campaign. Tomás Fogarty troubled the backs throughout and Tom Larkin played his best hurling at wing-back. All in all a thrilling game, and an even more thrilling win.

Clonoulty were our semi-final opponents in a game played at Drombane. We thought the mid final could not be surpassed in terms of excitement — it was. Clonoulty were strong and came to win. They led by 0-8 at half-time and looked to be well in command. Like the 'A' team, however, this Dúrlas Óg team refused to be beaten, refused even to contemplate defeat. In what must have



*Dúrlas Óg captain, Peter Broderick, receiving the Under 16 'A' County Championship Trophy from County Chairman, Donal Shanahan.*

been one of the great fight-backs of the year, they came from 0-8 down to win comfortably. John Enright, David O'Riordan and Mark Wade, of the U-14 team, had been added to the panel and all three were to contribute handsomely to the win.

We played with the wind in the first half, were slow to settle and as a consequence did not put enough distance between ourselves and Borris in that vital opening period. Thanks to great goals from Tomás Fogarty and John O'Dwyer and a few well directed frees from John Enright, we went in to the break leading by 0-7 but faith was to decree that lead was not enough.

With the wind and rain to their backs, the Borris lads got to work. Slowly but surely they began to claw their way back and a somewhat fortunate goal from a long distance free midway through the second period saw them take the lead for the first time — a lead they were not to lose. Dúrlas Óg struggled on but Borris' overall power, coupled with the elements, saw them lose in the end by 0-3.

Some weeks later the Borrisoleigh juvenile chairman, Mr. Albert Kelly, presented us with a video recording of the match and we are deeply appreciative of that gesture.

### UNDER-16 'A' FOOTBALL

#### COUNTY CHAMPIONS FOR THE FIRST TIME

##### The Final and Replay

Driving rain and gale-force winds lashed Leahy Park, Cashel. Arravale won the toss and decided to play against it. "How would our lads play in these conditions?" Our worse fears had been realised — rain and wind. High, wind assisted, balls into the Arravale goalmouth were causing trouble for their backs. Bill Fitzgerald taps over a couple of frees, Michael Cleary gets upfield and scores a goal. All square. We attack again. Referee Martin Healy points to the 'spot' and Bill Fitzgerald blasts the ball into the roof of the net.

We continue to attack. Raymond O'Dowd is brought into the forward line to give it more bite. The move works, within two minutes he has the ball in the

net. Arravale continue to break dangerously and they add 0-3. Frank Mockler says "we'll need a 0-10 lead at half-time if we're going to win" and we're just 0-3 up. Another high ball into the Arravale goalmouth — the goalie has it but hesitates. Michael Cleary is in on top of him, blocks down his kick and taps it into the open goal. We add another point and go in at half-time leading by 0-7. Would it be enough?

The second half is a nightmare. Our backs are losing their confidence under the constant barrage. Our midfielders are 'pinned' behind their own half-back line and cannot relieve the pressure. Arravale are rampant. Our game is falling apart. Arravale are not putting away all their chances, although they are eating into our lead.

Can Dúrlas Óg hold out? The watch seems to be stopped. A prayer "please, God, don't let this great bunch of lads be beaten in these horrendous conditions. Nobody deserves to lose today". The prayer is answered — Martin Healy calls time and it's a draw. We live to fight another day. Celebratory meal in the 'Park Avenue'. No cup, but the sense of relief at still being in the championship is cause for celebration in itself.

Back to Leahy Park for the replay. The sun beams down from a clear blue sky. No wind worth mentioning. Confidence is high — this is our kind of day. The players are relaxed, they banter amongst themselves during the 'kick around' before the start. They are determined to show those present how they can play. The mentors are more confident, too — "we drew with this Arravale team in what was, for us, the worst possible scenario — rain and wind". Frank Mockler is predicting an easy win and we have yet to see him proved wrong.

Dúrlas Óg take the game to Arravale from the start. Our midfielders are flying, Gerry Spain opens our scoring. Michael Cleary gets a goal. We're on top everywhere. Arravale break upfield and Benny Maher makes a positively brilliant save. The full back line is back in full flight today. Jimmy D'Arcy and captain Liam Dwyer are outstanding and Mattie O'Dowd is playing the game of his life



on the left. Peter Broderick is restored to the centre of defence and is 'rock solid'. Outside him Philip Butler and Pat Hackett are full of confidence and attacking flair. Bill Fitzgerald and Pat Murray are 'lording' at midfield. Gerry Spain is playing his best game of the year at left-half forward. David Dunne and Darren Molumby are equally impressive.

Arravale are contesting every ball, they're not going down without a fight. They play beautiful football and the coaching and efforts of their mentors is clear for all to see. Today, they have no answer. Dúrlas Óg's big men are dominant even though it's the 'little fellow' who will steal the show. Michael Cleary gets a goal in the first-half and two in the second to record a hat-trick. Mattie Ryan and full-forward, Raymond O'Dowd, cause massive problems for the Arravale inside back-line.

As the second half progresses the tension begins to ease. Surely we won't be beaten now? Secretary, Jimmy Coppinger, walks up — "we should give some of the subs a run", he says. The subs get a run and then the final whistle. Dúrlas Óg have won an U-16 county football title. Emotions were mixed, supporters are jumping and cheering, everyone seems to be clapping somebody else on the back. I should be jumping for joy and I'm not — that's funny. It must be the tension of the build-up, the nerve-wracking match itself — I can't seem to let myself go.

Liam O'Dwyer receives the cup and makes his acceptance speech. He is a good captain, had the potential to be a really great footballer. Soon we're back with Derek in the 'Park Avenue'. This time the cup takes pride of place on the centre table. The meal is excellent and we begin to relax. I find myself relaxing, beginning to feel good. "We won it after all, my God, how lucky we were in that drawn game". That's history now. The record will show that Dúrlas Óg won the county U-16 'A' football championship in 1991. The record will not show the effort, the pain, the tension and the commitment that went into winning that title. The final score was: Dúrlas Óg 4-7, Arravale Rovers 0-8. Frank Mockler was right again.

#### U-16 'B' FOOTBALL

Three teams contested the 'B' section of the mid football championship — Templemore, Boherlahan and Dúrlas Óg. We opened our campaign away to Templemore and we were beaten by 0-4. An accidental injury put our corner-back, Sean Ryan, out of that game and, unfortunately, he was unable to take any further part in either code for the remainder of the year.

We beat Boherlahan at Páirc na nÓg, setting up a re-match with Templemore in the Mid Final. The final was played at Castleiney and we simply didn't have the overall strength to match Templemore on the night.



*John Leahy displays his skill to the concern of Cork's David Quirke.*



*Noel Sheehy offers some wholehearted "advice" to Eamon Morrissey in the All-Ireland final.*



# Moycarkey-Borris Juvenile G.A.A.

FOLLOWING a number of lean years the F renewed efforts at juvenile level in recent years began to pay dividends competitively this year. During the year, we won three Mid titles in both hurling and football.

## UNDER-12's

At the U-12 level two teams were fielded. The weaker team accredited themselves well, competing in section 'C' in both hurling and football. Our 'A' team defeated Loughmore, Durlas Og 'B' and Drom in the league rounds of the football championship section 'B'. However they lost the final to Drom. In hurling the 'A' team defeated Gortnahoe and Moyne to qualify for the 'B' championship final. The final with Drom was a close contest throughout but we won with a great late point by Ken Ryan. Later in the year the team won the Canon Lambe tournament in Glengoose. Trainer and mentors: John Crawford, Jack Ryan, John Healy, Frank O'Regan, Dick Quigley.

## UNDER 14's

The U-14's were our most successful side this year. Early in the year they defeated Upperchurch and Moyne to win section 'C' of the Urban-Rural football competition. In rural football we defeated Moyne in the quarter final and Holycross in the semi-final and Loughmore in the final. In hurling we lost to Cashel in Féile na nGael but Austin Cooney won the county skills competition. In rural hurling we lost to eventual county finalists Gortnahoe after a replay and extra time. All our efforts were then concentrated on the urban-rural section 'B' hurling competition. In the league games we beat Dúrlas Óg 'B', drew with Boherlahan and lost to Drom. We then won a thrilling play-off with Boherlahan and in the final we defeated Drom-Inch with a last minute goal by James Cashen. Trainers and Mentors: Joe Moran, John Hackett, Eddie Clancy, John Crawford, Frank O'Regan, Seamus Cooney, Martin Ryan.

## UNDER 16s

We defeated Gortnahoe and Moyne comprehensively to win the section 'C' football championship. In hurling we qualified for the final with wins over Templemore, Moyne and Clonakenny. In a fine competitive Mid final we beat Templemore 5-4 to 4-6. Trainers and Mentors: Philly Ryan, Eddie Clancy, John Hackett, Joe Moran and Paddy Coman.

Ristead Cassidy and Brian Lamphier were on the Mid U-16 hurling team which won the Garda Cup. Sam Ryall was on the Mid U-16 football team. Ristead Cassidy played full forward in the county U-16 hurling team in the Nenagh Co-op intercounty hurling competition.



**MOYCARKEY/BORRIS MID CHAMPIONS U-16 C. HURLING & FOOTBALL**

Back Row (left to right): J. Burke, A. Cooney, P. Coman, P. Fanning, I. McCarthy, S. Ryall, R. Ryan, A. Kirby, R. Cassidy, V. Stapleton, D. Minchin, O. Hogan. Front Row (left to right): R. Clancy, F. Ryan, P. Britton, B. Lamphier, B. Heffernan, T. J. Alexander, W. Cashin, K. Burke, S. Kerwick. Missing from Photo Ken Maher.



**MOYCARKEY/BORRIS MID U-14 RURAL & U/RURAL B FOOTBALL CHAMPS.  
MID U/RURAL B. HURLING CHAMPIONS**

Back Row (left to right): N. Hogan, Ml. McGinty, D. Leahy, D. Donnelly, Ml. O'Regan, S. Fogarty, C. Cleary, A. Cooney, E. Callanan, D. Minchin, A. McGinley, T. Kennedy, G. Wright, T. J. Ryan. Front Row (left to right): R. Doran, N. McCarthy, A. Darmody, N. Maher, R. Nagle, K. Ryan, R. Ryan, N. Butler, R. Clancy.



**MOYCARKEY-BORRIS MID U-12 B HURLING CHAMPIONS**

Back Row (left to right): T. Kelly, D. Meaney, P. Croke, N. McCarthy, K. O'Regan, Michael Hassett, B. Crawford, M. Ryan. Front Row (left to right): T. Ryan, S. Davy, R. Fogarty, K. Ryan, C. McGarry, D. Graham, T. Coman.



# South Tipp Bórd na nÓg

By: Patsy O'Halloran



**GRANGEMOCKLER UNDER-16 FOOTBALL TEAM WHO WON THE SOUTH FINAL - DIVISION C**

Back row (l. to r.) Shane Comerford, Francis Connolly, Tomás McCarthy, Ben Lyons, Eamon Cooney, Laurence Heffernan, Bill Coady, Leonard Betts, Gavin Comerford, Pádraig McCarthy, Richard Coady, Tadhg Bolger. Front row (l. to r.) Ted McGuire, David Walsh, Michael Houlihan, Declan Blanchfield, Desmond Murray, Paul Cahill, Desmond Lyons, Vincent Murphy, Kevin Tobin, James Wallace.

A total of one hundred and thirty five teams took part in the seventeen competitions. Sixty nine in the nine football championships and sixty six in the eight hurling grades and listed below are details of all the finals:

**Progress in County Championships (U-12 Football (A))** Cahir beat Kildangan in the semi-final and went on to win the final by defeating Holycross.

**U-14 Football (Rural)** Cahir took the second county title to the club by winning

this competition accounting for Ballina/Ballinahinch and Aherlow respectively.

**U-14 Football (Urban/Rural)** Cahir were defeated by Durlas Óg in semi-final.

**U-16 Football (A)** Commercial's went down to Durlas Óg in semi-final.

**U-16 Football (B)** Cahir beat Templemore in semi-final, but lost to Aherlow in final.

**U-12 Hurling (A)** Cahir beat Holycross in a replay of the semi-final but were beaten by Toomevara in the final.

**U-14 Hurling (Rural)** Cahir were defeated by Toomevara in semi-final.

**U-14 Hurling (U./R.)** Ballingarry Gaels and Arravale Rovers played a draw in the semi-final but Arravale won the replay rather easily.

**U-16 Hurling (A)** St. Mary's were beaten by Kilruane in semi-final.

**U-16 Hurling (B)** Cahir went down to Borrisoleigh in semi-final.

**U-16 Hurling Coisde Iomána:** South Tipp had a good win over West Waterford at Clogheen in a Preliminary Round, but were defeated in the first round proper by Imokilly (Cork) at Mitchelstown. The following panel represented South Tipp.

Pat Croke, Kyron Vaughan, Jimmy Clarke, Alan Fox, Ger Dalton (Mullinahone); Brendan Mulally, Liam Cahill, Barry Brennan, Michael Ivors (Ballingarry); James Keating, Niall Dempsey, Paul Cahill, Ollie Cahill (St. Mary's); Paul Shelly, Philip Ryan, Ollie Fitzgerald (Killenaule); Brendan Cummins, Gavin O'Mahony (Ballybacon/Grange); Daren O'Connor, Colm O'Flaherty, Andy Maloney (Cahir); Ray Dunne (Swan); Liam O'Connor (Fr. Sheehy's), Stephen O'Donnell (Fethard); John Crotty (Clonmel Óg); Brian Reidy (Ballylooby).

**Selectors:** Jimmy Quinn (St. Mary's); Jimmy Murray (Ballingarry); Rev. Fr. Kelleher (Newcastle); John English

Grade	Winner	Runner-up	Venue	Referee
U-12 Football (A)	Cahir	Ardfinnan	Monroe	W. Walsh
U-12 Football (B)	Swan	Killenaule (a)	Monroe	S. Quirke
U-12 Football (C)	Kilsheelan	Killenaule (B)	Cloneen	J. Harrington
U-14 Football (R)	Cahir	Ardfinnan	Monroe	J. Lonergan
U-14 Football (U/R)	Cahir	Ardfinnan	Marfield	T. Lonergan
U-14 Football (Sp.)	Newcastle	Kilsheelan	Cahir	M. Hyland
U-16 Football (A)	Commercial's	Clonmel Óg	Clonmel	J. McCarthy
U-16 Football (B)	Cahir	Mullinahone	Monroe	J. McCarthy
U-16 Football (C)	Grangemockler	Kilsheelan	Carrick	J. Hogan
U-12 Hurling (A)	Cahir	Ballingarry	Kilsheelan	W. Robinson
U-12 Hurling (B)	Killenaule (A)	Swan	Cloneen	J. Keane
U-12 Hurling (C)	Newcastle	Ballylooby	Cahir	C. Aylward
U-14 Hurling (R)	Cahir	Ballybacon/Grange	Clogheen	F. O'Brien
U-14 Hurling (U/R)	Ballingarry Gaels	Cahir	Kilsheelan	W. Robinson
U-14 Hurling (Sp.)	Ballylooby	Newcastle	Cahir	M. Hyland
U-16 Hurling (A)	St. Mary's	Mullinahone	Kilsheelan	W. Robinson
U-16 Hurling (B)	Cahir	Fethard	Marfield	W. Barrett



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**Poc Fada winners:** Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); and Niall Cloona (Kilsheelan).

**Skills competition winners:** Paul Wynne (St. Mary's) and Seán Fox (Mullinahone).

**Péil na nÓg (U-14)** Cahir beat Clonmel Óg in final and represented Tipperary in the All-Ireland Péil na nÓg competition.

## Scór na nÓg

We held two semi-finals in Kilsheelan and Clogheen with the final in the G.A.A. Centre, Clonmel, on December 2nd, 1990. Following are the winners of Scór na nÓg.

**Céile Dancing:** Newcastle.

**Recitation:**

Fr. Sheehy's (Darina Slattery)

**Solo Singing:**

Ballybacon/Grange (Catherine Shine).

**Novelty Act:** Newcastle.

**Question Time:** Marlfield.

**Instrumental Music:** Ardfinnan.

**Ballad Group:** Marlfield.

**Set Dancing:** Ardfinnan.

## South Board na nÓg Officers:

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**KILSHEELAN U-12 FOOTBALL PANEL – WINNERS OF 1991 'C' CHAMPIONSHIP AND THE FIRST U-12 TEAM FROM KILSHEELAN EVER TO WIN A CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE**  
*Front: (Left to right) Damien Cahill, Trevor Cloona, Brian Fitzgibbon, James Ralph. (Seated) John P. Hogan, Ross King, Willie Geoghegan, Adrian Walsh, Keith Robinson (captain), Willie Ryan, Noel Walsh, Derek Hanrahan, Justin O'Gorman (Standing) Jim Hennessy (Sec.), Alan Bates, James Hennessy, Patrick O'Reilly, Daniel O'Meara, Brian Slattery, Thomas McGowan, Gary Fitzgibbon, Aidan Slattery, Jonathan Cahill, William Stokes, James Holohan (P.R.O.) Missing from photo Liam Geoghegan, Vincent Strang and Graham Loughman.*



**U-16 FOOTBALL INTER-DIVISIONAL COMPETITION – SOUTH TIPP BEAT THE NORTH IN SEMI-FINAL AND WENT ON TO BEAT WEST TIPP IN THE FINAL AT CASHEL.**

*The following is the South Tipp panel: John McNamara, Ciarán Forristal, Stephen Granville, Keith O'Brien, Niall Dempsey and Bobby Power (Commercials); Brendan Walsh, John Crotry and Graham Cantwell (Clonmel Og); Gavin O'Mahony, Brendan Cummins and David Walsh (Ardfinnan); Kyron Vaughan, Pat Croke and Jer Dalton (Mullinahone); Colm O'Flaherty and Daran O'Connor (Cahir); Kenny Hackett (Fethard); Phil Ryan (Killenaule); Henry O'Grady (Fr. Sheehy's) and James O'Sullivan (Moyle Rovers). Selectors: John McNamara (Commercials); Paddy Broderick (Fethard); Michael Lavin (Clonmel Og); Seán Tierney (Fr. Sheehy's) and Michael Lonergan (Ardfinnan); Michael O'Connor (Fr. Sheehy's) was later co-opted on selection committee in place of Seán Tierney. Panel received their medals from chairman of the Football Board Hugh Kennedy at a function in Clonmel on November 1st.*



## NEWCASTLE M.H. TEAM – South Final 'B' Winners

*Front row: A. Sweeney, J. Hackett, C. Hyland, N. Sweeney, R. Hackett, G. Aird, A. O'Dwyer, D. O'Loughlin, J. Cullinan, Giles Aird. Back row: D. Hackett, Fr. Kelliher (selector), L. Cahill, K. Burns, F. Flynn, N. Fitzpatrick, D. Goonan, D. Flynn, J. Hackett, A. O'Gorman (capt.), J. Egan (selector), J. Fennessy (selector).*

## NEWCASTLE MINOR FOOTBALL TEAM – South 'B' Champions 1991

*Front row: N. Sweeney, R. Hackett, P. Hackett, J. Cullinan, A. Sweeney (capt.), G. Aird, N. Healy, R. O'Loughlin. Back row: A. O'Dwyer, J. Hackett, J. Fitzpatrick, D. Hackett, Giles Aird, A. O'Gorman, N. O'Keefe, D. Goonan, D. Flynn, N. Hackett, F. Flynn.*





# Cahir Juvenile Club's Successful Year

**T**HE year 1991 was an outstanding year for Cahir's under-age teams. Cahir won seven of the eight South Championships and lost the eighth final in a replay! They contested four county finals, winning two and losing the other two by a single point.

The under-14 hurlers got to the final of Division 3 of Féile na nGael in Thurles while the under-14 footballers won Peil na nOg in Tipperary and represented Tipperary in Meath for Féile na nOg.

## Under-12 "A" Football: A First Ever Title!

Having had the misfortune to lose the "A" finals of 1988/'89 and 1990, Cahir were hoping to take this title which had eluded the club. Following the completion of the Parish League the selectors got their panel in order and having played a number of challenge games were ready for the championship.

In the first round Cahir lost to Ardfinnan by 10 points and also lost narrowly to Clonmel Og. They beat Fethard and Ballingary and luckily drew with Commercial.

In the semi-final Cahir defeated Commercial and faced Ardfinnan in the final in Monro. Here Cahir gave an outstanding display to win handsomely on a score of 1-12 to 1-2.

In the County Semi-Final Cahir defeated Kiladangan in a close game. The County Final was played in Cashel against Holycross. Cahir ran out convincing winners, after a hesitant start, 4-5 to 1-1. The team played an excellent brand of football once the selectors had found the right blend. With the success at under-14 level, it must surely be possible to put together a good team for the future.

## Under-12 "A" Hurling: First County Hurling Final Appearance

Having won this championship in 1990 for the very first time and with so many of the first fifteen gone up to under-14 level, hopes were not too high for this team. However, following intensive coaching from Jim Lynch and occasionally from county coach Phil Lowry the panel began to grow in confidence.

In the league section, Cahir beat Ballingarry and Mullinahone, drew with Clonmel Og, but lost to St. Mary's. In the semi-final in Ardfinnan, Cahir had a very good win over Clonmel Og, 4-3 to 1-0.

In the final in Kilsheelan, Cahir had a narrow victory over Ballingarry in an exciting game on a score 1-2 to 0-4. An unusual feature of the South Championship was the fact that Cahir fielded a different team in each game!

In the county semi-final Cahir drew with Holycross 2-7 to 3-4. In the replay, again in Golden, Cahir played great hurling and had an astonishing winning margin of 9-2 to 1-2. In the county final

Cahir were very unlucky to lose to the North champions Toomevara by one point on a score of 3-2 to 3-1.

This team showed that South Tipperary hurling is as good as the rest and again if this bunch of players can be encouraged,

there is no reason why that elusive county hurling title cannot be brought to Cahir.

## Under-14 Football:

Again hopes of a county success were far from the minds of everyone when the panel assembled in March to begin what



## COUNTY RURAL FOOTBALL CHAMPS. & SOUTH URBAN RURAL CHAMPS.

Back Row (left to right): D. Costigan (Selector), C. O'Flaherty, D. Casey, C. Tobin, P. Loneragan, B. Dolan, D. Loneragan, K. Flynn, J. O'Connor, J. Guthrie, B. O'Flaherty, C. O'Flaherty (Coach). Seated (left to right): M. Costigan, C. Hyland, R. O'Connor, N. Cotter (Capt.), J. O'Gorman, G. O'Dwyer, P. Hyland, N. Morrison. Front (left to right): H. Halley, T. Howley.



## CAHIR U-14 HURLERS 1991 - SOUTH RURAL CHAMPS & FEILE NA nGAEL DIVISION 3 FINALISTS

Back Row (left to right): C. O'Flaherty, D. Costigan (sel.), D. Casey, J. O'Connor, V. Moloney, N. Cotter, K. Flynn (capt.), D. McCarthy (sel.), B. Dolan, C. Tobin, J. Guthrie. Front Row (left to right): P. Hyland, C. Hyland, T. Howley, J. O'Gorman, M. Costigan, R. Halley, G. O'Gorman, R. O'Connor, I. Loneragan, G. O'Dwyer, B. O'Flaherty.



Cahir Under-12 hurling team which played Toomevara in the County Final at Holycross. Back Row (left to right): Liam Kiely, Mark Hogan, John O'Gorman, James Finn, Colm Keogh, Brendan Hickey, Paul Kearney, Vinny Moloney. Front Row (left to right): James Looey, Andrew Hyland, Paul Conway (capt.), David Williams, Derek Davis, Kenneth Bourke, James Cantwell.



Sean Lee  
(Roscrea)  
All-Ireland  
40/20 and  
60/30 Silver  
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RIGHT: Mick McGrath  
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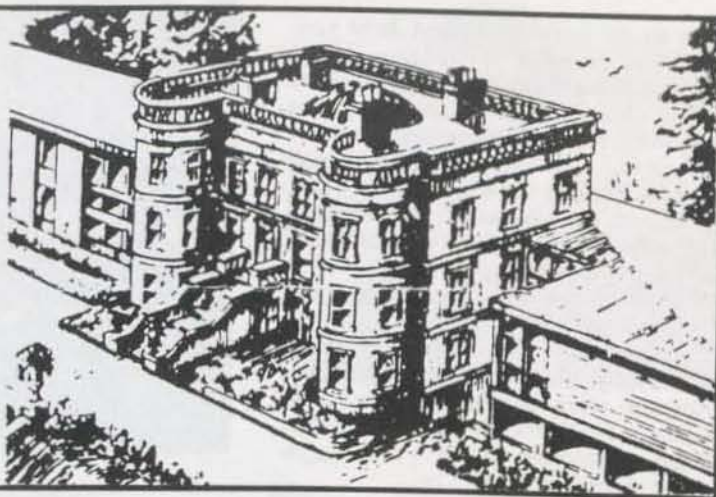
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was to be a successful and busy year. Following a series of challenge games, Cahir entered the Rural and Urban-Rural South championships and on the way to the finals of both competitions defeated Clogheen, Clonmel Commercials, Ballingarry, Fethard twice.

In both finals, Cahir defeated old rivals Ardfinnan, first in Monroe in the rural final on a score of 1-5 to 0-4 and in Marlfield in the Urban-Rural final on a score 2-8 to 0-3.

In the county semi-final of the rural, Cahir beat Ballina in Cappawhite and Aherlow were beaten 3-7 to 2-2 in Cashel. In the Urban-rural semi-final Cahir were very unlucky to lose to eventual winners Dúrlas Óg.

#### Féile Peile na nÓg:

Cahir defeated Clonmel Óg and Cashel for the right to represent Tipperary in Meath. Our hosts were Athboy, who made us feel very welcome. In the games Cahir easily defeated the two Meath teams Athboy and St. Cuthberts, but lost out to a very strong London side. The parade through Navan of all the teams was a highlight of the weekend.

Mark Costigan got to the final of the penalty competition. It's a shame that more Tipperary teams do not take an interest in this competition, as they will then find out that Tipperary football is as good as any county's.

The final game of the year, the play-off for Túr na nÓg against Dúrlas Óg in Golden. Having looked like winners with ten minutes to go, Cahir were rocked with a brace of late goals. However, despite this final defeat the year was a highly successful one for the under-14s, having played a massive total of 18 games between April and September.

#### Under-14 Hurling:

With Féile again being hosted by Tipperary and with Cahir being placed in Division 3, a big effort was made to have this team in perfect condition. Cahir entered the Rural and Urban/Rural championships and following some close and exciting games, reached the finals of both competitions. On their way to the



#### CAHIR U-16 FOOTBALLERS 1991 - SOUTH CHAMPIONS

Back Row (left to right): J. Delaney, D. O'Connor, P. Keating, D. O'Gorman, M. Moloney, J. Haide, D. Enright, T. Darcy, T. Tierney, P. O'Connor, V. Carew, P. Tarrant, J. Hyland. Front Row (left to right): J. O'Connor, K. Flynn, P. Grufferty, P. Kehoe, B. O'Donnell, A. Lynch, C. O'Flaherty (capt.), A. Moloney, N. Cotter, P. Loneragan.

finals Cahir defeated Fethard, Ballingarry, St. Mary's, Mullinahone, Killenaule.

In the rural final Cahir drew with Ballybacon-Grange and had a narrow 2-2 to 2-1 victory in the replay. The Urban/Rural final was not played until late October and Cahir following the long lay-off were beaten by a very good Ballingarry side. In the county semi-final Cahir were beaten by Toomevara.

#### Féile na nGael:

Cahir travelled to North Tipp. where they were hosted by the very helpful and friendly Portroe Club. In the games Cahir defeated Portroe, Lorrha and the Carlow champions, Myshall. In the semi-final, played in a downpour at Nenagh, Cahir overcame a very tough team, Ballygalget from Co. Down. This game was to prove costly as the many injuries were to affect the team in the final the next day.

In that final, Fethard proved too lively for a weary Cahir side and in the end Fethard were worthy winners. So again like the footballers, the hurlers had a very busy year playing a total of 23 games, an incredible programme, which begs the question, is it too much too young? When one looks at the poor games programme from Minor up and the scarcity of games

at adult level one has to answer the above question "yes"!

#### Under-16 Football:

Cahir were place in the "B" competition in the South and in the league section had a runaway victory over Moyle Rovers, Carrick Davins, St. Pat's., Drangan, Killenaule, Ballingarry and a draw with Mullinahone. In the semi-final Cahir had a clear cut win over Killenaule.

The final, played in Monroe was a tense affair and although leading well at half time, Cahir were lucky to survive a late Mullinahone rally. In the end, with a score 3-4 to 1-8 Cahir took the first South under-16 title since 1982. In the county semi-final Templemore were accounted for in Boherlahan. However, because of hurling commitments and Aherlow's involvement in West Minor competitions, there was a six weeks delay to the final.

The final played in Cashel was a major disappointment, for with five minutes to go Cahir led by five points. But conceded two late goals to lose by that one point, on a score of 3-4 to 2-6.

#### Under-16 Hurling:

Cahir were also placed in the "B" section of the championship. As in the football, Cahir had comfortable wins over Newcastle, Clonmel Óg and got walkovers from Skeehanarinka. In the semi-final Cahir easily defeated Moyle Rovers in Ardfinnan.

In the South final played at Marlfield, Cahir had an excellent win over Fethard on a score of 2-12 to 0-4. However, this was a costly victory as Cahir centreback Colm O'Flaherty had to retire with a serious injury. In the county semi-final Cahir faced North champions Borrisoleigh in Boherlahan. Cahir although under-strength gave a good account to lose by two goals. Borrisoleigh went in to take the county title.

#### Future?

With all their success at juvenile level the future looks bright. However, the future will have to be built and a great effort will be required at Minor level if the club is to be put on the map at adult level.



#### CAHIR FOOTBALL UNDER-12 'A' COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Front Row (left to right): James Looby, Andrew Hyland, Kenneth Burke, Derek Davis, Garvan Queney, Paul Conway, Darren O'Keeffe, Vincent Moloney (capt.), Paul Carney, Piet Van Der Wal, Liam O'Gorman, T. O'Gorman, David Allen, David Williams. Back Row (left to right): Jimmy Looby (sel.), Liam Kiely, John O'Gorman, Paudie Roche, Brendan Hally, Noel Howley, Sean Hickey (manager and trainer), Colin Kehoe, James Finn, Brendan Hickey, Johnnie Moloney, Alan Shealy, Billy Tarrant (sel.), Donie Ryan, Mark Hogan, Seamus Conway (sel.).



# NORTH TIPPERARY BORD NA nÓG 1991

BY LIAM HOGAN  
(Chairman)

**W**ith 1991 nearing an end it is perhaps time to take a look back on the year that has just gone by. It was a year of mixed fortunes. A year in which a Section III hurling championship got the green light in U-16, U-14 and U-21. Eire Og failed to win any championships for the first time in eight years. Kildangan were the only team who retained their championship success in U-12 H. Sec. II.

On a more successful note three clubs brought home county titles. Borrisoleigh in U-16 Sec. II and Toomevara who regained the U-12 and U-14 Co. Rural titles. To cream it off they also won the U-14, U-12 hurling North championship.

## Year of Firsts

Kildangan won the Sec. I football championship for the first time ever. Ballina/Ballinahinch were also the victors for the first time, when they won the U-14 Sec. I football championship.

## Doubles

Kildangan, Newport, Borrisoleigh, Kilruane achieved the honour of winning two championships. Kildangan's afore mentioned success came about in the U-12 grades. Newport crowned their year in gaining the U-12 Sec. II and U-16 Sec. I football grades. Borrisoleigh gained their first ever football honour plus winning the U-16 hurling Sec. II North and Co. Titles, while Kilruane's U-14, successes of the last two years came to fruition in the U-16 grade. They achieved a double in the U-16 hurling Sec. I plus the U-16 Sec. II football.

## Familiar faces

The familiar face of Borrisokane arrived on the winners rostrum in the U-14 Sec. II hurling championship.

## Section III

It was the first year for Section III hurling championships. It didn't turn out

to be all glory and honour. The grade was trashed by objections in the U-12 and U-16. However, Burgess, Silvermines and Shannon Rovers became the first winners in the U-12, U-14 and U-16 respectively.

## Divisional teams

It was disappointing to note that North Tipperary failed to reach the Garda Cup Final for the first time since its inception. The U-14 Divisional teams regained the Peadar Cunniam Tournament after a two year lapse. In football North Tipp failed dismally in their bid to reach the U-16 Inter Divisional football final.



Liam Hogan



KILRUANE UNDER-16 HURLING WINNERS



SHANNON ROVERS UNDER-16 (SECTION 3) 1991



KNOCKSHEGONNA UNDER-14 (SECTION 3) WINNERS





PICTURED AT THE NORTH TIPP UNDER-14 SKILLS FINAL '91

Left to right: Jimmy Conroy (Bord na nÓg), Fr. Michael Hogan (Youth Officer), Jo Needham (Sec. Bord na nÓg), Tom Gleeson (Bord na nÓg), Michael Cleary (inter-county senior hurler), Michael Carroll and Michael Sheehy (parents), Barry Carroll (Knockshgowna) and Mark Sheehy (Ballina) who were second and first respectively in the Skills Competition, Conor O'Donovan (inter-county senior hurler).

## RESULTS

### FOOTBALL:

Each football competition was run on a straight knock-out basis.

U-12 section I (semi-final) Kildangan 4-2, Roscrea 0-0; Eire Óg rec. w.o. from Borrisokane.  
Final: Kildangan 0-2, Eire Óg 0-2; (replay) Kildangan 2-5, Eire Óg 2-2. Referee: M. McGrath.

U-12 Section II; 1st round: S. Rovers bye; Burgess 6-6, Portroe 0-0; Newport 6-6, Silvermines 0-0; Kilruane 5-1, Ballina/Ballinahinch 3-2.

Semi-Finals: Newport 1-2, Kilruane 1-2; (replay) Newport 1-2, Kilruane 0-1; Burgess 5-4, S. Rovers 2-3.

Final: Burgess 1-0, Newport 1-0; (replay) Newport 0-2, Burgess 0-0.

U-14 Football Sec. I: Quarter-Finals: Borrisokane 0-6, Eire Óg 1-1; Roscrea 1-6, Kildangan 1-0. Semi-Finals: Newport 2-1, Ballina/Ballinahinch 1-4. (Replay) Ballinahinch 2-7, Newport 0-3; Roscrea 3-8, Borrisokane 3-3.

Final: Ballina/Ballinahinch 1-4, Roscrea 2-1; (replay) Ballina/Ballinahinch 2-5, Roscrea 1-6. Referee: Tom Gleeson, Portroe.

U-14 Sec. II Football: Quarter-Finals: Templederry 2-2, Lorrha 1-2; Silvermines 0-5, Burgess 1-1; Borrisoleigh 7-7, Portroe 0-0; Kilruane 6-6, S. Rovers 1-2.

Semi-Finals: Borrisoleigh 1-0, Kilruane 1-0; (replay) Borrisoleigh 2-6, Kilruane 1-0.

Referee: Sean Mannion.

This was Borrisoleigh's first ever football success with Bord na nÓg.

Under-16 Football Section I: Quarter Finals: Newport 3-7, Kildangan 1-0; Roscrea 1-5, Ballina/Ballinahinch 1-2.

Semi-Finals: Eire Óg 3-15, Borrisokane 0-2; Newport 2-7, Roscrea 1-3.

Final: Newport 1-7, Eire Óg 1-4. Referee: M. Linehan.

U-16 Football Sec. II: Quarter-Finals: Moneygall 2-10, S. Rovers 0-6; Kilruane 4-3, Portroe 1-0. Semi-Finals: Kilruane 1-5, Silvermines 0-2; Moneygall 1-5, Burgess 0-3.

Final: Kilruane MacDonagh's 1-11, Moneygall 1-4. Referee: Martin Healy.

### HURLING

Each hurling competition was run on a League basis except the U-14 Sec. I Rural and U-16 Sec. I.

U-12 Sec. I: This grade was run on a League basis with the top four qualifying for the semi-finals.

Five teams took part:

Round 1: Eire Óg 3-1, Moneygall 0-1; Toomevara 4-5, Roscrea 0-1. Kilruane a bye.

Round 2: Toomevara 3-0, Moneygall 0-0; Roscrea 4-0, Kilruane 0-1. Eire Óg a bye.

Round 3: Toomevara 4-6, Kilruane 1-4; Roscrea 3-4, Eire Óg 3-0. Moneygall a bye.

Round 4: Toomevara 3-3, Eire Óg 0-0; Moneygall 2-5, Kilruane 1-2. Roscrea a bye.

Round 5: Roscrea 5-0, Moneygall 2-0; Eire Óg 5-4, Kilruane 0-2. Toomevara a bye.

Semi-finals: Toomevara 3-4, Moneygall 0-0; Roscrea 1-2, Eire Óg 1-2 (replay) Roscrea 3-2, Eire Óg 1-2.

Final: Toomevara 4-2, Roscrea 0-2.

This game was more evenly balanced than the scoreline suggests. Toomevara's corner forward McGrath scored four goals. At the other end Pat McGrath in goal denied Roscrea time and time again. Toomevara led by 2-2 to 0-2 at half time. The game was played in Moneygall and Michael McGrath, Kilruane was the match referee.

### Under-12 Section II Hurling

U-12 Sec. II (Eight teams entered this competition which was run on a league basis. Here are the results;

Round I: (A) Ballina/Ballinahinch 2-5, Newport 1-2; Borrisoleigh 4-4, Roscrea B 0-0.

Round 2: Newport 0-0, Roscrea B 3-0; Ballina/Ballinahinch 1-0, Borrisoleigh 1-5.

Round 3: Borrisoleigh received w.o. from Newport; B./Ballinahinch 6-2, Roscrea B 2-0.

Round I (B) Lorrha 3-5, Eire Óg 0-0; Kildangan 7-4, Borrisokane 0-1.

Round 2: Kildangan rec. w.o. from Eire Óg B; Borrisokane 6-3, Lorrha 0-0.

Round 3: Kildangan 4-6, Lorrha 2-0; Borrisokane 2-4, Eire Óg B 0-0.

Semi-finals: Borrisokane 2-4, Borrisoleigh 2-3; Kildangan 8-4, Ballina/Ballinahinch 0-1.

Final: Kildangan 4-4, Borrisokane 0-0.



Kildangan achieved their third success in the grade.

### U-12 Sec. III

Round I: Templedderry 4-0, Silvermines 2-1; Burgess 4-4, Portroe 0-0; Shannon Rovers a bye.

Round 2: Templedderry 1-0, Burgess 5-3; S. Rovers 1-0, Silvermines 0-3; Portroe a bye.

Round 3: Templedderry 0-4, S. Rovers 1-2; Silvermines 1-3, Portroe 1-0; Burgess a bye.

Round 4: Templedderry 4-5, Portroe 0-1; Burgess 11-2, S. Rovers 0-4; Silvermines a bye.

Round 5: Silvermines 1-1, Burgess 5-5; Portroe 0-0; S. Rovers 0-4; Templedderry a bye.



**U-12 HURLING NORTH SECTION III WINNERS - BURGESS**

Back row: Kevin McDonnell, Patrick Mulcahy, Shane Maher, Brian Duggan, Fergal McDonnell (captain), Brian Hogan and John Scroope. Front row: Padraig McDonnell, Michael Crowe, Liam Hogan, Garret Howard, Timothy Hogan, Eoin Brophy and Brian McGrath.

Burgess	2	2	2	2	Pts. 8
Portroe	0	0	0	0	0
Shannon Rvs.	1	2	0	2	5
Silvermines	0	1	2	0	3
Templedderry	2	0	0	2	4

Semi-Finals: Burgess 5-3, Silvermines 0-1; S. Rovers 0-0, Templedderry 2-2.

Final: Templedderry 2-2; Burgess 0-1.

Templedderry went into this game as underdogs. Their joy was shortlived though. Burgess objected on the grounds that Templedderry played over-age players. Burgess were then awarded the game by the Bord under rule 176.

### Section I (Hurling)

U-Rural: Six teams entered in the U-Rural competition. The six were divided into two grades of three. Here are the results.

#### Group A:

Round I: Roscrea 2-10, Kilruane 2-2; Borrisoleigh a bye.

Round 2: Roscrea 2-6, Borrisoleigh 0-5; Kilruane a bye.

Round 3: Kilruane 2-5, Borrisoleigh 2-3; Roscrea a bye.

#### Group B:

Round I: Eire Óg 1-7, Moneygall 2-3; Toomevara a bye.

Round 2: Eire Óg 0-1, Toomevara 4-7; Moneygall a bye.

Round 3: Toomevara 0-8, Moneygall 0-4; Eire Óg a bye.

