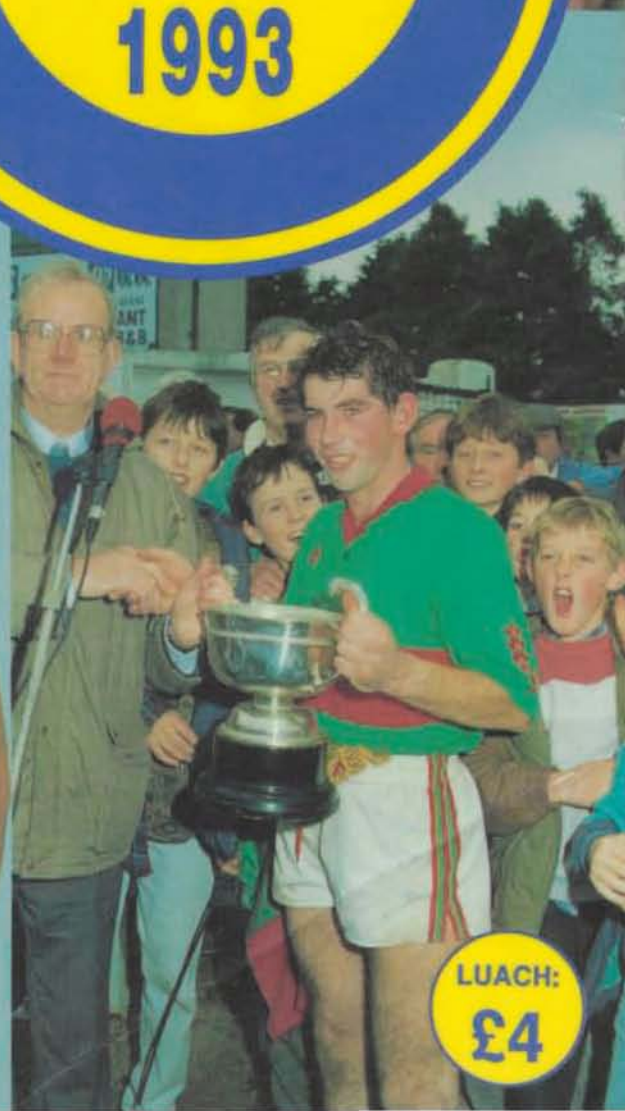




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## 1993 CHAMPIONSHIP DRAWS AND VENUES

Cluiche	Data	Ath-Imirt	Ionad
<b>Iomaint Sinnsir &amp; Soisir</b>			
<b>1st Rounds</b>			
Portláirge v Ciarraí	23/5	30/5	Waterford
Clár v Luimneach	23/5	30/5 w/end.	Deferred
<b>S/Finals:</b>			
Tiobraid Árann v. Port Láirge/Ciarraí	6/6	13/6 w/end	Cork/Thurles
Corcaigh v Clár/Luimneach	13/6	20/6 w/end	Limerick
<b>Final: Senior:</b>	4/7	25/7	
<b>Final:</b>	23/6 or 25/6 (Fri.)	30/6 or 2/7 (Fri.)	
<b>Péil Sinnsir &amp; Solsir</b>			
<b>First Rounds</b>			
Tiob. Árann v Luimneach	16/5	30/5	Thurles
Clár v Corcaigh	30/5	6/6	Ennis
<b>Semi-Finals:</b>			
Portláirge v Tiob. Árann/Luimneach	20/6	27/6	Dungarvan/Limerick
Ciarraí v Clár/Corcaigh	20/6	27/6	Killarney
<b>Final:</b>	Senior	18/7	1/8
<b>Final:</b>	Junior	30/6 or 2/7 (Fri.)	7/7 (Wed.)
<b>Iomaint fé 12:</b>			
<b>First Rounds:</b>			
Portláirge v Luimneach	16/4 (Fri.)	23/4	Waterford
Corcaigh v. Ciarraí	14/4 (Wed.)	23/4	Kanturk
<b>Semi-Finals:</b>			
Clár v Portláirge/Luimneach	18/6 – 16/6	25/6	Thurles/Limerick
Tiobraid Áran v. Corcaigh/Ciarraí	23/6 (Wed.)	25/6	Cork/Thurles
<b>Final:</b>	16/7 (Fri.)	23/7	
<b>Péil fé 21:</b>			
<b>1st rounds:</b>			
Corcaigh v Clár	21/4 (Wed.)	28/4	Limerick
Luimneach v Portláirge	7/5 (Fri.)	14/5	Dungarvan
<b>Semi-Finals:</b>			
Ciarraí v Corcaigh/Clár	2/7 (Fri.)	9/7	Cork/Cooraclare
Tiobraid Árann v Luimneach/P'laíge	2/7 (Fri.)	9/7	Cappamore/Dungarvan
<b>Final:</b>	23/7 (Fri.)	30/7	
<b>Iomaint na Mionur</b>			
<b>First rounds</b>			
Corcaigh v Portláirge	7/4 (Wed.)	14/4	P. Uí Chaoimh/Flower Lge.
Tiobraid Árann v Luimneach	7/4 (Wed.)	14/4	(Deferred)
<b>Semi-Finals:</b>			
Ciarraí v Corcaigh/P'laíge	28/4 (Wed.)	5/5 (Wed.)	Kilbrin/Mallow
Clár v Tiobraid Árann/Luimneach	30/4 (Fri.)	5/5 (Wed.)	Limerick
<b>Final:</b>	4/7	16/7 (Fri.)	
<b>Péil na Mionur</b>			
<b>1st Rounds:</b>			
Portláirge v Tiobraid Árann	5/5 (Wed.)	12/5	Clonmel
Corcaigh v Clár	5/5 (Wed.)	12/5	Kilmallock
<b>Semi/Finals:</b>			
Luimneach v Portláirge/Tiob. Árann	30/6 (Wed.)	7/7 (Wed.)	Fermoy/Clonmel
Ciarraí v Corcaigh/Clár	30/6 (Wed.)	7/7	Kilmallock/Listowel
<b>Final:</b>	18/7	28/7	
<b>Corn Mhic Craith – Péil Sinnsir</b>			
<b>1st Rounds: Tiobraid Árann v Portláirge</b>			
Luimneach v Clár	18/4 (extra time)		Clonmel
<b>Final:</b>	18/4 (extra time) (extra time)		Ennis





# WINNING ISN'T EVERYTHING



**I**T WAS a quiet year in Tipperary. All the celebrations were at the wrong side of Urlingford this time. Were it not for the two trophies which our Junior Camogie stars and our evergreen Masters brought home, the County would be relegated to Old Mother Hubbard's league this Christmas. Compared to recent years, the cupboard is bare.

When it comes to sport, Tipperary people are like the country gourmet. Where the country gourmet is concerned, if the bacon, cabbage and spuds are not up to standard no amount of fancy starters, desserts or liqueurs will impress in the least. Similarly, in Tipperary everything depends on how the senior hurlers fare.

The seniors went down rather easily to Cork this time. But to be beaten by Cork in Páirc Uí Chaoimh is no disgrace. Think of the Kerry followers after their footballers lost to Clare. I was very happy to be returning to Thurles myself that evening. I tried but failed to console a few of the 'faithful' on the Mackey Stand. "Ah well, 'tis seventy-five years since Clare won in Munster," I said. "We must not begrudge them." "They could have waited another year," was the reply of one deeply disappointed Kerryman.

While there is no doubt that success at senior level transforms the local G.A.A. landscape as the sun does the hay-field, the day-to-day work of the Association must go on and one has to make the best of the bad summers. Every season cannot be as glorious as those of '87, '89 and '91. So our young people must be encouraged to continue their interest in Gaelic games, to learn the skills and to enjoy playing. If they are to do so, they must not become too competitive. They must not be under too much pressure to win at all times and at all costs. The American baseball star, Yogi Berra, is credited with the saying, "Winning isn't everything - it is the only thing." I disagree. Sportsmanship is more important.

A predecessor of mine, Dr. John M. Harty, defined sportsmanship as "Friendly rivalry". I think he expressed the ideal of healthy competition very well indeed. Gaelic games involve wonderful skills, great speed and a measure of physical contact. The 'fair shoulder' is an integral part and it leaves no bruises on the body or mind provided it is fair. Young people who are prone to wielding hurleys at objects other than the ball or throwing punches off the ball or issuing verbal abuse should be corrected early or re-directed into boxing clubs or debating societies where their skills could be given more adequate scope! Self-control and the ability to take one's beating are very important elements in the training of young sportsmen and women. They are, of course, very useful qualities in the larger game of life as well.

In later years the competitors of today will greet each other like long lost friends and recall the epic contests of their youth. They will be bonded by the memories, they will be proud to be fellow members of Cumann Luthchleas Gael. So even in Tipperary winning need not be the main course. It is more in the nature of the cranberry sauce which enhances the appetite and adds special

flavour to the Christmas turkey.

There are a number of very hopeful signs for the future of our games in Tipperary and beyond. The coaching course in the Sarsfield Centre, jointly organised by the G.A.A., FÁS and the V.E.C., is an imaginative initiative. It will help to develop our games, to develop our young people and to provide some employment. This course will, I hope, be continued and expanded, thus making Thurles a veritable training centre for Gaelic Games and Culture. Thurles could do it. Thurles could do with it.

The return of Toomevara and Thurles Sarsfields to the County Final, albeit by difficult and circuitous routes, revives important traditions and will, no doubt, yield some new senior county players. The success of Thurles C.B.S. at provincial level and of the Abbey Tipperary and of Killenaule Vocational School at All-Ireland level is very heartening for the future also.

The levelling off in the football world over the past two years augurs well for our football side. There is no reason why we cannot make it to the Munster Final next time. The team is improving all the time and we can hope to emulate the success of Limerick, Clare and Donegal even. Why not?

The Loughmore-Castleiney football team have given us yet another example of their "never-say-die" spirit which can snatch a draw from the jaws of defeat. There is no truth in the story that the Loughmore anthem is now, "Give me five minutes more!" Anyhow, they did not let things go so late in the replay. Great credit is due to a small rural club for performing so well in both football and hurling championships this year.

I believe that the Junior Camogie team will progress to senior honours over the next few years and, as for the Masters, they are barely coming of age now. As they mature they will become legends after the manner of Lester Piggott. They will go on and on.

So then, while the cupboard may be relatively bare, Tipperary are at the head of the table in the League as the winter break begins. Things look promising for the spring and the summer of the New Year. Who knows, we may well find ourselves playing Cork in Semple Stadium in July. Then, while winning isn't everything, of course, losing isn't something which any Tipperary man or woman can contemplate - in the circumstances!

I hope you will enjoy the Annual over the Holy Season. And I wish you all a very happy Christmas and every blessing in the New Year.

+ Dermot Clifford,

Most Rev. Dermot Clifford, D.D.,  
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# A MIXED BAG

**A**FTER the magnificent successes of our hurling teams in 1991, the past year has been a rather tame affair: we have no All-Ireland, not even a Munster final to celebrate. Of all the disappointments the failure of our senior hurlers against our traditional rivals in Cork was the greatest. After the glorious victories over the Rebels the previous year, we went to Cork in the hope of confirming our superiority and breaking the jinx of playing in Cork. Alas, we weren't good enough, lacking the sharpness and that extra inch that ensures winning a ball, and ultimately winning a game.

On the football front we didn't enjoy the success that has come Limerick and Clare's way at the senior level over the past couple of years. We started off on a great hope with the Friends of Tipperary Football and a victorious challenge against All-Ireland champions, Down. However, we didn't fulfil the expectations of those January days and we can only hope that greater success will be our lot in the coming year.

But if success didn't come the way of our hurlers and footballers it came in abundance to our camogie players and handballers. The Junior camogie team made a major breakthrough when they won All-Ireland honours for the first time. I want to congratulate captain, Triona Bonnar, and her team for this wonderful feat. The Minor camogie team also deserve congratulations for their All-Ireland win, adding a second victory to their first in 1989. This victory, together with that of the Under-18s in winning the inaugural Munster



Micheál Maguidhir

championship in that grade, augurs well for the health of the game in the county. The handballers did almost as well as in 1991, winning no less than 12 All-Ireland medals.

All of these events, victories as well as defeats, are recorded within the pages of this Yearbook. But its contents don't stop at the county scene, but take us into the nooks and crannies of the county to record the names and fame of clubs and individuals who have performed with honour and glory over the past year. This is what makes the book such a valuable record and a must for any follower of our games in the county.

I want to take this opportunity of thanking the Yearbook Committee for its continued good work and the comprehensiveness of its production. The end result came about from the dedication and commitment of the members and many hours of hard slog.

In recording my thanks to the committee, I want to single out its Chairman for ten years — Mick McCarthy, a faithful servant of the G.A.A. within the county and beyond, under whose guidance the Yearbook has gone from strength to strength. Mick has decided to retire from the position and I want, on behalf of all the Gaels of the county, to record our appreciation for his years of dedication and service. In saying thanks to Mick I should also like to welcome the new Chairman, Seamus King, and wish him well in his new position.

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# Tipp's Year of the Twin Troughs

By JOHN O'GRADY (Culbaire)



The Tipperary team which played Cork in the Munster senior hurling championship semi-final at Paire Uí Chaoimh. Back Row (left to right): Conal Bonnar, George Frend, Declan Carr, Noel Sheehy, Ken Hogan, Declan Ryan, John Leahy, Bobby Ryan. Front row: Nicholas English, Michael Cleary, Pat Fox, Colm Bonnar (capt.), Aidan Ryan, Paul Delaney, Cormac Bonnar.

**T**HE YEAR, like every other year, took its character and its historical image from the fortunes – of misfortunes – of Tipperary's senior hurlers. To adapt a television title, we may dub 1992 the year of the Twin Troughs. The fist, disappointingly but not lethally belonged to the League Final, the second, far more woundingly to our pride, was plumbed on June 7th at Paire Uí Chaoimh.

Not by any means for the first time in our hurling story, we travelled south to the preserve of Cork and left an All-Ireland title after us, outfought and maybe outhought more severely than a three-point margin would indicate. The result maintained the alternating annual swing of supremacy with Cork that has marked the past three seasons. How ardently one prays that the sequence be maintained in 1993!

The era that began with the Killarney replay in 1987 and the end of the "famine" has been a chequered one for Tipperary – a pattern of black and white that shows two All-Irelands, four Munster titles and one League victory. The picture is not by any means without blemish, but the "Keating era" still rates vastly ahead of the huge stretch of unvaried black that started in the early 70's. We've not won everything but we've contended for a very great deal in the glare of a prominence denied to so many of our teams during the long depression.

## ANTICIPATION

That June date was imprinted in our minds very soon after the All-Ireland triumph of '91, when the Munster Council made its 1992 fixtures, without the big two being guarded in

the hope of the ideal final and maximum revenue. In football, openness of the most extreme kind was resorted to, with Cork to meet Kerry right at the outset. The same tie cropped up, though with more formality in the hurling draw. So everything that happened in the first part of the year was viewed "sub specie Corcaginiense", as an ecclesiastic hurling fan might put it – under the shadow of Cork, one may loosely translate.

Those preliminary events belonged to the League primarily – I don't think tournaments rate very highly, except for their organisers. Tipperary had resumed play in November in good shape, with a heartening win over Kilkenny in Thurles to balance the initial loss, with a very weakened team, to Limerick. Winter cobwebs were not much in evidence at Birr, where Offaly were beaten by 2-17 to 1-7, a matter of thirteen points. The club champion series left without a Cashel element and Offaly had paralysed deficiencies. This gave Frend and O'Meara halfback chances. Fox was an absentee, too. Star of the show was the energetic Aidan Ryan, at midfield but turning up in all sorts of situations. Michael O'Meara hurled a powerful first half, but a knock to the head left him on the sideline for the second period, Conor Donovan subbing for him. English and Declan Ryan formed an inside alliance that produced a couple of brilliantly timed moves or good scores, raising hopes at this early stage that perhaps it would carry over to the championship, if Cormac Bonnar's form wasn't deemed good enough. John Leahy, object of adverse publicity over an episode in a tournament with Wexford, was relatively subdued at Birr. He was, as it turned out, never to find 1991 form, or fitness, in the way many had visualised.





*National Hurling League against Kilkenny – George Frend about to block down Michael Phelan.*

### DOWN NO PROBLEM

The next outing presented few worries. Down had beaten both Offaly and Laois, but on March 1st at Thurles they crashed 5-24 to 2-6 against our fellows. Hayes partnered Carr at midfield. Fox was again absent. O'Connell was omitted, with Stakelum on the "forty". Again the Cashel contingent was ruled out by their Kiltormer saga. Down ruffled us briefly with two goals to the Killinan end in the third quarter but were punished by two English goals and a Leahy one on top of Declan Ryan's earlier pair of neatly kicked goals. Bobby Ryan got into the act with two emphatic long-range points. The defence was as at Birr.

This seemed to assure Tipperary of a League semi-final for the last match was against Laois, who had been beaten by Down. In fact, Laois had lost by the minimum on a couple of occasions under Paddy Doyle's guidance, notably to Limerick, so their form wasn't that bad. Into the bargain, they'd played home games at Rathdowney's compact-and-grassy-grounds. Tipp. official circles hinted, not too diplomatically that they should play the game in a less basic setting, like Portlaoise but this only made Laois all the more determined to do well, which they did! Had our 'keeper, Grace, not deflected a late drive over the bar, we'd have actually lost to a very brave Laois second half against a fresh wind on a day of showers. Tipp. wore Cashel colours, which had become used to drawing games with Kiltormer.

Such difficulty was not indicated when Leahy tapped in a neat quick great goal just on half-time to give Laois a 1-8 to 1-2 lead. Far from insuperable considering the value of the wind, this deficit was dented by a fine crashing shot by Leahy, but Laois found reserves of spirit, led by half-back Taylor. Tipperary were forced to bring in both Fox and English, but lost Leahy, hobbling off with a severe leg injury. Bates got a goal for Laois and battle was truly joined, as Tipp. followers got agitated and Laois once saw a chance of glory.

In the end we were quite glad to get out with a point, as Fox and English were closely marked and won some useful frees for Cleary to convert. Not all of our defence were comfortable on the day. Carr played a valuable midfield role. Conor Donovan played at wing-back, hardly ideal for the Nenagh veteran. Perhaps the happiest Tipp. man was Paddy Doyle, but the draw was enough to assure Tipperary of a semi-final tie with Galway.

No need to rehearse the background of ultra-sharp Galway, originating in 1987 and getting keener with each meeting and the controversial factors that attended several of our meetings amid much publicity from some Connacht-toned press elements. As so often, the followers tended to be less friendly than the players who take the knocks.

This game, staged at Ennis – we'd have preferred Limerick for travel and accommodation reasons – seemed to be quite a

test, even if Galway were regarded as having declined from their powerful best, and without Finnerty, Fahy and Naughton, We lacked English, Leahy, Colm and Cormac Bonnar, as well as O'Meara and Kennedy.

### ENNIS EXHIBITION

In an intense game of considerable toughness but good temper, with three names taken, one of them belonging to us, Tipperary hurled their way into second half control after half-time parity on 0-7 each. We'd lost Michael Ryan quite early with a severe leg injury, destined to rule the Upperchurch man out for the championship. George Frend stepped in and capably. Loughmore's Ned Ryan had come on at the start, Padraig Hogan having been injured with Borrisokane in a North League game.

Some had wondered in advance – would Tipp really be that keen to have a possible League final with Cork, who were in the other semi-final against Limerick? But such considerations did not weigh against the natural urge to beat Galway whenever possible. We were soundly placed to be level at the break, having hurled into the wind and survived a few early scares in the inner defence. Fox was the prime "target" man in the second half, though up against Keady. Despite great efforts by Joe Cooney to steady his side, Tipp. took the upper hand, to the loud delight of followers. A crucial episode was the foul on goal-bound Declan Ryan. From the penalty, Cleary drove unstoppably. A Rabbitte goal only prompted a final flourish of four points for a margin of seven and a most satisfying win on the way to another League final.

Very possibly, we exaggerated in thinking that Tipp. had now proved their strength of reserve talent and could face all further tasks with strong confidence. Most people welcomed Limerick's win over Cork in the other semi-final. We'd now avoided giving Cork advance information on our resources, and we saw little reason to dread Limerick, home or away, on the form of recent years – that defeat by them at the start of the League was only a narrow one, and hadn't we sent practically a "B" team for that occasion?

### LIMERICK'S COME-BACK

I stood close to some Limerick people in the "annexe" to the press box at the Ennis Road. They were not just critical of Limerick's first half display, they were scathing and almost derisive. It was a "hopless" effort, at home and against a county they would dearly love to beat. Accounts stood at 0-11 to 0-3 and how could Tipp. lose such a lead against a team that had hardly hurled at all? We lined out like this, Hogan, Delaney, Sheehy, Frend; Bobby Ryan, Conal Bonnar, Raymie Ryan; Carr, Aidan Ryan; Cleary, Hayes, Stakelum; Fox, Declan Ryan, English. Leahy was a conspicuous non-starter. One curious but not immediately noted fact was that for all the nice sweet pointing, we'd not bothered the veteran goalie Quaid,



*Michael Cleary breaks through the Limerick defence in the League final.*



whereas Hogan had made an excellent stop late in the half. "Babs" afterwards roundly stated that the team had become complacent and hardly listened to words of caution at the break. Mentors would say the same if you were ten goals up!

Phil Bennis got a more alert audience in the other room, it appears, though the spur of impending humiliation was a powerfully ally to his voice. At any rate, we saw a different Limerick, and alas, a different Tipperary. The lead was down to three points in fifteen minutes as Ciaran Carey got going at centreback, with his flankers nearly as forceful and the midfield responding. Hogan got out to intercept a pass from O'Connor to substitute Sampson. Our attack became both starved and upset with English out on the wing and Declan Ryan on the "forty" in an effort to get back into it. A Stakelum point offered hope, but O'Connor and Kirby left us only one in front and the pressure piling in as the home crowd roared them on. Fittingly, it was Ciaran Carey, all the way upfield from centreback, who struck the equaliser. In a desperate finish, a Tipp. pass was intercepted by our half forward zone and Sampson turned the winner over Hogan's bar.

Limerick's homebred half-time critics now sang a more complimentary tune. Tipp faces were in a fallen state, set in disbelief. A lesson for the championship, anyhow – such was the wisdom and the consolation, to come from the interviews. With more "hunger" and more fitness, all would be well in Cork.

#### CORK WERE READY

Cork have never made it easy for challengers on their own riverside pitch. The new by-pass around Glanmire was the only bit of assistance we got! Never in anything like modern times have Cork been beaten at home in the hurling championship. Their footballers had tumbled against Kerry only a short time before; this only added further steel to the hurlers' approach. Even more of a spur was Cork's solid conviction that they had let Tipp off not one, but several hooks in the previous years' two remarkable games. Heavy criticism had fallen on their mentors for those lapses, with the full-back berth a special focus of unfavourable comment. This time they recalled Middleton's Denis Mulcahy to play on Cormac Bonnar, the Cashel forward hadn't prospered against the Middleton rearguard at Mitchelstown.

The game wasn't long on when Cormac, heading goalwards, was rudely body-checked and arm-checked by his marker. Clare referee Walsh took no name, to Tipp. indignation and possibly Cork relief. A general pattern of stern marking became evident, with the normally ball-playing Denis Walsh dealing purposefully with Michael Cleary. Near half-time Kevin Hennessy came a long way from full-forward and paid attention to John Leahy around midfield.



*Cormac Bonnar takes a heavy tackle from Cork's Denis Mulcahy.*



*Denis Mulcahy gets to grips with Cormac Bonnar at Pairc Uí Chaoimh.*

#### CHANCES WASTED

The first half, in front of 42,000 on a sunny day, was a dour affair, without sparkle. Eleven Tipp. wides, six for Cork told a tale of poor finishing, translating into a one point lead, 0-6 to 0-5. This was less than our good half-back play deserved – Conal Bonnar best of the three. For a team hurling with the breeze we applied little real sustained pressure from half-forward. Leahy indeed fell back a good deal to help out midfield. Scraps of play rather than methodical movements marked our forward efforts. Brian Corcoran hurled a sweeping game on Fox, lifting his side's spirits. English could achieve little on O'Gorman, nor could Declan Ryan provide any substantial distribution off Cashman.

#### TITLE SLIPS AWAY

Would the second half, against the wind, see something of last year's passion and drive? Cormac Bonnar stayed on the bench, with Stakelum coming in. Within six minutes Cork had assumed a menacing lead of six points, a goal forced in by Fitzgibbon the heaviest blow. Cleary was off target with a pair of "65's", Declan Ryan finished weakly to Cunningham. Tomás Mulcahy got a flick to a Casey line-cut – second goal. Pat Hartnett had come in to mark Leahy. Ramie Ryan replaced clubmate Colm Bonnar. As time ebbed and the All-Ireland title became a vanishing possession, English went through but passed across to Fox instead of shooting with his old self-reliance. Pat couldn't reach it.

Now we were truly gone, and the late, late goal by Declan Ryan was academic and frustrating. We could have done with a green flag much earlier. All that was left was to shake hands and listen to local jubilation. Tipperary had not played at all well, but only three points constituted the ultimate margin. Newcomer George Frend did as well as anybody, but Cork had the urge, the momentum to defy the invaders, with Corcoran the unanimous "man of the match".

No point in criticising too much this failure to breach Cork's home record. We can't have been over-confident after the League final – perhaps this hurt our self-confidence more than was realised at the time. Cork, of course, went on to defeat Limerick very readily, and to lost to Kilkenny in the All-Ireland.

The prospect for 1993 is, hopefully of a Thurles Munster Final with Cork, though Waterford will test us and Limerick could have a good day in them on the other side of the draw. One interesting statistic – Tipperary have never won an All-Ireland in a year ending with the number three. It's time to erase that from the record books. At the end of 1992, we head our League group with wins over Limerick, Kilkenny and Offaly. Knock-out action is assured. The outcome of that, and of the championship await another telling. Hopefully, it will be peaks rather than troughs in 1993?



# Donie O'Connell calls it a day

From JOHN GUITON (*Tipperary Star*)



*Donie O'Connell in action.*

**T**HERE'S always a distinct sadness when a player who has donned his county colours for so many years with distinction decides to call it a day. And so it was when lion-hearted Donie O'Connell ended his involvement with Tipperary Senior hurling last May. The Killenaule man, although still engaged in club hurling, is sadly missed from the Inter-County scene that he graced with great courage and sportsmanship.

Thirty-one year old Donie will forever be remembered for his goal in the memorable Munster final against Cork in Killarney in 1987. And while that was a highlight of his career as he got the first senior medal he longed for, it was but one episode of many in his sixteen year involvement with Tipperary hurling which time he gave service second to none.

Donie will always be remembered for his wholehearted play, and having gone through some lean years in the colours in the eighties it was a case of justice done when he realised his ambition to win Munster, and All-Ireland senior medals. A minor in 1977 and '78, without winning a Munster championship, Donie graduated to the Under-21 team in 1979, and was part of the panel to win three All-Irelands between 1979 and 1981. He made his senior inter-county debut in the league against Clare in 1980, and made his championship debut against Cork in '82. A great servant through thick and thin, Donie, after making the honours list in 1987 with the Munster final victory, was part of the 1988 league final success, and then came the icing on the cake in the form of All-Ireland medals in 1989 and 1991.

Donie also played Railway Cup hurling, and won a medal with Munster in 1985.

He also had the distinction of being an All-Star replacement on a few occasions.

When Donie decided to opt out of Inter-County hurling because of pressure of business commitments, the disappointment felt among hurling folk truly reflected the Killenaule man's popularity.

Indeed his popularity extended way beyond the confines of Tipperary hurling as he firmly established a great bond of friendship with many players against whom he had some tough battles down through the years. Always a very likeable and approachable figure, Donie was never one to court praise for his efforts on behalf of Tipperary hurling, but it is imperative that he be remembered for his sterling service. He was a credit to his family, club, and County, and as a former school pal, and one who had the pleasure of playing under-age club hurling with him, I am glad to John in the many good wishes to him for the future.



*The Gortnahoe-Glengoose panel which won the 1991 Mid Tipperary under-21 hurling title by defeating Boherlahan-Dualla at Holycross.*



# Tipperary win All-Ireland Masters

By MICHAEL DUNDON, "Tipperary Star"



The Tipperary Masters (Over 40) hurling team which defeated Dublin. Front: J. Tynan, P. Dunlea, L. King, Jimmy Ryan, S. Ryan, T. O'Connor (captain), D. Ryan, D. Shelley, S. Mackey, M. Dundon, F. Loughmane, Jack Ryan. Back: P. Williams, K. Hough, T. Dunne, W. Crosse, D. Pyne, N. Ryan, L. Mackey, M. McGrath, E. Ryan, P. Butler, J. Carey, S. Power, T. Butler, J. Harkin, P. Lowry, M. Loneragan (Manager). Missing from picture: R. Ryan.

**I**N A year when All-Ireland glory eluded Tipperary in all the conventional grades, it was left to the county's "old boys", the Masters team (over 40s) to bring a national crown to the Premier County and this they did in style in their first appearance in the competition.

Though Masters competition is a popular and regular feature of other sports, it is relatively new in the G.A.A. scene. Wexford won the hurling crown last year with a team that comprised many former inter-county stars and they, along with Kilkenny, were tipped as likely victors in 1992.

Tipperary's participation came about through the initiative of Moycarkey's Mickey Loneragan with the backing of Seamus Power, Boherlahan. With very little support, moral or otherwise, they gathered a group of players together who were prepared to make the effort, and it was a real "rags to riches" story that their efforts should be crowned with All-Ireland honours at the end of the day.

Due recognition must also be given to Noel Ryan for his work behind the scenes and to Danny Pyne, Mickey's right hand man and to Neil Dwyer, masseur, who played no small part in getting the venture off the ground.

Tipperary had another plus in the shape of team captain Tadhg O'Connor, Roscrea, who was an inspiring leader right through the campaign. How appropriate it was that almost twenty one years to the day after Tadhg had lifted the McCarthy Cup on leading Tipperary to All-Ireland senior hurling honours over Kilkenny, that he should be accepting an All-Ireland trophy on behalf of a victorious Tipperary hurling team.

One of the great aspects of Masters hurling is the great bonds of friendship it forged between players. Tipperary's participation was low-key, with no pressure on the players to succeed and in such an environment the players derived tremendous satisfaction, and enjoyment out of the campaign. True, in the latter stages, with national honours beckoning, things got a bit more serious, but overall it was a marvellous experience, one which all who participated, will long remember.

Many of the Tipperary players had already enjoyed success at inter-county level with the Premier County, but their commitment to the masters was inspirational, with such as Jack 10 — Tipperary G.A.A. Year Book

Ryan, travelling down from Dublin for the games, and Liam King deferring the harvesting of his corn, in order to make the 250 miles round trip to Wexford to play in the semi-final there.

Players travelled to all games at their own expense, but for the final, there was generous sponsorship from a wide variety of sources. In a real sense this bonded the group together, as it meant that each appreciated the effort the other was making to be part of the team and it was a great pity that a bit more goodwill was not accorded the team from some official sources, whose opposition to the team's participation in the competition served only to strengthen the resolve of all involved to do better.

There was little thought of All-Ireland honours when the players gathered at the Dicksboro grounds in Kilkenny for the opening game. Mickey Loneragan's biggest worry was that he would have fifteen players to face the highly rated Kilkenny side, but despite the unavailability of some of the squad, Tipperary gave a great account of themselves, losing by two points in a thriller.

Laos and Waterford were Tipperary's other group rivals and in the second outing against Laos at the Ragg, Tipperary swept to a big 4-14 to 2-5 victory. Now Waterford stood between Tipp and qualifying for the play-offs. Tadhg O'Connor was unavailable for this game, but manager Loneragan picked his team well. Holycross's Mickey McGrath had an outstanding game in goal in the first half as Waterford started in whirlwind fashion, but gradually Tipperary found their feet, and goals by Joe Tynan and Tony Dunne helped them to an interval lead of 2-6 to 1-3.

Waterford piled on the pressure in the second half, but Tipperary held firm and a goal by Seamus Mackey raised the siege and paved the way for an impressive 3-15 to 2-9 win.

The points won here meant that Tipperary finished as runners-up in their section to the unbeaten Kilkenny. Wexford won the other group with Dublin as runners-up so Tipperary had to travel to Wexford to meet the competition favourites — a tall order.

The Wexford side bristled with talent. Tony Doran, Martin Casey, Mick Jacob, Dave Bernie, the Butlers, Jimmy Prendergast, wee key men in their side and an early Tony Doran goal emphasised the task facing the Tipp. lads.

Never was pride in the blue and gold more

apparent than in this game as the Tipp lads, with Tommy Butler outstanding in attack, and Tony Dunne masterful at halfback, dug deep into their reserves of courage and skill to draw level by halftime 0-9 to 1-6 and then in the second half that was balanced on a knife-edge, got the vital break in the shape of a Seamus Power goal ten minutes from the end.

Even then Wexford did not die and it took a marvellous Mickey McGrath save from Tony Doran and outstanding defending by Eugene Ryan, Liam King and Tadhg O'Connor to keep Tipperary's nose in front for a three points win.

In the other semi-final, Dublin caused a stir by disposing of Kilkenny which set the scene for the final at the St. Vincent's Grounds in Dublin — yet another away game for Tipp. On a miserable day for hurling, there was a fine turnout of Tipp followers present to see the Tipp lads, without Pat Dunlea, injured in the semi-final, take a grip on the game from the start and helped by a Roger Ryan goal, lead 1-6 to 0-1 at the interval.

Jack Ryan had to retire with a recurrence of a hamstring injury but Tipperary had quality on the bench with Dinny Ryan and Francis Loughane getting into the fray in the first half.

On the change-over Dublin made a mighty effort to get to terms but their own bad finishing and determined defending by Tipperary kept them in check and at the call of time Tipperary were winners by a 1-9 to 1-2 scoreline. There was great jubilation as the trophy was presented to Tadhg O'Connor bringing the curtain down on a great campaign.

The team which played in the final was: Michael McGrath (Holycross); Liam King (Lorrha), Paddy Williams (Kilruane), Eugene Ryan (Moneygall); Tadhg O'Connor (Roscrea), Tony Dunne (Toomevara), Paudie Butler (Drom-Inch); Jack Ryan (Moneygall), Michael Dundon (Thurles Sarsfields); Seamus Ryan (Moneygall), Tommy Butler (Drom-Inch), Jimmy Ryan (Carrick Davins); John Carey (Sean Treacys), Roger Ryan (Roscrea), Joe Tynan (Roscrea). Subs: Dinny Ryan (Sean Treacys), Francis Loughane (Roscrea), Kieran Hough (Lorrha), Seamus Mackey (Holycross), Phil Lowry (Holycross). Other panel members: Pat Dunlea (Silvermines), Seamus Power (Boherlahan), Johnny Harkin (Drom-Inch), Dan Shelley (Ballingarry) and Willie Crosse (Boherlahan).



# Tipperary Juniors lose Munster semi-final



**TIPPERARY**— Team beaten by Cork (2-12 - 0-8) in the Munster Junior Hurling Championship at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

**BACK ROW (l-r):** M.J. Browne, Brian O'Meara, David Fogarty, Brendan Bane, Shay Ryan, Batt Burke, James Cahill, Seamus Butler, John Ryan, Jim Harvey, Colm Egan. **FRONT ROW:** Michael O'Dwyer, Gerry Ryan, Stephen Dwan, Ger McGuire, Jimmy O'Dwyer (captain), Justin Quinlan, Brian O'Dwyer, Pakie Hallissey, Denis O'Shea, Eamon O'Dwyer, Martin Burke.



**TIPPERARY UNDER-21 TEAM** — Beaten 1-14 to 0-13 by Clare in the Munster Championship at Ennis.

**BACK ROW (l-r):** Sean Collum, Ailbe Bonnar, Kevin McCormack, Thomas Gleeson, Brian O'Meara, Raymie Ryan, T.J. Connolly, Pat Maguire, Liam Fallon. **FRONT ROW:** Tony Delaney, Vinnie Ryan, Tomás Fogarty, Adrian Hogan, Timmy Moloney (Capt.), Paudie O'Keeffe.



Tipperary Under-21 hurling selectors photographed before the Munster Championship match against Clare (left to right): Billy Carroll, Mick Minogue (coach), Paddy O'Meara, Willie Ryan, and Vinny Ryan.



# TIPPERARY MINOR HURLERS

## *So near success*

By JOHN GUITON (*Tipperary Star*)

**I**N WHAT was a sterile year for Tipperary on the hurling front, our minor side had the dubious distinction of being the last side to depart from the championship scene. It can hardly be said, however, that they went down without a mighty fight to a better Waterford team in the second of two instalments between the counties to decide the provincial crown.

Tipperary went into this year's campaign with unprecedented pressure on their shoulders. They were expected to make a bold bid at retaining the crown, and yet the task was never going to be easy considering that only five of the previous year's panel were eligible. And by the time they reached the decider having ousted Limerick, and fancied Cork on the way, they carried the Premier County's last remaining hope of a title for 1992. Only once in fifteen years — 1986 — did Tipperary fail to win at least one provincial title in hurling or football, and so the task facing our minors to prevent a repeat of that historic chapter was, to say the least, a mammoth one.

It was certainly not for the want of preparation that Tipp. failed to retain the Munster crown, as the County yearned for an All-Ireland breakthrough, the national prize having eluded us since 1982. In his first year at the helm, coach Fr. Tom Fogarty made a huge impression on the youngsters and the selection committee of T. J. Dwyer (Sean Treacys), Jim Lynch (Cahir), Jimmy Conroy (Eire Og Nenagh), John Costigan (J.J. Brackens) and Phil Lowry (Holycross-Ballycahill) did not drag their feet when it came to



*The Tipperary team which drew with Waterford in the Munster minor hurling championship final at Pairc Uí Chaoimh. Back row (left to right): Aidan O'Dwyer, Paul Darcy, Joe Wade, Mark Rabbitt, Phil Shanahan, Chris Foley, Brian Flannery, Kevin O'Sullivan, Tommy Dunne, Declan Keher, Brian Lacey, Paul Morrissey. Front row: Richard Doyle, Ray Killeen, Pat Croke, Seamus Morrissey, Terry Dunne, Paul Shelley, Robbie Tomlinson (capt.), Keith Slevin, Tomás Kean, David Bourke, Shay Killeen, Liam McGrath.*

investing the supreme effort. Perhaps such dedication will get meet a just reward and we can only keep our fingers crossed for 1993.

Tipperary made an early start to the season in facing Limerick in April, something that coach Fr. Fogarty had great reservations about. His views were re-echoed later by County Chairman Mr. Michael Maguire who felt that the matter should be taken up by Munster Council. The Chairman cited the example of Leinster starting their championships at a much later stage. Fr. Fogarty felt that the biggest problem posed by the early start is that teams have to train through the winter and that makes it a very long

season. And there's a huge gap between the first round and the Munster final in July. He bemoaned the fact that selectors are forced to take stock of players often in the most unfavourable conditions early in the year and that was not the most ideal situation.

In any event, Tipperary made a successful start to the campaign, despite injury problems, but were lucky to survive by a single point, a strong Limerick challenge. After a first-half performance in which Tipperary hurled with great assurance, despite facing a strong wind, their second-half negligence almost let slip a passage to the semi-final with old rivals Cork. Indeed, only for some splendid rearguard efforts by Tipperary late in the game the chances are they would have been the first to exit from the championship line-up.

Limerick had good reason to rue such a sluggish start that saw them 1-1 down after eleven minutes, but this issue was decided in the closing ten minutes. Depending to a great extent on Tommy Dunne who hit 1-5 of their 1-7 tally (Limerick scored 0-9) Tipperary produced a more workmanlike team performance in this time and sub Paul Darcy hit a splendid winning point with just two minutes remaining.

In many ways Tipperary produced a similar performance against Cork, but this 1-11 to 0-11 victory really boosted their chances of at least emulating the feat of the 1991 side. This was a gripping contest, in which both teams brought the best out of each other.

The sides had been level five times over the hour with the Rebels coming from behind on three occasions, and while Cork had reason to regret chances let slip,



*Action from Munster Minor Hurling Final — Tipperary against Waterford.*



Tipperary fully merited the laurels on the strength of a splendid second-half showing.

The selectors introduced their trump card in sub. Joe Wade at half-time, and a number of positional switches worked a treat. Ultimately it was the only goal of the match, right at the three quarter way stage from sub. David Bourke that turned the game firmly in Tipperary's direction.

Indicative of Tipperary's tendency to be inconsistent they barely survived the drawn Munster final in Páirc Ui Chaoimh. In a game that ended, Tipperary 3-10, Waterford 4-7, the Decies corner-forward Paul Flynn unleashed his scoring exploits with venom, amassing a total of 3-6, that left Tipperary breathing a collective sigh of relief at the final whistle.

Pre-match warnings from coach Fr. Tom that Waterford were not going to be a pushover were spot-on. He warned specifically of the danger Flynn would post, but he could hardly have foreseen such a dynamic performance from him.

Tipperary without exerting themselves performed adequately in the opening half at the end of which they led 1-7 to 1-2. The second-half was a different story, however, as they became disjointed and lost the lead on three occasions. Indeed, they still looked like scraping to a narrow victory but somehow Flynn managed to break through their defence, for a late goal and it was back to the starting post again.

While the Waterford performance was



Tipperary minor hurling selectors photographed after a training session (left to right): T. J. Dwyer, Jim Lynch, Jimmy Conroy, Fr. Tom Fogarty (coach), John Costigan and Phil Lowry.

good, unquestionably, too many Tipperary players fell below expectations and the hope was that a big improvement would be forthcoming for the replay.

That improvement materialised in terms of fervour, tenacity, and bravery, and while they had enough chances to have reaped their second title justice was done by the Waterford victory on a 2-10 to 0-14 scoresheet.

The game itself was one of the most exciting in the province this season. The pendulum swung frequently amid high tension. Tipperary did well in the first-half to lead 0-9 to 1-3 at the break, and with Flynn not at all as prominent as in the drawn game, there was much room for optimism.

Waterford were a transformed team on

the turnover, however, and gradually Tipperary were put under pressure. They got the perfect start when Flynn came out of his shell to hammer home a great goal. They built up a lead (2-5 to 0-9) and despite the inspirational work of Tommy Dunne to fire on Tipperary who restored their lead 0-13 to 2-5, the Decies finished the better side. Understandably, there were great scenes of jubilation when the final whistle sounded, and who could blame Waterford. They had waited a long time for the title. And while they failed in their All-Ireland bid they will always cherish the memory of this great achievement. As far as Tipperary is concerned, hopefully, it will be a case of better luck next year.



**25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS IN CARRICK . . .** On 28th February 1992, a celebration unique in the annals of Tipperary hurling was held in Carrick-on-Suir when the local Davin G.A.A. Club celebrated the 25th anniversary of becoming the first representatives from Tipperary to win the Munster Club Senior Hurling Championship. It was a night of nostalgia, reminiscences, and re-living of feats of skill and courage and above all a gathering together again of a band of sportsmen whose achievements are unrivalled in the history of Carrick Davins. A brief glance around the hall showed that the passage of a quarter of a century had not been too unkind to any of that great squad, a few receding hairlines and a thickening waistline but on the whole the likes of Michael Roche, The Ryans, The Arrigans, The Kennys, The Walshes, Jackie and Joel, Mick Hassett, Tommy Waters, John O'Neill, Jimmy Roche and Con Broderick, looked like they could well be around to see the Golden Jubilee. Unfortunately of the three selectors present on the night, Sean Organ, Mickey Loneragan and Tommy Foran, we have since lost Tommy who has joined Wattie Walsh and Eddie O'Reilly in that celestial dug-out but that famous five will never be forgotten. A special word of thanks to all who made the evening such a resounding success, committee members and supporters, for some the day in '67 forever etched in memory, for some a hazy memory of youth and for some not even born, a tangible piece of the Club's history. Go raibh míle maith againh go léir.

**Members of Carrick Davins S.H. 1967 Team at the Silver Jubilee Celebrations —** Back row (l-r.): Michael O'Meara (South Board), Richard Ryan, Noel Grace, Brian Kenny, Jimmy Roche, Jackie Walsh, Michael Roche, John O'Toole, Paddy Arrigan, Tommy Waters, Tony Blackmore, Michael Hassett. Centre row (l-r.): P. J. Ryan, Seamus Kenny, Michael Ryan, Teddy Ryan, Noel Walsh, Liam O'Dwyer (Chairman U.D.C.), Con Broderick, Jimmy Collins (Co. Board), Billy Mackey, John O'Neill. Front row (l-r.): Tom Arrigan, Nicky Butler, Sean Organ (Selector), Jimmy Ryan, John Walsh, Tommy Foran (Selector) (R.I.P.).



# In Search of Reason

By Declan Kelly - The Cork Examiner

**Memories of the year gone by will not figure very prominently when the next chapter of Tipperary's GAA story comes to be written, sometime in the 21st century.**

Nevertheless, the authors of this yearbook have asked me to offer my thoughts on the comparative hurling standards in Tipperary and Cork respectively, bearing in mind the events of the recent past.

The comparison does not require too much preponderance. When a county experiences as abysmal a year in the senior championship as Tipperary has done this year, one is sometimes driven to search for answers.

It amounts to a search for reason in a myriad of unfulfilled expectations. Nine times out of ten, the conclusion will be that hurling standards within the county itself have fallen.

Consequently, the county in question eventually suffers in all grades across the board. Contrary to what some people may try and tell you however, that simply cannot be offered as an excuse for the Tipperary failings we all witnessed on the senior hurling front in 1992.

Since it was against Cork that Tipperary were forced to eat humble pie, the Rebel standards are the only real yardstick this county should use right now.



Declan Kelly, The Cork Examiner.

As a Tipperary-born sports columnist writing for a Cork newspaper, I have been lucky enough to be in a local position to assess both counties for most of the year. I have written in my own Friday Examiner column many times that I believe the standards in Tipperary at club level have been infinitely higher than in Cork for quite some time now. This year was no exception to the rule.



County hurling final action: Seamus O'Shea of Thurles Sarsfields and Michael Murphy of Toomevara race for possession.

I attended many of the senior games in both counties, including the county final and replay in Thurles, and the Cork senior final between Erin's Own and Na Piarsaigh. There were many others from Tipperary in Paire Uí Chaoimh for that latter encounter. Most probably searching for the same answers I was. We came away even more convinced that the punter gets better value in Tipperary than he ever will in the senior championship in Cork.

There is, quite simply, a higher level of skill on display in the individual championships here, and when it comes to the final sages, there is far more cut and thrust, and far more direct hurling by most of the participants.

There were illustrations aplenty of this in North Tipperary this Summer for example, and anyone who attended the games between Lorrha and Toomevara will testify.

Similarly, I thought the level of defensive play by both Thurles Sarsfields and Toomevara in the drawn County Final was quite outstanding, for example.

No, without a doubt, if Tipperary folk have spent the last six months worrying that this county has fallen behind in the hurling progressing stakes, then they have been sweating about little or nothing. Why then, we must ask, did this apparent dominance not bring itself to bear when the two counties met last summer in Paire Uí Chaoimh?

My thoughts on that subject are no secret. I am of the opinion that Tipperary left the game in Cork behind them, just as Cork themselves did when they lost to Kilkenny in the All Ireland final. Some people have spent the last six months making all kinds of excuses. They may even attempt to make them in the pages of this very publication. Anyone who is interested in assessing the reality of the situation will realise and



accept that there should be no excuses however.

The players themselves know that most of all. So does every Tipperary person attending senior games in Cork on a regular basis.

Kilkenny were one of the poorest sides ever to win the McCarthy Cup in the last fifteen years.

Tipperary would almost certainly have beaten them had they been in the final instead of Cork. Or at least, they would have made a much better attempt than the Rebels did. On reflection, that can now only be seen as an indictment of those who were responsible for what happened in Cork on the first Sunday in June. To be frank, it was a combination of unwise management on the day, plus a lacklustre contribution from many of the more established players which cost Tipperary their Munster crown.

Cork did against Tipperary what they subsequently forgot to do against Kilkenny - namely they stuck to a game plan from start to finish. Their victory was carved from an entirely different source than in 1990, when there is little doubt that Tipperary took their opponents too much for granted, and one man called Mark Foley played like God for seventy minutes. Third year, after all the mistakes, all the switches, and all the missed chances, Tipperary were still only a goal behind when the final whistle sounded in Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

The best collection of hurlers had not won the day, but the manner in which they were deployed ensures they got the desired result. Of course, that is now in the past, but lessons can still be learned in advance of next Summer's encounters.

At this point of the year, Tipperary should have been easing through the league campaign as reigning All Ireland champions. Instead, the players and more especially the team management have placed themselves in the most unenviable of positions.

Defeat, especially at the hands of Cork this year, would be wholly unacceptable for those who follow the blue and gold. Standards are not the premium. Of that there should be no doubt. Maintaining the happy medium which allows players to reproduce those standards when they pull on the county jersey is the trick which Babs Keating and his selectors are being asked to perform in the next six months. They will know better than anyone else that the past comes back to haunt those who fail to achieve such a balance.

## Centrefield: The Dream is Alive

In 1884 a small and diverse group in Hayes' Hotel, Thurles shared a dream. Today that dream is a reassuring reality, throbbing at the cultural and sporting heart of Irish communities worldwide.

One hundred and five years later a small and less renowned gathering, also came together in Hayes'. Again it was a diverse group of varying occupations and interests — many of whom had never even met before. They did, however, share a dream to create a fitting and exciting tribute, dedicated to the rich heritage our games have bestowed, within the fine old town deservedly honoured as birthplace to the Gaelic Athletic Association.

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Centrefield had been conceived, but of course it wasn't going to be easy. The future held delays, difficulties and even doubts. Recession critically reduced funding opportunities; yet the dream did not die.

John Duggan and Gerry Reidy came forward with generous financial support from the Rohan Group and Coca Cola, when we feared a nightmare. Shannon Development provided the project with a home, endless help and a successful avenue to EC cash. FAS supported craftsmen breathed new life into the 130 year old building — once a bustling bank — but now sadly passed from the commercial life of the town. Voluntary effort, enthusiasm and further financial lifeblood came from Thurles Development Association and the GAA to a project where a genuine harmony of interest exists between, the community and the commercial, the state and the sporting.

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Tá do chabhair airgid ag teastail uainn anois. Bí fial le do thoil.

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# The Senior Hurling Championship

By Seamus J. King

*Toomevara bridged a thirty-two year gap when they captured the Dan Breen Cup for the first time since 1960 in a thrilling county final replay at Semple Stadium on November 8. In doing so they beat their opponents of over three decade ago, Thurles Sarsfields, and took the premier hurling trophy to the north division for the first time since Borrisoleigh's triumph in 1986. It was Toomevara's eleventh senior title.*

The long wait had made victory all the sweeter and the success was greeted with an explosion of joy and celebration by the supporters at the game and later in the evening in a crowded village, where the formalities lasted for almost an hour. Among the many speakers was Neil Williams, who is regarded as having played a major part in the revival of hurling in the parish, which culminated in this great victory. In the course of his remarks he said: 'There was a warrant out for the arrest of Dan Breen and Toomevara executed that warrant. We'll keep him in captivity for quite some time. He's home to stay'. The tremendous spirit, skill and determination shown by the team, especially in the second half, and the fact that the elders on the team are a mere twenty-seven years of age, none of them having been born when the club had their previous victory, may well prove Neil to be prophetic.

## Divisional Finals

However, a year is a long time in hurling as Cashel found to its chagrin after scaling the heights in 1991. In the first of the divisional finals, played at Bansha on July 27, the 'Kings' failed to make it three-in-a-row before a spirited performance by a Declan Ryan-inspired Clonoulty-

Rossmore, who went out easy winners by 2-15 to 1-11.

The south final was played at Clonmel on August 16. On that day Ballingarry returned to the throne of south hurling for the first since 1987, when they defeated title holders and neighbours, Killenaule, by 2-12 to 1-10. Star of the encounter was captain and 'Man of the Match' award winner, Don Lyons, who had a spectacular game, scoring seven points from play for the winners.

On the same day there was a replay of the mid final at Boherlahan. In this Loughmore-Castleiney staged a sensational recovery when they came back from ten points down with nine minutes to play and grabbed an injury-time equaliser to take the game to extra time. During the

extra period they swept Thurles Sarsfields off their feet to win by 3-18 to 2-14. In the drawn game on the previous Sunday Thurles Sarsfields had survived by virtue of a last minute equaliser from centrefielder, Brendan Carroll, to leave the scoreline Loughmore-Castleiney 1-9 Thurles Sarsfields 0-12. MacDonagh Park, Cloughjordan was the venue for the north final on August 30. Eire Og, Nenagh ended a twenty-eight year wait when they trounced a tired and ineffective Lorrha side by 1-18 to 0-8. Toomevara, the League winners, qualified for the second north spot in the county quarter-finals, when they recovered from a disastrous start, which saw them trail by 3-3 to 0-1, to beat a hapless Lorrha a side by 1-14 to 3-5 at Nenagh on September 9.



County Senior Hurling Semi-Final: Toomevara v. Loughmore-Castleiney - Declan O'Meara, Toomevara and Seamus Bohan, Loughmore-Castleiney (Right).



## Plenty of Controversy

The first two quarter-final games, between the mid and the west representatives, were fixed for August 23, the Sunday after the replayed mid-final. Or so the advertisement for the game stated in the Tipperary Star. At a meeting of the county fixtures committee on August 18 the representatives of the mid board claimed a provision was agreed to at a previous county fixtures meeting that the quarter final

would go back to August 30 in the event of a draw. The claim was rejected by county chairman, Michael Maguire, and, after the mid delegates walked out, the fixture was re-affirmed for August 23.

On the following day the two mid clubs secured eight signature, as per rule to seek a full meeting of the county board to have their case heard. County chairman, Michael Maguire, turned down the request and the clubs decided to appeal his

refusal to the Minister Council. On the Friday before the August 23 fixture Loughmore-Castleiney and Thurles Sarsfields announced they would not be fulfilling the fixture.

The mid board issued a detailed statement on the affair on August 24 in the course of which they reiterated their claim that a proviso was agreed, to put back the quarter-final games to August 30 in the event of a mid draw, at the county fixtures meeting of July 28. On the night following the statement a meeting of the county fixtures meeting decided to throw the two clubs out of the county championship because of their failure to play the quarter-finals as fixed.

## Phoney War

After the events of August 24 a kind of phoney war developed. The mid teams were left in a limbo situation with an appeal to the Munster Council pending. Quite a lot of anti-county chairman propaganda emerged from scribes favourable to the mid stand. A county board meeting on September 14 did not discuss the matter. Instead it was announced that a special meeting of the board would take place the following Monday to deal with the matter.

At the special meeting of the board on September 21 the two clubs were reinstated at a cost. Thurles Sarsfields and Loughmore-Castleiney were each fined £2,000 as was the mid board for allegedly misleading the clubs. During the course of a lengthy meeting chairman, Michael Maguire, continuously resisted impassioned pleas from several delegates to allow the mid clubs take part in the quarter-finals. Yet, he failed to bite the bullet but instead kept coming back to the delegates in the hope of finding a way around such an unpopular decision. Eventually, after a recess and continued pleading, he left the decision to a vote by the members. The result was a narrow 35-32 vote to allow the mid clubs back in the competition and the vote in favour may have been achieved by a crucial intervention in favour of leniency by South secretary Michael O'Meara and chairman, Jimmy Collins, near the end of the discussion. Their intervention may

## 1992 County Senior Hurling Championship

### County final (replay)

Sample Stadium, November 8  
Toomevara 0-12 Thurles Sarsfield 1-6  
Referee: Tommy Lonergan (Kilsheelan)

### County final,

Sample Stadium, November 1  
Thurles Sarsfields 1-10 Toomevara 0-113  
Referee: Tommy Lonergan (Kilsheelan)

### Semi-final (replay)

Cloughjordan, October 18  
Thurles Sarsfields 2-15 Eire Og, Nenagh 2-6  
Referee: Tommy Lonergan (Kilsheelan)

### Semi-finals,

Sample Stadium, October 11  
Toomevara 0-11 Loughmore-Castleiney 0-9  
Referee: Paddy Lonergan (Bansha)  
Eire Og, Nenagh 1-12 Thurles Sarsfields 1-12  
Referee: Tommy Lonergan (Kilsheelan)

### Quarter-finals,

Boherlahan, September 27  
Thurles Sarsfields 0-6 Clonoulty-Rossmore 0-5  
Referee: Michael Lenihan (Ballinahinch)  
Loughmore-Castleiney 2-12  
Cashel King Cormacs 2-6  
Referee: Michael Cahill (Kilruane - MacDonagh)

### Quarter-finals,

Sample Stadium, September 13  
Toomevara 2-9 Ballingarry 0-10  
Referee: Willie Clohessy (Drom-Inch)  
Eire Og, Nenagh 3-14 Killenaule 0-7  
Referee: Michael Doyle (Holycross-Ballycahill)



have swung neutral south delegates in favour of reinstatement

## Many issues

The whole affair raised many issues. The most obvious one was the need to have minutes kept of the proceedings at county fixtures meetings. There was, of course, the flouting of the county board's authority and this was the third occasion that the offenders came from the mid division. What role did the mid board play in the affair? Did it "mislead" the clubs as Pat Cullen of Loughmore-Castleiney seemed to imply. What part did personalities play in the affair and how big a part did the "I'll get you" mentality surface. But, there were even greater issues. The major one was the power of the club. In this case the clubs put the gun to the head of the county board - by withdrawing from the championship - and left it in an extremely difficult position. Should it take firm action and dismiss the two teams or should it take the strength of the clubs' feelings on the matter into consideration? In this case the county chairman took firm action and then relented. As Noel Morris pointed out at the special board meeting Lorrha took similar action effectively in 1984. There is also the other side of this coin, the attitude of the clubs who will gain from the suspension of clubs. In the case of Clonaulty and Cashel there was an element of blackmail. It was hinted to them that if they took the games they would be going against tradition in the matter. In the event both sides decided to back the county chairman. Traditionally clubs have not taken games and this puts board decisions in an impossible position.

## Quarter-finals

The first of the quarter-finals were played at Semple Stadium on September 13 between the teams from the south and the north. The better of the two was the Toomevara-Ballingarry confrontation. The north side had qualified only four days previously when they beat Lorrha in the play-off between the league winners and the championship runners-up. They showed a lack of urgency in their play and whereas they were ahead for most

of the game they could never shake off a determined Ballingarry side. Toomevara went ahead in the first quarter, were dragged back to level after twenty minutes but were in front by 2-4 to 0-6 at the interval. In the second half they continued in front despite some bad shooting and had five points to spare, 2-9 to 0-10 at the final whistle in spite of considerable late pressure from the south champions.

The second game saw Eire Og, Nenagh coast to an easy victory against a very poor Killenaule side. After some early difficulties the north side established their superiority, were in front by 1-8 to 0-2 at the interval and were easy winners by 3-14 to 0-7 in the end.

## Mid v West

The other quarter-finals, delayed by controversy, were eventually played at Boherlahan on September 27. The two mid teams came to the fray with the support of a huge and partisan crowd that was going to give the west, and the Chairman who came from there, the answer they deserved.

On the day the displays of Thurles Sarsfields and Loughmore-Castleiney deserved the successes they won. In the first game Sarsfields were easily the better side in the first half but failed to translate their advantage into scores and at half-time the sides stood level at three points each. West champions, Clonaulty-Rossmore, were hoping to lift their game in the second half and looked placed to succeed but their forwards lacked penetration and they wasted possession just as the mid men had done in the first half. In the end there was only a point between the sides in a low scoreline of 0-6 to 0-5 in favour of Thurles.

In the second game Loughmore-Castleiney gave a superb performance and defeated Cashel by six points in a scoreline of 2-12 to 2-6. The difference between the teams was the hunger and zest of the mid champions in contrast with the listless performance of the Cashel team. Loughmore hunted everything with a fierce appetite and harried their opponents at every opportunity. Within five minutes the mid team led by 1-2 to nil.

Cashel came back to level by the twentieth minute but Loughmore were ahead by 1-5 to 1-3 at the interval. With ten minutes to go Loughmore had stretched their lead to double scores, 2-10 to 1-5 but Cashel got 1-1 to their opponents 0-2 in the final minutes to give the scoreboard a more respectable look. In spite of Loughmore-Castleiney's superiority Cashel could only regret their dismal failure from placed balls in the first half and their craze for futile solo running in the second half when the quick delivery into the inside forward line might have paid greater dividends.

## The semi-finals

After a superb display at Boherlahan Loughmore-Castleiney must have gone into their semi-final game against a Toomevara on October 11 at Semple Stadium with reasonable confidence. However, whatever happened during the intervening two weeks had something of a debilitating effect on the team because the sparkle was not in evidence and overall they gave or extremely tame performance. In fact, it as a very poor game with the last minutes lifted a little by the excitement of Toomevara coming from level to win by two points in an exciting finish. Loughmore had a two point advantage 0-6 to 0-4 at half-time. Toomevara levelled early in the second half and the sides were locked at nine points each with a few minutes to go. During the final minute Toomevara got two points to win by 0-11 to 0-9.

The second semi-final was more exciting and saw Thurles Sarsfields came for there points down with about five minutes remaining to draw with Eire Og is a scoreline of 1-12 each. The north champions led by a point at the interval, 1-7 to 1-6 and played the better hurling or most of the second half only to lose their advantage in the closing minutes.

The replay was at Cloughjordan on the following Sunday and from the throw-in to the final whistle Sarsfields superiority was never in doubt. They led by 1-8 to 1-2 at the interval, the Eire Og goal coming from a Michael Cleary penalty. The second half became a parade for





County Senior Hurling Semi-final (replay) - Thurles Sarsfields v. Nenagh Éire Óg - Jim Moloney, Ronan Burns, Seamus O'Shea and Paul Dolan.

Thurles and their nine point superiority, 2-15 to 2-6, at the final whistle was no less than they deserved. To underline the Thurles superiority Nenagh failed to score from play until ten minutes into the second half and their second goal also came from a penalty.

### The County final

As a result of their spectacular victory over Éire Óg at Cloughjordan, Thurles Sarsfields were slight favourites going into the county final at Semple Stadium on November 1. It was an intriguing contest in many ways, not least of which was that neither team held divisional honours. On the other hand each side represented a proud hurling tradition in the county with the Blues and the Greyhounds among the finest hurling pedigrees. Toomevara were appearing in their first final since 1961 while Thurles last reached this stage in 1979.

The crowd of about 10,000 did not get the kind of game they expected. The first half was a dull uninspiring contest at the end of which Sarsfields led by 0-4 to 0-3. In the second half Toomevara began to take control and not even a goal by Seamus Quinn in the ninth minute after the interval could halt their momentum and they scored five points without reply from Sarsfields. With three points up, the wind behind them and only eight minutes to go they appeared set for victory. But, inexplicably, they failed to

drive home their advantage and Thurles came back to score three points in the final minutes and earn an unexpected draw. In the end it was a major disappointment for the north men to have apparent victory elude their grasp in the final minutes. The final score was Sarsfields 1-8 Toomevara 0-11.

### The Replay

To many experts it appeared as if the men from the north had let slip the opportunity of bridging a 32 year gap. However, Toomevara went into the replay a week later with an increased confidence in their ability and they expressed that confidence in a much improved display. Yet Sarsfields had a point to spare at the interval in a scoreline of 1-4 to 0-6, their goal a fortuitous one by Connie Maher from a melee in the front of the goal. In the second half Toomevara's superiority became more pronounced but they were never able to pull out of the danger zone chiefly due to a tenacious defence by the Thurles backline, especially Michael Maher, Seamus O'Shea and Seamus Maher, until he retired with an injury. In fact many believed that the performance of the veteran, Michael Maher, deserved the Man of the Match award.

But there were sterling performances at the other end of the field also and as the game wore on we saw some superb defending by Declan O'Meara, George Friend and Man of the Match,

Philip Shanahan, who was just half the age of the leading contender from the opposite side. The quality of the Toomevara defence can be seen in the paucity of Sarsfields' scores in the second half, a mere two points. The last ten minutes saw Trojan efforts on both sides to gain the verdict and

the excitement was intense up to final whistle, with only a puck of a bell between the sides. Toomevara 0-12 Thurles Sarsfields 1-6. It has been another day for defences and the game confirmed the low level of forward power in the county at the present.

Teams: Toomevara: Jody Grace, Pat Meagher, Rory Brisbane, Michael O'Meara (Capt.), George Friend, Declan O'Meara, Philip Shanahan, Pat King, Tony Delaney, Tommy Dunne, Michael Murphy, Terry Dunne, Liam Flaherty, Liam Nolan, Tommy Carroll. Subs: Michael Nolan for Flaherty, Kevin McCormack for Carroll. Also: Sean Nolan, Kenneth McDonnell, John Ryan, Jimmy Dunne, Brendan Spillane, Kevin Delaney, Owen Cuddihy. Selectors: Fr. Michael Casey, Jim McDonald, Frank Ryan, Coach: P.J. Whelehan. Thurles Sarsfields: Pat McCormack, Michael Maher, Tommy Maher, Michael Sparrow, Jim Moloney, Seamus O'Shea, Seamus Maher, John Dorney, Liam Duggan, Eamon Walshe (Capt.), Brendan Carroll, Connie Maher, M1 McCormack, Paddy Maher, Seamus Quinn. Subs: Clive Hanrahan for Moloney, Graham O'Connor for Walshe, Michael Hanrahan for S. Maher. Also: Kieran Carroll, Lar Barrett, Tony Coman, Andy Rossiter, P. J. Kavanagh, Tony O'Meara, John Kennedy, Kevin Cummins. Selectors: Tom Barry (coach), Denis Maher, Liam O'Donnchú.



# On Tipperary Hurling

By Justin McCarthy

***Very few teams can capture the public imagination in hurling like Cork and Tipperary. When these two giants of the game meet no one for certain can predict the outcome. But one thing is for sure there is history in the making on every occasion.***

There are some players in Cork who went through their long careers in Hurling without ever been on a side that beat Tipp., there are others who never tasted defeat by the men from the Premier County. I can recall times in the late fifties and well into the sixties when we thought in Cork that there was no way throughout the Tipperary barrier. Cork beat Tipp in the Munster final of '54 and won again in '57 Munster Semi Final. But we had to wait till '69 to conquer our greatest rivals. The barren years were a low point in Cork Hurling and very frustrating to put it mildly. But we did breakthrough in '66 without meeting Tipp. I can well remember the day Limerick beat Tipp in the '66 Munster Semi-Final. We were in Kilkenny playing in a tournament when we heard the shock result. A big cheer went up in the Imperial Hotel as we knew we had a chance of winning the All-Ireland with Tipperary out of the way.

Down through the years we in

Cork heard many stories about Tipp team of bygone days. The famous Thurles Blues and their captain Tom Semple. Blackrock men would take about Tubberadora and of course every one heard of Wedger Meagher and the Toomevara Greyhounds. Most of those stories were passed on by former players mentors and two people whom I had a close association with, Jim 'Meugh' Barry, the legendary Cork trainer, and Sean McCarthy former chairman of the Board and President of the GAA. They had a healthy respect for Tipperary and many the time Jim Barry would tell us that Martin Kennedy was the finest fullforward he ever saw.

It has to be said though that from 1950 onwards Cork and Tipperary rivalry became more intense. Christy Ring and other great Cork players like Paddy Barry Willie John Daly, Josie Hartnett, Mattie Fouthy and Liam Dowling to name a few pitted their skill and strength against Tipperary greats like Mickey

Byrne, Pat Stakelum, Seamus Bannon, Paddy Kenny, Jimmy Finn and John Doyle.

It could be argued that the 50's and into the sixties there were more stars in action than in any other period and I have to admit the Tipperary team of 64 and 65 was one of the finest combinations that I saw take the field. I can well recall the '64 Munster Final coming on as a sub for Cork and we behind by about five goals. I was sent on Theo English and as I went for one ball he passed me like a train to clip the ball up the field. In '65 we had high hopes of doing better but Tipperary repeated the dose to win by 4 goals and 6 pts. That team had great power, strength, speed and a lot of skilful players. John O'Donoghue was at his brilliant best I had seen him play with UCC in Cork many a time and with Tipp he performed even better three full backs who very few dared to pass Doyle Maher & Carey. Outside them Mick Burns close marking, nice delivery, wall solid in the centre, Mick Murphy was there in 64 and Lar Gaynor in 65. Theo the master and flamboyant Mick Roche - what a midfield combination, then Jimmy Doyle one of the best stickmen ever, Larry Kiely. Babs was there in 64, and Devaney in 65. Nealon, deadly dangerous, McLoughlin made a lot of openings and McKenna was quick to hit and score.

Writing down these fellows names puts a shake in my hand, but they were some team, a machine if you like with great understanding and deadly finishes. You can imagine what it was like when for the first time in 12 years we beat Tipp in league semi final in 1969 and went on to



Cork 1969 Back row - C. Roche, A. Maher, C. Cullinane, D. Clifford, E. O'Brien, T. O'Donoghue, P. Barry, J. McCarthy. Front - R. Tuohy, W. Walsh, P. Hegarty, D. Murphy (capt.), T. Ryan, D. Coughlan, C. McCarthy.



do likewise in the Munster final of that year. Tipp did have a very lean spell from '72 onwards to the late eighties and when I was involved with Clane Hurlers during the late seventies Tipp were easy pickings with no settled team or not well organised, it was to be said.

The first time I saw a flicker of light coming back to the team was the '84 Munster final. I was in charge of Cork and we knew playing in Thurles in centenary year Tipp would try something special, it nearly worked. We stole that game although we probably had a better team with a few more options than Tipp. I was warned in case Nickey English would go to centre-forward on Johnny Crowley and open up the game causing us to rearrange but Tipp never moved him and it was to our advantage.

In '85 in Cork we knew it would be all or nothing. For Tipp revenge for stealing '84 maybe, and to be honest, it was hot and heavy at times. Its grand when you are not playing but I was in charge of the team, and in an interview afterwards in the Cork Examiner I stated what I didn't like about the game and I had a genuine concern because some players went over the top that day in pursuit of victory. The day after that Munster final I was involved with a juvenile team and it's hard to explain to them the way some players performed. A lot of people who were at that final would not go to a big game for another 9 months but I have to train and coach teams week in week out, every year, its been the same coaching and training and I want the games to prosper and none of the messing that went on that day. I will admit some Tipperary people were very offended at what I said. But the games have changed over the years for the better I would say, other people may differ with that opinion. But my comments were never ment to offend anyone and I feel were taken out of context for the most part.

In recent years Cork and Tipp have produced classical Munster finals. The games in Kilarney, Thurles and Cork were as good as any we saw over the years, and captured the imagination of the Hurling world and helped the game in a big way, unfortunately



*Tipperary 1969: Back row o. Bennett (trainer), J. O'Donoghue, N. O'Dwyer, N. O'Gorman, M. Roche, J. McLoughlin, J. Kelly, G. Doyle, (assist. trainer). Front P.J. Ryan, M. Keating, J. Doyle, F. Loughnane, (capt), T. O'Connor, L. Gaynor, J. Gleeson, J. Flanagan, D. Nealon.*

other counties in Munster don't have the same appeal is the final.

The last few years I have spent in Cashel were memorable. It was hard at the start going into a strange team, and being a Corkman trying to tell them how to play the game, but once we set our sights on winning a County Champions everybody was going in the one direction. I knew well that Cashel had not a tradition of winning senior titles and they wouldn't be classed as a good team until they beat more traditional team and I had to work hard on that aspect they also lacked a bit of cutting edge as Tipperary hurling is harder and tougher than most counties, and local pride plays a big part whereas Cashel being a town its sometimes harder to harness the spirit and pride but we did get it together.

I can see Tipperary now being a more traditional county team than Cork, with hurling the number one sport still. I love the way people talk about the game and to see young and old alike following their teams with such pride there seems to be more parish rivalry which keeps the interest in the games going.

Years ago I would never have thought of going up to Tipp to train and coach a team and I certainly wouldn't admit that I could learn anything about hurling but we all mellow with the passing of the years and I have become a wiser student of the game from my time up there.

I hope Tipperary hurling goes

from strength to strength as it will make other counties including Cork keep pace with their progress and raise the standard on the game. Hurling will be tested more in the coming years as other sports are getting more organised and have in most parts an international platform to promote their games. We need to promote our games better with more people including past stars putting something back into the game to keep it on a sound footing. We have enough of opposition from the outside and we should be pulling together more to keep and Gaelic games at the top of the ladder, that's why we need Cork and Tipp and the others showing the way.

Christy Ring once said hurling without Tipperary was only half dressed how right he was I hope the good work continues to keep our games in its rightful place.

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# Féile – Festival of Fun?

By Eugene Hogan (Tipperary Star)

***Three years on and Féile – Semple Stadium's three day music extravaganza – remains the single most controversial issue foisted on the people of Thurles since the closure of the Sugar Factory.***

In certain sections of the town's community, as well as in some corridors of Tipperary GAA the word "Féile" is as likely to invite an irked response as it will an approval, as it continues to be an issue of black and white diversions of opinion.

The word "Féile" itself, of course, is the gaelic for "Festival" and "a feast of fun" which each of the three events to date has certainly been for thousands of young revellers. At the same time, however, Féile has sadly heralded the darkest weekends for many families and particularly elderly people in Thurles since its arrival.

Unquestionably the event has provided an extremely lucrative cash injection in the arm of what has been a beleaguered Thurles business community, let aside lowering considerably the once crippling Semple Stadium debt. However, the question remains unanswered as to whether this financial spin-off, estimated in the region of £7 million annually to the local economy, justifies such an encroachment on the

lives of the general public of Thurles over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

The inaugural feast – Féile '90 – went off without any great problems; except perhaps the inadequacy of the camping facilities, and Thurles readily enough accepted a sequel. Here – Féile '91 – was where matters went array. A more unruly crowd, though again impeccably behaved in the main, caused damage to the reputation of the event. The tarnished image was precipitated in particular by unremitting abuse of alcohol in the town which left the sacred Liberty Square in a sorrowful, macabre sight. On top of that there was considerable difficulties experienced in the camping sites, with facilities grossly inadequate.

An outcry followed from sections of the Thurles community and a statement, though curiously belated, by the patron of the GAA, Archbishop Dermot Clifford, followed and this, lambasting the event, seemed to spell the end of the Féile's tenure in

Thurles. Word of the possible moving of the feast to Cork (it remains to be seen whether this was seriously considered or was just a pawn in this gambit to hold onto the event in Thurles) became public and a move was galvanised to prevent such from within the business community and, as we well know, Féile '92 was imminent.

The organisers knew what faced them. Every effort imaginable had to be made to ensure the event went off with only the minimum intrusion on the public of the town. There are still those who will argue the event proved no better than its immediate predecessor but without doubt the organisers scored a major success with an event that was streamlined with the utmost efficiency. The promoters, the Semple Stadium Management Committee, the Gardaí, etc. did what must be seen as a most efficient job with the town over the weekend.

The entertainment in Semple Stadium was arguably the finest feast of rock in Europe this year, with such big-names as Bryan Adams, Simply Red, David Byrne, The Wonderstuff, etc. mixing with such Irish artistes as Sharon Shannon, Christy Moore, The Sawdoctors and The Stunning. Of particular note was the atmosphere in the Stadium over the weekend. Rarely will you witness such an aura of camaraderie and friendship in such a thronging mass of people. An estimated 70,000 flooded through the gates over the weekend and there was not one single hint of trouble in the stadium as the thousands revelled in the jovial atmosphere. Not even the monsoon-like downpours could dampen the spirits of this live-wired young crowd who



*Semple Stadium during Féile*



came to Thurles for the music and were treated to a superb feast of entertainment.

However, there were still some incidents in the town which left a cloud hanging over what was an otherwise sparkling weekend. These related mostly to drugs or drink. Seizures of drugs, mainly of the more harmless kind (though we are told that all drugs are dangerous in one way or another), were minimal given the vast numbers that flocked to the town and the perpetrators were suitably punished. Alcohol abuse, though again not on the same scale as in 1991, was to be seen again, as the minority once again took it upon themselves to spoil the image of the majority.

Last year's event provided many tremendous memories of a fantastically enjoyable weekend for myself and thousands like me. This, however, will hardly soothe the anger felt by the public of Thurles, whether large or small in numbers, who feel the event is a violation of their privacy. After all the town belongs to the people of Thurles and not the thousands who arrive to Féile and particularly not the small percentage of those who step out of line.

The sombre fact is that there will always be some, however small in the minority, who will flout the right of the individual to live without disturbance and neither the Gardai nor the organisers could logically be asked to guarantee isolated incidents will not happen. Only the people of Thurles can decide whether or not the event is worth hosting.

Also, the GAA must do some serious soul searching. Are such events alien to the ideals of the Association, as some have said. How can the GAA really justify preventing substitutes from warming up on the likes of the Semple Stadium pitches during match intervals when they allow thousands on at one time during Féile. Surely there is a contradiction of some sorts here (though I must admit it's not their stance on Féile I feel should be changed).

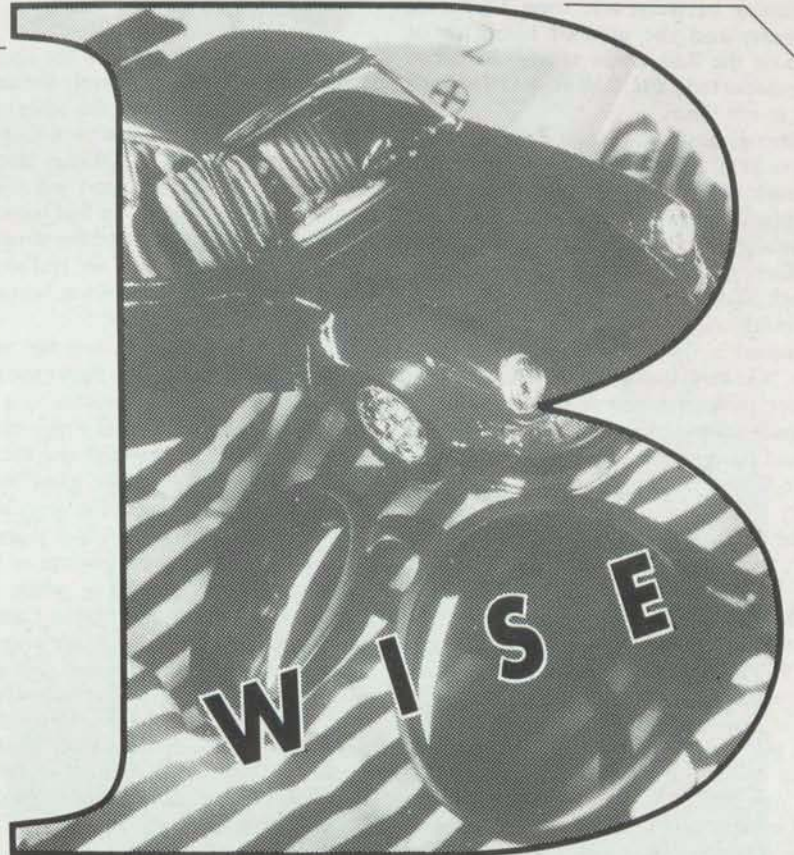
The question now beckons as to what of Féile for '93. Going on the vast improvement this year on last year's event, it seems most likely that Thurles will again reverberate next August Bank



*Liberty Square during Féile weekend.*

holiday weekend to the sound of top music names. Here's hoping that the actions of the minority

will not force this event elsewhere and that we will have an even better Féile in '93.



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# The Venue is ... ?

BY PHILIP F. RYAN

**K**illarney is a place pretty well known throughout the world. Every year thousands visit the place to enjoy its beautiful lakes and exquisite scenery; to pony trek round Molls' Gap or to jarvey ride through its expansive tree-covered parklands. I, however, know Killarney for a different reason. I know it for the little patch of verdant soil which is Fitzgerald Stadium and for the all too few soul-stirring Munster hurling encounter between our own Tipperary stalwarts and the men of Limerick or Clare or the Red Devils as my old friend long departed, the late Bill O'Donnell used to call them.

Although my first visit to Killarney dates back to 1950 my boyhood memories stretch way back to 1937 when Tipperary defeated our Black and Ambered feline rivals in the All-Ireland final of that year. This was played in Killarney due to construction work in the Cusack Stand at Croke Park — which is now incidentally under threat to the demolition squad in the GAA's grandiose plan to make "Croker" the sporting venue par excellence in the country as we approach the new millennium. Members of that team still hail and hearty with us are Dinny Gorman, Willie Wall, Johnny Ryan and Jimmy B. Coffey while others only recently deceased are the Captain Jim Lanigan, Ger Cornally and P. "Sweeper" Ryan.

## The Blackberry Express

As already stated my first visit to Killarney was 1950 and I remember it as if it were but yesteryear. I remember the early morning bicycle dash from Boherlahan church to catch the "Blackberry Express" at Ardmayle station and the near panic as, passing the rows of creamery cars by the bridge we could see that the train had already pulled in to the station and we feared it might have moved off before we got there. We need not have worried, however, as the smoke-belching engines of the post-war period bore little resemblance to the super turbo diesel engines of today and we were safely, if uncomfortably ensconced in an overcrowded carriage before the shrill whistle announced that we were ready for the "off".

By the way the blackberry express, as older Cashel people well know got its name from the fact that during the wartime period of the forties many a young traveller to games near and far on that same train earned the fare by collecting blackberries which had a ready market during that period of food shortage.

Unfortunately for us, whether the engine lacked the power, or the train too large we had to have no less than four "attempts" before we eventually staggered over the slight rise in terrain just above Ardmayle and it was fully an hour later before we got into Gooldscries. And this was not the end of our troubles for the loss in time meant that we



*National Hurling League — Against Down — Declan Ryan in action.*

had by now lost our place on the main line and we had to wait impatiently for another hour in the siding while all the other express trains sped by. The net result was that when we eventually arrived in Killarney the place was already choc-a-bloc and will we ever forget the fierce struggle we had to get into the side line and the even greater struggle to get back out again when we realised that that area was already packed way beyond capacity.

About the game itself I have few memories enough though I can't forget the rather frightening attack with missiles by a large crowd of disgruntled rebel supporters on our goalie Tony Reddan and our back-line when they realised that the game was already beyond their grasp. The so-called attack on Ger Cunningham a few years back was but child's play in comparison — Frank Murphy eat your heart out — while, it has just occurred to me that Kevin Cashman could do worse than another little note from the Rattler if he wished to set the record straight. Well, we won that game, went on to win the All-Ireland and continued during the late fifties and the sixties to add a number of successes so that we — the supporters — could walk tall and "look the whole world in the eye".

## The Dry Ball

Then came 1971 and it was back to Killarney once again. This time we faced a team of young hopefuls from Limerick led by young Eamon Grimes, of the many Clonoulty relations. Things had changed utterly since that far off day in 1950. Gone was the railway station at Ardmayle and the Blackberry express was consigned to history, but; grown rich in the opulent sixties we how headed by car for Killarney through Limerick and Mallow and many another road in between. As that match progressed; and against all our wildest predictions we began to feel that like humpty dumpty we were bound for a great fall. And then it happened — one of the great sleights of hand of hurling and perpetrated by none other than two of our heroes of recent years Donie and the bould Babs himself. It was well into the second half and

Limerick was leading us a merry dance. Then John Flanagan went down injured and was awarded a close-in free. Babs stepped up to place the sliotar which was soaked and heavy in the wet conditions. "Look at Nealon", says my friend Lar to me for there we were with a grand-stand view just outside the wire — "He's up to something". In Donie slipped to Babs, satchel on back and towel slung over his shoulder. Then quick as a wink the heavy wet sliotar had disappeared and a lovely light dry one in its place. The game resumed. Babs bent, lifted and struck and like a bullet it struck the back of the net. That was the turning point — Limerick floundered and we went on to take the final.

Then came the lean and hungry years when on many an occasion we failed even to win a single game. Our pride was severely dented, our patience tried to the sticking point and we often wondered if we would ever walk tall again.

Sixteen hungry years and then came 1987 and it was, yes, you've guessed it — back to Killarney once again. We beat Kerry in the opening game there; made two Killarney trips to dispose of Clare and qualified to meet the old enemy in the final in Thurles. That was the day Fox saved us in the dying moments and so we were back to Killarney once again. Will we ever forget that day and the enormous sigh of relief when Nicky snatched that last second point to square matter. The tremendous display by all in extra time and the rout of Cork is still fresh in all our memories but the great moment of that fabulous day was when Richard Stakelum, the captain issued that famous proclamation more important to every Tipperary Gael than the Gettysburg address or John F. Kennedy's proclamation at the Bay of Pigs — four simple words — "The Famine is over". Well, Galway delayed famine's end somewhat but we went on to add two further All-Ireland titles to our record. We could walk tall once again.

And that takes me back to where I began. The venue surely must be Killarney if we are to go on winning All-Irelands. My humble advice to our powers-that-be would be to forget about home-and-away arrangements. Cork have proved too good for us given home advantage of Páirc Uí Choimh and seem for the most part to have the Indian sign on us in Semple Stadium. But the records show clearly Killarney to be our happy hunting ground.

Now, we the premier supporters are a proud people never satisfied with second best and I'm quite certain the extra inconvenience of getting to Killarney is small price to them to pay for success. That is what we want most of all. Yes, we want to Walk Tall.



*Philip Ryan*



# In Quest Of Joseph O'Ryan

BY SÉAMUS Ó RIAIN

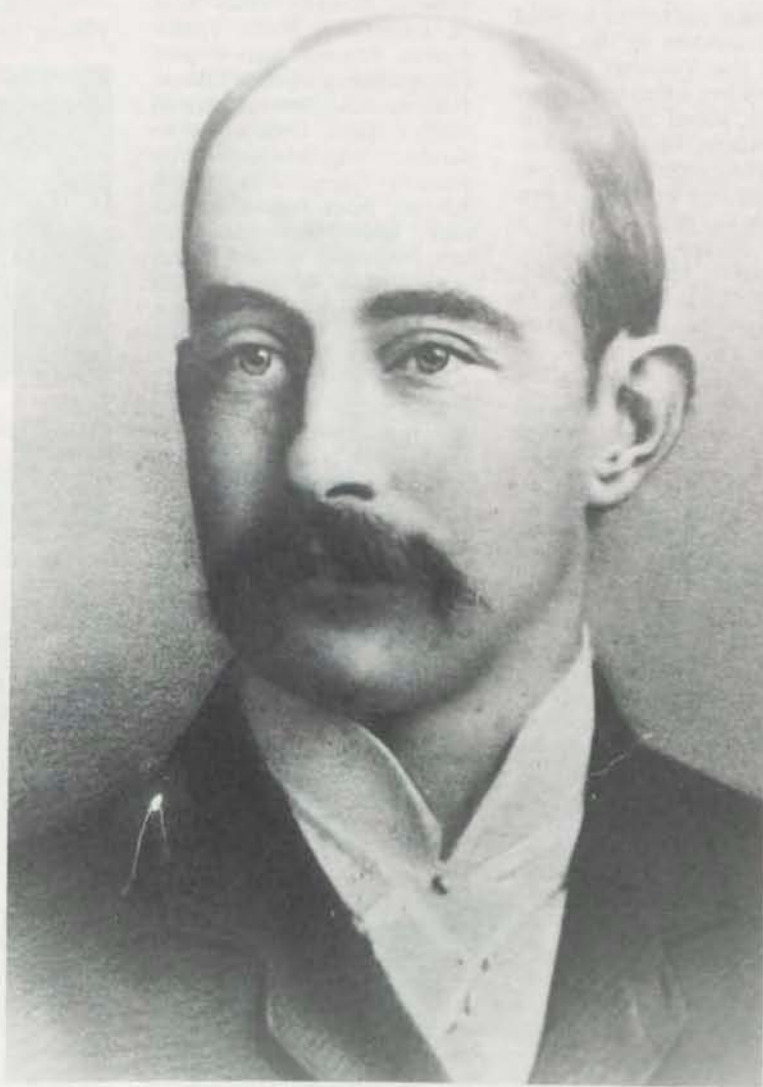
While researching the life of Maurice Davin, first President of the GAA, one of the other founders aroused my curiosity. Who was this J. O'Ryan, Solicitor Callan and Thurles, who attended the first meeting and appears to have taken no further part in the affairs of the association? Enquiries in Thurles and Callan drew a blank. Not a hint of information could be uncovered in either place as far as I could see. To make matters worse some of the accounts of the first meeting referred to him as P.J. O'Ryan and not as J.P. O'Ryan.

Research in the Directories of the Incorporated Law Society gave some hope. Joseph P. Ryan qualified as a solicitor in Easter 1884 and he was practising that year in Callan. he had been articled to T.H. Menton of 27 Bachelors' Walk, Dublin. Going through the list of solicitors who were recently qualified from that office the names of Pat Davin and Quirke from Carrick-on-Suir opened a possibility. Could it be that O'Ryan was also from Carrick? That took me to the parish register in that town. A slow and laborious search through the barely distinct record at length revealed that Joseph P. Ryan was born in Main Street, the son of James Ryan and Mary Coughlan and baptised on 28th April, 1857. The late Hugh Ryan, antiquarian of Carrick confirmed for me that the O'Ryan of the GAA first meeting had been born in Carrick. Through the help of Pat Walsh of Deerpark and the courtesy of Quirkes, solicitors, I secured a copy of the minutes of the Carrick-on-Suir Amateur, Athletic, Football and Cricket Club for the years 1879—1883. Maurice Davin was chairman of the club and Joseph P. O'Ryan was a founder member, a joint-treasurer and active administrator.

The files of the 'Kilkenny Journal' opened another possibility and a search there confirmed that Joseph was in business in Callan as a solicitor in 1884 and also that he was an accomplished singer being soloist in the church choir. The 'Nenagh Guardian' established that he was practising in Thurles up to March 1899, and it also had a notice of the marriage of Joseph Ryan, solicitor Thurles to Mary Clare Hanly, daughter of James Hanly, J.P., Castle St., Nenagh, at Mount St. Joseph Abbey, Roscrea in June 1892.

I got no further until I learned from T.K. O'Dwyer through Marcus de Burca that a letter had appeared on the 'Tipperary Star' sometime in 1991 seeking information about Joseph Ryan. Going through the files of the 'Star' in the Co. Library I found that the letter was from Alf Mac Lochlainn who was at that time a visiting scholar in the Special Collections Library in Boston College. I wrote to him and told him how far I had gone in my research on Joseph and he replied filling me in on other facts. When Alf and his wife returned to Ireland we exchanged what knowledge we had. He was able to establish that Joseph had emigrated to Canada in 1899—1900 and settled in the city of Cranbrook in British Columbia where he was a prominent lawyer and businessman and was known as Judge Ryan. He died in 1918 and his obituaries testified to his important contribution to the legal and business life of the city.

Alf also revealed to me a matter of great personal interest. Joseph O'Ryan's son Art was an Irish scholar and wrote some books in the Irish language using the nom de plume Barra O'Caochlaigh. I was very familiar with one of his novels 'Lucht Cheoil' during my secondary school days in the thirties, without realising, as I do now while re-reading it, that it was written by a son of one of the founders of the GAA. The quest is not over. Alf MacLochlainn is working on it and we await with keen interest the publication of his study of the life of Joseph P. O'Ryan, Solicitor, and one of the founding fathers of the GAA.





# TIPPERARY FOOTBALL

AS the year 1992 draws to a close, supporters of Tipperary football have got the same hope as they had at the start of the year. However in between, things did not work and the year will not be considered very successful.

For the seniors, February 9th saw them defeat Waterford in Ardfinnan and they then travelled to Ennis full of hope to play Clare, but a disappointing display saw Clare prove too good on the day.

Tipperary supporters travelled in large numbers to this game and felt that Tipperary did not do themselves justice on the day. Tipperary played Monaghan in Croke Park on the 29th March in a play-off for promotion. Tipperary played very well in their first game in Croke Park for a number of years.

Monaghan who had a very experienced side got in for goals at vital times, but Tipperary made a good recovery in the second half and made Monaghan fight to the end. Perhaps the lesson learned was that a back should be a defender first and an attacker secondly.

Seamus McCarthy stepped up the training for the McGrath Cup game with Limerick which was fixed for Sunday, 19th April in Ennis, but again Tipperary had to bow the knee to the Shannonsiders. This was a game Tipperary should have won, but Limerick got the vital break to win.

Sunday, 17th May was the date fixed for the Munster Championship game against Waterford in Clonmel, and for

the first time R.T.E. had the T.V. cameras present for Sunday Game showing. The day was a scorcher and the large crowd present saw Tipperary defeat Waterford convincingly despite Waterford putting in a spirited final quarter.

It was certainly felt that Tipperary had turned the corner and they approached the semi-final game with Clare with an air of confidence and a mighty effort was put in at training.

The following side played Clare in Limerick: Philip Ryan (Commercials), Willie Tarrant (Galtee Rovers), Sean Collum (Templemore), Mark O'Connell (Commercials), Shane McManus (Emly), John Owens (Moyle Rovers), Tom Macken (Ballyporeen), Derry Foley (Moyle Rovers), Brian Burke (Fethard) capt., Andy Hogan (St. Patrick's), Anthony Crosse (Annacorthy), Mark Sheehan (Eire Og Nenagh), Peter Lambert (Moyle Rovers), Dan Quirke (Clonoulty), Franny Kelly (Commercials).

Subs: Cristoir McGrath (Commercials) for Mark O'Connell, Kevin Coonan (Eire Og Nenagh) for Franny Kelly, Jim O'Meara (Grangemockler) for Mark Sheehan, Liam Sweeney (Moyle/Templemore), Gene McGrath (Commercials), Jerry Ryan (Ardfinnan), Tom Anglim (St. Patrick's), Declan Hahessy (Grangemockler), Richard Quirke (Clonoulty), David O'Neill (Newport).

Tipperary started very well and led by four points after five minutes, but Clare settled and two goals in the middle of the first half changed the game and Tipperary lost their way before a

final flourish pulled them back to within five points of Clare.

Tipperary selectors Peter Savage (Ardfinnan), Michael Power (Newcastle), D. J. Gleeson (Eire Og Annacorthy), Sean Hennessy (Cappawhite). Manager, Seamus McCarthy (Galtee Rovers).

## JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Tipperary played Waterford in Clonmel in the Championship and with an all South side Waterford won with a great second half recovery in a game decided by a stiff wind.

The following side lined out: Finbarr Lonergan (Cahir), Mi-

chael Fitzgerald (Fethard), Rian Forrester (Commercials), Liam Cronin (Moyle Rovers), Willie Morrissey (Fethard), Michael Ryan (Fethard), John McGrath (Moyle Rovers), Seamus Delahunty (Moyle Rovers), Anthony Wall (Commercials), Eamon Hall (St. Patrick's), Shay Ryan (Fethard), M. J. Browne (Moyle Rovers), Willie O'Meara (Fethard), Donal Foley (Moyle Rovers), Noel Leahy (Mullinahone).

Subs: James O'Donnell (Rockwell Rovers) for Eamon Hall, Declan McGrath (Lattin)



Tipperary Junior Football team.



Senior Football Munster Championship against Clare - John Owens (left).



The Tipperary team which qualified to meet Clare by defeating Waterford in the Munster senior football championship at Clonmel. Back row (left to right): David O'Neill, Richard Quirke, Anthony Crosse, Declan Hahessy, Derry Foley, Gene McGrath, Dan Quirke, Gerry Ryan, Mark Sheehan, Sean Collum, Davy Hogan, Franny Kelly. Front row: Shane McManus, Tom Anglim, Peter Lambert, John Owens, Brian Burke (captain), Tom Macken, Philly Ryan, Willie Tarrant, Jim O'Meara, Mark O'Connell.



Senior Football Munster Championship - against Waterford - Anthony Crosse.





Tipperary Under-21 football selectors at Clonmel for the Munster Championship match against Cork, left right: Sean Mockler, Jim O'Connell, Noel Byrne, Eddie Gorman and Paul Dillon.

for Noel Leahy, Tony Maher (Ardfinnan), John Connery (Cahir), Sean Dunne (Lattin), Philip Kennedy (Loughmore), Rody Doyle (Ballylooby), John Horan (St. Patrick's), Jim Lovett (Rockwell Rovers).

This side saw Willie Morrissey and Donal Foley who played in the half back line in 1991 playing in the full forward line which was a big change. Surely it is very hard to see how one division in the county could be expected to beat a full county side.

The selectors were: Tom Cusack (Fr. Sheehy's), Mick Byrnes (Lattin Cullen), Richie Boyle (Ardfinnan), John Kelly (Rahealty), Willie Robinson (Kilsheen), coach-selector.

#### UNDER-21

Tipperary Under-21 footballers were expected to field a very strong side with 10 of the 1991 side available, but for different reasons Tipperary fielded short six of these players and the selectors were given a very tough job to pick a panel.

Training was very hard to arrange with club games cutting across their preparation and only having the full panel of players available for one training session.

Noel Byrne tried his best with training, but pitches were closed and his task was almost impossible. Challenge games went badly, but yet on the day, Tipperary Under-21 footballers were unlucky to be beaten by Cork in Clonmel in an excellent game of football which had the Tipperary supporters getting great value for their side.

Tipperary lined out as following: Liam Sweeney (Moyne Templetuohy), Rian Forrestal (Commercials), Ailbe Bonner (Cashel), Pat Maguire (Lattin Cullen), Bernard Hahessy (Grangemockler), Sean Collum (Templemore), Larry Stapleton (Templemore), Kevin Coonan (Nenagh), Mark Sheehan (Nenagh) Capt., David O'Neill (Newport), Alan Quirke (Arradale Rovers), Alan Carey (Thurles Kickhams), Martin Coen (Fethard), Tony O'Sullivan (Arradale Rovers), Declan McGrath (Lattin).

Subs: Mark Leonard (Aherlow), Noel Stapleton, Michael Spillane (Fethard) for A. McGrath, Eamon Ryan (Ardfinnan), Ronan Burne (Nenagh), Conor Gleeson (Boherlahan), Michael O'Mahoney (Commercials), Kevin Farrell (Knockavilla



Co. Football Board officers (left to right): Eddie Lonergan, Secretary; Tom Cusack, Treasurer; Hugh Kennedy, Chairman; Seamus O'Donoghue, P.R.O.

Kickhams), Fergal McLoughlin (Newcastle), Martin McCabe (Newport), Kenny Ryan (Clonulty).

Selectors were Noel Byrnes (Fethard), coach, Tim O'Donnell (Rockwell Rovers), Seam Mockler (Loughmore), Colm Flaherty (Cahir), Eamon O'Gorman (Ballyporeen). Tipperary will have a large number of this panel available for 1993 and hopes of success will be high.

#### MINOR FOOTBALL

Tipperary competed in Munster Minor football league in which they reached the final, having beaten South Kerry, and Waterford, only to suffer defeat at the hands of North Kerry in Bruff.

The selectors left no stone unturned this year with trials held in every division and divisions played each other to sort out a panel of players. The side looked very strong, but dual players caused a problem with the football team the losers as happens every year. Surely it is time that the county chairman could sort out this problem which every year raises its head and it is most unfair to players to be caught in a tug of war.

Football in Tipperary finds it hard to field strong teams without having to play without four or five of your top players.

Numerous challenge games were played before the championship game against Kerry in Beaufort.

Tipperary lined out the following side and were no match for Kerry. David O'Donoghue (Clonmel Og), Alan Lonergan (Ardfinnan), Kieran O'Reilly (Cashel), Aidan O'Dwyer (Lattin Cullen), Joe Shields (Templemore), Derry Peters (Aherlow), Sean Óg Ryan (Rosegreen), Keith Hennessy (Thurles/Kickhams), P. J. Lanihan (Grangemockler), Ken O'Neill (Newport), Brendan Cummins (Ardfinnan), Graham Lonergan (Arravale Rovers) capt., Robert Tomlinson (Nenagh), Sean Maher (Ardfinnan), Paul Darcy (Borrisokane).

Subs: Brian Fogarty (Golden), for K. O'Neill, Darren Crotty (Clonulty), for Kieran O'Reilly; Alan Norton (Gortnahoe), John Heney (Rockwell Rovers), Michael English (Fr. Sheehy's), Robert Ryan (Newport), Liam Walsh (Nenagh), Diarmuid Everard (Moyne Templetuohy), Larry Quinn (Galtee Rovers), Kyran Maguire (Clonmel Og).

Selectors: John Mulvihill; coach-selector, Hugh Kennedy (Arravale Rovers), Michael Darcy (Borrisokane), George Webster (Gortnahoe).



The Tipperary team which failed narrowly to Cork in the Munster Under-21 football championship at Clonmel. Back Row left to right: Conor Gleeson, Ronan Byrnes, Sean Collum, Ailbe Bonnar, David O'Neill, Alan Quirke, Larry Stapleton, Tony O'Sullivan, Benny Hahessy, Fergal McLoughlin, Eamon Ryan, Kenny Ryan, Kevin Farrell. Front Row: Alan Carey, Kevin Coonan, Mark Sheehan, Liam Sweeney, Pat Maguire, Rian Forrestal, Declan McGrath, Martin Coen, Michael O'Mahoney, Mark Leonard, Martin McCabe, Mick Spillane.



Tipperary Minor Football Panel v. Kerry in Beaufort. Also included is selector George Webster and coach Johnny Mulvihill.



# Friends of Tipperary Football

By JOHN J. HASSETT

**T**HE friends of Tipperary Football was established in November 1991 at a meeting in Hayes Hotel, Thurles. Its purpose is to assist in a practical way the hard work of those involved in promoting football at County and Football Board level. In its first year of existence it can look back on a useful year of solid progress, that was marked by some memorable and successful promotions.

The idea to set up a supporters' group for Tipperary Football came from Pat Moroney, Aherlow; John Moloney, Bansha, and Sean Crowe, Tipperary Town. The trio of West Tipperary men made contact with others and suddenly the idea became a reality and the Friends of Tipperary Football is now an accepted and valuable grouping, in assisting the drive now underway, to restore Tipperary to its former position among the top ten football counties in Ireland.

The first major task of the Friends was the arranging of the challenge of champions in Thurles in January '92. Down, the glamour football team of 1991 and All-Ireland champions, came to Thurles to play Tipperary, and the hurlers of Cork came to play Tipperary in a double bill that drew a good attendance on a day when fog was widespread. Erin Foods sponsored the games and the

occasion was marked by a top-class display by the Tipperary football team, who won an exciting game.

A membership scheme was launched by the Friends and the response was satisfactory. The target for membership in 1993 is for 2,000 members. The annual membership fee is only £5.00 and provides a free draw to members for valuable prizes, including a weekend in a Dublin hotel with tickets for the All-Ireland Football Final. Membership can be obtained through your club and through any member of the Committee of the Friends of Tipperary football.

One of the most memorable events organised by the Friends in 1992 was the reunion of the successful Tipperary football teams from the 1920's to the 1950's, in Bru Boru, Cashel. Pride of place in the gathering of the former greats in the big ball game went to Tommy O'Keeffe, Kilsheelan, and Mick Barry, Bansha, who were key players on the 1928 team that defeated a great Kerry team in the Munster Senior championship of that year. The other Tipperary survivor to that victory, Tom Lee of Aherlow, now resident in Cork, spoke by telephone with his former companions in Bru Boru from his home in Cork.

The great reunion beneath the shadow

of the Rock, reflected the olden glory that was bestowed on Tipperary football in bygone days. The men who won Tipperary's only minor All-Ireland football title in 1934, and the teams of 1935, that won the minor, junior and senior football championships of Munster, with the juniors of 1937, were mingling in the homely atmosphere of Bru Boru, with the men of the 1940's and 1950's. It was an evening when the spirit of Tipperary, in its many forms, was evident among the assembly, that included men like Donegal born Sean Boyle, former army officer, who played with Tipperary in two Munster senior football finals in 1943 and 1944, made the long trip from Canada for the occasion.

The first officer Board of the Friends of Tipperary elected in Nov. 1991 was Archbishop Clifford, Thurles, Patron; Pat Moroney, Aherlow, Chairman; John Moloney, Bansha, Vice-Chairman; Anthony Power, Ardfinnan, Hon. Secretary; Treasurer Sean Crowe, Tipperary; P.R.O. John Hassett, Cashel.

The new officers board for 1992/1993, with the exception of Noel Morris replacing Pat Pat Moroney as chairman and the addition of Eddie Lonergan and Ml. Lynch as Asst. Secretary and Asst. Treasurer, is as in '91/'92.



FRIENDS OF TIPPERARY FOOTBALL - FIRST EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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# DR. PAT O'CALLAGHAN

## - A Sporting Colossus -

By TOM CORR "The Nationalist"



**A** GREAT light has been extinguished from our lives. The firmament of living sporting legends will never glow so brightly again since the death of "The Doc."

The manner of his life was to cause a great stir as he achieved what no other Irish athlete was ever to equal, two gold medals in the Olympic Games. The manner of his going one cool December morning in 1991 caused equal commotion, as sportsmen, politicians, friends and admirers from all over the country went to his graveside at Powerstown Cemetery, Clonmel, to attend on his passing.

Paying a funeral Mass tribute to the Cork born sporting colossus Dr. Pat O'Callaghan who settled in Clonmel and became an honorary Tipperary man, Fr. Billy Meehan had this to say: "He was one of those extraordinary men who pass through the pages of history only once in a millennium".

It was his pure, unadulterated, natural ability that had won Pat O'Callaghan, his Olympic medals, said Fr. Meehan. He likened him to a strong tree, saying the roots of his life had not only spread through Clonmel but the entire country.

"The Doc" was born in Kanturk, Co. Cork, on January 28th, 1906. He studied medicine in University College, Dublin and graduated in 1927 to become the country's youngest ever doctor at 20 years. After brief stints in Dublin, Cork, Killarney and the RAF General Hospital at Halton, Buckinghamshire, he was recommended by the Local Appointments Commission for assistant medical officer in the Clonmel District Mental Hospital in January 1931.

He took up duty at St. Luke's Psychiatric Hospital on the Western Road, Clonmel, on February 16th, 1931, and so began his long association with the South Tipperary town. He was held in the highest regard as assistant medical officer and then as a general practitioner when he entered private practice in 1935.

Regarded as the country's finest natural athlete he captured the gold medal for hammer throwing at the Amsterdam Olympic Games in 1928 when he was only 22 and repeated that success at the Los Angeles Olympics in 1932. He still holds the unique honour of being the only Irishman to have won two Olympic gold medals.

At Fermoy in August of 1937 he created a world record with a hammer throw of 195'4.75". But the record was never ratified because of the National Athletic and Cycling Association's suspension from the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

### Two Olympic Gold Medals for Dr. Pat



This picture includes (left to right): H. R. Henderson, Tom Kiely, Dr. Pat O'Callaghan, R. M. N. Tisdall, Ned Fitzgerald, Peter O'Connor, Waterford (Irish Long Jump Record Holder) and the Pat Davin. O'Callaghan was twice Olympic Hammer-throw Champion (1928 and 1932). Tisdall won the Olympic 400 Metres in 1932 and in the same year Fitzgerald was fourth in the Hop-step-and-jump. He was also a noted Kerry footballer.

That same suspension prevented Dr. O'Callaghan from competing at Hitler's Berlin Olympics in 1936, where it was widely believed he would have collected his third gold medal in a row.

But the memory of his magnificent 168'7.5" golden hammer throw at the Amsterdam games in 1928 and his mighty throw of 176'11" in Los Angeles four years later has earned him a place forever in Olympic history.

Between 1927 and 1937 Dr. Pat O'Callaghan won six Irish championships, one American, one British and two Olympic gold medals in the hammer, three Irish high jump championships, four Irish championships in the 56 lbs weight without follow, three Irish championships in the 56 lbs. over the bar and one Irish championship in the discus.

During his life in Clonmel "The Doc" was actively involved in the sporting and cultural life of the town. He had a long association with Commercials Gaelic Football Club. He became chairman of the club and was honorary president of the club from 1979 up to the time of his death. He was also a county football selector. His son Brian also played for Commercials and he played for Co. Tipperary and captained the county football team. Brian also captained Cork, where he was a dental student at University College, Cork, and was a player on the university team.

Clonmel Corporation paid its own special tribute to Dr. Pat in December, 1984 when they made him a Freeman of

the Borough. Thus he joined an elite band of only 15 which includes such historic figures as Charles Stewart Parnell, Countess Markievicz and President Eamon De Valera. The sports centre on Clonmel's Cashel Road was also named after him. He was also the recipient of the Knocknagow Award when the Tipperary United Sports Panel chose him as their Sportsman of the Past winner. He was the first recipient of the Texaco Hall of Fame Award in 1960 and was presented with the Aer Lingus Hall of Fame Award in 1978.

His funeral, like his life and sporting career, was an illustrious affair. The great and the famous came to bid their final goodbyes to the great man. As well as his daughter Moira and sons Pat, Terry and Hugh, the mourners included Lord Killanin, honorary life president of the International Olympic Committee, and Ronnie Delany, gold medallist at the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne. Both the President of Ireland and Taoiseach were represented at the funeral. Sadly absent were Dr. Pat's wife Kitty and son Brian, who pre-deceased him.

It was Shakespeare who wrote: "We are such stuff as dreams are made of, and our little life is rounded with a sleep".

"The Doc" was the stuff sporting legends are made of and as he sleeps his final sleep the memory of his achievements on the field of Olympic dreams shines on... hopefully to inspire others to aspire to the sporting excellence that was the hallmark of his life.



# The Team For All Seasons



**D**o you really "Know Your Sport"? O.K. then. What "team" has played at each of the last ten Mid finals and never won even one of them? Or at the last twenty County Finals for that matter? That "team" of course is the Seán Treacy Pipe Band of Moycarkey Borris and Littleton. I say twenty just to quote a figure; it is certainly double that and even "two score and ten" is not an exaggeration.

Over those years many great club teams have graced the playing fields of Tipperary and have stepped it out behind the Moycarkey Band. Those same passing years have seen county supremacy become the oft-sought-goal and sometimes reward of clubs in the

various divisions. Those same years have thrown up "greats" in all divisions and long serving stalwarts spanning decades, many long since household names. It would certainly be less well known — if at all — that the Seán Treacy Pipe Band has, in its present membership, a total of over 300 years of band service! Imagine a panel of 20 club players each having an average of 15 years of playing!

Currently two of our pipers have each given over 30 years of service to the band, two more members have over 25 years service, three others have over 20 years of service and another three eighteen years each.

A half dozen or so "newcomers" have up to 10 years service each and

then there are the "raw beginners" with less than 5 years service each! The story goes that some years ago an ex-member was telling an older parishioner that he had given years of service to the band, nearly eight in all, he claimed with some pride. "Is that all you lasted," asked the very unimpressed oldtimer, "twas hardly worth your while join at all so!"

But the Seán Treacy Pipe Band is not all near — pensioners nor anywhere like that. In fact our "oldest boy" is only in his mid-fifties! Though he's not alone in that bracket we have representatives in all decades with members in their forties, thirties, twenties and teens. Like all clubs we try to nurture our under-age players as the children of today soon become the adults of tomorrow. Having our own bandhall has made the training of younger members more convenient and effective. Also the support from the public in general and GAA members in particular, at club, divisional, county and provincial level has enabled us to go a long way towards supplying instruments for our learning members. We still have to dress them of course!

Like any club in Ireland we experience good years and bad years but we must always strive to field a team. How many clubs have had to field a team on 28 occasions between St. Patrick's Day and the County Final? There is a tremendous spirit and camaraderie in our little club and an equally tremendous pride and sense of honour in our history and tradition. In the next twenty years many different Tipperary clubs with aspire to and attain divisional and county honours. Many different teams will play in County Finals. We are confident that one "team" will play "at" everyone of them, God willing, "The Moycarkey Band."



John Moloney with Na Phiarsaig (Cork) Captain and Mount Sion (Waterford) Captain prior to this year's 7-a-side All-Ireland Final in Kilmacud Crokes Ground in Dublin in September.



Five Decades . . . The great Tony Reddan of Lorrha pictured at the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick, with Eddie Maher, Skeheenarinky. Tony gave many an outstanding display for Tipperary at this venue. Eddie played in this year's junior (B) championship having first played junior in 1958 with Thurles Sarsfields and so played in 5 decades in championship competition.



# The National Pilot Course for GAA Coaches



*Photo taken at launching of National Pilot Course outside Sarsfields Sports Complex. It includes trainee coaches and guests.*

The National Pilot course for GAA coaches was launched in Thurles on Monday 12th of October 1992. This is one of the most exciting ventures ever undertaken by the GAA and shows the ever increasing emphasis by the association on games development.

The course is a three way project involving FAS, Tipperary Rural and Business Development Association and the Gaelic Athletic Association and is based in the Thurles Sarsfields Sports Complex next to the Historic Semple Stadium in Thurles.

Twenty three students, drawn from all over the country attend classes (both theoretical and practical) in the Sarsfields complex from Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. The lucky twenty three students (two of which are female) were selected from over 100 original applicants and are paid the weekly FAS trainee allowance.

The course is of thirty weeks duration and consists of five basic units of six weeks each. Each unit involved a specific content on theory, practical, teaching (as appropriate), research, computer literacy and both written and practical assessments. Communication and management skills are also an integral part of each unit.

Skill acquisition, physical fitness, principles of play, tactics, match analysis, nutrition and diet, first aid and injury prevention and body physiology are just some of the many areas which will be covered over the thirty weeks and it is intended that those who do qualify at the end of the course will have all the necessary knowledge and capabilities required to coach children, adolescents and adults.

The course was officially launched by past President of the GAA, Seamus O'Riain, who gave an inspiring address to the students, their parents and the numerous dignitaries and local politicians who were present for the launch.

The course director is Joey Carton (Waterford) and the course consultant is Seamus O'Meachair (Thurles). The management committee consists of Chairman, Luke Murtagh (C.E.O. North Tipperary V.E.C.), Noreen Lynch (Mary Immaculate College, Limerick), Michael Darmody (P.E. Inspector with Dept. of Education), Tom Collum (Chairman County Coaching Committee), Phil Duggan (FAS), Pat Daly (Games

Development Officer GAA), Michael Maher (former Munster Council Chairman).

To date the guest lecturers have been Ken Hogan (Tipperary), Ned Power (Waterford), Mick O'Connell (Kerry), Father Fogarty (Tipperary), Eoin Liston (Kerry), Noel Sheedy (Tipperary), Kevin Heffernan (Dublin) along with invaluable contributions from Noreen Lynch and Pat Daly.

On November 4th the course was honoured by a visit from the Archbishop of Cashel Doctor Clifford who was introduced individually to each of the students and also addressed them as a group.

From the very outset Tipperary's contribution towards the course has been vital. It was the brainchild of Tom Collum (Templemore), whose idea was put into practise by Luke Murtagh, Michael Maher and the other members of the management committee.

It is only fitting therefore that four of the students on the course would hail from the premier county.

Conor Egan (Roscrea) was on the county U-21 Hurling panel in 1992, James Lovett (Rockwell Rovers) is an avid follower of Gaelic Football both inside and outside the county, Gordon Loughnane (Thurles Kickhams) was supervisor on the Mick O'Connell football scheme while Philip Shanahan (Toomevara) a county minor in 1991 and 1992 was man of the match as Toomevara captured their first senior hurling championship in 32 years.

Other students on the course are: Sean Mangan (Clare), John McMahon (Clare), Michael Nolan (Clare), Declan Power (Clare), Kevin O'Sullivan (Kerry), Paul Hayes (Cork), Keith Ricken (Cork), Donal Treacy (Waterford), Brian Ryan (Kilkenny), David Murphy (Kildare), Niamh Leahy (Kildare), Siobhan Reynolds (Laois), Alan Mynes (Dublin), Barry Downey (Dublin), Colin Fetherston (Dublin), Garry Sammon (Westmeath), Shane Kenny (Westmeath), Gerard O'Connor (Tyrone), Noel Hartigan (Limerick). The Secretary on the course is Geraldine Hickey (Ballydavid).

Finally without the facilities and co-operation of Thurles Sarsfields Club it would not have been possible to successfully organise this course.



# COISTE CAMÓGAÍOCHTA THIOBRAID ÁRANN

**T**HE year 1992 – the most successful year for Camogie in Tipperary – commenced on December 12th, 1991, with our Annual General Meeting held in Sarsfield's Sports Complex. With sixteen clubs out of a possible twenty-three present, it could be considered as a fairly successful meeting.

Officers elected: *Chairperson*, Eamonn De Brún; *Vice-Chairman*, Liam Ó hÓgáin; *Secretary*, Marion Graham; *Treasurer and Registrar*, Bridget Philips; *P.R.O.*, Anne Moloney.

*Fixtures committee*: Conor Ryan, Eileen Guerin, Julia O'Dwyer, Sally Duggan, Marion Graham.

*U-16 coach*, Conor Ryan; *Selectors*, Marion Graham, Conor Ryan and John Devitt.

*U-18 coach*, Liam Hogan; *Selectors*, Pádraig Mullins, Liam Hogan and John Devitt.

*Junior coach*, John Kennedy; *Selectors*, Bridget Philips, John Kennedy, Martin Kennedy.

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

## County Champions and Runners-up

### Competition

U-12 'A'

U-12 'B'

U-14 'A'

U-14 'B'

U-16 'A'

U-16 'B'

U-18

John Hogan Cup League

Jimmy Carroll Cup League

Ann Frazer Cup League

Junior Championship

Intermediate Championship

Senior Championship

### Winners

Toomevara

Knockavilla

Drom/Inch

Moycarkey/Borris

Cashel

Knockavilla/Donaskeigh

*Not Completed*

Cashel

Roscrea

Cashel

Clonmel

Toomevara

### Runners-up

Drom-Inch/Borrisileigh

Moycarkey-Borris

Thurles

Kilruane/McDonagh's

Fethard

Holycross/Ballycahill

Shannon Rovers

Clonmel

Toomevara

Roscrea

Cashel



Tom Egan, Horse & Jockey Inn, presenting track suits to the captain of the Tipperary Junior team, Triona Bonnar. Included in the picture are Marion Graham and Helen O'Leary.



# County Camogie Board Affairs

**A**S I sit down to write this piece, we have come almost to the end of another year's affairs within the county. Whilst in the past there were some glad tidings to report, this year exceeds all others due to a wonderful year our camogie players gave us at inter-county level, and not forgetting the contribution made by all our players within the county. But it is at county level I will dwell, since I would be hoping all clubs would avail of the space available in the Yearbook to promote and advise their followers of activities within the clubs.

Over a number of years now, great strides have been made within the county and, due to concentration on youth, dividends have been made which have resulted in good success, starting with the All-Ireland success of two years ago when Liam Hogan, John Devitt and Martin Kennedy guided that team through its successful campaign. That was to be a very important breakthrough, as it generated a great interest among the younger players. Our good run at Junior that year was also a contributory factor in the growth of the game in the county.

Good runs by both squads in 1991 yielded no success, but having had the Junior All-Ireland plundered from under our noses by Down made the players resolve not to fail again for the third year. Equally, I would say, John and Biddy with Martin Kennedy joining the selection committee this year were adamant that, where they failed to deliver on the previous two years, nothing would stand in their way in '92.

At Convention this year there was difficulty in securing people to act on committees but, thankfully, those who accepted positions worked extremely hard and were rewarded with the ultimate success.

At Minor level, Conor Ryan was appointed trainer and was ably assisted by Marian Graham. It is to their credit that with a panel which showed no great promise early on in the year they moulded them into Munster and All-Ireland champions, giving us some great moments along the way, ones which will not be easily forgotten.

John Kennedy was reappointed as Junior trainer and Biddy Phillips and Martin Kennedy were appointed to assist. It is well known that this panel had plenty of ability and promise. But to get them to lift their heads after the previous two years would take some doing. Early in the year it looked as if

our fears might be correct. But all credit to the selectors, they cajoled and coaxed the squad into a supreme effort which was rewarded on the third Sunday in September when that historic first adult All-Ireland was achieved.

Our U-18s were handicapped to a large extent by the good run of the Junior team and as a number were involved it was difficult for those in charge to get properly organised. But due credit to coach Liam Hogan and his fellow selectors, Pdraig Mullins and John Devitt, they delivered against great odds. In future, we must attempt to organise so that all committees would be happy with time available to them.

While it has been an extremely good year for us on the playing field, I have to say that off the field we have to be honest and say that we would be far from happy with some of the happenings which have brought no great credit to our Association.

Abuse of officials is one area where I have to say we are very unhappy. Our referees are the most vital part of our body, without them we can have no games. To the people throughout our clubs, I say, you know the very serious situation with our shortage of officials. You tell us in the making of fixtures that the travelling official is unacceptable. I know the pitfalls which can occur, but when we get neutrals, all our supporters can do is fire abuse — left, right and centre — at them. I had to take a stand during the year which gave me no great pleasure but, I believe, in the interest of camogie within the county it was necessary. I also know I made few friends with my decisions. I would ask clubs to look and see what is taking place before their eyes and consider that maybe these unpleasant decisions were necessary and unavoidable.

## INSURANCE

This is one area where again we would be far from satisfied. We are regularly subjected to criticism with regard to injuries and expense incurred by our young ladies and young girls. The County Board has gone to great lengths to provide an Insurance Scheme to ease the burden on individuals and clubs in the event of injuries. Our secretary, Marion Graham, and treasurer Biddy Phillips put a lot of work into this area and their response to it would have to be very disappointing to both.

The risks being taken by clubs not availing of this scheme are very large and hopefully will not be regretted later. The importance of insurance has been im-

pressed on club officials at many County Board meetings and no responsibility will be accepted in the event of serious injuries occurring.

I have no wish to be the Devil's Advocate, but having had personal experience of not being insured, I realize the very real importance of it. Clubs should also impress on their players the necessity of wearing helmets, as any steps taken to avoid injuries, especially facial, should be availed of.

## FIXTURES

Another area we would not be happy with. The Fixtures Committee appointed at Convention early this year did some great work but, because of non-fulfilment of fixtures, they felt it necessary to resign during the year, which was a great pity. I would ask clubs to please co-operate in getting fixtures fulfilled. I know all clubs face problems with unavailability of players at times but that excuse, and holidays, should be no reason for not fulfilling fixtures. Co-operation is what we all seek and hopefully that will be forthcoming.

## VENUES

During the year we had reason to seek the assistance of G.A.A. clubs for many fixtures. On behalf of the Board, and on my own behalf, I express our sincere thanks for the co-operation. It was a pleasure to deal with Liam O'Gorman of Holycross, John Harkins, Drom/Inch; Kathleen Hughes of Toomevara and Phil Lowry in Drombane. We look forward to continued co-operation.

## OUR SPONSORS — THANK YOU

On behalf of Tipperary teams and officials, I wish to extend a sincere 'thank you' to all who contributed to our appeal for sponsorship. The cost involved in reaching this stage of the championship is immense and we are always grateful for any assistance. A special thank you to our major sponsors: Tom Egan, Horse & Jockey Inn; the four Divisional Boards; Munster Council; all the G.A.A. clubs who contributed; Tipperary G.A.A. Members' Draw Committee; Tipperary Supporters' Club; Tipperary Dublin Association; all the companies and individuals who gave sponsorship to the players; Toronto Piling, Belfast; O'Neill's, Dublin; Ballet International, Dublin. To Cashel U.D.C. for affording the Junior team a civic reception; Mr. Deegan, The Rectory House Hotel, Dundrum, for a lovely reception on November 13. To everybody who helped us, financially or otherwise, a sincere "thank you."



## INTER-PROVINCIAL COMPETITION

Tipperary had the honour of hosting the first round of the inter-provincial Gael Linn competition in Holycross on October 18th. Tipperary were well represented on the Junior panel with Triona Bonnar captain of the team. Munster had an easy passage over a fancied Ulster squad.

Then then faced Connacht in the final, held in O'Toole Park, Dublin, on November 8th. Connacht lined out with a number of stars from the Galway side which was defeated by Tipperary in the All-Ireland final, the remainder of the team coming from Roscommon. In this game Munster came out gallant winners on a score of 7-11 to 3-3.

If Tipperary were well represented on the Junior team, Cork had the overall numbers on the Senior squad but had to call on the red-headed bombshell from Toomevara, Deirdre Hughes.

November 8th will go down as a piece of history for this gallant young star as being the only girl in Munster, if not in Ireland, to collect a Junior and Senior Gael Linn medal on the same day, clocking up a score of 3-2 in the Junior and 1-2 in the Senior games.

Camogie followers in the Premier County should be proud of all players who were selected to play on this prestigious team.

Players involved: Ailish Delaney, Ann-Marie Fitzgerald, Claire Madden, Cora Kennedy, Triona Bonnar (captain), Sinead Nealon, Deirdre Hughes, Helen O'Leary, Joan Tobin, Bridget Philips. Selector: Marion Graham, chairperson, Munster Junior team.

## GRATITUDE

The year 1992 saw 23 clubs affiliate to the County Board. A special thank you to all those players for, without you, our national games would be non-existent in Tipperary. To the parents of all players, I

hope you are proud of them for striving to promote our national sport both at home and abroad. Thanks to you, the parents, who brought the under-age players to county trials and training.

To the Sean Treacy Pipe Band for escorting us into the Horse & Jockey on our All-Ireland victory home-coming. To the Gardai in Littleton, especially Kevin Murphy, for affording us a Garda escort to the Horse & Jockey and to everybody who turned up in the Horse & Jockey to make our first of many adult All-Ireland homecomings a memorable occasion.

## SYMPATHY

On behalf of the County Board, votes of sympathy are extended to everybody who suffered bereavements during the year. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anamacha.

I would like to conclude with our sincere thanks to everybody who helped in any way during the year and wish all a very Happy Christmas and a successful 1993.

# BURGESS CAMOGIE

**T**HE year 1992 could be regarded as a lean year for our club as far as winning county championships is concerned. However, our girls graced the fields with distinction at inter-county and colleges' level. Although we can see success in the number of competitions won, nevertheless, our club is as strong now as it was when we were winning all around us.

We undertook a trip to London early in July with 27 members of the club travelling over. This was a new venture and was greatly appreciated by all concerned. It goes to show that trips like the one to London are attainable if members are prepared to work for a sustained period of time. The weekend was very successful and we are all sure that it will have a lasting memory on all our contingent, young and not so young. We hope we have given a lead to other clubs in the area of club activities. Our thanks to the Bros. Pearse Camogie Club and Tommy Milne who was most generous with his time and hospitality.

Our younger members were not forgotten, as we organised a trip to Salthill where we had a great day. Early in the year our interest was with St. Mary's Nenagh Junior and Senior teams. Early in April St. Mary's won the Senior League, beating Charleville in the final. A number of our players were on the victorious team, namely, Orla Hogan, Christine Kennedy, Maria Hogan, Ann Marie Ryan, Aine Hogan, Marie Slattery, Sheila and Maureen Kyne and Elizabeth Kennedy. In April, also, St. Mary's Junior retained the All-Ireland title, again the club was well represented.

The Junior team won the seven-a-side competition. On the inter-county scene at Minor, Junior and U-18, the club was also well represented with Sinead Nealon and Orla Hogan. On the Tipperary Junior team were Ciara Burns, Sheila Kyne and



*Burgess camogie team at Shannon Airport*

Therese Brophy and on the Tipperary Minor team, Aine Hogan, Maria Hogan, Sinead and Nuala Nealon. Christine Kennedy and Ciara Burns were on the Tipperary U-18 team. In all, players from the club won eleven Munster medals and five All-Ireland inter-county medals during 1992 and, in addition to this, there were numerous colleges' medals won in both Junior and Senior competitions.

Returning to the club scene, we affiliated five teams in the various county championships. Our U-12 team performed adequately in the championship and were unlucky in a couple of games when beaten by the narrowest of margins. This was a very young team and we will be hopeful of a better formance in 1993. Our U-14 team had a fairly good run also in the county championship, even if we did not achieve the heights of previous years.

Our U-16 team had a win in their first round outing over Drom/Inch and in our second match we beat Portroe. In the third round we played Toomevara/Templederry and they proved too strong

for us. Next we played Roscrea and came away with a draw. Things were looking good for us to qualify for the final stages, however, in our next match against a Kilruane/Borrisokane combination we went down after a very gritty performance.

This ended our participation in the championship which we should look back at with pride in our performances. To date, the U-18 championship hasn't commenced and we are hopeful for a good run in this competition.

Although putting up reasonable performances in the Senior league and championship, we still failed to reach the final in both events. We are determined to change all this, hopefully in next year's competitions and with proper preparation and commitment we can achieve our goal.

Many thanks to all who helped out during the year, to the officers of the club who gave of their time unselfishly and our supporters who followed us through thick and thin. To our Finance Committee, selectors and friends, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



# The Long Road to Croke Park

By MARTIN KENNEDY

**S**EPTEMBER 20th, 1991, venue Croke Park, less than a minute to full time, Tipperary one point ahead, then devastation, a goal for Down! Full-time whistle. Defeat for the second year in a row in the All-Ireland Junior Camogie Final. Could a team ever recover from such disappointment? Of course they could and of course they did.

Two league wins before Christmas over Offaly and Cork helped morale somewhat. A break for a couple of months and a resumption of county training in Thurles on February 9th.

The AGM held some weeks before saw one change in the selection committee. John Kennedy was re-elected trainer/selector. Also re-elected was Biddy Philips. Martin Kennedy, Clonmel, replaced Bernie O'Dowd who had been a loyal servant to Tipp camogie for many years.

A few training sessions and a friendly against Down, which we narrowly lost, and things were taking shape. The retirement of Geraldine Ryan-Meagher and the non-availability of Ann Keeshan made changes inevitable.

The addition to the panel of Ann Marie Fitzgerald (Cashel), Marita Tobin (do.), Angela Ryan (do.), Regina O'Meara, Siobhan Cusack, Noelle Kennedy (Toomevara) and Michelle Kennedy (Clonmel) gave great strength in depth and made sure nobody could feel that their place on the team was assured.

Our first competitive game was on March 15th versus Limerick who were training hard with Phil Bennis in charge. A great start to Tipp with goals from Deirdre Hughes (2), Michelle Kennedy (2) and Anne Gleeson (1) saw us win 5-7 to 0-2.

Next, on a sunny Sunday in May, we went to Bunclody and beat Wexford 1-12 to 1-4. Our next victims were Kilkenny nine days later on a score of 3-12 to 3-3. This game saw a superlative display from Deirdre Hughes at full-forward who scored 0-9 from play.

Twelve days later we beat Waterford 4-14 to 1-9. We were now in the League semi-final and Sunday, 7th June, found us in Portaferry, Co. Down, where with an under-strength team, we went down by six points to our hosts. We were now out of the League and a win in this League final by our old rivals, Limerick, over Down by a margin of 13 points gave us food for thought.

We started our championship campaign with an easy win over Waterford on July 4th in Thurles by 6-14 to 1-6. We now faced Limerick in the Munster final in Limerick on July 25th. There was a lot of talk about Limerick who were now being trained by Eamonn Cregan. Rumours of morale being low in the Tipperary camp were rife. As far as the team and mentors were concerned, there was only one way



to dispel all those rumours: Tipperary 2-17, Limerick 1-7. There was the answer!

Helen O'Leary had taken over in goal from Ann Keeshan and was doing well. Our backs were like a rock – A. M. Fitzgerald, Regina O'Meara, Cora Kennedy and Claire Madden never put a foot wrong.

At midfield the tireless running of M. Stokes, the solid work of K. Moloney and S. Nealon made sure a plentiful supply of ball went to our forward line of J. Tobin, J. Delaney, T. Bonnar and Deirdre Hughes.

The two most significant developments of the team were probably the shifting of Deirdre Hughes from wing-forward to full-forward from where she destroyed every backline she came up against. The selectors' opinion was that the nearer Deirdre could operate to goal the more dangerous she was to any defence. The way our backs and midfield were playing ensured a plentiful supply of ball to the full-forward position to employ this tactic.

The second very important development was the moving of Sinead Nealon from defence to an attacking midfield role where her free-taking was to prove invaluable.

As the All-Ireland final would subsequently prove, these two moves meant an awful lot to our success.

Sunday, 9th August, venue Ruislip, London, saw Tipperary beat London 1-12 to 2-3. Probably our one display that was not very good. The travelling, the heat, the accommodation crisis, the worry over John O'Leary's moral well-being (a joke), would Martin Kennedy arrive safely from New York with the Budweiser contract (another joke) – all the above conspired against a good display, but a win is a win.

August 23rd – Tipperary 4-7, Kilkenny 1-7, at Ballyragget. So, after a lot of training and hard work, we were back at Croke Park on Sunday, September 27th, to face Galway. Confidence was high, defeat would not be tolerated. Whereas last year the team had come from behind in nearly all their matches, this year the plan was to get an early lead, build on it and hold on. This worked in all our matches and was also going to work in the final.

The brilliant Deirdre Hughes at full-forward scoring 3-4 from play, the unerring free-taking and pointing from play of Sinead Nealon (0-9) were the two outstanding performances on the day. But this was not a two-girl team. This All-Ireland was won by 21 girls who had trained hard in wet and cold conditions since 9th February with one idea in mind – to bring Tipperary its first adult All-Ireland camogie title in 60 years of trying. Score: Tipperary 6-13; Galway 2-7.

Full panel was: E. Delaney (Templemore); A. M. Fitzgerald, K. Moloney, T. Bonnar, J. Delaney, H. O'Leary, M. Tobin, A. Ryan (all Cashel); Joan Tobin (formerly Cashel, now Armagh); R. O'Meara, Cora Kennedy, Deirdre Hughes, Anne Gleeson, Noelle Kennedy, Siobhan Cusack (all Toomevara); Meadhbh Stokes, Michelle Kennedy (St. Mary's, Clonmel); Sinead Nealon, Orla Hogan (Burgess); Anne Gleeson (Holycross); Clare Madden (Portroe). Trainer: John Kennedy (Toomevara); selectors: Biddy Philips (Thurles), Martin Kennedy (Clonmel).

A special word of thanks to Marion Graham who works tirelessly as County Secretary, Eamonn Browne who is an ever-supporting County Chairman and our P.R.O. Anne Moloney. Also thanks to all the clubs who bussed their supporters to Croke Park on that memorable day.



# THIRD IN A ROW FOR OUR U-18s

Prior to 1990, Tipperary had failed to win a title in this grade. In that year we won our first title and we have been undefeated since. I suppose we were lucky to have players over the past number of years who are both talented and competitive. The preparation of these teams can be rather difficult as the competition is held very late in the season when girls are involved with their clubs and are preparing to go or are already at college. We have always felt that we got 100% effort from our players as it can be the last under-age inter-county competition for the majority of them. Cashel have had the unique distinction of supplying the captain on all three occasions. Kaiffe Moloney, 1990; Helen O'Leary, 1991, and Jovita Delaney in 1992.

This year's competition was drawn out somewhat due to Clare drawing with Cork in the semi-final. Our first match was against Waterford in The Ragg on Saturday, 29th August. In this match our girls really put on the style and accounted for Waterford by a huge margin. Nuala Nealon had the distinction of scoring nine goals out of a total score of 13-9.

**Team:** Christina Kennedy (Burgess), Maria Hogan (Burgess), Ann Gleeson (Thurles), Sinead Nealon (Burgess), Marita Tobin (Cashel) [1-0], Jackie Keating (Cashel),

Noelle Kennedy (Toomevara) [3-0], Jovita Delaney, capt. (Cashel) [0-7], Helen Kiely (Drom/Inch) [0-1], Nuala Nealon (Burgess) [9-0].

**Subs:** Emma Carroll (St. Bernadette's) for Maria Hogan; Maria Cooke (Thurles) for Jovita Delaney; Helen Campion (Gortnahoe) for Sinead Nealon; Claire Egan (Gortnahoe); Patricia McNamara (St. Bernadette's); Norma Hennessy (Knockavilla). Both Aine Hogan (Burgess) and Ciara Burns were out through injury.

In the semi-final we played Limerick in Bruff on 5th September. This was a close enough encounter with Limerick providing stiff opposition and putting Tipperary to the pin of their collars to attain victory. However, towards the end of the game we pulled away for a good victory. We had now reached the Munster final for the third consecutive year. We had to wait until the 25th October to play the Munster final and our opponents were Clare, who accounted for Cork in the replay of the Munster semi-final. Because of the long wait for the final, it became harder to motivate our players. Due to club commitments and college entrants collective training was sparsely attended. We knew that Clare would be well prepared, having the advantage of a replay in the semi-final. The final was played in Toomevara which gave Tipperary the

advantage of a home venue. The first half was close enough with Tipp playing with the wind and we turned with a lead of four points: Tipp 2-3; Clare 0-5.

In the second half Clare came more into the game and the Tipp girls really showed great character in holding on for dear life. However, it must be said that Tipp played the more skilful camogie with some lovely free-flowing moments. All our players excelled on the day and no one player outshone the other. When the final whistle was blown, Tipp were Munster champions again for the third consecutive year.

**Team:** C. Kennedy (Burgess); Maria Hogan (Burgess); Ann Gleeson (Thurles); Sinead Nealon (Burgess); Marita Tobin (Cashel); Neasa O'Dwyer (Cashel); Claire Egan (Gortnahoe); Helen Kiely (Drom); Paula Bulfin (Cashel); Jovita Delaney, capt. (Cashel); Noelle Kennedy (Toomevara); Nuala Nealon (Burgess).

**Subs:** Aine Hogan (Burgess) for Paula Bulfin; Emma Carroll (St. Bernadette's) for Marita Tobin; Jackie Keating (Cashel); Marie Cooke (Thurles); Helena Campion (Gortnahoe); Patricia McNamara (St. Bernadette's); Norma Hennessy (Knockavilla); Ciara Burns (Burgess), out through injury.

**Team Management:** Liam Hogan, trainer/selector; Pdraig Mullins, selector; John Devitt, selector.



U-18 MUNSTER CHAMPIONS "THREE IN A ROW"

Back row (left to right) - Helena Campion, Maria Hogan, Helen Kiely, Ann Gleeson, Paula Bulfin, Emma Carroll, Patricia McNamara, Norma Hennessy, Marita Tobin, Nuala Nealon. Front row (left to right) - Maria Cooke, Aine Hogan, Neasa O'Dwyer, Christina Kennedy, Noelle Kennedy, Jovita Delaney (capt.), Claire Egan.



# ALL-IRELAND MINOR VICTORY

**T**HE winning of the Minor All-Ireland final will be regarded as another great step in camogie in Tipperary. This great victory will have a big influence on our younger girls who are playing camogie in the county.

It was obvious from our first challenge game against Wexford on 21st April, 1992, that there was great potential in this panel of players. From there on, this panel's appetite for the game grew with each successive encounter on the camogie pitch.

On Wednesday, 6th May, 1992, we had our first encounter in the championship and this was against the Banner County with Tipp running out easy winners in the end. We then went on to face a stiff encounter with Limerick on 15th May with Tipperary coming out winners again in the end.

The Munster final was our next major match, with Cork our opponents, on 1st July. This was where we expected a stiff challenge from the red and white lassies who were adamant to main the title won in Cork last year. But, with home advantage, the more skilful and fitter Tipp girls who ran out easy winners with the score Tipp 5-7 to Cork 3-4.

We were pitted against Galway in the All-Ireland semi-finals in Mullagh on July 12th. This was a tough encounter which ended in a draw. The replay was fixed for 19th July in Holycross. Galway, with their tales up, came into this replay with fire but that flame was burned out with the Tipp girls taking control from as early as the seventh minute, with Ciara Gaynor getting the first of her three goals and two points. She was supported by the great goal-keeping of Michelle Bulfin and skills of Suzanne Kelly, Aileen Delaney, Síle Coyne and Joanne Horgan.

In the backs, the brilliant control and skill of Theresa Brophy and Catherine Bourke and the very hard-working Alison Lawlor who provided a centrefield that were never in trouble during the game. Marie Ryan, Mandy Quigley and Ciara Burns who played a captain's part rounded



*Ciara Burns being presented with the Minor All-Ireland Cup by Uachtarán Cumann Camógaiocht na nGael, Bridín Uí Mhadogáin.*

off this Tipperary performance in the All-Ireland semi-final with a score of 7-9 to Galway's 4-3.

We now had qualified for the All-Ireland final against our old rivals Kilkenny on 26th July in Holycross. This game we were determined to win. We had trained very hard and every session was taken seriously with 100% commitment. We concentrated on stamina and playing as a team that wanted to win. We could see from the players' response to the training that everyone was happy and we were not going to Holycross just to be another team.

All was now in order for our clash with the All-Ireland champions. The game turned out to be a cracker, with camogie being played at the highest level. This was a battling performance from the Tipp girls so ably led by Ciara Burns from Burgess, the only survivor from the 1990 side, with a personal tally of 1-6. Tipp's goalie and defence stood firm all through, with Aileen, Joanne and Síle very prominent and the towering performance of Suzanne at centre-back, led to our great first-half

display with Tipperary leading by 10 points.

The second half started with Tipp hungry for success, helped by Mandy sending over a delightful point in the second minute. Tipperary's momentum increased as Marie Ryan got through for her second goal. This score certainly eased the pressure and Kilkenny could find no way back, with Tipp's overall balance and greater sense of urgency in their play. This was a performance of great courage and will to win from a great panel of girls. From goalkeeper to full-forward, from substitutes that were used and those that weren't, because during the year they all played their part. Yes, Tipperary had beaten Kilkenny for the second All-Ireland title. Tipperary 4-9; Kilkenny 1-3.

Tipp were expertly tutored for this All-Ireland by coach Conor Ryan and selectors Marion Graham and John Devitt. Credit must also go to County Board officers, the clubs who sent players for trials and especially to the parents of players who brought them to training and matches. The preparation of this team was a mammoth task and had to be of the highest calibre to win back this crown. When Ciara Burns was presented with the Cup, the cheers could be heard the length and breadth of the county. Thanks, girls, for the dedication and hard work during the year.

**Team** – Michelle Bulfin (Cashel), Síle Coyne (Burgess), Aileen Delaney (Toomevara), Suzanne Kelly (Toomevara), Joanne Horgan (Knockavilla-Donaskeigh), Alison Lawlor (Portroe), Theresa Brophy (Burgess), Catherine Bourke (Shannon Rovers), Marie Ryan (Toomevara), Ciara Burns [captain] (Burgess), Mandy Quigley (Roscrea), Ciara Gaynor (Kilruane).

**Subs** – Susan Kinally (Kilruane), Clodagh Dunne (Gortnahoe-Glengool), Ann Barry (Cashel), Caroline Buckley (Knockavilla-Donaskeigh), Miriam Maxwell (Toomevara), Dearbhla Quigley (Thurles), Ann Barry (Thurles), Edel Keane (Cashel), Michelle Bourke (Cashel).



*Ciara Burns leads Tipperary in the pre All-Ireland Final parade at Holycross.*



# THURLES CAMOGIE

## Portroe Camogie 1992

By SÍLE DONNELLAN

**N**O titles for Thurles this year but plenty of endeavour. We fielded teams in U-12, U-14, U-16 and Junior.

Our U-12s played in the 'A' championship and had wins over Burgess and Templemore before losing to Drom/Inch and eventual champions Toomevara. In charge here was Biddy Phillips, assisted by Brid Kennedy.

Our U-14 team made a gallant bid to retain their 'A' county title and finally surrendered it to a fine Drom/Inch team on a 3-3 to 2-0 scoreline. This team was put through its paces by Flan Quigney, Phyllis Kennedy and Michael Kennedy.

The U-16 team played two games and were unfortunate to come up against the eventual county champions - Cashel, and the runners-up - Fethard. This is a young team and can be optimistic about 1993. The selectors here were Joe Kelly, Bernie O'Dowd and Fr. Fletcher.

While the U-12 competition is the youngest in the county, nonetheless, the younger players need action and in this regard Bill Dwyer did excellent work this year with the newcomers.

On the Junior scene, our club reached the county semi-final only to fall to

Shannon Rovers. On the way they overcame Fethard, Cahir, Cashel and Gortnahoe before losing to Knockavilla Kickhams. Selectors: J. Kelly, B. O'Dowd and Fr. Fletcher.

While no titles came to Thurles, 1992 was very rewarding for four very dedicated and skilful players from our club. In July, Dearbhla Quigney and Anne Barry won All-Ireland medals with the Tipperary Minors. September brought the coveted All-Ireland Junior medal to Anne Gleeson. Well done to Biddy Phillips who was a selector on that team.

Finally, in late October, Maria Cooke took a Munster medal with the Tipperary U-18 side.

A word of thanks to all our trainers. Your contribution to the game was immense. And to anybody out there in the Thurles area who would like to get involved in helping us out, your offer would be greatly appreciated.

My hopes for 1993 would be that the U-14 championship would not begin in March (or, indeed, April for that matter) and that there would be more competition for under-age players, especially for those teams which are knocked out in the championship in the early stages.

**A**FTER the disappointment of 1992, we hoped that 1992 would bring better things, but they don't always work out according to plan. Our players graced the field in U-12, U-14, U-16 and Intermediate county championships. Although unsuccessful, in the under-age competitions, they showed great spirit and determination of better things to come.

Our Intermediate team put in a great effort by reaching the county semi-final after overcoming Borrisokane, Roscrea, a walk-over from Moycarkey and a one-point defeat from Clonmel.

Our opposition in the semi-finals were old rivals Roscrea. After a hard-fought match and also extra time the victory went to Roscrea.

But honours did come to the club through Alison Lawlor who won an All-Ireland U-16 medal and also Claire Madden who helped Tipperary Juniors to their first All-Ireland victory and also Claire who went on to achieve further honours with the Munster Junior team.

Also to the girls of the club who were members of the C.M.S. Nenagh who won the All-Ireland Schools Final.

A special word of thanks to our trainer, Jim Madden, for his time and dedication and also the officials, our supporters and the local G.A.A. club for its facilities.



THURLES - Runners-up in the 1992 U-14 A County Championship

Back row (left to right) - Claire Molloy, Caroline Curtis, Caitriona Moore, Niamh Maher, Fiona O'Donovan (capt.), Valerie Kennedy, Ursula Ryan, Natalie Butler, Carol Phillips, Anne Hennessy. Front row - (left to right) Jackie Dooley, Mary Kennedy, Michelle Delahunty, Michelle Twomey, Louise Curley, Elaine Gleeson, Niamh Dwyer, Alma Quinn, Deirdre Quinlan, Majella Mullane. (Missing from photo: Denise Curtis).



# ST. MARY'S CAMOGIE, CLONMEL

By MARTIN KENNEDY

## It was a disappointing year at under-age level

**W**E failed to field teams at U-12. Our U-14s, of whom we had high hopes, failed to deliver mainly due to the fact that some of the leading players of the previous two years decided not to play this year. At U-16 we had three good games against Bansha (draw), Mullinahone (win) and Drangan (defeat). We were also beaten by a strong Knockavilla team. After winning the Junior county title last year, we wondered what was in store for us in the Intermediate grade for which we opted.

Our first test as in the League in Fethard against Moycarkey, a club we had never beaten at any level. On the day we had only eleven players – a bad start, we thought – but no, eleven triers who never stopped trying and a seven-point win for us. What a start! Subsequent wins over Borrisokane and Portroe also by margins of seven points saw us into the League final against Roscrea, last year's Intermediate champions who had opted to stay Intermediate.

In dreadful weather conditions in Ballycahill we were beaten by five points in a game we might have won.

Our first championship game was against Portroe in Thurles. This was a much better Portroe team than we saw in the League but two second-half goals by Michelle Kennedy and a great display by Olivia Shanahan when moved to full-back to replace the injured Fiona Hackett saw us win by one point.

Our next win came not on the field but on the board room when we were awarded points by the County Chairman over Borrisokane who had failed to field their team. Next came Moycarkey whom we beat by 1-12 to 2-0, having shot 19 wides.

Nearly in the County Final again, but Portroe upset this calculation by beating Roscrea who we now had to play. A win or a draw for us and Roscrea were out, but defeat was our lot against a better team on the day. This result meant that St. Mary's, Portroe, and Roscrea were level on points and a play-off was needed. We were now into October and the difficulty of finding suitable dates arose. A drawing of lots put St. Mary's into the final and Portroe and Roscrea play a semi-final. This may not be decided in time for publication.

Our club played its part in bringing the county its first adult camogie title. Congratulations to Meadhbh Stokes and Michelle Kennedy, members of the team, and to Martin Kennedy, selector. A great achievement for a club only founded five short years.



Left to right – Meadhbh Stokes, Clonmel; Martin Kennedy (Junior selector), Michelle Kennedy, Clonmel, in Malahide with the All-Ireland Cup after the All-Ireland final.

## Junior Champions 1991, Intermediate 1992 – Unbelievable, but true!

NOVEMBER 15th 1992:

St. Mary's Clonmel 1-2; Roscrea 0-4 BEATEN twice by Roscrea this year, this was third time lucky and this was the important one. Superb displays by T. Burke in goal, who was unbeatable, Catriona Ryan, M. Stokes and Olivia Shanahan laid a great foundation for this victory, but S. McHugh, captain, Linda Ryan and Deirdre O'Donnell in defence made sure the Roscrea scores were going to be scarce.

At midfield, Louise Buckley and Muriel O'Sullivan gave great assistance to Meadhbh Stokes. Michelle Kennedy, N.

Fitzmaurice and D. Tyrell all had their moments. Subs (used) F. McMinemin and B. Hickey also did well.

Majella O'Neill, Catherine Shanahan, Marie O'Keefe, Fiona Hackett, the twins Carmel and Caroline Landy and Anna Ryan all played their part in other games during the year and all 21 are to be complimented on their dedication to training with Mattie Peters in charge. Thanks to officers and selectors, Pat Power, Martin Kennedy, Tom O'Shea, Dan McMinemin, John Shanahan, Seamus Hackett, John Morrissey, all supporters and sponsors.



St. Mary's, Clonmel, County Intermediate Champions 1992 with their officials and selectors.



# MOYCARKEY-BORRIS CAMOGIE

**T**HE 1992 season provided encouraging signs that the juvenile members of the club are heirs apparent to the mantle of success that has clothed the adult teams of the club in the past few years.

Having been relatively weak in the under-age sector in the past, it was decided to take advantage of the new championship system and to enter the 'B' competitions in the under-age championship.

The time, energy and patience invested in the coaching of young players from as early as March returned good dividends as the season progressed.

The U-12 team will have benefited greatly in terms of match practice and experience gained as they battled their way to their county final appearance. En route they defeated Templemore, Holycross and Gortnahoe. Knockavilla Kickhams provided the opposition in the final which was held in the Ragg G.A.A. Grounds. On the evening, Moycarkey went down to a considerably stronger team.

The U-14 team went one step further than the U-12s when they achieved an historic first ever under-age county championship for the club. En route to their title they recorded decisive victories over Roscrea, Templemore and Holycross. The actual final played against Kilruane McDonagh's in Ballycahill G.A.A. field was of a very high standard. Indeed, to the casual observer it provided ample evidence



MOYCARKEY-BORRIS - Under-14 County Final B Winners

of the healthy state of camogie in County Tipperary at present.

Trailing by a goal at the interval, Moycarkey fought back bravely on resumption. After Catherine Stapleton levelled the score, Moycarkey applied themselves to the game with renewed vigour. Debbie Quigley's goal dashed Kilruane's hopes of a comeback.

"One crowded hour of glorious life is worth an age without a name," would aptly describe the game and the joyous post-match scenes when Catherine Harrington raised the cup.

The panel was: S. Davy, C. Harrington, P. Coman, C. Fahy, B. Coman, M. Ryan, T. Quigley, M. Corcoran, C. Darmody, D. O'Connell, D. Quigley, C. Stapleton, M. Quirke, B. Ryan, S. McKenna, M. Delaney, J. Kearney, A. Barrett, L. Ryan, M. O'Donoghue, M. Fennelly, A. Harrington.

This same team went on to further success when they defeated Drangan in the

final of the Ballingarry tournament. There is every reason to be optimistic regarding the future of these juveniles, possessing such an indomitable spirit so necessary in the heat of championship fare in higher grades in the not-too-distant future.

Moycarkey-Borris entered a very young U-16 team in the championship but were unsuccessful in their bid to emulate the achievements of the U-14s. The Intermediate team never really found the form that distinguished them so admirably two years ago when they won both league and championship titles and will be hoping for a revival of spirit in the 1993 season.