Semi-Finals: Roscrea 2-9; Eire Óg 2-4; Toomevara 4-11, Kilruane 2-4.

Final: Toomevara 1-5; Roscrea 0-2.

Winning the U-R title for the eight time Toomevara were made fight all the way to regain their title after a lapse of two years. They achieved their win in Cloughjordan. Referee Ger Hayes, Moneygall.

### Rural:

Four teams were left to do battle. The competition was run on a straight knock-out so therefore we had two semi-finals. Here are the results: Semi-Final: Borrisoleigh 1-2, Moneygall 1-5; (replay) Borrisoleigh 1-2, Moneygall 1-2; Toomevara 4-8, Kilruane 0-3. Final: Toomevara 3-11, Moneygall 0-3.

### U-14 Hurling:

Section II: Seven teams entered to compete on a league basis.

#### Group A:

Round I: Borrisokane 2-3, Newport 2-2; Ballina/Ballinahinch 0-7, Lorrha 1-2.

Round 2: Borrisokane 1-5, Ballina/Ballinahinch 1-2; Lorrha 5-2, Newport 4-1.

Round 3: Borrisokane 4-7, Lorrha 3-2; Ballina/B. 4-8, Newport 4-2.

#### Group B:

Round 1: Burgess 4-4, Roscrea b 0-2; Kildangan a bye.

Round 2: Kildangan 5-11, Burgess 1-1; Roscrea a bye.

Round 3: Kildangan 6-6, Roscrea B 0-0; Burgess a bye.

Semi-Final: Borrisokane 7-6, Burgess 0-0; Ballina/Ballinahinch 3-8, Kildangan 3-3.

Final: Borrisokane 1-5, Ballina/Ballinahinch 1-3.

This game played in Kilcolman would rank as the most exciting final of the year. Ballina/Ballinahinch led at the break by the scoreline 1-0 to 0-2. They held that lead until five minutes from the end when Borrisokane. This was Borrisokane's first success in section II hurling.

Section III Championships: Five teams enter the section III hurling championships which was run on a knock-out losers group basis.

Preliminary Round: S. Rovers 5-4; Portroe 3-4.

Round 1: (proper) Silvermines 1-4, Portroe 1-2; Templedderry 3-2, Knockshewowna 0-3.

Losers Group: Knockshewowna 2-2, Portroe 1-3.

Semi-Finals: Silvermines 4-1, Templedderry 1-6; S. Rovers 1-3, Knockshewowna 1-3.

Final: Silvermines 4-3, S. Rovers 0-2.

Silvermines were in top gear from the throw-in. They led by 3-1 to 0-2 at the break. The game was played in Clough-

jordan and the referee was Sean Hogan, Lorrha.

### Section III League:

Round 1: S. Rovers 2-2; Portroe 1-4; Knockshewowna 7-3, Silvermines 0-1; Templedderry a bye.

Round 2: S. Rovers 1-3, Silvermines 2-3; Portroe 0-0, Templedderry 3-6; Knockshewowna a bye.

Round 3: Knockshewowna 1-5, Portroe 2-2; S. Rovers 2-2, Templedderry 2-4; Silvermines a bye.

Round 4: Knockshewowna 1-8, S. Rovers 1-2; Templedderry 4-3, Silvermines 0-2; Portroe a bye.

Round 5: Silvermines 4-3, Portroe 2-4; Knockshewowna 4-2, Templedderry 2-2; S. Rovers a bye.

Semi-Finals: Knockshewowna 2-6, Templedderry 0-2; S. Rovers 2-3, Silvermines 1-6 (replay) S. Rovers 5-4, Silvermines 1-3.

Final: Knockshewowna 7-4, S. Rovers 2-2. Referee: Donie Mackey.

The Bord allowed Knockshewowna the use of three over-age players because they were deemed too weak to field on their own.

### UNDER-16 HURLING:

Section I. The U-16 hurling championship Section I was run on a knockout and losers group basis.

Round I: Roscrea 4-7, Silvermines 2-2; Toomevara 4-6, Eire Óg 3-8; Kilruane 3-11, Moneygall 0-1.

Losers group semi-final: Eire Óg 4-15, Moneygall 0-5.

Losers group final: Eire Óg 6-7, Silvermines 2-4.

Semi-finals: Kilruane 4-8, Roscrea 1-5; Toomevara 4-4, Eire Óg 1-5.

Final: Kilruane 1-9, Toomevara 2-4. Referee: Michael Lenihan.

### Section II:

Round I: Borrisokane 2-4, B./Ballinahinch 0-6; Newport 4-11, Burgess 0-4. Group A; Round 2: Borrisokane 3-11,



Burgess 4-3; Newport 6-12, B./Ballinahinch 3-6.

Group B:

Round 1: Borrisoleigh 1-12, Lorrha 2-8; Kildangan a bye.

Round 2: Lorrha , Kildangan ; Borrisoleigh a bye.

Round 3: Borrisoleigh 0-14, Kildangan 1-2; Lorrha a bye.

Semi-Finals: Borrisoleigh 4-18, Borrisokane 5-5; Newport 3-10, Lorrha 3-7.

Final: Borrisoleigh 1-5, Newport 0-5.  
Referee: Gerry Hayes, Moneygall.

Section III:

Round 1: Shannon Rovers 4-7, Temple-derry 0-3; Portroe a bye.

Round 2: Portroe lost to Templeberry; Shannon Rovers a bye.

Round 3: Shannon Rovers 4-11, Portroe 2-5; Temple-derry a bye.

Round 4: Portroe lost to Temple-derry;

Shannon Rovers a bye.

Final: Shannon Rovers 7-6, Temple-derry 1-2.

Shannon Rovers were far superior in this game which was played in Kilcolman. The Shannonsiders full forward had a personal tally of 6-3 from play. Shannon Rovers led by 3-2 to 1-2 at half time. Referee: Jimmy Conroy.

## O'Muircheartaigh's Miracle

*Far away from Thurles town on Munster final day  
The wireless was our only hope of joining in the fray,  
Le Harve is a long way off across the foaming sea,  
But Micheal O'Muircheartaigh would be there with R.T.E.*

*We switched her on at throw-in-time to hear the self-same man,  
But all we got was static, like rashers on a pan,  
We turned knobs and aerials and did our best to clear it,  
And Micheal O'Muircheartaigh, sure we couldn't hear it!*

*At half past five, that's French time, the rashers quietened down,  
Our joy at getting R.T.E. became a dreadful frown,  
O God I don't believe it, are they selling us a pup?  
Micheal O'Muircheartaigh said that Cork were nine points up!*

*With higher mathematics we analysed this figure,  
And came to the conclusion t'was no smaller nor no bigger,  
No matter how you looked at it, in France or Thurles town,  
Than if O'Muircheartaigh said that Tipp were nine points down!*

*The brilliant Gallic sunshine was soon replaced by rain,  
And holidaying Carrick men were jumping in the Seine,  
The French police, the Gendarmes had never seen the likes,  
As Micheal O'Muircheartaigh said that Cork were on their bikes.*

*An old boy from Tipperary town took up the kitchen knife,  
To plunge it in his saddened heart to end this hopeless life,  
But first a pint in Corny's, he did things by the book,  
As Micheal O'Muircheartaigh said "Poor Tipp are looking shook".*

*A Bansha farmer kissed his wife, said goodbye to his daughters,  
And headed dourly out the door towards the foaming waters,  
His last words to his missus were "I'll never stick it out",  
As Micheal O'Muircheartaigh said "T'is looking like a rout".*

*As if it wasn't bad enough that Nicky wasn't playing,  
Auld ones from Clogheen took out the beads and started praying,  
Their sons were drinking poison just before they died,  
To the tune of O'Muircheartaigh saying "They'll never stem the tide".*

*That Cork would win and do us in there seemed to be no doubt,  
The red and white now rampant and the bookies paying out,  
Not a sound from Tipp men, the county in a daze,  
"Begod" says Muircheartaigh, "they're bringin in Joe Hayes".*

*Ryans, Dwyers, Gleasons, Heffernans and O'Meara,  
Were swept away in France that day so far from Toomevara.  
In Thurles town some men with guns were heading for the gate,  
"Whisht", said Muircheartaigh, "Pat Fox has made it eight".*

*Saint Wedger Meagher in the Paradise Bar, of this had gotten weary,  
So the Lord above looked down with love on Babs and Michael Cleary,  
The saint slipped one to Declan Ryan, a point, a gift from heaven  
And Micheal O'Muircheartaigh said "And now t'is only seven".*

*The skies came clear, the sun spun round, we heard the angels play  
The sweetest kind of music - another on the way,  
A voice cried out from Thurles, "God man Pat Fox, you whore"  
And Micheal O'Muircheartaigh said that six was now the score.*

*Divine intervention in hurling isn't rare,  
And its use in Munster finals is deemed to be quite fair,  
The Fox then scored that magic goal, designed celestially,  
And Micheal O'Muircheartaigh said "And now t'is only three!"*

*The light that came from up above found Carr from Holycross,  
Who saw his hurley lengthen and broaden at the boss,  
He goaled from higher altitude "Take that and shame the devil",  
And Micheal O'Muircheartaigh said "And now the sides are level!"*

*Bobby Ryan, Delaney, Mick Ryan and Sheedy thundered,  
The Bonnars drove out everything, the forwards struck and plundered,  
Hogan's saves were epic, as Joe Hayes gave it his all,  
Then we heard O'Muircheartaigh sing "The Hills of Killenaule!"*

*The rest you know, as our great foe were burnt in Leahy's fire,  
Through Cleary, Ryan and Bonnar, our taily mounted higher,  
Said Aidan Ryan of Borrisoleigh "You ain't seen nothing yet",  
And Micheal O'Muircheartaigh roared "Sin cúl and Cork are bet!"*

*The lads who went for drowning found the tide it wasn't in,  
The knives were blunt, the bullets blank, the poison only gin,  
The widows from Clogheen had reached the second joyful mystery,  
As Micheal O'Muircheartaigh told of Tipp men making history.*

*Many famous victories for Tipp one can recall,  
And each man has his special one that's greater than them all,  
One day we heard a miracle like Fatima or Knock,  
From Micheal O'Muircheartaigh - fair play to you, auld stock.*

G.F.  
August, 1991.



# A DOUBLE FOR NEWPORT

## UNDER-16 FOOTBALL "A" CHAMPIONS

Newport had high hopes at the start of the year of capturing a hurling and football double in Under-16 championships. They lost the hurling final by one goal to Borrisoleigh, but regained the football title after a lapse of nine years.

In the first round they had a convincing win over Kildangan with the score of 3-11 to 1-4. A semi-final victory over Inane Rovers by 2-7 to 1-3 set them up for a final confrontation with old rivals Eire Óg, Nenagh.

The game was played in Bansha on Saturday, May 25th and after an exciting contest, Newport were crowned champions with the score 1-7 to Eire Óg's 1-4.

Their bid to add county honours was thwarted by Arravale Rovers on the 30th August in Cappawhite. The West boys were narrow victors by the score 0-8 to 0-7.

This was a great year for the Newport boys and full marks to their three selectors Mick Mahoney, Joe Kennedy and Peter Coleman. The Newport panel was: Brendan O'Loughlin, Sean O'Gorman, Trevor Delahunty, Tony O'Brien, Sean McBride, Tom Moylan, Cyril O'Neill, Ken O'Neill, John Ryan, Micheál Lenihan, John O'Mahoney, Seanie Ryan, Raymond O'Brien, Tom Clifford, Warren Flanagan, Micheál Moylan, A. O'Gorman, Michael Doyle, Kenneth McEvoy, Pat Carroll, Brian Lenihan, Michael Coffey, Ger Jones, Tommy Jones, John O'Toole, Martin Coleman, Michael O'Brien.

### Under-12 Football

#### "B" champions

Newport made up for a few lean years at Under-12 grade with a morale boosting final victory in the 'B' football championship. They started with a 7-5 to 0-0 trouncing of Silvermines on Saturday, Sept. 28th.

In the semi-final it took a last minute penalty by Micheál Crowley (son of Din Joe) to force a replay with Kilruane following the score of 1-2 each. At the second attempt Newport again scored 1-2 but managed to contain Kilruane to just one goal and so qualified for the final against Burgess.

In the final Newport again came back from the dead to draw in the last minute



NEWPORT, NORTH TIPP U-16 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 1991

Back: Sean O'Gorman, John Ryan, Trevor Delahunty, John O'Mahony, Brendan O'Loughlin, Sean Ryan, Tom Moylan, Kenneth O'Neill. Front: Warren Flanagan, Michael Moylan, Micheál Lenihan, Cyril O'Neill, John McBride, Raymond O'Brien, Tony O'Brien (mascot: Conor O'Mahony).



NORTH TIPP U-12 FOOTBALL (B) WINNERS '91 - NEWPORT

Back: David Egan, Andy O'Brien, Paul Ryan (B), Pat Wixted, Mark Harrington, Paul Tierney, Diarmuid Crowley, James Ryan (B), Martin Collins, Padraig Jones, Paul Ryan (C), Ian Healy, Cian O'Toole. Front: Richard Shinnors, Ross Healy, Richard Brennan, Danny Healy, Robert Ryan, David Ryan, Micheál Crowley, John Paul Brennan, John Duggan, Kevin Coffey, Patrick Moroney, Don Ryan. Mentors: P. J. Coffey, P. J. Ryan and Pakie Jones.

with their only score of the match as both teams finished with one goal each. Scores were equally as scarce in the replay, but a point in each half by Newport was enough to secure victory by the score 0-2 to no score.

The team was managed by P. J. Ryan (Bán), P. J. Coffey and Pakie Jones. The following players made up the panel:

Martin Collins, Pat Wixted, Cian O'Toole, David Egan, James Ryan, Padraig Jones, John Paul Brennan, Paul Tierney, Michael Crowley (captain), Diarmuid Crowley, Ian Healy, John Duggan, Paul Ryan (C.), Mark Harrington, Paul Ryan (B), Danny Healy, Kevin Coffey, Ross Healy, David Ryan, Robert Ryan, Don Ryan, Pat Moroney, Richard Brennan.



# A first for Ballina/Ballinahinch

THE Under-14 footballers of Ballina/Ballinahinch won their first ever North Tipperary 'A' Championship in 1991, defeating Roscrea in the final after a replay.

In the semi-final Ballina/Ballinahinch played Newport in Newport on April 22. The sides finished level on the score of Ballina/Ballinahinch 1-4, Newport 2-1. Ballina/Ballinahinch led for most of the game but Newport finished strongly scoring two goals in the last five minutes to tie the scores.

The replay was held in Ballina on April 29. This time Ballina/Ballinahinch proved to be the stronger side and won comfortably on the score of 3-7 to 0-3 for Newport.

In the North Final Ballina/Ballinahinch met Roscrea in Templederry on May 6. After a very entertaining game the sides finished level on the score of Ballina/Ballinahinch 1-4, Roscrea 2-1. The replay was also held in Templederry on May 25. Both sides gave their all in an absorbing contest and Ballina/Ballinahinch came from behind in the second half to win by 2 points on the scoreline of 2-6 to 1-7 for Roscrea.

The Ballina/Ballinahinch team which won the replay was:- A Mills, M. Riordan, N. O'Shea, E. Cawley, R. King, Mark Sheehy, D. Fahy, M. Walton, M. O'Brien, D. Kelly, C. Burke, M. Darcy, D. McKeogh, B. McKeogh, F. Hogan. Subs: K. Stritch, J. O'Brien, L. Crowley, D. Maher, M. Hannon, N. Fahy, T. Kelly, W. Lynch, M. King.

In the County semi-final Ballina/Ballinahinch played Cahir in Cappawhite and were defeated by two goals.



**BALLINA/BALLINAHINCH UNDER-14 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS**

Back Row: M. King, M. Darcy, B. McKeogh, D. McKeogh, M. Riordan, C. Bourke. Middle: D. Bourke (Sel.), J. McKeogh (Sel.), D. Maher, D. Fahy, N. Fahy, M. King, W. Lynch, M. Walton, M. Sheehy (Sel.). Front: T. Kelly, D. Kelly, M. Sheehy (capt.), S. Hannon, J. O'Brien.



E. Cawley, F. Hogan, A. Mills, B. Stritch, N. O'Shea.

## Opening of Fr. Kenyon Park, Templederry

ON the 14th April, 1991, the official opening of Templederry Kenyon Park took place. The blessing of the playing field was carried out by Rev. J. O'Driscoll and the official opening was by Co. Chairman Mr. Michael Maguire.

To commemorate the occasion Tipperary and Clare contested an Inter County tournament final in which Tipperary emerged winners and later in the evening they were presented with Waterford glass with the losers receiving pens. The week previous to the opening the weather had been very unkind with heavy rains. The committee was very concerned as to how the condition of the field would be. However the Saturday was a dry day and the field was immaculate on this great occasion for the parish.

The opening had been a long process of development. It was decided in June 1989 that the first phase of the development would be put into motion. This entailed

the removing of the top soil, levelling of the playing area, the draining of certain areas, the returning of top soil and the reseeded of the field.

The following Spring, the committee decided to continue with the process. Three rows of seating were installed on the righthand side of the playing pitch, also the goal posts were erected.

At this stage it was hoped that the opening could take place in the Spring of 1991. This was exactly 21 years after Johnny Doherty R.I.P., Fr. McInerney, R.I.P., Dan Gleeson, R.I.P., Paddy Ryan, R.I.P., Ger Hogan, Pa Ryan had got together to purchase the field.

All this time Michael Ryan and James O'Leary were doing their utmost to get Tipp. and Clare to be part of the opening ceremonies. When he finally succeeded, the field committee decided that a stand should be erected for the opening. This was completed in March of 1991. The organising and the amount of work which

was done for the opening was very demanding. The people of the parish responded in great numbers.

There were over eighty stewards on duty that evening and may we say a special word of thanks to Garda Martin Darcy. Michael Maguire in his address said he hoped that the youth of the parish would be motivated to new heights on the playing field and bring credit and honour to Templederry.

It always gives me a great sense of pride when I enter the Kenyon Park to think that we are part of such a great game. Hurling will always have a home in Templederry. It is heartening to see such a solid committee at the helm in Templederry.

A word of praise must go to two great stalwarts in our club, James O'Leary and Michael Ryan.



**I**N THE year 1981 Toomevara won the County Under-14 and Under-16 Hurling Titles. They added the Minor Hurling and Under-21 titles in 1986 and in 1991 they won the North Senior and Junior Hurling titles. In between there were many successes at underage level but the progress to adult success has been slow. This year's Junior and Senior titles are the first since 1958 and the only other previous double success was in 1913.

1991 was only four days old when the club commenced its activities with the holding of its Annual General Meeting. Fr. Michael Casey, C.C. was elected Chairman – his immediate predecessor Fr. Hogan, having moved to our neighbours Moneygall. Plans for the year were laid at the A.G.M. and a short time after the Club was lucky to secure the services of Pat Joe Whelehan to train the Senior Hurling team.

Our first game in the Championship was against Portroe on the 16th of June and after a keenly contested match we won on the score of 1-19 to 1-10. The Quarter Final was against Roscrea on August 11th and we ran out winners on the score 16 points to 11. This game marked the introduction of 17 year old Tommy Dunne to Senior Hurling, which we all hope will be long and successful.

The draw for the semi-final paired us against Lorrha, who have been difficult opponents for a long number of years. A close game and a 1 point win put us in another North Final against Eire Óg on September 22. The game generated great interest in the division and produced one of the best finals in a long number of years. The teams finishing level at 12 points each.

They met again in the replay one week later in Cloughjordan. The team showed great character, fighting spirit and a sense of growing maturity when winning by four points. The Frank McGrath Cup was brought to the Village amidst great excitement after a lapse of 29 years.

Celebrations were short as the team got down to training for the County Quarter Final and a meeting with Moycarkey Borris on the 13th of October. We got off to a great start with two early goals – lost our

way during the game and were lucky to survive by two points.

We had now reached the County Semi-Final stage against Cashel, who had been installed as favourites for county honours, much earlier in the year. The game was played at Thurles on October 27 and after a good display in a hard fought and keenly contested game, we had to give best to Cashel by three points. So ended what must be considered a very successful year for what is still a relatively young team at Senior level.



#### Junior Hurling

The Championship started with a win over Roscrea on June 30, and subsequent wins over Portroe (after a replay) and Kilruane. The semi-final was played on the day before the senior hurling semi-final against Lorrha with the same opponents and we ran out good winners on the score of 2-7 to 1-5. The final was a repeat of the 1990 Final with Ballina but we succeeded in reversing the result at Nenagh on September 28, winning on the score of 3-10 to 3-4 and thus winning our first Junior title since 1958. Killea were our opponents in the county semi-final at Moneygall and after a drawn game we were defeated in the replay a week later on the score of 3-9 to 3-6. A satisfactory year for our Junior team and moreso for a number of long serving players who at last collected a medal.

#### Juvenile Hurling

The Juvenile committee under the chairmanship of Gerry Kelly as usual organised their teams at an early stage.

The under-16 team were beaten by Kilruane by 3 points in a splendid final at Dolla.

The under-14 team won both the Urban/Rural and Rural titles in North, beating Roscrea in the Urban/Rural and Moneygall in the Rural Final. We went out of the County Championship to Durlas Óg at the County Semi-Final stage in the Urban/Rural and had a good win over Gortnahoe/Glengoolie in the Rural Final at the Ragg.

We had some very exciting games in the Féile competition with successes over Limerick and Clare representatives. We met Loughrea in the Féile semi-final and narrowly lost to them after what must have been one of the most satisfactory displays from any team in the club during the year.

The under-12 team continues to dominate the North Championship and again won this year's competition, defeating Roscrea. We beat Clonoulty in the County Semi-final and had a difficult task in disposing of Cahir by one point in the County Final at Holycross.

Side by side with the playing activities, a very energetic committee did a lot of other essential work, they finished work on the Stand in the field, made further improvements and are presently contemplating the construction of toilets. This work is being carried out under the expert eye and guidance of John Joe McCormack who is also the major promoter in the County Draw. The present membership is in the region of 350 and is a great source of finance to the club.

1991 must be considered as one of the most successful years in the club's history. We were actively involved in games up to November 9. The other activities of the club are well organised under the chairmanship of Fr. Casey and the work rate of Secretary Paddy O'Brien and treasurer Bernard O'Neill. Neil Williams and his helpers as usual guided the fortunes of the juvenile teams under the chairmanship of Gerry Kelly.

As I write this Neil Williams is confined to hospital and I am sure that I am expressing everyone's sentiments in wishing him well and a speedy recovery and hope that he will be back in action when activities commence in 1992.



**TOOMEVARA UNDER-14 CO. RURAL CHAMPIONS**

Back Row (left to right): Justin Cotterell (capt.), Brian Duff, Noel Cummins, Padraig Hackett, Denis Kelly, Dermot Brislane, Ray Hackett, Owenie Woods. Front Row (left to right): Ken Dunne, Oliver Farrell, David McGrath, Terence O'Brien, John Meagher, Michael Bevans, Damien O'Meara.



# Borris-Ileigh claim first ever Juvenile county title

By MARK RABBITTE

**B**ORRIS-ILEIGH is a club steeped in tradition which has won every honour in club hurling. A club which has produced such greats as the Kennys, Jimmy Finn, Liam Devaney, the Stakelums and the Ryans, and reached the pinnacle of its success with the annexing of an All-Ireland club final in its Centenary year of 1986/1987.

This success, especially during the last decade, would seem to indicate a thriving juvenile scene in the club. Unfortunately, however, this was not the case and for years, the juvenile club has always been the poor relation of Borris-Ileigh hurling — until this year, that is. 1991 saw a new light shine on the U-16 hurlers of the parish when, for the first time ever, they brought a County juvenile hurling title back to the parish and it was a huge pity that Mick Prior and Peadar Cummins, those two great Gaels who held Juvenile hurling so close to their hearts and whose love of the game was unsurpassed, were not alive to be part of this historic occasion because never did two men give so much to the game of hurling in the parish and come out with so little success.

But the main difference between this year and the days when Mick Prior and Peadar Cummins were promoting the game was team-work. This year's side had a backroom team which shared the work load and every man did his bit. Instead of leaving everything up to one or two people, everybody gave total commitment from day one and it was from this platform that success was built on.

Training began for the squad early in the year and from the start trainer/coach Liam Stapleton built up a team spirit and it was this marvellous never-say-die spirit, along with a willingness to fight for every ball, that saw the side through most of their games, especially their Titanic struggle with Dúrlas Óg in the County Final.

The first round of the North championship saw the side pitted against Lorrha. Borris hit an off-night that night and were lucky to hold out for a one point victory. Better displays saw them earn good victories over Kildangan and Borrisokane (semi-final) to earn themselves a North final place against Newport. This was a cracking game with the standard of hurling extremely high. Playing against a strong wind in the first half the backs played brilliantly to ensure that they were still well in contention at half-time. Scores from Seamus Maher, Trevor Groome and Thomas Ryan ensured Borris their second



**BORRIS-ILEIGH — COUNTY U-16 (B) HURLING CHAMPIONS 1991**

*Front Row (l. to r.): Liam Stapleton, Angelo Walsh, Martin Hennessy, Tomás Maher, Michael Ryan, Denis Kelly, Liam Small, Mark Stapleton, Jimmy Ryan, Sean Maher, Timmy Ryan, Damien Ryan. Back Row (l. to r.): Jimmy Slattery, Conor Kennedy, Robert Stakelum, Sean Prior, Philip Rabbitte, Trevor Groome, Seamus Maher, Conor Ryan, Tomás Ryan, John Cummins, Pat Ryan, Pat Maher.*

North title in this competition in 4 years.

The County semi-final was played on the last Saturday of September on a cold, wet and windy day. This was a real team performance and with the forward line in good form, scoring 1-4 against the wind to ensure that they only trailed by 2 points at half-time. The second half saw Borris assert their control over the game and finished up winners on a scoreline of 3-7 to Cahir's 1-6.

The County Final was fixed for October the 5th at the Ragg.

A huge Borris-Ileigh following had gathered to see their side contest a County juvenile title for the first time in the history of the club. The opposition for the game was provided by Dúrlas Óg, who are by now specialists when it comes to winning County titles. This game proved to be Borris's toughest of the year.

With excellent ground hurling being played by both teams, the match was a delight to watch as play swung from one

end to another. Dúrlas Óg were quickest to settle down and, with two quick goals within 4 minutes of each other, they looked to be on their way to yet another victory. But the second half saw a rejuvenated Borris side take the field and, with inspirational scores coming from Mark Stapleton, Seamus Maher, Sean Prior and Trevor Groome, Borris went on to create history with a 3-point victory. Final score: Borris-Ileigh 2-6, Dúrlas Óg 2-3.

Well done to the entire panel and selectors whose hours of endless work on the training field paid rich dividends in the end, and with the confidence that this victory will instil in the side along with the proper training and team management, there is a strong nucleus there for a minor A side to be serious championship contenders by 1993.

Selectors: Liam Stapleton, Pat Ryan, Jimm Slattery, Pat Maher, Albert Kelly, Paddy Hennessy, Liam Gleeson.

*Below: Savouring the moment in Liberty Square — Donie Nealon and John O'Donoghue (selectors)*





# GOOD YEAR FOR BORRISOKANE UNDER-14s

**B**orrisokane Under-14 hurlers started their campaign in May with a win over Newport by one point, scored in the last minute.

Two weeks later they had a good win against Ballina/Ballinahinch and were top of their group after beating Lorrha.

The North semi-final against Burgess was a very close contest with the result in the balance for a long time. However, Borrisokane emerged victorious to face Ballina/Ballinahinch again in the final.

Played on 26th July the final proved to be an exciting and enthralling encounter between two very evenly matched teams. At the end victory came to Borrisokane with the usual cavalcade of cars home to a rousing reception and party prepared by the ladies committee.

The panel had a wonderful week-end in Holycross during Féile. Holycross club and the local parents who housed players treated them royally and are to be highly praised and thanked for their kindness and generosity.

They beat Holycross, Knockavilla and drew with St. Mary's to win their section. However a very strong Gorey, Co. Wexford team, who later won the Division II trophy, proved too good in the semi-final.

Late in the year, Lorrha club organised an Under-14 tournament of 8 teams. They beat Knockshegowna, and Newport to reach the final against Templederry. Victory was once again their lot and it was nice to finish the year on a winning note. Thanks to Lorrha club for the invitation and the tea and refreshments at all the matches.



**Borrisokane - North Tipperary U-14 hurling winners - Division II.**

*Back (left to right): Finbarr Daly (Selector), A. Egan, L. Torpey, V. Hogan, P. King (captain), M. Slevin, B. Carroll, K. Gleeson, M. Donoghue, Martin Guest (selector). Front: D. Comerford, D. Murphy, D. Connery, B. Carroll, P. Tully, J. Delahunty, N. Slevin, Donis Comerford (selector)*



**Kildangan Under-12 champions:**

*The team defeated Borrisokane in the Section II Final at Nenagh.*

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# Kildangan win two titles

Under-12 section II champions began their campaign with victory over Borrisokane in the opening round. Impressive performances followed with wins over Lorrha and Eire Óg B.

These victories saw Kildangan through to the semi-final against Ballina/Ballinahinch. This game brought out the best in the team who displayed tremendous skill in overcoming very determined opposition.

Borrisokane had a tremendous battle against Borrisoleigh in the other semi-final. The final saw Kildangan take an early lead and were comfortably ahead by half-time.

The second half saw a more determined effort from Borrisokane – but the Kildangan backline proved stubborn and repulsed repeated attacks. The final whistle was greeted with great jubilation by the large Kildangan following.

Their Under-12 Football campaign began with a relatively easy victory over Roscrea at Dolla in the semi-final. Eire Óg were their opponents in the North Final and the Kildangan lads were anxious to make amends for losing out narrowly to the same opposition in the previous years final.

A huge crowd turned up in Kilcorman and were treated to a tremendous game of skilful football – the game ended in a draw.

The replay saw both teams take up where they left off in the drawn game – and once again spectators were treated to an excellent game. At the final whistle Kildangan were a goal in front. In the county semi-final Cahir defeated us.



Kildangan – North Champions Under-12 Football (Division I)

Front (l. to r.) Paul Kirwan, John Lynch, Dermot Hogan, Fergal Kelly, Enda Nolan, Ger Kennedy, John Slattery, Tommy Connors, Stephen Hegarty, Michael Connors, Martin Nolan, Jos. Hogan, Michael Forde, Ger Quinn, Denis Slattery. Back row (l. to r.) Leonard Ryan, Barry Connors, Ger Slattery, Brian Lalor, Michael Ryan, Dan Hackett, Hugh Flannery, Liam Flannery, Graham Elderfield, Robert McKeogh, Eoin Ryan, Thomas Clarke, David Coen, Graham Finch.

## Borrisoleigh Juvenile Hurling Club

1991 will surely go down in the history of the club as the most successful – and rewarding since its foundation.

We finished the year with four medals, one runner-up and three winners. Our runner-up medal came in the Féile na nGael Division II final when we were beaten by Horeswood (Co. Wexford).

It is always disappointing to lose a final I think everyone in the parish of Borrisoleigh was proud of the team that represented the club in this years Féile. Under captain Sean Maher the entire team gave all they could to the game. Well done to team manager Ollie Kelly and selectors Pat Maher, John Maher and Con Kinane.

The Féile weekend proved to be most entertaining with our club hosting the Laois champions – Harps from Durrow-Cullohill.

Our Under-14 footballers did us proud by winning the Section II North Final bringing back the first football medals to the parish for many decades. They advanced to the final by decisively beating

Portroe and Templeberry.

Kilruane had emerged from the other section and for excitement and drama this football final had no equal. Both teams battled for honours as if their lives depended on the outcome. Half way through the first half we lost midfielder Sean Maher with a finger injury. The team did not lose heart and with Aidan Coen and Philip Rabbitte causing many problems for the Kilruane backs eventually the equalising goal came from Philip Rabbitte and it was all down to a replay.

Immediately the selectors got down to business, and with the help of Don Ryan, demonstrated many of the skills of football to this enthusiastic bunch of lads. The replay told the story. We were a much more skilful side and with our speed and strength we emerged victors on a scoreline of 2-6 to 1-0. The team was captained by Philip Rabbitte and he proudly returned to Borrisoleigh with the Michael McGowan Cup.

We also had reason to be proud of a few of our young lads who represented our club at North and County level. Sean Maher, son of club secretary, Anne Maher, was a member of the North Under-14 team that won the Peadar Cummins Tournament in July.

Sean and Philip Rabbitte also played a very prominent part on the Tipperary Under-14 team that won the Tony Forristal Cup in Waterford. Seamus Maher and Denis Kelly were our representatives on the North U-16 selection for the Garda Cup. Congratulations to all the teams who did so well this year, also to Albert Kelly and his hard-working committee.



BORRISOLEIGH U-14 Division II Football North Champions 1991





# Tipperary — Decade by Decade — 1892-1982

SEÁN O'DRISCOLL

## 1892 — 100 YEARS AGO

**O**N January 3rd the Sixth Annual Convention was held in Thurles. The political climate that existed in the country had a disastrous effect on the Association. Only a handful of delegates representing a small number of counties attended.

Following the Parnell split, members took different sides of the political fence which, in turn, had a devastating effect on the Association. Many friendships were terminated leading to massive resignations. The championships at national and local level were severely disrupted as many counties did not compete.

Only six counties were represented at Convention and many factors were responsible for the lack of interest. Clubs and county boards split and in several areas they became non-existent.

Some rule changes were made at the Convention. Up to 1892 a goal had no equal in points; it was decided that it would equal five points.

Teams were reduced from 21-a-side to 17-a-side in hurling and football.

The county champions were allowed to pick players from other clubs for the inter-county games.

The county championships and the inter-county club games for the previous two years were in total disarray and attempts were made to bring all games up to date, with some success. A General Election was held in July, and it was fought in a most bitter manner, which once again caused further disruption in the playing of games at local and national level.

## 1902 — 90 YEARS AGO

The Annual Congress was held in the Thurles Confraternity Hall on November 30.

James O'Meara was elected secretary of the North Board at the Divisional Convention which was held in Nenagh.

Dr. Croke, Archbishop of Cashel and Patron of the Association, died on 22nd July, 1902. He was succeeded as Patron by Dr. Fennelly.

The Munster S.H. Final between Cork and Limerick was played in Tipperary Town on October 10, 1903, with Cork taking the crown by 2-9 to 1-5.

The Munster S.F. Championship was

won by the Premeir County for the fifth time. After beating Limerick by 5-6 to 0-4, Tipp qualified for the final against Kerry. The first game ended in a draw at 1-4 each. In the replay, which was not played until November, 1903, Kerry were edged out by a point on a scoreline of 1-6 to 1-5 for Tipperary.

**Tipperary:** Bob Quane (capt), P. Moloney, J. Butler, P. Wall, J. Wise, S. Ryan, D. Quane, M. Cleary, P. Myers, P. Hyland, D. Smith, J. Noonan, J. O'Shea, J. Hayes, W. Ryan, E. Kelly, Bill Barrett.

Tim Gleeson, Jack Cleary, Andy Harty were all Tipperary born hurlers who played with Dublin the 1902 All-Ireland (Home) S.H. final won by Cork. (The game was not played until July 1904)

Lahorna De Wets had an easy game in the Co. S.H. final beating Carrick-on-Suir by 7-10 to 1-2 in Thurles.

**Lahorna De Wets:** Jack Dwan (capt), Jim Darcy, Martin Darcy, Dan Ryan, Tom Ryan, Roddy Nolan, Con Brewer, Din Whelan, Pat Williams, Mick Conway, Mick Moloughney, Jim Conors, Jack Meara, Mick Kennedy, Paddy Kennedy, Mick Maher, Tim Carr, Mick Cleary, Paddy Behan.

## 1912 — 80 YEARS AGO

Tom Semple, the famous Thurles Blues captain, was one of the Tipperary delegates at the Munster Convention, which was held in Limerick, on March 2nd.

Tipperary had the distinction of winning the first All Ireland J.F. Championship. In the provincial semi-final at Ennis, on August 18, they accounted for Clare in rather easy fashion, winning by 5-4 to 0-1. The Munster final was played in Waterford on November 11 and Tipp overcame the Cork challenge by 0-5 to 0-2.

The Premier footballers beat Louth by 1-5 to 1-4 to take All Ireland honours in the grade and achieve another "first" for the county.

**Tipperary:** Ned O'Shea, John O'Shea, Larry Gorman, Mick O'Meara, Ed. Delahunty (all Fethard), Ned Egan, Pat Egan, Frank O'Brien, Nicholas Vaughan (all Mullinahone), Mick Devitt, Tom Connors (Cashel), Jack Quinn, R. Burke, Hugh Kennedy (Bansha), Davy Stapleton, Rd. Heffernan (Clonmel), Tom Rogers, Pat Dwyer (Tipperary), Jerry Shelly, Bill Scully (Grangemockler).

Tom Semple was elected chairman of

the Mid Board at the Convention which was held in Thurles.

Tipperary, represented by Thurles Blues, beat Dublin (Faughs) in the Croke Cup final by 6-3 to 4-3 at Thurles Sportsfield.

Templetuohy won the Mid S.F. Championship when they beat Castleiney by 2-1 to 0-1 in Thurles.

Cork beat Tipperary in the Munster S.H. final played in Dungarvan on October 27 by 5-1 to 3-1. The Rebels also took the J.H. honours from Tipperary by 3-4 to 3-1. The game was decided in Waterford on November 11.

Clare ended Tipperary's hopes in the Munster S.F. championship at Tipperary on July 21st, winning the semi-final by 2-2 to 0-1.

Toomevara had a big win over Ballina to win North S.H. honours. Tipperary O'Leary's were no match for the "Greyhounds" in the County final, which was not played until 1913 at Cashel. James O'Meara led his men to a 6-4 to 0-1 victory.

Mullinahone pipped Nenagh for County S.F. honours, winning the title by 1-2 to 1-1.

## 1922 — 70 YEARS AGO

The Croke Memorial was unveiled in Thurles by Most Rev. Dr. Harty, Archbishop of Cashel, on June 4th.

Meetings were called early in the year at various centres in the county with the purpose of reorganising the championships.

On the National scene, nearly every county had games in progress by May as attempts were made to clear the backlog of matches postponed by the political climate of the previous years.

In June the Civil War started when friend fought friend and brother fought brother as the country divided and all games were cancelled as playing fields became deserted once again.

Tipperary beat Dublin by 1-6 to 1-2 to win the 1920 All Ireland S.F. title. The game was played at Croke Park on June 11, 1922.

Tipperary won the 1922 Munster S.F. championship with victories over Waterford (who withdrew), Cork by 2-2 to 2-1. The final was played in Thurles on July 1, 1923, when Limerick were beaten by 1-7 to 0-1.

The Provincial crown was captured in the S.H. grade also to record a double.



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Waterford withdrew from their first round game with Tipp. Old rivals Tipperary and Cork met in the semi-final at the Cork Athletic Grounds on May 20, 1923. The Premier hurlers were superior, winning by 6-2 to 3-2.

Tipperary and Limerick met in the final at Thurles on 1st July, 1923, and drew 2-2 each. The replay was in Limerick six weeks later and Tipp made no mistake this time taking the honours by 4-2 to 1-4 to take the Munster Crown for the twelfth time.

**Tipperary:** John Leahy (capt), J. O'Meara, Arthur O'Donnell, J. Power, P. Power, P. Browne, J. Cleary, M. Kennedy, S. Hackett, J. Darcy, T. Dwane, W. Dwane, J. J. Hayes, J. Fitzpatrick, P. Spillane.

Fethard took the County S.F. title for the sixth time beating Templemore by 1-4 to 0-0.

Tipperary O'Learys beat a Mid selection by 3-4 to 0-3 to win Co. J.H. honours.

### 1932 — 60 YEARS AGO

Johnny Leahy of Boherlahan was one of the Tipperary delegates at the Annual Congress which was held at the Mansion House, Dublin, on March 27, 1932.

Mr. W.P. Clifford, President of the Association, officiated at the opening of Davin Park, Carrick-on-Suir, on Sunday, August 7. The Munster S.F. final was played there to mark the historic occasion. A good Kerry team outclassed Tipperary by 3-10 to 1-4.

Tipperary hurlers Tom O'Meara and Phil Purcell were members of the Ireland team that beat the USA in the Tailteann Games by 9-7 to 3-6.

Clonoulty beat Donohill/Cappawhite by 6-2 to 3-2 in the West S.H. final.

St. Cronan's Park, Roscrea, was officially opened in May.

The County Convention was held in the Golden Vale Hall, Dundrum.

The minor hurlers brought the only All Ireland title to the county. In the first round, Tipp beat Limerick 4-0 to 3-0 at Mitchelstown. The semi-final played at Thurles resulted in a 4-7 to 3-1 victory over Waterford. Tipperary outclassed Clare by 7-8 to 3-0 in the Provincial final at Thurles on July 31st. Galway were outscored 6-6 to 0-0 in the All Ireland semi-final. A thirteen points victory over Kilkenny, at Waterford, gave Tipperary a third title in the grade by 8-5 to 5-1.

**Tipperary:** Dinny Gorman (capt) (Holycross), Tom O'Keeffe (Moycarkey), Jer Looby (Boherlahan), John O'Dwyer (Cappawhite), Mick Burke (Cashel), Pat Leahy (Thurles), Charlie Downes (Roscrea), Jas. Cooney (Carrick), Pat Bowe (Thurles), Ed. Barry (Bansha), Phil Purcell (Moycarkey), Tom Burke (Upperchurch), Joe Fletcher (Roscrea), Wm. Nolan (Boherlahan), Jimmy Maher (Boherlahan).

The late Tommy Treacy of Killea won a Dublin Co. S.H. medal with Young Irelands.

Five Tipperary hurlers were selected on

the Munster team but Leinster won the final by 6-8 to 4-4. They were T. O'Meara, P. Purcell, T. Treacy, Phil Cahill and Martin Kennedy.

Leinster recorded the double over Munster, winning the final by 2-10 to 3-5. Paddy Arrigan and P. O'Meara were the Tipperary footballers chosen by the provincial selectors.

The Co. S.H. final was won by Moycarkey/Borris, who defeated Killenaule by 7-6 to 5-1.

Following an easy victory, 6-4 to 1-4, over Waterford in the first round of the Provincial J.F. championship, Tipperary qualified for a semi-final meeting with Cork. The Rebels edged Tipp out of the competition by 2-3 to 1-4 at Mitchelstown on June 19.

Kilsheelan were returned as Co. S.F. champions following their 1-3 to 0-1 victory over Moyle Rovers in the South final. The other divisions had no senior football clubs.

### 1942 — 50 YEARS AGO

The Munster Convention was held in Tipperary Town on March 1st.

The M.H. championship was abandoned and the J.F. and J.H. competitions were discontinued, after the first round games. As Europe was in the grip of World War II a state of emergency existed in the country, causing considerable hardship and petrol was rationed thereby causing travel restrictions.

North Tipperary beat South Tipperary in the Millar Shield inter-divisional competition in Thurles on June 14 by 7-1 to 6-2.

A Tipperary selection that did not meet with favourable reaction from followers beat Clare at Limerick by 5-13 to 1-3 on May 5th. Cork were the Munster Final opponents and had a very easy victory, scoring 4-15 to 4-1 for Tipperary.

Eire Og won the West S.H. final, beating Galtee Rovers by 3-3 to 3-0 at Tipperary on August 31st.

Thurles Sarsfields outclassed the South champions, Killenaule, in the Co. S.H. final played at Boherlahan, on October 4th. Sarsfields won by a massive twenty-eight points, scoring 8-5 to Killenaule's 0-1.

Templemore won the Mid S.F. final at Templetuohy on 31st August with a 1-7 to 2-1 victory over Castleiney/Loughmore. Fethard took the honours in the Co. S.F. final beating Arravale Rovers by 4-5 to 1-2 at Cashel, on November 1st.

**Templemore Mid Champions:** T. O'Donnell, G. O'Connor, C. D'Estelle, P. Cullen, M. Quinlan, Wm. McMahon, J. Cullagh, P. Tuohy, Jim Maher, Wm. Treacy, K. Holland, Ed. Hanley, T. Hanley, M. Shelly, J. D'Estelle.

Cappawhite brough the Co. J.H. title to the West Division with a 5-0 to 3-5 victory over Thurles Sarsfields.

Kilsheelan beat a North Selection by 1-5 to 1-1 in the Co. J.F. final.

Munster were assisted by five Tipperary hurlers in the 4-9 to 4-5 victory over Leinster in the Railway Cup final. They

were: D. O'Gorman, J. Ryan, W. O'Donnell, T. Doyle and P. Flanagan.

### 1952 — 40 YEARS AGO

The late Jerry O'Keeffe, a native of Kilsheelan, was re-elected vice-chairman of the Munster Council. Later in the year he was appointed chairman, as M. V. O'Donoghue was elected President of the Association.

Kilsheelan G.A.A. club officially opened their grounds on August 31st. The ceremony was performed by Mr. M. V. O'Donoghue, President of the Association.

Tommy Barrett led Thurles Sarsfields to their first Mid S.F. title with a 1-4 to 1-1 victory over Boherlahan at Templemore on 24th August.

Tipperary Junior footballers won the Munster Championship for the first time since 1937. The fifth provincial title was brought home following victories over Clare by 3-8 to 1-5. Waterford were defeated in the semi-final by 3-6 to 0-2. Kerry were their final opponents and the game ended in a draw: Tipperary 0-15, Kerry 2-9, at Fermoy, on August 3rd. The Premier footballers recorded a welcome victory over the Kingdom at Thurles on the following Sunday by 0-8 to 0-6.

**Tipperary:** R. Dunne (Loughmore), G. Pyke (Commercials), W. Coffey (Kilsheelan), D. Sullivan (Galtee Rovers), R. McGrath (Loughmore), P. Larkin (Kilsheelan), J. McCarthy (Fethard), J. McGrath (Loughmore), R. Stakelum (Holycross), S. Minogue, P. Riordan (Galtee Rovers), Theo English (Old Bridge), J. Ryan (Army), D. Ryan (Loughmore), L. Barrett (Ballingarry).

Tipperary won the Munster and All Ireland M.H. titles with victories over Waterford by 4-6 to 2-2, Cork by 5-7 to 2-6. A massive victory over Clare by 10-7 to 1-2 put Tipp into the All Ireland semi-final where Galway proved no match for the Tipp boys who scored 9-3 to 0-1. Dublin were out-hurled in the Croke Park final on September 7th when Tony Wall led his team to a 9-9 to 2-3 victory.

**Tipperary:** E. Moloughney, D. Quinn, E. McGrath, E. Burke, F. Dyer, W. Hayes, L. Quinn, P. Hennessy, B. Quinn, L. Devaney, T. Wall, J. McLoughlin, M. Butler, J. Browne, P. Cleary.

A point victory over Wexford at Croke Park on 20th April in the "Home" final of the National League, 4-7 to 4-6, earned Tipperary a place in the final against New York. A month later at the same venue New York were completely outclassed by a rampant Tipperary who scored 6-14 to 2-5 for the visitors.

Borrisoleigh born Jim Prior, who hurled with the Faughs club in Dublin, captained his adopted county to win the Leinster S.H. title. Dublin were beaten in the All Ireland final by Cork.

Philly Ryan (C) of Annacarty, won a Leinster S.H. medal also in the above game. He played with the Young Irelands club.

Six Tipperary hurlers — Tony Reddin, Seamus Bannon, Pat Stakelum, Phil



**DECADE BY DECADE**  
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and they also captured the Co. J.F. title, beating Killenaule by 3-6 to 3-2 in the final.

Cork recorded a senior double over the Premier County in the Provincial cham-

pionships. The hurlers had a 1-19 to 2-8 win at Páirc Uí Chaoimh on May 30. A week later at Fermoy the footballers' championship hopes were ended by 1-19 to 1-5.

E. Farrell and W. Mullins won the All Ireland Junior softball doubles 60x30 handball title.



Photograph taken at the presentation of Tipperary Crystal to the prizewinners of the Tipperary Yearbook GAA Quiz (left to right): Michael McCarthy (Chairman, Tipperary Yearbook Committee); Gerard Walshe, Lime Court, Marlfield Road, Clonmel (winner); Mick Maguire (county chairman); Catherine Holohan, Ballinara, Fethard (winner); James Holohan, Ballyknockane, Kilsheelan (winner); Liam O Donnchu (secretary, Tipperary Yearbook Committee).



Tipperary representative in Poc Fada: Willie Barrett, Carrick-on-Suir.

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Shanahan, Mick Ryan and Paddy Kenny — were selected for the Ireland team that defeated the Combined Universities by 3-14 to 1-6.

Shannon Rovers won the North J.H. title and Inane Rovers captured the J.F. Championship.

Carrick Swan took the S.H. honours in the South Division with a 2-6 to 0-4 victory over Coolmoyné at Clonmel on July 20th.

Tipperary supplied nine hurlers to the Munster panel, winners of the Railway Cup competition, beating Connacht by 5-11 to 4-2. The successful hurlers were Tony Reddin, John Doyle, Pat Stakelum, Phil Shanahan, Mick Ryan, Seamus Bannon, Paddy Kenny, Jimmy Finn and Ed. Ryan.

### 1962 — 30 YEARS AGO

The Munster Convention was held in Thurles on March 3rd. The County Convention was held in Thurles on January 28th.

Mick Kennedy, the former Marfield and Tipperary player who hurled with the Faughs and Dublin, scored the first T.V. score — a point — in the Railway Cup victory over Munster by 1-11 to 1-9 at Croke Park on March 17th.

Éire Óg/Cappawhite won the West M.H. Championship beating Cashel Crokes in the final by 6-9 to 2-3.

Tipperary and Limerick met at the Cork Athletic Grounds in the Munster S.H. semi-final on July 1st. The game ended in a draw: Tipperary 3-12, Limerick 4-9.

Tipperary had an easy victory in the replay at the same venue scoring 5-13 to 2-4 for Limerick.

The Premier hurlers had an easy Munster final victory over Waterford, running up a big score of 5-14 and Waterford replied with 2-3.

In a great game of hurling, Tipperary got the measure of Wexford in the All Ireland final at Croke Park, on September 2nd. Tipperary, leading by 2-6 to 1-6 at half-time, held on to win by 3-10 to 2-11. Jimmy Doyle finished the championship with 4-24 to his credit.

The minor hurlers reached the All Ireland final with victories over Limerick by 7-9 to 4-7 and Cork in the Provincial final by 4-11 to 4-1.

Kilkenny took the All Ireland honours, winning by 3-6 to 0-9.

North Tipperary beat Kilkenny in the All Ireland Vocational Schools (H) final by 6-11 to 4-3.

Tipperary had eight hurlers on the Munster team beaten in the Railway Cup final 1-11 to 1-9 by Leinster. They were Mick Maher, Kieran Carey, Mick Burns, Theo English, Liam Devaney, Jimmy Doyle, Donie Nealon and Tony Wall.

John Keating was the sole representative on the Munster football team beaten in the Railway Cup semi-final by Leinster by 2-17 to 0-6.

Donie Nealon was the sole representative on the Munster football team beaten

in the Railway Cup semi-final by Leinster by 2-17 to 0-6.

Donie Nealon was selected as the Texaco "Hurler of the year" and also as the Tipperary Sports Star in hurling.

Michael "Babs" Keating of Ardfinnan was selected for the football award by the Tipperary Sports panel.

Marfield won the South S.H. title and Toomevara took the honours in the North division.

Thurles Kickhams won the Mid J.H. final and Éire Óg the West championship in the same grade.

Carrick Swan won the South U21 (H) title.

### 1972 — 20 YEARS AGO

The County Convention was held in Scoil Ailbe, Thurles, on January 30th. A total of 99 clubs registered with the Board.

Jim Ryan of Loughmore, a member of the Tipperary Bloody Sunday team, died on August 5th.

Tipperary won the Oireachtas, beating Kilkenny by 4-7 to 2-8 in the semi-final at Thurles. Wexford were the final opponents at Croke Park, on October 15th, when the sides finished level at 2-13 each.

A crowd of 12,000 attended the replay at Nowlan Park on November 25, when Tipperary scored 2-13 to 1-8 for Wexford.

The Intermediate hurlers brought glory to the county when they captured their second successive title in the grade. Victories over Clare by 3-10 to 2-6 and Cork by 6-7 to 0-9 carried Tipp into a Munster final meeting with Kerry. The game was played at Emly on June 28th and Tipp advanced to the semi-final by beating Kerry 4-16 to 3-12.

A 2-9 to 2-4 victory set a final meeting with Galway at Birr on September 20. The title was retained on a scoreline of 2-13 to 1-9.

**Tipperary:** S. Cahalane, J. Costigan, J. Keogh, S. Fitzpatrick, M. Fitzgibbon, N. Seymour, J. Keane, T. Moloney, B. Ferncombe, J. Connor, J. Kennedy, M. Ryan, O. Killeen, J. Seymour, S. Mackey.

The U21 (H) team won Munster honours by beating Waterford 6-5 to 0-5, Limerick 0-16 to 3-3, and Clare 4-10 to 3-10. Galway won the semi-final meeting by 2-10 to 1-10.

Goden defeated Cashel King Cormacs by 5-8 to 2-6 in the West S.H. final at Dundrum.

Roscrea beat Borrisleigh in the Co. S.H. final at Semple Stadium on November 12 by 5-8 to 3-6.

Arravale Rovers beat Loughmore/Castleiney to take the County U21 (F) honours in a replay by 1-12 to 1-5.

Carrick Swan won the Co. U21 (H) Championship with a 5-8 to 6-2 victory over Clonoulty/Rossmore.

The Tipperary footballers won Railway Cup medals in Munster's 2-14 to 0-10 victory over Leinster. They were Denis Burke and Michael "Babs" Keating.

Kilsheelan took the Co. S.F. honours at Clonmel with a 1-11 to 1-9 victory over Ardfinnan on October 22nd.

**Kilsheelan:** J. Dempsey, J. Driscoll, J.

O'Halloran, M. Morrissey, J. Cahill, M. O'Gorman, R. O'Gorman, J. Moriarty, R. Strang, L. Murphy, J. Kehoe, C. Robinson, P. O'Halloran, J. Holohan, S. Nugent.

J. Kehoe (1-5), C. Robinson (0-2), W. Robinson (0-2), P. O'Halloran (0-1) and S. Nugent (0-1) were the scorers.

Loughmore/Castleiney captured the Mid S.F. title following a replay with Templemore, winning by 2-11 to 0-4.

E. Farrell and J. Ryan won the All-Ireland (U21) Handball 60x30 doubles title.

### 1982 — 10 YEARS AGO

The County Convention was held in Thurles Sarsfields Social Centre on January 24. Michael Frawley of Emly was elected County Chairman.

Moycarkey-Borris won the Co. S.H. final at Semple Stadium on September 26, beating Roscrea by 2-12 to 0-11 and qualified for the Munster Club Championship. They beat Waterford holders, Ballyduff, by 4-9 to 0-14, and advanced to the final against Patrickswell. The Tipperary champions held on for a one-point victory in a close game and won Provincial honours for the county on a scoreline of 1-9 to 0-11.

Emly/Lattin won the West U21 (F) title in a runaway victory over Éire Óg/Cappawhite, winning by 3-14 to 0-2.

The minors kept the Tipperary hurling flag flying by winning the Munster and All-Ireland titles. Old rivals Cork were pipped in the opening game which was a thriller by 2-5 to 0-10. In the semi-final, Clare were defeated by 3-9 to 2-7.

A 1-10 to 1-7 scoreline over Limerick gave Munster honours to the Premier County who advanced to the National final, where Galway fell by 2-7 to 0-4.

**Tipperary:** J. Leamy, J. Flannery, J. Bergin, C. Bonnar, B. Everard, D. Kealy, W. Hayes, J. Kennedy, G. Bradley, N. Sheehy, M. Cunningham, S. Slattery, J. McCormack, L. Stokes, M. Scully.

St. Augustine's (Fethard/Kilsheelan) won the South S.H. championship at Carrick-on-Suir on July 31st, beating St. Mary's by 4-12 to 2-7.

Gene McGrath Commercials won a Railway Cup (F) medal with Munster in the 1-8 to 0-10 victory over Connacht.

The Tipperary Sports panel selected Paudie O'Neill (Commercials) for the Football Award and John Flanagan (Moycarkey/Borris) for the hurling honour.

Golden/Kilfeacle won the West (I.H.) championship.

Loughmore/Castleiney won their eighteenth Mid S.F. title in succession beating Templemore 0-10 to 0-7.

Michael Lowry, Holycross/Ballycahill, was elected Mid Chairman on January 10th at the Convention, which was held in the Thurles Sarsfields Centre.

The West S.H. title was won by Seán Treacy's who beat Éire Óg by 1-15 to 1-12 at Emly on 25th July.

Holycross/Ballycahill defeated Carrick Swan in the Co. M.H. final by 2-9 to 1-5



# 1990 COUNTY FINALS

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



**KILDANGAN COUNTY J. F. CHAMPIONS 1990**

*Back row: Martin Grace, John Mulcahy, Eamon Kelly, Paul Murray, Cathal Egan, Colm Egan, Paddy Hayes. Front row: Donal Flannery, Brian Flannery, Willie Kennedy, Kieran Ryan, Michael Mulcahy, Sean Kelly, Seamus Gleeson, Paul Gavin. INSET: Martin Hogan*



**CLONMEL COMMERCIALS UNDER-21 SOUTH FINAL WINNERS AND COUNTY FINALISTS 1990**



**CASHEL KING CORMAC'S 1990 UNDER-21 FOOTBALL COUNTY CHAMPIONS**

*Back row (l. to r.) Denis Fitzgerald (selector), Seanie O'Donoghue, Seanie Morrissey, Shane Lawrence, Seanie Barron, Sean Ó Duibhir, Timmy Moloney, Jamesie O'Donoghue, Brian Clancy (selector). Front row (l. to r.) Raymie Ryan, T. J. Connolly, Denis Keating, Ailbe Bonnar, Conal Bonnar, Declan McGrath, Johnny Paul O'Dwyer, Michael Perdue (captain).*



# SOUTH TIPPERARY ROUND-UP

MÍCHEÁL Ó MEARA, Rínaí

## SENIOR HURLING

SIX teams contested the Division's premier championship which was run off on a knockout basis with the three first round losers playing off for the fourth semi-final place. The opening game saw a fancied Killenaule romp to a bloodless victory over a disappointing St. Augustines. St. Mary's struggled somewhat to defeat Cahir by a two points margin whilst the best game of the round saw Ballingarry shock holders Swan after a high scoring hour.

Nor surprising Swan came through the losers group and the semi-final draw resulted:- Swan v. Ballingarry; Killenaule v. St. Mary's.

Swan gained sweet revenge for their first round defeat by comfortably accounting for Ballingarry at Clonmel whilst Killenaule gained a good win over a disappointing St. Mary's at Cloneen.

The decider was staged in Clonmel on



KILLENAULE – SOUTH FINAL WINNERS SENIOR HURLING 1991

the last Sunday in July before one of the best attendances for some years. For much of the hour, Killenaule held the upper hand, but in the closing minutes the Carrick side finally found their scoring touch and Killenaule were hard pressed to

hold out for a two points victory in a largely disappointing game that was redeemed somewhat by the exciting finish. Killenaule's county minor Tony Shelley was adjudged man of the match.

## INTERMEDIATE HURLING

With four teams to qualify from the league stages, this proved an interesting championship with the battle for the semi-final places lasting right through to the concluding games. In the end Ballybacon Grange and Marlfield lost out as the semi-final draw saw Mullinahone pitted against Kilsheelan and Fethard paired with Carrick Davins. Both semi-finals were played on a Clonmel double bill that attracted a disappointingly small attendance. Patrons saw contrasting games as Fethard proved no match for Davins whilst Mullinahone without John Leahy and Sean Brett had to call on all their craft and experience to hold off the tenacious challenge of Kilsheelan. Much was expected of the final and it proved a keenly contested game in which the experience of Mullinahone again proved the decisive factor against a Davins side which failed



MOYLE ROVERS – WINNERS OF CLONMEL OIL SOUTH TIPP. SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE 1990

Back Row (left to right): P. Hickey, D. Finn, J. Finn, L. Cronin, J. O'Brien, D. Foley, K. O'Connor, M. McGrath, P. Norris, J. McGrath, B. Boland, M. Boland. Front Row (left to right): P. Fanning, S. Norris, T. Hewitt, R. Boland, P. McCarthy, S. Delahunty (capt.), D. Foley, E. Power, M. J. Browne, A. O'Dwyer, P. O'Connor, J. Carey.



GRANGEMOCKLER – SOUTH INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Back Row (left to right): S. Flynn, D. Hahessy, John O'Meara, A. O'Meara, R. Lanigan, P. Lyons, C. Healy, E. O'Hanlon, G. Ryan, K. Maguire, J. Heffernan, M. Freaney, A. Bradshaw. Front Row (left to right): E. Shelley, T. Bolger, M. Comerford, G. Cahill, S. O'Meara, P. J. Lanigan, E. Phelan, J. O'Meara (Capt.), E. O'Meara, M. J. Tobin, L. Delaney.



to make the most of some fine goal scoring opportunities especially in an exciting final quarter.

## JUNIOR HURLING

Always one of the hardest championships to win, the past year proved no exception and some great tussles were witnessed. St. Patrick's, Moyle Rovers, Skeheenarinka and Swan won their way to the last four and they met in that order. St. Patrick's caused something of an upset by accounting for a fancied Moyle Rovers at Fethard whilst the holders Skeheenarinka did not impress in struggling to defeat Swan in Clonmel. The final was played in Clonmel and history was made as St. Patrick's won the title for the first time by scoring a clearcut and deserved success over gallant and sporting rivals.

## UNDER-21 HURLING

Carrick Swan's bad luck in this particular competition continued as they were once again defeated in the decider. Swan had high hopes of an overdue success following a great semi-final win over favourites Killenaule, but holders Ballingarry whose semi-final victims were St. Mary's, had other ideas.

The final proved a hard fought affair with Ballingarry again proving superior and doing well to retain their crown.

## UNDER-21 HURLING 'B'

The talented young hurlers of St. Patrick's wrote another page in the club's history by defeating Carrick Davins to record another first. St. Patrick's played with great spirit and determination and no little skill to overcome a Carrick side that started favourites following a good semi-final success over Ballybacon-Grange. St. Patrick's had defeated Moyle Rovers by the narrowest of margins in a low scoring but gripping semi-final.

## MINOR HURLING

There was an increased number of teams in the grade during the past year and as a result there was better competi-

tion.

From an early stage Killenaule looked the team to beat and as they advanced impressively to the final they seemed certain to emerge winners once again. However Ballybacon-Grange who had shown great spirit to overcome a fancied

Mullinahone played above themselves to turn in a stout hearted display in the decider and deservedly record one of the surprise successes of the year.



### NATIONALIST AWARDS INCLUDED TOM CORR, EDITOR

Nationalist award winners with Board officers and sponsors at South Board Social. Back Row (left to right): M. Walsh, vice-chairman; M. O'Meara, Secretary; M. McGuire, Co. Chairman; J. Collins, Chairman; Tom Corr and M. Heverin, Nationalist Newspaper; Sean Nugent, Vice-Chairman. Front Row (left to right): P. O'Keeffe, Clonmel Og, Young Footballer; M. Skehan, Mullinahone, Young Hurler; P. Kennedy, Killenaule, Hurler of the Past; Tony Fitzpatrick, Swan, Hurler of the Year; Philly Ryan, Commercial, Footballer of the Year.



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## MINOR HURLING 'B'

Many entertaining games were played in this championship and the competition for places in the last four was extremely keen. Newcastle advanced to meet Ballingarry in one semi-final and they gave a fine display to advance to the final. St. Patrick's had to go to a replay to defeat Clonmel Og in the second semi-final. The final was expected to be a close encounter but on the night, St. Patrick's could not do themselves justice against very talented opposition who went on to take a first title in the grade in most impressive fashion.

## SENIOR FOOTBALL

At the time of writing this competition remains unfinished. The first round games saw Moyle Rovers, St. Patrick-Grangemockler and Cahir advance to the semi-finals.

The upset of the round was the defeat of County Champions, Commercials by St. Patrick's-Grangemockler who looked very impressive. The semi-final between St. Patrick's/Grangemockler and Moyle Rovers is as yet unplayed whilst new County Champions Fethard have advanced to the final by virtue of a very comfortable success over Cahir.

## INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL

This was undoubtedly the competition of the year in the Division and some splendid games were witnessed. After keen competition Ballyporeen, Fr. Sheehy's, Grangemockler and Newcastle advanced to the last four and they met in that order.

Ballyporeen gave a superb display in accounting for Fr. Sheehy's before a fine attendance at Ardfinnan whilst Grangemockler had to go to a replay before accounting for a gallant Newcastle. The final produced one of the best games of the year with Ballyporeen coming from behind to gain a deserved draw. Whilst the replay did not match the standard of the drawn tie, it was nonetheless a most competitive affair with the result in doubt right up to the end.

Grangemockler retained their title and

now graduate to senior status but Ballyporeen deserve every credit for a gallant effort.

## JUNIOR FOOTBALL

This championship is at the final stage with St. Patrick's poised to bring off the junior double. They have been impressive

in all their games to date and will prove very hard to beat in the decider. Their opponents are Swan who have reached the final on merit, following a number of very useful displays.

## JUNIOR FOOTBALL 'B'

This competition was inaugurated



BALLINGARRY - SOUTH UNDER-21 HURLING 'A' CHAMPIONS



ARDFINNAN - SOUTH MINOR A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Back Row (left to right): Pa. Gorman, M. English, E. Norris, A. J. Loneragan, M. Sullivan, B. Cummins, D. Ryan, P. Hally, A. Quinn, C. Maher, S. Maher, L. Crowe. Front Row (left to right): D. Mahony, G. Mahony, C. Hennessy, E. Ryan, J. O'Leary, P. J. Loneragan (Capt.), D. Ryan, C. Walsh, N. Murphy. Missing are M. Guttrie, E. O'Brien, B. Burke.



ST. PATRICK'S (DRANGAN/CLONEEN) SOUTH TIPPERARY JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS 1991

Back Row (left to right): Joe Brennan (selector), Thomas Anglim, Eugene McCormack, James Horan, T. J. Keane, Mick O'Connell, Paul O'Halloran, Thomas McCormack, Richie Horan, Kenny Brett, John Keane, Michael Crannitch, Colm Duggan, Micheál Horan, Ned Barnable (selector). Front Row (left to right): Michael Nash, Philip Keane, John Horan, Fr. Peter Brennan (capt.), Jim Kearney, John Ryan, Liam O'Dwyer, Billy Brett (trainer/selector), Declan Ryan.



during the year and it proved well worthwhile. Ballyporeen and St. Patrick's were the finalists and they served up a most entertaining hour before Ballyporeen became the winners by a narrow margin.

## UNDER-21 FOOTBALL

Fethard won their way to the final of this championship by easily defeating Clonmel Og. Ballyporeen shocked Commercial's to advance to meet Moyle Rovers in the semi-final. Moyle Rovers advanced to meet Fethard with a hard earned win in a game played in desperate conditions.

## UNDER-21 FOOTBALL 'B'

This championship has reached the final stage and will be contested by St. Patrick's and Swan. St. Patrick's have proved themselves the team of the year in the Division and there are strong possibilities that they can also take this title together with the junior football title which would give them a double double – success in both Junior and Under-21 'B' championships.

## MINOR FOOTBALL

This continues to be one of the best and hardest to win championships. Some exceptional games were witnessed in the grade during the year and the standard of

football was high. Ardfinnan overcame Clonmel Og in one semi-final whilst Commercial's had little difficulty in defeating St. Kieran's having had to go to a replay and extra time to oust Fethard in the quarter final.

The final provided one of the occasions of the year with a fine attendance and tremendous atmosphere. Whilst the standard of football was not for the purist, the exchanges were nonetheless feverishly contested as the game built up to a great climax with Ardfinnan deservedly coming out on top over their great

rivals by the narrowest of margins.

## MINOR FOOTBALL 'B'

Here again the standard was good and the competition keen. Newcastle and Mullinahone won their way to the final on merit and after a fine game Newcastle won the first leg of their great double by taking the title for the first time. It was a marvellous achievement for a small parish, and the double triumph should ensure a bright future in both codes for the club.



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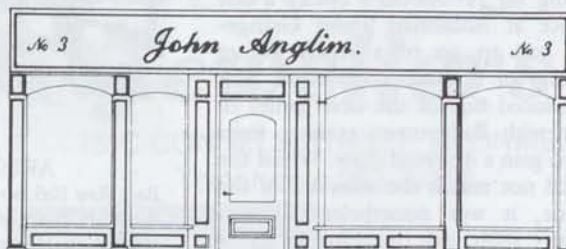
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# Fethard take 18th senior football title

By: Denis Burke

**A**t the start of the 1991 season any hopes that Fethard could capture the county title from the second year dominance of Clonmel Commercials were not very confidently expressed. The loss of star player Brian Burke who stayed in Australia after the Irish teams tour there ended, deprived us of a player of great quality and the added loss of Michael Broderick – to live in England – seemed blows from which the senior team would not recover.

If a crystal ball fortune teller could have foretold the later loss of key players, Chris Coen and Paddy Ryan we might have neglected to even enter a team. Still hope springs eternal.

The year started with league games against Cahir, Commercials and Kilsheelan. We reached the League final only to be beaten comprehensively by a rampant Moyle Rovers who fully deserved their success.

The County Championship draw paired us with Lattin-Cullen in Cashel. That we won by one point is now recorded but how we won was less clear. We were outplayed for long periods and were defending furiously when the referee blew time somewhat early in the opinion of many.

Our next game was against Thurles, on a wet Saturday evening in Cashel. We won fairly comfortably with the forwards notching a lot of points from play and seeming to improve on the Lattin game.

Tipps success in hurling meant that it was September before the next game. The county semi-final against Cloneen, Grangemockler. This was a formidable challenge as the combination were reigning south champions for 1990, and had defeated Commercials twice in championship games in the past 12 months. Fielding five county senior players, Tom Anglim, Davy Hogan, Declan Ahessy, Jim O'Meara and Colm Duggan and an exciting young player Lanigan, the Combination certainly gave us a draw we were grateful for.

The replay one week later again in Kilsheelan was again a rip roaring affair. Both sides had many chances to win and only Shay Coen's two goals were the main turning point in our favour. The Combination team however will surely have their day. Moyle Rovers the form team of the early season had fallen to Commercials in the other semi-final and now we would meet again for the sixth time in ten years for the county title.



Mr. Hugh Kennedy, chairman Football Board, presenting the county senior football championship trophy to Michael Fitzgerald, captain of Fethard.

In the semi-final we lost Chris Coen who was put off in the dying seconds of the replay. His loss – a huge one to us – was to send us into the final as the longest odds underdogs in many years.

Commercials were now back at their

guarantee respectability. As if we had not lost enough players 'flu cost us our experienced full forward Michael Riordan who could not field. Given all these circumstances, I must say that before the game I did not think we would win. I thought we could win, but for it to happen several somewhat unlikely scenarios would have to occur.

1. We would have to play out of our skins and every player peak on the day.
2. Commercials might be too overconfident and not strike 100% form.
3. Our forwards would have to miss virtually nothing because we could hardly expect to keep their key forwards – Kelly etc. – from a good few scores.

On such far fetched possibilities is hope founded and team manager, Jimmy O'Shea with selectors Dany Kane, and former All-Ireland hurler Liam Connolly raised the players morale for "One shot at it". The youngest ever Fethard team to contest a county final – no player over 27 and nine under 23 – took the field in Kilsheelan determined and fit.

The final itself was one of the best footballing finals of recent years – fast, open, with passages of very fine play from both sides. Fethard opened with fire and speed but the champions absorbed the early pressure and with unerring accuracy took a three point advantage to the break. With wind advantage in the second half things were not looking too bad however.

By the 14th minute of the second half



Seamus McCarthy, Galtee Rovers, County senior football coach, studying form at the county senior football final.

absolute best form. The return from Limerick of stalwart Gene McGrath – did he ever play a bad game against Fethard? – had now further strengthened a team which had performed splendidly in Munster in 1990. Even the most optimistic of supporters could see no further than perhaps an honourable defeat, keeping the margin as close as would



the white flag route had drawn us level. The game was anybody's for the taking. Fickle lady fortune who had cruelly turned her back on us with the loss of four players now smiled and a slip in the Clonmel defence let John Hurley in to poach the only goal of the game. We were really motoring a minute later when teenager Micheál Spillane who had a fine game all through put Fethard four points ahead.

The champions now sensing the seriousness of their position began to play with their old fluency and rhythm, Gene McGrath caught a lot of ball in midfield and the Fethard defence was subjected to a period of intense pressure. Helped out now by midfielders Shay Ryan and Tommy Sheehan — who was everywhere — the six footer goalie Thomas McCarthy performed heroics and when Willie Morrissey broke away and was fouled, Martin Coen again pointed. A late clearance off the line by Buddy Fitzgerald saved several heart attacks and the agony of four minutes added time gave vent to the euphoria which greeted the final whistle.

The joy of capturing the 18th title was enhanced by the fact that it was done against a Clonmel team of real quality and proven achievements. Indeed in the rivalry of Fethard and Commercial's there is a high level of mutual respect with a distinct lack of bitterness which proved to be the case on this occasion and the hearty congratulations extended by us in '89, '86 and '84 when beaten were returned in '84, '88 and this year. It is worthy of mention that three Commercial players came to Fethard — and were heartily received — on



**FETHARD LADIES AT COUNTY FOOTBALL FINAL**

*Fethard ladies watch anxiously during county senior football final v Commercial's at Kilsheelan.*

the night following the final to join the celebrations.

So a year that started with little hope turned out to be one of great achievement. This must be tempered now with caution as the winning of the Tipperary football title is now going to be ever tougher. The arrival of Moyle Rovers and the Clonkeen-Grangemockler combination to join Fethard and Commercial's augers well for the game. Cahir and Ardfinnan are both now very little from a place at the top and anybody that disregards Loughmore do so at their peril. All in all '92 will be a year to look forward to.

**Fethard:** Thomas McCarthy, Dermot Hackett, Michael Fitzgerald, Michael Ryan, Willie O'Meara, Liam Connolly, Shay Ryan, Martin Ryan, Tommy Sheehan, Shay Coen, Eoin Cummins, Martin Coen, John Hurley, Michael Spillane, Liam Ryan.



*Tommy Sheehan (Fethard) receiving the "Man of the Match" award from the sponsor John Quirke, Jeweller, Cahir, after the county senior football final at Kilsheelan.*

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## 1990 Year of Glory for Ballyporeen's Under-21's

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**BALLYPOREEN COUNTY UNDER-21 'B' CHAMPIONS 1990**

*Back row: Danny Cahill, Kevin Goff, Martin O'Donoghue, Con Quinlan, Patsy O'Gorman, Eamonn Fitzgerald, Seamus Macken, Tom Maher, Fergal McLoughlin, Timothy Sheehy, Michael English, R. Meade. Front row: Jonathon Tully, Des Harrington, Rory McLoughlin, Declan Hickey, Mick Geary, Eamonn Maher (captain), Joseph English, Des Fitzgerald, Gerry O'Gorman.*

**H**istory was made for the parish of Ballyporeen on a cold and damp afternoon in Cahir on the 16th December last, when our Under-21 team had a glorious victory in the county (B) Under-21 Final against the West champions Aherlow.

Having entered a team in this competition for the very first time made it extra special when Eamonn Maher (captain) lifted the cup.

### Early Rounds

The side started their campaign against Clonmel Og and had a comprehensive win over the Clonmel side on the score: Ballyporeen 0-14, Clonmel Og 0-3. Into the next round where Ballyporeen came up against Ballingarry and ran out comfortable winners on the score:

**Ballyporeen 3-17; Ballingarry 1-4**

The semi-final brought 'Bally' up against Killenaule in a one-sided affair which saw 'Bally' run out easy winners:

**Ballyporeen 2-13; Killenaule 0-1**

A great crowd turned out in Monroe on November 4th to see the South Final between 'Bally' and Kilsheelan.

Ballyporeen got off to a great start with some splendid scores, but Kilsheelan fought back with a goal. Some splendid football was played especially around midfield with Eamon Maher and Joe English dominating and also scoring a goal each set up a memorable victory for the red and black of Ballyporeen.

### Final

This was a game that will live in the memories of many not alone for the victory but in the way the team rose to the occasion against a very physical and experienced Aherlow team.

'Bally' went four points up with scores from Joe English, two from Des Fitz. and Eamon Maher with one. Aherlow replied with a score, only for the brilliant Des

Fitzgerald to score a great point. 'Bally' led five points to one point at half-time and were unlucky not to be further ahead after missing some scorable chances.

Aherlow really got stuck into it in the second half and reduced the deficit with a point from play. 'Bally' were caught on the break, when Aherlow won possession and worked a great move which resulted in a good goal to put them one point ahead. 'Bally' got a small bit unsettled, but a few vital switches were made and this paid dividends. Points from Joe English, Eamonn Maher (2), Des Fitz and a super score from Eamonn Fitzgerald had Ballyporeen two points up again. Aherlow had a point late in the game but Eamonn Maher replied with two points to give 'Bally' a famous victory.

### Mentors

To manager of the team Eddie Cahill and his co-selectors Tom Macken and Donie Cahill great credit is due, also to coach John Cummins who had the team in great shape throughout their campaign.

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By MICHAEL O'BRIEN, Secretary

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North Tipp Hurler of the Year 1990, Noel Sheehy receives the "Guardian" Trophy from Gerry Slevin.

During the year the Board organised 18 competitions, 11 in hurling and 7 in football. Tipp's successes in the championships and the inordinate number of draws and replays caused some confusion in the making of fixtures but with the clubs' co-operation, steady progress was made and at time of writing 15 of the 18 divisional championships have been completed.

On the county teams were many players from the division. Adrian Hogan (Borrisokane), George Frend (Toomevara) and Gerry O'Brien (Portroe) captained the Minor, Under-21 and Junior teams respectively and like their comrades from this and the other 3 divisions played with great pride for their county.

## HURLING

### Senior Hurling (10 Teams)

Ten teams competed in both the league and championship. The league, played on a "home and away" basis, commenced in

March. Éire Óg and Borrisokane emerged from their respective groups without a defeat to contest the final which was played in Cloughjordan on 26th May. The Nenagh team had 5 points to spare at the end of the hour.

The championship, on a knock-out and losers' group system, provided some of the best games seen in the division for a number of years. In spite of a number of free Sundays granted to the county teams and a more than usual number of draws, the championship progressed at a favourable rate with Toomevara and Éire Óg in the final.

For Toome, it was a third final appearance in as many years and a chance to break a 29 years' old noodoo. Éire Óg hadn't been victorious in 27 years. So, inevitably, there was more than the usual interest in this final. Neither team disappointed and patrons were treated to

an hour of tension-filled excitement.

The game ended in a draw and the crowds again flocked to Cloughjordan's MacDonagh Park for the replay. Our expectations of another thriller were realised. Toomevara emerged victorious with four points to spare. Even the keenest and most biased supporters readily admitted that hurling was the real winner on both days.

Our hopes of further success seemed not without foundation. Toomevara progressed to the county semi-final where they succumbed to Cashel. Éire Óg drew with reigning county champions Holycross in their quarter-final clash and lost the replay by the slimmest of margins. For Éire Óg it seemed a cruel blow. They hurled extremely well, but the scoreboard didn't reflect their superiority on the field of play. Holycross, the great escape artists and replay experts of 1991 progressed.



TOOMEVARA - NORTH TIPP S.H. CHAMPIONS 1991

Back - Michael O'Meara, Liam Flaherty, Tony Dunne, Pat Maher, Jody Grace, Pat King, Michael Murphy, Jimmy Dunne. Front - Tommy Dunne, Declan O'Meara, George Frend, Rory Brislane (captain), Sean Nolan, Michael Nolan, Tony Delaney.



Paul Murray (Kildangan) with the "Nenagh Guardian" Trophy presented to him as North Tipp Footballer of the Year 1990.



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#### **TOOMEVARA – NORTH TIPP JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS 1991**

*Back row – Tommy Shanahan, Michael McCormack, Eamon Spillane, John Ryan, Tommy O'Meara, Kieran Delaney, James Connolly. Front row – Owen Cuddy, Seamus O'Meara, Philip Shanahan, Kevin Delaney, Paul Delaney, Dinny Haverty (capt.), T. J. Browne, Paul Kenneally.*



#### **ERIN'S HOPE – NORTH UNDER-21 HURLING CHAMPIONS 1991**

*Back – M. Guest (selector), J. Egan, P. Delahunty, M. Darcy, M. Hough, A. Carroll, S. Killeen, H. Reid, D. Costello, L. Mounsey, D. Moore, P. Holan (selector), O. McKenna, S. Hogan (selector), T. Slevin (selector). Front – O. Cleary, B. Reid, P. Darcy, T. Hough, B. Hogan, A. Hogan, K. Slevin, R. Killeen, T. Treacy, J. Delahunty, N. Fogarty (masseur).*

#### **Intermediate Hurling (6 Teams)**

As usual, the year opened here with the league, a competition used by many clubs to reorganise themselves for the year ahead. Many of the games in the league were of poor quality as club coaches were testing the waters for the championship. Kildangan and Silvermines qualified without excess efforts.