Overall, 1992 was a year of growth and progress for the Moycarkey-Borris club, providing a firm foundation on which to base potential success in 1993.

To all the players, coaches and supporters - Go neiri an bóthar libh.



The Drom-Inch U-14 camogie team which reached the final of the Féile na nGael competition in Galway. Back row (left to right) - Cath McGrath, Yvonne Long, Gillian Mortimer, Jane Ryan, Alice Darcy, Julie Delaney, Deirdre O'Connor, Caroline O'Connor, Eileen Ryan. Front row - Joanna Kinane, Maria Ryan, Cathriona Hennessey, Mary Looby, Jacqueline O'Connor, Marka Harkin, Maureen Egan, Jennifer Hicks. (Missing from photo: Joanna Ryan).



# TOOMEVARA CAMOGIE 1992

**T**HE club has a lot to look back on in 1992 with its huge success and also the achievements of our inter-county teams. It was the year the Senior girls finally beat Cashel in the county final and ended all the disappointments of the last few years.

Once again, the U-21s set the pace earlier in the year with coaches Eileen and Noelle Kennedy working very hard. They won an historic sixth county title in a row at the expense of Drom/Inch in the final. The U-13½ Community Games team also won out their fourth county title in a row and eventually reached the Munster final. They went down narrowly to a strong Cork side played in Cahir. The U-14s played only three games in all, winning, drawing and eventually being knocked out by Thurles. Our U-16s showed great potential but on county semi-final day against Cashel, they just never got going and were defeated. The U-18 championship has not been completed at the time of writing.

## SENIORS WIN FIRST COUNTY TITLE

The Senior girls finally got their reward for all their efforts and the defeats of the past few years were wiped away with a fantastic victory over Cashel in the final. They had earlier been beaten by Cashel in the Ann Fraser Cup as well as the first round of the championship. This, however, was just the spur they needed to work determinedly towards the county final. In between, there was a victory in Limerick in which we defeated Clare county champions, Shannon, in the final. Things were shaping up for a great game and things went right on the day for Toomevara as they were victorious by one point.

September 13th, 1992, Toomevara were crowned new Senior county champions to end the Cashel six-year reign.

In their first year representing Tipperary, the Toome girls were not found wanting against the might Glen Rovers' girls in the Munster Club Championship.



*County Chairman Eamonn Browne presenting the Senior Cup to Toomevara captain Deirdre Hughes.*

Indeed, they were unlucky not to win this tie, having a goal disallowed and a free being awarded instead in the closing moments. Congrats to the girls, however, on their historic county final win.

As regards other achievements for the club, Madeline Hayes captained St. Mary's, Nenagh, to the Junior Colleges' All-Ireland victory as a number of other club members on the team.

On the county scene, Suzanne Kelly, Marie Ryan, Aileen Delaney and Miriam Maxwell were part of the All-Ireland Minor winning side. Noelle Kennedy on the victorious U-18 team.

Cora Kennedy, Regina O'Meara, Anne Gleeson, Deirdre Hughes, Siobhan Cusack and Noelle were part of the historic Junior All-Ireland winning side with coach John Kennedy also being from Toome. Well done also to Cora Kennedy and Deirdre Hughes who played with Munster in the Gael Linn final.

The club would like to thank all sponsors, officers, supporters, parents and everyone involved in the club for their help during the year and we look forward to an even better year in 1993.



**TOOMEVARA - SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONS 1992**

*Back row (left to right) - Regina O'Meara, Suzanne Kelly, Noelle Kennedy, John Kennedy (coach), Miriam Maxwell, Audrey Ryan, Bridget Phelan, Anne Bergin, Madeline Hayes, Josie Browne, Cora Kennedy. Front - Siobhan Cusack, Aileen Delaney, Fiona Steed, Deirdre Hughes (captain), Nora Dwan, Marie Ryan, Anne Gleeson, Mary Stapleton. (Missing from photo: Breda Kennedy).*



*County Board Chairman Eamonn Browne presenting the U-12 Shield to the Toomevara captain, Sarah Boland.*

## Successful year for Toomevara Camogie



**SIX IN A ROW**

*Toomevara - U-12 Couth Champions 1992*



# Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Kickhams Camogie

By EAMONN DE BRÚN

**O**UR club, founded in 1984, has had great success since it started, winning five county finals, contesting many more, winning seven-a-side competitions and tournaments and generally doing credit to itself.

Those of us who are there since the club started have very happy memories which will be cherished for a very long time, those include Tommy and Alice Hayes and Margaret and Joe Lonergan, Helen and Noreen Browne and yours truly. It was a hell of a struggle at times but the panel of girls at our disposal was a pleasure to work with and made the time given worthwhile.

That successful panel was breaking up due to working away from home and education and we wondered if interest could be maintained. Féile na nGael 1990 was to be a turning point. Pressure on us to field an U-14 side for this competition resulted in my entering a team and with great help from Margaret Hayes, Tommy and Madeline Browne and Helen Lonergan along with encouragement from the parents, we got a team together. It didn't have any luck but it was evident that with more training and preparation, this team had potential. That assumption was to prove correct.

While we had concentrated to a very large extent on our Junior team, we did neglect in our duties to under-age teams. This has all changed over the past two years and we are now reaping the fruits. This year, for the first time, after a lot of searching we were to receive offers of help from people who were not involved heretofore and those people were appointed to the various selection committees with some of the people who had been acting already.

The U-12 Selection Committee was Danny O'Brien, Gerry Ralph and Margaret Hayes and they worked very well as a team. Their first game was against Bansa in Bansa. This was a very tough game and the girls had to pull out all the stops to gain victory and showed that they had the right attitude to go all the way.

Their second game was in Golden against Golden and they emerged with an easy victory. Cashel were their next opponents and this was to prove their toughest game, but they scored a narrow win, which set them up for a semi-final date with Ballingarry. They showed all their true qualities, beating them by 2-3 to 1-0. This put them through to the final where Moycarkey provided the opposition, the game being played in the Ragg.

This was a great game of camogie between two evenly matched teams but



**KNOCKAVILLA-DONASKEIGH U-12 TEAM**

Front row (left to right) – S. Crowe, M. O'Dwyer, P. McGrath, B. Horgan, T. Cranley, H. Champion, J. Ryan, M. Keane. Back row (left to right) – G. Colohan, G. Alley, C. Hayes, C. O'Brien, K. Horgan, N. Corcoran, S. Horgan, F. Landers, S. O'Brien, N. Hayes.

our girls got the scores that mattered and emerged winners on the evening to scenes of jubilation. This was a win that gave me great pleasure as the trophy for the winners was presented by the Ryan family in memory of Conor (R.I.P.), who was a great worker in our club and the biggest single influence on my G.A.A. and camogie career. He would have been so proud that the first holders of his trophy were Kickhams – Georgina Colohan receiving it on behalf of the team.

The final team was: B. Horgan, K. Horgan, C. Hayes, M. O'Dwyer, P. McGrath, S. Horgan, G. Colohan, C. O'Brien, F. Landers, H. Champion, J. Ryan, G. Alley. Subs: S. Crowe, T.

Cranley, S. O'Brien, N. Hayes, M. Keane, N. Corcoran.

The U-14 squad were our next team into action, playing Ballingarry away from home in the first game which they won by one goal. Fethard provided the opposition in their second game and they had an easy victory. Gortnahoe were our next opponents, the game played in Annacarty and on the night they didn't play well, "taking nothing from the opposition" and were beaten, which meant they exited from the championship but they performed with credit in all games. Team: M. McGrath, C. Hourigan, P. Quirke, K. Horgan, V. O'Brien, B. Horgan, C. O'Brien, G. Colohan, E. Ralph, R. Horgan, L.



**KNOCKAVILLA-DONASKEIGH U-16 TEAM**

Front row (left to right) – A. McDermott, B. Carew, M. McGrath, M. Cussen, N. Hennessy, C. Fitzgerald, M. McGrath, C. Buckley, L. Nolan. Back row (left to right) – R. Horgan (Chairman), M. Ryan (selector), R. Horgan, D. Hourigan, M. A. Callinan, S. Heney, L. Breen, J. Horgan, T. Hayes (selector), B. Horgan





#### KNOCKAVILLA-DONASKEIGH JUNIOR TEAM

Front row (left to right) - T. Hayes (selector), S. Heney, N. Hennessy, M. A. Callinan, M. Cussen, A. McDermott, C. Buckley, C. Fitzgerald, P. Horgan, M. Hayes (Secretary). Back row (left to right) - R. Horgan (selector), M. Browne, S. Browne, C. Walshe, E. Kearns, M. Dalton (capt.), M. Browne, T. Horgan, F. Butler, L. Breen, J. Horgan, E. Browne (selector), H. Loneragan (selector).

Callinan, G. Alley, J. Ryan, M. Cussen, D. Keane, L. O'Brien, A. M. English, S. Horgan, H. Campion and L. Doyle.

The U-16s commenced their campaign in August, having their first game in Clonmel which they won very easily. They were at home for their next game against Bansha and had to give of their best in this, but still they managed to come through it. They were at home again for the third game, this was against Fr. Peter Brennan-coached Drangan who again provided tough opposition. They travelled to Mullinahone for the next game and won 4-1 to 1-0. This win set up a semi-final clash with Shannon Rovers in the Ragg. This was a tough game, where they had to call on all their resources in a thrilling match. They proved too strong in the end though, and qualified for a final meeting with Holycross. This was played in Drombane, having been postponed the first day due to atrocious weather. This was one of their toughest games and they needed to rise their game to win, and this they did, winning easily enough in the end to add the U-16 to the U-12 already won.

The U-16 team and reserves which represented the club during the year were: M. McGrath, B. Carew, M. A. Callinan, L. Breen, J. Horgan, D. Hourigan, C. Buckley, A. McDermott, C. Fitzgerald, S. Heney, M. McGrath, J. Horgan, N. Hennessy, M. Cussen, L. Nolan, R. Horgan.

Two members of the above panel, J. Horgan and C. Buckley, won Munster and All-Ireland medals with the county U-16 team. Also on the team we had two girls from outside the parish, Angela McDermott and Catherine Fitzgerald, who were of immense help to us. We were very lucky to get the girls and are proud of the part they played with us during the year. Also, Norma Hennessy was a member of the County U-18 team which won the Munster Final. A great honour again for the club.

Having played in the Intermediate grade for the past couple of years, it was decided to seek permission to return to Junior grade this year, as we were in the process of rebuilding a team. We were depending on a lot of young players for our Junior team and our displays in the John Hogan Cup showed that a lot of work needed to be done. Thankfully, everybody appreciated this and were prepared to get down to work.

Having made our exit in the early stages of the League, we set about our job of trying to mould youth with experience and with a few challenge games and some training, the signs were looking good. Our first game in the Championship was against Fethard. This game proved that the preparation had benefited the ladies and they proved too strong for the opposition, winning with a bit in hand.

Cahir were our next opponents and we

always found it difficult to beat them. This game proved no exception. Our young players were now really beginning to blend in with the experienced players and we ran out winners 1-5 to 0-1. The team next travelled to Gortnahoe to take on the home team. This was a very close-fought game and it took the team a while to gain the edge. The next game was against Cashel and this was a real test of character. Played in Ballycahill, both teams gave their all and in a first class game our girls showed the greater commitment, emerging winners in the end.

Thurles were our next opponents before succumbing to the girls. This win set up a semi-final clash with Drom-Inch. This was a very good game and both teams had chances to win but, in the end, a draw was probably a fair result. The replay took place a couple of weeks later and this time we proved too strong, emerging winners 2-1 to 0-2. Our opponents in the final, which was played in Drombane, were Shannon Rovers who were beaten in the final the previous year.

This was one of the finest camogie games played this year - a real thriller, nail-biting stuff played at a furious pace. We went seven points down before half-time but a good chat with the girls at half-time got them in the proper frame of mind for the second half and they gradually clawed their way back to snatch a draw with almost the last puck of the game. The replay was fixed for the following Sunday and due to circumstances did not take place. It still hasn't been played as I pen this article.

The team's reserves who have given great service, commitment and pleasure through 1992 were: T. Horgan, C. Walshe, E. Kearns, M. Dalton (capt.), M. Browne, L. Breen, C. Buckley, A. McDermott, C. Fitzgerald, J. Horgan, P. Horgan, S. Browne, F. Butler, M. Browne, M. Cussen, M. Callinan, H. Carey, M. McGrath, S. Heney, R. Cussen, L. Nolan, K. Ryan, R. Horgan, B. Carew, M. McGrath, L. O'Brien.

The club wishes to thank everybody who helped in any way during the year, especially the players, without whom there would be no games; those parents who transported players to the various games often at great inconvenience; to all our sponsors, to Alice Hayes for looking after jerseys and socks for the year and to everybody else who helped in any way, we are extremely grateful. We would like to wish everybody a very Happy and Holy Christmas and look forward to the New Year with renewed optimism, hoping 1993 will be as successful as the year just gone by.

One of our U-12 girls, Helen Campion, won the Féile na nGael County Skills Competition, beating off all her opposition in Durlas Og's pitch. Helen went on to represent our club at Féile na nGael in Galway and acquitted herself with distinction. We are extremely proud of her.

**Club officers** - Chairman, Richard Hogan; Vice-Chairman, Eamonn Browne; Secretary, Margaret Hayes; Treasurer, Tony Farrell of our senior club.





# A GREAT YEAR FOR CASHEL



*Kaiffe Moloney, Cashel, being presented with the Cidona Sports Star award trophy by Mr. Brendan McGuinness.*



**JOHN HOGAN CUP WINNERS 1992**

*Back (left to right) - N. Heffernan, J. Fitzelle (trainer), T. Baggary, M. O'Riordan, N. Maher, K. Perdue, P. Bulfin, L. Eakins, C. Graham, J. Devitt, Brendan Murphy (trainer). Front - C. Troy, P. Bonnar, S. Murphy, A. Quinlan, M. Quinlan, N. Tobin, M. Bulfin.*



**CASHEL - ANN FRASER CUP WINNERS 1992**

*Back - M. Bulfin, A. Barry, T. Bonnar, J. Butler, B. Ryan, M. Tobin, J. Keating, R. Nash, J. O'Dwyer. Front - E. Keane, P. Fitzgerald, N. O'Dwyer, K. Moloney, J. Delaney, N. Bonnar, A. M. Fitzgerald, H. O'Leary.*



**CASHEL - U-16 COUNTY CHAMPIONS 1992**

*Back (left to right) - V. O'Byrne, A. Heffernan, A. Wallace, E. Keane, L. Keane, M. Lacey, P. O'Neill, E. Loneragan, M. Ryan, S. Touhy, M. Tobin, L. O'Sullivan, M. Quinlan, A. O'Dwyer, S. O'Brien. Front (left to right) - B. Kelly (trainer), E. Hayden, O. Hayden, E. Tobin, P. Fitzgerald, M. Bulfin, M. Bulfin, S. Nash, A. Barry, D. Culleton, Carol Moloney (captain). At back - D. Barry, Jim Hayden, G. McDermott.*



# St. Bernadette's Camogie Club, Roscrea 1992 Intermediate League Champions

By BETTY RYAN

**I**T began inspirationally. We were reminded by our trainer, Jerry Kirwan, at the start of the year that "success is 99% perspiration and 1% inspiration." We had a duty, therefore, to go forward in 1992 and defend our title.

A new competition was introduced by the County Board in the Intermediate grade this year – the Intermediate League. To commemorate the occasion of his 25 years in camogie, our Chairman, Jimmy Carroll, donated the cup for this competition to the Board.

There was a unanimous opinion among the team that our club name was going to be the first one on this Cup. With this aim in mind, the panel came together in February to start preparing for the League. We had comprehensive victories over Portroe on 5th April, Moycarkey on 18th April and Borrisokane on 21st April and thus earned a place in the league final against St. Mary's, Clonmel. This match was played on 26th April in Ballycahill and proved to be a tough test for us. It took us most of the first half to settle. Weather conditions were deplorable. It was a bitterly cold day with hailstones showering down. Exchanges were feverishly contested, and we had to call on all our craft and experience to hold off the tenacious challenge of Clonmel. We emerged victorious with five points to spare.

## COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The championship was run off on a league basis. The opening game was a classic played on 28th July. Borrisokane were our opponents. It was a keenly contested match played in Ardcroney.



*Marion Graham (County Secretary) presents the League Cup to team captain Mary Moloney.*

Borrisokane proved that they were no pushover, and with a bit of luck might have dethroned us. We eventually held on for a one-point victory.

In our second match we had a facile victory over a disappointing Moycarkey team. We strolled to a twelve-point victory with some excellent individual displays. This game was played on 16th August in Thurles.

Our next game had Portroe as our opponents on 14th September. This game saw our glorious run come to an end in Borrisokane. From the throw-in Portroe got down to the serious business of overhauling us. County player Claire Madden went on a scoring blitz aided by the experienced Mary Sheehy. After a very poor opening half we found ourselves down nine points at the interval. We slowly clawed our way back in the second half after a reshuffling of players and were extremely unlucky to find ourselves just

two points adrift at full-time despite having had 2-1 disallowed during the match.

We were now in a situation that we had to defeat St. Mary's, Clonmel, to remain in the competition. With this in mind, our back-room team of Pat Delaney, Jerry Kirwan, Jimmy Carroll and Bernie Feehan set about rebuilding the team spirit. We face Clonmel on 11th October in Ballycahill with all players totally committed to prove themselves.

It was a game which rarely reached great heights. Our defence was well on top throughout, and our forwards were hungry for the ball. This reflected in a lethargic second half and a final score: St. Bernadette's 3-4, St. Mary's 0-4.

We were then forced to have another showdown with Portroe to decide St. Mary's opponents in the final – Clonmel having received a bye to same. Our backroom team were again called into action to rouse the team to greater heights.

This game was certainly the match of the year. It was played in Toomevara on 1st November. Both teams found scores hard to come by. Our backs conceded little but the accuracy of Mary Sheehy, Portroe's sharpshooter, from frees gave cause for worry. At the interval we were four points ahead.

We emerged into the second half expecting and receiving strong pressure. Portroe rearranged their forces and made their changes. Their backs allowed no leeway to our forwards. We were down two points with three minutes remaining. The experienced Rosie Ryan crossed a great ball and Nicola Kennedy took the worried look off our faces by sinking the ball in the net. Mary Sheehy equalised from a free just on full time to take the game to extra time.

We needed little urging to put our shoulders to the wheel. Good goalkeeping and a stubborn defence kept us from falling behind. Portroe seemed to tire. Emma Carroll, Breda Moloney, Aileen Delaney, Rosie Ryan and Yvonne Kirwan pressed forward relentlessly and we were rewarded with a great goal from Rosie Ryan who grabbed the ball from a forest of hurleys and crashed it to the net. This sealed the issue and we finally emerged winners on a scoreline of 3-9 to 2-9.

This was our finest hour in this year's championship and the final whistle was greeted with great joy. It was the most entertaining and exciting game of camogie played within the county this year. The scene was now set for the county final which was fixed for 15th November.



**ST. BERNADETTE'S, ROSCREA – 1992 LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**

Front row (left to right) – Breda Moloney, Emma Carroll, Nicola Kennedy, Mandy Quigley, Rosie Ryan, Marita King. Back row (left to right) – Ann Keeshan, Betty Ryan, Brid Treacy, Aileen Delaney, Mary Moloney (capt.), Geraldine Bourke. (Missing from photograph) – Lisa Carroll and Patricia McNamara.



## THE COUNTY FINAL

This game can only be described as a game of missed chances by our team. An excellent first half saw Clonmel with their score in front at the interval - 1-1 to 0-2.

The second half saw St. Bernadette's create all the chances but were denied time and again by a well-marshalled Clonmel defence. The goalkeeper must receive particular praise for clearing her line on the numerous occasions we piled on the pressure.

Our team performed admirably throughout and kept coming forward right up to the final whistle, chasing for a leveller, but it was not to happen on the day.

One point separated the teams at full time - 1-2 to 0-4.

We extend our congrats to Clonmel for an entertaining, sporting game.

## UNDER-AGE CAMOGIE

The club affiliated U-12, U-14, U-16 and U-18 teams this year. Lavish praise must go to Patsy Carroll and Mary Moloney for rejuvenating interest in under-age camogie in our club. Great work has been done at under-age level by numerous people and tremendous progress is being made. This will soon lead to some silverware finding its resting place in



*Jimmy Carroll presents the Intermediate League Cup to Marion Graham (County Secretary) under the watchful eye of Biddy Philips (Treasurer) and Mary Moloney (team captain).*

our club at these grades.

Three players have been honoured at under-age level this year by receiving inter-county medals. Mandy Quigley has received a Munster and an All-Ireland Minor medal, while Emma Carroll and Patricia McNamara are the holders of U-18 Munster medals. The U-18 championship is unfinished at the time of writing this report. In our first outing we easily defeated Helycross on a scoreline of 4-7 to 0-4.

We offer a special word of thanks to all those people who gave of their time and energy to promote under-age camogie. Their efforts will soon be rewarded. We are indebted to trainers Jerry Kirwan and Pat Delaney and selectors Jimmy Carroll and Bernie Feehan for unselfishly preparing and looking after our Intermediate team.

We look forward to greater honour and glory in 1993.

## OFFICIAL OPENING OF SPORTS COMPLEX AT BALLINDERRY

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever", and indeed, beautiful it looked on the afternoon of Saturday October 10th 1992.

Festooned in a dazzling array of multi-coloured bunting, the freshly painted Pavilion/Complex was the object of admiration for everyone and a particular source of pride and joy for the many people who brought it to completion. On flagposts high about the bunting blowing gently in the breeze, were the national flag and the county colours of Clare and Tipperary — the teams playing for this historic occasion.

Providentially, the sun shone benignly throughout. The scene was ideal; the time 3.30pm, the opening ceremony was about to begin. Press and photographers had already arrived. Very Rev. Fr Hogan, P.P. cut the tape and blessed the Pavilion/Complex. In a brief address, Rev. Fr O'Connor C.C. Chairman of the Field Committee, paid glowing tributes to all involved in the realisation of a dream. The players were punctually on the pitch and Tipperary narrowly defeated Clare in an entertaining and sporting game. In the Pavilion afterwards the players and many spectators expressed their admiration of the magnificent pitch and the sporting facilities available. The teams and guests were served a delicious meal by a group of ladies who left no stone unturned.

Within the narrow confines of this page it would be impossible to give a full history of the sportsfield. However, it is only fitting to briefly reflect. We recall the efforts of many people, who over the past twenty two years devoted so much time and energy to the development of our sportsfield and pavilion/complex. Sadly, some are now 'ar shlí na



*Field Committee Chairman, Fr. O'Connor addressing committee and guests at the opening of Shannon Rovers new complex.*

Firinne — solas na bhflaitheas dóibh.

Purchased in 1970 for the £1,000, the sportsfield was developed over the succeeding years. Fencing, tree-planting, road widening and the provision of a water supply and electricity was accomplished and in 1974-75, through voluntary labour and the running of two very successful silver circles, the Pavilion was built. Over the past year the building of the racquet ball/handball court was a great achievement, made possible by a £10,000 lottery grant, £15,000 (auction) and a £10,000 contribution from the Parish Council.

The people of the parish of Kilbarron/Terryglass have a keen interest in all sports

and this was effectively proven by the generosity of the community in contributing to the complete renovation of our pavilion at Ballinderry and the building of an indoor handball and racquetball hall.

We are deeply indebted to all who have done so much for our community by providing these excellent sporting facilities and we trust this building will provide leisure and entertainment for many people both old and young for generations yet to come.

Jeanette O'Meara & Paddy Fogarty  
Shannon Rovers Club



# Schools' camogie goes from strength to strength

By MARTIN QUIRKE (Secretary)

IT is only two years since the secondary schools' camogie competitions were begun and in that short time camogie has made great progress. This progress can be seen in that for the third year of competition we have fifteen different schools involved, with St. Joseph's of Borrisoleigh the latest newcomer.

Progress can also be seen by looking through this account of the past year. Ballingarry and Fethard have contributed their own account of the year's activities. In Ballingarry great credit is due to Mr. Fergal Daly for his dedication and time. In Fethard, likewise, Mr. Dinny Burke is doing fantastic work for the promotion of camogie.

The high standard of camogie in the county and at schools level can be seen when one looks at the success of St. Mary's of Nenagh. Here Mr. Ger Dullea and Ms. Geraldine Burke are doing trojan

work and are reaping the rewards they justly deserve.

I would like to thank Mr. Colm Flaherty for presenting a beautiful cup in memory of Colm's mother, a life-long promoter of camogie. Also, thanks to the Presentation Convent, Ballingarry, for presenting a shield for the under-16 competition. This is also a magnificent trophy of which, I hope, its face will carry the names of many schools well into the next century.

To conclude my introduction to this article on Tipperary Schools' Camogie I would like to thank all the managements that allowed camogie in their schools and to the teachers who promote the game.

These are the people who gave of their time so that the girls get a chance to develop and express their skills. The community at large owe these people a debt of gratitude. Keep up the good work.

## Fethard Secondary School Camogie 1992

Camogie was first introduced into the school in February, 1992, but the girls had been playing for about four years at club level. School camogie gave them the opportunity to play together more often, in this respect the league games were a great advantage.

Having lost to Ballingarry in our first game, we managed to get into a play-off with the same opposition in March. A terrific game in Littleton saw us lead all through the second half, only to lose by a goal in the dying seconds of the game. The consolation was that Ballingarry went on to win the championship.

In May, the schools' committee held an under-14 blitz in Thurles. At ten-a-side, each team had four games and the top team in each group qualified for the final. We were lucky enough to get through our league games and a terrific final against Borrisokane resulted. Borrisokane goaled to go ahead and then a spate of goals put us seven points up. Borrisokane goaled again and spent the last few minutes on the attack, vainly searching for scores.

Fethard held out and the delighted team became first holders of the beautiful Kitty O'Flaherty Cup, which was presented by the O'Flaherty family of Cahir in memory of their mother, Kitty, a legendary figure in camogie circles before her untimely death.

All in all, a very enjoyable year in camogie circles in Fethard school.



FETHARD U-14 TEAM - WINNERS OF COUNTY SCHOOLS 'A' CHAMPIONSHIP

Back row (left to right) - Olivia Phelan, Shona Coen, Ann Marie Kenny, Lee Ann Burke, Carmel O'Dwyer. Middle row (left to right) - Denis Burke (trainer), Ailish Sheehan, Gwen Cooke, Bernie Horan, Annette McCarthy, Colm O'Flaherty (donor of trophy). Front row (left to right) - Verona Holohan, Deirdre O'Meara, Caroline Fitzgerald (capt.), Lisa McCormack, Leona Holohan.



# Presentation Convent, Ballingarry – winners of the inaugural U-16 county camogie

**S**PORT has always had a special role in Scoil Mhuire, Presentation Convent, Ballingarry. It was no surprise, therefore, that the school gleefully participated in the new county camogie competitions. In May, 1991, the school entered two teams in the inaugural U-14 County Blitz. The 'A' team finished as runners-up.

In September, 1991, Mr. Daly took charge of camogie in the school as the inaugural county U-16 championship commenced. Ballingarry were drawn in the southern group with Presentation Cashel, Cashel Vocational School, Loreto Convent, Clonmel, Fethard and Killenaule Vocational School.

After a full round of league games Fethard, Killenaule and Ballingarry emerged with equal points. The play-off draw put Ballingarry versus Fethard with the winners to play Killenaule. Annette Brennan, the Ballingarry midfield player, recounts the team's reaction to the play-off draw: "We had hoped to avoid Fethard as they proved very difficult in the league game and were it not for our back line we would have been beaten."

Ballingarry, boosted by superb long-range points by Thelma Moloney, the team captain, were well ahead at half-time in the play-off. In the second half Fethard recovered to take the lead with time running out. The last minute of the game proved decisive as Thelma Moloney recalls: "I drove a line-ball towards the Fethard goal and Alvara Duggan connected to score a fine goal." The margin at the final whistle was a solitary point in



*Presentation Convent, Ballingarry – Winners of the Inaugural U-16 Co. Championship*  
The county winning team and substitutes were: Back row – H. Bourke, E. Phelan, C. O'Donnell, A. Duggan, C. Stapleton, M. Goldsboro. Middle row – F. Daly (trainer), J. Stokes, E. Murphy, M. Hennessey, M. Quinlan, A. Brennan, N. Costello. Front row – E. Fitzgerald, M. Flanagan, T. Moloney (captain), T. Fitzgerald, S. O'Brien.

what was probably the game of the year.

Presentation Ballingarry then faced Killenaule Vocational School in the Southern play-off final in Littleton. Alvara Duggan recalls: "We felt that if Clare Egan could be marked tightly we would win." It transpired as Alvara expected, with Annette Brennan doing a superb

marking job to lay the foundation of a merited win over local game opponents, Killenaule. Ballingarry were in the county final!

Mr. Daly went to see the semi-final in which Borrisokane Vocational School advanced to be Ballingarry's county final opponents. The final was played in Littleton. Niamh Costello, the Ballingarry full-back, remarks that "the side was relaxed because after the play-offs in the South we were used to pressure."

Borrisokane scored first with a fine goal but Ballingarry recovered to lead by five points at half-time. In the second half the defence held steady to secure a two-point winning margin. "It was in the final we finally saw how Mr. Daly's emphasis on ground hurling was so important," recalls Annette Brennan.

Thelma Moloney was presented with The Commons Macra Perpetual Shield by the county secretary, Marian Graham. It was, she recalls, "a moment to cherish." Triona Fitzgerald says "she will always remember the welcome home at the school with the human victory tunnel and Sr. Pius leading the celebrations in the central area."

Presentation Convent, Ballingarry are proud of this fine team and are extremely grateful to all who helped within the school. Mr. Daly expresses his thanks to the County Schools Camogie Committee, its secretary Martin Quirke, the other schools in the competition and referees such as Anne Ralph who made the Moycarkey-Borris field available for vital games.



*Presentation Ballingarry Camogie finished the year in May on a high note when the Under-14s won the Section 2 League in Thurles. The team and substitutes were: Back row – F. Daly (trainer), L. McLoughlin, S. Hayes, C. Stapleton, M. Hennessey, A. Bourke, M. Goldsboro. Front row – E. Moloney, E. Fitzgerald, M. Flanagan, E. Murphy (captain), S. O'Brien, L. Flanagan.*



# St. Mary's Secondary School Nenagh

**B**Y winning three All-Ireland titles in just over a year, St. Mary's have established themselves as one of the major forces in schools' camogie in the country.

In 1991 we won our first All-Ireland Junior (U-15) title. This was a major honour and achievement for the school as it was our first major title since camogie was started in the school in the early 'Eighties. This 1991 team was a very strong and skilful one and won most of their matches with somewhat to spare.

However, for this year's 1992 team we were only able to call on the services of four of the 1991 team plus a few of the substitutes, as the rest were over the age limit. So at the start of the campaign few gave us a chance of regaining our Munster and All-Ireland titles. However, after very impressive displays against Scariff B, Cashel, Charleville and Scariff A we found ourselves in the Munster final against Middleton. This match was played in McDonagh Park and on a day when the team did not show its true potential we could be considered lucky to hold out for a draw. In the replay in Middleton the St. Mary's girls gave a brilliant display of camogie and won the match by six clear goals.

In the All-Ireland semi-final we overcame St. Mary's, Roscommon, and so we were through to the final against Magherafelt from Derry. We could have won it the first day in Tullamore but the Derry girls caught us with a late goal. We then had to make the long journey to Carrickmacross for the replay but our huge number of supporters helped us to a fantastic four-point victory. So, St. Mary's Nenagh regained their All-Ireland title against all the odds after nine very tough matches including two replays.

A few weeks later St. Mary's tasted success again, this time in the All-Ireland seven-a-side (U-16) championship.

We had a very strong panel of players for this competition with the pick of two All-Ireland winning teams available to us. We won the Munster final by overcoming teams from Scariff, Charleville, Cashel, Shannon and Middleton. This competition was run on a blitz basis – all run off on the one day. The following Saturday we again emerged victorious. Eight teams – two from each Province – took part. Unfortunately, our senior camogie players were narrowly beaten in the Munster semi-final by the eventual winners, St. Patrick's from Cork. However, our seniors made up for this by winning the Munster senior league.

Overall it has been a year of huge success for camogie in St. Mary's with the school winning five cups in all – three Munster and two All-Irelands. With most of our talented young players available to



**ST. MARY'S, NENAGH – Junior All-Ireland Champions 1992**

*Front row (left to right) – Sínead Kennedy, Ciara Burns, Antoinette Troy, Madeline Hayes (captain), Tara Young, Marie Ryan, Deirdre Kirby, Karen Coen, Siobhán Malone. Back row (left to right) – Ger Dullea (trainer), Deirdre Keogh, Catherine Slattery, Roisin Hackett, Susan Kenneally, Sara Bergin, Ciara Gaynor, Sara Madden, Suzanne Kelly, Síle Kyne, Hilda Mounsey, Mary Slattery, Geraldine Burke (trainer).*

us over the next few years the future for camogie in St. Mary's is very bright. Our burning ambition is to win a Munster and All-Ireland senior title and hopefully we will do just that over the next few years.

Finally, the school hopes to have a new camogie field developed very shortly and we would like to express our thanks to the Trustees of the school for making their land available to us.



**St. Mary's, Nenagh, Secondary School – Munster and All-Ireland Seven-a-side Champions**  
*Front (left to right) – Ciara Gaynor, Ciara Burns, Elizabeth Kennedy (captain), Marie Ryan, Susan Kenneally. Back (left to right) – Madeline Hayes, Noelle Kennedy, Aine Hogan, Alison Lalor, Suzanne Kelly, Síle Kyne.*



# Tipperary Decade by Decade 1893 - 1983

Seán O'Driscoll



## 1893 - 100 years ago

The Annual Congress was held in Thurles on April 16th and was poorly attended.

Following the 'Parnell Split' and his subsequent death G.A.A. affairs were in total disarray. The tensions of the 1892 General Election did not help to stabilise matters within the association. The clubs and counties suffered as did the association as a whole.

Only three counties attended Congress. The number of clubs affiliated was the smallest since the founding year of 1884.

Some Tipperary delegates attended the Congress but not in an official capacity, mainly as observers.

An appeal was issued by the ruling body to all former members to rally to the aims and ideals of the association and to get games organised once again.

A tournament was held in Thurles in an attempt to revive interest in the games.

After a few meetings attended by the respected members of that era two friendly games were arranged for Tralee, Kerry. All-Ireland Hurling Champions of 1891 were defeated by Tipperary who also took the honours in the football game.

In another double bill at Cork the honours were divided, Cork won the hurling challenge and Tipperary the football game.

The championships were resumed but Tipperary declined to enter as did most other countries. It was proving difficult to erase the bitterness and chaos that existed following the political events of 1891 and 1892.

On the club front some games were played at venues around the county, but little progress was made as there was no County Board as such to oversee affairs in the county.

## 1903 - 90 years ago

The Annual Congress convened in Thurles on 18th November and decided to introduce intercounty championships in the Junior grades but it took some years to organise them.

Tipperary (De Wets) lined out in the first round of the Munster S.H. championship at Limerick on July 10th 1904. It was the 1903 championship. The county was weakened by the absence of the Tubberadora players and a brave display was not good enough to oust Cork (Blackrock). The Rebels were victorious by 4-6 to 1-10.

Tipperary were unsuccessful in the Munster S.F. championship game against Cork at Kilmallock on May 1st 1904. Cork took the honours 1-5 to 0-4 to end Tipperary's interest for another year.

Pat Cullen who was born in Loughmore won a Dublin (1-H) medal with the Faughs hurling.

Jack Cleary (Kilruane), Danny McCormack (Borrisoleigh), Tim Gleeson (Nenagh), Andy Harty (Thurles) and the Connolly brothers from Thurles Bill and Jack were all members of the Faughs team that captured the Dublin S.H. title.

Tipperary Referee Pat McGrath was in charge of the All-Ireland S.H. final, the drawn game in the S.F. final, both games were played in 1905.

## 1913 - 80 years ago

It was decided by Annual Congress to reduce teams from seventeen to fifteen aside.

Official county colours were registered for the first time following a Central Council decision.

The South Board was suspended by the County Board for failing to administer its business

affairs in a proper manner. A new Board was selected later in the year to oversee the smooth run the affairs in the division.

The Croke Memorial Tournament was organised following a Central Council decision to erect a Memorial to the late Dr. Croke, Archbishop of Cashel and first patron of the Association. Tipperary got a bye in the first round and beat Galway in the second round to advance to a semi-final meeting with Cork. The Rebels were accounted for on a scoreline of 5.5 to 2.0. The final was decided at Dungarvan on June 1st when Tipperary beat Laois by 5-3 to 3-2.

Tipperary: P. "Wedger" Meagher, F. McGrath, J. Harty, E. Cawley, M. Ryan, W. Kelly, S. Hackett, J. O'Meara, Ed. Gilmartin, H. Shelly, T. Gleeson, R. Mockler, J. Murphy, J. Raleigh, E. O'Keefe.

The Junior hurlers brought the All Ireland crown to the premier county. A seventeen point victory over Waterford 6-5 to 2-0 put Tipperary through to a semi-final meeting with Clare. Tipperary qualified for the Munster final in easy fashion winning by 7-4 to 2-4.

The Galway challenge was swept aside and Tipperary were into another final meeting with Kilkenny.

Leinster champions Kilkenny were held scoreless at Waterford and Tipperary were All Ireland J.H. Champions by 2-2 to 0-0.

## 1923 - 70 years ago

Tom Semple of Thurles was elected a Trustee of the Association at the Annual Congress.

Thurles was the venue for the County Convention on July 25th.

Tipperary won the All Ireland J.F. championship with victories over Clare by 1-5 to 2-0. Cork



were defeated in the provincial final at Tralee on 14th October 1923 by 2-5 to 1-3. Leinster champions Carlow were the All Ireland final opponents. Tipperary took the honours by 2-6 to 1-1.

Coolmoynes were awarded the South J.H. title as their opponents Emly were unable to travel for the final.

Rockwell College won the Harty Cup final at Thurles with a ten point victory over Limerick C.B.S. It was the second victory in the competition for the famous Tipperary school. Rockwell scored 5-2 and Limerick C.B.S. replied with 2-1.

### 1933 - 60 years ago

Dundrum was the venue chosen for the West Board Convention which was held on January 15th.

Thurles C.B.S. won the Harty Cup for the first time beating North Monastery (Cork) in the final at Charleville by 3-3 to 1-3.

Tipperary Referee Bob Redmond was in charge of the Munster J.F. final between Cork and Kerry at Mallow on 30th July.

Paddy Arrigan of Grange-mockler was selected on the Railway Cup football team beaten in the semi-final of the competition.

Tipperary Minor hurlers brought All Ireland glory to the premier county beating Waterford 4-1 to 2-1 in a replay. The drawn game ended 4-1 for Tipperary to 3-4 for Waterford.

A narrow victory over Cork 3-1 to 2-2 at the Cork Athletic Grounds on 6th August set up a semi-final meeting with Kilkenny. Tipperary brushed aside the Leinster challenge and emerged victorious by 11-6 to 4-2.

Galway were beaten by double scores in the final which was played at Portumna by 4-6 to 2-3.

Tipperary: John Moloney, Jimmy Mooney, Tommy Doyle, Matt Ryan, Mick Condon, Mick Everatd, Pat Duggan, Phil Dwyer, Tony Brennan, Pat Frazer, Mick Burke, John Farrell, Pat Callahan, Joe Fletcher, Tim Maher, Subs: Mick Mockler, Con Maher, Pat Farrell, Tom Cawley.

The Junior hurlers made it a memorable year when they brought a second national title home to Tipperary.

A first round victory over Waterford by 5-8 to 1-3 qualified

Tipperary for a Munster final tilt with Cork at Tralee on 30th July. A superior Tipperary squad had nine points in hand at the final whistle winning by 4-2 to 1-2.

Leinster champions Laois were beaten by 7-1 to 3-2 in the All Ireland semi-final.

Galway provided the home final opposition but Tipperary overcame the Western challenge and won by 3-3 to 1-3.

The final was one way traffic as the premier hurlers scored 10-1 to 1-4 for London.

In the five games played Tipperary scored 29 goals 15 points.

The Coolmoynes own the County Senior Camogie Championship.

### 1943 - 50 years ago

Thurles was the venue selected for the Annual County Convention held on 31st January.

Mr. Seamus Gardiner of Tipperary was elected President of the Association the Annual Congress which was held in Thurles on April 4th.

No championships at Provincial level were played in the following grades M.F., J.F., M.H. and J.H. due to wartime travel restrictions.

Tipperary stars Jim Devitt (Cashel) and Jimmy Cooney (Carrick-on-Suir) won all army hurling medals with the 7th Brigade.

Eire Og, Annacarty won their third successive West title with a fourteen point victory over Cappawhite by 8-1 to 3-2 and advance to a County final meeting with Moycarkey-Borris.

The final was decided at Thurles on 3rd October with a crowd of around 8,000 preset.

The sensational result Eire Og took the County S.H. honours to the West division winning a good game of hurling by 4-3 to 2-4.

The Cup the "Dam Breen" Cup was presented to captain Tom Ryan by Dan Breen himself.

Eire Óg: Jimmy O'Donnell, Johnny Ryan (W); Jim Hanly, Jack Dee, George Ryan, Phil Ryan (C); Tom Ryan (C); Tom Bourke, Bill O'Donnell, Jerry Ryan, Denis Condon, Ml. Ryan (C); Jack Cooney, Tom Joy, and Jerry Ryan (W).

The death took place of Tom Semple the famous Thurles and Tipperary hurler on 11th April. He won his first All Ireland in

1900 and led Tipperary to further success in 1906 and 1908. He led the famous Thurles Blues to five Co. S.H. wins. The former captain was laid to rest in St. Mary's Cemetery, Thurles.

Wartime travel restrictions caused the cancellation of the following championships within the county M.F., J.F., M.H. and J.H.

### 1953 - 40 years ago

Three Tipperary hurlers were selected on the Ireland team that beat the Combined Universities by 5-9 to 3-2 in the annual representative game. They were John Doyle, Pat Stakelum and Paddy Kenny. John O'Grady was selected in goal for the universities team as he was hurling for U.C.C..

The junior hurlers brought a second All Ireland to the county to make the year a memorable one. A semi-final victory over Limerick 4-5 to 1-5 at Tipperary town set up a provincial final clash with Cork. The game which was played at Mitchelstown on July 7th ended in a draw Tipperary 4-8 Cork 5-5. In the replay at Kilmallock three weeks later Tipperary held out to take the Munster Crown by 4-7 to 4-6.

Galway were the All Ireland semi-final opponents at Ballinasloe and the game ended level at 3-5 each. Tipperary had an easy victory in the Birr replay winning by 6-8 to 2-4.

Birr was also the venue for the 'home final' against Leinster champions Offaly. After a great game Tipperary emerged winners by 1-7 to 1-2.

The final against British champions Warwickshire was fixed for Thurles on 11th October. Tipperary had ten points to spare at the call of time and the All Ireland J.H. Crown returned to Premier County for the first time since 1933.

Munster were beaten in the Railway Cup football finally replay by Leinster. Kerry born Ned Roche then playing for Tipperary was selected in the full back position and Mulinahones Mick Cahill then playing for Cork was in the forwards.

Tipperary football referees Bob Stakelum and Sean Cleary were in charge of the provincial finals. The former had charge of the senior grade and the later was in control of the underage game.



Tipperary were successful in the Munster Senior Camogie Championship but lost the All Ireland final to Dublin by 8-4 to 1-3.

### 1963 - 30 years ago

The County Convention was held in Thurles where it was decided to introduce the U-21 grade in Hurling and Football to the fixtures list.

It was decided at Annual Congress that goalkeeper should wear a distinctive jersey.

Former inter county hurler Pat Stakelum resigned from his post as County Secretary early in the year. Thurles Sarsfields candidate Tommy Barrett was elected to the vacant position in March.

Michael 'Babs' Keating of Ardfinnan received the Tipperary Sports Panel Award for football. It was his third successive award. 'Babs' played with Munster in the Railway Cup semi-final game which was won by Leinster 2-6 to 1-8.

Michael Maher of Holycross was the recipient of the Hurling Award.

Roscrea defeated Ballingarry by 7-6 to 3-3 in the County M.H. final to win their sixth successive title in the grade.

The North Club also won the inaugural County U-21 (H) championship when they defeated Holycross/Ballycahill by 5-14 to 5-8 in the final.

Kathleen Griffin of Roscrea in Camogie and Paddy Hickey of Cloghneen in handball were honoured by the Tipperary Sports Panel as players of the year.

Four Tipperary ladies were selected for the interprovincial Camogie championships by Munster. The following were winners of the Gael Linn medals: Peg Moloney, Terry Geanly, Ann Carrol and Kathleen Griffin.

### 1973 - 20 years ago

Cashel C.B.S. were successful in the Munster (B) Colleges (U-16) hurling competition and they brought the Kinane Cup to the school for the first time. The Cork Padraigh (U-18) 'B' Munster hurling championship was also brought to the school.

Tipperary Referee John Moloney of Bansha had a very busy time at inter county level as he was selected to take charge of the following games All Ireland S.F. final, All Ireland U-21 (H), Munster S.F. final and Munster U-21 (H) final.

Paddy Verdun of Solohead had charge of the Munster M.F. final.

Roscrea's Francis Loughnane was selected for his third All Star Award in the No. 10 jersey.

The Minor hurlers brought the only provincial crown to the county. They had victories over Waterford 5-9 to 2-1 and Cork 1-11 to 1-8 before beating Limerick in a highscoring Munster final on a scoreline of 5-12 to 5-4.

Galway had a surprise victory in the All Ireland semi-final at Croke Park on 12th August. The Connacht boys won the day by 3-14 to 3-10.

### 1983 - 10 years ago

The County Convention was held in Clonmel on 30th January,

where it was decided to abolish the open draw in football.

Clonmel High School achieved Munster Colleges hurling honours by winning the Corn Solo trophy. Victories over Youghal, Lismore and Dungarvan Schools qualified High School for an All Tipperary final. Captain Michael Ryan led the Clonmel Boys to a 6-6 to 2-5 victory over Tipperary C.B.S. in the provincial final.

Nenagh C.B.S. after a great second half display against Callan C.B.S. (Kilkenny) took the All Ireland (8) Colleges Hurling Trophy. The final was decided at Semple Stadium on 8th May with Nenagh holding on for a narrow victory of two points winning by 1-11 to 1-9.

Another trophy was brought to Tipperary when Borrisokane won the Munster Vocational Schools U-16 hurling title. The victory was achieved over Ennis at Pallasgreen in March.

A much stronger North Tipperary team scored 6-12 and Ennis replied with 3-5. Loughrea were beaten in the All Ireland final after a replay the score 2-8 to 1-7 in favour of the Tipperary boys.

Nicholas English (Lattin-Cullen) was selected on the All Star team in the No. 10 position. He had a great year with U.C.C. in the Fitzgibbon Cup and the League series. In the game against Maynooth he scored 1-12. The stylish English was named "Player of the Series" in recognition of his many fine displays in the Universities Competitions and he was also selected on the Combined Universities team.



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# Patsy Carroll

By Seamus J. King.

*One of my early memories is of a lazy-hazy Sunday afternoon at Rathcabbin sports in Mr. Bracken's field. There we were lying on the grass and watching a three mile race. There were only two contestants, Mick Cleary of Moneygall and local hero, Patsy Carroll. Cleary was in the lead from the early stage by up to about ten yards. Occasionally Carroll would make a burst to catch up but when he did so Cleary accelerated. I was disappointed when Cleary crossed the finishing line in front not knowing then that Patsy Carroll had won the three mile championship of Ireland at Ballinree, Co. Carlow a few days earlier and hadn't yet recovered from the ordeal.*

My most recent meeting with the man was last August. As we drank tea he recounted the high and low points of his life. Then suddenly he was under staring orders again. This time it was no gun but the call of commitment to travel to Tullamore for a training session with the Offaly under-21 hurling team. Since 1983 he has been official masseur with the Offaly senior team and now with the under-21 side. Nothing unusual about that until you realise that Patsy Carroll is seventy years of age having been born on 18th February 1922.

## Athletic Greatness

The high period of his athletic achievement was between 1945

and 1951. In these seven years he won seven senior cross-country medals with the county, running under N.A.C.A. rules. During that glorious period he was never outside the first twelve on All-Ireland day and was always in the scoring six, the only one to achieve that high level of consistency.

With no athletic ancestry Patsy first became interested in running when he joined the L.D.F. in the early forties and began to run in their races. They were later to become F.C.A. races. Cross-country running was taking off in a big way at the time and 250 people took part in the first cross-country race in Lorrha in January 1943. Mick Donoghue of Ballinderry won and Patsy came second. The race was out of

Lorrha, up the Minister's hill and around for four miles. According to Patsy there was great interest in running - people had little else to occupy their free time.

To cater for this growing interest St. Ruadhan's club was formed in 1944 and duly won the County Tipperary novice and junior cross-country championship. The novice was run in January and the scoring four were Francey and Mickey Hourigan, Syl King and Patsy Carroll. The junior was run the following month with the same four plus Paddy Hourigan and Tom Lambe.

They beat a great Nenagh squad captained by Jack Fitzelle, uncle of 'Pa' of Cashel fame. On the last Sunday of the month St. Ruadhan's went to Dunleer for



Won Tipperary junior cross-country championship in 1944: Back row, left to right: Tom Lambe, Michael Hourigan, Patsy Carroll, Peter Coughlan. Front row, left to right: Frank Hourigan, Syl King, Kevin Guinan, Missing: Paddy Hourigan.



the All-Ireland inter-club cross-country junior championship and came sixth out of a field of over sixty teams.

### Inter-County

The Annual Congress which was held at the end of the year, brought the inter-club All-Ireland to an end. From 1945 onwards teams for the inter-county were picked by trial. In January 1945 Patsy Carroll and Francey Hourigan, coming fourth and tenth respectively, qualified for the Tipperary team. As there was no Munster championship they went straight to Belfast for the All-Ireland junior inter-county on the third Sunday in February. There were three hundred starters and Tipperary, who had the first four home, had a runaway win. The four were John Joe Barry of Ballincurry, Patsy Carroll of St. Ruadhan's, Mick Blake of Coolquill and Gerry Kiely of Aherlow. The other two were Jack Fitzwelle and Roddy Teehan of Moneygall.

### Senior Success

Patsy Carroll qualified for the county senior team the same year, coming tenth in the trials at Littleton, despite having injured his foot with glass. The All-Ireland took place at Mount Merrion, Dublin and Tipperary beat a great Kildare team to take the senior title. The Lorrha man was the tenth man home and the fifth Tipperary man. For the next six years he was to play a major part in the county's continued success.

If one is to find a peak in Patsy Carroll's achievements it must be 1949. The list of his successes is phenomenal. He won the Southern Command three miles. He dead heated (both got gold medals) with Mick Cleary of Moneygall A.C. in the Munster four miles. (Neither would let the other lose!) About 6,000 watched that race at Kanturk and the crowd included intrepid Lorrha supporters like Bobby Dillon, Joe Sutton, Jack Cleary, Tommy Carroll, Paddy Corcoran and Mick O'Meara of Roughan. Patsy won the Army three miles at the Curragh, after being runner-up in 1948, and was to be successful again in 1950. He also won the

All-Ireland three miles at Carlow and was second in the national five mile championship run at Moneygall. Other successes were achieved at Moyglass and Galway. He was second in the Guinness four miles on a Saturday and won the three miles at Killaloe the following day.

### Training

There was little training as we know it today and less talk of pulled muscles, torn ligaments and groin strains. According to Patsy it was up to yourself to get fit. He did his day's work on the land and later worked for Bord na Mona. At the end of the day he went off running around Mr. Bracken's field. He used to take a drink but took the pledge from Fr. Clune about 1945. He remembers the latter with affection and in particular for his ability to cure people and the fierce set he had on Martin Luther! He had no coach but he did have a manager in the person of Denis O'Brien of Nenagh. He also had a physio, Tom Fallon of Templemore.

Getting around was a major chore. At the very north of the county Rathcabbin was far removed from places. For the trials in Littleton in 1945 he cycled to Nenagh, a distance of twenty-five miles, and got a lift with the Nenagh lads. He remembers cycling to Mountmellick, return journey, sixty miles, running, cycling home and dancing all night. Ah! when men were men!

### Great Rivals

Because St. Ruadhan's club ceased to exist in 1946 Patsy Carroll joined Moneygall A.C. the following year and was to stay with them for most of his athletic career. The exception was 1949 when St. Flannan's Athletic club came into existence in Lorrha for one year, 1949. He remembers Moneygall as a very well run club under the guidance of Jim Ryan.

Another club man he admired was Mick Cleary. Other rivals he remembers with respect are Mick Blake and Gerry Kiely. He recalls with particular affection Martin Egan of Shanaglish, Co. Galway. For him the Healys of Coolcroo were very special people and

looked after the runners very well in Belfast in 1945. He also reminisces about Jim Sweeney, Jack Caesar and Mick Ryan of Moyne.

Patsy is adamant that the most important person in his life is his wife, Celia. He married Celia Dowd of Ballymacegan in 1949 and the couple have five girls and two boys. He cherishes the warmth of a good home life particularly since his own childhood was blighted by the death of his only brother, Martin, at the age of three, his mother's death when he was only twelve years old and his father's blindness, the result of the belt of a cavenon in the eye from a rearing horse. His own family haven't been free from suffering either with one of his sons suffering a serious head injury in 1983.

### The G.A.A.

Patsy was always interested in the G.A.A. and played on the Lorrha junior team but, having taken the athletic road, stayed away from the hurling field to avoid injury. Becoming involved in physio at a very early stage he began rubbing Lorrha teams as early as 1948. In those days it was a mixture of olive oil and wintergreen and it's an o dour I will never forget. I can vividly recall Patsy lashing it on and the smell filling the upstairs room in Foley's pub in Borrisokane during the early rounds of the 1956 championship. Patsy has an interesting point of view on all this rubbing. He believes that much of its success has got to do with belief in its efficacy!

As he continues rubbing today, whether in Offaly or Tipperary, Patsy Carroll can look back to a very successful and full life. He still believes in what the N.A.C.A. stand for, 32 county athletics. His reasoning is simple and practical: this country is too small a unit to be divided for any sport and our rate successes in the international field gives substance to this point of view. He represents the amateur ideal at its noblest, a life of honest endeavour in the field of sport with little or no material reward to show for such effort. But he does have this reward, the knowledge that he was once great and that he proved that greatness by winning numerous All-Ireland athletic medals.



# TIPPERARY HANDBALL 1992

By: EDDIE CORBETT, P.R.O.

## "40/20 CAMPAIGN"

Tipperary had a successful 40/20 campaign winning three All-Ireland titles and nine Munster titles.

## "U-21's SUCCESS"

In the month of April in Ballyporeen, Noel Murphy and David Maloney (Cashel) won the All-Ireland 40/20 U-21 doubles title.

Noel and David had a comfortable Munster campaign with comfortable wins over F. Coughlan and P. Davitt (Clare) in the semi-final and S. Cullinane and E. Faul (Clare) in the final. In the All-Ireland semi-final, David and Noel had their toughest match with a three game win over D. Comiskey and M. Burns (Monaghan).

In the All-Ireland final in Ballyporeen, they were in fine form beating M. Maher and G. O'Brien (Kilkenny) 21-8, 21-14. In the first game, they were never in trouble with David solid on the left-side and Noel in superb form on the right-side. They won at ease 21-8. The second game was much the same with the Kilkenny paid making a few more aces but David and Noel powered their way to victory 21-14 to claim Tipperary's first All-Ireland of the year.

## "GIRLS WIN 40/20 TITLES"

The Cashel girls of Sandra Hourigan, Caroline Kenny and Jackie Keating had two great All-Ireland 40/20 Juvenile girls success in the month of April.

Sandra and Caroline again teamed up in '92 for further All-Ireland success after their 60/30 U-14 win in '91, they both turned in a brilliant show to win the All-Ireland U-15 doubles beating N. Clarke and D. Lundy (Antrim) 15-13, 15-3 in the final.

In the final, Sandra and Caroline were slow to start and they showed all their fighting qualities to win the first game in a close fought battle 15-13. In the second game, with Caroline in great form and Sandra powerful on the left-side, they won comfortably by 15-3.

Jackie Keating began the year hoping for further All-Ireland success after winning U-17 singles 60/30 in '91. She began the year in the U-19 singles where she reached the All-Ireland final. In the final, Jackie had a tough battle on her hands before beating M. Healy (Antrim) 2-21, 21-12, 21-13. Jackie made a terrible start with the Antrim girl in brilliant form easily winning the first game 21-2. But in the second game, Jackie began to find her

best form and ran out a comfortable winner 21-12. Also in the third game, Jackie played extremely well to win convincingly 21-13.

## "40/20 MUNSTER HONOURS"

David Maloney (Cashel) had a good Munster championship to win the U-21 singles title with wins over Limerick, Kerry, F. Coughlan (Clare) and then reversed the county final result to beat fellow partner Noel Murphy 12-21, 21-12, 21-8 in the Munster Final. In the All-Ireland semi-final, David had a tough win over D. Comiskey (Monaghan) 7-21, 21-18, 21-5. In the final in Roscommon, David lost out to A. Benson (Dublin) 21-15, 21-14.

James Kennedy (Silvermines) won the Munster Novice 40/20 singles with wins over C. O'Brien (Cork), G. Guiney (Cork) and Jim Luby (Golden) in the final. In the All-Ireland semi-final, James had a good win over A. Cadden (Monaghan) 21-16, 21-14. In the final in Ballyporeen, James lost out to K. Flanagan (Westmeath) 21-14, 21-14.

Josie O'Dwyer and Brendan Murphy (Cashel) did well to win the Munster 40/20 Novice doubles title. They beat Cork, Clare and fellow Tipp pair of James Kennedy and John Ryan (Hollyford) in the final. In the All-Ireland semi-final, they beat A. Cadden and M. McEntee (Monaghan) 21-19, 21-7. In the All-Ireland final in Ballyporeen, Josie and Brendan lost out to M. Nolan and B. Falsey (Kilkenny) 21-15, 21-9.



Brendan Murphy and Josie O'Dwyer (Cashel) after their 40/20 All-Ireland Novice Doubles final defeat to M. Nolan and B. Falsey (Kilkenny).



"U-21 40/20 Champions" - Noel Murphy and David Maloney (Cashel), champions and Michael Maher and Graham O'Brien (Kilkenny) runners-up after winning the All-Ireland 40/20 U-21 Doubles title.



John Dwyer and John Ryan-Moore (Horse & Jockey) won the Munster 40/20 Masters (B) doubles title with wins over Cork, Clare and had a titanic struggle with Gerry McKeogh (Ballina) and Peter Metcalfe (Newport) in the final, winning by just one ace. In the All-Ireland semi-final, they had a comfortable 21-12, 21-11 win over C. Higgins and J. Boylan (Monaghan). In the final in Croke Park, they lost out to R. Willoughby and P. Doyle (Wicklow) 21-10, 21-6.

Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen) had a fine Munster 40/20 Senior singles campaign to win the title, with wins over B. O'Brien (Kerry), J. Herlihy and N. Breen (Clare) in the final. In the All-Ireland semi-final, Eddie had a comfortable 21-5, 21-9 win over B. Silcock (Antrim). In the All-Ireland final, Eddie went under to W. O'Connor (Meath) 21-18, 15-21, 21-10 in a close fought match.

John O'Donoghue (Cashel) and Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen) won the Munster 40/13, 21/10 win over J. Herlihy and P. Morris (Cork). In the All-Ireland semi-final, they easily overcame B. Silcock and L. Rainey (Antrim) 21-8, 21-14. In the All-Ireland final, they lost their 40/20 senior doubles crown in tame fashion, losing 21-6, 21-10 to T. Sheridan and J. McGovern (Meath) in Croke Park.

## "60 x 30" CAMPAIGN

Tipperary well-known for its success in the 60/30 code had just three All-Ireland winners and eleven Munster titles.

## "U-21's WIN AGAIN"

After their great 40/20 win, Noel Murphy and David Maloney (Cashel) had another impressive 60/30 campaign to win the All-Ireland 60/30 U-21 doubles title.

Noel and David had a comfortable Munster championship with wins over Limerick, Clare and fellow Tipperary pair N. Jones and P. Kinehan (Tipp Town) 21-9, 21-6 in the final. In the All-Ireland semi-final, they had a runaway win over D. Comiskey and M. Burns (Monaghan) 21-5, 21-3 in Kingscourt.

In the final, Noel and David were in top form beating B. Gilhooley and T. Byrne (Wexford) 21-17, 21-16. They began superbly running into an early lead with David tossing well on the left-side and Noel solid on the right-side, they held this lead with all their experience to win the first game 21-17. In the second game, playing some good handball, again taking full control early on, the Wexford pair threatened at 18-16 but Noel and David proved the better to win 21-16.

## "TWO ALL-IRELAND'S 60/30 FOR GIRLS"

For the second year in-a-row, Cashel juvenile girls had the honour of winning two All-Ireland 60/30 titles in their home court.

After their 40/20 wins, hopes were high for further success, with Sandra Hourigan and Caroline Kenny (Cashel) in great form they repeated their 40/20 success by taking the All-Ireland U-15 60/30 doubles title. After winning the Munster title, they met and beat Roscommon in the final 15-6, 15-12. They began well in the first game with Sandra powerful on the left-side and Caroline missing little, they won 15-6. The second was a much closer affair with the Roscommon pair coming more into it but Sandra and Caroline "held their heads" playing well to win 15-12.

Over the last twelve months, Jackie Keating (Cashel) has come into her own winning three All-Ireland titles. She won her first last year in the U-17 singles 60/30 and she then won the U-19 40/20 singles and the 60/30 U-19 singles in '92.

After winning the 40/20 title earlier in the year she was favourite to win the 60/30 title. In the All-Ireland semi-final, Jackie comfortably overcame the challenge of Dublin. In the final, Jackie playing some crafty handball was much too good for the Roscommon girl, winning convincingly 21-12, 21-12.

## "ALL-IRELAND 60/30 JUVENILE RESULTS"

Girls U-14 Singles Semi-Final: M. Gallagher (Roscommon) bt. Elaine Maloney (Cashel).



James Kennedy (Silvermines) Munster 45/20 Novice Singles winner.



Top left; Carol Gillespie Under-15 Single 60 x 30 bronze medal; Elaine Moloney U-14 Single 60 x 30 bronze medal; Bottom (left to right) Sarah Crochet and Donna Harding silver medals 60 x 30 (all Cashel girls).

U-15 Doubles Final: Sandra Hourigan and Caroline Kenny (Cashel) bt. Roscommon.

U-15 Singles Final: E. Fahey (Roscommon) bt. Linda Gillespie (Cashel).

U-16 Doubles Final: S. Magee and P. Burke (Dublin) bt. Sarah Crochet and Donna Harding (Cashel).

U-19 Singles Final: Jackie Keating (Cashel) bt. Roscommon.

## "CARRIE WIN CUMANN NA mBUN SCOIL"

It was hoped this year to attract a big entry for the Cumann na mBun Scoil competition. When last it was run it was by invitation with Cashel being invited to play Dublin in Croke Park. The year 1985, Cashel represented by Michael Carrie, Noel Marshall, Noel Murphy and Timmy Maloney emerged winners.

In 1986 Dublin made the journey to Thurles to play the Tipperary champions; Cashel. Again Cashel emerged winners.



John Dwyer and John Ryan-Moore (Horse & Jockey) Munster 40/20 and 60/30 Masters (B) doubles winners.



Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen) and John O'Donoghue (Cashel), Munster 40/20 senior doubles winners. Eddie was also Munster 40/20 senior singles winner.



The 1986 team was Michael Carrie, Noel Marshall, Denis White, P. J. McGeer, Connie Crotchet and Barry Maloney. Albert Carrie was team manager.

This year the format for playing was changed. It was run like the county championship, being played in the 40/20 court with the winners going on to the Provincial and All-Ireland finals. The first round was played in Cashel which saw Hollyford girls beat Cashel. In the boys, Albert Carrie won the county final with K. Marshall and B. Hodges winning through to the county final, but were beaten by Lisenhall.

In the Munster final at Nenagh with only Albert Carrie being successful, beating Clare in the final. In the All-Ireland semi-final in Croke Park, Albert beat J. Grimes (Mayo) 19-10 and in the final, he had a runaway win over C. Morris (Antrim) 22-2 in the six minute final.

This was to be a day out for players and their families who were to attend the All-Ireland senior football semi-final. But alas the G.A.A. reneged on their promise of tickets and so we made the long journey home pleased by our handball success but soured by the treatment of Cumann Lúth Chleas Gael.

## "60/30 PROVINCIAL HONOURS"

Bernard Martin (Tipp Town) proved an unknown quantity to win the Munster 60/30 Novice doubles title. Bernard showed some fine form with comfortable wins over Cork, Clare and then had a 21-10, 21-11 win over M. Kiely (Limerick) in the final.

In the All-Ireland semi-final in Roscrea, Bernard was most unlucky to lose to P. Crothers (Antrim) 19-21, 21-9 and 21-16 in a close fought three game battle.

John Flaherty and Paul Griffin (Youghalarra) won the Munster 60/30 Novice doubles title in fine fashion with wins over Cork, Kerry and in the final, they had a hard fought win over Jim Ryan and Jim O'Brien (Silvermines) 21-15, 14-21, 21-12 in an ill-tempered match. In the All-Ireland semi-final, they beat P. Crothers and P. Gault (Antrim) 21-10, 21-11 in comfortable fashion. In the All-Ireland final, they went under to the better

Kilkenny pair of M. Nolan and P. Parsons 21-14, 21-13 in Garryhill.

Noel Ryan and Frank Scully (Clonmel) won the Munster 60/30 junior doubles title with wins over Limerick, Cork and then fellow Tipperary pair Sean Callaghan and Tom O'Meara in the final. In the All-Ireland semi-final, they had a tough win over J. Lynch and J. Cadden (Cavan) 21-14, 21-15 in Clonmel. In the All-Ireland final Noel and Frank never found their best form losing to P. McCormack and T. Derrig (Mayo) 21-15, 21-13 in Croke Park.

Tom Morrissey (Clonmel) turned in a fine performance to beat J. Kirby (Clare) 18-21, 21-16, 21-14 to win the Munster 60/30 Masters (A) singles title. In the All-Ireland semi-final in Kingscourt, Tom had a good win over Greg Sheridan (Cavan) 21-17, 21-14. In the All-Ireland final, Tom had a three game battle with E. Kennedy (Dublin) before losing 18-21, 21-8, 21-3 in Roscrea.

Tom Morrissey and Pakie Mullins (Clonmel) won the Munster 60/30 Masters (A) doubles title with good wins over J. Kirby and M. Hogan (Clare) in the semi-final and Mick McGrath and John Ferncombe (Horse & Jockey) in the final. In the All-Ireland semi-final in Clonmel, Tom and Pakie lost out to G. Sheridan and P. Hand (Cavan) 21-19, 10-21, 21-8.

John Ryan-Moore and John Dwyer (Horse & Jockey) won their second Munster title of the year when winning the Munster 60/30 Masters (B) doubles to add to their 40/20 title won earlier in the year. In the Munster campaign they had good wins over Limerick, Waterford and Gerry McKeogh and Con Collins (Ballina) 21-18, 21-12 in the final. In the All-Ireland semi-final, they lost out to J. Kelly and M. Rafferty (Armagh) 21-17, 21-14 in Kingscourt.

Frank O'Brien (Ballyporeen) won the Munster 60/30 Silver Masters (B) singles title with wins over J. Collins (Cork) in the semi-final and fellow Tipp man Mick Fitzpatrick (Ballina) in the final. In the All-Ireland semi-final, Frank had a runaway 21-8, 21-6 win over P. Maguire (Cavan). In the All-Ireland final, Frank put up a brave show before losing out to F. Flynn (Kildare) 21-8, 21-16 in Roscrea.

Paddy Gleeson (Lahorna) had a good win over Paddy "Musha" Maher (Clonmel) to win the Munster 60/30 Golden Masters (B) singles final. In the All-Ireland semi-final in Virginia, Paddy lost out to T. Curran (Tyrone) 21-12, 21-11.



Bernard Martin (Tipperary Town) Munster 60/30 Novice singles winner.



Tom Morrissey (Clonmel) Munster 60/30 Masters(A) singles and doubles champion.



Albert Carrie (Cashel) Cumann na mBun Scoil champion.



John Flaherty and Paul Griffin (Youghalarra) Munster 60/30 Novice doubles winners.



Pat Gleeson, Munster Golden Masters (B) 60/30 Singles winner.



Frank O'Brien (Ballyporeen) Munster 60/30 Silver Masters (B) winner.



# Handball campaign

“MINORS —

## ALL-IRELAND SUCCESS”

Michael Carrie and Noel Marshall (Cashel) won the All-Ireland Minor Handball doubles title in Roscrea in September.

Michael and Noel had two games to win the championship. In the semi-final, they had a hard fought win over T. Winders and P. J. McGrath (Kildare) 21-20, 21-8. In the first game, Michael and Noel were well on top leading 17-8 at one stage but the Kildare pair came back to get within an ace of the boys but Michael and Noel showed all their experience to win by a mere one ace. In the second game Michael and Noel were in full control showing more confidence to comfortably win 21-8.

In the All-Ireland final, Michael and Noel met G. Walsh and D. Rogers (Roscommon) and had a one-sided win 21-0, 21-2. It was a runaway final with the Cashel lads in fine form being far too good for the Roscommon pair to win at ease. This was Michael's first Minor title and for Noel it was his third in-a-row winning the '90 and '91 with David Maloney.

## “JUNIOR CROWN FOR MALONEY”

In the month of October, David Maloney (Cashel) won the All-Ireland Junior handball singles title in Roscrea.

In his campaign, David was in powerful form with a strong display to comfortably beat Mark Flynn (Silvermines) 21-11, 21-7, in the quarter-final in the Horse & Jockey. In the semi-final, David had a runaway win over A. Kenny (Dublin) 21-4, 21-4 in Roscrea. David with his powerful play had a very easy passage to the final.

In the other semi-final: David's fellow partner Noel Murphy (Cashel) reached the semi-final with an easy 21-7, 21-10 win over Jim O'Brien (Silvermines) in the quarter-final. But in the semi-final Noel lost out to the experienced R. McCarthy (Westmeath) 21-9, 21-13. In the final, David was at this best, playing very well in a close fought first game to win 21-17. In the second game, David was in full control showing some brilliant touches with some great “kills” with both hands and very strong “power play” to win convincingly 21-9.

## “HARDBALL AXED”

The remaining All-Ireland handball championships were suspended because of the lack of hardballs. It has been very hard this year to get good quality hardballs with only enough made to run-off the first set of handball championship — minor doubles, junior singles and senior singles been available.

Handball consists of cork, rubber, wood and covered with goatskin or horseskin. It



Denis White and P.J. McGeer (Cashel) All-Ireland 40/20 Vocational Schools Champions

has been the skin which has caused the serious problems of the scarcity of the handball.

At a meeting in October in Portlaoise the fixtures committee of the Irish Handball Council decided it had no option but to abandon the handball championship. Responsibility must rest with the Irish Handball Council who over the last number of years have failed to take a genuine interest in the oldest form of handball. They know that handballs are wanted every year but have left it until the last minute to organise the making of the balls and only for the Kildare lads they would never have a ball.

An answer will have to be found in the not too distant future. Firstly make sure they will have hardballs for next year and secondly fix a date when the championship will be run.

Tipperary will suffer due to this decision, as they would have done well in all three grades with the likes of Noel Marshall and Michael Carrie (Cashel) in the minor singles, Noel Murphy and David Maloney in the Junior doubles and Tony and Noel Ryan (Clonmel), Eddie Corbett and Billy McCarthy (Ballyporeen) in the Senior doubles.

## “ALL-IRELAND VOCATIONAL SUCCESS”

In the month of May, Denis White and P.J. McGeer (Cashel) won the All-Ireland 40/20 Vocational U-19 singles and doubles titles.

Denis had a good win over S. McGrath (Wexford) 21-12, 21-8 in the All-Ireland singles final in Croke Park. Denis was slow to find his best form but when he “got going”, he was in full control —

comfortably winning in two straight games.

Denis and P. J. teamed up to win the All-Ireland doubles title with a 21-1, 21-8 win over Mayo in Croke Park. Denis and P. J. both strong players and both known as doubles players with some great successes in their careers turned in a superb powerful performance for a runaway win over the Mayo pair in the final.

## “SENIOR 60/30”

Tony Ryan (Clonmel) was our lone player to play in the Senior All-Ireland 60/30 softball championship with Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen) being the other entry and he having to withdraw due to sickness.

Tony returned to competitive handball after a break of a number of years and had a comfortable 21-14, 21-4 win over J. Donlon (Clare) in the first round. Tony lost out to M. “Duxie” Walsh (Kilkenny) 21-6, 21-3 in the second round in Roscrea. Tony only showing flashes of his form lost out to the superior Walsh.

Tony Ryan and F. O'Brien (Clonmel) teamed up in the Senior doubles but lost out to J. McGovern and T. Sheridan (Meath) 21-10, 21-10 in the first round in Talbot's Inch.

## “JUVENILE NEWS”

Tipperary won three Munster titles this year but failed in their bid for All-Ireland glory. In the month of March, Carrick-on-Suir, won their first Provincial title with Paul Tobin and Christopher McGrath winning the U-14 40/20 doubles title. Carrick-on-Suir are one of the newest clubs and under the guidance of Patsy Tobin, Carrick won three county 40/20



titles and young Paul and Chrisopher were in fine form in the Provincial championship with fine wins over Clare in the semi-final and Cork in the final in Clarecastle. In the All-Ireland semi-final, they had a convincing win over Monaghan. In the All-Ireland final Paul and Christopher's lack of experience in their first All-Ireland final appearance cost them, when they lost out to C. Keeling and M. O'Neill (Wexford) 15-4, 15-2 at Ballymore-Eustace.

In the month of September, Kenneth O'Brien and Patrick Lenihan (Newport) won the Munster U-15 doubles 60/30 title with hard fought wins over Cork in the semi-final and Cork in the final.

In the All-Ireland semi-final, they made the long journey to Kingscourt, Co. Cavan, where they played R. McDonnell and F. Brady (Cavan). They began well with some good tossing to win the first game 15-10. The second game was much closer with the Newport pair out of luck losing 15-14. Kenneth and Patrick began the third game well running into a commanding 13-4 lead but the Cavan pair fought back to win by the narrowest of margins 15-14.

In the month of October, Graham Quirke (Silvermines) and Paul Coleman (Ballina) won the Munster U-13 60/30 doubles title. Graham and Paul were late replacements for the Youghalarra pair of M. Carmody and P. Hogan, who were unable to play. In the Provincial semi-final they received a walk-over from Clare and in the final Graham and Paul teamed up superbly to record a runaway win over Limerick 15-4, 15-1.

### "JACKIE IS U.S. BOUND"

In the month of December, Jackie Keating (Cashel) will make history, in being the first Irish U-19 girl to take part in the U.S.H.A. 40/20 juvenile championship in Cincinnati at Christmas.

Jackie will be heading off to Cincinnati with the Irish team of boys and girls on Christmas Eve. The young Cashel girl who earlier in the year won two All-Ireland titles was in superb form in the trials for the trip in November. Jackie played three games against the best U-19's in the country in Croke Park. In the quarter-final, Jackie was well on top to comfortably beat T. Ennis (Dublin) 21-10, 21-5. In the semi-final, Jackie showed some of her best form with some brilliant handball to beat M. Doran (Roscommon) 21-3, 21-12. In the final, Jackie was at her best playing some fine 40/20 handball to overcome the challenge of F. Mee (Roscommon) 21-6, 21-2, to win her place on the team.

Jackie is a Leaving Certificate student of Scoil Mhuire Presentation Secondary School in Cashel and is also a keen camogie player having won the All-Ireland U-16 title for Tipperary against Kilkenny a couple of years ago.

Hopes are high, after her national success that Jackie will do well in these forthcoming championship over Christmas.

Cashel also had two other girls involved in the trials with both girls doing well but failing in the latter stages.

U-13 Singles: Quarter-final: Donna Harding (Cashel) bt. L. Coyle (Roscommon) 15-0, 14-15, 11-4.