Silvermines had two points to spare at the final whistle and engraved their name on the base of the Ulster Bank Cup for the first time. Talking point of the game was the absence of Colm Egan from the Kildangan line-out due to his dismissal from the field earlier in the day during the Tipp v. Limerick S.F. championship game.

The championship as usual was run on a league basis with Templederry, Moneygall, Kildangan and Silvermines qualifying for the semi-finals. Success for Moneygall and Silvermines meant that two clubs which had spent most of the past 20 years at senior level would now face each other one step further down the ladder.

The questions everybody asked: Could Silvermines become the first club to do the League and Championship double? and could Moneygall emulate the feat of neighbours Toomevara and win a title they last held in 1962.

It took two games to provide the answer as the teams finished level on the first day. Moneygall weathered different types of storms on the first day but provided the goods in the replay to win by two points. Both games, played in windy conditions, were of an excellent standard.

Unfortunately, because I write this so early in November, I am unable to touch on Moneygall's progress in the county.

#### **Junior Hurling**

Fourteen teams participated in the "A" league and championship while seven clubs battled it out in the "B" section. The Junior league was played on a "home and away" system and proved popular. Twenty-three games were played before a winner finally emerged and then it was only after a replay. Ballina and Ballinahinch





**SILVERMINES – WINNERS OF THE NORTH TIPP MINOR HURLING (B) 1991 (NEALON TROPHY)**

who regularly amalgamate at under-age level under the name 'Seán Treacys' reached the final. It took 120 minutes of hard competitive hurling before Ballina were declared winners.

The championship was equally competitive and took almost as many games as the league to decide on a champion. Reigning champions Ballina once again reached the final only to find themselves facing Toomevara, a team they met in the 1990 decider.

For Ballina it was a question of winning the elusive league and championship double. For Toomevara, could they do the Senior/Junior double. The "Greyhounds" had six points to spare to bring the trophy back to Toomevara for the first time since 1958. Ballina found themselves sharing the same boat as Éire Óg and Silvermines who had won the League (Senior and Intermediate respectively) but failed in the championship final.

The Junior "B" championship retained the great flair and interest of the previous year. Burgess, appearing in their third consecutive final, faced Éire Óg. Played in Ballina, it was a most competitive game and for Burgess it was "third time lucky" as they defeated Nenagh by two points.

#### Under-21 Hurling

This grade continues to be one of the most difficult to complete as almost all

players on an Under-21 team are also involved in all other grades from Minor to Senior. In the "A" competition we witnessed two great semi-finals.

Erin's Hope and Roscrea defeated Éire Óg and Toomevara respectively. Unfortunately, they weren't played until the last week-end in October and by then the weather had deteriorated. In the final, Erin's Hope, a combination of Borrisokane and Knocksegowna, defeated Roscrea.

In the "B" championship Lorrha reached the final via the losers' group, and with a semi-final victory over Portroe. There was a delay in the other half of the draw as Moneygall and Silvermines had to play twice before a finalist emerged. The same two clubs also met twice to decide the outcome of the Intermediate championship. Eventually, Moneygall got through. The Lorrha v. Moneygall final has yet to be decided.

#### Minor Hurling

The "A" competition was played on a league basis with the teams divided into two groups. Toomevara and Erin's Hope emerged from Group I but were beaten in the semi-finals by Moneygall and Éire Óg respectively. Éire Óg, who were seeking the 16th title for their parish were installed as favourites.

Moneygall, seeking their first, failed to

raise their game and were heavily defeated. Éire Óg later qualified for the County Final where they had a resounding victory over Knockavilla Kickhams.

The "B" competition was also run on a league basis with the nine competing teams divided into two groups. Silvermines and Kildangan emerged from Group I and in their semi-finals defeated Borrisoleigh and Newport respectively.

The final was well contested but marred by heavy wind conditions. The 'Mines adapted to the wind conditions better than their opponents, especially in the second half and held on to win by a single point. In the county semi-final Silvermines lost to Boherlahan in Templederry.

#### FOOTBALL

##### Senior Football

The last competition to be completed by the Board in 1990 was the first to be decided in 1991. Éire Óg and Newport qualified to meet each other in the final for the third year in succession. There was keen rivalry between the camps with a victory each to their credit after their two previous meetings. After a keenly contested game Éire Óg emerged victorious with two points to spare.

##### Intermediate Football

Seven clubs participated in this knock-out championship. The finalists were



**BURGESS – NORTH TIPP MINOR FOOTBALL (B) CHAMPIONS 1991**

*Back row – David Tucker, Eugene O'Brien, Seamus Collins, Aidan O'Leary, Seamus Slattery, John Ryan (capt.), Padraig Hogan and Patrick Slattery. Front row – Aidan McGrath, James McDonnell, Patrick Cooney, Darren Meaney, John McKenna, Conor Fitzgerald and Shane Ryan.*



**BURGESS, NORTH TIPP J.H. (B) CHAMPIONS 1991**

*Back row – John Maher, Patrick Cooney, Ger Slattery, Dermot Flaherty, Joe Sherlock, Michael Griffin, Ger Mulcahy and John Hogan. Front row – David Tucker, Kieran Hogan, John Ryan, Shane Ryan, P. J. Corrigan, Dermot Hogan and Hugh Ryan.*



Borrisokane and Shannon Rovers.

To reach the final, Borrisokane with no less a personality than Seamus Darby in their line-up, had a one point victory over 1990 County Junior champions Kildangan.

Shannon Rovers easily accounted for Kilruane. In an exciting final Borrisokane had a narrow victory over their neighbours after which the local press carried the headline: "Darby's Day in Derby Decider".

### Junior Football

Progress is slow in Junior Football and is not helped by the fact that the remaining clubs are also involved in the latter stages of other competitions at divisional and county level.

### Under-21 Football

Inane Rovers reached the final of the "A" section and at time of writing are awaiting the outcome of the Éire Óg v. Erin's Hope clash. In the "B" championship Portroe qualified for the final and at this time of writing do not know their immediate opponents. Burgess are in the semi-final and await the result of the Silvermines v. Shannon Rovers game.

### Minor Football

Reigning county champions Éire Óg retained their divisional "A" title with a one-point win over Newport. They had earlier defeated Erin's Hope by two points in the semi-final. Since retaining their divisional title Éire Óg defeated Holycross in a replayed county semi-final. They failed against Arravale Rovers in the final.

The "B" competition produced some fine games, particularly at semi-final level. The final itself was a one-sided affair with Burgess easily accounting for a depleted Toomevara team.

Burgess proceeded to the county final with a well-merited four-point victory over Thurles Kickhams but in the final against Rosegreen they were well beaten.

We have played almost 200 games to date and about another 12 games should compete the season's total. Many thanks to all the people who helped in any way with the promotion of the games and ideals of the G.A.A. in the last year.

## CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

Senior Hurling Championship				Played in	Referee
Toomevara	0-12	Éire Óg	0-12	Cloughjordan	M. Cahill
Toomevara	2-11	Éire Óg	2-07	Cloughjordan	M. Cahill
Senior Hurling League					
Éire Óg	2-12	Borrisokane	0-13	Cloughjordan	M. Cahill
Intermediate Hurling Championship					
Moneygall	2-10	Silvermines	2-10	Nenagh	J. McDonnell
Moneygall	2-11	Silvermines	2-06	Nenagh	J. McDonnell
Intermediate Hurling League					
Silvermines	1-07	Kildangan	0-08	Toomevara	M. Lenihan
Junior Hurling "A"					
Toomevara	3-10	Ballina	3-04	Nenagh	G. Hayes
Junior Hurling "B"					
Burgess	1-06	Éire Óg	1-04	Ballina	P.J. Kelly
Junior Hurling League					
Ballina	1-06	Ballinahinch	1-06	Newport	T. Gleeson
Ballina	3-05	Ballinahinch	1-07	Newport	T. Gleeson
Under-21 Hurling "A"					
Erin's Hope	4-06	Roscrea	1-11	Cloughjordan	T.F. Stapleton
Under-21 Hurling "B"					
Moneygall v. Lorrha					
Minor Hurling "A"					
Éire Óg	1-12	Moneygall	0-01	Cloughjordan	M. Lenihan
Minor Hurling "B"					
Silvermines	3-06	Kildangan	2-08	Cloughjordan	M. Darcy
Senior Football					
Éire Óg	2-9	Newport	2-07	Ballina	M. Lenihan
Intermediate Football					
Borrisokane	2-04	S. Rovers	0-06	Nenagh	Mn Healy
Junior Football					
Inane R./Éire Óg/Moneygall v. Silvermines/Borrisoleigh					
Under-21 Football "A"					
Inane Rovers v. Éire Óg or Erin's Hope					
Under-21 Football "B"					
Portroe v. Burgess/Silvermines/S. Rovers					
Minor Football "A"					
Éire Óg	0-13	Newport	2-06	Ballina	M. Maunsell
Minor Football "B"					
Burgess	1-11	Toomevara	0-02	Nenagh	B. O'Reilly

## North Tipp Scór na nÓg

Rince Fóirne:	Éire Óg, Nenagh
Aithriseoireacht:	Catherine Moloney (Kildangan)
Amhrán Aonair:	Ann Ryan
Nuachleas:	Portroe
Tráth na gCeist:	Burgess
Ceol Uirlise:	Lorrha
Bailéad Ghriúpa:	Portroe
Rince Set:	Kildangan

## Scór na Sinsear 1991

### NORTH TIPP WINNERS

Rince Fóirne:	Burgess
Aithriseoireacht:	Lily O'Grady (Newport)
Amhrán Aonair:	Joe Lawlor (Portroe)
Nuachleas:	Portroe
Tráth na gCeist:	Portroe
Ceol Uirlise:	Burgess
Bailéad Ghriúpa:	Newport
Rince Set:	Éire Óg, Nenagh



**MONEYGALL INTERMEDIATE HURLING TEAM - North Tipp. Champions 1991**

Back row - Neil Maher, Johnny Kirwan, Tom Delaney, Kevin Maher, Mick Maher, Jim Hoolan, Eddie Brereton, Kevin Collison, John Gleeson, Eamon Toobey, Fintan Harney, Jimmy Kirwan, Donagh Hoolan, Eugene Ryan. Front row - John Maher, Declan Ryan, John Dughan, Brian O'Dwyer, Jim Guilfoyle (capt.), John Kenny, Noel Ryan, John Costigan, Eamon Troy, Jimmy O'Dwyer, Michael O'Dwyer, Michael Larkin, John Donovan.



# "The Dunnes of Gurtagarry"

By John Costigan

**T**he achievements of the Dunne family during the 1991 hurling season surely creates a record that will be very difficult to emulate. This hurling orientated family of Tony and Teresa Dunne consists of five boys and one girl, Triona, the youngest of the clan.

Over the past number of years these youngsters' influence on the juvenile scene in Toomevara has been noteworthy but surely this season they have taken the hurling scene by storm and not to be outdone the "old man, Tony" has joined the honours list for after campaigning for more years than I am sure he wishes to remember he added a cherished North Tipperary Senior Hurling medal to the family collection of trophies.

The father, now in the twilight of his hurling career, has been one of the stalwarts of Toomevara hurling for years, a hard man whose determination and love of the game has kept him going over the years when it would have been much easier to opt out and enjoy a spectator role. His trophies, I am sure, would not fill any sideboard except for a few North Tipperary Intermediate medals and a County Intermediate title won in the eighties, he has little else in silverware to show for his endeavours. This year he achieved his greatest honour, when after twenty-nine years the "Greyhounds" at last regained the North Tipperary Senior title. When interviewed after the game one could sense that while the medal in itself would be cherished, the fact that his beloved Toomevara had turned the corner and established a platform from which the outstanding pool of young talent in the parish could build upon and restore the "Greyhounds" to their once premier position in Tipperary hurling circles, was more of his concern, surely the hallmark of an outstanding clubman.

Undoubtedly, the highest profile member of the Dunne family is Tom. We here in Our Lady's Secondary School are deeply indebted to him as he arrived on the school hurling scene during a period that the school standards had dropped from the halycon days of the seventies and early eighties. His sheer hurling skill and his commitment gave an overall lift to the boys around him and he played a leading role in the school's Rice Cup winning year in 1989. He followed up in 1990 leading the school to the Kinnane Cup a Munster (U-16½) title. Despite his best efforts that year the school lost the Munster Senior (B) final to Scariff who subsequently went on to All-Ireland honours. This year Tom



*The Dunne family, Toomevara with trophies won in 1991. Front row (l. to r.) Barry, Triona, Mrs. Teresa Dunne, Brian and Ken. Back row (l. to r.) Terry Dunne, Tony Dunne and Tom Dunne.*

was a valued member of the Tipperary minor team and played a leading role in the teams progress to the All-Ireland final. The final was a game that he will want to forget as he failed to do himself justice. Whether it was the occasion or loss of form – the silken skills that we had come to expect were missing. But anyone familiar with All-Ireland finals will be quick to accept that he was not the first or will not be the last player that All-Ireland day can prove a nightmare. When speaking to Jimmy Barry Murphy a few weeks after the final he mentioned to me how in 1971 he was substituted in a minor hurling final and he mentioned how on leaving Croke Park that evening the thought crossed his mind if he ever would grace that famous arena again. History verifies that he returned there in 1973 with the Cork Senior footballers and scored 2-2 in his teams defeat of Galway. He likewise with Cork hurlers returned and played a leading role in winning four All-Ireland senior hurling medals, his fifth being won in the centenary final at Semple Stadium.

Young Dunne, rather than letting the memory of that minor final get to him, bounced back very quickly and though eligible for minor again next year played a leading role in Toomevara's capturing the North Tipperary Senior hurling title.

Immaterial of what way it ends I have no doubts but that this young boy is a

"man" for the future and will undoubtedly wear the famous Blue and Gold with distinction in Croke Park on many occasions during the nineties.

The second member of the Dunne family, Terry, captured a Munster (U-16½) medal with Our Lady's Secondary School in 1991 and also won his North medal with the Toomevara junior hurling team who this year won the elusive title the evening before the senior final. Such was Terry's display on that evening, he was added to the senior panel and as a result added a senior medal to his collection, even though he is a mere sixteen years.

Ken Dunne, though not displaying the same physical strength of his older brothers, not alone has the same skill but has arguably better. Ken was a member of the Toomevara team that captured the North and County Under-14 Rural Hurling Championship. In the early summer, as a member of Our Lady's, Templemore, Rice Cup team, he narrowly failed to capture that elusive medal when the Mid-Tipp school had to give best to the Paddy Kelly coached Abbey C.B.S. team.

The two younger boys in the Dunne family ensured that all the glory of the year was not entrusted on the older brothers and the dad, when they played leading roles in Toomevara's victory in the North and County (U-12) hurling



championship. In actual fact that winning team was captained by Barry Dunne from wing back while his younger brother Brian occupied the other wing back position. You can see from that there is a nice balance of backs and forwards in the Dunne clan.

But for the fact that their pride and joy, Triona, has not yet reached the caman wielding stage I am sure she would be figuring in some camogie combination.

From my knowledge, hurling is a religion to this fine family and whether the boys involvement is in Croke Park, McDonagh Park or the local G.A.A. Park, each game is a family occasion where Tony, Teresa and the entire family travel in strength to lend their support and encouragement and while this situation prevails the ancient game of hurling and the prime position of that great association of ours need have very little to worry

about.

As I pen these few words and bearing in mind Toomevara's involvement in the concluding stages of the Junior hurling championships the above records can be improved upon but immaterial of the outcome I doubt if the annals of the G.A.A. in our county can produce evidence to surpass these unique achievements.



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**A**S County champions now in 1991, Eire Óg have finally won the trophy which the club has been seeking for the last 3 years.

This year's team was a young team. Twenty one of a panel are still under-age for 1992. The panel of players was basically the team that won last year's County Under-16 Championship.

The panel came together in early March to start preparing for the championship. The first game was against Moneygall. After a reasonable performance, Eire Óg emerged victorious by six points. The highlight of the game was the performance of captain and centre-back Fergal Hynes.

In the second game of the championship against Burgess, the team was shocked by a fit and hungry Burgess outfit. Beaten by one point, left them in the position of having to beat Kilruane in the last group game to qualify for a play-off for a semi-final place.

Following the Summer exams the panel really got down to the task on hand. Kilruane were defeated easily, the star of this game, being Robbie Tomlinson with a personal tally of 3 goals 8 points.

Playing off for semi-final spot was against Burgess, a game which was played in Kilcoleman. After a good close game, Eire Óg qualified for the semi-final, winning by four points 0-11 to 0-7.

The semi-final, played in Cloughjordan on the third week of September, was the match Eire Óg had awaited for twelve months. Beaten in the North Final in 1990, by Erin's Hope, Eire Óg could not allow another defeat, by this team again. After a low scoring first half Eire Óg were leading by one point at half time, thanks mainly to a Kevin Tucker goal in the 20th minute.

The second half started at a furious pace. Brendan Shanahan goalied after four

# Eire Óg regain The Sean Treacy Cup

minutes, and further points by Shanahan and Tomlinson extended Eire Óg's lead to six points after 10 minutes. Erin's Hope came back, scoring a goal midway through the half, thus bringing them, back into the game. With seven minutes left, and the score level, Eire Óg introduced sub. John Manley. With his first touch, he sent a ground shot to the net from 20 yards. This was the vital score. Eire Óg held on to win on the scoreline of 3-9 to 2-9.

In the North Final, which was on October 1 against Moneygall, the team had a rather easy victory. Eire Óg, winning the toss, played with a very strong wind in the first half, and scored 1-9. Moneygall failed to score in that half. Three second half points, coupled with some fine defensive play by David Creamer, Frank McGrath and Shane Connolly, saw Eire Óg victorious, and through to the county-semi finals, against a Mid-Tipperary team.

The panel waited three weeks for this game which was against Holycross, last year's county finalists. The game was played in Templederry on October 20. This Holycross team won the County Under-16 championship two years ago and were firm favourites to reach the final.

Eire Óg played with a slight wind in the first half. The team started slowly and Holycross looked very dangerous early on, and scored the first goal of the game after 9 minutes. Eire Óg settled, and approaching half-time a ground shot from Declan O'Meara ended in the Holycross net, leaving the score at the break, Eire Óg 1-6, Holycross 1-2.

In the second half, Holycross, just could not break down a stubborn Eire Óg defence. Declan O'Meara scored a second goal ensuring victory and qualifying for our second County Final in three years. Final score - Eire Óg 2-9, Holycross 1-7.



EIRE ÓG - COUNTY MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONS 1991

Back Row: Merrym Scanlon, David Creamer, Declan O'Meara, Kevin Coonan, Christy McLoughlin, Robbie Tomlinson, David McAuliffe, Frank McGrath. Front Row: Padraic O'Kennedy, Shane Connolly, Rory Flannery, Brendan Shanahan, Fergal Hynes, John Tucker, Kevin Tucker.



# BALLINGARRY JUVENILE G.A.A.

The County Final was against West champions, Knockavilla, played in Thurles on November 10. Again team captain Fergal Hynes, won the toss and played with the wind. Again similar to the semi-final, the team took most of the first half to settle. Goals before half time by Brendan Shanahan and Declan O'Meara left the half time score at Eire Óg 2-3, Knockavilla 0-3.

The question being asked was, had the team the character to hold off Knockavilla in the second half? The answer came quickly. Declan O'Meara goaled again, his fifth in three games. Padraig O'Kennedy and Robbie Tomlinson added points. The title was on its way to Nenagh. Knockavilla made a big effort late in the game, but again the defence was outstanding.

Goalkeeper Christy McLoughlin was in great form, blocking shots for goals, and bringing down a number of shots which were going over the bar. His display won him the hearts of the crowd. Also in the final stages, cornerbacks Rory Flannery and David McAuliffe proved their worth with tremendous displays. At midfield, throughout the game, John Tucker and Mervyn Scanlon supplied the forwards with quality ball which at all times gave them the advantage over the Knockavilla backs. A positional switch approaching half time, bringing Kevin Coonan to the half-forward helped in a big way. Kevin travelled the field in the second half helping both at midfield, and also the halfback line. Final score: Eire Óg 4-10, Knockavilla 0-5.

After the game, captain Fergal Hynes, received the Sean Treacy Cup from Archbishop Clifford. This was Eire Óg's fourth time to win the trophy, winning it first in 1969, and also 1977 and 1978.

Through the year the team improved with every game. But the team is only as good as the panel it is drawn from. All our subs with the exception of one member, Declan Callanan are under age for next year. I am sure the remaining players, John Manley, Liam Walsh, Liam O'Gara, Michael Loughnane, John Guest, Frank Shanahan, David Sheahan, John Burns, Jim McAuliffe, Eddie Guerin, Declan Daly will be all seen next year.

Instilling belief and the will to win into such a young team must have been a problem. Manager of this year's panel, Sean Minogue picked as selectors John Tucker and P. J. Maxwell. Together all three did a wonderful job. After the club's great run in this year's North and Co. Snr. Championship, with the back-up from this bunch of accomplished young hurlers, the club has a rich view of talent to choose from, with the proper approach and hard work it is a matter of just a short time, before Eire Óg start annexing some major hurling titles. Liam Heffernan and his fellow mentors have already blooded two of them on the senior team, Robbie Tomlinson and Fergal Hynes with heartening success, proving to their young team mates that it is just a short step from minor to senior grade.

BALLINGARRY Juveniles enjoyed another successful season at under-age. For the third year running, the U-12 'A' hurling team, captained by William Maher, contested the South Final, but were beaten by the narrowest of margins by Cahir. For the first time in many years, they also played in the 'A' championship in the Under-12 Football having won the 'B' Competition in 1990. Having taken the 'scalps' of Clonmel Óg, Fethard and Clonmel Commercial in the preliminary rounds, they were eventually beaten by Ardinnan in the semi-final.

Much was expected of the U-14 hurling team as the same panel had contested the U-12 County Final two years previously. They realised their potential earlier in the season by reaching the semi-final (Section A) of the 21st Feile-na-Gael in Thurles against Na Piarraig (Cork), eventual winners of the Competition. In doing this, they became the first team from the South Division to advance this far in the history of the competition. A sudden lapse of form however saw them lose the rural

hurling to Cahir, but they recovered magnificently by comprehensively beating the same opposition in the South final of the Urban/Rural Competition.

From a starting line-up of 32 teams from five counties, Ballingarry U-13 hurlers reached the final of the Lisdowney 7-a-side tournament. However, after a magnificent run, they were narrowly beaten in the final, but further consolation came their way with the presentation of lovely runners-up plaques and Noel Burke winning the "Man of the Tournament" Award.

At U-16 hurling they were again in the 'A' competition after winning 'B' in 1990. They won four out of six of their games and met Mullinahone in the semi-final, who narrowly beat them.

Special thanks is due to Jimmy Maher and Jamsie Ivors at U-16, John Dalton, Ray Cashin and John Cahill at U-14 and Martin Maher and Murt Duggan at U-12 and to the chairman, James Murray and to all our other helpers.



**BALLINGARRY U-12 'A' HURLING SOUTH FINALISTS 1991**

Front Row (left to right): B. Moloney, A. Cleere, D. Norton, E. O'Brien, J. Ivors, G. Ivors, S. Brennan (St. Mary's), S. Brennan (Farranrory), J. Donovan, J. P. Cashin, P. Hayes. Back Row (left to right): E. Maher, W. Maher (Capt.), M. Ryan, J. Cleere, P. Molloy, T. Norton, E. Moloney, M. Morris, D. Shelly, N. Kelly, B. O'Brien.



**BALLINGARRY U-14 SOUTH TIPP. URBAN/RURAL CHAMPIONS**

Back Row (left to right): J. Dalton (selector), W. Maher, L. Croke, S. Kealy, J. Cahill (selector), N. Bourke, S. McGrath, M. Goldsboro, K. Brennan, B. Walton, A. O'Shea, M. Morris, W. Cleere, L. Cahill (Capt.), R. Cushin (selector), P. Lawlor, P. Walsh, F. Morrissey, J. Hayden, P. Moloney, J. Murphy (chairman Juvenile Club). Front Row (left to right): T. McGrath, S. O'Brien, J. Dunne, B. Quigley, N. Cleere, G. Ivors, L. Kelly, S. Meagher, W. Brewer, E. Meagher, P. Donovan. Missing - Michael McGrath, Sean Brennan, Donal Shelly.



# Watching is as tiring as playing

By: NORMAN FREEMAN

"DID you enjoy the All-Ireland?"  
"I haven't recovered from it yet".  
"I thought you were neutral".  
"It's worse when you're neutral — you end up shouting for both sides and it takes twice as much out of you".  
"You're voice is hoarse, right enough".  
"Don't talk to me — I nearly had to be carried out of Croke Park".

**W**ATCHING the All-Ireland can be almost as great a strain on stamina as actually playing in it. Its easy to get swept up in the frenzied tussles, the fierce competitiveness, the display of skills, and to become physically and emotionally drained when the final whistle sounds.

Each puck-out stokes flames of excitement amongst the watchers. The roar rises into the air like a huge flock of starlings suddenly taking flight. The small white ball, rocketing upwards from the powerful puck of the goalkeepers hurley, is followed by thousands of squinting eyes and the television cameras. The ball reaches the highest point of its journey, with the packed stands as background, and begins to slide downwards.

On the field of play a knot of players forms in the place where the ball will drop, shouldering for position, jaws tight with concentration and determination. As the ball finally comes down a pyramid of arms and hurleys rise to meet it. The ball ricochets off several hurleys and then zips goalwards at seventy miles an hour.

It's not easy to be coolly clinical about a good game of hurling, especially when it's the All-Ireland. The tiered masses of spectators, the deafening cheers of supports, the quivering of a thousand flags when a score is made all seem to shimmer the air above the field of play. The rivals racing to the ball, legs a blur of speed, sinews straining, the quick split-second strokes, the ball bulleting away, the clash of shoulders and hurleys — you get caught up in the excitement of it all without noticing it, you're voice getting hoarser and your face reddening.

This rip-roaring event raises the heart-beat and the blood level of even the most comatose soul. The cleanly struck ball, right off the sweet spot of the hurley, which relieves the defence or soars from way outfield between the uprights for a point; the intricate ball juggling at full speed; the sideline cut which curves elegantly into the air and travels fifty metres or more — these are only some of the many delights of the game. You can become so immersed in the movement and skill that calm observation is hard to maintain.

"Who got that goal?"

"I didn't rightly see myself. I think it



*Declan Carr with Kilkenny players in hot pursuit in the All-Ireland senior hurling final.*

was that sub".

"What sub?"

"No 19, there".

"When did he come on? Who went off?"

"I'm not rightly sure".

You are afraid to look up the programme for if you do, you may well miss the most marvellous piece of artistry or the game's most vital score. In the excitement programmes have a habit of falling to the concrete ground and you have to wait for a hold-up in play to risk searching for them.

I know an embittered man who missed one of Christy Ring's most stupendous goals in the Munster Final of 1956. A robust lady, hauling a breaking wickerwork basket full of chocolate bars and apples, got in his line of vision just as Ring got to the ball. By the time her broad frame had been ungallantly pushed out of the way, the spectators on either side were marvelling at the ingenuity and artistry with which Ring had scored.

Another infliction which can dog the unwary spectator is to find himself amongst people who know little about the complexities and intricacies of this game of a hundred skills. This can happen near the most select seats of the Hogan Stand on All-Ireland day. The true follower wants to be able to exchange nudges and exclamations at a fine touch of skill, to compare explanations of how the game is going, to have someone beside him who can really share his joy.

Such knowledgeable onlookers are not so easily come by at random but when it happens it adds immensely to the occasion. I once found myself sitting

beside the renowned Kilkenny forward, Jimmy Langton, at a game and it was a revelation. He could read the game like a book.

"That's a good ball", he said almost as soon as the sliotar left the stick and when it landed at the feet of a colleague running into position I knew what he meant.

"That fellow is tiring now, has played himself out", he said pointing out a player whom I'd hardly noticed. Sure enough, not long afterwards the player was substituted. "Watch your man edging out to the corner", ten seconds later the player had collected the ball. The angle seemed daunting from where we sat. "Oh he'll point this all right", said the Kilkenny man and the next thing the ball was drifting towards the upright and curved in to cross the bar.

When you watch a game sitting beside someone like Jimmy Langton you realise that for some people hurling is not just a game, but a way of life. They are at hurling matches week-in, week-out; on grey winter days when sleet slants across the pitch and the few spectators huddle together under a sodden wall; on blustery March afternoons when the wind blows the ball way off course or it plops into the mud around the goalmouth.

These are the men who have walked fields, eyeing the graceful ash trees which rustle in the breeze.

"That hurley came from a lovely tree which grew on its own down at the end of a big field. I was sad when it was cut down, but it made eight great hurleys", such a man once said in my hearing".

The intermittent drone of a saw-mill cutting lengths, the smell of fresh ash, the



curled shavings falling to the ground as the stick is minutely shaped and balanced – this has been – and still is – part of the existence of these scarred veterans.

When you sit beside one of them you feel the great love and respect they have for hurling and for those who play it well. They want their own side to win but they are never unfair to the opposition, are quick to praise good ball-control, clever play or sound tackling by players from the other side.

Amongst the spectators on All-Ireland day are men who were once implacable opponents on the field of play, neither giving nor expecting an inch from one

another. Beneath the stands, outside the tea counters and shops, they greet one another warmly in the intervals between the minor and senior games, shaking hands, exchanging banter. They are bonded together by the memory of torrid clashes, skills, memorable moments of victory or defeat. Their respect for one another is like a warm blow. The men of scarred knuckles are part of a camaraderie which transcends county boundaries and age.

Young or old, the spectators at the All-Ireland can be exhausted and dishevelled when the final whistle blows. Unknownst to themselves they have been leaning

forward, straining shoulders, neck muscles and eyes, and a slight headache is a common result.

"I bit off the end of my pipe and spilled a tin of Coca Cola all over my clothes when that second half goal came".

The tired followers shuffling out of Croke Park are sometimes so drained that they have little to say. The excitement is subsiding slowly. No matter how good the game there is a small thread of sadness winding through their minds. The All-Ireland marks the end of the big-time hurling matches for another year and the yellowing evening sky has a hint of shorter, colder days ahead.



*A great achievement for a small rural club in West Tipperary – Éire Óg/Annacarty, having an All-Ireland hurling medal in every grade – (left to right): T. J. Ryan (L), All-Ireland Intermediate Hurling Medal (1963); Seamus Fox, All-Ireland Junior Hurling Medal (1989); Michael Ryan, All-Ireland Minor Hurling Medal (1947); Pat Fox, All-Ireland Senior Hurling Medal (1989, 1991); All-Ireland U-21 Hurling Medals, 1979, 1980, 1981; Denis Tuohy, President of West Board and founder member of the Éire Óg club.*



*The Tipperary contingent at the Bank of Ireland All-Stars presentation pictured with Tipperary All-Star hurlers Noel Sheehy and Michael Cleary.*



# Tipperary G.A.A. Yearbook comes of age

By Seamus J. King

**T**he 1991 Yearbook was the twenty-first edition of the publication to reach the public. Twenty of these have been produced by committees of the County Board. The exception was the 1978 edition which was produced by a commercial company for the County Board. The production evoked so much criticism that this method wasn't tried again.

The first Yearbook appeared in 1970. Prior to that two editions of a commercial production came out in the 1960's. The 1970 Yearbook covered the events of that year and the same was the case for the 1971 Yearbook.

The third edition was called the 1973 Yearbook and that has been the practice since then with the Yearbook recording the events of the previous year. The exception of this practice was in 1984. The 1984 Yearbook covered the events of 1983.

When it came to the production of the Centenary Year book the committee decided it couldn't very well be called the 1985 Yearbook and called it the Centenary Yearbook. So, if you are a collector there are no 1972 and 1985 Yearbooks.

On the matter of collection, to be the owner of all twenty-one editions would be to have a very fine collection indeed. I know of three people with such a collection and if there are more they should cherish and mind the same.



TO MARK THE 21st ANNIVERSARY OF TIPPERARY G.A.A. YARBOOK PRESENTATIONS WERE MADE IN RECOGNITION OF SERVICES RENDERED  
Back row (l. to r.) Noel Morris, Mick McCarthy, Liam O'Donoghue. Front row (l. to r.) John O'Grady, Mick McGuire, Seamus O'Riain, Most Rev. Dr. Clifford, Martin O'Connor, Gerry Slevin.

## First Editor

The first editor was Gerry Slevin of Borrisokane, then reporting Gaelic games for the "Guardian" and now the editor of that newspaper. The first edition cost 5/- or 25p. and had eighty-four pages. The 1991 Yearbook contained 184 pages and cost £4.

Gerry Slevin continued to edit the Yearbook up to and including 1977 when he moved to the "Clare Champion".

There was a problem with the 1978 edition and it was eventually produced commercially.

As a result of the outcry against the 1978 edition the County Board set up a proper Yearbook Committee under the chairmanship of Seamus O'Riain and secretary, Martin O'Connor. (Seamus O'Riain had been the inspiration behind the first Yearbook, having been county chairman at that time). The joint editors were Bill O'Donnell (Divot) and John O'Grady (Culbáire). The remainder of the committee included present county chairmen, Mick McGuire, Patrick Mullins, Seamus Leahy and Patrick McLoughlin. The set-up established in that year has remained essentially the same to the present.

## Printing

The first seven editions of the Yearbook were printed by the "Guardian" newspaper. The 1978 edition was printed in Dublin. Under the new Yearbook Committee the "Limerick Leader" did the printing in 1979 and 1980. There was a move to the Wellbrook Press, Freshford in 1981 and they printed the book until 1986. The latter year saw the first introduction of colour. There was a move to the "Kilkenny People" in 1987, when the Yearbook calendar made its first appearance, and the printing has been done there since.

## A Record

In his forward to the first edition, county chairman, Seamus O'Riain stated



THE FIRST TIPPERARY YEARBOOK IS LAUNCHED

Photo shows: Gerry Slevin (editor), Michael Moylan, Seamus O'Riain, Co. Chairman, and Tomás Ó Baróid, Co. Secretary.



the aim of the Yearbook as follows: "In these pages we try to recall to our readers the highlights of the G.A.A. year in Tipperary". That aim remains essentially the same to this day. What the years have seen has been a more extensive coverage of these highlights. Many readers will recall the saturation coverage given to the All-Ireland victory in the 1990 edition.

The coverage has also been extended to handball, camogie and Scór. It would be true to say that the Yearbook today is very much a comprehensive record of everything that took place in the county during the year. So much is done every year to improve the comprehensiveness of the production. The results section will be a valuable source of information for future historians. Another section that has grown in latter years is the obituary notices. In the 1991 edition there were no less than 27 entries.

#### Special articles

Results and accounts of matches can be boring. Another aim of the committee is to include special articles on G.A.A. history and personalities from the past. In the 1991 edition there were articles on Jimmy Kennedy, the Walls of Carrick and two historical pieces on the election of



*Liam Ó Donnchú, Tipperary Yearbook Secretary, accepts the McNamee Award on behalf of the Yearbook Committee, from G.A.A. President John Dowling. This All-Ireland Communications Award was won by the committee in 1988.*

Paddy O'Keeffe as Secretary of the G.A.A. in 1929 and on Emly men in Hayes's Hotel at the 1884 meeting. Such articles extend the appeal of the Yearbook and give it an extra value.

#### Photographs

There is one aspect of the Yearbook that has improved out of all ends – the

photographic coverage. The first edition in 1970 had twenty-four pictures in all, less than camogie alone received in the 1991 edition. The latter Yearbook has nearly 350 pictures, surely an incredible number. Whereas many of them are formal poses of teams, quite a number are delightfully informal. On page seven there is one of the three selectors, Donie, Babs and John O'Donoghue, staring at something with their mouths open. There's another of Nicky English and Fr. Mick O'Brien after the Munster final with Nicky very much in need of a tan. There's a great one of the Senator on page fifteen and one of a very perplexed senior football team on page twenty-five, and who would blame them!

Finally, there's Sean O'Driscoll, that inimitable collector of G.A.A. bric a brac, who has been giving us bits from his collection for the past few years. He gives a decade by decade view of things G.A.A. For instance he tells us in the 1991 edition that the crossbar was lowered from ten feet to eight and throwing the hurley was made illegal in 1901.

Overall, an emporium for the G.A.A. enthusiast, a collection of records for the future historian and a very healthy publication going on twenty two years old.

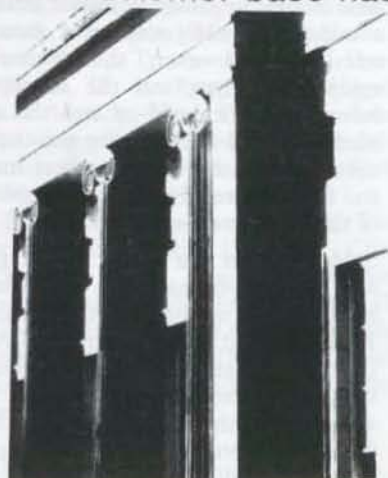
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# Put them under pressure?

Denis Floyd (Youth Officer)

**F**OLLOWING are a number of regularly-heard quotes from people entrusted with the responsibility of catering for teams or developing various aspects of our games. You can judge for yourself the impact they can have, their effect on impressionable young minds and the positive or negative influence brought to bear on games promotion.

- (1) "Get stuck in there and show 'em what you're made of".
- (2) "Your father and your brothers were all great players, so you'd better not let us down".
- (3) "He's a fine strong lad for 14. He'll have no bother holding his own on the minor team".
- (4) "You're marking their best player and you've got to do whatever is necessary to make sure he doesn't beat us".
- (5) "We have to win this match at all costs".
- (6) "Nobody will remember you when you lose".
- (7) "Adopt whatever tactics you can get away with".
- (8) "Let's organise another competition to promote the game there".
- (9) "Bring in a coach to help us win the championship".
- (10) "This is the way I want the game played and anyone who can't conform is out".
- (11) "We'll put up a set of medals . . ."
- (12) "Ah, sure, we'll enter a team in all competitions".
- (13) "Get 'em into the field, throw in a ball and let them hurl away".
- (14) "Coaching is only for beginners".
- (15) "We haven't time for coaching; we have to get fit first".
- (16) "We had no coaches in our day . . ."

The list could go on and on. Does it give a convincing picture of planning, organisation, promoting participation for enjoyment sake, creating a love of Gaelic games, developing positive and wholesome attitudes among our young people, etc.?

Applying pressure might work for professionals or adults who can cope, but for growing and adolescent minds, pressure, competition, offering rewards can have many adverse effects. Are we to allow the dreams of short-term gain cloud our visions of reality and destroy our future. Why not let our maxim be:

"It's only a game. Do your best and enjoy".



Down captain Paddy O'Rourke and his mother, Margaret (nee Kenneally from Newport) with the Sam Maguire Cup.



Christy Heffernan gets a helping hand from Bobby Ryan during the All-Ireland senior hurling final.

# The Newport-Down Connection

Denis Floyd

When Down took the Sam Maguire Cup across the Border on the third Sunday of September '91, there was a certain sense of elation felt by many Newport people. Captain of the Down team was Paddy O'Rourke, whose mother is a native of Derryleigh, Newport.

Daughter of Thomas and Mary Kenneally, Margaret was one of a family of seven, six girls and one boy. As a young girl she worked in Daisyhill Hospital, Newry, where she met and married Phil O'Rourke (who died in 1975) of Burren, near Warrenpoint. Their marriage bore fifteen children, eight girls and seven boys.

Paddy was the only member of the family who took a real interest in football. A long and distinguished career has seen him win county, Ulster and All-Ireland medals with his native Burren. His direct, no-nonsense, uncompromising style has earned him the respect of friend and foe alike and it was this which Down manager Pete McGrath recognised as a vital ingredient when nominating Paddy to be the anchor-man of his county's defence and the "father-figure" who would lead and get the best from an emerging, youthful but talented Down senior football team.

Paddy's crowning glory and life-long ambition came in 1991 when he raised "Sam" aloft on the Hogan Stand in Croke Park.

Oddly enough, Paddy's mother has little interest in games, has never attended a match and rarely watches a game on television. However, she thoroughly enjoyed the hype and the atmosphere surrounding the build-up and the aftermath of the '91 triumph. She grew up in a strong Gaelic environment where hurling and football were the enthusiastic pursuits of the young men of Newport.

Her brother Pat was a stylish player with Newport teams in the 'Fifties before he emigrated to the U.S.A. Her sisters, Bridie (married to Tom Coy) and Agnes (married to Gerry Donnelly), also crossed the Atlantic to take up abode. A third sister is a member of the Sisters of Charity in Ealing, London. The remaining two sisters married locally - Mary to Tom Haskett in Killaloe and Noreen to Tom O'Gorman, Newport, whose son Noel wore the Tipperary jersey with distinction.



# Cumann na mBunscol

## (Coiste Thiobráid Árann)

### Going from Strength to Strength

Paul Brett (Secretary)

**T**HE past twelve months has seen the continued growth of Bord na mBunscol throughout the county. It is very pleasing to note that more schools have become actively involved in the organisation and promotion of our games over the year.

One of the most significant developments during the year was the setting up of a Munster branch of Cumann na mBunscol. Such a development augers well for the future of our games in Primary Schools.

Our success, both now and in the future, depends on support, financial and otherwise, from Cumann Lúthchleas Gael. It is important that the excellent work which is being done by teachers, male and female, in the promotion of Gaelic Games in the schools, be recognised and supported by the relevant bodies, at local and national level.

#### Íománaíocht:

**ROINN A: {Irish Permanent (Clonmel) Shield}**

**Nenagh C.B.S. 2-0**

**SS. Peter & Pauls 0-1**

This was a very closely contested game. Nenagh were the better side overall but lacked forward power. They led at half-time by a goal but Peter & Paul's pointed soon into the second half. Nenagh superbly led by Richard Flannery held out the Clonmel school and with three minutes to play broke away to score the all important second goal, scored by Mark Langton.

**Nenagh C.B.S.:** Michael Hackett, Peter Carroll, Anthony Quinn, Brian Lawlor, Sean Hogan, Richard Flannery, Patrick Harrington, Michael McNamara, Mark Ryan, Trevor Moloney, Frank O'Keeffe, T. P. Ryan, David Hogan, Aidan Manicle, Noel Tomlinson. Subs: Mark Langton for David Hogan; John Treacy for Patrick Harrington; Kevin O'Meara for Seán Hogan.

**S.S. Peter & Paul's (Clonmel):** Paul Prendergast, Philip Dowling, Chris O'Flaherty, David Heaphy, David Bolger, Trevor Whelan, Brian Weston, Pat O'Donoghue, Finbarr O'Mahoney, John Butler, Paul Murray, David O'Connell, John Landers, Pat McCarthy, Stephen Landy.

**Referee:** Jackie Walsh (Templemore).

**Man of the Match:** Richard Flannery (Nenagh).



S.S. Peter and Paul's C.B.S. (Clonmel) U-13 'A' Football winners. Front row: Peter Roche, James Kelly, David Landy, Vincent Hannigan, Dean Blake (captain), John Paul Buck, Darragh Kelly, Billy Desmond, Peter Kelleher, John Arrigan. Middle row: Patrick Morrissey, Dermot Kelly, David Heafey, Tony Moran, Paul McCarthy, David O'Connell, Peter Hatton. Back row: Willie Ho, John Butler, Patrick Higgins, Stephen Kearns, Brian Egan, Brian Scanlon, Eoin O'Keeffe, John Mulcahy, Desmond Bolger, Conor Martin.



Ballylooby N.S. - Tipperary Mini Sevens Champions 1991  
Front row: Jamie Coffey, Johnny English, Eamonn Ryan, Gearóid Kennedy, Colin Morrissey. Back row: Kenneth Coffey, James Swords, Dónal MacCárthaigh, Pat Beary, Tomás Ó Gorman, Alan Kennedy.



Nenagh C.B.S. winners of Roinn A Hurling



**ROINN B:**  
(Michael Smith T.D. Shield):

Moneygall N.S. 3-3  
Killenaule N.S. 2-3  
(after extra time)

This was a great game of hurling, one that kept the crowd on their toes throughout and it was a pity there had to be a loser. Both sides gave their best, and were level at 2-2 each at the end of normal time. The first period of extra time saw no score but Killenaule had a point a minute into the second period. Moneygall got an equaliser two minutes later. It looked like stalemate, but with the last puck of the game a shot from Owen Troy went all the way to the net from 45 yards to give Moneygall the title.

**Moneygall:** Brendan Jones, Colin Treacy, Donal Guilfoyle, Philip Larkin, Ronan Hourihane, Diarmuid Kennedy, John O'Meara, Kevin Jones, Owen Troy, Tadhg Kennedy, Enda Gleeson, Noel Costello, Patrick O'Meara, David Delaney, Darren Quigley.

**Referee:** Sammy Ryan (Golden).

**Man of the Match:** Diarmuid Kennedy (Moneygall).

**ROINN C:**  
(Michael Lowry T.D. Shield):

Upperchurch N.S. 3-2  
Youghalarra N.S. 2-2

Youghalarra made a very gallant effort to bring this shield to the north division. Despite losing their key player Michael Kennedy, they kept plugging away and Upperchurch were glad to hear the final whistle.

Youghalarra went into an early two point lead but a point and a goal gave Upperchurch a lead they never lost. Youghalarra tried very hard but a third goal for Upperchurch early in the second half sealed it for Upperchurch. With three minutes to go a goal by Noel Slattery brought Youghalarra to within three points of the winners. Upperchurch defended bravely and two fine clearances by their backs in the last minute ensured victory.

**Upperchurch:** J. J. Quinn, Tim Ryan, Donal Carey, John Harrington, John P. Ryan, Oliver Carr, T. J. Kinane, Pat Phelan, Paul Quigley, Ronan Keane, Pat Brennan, Conor Kennedy, Gerry Quinn, John O'Dwyer, John Phelan.

**Youghalarra:** Garreth Howard, Kevin McDonnell, Keelan Howard, Paul Flood, Austin Hogan, Liam Hogan, David Conroy, Owen Buckley, Michael Carmody, Noel Slattery, Brian Hogan, Catherine Slattery, Timothy Hogan, Sean Hogan. Subs: John Meany.

**Referee:** Phil Lowry (Holycross).

**Man of the Match:** Oliver Carr (Upperchurch).



*Killenaule N.S. runners-up in Roinn B hurling.*



*Toughalarra N.S. runners-up in Roinn C hurling*



*Upperchurch N.S. – winners of Roinn C hurling*



*Gurtagarry N.S. – winners of Roinn E hurling*



**ROINN D:**  
(Teresa Ahearn T.D. Shield):

**Inch N.S. 3-4**  
**Ballinree N.S. 0-2**

Ballinree were the second of two schools from Toomevara parish to contest county finals. The Inch team were bigger and stronger and were four points clear at half time. On the resumption Inch went further ahead with two goals from Seamus Butler. Ballinree fought back bravely but their only reward was a point from Tomás Ryan. Inch finished strongly with points from Seamus Cahill and Michael Kennedy to ensure the shield rest by the "Ragg" for this year.

**Inch N.S.:** Damien Young, Florence Woodlock, Declan Costello, Shane Kennedy, Paul Stapleton, Daniel McGrath, William Long, Seamus Butler, Catriona Hennessy, Michael Kennedy, Seamus Cahill, Padraig Butler.

**Ballinree N.S.:** Kevin McGrath, David Hogan, Brian McGrath, Michael Connolly, Tomás Ryan, Brian Duff, Caroline Mounsey, Ken Hall, Tomás Slattery, Bill Duff, John Hogan, Michael O'Rourke.

**Referee:** Sammy Ryan (Golden).

**Man of the Match:** Seamus Butler (Inch).

**ROINN E:**  
(Michael Ferris T.D. Shield):

**Gurtagarry N.S. 2-5**  
**Drangan N.S. 3-0**

Gurtagarry N.S., the second school from Toomevara parish, were the only school to appear in Semple Stadium for the second year in a row. After the disappointment of the previous year they really enjoyed this victory. After a very close first half Gurtagarry led by a goal scored by Brendan Dunne two minutes from the break. It was very tight from the start of the second half to the end and it was a point from Brendan Dunne in the closing minutes that ensured victory for Gurtagarry.

**Gurtagarry:** Liam Coffey, Tom Hassett, Michael Kelly, Dermot Brislane, Noel Cummins, Barry Dunne, Brendan Dunne, Kevin Cummins, Catriona Maxwell.

**Drangan:** Pat Hayes, Pat Kennedy, Pat Hackett, Adrian Britton, Niall Brett, David Noonan, Paul Lyons, John Gleeson, Mark Keane. **Sub:** Tom O'Connor.

**Referee:** Jim O'Donnell (Rockwell).

**Man of the Match:** Barry Dunne (Gurtagarry).

**PEIL:**  
**ROINN A:**

**S.S. Peter & Paul's C.B.S. 1-9**  
**St. Patrick's N.S. (Fethard) 1-2**

Despite the final score this was a very



*Drangan N.S. runners-up in Roinn E hurling*



*S.S. Peter and Paul's C.B.S. - runners-up in Roinn A*



*Inch N.S. - winners of Roinn D hurling*

even game. After a very exciting first half Peter & Paul's were in front by one point. At the beginning of the second half Peter & Paul's put on the pressure and scored some glorious points. Fethard attacked but on each occasion were held back by a resolute Peter & Paul's backline and some outstanding saves by the goalkeeper.

**ROINN B:**

This division is not yet concluded but the following schools have reached the semi-finals: Ardfinnan N.S. play Littleton N.S. while in the other Grange N.S. play Upperchurch N.S.

**ROINN C:**

This division has reached the final but it will not be played before we go to press. The final will be between Inch N.S. and Templetuohy N.S.

**Clerihan N.S. 6-6**  
**Newtown Upper N.S. 6-1**

This is the first year of this competition and judging by this final it is here to stay. Newtown (Carrick-on-Suir) entered the game as slight favourites but Clerihan went at them from the start and built up a commanding half time lead - 2-4 to 1-0.



Newtown's pep talk seemed to work as in the first minute of the second half they attacked and goals by B. Coady and J. Power brought them to within a point of Clerihan. To their credit Clerihan did not cave in and a goal by Barry Lee gave them some breathing space. As the game came towards the end Newtown were beginning to regret all their missed chances. They were awarded a penalty but Kevin Lonergan brought off a great save for Clerihan and followed with another from play soon afterwards.

To great excitement the final whistle blew and amid great jubilation Clerihan received the shield from Paul Brett (Hon. Sec.) to become the first holders of the trophy.

**Clerihan N.S.:** Kevin Lonergan, Kieran Ryan (0-1), Michael O'Donnell, Robert Bourke, John O'Halloran, Kevin Condon (2-2), Barry Lee (2-3), Stephen Ryan, Aidan Lonergan, Eoin Condon (2-0). **Subs:** John Hennessy, T. J. Lonergan, Tommy Griffin, Eimer Ryan, Denise Farrell, Gráinne Browne, Bridget Whyte.

**Newtown Upper:** Michael Cronin, Mark Cronin, Bryan Cody (2-1), Patrick Phelan, John Dignan (1-0), James Power (2-0), Ronan Butler, David O'Dea, Robert O'Dea, Vincent Long, Gerry Long, John Phelan (1-0), Ruairi O'Connor, John Paul Brunnock, Noel Sheehan, David Keyes, Dermot Lanigan, Michael O'Shea.

#### UNDER-11:

**St. Patrick's N.S., Fethard 2-10**  
**C.B.S., Carrick-on-Suir 0-5**

This game was the second of a double bill with the Roinn D final played in Clonmel. Fethard as holders of the trophy were very determined that they were not going to give up easily and so it proved to be. From the word go they put about their task and kept Carrick at bay while at the same time scoring some wonderful points themselves. They led at half time by 0-7 to 0-2.

On the resumption Carrick applied fierce pressure and scored two points to no reply. Just then Fethard showed their fighting skills and two goals by Ken O'Donnell and Mark Condon put the game beyond the reach of Carrick.

After the game Gerry McDonnell (Chairman) presented the cup to the Fethard captain who received it to the delight of his team mates.

**Fethard:** Nicky Murphy, Carol Maher, Joseph Keane, Thomas Gahan, Glen Burke, Alan Phelan, Michael Ahearn, Kevin O'Donnell (0-1), Cian Maher (0-2), Conor McCarthy (0-4), Kenneth O'Donnell (1-0), Mark Condon (1-1), Bobby Roche, John Fitzgerald (0-2), Diarmuid Bourke. **Subs:** Mark O'Dwyer, John O'Meara, Owen Doyle, Niall Walsh, Jason Barron, James Roche, Michael Keane.

**Carrick-on-Suir C.B.S.:** Ronan Cost-

ello, Michael Drohan, Joseph Kinsella, Patrick Hogan, Lee Murphy (0-1), Michael Dooley, Niall O'Shea, Thomas Fitzgerald, Anthony Power, David Wall (0-1), Alan Casey (0-2), Anthony O'Donnell, Richard Walsh (0-1), Anthony Mee, Barry Kelly. **Subs:** Martin O'Brien, CLive Grace, Kenneth Dunne, Keith Walsh, Robert Hanigan.

#### I.N.T.O./G.A.A. SKILLS COMPETITIONS:

I am pleased to report an increase in the number of schools taking part in these competitions this year. We held blitzes around the county and the following schools won their way to the regional finals:

Hurling: Ballylooby N.S.

Camogie: Inch N.S.

Football: St. Mary's C.B.S. (Clonmel)

Girls' Football: Clogheen N.S.

During the regional finals (Hurling and Camogie in Clonmel and Football in Cork) players from all four schools were selected and appeared in Croke Park on All-Ireland semi-final and final days. We congratulate all the children who appeared in Croke Park and wish them well for the future.

#### Inter-County Games:

This year we travelled to Limerick and took them on in three games - Hurling, Football and Camogie. After a number of trial games our selectors came up with three fine teams and we travelled to the Limerick Gaelic Grounds full of confidence. Unfortunately the day itself turned out wet and windy and made the skill factor very difficult.

Our camogie team began the day for us and after an outstanding display had a comfortable win on the score:

**Tipperary 5-7; Limerick 1-2**

The footballers were next into the fray but on the day they were no match for the Limerick boys who ran out rather easy winners on the score: 3-6 to 1-2.

With the rivalry between Tipp and Limerick at senior level everyone was looking forward to the hurling match and they were not disappointed. From the start this was a titanic struggle with each team matching each other score for score. There was great atmosphere all round the ground right up to the end and I am delighted to say that the Tipperary Primary schools held on for a great win on the score 2-5 to 1-4.

After the games the players and selectors had a very enjoyable get-together in a local hotel and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Limerick Primary Schools Board for their hospitality on the day.

**Thanks:** On behalf of the Primary Schools Board I would like first of all to thank the County Board for their wonderful support of our board, especially for their grants towards helmets, hurleys, footballs and sliotars. Thanks also to the people who sponsored various shields for us. Last of all I would like to thank teachers all over the county for the wonderful work they are doing for our games and wish them well for 1992.

#### Tipperary Primary Schools Board:

President: Gerry Daly, Monadreen, Thurles; Chairman: Gerry McDonnell, St. Oliver's N.S., Clonmel; Vice-Chairman: Stephen Maher, Loughmore N.S.; Hon. Secretary: Paul Brett, St. Oliver's N.S., Clonmel; Treasurer: Paul Brett; P.R.O.: Rickey Sheehan, Kilvemonon N.S., Mullinahone; County Board Delegate: Donal McCarthy, Ballylooby N.S., Cahir. Munster Council Delegates: Gerry McDonnell, Paul Brett and Sean Horan (Cahir B.N.S.).



Co. Convention 1991 following the election of Mick Maguire and Seamus Hogan. - Back row (l. - r.): Billy Ryan, North Chairman; Noel Morris, Outgoing Co. Chairman; Sean Fogarty, Mid. Chairman; John Ryan, Co. Development Officer. Front row (l. - r.): Seamus Hogan, Co. Treasurer; Mick Maguire, Co. Chairman; Tommy Barrett, Co. Secretary.



# North Tipperary Primary Schools

By EUGENE RYAN

**T**HE interest in the primary schools' competitions in North Tipp. continues to grow and 1991 will be remembered for many exciting moments.

Early in the year we sadly missed the guiding influence of our late chairman, Nollaig Mac Domhnaill, who will long be remembered for his vision and initiative in putting our competitions on a sound footing in 1988 which, hopefully, will last for many years.

Fortunately for us, Jimmy Sheedy of Portroe and Roscrea took over as chairman during the year and did so with telling effect.

Our football competitions were completed early in the year with twenty-four schools taking part. Puckane N.S. once again proved too strong for all opposition as they marched to success for the second year in a row in Section B, defeating Moneygall in the final by 3-7 to 1-2.

Their closest game was against neighbours Carrig N.S., which highlights the strength of football in Kildangan Club.

Section C gave us the novel pairing of Kilbarron and Ballinaclough in the final with Kilbarron scoring a narrow victory by 6-3 to 5-2.

In section D, Kylepark retained their title when they overcame Kilkeary in the final.

Thirty-nine schools entered the hurling competitions, which commenced in April. This year an extra division was added in an effort to give all schools a fairer chance. In division one, Nenagh C.B.S. took two games to overcome holders Roscrea in the semi-final before defeating Dromakeenan by 4-1 to 1-1 in the final.

In division two, Moneygall N.S., having lost two previous finals, eventually gained the honours by beating Corville in the final.

The division three final was the most exciting final of all with Youghalarra defeating Puckane by 2-4 to 2-2. It was fitting that Youghalarra should be victorious in Donie Nealon's final year in the school, following many years of non-stop effort in promoting the games.

Division four saw Ballinree return to the winners' circle with a victory over Kilruane by 7-2 to 3-4.

In division five, Gurtagarry won for the fourth year in a row but they had to fight all the way to defeat Lissenhall by 3-6 to 2-2. This was a new division created this year and the winners received a new trophy kindly presented by the McDonnell family Borrisokane, in memory of our former chairman.

At the conclusion of the year it is good to note that our eight competitions were won by eight separate schools, four of them enjoying success for the first time. A special word of congratulations to Nenagh, Moneygall and Gurtagarry who went on to gain county honours.



**MONEYGALL N.S. — NORTH AND COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONS  
SECTION B**

*Back Row: Billy Costello, William Greene, Derek Ryan, John O'Meara, Ronan Hourihane, Billy McCormack, Enda Gleeson, Noel Costello, David Delaney, Philip Lenehan, Colin Treacy, Diarmaid Kennedy, Thomas Harney, Patrick Ryan, Tadhg Kennedy. Front Row: Ciarán Kelly, Donal Doughan, Brendan Jones, Eoin Troy, Kevin Jones, Darren Quigley, Donal Guilfoyle, Fergal Gleeson, Patrick O'Meara, John O'Meara, Sean Nolan, Michael Ryan.*



**KILBARRON N.S. — WINNERS OF NORTH TIPPERARY PRIMARY SCHOOLS' FOOTBALL (SECTION C)**



**BALLINREE N.S. — WINNERS OF NORTH TIPPERARY PRIMARY SCHOOLS' SECTION D**



## NORTH TIPPERARY PRIMARY SCHOOLS

*(Continued from previous page)*

The success and smooth running of our competitions would not be possible without the total co-operation of the teachers and the school authorities. Thanks also to the various park committees and referees for their help.

A special thanks to Toomevara Club who hosted all our hurling finals, and to Jimmy Conroy and Gerry Hayes who refereed many of our games.

We are pleased to thank the *Nenagh Guardian* for their outstanding coverage of our games and we are indebted to the North Senior Board for their great encouragement and financial assistance.



PUCKANE N.S. — WINNERS OF NORTH TIPPERARY PRIMARY SCHOOLS' FOOTBALL SECITON b



Archbishop Clifford makes his point at the welcome home in Liberty Square, Co. P.R.O. Liz Howard looks on approvingly.

►  
*"Babs" and Joe  
in full voice  
in Holycross.*





# The Colleges' Scene (1990-91)

SEÁN Ó COSTAGÁIN

**O**NCE again it is the time of the year to review the colleges' scene for the past year. We have now four domestic hurling competitions, two at U-16 level and two at U-17 level.

The U-16 A competition is for the prestigious Croke Cup. Twelve teams affiliated for this competition and following a series of interesting games the four teams to emerge to contest the semi-finals were Thurles C.B.S., Our Lady's Templemore, Tipperary C.B.S. and Borrisokane V.S. Thurles C.B.S. defeated Templemore 4-9 to 3-11 in one semi-final while Tipperary C.B.S. defeated Borrisokane V.S. 3-8 to 3-3 in the second contest.

The Croke Cup final resulted in a well deserved victory for the Paddy Kelly trained Abbey C.B.S. boys on the score 2-6 to 1-3. There is no doubt but the former Limerick All Star is doing great work in the promotion of hurling at the Tipperary nursery.

The second U-16 hurling competition is for the weaker schools and the trophy here is the Timmy Hennessy Cup. This is a very welcome competition and it has received lavish praise from the schools involved as it provides welcome competition for teams of their own calibre. Eight teams affiliated here, and following the preliminary games the two teams to emerge to contest the final were St. Joseph's College, Cahir, and St. Joseph's, Borrisoleigh. Following an exciting final, the Borrisoleigh boys retained the trophy on the score 3-8 to 2-6. It was Cahir's first time to contest a hurling final and while defeat was their lot, there is tremendous progress being made on the hurling front in the Cahir area, which will eventually lead to some silverware finding its resting place there.

We had twelve teams affiliated for the Fitzgerald Shield, the Tipperary U-17 B hurling competition. Here, following a very competitive competition, the two teams to contest the final were Nenagh V.S. and Carrick-on-Suir C.B.S. The North Tipp school were surprise finalists here as at the outset few gave them a chance, but in the final itself they left no-one in any doubt concerning their superiority as they had an emphatic 2-11 to 1-3 win over the Carrick boys.

Two players on the Nenagh V.S. team stood head and shoulders over the rest, Robbie Tomlinson and Philip Shanahan. Both subsequently participated with their clubs in the North Tipp Senior Hurling final.

The premier post-primary hurling competition in the county is for the Fitzgerald Cup U-17 A. This year eight teams affiliated. In round 1, Our Lady's, Templemore, defeated Tipperary C.B.S. 3-9 to 2-8. Thurles C.B.S. defeated St. J



**ABBEY C.B.S. TIPPERARY**  
*Bro. Rice Cup Winners.*



**NENAGH C.B.S. DR. HARTY CUP TEAM WHICH DREW WITH NORTH MONASTERY CORK AT KILMALLOCK**

*Back Row (l. to r.): David Creamer, Kevin Coonan, Brian Flannery, John Kennedy, Con Howard, Eddie Tucker, Liam McGrath, Sean Kelly. Front Row (l. to r.): Joe Ryan, Darrell Tucker, Colm McDonald, Brendan Shanahan, John McKenna, Eamonn Troy, John Doughan.*



**ABBEY C.B.S. — CROKE CUP WINNERS**

*Back Row (l. to r.): N. English, D. Livingstone, J. McCormack, D. Hogan, O. O'Brien, A. Kavanagh, J. Leuby, B. Crowe, K. Jones, T. Farrell, J. McEvoy, G. Farrell, B. Fogarty. Front Row (l. to r.): O. O'Neill, M. Collins, D. Reardon, C. O'Shea, L. Lewis, J.P. Buckley, K. O'Sullivan, S. O'Halloran, K. Codd, D. Browne.*





T. J. Egan, Chairman of Fitzgerald Cup Committee, receives £10,000 cheque for schools from Mick Maguire, County Chairman — (l. - r.): John Costigan, secretary; Mattie Finnerty, Mick Maguire, John Hassett, T. J. Egan, John Riordan, Tommy Barrett.



#### ST. JOSEPH'S, BORRISOLEIGH — CORN UÍ AONGUSA WINNERS 1990

Front Row (l. to r.): Ml. Jordan (Drom-Inch), Noel Ryan (B-Ileigh), Seamus Maher (do.), Ml. McCormack (Kilcommon), John Butler (Holycross), Mark Rabbitte (B-Ileigh) Capt., Ml. Cantwell (Drom-Inch), Brian Hoare (do.), Matthew Kennedy (Templederry), Damien Moore (Thurles Sarsfields). Back Row (l. to r.): Kevin O'Dwyer (Teacher), John Egan (Drom-Inch), David O'Connell (Moycarkey-Borris), Fergal Loughmane (Borrisoleigh), Robert Kennedy (Drom-Inch), Trevor Groome (B-Ileigh), Lorcán Looby (Drom-Inch), Adrian Ryan (Templederry), Aidan Maxwell (Toomevara), P.J. Brett (Drom-Inch), Pat Egan (do.), Padraig O'Shea (Principal), Kevin McCarthy (Teacher).



#### OUR LADY'S TEMPLEMORE — MUNSTER U-16½ KINNANE CUP CHAMPIONS

Front Row (l. to r.): Noel Morris (Loughmore), Terry Dunne (Toomevara), James Ryan (Templetuohy), Wm. Cahill (Clonmore), Noel Cahill (Loughmore), Declan Laffan (Castleiney), Brian Phelan (Upperchurch). Back Row (l. to r.): James McCarthy (Templemore), Tomás Keane (Upperchurch) Capt., Tomás Ryan (Borrisoleigh), Ronan Loughmane (Templemore), Colm Murray (Clonakenny), Denis Kelly (Borrisoleigh), Tony Broderick (Killeen), and Seanie Purcell (Upperchurch).

coseph's, Borrisoleigh, 1-14 to 1-9; Nenagh C.B.S. defeated Ros-rea C.B.S. 3-2 to 0-1 and Borrisokane V.S. defeated Cashel C.B.S. 5-5 to 1-15. In semi-finals, Nenagh C.B.S. emerged victorious over Our Lady's, Templemore, by 4-2 to 0-7, while Thurles C.B.S. defeated Borrisokane V.S. by 1-15 to 2-6.

The final, played on a rather unpleasant April afternoon, served up an outstanding contest before Nenagh C.B.S., having acquitted themselves quite well in the Harty Cup, gained some measure of compensation by this victory.

The Kinnane Cup Munster U-16½ Hurling Championship provided some of the best Colleges' fare of the year. There was a big Tipperary involvement in this competition and in the first semi-final, Our Lady's Templemore defeated old rivals Cashel C.B.S. in a bruising encounter in Cashel on the score 1-9 to 1-6. Nenagh C.B.S. emerged to contest the final from the top half of the draw having defeated Mayfield, Cork, by 5-7 to 0-7 in their semi-final.

The final, played at Semple Stadium, was a tremendous contest. Declan Kelly, reporting in the *Tipperary Star*, had this to say: "In what was certainly one of the most entertaining the most exciting games of hurling played in any grade within the county this year, the teams from Nenagh C.B.S. and Our Lady's Templemore played out a thrilling draw before a large attendance at this Kinnane Cup final in Semple Stadium, Thurles, last Wednesday."

The score on that occasion was: Nenagh C.B.S. 3-3, Our Lady's Templemore 1-9.

The replay, one week later, resulted in a victory for the Mid-Tipp boys on the score 4-5 to 0-6. The score here flatters the Templemore boys as a few vital goals at a certain stage of the game decided the destination of the trophy for the 1991 season.

The greatest colleges' hurling competition of all is, of course, the famed Harty. It is one of the most difficult competitions to win and in latter years the boarding colleges, with their huge numbers and ability to round up talent from within and outside their respective territories, make them very difficult opponents. This year we had four Tipperary schools competing.

In the first round three were eliminated. Ard Scoil Rís, Limerick, defeated Tipperary C.B.S. 5-14 to 2-9. Thurles C.B.S. had to give best to Limerick C.B.S. on the score 5-12 to 3-4, while Scariff Comprehensive defeated Our Lady's, Templemore, 1-6 to 1-4.

Nenagh C.B.S. having defeated Hospital 3-15 to 3-4 in round one, carried the Tipperary banner into the semi-finals and, despite a gallant effort, had to give best to famed North Monastery — after a replay — on the score 4-4 to 2-9. It is now thirteen years since a Tipperary school captured the prized trophy and all we can do is keep trying and hope eventually that someone will get the proper blend together to do the business in the not too distant future.



The Rice Cup Munster U-14 Hurling Championship has been, for years, one of the most competitive schools' competitions. This trophy is much cherished and this year's competition provided us with great fare. Twenty-four teams set out in the beginning and after many months of intense competition the four teams to come through to contest the semi-finals were Our Lady's Templemore, Tipperary C.B.S., Callan C.B.S. and Middleton C.B.S.

Our Lady's Templemore defeated Middleton C.B.S. by 3-6 to 1-6 in a great semi-final at Bansha while Tipperary C.B.S. defeated Callan C.B.S. 4-3 to 2-6 in the semi-final. The stage was thus set

for the much awaited final which was played on a beautiful May evening in Holycross before a huge attendance of very vocal supporters.

After a great hour's hurling, the Tipperary Town team at last captured the famous trophy on the score 3-3 to 1-2, much to the delight of their coach, Paddy Kelly, who has spent all of fifteen years attempting to achieve this goal.

The Abbey C.B.S. also had a tremendous run in the Munster U-15 Corn an Phiarsaigh where they went all the way to the final but, despite their best efforts, they failed narrowly to Scariff Comprehensive College in the final, losing by a one point margin.

Once again as we complete one school year and commence another, I am very glad to relate that the £10,000 grant to the post-primary school of the county initiated by former Chairman, Noel Morris, is being very willingly given for the 1991-92 season by the very enthusiastic and energetic Michael Maguire and on behalf of the schools of the county I would like to say a sincere thanks.

To conclude, I must say that the co-operation of all school games-masters is a source of great pleasure, but if we are to maintain our present high standards nothing less than a hundred per cent effort will be required by one and all over the years ahead.



Tipperary senior football coach Mickey Niblock with Willie Robinson (selector).



#### NENAGH VOCATIONAL SCHOOL — NENAGH SHIELD WINNERS 1990/1991

Front Row (l. to r.): James Flannery (Kildangan), John Carmody (Burgess), Colm Maher (Silvermines), Pat Quinn (Silvermines), Robbie Tomlinson (Capt. - Eire Og), Niall Sherlock (Silvermines), Noel Kenneally (Toomevara), Philip Shanahan (Toomevara), Michael Forde (Silvermines), Eric Ryan (Silvermines), David Forde (Silvermines). Back Row Seamus Hill (Trainer), Paul Cornally (Toomevara), Seamus Slattery (Burgess), David Ryan (Silvermines), Darren Meaney (Burgess), P.J. Corcoran (Silvermines), Seamus Collins (Burgess), Finbar Ryan (Silvermines), Michael Cusack (Eire Og), Michael Nolan (Kildangan), Kevin Cornally (Toomevara), Pat Ryan (Templederry), Ronan Walsh (Eire Og), P.J. Ryan (Templederry), Peter McCarthy (Kildangan), Tom Delaney (Trainer).



High fielding by Tipperary midfielder John Costello during the McGrath Cup 'Home' final against Limerick at Semple Stadium. Declan Hahesy, Tipperary (left), finds his progress momentarily halted.



#### CUR LADY'S SECONDARY SCHOOL, TEMPLEMORE — FIVE ALL-IRELAND SENIOR HURLING WINNING PAST PUPILS

This photo was taken on the occasion of presentation to the players.

Back Row (l. to r.): Conor Stakelum (Sean Costigan, School Games-master), Bobby Ryan and Michael Ryan. Front row (l. to r.): Aidan Ryan, Br. Perkins (former teacher at school), and Ned Ryan.



# County Post-Primary Schools Football 1990-1991

**T**HERE are five football competitions at the Post-Primary Schools' level in the county. At the under-15 level there is the Cusack Cup for bigger schools and the Cusack Shield for smaller schools. At under-17 level there is the MacGabhan Cup for bigger schools and the MacGabhan Shield for smaller schools. At under-14 level there is the annual Rockwell blitz.

## UNDER-17

Seven teams played in the MacGabhan Cup. In the first round Tipperary C.B.S. had a bye. Cashel C.B.S. beat Carrick C.B.S., Nenagh C.B.S. beat Rockwell College, Clonmel High School beat St. Joseph's, Cahir.

In the semi-finals, Tipperary C.B.S. beat Nenagh C.B.S. and Cashel C.B.S. beat Clonmel High School.

The final was played at Cahir on April 24 and for the first time a programme was produced, kindly sponsored by Castle Court Hotel, and the players were given a meal afterwards. The referee was James O'Donnell of Rockwell Rovers.

It was a game that hinged around goals, one that Conor O'Shea scored for Tipperary C.B.S. in the second minute of the game and one that Cashel C.B.S. didn't get two minutes from the end, to draw the match. In the end it was 1-9 to 0-9 in favour of Tipperary C.B.S., who led by 1-6 to 0-4 at the interval. It was a highly entertaining final in which Cashel exerted a lot of pressure in the final quarter but failed to overcome Tipperary's lead. The teams were as follows:

**Tipperary C.B.S.** — D. Cremins (Arravale Rovers), M. Gleeson (do.), R. O'Donnell (Galbally), M. Stokes (Kilteely), B. Lacey (Arravale Rovers), A. O'Dwyer (Lattin-Cullen), B. Bourke (Pallasgreen), R. Kissane (Arravale Rovers), J. C. O'Halloran (do.), C. O'Shea (Aherlow), P. Moloney (Galtee Rovers), S. Lynch (Arravale Rovers), K. O'Sullivan (do.), E. Bresnan (do.), S. Maguire (do.).

**Cashel C.B.S.** — D. O'Flaherty (Cashel), A. Butler (Knockavilla), G. Egan (Rosegreen), G. Flanagan (Boherlahan), A. Flanagan (do.), D. O'Farrell (Rockwell Rovers), G. McLoughlin (Boherlahan), C. O'Flaherty (Cahir), P. Morrissey (Knockavilla), A. Kennedy (do.), E. Foley (Cashel), B. Alley (Knockavilla), C. Rothwell (Cashel), S. Morrissey (do.). Subs: A. Moloney (Cashel), N. Horgan (Knockavilla).

## MacGABHAN SHIELD FINAL

Fethard P.B.S. 2-4, Newport Convent 0-6.

## UNDER-15

Eight teams played in the Cusack Cup. In the first round Tipperary C.B.S. beat



**ABBEY C.B.S. — WINNERS OF THE UNDER-14 CHAMPIONSHIP**

*Back Row (left to right): M. O'Shea (Aherlow), K. Ryan (Pallasgreen), D. Fogarty (Golden), M. Whyte (Galtee Rovers), D. O'Dwyer (Pallasgreen), P. Hourigan (Golden), S. O'Neill (Kickhams), P. McEvoy (Arravale Rovers). Front Row (l. to r.): B. Rearden (Aherlow), B. Maguire (Lattin-Cullen), M. Cummins (Arravale Rovers), N. Halligan (Arravale Rovers), D. Quinlan (Arravale Rovers), A. Crosse (Kickhams), M. Brady (Arravale Rovers), M. O'Brien (Aherlow).*



**ST. JOSEPH'S, CAHIR — WINNERS OF U-14 PLATE**

*Back Row (l. to r.): D. Loneragan, R. O'Connor, K. Flynn, M. O'Mahony, A. Wall, D. Casey, N. Cotter, C. Tobin. Front Row (l. to r.): N. Grufferty, L. Hennessy, C. Hyland, J. McNamara, C. Quinn, G. O'Dwyer, K. McCormack.*



**ABBEY SCHOOL — UNDER-15 COUNTY CHAMPIONS**

*Back Row (l. to r.): Tom O'Donoghue (trainer), C. Greene, P. Maher, J. Nugent, S. O'Halloran, L. Leonard (capt.), F. Stokes, N. English, G. Farrell, J. O'Dwyer (trainer). Front Row (l. to r.): M. O'Shea, M. Collins, K. Codd, J. Wade, D. Morey, D. Fogarty, P. Roche.*



Thurles C.B.S., Carrick C.B.S. beat Clonmel High School, Killenaule V.S. beat St. Joseph's, Cahir; Templemore C.B.S. beat Cashel C.B.S.

In the semi-finals, Tipperary C.B.S. beat Killenaule V.S. and Carrick C.B.S. beat Templemore C.B.S.

The final took place in Cahir on the same day as the under-17 final and it provided a curtain-raiser for the older game. Tipperary C.B.S. set the pattern for their older school mates to follow when they defeated Carrick C.B.S. by 3-14 to 4-6. It was the fifth time for the school to win the trophy. The game was one-sided for most of the hour after Tipperary built up a 1-13 to 0-1 lead at the interval. However, Carrick came back to life with four goals in the second half and gave Tipperary a few anxious moments before John Moloney blew the final whistle.

The teams were:

**Tipperary C.B.S.** — J. Wade (Arravale Rovers), C. Greene (do.), N. English (do.), P. Maher (do.), P. Roche (Pallasgreen), L. Leonard (Aherlow), J. Nugent (Arravale Rovers), S. O'Halloran (do.), G. Farrell (Kickhams), M. Collins (Galtee Rovers), M. O'Shea (Aherlow), C. Codd (Arravale Rovers), D. Fogarty (do.), D. Morey (Oola), F. Stokes (Kilteely).

**Carrick C.B.S.** — G. Comerford (Grangemockler), E. Lonergan (Carrick Swans), B. Farrell (Piltown), R. Connolly (do.), L. Heffernan (Grangemockler), K. Kennedy (Rathgormack), F. Halpin (do.), K. Power (do.), Keith Power (do.), R. Ryan (Carrick Swans), D. Lyons (Grangemockler), D. Kiely (St. Moleran's), M. Brennan (Piltown). Subs: M. Reade (St. Moleran's), P. Bourke (Grangemockler), P. Casey (St. Moleran's).

#### CUSACK SHIELD FINAL

Fethard C.B.S. 1-7, Rockwell College 0-2.



**ABBEY SCHOOL — UNDER-17 COUNTY CHAMPIONS**

*Back Row (l. to r.): P. Moloney, R. O'Donnell (capt.), A. O'Dwyer, D. Cremins, E. Bresnan, K. O'Sullivan, R. Kissane, M. Gleeson, Tom O'Donoghue (trainer). Front Row (l. to r.): M. Stokes, B. Bourke, J. C. O'Halloran, S. Maguire, C. O'Shea, B. Lacey, S. Lynch.*

#### UNDER-14

The county under-14 football championship was played in the form of a blitz. This event took place in Rockwell College on Wednesday, May 8. Twenty teams took part from fifteen schools. Fethard, St. Joseph's, Borrisoleigh, Tipperary V.S., Tipperary C.B.S., Thurles V.S., Ballingarry, Cahir V.S., Cashel V.S., Killenaule and Templemore V.S. entered one team each while Carrick C.B.S., Cashel C.B.S., Borrisoleigh, Rockwell College and Clonmel High School entered two teams each.

The twenty teams were graded and divided into four groups of five teams each. Teams were 11-a-side and panels consisted of a maximum of fifteen players. Games were played for ten minutes each half with fifteen minutes each half for the final. Half-time in all games was five minutes.

Each group played one another in a league system. The top two teams went forward for the Cup quarter-finals and the third and fourth teams played the Shield

quarter-finals. The fifth team in each group was eliminated.

St. Joseph's, Cahir, beat Ballingarry by 2-5 to 1-1 in one of the Shield semi-finals and Rockwell A defeated Cashel Vocational School by 3-5 to 1-3 in the second semi-final. St. Joseph's proved too good for Rockwell in the final and won by 0-8 to 0-2.

In the semi-finals of the Cup, Carrick C.B.S. A defeated Cahir V.S. by 1-3 to 0-2 and Tipperary C.B.S. beat Clonmel High School A by 4-6 to 1-2. In the final, Tipperary C.B.S. beat Carrick C.B.S. A by 0-9 to 1-3.

Overall it was a most enjoyable day with a fine standard of football. Thanks for the organisation and the smooth running of the event must go to Tony Smith of Rockwell College and Colm O'Flaherty, Principal of Cashel Vocational School. Rockwell College are to be thanked for the use of their facilities.

### Borrisokane C.C. win U-14 title

Borrisokane Community College opened their campaign against local rivals Nenagh V.S. and in a one-sided game qualified to play Killenaule V.S. in the semi-final. In an excellent game of hurling played in the Ragg, Borrisokane edged out and their county rivals by the narrowest of margins to reach the final in an all-Tipp decider.

The final was played in Nenagh with the honours going to the Lower Ormond team on the score 7-11 to 103.

### Munster U-16 Hurling

Having accounted for Charleville, Roscrea and Bandon, Borrisokane C.C. reached the Munster final for a repeat of the previous year's final when they defended their title against Causeway C.C.

After an enthralling game of hurling Causeway reversed their previous year's defeat by edging out the champions by a single point to record their first ever provincial hurling title. Well done, Causeway!

**Team:** Michael Haverly (Kilruane), Martin Haverly (do.), Oliver Cleary (do.), Michael Ryan (do.), Declan Troy (do.), Nigel Dunne (Shannon Rovers), Andrew Horan (do.), Adrian Mulcahy (Kilruane), Andrew McCarthy (Borrisokane), Declan McLoughney (Kilruane), Alan Slattery, Shannon Rovers), Sean Sullivan (Lorrha), Padre Fogarty (Knockshgowna), Enda O'Sullivan (Borrisokane). Subs: James Glennon (Borrisokane), Sean Sheppard (Kilruane).



**BORRISOKANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
MUNSTER U/14 HURLING CHAMPIONS 1990/91**

*Front row (left to right) — Odhran Ducie, Donal McClean, Damien Bond, Michael Walsh, Tim Tully, Barry Ryan, Conor Quinlan, Paddy Rooney, Raymond Carroll, Enda Gorman, Jason Lucas David Hanley. Back row (left to right) — Seamus Hogan (trainer), Michael Reddan, Alan King, Anthony Hogan, Niall Slevin, Mark O'Donoghue, Adrian Egan, Tom Brennan, Marcus Slevin, Donal Hourigan, Eugene Ryan, Vincent Hogan, Barry Carroll.*



# Gaelic Games in the Vocational Schools 1990/'91

While compiling my reports for this publication over the past number of years it has been my privilege and honour to report outstanding performances – achievements and the excellent contribution being made by the Vocational Schools of the county.

Looking back over the results of recent years it is obvious that Gaelic games are in capable hands and that Tipperary schools are now the dominant force in hurling at Provincial and at National level.

The invitation to write this year's article was received a few weeks ago and the usual phone calls to the schools to elicit the results and reports of the year's activities followed. Initial responses indicated it had been another outstanding year for the Premier County schools – All-Ireland and Provincial titles for Roscrea V.S. in hurling and camogie – All-Ireland successes for Cashel V.S. in Handball and a first Provincial title in hurling. While Borrisokane C.C. added another Provincial hurling title to its already impressive collection, while the girls of Nenagh V.S. ended a barren period for the school by recapturing the Munster senior camogie title.

An unusual feature of the year's Provincial Finals was the fact that Tipperary schools were both the victors and the vanquished in four of the six hurling and camogie finals while in the remaining two finals two Tipperary schools provided the winners and the runners-up respectively.

## Results at a glance:

As already stated Roscrea V.S. went on to record All-Ireland titles in senior hurling and junior camogie while the Cashel pair Michael Quinn and Noel

A.I.B. has been terminated which will leave a huge void to be filled and at the time of writing no new sponsor has been found. Many thanks A.I.B. for your help and financial support over the last five years.

## Historic Year for Roscrea Vocational School

Last year's double All-Ireland victory in Senior and Junior camogie was followed by another "double act" this year when All-Ireland honours were won by the Junior camogie team and the Senior hurlers.

## Senior hurling

The season began with the North



By: T. P. Egan

Michael O'Rourke top scorer at 1-6. The All-Ireland semi-final against Johnstown of Kilkenny, the Leinster Champions, at



ROSCREA JUNIOR CAMOGIE 1991 – ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS

Back row: Liza Carroll, Philomena Glennon, Patricia Byrne, Claire Larkin, Ann Quinlan, Anita Franks, Keeline Hynes. Middle row: Amanda Glennon, Sarah McCarthy, Orla Egan, Elaine Dooley, Catriona Coss, Mgt. Whyte. Front row: Josephine Quinlan, Patricia Carroll, Siobhán Davis, Amanda Quigley, Sharon Hynes (absent Jennifer Mulrooney).

## MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

	Winners	Runners-up
Senior Hurling	Roscrea	Causeway
Junior Hurling "A"	Causeway	Borrisokane
Junior Hurling 'B'	Cashel	Clonmel
U-14 Hurling	Borrisokane	Roscrea
Senior Camogie	Nenagh	Roscrea
Junior Camogie	Roscrea	Borrisokane

Murphy won the All-Ireland doubles title and Noel Murphy added the All-Ireland singles title to his haul.

## Finances

Thanks to the very generous grant of £10,000 to the schools from our supportive County Board the schools have responded positively and with the excellent coaching schemes now being operated in all our Post Primary schools the outlook for the future looks bright. Unfortunately, the very generous sponsorship which we have been receiving from

Tipperary Competition. Borrisokane were beaten by 4-15 to 3-6 in the first round. Then followed a conclusive semi-final victory over Nenagh by 9-7 to 0-11. In the final Roscrea ran out convincing winners over Thurles by 3-10 to 2-4.

In the Munster series, Borrisokane were the opponents at the semi-final stage; they were beaten by 3-9 to 1-3. In a one-sided Munster final, Roscrea defeated the Kerry school, Causeway by 6-13 to 1-2. This display was a great team effort with

Borris-in-Ossory was a well contested, splendid game of hurling. Roscrea won by 4-9 to 0-6.

The All-Ireland final at Limerick against Connaught champions Moneenageisha, promised to be a great game and that is what it turned out to be. Roscrea dominated proceedings early on, assisted by the elements, but scores were slow in coming.

Conor Egan and Richard O'Brien were on top at midfield with Egan going forward for some good points. A rather fortuitous goal by Ollie Quinlan made the half-time lead look a bit more respectable. Roscrea had to face the wind and rain in the second half, and had good reason to regret some of their missed chances from the first half. However, a much more determined, positive second half display saw them through by 1-13 to 1-9. Michael Dooley was rock solid at full-back, while in front of him, Denis Doughan played a captains part. His wingers John Shelly and





**ROSCREA SENIOR HURLING TEAM - ALL-IRELAND V.S. CHAMPIONS**

Back row: Robert Ryan, Padraic Dooley, Enda Phelan, John Dooley, Liam O'Toole, Michael Carroll, Michael Dooley, Oliver Quinlan, Padraic McLoughlin. Middle row: Mr. Mullaney (President), Donagh Doolan, Liam Carroll, Jimmy Quinlan, Fintan Harney, Tomás O'Toole, Oliver Fitzpatrick, Richard O'Brien, Paddy Whyte, Mr. Greaney (Trainer). Front row: Conor Egan, John Fahey, Enda Egan, Brendan Dollard, Denis Doughan, Damien Franks, John Shelly, Michael O'Rourke, Liam Hynes.

Fintan Harney gave him great support. Michael O'Rourke and Padraig McLoughlin stood out in attack.

**Team:** Damien Franks (Shinrone); Enda Egan (Roscrea); Michael Dooley (Borris-in-Ossory); Brendan Dollard (Borris-in-Ossory); Fintan Harney (Moneygall); Denis Doughan (captain) (Ballyskenach); John Shelly (Moneygall); Conor Egan (Roscrea); Richard O'Brien (Roscrea); Enda Phelan (Killavilla); Oliver Quinlan (Borris-in-Ossory); Padraig McLoughlin (Ballyskenach); Liam O'Toole (Ballyskenach); John Dooley (Ballyskenach); Michael O'Rourke (Coolderry). **Sub:** Padraig Dooley for Liam O'Toole (Killavilla).

**Player of the Year: (Hurling):** Michael Dooley.

#### County Representation

The achievements and standards of our school hurlers was reflected by county minor and U-21 teams this year.

#### In Offaly

Damien Franks, John Dooley, Denis Doughan, Padraig McLoughlin and Michael O'Rourke made the minor panel. Damien Franks went even further - he kept goal for the Offaly U-21's, beaten by Galway in the All-Ireland Final.

#### In Laois

Brendan Dollard and Ollie Quinlan made the minor panel.

#### In Tipperary

Conor Egan got onto the minor panel. In the All-Ireland semi-final against Galway, he came on as a sub to "make" a vital goal. In the final, he scored a great goal, when called from the bench.

#### Vocational Schools Inter-County

The school was represented on the Tipperary panel by John Dooley, Denis Doughan, Damien Franks, Padraig McLoughlin, Conor Egan and Ollie Quinlan.

#### First Year Hurling:

Our First Years entered in the Munster Competition defeating the Kerry schools, Tralee and Causeway to qualify for the final. However, they were decisively

beaten by a much superior Borrisokane team.

#### Congratulations

We extend heartiest congratulations to our past-pupils Paul Delaney and Donal Kealy on winning Munster and All-Ireland senior hurling medals with Tipperary this year. Our wish to them is that they may win many more honours in future years.

#### Senior Camogie

In the Munster League the girls had victories over Kilfinane and Our Lady's Secondary School, Templemore.

#### Munster Individual Schools Championship

Roscrea demolished Ennis in the semi-final by 3-11 to 0-0. They faced old rivals, Nenagh, in the Munster Final and after a great struggle, lost by 5-5 to 3-6. Roscrea lost no honour in defeat and did not begrudge Nenagh this victory. Indeed Nenagh had lost our narrowly and unluckily on a few previous occasions.

#### Junior Camogie

The girls won three titles here - Munster Convent's Plate, The Tipperary Cup and The Individual Schools Munster and All-Ireland crowns.

#### Munster Convent's Plate:

Roscrea defeated Macroom in Charleville by 5-3 to 3-3 having led at half time by a goal, after playing against the wind. Mandy Quigley starred all through and received most support from Siobhán Davis, who scored 3-3, Catriona Coss, Margaret Whyte, Lisa Carroll, and Jenny Mulrooney, a substitute, who scored a vital second half goal.

#### Munster Schools Final

Borrisokane provided worthy opposition in a competition, that, although U-15, allowed Sarah McCarthy, Anita Franks and Claire Larkin to join the younger plate winning team. What a difference they made. In a well contested match, Borrisokane fairly put it up to the holders and it took ace goal poacher, Sarah McCarthy, who bagged three goals, to guide her team to a great victory by 4-4 to 0-2. The score line does not do justice to a spirited Borrisokane team, where camogie is but beginning.

Roscrea defeated Johnstown, the Leinster champions, easily in the All-Ireland semi-final, and of the total tally 2-11, Sarah McCarthy scored 1-9.

#### The All-Ireland Final

This game against Connaught champions New Inn was a tough hard fought game; Roscrea winning by 2-7 to 1-3. The winners took their scoring chances well and gave very little away in defence. Sarah McCarthy with 1-4 and Siobhán Davis with 1-3, almost shared the scoring equally.

They had great support from Anita Franks in goal, Kealin Hynes at full back, Claire Larkin at centre back, midfielders Catriona Coss and Margaret Whyte, while in attack, Mandy Quigley gave most support to Sarah and Siobhán.

#### Tipperary Cup, U-15

The final of the competition was against Borrisokane. Roscrea barely scraped home by 3-5 to 3-3. The stars were Amanda Glennon, Lisa Carroll and Siobhán Davis.

**Player of the Year: Camogie:** Sarah McCarthy



Presentation of All-Ireland Vocational Schools Senior Hurling Cup to Roscrea captain Denis Doughan (centre). Also in picture (l. to r.) T. J. Egan, Treasurer and Comhairle C.L.G. na Gairm Scól. Ms. Ann Fitzgibbon A.I.B. (sponsors), Mr. Brendan Winston (Galway), Central Council Representative Vocational Schools and Mr. Gerald Whyte, Chairman C.L.G. na Gairm Scól.



# MUNSTER VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS' UNDER-15 HURLING

## SYMPATHY

On behalf of the schools of the county I extend my deepest sympathy to the family of the late Raymond Hogan (Borrisokane). Raymond was a member of the Borrisokane C.C. teams which won Provincial and All-Ireland titles in 1990. His untimely death at such a young age has left a void which will be very difficult to fill. During his short illness bravely borne Raymond displayed all the great qualities he showed on the playing fields.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh d'anam dílis.

**I**N this competition for the first time, Cashel Vocational School did not know what to expect but all concerned were prepared to give it their best shot.

In the first round an away match, against Scoil Stiofan Naofa, took place. This game was played in St. Finbarr's grounds in Cork City on a wet and windy day.

Cashel used the elements to their advantage, and with good direct play were ahead 2-3 to 0-0 at half time. In the second half Stiofan Naofa applied pressure and scored five points without reply. A stubborn Cashel defence never let them in for the goal they badly needed. Cashel finished the stronger side, and added three goals to emerge winners on a scoreline of 5-3 to 0-5.

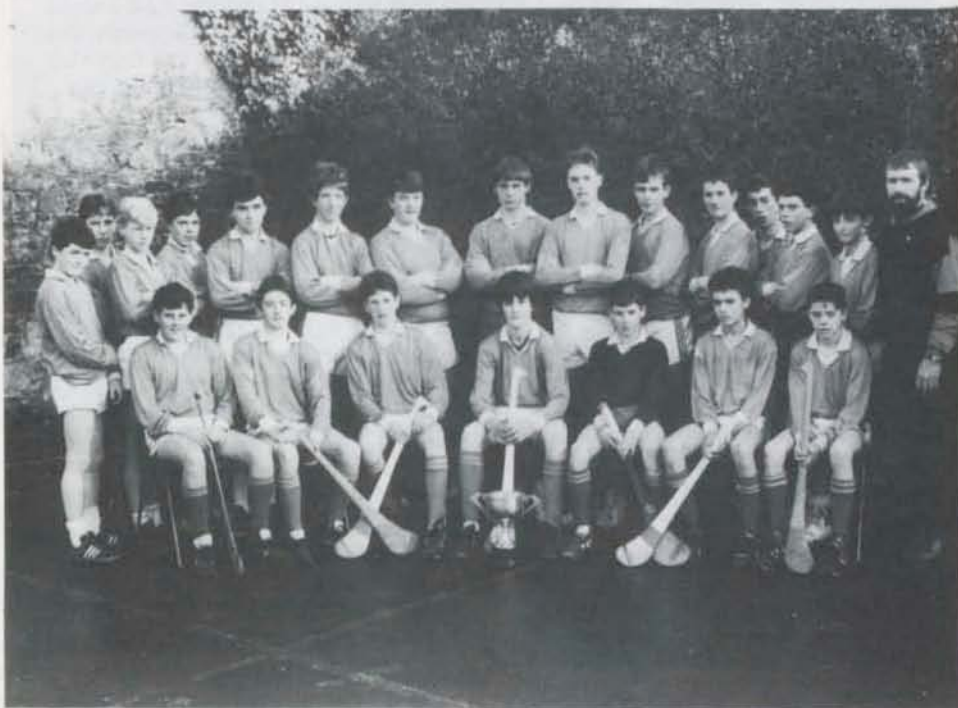
Cashel's next stop was in Mitchelstown where Mallow provided the opposition. This was a very one-sided game in which Cashel had a very convincing win and booked a place in the semi-final.

Cashel, like all Tipperary teams, love to play Cork teams, and this was to be the case for the third time in this competition. This time it was off to Glantworth where another Cork city school, Scoil Mhic Suibhne, awaited. This turned out to be the toughest task yet.

Cashel, playing against the wind, were the first to score, but as the half progressed, the Cork side got on top and scored three times without reply. Cashel finished the first half very strong, and at the break were back in front with the scoreline: 1-4 to 0-3, and all was looking good.

However, the Cork side had different ideas. A goal early in the second half, followed by a few well-taken points, saw the sides level, 2-5 to 2-5, with ten minutes remaining. An opportunist goal and few excellent points in the closing stages saw Cashel emerge winners on a scoreline 3-8 to 2-5.

The final was against Clonmel Vocational School played in Monroe, on an ideal day for hurling. Cashel, playing with a slight breeze, were first to score with two good points from play. In spite of their dominance at midfield, Cashel



**CASHEL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL - MUNSTER VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS U-15  
HURLING CHAMPIONS 1991**

*Back row (l. to r.) Oliver Quinn, Michael Ferncombe, Michael Wade, Barry Crosse, Fergal Gayson, Sam Ryall, Barry Moloney, Sean Brosnan, John Carew, Liam Barron, Mark Purcell, Oliver Stapleton, Shane Kavanagh, Noel Casey, Mr. John Scully (coach). Front row (l. to r.) Timmy Moloney, Liam Sherlock, John Ryan, John Tarrant (captain), Donal Ryan, Jason Hassett, Darren Gleeson.*

found it difficult to score against a strong Clonmel defence. Midway through the first half, a Clonmel forward pulled on a loose ball to score an excellent goal, Cashel replied with a few well-taken points to see them ahead 0-7 to 1-0 at half time.

In the second half, Cashel took up where they left off and scored a goal in the first few minutes and followed this with a point to see them eight points ahead. Clonmel came more into the game and were hurling well in all sectors of the field. Following a good move they found the Cashel net again, and they followed this with a point. Minutes later they added

their third goal to leave the minimum between the sides.

Both sides went all out for victory. Scores were missed at both ends before Cashel found the range and added three points in the closing stages to emerge victorious on the scoreline 1-11 to 3-1. Both sides deserve great credit for the determined and sporting manner in which the game was played.

For Cashel it was a wonderful ending to a long and difficult campaign. All credit to the full panel of players who showed great dedication throughout, and fully deserved their victory.



# G.A.A. PUBLICATIONS

By: Seamus J. King

**B**Y the time this Yearbook appears the history of Holycross-Ballycahill by Bob Stakelum will probably have made the shops. Or so Bob hopes. At the time of this writing the book is with the printers and it is intended to have it in the shops by Christmas. It will be about 400 pages long and will cost £10. There will be a print run of six hundred. Well done, Bob, but we shall have to wait until next year for a review.

Another book that is in the offing is the history of Golden-Kilfeacle by Willie Ryan and a FAS team. I asked Willie recently would he have it out before Charlie goes and he told me he was in no rush. I'm not quite sure if he meant Charlie or the book! Good work, Willie.



Best wishes to Ted Dillon who retired from the *Nationalist* newspaper this year.

The Galtee Rovers' book, which has been in the pipeline for some time hasn't yet appeared. Initially I heard it was only a financial matter and as soon as the finances were right the book would appear. I hope so, because with author Seamus McCarthy the new manager of the county senior football team and hell bent to bring a Munster title to the county, there won't be much time for writing.

The great hurling story of Thurles Sarsfields is also in a spot of bother. It was believed that the late Donie O'Gorman had all the work completed but it now transpires that such was not the case. Quite a bit of research and writing has to be completed before the book will see the light of day. The task is being undertaken by Liam O'Donnchu.

Finally, on the county scene, the history of underage games in Tipperary should be out around Christmas. The book has been completed and is with the printers but whether it will make the shops by Christmas is not yet certain. It will contain over two hundred pages and about eighty photographs and it covers

the organisation of juvenile games in the county since the first attempt in 1928 to organise them.

## THE HOGAN STAND

G.A.A. magazines don't have a long life, for some reason. There are a few notable exceptions, but, in general, there is not the same loyalty among young people to a G.A.A. magazine as there is to a soccer magazine like *Shoot*, for instance. Maybe it's the quality of the production and the stronger appeal of international sports stars.

A new G.A.A. magazine hit the newstands on March 22 and it is still making G.A.A. deadlines. Called the *Hogan Stand*, it is subtitled 'Your Weekly G.A.A. Magazine' and it is published by Lynn Publications, Creevagh, Crossakiel, Kells, Co. Meath. It claimed to be the first weekly G.A.A. magazine and promised to be regular, colourful and informative.

Since the beginning it has given a good coverage of inter-county affairs and now, with the decline in inter-county activity, it is concentrating its attention to counties and schools and lesser areas of G.A.A. activity. Its chief contributor is Eugene McGee and it has a number of guest writers from different counties. One of the most regular is John McIntyre, the former Tipperary centreback.

Overall it appears to be going okay with a plentiful supply of advertising, without which such productions cannot flourish. It gives a weekly results section and a good supply of pictures in colour and black and white. It sells for £1 and appears on Thursdays.



Out in all kinds of weather to cover our games (l. to r.): Michael Dundon, 'Tipperary Star', Paddy Cotter and Gerry Slevin 'Nenagh Guardian'.

## GAEL SPORT

Gael Sport was always a colourful and professionally produced annual for young people, which hit the shops at Christmas. Since October it has appeared as a monthly and quite attractive it looks. It appears to have the qualities that will appeal to younger people with the emphasis on colour, action shots, short pieces on players and excitement in general. There was a big Tipperary focus on the first issue and camogie and Leitrim receive emphasis in the second production.

It should do well and is attractively priced at £1. As far as I can make out it has fallen down on distribution. The shops in Cashel hadn't heard of it. One magazine shop in Clonmel had heard of it but hadn't received it while a second had. If you're going to sell a magazine you should make it easy for the public to get it. Another crib. I had to search the November issue to find out where it came from, who was the editor and other information that should be slap bang inside the front cover. And, what really annoyed me was the civil service mentality of the following statement: 'Gael Sport is an official publication of C.L.G. but its published views are not necessarily those of the Association'. It reminds me of Dev sending the delegation to London as plenipotentiaries but insisting that they report back before they signed anything!

## GIANTS OF THE ASH

I bought my copy of this book by banker, Brendan Fullam, a couple of days ago and haven't had sufficient time to study it. Most of you have read the reviews and they have been many. The reason for the publicity may be because it's the first of its kind, seventy-five profiles of the greats in hurling based on interviews taken over a period of ten years. Tipperary is well represented by Liam Devaney, Jim Devitt, John Doyle, Tommy Doyle, Martin Kennedy, John Maher, Michael Maher, Tony Reddin, Johnny Ryan, Pat Stakelum, Tommy Treacy.



## G.A.A. PUBLICATIONS

(Continued from previous page)

Each profile begins with quotations from the interview with the player. In the case of Jim Devitt it begins: 'The game of hurling is a noble art of the best field game, but I am sorry to say it has lost some of its basic skills, such as ground hurling, the drop puck, and the clash of the ash as the centrefields fought in the air for possession'. There is more and the account goes on to give Jim's career in hurling.

Each piece is captioned by the name of the player, his years playing at inter-county level, the name of the player's club and county and the player's signature. This is a major work with black and white photographs of the players and some colour pictures as well. The book has been so well received that a sequel is planned which would include more contemporary players. For instance, Jimmy Doyle isn't included. My only crib is the price of the book, £15.95, which is a bit saucy, even if it is a well produced work of 254 pages by the Wolfhound Press.

Have a good read!

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# New County Chairman - Mick McGuire

**A**FTER 30 years of dedicated service to his club, Division and County as a player, selector and administrator, the election of Mick to the highest office in this county is surely the high point of his career so far.

Mick was first elected to the Committee of the Lattin/Cullen club in 1956. He served the club as chairman and secretary and team selector over the years and is still an active committee member. He became secretary of the West Board in 1971 — a post he relinquished in 1976. His experience at club and divisional level make him an admirable choice for the position of County representative on Central Council, a position he held in 1977 and 1981 to 1982. During this period he was also on the prestigious Games Administration Committee in Croke Park. In 1986 Mick became chairman of the West Board, an office which he held until 1988. The administrative experience he has gained during those years of change should stand to him in his onerous position as County Chairman.

But probably it's as a player that most would associate the name Mick McGuire. He was fearless, tough and fair. He wore the club and county jersey with pride. He continued to play with his club up to the mid-eighties, and indeed too was no mean knight of the whistle.

Those that had the pleasure of working with him in administration would always say that he was a games man first and

foremost. He would prefer the playing field to the meeting room. The raising of the standards of refereeing and games was always a priority with him. Indeed it's no secret that at one time he was also a national referees' assessor. Rules for him were secondary to commonsense, fair play, participation and enjoyment at our games.

As a player he won numerous honours. He represented Tipperary in senior football between 1963 and 1967. He also was no mean hurler, representing the county in Junior hurling in 1964. His success was with Lattin/Cullen is represented by his holding of 8 West Senior Football Championship medals, one in Junior football, and two in U21 football. He also holds a West S.H.C. medal with St. Patrick's, two Intermediate and two Junior hurling championship medals also. Despite his busy schedule he is no stranger to Club work and whether it's cutting, lining or preparing the field for West games or college games or helping at the weekly card game, he takes all in his stride.

Indeed, too, his family have followed in his footsteps on the playing field. Pat has played U21 and Junior hurling with the county. Gerry has played on the County Minor hurling team and Brian won a Rice Cup medal this year with Abbey C.B.S. All three are equally adept at football.

Finally, as County Chairman, like his predecessors, he expects and deserves the support of all units within the county.



A welcome in Lattin for Mick McGuire after his election as County Chairman.



# Tipperary G.A.A. Members' Draw

## A Ticket to Success

By Tim Floyd (Draw Co-ordinator)

Tipperary G.A.A. Members' Draw, now in its fourth year, has created a new bond between clubs and County Board, and their co-ordinated effort has helped immeasurably to defray so much costs involved in the development of the Association and its activities in the Premier County. Enthusiasm among G.A.A. people in Tipperary, since our senior hurlers returned to glory in 1987, has reflected itself in the public's willingness to support any fund designed towards ensuring continued success.

The fourth draw was launched in the Ragg Lounge on June 7th, 1991, by the President of the County Board, Seamus Ó Riain. Within four months a record 16,000 members were subscribing. Thankfully, the gamble of offering a prize-fund to the value of one quarter of a million pounds has paid dividends. This success means that the County Board can continue to improve standards in our schools, etc., whilst our clubs can enjoy a reliable income without any major risk.

The draw has withstood the passing of time, and periodic improvements have consolidated its position as the best means of fund-raising available to clubs, as well as being the most attractive draw to the man on the street. The fact that this draw idea is rooted in our clubs, and its benefits are retained within the county boundaries has struck a kindly chord with our supporters, who have responded in an unprecedented fashion.

### Triangular seal of approval

Tipperary G.A.A. Members' Draw has enjoyed huge success for the past two years, because it has received the seal of approval from three very important groups:

1. The Supporters
2. The Clubs
3. The County Board.

### The Supporters

The supporters of Tipperary G.A.A. are the punters and we must offer them an attractive package that is worth supporting. Some see it as an opportunity to win a valuable prize, whilst others join to support their club and/or county. Some even join, just to be associated with the



Clonmel Og, top promoting club in the county for the second year, seen here collecting their prize for last year from County Chairman Mick Maguire.

present victorious senior hurling team.

By and large, at just £5 per month or £1.25 per week, it's within everyone's capabilities to be a subscriber. Our supporters are also happy with the policy of restricting the draw promotion to Tipperary clubs and associations.

### The Clubs

One million pounds earned in three years. Primarily, our clubs and associated bodies see the draw as a means of raising the necessary funds to survive. The present 45% commission means that an average of 250 members returned by a club will earn almost £7,000 in one year. This should carry most clubs through the year. If the club has development plans or extraordinary expenses, an extra effort with the draw will cater for this.

The luxury of carrying no risks or overheads is an added incentive. The hidden benefits of the draw to our clubs are often overlooked. From the fund, the county has full-time hurling and football coaches calling to every school and club within its boundaries. Cash grants are paid to our schools for the purchase of hurleys, balls, helmets and travelling expenses. By promoting the games in our schools there is an automatic spin-off in our clubs. The County Board also pays grants to all finalists in our club championships from the draw fund.

### The County Board

Half million pounds in grants allocated. Most County Boards now find, that in order to show a profit for their year's work, it must have a successful National League campaign. Local gate receipts and sponsorships will rarely cover the high

costs of preparing county teams and general running expenses. Alternative sources of income are now required if promotional schemes are to be put in place.

Against this background, Tipperary County Board launched its first draw in May 1988, and since then, it has never looked back. Very definite programmes have been established, aided by draw resources, resulting in Gaelic games being in a very strong position in the county. Over the past three years grants have been allocated as follows, direct from draw funds:

Simple Stadium Debt.....	£160,000
Hurling Coaching Scheme.....	£94,532
Football Coaching Scheme.....	£45,000
Post-Primary Schools.....	£30,000
Primary Schools.....	£14,906
Club Finalists Grants.....	£45,450
Purchase of Drom Field	
for Camogie.....	£16,940
G.A.A. Museum in Thurles....	£25,000
Local Radio.....	£10,000
County Board na nOg.....	£4,200
Rockwell College Coaching	
Week-ends.....	£5,236
County Handball Board.....	£3,500
County Camogie Board.....	£1,500
Tipperary Senior Hurlers.....	£13,901
Féile na nGael Grants.....	£2,000
Miscellaneous Grants.....	£11,535
<b>Total Fund allotted in 3 years</b>	<b>£483,700</b>

### Draw Committee 1991

Chairman: Michael Frawley.

Secretary/Co-ordinator: Tim Floyd.

County Chairman: Michael Maguire.

County Treasurer: Seamus Hogan.

North Reps.: Noel Morris, Michael Nolan, John Tierney.

Mid Reps.: John Ryan, Liam Hennessy.

South Reps.: Jimmy Collins.

West Reps.: Gerry Creedon, Jim Ryan (S).

### Appreciation

We thank all our club promoters, club co-ordinators and most of all our subscribers, for ensuring the continued success of the draw. We look forward to their continued support for future ventures.



Tipperary G.A.A. Draw Committee



# Féile na nGael

*"A look back – a look forward"*

*P.P. Guthrie*

**T**HIS year, Féile na nGael reached its 21st birthday in the town of its birth, Thurles. It was indeed very appropriate and fitting that the hurling festival should come of age where it was initiated in 1971. In the 21 years, Féile na nGael has been held in 11 different venues and in three of the four provinces.

This rotation of Féile was very important for the success and development of the original concept. It would have caused many difficulties, administrative and financial to name just a few for any county if Féile was to be permanently staged in one venue.

Each county that has had the privilege of holding the Féile has given the festival something new and special – an embellishment that has enriched the hurling festival.

Because the canvass of Féile is wide and reaches far beyond the actual games of hurling, Camogie and Handball, it was necessary for all host counties to have eight to ten different committees in operation. With a membership of six to eight people in each committee, one had sixty to eighty members deeply involved in the presentation and organisation of the annual festival.

The Coiste Stiúrtha Náisiúnta had a clear cut policy with regard to these committees. It did not want members already deeply involved in the G.A.A. to become involved in the Féile structure. It



**P. P. GUTHRIE IS HONOURED**

*In appreciation of his excellent work for Féile na nGael, Donal Shanahan (right), Tipperary Féile na nGael chairman makes a presentation to National Secretary P.P. Guthrie.*

wanted young, open-minded and enthusiastic members who would be given motivation and leadership. In this way the G.A.A. was embracing young people, who were not up to this involved in its affairs. I believe firmly in the excellence, competence and ability of our young people once they are given leadership and responsibility. In all my 21 years with Féile, I have not been let down or disappointed with even one young person's commitment to the Féile and the tasks he/she was asked to do.

For the past 21 years, there has been an annual participation of 620 clubs approximately in Féile at County level. This would represent between 3,000 and 14,000 young hurlers. Following each county's own competition or festival, 31 clubs travel to the host County where they engaged their host club and the neighbouring clubs in at least three games. So at National level there were 64 hurling clubs with a membership of 1,300 young hurlers participating.

I have no doubt, but this annual Festival has been of great advantage to the host county, but also to the visiting clubs. We are told that travel educates. All host counties have acknowledged the benefits gained by organising and holding the Féile. One Féile committee member told me that it was "like a good spring cleaning and a great breath of fresh air" to his county.

The National Executive has always placed great emphasis on proper presentation of its games, punctuality, sportsmanship and the proper attire for the young players. Nothing but the highest standards were tolerated. Féile was first in the field with this policy which has become the norm for all sport organisations. It is very encouraging to see this approach being implemented by most clubs today. The Féile influence goes on and on. I am certain that Féile has been instrumental in raising club standards both on and off the field. Surely, this is no mean achievement.

Hurling is at the heart of Féile with thousands of U-14 games played in the preliminary competition at County level,

and close to 300 games at National level. So those who say that hurling has been sidelined or pushed aside should look at the facts. The National Executive has with the co-operation of many local Féile executives, glamourised the game of hurling. Publicity, glamour or hype are now buzz words in today's world of promotion.

Those of us who are dealing with young people today are only too conscious of the influences that make them tick. With the television and the video moulding their characters, ideas and ideals, we must be alert and vigilant and leave aside our old-fashioned and conservative ideas of yesterday. Colour, pageantry and ballyhoo are all part of childrens' perception of a good sporting activity. All this good presentation will attract young people and they will want to get involved and participate. In no way do they deflect attention from their playing of the game of hurling. In fact, the pageantry excites the young child and makes him feel good about himself.

Maybe I'm too close to Féile for the past 21 years to be objective about its success. Yes, I accept this viewpoint. During the past 21 years, Féile has been staged under the presidency of eight different presidents and two Ard Stiúrthóirí. So let us see what are their opinions and views of Féile na nGael. I start with:

**Conchúr Ó Murchú,  
Uachtarán 1976 – 1979**

"The whole event (Féile na nGael) epitomises the very purpose and ethos of the G.A.A. It is hoped, as was envisaged, that it would make the necessary impact on each generation of participating young people so as to inspire them to reach new heights in hurling and sportsmanship, and give them a greater appreciation of our National Games and the place they hold, and must retain with all our support, in the cultural and social life of Ireland and the Irish People".

**Paddy McFlynn,  
Uachtarán 1979 – 1982**

"Féile na nGael has proved to be a great



training ground for young leaders and administrators, at Club, County and National levels. It has set high standards of presentation, eradicated careless attitudes and made punctuality for the starting times of meetings and games the norm rather than the exception. It has led, from the front, with commitment and dedication and this goal has touched the lives of many up and down the Country".

**Mr. Paddy Buggy,**  
**President of the G.A.A. 1982 – 1985**

"Feile emphasises all that is good in the field of youth work and the promotion of sport in a professional manner, by its emphasis on participation and enjoyment rather than the winning. There is a great emphasis on attire, team discipline, proper preparation of pitches, timekeeping, refereeing, and it is a wonderful exercise that it is best in modern sport".

**Dr. Mick Loftus,**  
**Úachtarán 1985 – 1988**

"I have vivid memories of seeing the great pride on the faces of the young boys and girls as they proudly marched past the review platform on Féile Sunday, representing their Club and County. It was a special moment for me. Secondly, the great feeling of community spirit that permeated all aspects of the Feile. The thousands of hurlers, camogie players and handballers who were so generously hosted by families all around the country without any question of cost or expense. The bonds of friendship that were forged between clubs North and South and the great understanding that was built up between officials all over the country. The G.A.A. was really in full operation realising its full potential in a tangible way".

**John Dowling,**  
**Úachtarán 1988 – 1991**

"Through the work of Feile na nGael, many thousands of our young people are introduced to hurling and the very ethos of the G.A.A. The love of our association and the camaraderie which it engenders is ingrained in them in a way that lasts right through life. The importance of Féile and its contribution to the promotion of hurling and the G.A.A. should and must not be under estimated".

**Peadar Ó Cuinn,**  
**Úachtarán C.L.G.**

"In my view Féile na nGael is amongst the most important undertakings in the annual calendar of the G.A.A. It focuses our attention on the most important section in our organisation, our Youth and it galvanises us collectively into great commitment and effort in the promotion of hurling. Each year, Feile acts as the catalyst in bringing together our young hurlers from every corner of our Country and in introducing them to the ethos of our organisation and the large but close knit extended family that is the G.A.A."

**Sean O'Siochain,**  
**Ard Stiúrthoir 1964 – 1979**

"Feile na nGael, the brainchild of Seamus O'Riain, former President of Cumann Luthchleas, has been the most

significant promotional plan for the promotion of hurling since the foundation of the Association in 1884. Its great success is primarily due to being a drive of National proportions – involving teams from the 32 Counties – and having social and cultural facets which have nurtured enduring friendships between teenage players who might never otherwise, have an opportunity of meeting".

**Liam Ó Maolmhichíl,**  
**Ard Stiúrthoir**

"The growth of Féile na nGael over its 21 years has been exceptional. The event has been firmly established as the premier annual festival of hurling, camogie and handball for under-age people and its impact on the counties in which it is organised has been most positive.

#### **The Future . . .**

I worry about the future for the Féile. Unless the foundation of Féile na nGael is solid and firm, the Annual National Hurling Festival cannot be assured or guaranteed. The foundation of the Féile is in each of the 32 counties. In each county, the promotion of hurling must be a priority, coaching the skills of the game must be evident in schools and clubs and each County Board must be facilitating and enabling clubs in their efforts. The evidence that this concerted approach is going on in all counties is just not there. In a recent survey on this very situation, the National Executive of Féile arrived at the following findings:

**Leinster:** The situation is unsatisfactory in four counties, with club officials who are interested, very isolated and without assistance.

**Connacht:** Outside of Galway and Roscommon, there is little progress or headway being made with the promotion and development of hurling.

**Ulster:** Ulster has a definite hurling plan. Nevertheless, there is cause for concern in a number of Counties.

**Munster:** There is a satisfactory interest in hurling promotion in all counties, but a greater effort is still needed.

There was a unanimous opinion among the people we spoke to that there was lack of support and interest from some county officials. Others felt that there was an urgent need for a hurling development plan either at National or Provincial level. Another strange fact to emerge was that in many clubs and counties, Gaelic Football is the greatest competitor with hurling the poor relation.

It was the view of the majority of the people that we spoke to that there is a lack of personnel in many counties willing and capable of promoting hurling and that there was an urgent need for a Code of conduct for officials in charge of juvenile teams.

A pessimistic report you might say for the future? Yes there are problems. But problems can be solved if we are interested

and aware of their reality. This is where I would start to consolidate Féile for the future – in the heart of each county. Now that Féile has visited the so-called strong hurling counties during the past 21 years, where does it go from here? The fact that Féile has been successful for the past 21 years does not mean that it cannot be changed or given a new emphasis. Basking in yesterday's glory is no recipe for tomorrow's challenges. I would welcome a new and an indepth review of Féile na nGael. The challenges and realities of today are different from the ones that existed when Féile was founded in 1971. But how does one go about this review?

I was not sure until I recently came across an article written by one of the founders of Féile, Seamus Ó Riain. In his article, he suggested "a coming together of people with ideas to work out a plan for the future of Féile. There are plenty of enthusiastic and forward thinking young men and women who have experienced the value of Féile and who have ideas about its potential for marking an inestimable continuation towards the future of our games".

I second this proposal enthusiastically as I feel it would charter the course of Féile for the next 21 years. Concluding his thoughts on Féile, Seamus Ó Riain, stressed that the review group "would be classed as young". I agree and would add such adjectives as imaginative, bold, innovative and fearless to his "young group" of reviewers.

Let us give the youth of today their say in planning their futures as they will have a more meaningful and active role to play in it as we the elders of today 'must step' aside to contemplate our yesterdays.

Before I finish, I wish to refer to the cost of Féile. Coca-Cola, the Féile sponsors since 1971 have carried the main burden of the expenditure with invaluable assistance from Cospóir in the department of Education. We are extremely grateful and appreciative. It is to Coca-Cola must go our very sincere thanks for their outstanding generosity and steadfastness over the past 21 years. They became involved in 1971 when sponsorship in the G.A.A. was unheard of or even contemplated. Remember the famous words of Neil Armstrong: "That's one small step for man, one giant step for mankind".

I say it was one small for the G.A.A. (Féile) and one giant leap for Coca-Cola. They showed courage and real commitment in those far off days of 1971. John O'Connell, their managing director in 1971, laid the foundation stone on which thousands of young hurlers, handballers and Camogie players as well as administrators and officials have built and developed their hurling prowess and administrative skills that have enriched the Country, their County and their community. Now I realise and understand what John O'Connell meant when he said "Féile was the heaven in the Community".



# Scór at the crossroads

By: NAN KELLY (Portroe), Tipperary Co. Scór P.R.O.

SCÓR in Tipperary is currently at a crossroads, and the attitude of clubs in the coming months will ultimately decide whether the supposed cultural area of the G.A.A. survives or perishes.

Certainly if the attitudes of the clubs are anything to go by, we have seen the last of Scór as a dominant force, but the reasons forwarded for its demise are less than convincing.

In contrast to when Scór was initiated 22 years ago, the interest of most of the clubs now seems to have disappeared altogether. Some of the biggest clubs in the county failed to even hold a parish final this year – a situation which the Association should not allow to continue.

In times gone by, when Scór was one of the foremost items in the G.A.A.'s diary, the level of interest from the Association was at an unprecedented high level. Clubs fell over one another to try and secure the hosting of a regional or divisional final, which was the financial reward involved.

However, now that those same incentives have disappeared, the Association, it seems, are happy to let Scór die a slow, lingering death. For them to continue alluding to it as their cultural arm is nothing short of derogatory, because the level of input from clubs and headquarters alike is now truly minimal. It's no longer good enough for the top brass to attend Munster or All-Ireland finals, where the halls are always full and presentation is at a premium. Prosaic speeches about the high standard on stage will do little to remedy the problems at grassroots level.

In short, time is now of the essence more than ever before and the Association has been given more than enough notice about the need to remedy the situation. It remains to be seen whether the organisation and the clubs have enough of a conscience to do something about it.

Despite the obvious lack of interest, Tipperary again fared exceptionally well at Scór na nOg and Scór Sinsear level. After a memorable Scór na nOg County Final, both Sean Treacy's instrumental music group and Criona Harrington of Upperchurch in solo song reached the All-Ireland finals. Unfortunately, victory was not to be theirs on the day, but they did their county proud, with their usual excellent performances.