Semi-final: Donna bt. E. Morris (Meath) 15-3, 15-4. Final: Donna lost to J. Long (Dublin) 15-3, 15-5.

U-15 Singles: Quarter-final: Caroline Kenny (Cashel) bt. F. Mee (Roscommon) 15-8, 6-15, 11-1.

Semi-final: Caroline lost to C. Gilcrest (Meath) 15-13, 9-15, 11-6.



Noel Ryan (Clonmel) Irish 40/20 Open Plate Champion.

### "RYAN WINS IRISH OPEN PLATE"

In the first year of this new televised 40/20 Irish Open competition, Tipperary had nine players involved with none of them making the final stages with the highlight being for Tipperary, Noel Ryan (Clonmel) win in the Plate competition.

Noel Ryan lost out in the first round to B. Mullins (Offaly) and then Noel reached the final of the Plate with wins over M. Lally (Galway), Sean Lee (Roscrea) and beat J. Eogan (Monaghan) 21-2, 21-3 in the semi-final. In the final, Noel had a comfortable 21-12, 21-11 win over Jim O'Brien (Silvermines).

Of the other Tipperary players involved, Sean Lee (Roscrea) lost out to F. Coughlan (Clare) in the first round and then lost to Ned Ryan in the Plate.



Jackie Keating (Cashel) being congratulated by Maureen O'Donoghue (chairperson of Cashel Ladies' Handball Club) and her father Dinny Keating on winning her place on the Irish team for the U.S.H.A. Juvenile Championship at Christmas.



"Munster U-15 doubles 60/30 champions" - Kenneth O'Brien and Patrick Lenihan, Newport.



Munster Juvenile 60/30 U-13 doubles winners. Paul Coleman (Ballina) and Graham Quirke (Silvermines).



Paul Tobin and Christopher McGrath (Carrick-on-Suir) Munster 40/20 Juvenile U-14 doubles winners.



Jim Luby (Golden) beat J. Fanning (Limerick) in the first round but lost out to B. Gilhooley (Wexford) in the second round. John Lee (Roscrea) lost out to P. Walsh (Clare) in the first round and then to M. Lally (Galway) in the Plate.

Jim Ryan (Silvermines) lost out to W. Pratt (Kilkenny) in the first round but made it to the semi-final of the Plate where he lost out to fellow clubman Jim O'Brien (Silvermines) in a titanic struggle. John McQuaid (Roscrea) lost out to J. Rossiter (Carlow) in the first round and then to P. Fealy (Monaghan) in the Plate.

Jim O'Brien (Silvermines) lost out to T. Kirwan (Wexford) in the first round but reached the final of the Plate where he lost out to Noel Ryan 21-12, 21-11. Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen) won his 3rd round against G. Sheridan (Cavan) but then made his exit with a poor display losing to B. Mullins (Offaly). In the final - Walter O'Connor (Meath) had an easy win over Peter McAuley (Louth).

## "HOLLYFORD OPENED"

On 25th of September '92, Hollyford Handball 60/30 Alley was officially opened by Fr. Michael Kennedy C.C. On the night a large crowd attended and Dinny Fahey a life member, unveiled a plaque in remembrance of the people who built the alley in 1951 and all those involved in its reconstruction in 1991.

The club's officials are chairman: Seamus Ryan, secretary: Gerard Russell; treasurer: Joseph O'Connell; Committee: Donal Quinn, Sean Allis, John Ryan, Denis Foley, Canice Ryan, Donal O'Connell and Jimmy Hurley.

The alley was built in 1951, with the site donated by Martin Ryan (T.H.) R.I.P. All the work was done voluntarily, with all the excavation and ground work done by pick and shovel and the concrete was mixed by hand. Then in 1988, the present committee decided to roof, renovate and build a car-park for which the ground was donated by Michael Ryan (T.H.) £26,000 was spent on renovating the court with the money raised in the local community centre with dances, discos and draws.

On the opening night some top class exhibition games were played with all the top players from Tipperary and Dublin in action.

On the playing front, the club has participated in North Tipperary competitions and have won many of them including the Shamrock trophy, Collins Shield, Novice team-of-4 and Junior singles and doubles. Their top player John Ryan has represented Tipperary at U-21 and Novice level and looks set for future honours. And with membership at a high 123, no doubt the club has a great future.

The club would like to thank all those who supported them so generously and a special thanks to the officials of North and County Handball Board, Tipperary G.A.A. Board and Donie Nealon of the Munster G.A.A. Council.

## "BALLINA RENOVATED"

The court at Ballina after renovation work over the last year is now a fitting tribute to the hard working committee.

They can now boast one of the best 60/30 courts in the country capable of hosting Provincial and All-Ireland finals. With so many 40/20 courts going up around it is great to have one of our own traditional 60/30 courts being renovated and in North Tipperary, there are no fewer than five top courts, Thurles, Roscrea, Hollyford, Lahorna and Ballina.

The club have a very busy year in the playing, social and fund-raising activities. A coaching/caretaking Fás Scheme organised by the North Tipperary Handball Board was very beneficial to the club and we had a very experienced coach in Pat Gleeson. As a result of this our Juveniles went on to win 6 North titles and 6 County titles. 40/20 Juveniles - U-10 Singles, D. Hickey; U-10 Doubles, S. Hickey and N. Moroney. 60/30 Juveniles - U-10: S. Hickey; U-10 Doubles, K. Kennedy and N. Moroney; U-11 Singles, J. Ryan; U-12 Doubles, E. Lynch and D. Riordan.

In the North competitions Ballina won three of the five team competitions: Shamrock Trophy, Collins Shield and Novice Team of Four.

Shamrock Trophy team: Pat Gleeson, John Minogue, Michael Carey, Paschal Hickey, Pat McCarthy and Anthony Deane.

Collins' Shield team: Paddy and Michael Collins, Alan and Anthony Deane, Paddy Coleman and Michael Carey.

Novice team: Paddy Collins, Paddy Coleman, Alan Deane and Michael Carey.

In the North Open Singles: Martin

McInerney was once again unbeatable.

Mick Fitzpatrick represented the county in the Silver Masters' Singles and also in the doubles partnered by Frank O'Brien.

Tom Riordan and Paddy Collins represented the club in the Handball Marathons in Thurles.

The Vincent O'Shea Charity Tournament was run in Ballina this year with the proceeds going to Ballina/Boher Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund.

For club chairman Paddy Collins, secretary Majella Grace and treasurer Gerry McKeogh it has been a very busy year and great help from the hard working fund-raising committee and local ladies.

The selectors: Pat Gleeson, Michael Collins and John Riordan also did a great job.

This year's inter-club team of Martin and Tony McInerney, Gerry McKeogh and Michael Gleeson reached the All-Ireland 60/30 Junior club final but just lost out to St. Mary's of Wexford after a brave performance.

## "60/30 INTER-CLUB NEWS"

In the month of November, Tipperary had three clubs involved in the All-Ireland 60/30 Inter-club finals.

In the Novice - Horse & Jockey had a good Munster campaign with wins over Clonmel and Mallow in the final. In the All-Ireland semi-final they comfortably beat Virginia of Cavan but in the final against O'Loughlin's, Kilkenny, they lost out. The Horse & Jockey team of Kevin Croke, Danny Butler, John Ferncombe, John Ryan-Moore played well but lost out to the powerful O'Loughlin's team of N. Reilly, P. Parsons, M. Nloan and J. O'Neill.



All-Ireland 60/30 Novice Inter-Club Finalists - Horse & Jockey. Left to right: Danny Butler, Kevin Croke, John Dwyer, John Ferncombe and John Ryan-Moore.



Founder members of Hollyford Handball Club. Left to right: Denis Fahey, Paddy Ryan and Tony Hurley.



In the junior final: Ballina put up a brave show before losing to St. Mary's of Wexford. The Ballina team of Martin McInerney, Michael Gleeson, Gerry McKeogh and Tony McInerney played well but the St. Mary's team of T. Hynes, N. Buggy, P. Canty, M. Lambert were the more balanced.

In the senior final: Clonmel lost out to Garryhill of Carlow. The Clonmel team of Tony Ryan, Frank Scully, Nick O'Brien, Noel Ryan were not able for the stronger Garryhill team of J. & S. & R. Ryan and J. Rossiter.

## "INTERVARSITIES HANDBALL"

Michael Carrie of Cashel handball club, competed for the first time in the Higher Education competitions this year, with the University of Limerick team

In the Higher Education League 1991/92 Michael was part of the U.L. team which won the Regional (Munster) Final beating Athlone R.T.C. in the final. Limerick then moved on to the National League Final where they played Queen's University, Belfast at Clarecastle.

In a game, which was attended by Irish Handball Council secretary, Mr. Lorean Ó Rúairc, the University of Limerick team emerged victorious in a keenly contested final.

In the Intervarsities championship, held at U.C.D. in February, the U.L. team did not meet with the same success. Having recorded victories in the early rounds, the Limerick team was beaten by U.C.D. in the semi-final (a U.C.D. team which included international and current All-Ireland U-21 40 x 20 Singles champion, Adrian Benson).

On duty for the University of Limerick team in both the League and Championship were the following: First singles: Seamus Maughan (Mayo), Doubles: Michael Carrie (Cashel) and Brendan Healy (Mayo). Last singles: Timmy Custy (Clare).

## "HANDBALLER AND ATHLETIC STAR"

Brendan Murphy (Cashel) over the last number of years has become well-known in both handball courts and athletic tracks of Ireland.

Brendan a brilliant sportsman, reached the All-Ireland 40/20 Novice doubles final with Josie O'Dwyer earlier in the year only to lose out to Kilkenny. Brendan won his first All-Ireland in 198 ? with Alan Gillespie in the U-15 doubles.

Brendan is like a "tiger on court" at his best in doubles with his lightning speed and his great heart, he is a very hard man to beat. In the athletics field, Brendan is one of our top International home based athletics been a member of the Cashel club, he is an Irish record holder at 400m. and 600m. This year, he represented Ireland in Italy in the C.S.T.I. games held in Orvieto, Italy. He finished a credible second with eleven nations

competing. Brendan also won "Athlete of the Year" award on two occasions.

## "CHARITY TOURNAMENT"

The annual Charity Handball Tournament which Vincent O'Shea has run for the last number of years, was run again and was a great success with the proceeds of almost £1,000 handed over to the Ballina/Boher Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund.

The competition was divided into four divisions with over 100 players from every club in North Tipperary taking part. The first division was won by John Ryan-Moore and John Dwyer (Horse & Jockey) who teamed up with Sean Lee (Roscrea) and Vincent O'Shea (Lahorna) to beat an all Horse & Jockey team in the final. One of the notable features of this final was that seven of the eight players in the final were masters with Kevin Croke being the odd one out. The second final was the highlight of the competition as the Silvermines team of Jim Ryan, Jim O'Brien, Mark Flynn, John Forde, Andy Purcell and Tony Coogan just pipped Roscrea by 100 aces to 99 aces. Hollyford were comfortable winners of the third division with the team of John and Canice Ryan, Donal Quinn, Sean Allis, Seamus Ryan and Donie O'Connell, when they easily beat a young Ballinahinch team.



Brendan Murphy (Cashel) star handballer and athlete.

Hollyford also had a team in the 4th division final but they were beaten by a Silvermines team of Denis Gleeson, Maurice Daffy, Thomas Quigley, Seamus Treacy, Matt Hanley and Joseph Ryan who were contesting their third final in a row - being beaten in the two previous years.

## "HANDBALL MARATHON"

The first ever organised National Handball Marathon was run off on the 5th and 6th of June in aid of the Children's Cancer Research and Development Fund at Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin.

The event took the form of 24 hours continuous handball marathon and was held at over fifty venues with over 1,500



Division 4 winners of the Charity Tournament - Silvermines. Left to right: T. Quigley, J. Ryan, D. Gleeson, S. Treacy, M. Daffy. Missing from photo: M. Hanley.



Division 3 winners of the Charity Tournament - Hollyford. Back row (left to right): J. Ryan, D. O'Connell, D. Quinn, C. Ryan. Front row (left to right): S. Allis and S. Ryan.



people involved. The event was initiated by members of the Naomh Mhuire Club, Leixlip.

Tipperary held their continuous marathon in Thurles where all clubs sent players to take part and over £2,000 was raised for the fund.

### "FÉILE NA nGAEL"

Silvermines were Tipperary's sole representatives in this year's Féile na nGael which was held in Galway after its two years stay in Tipperary.

Silvermines played in a strong Division II with the team of K. & B. Timmons and O. & H. Sheehan and they failed to make the final stages against strong teams from Down and Kildare.

### "SILVERMINES TOURNAMENT"

In the month of February, Silvermines ran a very successful senior 40/20 singles tournament. Before a large crowd, the four seniors played it out with Walter O'Connor (Meath) beating a handball-rusty Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen) 31-7. In the other semi-final John Herlihy (Cork) beat John O'Donoghue (Cashel) 31-17. In the final: Walter beat John 21-17, 21-14.

### "SPORTS STARS '91"

John O'Donoghue (Cashel) and Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen) were honoured in the month of February as Tipperary United Handball Sports Stars for '91.

### "COUNTY 40/20 WINNERS '92"

Minor Singles: N. Marshall (Cashel).  
Minor Doubles: N. Marshall and T. Maloney (Cashel).  
Novice Singles: J. Kennedy (Silvermines).  
Novice Doubles: B. Murphy and J. O'Dwyer (Cashel).  
Junior Singles: N. Ryan (Clonmel).  
Junior Doubles: J. O'Brien and J. Ryan (Silvermines).  
U-21 Singles: N. Murphy (Cashel).  
U-21 Doubles: N. Murphy and D. Maloney (Cashel).  
Masters (A) Singles: B. McCarthy (Ballyporeen).  
Masters (B) Singles: J. Ryan-Moore (Horse & Jockey).  
Masters (B) Doubles: J. Ryan-Moore and J. Dwyer (Horse & Jockey).

Silver Masters (B) Singles: F. O'Brien (Ballyporeen).  
Golden Masters (B) Singles: P. Maher (Clonmel).  
Golden Masters (B) Doubles: W. Maher J. Carmody (Lahorna).

#### County 60/30 Winners '92

Minor Singles: N. Marshall (Cashel).  
Minor Doubles: N. Marshall and M. Carrie (Cashel).  
Novice Singles: K. Croke (Horse & Jockey).  
Novice Doubles: J. Ryan and J. O'Brien (Silvermines).  
Junior Singles: T. O'Meara (Tipperary Town).  
Junior Doubles: N. Ryan and F. Scully (Clonmel).  
U-21 Singles: D. Maloney (Cashel).  
U-21 Doubles: D. Maloney and N. Murphy (Cashel).  
Masters (A) Doubles: T. Morrissey and P. Mullins (Clonmel).  
Masters (B) Singles: K. Conway (Clonmel).  
Masters (B) Doubles: J. Ryan-Moore and J. Dwyer (Horse & Jockey).

Silver Masters (B) Singles: F. O'Brien (Ballyporeen).  
Golden Masters (B) Singles: P. Maher (Clonmel).  
Golden Masters (B) Doubles: P. Gleeson and D. Slattery (Lahorna).

#### County Juvenile 40/20 winners '92

U-10 Singles: D. Hickey (Ballina).  
U-10 Doubles: S. Hickey and N. Moroney (Ballina).



"Tipperary Sports Stars Awards" - John O'Donoghue (Cashel) and Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen) being presented with their Cidona Awards for '91 by Mr. Brendan McGuinness, Showerings.



"County Board Officers '92". Left to right: Tom Morrissey (treasurer); Ken Conway (secretary), Pat McKenna (chairman), and Eddie Corbett (P.R.O.)

U-11 S.: J. Egan (Silvermines).  
U-11 D.: D. Healy and M. Armshaw (Newport).  
U-12 S.: B. Timmons (Silvermines).  
U-12 D.: D. Tobin and P. Loughman (Carrick-on-Suir).  
U-13 S.: J. Ferncombe (Horse & Jockey).  
U-13 D.: M. Carmody and P. Hogan (Youghal).  
U-14 S.: D. O'Neill (Newport).  
U-14 D.: P. Tobin and C. McGrath (Carrick-on-Suir).  
U-15 S.: D. Kelly (Ballinahinch).  
U-15 D.: K. O'Brien and T. Clifford (Newport).  
U-16 S.: J. Tobin (Carrick-on-Suir).  
U-16 D.: C. O'Neill & M. Moylan (Newport).  
U-17 S.: S. Slattery (Youghal).  
U-17 D.: M. Forde and M. Kennedy (Silvermines).

#### County 60/30 Juvenile winners '92

U-10 Singles: D. Hickey (Ballina).  
U-10 Doubles: S. Hickey and N. Moroney (Ballina).  
U-11 S.: J. Ryan (Ballina).  
U-11 D.: S. Spillane and B. Darcy (Nenagh).  
U-12 S.: A. Carrie (Cashel).  
U-12 D.: E. Lynch and D. Riordan (Ballina).  
U-13 S.: J. Ferncombe (Horse & Jockey).  
U-13 D.: P. Hogan and M. Carmody (Youghal).  
U-14 S.: K. Timmons (Silvermines).  
U-14 D.: M. Carroll and J. Ryan (Ballinahinch).  
U-15 S.: D. Kelly (Ballinahinch).

U-15 D.: K. O'Brien and T. Clifford (Newport).  
U-16 D.: K. Linehan (Ballinahinch).  
U-16 D.: T. Flynn and M. Hall (Cashel).  
U-17 S.: D. Slattery (Lahorna).  
U-17 D.: M. Forde and M. Kennedy (Silvermines).

### NORTH TIPPERARY SECRETARY'S REPORT

The handball season began with the 40 x 20 Team of Four competition in Mid-November.

The Division I title again went back to Youghal - Silvermines providing the opposition.

The Division II title went back to Silvermines - Youghal providing the opposition.

The Division III title went to Ballinahinch - Silvermines providing the opposition.

The Division IV title went to Silvermines - Eire Og, Nenagh providing the opposition.

In the 60 x 30 competitions Ballina won



3 out of the 5 team competitions – Shamrock Trophy, Collins Shield, and Novice Team of Four. Silvermines won the Junior Singles and Doubles, Lahorna took the Golden Masters Singles and Doubles.

James Kennedy (Silvermines) won a Munster Novice 40 x 20 title. Paul Griffin and John Flaherty (Youghalarra) won a Munster Novice Doubles 60 x 30 title.

Ballinahinch and Silvermines hosted exhibition games earlier on in the year with the top senior players of the country participating.

Thurles hosted a Handball Marathon in aid of the Cancer Research Centre at Crumlin with most of the clubs from the North participating.

The Vincent O'Shea Charity Tournament was run in Ballina this year with all proceeds going to Ballina Boher Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund. Silvermines also ran a Charity Tournament with all proceeds going to Bawnmore.

On the Juvenile scene the North appears to be the strongest section within the county, taking 25 of the 32 county titles. Silvermines won 9 North and 5 Co. titles. Ballinahinch won 7 North and 4 Co. titles. Newport won 5 North and 5 Co. titles. Newport won 5 North and 5 Co. titles. Eire Óg, Nenagh won 1 North and 1 Co. title. Lahorna won 1 North and 1 Co. title. It is encouraging to see clubs such as Eire Óg, Nenagh and Lahorna taking county titles.

A coaching/caretaking FAS Scheme came into operation in October '91 with four clubs participating – Ballina, Hollyford, Thurles and Roscrea. The present scheme ended on the 23rd of October '92. While I have no doubt that the scheme was successful in relation to the Caretaking, it has to be said in the area of coaching, it would appear that only one club benefitted – namely Ballina.

It is very encouraging to see clubs improve their facilities – Hollyford, Silvermines and Ballina.

Within the past year North Tipp has been placed on the map with clubs such as Ballina and Eire Óg, Nenagh, proving that they are more than capable of hosting Munster and All-Ireland finals.

I would like to thank Eire Óg, Nenagh for the use of their facilities and in particular T. Mulcahy and Joe Coonan for having patience with us when our meetings tended to drag on. Thanks again.

I would also like to thank the North Tipp Hurling Board and the V.E.C. for their financial contributions.

While I don't want to delve into what is now history, the North Handball Board experienced one of it's most difficult years ever. I would hope future Boards would never have to experience the same problems.

I would like to finish by wishing all our players the best in handball and in particular our Juveniles who are still involved at Munster level. I wish my successor the best of luck.

Denis Gleeson

## NORTH TIPPERARY HANDBALL BOARD

### 1992 40 X 20 WINNERS

Division I	Youghalarra	Tony Flaherty Paul Griffin	Pat Flaherty Pat Griffin
Division II	Silvermines	Jim O'Brien Mark Flynn	Martin Kennedy Denis Gleeson
Division III	Ballinahinch	Denis Lenihan Michael Harrington	Tom Gleeson John Ryan
Division IV	Silvermines	Donal Quinn Mark Kennedy	Michael Forde Michael Gleeson

### 40 x 20 JUVENILE WINNERS

U-10 S:	Ballina	David Hickey
U-10 D:	Ballina	S. Hickey and N. Moroney
U-11 S:	Silvermines	Jim Egan
U-11 D:	Newport	D. Healy and M. Armshaw
U-12 S:	Silvermines	Brendan Timmons
U-12 D:	Silvermines	Michael Purcell and Wm. McCarthy
U-13 S:	Silvermines	Graham Quirke
U-13 D:	Youghalarra	Michael Carmody and Paul Hogan
U-14 S:	Newport	D. O'Neill
U-14 D:	Ballinahinch	Michael Carroll and James Ryan
U-15 S:	Ballinahinch	D. Kelly
U-15 D:	Newport	K. O'Brien and T. Clifford
U-16 S:	Ballinahinch	Keith Lenihan
U-16 D:	Newport	C. O'Neill and M. Moylan
U-17 S:	Youghalarra	Seamus Slattery
U-17 D:	Silvermines	Michael Forde and Mark Kennedy

### 60 X 30 WINNERS

Shamrock Trophy	Ballina	Pat Gleeson	John Minogue
		Michael Carey	Paschal Hickey
		Pat McCarthy	Anthony Dean
Collins Shield	Ballina	Michael Carey	P. Coleman
		M. Collins	Alan Dean
		Anthony Dean	Paddy Collins
Open Team of Six:	Youghalarra	P. Flaherty	Tony Flaherty
		John Flaherty	Dermot Flaherty
		Pat Griffin	Paul Griffin
Novice Team of 4	Ballina	Paddy Collins	P. Coleman
		Michael Carey	Alan Dean
Masters Team of 4	Lahorna	Vincent O'Shea	Paddy Gleeson
		Dave Slattery	Pat Cleary
Junior Singles:	Silvermines	Mark Flynn	
Junior Doubles:	Silvermines	Jim O'Brien	Andy Purcell
Open Singles:	Ballina	Martin McInerney	
Open Doubles:	Youghalarra	Pat Flaherty	Tony Flaherty
Golden Masters Singles:	Lahorna		
Golden Masters Doubles:	Lahorna		

### JUVENILE 60 X 30 WINNERS

U-10 S:	Ballina	David Hickey
U-10 D:	Ballina	D. Kennedy and J. Moroney
U-11 S:	Ballina	John Ryan
U-11 D:	Nenagh	Shane Spillane and Brian Darcy
U-12 S:	Silvermines	Brendan Timmons
U-12 D:	Ballina	Ed. Lynch and Daniel Riordan
U-13 D:	Silvermines	Graham Quirke
U-13 D:	Youghalarra	Michael Carmody and Paul Flood
U-14 S:	Silvermines	Kieran Timmons
U-14 D:	Ballinahinch	Michael Carroll and James Ryan
U-15 S:	Ballinahinch	Derek Kelly
U-15 D:	Newport	Kenneth O'Brien and Patrick Lenihan
U-16 S:	Ballinahinch	Keith Lenihan
U-16 D:	Ballinahinch	T. J. Crowe and J. Fitzgerald
U-17 S:	Lahorna	Derek Slattery
U-17 D:	Silvermines	Mark Kennedy and Michael Forde



# GAA Publications

BY SEAMUS J. KING

**N**ot a great year for books on the GAA in the county. In last year's piece I mentioned the imminent publication of *Gaelic Games in Holycross-Ballycabill* by Bob Stakelum. It was launched with due pomp and circumstance by Dr. Russell, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore in Holycross Abbey. That must have been a first to have a GAA book launched in a church. Of the print run of 600 copies over 500 are sold so if you haven't got a copy you should contact the author at 0504-43311. The book sells for £10 and has 406 pages.

The book is dedicated 'to the ladies of the parish who cater for our functions, wash togs and suffer in silence, as the menfolk get all the glory.' It traces the history of the club through the years of defeat up to the first county championship win in junior hurling in 1941. This was followed by the first senior hurling championship win in 1948. This team contained such stalwarts as Pat Stakelum, John Doyle, Bob Stakelum, Jack Dwyer, Ned O'Gorman and they were to play a major part in the revival of hurling glory in the county.

The book is interspersed with pen pictures of club greats, anecdotes from different periods and, of course, photographs. Naturally they are more plentiful in the second half of the book. The club's success at juvenile level, espe-

cially in the later decades, is generously covered. The final 30 pages are devoted to statistics and the final picture shows a joyful Declan Carr holding the Liam McCarthy cup aloft after the 1991 All-Ireland final.

## Golden-Kilfeacle

It was hoped to have the Golden-Kilfeacle book ready for Christmas and it may still be. The final work towards bringing it to publication was held up for a number of weeks by the illness of the editor, Willie Ryan. The latter is now back on his feet and is hoping to have the book available in the very near future.

## Match Programmes

Of all the programmes produced in the county during the year, pride of place must be given to the north final production on August 30. Containing no less than 78 pages it was excellent value for £1 and a tremendous tribute to Bord na nOg, who were responsible for it. The pages contain a fine mix of scholarly articles, personality profiles, potted club histories, player facts and interesting snippets. One of the latter to catch my eye was as follows. Arthur Young, during his tour of Ireland in the 18th century, visited Portroe. He witnessed a game of hurling and described it as a sort of cricket 'but instead of throwing the ball in order to knock down a wicket, the aim

is to put it through a bent stick, the ends stuck in the ground. In these matches they perform such feats of activity, as ought to evidence the food they live on to be far from deficient in nourishment".

This reminded me of a visit a couple of years ago to the Cricket Museum in the Lord's Ground, London, looking for ideas for the Centrefield Project in Thurles. Two things stuck in my mind from that visit. The first was that the cricket bat was originally a crooked bat and very similar in shape to hurleys that have survived from the 19th century. The bat retained this shape until the second half of the 18th century.

Why did it change? One explanation was as follows: 'The crooked bat became straight out of sheer expediency; wit and not morality was the cause. A curved bat, with the weight concentrated at the bottom, was necessary as a counter to the ancient underhand bowling, quick and along the ground ... As soon as Hambledon men bowled a length and used the air and caused the ball to rise sharply from the ground, a hockey stick sort of defence was of no avail, and so the shouldered narrow blade was evolved.' So there you are!!

The second thing that struck me was that there was no control on the width of the bat until 1771. In that year at a match between Hambledon and Chertsey 'one Thomas 'Shock' White of Reigate did see fit and strode to the crease carrying a monster of a bat which was in fact wider than the wicket, and shocked everyone into acknowledging the absurdity of there not being a ruling to prevent it. The Hambledon club were far from amused but they got the message and at the September meeting of their committee passed a resolution limiting the width of the cricket bat to four and a quarter inches.' And that was over two hundred years before the GAA limited the goalie's hurley to five inches!

## Records

But, to get back to the north final programme. It also included a comprehensive record of all the games played in the senior hurling championship, with the results and the scores. If one included the final, twenty senior hurling games were played in the division in 1992! No wonder their coffers are bulging.

Tipperary won three All-Irelands in field games in 1992, the hurling masters and minor and junior camogie. For the latter Croke Park produced a fine programme with the teams in colour and pen pictures of the players. Because it was the first junior camogie All-Ireland won by Tipperary it has to be a collector's item. If you haven't got a copy you might try Croke Park or Marion Graham at 0504-44463.

Finally, Brendan Fullam, who produced a best seller in 'Giants of the Ash' for the Christmas market last year is reputed to be working on a follow-up at the moment. A Westmeath friend was very annoyed that he omitted the famous Jobber McGrath from the 'Giants' and hopes that he'll be included in the sequel.



Photograph taken at the launching of the Holycross-Ballycabill GAA Club history book at Holycross Abbey, Michael Lowry (Chairman, Semple Stadium management committee), Jackie Lanigan (secretary, Holycross-Ballycabill GAA Club), Dr. Thomas Morris (Archbishop Emeritus of Cashel and Emlly), Bob Stakelum (author of history book), Mrs Kit Stakelum, Most Rev. Dr. Dermot Clifford (Archbishop of Cashel and Emlly), Most Rev. Dr. Michael Russell (Bishop of Waterford and Lismore) who launched the book and John Ryan (chairman, Holycross-Ballycabill GAA Club).





## COUNTY SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS 1992

# TOOMEVARA

BACK ROW (l.-r.): Michael Murphy, Tommy Dunne, Tommy Carroll, Jodie Grace, Pat Meagher, Michael O'Meara, Liam Flaherty, Pat King. FRONT ROW (l.-r.): Liam Nolan, Terry Dunne, George Friend, Philip Shanahan, Declan O'Meara, Tony Delaney, Rory Brisbane.





# LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY COUNTY SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 1992

BACK ROW (l.-r.): Eddie Webster (Coach), John Treacy, Philip Kennedy, Noel Kennedy, Declan Laffan, Pat Lynch, Tom Ryan, Pat Treacy, Tom McGrath.  
FRONT ROW (l.-r.): Pat McGrath, Ned Ryan, Seamus Bohan (Captain), John Kennedy, Michael McGrath, John Cormack, Michael Omond, Pat Healy.





**ABOVE – Jackie Keating (Cashel) - All-Ireland 40/20 and 60/30 U-19 Singles Champion.**

**ABOVE RIGHT – Noel Marshall and Michael Carrie (Cashel) - All-Ireland Minor Hardball Doubles Champions.**

**RIGHT CENTRE – Sandra Hourigan and Caroline Kenny (Cashel) - All-Ireland 40/20 and 60/30 U-15 Doubles Champions.**

**BOTTOM RIGHT – Noel Murphy and David Maloney (Cashel) - All-Ireland 60/30 U-21 Doubles Champions.**

**BOTTOM LEFT – David Maloney - All-Ireland Junior Hardball Singles Champion.**







## ABBHEY C.B.S.

### All-Ireland Senior Colleges' 'B' Hurling Champions 1992

FRONT ROW (l.-r.): Conor O'Shea (Aherlow), Denis Cremins (Arravale Rvs), Mark Gleeson (Arravale Rvs), Michael Collins (Galtee Rvs), Don Walsh (Aherlow), Brian Lacey (Captain) (Arravale Rvs), Kieran Flynn (Arravale Rvs), Thomas Martin (Arravale Rvs), Michael Stokes (Kilteely), Aidan O'Dwyer (Lattin Cullen). MIDDLE ROW (l.-r.): Oliver O'Brien (Galtee Rvs), Billy Reardon (Aherlow), Danny Ryan (Solohead), Kevin O'Sullivan (Arravale Rvs), Padraig Moloney (Galtee Rvs), Rory Kissane (Arravale Rvs), Rodney O'Donnell (Galbally), Dallen Browne (Galtee Rvs), Donal Roche (Pallasgreen), John Buckley (Arravale Rvs). BACK ROW (l.-r.): James McCormack (Kickhams), Oliver O'Neill (Lattin Cullen); Brendan Crowe (Arravale Rvs), David Fogarty (Golden/Kilfeacle), Brian Fogarty (Golden/Kilfeacle), Mark O'Shea (Aherlow), John Kilmartin (Solohead), Sean O'Halloran (Arravale Rvs), Seamus Hennessy (Kickhams), Michael Magner (Galtee Rvs), John Reardon (Aherlow).



## THURLES C.B.S.

### Under-16½ Dean Ryan Munster Hurling Champions

BACK ROW: Alan Joyce, John Ryan, David Dunne, Pat Lawlor, Pat Coman, Johnny Enright, Jimmy Darcy, Nollaig Heffernan. MIDDLE ROW: Mr. Peter O'Shea (Trainer), Liam Scully, Tadhg Bourke, Noel Ryan, Anthony Kirby, Liam O'Dwyer, Tom Fogarty, Tony Bourke, Seamus Costello, Mr. Tom Clarke (Trainer). FRONT ROW: Matthew O'Dowd, Raymond Carew, Mark Wade, John Callanan (Captain), Kevin Lanigan Ryan, Brian Lamphier, Michael Kennedy.



# Clann Thiobhaid Árann - Tipperary Association Dublin

## Person of the Year - Louise Kennedy



At Dublin Association 'Person of the Year' function. Left to right: Mick Maguire, County Chairman; Tommy Barrett, Co. Secretary; Ned Stapleton, former President of Dublin Association.



Tipperary Association in Dublin (left to right): Jimmy Kennedy, Louise Kennedy, 'Person of the Year', Ger Hayes, Chairman of Dublin Association.



Jimmy Kennedy meets old rival Colm Corless for the first time in over 40 years with Michael O'Kennedy and Archbishop Dermot Clifford.



Tipperary's delegates at Congress '92 at the Burlington Hotel, Dublin.



# Victory for the Valiant

BY JOSEPH PERKINS



Photographed at the official launching of "Tipperary's Bord na nOg Story" by Seamus J. King in Hayes' Hotel, Thurles, were (left to right) Denis Hogan, Thurles; Bro. Noonan, Cashel; William Ryan, Holycross, and Liam McGrath, P.R.O. County Bord na nOg.

It was not a great year for Tipperary hurling you may say, not having won either the Senior, Junior, U-21 or Minor All-Ireland. The "Masters", or, "the over forties" won an All-Ireland, but I don't think they got enough recognition at the top.

A lot of things happened since this time last year. Much of it is water under the bridge now, but I'm afraid there were some little things that sullied the pure waters of energy and endeavour. I have strongly spoken and written of how Billy Sweeney and John Ivors have been treated — two of our most successful coaches, trainers and motivators not to have allowed them carry on the good work that they were doing makes one ask many questions.

"Of plain, sound sense, life's current coin is made" said Young. Common sense should have prevailed. "Justice is the constant desire and effort to render to every man his due."

Discipline cuts both ways. When you have men of discipline they should be appreciated. When a man is doing a good job, he must be supported, appreciated and left to do what is good for others.

"An honest man is the noblest work of God" said Pope. One cannot always be a hero and win every battle but one can always be a man.

The handling of the Sarsfields and Loughmore/Castleiney, and Mid Board affairs caused no small annoyance. Two of our most respected clubs and most disciplined players and officials acted admirably, and eventually came to the very top to shine like stars among the Gaels of Tipperary.

This was the highlight of the year for me to see these two teams play in the two Senior Tipperary Finals — in Football and Hurling. The standard of play, skills, sportsmanship, and discipline will never be forgotten. They were the matches of the decade, if not of the century.

Tipperary profited; They were our Treasure.

Lorrha in the North were the ones who suffered most, believe it or not, from these setbacks. Toomevara felt the effect, too, but being young and hardy, weathered the storm and the 'Greyhounds' won the final race in glory.

Discipline had won the day. Character had its greatest hour.

"Not education, but character, is man's greatest need, and man's greatest safeguard (Spencer).

*"When wealth is lost, nothing is lost,  
When health is lost, something is lost,  
When character is lost, all is lost.  
Fame is what you have taken,  
Character is what you give,  
When to this truth you waken,  
Then you begin to live".*

— (B. Taylor)

Never was hurling so strong in Tipperary as it is at present. No wonder! Look at the work being done in the urban and rural schools. See what men like Donal McCarthy has done in Ballylooby and Paudie Butler in Inch, to mention just two.

Bord na nOg was never so powerful and our post primary schools will never be repaid for their efforts throughout the long, dark, wet wintry months. They are building on strong foundations.

Coaching has been very successful. Some are paid; some are patriots giving and not counting the cost. We should be at the very top every year in our Minor standards. We have the talent; we have the men in the Premier County.

*"Lead him to fight for native land,  
His is no courage cold and wary;  
The troops live not on earth would stand  
The headlong charge of Tipperary".*

— (Davis)

How wonderful to see at half-time in our matches so many young lads pucking a ball around with every kind of camán. They are seldom seen on Semple Stadium's sacred sod — more's the pity! Not even the subs can warm themselves for just ten minutes. What small thinking is this, or are we "aping" other sports. It reminds me often of a dog guarding its own territory.

How wonderful to see the young in action!

Twas only when I saw the footballers of Loughmore/Castleiney in action and shared the thrill of their great win that I realised that it is the Gaelic people I follow and not the game itself. You can't take the Irishness out of the game. It is racy of the soil, bred in the bone and part of the heart.

"Fields are won by those who believe in the winning". Let us work together, with ploughshare and pen, not with sword or sordid words for "it is with united efforts that good deeds can be done" — "by uniting we stand, by dividing we fall." The truth at times may be bitter. "Truth is not only violated by falsehood; it may be equally outraged by silence."

*"When the blandishments of life are gone,  
The coward sneaks to death, the brave live on."*

— (Martial)

I welcomed the thousands of young people who came to Thurles for the Féile. I wished their trip to Tipp. every success. I was glad that hard working people could gain an honest penny, after the death of our factory — the "sweet mother", allowed to die an account of greed and profit — and apathy, among those who could have spoken louder.

Debts are being paid. Let us not be in the position to pay a dearer debt by allowing our own youth to be polluted by more evil cancers.

"... a bold peasantry, their country's pride,  
When once destroyed, can never be supplied."

The over-all responsibility lies with the County Board and not with the Semple Stadium Committee, or the Fixtures Committee, or any other sub-committee. Drink, in-subordination, lack of discipline, nepotism, favouritism, divisionalism, gambling, greed and "gallivanting" I have condemned openly since it raised its ugly head in the eighties. Very little was done then, alas!

Let's hope another yearly week-end of alcoholic addiction will not have done too much damage to our environs and our people.

Because of my abhorrence of "knockers", hurlers on the ditch", band wagon leapers", "runners with the hare and hunters with hounds", my pen so far is not so vituperative or so "terrible".

We have enough money in our own county and enough of good-will among our people. Never has so much money been handled. Beware, I say, beware. "Sufficient for the day is the evil thereof."

*"Ill fares the land, to hastening 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 had made."*

— (Goldsmith)

Yes, much has happened during 1992. I expect 1993 to be a very rewarding one. Mistakes were made; we can learn from them. Good men were hurt, but the love they bear to hurling and our Gaelic games will not keep them from furthering the real love that is in their heart. We remember all those who give, and do not count the cost. We pray for those who departed from us during the year and thank all those whose pen is mightier than the sword, those who enshrine the games, the deeds the memories of a memorable year.

"Ni neart go cur le chéile"

*"Oh, knowledge is a wondrous power,  
and stronger than the wind;  
And thrones shall fall, and despots bow  
Before the might of mind;  
Yet, trust me, friends, dear Ireland's strength,  
Her truest strength is still  
The rough and ready roving boys,  
Like Rory of the Hill"*

— (C.J. Kickam)

"Past failure often furnishes the finest material from which to build future success."

— (J. Perkins)



# Scór Report 1992

Kathleen King

**Scór 1992 finished on a high note for Tipperary with Mary Nugent winning the Solo Singing in the All Ireland. All four Divisions reported it was extremely difficult to organise the Scór Sinsear Divisional Finals. Despite these difficulties and the poor participation at Club level one of the best County Finals was held in the Scouts Hall Nenagh last February.**

Scór na Óg participation seems to be better in all Divisions but that is not to say some of the Clubs haven't taken part for years, some who were very strong going back the years. Tipperary were represented in three items in the Scór na Óg All-Ireland Finals in the Gaiety Theatre Dublin. Unfortunately no one was lucky enough to come 1st but nevertheless were 2nd in all three items, which was no mean achievement. Tipperary were represented by the O'Dwyer family Boherlahan in question time, Breda Butler, Sean Treacy's in Solo Singing and Sean Treacy's Ballad group. Mary Nugent Newcastle and her sister Annette as her accompaniment won the Scór Sinsear All-Ireland Solo Singing in Monaghan. The Question Team from Ballylooby were not lucky. Let's hope we will see them there again next year.

The Scór competitions finished up with Scorna bPáistí a new competition which has been introduced to the County. This year if was decided to confine it to Primary School children and just run the competition within the County. Some modifications were made to the competition items and the rules. I think the way this new competition has taken off has taken everybody surprise. Let's hope this will continue because it is at this level that Scór and its idolisms has to be fostered.

Convention which is held every three years to put forward motions to Congress was held this year on the 28th of April. There was a good attendance with 25 motions on the Agenda. Ten motions went forward to Munster. Four of the motions were passed and two of these motions were passed at the Congress in Croke

Park. Our present Scór season commenced with the holding of the County Scór A.G.M. on the 20th of September 1992. The new Scór committee was elected as follows:

Chairman:

Joe O'Halloran, Thurles.

Vice-Chairman: Jim Keane

Golden/Kilfeacle

Secretary: Kathleen King, Lorrha

Asst-Secretary:

Nora Troy, Thurles

Treasurer: John Ryan

Upperchurch/Drombane

P.R.O.: Nan Kelly, Portroe

Munster Scór Delegate:

John Ryan

County Scór Delegate to County

G.A.A Board: Eamon Browne,

Knockavilla.

Glowing compliments were paid to the outgoing Chairman, Sean Creamer, on his work and dedication over the three years, also to Seamus McGrath, Newcastle, who has been Treasurer with An Coiste Scór since it was formed in 1982. Compliments were also paid to



Mary Nugent of Newcastle is regarded by many as one of the countries best singer and so it was no surprise to her wide circle of admirers when she brought All-Ireland honour to the little village at the foot of the Knockmealdowns. She performed splendidly in every round of Scór and was suitably rewarded on 28th March at Three-Mile-House in Co. Monaghan. In addition to the Scór title she also won the All-Ireland Readóir, solo singing title. She was accompanied on guitar by her sister Annette and, indeed, both girls have previously won All-Ireland trophies for Irish Dancing!



Breda Butler, Munster Final winner, Scór na nÓg Solo Singing.



Eamon Browne the Munster Delegate who served as Chairman of Munster Scór and

promoted the interests of Tipperary at every opportunity. It was very heartening to see all

four Divisional Chairmen presents as also the County Chairman Mr. Michael Maguire.



*Left: Scór na bPaisti 1992 Toomevara Figure Dancing County winners. (l-r): Avril Kinnane, Tomás O Meara, Ann O Meara, Patricia Ryan, Robert Ryan, Rebecca Ryan.*

*Below: County winners Scór na pPaisti: Ballad Group, Upperchurch, Drombane, l-r: Sinead Ryan, Avril Harrington, Nora Harrington, John Quinn, and Joan Marie Ryan.*

## Scór Results 1991/92

Rince Foirne:	Scór na nÓg
Aithriseoireacht:	Eire Óg Aonach
	Rita Nic Craith,
	Ceapach na Bhfaoiteach.
Amhránaíocht Aonair:	Breda Butler, Sean O'Treasaigh.
Nuachleas:	Ceapach na Bhfaoiteach
Tráth na gCeist:	Botharleathan, O'Dwyer Family
Ceol Uirlise:	Magh Coirce Buirgheas
Bailead Ghrupa:	Sean O'Treasaigh
Rince Seit:	Ceapach na Bhfaoiteach

### Munster Final Result

Amhránaíocht Aonair:	Breda Butler
Tráth na gCeist	Botharleathan
Bailead Ghrupa:	Sean O'Treasaigh

There were no winners in the All-Ireland

Scór Sinsea	
Rince Foirne:	Cluain Mór
Aithriseoireacht:	Eileen Heffernan
	Ceapach na Bhfaoiteach
Amhraíocht Aonair:	Mary Nugent, Teampall Uachtar-
	Drombán Caislean Nua
Nuachleas:	
Tráth na gCeist:	Beal Áth Luibe
Ceol Uirlise:	Lothra
Bailead Ghrupa:	Na Ciceamaigh
Rince Seit:	Cluain Mór

### Munster Final result

Amhránaíocht Aonar:	Mary Nugent, Caisléan Nua
Tráth na gCeist:	Beal Áth Luibe

### All-Ireland Result

Amhránaíocht Aonair:	Mary Nugent
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Scór na bPaist	
Rince Foirne:	Tuaim Úi Mhara
Aithriseoiracht:	Martina Ni Chonaill, Portroe
Amhránaíocht	Eamonn O'Duibhir
Aonair:	Botharleathan
Nuachleas:	Lothra
Tráth na gCeist:	Teampall Uachtar Drombán
Ceoluirise:	Seán Treasaigh
Bailead Ghrupa:	Teampall Uachtar Drombán
Rince Seit:	Magh Coirce Buirgheas



*Tráith na Gceist winners, Upperchurch, Drombane, Patrick Ryan, Eoin Shortt, and Denis Ryan.*



*Scór na bPaisti county winners Rince Seit - Moycarkey Borris. Back, l-r: Rosemary Fanning, Clare Dee, Aoiffe Neville, Dearbhla Neville. Front: Siobhan Nagle, Kate O'Connor, Paula Ryan, Regina Fanning.*



# SCÓR – WINNERS



*Boherlahan – Question Time – Scór na nÓg winners*



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# "A Forgotten Hero Who Remembered"

BY NORMAN FREEMAN

"He saved a certain goal. But he took an awful blow on the nose doing it. Even after twenty-five years you can see what it did to him — the nose is like an old hat that was run over by a lorry. I don't know was it worth it at all. He was a sort of local hero for a few months but then it was all forgotten. Who remembers it now?"

The incident happened during a throbbing, frenetic clash between old rivals in the Tipperary County hurling championship in the early fifties.

Pat Purcell was playing right corner back that day. He was a big awkward youth, thick-set and muscular, strong as an oak tree. What he lacked in skill he made up for in zealous endeavour. Whenever the ball came down his end of the field he was in the middle of every clash of bodies and hurleys.

Purcell used his shoulders to great effect, thudding heavily into opponents, knocking them off the ball, cannoning into friend and foe, like a bumper car gone berserk in an amusement fair.

"Go on Purcell — hit the ball for a change will you" came a derisive cat-call from the embankment. It raised a few laughs in the tense partisan crowd.

"You" wouldn't take him on in a hurry," replied one of our lads defensively. Pat was our friend. He worked as a farm labourer beside us and after joined in the five-a-side hurling games played in a corner of the big field.

With ten minutes to go the teams were level, the play sweeping from one end of the field to the other and back again. Then the other team, pulling out resources of energy and determination, made a massed assault. Our side seemed strangely immobilised. Following a frantic goalmouth tussle the ball shot out towards the corner flag. Pat raced after it, shoulder to shoulder with the corner forward. The crowd roared them on. One of the rival half-forwards came running towards the corner as well. The three players converged in a blurred turmoil of arms, legs, shoulders and hurleys.

Purcell got the better of the brief struggle but he lost his hurley. The best he could do was to kick the ball outfield. It went straight into the path of an opponent, racing in at full speed. Gathering it on his hurley he made straight for the goal, deftly side-stepped the frontal charge of the full back, and was only six yards out when he swung on the ball. But Purcell had run across, still without hurley, and raising his two elbows for protection, bent his head and threw himself right into the scything path of the hurley.

The crack of wood on bone was audible to the hushed, goal-expectant crowd. Pat went down slowly into a kneeling position, hands to face. Spectators grimaced, gritting their teeth and some even put their hands to their own noses, as if they had received

the blow themselves.

The opposing forward dropped his hurley and backed away, looking around helplessly, ruffling his fingers through his hair.

The ball which had bounced off Pat's body, was cleared out to the far sideline. Even before the referee stopped play with an urgent blast of the whistle, the Knights of Malta came running onto the field clumsily, holding their satchels with one arm.

Pat's nose had been broken. Blood ran down onto his mouth and chin and dripped onto his jersey. A huddle of people gathered around him in a protective ring — referee, trainer, selectors. The first aid men taped bandage and cotton wool over his nose to stanch the blood. Pat rose to his feet, visible to all. A huge roar of admiration swept in towards him from all over the ground.

Another massed roar followed — for Pat refused to go off, despite head-shaking admonitions and persuasive hands laid on his shoulders. He shook off all surrounding him and walked heavily out to the corner to resume his place.

"Oh he's a hardy shagger — the same fellow". Words of praise and acclamation, full of warmth and feeling, were exchanged all over the ground, a vibrating buzz of conversation amongst followers of both sides. They realised that Pat was not being sensible but they loved this display of rural Irish toughness. It may have been silly and a bit vainglorious but it had the stuff of heroism in it too, a refusal to succumb to injury or adversity. They were never slow to acknowledge such an example of fortitude, because there was enough pride in it for everyone to take share. There was another element as well. Many knew that Pat was one of the men of no property, from a poor family. He proved that deeds of daring were not the preserve of princes, Hollywood heroes or those with a secondary school education.

The game was resumed. As might be expected, Pat was less effective than he had been, but his example injected a fiery spirit into a side that had been visibly wilting and tiring. The game finished in a fury of endeavour but the other side scored a goal almost on the call of time and won the match.

Pat spent three days in hospital. The blow to his nose wasn't as bad it might have been. He had taken the brunt of the blow on his forearm. However his nose was never really put back into shape. "The doctors med a hames of it" opined some.

He was the hero of the hour and longer. The local newspaper carried an effusive item — "a shining example of grit and bravery". Letters about the incident appeared in the paper for several weeks afterwards. His zest for the game was undiminished. In the summer evenings when he had finished his work on the farm he was out in the field pucking the ball about with us young fel-

lows. He seemed unaware that his handsome face was spoiled, for he was a modest, quietly humorous man.

The bleak nineteen-fifties raked the country of much of its youth. Pat was amongst those, in heavy overcoats, lugging strapped suitcases, who crowded on board the cramped and fetid mailboat at Dun Laoghaire. Like many another, he was ill-fitted to take advantage of the unknown world outside of rural Ireland, with nothing more than a primary education. But he was willing to work hard for a living. Now, over thirty years later, on a rare visit to old haunts of youth, I heard that he had returned.

"Oh — he have a nice farm a few miles out the road there. A good dairy herd on it. He worked on the buildings in England for fifteen years and made plenty of money, fair play to him. Bought the farm just before the price of land went up when we joined the EEC".

I found Pat out in one of his fields, slashing at the rare thistle or yellow ragwort with an ash plant. He had a quiet pride in his achievement, in his modern bungalow, in the decent living he was making for himself and his family. He had reason to feel satisfied — every blade of grass had been earned by the strength of his own arms.

After seven or eight years labouring he had put all his savings into a sub-contracting business with two other men. It was a risk and the first few years were shaky, with many ups and downs. In the end it prospered and grew. Then, when he was well off and thriving, the love of the land, the smell of milk, grass, cowdung, the barking of dogs drew him back. He sold out his share and came home.

We talked about the old days, and inevitably, about hurling. He had lost a good deal of interest in the game, only went to the big inter-county matches in Thurles. "Did you suffer any ill-effects of the nose injury?" He was thoughtful for a while and then grinned. "The nose, bad and all as it looks, has stood me a good stead. I knew I was taking a chance when I went in to block that hurley and I never regret it. I had to take plenty of chances in England — on the buildings, in business, with money. The nose reminded me, every morning when I went to shave, that if it was put up to me, I could pull a bit of courage out of the bag and take a risk."

## A Political Football?



Michael Smith, Minister for the Environment (right) and Michael Lowry TD pictured before a charity match in Borrisoleigh between a Bobby Ryan Selection and Jimmy Magee's All-Stars.



# 1894 All-Ireland Senior Football Final Replay at Thurles

"Cashel Sentinel", April 27, 1895.

## Gaelic All-Ireland Football Final – Victory for Cork

For the second time this year the Nils met the Young Ireland's to decide the All-Ireland honours. The match was played off on Sunday at Thurles in the presence of about nine thousand spectators. The contest took place in a fine field covered with a splendid turf, about two and a half miles outside the town. When the teams got to the field and were about to strip off, they found that the field had been taken possession of by two teams – Inch and Arravale, who were about to play-off a semi-final in the Tipperary Championship.

Mr. R. T. Blake, hon. sec., G.A.A. immediately went to both teams when they were in the centre of the field, and warned them not to play, as the teams playing in the All-Ireland match were ready. They paid no heed to him, but the match was started and finished in spite of his protests. He said "he would bring the matter before the next meeting of council. When the semi-final was finished, the score being Arravale, 1 goal, 5 points, Inch one point – both champion teams stepped out on the field. There was not a single man in either team who did not appear to be in perfect training; but, on the whole, Dublin seemed much stronger and heavier. In fact it would be very hard to get such a fine body of men together, almost every man was splendidly developed and looked the athlete. One thing must be mentioned, they played a very fierce game, and the wonder was that the Corkmen escaped so well. One thing the Young Ireland's deserve every credit for, and that is the organisation of the team, and the way in which each player supported the other.

Their combination could not be excelled, and they were ahead of Cork in this respect. Cork played a determined game particularly in the last ten minutes when their pluck and dash completely surprised the Metropolitans. One of the most interested spectators on the field was His Grace the Archbishop of Cashel. A short time after the interview, which will be found reported elsewhere in our

columns, Dr. Croke appeared on the field, attended by several priests, by whom he was enthusiastically cheered. He shook hands with a number of the members of both teams and said he hoped it would be a good match.

Mr. R. T. Blake, Navan, refereed the match which resulted as follows: Cork team (the Nils) 1 goal, 2 points, to 4 points and a disputed point for the Young Ireland's. No decision was given, and the matter will come before the Central Council next Sunday.

### Archbishop Croke and the G.A.A.

On Sunday a deputation from the Gaelic Athletic Association waited on His Grace the Archbishop of Cashel at Thurles – the deputation consisted of Messrs F. B. Dineen, president, R. T. Blake, hon. sec. D. Walsh, hon. treas., and the members of the council present were:

Messrs. Deering, Holland (Dublin), Hanrahan (Wexford), Palmer (Drogheda), Gleeson, T.C. (Limerick), J. Nagle (Blackrock), T. Dooley, hon. sec., Cork Co. Board . . .

It appeared that a tournament was being organised at Killarney by Mr. S. B. Roche in aid of the Sisters of Mercy. The permission of Dr. Coffey, Bishop of Kerry, was first obtained for the holding of the tournament, but afterwards was withdrawn when His Lordship said it was being held under the auspices of the G.A.A. His Lordship stated that his reason for the withdrawal of his patronage was that the Gaelic Association was connected with secret societies, and on no account could be consent to a charity being held under the Association. Mr. Dineen pointed out to His Grace that this was a serious matter for all connected with the G.A.A. if it was uncontradicted before the public. The Association at present was a purely athletic body, and he admitted that a strong political feeling existed among members some time ago. He was now glad to say that the feeling was replaced by a desire among members of the Association to further its interests and its interests alone.

His Grace, in reply, said he was very glad to see members of the Council of the Association present. As far as he knew – and he had been a patron as he never resigned, the Association was purely an athletic body and that although the members of the Association had taken sides in the recent political dispute, which was but natural. As regards the statement made by Dr. Coffey that the Gaelic Athletic Association was connected with secret societies, he was totally unaware of it, and, moreover, he did not believe it, and he was surprised Doctor Coffey made such a statement. As far as he knew, he had no foundation for it.

Mr. Dineen thanked His Grace on behalf of the deputation for his kind expression of opinion. He thought no politics should be brought into hurling or kicking a ball. He thought that every man was entitled to his political opinion.

Mr. Dineen told His Grace the match was for the championship of All-Ireland, and was brought to Thurles as a direct compliment to the See of Cashel.

### "Cashel Sentinel"

**Note:** When the Central Council ordered a second replay, Nils refused to obey and Young Ireland's were awarded the match. Cork then withdrew from the Gaelic Athletic Association, and presented a special set of "All-Ireland Champions" medals to Nils. After a year Archbishop Croke, a Corkman, helped to bring his native county back into the Association.

Nils was a rugby club in Cork City that had switched to Gaelic Football. The unusual name of this club was an abbreviation of "nil desperandum". These words, when translated from Latin into English, mean "no despair" or "do not despair".

Thurles was again the venue for the 1905 and 1908 All-Ireland football finals and the 1984 All-Ireland hurling final.

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# North Tipperary Board Review

Micheal Ó'Briain (Rúnaí)

*The curtain came down on the field activities of the North Tipperary Board early in November with the completion of the Junior Football Championship. The destination of our 18 championships was known and at a quick glance one cannot fail to notice the number of times the name Nenagh Eire Og crops up. The club competed in no less than seven finals and mounted the visitors' rostrum on half a dozen occasions.*

In reviewing 1992 a number of events stand out in the mind. Who can forget the titan battles between Lorrha and Toomevara on three successive Sundays in August to decide the championship semi-final? Nenagh's first S.H.C. title since 1964 is already in the history books. Ballinahinch, one of the smallest parishes in the county won the J.H. title, their first title in any grade since 1980 and one which will not be forgotten by this generation. Burgess came in from the cold by capturing the I.H. championship, their first time to do so since 1976. Moneygall retained their unbeaten record in county finals by adding the U-21 "A" hurling title to last year's "B" in the same age group.

Let us review the championships and how they evolved.

## Senior Hurling

This championship was run on a knock-out plus losers' group

system and with eleven teams competing it will probably be best remembered for Nenagh's return to the winners enclosure for the first time since 1964, and for the semi-final saga between Lorrha and Toomevara.

Borrisoleigh had a somewhat unexpected victory over reigning champions Toomevara in the preliminary round and the first round proper produced no surprise results. Lorrha, Borrisoleigh and Nenagh qualified for the semi-finals from the winners' section while Toomevara predictably reached the last 4 through the losers' group. Nenagh easily accounted for the Borris' challenge in their semi-final but it took 3 successive Sundays plus extra time on the second day to separate the warriors of Lorrha and Toomevara, who served up some really exciting hurling. In the end Lorrha prevailed, and the final took place on the second last day of August in

Cloughjordan. Lorrha's efforts against Toome had taken their toll and a fitter, younger and more eager Nenagh fifteen brought the Frank McGrath Cup back to the town for the first time in 28 years. Toomevara as league champions played and defeated championship runners-up Lorrha for the right to represent the division in the quarter-finals.

## Senior Hurling League

The eleven teams which competed were divided into two groups and this year two teams from each group qualified for the semi-finals. The league produced some excellent games with teams competing with championship zest. Championship holders Toomevara qualified undefeated for the semi-finals and were the only team to maintain a hundred per cent record. On the other hand, league holders Nenagh failed to win any of their 5 games



Mark Sheehan - Nenagh Eire Óg - North Tipperary Footballer of the Year (1991) receives his award from Gerry Slevin.



Borrisokane - North Intermediate Football Winners '92, Back: Martin Donnelly, Martin Heenan, Michael Heenan, Sean Morris, Vincent McKenna, Stephen Dennehy, Paul Corcoran, Darragh Moore. Front: Paraic Hogan, Liam Heenan (Capt), Keith Slevin, Paul Dooley, David Donnelly, Paul Darcy, Anthony Whyte.



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## CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS 1992

Grade	Winner	Score	Loser	Score	Venue	Referee	Date
S.H.C.	Nenagh	1-18	Lorrha	0-8	Cloughjordan	M. Lenihan	30/8
S.H.L.	Toomevara	2-08	Borrisoleigh	0-9	Moneygall	G. Long	26/7
I.H.C.	Burgess	1-16	Kildangan	3-06	Cloughjordan	J. McDonnell	4/10
I.H.L.	Silvermines	4-13	Templederry	2-4	Cloughjordan	Mn. Ahearne	21/6
J.H.C. "A"	Ballinahinch	2-08	Nenagh	0-13	Templederry	L. Hogan (S/R)	17/10
J.H.C. "B"	Nenagh	1-10	Silvermines	2-05	Templederry	L. Hogan (B)	17/10
J.H.L.	Ballina	1-13	Kilruane	1-6	Nenagh	Mn. Healy	27/6
U-21H. "A"	Moneygall	1-7	Roscrea	1-7	Borrisokane	T.F. Stapleton	4/7
	Moneygall	2-16	Roscrea	1-10	Borrisokane	T.F. Stapleton	Replay
U-21H "B"	Silvermines	2-8	Kilruane	0-13	Nenagh	M. Maunsell	23/8
M.H. "A"	Nenagh	3-09	Erin's Hope	3-06	Cloughjordan	M. Cahill	4/10
M.H. "B"	Ballina	2-13	Newport	3-6	Cloughjordan	G. Hayes	30/8
S.F.C.	Nenagh	4-10	Newport	0-6	Ballina	M. Maunsell	5/6
I.F.C.	Borrisokane	0-12	Shannon Rovers	1-5	Nenagh	M. Lenihan	31/10
J.F.C.	Inane Rovers	2-7	Newport	0-11	Nenagh	M. Darcy	14/11
U-21F "A"	Nenagh	8-11	Inane R.	2-4	Moneygall	G. Hayes	11/4
U-21F "B"	Sean Treacys	0-10	Silvermines	0-7	Kilcoleman	B. O'Reilly	4/7
M.F. "A"	Nenagh	1-7	Erin's Hope	0-5	Moneygall	M. Maunsell	13/8
M.F. "B"	Kildangan	0-6	Moneygall	0-3	Nenagh	T. Gleeson	3/9

and could only salvage a single league point to finish bottom of their table.

Toome qualified for the final by defeating Roscrea in their penultimate game. It took Borrisoleigh 2 hours of splendid hurling to defeat Kilmane in the second semi-final. "The Greyhounds" proved a better team in the final and had 5 points to spare at the finish. The real significance of this victory was brought home

later in the year when it enabled Toome to qualify for the Co. championships where they competed with great success.

### Intermediate Hurling

With only 5 teams competing both league and championship lacked variety and with 4 of the 5 qualifying for the semi-finals in each case much emphasis was placed on whom the no-qualifier would be. And to Knocksligowna

went that dubious distinction in both league and championship. The league commenced in early April and the semi-finalists were known by the end of May. Silvermines and Templederry recorded semi-final victories over Burgess and Kildangan respectively. The final, played in Cloughjordan was a one-sided affair with reigning league champions Silvermines easily retaining their title, the first to do so



Newport Minor Hurling team, Nealon Trophy finalists 1992. Back: Tony O'Brien, Joey Brennan, John O'Mahoney, Kenneth O'Neil, Tom Moylan, Diarmuid Collins, Sean O'Gorman, Pat Carroll, Declan Briscoe, Paul O'Gorman. Front: Kenneth O'Brien, Joseph Collis, Cyril O'Neill, Tom Clifford, Raymond O'Brien, Michael Shanahan, Eoin Bonfield, Aiden O'Gorman, John Ryan.



Chris Madden (Portroe), who represented Tipperary in the Munster final of the Poc Fada competition held in Limerick.





Moneygall Minor Footballers - North finalists. Back row: Seamus Boland, Joe Smyth, Donal Crowley, Francis Gleeson, John Cawley, Eoin Tuohy, Andrew Keeshan, Ollie Larkin. Front: Pat Donnelly, Eamon Kennedy, Sean McCormack, Niall Lowther, Philip Quinlan, Michael Dwyer, Paddy Whyte

since the league commenced in 1984.

The championship was run on knock-out and losers' group system. Burgess lost a preliminary round and qualified for the first round proper which also resulted in defeat for them and a short sojourn in the losers' group. The same four teams which contested the league semi-finals also qualified for the championship semis, Burgess v Silvermines, and Kildangan v Templederry. Neither of the league finalists tasted success on this occasion and the scene was set for a Burgess v Kildangan final confrontation. The game took place in Cloughjordan on the 4th October and resulted in a Burgess victory - their first title in the grade since 1976.

### Junior Hurling "A"

No less than 14 clubs took part in the J.H. "A" championship which was run on a K.O. plus losers' group system. It produced some really competitive encounters and plenty of talking points. Reigning champions, Toomevara, qualified for the semi-finals where they were joined by Ballinahinch, Borrisokane and Nenagh. While Nenagh accounted for Borrisokane in their semi-final in a somewhat one sided game, the Toomevara v Ballinahinch contest was of sterner stuff and Ballinahinch was obliged to pull out all the stops before qualifying for the final. The final itself was a David and Goliath affair with Ballinahinch the smallest parish in the division coming from the

jaws of death in the final minutes with two goals from frees to edge home by the very minimum of margins. Though it was quite a competitive competition the 14-team league never scaled the same heights as the championship. Burgess, Ballina, Kilruane and Toomevara reached the concluding stages. Kilruane who had a big victory over Toome in the semi-final were installed as favourites for the final, but reigning league title holders Ballina prevailed and had 7 points to spare at the final whistle.

### Junior Hurling "B"

This competition has, in recent years, become one of the more attractive and competitive competitions organised by the Board. The standard in 1992 was again extremely high and the final was as exciting as many senior games seen during the year. Nenagh who were runners up in '91 were more than keen to win the title for the first time and for most of the hour in the final game against Silvermines it seemed as if defeat was to be their lot for a second year in succession. However a late goal by the Nenagh men allied with stout defending earned them a two point victory and a name on the trophy for the first time.

### Under 21 Hurling

Because of their successes at divisional and county level in Minor grade over the past couple of years, Nenagh and Erin's Hope were many people's fancy to contest the Under 21 "A" final. However, both suffered defeat in the semi-finals and it was neighbours Moneygall and Roscrea who battled it out for the right to represent the division. The first day out ended in a draw when Moneygall eluded what seemed a certain defeat by scoring 1-1 in the final seconds.

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*Burgess - North Tipperary Intermediate Hurling Champions 1992. Back: John Darcy, John Joe Ryan, Tony Gregan, Kevin Cooney, Liam McGrath, Darrel Tucker, Colm McDonnell, Michael Kearns. Front: John Flannery, Shane Ryan, David Ryan, Sean Nealon, Eugene Hogan, John Grace, John McKenna.*

The "Black and Reds" made no mistakes at their second attempt and proceeded to the play-off stages of the county where their first victims were Killenaule, Moneygall, resigning Co. "B" champions faced Cashel, resigning Co. "A" champions in the county final. The North Tipp. champs played their best hurling of the year and had 5 points to spare when Referee Michael Doyle sounded the long whistle.

The "B" championship with eleven teams competing was run on a straight knock-out system. Here were some memorable games played before Kilruane and Silvermines eventually qualified for the final. The Mines were victorious by the minimum of margins and later contested a county final where they suffered a one-point defeat.

### Minor Hurling

With players of the calibre of Tommy Dunne, Terry Dunne and Philip Shanahan playing with Toomevara, and Keith Slevin, Paul Darcy, Ray Killeen and Shay Killeen on the Erin's Hope team, reigning champions Nenagh were facing a tough battle to retain the divisional "A" title. But retain the title they did, and en route registered victories over Kildangan, Moneygall, Roscrea, Toome and Erin's Hope. Nenagh qualified for the County Final where they successfully defend their title against Thurles Sarsfields.

In the "B" championship which has 8 teams and is run on a league system, Borrisoleigh, Newport, Ballina

and Silvermines reached the knock-out stages. Ballina easily defeated Silvermines in their semi-final and Newport surprisingly defeated favourites Borrisoleigh in the second semi-final. The Mulcair men didn't reproduce that same flair in the final and Ballina collected the trophy with four points to spare.

### Senior Football

All football championships were played on a straight knock-out system and with only two clubs affiliated in S.F. we had but a single game, the final. Reigning champions Nenagh easily retained their title at the expense of Newport and so became champions for the third year on the trot.

## Intermediate Football

Borrisokane, who lost last year's Co. I.F. final after a replay were installed early on as favourites to retain their title. And how right the pundits were. Disposing of the Kildangan challenge in the semi-final they faced neighbours Shannon Rovers in the final. Defeated finalists of last year, Shannon Rovers were determined to exact revenge by reversing the scoreline. Borrisokane however had other ideas and retained their title after an hour of honest endeavour.

## Junior Football

Thirteen teams competed in this championship which was taken very seriously by the competitors. There were regular training sessions and challenge games in preparation. Newport and Inane Rovers defeated Templederry and Silvermines in the semi-finals respectively. The final, the last in the division for the year resulted in victory for Inane Rovers.

## Under 21 Football

In the "A" championship Nenagh Eire Og amassed huge scores against Erins Hope and Inane Rovers to retain the title they have now won on 6 consecutive occasions.

The "B" championship was a more prolonged affair and as the competition progressed it became increasingly more difficult to predict a winner. Silvermines unexpectedly defeated Newport in their semi-final and entered the final as



*Ballinahinch North Tipperary Junior (A) Hurling Winners 1992. Back: John Ryan, Martin Kennedy, Brendan Healy, Noel Kearns, Liam Kearns, Michael Ryan, Dan O'Sullivan, Michael Healy. Front: John Healy, Martin Ryan, Philip Kelly, Ger O'Sullivan, Bill Lynch, Sean Gleeson, Dermot Healy.*



favourites against Sean Treacys who disposed of the Portroe challenge in the other semi-final. The Ballina/Ballinahinch combination produced a determined effort in the final and had 3 points to spare at the end of a goal-less hour, (0-10 to 0-7).

### Minor Football

Nenagh Eire Og won the "A" competition for the fifth consecutive season but not without some dif-

ficulties. Newport, whom they defeated in last year's final by a single point, ran them close in the semi-final. In the final we had the same two teams as in the hurling decider and while Nenagh recorded the double, the Borrisokane/Knocksegowna (Erins Hope) put up a tremendous battle for most of the hour.

Eleven teams competed in the "B" championship with Moneygall, Borrisoleigh, Burgess

and Kildangan reaching the semi-finals. Both semi-finals were keenly contested and Kildangan and Moneygall qualified for the decider. In a low-scoring goalless final Kildangan got the necessary scores to claim victory but not without some hectic defending and goal keeping especially in the closing stages.

At time of writing some of the Co. championships have not been completed.

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# Toome's Long Wait Is Over

*At four o'clock on Sunday, 8th November, Toome's long wait was finally over. Tommy Lonergan's final whistle and wave of his arms signalled the end of a thirty two year barren spell in the fortunes of Toomevara Senior hurling. It was also the climax of a marathon year for the parish heroes who had, by their herculean efforts, "brought Toome in front again." The year 1992 will go down in song and story by the firesides of Toomevara, and far beyond, as the year when Michael O'Meara and his gallant men brought the Dan Breen Cup back to the success-starved parish club, and reached the pinnacle of hurling fame in Tipperary.*

Swept away were all the disappointments, heartbreaks and frustrations caused by defeats and near-misses down through the years. North Tipperary titles had been won in 1961, 1962 and 1991, but these were of little account to a proud people who measured real success only in the winning of a County Senior title. Toomevara were defeated by Kilruane McDonaghs in 1986 and 1990, and by Lorrha in 1989 in North Tipperary Finals. Patience with the efforts of the team was beginning to run out and doubts were harboured about their ability to rise above the mediocre and put Toome on the map again. Eventually it was decided to make an all-out attempt to, at least, win a North title, and to seek a coach/trainer of proven ability to

prepare the team. Pat Joe Whelehan, of Birr, was prevailed upon to take up the task of moulding the team into a Championship winning unit.

He had quick success when Nenagh Éire Óg were defeated in the 1991 North Tipperary Final after a replay. Hopes were raised of a county title, but were dashed by Cashel King Cormacs in the County Semi-final, a game Toome felt they should have won, a defeat made more galling when Cashel went on to ultimate honours.

Come 1992 and sights were firmly set on nothing less than victory in the County final. It was felt that the team had the experience, even though a young team, and the qualities necessary to achieve that goal. You may ask how such a young team could be

considered experienced. The foundation for this team began in 1975 when juvenile titles at Under-12 and Under-14 level were won. Since then each member has won several county titles in different grades from Under-12 to Intermediate level, and all, but a few, have played for Tipperary. So, every one of them knew how difficult it is, and how much work, dedication and commitment is needed to achieve success in any grade of hurling.

Toome have been dubbed "the marathon team", and with good reason. They have played nineteen games in League and Championship, apart from many challenge games. The North Tipperary League began in early Spring and Toome came through to beat Borrisoleigh in a good final in Moneygall. They were then regarded as one of the fancied teams in the North Division. Whom should they have to play in the first round of the Championship but Borrisoleigh? After two gripping encounters Borrisoleigh emerged victors, and Toome entered the Losers' Group to be drawn against old rivals Kilruane McDonagh. In a pulsating, hard-hitting game, reminiscent of their great battles of other years victory went to the Greyhounds, who had to pull out all the stops to overcome a valiant effort by their old adversaries.

In the Losers' Group Final Toome found it difficult to get the better of a Portroe team who showed scant regard for their opponents. Relieved at escaping with a narrow victory Toome entered the semi-final and there followed a series of games akin to



Tommy Dunne (Toomevara) in possession closely watched by Seamus Maher (Sarsfields).



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the famous Meath-Dublin encounters of 1991. The first game ended even after Toome had looked to have won in the closing minutes.

The replay produced a hard struggle, the game going to extra time. The Greyhounds served up their best hurling of the year so far in the extra time, going into a lead of six points. The game seemed to be all over bar the shouting, but Lorrha, true to their fighting tradition, snatched two goals on the call of time and left Toome stunned into a daze. The third game was an anti-climax as Lorrha proved too strong against a tired team which had played six games in seven weeks, and thus had relinquished its North title.

However, all was not lost yet, as being League winners, they had the right to play the beaten finalists in the North Championship for a place in the County quarter-finals. This was the point at which Pat Joe and his selectors played their part in rejuvenating the spirits of a truly downhearted team. He had set the target at the beginning of the year and still had his sights set firmly forward in that direction. He coaxed and cajoled his charges and re-fired them with his own brand of zeal determination and fierce will-to-win.

Lorrha, having lost to Nenagh in the North final, had to face Toome for the fourth time, in the play-off which had the rather bizarre setting of a Wednesday evening fixture, four days before the County quarter final.

In a disastrous start Toome conceded three goals in the first ten minutes, were led by eleven points and their goose seemed well and truly cooked. Resurrecting their pride, spirit and courage, they then proceeded to outhurl Lorrha and pull victory from the jaws of defeat, though, in fairness it must be admitted that Lorrha now looked a tired team. Their tails up, Toome set off in the County quarter-final, firm favourites to put Ballingarry in their place, but they got quite a fright as Ballingarry carried the game to a rather lack-lustre side which had to fight to the last to overcome doughty opponents.

The scene was then set for a semi-final meeting with

Loughmore, then regarded as favourites to lift the crown, having very convincingly beaten county champions Cashel. Undergoing an intensive training schedule the Greyhounds were now getting properly fit and prepared for the first time in the year. Undaunted by the weight of public opinion in favour of Loughmore they thwarted Loughmore ambitions with a workmanlike performance. It was a hard game, closely fought with no quarter given or asked, and their supreme fitness brought them a hard-earned victory in the closing minutes - Tommy Dunne's superb point from a brilliant Tony Delaney pass putting them in lead in a nail-biting finish. In the other semi-final favourites Nenagh Éire Óg were decisively beaten by Thurles Sarsfields in a replay. So the battle lines were drawn for a confrontation on final day between two age-old traditional rivals, rivals who had fought many epic encounters, two clubs aching to return to former glories from the doldrums, where they knew they had languished for too long.

The scene was Semple Stadium on Sunday, 1st November. Sarsfields were regarded as slight favourites. In a drab, tense first half scoring was low, but the game sprang to life in the second half, especially after Thurles scored a rather fortuitous goal in the tenth minute. The goal galvanised Toome into action and they opened up a three point lead with a refreshing, dashing brand of first time hurling and they looked likely winners with five minutes left on the watch. Sarsfields refused to die, and in a great rally drew level, much to the dismay of the Toome supporters. Before the replay on the following Sunday Sarsfields had the psychological advantage. But, what a game! Both sides thundered into the fray with sheer abandon, and rid of all inhibitions, served up a gripping, rip-roaring exhibition of full-blooded, skillful hurling that delighted partisan and neutral alike. Sarsfields led at half time on a score of 1-4 to 0-6, Toome having driven many wides. On the resumption Tommy Dunne levelled the scores in the first minute, but Sarsfields went ahead again. Then followed a disallowed goal for Toome, scored in

spectacular fashion by Tommy Carroll. The incident galvanised Michael O'Meara's men to greater heights and they produced a brand of hurling not seen for many a day. Thurles responded in kind and play flowed from end to end with Toome gradually getting the upper hand in a glorious finale. The young bloods had outlasted and outgunned their illustrious rivals, who gave their all in what is regarded as one of the best County finals ever seen, a game in which there was no place for the faint-hearted. It took two great teams to make a great game.