At senior level, Tipperary enjoyed some better success in the All-Ireland finals, although Eileen Heffernan, Cappawhite, in recitation and Mary Nugent, Newcastle in solo song were both beaten amid stiff competition at the final hurdle. Clonmore set dancers maintained Tipp's fine second in winning the county's only All-Ireland of the year.

On behalf of the County Scór Board, I would like to express our thanks to the many people who were involved in preparation and coaching for Scór throughout the year. Thanks also for our adjudicators who often had to perform an increasingly thankless task throughout the year. Finally the best of luck to all our competitors at all levels in the coming year, and hopefully all concerned will be given the kind of support which their efforts deserve.

## CO. SCÓR WINNERS '91

### SCÓR NA nÓG

Rince Foirne: Upperchurch/  
Drombane.  
Aithriseoireacht: Patricia  
Harrington (Upperchurch).  
Amhrán Aonair: Criona  
Harrington (Upperchurch).  
Nuachleas: Portroe.  
Tráth na gCeist: Boherlahan.  
Ceol Uirlise: Sean Treacys.  
Bailéad Ghrúpa: Marlfield.  
Rince Set: Kildangan.

### SCÓR NA SINSEAR

Rince Foirne: Newcastle.  
Aithriseoireacht: Eileen  
Heffernan (Cappawhite).  
Amhrán Aonair: Marie  
Nugent (Newcastle).  
Nuachleas: Newcastle.  
Tráth na gCeist: Fr. Sheehys.  
Ceol Uirlise: Sean Treacys.  
Bailéad Ghrúpa: Arravale  
Rovers.  
Rince Set: Clonmore.



County Scór Committee 1991 (left to right): Eamon Browne, Munster Council Chairman Scór, Michael Maguire, Co. Chairman; Nancy Troy, Mary Kenny, Sean Creamer, Scór Chairman, Joe O'Halloran.



Clonmore – County Munster & All-Ireland Set Dancing Champions.



Lattin/Cullen figure dancing winners of Scór na bPaistí.



County Scór Champions, Newcastle Figure Dancing.



County Scór winners, Newcastle – Novelty Act.



## County Scór champion Solo Singing



Recitation Finalists (left to right): Jimmy Keating, St Mary's; Eileen Heffernan, Cappawhite (winner); Mary Harrington, Upperchurch; Michael Gleeson, Newport.



County Scór Champions – Sean Treacy's Instrumental Music.



Mary Nugent, Newcastle.



Stalwart Gaels – Members of the Munster Council Gaelic Athletic Association, at the meeting of which the Limerick and Tipperary Munster Final was given to the Cork Athletic Grounds (left to right) Messrs M. Hennesy (Clare), P. O'Donnell (Waterford), J. Kelly (Limerick), W. Gleeson (Limerick) (middle row) H. O'Mahony (Cork), S. Murphy (Cork), W. Hough (Hon. Treas.) (Limerick), J. Leahy (Tipperary), J. O'Keeffe (Tipperary), S. McCarthy, Secretary (Kerry); (front row) F. McGrath (Tipperary), W. P. Clifford, Hon. Vice-President (Limerick), Dr. C. O'Sullivan (Kerry), T. Considine (Clare), and P. P. Fitzgerald (Kerry). The year was 1937.

("Examiner" photo)



# Semple Stadium:

# Haven of Rock

By: Eugene Hogan

**H**ow times have changed in Semple Stadium. Invariably at this stage of the year we would be assessing and lauding magnificent feasts of hurling dished up over the past twelve months in our great stadia but now our perspective is dramatically altered. No longer is the recognised home of hurling solely a mecca for worshippers of the game but, due to an entity far greater than any Munster or other final, the hallowed arena has become a temple for rock fans from Belfast to Belgium.

Yes, Féile – the now annual rock extravaganza – has transformed Semple Stadium into a viable industry said to be worth some £5 million to the economy of Thurles and now, only after two years existence, it has grown meteorically to become the greatest collage of rock in the continent of Europe.

It's amazing to think that on our own doorstep, in the arena built to foster and maintain our great tradition in Gaelic games, we are hosting an event that is a haven for rock fans from as far afield as England, Belgium and Germany. Féile '90 – the inaugural event – drew some 50,000 enthusiastic young fans to the Cathedral



Action at the Town End during Féile '91.

Town but the 1991 version surpassed all expectations in topping the previous year's figure by a handsome 20,000.

Like the previous year, Féile '91 was held over the August Bank Holiday weekend when Thurles became the focal point for the youth of Ireland and elsewhere. Significant strides were made to improve facilities in the Stadium and around the town for the throngs of visitors and while there were still glaring shortcomings the organisational aspect was, nevertheless, more efficient.

As early as the Thursday (August 1st) the crowds began to filter into the town. Camps sprung up rapidly in the 20,000 bay campsite at Thurles Racecourse and by Thursday night the town was alive and vibrant with hundreds of young people. Last minute preparations were in full swing; various mobile food outlets rolled into town; elsewhere locals set up food and refreshment shops in their front lawns, garages, porches; barriers and traffic restrictions set in place and all was ready for the thronging masses.

Friday morning and incessant waves of rucksack carriers bounded energetically into town for the feast they had whet their lips for since last year's Féile. Bus loads, car loads, train loads, you name it, they came in. At approximately 2 p.m. the pulse of rock could be felt throughout the town as the early acts kicked off Féile '91. A large portion, by far in a way the majority, hovered around the town tasting other Féile "offerings" but gradually the numbers swelled in the Stadium.

By nightfall some 35,000 were in the midst of a carnival atmosphere in the famous arena. The Mexican Wave made Irish and body pyramids (playful attenders stacking sky high on each others' shoulders) again became synonymous with the night. Then there was the music. The Farm, the Happy Mondays,

etc. all sending the lively crowd frantic.

How could those rousing rockers sustain the electric pace for three entire days? Well, they did. Likewise, Saturday came and went. The colour, the pageantry remained and the rock rolled on. Wendy James and Transvision Vamp, Paul Brady, Soul to Soul; the list was endless – as was the enjoyment.

Sunday, August 4th, and for many people, particularly Tipperary folk, this meant a crux. There was a second great attraction on the day, the All-Ireland semi-finals and for many officials, at Féile, not to mind young supporters of Tipperary, Galway, Kilkenny and Antrim this meant disappointment. Those who remained in Thurles for the day enjoyed another tremendous days entertainment and even many who departed for Croke Park were still able to make it back to witness the marvellous climax when The Pogues and Steve Earle (the latter making a return to the stage for the second time), provided a throbbing background to a beautiful fireworks display.

All weekend there was a great sense of camaraderie amongst the multi-denominational crowd. Be it the massive campsites, down the town or in Semple Stadium young people of various creeds and classes stood on common ground in a cauldron of friendship.

At the time of writing Féile '92 seems destined for Thurles. There is a growing anti-lobby, however, who for various reasons claim the Féile to be more detrimental than beneficial to the town. Issues like alcohol abuse, which is one of the main bones of contention, inadequacy of facilities, disruption to the town, not to mind the Semple Stadium pitch will have to be redressed for Féile to continue harmoniously. Let's hope the actions of the minority will not prevent a great source of enjoyment for the majority.



# SCOREBOARD 1991

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## COUNTY FINALS

<b>Senior Hurling:</b>	
Cashel King Cormacs.....	2-8
Holycross/Ballycahill .....	1-5
<b>Senior Hurling:</b>	
Fethard .....	1-12
Clonmel Commercial .....	0-13
<b>Intermediate Hurling:</b>	
Moneygall.....	3 9
Arravale Rovers .....	2 6
<b>Intermediate Football:</b>	
<b>Junior Hurling:</b>	
Cashel King Cormacs.....	2-4
Killea .....	1-6
<b>Junior Football:</b>	
<b>Under-21 Hurling (A):</b>	
<b>Under-21 Hurling (B):</b>	
<b>Under-21 Football (A):</b>	
<b>Under-21 Football (B):</b>	
<b>Minor Hurling (A):</b>	
Eire Og, Nenagh .....	4-10
Knockavilla Kickhams .....	0-5
<b>Minor Hurling (B):</b>	
Boherlahan/Dualla .....	3-3
Aherlow .....	1-7
<b>Minor Football (A):</b>	
Arravale Rovers .....	3-6
Eire Og, Nenagh .....	1-4
<b>Minor Football (B):</b>	
Rosegreen .....	3-7
Burgess .....	0-6
<b>Under-16 Hurling (A):</b>	
Dúrlas Og .....	0-10
Kilruane McDonagh .....	1-5
<b>Under-16 Hurling (B):</b>	
Borrisoleigh .....	2-6
Dúrlas Og .....	2-3
<b>Under-16 Football (A): (Replay)</b>	
Dúrlas Og .....	4-7
Arravale Rovers .....	0-8
<b>Under-16 Football (B):</b>	
Aherlow .....	3-3
Cahir .....	2-5
<b>Under-14 U/R Hurling:</b>	
Dúrlas Og .....	10-11
Arravale Rovers .....	2-4
<b>Under-14 Rural Hurling:</b>	
Toomevara .....	3-9
Gortnahoe/Glengoose .....	2-5
<b>Under-14 U/R Football:</b>	
Dúrlas Og .....	4-8
Arravale Rovers .....	2-3
<b>Under-14 Rural Football:</b>	
Cahir .....	3-7
Aherlow .....	2-2
<b>Under-12 Hurling:</b>	
Toomevara .....	3-2
Cahir .....	3-1
<b>Under-12 Football:</b>	
Cahir .....	3-7
Holycross/Ballycahill .....	1-2

## INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS — HURLING

<b>SENIOR:</b>	
<i>Sunday, July 9 - Semple Stadium:</i>	
Tipperary .....	2-18
Limerick .....	0-10
<b>Munster Final:</b>	
<i>Sunday, July 7 - Páirc Uí Chaoimh:</i>	
Tipperary .....	2-16
Cork .....	4-10
<b>Replay:</b>	
Tipperary .....	4-19
Cork .....	4-15

*Sunday, August 4 - Croke Park:*

Tipperary .....	3-13
Galway .....	1-9

**All-Ireland Final:**

*Sunday, September 1 - Croke Park:*

Tipperary .....	1-16
Kilkenny .....	0-15

**JUNIOR:**

*Sunday, June 9 - Semple Stadium:*

Tipperary .....	3-15
Clare .....	2-11

*Friday, June 21 - Mallow:*

Tipperary .....	4-13
Cork .....	5-10

*Saturday, June 29 - Semple Stadium:*

Tipperary .....	2-20
Cork .....	0-11

*Sunday, July 14 - Birr:*

Tipperary .....	3-19
Armagh .....	0-4

**All-Ireland 'Home' Final:**

*Saturday, July 27 - Limerick:*

Tipperary .....	2-13
Kilkenny .....	0-10

**All-Ireland Final:**

*Sunday, September 8 - Limerick:*

Tipperary .....	4-17
London .....	1-5

**UNDER-21:**

*Wednesday, July 10 - Semple Stadium:*

Tipperary .....	2-10
Limerick .....	2-10

*Wednesday, July 17 - Kilmallock:*

Tipperary .....	1-14
Limerick .....	1-14

*Wednesday, July 31 - Tipperary Town:*

Limerick .....	1-9
Tipperary .....	0-9

**MINOR:**

*Wednesday, May 1 - Limerick Gaelic Grounds:*

Tipperary .....	2-9
Cork .....	1-7

**Munster Final:**

*Sunday, July 7 - Páirc Uí Chaoimh:*

Tipperary .....	3-13
Limerick .....	1-5

*Sunday, August 4 - Croke Park:*

Tipperary .....	2-15
Galway .....	1-13

**All-Ireland Final:**

*Sunday, September 1 - Croke Park:*

Kilkenny .....	0-15
Tipperary .....	1-10

**UNDER-16**

**Munster Hurling Championship:**

West Tipp. ....	1-3
Muskerry (Cork) .....	1-3

**Replay:**

West Tipp. ....	1-7
Muskerry .....	1-3

West Tipp. ....	3-7
East Clare .....	3-6

**Munster Final:**

Cork City .....	5-13
West Tipp. ....	1-2

## 1990 COUNTY FINALS PLAYED IN 1991

<b>Junior Football:</b>	
Kildangan .....	2-5
Upperchurch/Drombane .....	1-4
<b>Under-21 Football:</b>	
Cashel King Cormacs .....	0-8
Clonmel Commercial .....	0-5

## INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS — FOOTBALL

<b>Senior - Munster Championship:</b>	
<i>Sunday, May 26 - Askeaton:</i>	
Limerick .....	0-14
Tipperary .....	2-7
<b>All-Ireland 'B' Championship:</b>	
<i>Sunday, October 13 - Limerick:</i>	
Limerick .....	3-8
Tipperary .....	2-9

**Junior:**

*Sunday, May 26 - Askeaton:*

Tipperary .....	2-10
Limerick .....	2-10

**Replay - June 5 - Clonmel:**

Tipperary .....	0-12
Limerick .....	1-5

*Sunday, June 23 - Dungarvan:*

Waterford .....	0-14
Tipperary .....	2-5

**Under-21:**

*Monday, March 18 - Páirc Uí Chaoimh:*

Cork .....	2-14
Tipperary .....	1-5

**Minor:**

*Thursday, July 11 - Clonmel:*

Kerry .....	1-10
Tipperary .....	1-5

## OTHER RESULTS

**MUNSTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP ('91):**

**Senior Hurling:**

**Munster Semi-Final:**

Cashel K.C. ....	3-11
Clarecastle (Clare) .....	2-4

**Munster Final:**

Cashel King Cormacs .....	
Midleton (Cork) .....	

**Senior Football:**

**Munster Semi-Final:**

Dr. Crokes (Kerry) .....	1-16
Fethard .....	3-7

**FÉILE NA nGAEL:**

**Under-14 Hurling Finals:**

**Division 1:**

Na Piarsaigh (Cork) .....	1-6
Loughrea (Galway) .....	1-4

**Division 2:**

Horeswood (Wexford) .....	2-7
Borrisoleigh (Tipp.) .....	1-2

**Division 3:**

Fethard (Tipp.) .....	4-3
Cahir (Tipp.) .....	0-5

**Division 4:**

Kilmoyley (Kerry) .....	1-1
Colli Dubh (Kildare) .....	0-3

**Division 5:**

Sean Treacy's (Tipp.) .....	4-2
Newcastle (Tipp.) .....	1-2

**Camogie Finals:**

**Division 1:**

Limerick .....	2-2
Dublin .....	0-2

**Division 2:**

Galway .....	1-5
Wexford .....	1-1

**Division 3:**

Carlow .....	5-3
Roscommon .....	5-0

**Division 4:**

Roscrea (Tipp.) .....	2-2
Waterford .....	1-2

**Handball Finals:**

**40 x 20 Div. 1:**

Clare beat Cork.

**Div. 2:**

Kerry beat Monaghan

**Div. 3:**

Kerry beat Tipperary (Silvermines)

**60 x 30 Div. 1:**

Carlow beat Wexford.

**Div. 2:**

Offaly beat Tipp. (Horse & Jockey)

**Hurling Skills Winner:**

Michael Murphy (Ballyduff, Co. Kerry)

**CAMOGIE:**

**Junior:**

Tipperary .....	2-9
Limerick .....	1-8

**Munster Final:**

Tipperary .....	1-13
Cork .....	1-11

Tipperary .....	5-12
Dublin .....	5-9

**All-Ireland Final:**

Down .....	3-13
Tipperary .....	2-14



<b>Minor:</b>	
Tipperary	8-6
Limerick	0-0
Tipperary	2-7
Clare	1-1
<b>Munster Final:</b>	
Cork	3-8
Tipperary	2-6

<b>County Finals:</b>	
<b>Under-12:</b>	
Toomevara beat Bansha.	
<b>Under-14:</b>	
Thurles	3-2
Toomevara	0-3
<b>Under-16:</b>	
Burgess	1-10
Gortnahoe/Glengoele	0-3
<b>Under-18:</b>	
Cashel	2-7
Burgess	0-3
<b>Junior:</b>	
Thurles	4-0
St. Mary's, Clonmel	2-5
<b>Senior:</b>	
Cashel	3-16
Templederry/Toomevara	2-6

<b>Colleges:</b>	
<b>Munster Junior Final:</b>	
St. Mary's, Nenagh	1-6
Scariff Com. College	2-0
<b>All-Ireland Semi-Final:</b>	
St. Mary's, Nenagh	1-6
F.C.J., Buncloody	0-2
<b>All-Ireland Final:</b>	
St. Mary's, Nenagh	3-9
St. Cuan's, Galway	1-10
<b>Vocational Schools:</b>	
<b>Munster U-15 Final:</b>	
Roscrea V.S.	5-3
Borrisokane	0-2
<b>All-Ireland Semi-Final:</b>	
Roscrea V.S.	2-9
Johnstown	1-2
<b>All-Ireland Final:</b>	
Roscrea V.S.	2-7
New Inn V.S.	1-3
<b>Munster Senior Final:</b>	
Nenagh V.S.	5-5
Roscrea V.S.	3-6
<b>All-Ireland Semi-Final:</b>	
Thomastown V.S.	2-2
Nenagh V.S.	0-4

#### SENIOR HURLING:

##### Challenges / Tournaments:

<b>At Roscrea:</b>	
Tipperary	2-11
Offaly	0-7
<b>At Tipperary:</b>	
Tipperary	3-15
Cork	5-9
<b>At Golden:</b>	
Tipperary	0-17
Waterford	2-9
<b>At Bansha:</b>	
Clare	5-11
Tipperary	3-12
<b>At Templederry:</b>	
Tipperary	0-21
Clare	1-7
<b>At Rathdowney:</b>	
Tipperary	2-14
Laois	1-13
<b>At Clonmel:</b>	
Rest of Ireland	3-12
Tipperary	1-13
<b>At Templemore:</b>	
Tipperary	3-9
Kilkenny	1-20

#### Royal Liver National Hurling League — 1990/91:

<b>At Semple Stadium:</b>	
Tipperary	2-14
Waterford	2-8
<b>At Enniscorthy:</b>	
Wexford	1-11
Tipperary	1-10
<b>At Semple Stadium:</b>	
Kilkenny	2-17
Tipperary	0-13
<b>Semi-Final - at Limerick:</b>	
Offaly	1-7
Tipperary	0-7

#### Royal Liver National Hurling League — 1991/92:

<b>At Limerick:</b>	
Limerick	2-12
Tipperary	0-13
<b>At Semple Stadium:</b>	
Tipperary	2-18
Kilkenny	1-11

#### Vocational Schools Inter-County Hurling:

Tipperary	3-4
Cork	0-5
<b>All-Ireland Semi-Final:</b>	
Offaly	2-10
Tipperary	2-6

#### Vocational Schools Individual Hurling:

Roscrea V.S.	2-12
Bandon V.S.	1-9
Roscrea V.S.	3-9
Borrisokane	1-3
Roscrea V.S.	6-13
Causeway, Kerry	1-2
Roscrea V.S.	4-9
Johnstown, Kilkenny	0-6

<b>All-Ireland Final:</b>	
Roscrea V.S.	1-13
Moneenageisha Comm. Coll., Galway	1-9

#### Canon Fitzgerald Cup Final (Hurling):

Nenagh C.B.S.	4-5
Thurles C.B.S.	2-9

#### Vocational Schools

<b>North Tipp. Junior Football Final:</b>	
St. Joseph's College, Newport	1-10
Roscrea V.S.	0-3

#### Co. Senior Football Final:

Nenagh V.S.	4-7
Cashel V.S.	1-9

#### Munster Under-18 'C' Colleges Football:

<b>Semi-Final:</b>	
Nenagh C.B.S.	1-10
Ennistymon C.B.S.	1-8
<b>Final:</b>	
Mitchelstown C.B.S.	0-10
Nenagh C.B.S.	1-3

#### Dr. Harty Cup Munster Colleges S.H.C.:

<b>1990/91 Semi-Final:</b>	
Nenagh C.B.S.	0-9
North Mon., Cork	0-9

#### Replay:

North Mon.	4-4
Nenagh C.B.S.	2-9

#### 1991/92 - Round 1:

Ard Scoll Ris	2-13
Nenagh C.B.S.	0-11
Midleton C.B.S.	2-6
Thurles C.B.S.	1-7
St. Coleman's, Fermoy	1-10
Our Lady's, Templemore	1-9

#### Munster Colleges - Hurling

<b>Corn Phadraig 'B' Final:</b>	
Coláiste Spioráid Naomh, Bishopstown	2-8
Cashel C.B.S.	0-10

#### Dr. Rogers Cup 'C' Final:

Bandon High School	1-6
Roscrea C.B.S.	0-8

#### Rice Cup U-14 Hurling Final:

Abbey C.B.S.	3-3
Our Lady's, Templemore	1-2

#### Leinster Colleges

<b>U-14 Hurling Final:</b>	
Enniscorthy C.B.S.	5-9
Cistercian College Roscrea	5-3

#### Tony Forristal U-14 Inter-Co. Hurling Final:

Tipperary	2-13
Galway	1-3

#### Peadar Cummins Under-14 Hurling:

<b>Semi-Final:</b>	
North Tipp.	2-6
South Tipp.	2-3
Mid Tipp.	1-7
West Tipp.	3-5

#### Final:

North Tipp.	2-5
West Tipp.	0-5

#### Garda Cup - U-16 Hurling Final:

South Tipp.	2-9
Mid Tipp.	1-7

#### Under-16 Football Final:

South Tipp.	4-12
West Tipp.	1-4

#### Inter-Firm Junior Co. Hurling Final:

R.V. Chemicals, Nenagh	0-13
Avonmore	2-5

#### Co. U-14 Poc Fada Winner:

Vincent Liffey (Lorrha)

#### INTER-COUNTY FOOTBALL

##### Royal Liver League — 1990/91:

<b>At Aughrim:</b>	
Wicklow	3-10
Tipperary	1-6

##### At Ardinnan:

Tipperary	1-10
Waterford	1-9

##### At Ardinnan:

Tipperary	5-15
Kilkenny	0-4

##### Royal Liver League — 1991/92:

##### At Wexford Park:

Tipperary	1-9
Wexford	1-7

##### At Ardinnan:

Tipperary	0-9
Limerick	1-4

##### At Carlow:

Tipperary	1-9
Carlow	0-9

##### At Ardinnan:

Tipperary	8-17
Kilkenny	1-6

#### McGrath Cup:

##### Semi-Final - Ennis:

Tipperary	2-13
Clare	1-2

##### 'Home' Final - Semple Stadium:

Limerick	1-16
Tipperary	1-13

#### Nenagh Co-Op U-16 Hurling:

##### Round 1:

Galway	4-10
Tipperary	3-10

##### Round 2:

Tipperary	1-7
Limerick	0-8
(Tipp. eliminated on scoring difference)	

#### ALL-IRELAND 11-A-SIDE Slucré Éireann sponsored

##### Hurling: - Carlow

Roscrea	4-11
Clonad	1-2
Roscrea	2-9
Myshall	0-4
Roscrea	3-4
Mt. Sion	1-6
Roscrea	1-11
Raharney	2-1
Roscrea	1-7
Scariff	2-0

##### Final:

Roscrea	1-5
Camross	1-4



# OBITUARIES

## Paddy Ahearne

**P**ADDY AHEARNE of Farnamagh, Cashel, died in October 1989. A native of Golden Village, where he spent most of his life, Paddy was more affectionately known as 'Gah', after the well-known Cork hurler of the thirties.



Paddy was a life-long supporter of the G.A.A., its ideals and objectives, and an astute assessor of the merits and demerits of Tipperary hurling.

An accomplished hurler himself, he represented his beloved Golden Fontenoy's with honour and distinction. He played continually with them well into the 1940's and wore the Blue and Gold in the mid-thirties.

His long-time association with the club was recognised when he was made a Life President.

When he was interred in Golden Cemetery, his remains were accompanied by a guard of honour from Golden/Kilfeacle and surrounding G.A.A. clubs. Go ndéanfídh Dia trócaire ar a anam.

## John Begley (BALLYPOREEN)



**I**N THE month of May, John Begley died at the age of 96. John as well known in handball circles for being a top class

"hardball maker". He turned out hardballs for all the top players.

John was one of the leading lights in Ballyporeen handball in the '20's, '30's and '40's, being very much involved in All-Ireland success with Paddy Ormonde, Con Moloney, Ned O'Gorman and Tommy Moloney.

John also had a major impact in improvements in the 60 x 30 court in Ballyporeen. But it was in handball making he was best known, always able to make the hardball to suit each player. His two grandsons, John and Eddie Corbett, are well-known All-Ireland handballers for Tipperary.

To his family and relations we send our deepest sympathy.

## TOM BROPHY (Nenagh)

**T**HE DEATH of Tom Brophy on 18/9/91 marked a major passing in the history of the G.A.A. in Nenagh. Tom played a most influential role in this history as a player, as an administrator and as a most successful trainer.



Born in 1914 into a great G.A.A. family, Tom attended the local schools. After leaving school Tom went to work with his brother Mick in his tax inspector's office.

Like many young people of his time, he was forced to emigrate to England for some time. On returning he went to work with his brother John in the famous 'workshop' in Emmet Place where the main business was coffin-making.

It was in this 'workshop' that many a match was dissected and replayed over and over and many a plan was hatched and many a tactic was discussed as to how success could be achieved in some forthcoming match.

When Mogul of Ireland started mining in Silvermines, Tom took up the job of mine-clerk with them and stayed with the company until it ceased mining in 1982.

Tom played most of his hurling in the corner forward position and in that position he had few peers. His quick reflexes, speed off the mark, and above all his supreme courage, which knew no bounds, made him the dread of most corner backs and goalkeepers, who faced him.

One of his finest achievements was in scoring 3 goals against the legendary Tony Reddan of Lorrha in the 1st round of the Nth. Tipperary championship of 1949. His performance that day was the main reason for the shock defeat of Lorrha by Nenagh.

Tom also played in the 1939 final against Roscrea in which Nenagh was defeated but success came his way at last in 1947 when he played a major contribution in the winning of the county intermediate final. St. Mary's, as Nenagh was then called, went on to 'field' a senior team the following year and have been involved at this level ever since.

Tom was also a most accomplished footballer and played a prominent part in the winning of the junior football championship on a few occasions during the 40's.

However, it was as a trainer that he really shone, and one could safely say that it was from trainers such as Tom Brophy that the modern day coach was born.

His big achievement in this area was to produce in 1957 a Nenagh team to win a North Championship after a lapse of 42 years. This was no mean achievement, as years of failure had left Nenagh with a legacy of self-doubt.

Tom instilled a spirit of confidence and self-belief in themselves and motivated them to serve over and beyond the call of duty and as a result success came their way.

Tom was not a man of many words, but what he said was spoken with sincerity and conviction and as a result he always carried the respect of his players with him.

A man of the highest integrity, the large attendance at the removal of his remains, the Mass, funeral on the following day, bore ample testimony to the esteem in which he was held in his native place. His coffin was draped in the club colours and a guard of honour was formed by his former team mates and his former proteges.

To his wife Rose, sons Michael and Noel, we extend our sincere sympathy.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam uasal.

## Billy Brussels (ROSCREA)

**T**HE DEATH occurred of Billy Brussels on Saturday, November 9th last. Aged 73 years, he was a highly accomplished hurler in a long and colourful career.



Billy played minor hurling for Tipperary in 1934/'35/'36, winning Munster and All-Ireland honours in his first season. A second Munster medal followed in 1935, but Kilkenny proved too good in the All-Ireland final.

On the club scene he won North Tipp. minor hurling medals in 1934 and 1935. From that great beginning Billy graduated to the club senior team and played a leading role in the 1936 campaign which saw Roscrea win its first ever North Tipp. S.H. title. Billy was a midfielder then and his worth was known to all opponents.

After beating Kildangan in the North final and Carrick Swans in the co. semi-final, Roscrea met the great Sarsfields team in the county final. Despite their best efforts, Roscrea couldn't beat the Blues.

Nine years later Roscrea again reached the county final. This time they drew with Sarsfields. Notwithstanding the play of Billy Brussels at right half forward the county title remained elusive as the mid men triumphed in the replay by 1-4 to 1-0.

Billy's final effort came in 1954 when his play at centre forward helped Roscrea to another county final. This time Holycross/Ballycahill were victorious and Billy's career ended without the well deserved county S.H. medal.

Billy's son Liam played a leading role in Roscrea's first ever Co. final win in 1968 and that was some consolation to the former great.

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During his long career Billy also played club hurling with Kildangan while working in the area.

Billy's best position was probably at midfield. He turned in many top class performances, especially in the '45 campaign. Billy captained Roscrea to victory in the 1949 North Tipp. senior hurling final against Nenagh.

His cheerful manner will be sadly missed around Roscrea and elsewhere.

## Margaret Grogan-Costello

(LITTLETON)

THOUGH we knew for a time that the end was imminent, when it finally came on June 5th it broke the hearts of her family, her many young friends and club-mates.



Margaret played her first game of camogie at the tender age of nine, the following year was a member of the Moycarkey team that won the Junior County Final.

Margaret won many medals with her club, but the highlight of her camogie career was winning the gold medal for the long puck in Mosney in 1985.

She packed a lot into her short career and played some brilliant games for her club. She also excelled on the athletic field and represented Moycarkey-Coolcree on county level on many occasions.

It is a difficult task to pay tribute to a girl who at the young age of nineteen gave so much to her club and proudly wore the red and yellow and graced the camogie fields of Tipperary displaying her skills. Her death has left a tragic gap in the lives of all who knew her.

Margaret's skill will indeed be missed by her club, but from her final resting place in Heaven we know that she will follow their progress.

At the removal of her remains from her home to St. Kevin's Church, Littleton and at her burial, her friends and clubmates formed a guard of honour and her

coffin was draped in her club's colours.

To her mother, sisters, brothers and relatives we extend our deepest sympathy.

Go ndeana Dia trócaire ar a anam dílis.

## PADDY CASEY

'B' RÓN AR an mbás, ní féidir a shéanadh.'

Bhí briseadh croidhe ar gach aoinne, nuair a dimigh Pádraig Ó Casaigh (Casey) ar slighe na firinne ar an 8ú Samhain '91. Fear de'n scoth ab'earr - crothú in a shaogail nár ghéill sé riamh ar na tréithe ba dheise a bhaineann le cinnne gael - gur linne Tír na hÉireann an teanga, an céoil, an rinne agus go mór mhór bun go bharr C.L.C.G. Dár leit muinntir Buirgeas ní bheidh a leithéad an aréis.

The passing from our Burgess Club of our honoured life president Paddy Casey provoked a feeling of great sorrow and loss in our midst - young and old alike.

He became a member of the Burgess Club in the late thirties. This was a period of little wealth and great scarcity (war years). Casey, with a small group of people, was to keep alive the spirit of Burgess hurling. Players from outside clubs (well shod) were generous with their gear. "Casey" would take to the road on Sunday mornings and come match time, would have Burgess "spick and span". Proper presentation of club and team was a boost to morale and added punch to victory.

The many North Tipperary successes and our two county intermediate championship wins, were due in no small measure to his efforts. He was an excellent masseur and was famous for his own special "rub" - a little drop of this and that and the "mighty one".

He was often seen to help other club teams to prepare for finals, whenever Burgess made an early exit. The comfort of his own home, with a cup of tea, was also at the disposal of players from far and near, wherever an injury needed attention.

He was a good judge of hurling and a hurler, but was disappointed at recent changes of some of the playing rules - a little bit of the man taken out of the game - he thought. He was a firm believer in the Tuberadorra style and Leahy regime - "take it, give it and shut up". Burgess, he thought, complemented that honourable approach.

He was an official gate checker for North Tipperary Board for a number of years. At games, big and small, Casey was to be seen helping out to collect the monies in order to keep the affairs of the association running smoothly. Loyalty was also shown to Munster venues when pressure demanded a helping hand.

Afterwards in 1970, when it was decided to foster the other ideals of



the association - language, music, song and dance, in Scór competitions, Paddy revelled in the presentations. He came from a home that was steeped in traditional music and song. His qualifications in this regard were superb. Adjudicating at divisional county and Munster level was a joy. Criticism of results he could handle with expertise.

It is only fitting also that his deep commitment to the unnatural division of our country be mentioned. This surely was a great hurt to him and the suffering of the Nationalists people in occupied Ireland. The dawning of the day that would herald the unification of country and its people he hoped and prayed for.

It was recognised far and wide that Casey's domain in the club was his professionalism at fund raising. This tough job as "director general" of collections was his honoured title. His unique, "Casey's style" was a resounding success. His vast sums for the parish amounted to tens of thousands. Churches, schools, halls, charitable organisations were also to benefit.

The last seventeen years of his fruitful life to the parish was his great ambition in the purchase of the club's own playing field, its development and building of complex. This venture was daunting and frightening to many. It entailed years of laborious effort and above all else, the unbreakable spirit and heart of Casey the "money collector". The venture is now accomplished and paid for.

During this period he was not to enjoy good health but would recover to fight on bravely to again lead the onward march of the club.

Surely one of the greatest moments of his life was the winning of our first under-age county championships - Under-16 and minor 'B' competitions on that historic final day in Borrisoleigh 1990. The team on their own accord, having received the cup, immediately made haste to "Casey" - the one who made it all possible. The presentation of the cup to him was the conferring on him of supreme captaincy of the Burgess Club.

This gesture, which gold and

silver could not buy, was glorious recognition of his fifty years of loyal and unbroken service to the club.

Slán Pádraig agus tá súil againn go mbuailfimis le chéile arís í bpáircanna glasa na bhflaitéas.

A.M.D.

## Jack Collison (Moneygall & Roscrea)

THE death took place after a long illness of Jack Collison, on Saturday, 16th November, 1991. Born in Moneygall fifty five years ago, Jack was an outstanding hurler and footballer with his native club and also with Roscrea and Inane Rovers. He played at centreback on the Moneygall Under-15 team that reached the Divisional Final in 1951 and lost to Kilruane. He was on the Moneygall/Kilruane minor team which lost the North Final to Toomevara/Borrisoleigh in 1954, and in the same year he won a Harty Cup medal with St. Flannan's College, Ennis.



He won County Senior Football medals playing with a North Tipperary Selection in 1958 and 1959 and with St. Flannan's (Moneygall Inane Rovers, Toomevara) in 1961 and a North Divisional Senior Hurling Championship medal with Roscrea in 1963. He was honoured by County selectors in senior football in 1960 and 1962 championships and he figured with the senior hurling team in some National League games.

He played senior hurling with Moneygall from 1964 to 1974 helping the team to two North finals in 1967 and 1970 just missing the club's county successes in 1975 and 1976. He played an important role in bringing a county junior football title to Moneygall in 1964 and taking the club to the County Senior football final in 1965.

With Inane Rovers he won divisional junior football medals in 1958, 1959 and 1961 and a county medal in 1961.

His last engagement with Moneygall club was on St.

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Stephen's Day, 1975 when he played in the charity game Married v. Single, which has become an annual fixture. After retiring from active hurling and football he continued his interest in helping the juvenile teams in Roscrea. He also became an active member of Roscrea Golf Club and filled important official positions even up to his untimely death. He was also a founding member of the Roscrea Credit Union to which he devoted many hours of service.

To his wife Nora, his son Diarmuid and daughter Maria, his brothers and sisters, our deepest sympathy is offered.

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## BILLY COFFEY (KILSHEELAN)

THE passing of Billy Coffey, during the year, brought back memories of one of Kilsheelan's great players of the forties and fifties. A player of utmost dedication and a sportsman to the finger tips, he was admired and respected not alone in his native parish, but all over South Tipperary.



While he played on the County Senior Football team on numerous occasions, always giving of his best. It was his own club that took pride of place with Billy, no matter what the occasion was, even though it was only a challenge with a neighbouring team. As far as he was concerned, the honour of the little village was uppermost in his mind.

During his playing career, the efforts of the club were not always crowned with success, consequently he did accumulate a great deal of trophies. However in 1950, a South and County Junior Football medal were won. In the same year, when Fethard won the South Senior Football Championship, he was a member of the team as Fethard were allowed to pick from two adjoining parishes.

In 1952 together with fellow club man Percy Larkin he won a Munster Junior Championship.

With a hurley he was equally proficient, had he been fortunate enough to get involved with a good senior team, he could have made it to the County Senior side.

He made a great contribution to the Kilsheelan Sportsfield in the development stage, using his building skills to great advantage.

Even though he spent about half of his life in England, his memory will live on in his native parish for many years to come.

## MARTIN CONRAN (CLONMEL COMMERCIALS)

IT was with a deep sense of regret that the Commercials football club received the sad news of the death of their much respected chairman, Martin Conran, RIP.



Martin had been bravely struggling with ill-health for some time, but it never deterred him from his duties as chairman of a very busy club and his loss will be sorely felt during the coming seasons.

Martin was first elected chairman in 1985 and served consecutively during the years 1986, 1987 and 1988. After a one year stint as secretary in 1989, Martin was re-elected chairman for the 1990 season and subsequently for 1991.

A man of great integrity and gentleness, Martin was liked by all, and he had a genuine interest in the welfare of each of the Commercials players. His love of the game of football and his efforts to encourage and improve his club were very evident as he gave a lot of thought and time to the improvement of the Commercials.

1989 and 1990 brought great joy to Martin and the two-in-a-row county championship helped in no small way to ease the burden of his illness. His team will feel him very close during this year's championship as he wills them on to success. Martin served the club with distinction on the county board and his popularity was proven by the fine turnout of G.A.A. personnel at the funeral services.

The Commercials Club extends sincere sympathy to Martin's wife, Molly and to his daughters Margaret, Ann and Sheila. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam

## MICK DOHENY (GORTNAHOE- GLENGOOLE)



WITH the sudden death of Mick Doheny, Graigue, Urlingford, Thurles, at his residence, aged 70. Gortnahoe/Glengooole was deprived of one of its staunchest and most loyal parishioners and a lifelong supporter of Gaelic games, especially hurling.

In his youth, Mick was an accomplished hurler and was at full-back on the Gortnahoe team that brought the first Mid-Tipperary junior hurling (no. 2) title to the parish in 1952, and which annexed Mid No. 1 honours the following year (1953), losing to Cashel in the replay of the County Final. Mick was still an integral part of the club sides which defeated the No. 2 and No. 1 successes in '58 and '59, but the real measure of his ability was his winning of an All-Ireland Junior medal with his beloved Tipperary in 1953, lining out at full-back.

Truthfully, it can be said that Mick Doheny typified the spirit of the G.A.A. and what it represents in Irish life. Few games of note were played in Mid-Tipperary at which he was not present and indeed at his death he was Vice-President of Gortnahoe-Glengooole G.A.A. Club, which enjoyed his wise counsel and unselfish dedication for so many years when his playing career ended. Actively involved in many parish organisations, he had a particular interest in young people, especially the underage teams from the parish. He was also very well known and respected in agricultural circles.

Above all, Mick was a man of very fine qualities whose pleasing demeanour and unassuming manner won for him friends everywhere, and he was never more at home than when discussing G.A.A. activities in any company. His popularity could amply be seen in the huge turnout at the removal of his remains to the Sacred Heart Church, Gortnahoe, and the Concelebrated Requiem Mass prior to his interment in Fennor cemetery.

The Gortnahoe-Glengooole club saluted an outstanding clubman with a guard of honour and the

club's No. 3 jersey was placed on the coffin, along with the Tipperary colours.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his brothers, Fr. Richard (Sacramento), John, Ned, William (Australia); sisters Mrs. Mary Dunne, Nora, and Sister Angela (New Zealand); his relatives and life-long friends.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

## JIM FRAWLEY

IT is not easy to write about someone your own age who has passed to his eternal reward. You have been schoolmates for many years, played underage, junior and senior games together over a long period. During adult years you often trained three times a week, played many matches and celebrated some great victories.

A bond of friendship was firmly built over half a century. During and after our playing days we became involved in the Emly G.A.A. affairs as committee members and officers. From 1980 to 1983 we were part of the Emly Intermediate Football team selectors panel. This team brought our parish its first Intermediate football county title in 1983. Jim's contribution on the placing, selection and management of that team was highly regarded by players and mentors alike.



Most of us are inclined to take people like Jim for granted, for he was always there when he was needed. In 1964 he was one of the strong men behind the purchase of the land to be known later as St. Ailbe's Park. This was historic as it was the first time in 78 years that the club had a field of its own. He helped in many ways towards the development of the field into a beautiful pitch for our gaelic pastimes. Then suddenly, this year, we parted ways.