Toome supporters were delirious with joy - Sarsfields were dumb-founded, but generously conceded that the better team had won. Seldom has been seen such a display of sheer joy, ecstasy or emotion as that written on the faces of the victorious supporters at the final whistle.

On reflection, to win a County Senior title with one young minor player on a team is regarded as a great achievement, but to win with three minors, one of whom was Player of the Match, is surely a great feat.

Many factors combined to produce such a great performance. The coach/trainer Pat Joe Whelehan and selectors Rev. Fr. M. Casey, Frankie Ryan and Jim McDonnell worked tirelessly and unselfishly throughout the year to nurture their charges, and their shrewd management, and positional switches during games paid dividends. The club committee, led by Secretary Matt O'Meara, spared no effort to help in the smooth running of affairs. Frances Daly, physiotherapist did trojan work behind the scenes, and finally the people of the parish were fully behind their heroes, giving willing and enthusiastic encouragement and backing up their support through very generous contributions to club funds.

All the hard work has borne fruit and the people are rightly proud of J. Grace, P. Meagher, R. Brislane, M. O'Meara (Capt.), G. Friend, D. O'Meara, P. Shanahan, P. King, T. Delaney, Terry Dunne and Thomas Dunne, L. Flaherty, L. Nolan, T. Carroll, M. Nolan, K. McCormack, S. Nolan, K. McDonnell, B. Spillane, J. Dunne, J. Ryan, K. Delaney, O. Cuddihy.



# Historic Year for Nenagh Eire Óg

*1992 was a historic year for Nenagh Eire Óg with a clean-sweep of football titles in North Tipperary along with the minor hurlers retaining their titles, Junior B hurling honours being won for the first time and the highlight of the year the McGrath Cup returning to Nenagh after a 28 year gap.*

## Football:

The Club had a clean sweep of all football competitions entered with the minor and under 21 titles being retained. Both teams are still in the championship at the time of writing with the U21's in particular having a fine chance of retaining their county title. The Senior footballers retained their North title with a handsome victory over Newport in Ballina and with Mark Sheahan and Kevin Coonan now established on the county senior team the basis of a top class football team is within the club.

## Junior (B) Hurling

In Hurling the club had many highlights. The Junior B hurlers opened their campaign with an eleven point victory over Lorrha. In the second round a strong Kilruane side was defeated by six points with Toomevara failing to field in the final game of the league section. In the semi-final a fine point scoring display saw Kiladangan defeated by 0-16 to 1-6. The final was a tremendous encounter with Silvmynes scoring two early goals. Eire Óg struggled throughout the first half and only fine saves by goalkeeper P.J. Maxwell and good defensive performances by Robbie Foley and Pádraig Gleeson kept hopes alive. The second half was a different matter as Mark Sheahan in Centrefield and Michael Morrissey aided and abetted by minor substitutes Kevin Tucker and Mervan Scanlon weaved their way through the Mines defence for vital points. A minute to go two points down. A fine move saw Kevin Tucker release Tom Moylan who found the net. Final whistle. Joy to behold. Captain Martin Morris and veteran of many senior campaigns, Matt Ryan embraced in centrefield. North medal at last.

## Junior A

In Junior A hurling, Eire Óg started slowly suffering a defeat at the hands of Kilruane by 3 pts in the first round. In the losers group victories over Newport and Shannon Rovers brought a losers group final place against Lorrha. With defences generally on top the junior A's reached the semi final by a 7 point margin. In the semi final Eire Óg produced a fine second half performance with substitute John Tucker highly influential to defeat Borrisokane by 12 points. The final against Ballinahinch in Templederry was played after the Junior B final on Saturday October 17th.

It was a game of two halves. In the first half the powerful hurling of the ever improving Declan O'Meara, Roger Coffey and John Tucker saw Eire Óg into an early lead. 0-11 to 0-2 with 20 minutes to go and victory was in sight. An unfortunate injury to Con Howard, whose physical presence among a youthful side was vital, brought Ballinahinch into the game. Two goals from frees gave Ballinahinch the initiative and victory was theirs by the narrowest of margins. The junior team however are a very youthful side and if they can be kept together will take a lot of beating in next year's championship.

Under 21 hurling proved to be disappointing for the club with Moneygall defeating us in the first round.

## Minors Win County

The minor hurlers captured the only county championship of the year bringing the Sean Treacy cup back to Nenagh for only the fifth time.

The minor championship began on the 16th July against Kiladangan in Kilcoleman. An impressive Eire Óg defeated

Kiladangan 3-12 to 0-3 in a match notable for 2 Kevin Tucker goals and a bad hand injury to John Manly. Two weeks later a scrappy performance saw Moneygall defeated by 1-14 to 1-4 with Declan O'Meara grabbing the vital goal after a fine run by sub Paul Henry. Roscrea failed to field for the final league game which meant a semi-final spot was secured.

Tipp's Munster final involvement and club senior matches meant that the North Minor semi final did not take place until 16th September 1992. At present at this game were enthralled as Nenagh and Toomevara fought an epic battle. A first half goal gave Toom a half time lead of 1-2 to 0-3. First time hurling of the highest quality with a magnificent defence led by Dee Bailey saw Eire Óg fight back into the game and Liam Walsh's goal left Eire Óg ahead at the finish by 1-8 to 1-5. A feature of the game was Frank McGrath's performance in Keeping Tommy Dunne scoreless from play.

The North final took place in early October with Erins Hope as opposition. A fine first half performance saw Eire Óg leading by 2-7 to 0-3 after 40 minutes. Two players were sent off at this stage and the Eire Óg defence opened up as Erins Hope fought back magnificently. Eire Óg had plenty of heart and determination and with Robbie Tomlinson switched to centrefield winning vital ball up popped Kevin Tucker to rattle in the vital goal and the North title was retained.

The County semi-final three weeks later was notable for an injury crisis in the full back line which necessitated midfield star Mervan Scanlon being turned into a full back against Ballybacon. Against the first half wind a Kevin Tucker goal levelled matters at



# Nenagh Eire Óg – North Tipp. Hurling Champions



*Nenagh Eire Óg – North Junior B. Hurling Champions 1992. Back: M. Sheahan, Michael Morrissey, J. Moylan, J. O'Donoghue, C. Morgan, C. Morris, Matt Ryan, J. Darcy (Trainer). Front: P.J. Maxwell, P. Gleeson, T. Moylan, M. Morris (Capt), Robbie Foley, B. Connolly, C. Malone, D. Nolan.*



*Nenagh Eire Óg – North Tipp. Senior Hurling Champions 1992. Back: Donie O'Brien, John Heffernan, Frank Moran, Christy McLoughlin, Noel Coffey, Eddie Tuckery, Conor O'Donovan, Paul Dolan. Front: Michael Cleary, Ronan Burns, Robbie Tomlinson, Paul Kennedy, Neil Corbett, Philip Kennedy, John Kennedy.*

half time. Eire Óg bombarded the Ballybacon goal in the second half and goals by that man again. Kevin Tucker and Paul Henry left the final score 3-10 to 0-10.

The County final in Semple Stadium was the best team performance of the year. A team strengthened by the return of Liam O'Gara and David Creamer cruised to victory over Thurles Sarsfields. The forwards in particular had a field day scoring 3-15 from play with Robbie Tomlinson scoring 1-7. The services from the half back line and centrefield was magnificent with Frank McGrath aided and abetted by Captain Shane Connolly, Mervan Scanlon and John Tucker.

A great year for the minors whose real strength in an injury stricken year was the strength of the panel with 23 players used in the 6 championship games.

## Senior Glory

The highlight of the club year was achieved by the seniors hurling team with the Frank McGrath Cup last won by a magnificent side in 1964 returning after a 28 year gap.

A lack of concentration on the league, which the management astutely used to try out players meant interest in the league ended early.

The first round of the championship had a familiar look to it with Eire Óg facing Kilruane, now an almost annual event. A fine

Eire Óg performance, with Ronan Burns in outstanding form scoring 5 points from play and all the front eight players scoring, saw Eire Óg progress impressively.

A Sunday evening in July brought a Borrisoleigh meeting with Roscrea in the quarter finals. A slow start lulled the senses as the Eire Óg forward line burst into life and a goal scoring exhibition of the highest quality ensured as John Kennedy (2), Neil Corbett (2) Robbie Tomlinson and Ronan Burns grabbed goals. Indeed Eire Óg's last goal with Ronan Burns and Eddie Tucker combining magnificently was the finest seen for many a day at the venue. A final score of 6-13 to 0-6 left a semi-final spot against Borrisoleigh.

The semi final was played in McDonagh Park Nenagh. The teams were evenly matched during the first half. The breakthrough came midway during the second half when Ronan Burns got on the end of a Robbie Tomlinson cross. The forwards clicked into top gear after this and Boris had no answer as Eire Óg finished in a flourish tow in by 3-13 to 0-8.

A north final place had been won. The North final took place in MacDonagh Park in Cloughjordan on Sunday August 30th. A tough tense first half saw Eire Óg ahead of Lorrha by 0-7 to 0-5 with the breeze to follow. The second half brought joy to Eire Óg followers who had waited 28 barren years

for this day. Michael Cleary reigned supreme at centrefield and when John Kennedy goaled the Frank McGrath Cup was bound for Nenagh. Points by Eddie Tucker (3) and Ronan Burns (2) were added to by John Kennedy who finished with (1-3) while Michael Cleary's midfield performance in scoring eight points was magnificent. The foundation for success was laid in defence as Christy McLoughlin kept his third clean sheet in a row. Conor O'Donovan was a giant at full back. Donie O'Brien received player of the week for his corner back performance. John Heffernan drove many balls deep into Lorrha territory while Noel Coffey, Paul Kennedy and Frank Moran completed a top class defence.

The scenes in Banba Square were magnificent as the team was presented to the joyous followers. Two weeks later attention was turned to the county championship as Killenaule provided the opposition in the county quarter final in Semple Stadium. After a slow start Eire Óg forged ahead with goals by Michael Cleary and Neilly Corbett. A switch between Eddie Tucker and John Kennedy benefited both players with John adding a goal to leave the final score 30-14 to 0-7. This was the first game the club had won at county senior championship level since the Open Draw was abolished.



The win over Killenaule brought about a semi-final meeting with Thurles Sarsfields on October 17th. During the first half Robie Tomlinson's early goal kept Eire Óg in touch. With John Heffernan outstanding at wing back and centrefield getting on top after a slow start Eire Óg raced into a 3 point lead with five minutes remaining. An unfortunate injury to midfielder Philip Kennedy left Thurles haul themselves back into the game to level matters at the finish.

One week later in Cloughjordan the sides met again. It was a game many Eire Óg people would like to forget as the team never reached the heights attained in all their previous games. Thurles were the better team on the day winning by 9 points but many Eire Óg supporters will rue goal chances which if converted could have altered the completion of the game. The senior management of Manager Liam Heffernan and his selectors Tony Tierney, John Tucker and Billy Flannery are to be congratulated on their efforts in bringing home the Frank McGrath Cup.



*Nenagh Eire Óg North + County M.H. Champions 1992. Back: L. O'Gara, M. Scanlon, T. Guest, C. McLoughlin, L. Walsh, D. O'Meara, T. Tucker, T. Conroy. Front: P. Bailey, J. Manley, R. Tomlinson, F. McGrath, S. Connolly, K. tucker, P. O'Kennedy.*



*County Minor Hurling Final – Thurles Sarsfields v. Nenagh Eire Óg – John Tucker and Eddie Enright.*

## Unique Representation

**In 1992 the Eire Óg club had the unique distinction of having players on County panels in Minor Hurling and Football, Under-21 Hurling and Football and Senior Hurling and Football – an achievement of which the club is justifiably proud, and which contributed to the past year being the most successful in the club's history. This is a tribute to all the many club officials and selectors. Especially pleasing is the very successful promotion of hurling at Under 10 level, which sees over 70 young boys, fully outfitted by their parents, in the field every Saturday morning. The future of the club looks very bright and we look forward to continuing success in the years ahead.**

*Sean Minogue*



# Moneygall 1992 — Dreams are Realised

**A**t the North Tipperary Convention in 1990 Moneygall sought permission to regrade to intermediate ranks after a lengthy spell in the senior grade. The main reason for regarding was the total lack of success in the late eighties together with the demoralising effects on the younger players in particular, of many successive defeats. In the 1990 championship, despite losing a number of games, the team acquitted themselves well and hopes were high that, with a number of promising young players, success would be achieved within a couple of years.

In 1991 the dreams of the club were realised sooner than expected when they marched to success in the North and County Intermediate Championship with many impressive displays against good opposition. One of the main reasons for the success was the fine performance of the U-21 players in the squad who blended well with the more experienced players. The icing on the cake for '91 came with the success of the U-21 team in capturing North and County honours in the 'B' grade.

Following the heights reached in '91 the club commenced this year with great expectations. Hopes of a good run in the senior championship were dashed with defeats by Borris-Ileagh and Portroe ending our interest for another year. However there were many encouraging signs during the year and a number of good displays in challenge and league games gave good hopes for 1993.

With half of our senior team still under 21, we opened the championship with confidence and scored a comprehensive 3-9 to 0-5 win over neighbours Toomevara. This win added much confidence to the team as they faced Nenagh in the semi-final. Nenagh were favourites to win the title with many of their senior team in action but in an exciting game that contained some great bouts of hurling we emerged victorious by 0-10 to 1-5. In the North final against Roscrea the team failed to play to their true potential and



A group of Moneygall supporters who travelled to Templemore to support their U-21 hurling team in the county final.

## MONEYGALL — County U-21 Champions 1992



### MONEYGALL: COUNTY U-21 CHAMPIONS 1992

*Back: Michael Sullivan, Andrew Keeshan, Neil Maher, Jim Hoolan, Tom Delaney (Capt.), Tom Delaney, Neil Quinlan, Fintan Harney, John Maher, Brian Dwyer, Padhraic Kennedy, Michael Dwyer, Seamus Boland. Front: Denis Sullivan, Noel Ryan, John Doughan, Declan Ryan, Eamon Troy, John Shelly, Philip Quinlan, Donagh Hoolan, Liam Carroll, Francis Gleeson, Paddy Whyte. Absent from photo — Eoin Toohy.*

struggled to force a draw 1-7 each. In the replay a week later there was to be no doubt about the result as they attacked Roscrea from the start and dominated the play for the hour to gain the first ever U-21 "A" title for the club by 2-16 to 1-10.

After a long delay we accounted for Killenaule in the county semi-final by 2-13 to 4-1. All roads now led to Templemore for the county final against '91 champions Cashel. It was in this game that the team showed their real worth and matched the best that Cashel could throw at them. After a fine display of fast, intelligent hurling Moneygall were the winners by 1-12 to 1-7 and Thomas Delaney had the honour of being the first Moneygall man to receive the Divan Cup.

The club was fortunate this year to have such a dedicated bunch of players on the panel. Fourteen of the actual team had played in last years' "B" final and they worked hard all year in their efforts to achieve success. Manager John Donovan and fellow selectors Kevin Maher and John Costigan gave their full commitment to preparing the team. However, all would agree that the influence of Len Gaynor who guided the team during the year was a major factor in winning the county final. Thanks Len and also to all others associated with this win.

The Moneygall team in the county final was: Philip Quinlan, Neill Maher, Jim Hoolan, Declan Ryan, Donagh Hoolan, Brian Dwyer, Tom Delaney, Eamon Troy, Neil Quinlan, John Doughan, Noel Ryan, John Shelly, Fintan Harney, Tom

Henneally, John Maher. Subs:- Patrick Whyte, Seamus Boland, Andrew Keeshan, Michael Sullivan, Francis Gleeson, Denis Sullivan, Michael Dwyer, Padraig Kennedy, Liam Carroll.

To complete a successful year many of our teams acquitted themselves well without achieving honours. The minor hurlers reached the North semi-final and narrowly lost to Erins Hope. In minor football and U-16 football we reached the North finals only to lose both narrowly to Kildangan and Borris-Ileagh respectively. The U-12 hurlers delighted us with many fine performances before losing the North final to Toomevara by a single point in a replay. Moneygall National School repeated their achievement of 1991 by winning the county final while Dunkerrin N.S. were unlucky to lose the North football final in a replay.

Off the field the club continued with its efforts in improving the facilities at St. Flannan's Park, Moneygall. A unique 'Sponsor a Concrete Stake' fund raising scheme proved very successful. The old wall surrounding the playing field was demolished and a new wire fence was erected making it the only completely enclosed pitch in North Tipperary. Other work completed during the year included the building of dug-outs and major re-development of the embankments.

All in all, the early nineties have been good to Moneygall and we hope we can build on these successes and bring Moneygall back to the forefront of senior hurling in Tipperary.



# The Toome Lorrha Saga

## – One for the History Books

By Mark Rabbitte

***Look out Dublin and Meath! We have new pretenders to your crown of the "draw specialists" and no prizes for guessing who they are. Yes, Toomevara and Lorrha, in their long running championship saga, made such a mockery of the form book and the "experts" predictions that, when they met four times in this years North Tipperary championships, anything was likely to happen, and more often then not, it did.***

In what was one of the most amazing sequence of games in North Tipperary championship hurling for many a long year, which effectively needed four encounters to be finally resolved, both Toomevara and Lorrha proved themselves as whole-hearted, spirited and committed sides who were like a "God send" for the 'money men' and the punters but who proved to be a nightmare come true for the fixtures committees.

The whole affair started when after losing a preliminary round draw with Borris-ileigh after a replay, Toomevara qualified for the semi-finals from the losers group with victories over Kilruane and Portroe. Their opponents, Lorrha, who qualified for the 'semis' with victories over Newport and Borrisokane, even though

they have often proved to be Toomevaras bogey team in the past, were expected to prove little more than token resistance for a Toomevara side which was now, under the guidance of Offaly man Pat Joe Whelehan, beginning to realise some of the potential promised down the years at juvenile level. How wrong could we be as, what transpired over the next month was to prove that Toomevara, or any other team for that matter, would only ever under rate Lorrha at their peril. They proved more than a match for their illustrious opponents and while they mightn't have had the same skill and overall balance as Toomevara, they nonetheless proved that a little bit of spirit, determination, and above all, an undying pride, can go a long way to compensating shortcomings which may exist in other departments.

### The Draw

The first draw, as were all the games, was played at MacDonagh Park, Nenagh on a warm balmy Sunday afternoon on August 9th, and this game was to set a pattern that, unbelievably, all the other games were to follow.

Lorrha set into the game with all guns blazing and an almost stunned Toomevara didn't know what hit them. After all, even the most ardent of Lorrha supporters would hardly have expected their side to race into 2-5 to 0-3 lead against the North divisional and league champions after only twenty minutes. But that is the scenario that faced Toomevara and when they retired at the interval 2-6 to 0-6 in arrears, I'm sure they could see their title

flashing before their eyes. The second half though saw a transformed Toomevara and they placed with a determination that was glaringly absent during the first thirty minutes, and even though they still trailed by five points with just quarter of an hour left on the clock, what followed was to send the large crowd wild with excitement.

Cathal McIntyre was now at centre back, as Tommy Dunne was beginning to gain the upper-hand for Toomevara. Two long range frees from Michael O'Meara and a third from Michael Nolan brought the Toome contingent to life as their team were back in contention and were not looking the more likely winners. It was hectic at this stage, Declan O'Meara got back to foil John Madden, George Frend cleared and the crowd went wild, five to go. Liam Nolan got in for a vital point, Thomas Dunne got the equaliser and almost on the call of time, Michael Nolan pointed a free to edge Toome in front. Lorrha gave everything in a last gasp effort and with the clock registering 2 min. over the hour, John Madden won possession, pointed, and Lorrha had survived to live another day.

An intriguing start to a fascinating series. But the best was yet to come! Final score: Lorrha 2-9, Toomevara 0-15.

### The Replay

The following Sunday saw the sides cross camans again for what was, without doubt, the best game in the series. For 90 minutes, both sides battled at a ferocious pace as if their lives depended on it and one of the



Gerry Slevin, Nenagh Guardian presents the Guardian Hurler of the Year Award (1991) to George Frend, Toomevara.





North Board Chairman Billy Ryan presents the McDonagh Trophy to Fr. Michael Casey, Chairman of the North Tipperary Club of the Year Award 1991.

most pleasing aspects of the game at the final whistle was that we had the chance to see both sides in action again. It was, quite literally, an outstanding contest of two very determined teams which incorporated everything for breathtaking passages of hurtling, spectacular scores and superb individual performances to flights, arguments and sendings off, all of which contributed to give the discerning punter more than enough value for money. This game took the same pattern as the first with Lorrha coming flying out of the starting blocks and by half-time were enjoying a 1-8 to 0-2 lead.

The second half was only minutes old when the heavens opened and every man, woman and child were left sitting pretty in the middle of a torrential downpour. Eventually, when the clouds had cleared and everyone returned to the game from beneath and assortment of multi-coloured umbrellas and hats the most amazing transformation had taken place on the scoreboard. Toomevara, who were eight points behind when we dived under the umbrellas, were only one point behind when we came up, thanks to the Nolan brothers, Michael and Liam, who scored 1-4 between them during that nine minute spell. Toomevara were on a roll now and two Michael Nolan points and a Terry Dunne point left them one ahead with just minutes left on the clock. However, Lorrha were not dead yet and inspirational centre back, John McNinnyre scored a magnificent point from out on the sideline to send the game into extra time.

The next 30 minutes saw Toomevara move into top gear and they now started to play some excellent hurling. Lorrha, apart from the brilliant John McNinnyre, were starting to look like a beaten team as Toomevara began to dominate. So much were the 'Greyhounds' on top, that, with just under five minutes left to play, they held a six points advantage and were looking a good bet to reach the North final. However, Toomevara, along with almost everyone else in the ground, didn't reckon on the fighting ability of this Lorrha side. They did so at their peril, as with John McNinnyre dominating abso-

## The Result

Sunday, August 23rd, for the third week in a row the sides again were pitted against each other in what was probably the poorest of the three games. This encounter failed miserably to live up to expectations but I'm sure if Lorrha way, they will care little as it was in this third game that they finally came through to earn an North final place against Nenagh.

Toomevara, who, for various reasons, were forced to line out without Michael Nolan, Liam Flaherty and Jody Grace, were but a pale shadow of themselves and as a result Lorrha were the dominant force all through.

Yet again, it was Lorrha who made all the early running and with Ken Hogan blasting home a 21 yard free and a long John Madden ball dropping behind the line, they retired at the interval 2-4 to 0-3 ahead. The second half was a story of great defending

13 Toomevara 1-19 (aet).  
and replay Final Score Lorrha 3-0 and send the game to a second replay and then deserved to score a more then deserved McNinnyre and Johnny O'Sullivan the form of two goals from Cathal and they got their just rewards in search of the equalising scores Lorrha piled on the pressure in lutey everything at this stage.

## The End

With back log of fixtures and a County quarter final fixed for Sunday 13th, Toomevara and Lorrha had no option but to stage their County play off game on Wednesday 9th September as an evening fixture. It was a ludicrous situation, but one which couldn't be avoided due to the unrelenting pressure from the County Board to have all divisional fixtures out of the way.

The game, at the risk of sounding repetitive, was yet another case of Lorrha storming out in front, only to be hauled back by a second half Toomevara revival. On this occasion however, once Lorrha made that initial burst, they fell into almost complete obscurity and nothing more was heard of them for the rest of the hour. This can be seen from the fact that after twelve minutes, Lorrha lead by 3-2 to 0-1 and were looking a safe bet to come through. However, unfortunately for them, their forward line seemed to go on strike from here on in, only managing to score three more points two of which came from frees.

Toomevara on the other hand, after a disastrous start, shook themselves up and with a Tommy Carroll goal providing a solid platform, they went on to fire over the points unrelentingly to

So, a North final place had been gained for Lorrha and Toomevara had been defeated. Defeated maybe but certainly not out. Their newly acquired status as league champions entitled them to a second crack of the whip against the North Final runners up and, as subsequent events were to prove, Nenagh went on to claim their first North Final in 28 years while Lorrha, well, they had a play off game with Toomevara to look forward to.



secure a well deserved victory. Final score Toomevara 1-14 - Lorrha 3-5.

And so the curtain came down on a remarkable series of games, the likes of which, probably, won't be witnessed again for a long time to come. As subsequent events were to show, Toomevara went on to collect their first senior County title since 1960 while Lorrha were left to ponder on what might have been. They certainly played a major part in the series and even though Toomevara may now have the silverware the Lorrha men, no doubt, will have some splendid memories of a saga that did a lot to restore the reputation of North

Tipperary hurling and which is destined to hold a prominent position in the history books of the game for a long time to come.

For the record, the players who took part in and the amount they scored over the four games are as follows."

#### **Toomevara**

Jody Grace, Pat Meagher, Sean Nolan, Rory Brislane, George Frend (0-1) Michael O'Meara (0-4) Tony Delaney, Kenneth McDonnell, Declan O'Meara (0-1) Liam Flaherty (0-2), Michael Murphy (1-1), Philip Shanahan (0-1), Thomas Dunne (0-11), Michael Nolan (0-21), Tommy Carroll (1-0), Liam Nolan (1-6),

Terry Dunne (0-3), Pat King (0-2), Kevin McCormack.

#### **Lorrha**

Ken Hogan (1-1), Donal O'Donoghue, Michael Brophy, Eamon Maher, Declan O'Meara, John McIntyre (0-5), Cathal McIntyre (1-2), Tom Madden (0-1), John Madden (2-9), Martin Younge, Johnny O'Sullivan (2-0), Gerry O'Sullivan (0-1), Aidan McIntyre (1-1), John Sherlock (3-1), Kieran Hough (0-13), Tony Guinan, John Guinan, David Harding, Brian Mannion.

Referee for the first three games was Ger Hayes (Moneygall) while Johnny McDonnell (Roscrea) took charge for the fourth game.

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# Garrett Howard – Oisín i ndiaidh na Féinne

By Seamus Leahy

*It was within days of Toomevara's winning their eleventh county championship that I rang on the doorbell of a man whose name I had heard spoken with reverence in discussions of great hurling games for as long as I can remember. I cannot recall a time when the name and record of Garret Howard was not familiar to me.*

He met me in the hallway, his grip as firm as when he drove the sliotar to the elements and, still on a high from Toom's win, burst into,

*"Hurrah for Toomevara, may your banner never fall,*

*Ye beat Galway and queen's County and ye levelled Cork's stone wall;*

*Oh I never will forget the day Kilkenny's pride went down,*

*Before the skill of Wedger's men in sweet Dungarvan town."*

We sat at the fire and the hours flew as he spoke with authority of games I had heard of as a boy and of team-mates and opponents who are part of the lore of hurling. And, given the week that was in it, his reminiscences kept reverting to Toomevara.

With more than a little nostalgia he recalled a gloomy day sixty-three years ago when he arrived off the train at Cloughjordan and started off walking to Toom. A native of Patrickswell, he had been in the Gardaí since the inception of the force and, having grown tired of city life, he had requested a transfer to a country station. Have you anyplace special in mind? he was asked. Well, he'd like to be in a hurling area, he replied, and thus he found himself on his way to Toomevara.

It is typical of the modesty of Garret Howard that he did not realise what a wave of excitement his arrival was sure to cause in hurling circles in North Tipperary. Thus, thinking he might not be entirely welcome, he stayed away from the hurling field in Toome and confined himself to belting a ball around the yard at the rear of the Garda station. "It was a

time of great political tension," he explains.

What he did not fully understand was the awe with which his achievements at a time when he was only half way through his hurling career were regarded by hurling men. A member of Bobby McConkey's famous star-studded Limerick team that had won the All-Ireland of 1921, he had gone to Dublin and, as a member of the legendary 'Dublin Guards' team had won a further two All-Irelands in 1924 and 1927 a further Leinster Championship in 1928 and a Railway Cup with Leinster in 1927. On top of all – and a fistful of Dublin championships – he had played for Ireland in the Tailteann Games of 1924 and 1928 and in those same years had played shinty for Ireland against Scotland.

It wasn't long before Jack Harty and Mick Ryan (Fren Shea) located him and recruited him for Toomevara and as soon as it became apparent to them that nothing but natural shyness was keeping him to himself they made sure that he was made to feel right at home everywhere he went. In no time at all he was a fixture in the hurling field and so much part of the local community did he become that club meetings were often held in the Garda station. And in winter when training time was scarce he was apt to be found helping with farm chores so that the lads would be able to train in afternoon daylight.

Those were the days when the old Boherlahan-Toomevara rivalry was capable of causing hurling followers everywhere to miss a heartbeat and when they played a draw in the county final at

Thurles all the excitement that had long been associated with the two famous clubs reached boiling point. Toom trained as never before for the replay and at the old Nenagh Showgrounds they defeated their old rivals and came back the following year to repeat the feat. It goes without saying that the presence of the All-Star left-half back was a key factor in the Toomevara successes of the time.

Though he had started off when a mere boy playing in goal for Croom and subsequently played in every part of the field, it was in the half-back line that Garret felt most at home. There's great luxury, he says, in dealing with a ball coming against you and to this day he regards forward play as being more demanding. When he first played with Limerick it was as a half-forward, being fed by what has often been spoken of as the greatest half-back line the game of hurling has produced – Lanigan, Hough and Keane. Ten years later, though, he himself was part of a line that has been compared favourably with it – Howard, Paddy Clohessy and Mickey Cross. It was dubbed the 'Hindenburg Line' and on it many a Tipp, Cork and Kilkenny attack was broken.

Having played with Tipp in 1931 and 1932, he was moved on transfer from Toomevara to Portroe Garda Station and he met his future wife, Josie Barry of Newtown, niece of Frank McGrath, fullback of the 'Greyhounds' of an earlier period and a Chairman of the Munster Council. But the proximity of Portroe to the Limerick border brought him once again to the attention of Limerick mentors





## Tailteann Games 1924

*Back row: M. Dervin (Galway), J. J. Hayes (Tipp.), M. Kelly (Laois), R. Nealon (Tipp.), M. Ryan (Tipp.). Second row from back: J. Kavanagh (trainer), D. Marnane (Limerick), J. Kennedy (Cork), W. Ryan (Limerick), B. Gibbs (Galway), J. Darcy (Tipp.). Seated: M. Darcy (Tipp.), J. Walsh (Dublin), J. Humphreys (Limerick), G. Howard (Dublin), D. Ring (Cork). Front: J. Mahony (Galway), I. Harvey (Galway), M. Greeson (Limerick).*

who were becoming increasingly excited by the rise of a crop of promising young hurlers in Ahane and elsewhere. A deputation arrived at Portroe and, at an age when most hurlers are thinking of retirement, he declared again for his native county, thus beginning a dazzling period of success that would bring him four more Munster championships, two more All-Ireland, four more National Leagues and an American tour.

While one senses a quiet pride in his association with the 'Dublin Guards' team, which Paddy Leahy used say was the greatest club combination he had ever played against or seen, he is slow to make claims of greatness for them. "Were they the best of them all?" I urged and I had to wait a while for the answer. When it came it was non-committal - "Well, they'd be hard to beat anyway." But the great squad which included the likes of Mick Gill, Fowler McInerney and Matty Power were more than hard to beat - they were nearly impossible to beat and eventually, in deference to the feelings of other Dublin clubs, they disbanded.

When he turns to the subject of the Limerick team of the '30's, however, Garret's enthusiasm is obvious and he glitters with remembrance of games won for his native county. The Mackeys, he asserts, were brilliant but in Timmy Ryan was a player who never quite got the credit he deserved. His work rate at centrefield was phenomenal to the extent that Garret fell into the habit of referring to him as 'The Horse'. And Limerick, he main-

tains should have taken more All-Irelands in the '30's - a view which few experts of the time would dispute.

For a man who has seen ninety-two winters - he was born within a dozen years of the first All-Ireland - Garret Howard can be keenly perceptive about modern hurling and modern training methods. A man should always have something in reserve, he says, meaning that training should not be of a kind to leave one exhausted either physically or mentally. There should be a slow buildup of training and a man should be a couple of pounds overweight rather than underweight. Don't leave all your energy on the training field! he advises. I recalled to him how an old teammate of the Tipp team of 1932 used quote him as saying after an evening's training, "Boys, they are training the form off us!" He did not recall the incident but he could well believe it happened. There is no substitute, he claims, for lots of hurling, lots of walking and lots of sleep. It was a rare day before his old age that he himself did not walk anything up to twelve miles.

He regrets, too, the deterioration of ground hurling and the kind of first-time hitting which was so much a feature of the Boherlahan-Toomevara games and he still quotes the old Boherlahan captain. "Whatever Tipp won, was won on the ground". And yet he has endless admiration for players like Phil Cahill of Holycross who, in an age which favoured ground hurling, liked to get the ball in his hand. On a day when he lined

out as a forward he was asked by Jack Keane if he would switch back to mark Cahill. He policed the wily Holycross man so closely that after a while Cahill remarked, "Garret, we're very far out from the goals."

"The farther, the better," replied Garret, well aware that a couple of yards of space was all that Phil needed to do damage.

In the same way he was switched in a Leinster championship game to take on Lory Meagher at centrefield. After a while the great Tullaroan man complained, "Will you keep out from me, Garret!"

"Tis closer I'll be getting for the next half-hour, Lorenzo," he replied.

His tactic as a back was to keep as close to his man as was necessary to keep the ball away. The more dangerous the man, the closer he kept; there was no fouling, but eye on the ball and two hands on the hurley. In his long playing career he was never warned for foul play, though he carries many battle-scars.

When one asks him about the greatest players he hurled on the great names of the past spill from him in a way that underlines the brilliance of the hurling age in which he performed, but the names of Phil Cahill and Martin Kennedy tend to recur. Among the backs of relatively recent times he had a huge regard for John Doyle, though, as in his playing days, one feels that it was forwards who caught his eye.

When he married in 1936 Garret had to move from Portroe under the rule which made it impossible for a Garda to serve



near his own or his wife's birthplace. By then his inter-county hurling days were nearly at an end, but while his family of five girls and one boy were growing up in Carrick-on-Suir – where he was associated with the Swans – and in Feakle, he passed on to them his own great love of the game he so adorned. In Feakle the girls began playing camogie and there are those who claim that it was from there the revival of the game in Clare began. Today, his daughter Jo, teaching in Redwood, Lorrha, is Secretary

of North Tipp Bord na nOg, while Libbie is the long-standing and much-respected PRO of the Tipperary County Board.

As we shook hands I told him I would treasure the memory of talking to him. Forty years from now, I said, I will tell how I had shaken the hand of Garret Howard. And I meant it – forgetting that I am less than likely to wear my next forty years as well as 93-year-old Garret has worn his last forty.

Through the three hours we had talked he had interspersed

the discussion with appropriate verses and as he stood on the doorstep to see me off he reminded me again with a final verse that it was with croom that as a boy he began the long career that made him one of the greatest of hurling's legends –

*"Come on my sons of Sarsfield,  
Don't be a bit afraid,  
When fortune on your arms smile,  
We'll shout for Croom Abu!"*

## The All-Ireland Siúcra Elevens

If the All-Ireland Club Championship proved an elusive prize for Cashel King Cormac's the team had some consolation in winning the All-Ireland Siúcra Elevens at Carlow on May 2. In doing so they added the premier title to their victory in the Shield final in 1991, the day saw a Tipperary double with Killenaule winning the Shield final with a convincing win over Camross of Laois by 7-11 to 1-3.

In all forty teams from all over the country took part in the competition and Cashel had to win five matches to win the title. In the first round they beat

Feoghanagh of Limerick by 4-9 to 1-3 and followed that up with a 2-11 to 2-5 win over Athenry. Rathnure of Wexford came next and provided stiff opposition before Cashel emerged winners by 2-6 to 0-09.

This victory qualified them for a semi-final meeting with Mount Sion of Waterford, the team that had put Cashel out of the 1991 competition in a penalty shoot-out. Cashel reversed that result by two goals in a scoreline of 3-8 to 1-8 and qualified to meet Cloughbawn of Wexford in the final.

The Wexford side, which had

put out a fancied St. Rynaghs of Offaly in the second semi-final, led Cashel by 0-4 to 0-2 at half-time. Although playing against the wind in the second half the 'Kings' rose to the challenge and a goal by Ailbe Bonnar midway through the half put them on the road to victory by 1-7 to 0-5.

The panel of 14 was as follows: Raymie Ryan, Michael Perdue, James O'Donoghue, Tommy Grogan, Ailbe Bonnar, Pat O'Donoghue, Conal Bonnar, Sean Slattery, T.J. Connolly, Seanie O'Donoghue, Cormac Bonnar, Seanie Morrissey, Timmy Maloney, Joe O'Leary.



Backrow, left to right: John Grogan, Jack Darmody, Brendan Bonnar, Joe Minogue, Seanie Barron, Sean Morrissey, Pearse Bonnar, Timmy Maloney, Joe O'Leary, Angus Ryan, Justin McCarthy. Front Row, left to right: Raymie Ryan, Michael Perdue, James O'Donoghue, Tommy Grogan, Ailbe Bonnar, Pat O'Donoghue, Conal Bonnar, Sean Slattery, T.J. Connolly, Seanie O'Donoghue, Seated: Cormac Bonnar.



# Great year for Ballina

**1992 proved to be a very successful year for Ballina G.A.A. Club - one of the most successful ever. The Junior A Team started the year by taking the Junior League, defeating Kilruane - MacDonagh's in the Final. Score 1 - 12 to 1 - 6.**

The next success for the club was U-21 footballers winning the North Championship. After a walk-over from Kilruane MacDonagh's they defeated Portroe and Shannon Rovers on the path to the final. In the final they defeated the Silvermines by 10pts to 0-7 after a great display. In the County semi-final they were defeated by Ardfinnan by 10 points to 9.

## Minors

This year Ballina Minors have fielded their own teams, on their own, for the first time since the foundation of the Juvenile Club. In their path to their taking the Nealon Trophy for Minor B Hurling they defeated Templederry Score line 3-6 to 2pts. Lost to Borrisoleigh score-line 6-8 to 6-7. Defeated Shannon Rovers 2-12 to 2-6. In the semi-final they defeated Silvermines 2-9 to 1-2. In the final they defeated Newport with the score 2-13 to 3-6. In the County semi-final they were defeated by Ballingarry - the



Sean Treacys (Ballina/Ballinahinch) U-21 Footballers. Back: Tom Gleeson, Diarmuid McKeogh, Adrian King, J.D. Frawley, Pat Gleeson, Seamus McKeogh, Fergus Collins, Killian Mills, Ml Sheehy (Sel), Des Nevin, Martin McInerney, Brian Stritch, Gerard McKeogh, Danny McKeogh (Sel). Front: Wm. Shanahan, Sean Collins, Brendan Healy, martin Kennedy (Capt)< Tony McInerney, Keith Hogan, Shane Gleeson, John O'Donnell (Sel).

eventual champions on the score 3-9 to 3-7.

## Minor Football

The U-16's started the year with a first round win over the

Silvermines. In the second round we defeated Lorrha. In the next round we defeated Burgess which put us into the semi-final, in which we defeated near neighbours Newport.



The Ballina team which played Ballingarry in the county minor hurling B semi-final at The Ragg. Back row (l to r) Keith Hogan, Mike Sheehy, Tomas McInerney, J.D. Frawley, William Shanahan, Shane Gleeson, Adrian King, Johnny Hassett, Sean Collins, Conor Hurley, Diarmuid McKeogh, Mark Sheehy. Front row - Anthony Mills, Mark Riordan, Brian Stritch, Tony McInerney, Brendan McKeogh, Gavin Jennings, Thomas Gleeson, Dessie Nevin, Brian Gleeson, Thomas O'Farrell.



In the North final we came up against Lorrha for a second time and after a very hard fought game we defeated Lorrha by 3pts. Score 7pts - 4pts.

In the County semi-final we defeated Golden in a thrilling game. Score 2-9 to 3-5.

In the County final we came up against a very good team in Fr. Sheehy's who defeated us by 3 pts. Score 1-12 to 1-9.

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*Ballina Under-16 Hurling Team: Back: Anthony Mills, Pádraig Flannery, Joe Hogan, Declan McKeogh, Thomas McInerney, Mark Sheehy, Noel O'Shea, Mark Walton, Ml. Sheehy, Ml. Darcy, Robert King, Conor Hurley. Front: Fran Hogan, Brendan McKeogh, Brian Darcy, Eamon Cawley, Mark O'Riordan, David Fahy, Cathal Bourke, Des Kelly Donnach Ryan. Absent: Ml O'Brien, Joe Fitzgerald, Brendan Walton.*

# Junior Hurling Inter Firms County Final

**Procter and Gamble, Nenagh 2-9**

**Freshland Foods, Roscrea 0-5**



*Left: The Procter & Gamble, Nenagh which defeated Freshland Foods, Roscrea in the Inter-Firms Junior Hurling County Final. Back row: Dinny Collins, Sean Forde, Martin Cahalan, Eddie Tucker, Pádraig Loughlan, Willie Connors, Stephen Carthy, Brian Bergin, Colin O'Brien and Gearoid McDermot. Front: Eddie Quinn, Niall Lynch, Paul Cornally, John Mulcahy, Phil Hennessy, John Doughan, Brian O'Brien, Joe Cahill (Capt.), Ger Gleeson, Ned Quigley and Pakie Bourke.*

*Right: Fresh Foods, Roscrea, defeated by Procter & Gamble Nenagh in the County Inter Firms JH Final. Back row: D. Moloney, Tom O'Grady (Selector), Tony Collins (Selector), M. Byrne, L. Carson, A. Stapleton, F. Tully, A. Hogan, L. Delaney, J. Maloney, G. Costigan, S. Dunne, M. O'Hara, P. Kelly and Tom Ryan (Team coach). Front row: P. Mensall, J. McMahon, D. Teehan, D. Hogan, J. Dooley, J. Daley, R. Kelly, B. Bergin and B. Spillane (Capt.)*





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**Senior hurling final at Clonmel:** Ballingarry 2-12, Killenaule 1-10. Referee: W. Barrett.

**Senior football final at Kilsheelan:** Commercials 1-8, Fethard 0-11. Referee: T. Lonergan. (Replay) Fethard 2-8, Commercials 1-6. Referee: T. Lonergan.

**Intermediate hurling final at Clonmel:** Fethard 4-11, Marlfield 1-8. Referee: W. Barrett.

**Intermediate football final at Clonmel:** Ballyporeen 0-14, Fr. Sheehy's 2-8. Referee: T. J. Corby. (Replay) Ballyporeen 0-15, Fr. Sheehy's 0-9. Referee: T. J. Corby.

**Junior Hurling (A) Final at Ardfinnan:** Newcastle 3-9, Skeheenarinka 1-14. Referee: M. Kennedy.

**Junior football (A) final at Ardfinnan:** Commercials 1-7, Clonmel Óg 0-6. Referee: W. Barrett.



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**Junior football (A) Final at Carrick:** Mullinahone 0-6, Kilsheelan 0-6. Referee: S. Mullins. (Replay) Kilsheelan 2-5, Mullinahone 1-2. Referee: C. Boland.

**Under-21 hurling (A) Final at Clonmel:** Killenaule 5-11, Mullinahone 0-9. Referee: T. J. Corby.

**Under-21 football (A) Final at Ardfinnan:** Commercials 7-7, Ballyporeen 0-5. Referee: W. Barrett.

**Under-21 hurling (B) Final at Clonmel:** Ballybacon-Grange 3-9, Ballyneale 0-4. Referee: J. McCarthy.

**Under-21 football (B) Final at Monroe:** Ardfinnan 0-12, Killenaule 1-4. Referee: T. J. Corby.

**Minor hurling (A) Final at Cabir:** Ballybacon/Grange 2-6, St. Mary's 2-3. Referee: J. McCarthy.



**FETHARD - SOUTH INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONS 1992**



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*Minor football (A) Final at Kilsheelan:* Commercials 0-11, Ardinnan 0-6. Referee: M. Walsh.

*Minor hurling (B) Final at Clonmel:* Ballingarry 0-13, Fr. Sheehy's 1-9. Referee: W. Walsh.

*Minor football (B) Final at Clonmel:* Cahir 2-7, Killenaule 3-4. Referee: M. Kennedy. (Replay) at Cahir: Cahir 1-11, Killenaule 1-2.

*Walsh Shield S.H.L. Final:* Swan 1-12, Ballingarry 3-6. Referee: W. Barrett. (Replay) Ballingarry 2-13, Swan 0-12. Referee: T. Loneragan.

### To be Played

*J.H.C. (B) Semi-Finals:* Cahir v Moyle Rovers; Ballybacon-Grange v Davins.

*Clonmel Oil S.F.L. Semi-Finals:* Fethard v Grangemockler; Commercials v Moyle Rovers.

## SENIOR HURLING

This championship was once again run on a knockout basis with the first round losers playing off for a semi-final place. It proved a successful format – competition was keen, there were many exciting games and record receipts were taken. The three first round games were played on May 24th and resulted in wins for Ballingarry, Mullinahone and Swan over St. Mary's, Killenaule and St. Patrick's/Ballyneale.

The big upset was of course the win of newly promoted Mullinahone over the holders Killenaule who however made no mistake in winning the losers' group in convincing style. The semi-final draw saw Mullinahone and Killenaule again pitted against each other with Swan and Ballingarry set to meet in the other penultimate tie. Both semi-finals were played on a Clonmel double bill on July 12 and the large attendance was treated to a marvellous afternoon's entertainment.

Ballingarry pipped Swan by a point (3-16 to 2-18) in a game that was classed by many as the best of the year, whilst Killenaule and Mullinahone played an exciting draw. These teams renewed rivalry before another big attendance at the same venue on July 26 and on this occasion Killenaule left no doubt as to their superiority as they won by double scores.

Final day was Sunday, 16th August and neighbours Killenaule and Ballingarry again brought a good following to Clonmel. Killenaule were marginal favourites to retain their crown but circumstances ordained that they took the field with a disorganised side and they paid the penalty against a razor-keen Ballingarry whose grand blend of youth and experience fashioned a clear cut and well merited success.

On the day Ballingarry had many heroes but few disagreed with the verdict that gave the John Quirke sponsored 'man of the match' award to Don Lyons.

## SENIOR FOOTBALL

The abolition of the county open draw S.F.C. resulted in a demand for more competition by the senior clubs of the division and a decision was taken at the South Board's May meeting to rescind the decision to run the Divisional Championship on a local draw basis and instead play on a one group League basis.



**KILSHEELIN SOUTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL 'B' CHAMPIONS**

Back row (left to right): John Nolan, Simon McGowan, Niall Colum, Martin O'Reilly, Nigel Fogarty, Richard Crotty, Jason Fogarty, Denis Loneragan. Front row (l. to r.) John Dempsey, Pakie Walsh, Kevin Geraghty (captain), Nicky Coughlan, Brian O'Donnell, John McNulty, Liam Corcoran.



The Newcastle team which won the South Junior Hurling Championship. Back row: M. Slattery, N. Power, J. Sweeney, A. O'Gorman, M. Coonan, M. Hallinan, T. Sweeney, P. O'Flynn, A. Condon, N. Grant, M. Hally, N. Walsh, J. Fitzpatrick. Front row: A. O'Dwyer, R. Hackett, A. Sweeney, J. Fitzpatrick, D. Coonan, P. Sweeney, James Coleman (sponsor), B. O'Gorman, J. Loneragan, D. Hackett, T. Loneragan.



**FETHARD – SOUTH SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS**

Back row (l. to r.) S. Coen, R. Broderick, Michael Ryan, P. Blake, S. Ryan, B. Burke, T. Sheehan, M. O'Riordan. Front row (l. to r.) M. Coen, W. O'Meara, T. McCarthy, M. Fitzgerald, W. Morrissey, J. O'Meara, D. Hackett.



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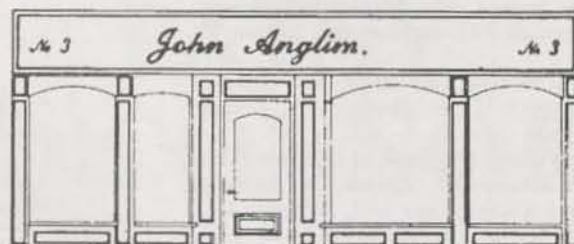
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With seven teams entered this involved 21 games leading up to the semi-finals and many had misgivings as to the feasibility of the new arrangement more particularly since Sunday, May 31st, was the first available starting date. However, thanks to tremendous co-operation from all of the clubs the championship ran smoothly and the four semi-finalists had emerged by the end of July.

The semi-finals were played on August 9th with Fethard facing Moyle Rovers at Kilsheelan and Commercials opposing Brian Borus in Ardfinnan.

Moyle Rovers fancied by many to take the title never showed their true form and surrendered to Fethard rather tamely whilst Commercials readily overcame the determined challenge of the Group side.

The final played at Kilsheelan on August 23 never reached great heights and a draw proved an equitable result. In the replay a fortnight later, Fethard played some fine football to deservedly account for their old rivals in an entertaining encounter. It was very much a team effort from "The Blues" whose Tommy Sheehan proved a popular winner of John Quirke's 'man of the match' award.

### INTERMEDIATE HURLING

With five teams entered it was decided to run this championship on a league basis with four teams going through to the semi-final. This was far from an ideal arrangement as many of the games played were of little consequence. Ballybacon-Grange were the ones to miss out on the semi-final spot and two well contested semi-finals produced surprise results with Fethard defeating Davins and Marlfield ousting fancied Kilsheelan. The final was delayed because of the county S.F.C. but it provided some measure of compensation for Fethard who capitalised on a tonic start to score a well deserved success over a Marlfield side for whom little went right on the day.

### INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL

Once again run on a two group league system this championship produced some keen competition before Ballyporeen, St. Patrick's, Fr. Sheehy's and Kilsheelan won their way to the semi-finals. They met in that order on a Monroe double bill and neighbours Ballyporeen and Fr. Sheehy's won final places in impressive style.

The final in Clonmel saw Ballyporeen, apparently coasting to victory, shocked by two late goals which earned Fr. Sheehy's a replay. Ballyporeen made no mistake in the replay however as they served up some stylish football to emerge as deserving champions.

### JUNIOR HURLING (A)

Regarded as one of the hardest championships to win the J.H.C. was as usual run on a knock-out system with Skeheenarinka, St. Patrick's, Newcastle and Killenaule progressing to the last four.

Skeheenarinka and Newcastle went on to contest the final at Ardfinnan and after one of the best games of the year

## ARDFINNAN - U-21 Football County Champions



Back row (left to right): J. Lambert (selector), D. Lambert (captain), S. Maher, D. Ryan, A. J. Loneragan, L. Crowe, K. Ryan, P. Quirke (manager), G. Walsh (selector). Front row (left to right): A. Quirke, M. O'Sullivan, C. Hennessy, C. Maher, F. Hennessy, P. J. Loneragan, E. O'Mahony, C. Walsh. Missing from photo: S. Barlow (selector).



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### **JUNIOR FOOTBALL (A)**

Clonmel Commercials and Clonmel Óg provided a unique final pairing and after a very entertaining and sporting clash in Ardfinnan the experience of Commercials proved decisive. Cahir and Carrick Davins were the defeated semi-finalists in this grade.

### **UNDER-21 HURLING (A)**

The Co. Board decision to complete the Under-21 championships early in the year received a mixed reaction but it certainly alleviated the fixture problems later in the year. Killenaule and Mullinahone advanced to the decider in Under-21 (A) early in the year but due to pressures in other grades it was not possible to play the final until early August. At that stage Mullinahone were unfortunately somewhat depleted and had no answer to a skilful Killenaule who won impressively.

### **UNDER-21 FOOTBALL (A)**

This championship set something of a record as it was completed on Sunday, 3rd May.

Ballyporeen did well to account for Swan and Clonmel Óg en route to the final but they had no chance against a rampant Commercials who looked a team of all the talents as they coasted to an impressive success.

### **MINOR HURLING (A)**

This championship was very keenly contested and the standard of hurling was the highest seen in the grade for some years.

After many interesting games Ballybacon/Grange and St. Mary's met in the decider in Cahir and after an outstanding tussle Ballybacon/Grange showed great skill and determination to deservedly retain the title.

### **MINOR FOOTBALL (A)**

This championship was one of three captured by Commercials during the year and in the one they lost out on (senior football) they only failed in a replay. It proved a marvellous year therefore for many of their young players who shared in all three successes.

From an early stage Commercials looked the team to beat and they shrugged off all challenges before accounting for Fethard in the semi-final and gallant holders Ardfinnan in the decider.

### **JUNIOR FOOTBALL (B)**

This was again a keenly contested competition with Mullinahone and Kilsheelan qualifying for the decider, in which they played an exciting draw at Davin Park, Carrick-on-Suir. The replay saw an improved performance from Kilsheelan who took their only title of the year in clear-cut fashion.

### **UNDER-21 FOOTBALL (B)**

The standard of football in this grade was high with Ardfinnan and Killenaule putting up impressive semi-final performances in defeating Fr. Sheehy's and St. Patrick's respectively.

Unfortunately, the final failed to live up to expectations and it provided some unsavoury incidents and a disappointing level of sportsmanship. However, Ardfin-

nan proved worthy winners with a well balanced side which later took county honours in style.

### **UNDER-21 HURLING (B)**

From an early stage Ballybacon/Grange looked potential champions and they didn't let their supporters down giving a number of very useful performances before going on to gain a clear-cut win over Ballyneale in a final which provided the curtain-raiser to the senior hurling decider.

### **MINOR FOOTBALL (B)**

This proved a well contested championship and there was keen competition for semi-final places.

Cahir and Killenaule won their way to the final in which Killenaule staged a late recovery to snatch a draw.

Cahir with many promising young players on view proved the stronger side in the replay to score a well deserved success which was the fruit of years of good work at Bord na nÓg level.

### **MINOR HURLING (B)**

Ballingarry and Fr. Sheehy's advanced to the final following semi-final successes over St. Patrick's and Kilsheelan respectively. In the final Ballingarry built up a good lead and looked in line for a comfortable success but Fr. Sheehy's suddenly found their form and Ballingarry had to pull out all the stops to hold out by the narrowest of margins. Ballingarry went on to take county honours in style, whilst Fr. Sheehy's proved successful in the County Under-16 'B' championship.



**SOUTH TIPPERARY NATIONALIST AWARDS WINNERS 1991**

Front row (left to right) Tony Shelley, Killenaule, 'Young Hurler', Michael Fitzgerald, Fethard, 'Footballers of the Year', Michael Morrissey, Kilsheelan 'Footballer of the Past', John Leahy 'Hurler of the Year'. Back row (l. to r.) Donal McCarthy, vice-chairman of the Board, Sean Nugent, vice-chairman of the Board, Michael Hevarin 'Nationalist', Willie Barrett, Board treasurer, Michael O'Meara, Board secretary, Jimmy Collins, Board chairman.



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# Clonmel Commercials — A hat-trick of South titles

*Sean MacConmara*

## CLONMEL COMMERCIALS — South Football Champions

The Commercials club made history in 1992 by winning three South (A) titles — Minor, U-21 and Junior. The seniors were beaten in a replay to deny us a clean sweep of all South (A) titles.

The U-21's received a first round bye and played Fethard in the South semi-final which they won by nine points 0-14 to 0-5. They then had a very easy victory over Ballyporeen 7-7 to 0-5 in the South Final. The team still await the County semi-final against Éire Og, Nenagh.

Our Minors went through the South Championship unbeaten. The earlier rounds were played on a league system, and they had victories over Fethard, Ardfinnan, Moyle Rovers, St. Patrick's, Drangan and Clonmel Og to qualify for the South semi-final. In this game they overcame a strong Fethard challenge by 1-13 to 0-5. Our South Final opponents, Ardfinnan, proved to be strong opposition. In a very low scoring first half it ended all square 0-2 each. Commercials eventually pulled away in the second half to win 0-11 to 0-6.

### The juniors had victories over Ballyporeen

Carrick Davins 2-2 to 2-3 and in the South Final had a fine win over Clonmel Og by 1-7 to 0-6 thus completing a Hat Trick of south titles.

The following are the teams and substitutes who won the three South titles for the Commercials club.

**Minor:** John McNamara, Kieran Forristal, Paul Williams, Neil Beckett, Conor Burke, Brendan Walsh, Paul Lucey, Liam Phelan (captain), Niall Dempsey, James Power, Fergal O'Callaghan, Paul Cahill, Patrick Burke, Keith Ryan, Anthony Power.

**Substitutes:** Stephen Granville, John Conway, Bobby Power, Kenneth Ryan, Oliver Cahill, James Keating.

**Under-21:** Sean Duggan, Brendan Walsh, John Connolly, Thomas O'Dwyer, Liam Phelan, Brian Forristal (captain), Michael O'Mahoney, John Hall, Sean Hewitt, Niall Dempsey, John Loneragan, Brendan Kearney, Brian Cahill, Jim Deeley, Fergal O'Callaghan.

**Substitutes:** Paul Lucey, Eanna Greene, Ger O'Dwyer, Patrick Burke, John McNamara, Oliver Cahill, Declan Hally.

**Junior:** Tommy Kelly, Seamus Moroney, John Connolly, Stephen Flynn (captain), Liam Phelan, Brendan Walsh, Paul Lucey, Ger O'Mahoney, Sean Hewitt, Niall Dempsey, James Power, Keith Fahey, Patrick Burke, Jim Coyne, Fergal O'Callaghan.

**Substitutes:** John McNamara, Kieran Forristal, D. J. O'Dwyer, Thomas O'Dwyer, Ger O'Dwyer, Declan Hally, David O'Donnell, Brian Cahill, Brendan O'Callaghan.



COMMERCIALS — SOUTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL 'A' CHAMPIONS



CLONMEL COMMERCIALS UNDER-21 'A' SOUTH CHAMPIONS



CLONMEL COMMERCIALS — COUNTY MINOR FOOTBALL 'A' CHAMPIONS



# History is made by Grangemockler/Ballymeale

**Grangemockler - Ballyneale Juvenile G.A.A. Club enjoyed an exceptional year, making local history by winning a hat trick of competitions.**

The trail of victory began last July with a decisive win over Newcastle in the under 14 'B' Football Competition. It was a thoroughly exciting game against worthy opponents Grangemockler led by 2-4 to 1-1 at half-time. The second half produced some thrilling moments. Newcastle levelled the game despite numerous attacks by Grangemockler. The opposition went on to take the lead for the first time in the game. It was in the last few minutes of the final that Grangemockler emerged as the victors. Paul Cahill and Ger O'Toole deserve special mention for their consistent and ultimately successful attack on the Newcastle defence. The final score was 4-5 to 3-6. This success was due to the concerted effort of the entire Grangemockler Ballymeale team!

The second final in the winning sequence was the Under 16 Hurling Championship. This match was another thriller in an exciting Summer of success for the club Ballyneale-Grangemockler had a comfortable lead at half-time over Newcastle.



U-14 Football B South Final John Wallace, Ger Toole, Kevin Freeney, Noel Walsh, Paul Cahill, Ted McGuire, Jonathan Downey, Mark Blanchfield, Kevin Tobin, Tommy Keating, James Wallace, Desmond Murphy, Paddy Tobin. Left: Richard Bourke, Michael Phelan, Alan Bourke, Kieran McNally, James Fox, Allan Keenan, Paul Ryan, Martin Keating, Robert Kennedy, Willie Wallace, Cathal Houlihan, Shane Murray, Pakie McGuire, Jamie Murphy, Brian Dignam.

Terror was struck into all our hearts immediately after half time when Newcastle scored two quick goals. However Ballyneale rallied and fought back to win, with the final score of 2-13 to 2-5. Our players played variantly and consistently, with fine performances from Laurence Heffernan,

Desmond Lyons, Michael Houlihan, Gavin Comerford, Thomas McCarthy, Paul Cahill and many others.

This U16 side has always played consistently, and have even exceeded our high expectations. They have an U12 semi-final an U14 and U16 Football



Grangemockler/Ballymeale U-16 hurling champions Roinn 'C' Back Row l-r Neddy Maguire, Cha Houlihan, Desmond Lyons, Gerard Crowley, Laurence Heffernan, Ted Maguire, Thomas McCarthy, Richard Coady, Padraig McCarthy, Gavin Comerford, Michael Phelan, Francis Connolly, Eamonn Phelan. Front l-r Mary Comerford, Mark Carberry, Kevin Tobin, Shane Comerford, Michael Houlihan, Paul Cahill, Desmond Murray, Tagh Bolger, John Kennedy, Kevin Freaney, Catherine Connolly.





U-14 Hurling B South Final L Allan Bourke, Paul Joy, Paddy Ryan, Paul Ryan, Shane Murray, Paddy Tobin, James Wallace, Ted McGuire, Tommy Keating, Paul Cahill, Desmond Murphy, Kevin Tobin, Noel Walsh, Jonathan Downey, Kevin Freeney, John Wallace, Left Patrick Tobin, Allan Keenan, Martin Keating, Ger Toole, Willie Wallace, Brian Dignam, Cathal Houlihan, Kieran McNally, Richard Bourke.

Championship, and they have now reached the pinnacle by winning an U16 Hurling Championship.

The last game in the historic hat-trick was played in Davin Park in September. The U14 hurlers played familiar rivals Newcastle in a well-contested final. The Ballyneal-Grangemockler defence was exceptional and supported the forwards in scoring three magnificent goals before half time. Newcastle made every effort to gain the lead but at the final whistle Ballyneale were ahead by three points.

Congratulations to the teams and to their hard-working selectors and club officers. Their achievements have inspired us for years to come.

# EXIT DONIE – ENTER NOEL

BY GERRY SLEVIN

The North Tipperary clubs of Burgess and Borris-ileigh might contrast sharply in terms of what each has achieved on the playing fields but when it comes to individuals, each has given its fair quota to be they officials, administrators, referees or the like.



The names, Donie Nealon and Noel O'Dwyer have been synonymous with Tipperary hurling for close on three decades, Donie, the elder, coming on the inter-county scene with the juniors in 1957 and following the five All-Ireland senior medals between '58 and '69 when he retired. Two years before Donie's retirement, Noel won an All-Ireland U-21 medal and he was to move on to senior greatness in an era that wasn't too kind to Tipperary fortunes, but which, at the same time saw him win an All-Ireland senior medal in '71. Co-incidentally that '71 team was coached by Donie who also had the proud distinction of coaching the Tipp Intermediate side, again to All-Ireland success in the same year.

When Babs was given the task of re-organising Tipp's forces at the end of '86, he chose wisely when selecting Donie as one of his back-room team. For the following five seasons the strong relationship this duo had built up in their hurling days together paved the way ... in

the company of Theo English and John O'Donoghue ... for the transformation that was to set upon Tipp's hurling fortunes. Two All-Ireland titles, four provincial titles, a National League, an Oireachtas ... these saw Tipp back in hurling's limelight after such a barren period.

The GAA has always been an integral and vital part of Donie's life and with a famed father in the late Rody, it couldn't be any other way. When his hurling days were over, he threw himself into the administrative side of things, first as North Board secretary moving on to Munster Council as one of Tipp's two delegates there and eventually taking over the secretaryship of that authority in 1977 on the death of Sean McCarthy. In addition he guided the affairs of his beloved Burgess, was very influential in the promotion of Scor. And he taught for a living also!

Came 1991 and Donie decided to take early retirement from his teaching task and to move full-time into the office of provincial council secretary. What up to then had been an honorary position ... though that didn't lessen the input required ... now, things were different. As administrator in the paid ranks, a man who must be all things to all people and that meant the entire province of Munster.

Being the man of honour he is, Donie realised that his attachment to the Tipp team as a mentor could be misconstrued, however unwittingly. And so came the decision to bow out. Not an easy decision by any means. After all, he is a Tipp man through and through and will never be otherwise. But in fairness to the other five counties, and in the interests of doing his job without fear or favour, he decided to break his links as a member of Babs back-room team.

The end of an illustrious era.

The onus was on Babs to come up with a replacement. This he did by maintaining the link with his own hurling days.

Noel O'Dwyer was the choice, a man whose hurling days had extended into the mid-'80's and who won an All-Ireland club medal with Borris-ileigh as the curtain fell upon his great career. A popular choice too.



New senior hurling selector Noel O'Dwyer photographed at Tipperary Kilkenny League game in Nowlan Park in November 1992.

Noel had no illusions about what is expected from him. Coming into the scheme of things in the company of a duo ... Babs and John ... who have been through it all over the past years, might suggest that lack of selectorial experience might see his views cast aside somewhat. They won't be. Noel is his own man and he has been through it all in so many ways that a fresh outlook on affairs can and will be to Tipperary's benefit.

Noel knows his hurling and if Babs and John try to cross him, he can quickly respond that despite all the glory that has come their way on the inter-county scene, both in hurling and football, neither has an All-Ireland club medal to boast of! But one senses that this trio will work as a unit. Inter-county comrades in their hurling days, those days initiated a friendship between them that has been developed in the intervening years. Tipp's immediate hurling future is in safe hands.



# Historic Double for Fr. Sheehy's

By "The Vee Rambler"

*The year 1992 will go down as being the best to day, in the history of Fr. Sheehy's Juvenile G.A.A. club. When our Under 16's won South titles in hurling and football it seemed possible that all the dreams of the players, mentors and supporters could come true. They did and the thrill of winning both County titles in 1992 will never be forgotten.*

The team opened their hurling championship campaign against St. Pat's, Drangan, and having easily disposed of St. Pat's their next game was against Clonmel Og. Our boys had a comprehensive victory and advanced to meet arch rivals Ballybacon in the South final. Fr. Sheehy's produced some fine hurling in this match and emerged as Sth. Champions on a score line of 3-16 to 6pts. Next they faced Mid-champions - J.K. Brackens, Templemore at Golden. This game, as expected, was a good hard contest. Ground hurling paid dividends for our lads and early goals contributed to their win over a gallant side.

In the lead up to the County final it seemed that the parish was living for the day our first county hurling title might be won. The game was played in Holycross on 1st Sunday in October. Our opponents were Ballina, North champions. Both teams played high class hurling and were all square at half time. In the second half our lads hurled as if their lives depended on it

and withstood intense pressure from the north side to hold out for a close but well deserved win. 1-12 to 1-9.

The supporters exploded onto the pitch to see Capt. Liam O'Connor receive the clubs first ever county hurling championship trophy. The cavalcade of cars travelled home thro' Cashel, Cahir and Burncourt to enjoy a rousing reception in Clogheen. This was a historic and unique achievement for Fr. Sheehys but more was yet to come.

During the summer months our U.16 panel had also been involved in the football championship. They disposed of Moyle Rovers and Ballingarry with comfortable victories in the early rounds and were now to meet Carrick Swans in the Sth. Final. Our lads were well ahead at the interval. Unfortunately a lapse of concentration allowed Carrick Swans back into the game and Fr. Sheehy's recovered just in time to gain a replay. They approached the replay with determination. Carrick Swans missed a lot of chances in the first half.

Our boys got into their stride in the second half and claimed a well deserved victory 2-9 to 5pts. They now went forward to meet Cappawhite in the Co. Semi Final at Cahir and ran out easy winners. They now advanced to meet Holycross in the County Final on October 31st.

Playing with the wind in the first half Holycross/Ballycahill dominated using their greater height and strength to full advantage. We were all square at half time thanks to an opportunistic good by Paddy O'Sullivan and great points from Liam O'Connor, Declan English and Liam Fleming. With wind advantage in the second half Fr. Sheehy's took the game by the scruff of the neck with some great scores. Like the superb and memorable goal scored by Liam O'Connor from a sideline ball by Declan English. During an eight minute spell Sheehy's scored 1-7 without replay which ensured victory. The historic and memorable double had been achieved. The cheers could be heard all the way to the Vee as Capt. Declan English



Fr. Sheehy's County U-16(B) Hurling Champions 1992.  
(Missing Sean Tierney).



County U-16 Football Champions - Fr. Sheehys.



accepted the trophy on behalf of the team.

All we had ever hoped for was achieved and all our players were heroes. We are proud of them and what they achieved – for themselves, their supporters and their club. The historic team which brought such honours to our club were: Liam O'Connor (Capt. Hurling), Declan English (Capt. Football), Liam Fleming, Kevin Clarke, Denis O'Sullivan, William O'Grady, Adrian Wall, Barry Moran, Frankie Wyse, John Noonan, Patrick O'Sullivan (Shanbally), Patrick O'Sullivan (Graigue).

Patrick Maher, Conor Durack, Liam Condon, Sean Fleming, Robert Ryan, Anthony Myers, Warren O'Brien, John Quinlan, Patrick Kenneally, Alex Casey.

Mentors: Michael Pyne, Sean Tierney, Toby Moran, Christy English, Michael O'Connor.

Special mention must be made of one man, Phil Lowry, without whose expertise and guidance Liam O'Connor would not have raised the County Trophy.

Our other juvenile teams were not as successful despite gallant efforts. But with the great ongoing work being done by Bob Murphy, Jimmy Fitzgerald, Eamonn Kelly,

Tom Conway, Toby Moran and Frank O'Brien (Jnr) we are confident that success is just around the corner and will be following their progress finally with interest to our supporters who followed us throughout the year, to the many people who worked behind the scenes: Mary Fleming (Sec.) Harry O'Grady (Treasurer), Micheál O'Connor (Chairman), and to our parents who looked after travel and refreshments, we say thank you and look forward to continuing support and success in 1993.

## Tipperary Supporters Club



*Tipperary Supporters Club members and guests at the AGM.*



*Supporters Club Team management and Co Board Officers (l-r) John English, secretary, Supporters Club, John O'Donoghue, selector, Babs Kealing, selector, Liz Howard, Co P.R.O., Donie Whelan, selector, Mick Maguire, Co Chairman, Tommy Barrett, Co Secretary.*



*Supporters Club Golf Classic - The winning team and a few members included. Danny Ryan, Matt Hassett, Noel O'Dwyer with sponsors from Tipperary Spring Water and Tipperary Crystal.*



*At Supporters Club Golf Classic in Nenagh: Ross Carr and Conor Deegan, Down Inter-county footballers with Babs, Donie Whelan and Co Chairman, Mick Maguire.*



# Ballingarry's outstanding year

*The year 1992 will go down as being one of the most successful, if not the best in the history of Ballingarry G.A.A. club since its formation in 1884.*

Our Senior hurling team recaptured the South S.H.C. after a five year gap from old rivals sand reigning champions Killenaule. It is interesting to note that we have a 100% record in South Finals to date. This was our fourth appearance in a South Final. The previous being 1949, 1980 and 1987 and Ballingarry attained victory on each occasion.

Our Minor hurling team did their parish proud this yea by taking divisional honours in the "B" final and going on to sweep the decks and bringing the first ever county minor championship title to the club.

The success of our senior hurlers is due in no small way to the coaching and guidance of former Tipperary star Theo English, who travelled 3 times a week from early March on to train the players. The dedication and commitment he received from all players was second to none.

How all this talent and dedication was utilised was down to the 3 men in charge of team selection. Sean Lyons, Billy Butler and Richard Goldsboro. Let us also pay tribute to the mentors of the Minor team - Willy Hayes, martin Maher and Jamesy Ivors. The later having the privilege of



*Ballingarry - South Senior Hurling Champions.*

coaching and training and had the lads jumping out of their boots on the day of the county final against Rahealty.

We also fielded teams in Junior hurling and football, U-21 hurling and football and intermediate football. We thank Willy Robinson for his assistance in football coaching. While not winning any title in these other grades, they gave great enjoyment to player and supporters. We also have a very strong juvenile section under the chairmanship of James Murray, who had many successes during the year. We appreciate good work they are doing in

coaching and training the youth to lay our games. We must not forget the camogie club who are very active and doing a good job.

The Senior South final team were: Roy Cashin, Martin Lyons, Patrick Ivors, Martin Shelley, Dan Shelley, Shane Ivors, Thomas Dalton, Kevin Shelley, Michael Fitzgerald, Patrick (Blondi) Ivors, Tom Duggan, Seamus Butler, Don Lyons (Capt.), Seamus Doheny, Sean Tuohy with subs played Brian Duggan, Michael Lyons and Eddie Ryan.

The Minor team were: Tony Walsh, John Webster, John Walton, Michael Ivors, Brendan Mullally, Martin O'Neill, Mark Ivors, Edmond O'Brien, Johnny Lawlor, Liam Cahill, Eamon Tuohy, Morgan Ivors, Gary Wos, Seamus Corcoran, Barry Brennan.

The Club officers were: Edward Mullally - President, Richard Vaughan - Chairman, Tadhg Vaughan - Secretary, John Dalton and William McGrath - Joint Treasurers.

We look forward to the rest of the nineties with great optimism and anticipation and with the right approach and commitment another outstanding year should not be too far away for the Maroon & White.



*The Ballingarry team which won the county minor hurling 'B' title by defeating Rahealty in the final at Holycross. Back row (l-r): Sean Webster, Seamus Corcoran, Johnny Lawlor, Martin O'Neill (Capt.), Edmond O'Brien, John Walton, Brendan Mullally, John Morris, Martin Goldsboro, Jason Walsh. Front: Eamonn Tuohy, Mark Ivors, Tony Walshe, Gary Ivors, Morgan Ivors, Barry Brennan, Michael Ivors, Thomas Hayes, Liam Cahill.*



# County Bord na nÓg Review

By: TOMMY KELLY

1992 was once again an outstanding year for Bord na nÓg within this county which saw the emergence of many clubs who were winning their first county titles in various grades. All our games were a joy to watch, played with a high level of sportsmanship. The skill and playing ability of our young players speaks volumes for the tremendous amount of voluntary work being done at club level where all our young players are coached and prepared to take part in our national games. These voluntary workers at grass roots level are surely the lifeblood of this great association of ours, being the real unsung heroes of the G.A.A.

The level of skill shown in our games must surely reflect the enormous advances made since the introduction of properly organised coaching throughout the county at both club and schools levels. I am sure it will not be long before this great work is rewarded at All-Ireland minor level.

## Under-12 Hurling:

This grade invariably produces some of the most exciting games of the year and this year was no exception. In the semi-finals, Ballingarry, South champions, overcame a fancied Clonoulty fifteen while Drom/Inch, after a hectic game, qualified for the final by virtue of their great win over the famed Toomevara club.

The final, played on a splendid Holycross pitch, certainly lived up to all expectations and there were scenes of great excitement when the chairman of county Bord na nÓg, Jim Lynch, presented the U-12 hurling trophy to Seamus Butler who had led his Drom/Inch team to a historic first county title at this level.

Drom/Inch were outstanding on the night but the final score of 6-4 to 1-4 does not adequately reflect the efforts of an equally outstanding Ballingarry team whom I am sure we will see in the winners enclosure in the not too distant future. This was an excellent win for Drom/Inch and a fitting reward for all the work and effort over the past year by both players and their coach, Paudie Butler, and his fellow helpers.

## Under-12 Football

As with the hurling competition the U-12 football produced some excellent games with the final between Ardfinnan and Galtee Rovers, two traditional football parishes, being regarded as one of the best ever finals in this age group.

In the semi-finals Ardfinnan accounted rather easily for Drom-Inch while Galtee Rovers also had a comprehensive victory over North champions, Kildangan. The final played in excellent conditions at the Sportsfield, Cahir, certainly had everything that is good in football. The skill, commitment and footballing ability of both teams had to be seen to be believed and in the end it took a late penalty for Galtee Rovers to snatch victory from a very determined Ardfinnan team.

Great credit is due to both team coaches, John Peters of Galtee Rovers and Pat Quirke of Ardfinnan, for the excellent fare served up by both teams. We in Bord na nÓg are certainly looking forward to many more clashes between these two excellent teams as they make their way up through juvenile ranks. Again it was an historic first ever win in the grade for Galtee Rovers and augurs well for the future of the Galtee Rovers - St. Pecaun

club. Final score: Galtee Rovers 4-3, Ardfinnan 3-5.

## U-14 Rural Football:

This competition produced some fine quality games with the final going to extra time in a replay. In the semi-finals Cappawhite defeated Kildangan while Cahir had an easy victory over Holycross at Golden.