JUNE  
Jim Frawley departed this world on Sunday, June 2, 1991. He was one of Emly's most admired and respected Gaels and had given a lifetime of service and loyalty to Emly G.A.A. club as player, committee member and mentor. He played hurling and football with grace and dignity right through his career. In the early Fifties it was with Emly and Emly-

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Lattin minor teams and later he was a regular with Emly Junior hurling and Senior football teams right up to his retirement. A mighty build of a man Jim stood 6'2" in height with a lean and solid frame. Big, masterful and skilful, he had no need to pull a foul stroke or give an unfair dig, in truth his game on the pitch was the same as his game in life, honest, wholehearted and dignified. He was always in with an encouraging word and was never likely to over-react no matter the intimidation. His answer to foul attack was to work harder at playing the game.

I have two favourite recollections of Jim's prowess. The first was in a West Junior football semi-final at Monard. On a wet and windy day he scored four points from sideline kicks to ensure an Emly victory. This was in 1957 and these fabulous kicks left an indelible impression on my mind. The second occasion was in a senior football tournament game versus Fermoy at Kilbehenny, when he was playing fullback and I was in goal. We won that game because of the titanic efforts of Jim. The opposition launched attack after attack on each ball dropped from the sky. It was clearly fetched high in the air by the fullback. He scaled heights, in every sense, that I had not thought possible. Our opponents just stared in awe as he claimed possession, crushed them aside and cleared upfield. Surely 'tis of such deeds that dreams and memories are made of.

He helped Emly to many notable victories but the greatest must have been our initial West Tipperary Senior football win in 1959 when the Hennessy Cup made its first journey back home, and this was repeated in 1960 under the captaincy of his brother Mick. He was part of history, being made in these glorious years.

In recent years Jim's favourite pastime was as a spectator at all games, especially local underage and juvenile matches which he seldom missed. He enjoyed the contest and especially the discussion afterwards.

Jim Frawley had a love of people, especially the young, a love of Emly and Tipperary. His friends were numerous through his G.A.A. contacts, his Macra connection and his farming livelihood. All were richer for his support, expertise and advice. Everyone he toughed was the better of knowing him. He had the blessing of a very happy family life with his beloved Mary and to her, his brother, Mick, sister Nora, nieces and nephews, I extend my deepest sympathy. His life was a good one. May his soul rest in peace.

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anamnacha go léir.*

## CATHERINE GUERIN

THE parish of Toomevara was shocked and saddened in August, 1991 with the news of the death of Catherine Guerin at the young age of 21 years.



From an early age Catherine developed a keen interest in sport, but she had a special love for camogie. A very skilful player with the club she also made an enormous contribution to the coaching of underage teams in the parish. The year 1990 will always hold a special memory for the local Under-14 team, because Catherine by her influence and coaching skills trained this team win a historic All-Ireland in Féile Na nGael for the club. This year she coached the U-12 team to their fifth county title success and also the Under-14 team.

Whenever giving a team talk, she always had full attention from her players and she always emphasised the importance of sportsmanship for that she had earned the respect of all camogie players throughout the parish.

On the playing field, Catherine always gave of her best and she gave many fine displays in her favourite wing back position. She always enjoyed playing the game, never lacking commitment and courage and in many games it was her skill and bravery that saved Toome on many occasions. She enjoyed a lot of success with the club and she played a major part in establishing Toomevara as one of the strongest clubs in Tipperary. her long list of achievements include Co. Championship wins at U-14, U-18 and Intermediate level. She was also holder of three Ann Frazer Cup Medals, and was a member of the Tipperary Junior panel which reached the All-Ireland in 1990. She also had the honour of being selected captain of the camogie team at Mary Immaculate College, Limerick this year.

So over a small number of years, Catherine had made a tremendous contribution to camogie both at club and county level, and in recent years it was her enthusiasm that generated so much interest to the underage girls of the parish.

All of us have many happy memories of Catherine both on and off the field, her pleasant personality made her most popular in the parish. Having just completed her studies and qualified as a school teacher, she expressed the many happy days

she enjoyed in college. For her colleagues in Toomevara camogie club, her death has left a void. Catherine is a great loss to her parents, sister and brothers, but we hope that they take comfort from the many pleasant memories that she has left to her friends and all who knew her. May she rest in peace.

## RAYMOND HOGAN

THE untimely death of Raymond Hogan shortly before his 17th birthday cast a gloom over the whole parish of Borrisokane. Raymond, a member of one of the best known and active families in the parish, died after a long illness which was borne so bravely. He was the youngest son of Paul and Mary Ann Hogan of Kilfadda, Lorrha and hurling came as second nature to him; his brothers Pádraig, Brendan and Adrian have worn the blue and gold with distinction and he showed great talent from an early age and was set to follow in their footsteps. He was a determined and skilful hurler from an early age and played with Borrisokane from age of 10 upwards.



He played on Under-12, Under-14 and Under-16 teams and was a member of the U-14 Panel which won the County title in 1986. He won North and County Poc Fada in 1988. He played his best competitive match in April 1990 with the Community College and that team went on to win the All-Ireland. He also won Garda Cup medal with North Tipperary Under-16 team.

Always interested in the outdoors, he had a great interest in shooting and took up playing golf in his latter days.

Raymond was one of the best liked students in the Community College and indeed was a great mixer with both people his own age and other age groups. It was impossible not to like him, dedicated to the game he loved, friendly, outgoing, with a natural uprightness and manliness that was obvious to all who came in contact with him. His great qualities stood him in good stead during his last year as he endured long periods of hospitalisation and treatment in Dublin.

The funeral was the largest in the area in living memory. Deepest sympathy is extended to his parents, Paul and Mary Ann, brothers Pádraig, Brendan and Adrian; sister Denise, grandmother, uncles, aunts, cousins and relatives.

I measc na nAingéal, agus i ngleic láimhe Dé go raibh sé.

## TOM HOLMES (NENAGH)



THE death on July 28 of the multi talented Tom Holmes caused shock waves throughout his native Thurles, his adopted Nenagh and the County Tipperary and National Art and Athletics communities. At 52 years of age, a malignant tumour cut short a life of achievement and even greater potential, exactly eight weeks after a normal training run and fifteen weeks after a prize-winning veterans race.

Tom was best known as athletics administrator in the many painstaking roles up to BLE county chairman and delegate to national conventions - and as artist - including two one-man exhibitions and hundreds of townscapes and landscapes privately sold. He also designed and painted stage sets for a dozen far-flung musical societies and banners for several North Tipperary G.A.A. clubs, including the Éire Óg, Nenagh one which was a Féile na nGael prizewinner.

Sport, to which he gave great service also as competitor, soccer referee and coach/manager of the current crop of Nenagh Olympic juveniles, featured in an early painting of footballers in a dressing room in the same poses as Degas's ballet dancers. Sporting prowess at national level of Nenagh and District stars is the theme of a notable mural in 'Rocky's', Kickham St., Nenagh. Mike Burns, Éire Óg, Donie Nealon, Martin Kennedy, Matt Hassett and Rose Fletcher, Droimínear and Dublin are the players represented.

He was chairman of Nenagh Olympic A.C. through the laying of Ireland's only indoor tartan

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track, patronised among others for winter training by Kilruane and Silvermines G.A.A. Clubs. Sportsman and artist merged in his graphic design of the striking entrance gates to that arena, one of the enduring memorials left by a great worker for the community.

## FLANNAN HOUGH SHANNON ROVERS

IT was with deep regret that we learned of the death of Flan Hough which occurred on the 9th June, 1991.



Flan was a very popular figure in our parish. He was a gardener by trade in Drominagh Castle, Ballinderry for many years. He had varied sporting interests, but the game of hurling was his choice. He was club secretary and Board delegate for many years when he worked with two fine Gaels of that time, the late Denis Costello of Kilbanon, and the late Tom Ryan of Rychill.

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Mention the name Flan and there was need to go no further. Throughout the parish it could only refer to one man and when on a Tuesday evening last June I answered the telephone to hear from his nephew the words 'Flan is dead' my thoughts and emotions underwent that indescribable frenzy that invariably accompanies the passing of a fine friend.

When called to his eternal reward Flan left behind him monuments, not of stone, but of so many fine qualities which endeared him to so many people, sincerity, gentleness, sense of duty, dedication, commitment, these and many more traits were part and parcel of the life of Flan Hough.

He bore his illness patiently to the end and the esteem in which he was held in the parish and surrounding districts was evident by the large crowds at the removal of his remains to Terryglass Church and at his funeral Mass and burial. His nephews shouldered the remains draped in club colours, flanked by his former club members and as we laid him to rest in his native Terryglass, one could not help but spare a thought for the many times he roamed this area as a boy, a youth and later as a man. We are sure that he has reaped his reward with the Lord. Go ndéanai Dia trócaire ar a anam

## MICK HANRAHAN



WE extend deepest sympathy to the family of Mick Hanrahan, Ballygraique, who died recently having reached the fine age of 88 years. Mick hailed from Monsea, and was for many years the father figure of the G.A.A. in the parish. He served the post of secretary of the club for over 20 years from 1922 into the forties.

During those years he most reliably came to the field to training always bringing a spare hurley to throw to someone who might need one. He never lost heart if attendances were low and didn't spare himself when he put his shoulder to the wheel. He made hurleys in his spare time for the team and that was before there was a price tag on them or the modern machinery for making them.

Of course, he was hurling himself with the same fervour and determination with which he organised the club. He won his first North final in 1930 when Kildangan joined with the Rovers and won the intermediate championship. He won a North senior championship medal the following year 1931 when the combination followed up on the intermediate success. In 1934 Kildangan went on their own and won the Murphy Cup which was presented to the North Board that year by Murphys Brewery of Cork. Mick again featured in his usual wing back position. He again won a North senior championship medal in 1938 with the club in his last successful year. He played with Tipperary on a few occasions in league campaigns and tournament games. No matter the occasion he proudly wore the blue and gold of Tipperary or Kildangan.

In later years Mick Hanrahan was a long serving and very active member of Nenagh Park Committee. His sons Ned, Tom, Mick and Joe all played hurling with Éire Óg up to senior level and the latter acted as club secretary in the early 1980's. Sincere sympathy is extended to his family and friends.

## JOHNNY HUNT (KILSHEELAN)

WITH the passing of Johnny Hunt, during the summer, Kilsheelan lost one of its best known dual purpose players of the twenties and thirties.

While he achieved more on the field of play at football, hurling was his first love. Among his winning achievements were a Junior Football Championship with his club in 1925, Senior in 1930, and 1933. He played inter-county at junior level. His only hurling trophy was a league medal in 1931.

He had a passionate love of



hurling, encouraging it any way possible deriving great satisfaction from seeing youngsters playing the game.

Once the Munster championship draws were made, his first thoughts were as to how Tipperary would fare. At any level, he was a great follower of Gaelic Games, rarely if ever, missing out if his parish or county were playing.

In his view, the Tipperary team of 1949-51 were the greatest that ever wore the blue and gold, Paddy Kenny being his favourite player.

In the late thirties he emigrated to England where he worked at the building trade. When he returned to his native home, he worked mostly on the land. This was at the beginning of the tractor era, being a highly intelligent man, he quickly acquired the skills of operating tractor driven implements.

When the milk manufacturing plant known as Miloko near Carrick On Suir opened in the late forties, he was employed as a maintenance foreman, where he was highly valued and respected until his retirement.

Johnny lived very close to nature, he loved gardening. One of his favourite pastimes, was a walk in the countryside in any season, be it Spring, Summer, Autumn or Winter. But most especially when the wild flowers bloomed in Spring.

He loved all animals, great and small, his dog and cat came before himself.

Anything in connection with the parish, was his concern, especially the local G.A.A. club, to which he gave great service on and off the field. During the development days of the sportsfield he gave invaluable help. Now that he has passed on, his pleasant smile, witty comment and kind word will be sadly missed.

## JIM KILLEEN (KILDANGAN)



ONE of the great servants of Kildangan G.A.A. club passed to his eternal reward on the 31st July, 1991. Jim Killeen was a native of Clareen, Co. Offaly where he began his hurling and played in the All-Ireland Junior Hurling Finals of 1923 and 1929 with Offaly.

His career with his adopted Kildangan commenced in 1934 and during a senior career which lasted until 1948, he won North Tipp. medals in 1934, '38 and 1943. He was a member of the North Tipperary selection which won the Millar Shield in 1941, 1942 and 1943, and he lined out with Tipperary in 1934, '35 and '36.

Jim was a life long supporter of the G.A.A. When his playing days had ended, he devoted much of his time to promoting the game among the youth of Kildangan and in 1966 he was a selector of the Under-15 hurling team which brought the first County Title to the parish. He was always available to give advice and encouragement when required.

Jim Killeen's contribution to the G.A.A. was immense. His family continues the tradition of giving selflessly to the Association and to the community. Ar dheis Dé ro raibh a anam.

## TOMMY KENNEDY (SILVERMINES)

THE death took place during the year of Tommy Kennedy, Silvermines whose association with the G.A.A. spanned over 60 years. As a young man he played for Silvermines and Dolla teams.

He won a North Tipp. junior title in 1926, Intermediate titles in '27 and '28. His brother Jack was a well known inter-county referee and refereed the Munster senior hurling final of 1934. In later years Tommy concentrated his energies towards helping Bord na nOg and was a gateman for the Board up to the late 1970's. To his daughters Mary and Deirdre, we offer our deepest sympathy.



## John Landers (Lattin & Cullen)



**I**N May of this year John Landers, aged 17 years, died in a tragic car accident.

John had spent almost 10 years of his life playing hurling and football with the club. He was quiet, unassuming, gentle and often witty. He was a talented player and was always good for a few scores.

John will be sadly missed both on and off the field. We extend our sympathy to his mother and brother.

## PADDY O'BRIEN (NENAGH)

**P**ADDY O'BRIEN, Monroe, Newtown, musician extraordinaire, a man who gave a lifetime to the promotion of Irish music through his playing, his teaching, his compositions, and through his influence on countless others, died on March 2nd at his home. He was aged 69 years.



"Without doubt he was one of the greatest traditional musicians of all time, his expertise on the accordion giving him a very special

place not alone in Ireland but with the vast Irish communities in the United States, where he lived for some years in the '50's. Innumerable radio broadcasts both at home and abroad brought a sense of appreciation of his inestimable worth to countless aficionados of the genre that is probably unmatched in the realms of Irish music.

Recordings too were numerous and the special Paddy O'Brien 'lift' that invariably made him recognisable in any company, was the fruit of his dedication, his immersion in the art and his zeal and sheer love of playing.

Nothing pleased Paddy more than to be in the company of other musicians, playing with them, swapping tunes, and all the while adding to his lustre as an accomplished artist, whose loss will be sorely felt wherever Irish music is played and talked about.

Not alone had Paddy left behind a legacy in his recordings, in the many who benefited from his musicianship through his classes, but the O'Brien name will forever loom large on musical gatherings because of the countless tunes he composed.

In his younger days he could wield a hurley with the best and he played with the Duharra club (now Burgess) back in the '40's. Those hands that delighted so many as they rippled up and down the accordion, could also turn themselves to excellent effect in the making of hurleys, as many a player can well testify.

When Scór came on the GAA scene in 1970 it was inevitable that Paddy should welcome it and he had the pleasure of seeing his daughter, Eileen, become the first county winner in the instrumental music section, playing the fiddle. Eileen retained her title in 1971.

In a graveside oration in Garrykennedy cemetery, Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Director General, Labhrás O Murchú, described Paddy as one of the greatest of all time. Like many great literary or artistic figures, his music, his views and his philosophy would be analysed and assessed for, perhaps, centuries to come. His memory and fame would be enduring.

Paddy is survived by his wife, Eileen, daughter Eileen and son Donncha and his sister Mrs. Mary Casey. Surviving him, too, are countless people who have benefited in some way from all he had to give.

Truly a legend in his own lifetime.

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*Ar dheis Dé  
go raibh a  
anamnacha  
go léir.*

## PHILIP O'DWYER BOHERLAHAN-DUALLA

**C**AILLEADH an t-Uasal Pilib Ó Duibhir de Domhnaigh Meitheamh 2, 1991 Bhí sé cuig blian déag is trí scór lian daois. Fear abea é a chlaof go dluth is go dila dá pronsabail críostaíochta igcónaí agus fíor ghael den chéad scoth abea é chó mhaith. Go ndeanai Dia trocaire air.



Philly O'Dwyer was born seventy five years ago in the heart of the "Golden Mile" which is Tubberadora, a stone's throw from names such as Walsh, Maher, Connolly, Ryan, Flanagan and Leahy, names which will forever be remembered as part of Tipperary's hurling history, and his hurling "kindergarten" was Kitty's field on his father's farm where all the local youngsters came to play. From his earliest days he had a keen interest in the G.A.A. and he often told me that as a youngster he cycled to town each week to procure a copy of the Cork "Weekly" and read the tales of that doyen of reporters the famed "Carberry". In later years his ideal pastime was to travel to Kilkenny or Limerick or Cork or Kerry and to listen to the stories of Dick Grace or the Mackeys or Jim Regan or that great Kerry stalwart Bob Stack. No wonder that he was a veritable encyclopaedia of hurling knowledge.

Philly's early years of hurling practice were to stand him in good stead as the years passed by as he was a member of the Thurles C.B.S. team which he brought home the Harty trophy to Thurles for the first time in the early thirties, and he went on to win Minor All-Ireland medals in 1933 and 1934.

Graduating to adult status he was a member of a great Boherlahan junior side which took county final honours in 1934, '35 and '36 and he was very soon to catch the eye of the County senior selectors being honoured with a county jersey while still a young student teacher in De La Salle College, Waterford.

His finest year was 1941 when he led his club to county final

honours, sadly the last county final success by his club, but it was also a heart-breaking year since a serious knee injury in the county semi-final against Roscrea put an end to what might have been a brilliant career.

Philly O'Dwyer however was not lost to the G.A.A. He soon became secretary of the local club in succession to that other great Boherlahan gael Willie O'Dwyer and he was at a later stage to serve the club as treasurer and chairman and was in fact club vice-president right up to the time of his death.

His energies were not confined to the club however as he was a mid Tipperary representative on the County Board from 1950 until his eventual retirement thirty years later in 1980. During that time he also served as a senior county selector for a number of years with such great names as Paddy Leahy, Martin Kennedy, Paddy Kenny and Jimmy Stapleton, a period in which the McCarthy Cup came home to Tipperary on a number of occasions. In this position he was always quietly effective and Paddy Leahy that master tactician was often to admit that many of the master strokes attributed to him were the brainchild of Philly O'Dwyer. He was also honoured as Mid Tipp. "hurler of the past" some years ago.

Philly's activities in Boherlahan were not confined to the G.A.A. and I can well recall the respect he commanded as a local leader of the L.D.F. in the wartime forties; his activities as a member of the Boherlahan coursing club of the fifties; his participation in the parish community council or a lifetime as a supportive member of the Teachers organisation.

It was but fitting though sad that Philly's last journey in this life should be to watch his beloved Tipperary in Munster championship combat at Semple Stadium, Thurles on June 9 and that the final call should come as he topped the railway bridge known for almost a century to gael far and wide.

His remains were laid to rest in the shadow of the Abbey in Holycross beside his beloved wife Mona, who had predeceased him a bare nine months previously.

Ar dheis láimh Dé go raibh a anam dhúil.

P.O.R.

## JERRY O'KEEFFE

**O**N the night of the launching of Seamus King's 'Tipperary's GAA Story' in 1988, the author described Jerry O'Keeffe as having "strode across Tipperary's GAA stage like a colossus". It was the considered comment of a man who had spent a number of years studying the history of our county's GAA.

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For forty years Jerry was Secretary of the South Tipperary Board. He was a member of the County Board for forty-four years, was a member of the Munster Council for nearly twenty years and was its Chairman for four years. He was Secretary of Clonmel Sportsfield for eighteen years and a Director for nearly forty years. As a footballer he wore the county jersey and he was a prominent inter-county referee. No other official in the county at the time of his retirement in 1971 could match his record of experience and expertise at various levels.



He became a soldier in Ireland's cause at the age of seventeen when he joined the Irish Volunteers in his beloved Kilsheelan and even when interned in the Curragh in 1922-23, he was active in GAA affairs; he was secretary of the committee which organised those prison games which, featuring such all-time greats as Joe Barret and Jackie Ryan of Kerry, Jim Hurley of Cork and Gus McCarthy of Fethard, would become part of football history.

For many of us, Jerry was, above all, one of the country's best-known links with that time in our Association's history when it had not yet become tainted by commercial considerations. His interest in Gaelic games was as lively up to the time of his death as on the first day he wore the Kilsheelan jersey and it was fitting that his last attendance at a game should be at this year's All-Ireland. It brought the number of All-Irelands he had seen to one hundred and twenty.

We will sorely miss him, his powerfully-held convictions, his youthful outlook and, above all, his lively reminiscences of a period in our Association's history which may well have died with him.

## GERRY O'SHEA (NEWCASTLE)

THE Parish of Newcastle was plunged into sadness on the morning of 1st November when news spread of the death of one of our favourite players, Gerry O'Shea, at the early age of 34 years.

Gerry grew up in Newcastle and from an early age showed great

interest in our national games. An outstanding hurler and footballer, he was a vital part of all Newcastle teams from the early 1970.



In 1973, 1974 and 1975 Gerry played minor football with Ardfinnan and under-21 football in 1976. In 1978 he played U21 football with Tipperary. In 1975 Newcastle won the South Tipp double in Junior football and hurling. Gerry was a star of both teams even though still a minor. In football at full-back and in hurling at corner-back Gerry displayed a skill and temperament beyond his years. He was a strong, forceful player, full of commitment to his teams. A highly skilful player, he went on to win South Intermediate football titles with Newcastle in 1978, 1980, 1983, 1986, 1987, playing outstandingly at centre half-back on all these teams. Off the field Gerry was an outgoing, good humoured friend, highly respected by all who knew him.

Gerry's career took him away from Newcastle but his loyalty to his club was exemplified by the fact that he always found the time and made the long journeys to field for Newcastle. His work in the Prison service took him to Dublin, Portlaoise and Cork, where he was popular and highly esteemed by all of his colleagues.

At the removal of his remains to St. Mary's Church, Newcastle, his coffin was draped in the Tricolour and the Black and Amber of Newcastle. Members of Newcastle GAA club and the Prison Service formed a guard of honour.

The huge attendance at the funeral, representatives of the Prison Service, Church and State, bore witness to the high esteem in which he was held. Through our sadness at the passing of our friend we understand the void left in his family.

To his wife Bernadette, his four young children, his father and mother, brother and sister, we extend our sincere sympathy. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

*Ar dheis Dé  
go raibh a  
anamnacha go léir*

## WILLIE O'REILLY (Roscrea)

THE death late last year of the colourful Willie O'Reilly brought an end to a long association with Gaelic Games. Aged only 55 years, Willie had been in bad health for some time before his death but despite his hardship he had remained cheerful to the end.

Willie lived for the G.A.A. — hurling and football — and his contribution to the Roscrea Club over the years had been phenomenal. He had served there as a player, juvenile and adult mentor, administrator and referee and in all areas he gave only his best.

He had the pleasure of being a selector with the first Roscrea team ever to win the Co. S.H.C. in 1968 and he was coach when the title was last won in 1980.



In that same year Willie, as club chairman, oversaw the development work and opening of the pavilion at St. Cronan's Park.

Willie was also a noted football man and his contribution to the game in Tipperary is widely acknowledged. Despite all his involvements he also held a great love for juveniles and his work at this level in the 'sixties, 'seventies and 'eighties laid the foundation for much of the club's success.

As a Board delegate, Willie was never afraid to speak his mind and in this respect was always good for a quote.

He worked for most of his life in Antigen with whom he won a Munster inter-firm championship medal for hurling in 1971. Among the other highlights of Willie's G.A.A. career were Roscrea's All-Ireland club championship win of 1971, the victory of Inane Rovers minor footballers in the 1969 county final, his appointment as a Tipp. selector in various grades of hurling and football, and his refereeing of the 1975 County minor football final.

Roscrea's selection as North Tipp. 'Club of the Year' in 1980 and 1983 also gave him a lot of pride. Willie's honesty and hard work will be missed. Ar dheis Dé go raibh sé.

## PADDY QUINLIVAN (CLONMEL)



THE death occurred on the 11th September, 1991, of Paddy Quinlivan from Griffith Avenue, Clonmel, a life-long member of the Marlfield hurling club. He played with his club from the early 50's to the 60's.

Paddy refereed many senior and junior hurling championships in the South Division. He was chairman of the Marlfield Club and also a Trustee of the GAA Centre in Clonmel.

His other interests were Open Coursing and Fishing. Deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Mai and family.

## PHILLY RYAN (BORRISOLEIGH)



THE death of Philly Ryan was received with sadness and a sense of relief in his native parish of Borrisoleigh and in the remainder of the Premier county. The sadness was felt because his death saw the passing of one of the greatest Gaels this parish has known. The relief was felt for Philly because of his handicap and the suffering he endured in the last years of his life.

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Philly, better known in his playing days as "Sally Cap", was steeped in the GAA since his youth. He represented Tipperary as a player and won an All-Ireland senior medal in 1937 and added more All-Ireland medals in 1945 and 1951. He won three County Finals with Borris-Ileigh in 1949, 1950 and 1953.

Philly was secretary of the Borris-Ileigh club for 27 years and he ruled with an iron hand. He was club delegate to the North Tipp. Board for many years. He was a member of the County Board for many years. He was in later years President of the North Tipp Board and president of Borris-Ileigh until his death. Philly was also a very competent referee. He took charge of several National League games as well as north and county finals.

Philly worked for a long time with Delaney's of Borrisoleigh before he finally started his own business in the town. Hurling was the favourite topic in the shop and as he would say himself, any "Gael" that were passing would drop in to chat hurling and those involved in it. Up to his passing Philly was to be seen in his wheelchair in Semple Stadium whenever there was a match there. His biggest thrill was to see Borris-Ileigh win the All-Ireland club championship in 1987 and also to see his favourite player, Noel O'Dwyer, play a major role in this victory. He also attended the club's dinner-dances and a few socials honouring past Tipperary teams.

His remains, when they reached Borrisoleigh, were led by a guard of honour of club members, young and old, and they were led by a lone piper to the local church. A fitting oration was delivered by Michael Small, club chairman, in a packed graveyard near his home. Philly, we miss you. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

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## MICK RYAN (FENNOR)

THE death of Mick Ryan of Fennor early in the year reduced still further the few surviving veterans of the War of Independence in the county. It severed, too, what may be the final link with the Templemore team which beat mighty Fethard in the Co. Football Final of 1923.

Mick lined out with his brother Jim — who had played with Tipperary on Bloody Sunday at Croke Park — at centrefield, and found himself pitted against no less an opponent than the legendary Ned O'Shea, regarded by many who saw him as the outstanding Tipperary footballer of his gen-

eration. Mick appears to have acquitted himself well against so formidable an opponent, since he was named on the county panel in the following year. *FORN*



Known more widely for his participation in the national movement and as a musician than as a footballer, he was a lover of all things Gaelic and was a keen attender at games up to the time of his final illness.

## MARION RYAN (LITTLETON)

IT was with great shock and heartfelt sadness that we learned of the untimely death of Marion Ryan on February 11, 1991, at the age of 25 years.



Marion attended Littleton N.S. and later Thurles Ursuline Convent. She continued her studies in U.C.D., Maynooth, and U.C.C.

Marion, a keen sports person, played her first camogie game with her local Moycarkey-Borris, she also excelled at ladies' football and soccer for Moycarkey. When Marion left her native parish to further her education, she kept up her sporting career with her respective colleges.

The large attendance at her funeral testified to the esteem in which she was held.

At the removal of her remains, members of the Moycarkey club formed a guard of honour and her coffin was draped in the club's colours.

A guard of honour was also formed by her club-mates on the morning of her burial and were joined by her many sporting and college friends from Dublin, Cork

and Waterford, as her body was carried slowly to St. Kevin's graveyard, Littleton, where Marion was laid to rest.

To her mother, father, sisters and brothers and relatives we extend our deepest sympathy.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

## Patrick Stapleton

GRAT sadness was experienced in Hollyford and surrounding areas by the unexpected passing of Paddy Stapleton on April 4th, 1991.



Paddy was a staunch and highly respected member of the local farming community, who tirelessly worked his fields at Piperhill.

He had a lifelong interest in Gaelic games, particularly hurling and loved to converse at length on the progress of Tipperary's hurlers.

In the 1930's and early '40's, Paddy represented Hollyford (St. Ailbe's) and later Hollyford-Kilcommon on many of the hurling fields of West Tipperary and is remembered as a fearless backman who hurled with great tenacity, strength and energy.

In the early 1960's, Paddy was very supportive of the amalgamation of the G.A.A. clubs in the parish. He attended the first meeting held to form the new club and it was he who proposed that the club be named Sean Treacy's, the name it proudly bears today.

He was elected treasurer of the new club and held that office from 1962 to 1967. He was a loyal supporter of the club and a familiar face at their games down the years.

The large attendance at his removal and burial bore ample testimony to the high esteem in which Paddy was held. Members of Sean Treacy's club formed a guard of honour and his coffin was draped in blue and gold.

We tender our sincere sympathy to his wife Mary and family.

Go ndeana Dia trócaire ar a anam.

## THOMAS SWEENEY (MIDDLEQUARTER, NEWCASTLE)

A DEEP gloom was cast over the area, when it was learned that Tommy Sweeney, Middlequarter, had died peacefully and unexpectedly at his residence in the early hours of Tuesday morning, April 2nd. Deceased, who was only 60 years, was a loving and devoted husband and father who worked hard for the welfare of his wife and 10 children.

Prior to his early retirement, due to ill-health, Tommy worked in Newcastle Creamery where he was a dedicated, honest worker highly respected by management and employers. As a neighbour and friend he was unequalled, always ready and willing to help in any occasion.

Tommy's greatest love after his wife and family was the GAA, where he had a long and distinguished career and was considered by many to be one of the most skilful hurlers to come out of South Tipperary. He wore the club and county colours with distinction. He featured on the Newcastle team that won the South Tipp junior hurling title for the first time in 1949. He was one of the stars of the 1960 team that took the title for the second time, and was very much to the fore in 1971 when the club won the South Tipp junior hurling championship for the third time. His skills with the hurley did not go unnoticed, as he was selected on the Tipperary



junior team that won the All-Ireland in 1953. He was also a member of the very successful senior hurling team, Pierce McCanns, in the late fifties and early sixties. This team was an amalgamation of Newcastle and St. Mary's, Clonmel.

Since his retirement from the field, Tommy had become very much involved with the local juvenile team, and will be a great loss to them.

A huge gathering, representative of all sections, was present on both occasions. Tommy's resting place was covered by very many floral tributes from relatives, friends, organisations. To his wife Rita, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters and other relations, we tender our deepest sympathy on their great loss.



# TOM O'HARA, R.I.P.

With the death of Tom O'Hara on April 13th, 1991, the G.A.A. in Tipperary lost the services of a man who had made an enormous contribution to the promotion of Gaelic Games. Without doubt he was one of the greatest G.A.A. administrators this county has produced, with a high standard of efficiency and commitment to our ideals.

In his oration at the graveside, Michael Lowry, Chairman of Semple Stadium Management Committee said:—



"It is both a special honour and a humbling experience to have been asked to pay tribute to Tom O'Hara on this sad occasion.

"It is a special honour because the tribute is directed towards one of Tipperary's finest sons, a man whose enormous stature will leave a shadow which will linger long and proudly across the fields and hillsides of his beloved Premier County.

"It is a humbling experience because the sad burden which death has laid on his wife and family, his many colleagues and his multitude of friends has brought home to us once again the enormity of just how much Tom meant to Tipperary for so many years, and equally important, how much Tipperary meant to Tom for all of his life.

"We know that if there was a single thread running through that life, a thread which united all the different strands of his being, it was a compelling love for his county and its people which motivated him in everything he did. He gave expression to that love through his commitment to the Gaelic Athletic Association, a commitment which was total and unswerving, and which covered the entire spectrum of the Association's activities from being the youthful hurler of great skill and tenacity, through his years as a stalwart of his club both on and off the field, and then on to being the wise counsellor and shrewd administrator.

"Coming from a different generation, I did not have the pleasure of seeing Tom O'Hara, the hurler, but, happily, there is no need for speculation. His name has long since been etched into the record books for all to see and we know he filled all of the qualities necessary.

"His career yielded a rich harvest of achievements, beginning with a Dean Ryan Cup medal in 1936, to be followed by an All-Ireland Colleges medal with Munster in 1937, and then reaching the pinnacle of Colleges hurling with Thurles C.B.S. the

following year when he was the mainstay of a half-back line which powered the school to a treasured Harty Cup success. But all of that youthful success was only the prelude to what Tom himself would have seen as the real business of the day, which was to take his place with Gortnahoe, the parish he loved and never left.

"In a playing career which lasted 17 years, it was only fitting that it should be Tom who finally led them to their first ever title, a Mid Tipperary junior championship in 1952 which to him was a constant source of genuine pride and achievement. Another title followed in 1953 with county honours being denied after a replayed county final with Cashel.

"But if medals were all that mattered, then we would not be here in such numbers today to honour the memory of Tom O'Hara. As proud as he was of his medals and his playing achievements, he was prouder still of his club and his parish and of the men and women who held to the values he cherished, who shared his friendship and his advice, and whom he was proud to represent at so many high levels of the G.A.A., right up to chairmanship of the Tipperary County Board from 1973 to 1976.

"Of the many things which he did in life and the countless significant events in which he took part, his election as County Chairman gave him his greatest personal satisfaction because he saw it as a tribute, not to himself, but to a small junior club in the greatest county of them all, and a tribute to the democratic process within that county which ensured that such an event could take place. That was the icing on the cake of an administrative career which started in his teens as secretary of Gortnahoe, continued on through the amalgamation of his club with Glengoele in 1961 and on to two spells as Mid-Board chairman. From 1979 he served as secretary to the same board. In conducting these many and varied functions he

showed outstanding commitment, diligence, efficiency, diplomacy and tact.

"Tom was a man of dignity and sincerity, a man of gentle nature, with a warm and generous heart, born out of the brown earth of Tipperary to which we have now returned his mortal remains, and over which his spirit will long remain. His high level of mental agility and intelligence gave him an organisational ability and exceptional leadership qualities which were seen at their best in a long and rewarding career with Bord na Mona, a company for which he held a great affection.

"We have lost a colleague, a mentor and a friend, and we mourn his passing. How great, then is his departure from the people he loved most of all, his wife Nora and his family, of whom he was so proud. They were the core of his life, the centrepiece around which his world revolved and without whom he would not have been the man that we knew, respected and admired. They alone will measure the real loss of this man from the loving family circle, which prospered out of the mutual respect which they shared with one another. The beautiful, magnificent way in which the family cared for Tom throughout his illness reflected the goodness of the man himself, and gave him the inner peace which he deserved at the final moments. We are all here today because we share the sorrow of the family, his sisters Nancy and Mary and all relations. In one way or another we were all made better by having Tom O'Hara walk amongst us and by sharing his friendship and his gentleness of heart.

"We will miss this special friend, a loyal and true colleague, we will miss his companionship, his humour and wit, his firm, warm handshake, his generous spirit.

"As we salute the memory of Tom O'Hara, we bid him a fond farewell and look forward to the day when through the grace of God we will all be re-united with him in the peace and joy of heaven."



# BILL RYAN

## (Laha) R.I.P.

**I**RISH people generally take everything for granted, and it is the case again in relation to Bill Ryan, R.I.P. We didn't even consider the end was nigh, but who could! To me, he was the same Bill Ryan for the past twenty years, sprightly, full of conversation and good humour, never complaining.

However, the call came suddenly on August 1st and it was only then we began to put our thoughts together of a man who was a legend in our County. Bill spent his teenage years in the rural environment of his native Castleiney working the family farm. He developed

the death of 16 people including Bill's team mate, Mick Hogan of Grangemockler who was shot dead on the field of play.

This even seems to be forgotten by many, even in high places, but we in Tipperary feel very proud of the part Bill Ryan and his colleagues played in gaining for us the freedom we now enjoy in this part of our island.

Bill joined the Irish Volunteer Movement and was a trusted and highly respected Soldier playing no small part in the Fight for Freedom in his local area.

Throughout his long life, he maintained a high level of interest and involvement in



Ex-county footballers at Bill Ryan's funeral - (l.-r.): Jimmy Hickey, Pakie Brennan, Dick McGrath, P. J. Stapleton, Dinny Ryan, John McGrath.

his interest in Gaelic games at a very young age when he played hurling more so than football.

Castleiney later switched their allegiance from hurling to football and immediately, Bill was selected on the combined Castleiney/Templetoohy team, winning his first Senior Football title in 1914. In the same year, he was selected on the County Senior Football team and continued as a permanent member, as a half back for 12 years, winning three Munster Senior Championships.

He won his only All-Ireland in 1920 but the memory that is most often recalled in Bill's era is Tipperary's participation in the Bloody Sunday Football Tournament against Dublin at Croke Park on November 21st, 1920. This game was played during the War of Independence when shootings and killings were a daily occurrence. The game was organised to raise funds for the National Movement, which naturally drew the attention of the British Forces.

On the morning of the match, fourteen British agents were shot and because of Tipperary's important role in the Fight for Freedom, suspicion of involvement was directed to Croke Park and the match. The pitch was surrounded and machine gun fire was indiscriminately concentrated on players and spectators alike, resulting in

the G.A.A. and was always a star performer in the exciting and high standard Club Championships with his club, against such renowned teams as Mullinahone, Fethard and Grangemockler at that time.

As a farmer, Bill was recognised as one of the most progressive in his area, and as a neighbour he was always there to lend a helping hand.

A remarkable feature of Bill Ryan was his comprehensive recollection of events of 70 years ago or more, combined with his knowledge and interest in current events, in particular the rise in dominance of Loughmore/Castleiney in the hurling scene in Tipperary.

Bill will be remembered for many good reasons but most of all for his gentle and



G.A.A. Historian Seamus King seen with Bill Ryan (Laha) at the launch of "Tipperary G.A.A. Story" in August 1988.

quiet manner and his respect for everybody, both young and old. Bill Ryan epitomised the real spirit that is synonymous with Tipperary. He was proud of his parish, his club and his county and only a few days before his death at his 97th birthday party, he contributed with his favourite rendering of Slievenamon. In was Bill's last public appearance amongst his neighbours and friends. He passed to his eternal reward as he would have chosen, quietly, avoiding, as he did in life, creating any stress to his family.

As he was laid to rest in Castleiney surrounded by his family and many friends of the Gaelic sporting world, memories were recalled by sons, daughters and relatives of his comrades, with pride, of Tipperary's historic role in that epic of which Bill Ryan was the last survivor - "Bloody Sunday".

The author wishes on behalf of the Gaels of Tipperary to express their thanks for his contribution to his local community, his county and Ireland and our hope would be that the memory of Bill Ryan and 'Bloody Sunday' will not be forgotten, and that our young people will always take pride in Tipperary's involvement in that historic event.

We take this opportunity again to sympathise with his daughters, brother Joe and their families and friends.

Ar dheis Dé go raibya a Anam agus Animneacha na mairbh go léir.

**TOMÁS Ó BARÓID**



Tomás Ó Baróid gives an oration over the grave of the late Bill Ryan.



# TIOBRAID ÁRANN

*All-Ireland  
Minor Hurling Finalists 1991*



BACK ROW (l. - r.): Mark Rabbitt, Philip Shanahan, Sean O'Donoghue, Brian O'Meara, Michael Ferncombe, Mark Leonard, Tony Shelly.

FRONT ROW (l. - r.): Thomas Dunne, Gerry Maguire, Timmy Gleeson, Adrian Hogan (Captain), Martin Gleeson, Tomás Fogarty, Lar Barrett, Brian Gaynor.





# **TIOBRAID ÁRANN**

**All-Ireland  
Senior Hurling Champions 1991**

**BACK ROW (l. - r.):** Liam Hennessy (Trainer), Seán Nealon, John Kennedy, Ned Ryan, Donal Kealy, Paul Delaney, Mick Ryan (B), John Leahy, Pádraig Hogan, Seamus Hogan (Co. Treasurer), Willie Bennett (Masseur), **MIDDLE ROW (l. - r.):** John O'Donoghue (Selector), Conor Stakelum, Ken Hogan, John Madden, Noel Sheehy, Conor O'Donovan, Michael 'Babs' Keating (Manager), Michael Maguire (Co. Chairman), Michael O'Meara, Tony Lanihan, Donie O'Connell, Jody Grace, Bobby Ryan, Donie Nealon (Selector), **FRONT ROW (l. - r.):** Triona Maher (Physiotherapist), Joe Hayes, Níoclás English, Michael Cleary, Aidan Ryan, Declan Ryan, Declan Carr (Captain), Conal Bonnar, Colin Bonnar, Cormac Bonnar, Pat Fox, Michael Ryan. Missing from photograph: Ger O'Neill.