The final, played in Leahy Park, Cashel, was an outstanding game of football and when referee, Pat Cullen, sounded the final whistle both teams had lived to fight another day. The replay, also in Cashel two weeks later, saw Cahir go into a good lead but Cappawhite battled back to again level the scoring at the end of ordinary time. Scores were again level at half time in extra time but then Cappawhite showed their true mettle in the closing stages to run out winners of the rural football trophy on the score of 4-7 to 2-10. This was an excellent game of football and one has to admire the skill and commitment of both teams.

## U-14 Urban/Rural Football:

In this competition South champions, Cahir, ran out worthy winners and proved too strong for Eire Óg, Nenagh, whom they comprehensively defeated in the final played at Littleton.

In the semi-finals Cahir had an easy win over West champions, Cappawhite, while Eire Óg, Nenagh, on a miserable evening, had one point to spare over Moycarkey/Borris.

The score in the final was: Cahir 2-12; Eire Óg, Nenagh 1-3.



*The Tipperary Under-16 hurling team which was narrowly defeated by Kilkenny in the final of the Nenagh Co-Op Tournament at Semple Stadium.*



### U-14 Rural Hurling:

In this competition, which always throws up some excellent games, Cahir proved that they are just as much at home with the camán as with the football when they captured the U-14 rural hurling title for the very first time with a thrilling victory over a much-fancied Clonoulty team from West Tipperary.

In the semis Cahir accounted for a good Drom/Inch team while Clonoulty qualified by virtue of a fine victory over Toomevara.

The final has some excellent passages of hurling which kept the very large crowd on its toes right up to the end. It was an historic first hurling victory for the Cahir club which will do much to improve and foster the game of hurling in the town of Cahir and its surrounds. Again it was a just reward for the dedicated few who have been organising club leagues and looking after these players from a very early age. Final score: Cahir 3-3, Clonoulty 1-7.

### U-14 Urban/Rural Hurling:

This competition saw the emergence of teams from two of the largest towns, Roscrea and Thurles. In the semi-finals Roscrea had a comprehensive victory over rural champions, Cahir, while Durlas Óg accounted for the champions from the West, Cappawhite.

In the final itself Roscrea proved too good for Durlas Óg and went on to capture the U-14 urban/rural title with a win which must improve the lot of hurling in Roscrea. Final score: Roscrea 3-2, Durlas Óg 1-2.

### Turas na nÓg:

In the Turas na nÓg play-off, the winners prize being a trip to the All-Ireland hurling finals, Roscrea again proved too good for county rural champions, Cahir. These young players and their mentors had an enjoyable outing to the hurling finals compliments of Bord na nÓg and the county senior board.

### U-16 Hurling:

The U-16 hurling grade produced a decisive success for Durlas Óg who two years previous had been Féile champions. In the semi-finals of the competition, South champions, St. Mary's, Clonmel, easily overcame West champions, Arravale Rovers, while Durlas Óg similarly out-scored Eire Óg, Nenagh, the North champions, in the second semi-final. In the final the Mid champions proved too strong for Clonmel winning easily on the score 5-8 to 0-6.

### U-16 Football:

The U-16 football produced a South versus West final in which Cahir scored a dramatic victory over Arravale Rovers. In the semis Cahir heavily defeated Newport at Boherlahan while Arravale Rovers put out Durlas Óg in a replay at Golden. The final, played at Leahy Park, Cashel, had a dramatic ending when a Cahir goal by Vincent Carew gave the South champions a late victory over the Rovers to complete a truly memorable juvenile year for the Cahir club.



The Tipperary team which competed in the Tony Forrester under-fourteen All-Ireland hurling tournament at Waterford. Back row (l. to r.) J. Fogarty, selector, D. Loughmane (Roscrea), J. Hennessy, selector, D. Browne (Moyle Rovers), T. Costelloe (Cappawhite), L. England (Roscrea), K. Meaney (Roscrea), A. Cullinan (Newcastle), T. Kelly (Co. Sec. Bord na nÓg), N. Cleere (Ballingarry), P. Nugent (Newcastle), T. Gleeson, selector, J. Ryan (St. Mary's), B. Coffey (Thurles), T. Cloonan (Fethard), P. Butler (selector/coach). Front row (l. to r.): E. O'Neill (Cappawhite), P. O'Brien (Clonoulty), M. Cummins (Arravale Rovers), J. Carroll (Roscrea), T. Keane (Fethard), T. Fogarty (Golden), D. Minchin (Moycarkey), W. Hickey (Boherlahan), C. O'Dwyer (Cashel), S. Cahill (Drom and Inch).



Action shot from the Tipperary v Kilkenny Nenagh Co-Op Final at Semple Stadium.



CASHEL KING CORMACS CO. UNDER-14 FÉILE NA NÓG CHAMPIONS  
Front row (l. to r.) Paul McGrath, David Delaney, Sean Kennedy, Cormac Ryan, Philly Breen, Pat O'Connell, Mick Makey. Back row (l. to r.) Cormac O'Dwyer (jnr.), John Eakins, Jason Connolly, Tom Walsh (selector), John Hall, Tommy Galvin (jnr.), (captain), Pat O'Donoghue, Ronan O'Donoghue, Glen Doherty, Michael Harnett.



### U-16 'B' Hurling:

U-16 'B' hurling produced the first of a double for South champions, Fr. Sheehy's. In the semi-finals Ballina from the North put out West champions, Golden/Kilfeacle while Templemore were Fr. Sheehy's victims in the other tie. In the final played at Holycross the South side were victorious on a 1-12 to 1-9 scoreline.

### U-16 'B' Football:

In the U-16 'B' football Fr. Sheehy's completed a neat double. At semi-final stage they were too good for West champions, Cappawhite, while Holycross, upholding the honour of the Mid overcame North champions, Borrisoleigh. The final was played at Cahir and saw Fr. Sheehy's complete a great year with a 3-11 to 2-8 win.

### Féile na nGael:

After two wonderful years in Tipperary Féile this year was hosted by Galway and our representatives were the boys from Cappawhite. Cappawhite's host club was Sylane, a club situated near Tuam and while Cappawhite did not qualify for the play-off stages they were worthy representatives of Tipperary hurling. The hospitality and kindness shown to our representatives helped in no small way to make Féile na nGael weekend a most memorable outing for the young boys from the Cappawhite club.

### Féile na nÓg:

Féile na nÓg competition is similar to Féile na nGael but is for U-14 football. Our representatives at this competition, run in county Meath, were the Cashel King Cormacs club. While victory was not their lot they proved that they could hold their own against clubs from a more traditional footballing background.

### Garda Cup:

On the inter-divisional scene county Bord na nÓg again organised the Garda Cup competition at U-16 level in both hurling and football.

In the U-16 hurling semi-finals played at Semple Stadium South Tipperary had a good victory over West Tipperary on the score 3-15 to 2-8 while Munster champions, Mid Tipperary accounted for North Tipp by 2-13 to 2-7.

The final of this competition, played at Cashel, produced some excellent hurling and the Munster champions had to pull out all the stops to overcome a determined challenge of South Tipperary. This final was a personal triumph for diminutive Mid corner forward, Johnny Enright, who scored nearly all the Mid's tally. Mid Tipp won the score 4-5 to 1-10 to seal a most successful year for the U-16's of that division.

The U-16 football Garda cup, which was played before exam time, saw both South and West Tipperary qualify for the final. The semi-finals were very much one-way traffic with the West defeating the North while the South had an easy passage over the Mid. The final played at Cahir was a very fine game of football with the South running out winners on the scoreline 1-9 to 0-10.



Photograph taken after the election of officers at the County Bord na nÓg Convention at Thurles. Back row (left to right): Seamus Hogan, county senior Board treasurer; Mick Maguire, county senior Board chairman; Donal Shanahan, county Bord na nÓg representative on senior Board; Tommy Barrett, county senior Board secretary. Front row: Paddy Nagle, county Bord na nÓg treasurer; Jim Lynch, county Bord na nÓg chairman; Tommy Kelly, county Bord na nÓg secretary; Lima McGrath, county Bord na nÓg P.R.O.



Referees and guests photographed at a Bord na nÓg function. Back row (l. to r.) Michael Maunsell, Martin Healy, John Kennedy, Paddy Russell, Paddy Loneragan, Michael Lenihan, T. J. Corby. Front row: Richie Barry, Most Rev. Dr. Dermot Clifford, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly; Donal Shanahan, chairman, Co. Bord na nÓg, Mick Maguire, Co. chairman, Superintendent Peter Griffin, representing Tipperary Garda Association.



Administrators and coaches at Óg Peil in University of Limerick. Included are: John O'Donnell, Tipperary, John Cummins, Tipperary and Colm Bonnar, Tipperary.



### **Peadar Cummins Tournament:**

The Borrisoleigh club, in conjunction with county Bord na nÓg, hosted a very successful U-14 hurling blitz on Saturday, July 11th in memory of that great Borrisoleigh Gael, the late Peadar Cummins. The semi-finals of this competition were played on Saturday morning with North Tipp defeating the West in an excellent game played at the Ragg. At the same time in Borrisoleigh South Tipp overcame the challenge of Mid Tipperary to qualify for the final.

The two finals, both winners and losers, were played in the afternoon at Bishop Quinlan Park, Borrisoleigh, with West Tipperary defeating the Mid in the losers final by 3-6 to 1-2. In the winners final South Tipperary played some excellent hurling to emerge victorious over a fancied North team on the score of 1-9 to 0-2.

On behalf of Bord na nÓg I wish to compliment the Borrisoleigh club and officials for their excellent organisational abilities and their friendship towards everyone which has made this tournament a most important date in the Bord na nÓg calendar.

### **Poc Fada:**

Our representative in this year's All-Ireland poc fada competition was William Hickey from the famed Boherlahan/Dualla club. While William was not successful he was a worthy representative from the Premier county.

### **Féile na nGael Skills:**

In the Féile na nGael skills competition, held in conjunction with the All-Ireland Féile na nGael, David Minchin from Moycarkey was our representative who performed very well to find a fifth position out of the 32 representatives from each county in Ireland.

### **Munster U-16 Hurling Championship:**

All our divisions took part in this year's Munster U-16 hurling championship with pride of place going to Mid-Tipperary who performed splendidly in the Munster final to completely overwhelm a Cork City team. The other three divisions gave a very good account of themselves and I am sure that Tipperary hurling fans must be delighted with the amount of very good talent which is coming on stream.

### **Tony Forristal Tournament:**

Over the weekend of the 29th and 30th of August the Tipperary county Under-14 hurling team participated in the 11th annual Tony Forristal tournament which is staged each year at various venues in Waterford city. This tournament has grown in stature since its inception and Bord na nÓg in county Tipperary are proud to take part in this prestigious competition with a record as follows: winners in 1983, 1987, 1988 and 1991.

This year a total of 18 teams took part divided as follows: Division one with 9 teams; Division two with 6 teams; Division three with 3 teams. The tournament commemorates the memory of Tony Forristal, an outstanding Gaelic games man in Waterford, who died as a result of a road accident while returning from

the U-21 game in which Waterford were playing. He was the trainer of that U-21 team at the time and was also trainer of Mount Sion and Waterford Glass teams.

Division two winners receive the Sonny Walsh trophy which perpetuates the memory of an outstanding Waterford hurler who died suddenly in 1983 while coaching the young players of his beloved De la Salle club. Sonny was one of the chief instigators of the Tony Forristal tournament.

This year Tipperary went to Waterford as defending champions and in the first round were drawn against Cork. This game, played at Waterford Crystal Sports-ground proved to be a cracker. Tipperary got off to a good start but the loss of full-back, William Hickey with a back injury upset their rhythm. Even though they were playing with the aid of a strong breeze at half time when we were behind on the score 2-1 to 0-3.

Some tactical switches at half time saw a big improvement in the Tipperary team and they hurled with courage and vigour. But disaster struck when they were reduced to fourteen men following an injury to Thomas Costello and in the final five minutes Cork piled on the pressure to run out convincing winners on the score 3-5 to 1-4.

Tipperary were not up against it as they had to win their second game by more than seven points to qualify as best runners-up. In this game they were up against it with opponents from Galway who also lost out to Cork by three points. For this game Tipperary made positional changes with John Ryan coming on in goal, Thomas Fogarty going to centre-field, Pat Nugent to number ten, Padraig Cloonan replaced the injured Costello at corner-back, and David Loughnane came in at wing forward.

Tipperary played some excellent hurling in this game and went to the break leading by 0-4 to 0-2. For a quarter of an hour of the second half it was tit-for-tat with very little between the teams but then Galway, sensing victory, surged ahead to take the honours by 3-4 to 0-4.

This ended our participation in this year's Tony Forristal tournament. All through Tipperary, whose team looked decidedly smaller than the opposition, played with great commitment and vigour and while they would deeply love to have won I am sure that each and every one of them enjoyed themselves.

The hospitality and friendship shown by the people of Waterford is second to none as is their organisational abilities with everything run off in clockwork fashion. Also a special word of thanks to our coach Paudie Butler and his selectors Jim Fogarty, Tom Gleeson and Sean Hennessey who have been involved with those young players for a couple of months and act as father figures to them over the weekend. Those people must surely be the body and soul of this organisation of ours who do their work with the minimum of fuss and very little thanks.

All twenty-one players got a game during the weekend. The panel was as follows: Thomas Fogarty (Golden), David Minchin (Moycarkey), William Hickey (Boherlahan), Nigel Cleere (Ballingarry), Alan Cullinane (Newcastle), Tomás Keane (Fethard), Brian Coffey (Newport), Mark Cummins (Arravale Rovers), Kevin Meaney (Portroe), Eugene O'Neill (Cappawhite), Padraig O'Brien (Clonoulty), John Carroll (Roscrea), Liam England (Roscrea), Cormac O'Dwyer (Cashel), Seamus Cahill (Drom/Inch), Thomas Costello (Cappawhite), David Loughnane (Roscrea), Declan Browne (Moyle Rovers), John Ryan (St. Mary's), Pat



*Coaching course for Under-16 hurlers at Rockwell College in August (left to right): Tom Collum, Jim Lynch, Fr. Tom Fogarty, Phil Lowry, Br. Cahill, Joe Corbett, Jimmy Murray and Tommy Kelly.*



Nugent (Newcastle), Pdraig Coonan (Fethard).

A special word of thanks to our host club, Tramore, for their hospitality over the weekend and also we must compliment our young players on the exemplary manner in which they conducted themselves – worthy ambassadors of Tipperary hurling.

#### Coaching:

Bord na nÓg, with financial support from the senior Board, again held a most successful county U-16 hurling coaching weekend in the spacious grounds of Rockwell College. Seventy-nine young players from all over the county took part and must benefit enormously from the excellent coaching of Colm Bonnar, Ken Hogan, Tom Monaghan, Tommy Quaid, Jack Caesar, who together with the county coaches imparted their knowledge of the skills of the game to a very attentive bunch of young hurlers. This course has been an outstanding success since its inception some four years ago and great credit is due to the organising committee together with course co-ordinator, Bro. Cahill, for a very well organised weekend.

#### Football coaching course:

County Bord na nÓg, in conjunction with the senior Board, are also doing their bit to promote the game of football in the county. Twenty five Under-16 players from various clubs throughout the county were sent on an intensive week long coaching course at Limerick University. This course, promoted by the Munster Council had players from all counties of Munster who got the benefit of some of the top coaches in the country. It was a very worthwhile course which must improve football in the weaker counties.

At County Board level this year we had a change of officers with Donal Shanahan stepping down after eight years at the helm and James Gleeson taking a break after five years as county secretary. No words of mine could adequately thank those two gentlemen for the tremendous amount of work and effort they put into running our Board over the past number of years. The excellent fixtures plan, organisation of Rockwell coaching course, the Nenagh Co-op tournament and the sound financial position in which they left our Board are ample testimony to their outstanding work and on behalf of everyone in Bord na nÓg throughout the county I thank them most sincerely.

In conclusion 1992 can be classed as the year of the firsts for many clubs. At U-12 level we had our first time ever winners in both hurling and football; rural hurling saw a first ever going to Cahir; Fr. Sheehy's in U-16 (B) hurling won a first ever as did Cappawhite in rural football.

The breakthrough in winning these county titles goes to show that the games are being promoted actively throughout the county and it also compliments the excellent work being done by the county coaching committee under the chairmanship of Tom Collum with Denis Floyd as secretary.

#### Thanks:

Finally a special word of thanks to all the officers of Bord na nÓg at county and divisional level for their outstanding work in organising and promoting our national games. Thanks ever so much to the clubs and their officers for their outstanding help and co-operation. To all the park committees for accommodating us so wholeheartedly at all times. To the referees and their officials of the county a special word of thanks for their efficient handling of our games and their readiness to make themselves available at all times.

To our sponsors, Nenagh Co-op, Bertie Fitzpatrick, Roscrea U-14 U/R hurling, Noel Browne (Bansha) U-12 football and Brendan Coffey U-16 (B) hurling. To the officials of the county senior Boards at both divisional and county level for their help and co-operation at all times, both as regards fixtures and their financial help.

We are indeed indebted to all the selectors and trainers at club and county level for preparing and looking after our young players and instilling in them a sense of pride and manliness which will stand to them for the rest of their lives.

Finally, a sincere word of thanks to all our young players for playing our native games and providing us with many hours of entertainment throughout the year.

## Nenagh Co-op Tournament

Tipperary Bord na nÓg, on conjunction with sponsors, Nenagh Co-operative creamery, again organised the 5th annual Nenagh Co-op hurling tournament. This tournament which was started five years ago with just four teams taking part has continued to grow and expand ever since and is now the most prestigious U-16 tournament in the country.

This year the tournament took on a new meaning with teams from Leinster, Munster and Connacht taking part. The primary idea behind this tournament is to prepare young players for minor competition in two years time. It also continues the good work done at U-14 level through the Tony Forrestal tournament held annually in Waterford. Great credit is due to Nenagh Co-op for sponsoring this tournament. While underage hurling in any county does not have the same hype or exposure as adult games it goes to show that there are people out there who are prepared to put their money into sponsorship of games which can only benefit our young people.

## Football Coaching Course



Tipperary Under-16 footballers and coaches who attended a coaching course in Thomond College, Limerick. Back row: (left to right) Peter Gleeson, Arravale Rovers (coach); Keith Ryan, Commercial; Paul Williams, Commercial; Michael Sheedy, Ballina; Brendan McKeogh, Ballina; Lionel Leonard, Aherlow; Mark O'Shea, Aherlow; Chisteoir McGrath, Commercial (coach). Middle row: Andrew Moloney, Cahir; Shane Kenny, Fethard; Jimmy Keating, Commercial; Kevin White, Ardfinnan; Brendan Maher, Durlas Og; Vincent Peters, Rockwell Rovers; Michael Collins, Galtee Rovers; Ger Looby, Golden; David Fogarty, Golden. Front row: Donal Hourigan, Shannon Rovers; Liam O'Connor, Fr. Sheehy's; Gavin O'Mahony, Ardfinnan; Kyr Vaughan, Mullinahone; Colm Heeney, Rockwell Rovers; Tom Moylan, Newport; Cyril O'Neill, Newport; Jason Nugent, Arravale Rovers.



Indeed as Nenagh Co-op manager, Martin Linnane, stated at the launch of this excellent tournament the sponsorship of G.A.A. games falls easily into their set-up as Nenagh Co-op is situated in the heartland of great G.A.A. country.

This year the tournament was divided into two groups with a total of eight counties taking part. Group 'A' had Galway, Clare, Limerick and Offaly; group 'B' had Waterford, Wexford, Kilkenny and Tipperary.

Played on a league system this ensured that all counties got a total of at least three games with the semi-finalists getting four and five respectively.

All first round games were played on a home and away basis and after some hectic games the following counties reached the semi-finals: Limerick and Clare from group 'A' and Tipperary and Kilkenny from group 'B'.

After two highly entertaining semi-finals both Tipperary and Kilkenny qualified for the final. This game was played in famed Semple Stadium on Saturday, 14th November with All-Ireland referee, Terence Murray, of Limerick, in charge of the whistle. The final really lived up to all expectations with these two arch hurling rivals serving up a display of hurling never seen at this level.

This game had everything, passion, commitment and an amount of skill which was enjoyed very much by the large crowd present and proved a fitting final for this excellent tournament. There was very little between the two teams with the final outcome in the balance all the way through and in the final analysis Kilkenny got through on the narrowest of margins on the score 4-10 to 4-9.

There was much to admire about both teams with the main difference being that Kilkenny were faster and sharper on the ball with Tipp inclined to take too much out of the ball before striking. These two teams will now go on to minor grade as will all of the contestants and I'm sure that they will be heard of in the near future. Bord na nÓg in all those counties are to be complimented on the excellent preparatory work they are doing at this level and in this tournament the level of skill and commitment shown by the players is ample testimony to this wonderful work.

It is interesting to note that both All-Ireland finalists of 1992 are avid supporters of this tournament since its inception and state that their participation in this tournament helped in no small way to prepare their players for minor competition. Indeed All-Ireland champions, Galway, were the first county to come up with the idea of an U-16 hurling tournament and it was only when their sponsors failed to deliver that Tipperary stepped in and with the kind generosity of Nenagh Co-op started this tournament which has developed beyond all expectations.

After the final both teams were treated to an excellent meal courtesy of Nenagh Co-op creamery. Speaking at the presentation Tom Joyce on behalf of Nenagh Co-op complimented everyone involved with this tournament and hoped that by their

sponsorship they are helping to promote the game of hurling among the youth of the various counties. He thanked all counties for the commitment they gave the tournament and it is their dearest wish that this tournament will help to prepare players to play at this high level in future years.

Pat O'Connor, also on behalf of Nenagh Co-op, presented a beautiful set of medals to the winning Kilkenny team and also in a very kind gesture presented all the players of both teams with suitably inscribed kit bags. This was completely unexpected and very much appreciated by all the players. He also made a presentation to both sets of selectors and the organising committee.

Michael Maguire, county senior Board chairman, himself an ardent follower and organiser of underage games in his own parish and division, complimented all who took part in the tournament and stated that many of the players out there today will be the backbone of their various county teams for years to come. He was highly impressed by the standard of hurling and sportsmanship and he thanked most sincerely Nenagh Co-op and Bord na nÓg for the wonderful work that is being done.

Jim Lynch, on behalf of Tipperary Bord na nÓg thanked most sincerely Nenagh Co-op, all the participating counties and all connected with the running of the tournament. He thanked the park committees and the referees for their willingness to help at all times and stated that it shows the standing this tournament has when such an eminent referee as Terence Murray will take time off from his work to come to Thurles to referee this final. He thanked all the other referees who went out of their way to help in the running of this tournament. I suppose it is indicative of the kind of people involved at underage level, they are really the unsung heroes of the G.A.A.

On behalf of the organising committee I wish to thank most sincerely the officers of the various county Boards which took part. Their help and co-operation was forthcoming at all times and once they gave a commitment to this tournament they saw to it that everything was run off in clockwork fashion.

I would also like to compliment Fr. Tom Fogarty county minor coach and his fellow selectors who attended all our games. It shows that they are serious about their work and by getting to know the young players at this level will help them immensely and it is also an added incentive for the young players to give of their best. When young people are appreciated they will respond accordingly and I'm sure with the addition of those players who could not line out due to injury that Tipperary will be represented in Croke Park in the All-Ireland minor final two years from now. I must say that this bunch of lads are a credit to their families and clubs and many of them will be county players in years to come.

Tipperary team and substitutes: David O'Riordan (Durlas Óg); Brian Horgan (Kickhams), David Kennedy (Loughmore), Chris Dunne (Gortnahoe); Tom Moylan (Newport), Paul Shelly (Kilenaule), Ky Vaughan (Mullinahone); Matty O'Dowd (Durlas Óg) (captain), Andy Moloney (Cahir), Philip O'Dwyer (Boherlahan), Anthony Kirby (Moycarkey), Liam Cahill (Ballingarry); Brian Lamphier (Moycarkey), Noel Ryan (Holycross), John Enright (Durlas Óg).

Subs: David Fogarty (Golden), Michael Collins (Galtee Rovers), Seamus Maher (Borrisoleigh), Joe Smith (Moneygall), Liam O'Connor (Fr. Sheehy's), Pat Coman (Moycarkey), James Keating (St. Mary's), Colm Heaney (Rockwell Rovers), Michael Fercombe (Boherlahan), S. O'Donnell (Fethard), Ger Flanagan (Boherlahan), Ger Farrell (Kickhams), Pat Hackett (Durlas Óg), Jimmy Darcy (Durlas Óg).

## County Bord na nÓg Championship Results 1992

Grade	Winners	Runners-up	Referee
U-12 H.C.	Drom/Inch 6-4	Ballingarry 1-4	Eamonn Browne
U-12 F.C.	Galtee Rovers 4-3	Ardfinnan 3-5	Tom Meehan
U-14 H.C.	Cahir 3-3	Clonoulty 1-7	John Harkin
U-14 R.F.C.	Cappawhite 4-7	Cahir 2-10	Pat Cullen
U-14 U/R H.C.	Roscrea 3-2	Durlas Óg 1-2	T. J. Corby
U-14 U/R F.C.	Cahir 2-12	Nenagh 1-3	Jim O'Shea
U-16 H.C. (A)	Durlas Óg 5-8	St. Mary's 0-6	T. F. Stapleton
U-16 H.C. (B)	Fr. Sheehy's 1-12	Ballina 1-9	Richard Barry
U-16 F.C. (A)	Cahir 2-5	Arravale Rovers 0-9	Michael Maunsell
U-16 F.C. (B)	Fr. Sheehy's 3-11	Holycross 2-8	P. Lonergan
U-16 Garda cup (Hurling)	Mid Tipp 4-5	South Tipp 1-10	Paddy Russell
U-16 Garda cup (Football)	South Tipp 1-9	West Tipp 0-10	Martin Treacy
Féile na nGael	Cappawhite 2-8	Roscrea 1-7	Martin Treacy
Féile na nÓg	Cashel K.C. 1-9	Nenagh 0-7	Sammy Ryan
Peadar Cummins Tournament	South Tipp 1-9	North Tipp 0-4	John Harkins
Turas na nÓg (playoff)	Roscrea 4-7	Cahir 1-2	Richard Barry



# "Tipperary's Bord na nÓg Story"

By LIAM McGRATH, P.R.O.

**T**HIS is the title of Séamus J. King's book, which was launched at Hayes' Hotel, Thurles, in January '91. Colm Bonnar performed the official launch.

County Bórd na nÓg decided three years ago to record the history of Juvenile games in Tipperary. The Bórd unanimously agreed that Séamus J. King should be commissioned for the task. His previous book, *Tipperary's G.A.A. Story*, was published in 1988 and covered the period 1935-84.

The story of Bórd na nÓg was not an easy task. Records for Juvenile games and general statistics were not readily available. Séamus King took on the task and spent a lot of time seeking out information from Clubs, Divisions and County Committee.

## 50 YEARS

Juvenile games were in existence for fifty years and it was fitting that the records of those years should be written. The book goes even further back and records the early days of Juvenile games in the county.

## FIVE CHAPTERS

The book, *Tipperary's Bórd na nÓg Story* has 184 pages in five chapters covering:

Early organisation of Juvenile games; Primary schools competitions prior to the establishment of Bórd na nÓg; a summary of Bórd na nÓg activities from 1940-1990, as well as profiles of a number of



Photographed at the official launching of Bórd na nÓg History at Hayes' Hotel, Thurles were (l.-r.): Paudie Butler, Pat Ryan, Richie Barry, Martin Treacy and Tom Joyce.

people, past and present, who are identified with Tipperary Juvenile games.

## A BOOK FOR ALL CLUBS

We recommend this book to all clubs, and especially those who have won divisional and county honours. A total of 87 photos are included, and it's interesting to see some of our star players photographed in their juvenile days.

## SCÓR NA NÓG

The statistics recorded in the book include all divisional, county, provincial

and All-Ireland champions for Scór na nÓg.

## COPIES STILL AVAILABLE

A number of copies of the book are still available and can be purchased from Tommy Kelly, Ballygriffin-Golden (County Secretary, Bórd na nÓg).

County Bórd na nÓg wishes to thank Séamus King for this fine book and also Donal Shanahan, former Chairman of Bórd na nÓg, for his efforts in seeing the project through.



Photographed at the official launching of "Tipperary's Bórd na nÓg Story" by Séamus J. King were: Back row (left to right) - Liam McGrath, P.R.O., County Bórd na nÓg; Tommy Barrett, County Board Sec.; Monsignor C. Lee; Donal Shanahan, Chairman, County Bórd na nÓg; Paddy Nagle, Treasurer, County Bórd na nÓg. Front row: Séamus J. King (author); Michael McGuire, Co. Board Chairman; Most Rev. Dr. Dermot Clifford, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly; Colm Bonnar, who performed the official launch.





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# South Tipperary Bórd na nÓg

By Patsy O'Halloran

*One hundred and twenty six (126) teams took part in the twenty championships during 1992. Listed below are the details of the Finals.*

Grade	Winner	Runner-Up	Referee
-12 Football (A)	Ardfinnan	Fethard	Frank O'Brien
-12 Football (B)	Kilsheelan	Mullinahone	Tony Roche
-12 Football (C)	Ballylooby	Ballyporeen	Frank O'Brien
-14 Football (R)	Cahir	Ardfinnan	Frank O'Brien
-14 Football (U/R)	Cahir	Commercials	Mossy Walsh
-14 Football (B)	Grangemockler	Newcastle	Sean Quirke
-14 Football (C)	Kilsheelan	Clonmel Óg (B)	Charlie Boland
-16 Football (A)	Cahir	Ardfinnan	Mossy Walsh
-16 Football (B)	Fr. Sheehy's	Swan	William Robinson
-16 Football (C)	Ballyporeen	Kilsheelan	Fran O'Leary
-12 Hurling (R)	Ballingarry	Cahir	T. J. Corby
-12 Hurling (B)	Ballybacon/Gr.	Swan	Tommy Lonergan
-12 Hurling (C)	Ballylooby	Kilsheelan	Sean Quirke
-14 Hurling (R)	Cahir	Ballybacon/Gr	Frank O'Brien
-14 Hurling (U/R)	Cahir	Fethard	William Walsh
-14 Hurling (B)	Ballyneale	Newcastle	Jackie Hogan
-14 Hurling (C)	Killenaule (B)	Kilsheelan	John Harrington
-16 Hurling (A)	St. Mary's	Killenaule	Joe Keane
-16 Hurling (B)	Fr. Sheehy's	Ballybacon/Gr	T. J. Corby
-16 Hurling (C)	Ballyheale	Newcastle	Tommy Lonergan

## Progress of Divisional Winners in County Championships

### -12 Football (A)

Ardfinnan defeated Drum/Inch in Semi-Final, but we're defeated by Galtee Rovers in a great final played at Cahir.

### -14 Rural Football

Cahir beat Holycross in semi-final, but lost to Cappawhite in a final replay (after extra time).

### -14 Urban/Rural Football

Cahir beat Cappawhite in semi-final and Nenagh in county final at Moycorkey.

### -16 Football (A)

Cahir defeated Newport in semi-final, and Arravale Rovers in the final at Cashel.

### -16 Football (B)

Fr. Sheehy's beat Cappawhite in semi-final and Holycross in the final.

### -12 Hurling (A)

Ballingarry defeated Clonoulty in semi-final, but were beaten in final by Drum/Inch at Holycross.

### -14 Rural Hurling

Cahir beat /Inch in semi final and went on to take a hurling title to the Division by defeating Clonoulty in the final.

### -14 Urban/Rural Hurling

Cahir beaten by Roscrea in semi-final.

### -16 Hurling (A)

St Marys defeated Arrowale Rovers in semi-final but went down rather easily to Durlas Óg in the final.

### -16 Hurling (B)

Fr. Sheehy's beat J.K. brackens in semi-final and Ballina in the final.

**Feile na nGael** Mullinahone

**Poc Fada** Pat Nugent-Newcastle

**Skills** Tomas Keane-Fethard

## Divisional Teams

The Divisional -16 Football team won the Inter Divisional Competition by beating the Mid in semi-final at Drombane and the West in the final played at Cahir.

-14 Hurlers won the Peader Cummins tournament at Borris-Heigh.

The -16 Hurlers done very well in Coisde Iomana competition. The defeated Muskerry (Cork) in the Preliminary Round at



### Officers

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Ballygiblin, and West Waterford in the first round proper at Lismore.

They were defeated by Imokilly (Cork) in the Quarter Final at

Tallow after extra time in a game they should probably have won in normal time.

They were defeated in the Garda Cup final by the Mid at Cashel.

Selectors: Michael O'Connor, Michael Lonergan, Paddy Broderick, John McNamara, Tony Hogan.

### -16 Football

Noel Russell, Jimmy Murry, John English, Sean Hickey, Richie Sheehan, Jim Hennessy, Joe O'Donoghue, Tony Hogan, Royal Cashin, Michael Nugent (-14 Hurling).

### Scor na n'Óg

Ceili Dancing	Newcastle
Recitation	Fethard
Solo Singing	Cahir
Novelty Act	Marlfield
Question Time	Kilsheelan
Instrumental Music	Ardfinnan
Group Singing	Cahir
Set Dancing	Newcastle



*South Champions.*



*St. Mary's - South Under-16 'A' Hurling Champions.*



*Kilsheelan - Under-14 Football 'C' South Champions.*



*Ballybacon/Grange - Under 12 'B' South Champions.*



*Ardfinnan boys who played at half-time during the All-Ireland Final - Paul Lonergan, Alan O'Gorman and Kieran Quirke.*



# Cahir's Successful Year at Juvenile Level

By Colm O'Flaherty

*Following Cahir's successful year in 1991, when 7 South titles and 2 County titles were won, nobody dreamed that 1992 could be as good. Happily those who said that it could not be done, were wrong!*

## Historic Year

History was made in 1992. Cahir's under 14's became the first team from South Tipperary to win all 4 divisional titles. The under 14's won the club's very first hurling title at County level. The under 16's won the club's very first County "A" football title.

## Under 14

With many of last year's successful team available hopes were high of success at this level. The South Board decided to run the championships on a league basis. This meant that the under 14's faced a heavy programme of games.

## Football

In the league section Cahir had four fairly easy wins, as follows: Cahir 4-12 to Fethard 0-2, Cahir 7-14 to Killenaule 1-0, Cahir 6-9 to Commercials 1-1 and Cahir 1-3 to Cogheen 0-4. Unfortunately, the football had now to take a back seat to hurling as the hurling began. When football did resume Ballingarry were beaten 7-18 to 0-0 in the Rural semi-final. In the final, it was old rivals

Ardfinnan in Clogheen. In a tense game Cahir came out on top 3-5 to 1-4. Once again football activity had to stop and the hurling continued. Eventually Holycross were beaten in the County semi-final on a score of 7-7 to 0-2. The team now completed its hurling programme and when football began again Ardfinnan were beaten in the South Urban-Rural semi-final 1-11 to 1-7 and in the final Commercials were accounted for on a score of 2-9 to 2-0. By now the team had played almost 25 games and were beginning to tire in the latter stages of all games. However, good football enabled the team to overcome Cappawhite in the County Urban-Rural semi-final 2-11 to 1-4. The following week Cappawhite were our opponents in the Rural County final. Cahir missed an awful lot of easy scoring chances and were eventually lucky to hang on for a 1-6 to 2-3 draw. The following Saturday Nenagh were beaten in a fine game of football in Littleton on a score of 2-12 to 1-3. This way only the club's second Urban-Rural title. The winning team was: V. Moloney, R. O'Connor, C.

Hyland, B. Dolan, P. Hyland, C. Kehoe, C. O'Flaherty 1pt., B. Frazer 1pt., R. Hally 1gl., N. Morrison 2pts., G. O'Gorman 1pt., K. Burke 2pts., J. Guthrie 1-2pts., B. O'Flaherty 3pts.

Subs: P. Conway, P. Kearney, D. O'Keeffe.

The replay of the Rural Final took place in Cashel and at the end, they were level, despite the fact that Cahir had led by 5pts at one stage. However, a serious injury to Niall Morrison was a turning point in the game. In extra-time Cappawhite went on to record their very first County football title. The defeat was a big disappointment, but when the dust settled everyone realised that the panel had brought great success and entertainment to the club's followers. Final score was 4-9 to 2-10. The game was played on September 27, 1992.

## Hurling

In the league section of the South, Cahir gave an indication of better things ahead when they had three good wins. Cahir 5-10 to Clonmel Og 0-2, Cahir 9-6 to Killenaule 2-4, Cahir 3-4 to Ballingarry 0-3. In the South Rural semi-final Cahir defeated Fethard 4-13 to 0-1 and this set-up a repeat of the 1991 final against Ballybacon-Grange in Clogheen. In a fine sporting game, Cahir came out on top to retain this title on a score of 4-5 to 1-4. Cahir then played what was probably their toughest game, when they defeated St. Mary's 1-12 to 1-4, despite being reduced to 14 players in the first-half. The South final was played in Monroe on a cold and wet evening against Fethard. For a long time it looked as if Fethard would win, but Cahir's spirit took them to a very first Urban-Rural title, on a score



South and County Under 16 "A" Football Champions. Back Row, L to R: J. Hyland, D. Enright, D. Casey, J. O'Connor, J. Ryan, V. Carew, A. Maloney, T. Tierney, C. Tobin, M. O'Connor, D. Loneragan, J. Guthrie, L. Queenie. Front Row, L to R: P. Loneragan, K. Flynn, G. Morrison, P. O'Connor, D. O'Gorman, Capt. N. Cotter, G. O'Dwyer, R. Conway, M. Costigan, N. Halley, P. Loneragan.



of 2-9 to 2-2. Roscrea had now to be played in the Urban-Rural semi-final. Cahir had to field without two key players and in a very nasty game suffered a couple of more injuries, to eventually go down to a better hurling team on a score of 5-5 to 0-2.

The Rural County semi-final had been a totally different game, with Drom and Inch providing the opposition. Both teams played great hurling and Cahir had their first County semi-final victory on a score of 3-6 to 2-2. In the County final Cahir faced Clonoulty-Rossmore, a great hurling stronghold. Cahir were lucky to be ahead at half-time on a score 2-1 to 0-4. The second half was an exciting affair and just as the game was slipping away Gerard O'Gorman got a great goal and Brendan O'Flaherty got a point to close the scoring and the game, Cahir 3-3 to Clonoulty-Rossmore 1-7.

The historic team was, D. Williams, R. O'Connor, C. Hyland, C. Kehoe, T. Howley, C. O'Flaherty, D. Conway, B. Frazer, P. Hyland, R. Halley, B. O'Flaherty 1pt., B. Dolan 2pts., L. Kiely, J. Guthrie 2gls., G. O'Gorman 1gl.

Subs: V. Moloney, D. Davis.

This victory made up for many disappointments and Cahir can now look forward to future hurling successes.

### Scores:

In hurling Cahir scored 34-70 to 14-34 in 11 games. The scores were: J. Guthrie 15-10, B. Dolan 3-32, B. O'Flaherty 4-10, G.

O'Gorman 5-4, L. Kiely 1-6, R. Halley 1-3, V. Moloney 1-2, K. Burke 1-2, C. O'Flaherty 1-1, W. Foley 1gl., P. Hyland 1 gl.

In football Cahir scored 45-137 to 14-137 to 14-39 in 13 games. The scorers were: B. O'Flaherty, 9-36, J. Guthrie 13-24 K. Burke 6-32, N. Morrison 4-16, P. Conway 2-12, R. Halley 3-6, C. O'Flaherty 1-9, P. Kearney 2-3, B. Dolan 1-4, L. Kiely 1-4, G. O'Gorman 0-5, D. O'Keefe 0-2, B. Frazer 0-1.

### UNDER 16 SUCCESS Hurling

At the start of the year there was great hope of an Under 16 hurling win. Cahir were in the "A" competition and made an excellent start, winning well against The Swan and St. Mary's, but having tougher games against Ballingarry and Fethard. However, the team qualified for the semi-final against St. Mary's. This game was played only a couple of days after the South Football Final, 2 September. The team started poorly, but put in a great second-half. In the end they were unlucky to lose to St. Mary's, who won out the South and went on to contest the County final.

### Football

Having won the South under 16 "B" title in 1991, Cahir had to go into "A". The campaign got-off to a great start in Clogheen with a 1-9 to 1-2 win over Commercial. This was evidence that there was potential in the team. On a terribly wet and cold night in Marlfield

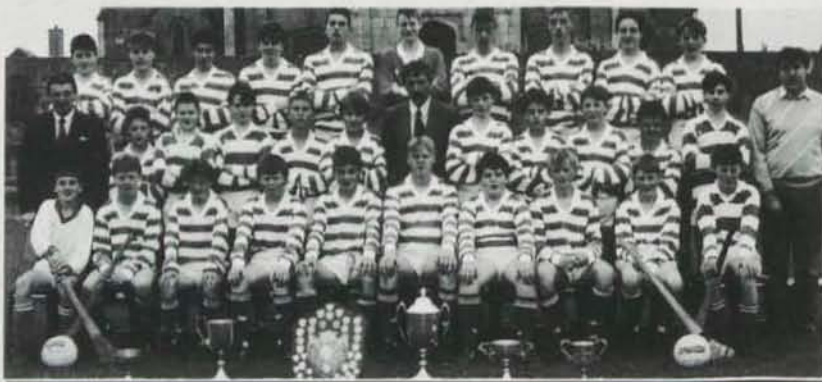
the team were lucky to stage a great second half comeback to draw 0-9 to 2-3 with Clonmel Óg. After a long lay-off, the season started again with another draw 2-5 to 1-8 with Fethard in Ardfinnan. This now meant that Cahir had to beat Ardfinnan to qualify for the final. Giving one of their finest displays, Cahir won well on a score 1-9 to 0-6, in Clogheen. This now set up the final everyone wanted; a clash with Ardfinnan! The game was played on Sunday, September 30th, before a large attendance in Clogheen. The game was hard fought with both sides missing vital chances. In the end Cahir held on for a 2-6 to 2-5 victory. Amid scenes of great excitement, captain David O'Gorman became only the second Cahir man to receive the Under 16 "A" trophy.

The County semi-final turned out to be a tame affair with Cahir winning easily on a score of 2-10 to 0-2. Cahir now faced West Champions Arravale Rovers, who had beaten the Championship favourites Durlas Óg. This game was played in Cashel, on Sunday 11th October, and turned out to be an excellent game of football. Having trailed at half-time, Cahir put in a great finish and thanks to a spectacular Vinny Carew goal, Cahir won their very first County Under 16 title. Final score Cahir 2-5 to Ardfinnan 0-9.

For coach Richie Quirke, this made up for the disappointment of losing his own County Under 16 final back in 1982. Throughout the year, he got support from fellow selectors Andy Maloney, Willie O'Gorman and Billy Tarrant. Most of this panel formed the back bone of Cahir's minor team that won the South "B" title for the very first time.

The County winning team was, Declan Lonergan, Raymond Conway, Conor Tobin, James Hyland, John O'Connor, David O'Gorman, Thomas Tierney, Andy Moloney, Patrick O'Connor, Noel Cotter, Kieran Flynn, Gary Morrison, Mark Costigan, Vincent Carew, Gerard O'Dwyer.

Subs: Declan Enright for Costigan, John Guthrie for O'Dwyer, Noel Halley, Donal Casey, Patrick Lonergan, Lawrence Queenie, Paul Lonergan, Paul Tarrant, Mark O'Connor, Barry O'Donnell, John Ryan.



South and County Urban-Rural Football Champions. Back Row L to R: B. Hickey, R. O'Connor, W. Foley, C. Hyland, B. Dolan, V. Moloney (football goalie), C. O'Flaherty, B. O'Flaherty, P. Kearney, B. Frazer. Middleton Row, L to R: Jim Lynch, (Selector), L. Looby, J. Moloney, T. Howley, M. Browne, D. O'Keefe, Colm O'Flaherty (Manager), K. Burke, D. Davis, P. Conway, P. Roche, M. Dempsey, Dan Costigan (Selector). Seated L to R: D. Williams (hurling goalie), G. O'Gorman, R. Halley, J. O'Gorman, P. Hyland (football captain), J. Guthrie (hurling captain), J. O'Gorman, N. Morrison, L. Kiely, A. Hyland. Missing from photo: C. Kehoe, G. Queenie.



# Outstanding Achievements

Mid-Tipperary Bord na-nÓg Review  
By Tom Joyce Secretary.

***In looking back on the year just finished, our outstanding achievement of winning the Munster U-16 interdivisional hurling championship comes automatically to the forefront. This was the first time the Mid-division had won the championship and I hope the reader will understand if I indulge myself somewhat in its review.***

We realised before the season began that we had a strong panel of players to choose from. We also learned from our mistakes the previous year whereby we also had a strong panel of players but failed to organise ourselves early enough to have our team sorted out before the Munster Championship began. This year we got a bye in the preliminary round and our first round game was in Kilcolman against East Clare. This game proved to be a very close affair in which we finished with two points to spare. When I think back on the players who made special contributions to our victory that day I think of players like Donal Duggan, Tommy Ormond and Ger Hogan and reflect on how important it is to have a strong panel.

Our next game was against the Cork divisional side Avondhu. This game was played in Cahir. My biggest memory of this match was of our team playing very well and apparently coasting to victory midway through the second

half with a 12 point lead. Then suddenly we lost the initiative and the Cork side started to attack us. We conceded two goals and would have been in deeper trouble had it not been for some excellent saves by our goalkeeper David O'Riordan. We finished with two goals to spare but equally important everybody involved had learned a lesson on complacency.

Our semi-final opponents were a highly rated East Limerick side. Our team gave an outstanding display in Newport and comprehensively won in a most convincing display.

## The Final

Our opponents in the final were the previous years champions – Cork City. When it became known that the Munster final would be played in Cork we set about preparing the side as professionally as we could.

We were delighted about how well the side had played in the semi-final and pleased that we now had the proper balance in

our team placings. On the other hand we were very concerned about how to keep the feet of our players firmly on the ground, so to speak. Three weeks before the final our friends in the South Division played us in a challenge match in Boherlahan. They beat us comprehensively. As selectors we were pleased because we believed that this was what the doctor ordered. Our players were back down to earth with a bang and our coach, Paudie Butler now had something to work on to pick our team for the day that mattered. We left no stone unturned and allowed no protocol to stand in our way. Our preparations were complete.

Our team for the final showed one enforced change from the semi-final. Michael Ferncombe, who was injured some weeks previously, was not fully recovered to take his place on the starting line up. Matthew Dowd, who had been ruled out through injury up to now, was now fully fit and he was selected in Michael position.

From the very beginning we



County Champions. The Drom-Inch team won the County Under-12 hurling title by defeating Ballingarry in the final at Holycross.



The Drom-Inch panel which won the Mid Bord na nÓg Under-12 football final (Section 1) at The Ragg.





*Garda Cup Hurling 1991 Winners - Mid Tipperary. Back row: Paddy Holland, P.J. Brett, Raymond Riordan, Alan Joyce, John Butler, Michael Ferncombe, Brendan Hogan, Philip Dwyer. Middle Row: Tom Joyce, Paudie Butler, Martin Treacy (Bord na nOg members); Robert Ryan, Matty Ryan, Tadgh Bourke, Pat Murray, Aidan Hassett, Pat Murray snr., Pat Ryan, Tom Flanagan (Bord na nOg members). Front Row: Ger Flanagan, Tom Fogarty, Risteard Cassidy, Peter Broderick, Brian Lamphier, Noel Ryan, Kevn Dwan, Jimmy Darcy.*

took control of the game and continued to do so until the end. It was a most comprehensive victory achieved with style and flair, and as it subsequently transpired it was the only Munster hurling victory achieved in 1992 by a Tipperary team. For the record our team and panel that was, David O'Riordan, Durlas Óg, Jimmy Darcy (Captain), Durlas Óg, David Kennedy, Loughmore-Castleiney, Christopher Dunne, Gortnahoe - Glengoole, Mattie Dowd, Durlas Óg, Ger Lanagan, Boherlahan-Dualla, Pat Coman, Moycakey-Borris, Brendan Hogan, Gorthahoe-Glengoole, Brian Lompier, Moycakey-Borris, Noel Ryan, Holycross-Ballycahill, John Wright, Durlas Óg.

Subs: Tommy Ormond - Loughmore-Castleiney, Donal Duggan Holycross-Ballycahill, Michael Ferncombe - Boherlahan-Rualla. Three remainder of the pane was, Ger Hogan, Gortnahoe-Glengoole, P.J. Sweeney, Moyne-Templetuohy, Donal Bolger Loughmore-Castleiney, John Flanagan, Holycross, Ballycahill, John Keane, Upperchurch, Drombane, Tony Bourke, Upperchurch, Drombane, Brendan McGrath - Drom-Inch.

The selectors were Paudie Butler - Coach, Tom Flanagan, Pat Murray, Martin Treacy, Tom Joyce.

In achieving a victory such as this many people can take credit and pride. Pride of place must go to our panel of players whose commitment dedication and dis-

cipline was exemplary To all the people in our division who are working with juveniles year in and year out, your contribution just could not be quantified because without you it would never happen. finally, our selectors and coach can take great credit also because unless the right players are selected and subsequently coached and managed victory will not be achieved.

Later in the month of July this U-16 team put the icing on the cake, so to speak, by retaining the Garda Cup which our division had won for the first time the previous year. In the semi-final we beat the North division thereby setting up an eagerly awaited final with the South.

We anticipated a very determined challenge from our south friends and we were not disappointed. We were forced to make two changes from the side that lined out for the Munster Final. Both of our midfielders were unavailable so Michael Ferncombe and Donal Duggan were selected instead. on a wet and windy evening in Cashel we had advantage of the win in the first half and by half time had established a seven point lead. Playing into the wind in the second half our side defended very well and ran out worthy 4 point winners. The team was David O'Riordan, Jimmy Darcy (Captain), David Kennedy, Christopher Dunne, Michael Ferncombe, Ger Flanagan, Mattie Dowd, Pat Common, Noel Ryan, Philip Dwyer, Anthony Kirby, Brendan Hogan, Brian Lompier, Dona Duggan, John Enright.

### 1992 Results

Under 12-hurling	Winners	Runners-up
Section 1	Drom-Inch (Co. Champs)	Durlas Óg A
Section 2	Clonakenny	Gortnahoe-Glengoole
Section 3	Upperchurch-Drombane	Durlas Óg C.
Under 12 Football		
Section 1	Drom-Inch	Moycakey - Borris
Section 2	J.K. Brackens	Moyne-Templetuohy
Section 3	Clonakenny	Durlas Óg C.
Under 14 Hurling		
Section 1	Durlas Óg A	Drom - Inch
Section 2	Moycakey-Borris	Moyne Templetuohy
Section 3	Clonakenny	Upperchurch - Drombane
Rural	Drom Inch	Holycross-Ballycahill
Feile na nGall	Drom-Inch	Durlas Óg
Under 14 Football		
Section 1	Moycakey-Borris	Durlas Óg A
Section 2	J.K. Brackers	Moyne-Templetuohy
Section 3	Loughnamore-Castleiney	Upperchurch-Drombane
Rural	Holycross-Ballycahill	Boherbahan-Dualla
Under 16 hurling		
Section 1	Durlas Óg (C. Champions)	Boherbahan-Dualla
Section 2	J.K. Brackens	Gortnahoe-Glengoole
Section 3	Upperchurch Drombane	-Moycakey-Borris (B)
Under 16 Football		
Section 1	Durlas Óg	Boherlahan-Dualla
Section 2	Holycross Ballycahill	Durlas Óg B.
Section 3.	Moyne-Templetuohy	Gortnahoe-Glengoole.





Upperchurch-Drombane U.12 hurling team which beat Durlas Og in the Mid final (section 3) at Holycross).



The J.K. Brackens u-16 hurling panel which won the Mid Tipperary u-16 'B' title by defeating Gortnahoe-Glengoole at Littleton.

## On The Club Front

On the club front we had some excellent championships. It was encouraging to see clubs that had not been prominent over the last few years finally getting the success they deserved. Pride of place here must go to the Drom-Inch club who won the double in the U-12 section 1 championships. In the hurling final they beat Durlas Óg A and in the football final they beat Moycakey-Borris. Their U-12 hurlers subsequently went on to become county champions and cap a memorable year for their club and their coach Paudie Butler. As Paudie subsequently explained he was several years preparing and welding this side together. In looking for a formula for success one must not simply look at the year in question but at a number of preceding years to get the full picture. Another club who can look back with satisfaction on 1992 is Clonaskenny. This small club won three divisional titles and again this was due in no small way to the groundwork done in previous years.

There was a good spread of

winners in our championships this year and all clubs can look back with satisfaction on a memorable year.

On a individual level our congratulations to David Michen (Moycakey-Borris) on winning the mid Tipperary Feile na nGael skills competition and to William Hickey (Boherlahan Duala) on winning the mid Tipperary Feile Poc Fada competition.

Sponsors: I would like to express a special appreciation to our sponsors this year. Thurles Credit Union sponsored our U-16 section 1 hurling championship. This sponsorship is something that we would like to see grow and develop. The Garda Training College - Templemore sponsored the new jerseys which our successful U-16 team wore and this was also greatly appreciated. Also a special word of thanks to Duggan Brothers, Templemore on a contribution to that same successful U-16 team.

## U-16 Interdivisional Football

Because of the success of our hurling team we were unable to

prepare for this championship which was played in the middle of May. Nevertheless we did field a team in the semi-final against the West. The team gave a very good account of themselves but had to give way to a superior side at the finish.

In the Peadar Cremmins U-14 tournament our divisional team were unlucky to loose in the semi-final to the eventual winners. The big difficulty here for the selectors is to find time to prepare the side as it should be prepared.

In conclusion I would like to thank everybody involved in our juvenile affairs in the division. I thank especially everybody involved in looking after and coaching our juveniles and also all our bord members who were so co-operative during the years.



Durlas Og U-16 hurlers, winners of the county title by defeating St. Mary's (Clonmel) at Cashel. Back row (l to r) Michael Kennedy, Damien Daly, Pat Lawlor, David Dunne, Darren Molumby, Mark Wade, Ned Connolly, David O'Riordan, Brian O'Grady, Colm Coppinger, Vincent Kennedy, Gary Mernagh, Paul Maher. Front row - Ollie Geoghegan, Jimmy Darcy, John Enright, Liam Scully, Michael Hackett, Mark Ryan, Matthew O'Dowd, Patrick Hackett (captain), Raymond O'Riordan, Damien Harris, John O'Dwyer.





*The Mid-Tipperary team which won the Munster under 16 title by defeating Cork City in the final at Pairc Ui Chaoimh. Back row, left to right: Pat Murray (selector), Martin Treacy (selector), Philip Dwyer, Anthony Kirby, Noel Ryan, Brendan Hogan, Tommy Flanagan (selector), Pat Coman, David O'Riordan, Johnny Enright, Paudie Butler (coach and selector), Pat Hackett, Donal Duggan, Tom Joyce (selector). Middle row: Tony Burke, Michael Ferncombe, Pat Lawlor, Christopher Dunne, Brian Lamphier, Gerard Flanagan, David Kennedy, Matthew O'Dowd, Jimmy Darcy (captain), John Flanagan, Donal Bolger. Front row: John Keane, P.J. Sweeney, Gerard Hogan, Tommy Ormond, Brendan McGrath.*



*The selectors of the Mid Tipperary under 16 team photographed at Pairc Ui Chaoimh before their historic victory over Cork City in the Munster final (from left): Martin Treacy, Pat Murray, Paudie Butler (coach), Tom Joyce, Tommy Flanagan.*

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Urban-Rural 'A' Football, winners of Under-14 Moycarkey-Borris.

**T**HE club began the year on a high note when we received the most improved club of the year award at the Mid-Board Na nÓg convention. Training and coaching began in early Spring for a challenging year ahead as all our teams had been upgraded from the previous season.

#### UNDER-12's

Our under-12s began the championship season at home to Dúrlas Óg 'A' in football. While we lost that game, the team subsequently recorded fine wins over Holycross and Drom to qualify for the Mid 'A' final. In the final we had an off-night, losing to Drom and Inch. In hurling a similar story emerged when we lost out in the league rounds to the eventual county champions Drom and very narrowly to Holycross. The players on duty were:

P. Dempsey, P. Doran, T. Higgins, J. Butler, J. Hennebery, K. O'Regan, E. Butler, K. Shortall, C. Ryan, D. Bannon, T. Ryan, P. J. Flanagan, B. Crawford, M. Kelly, P. Carey, T. Kelly, J. Foley, T. Ryan, D. Hennessy, P. Heffernan, M. Shortall, S. Davy, J. Moriarty, R. Fogarty, D. Hassett.

We are greatly appreciative of the fine work done at Under-12 level by Frank O'Regan, Ned Bannon, John Crawford, Jack Ryan, John Healy and John Carey.

#### UNDER-10 HURLING CAMP

In August, the club ran a structured hurling camp for our future stars. It was a tremendous success. The participants were: P. Lane, M. Murphy, D. Grace, R. Quigley, B. McCullagh, S. Healy, C. Ryan, Colm Ryan, P. Lane, J. Cleary, R. Quinlan, S. Quinlan, T. Cooney, M. Bracken, L. Ryan, T. J. Shortall, J. J. Hayes, B. Clohessy, M. Shortall, C. Cashin, M. Power, A. Hackett, P. Ryan, M. Darmody, E. Clohessy, S. O'Sullivan, J. Scott.

The organisers were John Crawford, Anne Ralph and Joe Moran.

#### UNDER-14's

Our Under-14's began the championship season in April. We defeated Drom-Inch in the league series of the Urban-Rural 'A' football competition at home. Our next fixture was away to Dúrlas Óg when we lost by four points but two of our regulars were out injured. The team hit top form when we defeated Holycross in Holycross to qualify for the mid-final. In the final we faced Dúrlas Óg 'A' in a competition which they had never lost. Our lads playing excellently were eight points up at half-time. In the second half Dúrlas Óg responded well, but our defence held firm. The final score was 1-9 to 1-3.

David Minchin our captain scored eight points with debutant Kevin Shortall scoring a fine goal. In hurling we competed in Section 2 of the Urban-Rural competition. We qualified for the final with fine performances over Boherlahan and Gortnahoe in thrilling games.

For the final against Moyne-Templetuohy in Castleisney we brought back David Minchin from his holidays in Galway. At half-time we trailed by five points and the wet evening seemed appropriate. However we dominated the second half scoring 2-2 to 0-1 and thus secured a two points win.

We lost to Drom in rural football and hurling by one point and four points respectively in games we had enough changes to win. In late summer we competed in tournaments organised by Golden and Lisdowney (County Kilkenny). Finally in September we met Éire Óg Nenagh in the Urban-Rural. We lost by four points in a game where we missed a

penalty, had a goal disallowed, and missed several other chances. The players who secured two mid titles were: Robert Doran, Tom Kelly, Nicky Hogan, David Costello, Danny Graham, Michael Hassett, Nigel McCarthy, Ken Ryan, David Minchin, Tomás Coman, Michael Shortall, Tim Ryan, Roger Heffernan, Colm McGarry, Michael O'Regan, Conor McCarthy, Danny Meaney, Kevin Shortall, Conor Bannon, Kevin O'Regan, Brendan Crawford, Thomas Britton, Tadhg Ryan, Mark Leahy, Paudie Skehan, Conor McGinty, Thomas Power, Andrew Mullins, Robert Nagle, Paul Corcoran, Aidan Ryan, Wayne Dempsey, Patrick Croke. Our thanks to Joe Moran, Frank O'Regan, Paddy Coman and Martin Ryan who looked after the U-14's.

#### COUNTY HONOURS

Brian Lamphier, Pat Coman and Anthony Kirby made a fine contribution to the very successful mid and county Under-16 teams. Well done to all concerned. David Minchin played on the Mid and County U-14 teams. Robert Doran, Ken Ryan and Michael Hassett also acquitted themselves well on the Mid U-14 team.

#### FÉILE NA nGAEL

For the second year in succession, one of our players Minchin won the Mid skills competition, and represented the County in the National Competition. Our thanks to Cappawhite who included David in their party to Galway.

#### UNDER-16's

For the first time we fielded both an 'A' and 'B' Under-16 side. In football the 'A' side beat Holycross and Upperchurch in the League rounds. We then lost to Dúrlas Óg causing a play-off in which we lost to Holycross. In hurling we defeated Moyne comprehensively but again the group finished all square, leading to a Mid-Semi-final against Gortnahoe in Boherlahan. This was our most disappointing game of the year because despite dominating the play, we missed several scoring chances, both from play and from frees to lose by a solitary point. The players on duty were: Austin Cooney, Willie Cashen, Robert Clancy, John Burke, David Minchin, Pat Coman, James Kennedy, Francis Ryan, Anthony Kirby, Ken Maher, Brian Lamphier, Robert Ryan, Derek Leahy, Vincent Stapleton, Michael Hassett, Noel Butler and Paddy Shanahan.

The 'B' team recorded a memorable victory in the Ragg over Drom and Inch in the football championship. They lost narrowly to Gortnahoe in another thriller and were well beaten by Moyne. In hurling the 'B' team contested the mid-final as gallant losers to Upperchurch. Some of the stars were Michael McGinty, Sean Fogarty, Raymond Ryan, Brian Fleming, Peter O'Dwyer, Gary Bannon, Noel Maher, James Cashen, Donal Donnelly, T. J. Ryan, Gary Wright, Adrian McGinley and Enda Callinan.

The trainers and selectors of the U-16 panels were Jack Bergin, Dick Quigley, Eddie Clancy, Philly Ryan, Paddy Coman, Pat Leahy, Jimmy Shanahan, Con Bannon, Seamus Cooney, John Hackett, John Comerford and Joe Moran.

#### SCHOOLS

Our congrats to Littleton N.S. on reaching the Primary Schools county final and winning the southern section. Mr. Christy Clancy is doing tremendous work. The rôle of the primary school in developing the basic skills of Gaelic Games cannot be overestimated. Congrats to Thurles C.B.S. on their wins in the Dean Ryan and Croke Cups. Also Thurles V.S. on their first year's Munster success. "Squeeze 'em up Moycarkey and hang 'em out to dry".



# North Tipperary Bórd Na nÓg Review '92

## All the Results, Winning Teams, Facts & Figures

By LIAM HOGAN

### UNDER-12 HURLING

FIVE TEAMS entered and the competition was run on a league basis.

TABLE					
	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Toomevara	4	4	0	0	8
Kilruane	4	2	1	1	5
Moneygall	4	2	1	1	5
Eire Og	3	0	1	2	1
Roscrea	3	0	0	3	0

P.S.: The top three qualified for the knockout stages. Thus Toomevara finishing on top, gained a place in the final, while Kilruane and Moneygall joint runners-up had a semi-final meeting.

In the final, Toomevara defeated Moneygall by 1-4 to 0-6 in a replay.

### UNDER-12 SECTION II

Run on a league basis. Seven teams were entered and divided into two groups of four and three.

TABLE					
	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Ballina/B.hinch	3	2	1	0	5
Borrisoleigh	3	2	0	1	4
Roscrea 'B'	3	1	1	1	3
Newport	3	0	0	3	0

TABLE					
	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Burgess	2	2	0	0	4
Borrisokane	2	1	0	1	2
Kildangan	2	0	0	2	0

In the final, Borrisokane defeated Burgess by 4-5 to 1-3.

### UNDER-12 HURLING SECTION III

This competition was run on a league basis. Five teams were entered with the top three teams reaching the knock-out stages.

TABLE					
	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Lorrha	4	4	0	0	8
Portroe	4	3	0	1	6
Silvermines	4	3	0	1	6
Templederry	4	1	1	2	3
Shannon Rovers	4	0	0	4	0

Lorrha won the final by 6-5 to 1-2

### UNDER-14 HURLING SEC. 1 (Urban/Rural)

Run on a league basis. Six teams were entered with the six being divided into two groups of three.

TABLE					
	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Roscrea	2	2	0	0	4
Eire Og	2	1	0	1	2
Kildangan	2	0	0	2	0

TABLE					
	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Toomevara	2	2	0	0	4
Kilruane MacD.	2	1	0	1	2
Moneygall	2	0	0	2	0

Roscrea claimed their first Urban/Rural Hurling title in seven years when they defeated Eire Og at Cloughjordan, 4-5 to 2-1.

### UNDER-14 SECTION 1 HURLING (Rural)

The rural competition was the only one run on a straight knock-out so with only four teams competing, it was straight down to semi-finals stage.

Semi-Final			
Kildangan	6-4	Moneygall	2-1 at Toomevara
Toomevara	3-8	Kilruane MacD.	4-2 at Moneygall
Final - July 6th			
Toomevara	4-11	Kildangan	2-2 at Nenagh
Referee - John McDonnell, Roscrea			

### U-14 SEC. II HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Twelve teams entered and were divided into two groups of six with the top four in each group qualifying for the quarter-finals and knockout stages.

TABLE					
	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Borrisokane	5	5	0	0	10
Newport	5	4	0	1	8
Portroe	5	3	0	2	6
Burgess	5	2	0	3	4
Lorrha	5	1	0	4	2
Roscrea 'B'	5	0	0	5	0

TABLE					
	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Templederry	5	4	0	1	8
Borrisoleigh	5	4	0	1	8
Silvermines	5	2	1	2	5
Ballina/B.hinch	5	2	1	2	5
Shannon Rovers	4	1	0	3	2
Eire Og 'B'	4	0	0	4	0

Templederry beat Burgess by 3-5 to 1-4 in a replayed final.



## UNDER-14 SECTION III HURLING – 4 TEAMS

### Semi-Finals

Eire Og 'B'	W/O	Roscrea 'B'	Scr	
Shannon Rovers	3-6	Lorrha	2-6	at Ballinderry
Final, September 10				
Shannon Rovers	1-3	Eire Og 'B'	2-0	at Cloughjordan
Replay, September 17				
Shannon Rovers	1-3	Eire Og 'B'	1-3	at Cloughjordan
Replay, September 27				
Shannon Rovers	1-5	Eire Og 'B'	1-0	at Cloughjordan

Referee: M. McGrath, Kilruane

## U-16 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP – SEC I

Seven teams were entered and were divided into two groups of three and four. The competition was run on a league basis.

### TABLE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Roscrea	2	1	0	1	2
Toomevara	2	1	0	1	2
Kilruane	2	1	0	1	2

### TABLE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Eire Og	3	3	0	0	6
Moneygall	3	2	0	1	4
Borrisokane	3	1	0	2	0
Borrisoleigh	3	0	0	3	0

### Semi-Final

Kilruane	4-8	Moneygall	2-5	at Cloughjordan
Eire Og	4-15	Toomevara	2-7	at Moneygall
Final – September 4				
Eire Og	1-8	Kilruane	1-7	at Moneygall

Referee: Michael Lenihan

## UNDER-16 – SECTION II

Nine teams were entered and were divided into two groups of a four and a five. As usual the competition was run on a league basis.

### TABLE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Ballina/B.hinch	3	3	0	0	6
Lorrha	3	2	0	1	4
Burgess	3	1	0	2	2
Silvermines	3	0	0	3	0

### TABLE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Newport	4	3	0	1	6
Kildangan	4	3	0	1	6
Shannon Rovers	4	3	0	1	6
Portroe	4	1	0	3	2
Templederry	4	0	0	4	0

### Semi-Finals

Lorrha	4-6	Kildangan	4-1	at Borrisokane
Ballina/B.hinch	4-6	Newport	1-4	at Borrisokane
Final – September 7				
Ballina/B.hinch	0-7	Lorrha	0-4	at Nenagh

Referee: Liam Hogan, Burgess

## UNDER-16 – SECTION III – 5 TEAMS

### Quarter Final

Portroe	3-6	Shannon Rvs.	3-6	at Nenagh
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### Replay

Portroe	3-3	Shannon Rvs.	1-4	at Nenagh
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### Semi-Final

Templederry	2-2	Silvermines	0-2	at Nenagh
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Portroe	2-6	Burgess	2-1	at Nenagh
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### Final – October 17

Portroe	3-4	Templederry	3-2	at Nenagh
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## UNDER-12 FOOTBALL – SECTION I

All football competitions were run on a knockout basis only. Section I was no exception.

### Preliminary Round

Kildangan	6-10	Newport	0-0
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### Semi-Finals

Kildangan	1-4	Borrisokane	1-1	at Nenagh
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Eire Og	4-5	Roscrea	0-2	at Cloughjordan
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### Final – May 18

Kildangan	1-5	Eire Og	1-2	at Kilcolman
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## UNDER-12 – SECTION II

### Preliminary Round

Silvermines	1-3	Templederry	1-3	at Templederry
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### Replay

Silvermines	3-0	Templederry	2-1	at Dolla
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### Quarter Finals

Silvermines	3-3	Shannon Rvs.	2-2	at Dolla
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Lorrha	2-4	Ballina/B.hinch	1-3	at Kilcolman
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Burgess	7-5	Eire Og 'B'	0-1	at Kilcolman
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Kilruane	5-4	Portroe	0-2	at Kilcolman
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### Semi-Finals

Burgess	2-12	Lorrha	0-2	at Ballinderry
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Kilruane	4-8	Silvermines	0-2	at Toomevara
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### Final – September 26

Burgess	1-6	Kilruane	2-1	at Moneygall
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## UNDER-14 FOOTBALL SECTION I

### Semi-Finals

Eire Og	3-5	Ballina/B.hinch	3-2	at Kilcolman
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Kildangan	2-7	Roscrea	0-2	at Toomevara
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### Final – May 12th

Eire Og	4-4	Kildangan	1-4	at Cloughjordan
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## UNDER-14 FOOTBALL SECTION II

### Preliminary Round

Borrisokane	4-8	Shannon Rvs.	2-2	at Lorrha
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Burgess	5-4	Silvermines	3-3	at Ballinahinch
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### Quarter-Finals

Borrisoleigh	3-3	Templederry	1-2	at Templederry
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Borrisokane	1-4	Portroe	2-0	at Nenagh
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Newport	7-4	Lorrha	0-0	
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Burgess	3-5	Kilruane	2-0	at Toomevara
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### Semi-Finals

Newport	1-2	Templederry	1-2	at Doola
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### Replay

Newport	2-5	Templederry	1-4	at Doola
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Burgess	4-1	Borrisokane	2-5	
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### Final – May 16

Newport	3-8	Burgess	1-0	at Doola
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## UNDER-16 FOOTBALL – SECTION I

### Preliminary Round

Borrisokane	3-12	Roscrea	3-5	at Cloughjordan
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Newport	1-11	Eire Og	0-7	at Ballina
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### Semi-Finals

Newport	1-4	Kildangan	0-2	at Ballina
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Ballina/B.hinch	6-7	Borrisokane	0-4	at Kilcolman
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### Final – June 29

Newport	1-11	Ballina/B.hinch	0-3	at Kilcolman
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## UNDER-16 FOOTBALL – SECTION II

### Preliminary Round

Moneygall	4-7	Silvermines	0-2	at Templederry
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### Quarter-Finals

Kilruane	6-11	Templederry	0-0	at Doola
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Borrisoleigh	1-7	Portroe	0-1	at Doola
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Shannon Rvs.	1-7	Lorrha	1-3	at Borrisokane
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Moneygall	5-9	Buress	3-0	at Nenagh
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### Semi-Finals

Borrisoleigh	4-6	Kilruane	1-3	at Doola
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Moneygall	5-5	Shannon Rvs.	3-3	at Cloughjordan
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### Final – June 8

Borrisoleigh	3-4	Moneygall	1-1	at Toomevara
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Newport to face East Limerick. As in all first round games, we faced the unknown. Selectors Pat Maher, John Gleeson, Bernard O'Neill, Bob O'Leary and yours truly had the side well prepared. The team had many practice games under their belt. The hard work paid off, as we came away with a 2-9 to 1-4 win after leading by 1-5 to 1-2 at the break. A good second half performance seemed to suggest that this team might go places.

It was to Kilmallock for a quarter final tile with Cork City. From the start, things went wrong. Cork City received a tonic start with a goal and a point inside five minutes. They led by 1-3 to 0-5 at half time, and were fortunate to get three second half goals of a soft nature. Still our lads never gave up and in the end lost on a scoreline of 4-7 to 1-6.

Cork City went on to the Munster final, only to lose heavily to Mid Tipperary in Pairc Uí Chaoimh. It was the same Mid Tipp side that we faced in the Garda Cup semi-final a week later. Defeat was out lot again, but a much more spirited display from our lads helped to serve up an enjoyable game of hurling. In the end though Mid Tipp won by 2-12 to 2-6 after having led by 2-5 to 1-3 at the interval.

The North Tipp team and panel for the Munster quarter final was as follows:

Kevin O'Brien (Kilruane MacDonagh); M. Haverty, capt (Kilruane MacDonagh); Adrian Mulcahy (Kilruane MacDonagh); Ray Hackett (Toomevara); Sean Maher (Borrisoleigh); M. Ryan (Kilruane MacDonagh); Tom Conroy (Eire Og); Noel Hogan (Lorrha); Sean Sheppard (Kilruane MacDonagh); M. Costello (Borrisokane/Knockroche); Tom Moylan (Newport); Daragh Quinn (Eire Og, Nenagh); Seamus Maher (Borrisoleigh); Joe Smith (Moneygall); Mark O'Leary (Kilruane). Subs: Denis Kelly (Toomevara) played against East Limerick and Mid Tipp. Conor Ryan played against East Limerick; Ken Dunne played against East Limerick and Mid Tipp. Eamon McGrath lined out against Mid Tipp.

The remainder of the panel is as follows: Brian Murphy (Borrisokane); John Harty (Kildangan); Paul Byrne (Toomevara); M. Bevans (do); Tomás Ryan (Borrisoleigh); John Maher (Kildangan); Mark Keeshan (Moneygall); Brendan McKeogh (Ballina/B.hinch); Bobby Flannery (Eire Og/Nenagh); Peter Nolan (Templederry); M. Maher (Roscrea).

**Under-16 Football:** Despite many challenge games, North Tipp's participation in the Inter Divisional U-16 Football was short lived, as they lost heavily to West Tipp in the semi-final. The panel was as follows:

Niall Kelly (Kildangan); Alan Slattery (Shannon Rovers); Tom Conroy (Nenagh); Trevor Delahunty (Newport); Kevin Ryan (Kildangan); Tom Clifford (Newport); Pierce O'Brien (Burgess); Tom Moylan (Newport); Cyril O'Neill (Newport); Donal Hourigan (Shannon Rovers); Michael Sheehy (Balline); Brendan McKeogh (Balline); Brian Farrell, (Nenagh); Nigel McGrath (Kildangan); Eamon McGrath (Kildangan); Alan Kissane (Nenagh); Philip Rabbitt (Borrisoleigh); Paul Shanahan (Borrisoleigh); Conor Hurley (Borrisokane); John Harty



Templederry, North Tipperary U-14 H. (Division 2) Champions. Back Row: M. Kennedy, J. Ryan, E. Martin, B. Murray, J. P. Ryan, J. Ryan, D. Bourke, V. Madden, D. Kennedy, P. Minogue, P. Ryan, Michael Ryan (capt.). Front Row: J. Kennedy, T. Minogue, B. McLoughlin, S. Kennedy, J. Hogan, D. Madden, J. Kennedy, D. Gleeson, M. Ryan, N. Murray.

(Kildangan); Kennety O'Brien (Newport); Ml. Moylan (Newport); Barry Hogan (Ballina); Seamus Kennedy (Templederry).

The selectors were: Michael O'Mahony (Newport), Gerry McKeogh (Ballina), Denis McSweeney (Nenagh).

#### PEADAR CUMMINS TOURNAMENT

Our U-14 hurling team failed in the final of this tournament at Borrisoleigh. In the semi final they defeated Mid Tipp by 3-12 to 1-8. In the final they were defeated by South Tipperary on a scoreline of 1-9 to 0-4.

The team that lined out in the final as as follows:

David Conroy (Borrisokane), Aidan Quinn (Eire Og Nenagh), John Carroll (Roscrea), Brian Coffey (Newport), Kevin Meaney (Portroe), John Maher (Roscrea), John Flannery (Eire Og), Brian Murray (Templederry), John Loughnane (Toscrea), John Slattery (Eire Og, Nenagh), Liam England (Roscrea), Paddy O'Brien (Toomevara), Barry Carroll (Borrisokane), Ml. Ryan (Templederry), Colm McGrath (Kildangan). Subs: Kevin Bourke (Templederry) started in the semi-final as did padraig Hackett (Toomevara); Mark Walton (Ballina/B.hinch), Fran Hogan (Ballina/B.hinch), Thomas Carey (Roscrea), Eoin Brislane (Toomevara), Sean O'Brien (Silvermines); Raymond Boland (Silvermines); John Keane (Borrisoleigh), Declan Maher (Borrisoleigh); Phil Maher (Borrisoleigh); Ml Carroll (Newport); Kevin McLoughney (Kilruane MacDonagh), Ger Slack (Shannon Rovers), Vincent Mahon (Lorrha),

**Under-4 Selectors:** Liam Sheehy (Ballina), Gerry Kelly (Toomevara), Tom Gleeson (Portroe).



Roscrea U-14 Hurling Co. Champions. Front Row: Damien Moloney, Robert Ryan, John O'Lone, Michael Molloy, Sean Maher, Stephen Hogan, Alan Barry, Jim McDonnell, Emmet Dunphy, David Loughnane, Tony Douglas, Darryl Martin. Back Row: Pat Lee, Ronan, Buckley, Michael Murphy, Gary Nash, Tadgh O'Connor (capt.), Keith Kenneally, Liam England, John Carroll, Tomás Carey, Owen Meagher, Tomás Loughman, Enda Fitzgald.



Lorrha U/12 Section 3 Champions, 1992. Back row (left to right): Ruaghan Mannion, David Bourke, John Paul Houlihan, Enda Moran, Rory Corn, Richard Bourke, Barry Moran, Liam Carroll, Michael Hawe, Colm Dolan. Front Row: David Needham, Shane Mannion, Thomas Lambe, Darrell Sullivan, Alan Quirke, Brendan Coen, Thomas Foley, Patrick Cleary, Ronan King.



# North Tipperary Bord na nÓg



Nenagh Eire Óg, North Tipperary Under-16 A Hurling Champions, 1992. Back Row (left to right): John Paul Gilmartin, Richard Burke, Martin Donnellan, Alan Slattery, Alan Kissane, Paul Dillon, Jason Nevin, Tom Conroy. Front Row: Oisín Walsh, John Slattery, Darragh Quinn, Alan Ryan, Brian Farrell, Brendan Gavin, Billy Flannery.



Moneygall U-12 Hurling finalists. Back Row (left to right): Derek Ryan, Tadgh Kennedy, Patrick Ryan, Thomas Harney, Ronan Hourihane, Conor Ryan, Michael Ryan, John O'Meara. Middle row: Daniel Sutton, William Greene, Donal Doughan, Brendan Jones, Gerard Whyte, Billy McCormack, Tom Byrnes, David Gleeson, Paddy Fenning. Front row: Damien Martin, Derek O'Meara, Neil Doherty, Seamus Maher, Michael Kirwan, Sean Sheehan.



Toomevara U-14 Panel, North Tipp Rural Hurling Champs, 1992. Back: A. Comerford, C. Martin, A. Shor, D. Dooley, B. Hackett, D. Meagher, B. Duff, N. Cummins, B. Walsh, L. Coffey, J. Maher, J. O'Meara, J. Hogan. Front: B. Dunne, S. O'Meara, P. O'Brien, K. Hall, T. Ryan, T. Ryan, D. Brislane (capt), P. Hackett, P. McGrath, A. Ryan, M. Connolly.



Burgess U/12 Football panel, winners of the North Tipp (Section 11) final. Also runners-up in the hurling Section II Final. Back Row: A. Hogan, S. Maher, C. O'Brien, E. Buckley, G. Hogan, B. Duggan (capt), P. Mulcahy, B. Hogan, J. Scroope, T. Hogan. Middle Row: P. McDonnell, B. McGrath, M. Fogarty, C. Hanrahan, M. Crowe, P. Ryan, D. O'Brien, L. Hogan, N. McGrath. Front row: S. Hanrahan, M. Fogarty, L. Kelly, D. Hogan, D. Maher.



Burgess, U-14 Panel, Finalists in Division 2 Hurling and Football. Back: Keelan Howard, Peter Carroll, Kevin McDonnell, Noel Slattery, Fergal Hanrahan, John Gleeson, David Conway, Sean Hogan, Sean Kelly, James Slattery. Front: Garrett Howard, Brian Duggan, Fergal McDonnell, Shane Maher, Brian Hogan, Shane Hanrahan, Timothy Hogan, Patrick Mulcahy, Padraig McDonnell, Niall McGrath, Brian McGrath.



Shannon Rovers, U-14 Section III Winners. Back Row (left to right): Paul Rooney, John Casey, Niall Leenane, Conor Quinlan, Brendan Cormican, Willie Donoghue, Ger Fox (trainer), Adrian Whelan, M. Comerford, P. O'Meara, Alan Whelan, C. Gorman. Front Row: Stephen Darcy, Ray Burke, Fergus Nevin, Liam Gorman, M. Hourigan, Sean O'Dwyer, T. Cleary, Padraig Cahalan, Niall Cahalan.



Toomevara Under-12 Panel, North Tipperary Section I Champions. Back row (left to right): Thomas Slattery, Padraig Lynch, Michael Kelly, Brian McGrath (capt), Eoin Brislane, Kevin Cummins, Brendan Boland, Thomas Hassett, Kevin Hackett, Diarmuid Ryan, Aidan Slattery. Middle row (l. to r.): Martin Ryan, Conor Slattery, Patrick O'Meara, John O'Brien, Paul McGrath, Ronan Tynan, Brian Hassett, Brendan Dunne and Kevin McGrath. Front row (l. to r.): Thomas O'Meara, Robert Ryan, Paul Clarke, Robert Morrissey, Liam Coffey and Andrew Ryan.



Borrisokane North Tipperary U-12 Section 2 Winners. Front row (left to right): E. Larkin, T. Reid, N. O'Flaherty, N. Reid, S. Donnelly, T. Slevin (capt), J. Donnelly, G. McMahon, B. Egan, G. Donnelly, P. Brennan. Middle row: B. Hogan, G. Donoghue, C. Darcy, M. O'Sullivan, A. Gleeson, S. Grace, Wm. Loughnane, R. Guest, G. Morris, L. Loughnane, D. Browne, M. Cotter. Selectors at back: S. Donnelly, Canon J. Madden, P.P., M. McMahon.



## NORTH FINALISTS – FACTS AND FIGURES 1992

1. Thirteen of the sixteen clubs competing for honours won at least one final with Toomevara topping the hurling list with two wins. Newport had two football wins, but it was Eire Og who appeared in most finals, five in all, winning the U-16 Hurling and U-14 U-R Football.
2. U-12 Hurling Section I: – Toomevara retained their title when winning their thirteenth crown. For Moneygall, they have to go back to 1976 for their only win. Including this year, they have appeared in five finals since 1976.
3. U-12 Hurling Section II: Borrisokane claimed their first ever U-12 win after failing to Kildangan in last year's final. Burgess's last win was in 1986.
4. U-14 Hurling U-R: Roscrea claiming their 6th win after a lapse of seven years. For Eire Og, they must go back to 1988 for their last win.
5. U-14 Hurling Rural: Toomevara won their thirteenth win but they are still two behind Kilruane in the roll of honour. Toom won last year's title as well. In fact they now have won the Conway Cup on eight occasions since 1980.
6. U-14 Section II: No one could have predicted the pairing for this year's final. The winners Templederry last appeared in this final in 1980, having appeared in two previous to that. This was their first success while Burgess were looking for their third.
7. Under-16 Hurling Section I: Eire Og won their tenth in this grade after a lapse of two years. Kilruane were champions of 1991 and were seeking a fifth win.
8. U-16 Section II H: Ballina/B.hinch last won this grade in 1986 after previously losing in 1990. For Lorrha they have to go back to 1976 when they won their only appearance in a final of this grade.
9. Section III H: This was the second year for Section III in hurling. Lorrha, Shannon Rovers and Portroe winning the U-12, U-14, and U-16 respectively. Lorrha's win was their first juvenile win since 1987 in the U-14 Section II grade. It is six years since Shannon Rovers won the U-14 Section II while Portroe go back to 1987 for their last U-16 Section II win.
10. U-12 F. Section I: Kildangan won their second U-12 football in a row. It was also Eire Og who were defeated in 1991.
11. U-12 F. Section II: Burgess gained a first ever title in this grade after having lost in last year's final.
12. U-14 F. Section I: Eire Og's 10th win and their first after a lapse of three years. Kildangan have never been successful.



Newport Under-16 Footballers, North Tipp. (A) Champions 1992. Back: Sean O'Gorman, Tom Clifford, Richard Collins, Warren Flanagan, Trevor Delahunty, Tom Moylan, Aidan O'Gorman, Michael Moylan, Sean Ryan, Michael Coffey, James Powell, Conor Egan. Front: Cormac Gleeson, Kenneth O'Brien, Patrick Lenihan, Paddy Ryan, John O'Toole, Cyril O'Neill, Brian Coffey, Eoin Bonfield, Chris Ryan, Mark Lenihan, John Caplis. Mascot: Conor O'Mahony.



Eire Og, Under-14 Football County Finalists. Back row: J. Kissane (coach), R. Flannery, D. Breen, N. Malone, M. Flannery, D. Burke, A. Manicill, L. Delaney (capt), D. Daly, A. Quinn, J. Slattery, D. Fitzpatrick, P. Bonnar (selector). Front Row: E. O'Connor, L. Burke, T. Maher, J. P. Ryan, A. Herliby, E. Kissane, N. Tomlinson, J. Flannery, M. Hackett, E. Kennedy, E. Murtagh, F. O'Keeffe.

13. U-14 Section II: Newport's first ever Section II win in this grade. They have already won two Section I wins, their last coming in 1990.
14. U-16 Section I: Newport won their fourth title and their second in a row. For Eire Og they were looking for their ninth, but Roscrea still head the roll of honour with ten.
15. U-16 Section II F: Borrisoleigh won their only title in this grade. For Moneygall, it is the runners-up spot for the second year in a row.

### FEILE BLITZ (H)

Semi-Final				
Roscrea . . . . .	2-2	Toomevara . . . . .	0-1	at Toomevara
Final				
Roscrea . . . . .	0-5	Eire Og . . . . .	0-1	at Toomevara

### MUNSTER UNDER-16 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

First Round				
North Tipp. . . . .	2-9	East Limerick . . . . .	1-4	at Newport
Quarter-Finals				
Cork City . . . . .	4-7	North Tipperary . . . . .	1-6	at Cashel

### GARDA CUP

Semi-Final				
Mid Tipp. . . . .	2-12	North Tipp. . . . .	2-6	at Thurles

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Semi-Finals				
North Tipp. . . . .		Mid Tipp. . . . .		
Final				
South Tipperary . . . . .	1-9	North Tipperary . . . . .	0-4	

### UNDER-16 INTER DIVISIONAL FOOTBALL

Semi-Final				
West Tipperary . . . . .	2-8	North Tipperary . . . . .	0-4	at Drombane

### FEILE NA nOG (Peil)

Semi-Final				
Eire Og . . . . .	2-5	Burgess . . . . .	0-1	
Final				
Eire Og . . . . .	0-4	Newport . . . . .	0-1	

### POC FADA

Winner . . . . .	Ger Stack, Shannon Rovers
Runner-Up . . . . .	Brian Coffey, Newport

### FEILE SKILLS

Winner . . . . .	Michael Carroll, Newport
Runners-Up . . . . .	Seamus Kennedy, Templederry
" " . . . . .	David Conway, Burgess

## INTER-DIVISIONAL COMPETITIONS

U-16 Hurling: North Tipp had little success with the Munster Championship and Garda Cup. On April 11, we travelled to



The Eire Og (Nenagh) U-12 Football team which were defeated by Kildangan in the Section I North Tipperary Final.



Borrisoleigh Under-16 Football team with (back) John Maher, Pat Ryan (manager), Albert Kelly (Chairman), John Walsh (trainer). Front Jimmy Slattery, Liam Stapleton (selectors).





Kildangan, Under-12 North Football Champions. Back row (left to right): Liam Slattery, David Coen, Martin Nolan, Hugh Flannery, Diarmuid McCarthy, Vincent Mulligan, (trainer), Graham Finch, Tommy Connors, Leonard Ryan, John Hogan, John Collins, Alan Hayes. Middle row: Gerard Slattery, Thomas Clarke, Denis Slattery, Carl Horan, Dan Hackett (capt), Gary Corcoran, Paul Kirwan, Ger Quinn, Tommy Timmons. Front Row: William White, Sean Gleeson, Damien Hayes, Liam Kelly, Eoin Cleary, Brian Fox.



Inane Rovers, Roscrea, North Tipperary Junior Football Champions, 1992. Back row: Trevor Dymon, Brendan Carey, John Hickey, Donal Hogan, Colm Phelan, Gerry Kennedy, D. Fitzpatrick, Ger Fitzpatrick. Front: Ciaran McNichols (PRO), John Stone, Martin Wright, David Pyne, Micheál Scully (capt), Tony Hootor, Damien Hogan, Paul Delaney.



Galtee Rovers/St. Peacaun's Under-14 hurling team who beat Emly in the West B Championship Final. Pictured (left to right) standing: Liam Bergin (coach and selector), Tom Byron, Cathal Moloney, David Browne, Pádraig O'Halloran, Andrew Moloney, Anthony Murphy, Niall Ó Sé, Brian Shiels (selector), Keith Landers, John Quirke (selector), Jamie Egan, David Noonan, Timmy O'Dwyer, Eamonn Hughes, Matt Nugent and Fr. Foley (selectors). Kneeling (left to right) Keith Landers, Mark Peters, John Paul Nugent, Pat O'Dwyer, Stephen Grace, John Peters (captain), Colin Morrissey, Pa Morrissey, Denis Peters, Vincent Murphy, James Russell, Colin Morrissey. Missing from picture: Tom Moloney, Eddie Grace, Tom Quinn, John Hayes, Walter Keating.



Galtee Rovers/St. Peacaun's West and County Under-12 football champions, who beat Lattin-Cullen in the West football final and defeated Ardfinnan in the county football final. The two men who guided them to both finals were the hard working John Peters and Michael Grace. Pictured (left to right) standing: John Paul Loneragan, Aodh Kennedy, Tom Quirke, Andrew Hogg, James Russell, Michael Grace, Vincent Murphy, Tom Byron, Andrew Moloney, Noel O'Brien, Pádraig O'Halloran, John Morrissey, John Peters, Mark Peters, Colin Hayes, Aidan McGrath, (kneeling - left to right) Colin Cosgrave, Bobby O'Brien, Pat O'Dwyer, Andrew Underhill, Stephen Grace, Niall Ó Sé (captain), Denis Peters, Pa Morrissey, Alan Crowe, Colin Morrissey and Anthony Crowe.



Newport, Under-14 Footballers, North Tipp (Division II) Champions. Back: Martin McLoughlin, Mark Barry, Derek O'Neill, James Collins, John Murphy, Brian Coffey, Adrian O'Connell, Donncha, Houlihan. Front: David Hickey, John Ryan, John Paul Brennan, Gerard O'Brien, Michael Crowley, Niall O'Dwyer, Michael Coffey.

## West Bord na nÓg Winners



ARRAVAL ROVERS - WEST U-16 'A' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS



CAPPAWHITE - Under-14 R. Football County Champions - Front row (left to right) Aidan Ryan, Seamus Breen, Stephen Grisewood, John Paul Liddy, Paddy Julian, Sean Ryan, Shane McDermott, Myles Shanahan, James McCarthy, Paul Crowe, Liam Ryan, Robert Fitzgerald. Back row: Sean Mullins, Kieran Quinn, Tomás Costello, George Furlong, Michael McCarthy, John Coyle, Philip Kelly, Colm O'Neill, William Buckley, Eugene O'Neill.



Cappawhite - Co. Féile na nGael Champions. Front row (l.-r.): Robert Fitzgerald, Tom Shanahan, Aidan Ryan, John Paul Liddy, James McCarthy, Colm O'Neill, Tomás Costello, Eugene O'Neill, Shane McDermott, Liam Ryan, Paul Crowe, Philip Kelly. Back row (l.-r.): Myles Shanahan, Sean Mullins, T. J. Quinn (Selector), William Buckley, Michael McCarthy, Kieran Quinn, John Coyle, Sean Ryan, George Furlong, Eugene Maguire (Selector), Stephen Grisewood, Paddy Julian.



# WEST BORD NA nÓG

— Joe O'Dwyer

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West Selectors		
(U-16) Hurling	Tommy Kelly	Kickhams
	Denis Ryan	Clonoulty/Rossmore
	Michael Gleeson	Arravale Rovers
U-16 Football	Tom Peters	Aherlow
	Davy Quirke	Arravale Rovers
	John Looby	Rockwell Rovers
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	Nicholas Lonergan	Solohead
	Sean Slattery	
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Co. U-16 Football	Tom Peters	Aherlow
Co. U-14 Hurling	Jim Fogarty	Golden-K



Tomás Costello (Cappawhite) County U-14 hurling Skills winner.

## Finals 1992

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>RUNNER-UP</u>	<u>REITEOIR</u>
	<b>Hurling</b>			
17-8-92	U-16 'A'	Arravale Rovers 1-8	Kickham's 2-5	R. Barry
24-8-92	Replay	Arravale Rovers 3-13	Kickhams 3-3	R. Barry
18-8-92	U-16 'B'	Golden-K. 3-9	Galtee Rovers 0-7	W. Morrissey
13-7-92	U-16 'C'	Rockwell Rovers 7-2	Emly 2-4	C. O'Sullivan
30-7-92	U-14 U.R.	Cappawhite 2-12	Clonoulty Rvs. 1-10	E. O'Dwyer
23-7-92	U-14 R.	Clonoulty R. 5-5	Cappawhite 3-8	S. Ó Riain
8-7-92	U-14 'B'	Galtee Rvs. 11-8	Emly 0-1	L. O'Dwyer
1-8-92	U-12 'A'	Clonoulty-R. 3-5	Galtee Rvs. 2-3	J. Ryan
31-7-92	U-12 'B'	Emly 6-1	Eire Óg 2-4	N. Lonergan
	Féile	Cappawhite 2-5	Cashel K.C. 0-0	E. Browne
	U-13 Garda Cup	Aherlow 4-3	Cappawhite 3-2	E. Browne
	<b>Football</b>			
29-6-92	Under-16 'A'	Arravale Rovers 3-9	Rockwell Rvs. 2-9	A. Ryan
27-5-92	Under-16 'B'	Cappawhite 3-7	Clonoulty-R. 0-6	T. Meehan
20-5-92	Under-16 'C'	Emly 8-12	Solohead 1-1	J. O'Connor
18-5-92	Under-14 U.R.	Cappawhite 0-6	Cashel K.C. 1-3	P. Cormack
1-6-92	Replay			
	(after extra time)	Cappawhite (0-9) 3-9	Cashel K.C. (1-6) 2-6	P. Cormack
25-2-92	Under-14 R.	Cappawhite 3-6	Aherlow 0-3	P. Russell
4-5-92	Under-14 'B'	Lattin-C. 2-1	Rockwell Rvs. 0-6	P. Lonergan
9-8-92	Under-12 'A'	Galtee Rovers 7-8	Lattin-Cullen 2-3	C. O'Sullivan
9-8-92	Under-12 'B'	Cappawhite 2-4	Clonoulty-R. 2-2	P. Lonergan
19-6-92	Under-12 'C'	Solohead 2-4	Eire Óg 0-1	P. Russell
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	Under-15 Garda Cup	Cashel K.C.	Cashel K.C. 1-2	P. Russell
		Aherlow 1-10		

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# Portroe win Under-14 County Blitz

**T**HIS competition was run over the October Bank Holiday week-end, with four of the weaker teams in each division taking part.

Portroe played Gortnahoe-Glengoolie in their first match, winning on the scoreline: Portroe 1-3, Gortnahoe 0-1. Our second match was against Sean Treacy's with Port winning 3-9 to 0-0.

The semi-finals were played on the Monday and our opponents were old rivals Shannon Rovers. After a hard game, we won by 2 goals: 2-1 to 0-1.

Our opponents in the final were Moyne Templetuohy. This was our toughest game of the tournament. We took an early lead with a point. Moyne came back with a great goal, which was followed by a Noel McCarthy goal on the stroke of half.

The second half started at a hectic pace, with Moyne taking the lead. With time running out, Portroe scored a great goal through Brendan Shinnery, to give us a two point win.

Portroe lined out as follows: Damien Gleeson, James Maher, Mike Delahunty, Billy Power, Patrick Ryan, Kevin Meaney (Capt.), Stuart O'Leary, Mark Shinnery, Coleman Shouldice, Anthony Freeman, David Gleeson, Nicky Cotterell, Brendan Shinnery, Noel McCarthy, Bernard Connors. Sub. used: Kevin Ryan. Final score: Portroe 2-1, Moyne Templetuohy 1-2.

**Selectors:** Coach/Selector Liam Sheedy, Tom Ryan, Jim Madden, Matt Shinnery, Ger Power.



**PORTROE – North Tipperary Under-16 Hurling Co. Champions**  
BACK (l-r): Matt Shinnery (Selector), John Sheehy (Coach), Brendan Shinnery, K. McGrath, J. Moloney, N. Shinnery, K. Meaney, K. Kennedy, G. Ryan, J. Hogan, P. Cotterell, S. Egan, D. Gleeson, Tom Gleeson (Selector). FRONT (l-r): D. Gleeson, N. Cotterell, S. O'Leary, M. Delahunty, B. Power, J. Ryan, J. Gleeson, D. Creamer, A. Freeman, B. Connor, M. Shinnery, Pat Ryan, N. McCarthy. Selectors missing from photo: Pat Hickey, Chris Madden, James McCluskey.



**PORTROE – County Under-14 Blitz Champions**  
BACK (l-r): Tom Ryan (Selector), Mark Shinnery, P. Ryan, M. Delahunty, K. Meaney, D. Gleeson, B. Power, N. McCarthy, C. Shouldice, J. Maher, S. Egan, Jim Madden (Selector). FRONT (l-r): N. Cotterell, B. Connor, S. O'Leary, A. Shinnery, D. Hennessy, D. Gleeson, J. Quinn, P. Conroy, M. Donnellan, K. Ryan, A. Freeman.



A Tipperary supporter keeps a check on the score during the Tipperary v. Waterford NFL match at Ardfinnan.



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# Mid-Tipperary G.A.A. Review

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## On the Playing Fields

### SENIOR HURLING:

Eight teams played in this Championship and in one of the best competitions for years.

Holycross beat Moyne/Templetuohy  
Loughmore beat Boherlahan/Dualla  
Thurles Sarsfields beat Drom/Inch  
Moycarkey/Borris beat Gortnahoe

In the losers group and after some great games Moyne/Templetuohy qualified for the Mid semi-final against Loughmore/Castleiney. Thurles Sarsfields had beaten their old rivals and neighbours Holycross/Ballycahill in one of the best games of senior hurling seen for years.

Loughmore/Castleiney had an easy victory over Moyne/Templetuohy, in a one-sided semi-final.

In one of the best finals seen for years Loughmore lived to fight another day.

In the replay and after extra time Loughmore/Castleiney were victorious in one of the best games seen in Mid Tipperary.

In the Quarter Finals, Loughmore/Castleiney gave a great display to defeat Munster and County Champions, Cashel King Cormacs.

In the other County Quarter Final Thurles Sarsfields had a close victory over Clonoulty/Rossmore to go on and qualify for the County semi-finals.



*Mid senior hurling final. Winners: Loughmore-Castleiney (Back row) (left to right) Frankie McGrath, Pat McGrath, Jim Maher, Philip Kennedy, Pat Cormack, Pat Treacy, Tom McGrath. Front row: Liam Cormack, Ned Ryan, John Cormack (captain), John Kennedy, Eamonn Sweeney, Michael McGrath, Eamonn Brennan, Seamus Bohan.*



*Drom-Inch junior hurling team which beat Moyne-Templetuohy after a replay to decide the Mid junior hurling final after the teams drew at Drombane. Back row (left to right) Matthew Cahill, Declan Dwan, Tom Kiely, John Hassett, Lorcan Looby, Robert Kennedy, P. J. Ryan, Tommy Butler. Front row: Kevin Nolan, Martin Butler, Tommy Butler, P. J. Nolan, Bernard Looby, Matthew Shanahan, Liam McLoughlin.*



*Upperchurch-Drombane, winners of the Mid-Tipperary U-21 'B' hurling title by defeating Rahealty at Boherlahan.*



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Loughmore carried the favourites tag into the Semi-Final against Toomevara but on the day were surprisingly defeated.

In the other Semi-final Thurles Sarsfields drew with Eire Óg, Nenagh, and in the replay gave a great display to qualify for the final against Toomevara. In the County Final, one of the better finals for years, both teams gave a great display and they ended all square and in the replay after another great game of hurling Thurles Sarsfields lost out, but can be proud of their contribution to the high standards of the senior hurling championship of 1992.

After giving a great display and coming back to draw in the last few minutes of the game, Thurles Sarsfields were favourites to take the title but on the day and with so many games played over a period of weeks, they were defeated by a fitter and confident Toomevara.

#### Intermediate hurling championship

In the early rounds of this competition which were ran on a League system. Upperchurch the holders and J. K. Brackens qualified for the final. On the day J. K. Brackens proved more superior and went on for an easy victory, to win their first intermediate hurling championship for the newly formed G.A.A. Club in Templemore area.

In the county semi-final after a hard close game they were defeated by West Champions, Knockavilla Kickhams.

#### Junior Hurling 'A' championship

This championship was played on a Winners and Losers system, with Drom-Inch the favourites, qualifying for the final in a one sided victory over Boherlahan-Dualla. In the other semi-finals surprise packets Moyne/Templetuohy defeated Moycarkey/Borris to qualify for the final.

In the final the favourites Drom were lucky to survive against a late rally by Moyne/Templetuohy in the replay Drom/Inch ran out easy winners to go on and qualify for the junior hurling play-off against the B winners, Holycross-Ballycahill and were lucky to survive by the narrowest of margins.

In the county semi-finals against Lattin and Cullen and after a shaky start they were unluikily beaten . . .

#### Junior Hurling 'B'

In the junior hurling 'B' championship Holycross/Ballycahill qualified for the mid-final against Upperchurch/Drombane, who came through some great games against Loughmore/Castleiney in the semi-final and extra time.

In the final Holycross/Ballycahill came out after winners after a shaky start.

#### Under-21 hurling

This was played on a winners and losers system and played early to avoid clashing with exam time.

Thurles Sarsfields and Holycross/Ballycahill contested the final and again finished level, and in the replay Sarsfields just held on for a one point win.

In the county semi-final against Cashel King Cormacs they were unlucky to lose out by two points.



*The J. K. Bracken's team which won the Mid intermediate hurling title by defeating Upperchurch-Drombane in the final at The Ragg. Back row (left to right): Martin Bohan, Pat Delaney, Sean Collum, John Guider, Michael Marnell, Jack O'Shea, Anthony Marnell, Martin Bourke (captain), Brendan Bane, Michael Larkin, John Lee, Seamus Bourke, Seamus Delaney, Paul Deegan. Front row: Seamus Bourke, Michael Corcoran, Peter Bourke, Sean Cashman, Sean Percy, Paddy Marnell, John Fitzpatrick (G.), James Cahill, Raymond Doyle, John Fitzpatrick, Batt Bourke, Brian Larkin.*



*The Thurles Sarsfields team which retained the Cahill Cup by defeating Moycarkey-Borris in the final at Holycross. Back row (l. to r.) Connie Maher, Seamus Maher, Seamus O'Shea, Jim Moloney, Michael Sparrow, Maurice McCormack, Tony O'Mara, Paddy Maher. Front row: Michael Maher, Eamon Walsh (captain), Brendan Carroll, Paddy McCormack, John Dorney, Andy Rossiter, Liam Duggan.*



*Thurles Sarsfields, winners of the Mid Minor hurling 'A' final. Back row (l. to r.) Noel Dundon, Tom Fogarty, Peter Broderick, Eddie Enright, Pat Murray, Dan Bourke, Dara Dwyer, Matthew Ryan. Front row: Pat Treacy, Murty Larkin, Johnny Enright, Damien Moore, Tommy Kennedy, Declan Keher (captain), Niall Hanrahan.*



### Junior 'B' hurling

This was played on a winners and losers group system and with very close matches in the earlier games.

Upperchurch/Drombane and Rahealty contested the final with Upperchurch/Drombane winning easily.

### Minor 'B' hurling

Boherlahan, Holycross and Thurles Sarsfields completed in this competition on a winners and losers group system with Holycross and Sarsfields qualifying for the final with Sarsfields going in front in the last few minutes to win with the narrowest of margins.

### Minor 'B' hurling

This is one of the best competitions for many years with Rathealy and Drom/Inch qualifying for the final. After a great game of hurling with the result in doubt, Rahealty were deserving winners and went on to win the county semi-final and they put up a great display in the county final and lost out to Ballingarry. They went on to defeat Cashel King Cormacs in the county minor semi-final but in the county final again Eire Óg, Nenagh, they failed to raise their game and were beaten on the day.

### Senior football

Three teams took part in the senior football with Loughmore-Castleiney and the combination of Oliver Plunkett's qualifying for the final with Loughmore winning to go on and beat Lattin-Cullen in the county quarter final and after a great display against Clonmel Commercials they went on to defeat them in the replay to qualify for the senior football final against Fethard and in one of the best finals seen for years they came back to draw and in the replay they came out victorious in a wonderful game of football.

### Intermediate football

Moyne/Templetuohy and J. K. Brackens qualified for the final. In a great game of football it ended in a draw and in the replay J. K. Brackens went on to collect their second adult championship in 1992 but in the county semi-final against Aherlow they were beaten by a bitter and more determined Aherlow team.

### Junior football 'A'

Some great games were played in this grade with Drom/Inch qualifying for the final and we await the winners of the other semi-final Loughmore Castleiney and Moyne/Templetuohy.

### Junior football 'B'

Boherlahan/Dualla have qualified for the final and they await the winners of Upperchurch/Drombane and Thurles Sarsfields in the other semi-final.

### Under-21 'A' football

This competition was run on a winners and losers group with Boherlahan/Dualla and Moyne/Templetuohy qualifying for the final with Boherlahan/Dualla winning their first ever Under-21 'A' championship. And in the county semi-final they were well beaten by Aherlow in the county semi-final.



*Thurles Sarsfields, winners of the Mid-Tipperary U-21 hurling title at The Ragg. Back row (left to right) George Grogan, James Curry, Padraic Dundon, Tony Coman, Lar Barrett, Graham O'Connor, Clive Hanrahan (captain). Front row: Martin McElgunn, Tom Kennedy, Michael Hanrahan, Declan Keher, Seamus Quinn, Pat Treacy, Eddie Enright.*



*The Holycross-Ballycabill panel which won the Mid Tipperary junior hurling 'B' title by defeating Upperchurch-Drombane in the final at The Ragg.*



*The J. K. Bracken's football team which won the Mid Tipperary minor football title by defeating Holycross/Ballycabill in the final at The Ragg. Back row (l. to r.) Fergal McDonnell, Richard Buckley, Paul Walshe, Mervyn Braddish, William Cahill, Donal Bourke, Davy Russell, James McCarthy (captain). Front row: Tommy Maher, Richard O'Brien, Pat Fogarty, Tony Broderick, Joe Shiels, Ray Bergin, Timmy Tuohy.*



### Under-21 'B' football

Thurles Kickhams and Upperchurch/Drombane qualified for the final with Thurles Kickhams going on to win a great game and in the county semi-final after a great game of football they were beaten by Lattin-Cullen in the county semi-final.

### Minor 'A' football

The minor 'A' football final was a thriller between Holycross/Ballycahill and J. K. Bracken's with J. K. Bracken's winning their third divisional title but in the county semi-final were well beaten by Arravale Rovers.

### Minor 'B' football

Loughmore-Castleiney and Rahaeltly qualified for the final with Loughmore-Castleiney coming out on top and were beaten in the county semi-final by the Kickhams.

### Cahill Cup

Run on a league system, the holders Thurles Sarsfields and Moycarkey/Borris qualified for the final with Thurles Sarsfields going on to retain their title.

### Intermediate hurling league

J. K. Bracken's and Upperchurch-Drombane qualified for the final with J. K. Bracken's coming out on top after a great game.

### Junior hurling league

Boherlahan-Dualla and Moycarkey-Borris qualified for the final with Boherlahan-Dualla going on to retain the league title for a second time in-a-row.

### Mid-Tipp Role of Honour

Senior hurling winners: Loughmore-Castleiney. Runners-up: Thurles Sarsfields.

Intermediate hurling winners: J. K. Bracken's. Runners-up: Upperchurch/Drombane.

Junior hurling 'A' winners: Drom/Inch. Runners-up: Moyne-Templetuohy.

Junior hurling 'B' winners: Holycross/Ballycahill. Runners-up: Upperchurch-Drombane.

Under-21 'A' winners: Thurles Sarsfields. Runners-up: Holycross.

Minor hurling 'A' winners: Thurles Sarsfields. Runners-up: Drom-Inch.

Minor hurling 'C': Thurles Sarsfields and Loughmore qualified for the final.

### Football:

Senior football winners: Loughmore-Castleiney. Runner-up: Oliver Plunkett.

Intermediate football: J. K. Bracken's. Runners-up: Moyne-Templetuohy.

Junior football 'B': Boherlahan in final. No completed.

Junior football 'A': Not completed. Drom-Inch in final.



The Thurles Kickhams team which won the Mid-Tipperary U-21 'B' football title by defeating Upperchurch-Drombane at The Ragg. Back row (l. to r.) Keith Hennessey, Ted O'Connor, Pat Hasset, Leonard Phillips, Shay Scanlon, Eric Campbell, Fergus O'Rourke, Tomás Tierney. Front row: Alan Carey (captain), Jim Corbett, Denis Nevins, David Dunne, Gordon Loughmane, Denis Kennedy, Philip Butler.



Rahealty minor hurling panel, winners of the Mid minor 'B' title at Littleton. Back row (l. to r.) Jimmy Breen, P. J. Quinn, Michael Grogan, Tom Larkin, John Callanan, Ger O'Dwyer, Shaun McCarthy, Philip Croke, John Gleeson, Gavin Purcell, Michael McCarthy, Thomas Gooney, Pat Lawlor, Denis Manton, Declan Ryan, Liam Mockler. Front row: Pat Hackett, Tony Cleary, Mark Ryan, Thomas Jordan, Raymond O'Dowd (captain), Raymond Carew, Michael Hackett, Pat Gleeson, Damien Harris, Ollie Geoghegan, Paul Maher, Noel Connors, Jim Ralph.



The Loughmore/Castleiney minor football team which won the Mid-Tipperary minor football 'B' title at Templemore. Back row (l. to r.) Eddie Webster, John Ormond, Oliver Ryan, Noel Cahill, Damien Cullen, Wayne Webster, Michael Webster, John Bourke, Tom Maher, Jimmy McGrath, Anthony Keane, Tom Foy. Front row: John Gleeson, Noel Morris, Donal Bolger, Declan Laffan (captain), David Kennedy, Dominic Brennan, Joe Danagher, Kieran Webster.



**Under-21 Football 'A' winners:**  
Boherlahan-Dualla. Runners-up:  
Moyne-Templetuohy.

**Under-21 'B' winners:**  
Thurles Kickhams. Runners-up: Upper-  
church/Dombane.

**Minor 'A' football winners:**  
J. K. Bracken's. Runners-up: Holycross  
Ballycahill.

**Minor 'B' football winners:**  
Loughmore/Castleiney. Runners-up:  
Rathealty.



*The J. K. Bracken's intermediate football team which won the 'Mid' title by defeating Moyne-Templetuohy after a replay.*



*Mid senior hurling final, Sarsfields v. Loughmore-Castleiney - Graham O'Connor and Eamonn Brennan.*



*Photograph taken at Mid-Tipperary G.A.A. Board meeting following the appointment of Bob Stakelum as President of the Board replacing the late Paddy "Sweeper" Ryan who died in January. Back row (left to right) Timmie Grace (gate checker), Noel Murphy (assistant secretary), Michael Greene (vice-chairman), Conor Ryan (junior and intermediate club representative), Pat Cullen (Co. Board trustee), Dick Buckley (junior and inter-club representative). Front row (l. to r.) Dick Maher (treasurer), Sean Fogarty (chairman), Bob Stakelum (president), Mattie Connolly (secretary).*



*The Boherlahan-Dualla team which won the Mid Tipperary U-21 football 'A' title by defeating Moyne-Templetuohy in the final at Littleton. Back row (l. to r.) Bill Ferncombe, Kieran Maher, Aidan Flanagan, Thomas Quirke, Noel O'Dwyer, Frank Hickey, Billy Tarrant, Conor Gleeson, Robert Hunt, Michael Murphy, Michael Dwyer, Mark McLoughlin, Fr. James O'Donnell. Front row: Robert Power, Garrett McLoughlin, Michael Ferncombe, Eamonn Maher, Brendan O'Dwyer, Kevin O'Donnell (captain), Philip O'Dwyer, Adrian O'Dwyer, David Ryan, Jimmy Ferncombe, Ger Hanagan.*



# Loughmore-Castleiney bring County Senior Football Titles to Double Figures

By PAT HEALY P.R.O.

**S**ATURDAY, November 7, 1992, will go down as the day the senior footballers brought the tenth County Championship to the parish, this along with their lone historic Senior Hurling Championship of 1988.

Nothing, they say, succeeds like success, and no group of players more emphatically establish the truth of this than our teams this year. Having bowed out at the first hurdle in senior football open draw last year, and the hurlers pipped by a one point margin in replay of Mid quarter-final by Holycross, many a shrewd follower of the game were openly heard to say that is the end of the road for the most successful group of players ever in the county.

Those words in my mind were the ingredients our players silently took in, remained silent until Convention time and there were knew that all the spirit, determination and will to succeed was more evident than ever before. A change of format for selectors was carried in the way of a manager for hurling and football, this person having the responsibility to choose his own selectors, something that must be said worked very much to plan in a most successful year for the club.

Training commenced in February with satisfactory turn-outs from our senior squad. Being a dual club performing at the highest level, with practically the one group of players, was always going to be the worry with many of the players, as they say, at the veteran stage. Eddie Webster was appointed Football Coach, with the hurlers pouncing on Offaly and Leinster player, Joachim Kelly.

Following our successful motion to County Convention, this year's football championship reverted back to the division's first situation, thus eliminating the nonsense of the previous year when some divisional finals were never played. In our first round we faced Thurles Sarsfields and after a hard fought encounter came away with a 1-11 to 0-4 victory. This victory sent them into their 30th successive Mid Final with just three defeats in 1963, 1964, and 1986. The combination side of Moyne-Templetuohy and Gortnahoe (Oliver Plunkett's) were our opponents in Templemore. It must be said that we failed to impress in this outing, but at the final whistle a three point victory was achieved with Seamie Bohan taking the Ryan Cup as captain of the side. The one point defeat at the hands of Templetuohy in 1986 broke a 28-year successive run.

Lattin Cullen were our County quarter-final victims in Golden, going under 5-6 to 2-4. It must be said that at this point in time, which is now known as the County Board saga – following the elimination of our senior hurling team along with

Thurles Sarsfields from the championship – is still in progress. Thankfully the extreme strain put on our club officers did not spill onto our players as they kept up their training and hoped that only the good would happen.

In the County semi-final we faced the daunting task of playing Clonmel Commercials. After a ding-dong struggle the sides ended level in a thriller at Cashel. The replay was equally as good but this time we came away with a three point victory: 1-12 to 0-12.

## THE FINAL

The way was now set for a showdown with County Champions from the South (Fethard). One knew going into this game that it would take a very good display if the champions were to be dethroned. What we got was a great display and a thrilling fight-back from four points down to have Michael McGrath tie the scores at 0-10 each and a second bite at the cherry.

The replay took place again in Cashel on Saturday, November 7, with Fethard once again the hottest of favourites. They would not let it slip this time was the opinion of most. But the never-say-die spirit and the confidence instilled by coach Eddie Webster into the lads was to reap its reward in a majestic second half performance that saw sharpshooter Tom McGrath put our side ahead with his sixth point of the game with seven minutes remaining.

The clincher, as far as the game was concerned, came two and a half minutes from time as substitute Tim Cullen collected a pile-driving rebound from Michael Ormonde to crash the ball to the net. Despite two great points from Fethard, the O'Dwyer Cup was on its way to Seamie Bohan's hands on the final score: 1-9 to 0-10 – a proud moment for one and all.

Having to field the next day in Munster Club Championship against Clare champions St. Senan's, Kilkee, surely deserves words of criticism. If this is the way county champions are going to be treated by a province with just six teams, then surely the small club with a small pool of players must live on their laurels within the county

as they will stand no chance in circumstances of this nature. However, despite the circumstances, our lads, although depleted, put up a tremendous performance against the odds. A true sign of their commitment to the parish.

To say 1992 was a great one for Loughmore-Castleiney would be expressing the feelings of many as the heroics of our almost-the-same players on the hurling side culminated in an historic Mid Senior double with a thrilling victory over Thurles Sarsfields after a replay and extra time in Boherlahan, on August 16. Trailing 10 points with just as many minutes remaining, all seemed lost but a great burst saw them level to force extra time and rund out 3-18 to 2-14 winners at the finish.

As already stated, a long wait for their quarter-final clash against county champions Cashel did not diminish their quest for double honours as they overcame the Kings of the County and Munster by 2-12 to 2-6. By now the favourite tag for outright honours looked justified, but a performance not on a par with anything we had seen all year from the side ended with a two point defeat by eventual county champions, Toomevara, in the county semi-final.

So ended the double dreams for another year, but take into account a parish with less than 1,000 people, just one puck of a ball away from that honour, the achievements are all the greater. Truly a versatile small united community that can remain at the top in both codes for years to come.

What does the winning of a county senior final mean to the parishes of Loughmore and Castleiney? As one who visited our two schools with the cup on the Monday after the final, it was one of ecstasy by the pupils and teachers alike. To have as Principals Stephen Maher and Jn Treacy guiding those youngsters, to see the delight and yet the determined faces as Seamie Bohan proudly addressed them, cup in hand, one could feel what was in the young minds – ambitions of the future, surely!



Tom McGrath, Loughmore, receives "Man of match" award after County Football final from John Quirke/



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# The Birth of a New Club

## "The J.K. Brackens"

BY SEAN O'COSTAGAIN

It was only this summer when I heard some Tipperary supporters, attending the Munster Senior and Junior Hurling Semi-Finals in Cork enquire, on examining the club affiliations of certain members of the Junior panel, the whereabouts of the J.K. Brackens club.

This club, which was formed last February represents the total parish of Templemore. Prior to 1992 the parish of Templemore had three GAA clubs, Clonmore, Templemore Eire Óg and Killea. Over the past number of years certain influential GAA men in the parish felt that the overall interest of the GAA fraternity in the parish would be best served by one club. It was a wide held belief that the playing and administrative personnel would be better employed as one unit. This idea had not universal support and the club applied to the County Board for assistance in the establishing of one club.

The County Chairman appointed Michael Frawley of Emly to assist the club and Michael enlisted the services of North Secretary Michael O'Brien. Following a painstaking exercise during which the County Board appointees visited the parish on over a dozen occasions the three clubs using the democratic process voted their three clubs out of existence for a five year period and decided to form a single club calling it "J.K. Brackens" thus honouring one of the GAA founding fathers J.K. Bracken who was a native of the Templemore parish. One of the most influential factors in this decision was the voice of the playing personnel. Under the chairmanship of Mr. Frawley they congregated at a special meeting and they gave a very positive response to the amalgamation voting 56 to 3 in favour.

### J.K. BRACKENS (U-12) FOOTBALL MID-TIPPERARY (B) CHAMPIONS 1992



With this process having been completed Mr Frawley called a special convention which was also attended by Mid Chairman Sean Fogarty and North Secretary Ml. O'Brien. A record attendance of close one hundred and fifty members from the three clubs gathered at the old Eire Óg club pavilion for this meeting and gave their overwhelming support to this new venture.

The club having selected their executive committee set about affiliating teams and preparing for the 1992 championships at both juvenile and adult level. One of the top priorities was to get the club on strong financial footing and this having been completed the primary attention of both club players and committee was to bring some silverware back to the parish.

The juvenile section of the club had tremendous initial success winning three mid titles in U-14 football (U-12) football and in (U-16) hurling. With the juvenile division having given the lead it was up to the adult sector to do their part and right well they

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE J.K. BRACKEN CLUB TAKEN AT THE A.G.M.



Front Row (L to R): Ml. Frawley, John Scully, Francis Bourke (Joint Treasurer), John Costigan (Chairman), Martin Bourke (Runai), Frank Morris (Joint Treasurer), Paddy Bane, Ml. O'Brien and Sean Fogarty (Mid-Chairman). Back Row (L to R): Michael Curley (Vice-Chairman Mid Board), Ml. Keeley, M. "Haulie" Maher, Ml. Delaney, Rd Buckley, M. Bohan, Willie Fogarty, Enda McDonnell and Tom Collum (Assistant Secretary).

responded to the challenge winning both Mid-Tipperary Intermediate titles hurling and football as well as capturing the Mid-Tipperary Minor-A football title. The minor footballs subsequently lost their County semi-final to a very good Arravale Rovers combination and as I write this both Intermediate teams look forward with anticipation to their county semi-final dates against West opposition.

While the parish of Templemore are rightfully proud of their new clubs progress to date, the ultimate aim is to once again establish Templemore as a football stronghold and to attain senior status which it enjoyed for many years winning both Mid and County senior titles and also gain senior status in the hurling arena and hopefully justify their inclusion in this elite grouping. "Tosach maith leath na hoibre" but while everyone in the parish agrees the initial effort has been commendable nothing less than a huge effort will suffice over the coming years if the name of the J.K. Brackens club is to establish itself on a solid basis and carry the proud name of Templemore parish with distinction at both Mid-Tipperary and Co. Tipperary Levels and ensure that Tipperary people never again will be in any doubt as to the whereabouts of the said club.

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The games season which began last March is coming to an end and we still have two League finals to play as you will see from the chart below.

Most of the clubs did well in the Inter-Divisional series. Aherlow, Kickhams and Lattin-Cullen have been very successful. The only disappointment was the failure of our senior hurling clubs to make an impact on the county scene. However, I feel that there were exceptional circumstances involved which militated against both Clonoulty/Rossmore and Cashel.

Two notable firsts have been achieved in hurling, Aherlow won the county U-21 hurling championship 'B' title and Lattin-Cullen annexed the county junior hurling title, both were firsts for their respective clubs. The Abbey C.B.S. too had a first in winning the All-Ireland Colleges 'B' senior hurling title. I would hope that these wins will be of benefit to all the clubs and indeed the county football standards at under-age level are improving but unfortunately are not being transferred in all cases to the clubs adult sides.

At the end of the day hard decisions will have to be made in the Division and indeed within the county to see that an appropriate games structure is devised for the mutual benefit of our players and clubs and indeed our patrons. We must get back to 'knockout' systems for our championships.



Old friends and comrades at the unveiling of a plaque by Kickhams in Dundrum to the memory of the late Miah Murray.



KICKHAMS WEST I.H. CHAMPIONS



CASHEL - WEST UNDER-21 HURLING 'A' CHAMPIONS

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12/4/92	Bansha	1991	O.D. Cup	Golden/Kilfeacle 0-11	Lattin/Cullen 0-8	P. Lonergan
12/4/92	Bansha	1991	Croscó Final	Clonoulty/Rossmore 1-14	Cashel 1-4	J. Moloney
25/4/92	Bansha	1991	J.F.L. Rep.	Aherlow 2-8	Rosegreen 1-5	C. O'Sullivan
23/5/92	Golden	1991	S.F.C.	Galtee Rovers 2-11	Arravale Rovers 3-7	N. Lonergan
26/7/92	Bansha		S.H.C. Final	Clonoulty/Rossmore 2-15	Cashel 1-11	P. Lonergan
			Croscó Final	Clonoulty/Rossmore	Eire Óg/Lattin	To Play
			I.H.C. Final	Kickhams 2-15	Eire Óg 3-11	J. Moloney
18/10/92	Golden		J.H.C. Final	Lattin/Cullen 3-15	Emly 5-3	P. Lonergan
27/9/92	S. T. Park		U-21 H.C. 'A'	Cashel 1-15	Arravale Rovers 2-6	E. Browne
29/7/92	Golden		U-21 H.C. 'B' Final	Rep. Aherlow 2-9	Lattin/Cullen 0-11	J. Kennedy
16/8/92	Emly		M.H.C. 'A' Final	Cashel 0-19	Kickhams 3-7	C. O'Sullivan
26/7/92	Bansha		M.H.C. 'B' Final	Golden/Kilfeacle 1-10	Galtee Rovers 0-11	N. Lonergan
26/7/92	Bansha		S.F.C. Final Rep.	Arravale Rovers 2-10	Lattin/Cullen 0-8	T. Meehan
23/8/92	Emly		O.D. Cup Final	Arravale Rovers 2-9	Aherlow 1-2	J. Moloney
22/11/92	Golden		J.F.C. Final	Kickhams 2-7	Rosegreen 0-5	To Play
1/11/92	Golden		U-21 F.C. 'A' Final	Aherlow 1-10	Arravale Rovers 2-6	P. Russell
9/8/92	Golden		U-21 F.C. 'B' Final	Lattin/Cullen 2-15	Clonoulty/Rossmore 0-7	C. O'Sullivan
3/5/92	Bansha		M.F.C. 'A' Final	Arravale Rovers 1-8	Galtee Rovers 1-4	J. O'Donnell
28/8/92	Golden		M.F.C. 'B' Final	Kickhams 6-7	Golden/Kilfeacle 2-7	P. Russell
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ARRAVAL ROVERS - WEST MINOR FOOTBALL 'A' CHAMPIONS



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The new Willie O'Dwyer Cup for the West S.H.C. being presented by the daughters of the late Willie O'Dwyer to Paul O'Neill, West chairman. Included also Sonny Maher and John Maher, also Kathleen O'Dwyer, Theresa O'Dwyer and Mrs. B. Maher.



# ROCKWELL ROVERS FIELD DEVELOPMENT

By KEVIN BARRON

ONE of the oldest clubs in Tipperary, Rockwell Rovers, founded in 1887, is now in the final stage of development of their G.A.A. pitch and dressingrooms. Much effort and hard work is nearing reward with almost all of the main work completed and 75% of the development paid for. A great tribute is due to the hard-working committee which, since 1988, has worked courageously to plan and raise finance for the development.

The development was initiated by the Club Committee in 1988 with the purchase of 11.5 acres near the village of New Inn. A far-foreseeing decision was then made by the Committee with the help of Tipperary G.A.A. officials to swap the site for another more suitable one. This was done with the generous agreement of the owner of the alternative site on the main Cork-Dublin road. The present development now possesses a large natural bank for up to 10,000 spectators, giving an excellent view of the pitch and is beside the national school.

A confined draw in 1988, organised by the Club Committee, began the fund-raising which was then followed by a house-to-house collection. True to form, the people of New Inn came up trumps with this collection and the development was well and truly on the way. A further two extremely well organised 300 draws, held in 1991 and 1992, plus 3 successful yearly festivals, in co-operation with the New Inn Community Council, helped to break the back of the debt.

Development of the pitch and fencing of surrounds, together with the building of the dressing-rooms and ideal location, have ensured that the New Inn venue is now in a position to hold many important matches in the future.

It is difficult to pick out any individuals to attribute the success of the development to, as it was a community effort with people from all walks of life rowing in to ensure a success, despite difficulty at times. The anticipated opening of the pitch and the holding of the All-Ireland Sheep Shearing at this venue are major occasions to look forward to. It would, of course, be remiss of me not to mention the late Fr. Meehan who, throughout his life in New Inn and other places, gave unsparingly of his time, effort and fund-raising ability to help make it a success.

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*Rockwell Rovers Field Committee with dressing-rooms and covered stand in background.*



*Development in new field at the Abbey C.B.S., Tipperary.*



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# Cashel: Munster Club Champions 1991

By Seamus J. King.

*Only a week after winning their first county senior hurling championship Cashel headed for Ennis to play the Clare champions, Clarecastle, in the Munster club championship semi-final on November 17. The celebrations around their historic win were brought to a halt early in the week and a testing mid-week training session whipped the players into reasonable shape for this Cusack Park tests.*

Conditions for the game were extremely poor with parts of the pitch waterlogged after heavy overnight rain and matters worsened with a heavy downpour towards the end of the first half. Despite this the sides served up a very entertaining game, which was tight up to the three-quarter stage, and gave the large crowd plenty to cheer about.

Clarecastle had high hopes of reaching the decider after handing out a crushing defeat to Limerick champions, Ballybrown, in a controversial first round game, but it was clear from the outset that they were unable to match the skills of the Tipperary champions. Cashel built up a 1-7 to 0-3 interval lead, the goal a fortuitous one from Ailbe Bonnar ten minutes from half-time. Clarecastle reduced the lead to three points with an Anthony Daly goal from a penalty ten minutes after the resumption but this sparked off a Cashel resurgence, which resulted in two goals from Jamsie O'Donoghue and Tommy Grogan in a three minute period.

In the end they were in front by 3-11 to 2-4.

The victory came from a fine team effort but there were some outstanding performances. Pride of place must go to Colm Bonnar, who played a captain's part with an incredible workrate over the hour. Pat O'Donoghue gave an outstanding display at full-back and, in the forwards, Tommy Grogan gave another performance of brilliant marksmanship, scoring a total of 1-9 in the course of the hour.

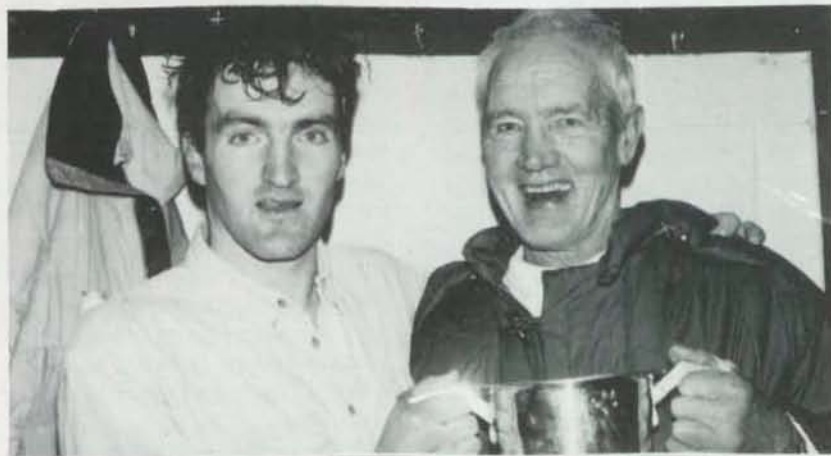
## Munster Final

There couldn't have been better opposition for the Munster final at Mitchelstown on December 8 than the Cork champions, Midleton. The game attracted enormous attention and called to mind the ancient rivalry between Cork and Tipperary. The Midleton team was speckled with players who had brought honour to club and to county, household names like Denis Mulcahy, Pat Hartnett, John Fenton, Ger Fitzgerald and Kevin Hennessy.

Like so many game of which much is expected the game fell far below expectations but the closeness of the scoring and the intensity of the exchanges kept the crowd of over 8,000 excited for the hour. It was a game that produced more wides than scores, with Cashel having fourteen to Midleton's eleven.

Cashel held the upper hand from the start and with scores slow to come they gradually built up a 0-3 to 0-1 lead after twenty minutes. During this period Cashel's half-back line did some fine work, cutting off the supply of ball to the Cork forwards. Of the three Conal Bonnar was particularly impressive. At the other end a titanic struggle for supremacy was taking place between T.J. Connolly and Pat Hartnett. Two points by Tommy Grogan and T.J. Connolly gave Cashel a 0-5 lead at the interval.

The second half was a close struggle of great misses, the greatest without a doubt from Paudie O'Brien, who had an outstanding chance of a goal ten minutes from the end. By the closing minutes Cashel were three points in front in a scoreline of 0-9 to 0-6. This final period was fought with great tension and there was always the possibility that Midleton might get the major and deprive Cashel of victory. But, they failed and a jubilant crowd of Cashel supporters and players celebrated one of the most memorable victories ever achieved by the club. The unbridled emotion was due not only to winning a first provincial club championship but to the fact that the victory was achieved over a Cork team.



Cashel Captain, Colm Bonnar, shaking the Munster Cup, with his father, Pierce, after the Munster final victory.



Again the victory was forged from the fighting qualities of all the players but the performance of Pa Fitzell, Colm Bonnar, Michael Perdue, T.J. Connolly, John Ryan and John Grogan deserve special mention.

## Ruislip

After victory in Munster the next target was the All-Ireland club championship and the first step on the road was a long one – all the way to Ruislip, London to play English champions, Sean Treacys of London. The game was fixed for February 9 and there was great excitement, among players and supporters alike, at the thought of a weekend in London.

Although a Cashel victory was anticipated the problem was motivating the team and preventing complacency which might prove fatal. It was known that the previous year's champions, St. Gabriel's, had come over to Galway and beaten Connacht champions, Kiltormer. Such a fate was devoutly to be avoided.

In the event the game was no contest and revealed a vast gulf in the standard between the two teams. By the interval the writing was on the wall for the London men, with Cashel in front by 0-16 to 0-2. Cashel eased off somewhat in the second half and were still convincingly in front at the final whistle by 0-23 to 0-6. Again Tommy Grogan contributed greatly to the victory with ten points from placed balls. Others to shine included Timmy Moloney, who deputised for the injured Willie Fitzell, and T.J. Connolly, who scored four delightful points. Cashel rested a number of players in the second half, giving Declan McGrath, Sean Slattery and Joe Minogue a run in the process.

## Kiltormer

Galway county champions, Kiltormer, were to provide memorable opposition in the All-Ireland semi-final which wasn't to be resolved before 210 minutes of hurling had elapsed. The games will be remembered for great struggles that interested not only the respective supporters of both teams but the people of Tipperary and Galway and the followers of hurling in the country at large.

The first encounter between the



*On their way to Croke Park: P. White, Keith Barry, Justin Phelan, P.J. Redmond, Shane Kavanagh, Dermot Phelan, Anne Horohan, Yvonne Ivers, Vivienne Maher, Allison Browne, Elizabeth Connolly, Julianne O'Dwyer.*

sides was at Leahy Park, Cashel on February 23. the home side's expectations were very high but the players and their ardent supporters in a crowd of about nine thousand got the shock of their lives when superb hurling by the Galway champions gave them a deserved lead of eight points after twenty minutes.

Cashel woke up to the fact that they had a fight on their hands and an opposition of quality that they had a fight on their hands and an opposition of quality that included players of the calibre of Conor Hayes, the Kilkenny brothers, Aidan Staunton, Brendan Dervan and Justin Campbell, all of whom had worn the Galway jersey in one grade or another. The home side gradually found their rhythm and hit a glorious patch shortly before the interval which yielded goals by Jamsie O'Donoghue and T.J. Connolly. As a result they trailed by only three points at half-time in a scoreline of 2-2 to 1-8.

On the resumption Cashel had to be optimistic with the advantage of the wind and this was confirmed within ten minutes when Tommy Grogan with two points from frees and brother John with a point from play evened up the score. It seemed as if it was going to be Cashel's day but in the remainder of the half the sides scored only two points each to give a final tally of Cashel 2-7 Kiltormer 1-10. Both sides missed chances that might have been and in the end the opinion of neutrals was that it was a fitting result.

## Ballinasloe

Ballinasloe was the venue for the replay on March 8. The feeling in Cashel was that the home side could never play as poorly again and there was hope of a much improved performance. On the other hand there was an awareness that Kiltormer were a fine side capable of a fine brand of hurling with strong-running forwards capable of taking on a defence, and that it would take a top performance by Cashel to dispose of the Galway side.

The day could not have been better and Duggan Park was in excellent condition. Again the expectations were high and the supporters travelled in great numbers. In the end Cashel were extremely lucky when Kiltormer wing-forward, Damian Curley drove a last minute 20 metre free wide and gave Cashel a third chance.

On the other hand the result was a tremendous tribute to the resilience of the Cashel side who came back from five point deficits on no less than three times in the course of the game! Cashel had to line out without John Grogan and he was replaced by Timmy Moloney, who made a major contribution to Cashel's display. Although well forewarned from the game in Cashel, the King Cormac's were slow to start and were five points behind after fifteen minutes. Not until the 16th minute did Cashel score, a kicked goal by T.J. Connolly. This rallied the visitors and brought them within a point of Kiltormer, 0-6 to 1-2, at the interval.





*The Cashel King Cormac's team which defeated Midleton at Mitchelstown in the Munster Club Final. Back row, left to right: Tony Slattery, Pat Fitzell, Tommy Grogan, Pat O'Donoghue, John Ryan, John Grogan, Willie Fitzell, Raymond Ryan. Front Row: left to right: Cormac Bonnar, James O'Donoghue, Colm Bonnar, Conal Bonnar, Ailbe Bonnar, Michael Perdue, T.J. Connolly.*

Full of determination Cashel took the field for the second half but again it was Kiltormer who took the initiative. In a game in which scores were at a premium Kiltormer went three points in front after ten minutes. Then disaster for Cashel when a Timmy Moloney penalty was stopped. This was followed by two more points for the home side which restored their five point lead. Then when heads began to drop Cashel were awarded a penalty for a foul on Cormac Bonnar and this time Timmy Moloney found the net. This score inspired Cashel and they looked as if they might make it after Tommy Grogan and Timmy Moloney brought them level. In the end there were missed chances on both sides but for Cashel there was a T.J. Connolly effort that might just have been. At the final whistle the score was Cashel 2-5 Kiltormer 0-11.

The only time Cashel led in this marathon contest was after two minutes of the first half of extra time when Tommy Grogan point put them ahead by 2-6 to 0-11. The omens looked good. However, they flattered only to deceive. During the following ten minutes the Kiltormer men came storming back to score 1-3 and open up a five point lead for the third time in this incredible contest. Cashel had to rise from the dead for a third time and did so in heroic fashion by scoring three points, two from Timmy Moloney and one from Tommy Grogan, during the three minutes before half-time to

leave them only two points adrift, 1-14 to 2-9. The final half is a short tale to relate. In a gripping finish Cashel scored twice, after six minutes when T.J. Connolly hit a point and a few minutes alter when Tommy Grogan hit a marvellous leveller from a free. In the end Cashel had to endure the agony of Damian's Curley's close-in free and the ecstasy of his miss. The final score was Cashel 2-11 Kiltormer 1-14.

### Croke Park

The national headquarters on St. Patrick's Day ought to have been the occasion for the All-Ireland club final. Instead it was the venue for the third meeting of the inseparable twins.

In the end it was a puck of a ball that separated the sides. With four minutes left and the sides level referee, Dickie Murphy of Wexford, gave a controversial free against John Grogan. The resultant long range free dropped right into the heart of the Cashel defence. Breaking behind the inner backline substitute, Tony Furey, raced after it. John Ryan came off his line to challenge him but Furey got his shot in and scored the goal that decided the marathon encounter. Cashel, who came back so often in previous encounters, just hadn't time.

However, the game was won and lost in the first half when Cashel, with wind advantage and the backs playing exceptionally well, failed to capitalise on their territorial advantage and went in at half-time trailing by 1-3 to 0-5.

During this period none of the Cashel forwards had scored from play. Raymie Ryan had hit two points from play, Conal Bonnar one from play and one from a free and Tommy Grogan from a free.

Cashel had an uphill battle in the second half. After only nine minutes Kiltormer were ahead by 1-6 to 0-5 and Cashel's chances looked slim. But again, when chances looked their worst, Cashel came back. Tommy Grogan pointed a free. Brother John got a great goal in the thirteenth minute and Tommy put Cashel ahead a minute later with another free. Things were looking up for Cashel but again the omens were deceptive. Colm Bonnar went off with a suspected broken finger and he was to prove an unbearable loss and with ten minutes to go Aidan Staunton whipped over the levelling point for Kiltormer. Cormac Bonnar restored Cashel's lead only to see Sean Kelly erase it within a minute. This left the sides deadlocked at 1-8 each when Tony Furey struck his mortal blow four minutes to time.

In the end one side had to lose but there was no consolation for the losers. They may have been honourable in defeat but there is no substitute for victory. It is a sad state of affairs but winning is the only thing. Congratulations to worthy champions, Kiltormer!

In the six games played Cashel scored 8 goals 69 points and conceded 6 goals 48 points. The following is the list of the panel, with the number of their appearances and scores. John Ryan (6), Tony Slattery (6), Pat O'Donoghue (6), Michael Perdue (6), Raymie Ryan (6) (0-2), Pat Fitzell (6), Conal Bonnar (6) (0-2), Colm Bonnar (capt.) (6) (0-2), Willie Fitzell (5), James O'Donoghue (5) (2-4), T.J. Connolly (6) (2-9), John Grogan (6) (1-7), Tommy Grogan (6) (1-35), Cormac Bonnar (6) (0-1), Ailbe Bonnar (6) (1-0), Timmy Moloney (3) and Sub (3) (1-7), Joe Minogue Sub. (2), Declan McGrath Sub. (3), Seanie Barron, Sean Slattery Sub. (1), Sean O'Donoghue Sub. (1), Joe O'Leary, Peter Fitzell, Ger Slattery, Sean Morrissey, Liam Devitt, Don Higgins. Selectors: Brendan Bonnar, John Darmody, Justin McCarthy (Coach) Aongus Ryan.



# Aherlow's First County Triumph in Hurling

**A**HERLOW won their first County final in hurling this year when they triumphed in the Under-21 "B" championship. This was a reward for the work done at under-age over the last eight years. Denis O'Shea, captain of the victorious team, never played championship hurling at under-12, as we confined our activities in those days to football.

Aherlow was always a footballing club and made little impact in hurling. We did win the No. 2 Junior hurling West title on two occasions in 1967 and in 1975 and we produced some good individual hurlers like Pat Coffey, who brought the first All-Ireland medal to Aherlow when he was a member of the Tipperary Intermediate team in 1972.

It is difficult to introduce hurling to a football parish. I, as the local teacher, tried for years to do so, but somehow failed. The children, being awkward, would get minor injuries and when the football championship started the hurleys were dropped.

However, in the early 80's a great bunch of lads came through the school and we got hurling going.

The club first entered the hurling scene with our Under-12 team in 1984. We won the West two years later. Many of the boys on that team were playing on our victorious county team this year.

We come now to this year's campaign. Selectors Dave Shanahan, Mike Kirby and Liam Reardon decided early on to invite Tommy Kelly of Kickhams to coach the team. Tommy, who is secretary of Tipperary Bord na nÓg, is expert and experienced at coaching. He knows his hurling and contributed greatly to our win.

This year's West championship really amounted to one game against old rivals Lattin as we easily disposed of Sean Treacy's in the first round.

The rivalry between ourselves and Lattin has been a by-word in West Tipperary in recent years. Both are small clubs and near neighbours. The players know each other well and you have the added spice of the cousins Maguires and O'Sheas, two great G.A.A. families supplying seven of the players on the field.

Lattin seemed to be better fired up and got off to a flying start. We thought we



AHERLOW - West U-21F 'A' Champions.

would be swamped but a goal on the stroke of half-time steadied us.

The second half was tense and Lattin held their lead right through. They were 3 points ahead at the end of the 30 minutes, but well into extra time Denis O'Shea scores a superb goal to give yet another draw. The replay was in Emly on a glorious fine day and again Lattin started well and were 0-8 to 0-3 ahead at the interval.

At the start of the second half John Frewin scored a point and when Conor O'Shea added a goal and a point the sides were level. Lattin continued to play with great determination and Aherlow could not get on top. It took a kicked goal by super sub Mark O'Shea five minutes from the end to put 4 points between the sides.

Lattin hadn't time to recover and so Aherlow had a memorable victory.

As the reporter in the *Nationalist* put it, "Club records galore have been established by the Aherlow upsurge of recent years, but they'll probably rank this as one of the very sweetest."

The county semi-final against Upperchurch-Drombane came as a kind of anticlimax after the excitement of the West.

Aherlow started well with wind advantage and seemed to be sailing. Our opponents, however, struck up the field and scored an unexpected goal. It took an Aherlow goal on the stroke of half-time to give us the narrowest of leads.

The second half was a ding-dong struggle with Aherlow missing chances. When Upperchurch got their second half



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with five minutes left, we were in trouble. It took a Luke Leonard diving save in the dying minutes to give us a one-point victory.

The final against Silvermines was played in Holycross and it was a thriller.

We scored a rather fortuitous goal in the fourth minute but the Silvermines fought back and went ahead 1-6 to 1-5, but a fine goal by John Frewer left us leading at half-time. In the second half, thanks to fine play from Mark Leonard, Derry Peters and Gerard Kirby, we were well on top and should have put the game away but bad shooting let us down. Silvermines scored a late goal to leave just a point in it. In fact, Silvermines got a free on the stroke of time but Declan Corcoran's brave effort went just wide to give Aherlow their historic win.

The joy among the Aherlow players, mentors and supporters was unrestrained and bonfires burned in the Glen on that night.

*The team:* Luke Leonard, Don Walsh, Gerard Kirby, Pat O'Shea, Declan Reardon, Derry Peters, George Kirby, Denis O'Shea, Mark Leonard, Mark O'Shea, John Frewer, Martin Ryan, Conor O'Shea, Kevin Bowes and Michael Moroney. Subs: John Reardon, Ciaran Clifford, Laim Lewis, Anthony Moroney, Jackie Bourke, John Ivory, Brendan Carew, Lionel Leonard, Bobby Russell, Michel Russell.



*AHERLOW – West Intermediate Football Champions*



*AHERLOW – Garda Cup U-15 Football Champions*



*Happy faces at the Bank of Ireland All-Star presentations.*



# More Money for the G.A.A. or Is It?

County draw co-ordinator Tim Floyd, gives a layman's guide to county board finances, and outlines why Tipperary GAA members draw is a necessity.

*A few weeks ago on my way to work in Thurles, I gave a lift to a man hitch-hiking on the road. It was a few days after the draw county hurling final, as I remember he was very keen to discuss it. He was obviously not involved with a club but seemed like a keen GAA supporter. Our conversation went along the following lines:-*

"The GAA were the only winners last Sunday as they'll have another big gate in the replay," he said.

"They need it all" says I not letting on my involvement, "I hear they have a big debt at the moment."

"How could they have"? he said, "what about all the big county games in Thurles for the past few years?"

"County Board don't get that" I answered "unless Tipp are involved and then, they only get a grant from Munster Council, at the end of the year. Semple Stadium okay, would get rent for the field."

He came in quickly with "and what do they do with all the money"? I said "they also have a big debt going back to 1984 which has been reduced from over one million pounds to less than £400,000."

At this stage he was completely puzzled and steered the conversation away from finance, but it left me wondering how many more were like him in the coun-

try? "GAA bashing" is a famous pastime of even our most ardent followers. And the "grab all association" has often dominated many an intellectual pub discussion.

Many of our members, serving on club committees are totally unfamiliar with GAA finances and I would even suggest, that some delegates attending divisional and county conventions are at "sea" during the treasurer's report. I was at a divisional board meeting recently when the county board financial deficit was highlighted and a mention was made of a coaching levy being imposed on clubs. One delegate objected to this, as was his right, but when he suggested that there was gross mismanagement of finance and questioned where all the money was going, I felt my blood boil. This same delegate was at county convention earlier this year when a £60,000 deficit was announced by the county treasurer. At that meeting also the chairman of the Semple Stadium management committee addressed the delegates on the state of finances in

the stadium, and he was followed by the chairman of Munster Council who outlined the main areas of income and expenditure in the province. I wonder was this man listening?

## Where is the Problem

Does the ordinary club member not want to know about finance or are we failing to inform him in a language he can understand? Every club committee member should get a layman's guide to the treasurer's report so that he can stand up for GAA authorities when asked by the cynics "What are ye doing with all the money"? It would be a good public relations act and also remove a lot of suspicion from our hard working officials. How often do we see banner headlines in our newspapers like "Leinster Council Breaks the One Million Barrier" or "The GAA Coffers are Swelling". These are the impressions people have of the GAA. How many people know that Munster Council in 1991 paid out £278,000 to injured players plus £234,000 in Public Liability insurance. Field rent for championships cost them £218,000 whilst another £348,000 was paid to clubs for field development. These are the positive items that should be highlighted alongside the banner headlines and we should ensure they are.

## County Boards Cannot Survive

Looking at reports like these begs the question, how long can county boards survive without an alternative source of income? The bonus of a drawn county final like this year is always a welcome boost, but it cannot be relied



A Volkswagen Golf was won by young Paul Hogan Ballycommon Nenagh during the year and the ticket sold by Kildangan Club. Pictured shows - Liam Spooner (Volkswagen Dealer) Paddy Kelly (chairman Kildangan) Mick Nolan (Draw Committee, Peggy and Paul Hogan and Mick Frawley (Draw Chairman).



## Tipperary GAA County Board Finance

Despite members draws, our own county board in Tipperary has been finding it hard to make ends meet for the past few years. If we look at last years financial report, up to 30/11/91 we can summarise it as follows:

<b>Income</b> (excluding County Draw)		
Club Championship Gates	=	61,294
National Football League (Share of Gates)	=	8,198
National Hurling League (Share of Gates)	=	35,171
All-Ireland Championship Grants	=	17,333
Munster Championship Grants	=	25,096
Sponsorships	=	28,918
Miscellaneous Income (e.g. Year Book etc)	=	16,817
<b>Total Income</b>	=	<b>192,827</b>

<b>Expenditure</b> (excluding Grants paid from Draw Funds)		
Training 8 County Teams -		
Car Hire	=	81,882
Catering	=	47,610
Medical	=	7,419
Equipment	=	19,647
Administration Costs		
(Advertising, Post, Medals etc)	=	19,841
Bank Interests/Charges	=	12,112
Misc. Expenses (Yearbook, Prior Yr. Adj, Fines etc)	=	64,861
		<b>253,372</b>

Excess of Expenditure = £60,545

This £60,000 Loss shows above at the end of 1991 follows a £40,000 deficit at the end of 1990.

upon. The importance of a successful league campaign cannot be over-emphasised. The introduction of sponsorship is now playing a key role but this is always linked to success. Cutting expenditure is never a popular thing to do especially with regard to our county teams. Our inter-county players and mentors travel from all parts of the county (and country) for training. They deserve their expenses and a decent meal before facing for home each night.

### The Promotion of our Games

If a county board is losing money, it cannot be expected to plough finance into the promotion of our games in clubs and schools. These two areas are the foundations on which the Association survives. We no longer enjoy the monopoly once held, as the emergence of Community Schools at the expense of the Christian Brothers, means all types of sports are now on the curriculum. The GAA must take it upon themselves to infiltrate the schools with their product, if they

hope to survive in the new world of "free enterprise."

### GAA Members Draw - A Co-operative Solution

Tipperary County Board had the wisdom in 1988 to foresee the pitfalls ahead, and set about introducing a remedy. From this grew the GAA members draw which has surpassed all expectations in its four and a half year existence. Schools are no longer

neglected, with annual cash grants, subsidised helmets and hurleys, and regular visits by full-time GAA coaches, all funded by the members draw. Clubs have taken advantage of the sales commission to develop their grounds and raise their standards. The draw has assisted in tackling the debt on Semple Stadium with a contribution of nearly quarter of a million pounds. All this proves what can be done with co-operation between County Board and clubs.

### What Does the Future Hold?

It is quite obvious that County Boards everywhere need an alternative source of income if they are to stay afloat and also develop the game. In Tipperary, the draw satisfies this need, and is an acceptable form of fund-raising to all concerned. It is our duty as a draw committee to continue to make it as attractive as possible for our clubs to sell, and our members to join.

In our current 1992/1993 Draw, nearly 25% of the promoting clubs have less than one hundred members joined. Our aim is to work on the work clubs as we are fully aware that those with big returns may wane. Once we have less than one hundred members joined. Our aim is to work on the weak clubs as we are fully aware that those with big returns may wane. Once we have others to increase their numbers the draw will hold. This draw is here to stay until another form of co-operative fund-raising takes its place.



St. Ailbe's School Tipp. Town won £2,000 in the 91/92 Draw. This picture shows the Principal Pat Moroney and some of the staff accepting the cheque from Draw Committee members, Mick Frawley, Mick Maguire and Tim Floyd.



# 1991 COUNTY CHAMPIONS

FINALS WERE PLAYED TOO LATE FOR INCLUSION IN LAST YEAR'S YEARBOOK



**MONEYGALL UNDER-21 TEAM** – North and County "B" Champions 1991

*BACK: Padhraic Kennedy, Donagh Hoolan, Eamon Troy, Fintan Harney, Philip Quinlan, Tony Spillane, Jim Hoolan, Tom Kenneally, Neil Maher. FRONT: David Donnelly, John Doughan, Brian Dwyer, Micheál Dwyer, Declan Ryan, Noel Ryan, John Shelly, Tom Delaney, Paddy Whyte.*



**GRANGEMOAKLER-BALLYNEALE** – Intermediate Football County Champions 1991

*BACK ROW: Seamus Flynn, Kieran Maguire, Larry Delaney, Cormac Healy, Ml. Freaney, Johnson Lyons, Gerry Ryan, James Heffernan, John O'Meara, P.J. Lanigna, Rd. Lanigan, Eamon O'Hanlon, Declan Habessy. FRONT ROW: Aidan Bradshaw, Peter Lyons, Ml. J. Tobin, Gerry O'Meara, Timothy Bolger, Jim O'Meara (Capt.), Eamon Phelan, Andy O'Meara, Eamon O'Meara, Brian Cahill, Edward Shelly, Mark Comerford.*



**ST. PATRICK'S DRANGAN-CLONEEN** – South and County Junior Football Champions 1991

*BACK ROW: (l-r) Michael Horan, Jim McGrath, Paul Horohan, Jimmy O'Brien, James Horan, Eamon Hall (Capt.), John Horan, Fr. Peter Brennan, Tomás McCormack, Liam O'Dwyer, Michael Crannitch, Colm Duggan, Chris Foley, Philip Keane. FRONT ROW: Declan Ryan, John Keane, Davy Hogan, Tom Anglim, Eugene McCormack, Noel Keane, John Ryan, Mick O'Connell, Kenneth Brett.*





CASHEL KING CORMACS – Under-21 hurling panel which won the 1991 County Under-21 "A" title, defeating Erin's Hope.



ÉIRE ÓG NENAGH – Winners of 1991 Co. U-21 Football "A" Final

BACK ROW (l-r): Mervyn Scanlon, Eddie Tucker, Liam Walshe, Michael Grace, Christy McLoughlin, Frank Moran, Ronan Burns, Brian Connolly, Mark Sheehan. FRONT ROW: Robbie Foley, Gearóid Cleary, Kevin Goonan, Chris Bonnar (Capt.), Robbie Tomlinson, John Kennedy.



KNOCKAVILLA KICKAMS – County U-21 FOOTBALL "B" Champions, beating Dualla, at Clonoulty.

BACK ROW (l-r): Paul Morrissey, Kevin Farrell, Jim Farrell, Ger Crosse, John McCormack, Timmy O'Brien, Paul Ryan, Tom Farrell, Christopher Ryan, Vincent Kelly. FRONT ROW: Patrick Morrissey, Pat Ryan, Michael O'Dwyer, Declan Crosse, Ger Butler, Johnny Butler (Capt.), Declan Hogan, Sean Buckley, Donal O'Brien, Pat Butler.



# LATTIN-CULLEN'S HISTORIC FIRST

After almost 50 years trying Lattin-Cullen captured its first county hurling title when they defeated Ballinahinch on Saturday, November 21st in Cappawhite in the junior final.

When George Ryan took over as chairman of the club at the beginning of the year he promised that no stone would be left unturned in order to win the title.

The campaign began in April and 9 championship matches were played and all were won.

The competition was played on a league basis and we easily qualified for the West semi-final against Cappawhite. We dominated for 50 minutes but conceded soft scores late in the game. In the West final against local rivals Emly the first 50 minutes were completely dominated by us but again we were lucky to escape the closing minutes.

We were through to the county semi-final against Drom & Inch for the first time since 1989. The game was played in Golden and was one of the best seen at Junior level for some time. We performed excellently and deserved to be in the county final.

It was learned two weeks before the final that Nicholas English would not be able to play due to injury, even though confined to his hospital bed until Tuesday before the game Nicholas was always confident of being able to play.

He was told by his doctors not to play, Nicholas being the dedicated clubman that he is and has been down the years played.

The final was not a spectacular game Lattin-Cullen missed some scores early on and conceded soft scores to the opposition. Ten minutes into the second half Ballinahinch went into a 7 point lead playing with the breeze.

Lattin-Cullen began to find new courage and with 9 of the team under 21 were winning possession, scores were slow until English moved to the full-forward line where he caused all sorts of trouble. Damian Moloney scored a lovely side-line cut and Declan McGrath found the net to bring Lattin-Cullen within striking distance. With 2 minutes left Nicholas was fouled in the square, he shook the roof of the net with the resultant penalty and Pat O'Halloran added a point to put Lattin-Cullen two up before Ballinahinch pointed a free with the second last puck.

The final whistle was met with a massive flood of supporters into the field to greet their heroes. Jubilation like it has never

been seen in Lattin-Cullen before and celebrations went on for several days.

County chairman Michael McGuire took great delight in presenting the Walsh Cup to his clubman Nicholas English.

Eddie Morrissey in goal handled well and his long puck-outs were of vital importance. The full back line of Sean Dunne, Aidan O'Dwyer and Jody Morrissey were sound but the launching of the win was provided by the powerful hurling of the half backline of Damian Moloney, Pat Maguire and Ger Kiely, at midfield Tommy Kelly was a great help to the hard work never say die Pat O'Halloran.

Gerry Maguire was outstanding and Declan McGrath made some lively runs. The full-forward line of Kevin Kiely, Michael Morrissey and Ollie O'Neill, worked hard against a strong Ballinahinch full back line. Tommy Morrissey and Aidan Kiely did their bit when coming on as subs. Nicholas English typified all that is commitment to a club, he played when he should not have and he was outstanding.

Tom O'Rourke (coach) worked hard and had the team fit, Jimmy Hannon, Ed O'Neill and Johnny Slattery. Selectors were rewarded for their years service.

Eddie Morrissey is to be singled out, at 45 he is the father of the team, his brothers Jody and Tommy make up over 120 years between them. Mickey at full-forward is Eddie's son.

The club are grateful to its supporters, helpers and sponsors and everybody associated with a day to be forgotten in Lattin-Cullen. No stone was left unturned.

## Team:

	Eddie Morrissey	
Sean Dunne	Aidan O'Dwyer	Jody Morrissey
Damian Moloney	Pat Maguire	Ger Kiely
	Pat O'Halloran	Tommy Kiely
Declan McGrath	Nicholas English	Gerry Maguire
Ollie O'Neill	Mickey Morrissey	Kevin Kiely

*Subs used:* Tommy Morrissey, Aidan Kiely, also John Kiely, Tom Ryan, Diarmuid Halligan and Tim Hourigan, James Cunningham, Martin Kirby and James Kiely.

## PATH TO THE FINAL

Lattin/Cullen .....	3-9	Clonoulty .....	2-6
Lattin/Cullen .....	5-25	Solohead .....	2-6
Lattin/Cullen .....	0-17	Emly .....	1-5
Lattin/Cullen .....	1-9	Arravale Rvs. ....	2-2
Lattin/Cullen .....	0-22	Galtee Rvs. ....	2-11
West semi-final .....	3-15	Cappawhite	
County semi-final ..	3-11	Drom/Inch ....	2-11
County Final .....	2-10	Ballinahinch .....	2-9



LATTIN-CULLEN - West U-21 F.C. 'B' CHAMPIONS



LATTIN-CULLEN COUNTY J.H. CHAMPIONS



# Another great year for Primary Schools

Paul Brett-Rúnaí

*At the A.G.M. of the Tipperary Primary Schools Board this year it was decided that we make every effort to publicise the activities of our board. With this in mind contact was made with the "local" papers and radio. As we came to the end of the year on behalf of the board I wish to thank the three local papers - "The Nationalist", "Tipperary Star" and "Nenagh Guardian" as well as "Tipperary FM" and "Tipperary Mid-West" for the widespread coverage they gave to our activities during the year.*

## I.N.T.O./G.A.A. Skills

**IOMÁNAÍOCHT:** Regional Games took place in Golden, Moneygall, Ardfinnan and Kilsheelin and from these Inch N.S., Moneygall N.S., Ballylooby N.S., and Mullinahone N.S. reached the county final. Inch G.A.A. field was the venue for the final and what a day it was. All four schools were very evenly matched but it was the ability of the Inch N.S. boys to snatch some vital scores on the day enabled them to emerge victorious on the day and so go on to represent Tipperary Primary Schools in the All-Ireland series.

Inch N.S. were represented by the following panel: Damien Young, David McGrath, Paul Fitzgerald, Shane Kennedy, Paul Stapleton, Seamus Butler, Padraig Butler, Alan Ryan, MacDara Butler and Seamus Butler.

**CAMÓGAÍOCHT:** Marlfield G.A.A. field, Clonmel, was the venue for the county camogie final. Teams from Inch N.S., Mullinahone N.S.,



*Inch N.S. winners of the county I.N.T.O./G.A.A. Skills competition in hurling. Back: Paudie Butler N.T., MacDara Butler, Paul Stapleton, Damien Young, Paul Fitzgerald, Padraig Butler, Maria McGrath N.T. Front: Shane Kennedy, Alan Ryan, Daniel McGrath, Seamus Walsh and Seamus Butler.*

Newcastle N.S., and Kilsheelin N.S. took part and another great day of sport was had by all. Inch N.S. again came out on top and so had the distinction of representing Tipperary in both hurling and camogie in the regional county leagues held in Limerick.

Inch N.S.: Mairín Egan, Margaret Jordan, Gillian

Mortimer, Catherine McGrath, Joanne Ryan, Katherine Hennessy, Jacinta Doherty, Emer Finn, Breda McGrath and Aine Everard.

**PEIL (BUACHAILLÍ):** Area finals were held in Fethard, Lisvernane, Marlfield and Clogheen and from these SS. Peter and Paul's C.B.S., Ardfinnan N.S., Mullinahone N.S. and Lisvernane N.S. reached the county final. Again we are indebted to Marlfield G.A.A. Club who again put their facilities at our disposal. A nice crowd turned up to witness a wonderful afternoon of fun and a magnificent display of all that is best in our game of football. Up to the end it was touch and go who would be the victors and it all came down to the final game between Mullinahone and Ardfinnan. Mullinahone needed only a draw while Ardfinnan had to win. After a very exciting game Ardfinnan managed their win on the score 3-2 to 3-1. Ardfinnan N.S. went on to represent Tipperary in the



*Inch N.S. winners of the county I.N.T.O./G.A.A. Skills competition in camogie, back: Margaret Jordan, Catherine McGrath, Catriona Hennessy, Gillian Mortimer, Emer Finn, Paudie Butler (Coach). Front: Joanne Ryan, Breda McGrath, Mairín Egan, Jacinta Doherty, Aine Everard.*





*Ardfinnan N.S. winners of the county I.N.T.O./G.A.A. Skills competition in football with their coach Liam O'Sullivan N.T.*

county regional games in Killarney.

Ardfinnan N.S.: Paul Lonergan, Noel Browne, Philip Lonergan, Kieran Quirke (Capt.), Patrick Norton, Liam Ryan, Alan O'Gorman, Trevor O'Leary and Diarmuid O'Mahoney.

**PEIL (CAILÍNÍ):** The upsurge in participation in girls football in the county was a big bonus for our board this year. For the first time regional groups had to be held and from these Ballylooby N.S., Clonoulty N.S., Lisvernane N.S. and Ardfinnan N.S. reached the county final. On a lovely afternoon in Marfield the four schools played their hearts out for the honour of representing Tipperary in Killarney. As in the boys football. This result also depended on the final game between Ballylooby and Lisvernane. After a very tight game Ballylooby N.S. emerged winners on the score 1-3 to 1-0.

**BALLYLOOBY N.S.:** Elaine Walsh, Orla Kennedy, Mairéad Dwyer, Anne Marie Moran, Geraldine Barry, Margaret Flynn, Jennifer Beary, Anne Marie Tobin, Elaine Doyle, Margaret Butler and Sinéad Tobin.



*Ballylooby N.S. winners of the county I.N.T.O./G.A.A. Skills competition in girls football. Back: Sinéad Tobin, Geraldine Barry, Anne-Marie Moran (Capt.), Mairéad Dwyer, Elaine Walsh, Orla Kennedy. Front: Margaret Butler, Anne-Marie Tobin, Elaine Doyle, Margaret Flynn and Jennifer Beary.*



*Ballylooby N.S. winners of the county Roinn D final with their coach Donal MacCarthaigh N.T.*

Finally we would like to congratulate the following children who represented Tipperary Primary Schools in Croke Park on All Ireland semi-final and final days:

Hurling: Seamus Butler, Daniel McGrath and Damien Young of Inch N.S.

Camogie: Joane Ryan, Cathriona Hennessy and Catherine McGrath of Inch N.S.

Boys Football: Kieran Quirke, Paul Lonergan and Alan O'Gorman of Ardfinnan N.S.

Girls Football: Elaine Walsh and Anne Moran of Ballylooby N.S.

**LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE:** For the first time in our history handball was introduced this year to our board. While the response this year was disappointing, and there were several reasons for this, those who did take part enjoyed the experience. The following children won county championships:-

Girls Singles: Mary Griffin (Ballinahinch N.S.).

Girls Singles: Siobhán O'Brien and Siobhán McCarthy (Lissenhall N.S.)

Boys Singles: Albert Carrie (Cashel B.N.S.)

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Boys Doubles: Jim Egan and William McCarthy (Lissenhall N.S.)

The regional county was a bit of a flop with only Clare sending representatives to Nenagh for the competitions. Clare proved too strong for us over all with the exceptions of Albert Carrie who had a great win in the boys singles. Albert went on to represent Tipperary in the Croke Park alley in an All Ireland festival of handball.



*Inch N.S. winners of the county Roinn C final. Back: William Long, Michael Kennedy, Mary Looby, Daniel McGrath, Damien Young, MacDara Butler, Paudie Butler (Coach). Front: Paul Fitzgerald, Paul Stapleton, Seamus Butler.*





Drangan N.S. with their coach Willie O'Grady N.T.



Toomevara N.S. winners of the county Roinn A final.

We would like to thank most sincerely the following clubs and personnel who in every way helped us to run off the competition: Cashel Handball Club, Silvermines Handball Club, Horse and Jockey Handball Club and Nenagh Handball Club with Michael O'Brien, Albert Carrie (Sen.) and Pat O'Donoghue.

### **Iománaíocht (Southern Section)**

#### **ROINN A:**

Thurles C.B.S. 1-9

St. Mary's C.B.S. (Clonmel) 1-3. This final was played in Clonmel with Thurles the hot favourites. After a lapse of several years Thurles had re-entered the school leagues and had shown great form all season. St. Mary's however are no respectors of tradition and gave Thurles a rare fright in this keenly contested final.

#### **ROINN B:**

Littleton N.S. 3-8

Boherlahan N.S. 3-1.

This all mid clash in the Roinn B final took place in Semple Stadium. Both schools were evenly matched but Littleton had the in mid-field and from there set up the chances for their forwards to take the scores that counted.

#### **ROINN C:**

Inch. N.S. 3-3

Ardfinnan N.S. 0-3

Boherlahan was the setting for this final. Having won Roinn D the previous year Inch moved up to this higher grade. Ardfinnan were big and strong but were unable to take the chances that came their way. On the other hand Inch took every chance they got and none more so than Mary



Paul Brett-Rúnaí

Looby who ended the game with a tally of 2-1. So in their first year in the division Inch won their way to the county final.

#### **ROINN D:**

Ballylooby N.S. 1-6

Grange N.S. 1-4

Cahir was the venue for this eagerly awaited final between these near neighbours. The big crowd which was in attendance enjoyed a very close encounter and in the end Ballylooby came out on top. The teams were all quare had half-time but Ballylooby's ability to take their points in the second half was the difference between the teams.

#### **ROINN E:**

Drangan N.S. 8-5

Newtown Upper N.S. 3-4

Clooneen staged the Roinn E final and Drangan N.S. in their first yea taking part in our full leagues won a thrilling game. They got off to a flying start and were never headed from then on. Drangan had some fine players on view but none as good as Noel Brett who ended the game with a tally of 3-4. Newtown had no answer to him and he was the one who carried Drangan to the county final.

### **County Finals**

#### **ROINN A:**

Toomevara N.S. 2-5

Thurles C.B.S. 2-2

This final was played between two schools steeped in the hurling tradition. Coming into the game most pundits reckoned that Thurles would be too strong for



Burgess N.S.



Thurles C.B.S. primary school.





*The Gortaganny N.S. Panel which defeated Drangan N.S. in the County Final of Section E of the Primary Schools Championship played at Semple Stadium. Back row: Louise Maxwell, Thomas Hassett, Barry Dunne, Liam Caffey (Capt.), Kevin Cummins, Alan Coffey, Michael Kelly, Eileen Brisbane, Thomas Maxwell and Willie Kennedy. Front: Ailish Hassett, Aileen O'Shea, Aideen O'Meara, Patrick Kelly, Thomas O'Brien, Conor Maxwell, and Brendan Dunne.*

Toomevara and by half time they seemed to have got it right as playing against the wind in the first half they were in front by 2-1 to 1-2. Thurles pile don the pressure in the second half but the Toomevara backs completely dominated their forwards. Despite their possessing Thurles managed only one goal while Toomevara availed of their limited chances to tap over a number of points. Well done to Toomevara on winning their first county schools final. Thurles C.B.S.: N. Skehan, E. Long, P. Egan, D. Mackey, F. Mockler, G. Coppinger, C. Hennessy, T. Coman, G. O'Grady, B. Ryan, O. Skehan, To. Collins, L. Judge, P.J. Dowd, J. Lawlor, Subs: M. Gleeson, N. Ryan, B.O'Dwyer, R.

Spain, D. Gleeson, S. Mason, N. O'Riordan, B. Ryan, J. Ryan and T. Harty.

#### **ROINN B:**

Moneygall N.S. 4-3

Littleton N.S. 0-5

Playing very direct hurling Moneygall N.S. retained the Roinn B county shield with a very fine win over Littleton N.S. All through they were well on top except for a short period in the second half when Littleton gained control for a while a scored a number of fine points which looked like bringing them back into the game. Moneygall rallied however and ran out goo winners on the day. Moneygall: Brendan Jones, David Gleeson, Donal Guilfoyle, Colin Treacy, Michael Ryan, Ronan

Hourihan, John O'Meara, Eoin Troy, Darron Quigley, Billy McCormack, Tadhg Kennedy, William Greene, Noel Costelloe, Thomas Harney, Donal Denghen, Derek Ryan and Daniel Sutton.

#### **ROINN C**

Inch N.S. 2-4

Carrig N.S. 0-2

After winning Roinn D county final last year Inch had moved up to Roinn C and again had reached the county final. This final was a lovely game of hurling with some lovely patches of skill from both teams. On the day however Inch were the better team and deserved their second country title in a row.

Inch N.S.: Damien Young, Paul Fitzgerald, Shane Kennedy.



*Moneygall N.S. winners of the county Roinn B final. Back: Billy Costelloe, John O'Meara, Derek Ryan, Colin Treacy, Ronan Hourihane, Sean Nolan, Thomas Harney, Donal Guilfoyle, Patrick Ryan, Emer Guilfoyle. Middle: Danny Sutton, William Greene, Donal Doughan, Tadhg Kennedy, Noel Costelloe, Seamus O'Meara, Michael Ryan, Aonghus Hourihane, Darron Quigley. Front: John O'Meara, Eoin Troy, Billy McCormack, David Gleeson, Brendan Jones, Derek O'Meara, John Delaney and Damien Martin.*



*Carrig N.S. Winners North Tipperary Schools Championship 91-92, Section C Hurling, Section B Football. Standing (l-r): Eoin Hynes, Garry Corcoran, Noel Searson, Eoin Connolly, Jim Hughes, Enda Nolan, Gerard Kennedy, Gerald Slattery, Graham Finch, Martin Nolan, William White. Seated (l-r): Eileen Forde, Michael Connors, Hugh Flannery, Gerard Quinn, Paul Kirwan, John Slattery, Tommy Connors, Denis Slattery, Sean Gleeson, Eoin Cleary, Elizabeth McGrath.*



*Ballylooby N.S. winners of the county under II final. Back: Ronan Dwyer, Colin Flynn, John Barrett, Patrick Morrissey, Liam Whelan, James Moran, Colin Morrissey, Waylon Loneran, Jamie Coffey, Eamonn Bourke, Sean Byrne, Michael Boyle, Leadar Kennedy. Front: Alan McCormack, Paudie Slattery, Pat Beary, Eamonn Myles, Michael Murphy, Noel Moloney, David Fox, John Whelan, Anthony O'Connor, Brian Fitzgerald, Brian Kennedy and Paul Kennedy.*





*Clerihan N.S. winners of the Roinn E county football final. Back: Andrew Bourke, Patsy Whyte, Bridge Whyte, Aidan Lonergan, Tommy Griffin, John O'Halloran, Grainne Browne, John Hennessy, T.J. Lonergan, Seven Byrne. Front: Kevin Whyte, Mary O'Donnell, Stephen Ryan, Barry Lee, Kieran Ryan, Eoghan Condon, Christopher Ryan and Alison Lee.*

Margaret Jordan, Paul Stapleton, Daniel McGrath, MacDara Butler, William Long, Seamus Butler, Alan Ryan, Michael Kennedy, Liam Brett, Padraig Butler, Cathriona Hennessy and Mary Looby.

#### **ROINN D**

Ballylooby N.S. 1-7

Burgess N.S. 0-3

This was a game that the large attendance really enjoyed. While the score might suggest an easy win for Ballylooby his was far from the case. After a very even first half the scores were level at 0-3 each. Ballylooby gained the upper hand in the second half but it was not till they got the goal that they finally could relax. Try as they could Burgess could not penetrate the Ballylooby backs and when the final whistle blew the Ballylooby supporters were over the moon.

Ballylooby N.S.: Jamie Myles, Pat Wilkinson, Johnny Lonergan, James Moran, Pat Morrissey, James Swords, Colin Morrissey, Johnny English, Peter Kennedy, Cormac McCarthy, Paul Kennedy, Jamie Coffey and Pat Bourke. Subs: Ronan Dwyer, Michael Myles, Waylon Lonergan, Sam Barker, Seamie Byrne, Brian Fitzgerald, Eamonn Bourke and James Murphy.

#### **ROINN E**

Gurtagarry N.S. 2-4

Drangan N.S. 1-3

This final was a repeat of the previous year and again the result was the same. Drangan played some excellent but this

Toomevara parish school had a trump card in one of the famous Dunne family. When things were going against Gurtagarry they put him in full back where he simply cleaned up. Well done to all and hopefully it will be third time lucky for Drangan in 1993.

Drangan N.S.: P. Hayes, M. Hayes, T. O'Connor, N. Bret, M. Keane, J. Brett, P. Upperman, J. Gleeson and J. Hayes.

#### **FAOI II**

A record number of schools, 16 in all, took part in the under 11 county hurling championship this year. After the initial league system four schools, Bally N.S., Inch N.S., Thurles C.B.S. and Grange N.S. reached the semi-finals. Bally beat Inch after a replay while Thurles C.B.S. had a very narrow win over Grange.S. to set up a unique county final.

Ballylooby N.S. 2-4

Thurles C.B.S. 2-0

Ballylooby N.S. ended the year in hurling by winning the county under 11 title for the first time. All through this was a very evenly contested game with Ballylooby ahead at half time by 2-1 to 1-0. Both schools tried very hard to gain control in the second half but Ballylooby managed to keep Thurles at bay and ran out winners with what was for them a unique occasion.

Ballylooby N.S.: James Myles, Eamonn Bourke, James Moran, Sean Moran, Ronan Dwyer, James Swords, Patrick Morrissey, Cormac McCarthy, Colin Morrissey, Paul Kennedy, Jamie Coffey, Colin Flynn, Waylon Lonergan, Peter Kennedy, Brian Fitzgerald, Eamonn Myles, John F. Whelan, P. Slattery, Noel Moloney, Pat Berry, Michael Doyle, Anthony O'Connor, Brian Kennedy, Alan McCormack and Sam Barker.

Thurles C.B.S.: Eamonn Morrissey, Tadhg O'Connor, Fergal McLoughlin, Brian Costello, Declan Curtis, Larry Corbett, Alan O'Dowd, Colm Ryan, Aidan Ryan, Stephen Mason, Seamus Murphy, Brian McLoughlin, Kevin O'Riordan, Colm O'Rourke, Aidan Dundon, Denis Tierney, Caoimhin Ó Rádhulbh, Liam Kelly, James O'Riordan, Joseph Ryan, Mark Butlet and Patrick Ryan.

On behalf of our board I wish to thank the senior county board, referees, officials, clubs, schools and teachers who in any way helped the smooth running of our games in 1992. We wish you all the best for 1993 and hope you will all keep up the good work. Rath Dé oraibh go léir.



*Littleton N.S. with their coach Christy Clancy N.T. and Ned Bannon.*



# TIPPERARY C.B.S.

## Co. U-13 Primary Schools Champions



Monastery C.B.S., Tipperary - County U-13 Primary Schools Champions. Front (l-r): M. Maguire, T. Cronin, R. Tierney, T. Duggan, P. Duggan, B. Clifford, P. Lowry, P. O'Dwyer. Centre (l-r): J. Ryan, P. Heffernan, B. Kenny, A. Ryan, F. Kinnane, K. Heney, B. Glasheen, J. Conroy, D. Madden. Back (l-r): Br. O'Dwyer (School Principal), B. O'Mahoney, T. McGrath, G. Stapleton, T. Cullen, M. Hanley, J. Ryan, J. Corcoran, L. O'Dwyer



Clonoulty/Rossmore Club - Under-12 Hurling West Champions. Back Row: Tommy O'Brien (Manager), John Carroll, Aaron Flynn, Shane White, Joseph Carroll, Pádraig Coen, Helen Campion, Liam Kearney, T.J. Ryan, Alan Kennedy, Conor Devane, Liam Manton, Barty Flynn, Denis Ahearne, Mark O'Dwyer, David Cross, Willie Devane (Selector). Front Row: Michael Ryan, Francis O'Dwyer, Declan Dwyer, Philip Connors, Patrick Sadlier, Seamus Hickey, David Kennedy, Liam Devane (Mascot), John Devane, Kieran Ryan (W), Tom Butler, Richard Sadlier, Edmund Maher, Dessie Cullen.



Monastery C.B.S., Tipperary, County Under-13 Primary Schools Champions. Front (left to right): M. Maguire, T. Cronin, R. Tierney, T. Duggan, P. Duggan, B. Clifford, P. Lowry, P. O'Dwyer. Centre (left to right): J. Ryan, P. Heffernan, B. Kenny, A. Ryan, T. Kinane, K. Heney, B. Glasheen, J. Conroy, D. Madden. Back (left to right): Bro. O'Dwyer (School Principal), B. O'Mahoney, T. McGrath, G. Stapleton, T. Cullen, M. Hanley, J. Ryan, J. Corcoran, L. O'Dwyer (Manager).

ON Thursday, November 5th, last, Tipperary bridged an 11-year-old gap when their young footballers captured the Co. Tipperary Under-13 Primary Schools League Cup for the first time since 1981.

That 1981/82 season had been a particularly successful one for the school when they captured the U-11 and U-13 football and U-11 hurling trophies. Since then the school had taken the Under-11 football in 1985, but despite a number of near misses had failed to capture any football trophy in the meantime. Not surprisingly the recent victory gave the school quite a lift and was much savoured. The victory was especially sweet since most of the players involved had lined out with the Arravale Rovers Under-12's during the year, but without success.

When the boys returned to school in September they immediately signalled their

intention to participate in the Primary Schools League and they all gave a commitment to put in the necessary training and to give it their best shot. Competition for them began towards the end of the month with an outing against Carrick C.B.S. at Marlfield and a tough encounter it proved to be. Leading by 2-7 to 2-0 at half time the Tipperary lads came under severe pressure in the second half, but raised the siege often enough to take the points on a scoreline of 3-7 to 4-1.

The following week it was off to Clonmel to meet St. Mary's C.B.S., always very difficult opponents. Despite a good share of possession Tipperary were a point down at half time. Twice in the second half they were behind, but rallied in style to shade the result by 3-5 to 3-3.

The third outing saw the school pitted against last year's champions S.S. Peter & Paul N.S. and after a very enjoyable game we took the honours by 1-10 to 1-5. The final two games in the league

saw us at home, first against St. Oliver's N.S. for whom we proved too strong, running out convincing winners and finally against Fethard N.S. where we shared the honours after a stirring encounter.

This game really showed the character of the team when they had to come from being five points behind at the break.

Played in summertime conditions, the final against Carrick C.B.S. at Semple Stadium was an occasion the boys will remember for many a day. It was a tough, hard but very enjoyable game productive of all that is best in the game. Both sets of defenders got stuck in and scoring was at a premium, especially with the smaller portable goals.

Leading by 0-3 to 0-1 at the break, Tipperary went on to take the title in a welter of excitement by 0-6 to 0-2.



# North Tipperary Primary Schools

The high standard of play achieved in these competitions in recent years was maintained again this year and supporters were treated to many exciting moments during the year.



**THE BURGESS N.S. PANEL**  
which won North Tipp. Primary Schools  
Roinn D in Hurling and Roinn C in Football

*Back: Shane Hanrahan, Fergal McDonnell, Ml. Slattery, Paul Seymour, Peter Carroll, Shane Maher, Brian Duggan, Edel Hogan, Caroline Sheehan, Michael Nevin. Front: Liam Kelly, Ml. Fogarty, Cathal Hanrahan, Pádraig McDonnell, Michael Crowe, Patrick Mulcahy, Shane Mulcahy, Caitriona Fogarty, Caroline Seymour.*

A feature of the year was the achievement of Gurtagarry in winning their section for the fifth successive year. This year they overcame a brave bid by Lisseinshall in the final to win by 4-12 to 5-2.

The domination of this group by Gurtagarry is a remarkable achievement and is a credit to the families of this small community for their efforts in helping the team.



**MONEYGALL N.S.**  
North and County Champions Roinn B

*Back: Billy Costello, John O'Meara, Derek Ryan, Colin Treacy, Ronán Hourihane, Sean Nolan, Thomas Harney, Donal Guilfoyle, Patrick Ryan, Emer Guilfoyle. Middle: Danny Sutton, William Greene, Donall Doughan, Tadhg Kenney, Noel Costello, Seamus O'Meara, Michael Ryan, Aonghus Hourihane, Darron Quigley. Front: John O'Meara, Eoin Troy, Billy McCormack, David Gleeson, Brendan Jones, Derek O'Meara, John Delaney, Damien Martin.*

To add to their achievement they went on to achieve county honours by defeating Drangan by 2-4 to 1-3 in Semple Stadium.

In the Roinn D final Burgess N.S. emerged victorious for the first time when they defeated Kilbarron in the final by 9-5 to 6-3. Carrig N.S. also entered the winners enclosure for the first time when they defeated a combination of Lorrha and Redwood in the Roinn C final.

In Roinn B Moneygall, contesting their fourth final in five years, repeated their success of last year by defeating Cloughjordan 9-8 to 1-0. They later defeated Littleton by 3-3 to 0-5 with a fine display of ground hurling in the county final to retain the trophy won in '91.

Tommevara's strength in juvenile hurling was reflected in the schools' success in the Roinn A final when they defeated Dromakeenan in Moneygall after earlier overcoming Roscrea Boys N.S. at the same venue.



**TOOMEVARA N.S.**  
North and County winners Roinn A Hurling

*Front Row: Tomás O'Meara, John O'Brien, Shane Young. 2nd Row: Paddy O'Brien, E. Brisbane, Patrick McGrath, Kevin Hackett, Brian Hassett, Robert Ryan, Adrian Shoer, Paul McGrath. 3rd Row: David Dooley, Andrew Ryan, Stephen O'Meara, Jason Spain, Darren Mackey, Myles Doran, Patrick O'Meara, Brian Hackett, Martin Ryan.*

However, they reserved their greatest performance of the year for the county final when they defeated a physically stronger Scoil Ailbe team by 2-5 to 2-2 in a thrilling game.

During the winter months thanks to the success of the county football coaching scheme, twenty two schools took part in the football competitions with success going to Carrig, Burgess and Kilkeary. Special congratulations to Carrig and Burgess for achieving the double in hurling and football.

The success of these competitions since their inception in 1988 is a tribute to the great efforts made by the teachers and parents in the various schools.

Of the thirty seven schools which take part, twenty of them have achieved success and another ten have been beaten finalists since the competitions began. Hopefully, in the next few years, more schools will join the list of winners and ensure the continued success of our games in the schools.

A special word of thanks to the various park committees and referees for their help in organising the games, to Conor O'Donovan and the Irish Permanent Building Society for sponsorship and to the Nenagh Guardian for the excellent coverage of our games.



## FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR (1991-92)

The Canon Fitzgerald Cup committee, a sub committee of the County Senior Board, was responsible for the organisation of the four post-primary hurling competitions and once again it gives me great pleasure to report a very successfully run series.

At U-16 level there are two competitions, the Hennessey Cup for the weaker schools and the long established Croke Cup competition.

The Hennessey Cup had eight schools participating. It was run on a knockout basis. Cashel V.S. having defeated Tipperary V.S. by 2-6 to 1-5 qualified for their first final in this grade. Fethard Secondary School defeated St Josephs Cahir by 4-13 to 0-7 in the second semi-final. The final played on November 26th was a most enjoyable affair with Fethard in the end emerging winners by 4-6 to 2-6. This was Fethards first hurling victory at schools level for close on 20 years and was a source of great satisfaction to both teachers and pupils alike.

The U-16A for the Croke Cup had 12 teams participating. The four schools that emerged to contest the semi-finals were Thurles C.B.S., Our Lady's Templemore, Killenaule V.S. and Borrisokane V.S.

In the first semi-final a very skilful Thurles C.B.S. team had an emphatic 6-9 to 3-3 victory over Templemore while Killenaule V.S. scored a merited 2-10 to 1-6 victory over Borrisokane V.S.

The final between Thurles C.B.S. and Killenaule V.S. was a most enjoyable contest and for 45 minutes the underdogs Killenaule V.S. looked poised for a famous victory as they were level with the Thurles boys but in the end the overall strength of the Mid-Tipp boys carried the day on the score 5-8 to 2-3. This Croke Cup victory provided the second leg of a great treble for Thurles C.B.S. as a few months earlier they had captured the Munster (U-16<sup>1</sup>/2A) Dean Ryan Cup and they completed their year in April with a resounding victory in the Fitzgerald Cup.

The Fitzgerald Shield the U-17"B" hurling competition had eight schools participating. The first semi-final between Roscrea C.B.S. and holders Nenagh V.S. was a very enjoyable contest which in the end saw the Roscrea C.B.S. emerge victorious on the score 3-4 to 2-1.

Clonmel C.B.S. defeated Thurles V.S. by 3-5 to



**PATRICIAN PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL FETHARD**  
**Corn Uí Aongusa 1991/92**

*Back Row: Pádraic Cloonan, Stephen O'Donnell, Martin Cuddihy, Tomás Keane, Raymond Condon, David Flanagan, Declan Maher. Middle Row: Tom Neville, John Kelly, John Paul Keane, Paul Fitzgerald, Noel Barry, Michael Bourke, Edmond Walsh, Dick Prendergast (Coach). Front Row: Barry Corbett, Michael Seán McCormack, Damien Byrne (Capt.), Thomas Bourke, Martin Phelan.*

2-6 in the second semi-final thus the way was clear for the final.

This game played in Holycross saw Roscrea C.B.S. emerge deserving winners on the score 1-6 to 0-4.

The premier post-primary hurling competition in the county is the Fitzgerald Cup and this years competition had eight teams participating. The semi-finalists to emerge after four very good first round games were Our Ladys Templemore, Nenagh C.B.S., Tipperary C.B.S., and Thurles C.B.S.

Our Ladys Templemore defeated Nenagh C.B.S. 3-16 to 1-8 in the first semi-final and after a very tough second semi-final Thurles C.B.S. defeated Tipperary C.B.S. by 0-11 to 0-8.

The final between Templemore and Thurles played in Semple Stadium saw some fine hurling but the very talented Thurles C.B.S. team were much the stronger and in the end emerged clear cut winners on the score 1-11 to 0-5 thus completing a tremendous year for that famous nursery. With the talent available at the moment in Thurles C.B.S. the glory days of yesteryear could once again return.

Heretofore the hurling competitions in the county were organised by the above committee while the domestic football competitions were run by a separate committee. From 1992 onwards this situation no longer prevails. As the result of a county senior board directive a new post-primary school board has been formed which will have the overall responsibility for the organisation and running of both the hurling and football competitions. This sub-committee is now in existence and have made the draws and fixtures for all this years competitions with the exception of the U-14 football which is organised in blitz format and usually takes place on the second Wednesday in May. It is hoped that this new format will help towards better organisation and will eliminate clashes of fixtures.

On the Munster Colleges scene we had a reason-



**Nenagh C.B.S. "Corn an Phiarsaigh" winners 1992**

*Front Row: Ruan Casey, Cronin Casey, Darragh Quinn, Kevin Nealon, Paul Ryan, John Slattery. Second Row: M. Slattery, David McGrath, John Maher, Tadhg Gleeson, John Ryan, Rory McDonnell, Michael Behans. Third Row: John Paul O'Meara, Brian Carllison, Damien O'Meara, Brian Farrell, Arthur Finnian, Martin Callaghan, Denis Lynch, Denis O'Dwyer. Back Row: Orain O'Brien, Michael Fogarty, Sean O'Brien, Trevor Boland, Marc O'Leary, U. Kyme.*





### Croke Cup Tipperary Under16 — Thurles C.B.S.

*Back Row: Vincent Stapleton, Michael Kennedy, Mark Wade, Pat Lawlor, Pat Coman, Johnny Enright, Damien Harris, Colin Coppinger. Middle Row: Mr Peter O'Shea (Trainer), Tony Bourke, Noel Ryan, Austin Cooney, Seamus Costello, David Dunne, Mr Tom Clarke (Trainer). Front Row: Mark King, Matthew O'Dowd, Anthony Kirby, Jimmy Darcy, Liam Scully, Brian Lamphier, Kevin Lanigan Ryan.*

ably successful year. Thurles C.B.S. produced a brilliant display of hurling in Nenagh to defeat Limerick C.B.S. 5-3 to 2-4 in the Dean Ryan Cup final thus bridging a twenty seven year gap as their last victory was in 1965.

Tipperary C.B.S. completed a marvellous year for the school when they captured the All-Ireland Colleges senior hurling "B" championship with an emphatic victory over Roscommon C.B.S. in Tullamore. Before that they had an excellent victory in the Munster Final defeating Hospital and thus capturing the Corn Phadraig for the first time in the schools history.

Tipperary C.B.S. also captured a Munster U-15 "B" football championship when a very talented team brought back the Corn na Banndan to the Abbey.

The Rice Cup U-14 hurling championship saw the pendulum swing away from Tipp dominance to Kilkenny with Our Ladys Templemore being the only Tipp team to reach the semi-final stages but they were beaten by a superior Kilkenny C.B.S. on the score 1-8 to 0-6. Kilkenny subsequently won the trophy defeating Callan C.B.S. in the process.

In the Munster U-15 "B" hurling (Corn an

Phiarsaigh) we had a tremendous Tipperary success when Nenagh C.B.S. captured the trophy with a thrilling 4-8 to 3-6 victory over Scariff Comprehensive College who had defeated another Tipperary school, Our Ladys Templemore by 1-7 to 0-6 in the semi-final.

Once again it gives me no great pleasure to relate that no Tipperary school figured in the concluding stages of the greatest colleges hurling competition of them all, the prestigious Harty Cup. Despite that, we had some encouraging signs as Our Lady's Templemore put up a very promising display in their first round game before loosing out to out-

right winners St. Coleman's Fermoy by a one point margin 1-10 to 1-9.

Thurles C.B.S. in their first round game gave indications of brighter days ahead with a gallant effort against Middleton C.B.S. and were unlucky to loose out in the end by a two point margin 2-6 to 1-7.

Nenagh C.B.S. who had reached a final and a semi-final in the two previous years are in the process of rebuilding a team to challenge for outright honours and they put up quite a respectable show before loosing out to Ard Scoil Ris, Limerick on the score 2-13 to 0-11.

Killenaule V.S. who have made tremendous progress over the past number of years on the hurling scene had a memorable victory in the All-Ireland Junior Schools Championship with an outstanding victory over Gort V.S. in the final on the score 3-4 to 2-4. In the Munster V.S. U-14 hurling championship we had two Tipperary schools contesting the final — Thurles V.S. and Roscrea V.S. and in the end of an enjoyable and high scoring game Thurles V.S. captured the trophy.

To conclude this account of schools hurling in the county it gives me no greater pleasure to relate that despite the efforts of schools, clubs, Bord na nOg etc. we have not achieved our ultimate goal of bringing back the All-Ireland Minor hurling title to this county.

It is now eleven years since the Irish Press Cup visited the premier county and many questions have been asked as to the reason. In my opinion it is high time that we got our priorities right and we should try to give the colleges and clubs plenty of time in September and October to prepare for their competitions and try and avoid imposing tournaments like the Garda cup and the Nenagh Co-Op tournaments on us as they are putting extra pressure on the already over pressurised talented young players.

The result of all those extra games, at a time of the year not conducive to hurling, results in my opinion to "burn out" rather than to the development of the skills of the players of tomorrow.

If all concerned could show a little bit of common sense and put the overall good of the county before personal projects and initiatives, the developing young player might get a better chance to develop and improve his skills in a proper environment.



*Presentation of cheque by County Board to Tipperary Post-Primary Schools Committee. County Board Chairman Mick Maguire (second left) presenting a cheque to John Costigan, secretary Tipperary Post-Primary Schools committee. Also included in photo Gerry Ring, Tipperary Post-Primary Schools Committee (left) and Mick Frawley, Chairman Tipperary GAA Members Draw Committee.*



### Fitzgerald Cup Tipperary Under 17 — Thurles C.B.S.

*Back Row: Pádraig Barrett, Michael Lee, Robert Stakelum, Alan Joyce, Pat Lawlor, Pat Coman, Johnny Enright, Jimmy Darcy, Raymond O'Dowd, Tom Larkin. Middle Row: Mr Peter O'Shea, Michael McCarthy, John Gleeson, Tadhg Bourke, Noel Ryan, Anthony Kirby, Tom Fogarty, Peter Broderick, Seamus Costello, John Callanan, Liam Ryan, Mr. Tom Clarke (Trainer). Front Row: Matthew O'Dowd, Raymond Carew, Gerry Spain, John Ryan (Capt.), Pat Murray, Brian Lamphier, Nollaig Heffernan, Daniel Griffin.*



# Abbey C.B.S. bring All-Ireland Crown to Tipperary

The Abbey has savoured many successes in the recent past, the Harty Cup triumph in 1959, winning the Dean Ryan Cup in 1987, winning the Rice Cup in 1990. These were historic firsts. Now in 1992 another milestone has been reached – the winning of the All-Ireland 'B' senior hurling championship.

All these successes have been hard earned and reflect the commitment of the pupils and staff of the school to the promotion of Gaelic games. It is also clear that success on the games front goes hand in hand with academic success.

Indeed this victory was also savoured by our past pupils, many of whom travelled to support the school and maintain the link.

The first game in Ballyhooley saw the Abbey take on the previous years All-Ireland 'B' finalists, Coláiste an Spioraíd naomh from Cork. On the day the Abbey hurled well and had built up a comfortable lead, but had to fight in the end against a late rally by Coláiste an Spioraíd Naomh to hold on to a goal lead at the end.

The next game was in the semi-final in Boherlahan against neighbours Cashel C.B.S. This was a close evenly contested game in the championship for the Abbey and they held on to win by the slenderest of margins.

Then to the final in Emly against De La Salle, Hospital. The Abbey had injury problems, in particular team captain Brian Lacey who was on crutches. Padraig Moloney too was on the injury list. Both of these were on the Tipperary minor hurling panel. However, the Abbey rose magnificently to the occasion and an early goal blitz gave them the cushion needed to hold on for a four point victory.

Then to the All-Ireland semi-final against St. McNissis in Trim. The Abbey held out after playing the second half against a gale force wind. Tullamore was the venue for the final. Conditions were terrible. A thunder and lightning start to the game – a great first half which left Roscommon in a hopeless position in the second half. Eamon Wynne said it all on the "Nationalist".

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Paddy Kelly (manager Abbey C.B.S. team) and wife Siobhán receives presentation from Michael Ryan, Abbey C.B.S. Principal.

## Path to Final

### MUNSTER

Round 1  
Semi-final  
Final

Abbey C.B.S. 2-7  
Abbey C.B.S. 1-9  
Abbey C.B.S. 3-4

Coláiste na Spioraíd naomh 2-4  
Cashel C.B.S. 1-8  
De La Salle, Hospital 0-9

### ALL-IRELAND

Semi-Final  
Final

Abbey C.B.S. 0-13  
Abbey C.B.S. 4-8

St. McNissis 1-2  
Roscommon C.B.S. 1-7

Colleges senior hurling 'B' Final . . .

## Abbey's power display brings home title

Abbey C.B.S., Tipperary 4-8

Roscommon C.B.S. 1-7

A truly turbo-charged first-half display, at the end of which they had amassed a commanding interval lead of sixteen points, propelled Abbey C.B.S., Tipperary, to a comprehensive win over Roscommon C.B.S. in Sunday's All-Ireland colleges senior hurling 'B' final at O'Connor Park, Tullamore, as they claimed their first-ever national senior hurling crown.

Their richly-deserved and historic ten-points victory, achieved with no little sweat and effort, saw the Tipperary town school gloriously bridge a 33-year gap since they last captured a major senior title, when they won the Harty Cup in 1959.

The foundation for the win was laid in the opening thirty minutes. Roscommon captain, Liam Murray, won the toss but his decision to play into the gale in the first-half was hardly an inspired one, especially when the wind dropped in strength at the interval, although it blew up again later on.

Supported by the breeze, the Abbey took Route One, the most direct path to

goal and it was an approach that paid dividends.

They got the boost of a goal from Kevin O'Sullivan after four minutes, when Michael Collins and Padraig Moloney helped him out, and while there were few frills to their game as they bombarded the Roscommon goal, they already had one hand on the O'Chaoimh Cup at half-time.

Team which played in the All-Ireland Final:

**ABBEY C.B.S. (Tiobraid Árann)**

M. Ó Sé  
MARK O'SHEA

R. Ó Dónaill  
RODNEY O'DONNELL

C. Ó Fioinn  
KIERAN FLYNN

M. Ó Gáinín  
MARK GLEESON

D. Ó Croimin  
DENIS CREMINS

A. Ó Duibhir  
AIDAN O'DWYER

D. Breathnach  
DON WALSH

B. Ó Laitheas  
BRIAN LACEY

S. MacGiolla Mháirtín  
JOHN KILMARTIN

M. Ó Coileáin  
MICHAEL COLLINS

T. Ó Máirtín  
TOM MARTIN

B. Ó Fogartaigh  
BRIAN FOGARTY

C. Ó Sé  
CONOR O'SHEA

P. Ó Macdomhnaigh  
PADRAIG MOLONEY

C. Ó Súilleabháin  
KEVIN O'SULLIVAN

Subs: Rory Kissane for Thomas Martin; Michael Stokes for Denis Cremins.  
Manager: Paddy Kelly.



## VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS HURLING

# Thurles Vocational School captures Munster Title

**T**HURLES Vocational School won the Munster under-14 hurling Championship on Tuesday, 26th May, when they had a convincing win over Roscrea V.S. This competition is confined to first year pupils and run on an open draw basis.

Early round wins over Nenagh V.S., Ennis V.S. and a most exciting win over Killenaule V.S. set the scene for a first time final appearance. Roscrea sportingly agreed to travel to Thurles if an opportunity to play in Semple Stadium was available.

### THE FINAL

Semple Stadium was at its best and the day perfect for hurling with hardly a breeze, when referee Sammy Ryan (Golden) set the final in motion.

Thurles started the game in tremendous style and were 1-2 up after five minutes. With David Minchin and Michael Kennedy dominating centrefield for Thurles, forwards John Roberts, Donal Lacey, John Ferncombe and Conor Ryan all registered scores. Roscrea battled back with Tadgh O'Connor, David Loughnane and Paul Dollard to the fore. At half-time Thurles led by 4-6 to 1-6.

The second half started with Thurles on the attack once again picking off some very good scores.

Roscrea tried hard to get back into the game and thoroughly tested the Thurles defence in which Kevin Jordon (goals), John Fogarty, John Heffernan and Donal Carew were outstanding.

But at the end, there was only one team in it. As the final whistle sounded there was jubilant scenes from the Thurles



*The Tipperary Vocational Schools hurling team which failed narrowly to Cork at Semple Stadium. Back row (left to right): Tommy Hough, Risteard Cassidy, Conor Egan (captain), Paul Shelley, Noel Wall, Tomas O'Toole, Paul Darcy, Tom Gleeson, Gavin O'Mahony, Michael O'Connor, Clement Smith. Front Row: Robert Tomlinson, Pat Croke, Michael O'Rourke, Keith Slevin, Larry Hayes, Enda Egan, Padraig Treacy, Michael Ferncombe, Kevin Dwan.*

contingent. Their boys had prepared long and hard for this historic victory.

This was a fine under-14 game played in a sporting manner with great skill being displayed by both teams.

Sincere thanks must also be extended to referee Mr. Sammy Ryan (Golden) who did an excellent job and contributed in no small way to a great game of hurling.

Thurles V.S.: Kevin Jordon (Durlas Og); Cathal Ely (Moyne), John Fogarty

(Holycross), Eamon Slattery (Clonoulty); Donal Carew (Upperchurch); John Heffernan (Clonoulty); David Croke (Durlas Og); David Minchin (Moycarkey); Michael Kennedy (Clonoulty); John Roberts (Durlas Og); Brendan Dwyer (Holycross); John Ferncombe (Holycross); Pierce Butler (Moyne); Donal Lacey (Clonoulty), Conor Ryan (do.). Subs: John Kearney, Colm O'Grady, Pat Flynn, Michael Ryan, Conor Bannon, Timmy Ryan, Paudie Sheehan, F. Glasheen.



*Thurles Vocational School - Munster Under-14 Champions. Back Row (l-r): Brendan Dwyer, Eamon Slattery, John Heffernan, Donal Lacey, John Fogarty, Conor Ryan, David Minchin, Cathal Ely. Front Row (l-r): David Croke, John Roberts, Michael Kennedy, Kevin Jordon, John Ferncombe, Donal Carew, Pierce Butler.*

### Vocational School Team Selectors



*Selectors of the Tipperary Vocational School team (left to right): Mick Keely, Sean Scully and John O'Riordan.*



# Scoil Ruain, Killenaule, brings an All-Ireland title to Tipperary

**T**HE year 1991-1992 was a rewarding year for Scoil Ruain, winning the Junior Hurling All-Ireland, the Munster B Senior Hurling title, and the U-14 South Tipperary Hurling title as well as qualifying for the Croke Cup final.

## JUNIOR HURLING ALL-IRELAND

This campaign began for Scoil Ruain in 1990 when two teams were entered in the county championships. This decision was vindicated when both teams won through to meet in the final, which was played in Killenaule in May 1991. The team to play in the Munster Championship was selected from that panel of 40 players.

The Munster campaign began with a victory over a fancied Charleville team. The next victory was over Causeway in a hard fought game. The team improved with each match and they saw 1990 out with a victory over Borrisokane, in the Munster Final, where the skill, commitment and great teamwork of this team was in evidence. Following a lengthy break in the championship, Scoil Ruain had a

comprehensive victory over Ulster champions Portaferry in the All-Ireland semi-final on April 4th. They had now qualified to meet reigning champions St. Colman's, Gort, in the All-Ireland final at Newmarket-on-Fergus, on April 26.

The day turned out wet and windswept which rendered playing conditions treacherous. Scoil Ruain played with the strong wind in the first half and their task looked formidable when at the end of the first quarter Gort led by four points. However, Scoil Ruain mounted a tremendous effort to lead 2-3 to 1-3 at half-time.

Scoil Ruain stepped up their performance against the wind but their failure to convert their superiority into scores left them in a vulnerable position, especially when a Gort goal reduced their lead to only 4 points with fifteen minutes left for play.

Staunch defending held Gort to just one point for the remainder of the game and when the final whistle sounded, Scoil Ruain were All-Ireland champions for the second time in four years. Well done to

trainer Andy Fox and his team whose outstanding qualities were discipline and team spirit. Also well done to the local clubs who supplied these young players ready to take on this challenge.

**Scorers:** Scoil Ruain - B. Brennan, G. Ivors and G. Dalton (1-0 each); L. Cahill (0-2); K. Cleary and P. Shelly (0-1 each). Gort: L. Madden (1-1); S. Keane (1-0); N. Linnane (0-3).

**Team:** T. Walsh (Ballingarry), A. Hassett (Holycross), D. Grogan (Killenaule), T. Griffin (St. Patrick's), K. Browne (Killenaule), P. Shelly (Killenaule), O. Fitzgerald (Killenaule); K. O'Reilly (Cashel), P. Ryan (Killenaule), L. Hayes (Killenaule), G. Dalton (Mullinahone), P. Croke (Mullinahone), K. Cleary (Killenaule), J. Noonan (St. Patrick's), B. Hogan (Gortnahoe/Glen-goole).

Scoil Ruain also took the U-14 South Tipperary Hurling title and our U-16 Camogie team made their debut in the County League and had a good run to the semi-final.



SCOIL RUAIN - ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS 1992

BACK ROW (l-r): J. Clarke, R. Cahill, P. Noonan, P. Ryan, M. Ivors, C. O'Brien, G. Dalton, B. Hogan, K. O'Meara, B. Mullally, D. Taylor, K. Clery, A. Fox (Trainer). FRONT (l-r): C. Dunne, G. Ivors, B. Brennan, G. Hogan, M. Butler, P. Shelley (Capt.), K. Browne, E. Tuohy, T. Griffin, P. P'Grady.

## ROINN 'B' COUNTY FINAL

Ardfinnan 2-9 Cahir 3-2

**Ardfinnan N.S.:** Adrian Barrett, Jason Maher, Brian Coffey, Kieran Coffey, Michael Flynn, James Maher, Liam Ryan, Trevor O'Leary (0-2), Patrick Norton (0-1), Thomas Ryan, James Nugent (1-4), David Hackett (1-1), Trevor Coveney, Diarmaid O'Mahoney, and Patrick Quinlan (0-1). Subs: Michael O'Donnell, Gary Condon, Tom Ryan, Sean Barrett and Christopher Glavin.

**Cahir B.N.S.:** Stephen Flannery, Darren Burke, Brendan Fitzgerald, Stephen Burke, Brendan O'Gorman, Brendan Waugh, David Allen, Mark Hogan, Pádraig Roche, Michael Loneran, Tom O'Gorman, Brendan Ryan (0-1), James Cantwell (1-0), Jonathan McCarthy (2-0),

and David Allen (0-1). Subs: Diarmaid Tarrant, Patrick Dolan, Kevin Cormac,

Alan Walsh, Brendan Hally and Damien Loneran.

## U-11 title for SS. Peter & Paul's

SS. Peter & Paul's C.B.S. 10-3  
Carrick C.B.S. 2-1

**SS. Peter & Paul's C.B.S.:** Peter Carey, Ian Purcell, Joseph Cunningham, Declan Walsh, Derek Ryan, Tom Conway, Aidan Griffin, Noel Higgins (1-1), Pierce Larkin (2-0), Paul Ahearne (2-0), David Cairns (0-1), Jonathan Donoghue, Darren O'Connor (4-1), Gary Pollard (1-0), Mark Murray. Subs: P. Drohan, L. O'Reilly, L. Morrissey, I. Hatton, M. Boland, B. Gaw, P. Lawlor, D. Fahey, S. Woods, S. Campbell, D. Campbell, T.

Horne and P. Hennessy.

**Carrick C.B.S.:** Ian Meagher, Christopher Power, Anthony Maye, Adam O'Loughlin, Michael Walsh, Niall O'Shea, Alex O'Sullivan, Darren Walsh, Thomas Fitzgerald, Alan Coady, Anthony O'Donnell, Richard Walsh, Barry Kelly, Robert Hannigan, David Power, Tommy Smith, Barry Drohan, Colin Drohan, John Walsh, John Paul McGrath, Alban Coughlan, Laurence Phelan, Martin Redmond, James Harrison and Aidan O'Callaghan.



# Post-Primary Schools' Football

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**T**HE school-year 1991-'92 saw five competitions being run and pleasingly within the schedule laid-down. The committee is very grateful to all schools, referees and field committees who facilitated this successful staging of our football competitions.

## MacGabhann Cup (under 17 "A" Competition)

This competition is for the larger, stronger schools. However, there are some of the big schools who do not participate, which is a pity. The following is how the competition took shape.

**1st Rounds:** Carrick C.B.S. beat Rockwell College; Clonmel High School beat Fethard.

**Semi-finals:** Clonmel High School beat Nenagh C.B.S.; Tipperary C.B.S. beat Carrick C.B.S.

**Final 26-3-'92:** Clonmel High School captured their fourth title when they beat The Abbey by 1-11 to 0-5 in a fine game, played in Bansha, with Johnny Cummins, Ardfinnan, the referee.

## Cusack Cup (Under-15 "A" Competition)

**Preliminary Round:** Templemore beat Cashel C.B.S.

**1st Rounds:** Carrick C.B.S. beat St. Joseph's, Cahir; Tipperary C.B.S. beat Nenagh C.B.S.; Clonmel High School beat Killenaule Vocational School; Templemore walk-over from Rockwell College.

**Semi-finals:** Tipperary C.B.S. beat Clonmel High School; Carrick C.B.S. beat Templemore.

**Final 26-3-'92:** The Abbey had a clearcut victory of 2-17 to 1-3 over Carrick when this game was played as a curtain-raiser to the under-17 final in Bansha. T.J. Corby was the referee.

## MacGabhann Shield (Under-17 "B" Competition)

**First Rounds:** Borrisoleigh beat Newport Secondary; Cashel Vocational School beat Templemore Vocational School; Cahir Vocational School beat Ballingarry; St. Joseph's, Cahir, beat Tipperary Vocational School.

**Final 12-3-'92:** The final was played in Clonoulty and Cahir Vocational School came out winners over a gallant Borrisoleigh side by 3-7 to 0-4.

## Cusack Shield (Under-15 "B" Competition)

**First Rounds:** Newport Secondary beat Templemore Vocational School; Borrisoleigh beat Cashel Vocational School; Tipperary Vocational School beat Ballingarry; Cahir Vocational School beat Fethard.

**Semi-finals:** Newport Secondary beat Tipperary Vocational School; Borrisoleigh beat Cahir Vocational School.

**Final 19-3-'92:** Newport recorded a fine victory over Borrisoleigh by 4-3 to 0-5 in the final played in Nenagh.

## Under-14 Blitz in Rockwell

The annual under-14 blitz is now a well established fixture in the post-primary school calendar. Without the co-operation of the Rockwell College authorities the event could not take place. As usual, the event is run by Tony Smith and Colm O'Flaherty. This year, John Moloney supplied experienced referees for the day: Tom Meehan, Jimmy O'Donnell, Richie Barry, Sammy Ryan and Paddy Lonergan.

The participating teams were: Tipperary C.B.S., High School Clonmel, Rockwell College, Carrick C.B.S., Cashel C.B.S., Borrisoleigh, Cahir V.S., Clonmel V.S., St. Joseph's Cahir, Tipperary V.S., Fethard, Killenaule, Carrick V.S., Cashel V.S.

After a league play-off, the teams were divided into two competitions, the Cup and the Shield. The cup semi-finals were as follows:

Tipperary C.B.S., 3-3; Fethard, 0-7. Carrick C.B.S., 5-7; Rockwell, 0-3.

In the semi-final, Tipperary C.B.S. defeated Carrick C.B.S. by 5-3 to 3-2.

The Shield semi-finals resulted as follows: Cashel V.S., 1-4; High School "B" 1-3. Borrisoleigh "A", 1-7; Tipperary "B", 1-2.

In the final, Borrisoleigh "A" defeated Cashel V.S. by 4-5 to 0-7.



CASHEL V.S. - MacGabhann Shield (Under-17 "B" Competition)

**BACK ROW (l-r):** Paul Frazer, Colm Carroll, Kevin White, Brendan Browne, Gavin O'Mahony, Glen McGee, Tom D'Arcy, Gerard Lonergan. **SEATED:** John Kinahan, Jim Delaney, Shane O'Mahony, William Cleary, Eamonn Lonergan, Derek O'Mahony, Brendan Healy.



ABBEY C.B.S. - Munster and Tipperary U-15 Football Champions 1991

**BACK ROW:** P. McEvoy, D. Crosse, D. Quinlan, M. Hourigan, J. Nugent, H. Huet, M. Cummins, D. O'Dwyer, B. Reardon, D. McGrath, K. Ryan, T. Cuss, M. Whyte, J. Daly. **FRONT ROW:** M. Brady, M. O'Shea, N. Clifford, M. O'Brien, N. Halligan, B. Leonard, T. Leonard, D. Fogarty (capt.), B. Maguire, B. Murray, P. Bourke, A. Crosse, J. Peters.





*CLONMEL HIGH SCHOOL – Winners of the McGowan Cup*

*BACK ROW (l-r): G. Cantwell, M. Byrne, P. Cahill, T. Fahy, K. Boyle, E. Morrissey, P. Smith, P. Williams. MIDDLE ROW (l-r): O. Cahill, G. O'Brien, A. O'Dwyer, N. Dempsey, J. McNamara, J. Conway, G. Granville, J. Tobin (Ml. Forrestal, Tony Gleeson - Teachers). FRONT ROW (l-r): J. Keating, T. Flynn, O. McGrath, D. Robin, I. Crotty, D. Harvey, K. Ryan, B. Morrissey.*



*S.S. PETER'S & PAUL'S C.B.S. CLONMEL – County U-11 Football Champions*

*FRONT (l-r): Darren O'Connor, Thomas Conway, Pierce Larkin, Joseph Cunningham, Peter Carey, Noel Higgins (Capt.), Paul Ahearne, Aidan Griffin, David Cairns. MIDDLE (l-r): Liam O'Reilly, Declan Walsh, Jonathan Donoghue, Martin Boland, Gary Pollard, Derek Ryan, Mark Murray, Ian Purcell, Donncha Campbell. BACK (l-r): Mr. C. Ryan (trainer), Paul Fennessy, Liam Morrissey, Paul Drohan, Iain Hatton, Tony Horne, Caoimhin Campbell, Patrick Lawlor, Brian Gaw, Declan Fahey, Stephen Woods, Mr. T. Norris.*

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# The late Fr. James Meehan remembered

A PROFOUND sense of sadness permeated the Archdiocese of Cashel and Emly, and extended further afield at the news of the death of Very Rev. James Meehan, A.P., former Parish Priest of New Inn and Knockgraffon. The late Fr. Meehan, a native of Clonmore, Co. Tipperary, will be remembered as a true champion of the underprivileged.

Once news emerged of Fr. Meehan's passing, in his age of 70, almost instantly glowing tributes were paid right through the community of a man who personified the true face of the Church. From the day of his ordination to the Priesthood at Maynooth College, right up to the time of his unexpected death Fr. James remained peerless in his kindness, and generosity, as a servant of God to all class and creed.

A real paragon of Christianity, his deeds were well known, and highly appreciated, and in all the tributes paid to him there emerges a picture of a great man of the people whose loss will be sorely felt.

Fr. James, who last year celebrated in his native parish, Clonmore, the 40th anniversary of his ordination, spent his early years in the Parish of View Park, Uddington, Scotland, and later returned to New Inn, in succession to the late Canon Timothy Murnane. He was to spend twenty-one years of his priesthood life in Thurles where he served as Administrator, and he later returned to New Inn as Parish Priest.

It has often been said of Fr. Meehan that he put people in need first. Whether in his religious duties which he carried out with sheer zeal and devotion to his last days, or in his many activities in social spheres, he saw God's presence in the disadvantaged and needy in society.

As a priest he was truly a model pastor



of the Church, a man of great compassion and understanding, while at the same time an outstanding spiritual leader. Yet despite his ever present rôle in many areas of community life, Fr. James always shunned the spotlight, and remained a very humble man. Never the one to claim credit for his kind actions, he liked nothing better than a fireside chat and a good yarn, with friends.

A keen hurling and football fan, he took a special interest in G.A.A. activities in the parishes of Thurles, and New Inn, and of course he retained his love for his native Clonmore, and indeed neighbouring Killea.

His work for the youth, especially in

organising street Leagues too is legendary. He was involved in Feile na nGael in its infancy. He became Chairman of the Mid Bord na nÓg. He presented the Paddy Joe' O'Brien Cup to the Mid Senior Board for Junior Hurling. Conscious of the importance of fostering Gaelic games in our rural schools, he presented a trophy for rural schools hurling competition in the late seventies.

Chief celebrants of the Mass were His Grace, Most Rev. Dermot Clifford, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly, and Archbishop Emeritus Dr. Thomas Morris, a lifelong friend of the late Fr. Meehan.

In his homily Dr. Clifford appropriately described Fr. Meehan as "a unique man". He performed, he said, his priestly duties to the highest order, and he had "a gentle persistence in getting things done for the community, especially those most in need".

A native of Clonmore, Fr. Meehan was born on August 24th, 1922, and studied for the priesthood at St. Patrick's College, Thurles, and Maynooth. He was ordained on June 18th, 1950, at Maynooth, and immediately went on a temporary mission to Motherwell in Scotland. In March, 1954 he returned to Ireland and was appointed curate to the Parish of New Inn, and four years later returned to Thurles as curate.

He was appointed Administrator in Thurles in October, 1971, and returned to New Inn as Parish Priest in June, 1982. He has been A.P., in the parish since September, 1991.

While Fr. Meehan's love for people was unquestionable his steadfast loyalty to his family was a most striking feature and sincere sympathy is extended to the Meehan family and relatives.



Yearbook 1992 Quiz Winners with their trophies (left to right): John Tobin, Kilsheelan; Harry McCoy, Roscrea and David Kenneally, Kilsheelan.



## Munster Council Officers 1992

Left to right: Noel Walsh (Incoming Vice-Chairman); Declan Moylan (Treasurer); Donal Nealon (Secretary); Tom Boland (Incoming Chairman); Michael Maher, Outgoing Chairman), Fr. S. Gardiner (P.R.O.).



# SCOREBOARD 1992

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## COUNTY FINALS

<b>Senior Hurling:</b>	
Toomevara . . . . .	0-12
Thurles Sarsfields . . . . .	1-6
(Replay)	
Toomevara . . . . .	0-11
Thurles Sarsfields . . . . .	1-8
(Draw)	
<b>Senior Football:</b>	
Loughmore C. . . . .	1-9
Fethard . . . . .	0-10
(Replay)	
Loughmore C. . . . .	0-10
Fethard . . . . .	0-10
(Draw)	
<b>Intermediate Hurling:</b>	
Burgess . . . . .	
Knockvilla Kickhams . . . . .	
<b>Intermediate Football:</b>	
Aherlow . . . . .	
Ballyporeen . . . . .	
<b>Junior Hurling:</b>	
Lattin Cullen . . . . .	2-10
Ballinahinch . . . . .	2-9
<b>Junior Football:</b>	
<b>Under-21 'A' Hurling:</b>	
Moneygall . . . . .	1-12
Cashel K.C. . . . .	1-7
<b>Under-21 'B' Hurling:</b>	
Aherlow . . . . .	2-9
Silvermines . . . . .	2-8
<b>Under-21 'A' Football:</b>	
Nenagh Éire Óg . . . . .	
Aherlow . . . . .	
<b>Under-21 'B' Football:</b>	
Ardfinnan . . . . .	1-13
Lattin Cullen . . . . .	0-12
<b>Minor 'A' Hurling:</b>	
Nenagh Éire Óg . . . . .	3-15
Thurles Sarsfields . . . . .	2-5
<b>Minor 'B' Hurling:</b>	
Ballingarry . . . . .	1-10
Rahealy . . . . .	1-6
<b>Minor 'A' Football:</b>	
Clonmel Commercial . . . . .	1-9
Arravale Rovers . . . . .	0-9
<b>Minor 'B' Football:</b>	
Knockavilla K. . . . .	2-5
Cahir . . . . .	0-9
<b>Under-16 'A' Hurling:</b>	
Dúrlas Óg . . . . .	5-8
St. Mary's . . . . .	0-6
<b>Under-16 'B' Hurling:</b>	
Fr. Sheehy's . . . . .	1-12
Ballina/Ballinahinch . . . . .	1-9
<b>Under-16 'A' Football:</b>	
Cahir . . . . .	2-5
Arravale Rovers . . . . .	1-9
<b>Under-16 'B' Football:</b>	
Fr. Sheehy's . . . . .	3-10
Holycross/Ballycahill . . . . .	2-7
<b>Under-14 U/R Hurling:</b>	
Roscrea . . . . .	3-2
Dúrlas Óg . . . . .	1-2
<b>Under-14 Rural Hurling:</b>	
Cahir . . . . .	3-3
Clonoulty Rossmore . . . . .	1-7
<b>Under-14 U/R Football:</b>	
Cahir . . . . .	2-11
Nenagh Éire Óg . . . . .	1-4
<b>Under-14 Rural Football:</b>	
Cappawhite . . . . .	4-9
Cahir . . . . .	2-10
(Replay & Extra Time)	
<b>Under-12 Hurling:</b>	
Drom Inch . . . . .	6-4
Ballingarry . . . . .	1-4
<b>Under-12 Football:</b>	
Galtee Rovers . . . . .	4-3
Ardfinnan . . . . .	3-5

## INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS - HURLING

<b>Senior:</b>	
<i>Sunday, June 7 at Páirc Uí Chaoimh</i>	
Cork . . . . .	2-12
Tipperary . . . . .	1-12
<b>Junior:</b>	
<i>Sunday, June 7, at Páirc Uí Chaoimh</i>	
Cork . . . . .	2-12
Tipperary . . . . .	0-8
<b>Under-21:</b>	
<i>Wednesday, June 17 at Ennis</i>	
Clare . . . . .	1-14
Tipperary . . . . .	0-13
<b>Minor:</b>	
<i>Wednesday, April 15 at Mitchelstown</i>	
Tipperary . . . . .	1-7
Limerick . . . . .	0-9
<i>Friday, May 1, at Limerick</i>	
Tipperary . . . . .	1-11
Cork . . . . .	0-11
<i>Sunday, July 5, at Páirc Uí Chaoimh</i>	
Tipperary . . . . .	3-10
Waterford . . . . .	4-7
(Draw)	
<i>Friday, July 24, at Páirc Uí Chaoimh</i>	
Waterford . . . . .	2-10
Tipperary . . . . .	0-14
(Replay)	
<b>Under-16 Munster Championship:</b>	
West Waterford . . . . .	3-10
West Tipperary . . . . .	3-7
South Tipperary . . . . .	6-9
Muskerry (Cork) . . . . .	0-0
Mid Tipperary . . . . .	1-10
East Clare . . . . .	1-8
South Tipperary . . . . .	1-16
West Waterford . . . . .	1-5
Cork City . . . . .	4-7
North Tipperary . . . . .	1-6
Mid Tipperary . . . . .	3-7
Avondhu (Cork) . . . . .	1-7
Imokilly (Cork) . . . . .	3-12
South Tipperary . . . . .	1-11
<b>Semi-Final:</b>	
Mid Tipperary . . . . .	4-10
Limerick City . . . . .	1-2
<b>Final:</b>	
Mid Tipperary . . . . .	5-15
Cork City . . . . .	2-6

## MASTERS' OVER-40 CHAMPIONSHIP

Kilkenny . . . . .	2-8
Tipperary . . . . .	2-6
Tipperary . . . . .	4-14
Laois . . . . .	2-5
Tipperary . . . . .	3-15
Waterford . . . . .	2-9
<b>Semi-Final:</b>	
Tipperary . . . . .	1-14
Wexford . . . . .	1-11
<b>Final:</b>	
Tipperary . . . . .	1-9
Dublin . . . . .	1-2

## INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP - FOOTBALL

<b>Senior:</b>	
<i>Sunday, May 17 at Clonmel</i>	
Tipperary . . . . .	2-13
Waterford . . . . .	0-13
<i>Sunday, June 21 at Limerick</i>	
Clare . . . . .	2-11
Tipperary . . . . .	2-7

<b>Junior:</b>	
<i>Sunday, May 17 at Clonmel</i>	
Waterford . . . . .	0-11
Tipperary . . . . .	1-7
<b>Under-21:</b>	
<i>Wednesday, June 10 at Clonmel</i>	
Cork . . . . .	1-11
Tipperary . . . . .	0-8
<b>Minor:</b>	
<i>Wednesday, May 13 at Beauford</i>	
Kerry . . . . .	1-15
Tipperary . . . . .	1-5

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

<b>1991/92 All-Ireland Hurling:</b>	
<b>Quarter Final</b>	
Cashel K.C. . . . .	0-23
Sean Treacy's (London) . . . . .	0-6
<b>Semi Final</b>	
Cashel K.C. . . . .	2-7
Kiltormer (Galway) . . . . .	1-10
Cashel K.C. . . . .	2-11
Kiltormer . . . . .	1-14
(After Extra Time)	
Kiltormer . . . . .	2-8
Cashel K.C. . . . .	1-8
<b>1992/1993 Munster (H):</b>	
<b>Semi Final</b>	
Kilmallock (Limerick) . . . . .	2-7
Toomevara . . . . .	0-11
<b>1992/1003 Munster (F):</b>	
<b>First Round</b>	
St. Senan's (Clare) . . . . .	3-12
Loughmore C. . . . .	2-7

## 1991 COUNTY FINALS

Too late for inclusion in last year's publication

<b>Under-21 'A' Hurling:</b>	
Cashel K.C. . . . .	0-12
Erin's More . . . . .	0-7
<b>Under-21 'A' Football:</b>	
Nenagh Éire Óg . . . . .	1-12
Aherlow . . . . .	1-9
<b>Under-21 'B' Football:</b>	
Knockavilla K. . . . .	1-8
Boherlahan Dualla . . . . .	1-3
<b>Junior Football:</b>	
St. Patrick's, Drangan . . . . .	1-9
Upperchurch Drombane . . . . .	0-5
<b>Intermediate Hurling:</b>	
Moneygall . . . . .	3-9
Arravale Rovers . . . . .	2-6
<b>Intermediate Football:</b>	
Grangemockler . . . . .	1-17
Borrismore . . . . .	2-10
(Replay & Extra Time)	

## LEAGUE - TOURNAMENT - CHALLENGE GAMES - HURLING:

<b>Simple Stadium, Erin Foods Challenge</b>	
Cork . . . . .	2-17
Tipperary . . . . .	0-7
<b>Enniscorthy, Damian English Fund</b>	
Tipperary . . . . .	2-13
Wexford . . . . .	2-10
<b>Birr, Royal Liver N.H.L.</b>	
Tipperary . . . . .	2-17
Offaly . . . . .	1-7
<b>Simple Stadium, Royal Liver N.H.L.</b>	
Tipperary . . . . .	5-24
Down . . . . .	2-6
<b>Rathdowney, Royal Liver N.H.L.</b>	
Tipperary . . . . .	2-10
Laois . . . . .	2-10



<b>Ruislip - Challenge</b>	
Tipperary	1-18
Kilkenny	0-13
<b>Cahir, Tournament</b>	
Tipperary	1-11
Clare	1-10
<b>Ennis, Royal Liver N.H.L. Semi-Final</b>	
Tipperary	1-15
Galway	1-8
<b>Enniscorthy, Tournament</b>	
Wexford	6-21
Tipperary	0-11
<b>Limerick, Royal Liver N.H.L. Final</b>	
Limerick	0-14
Tipperary	0-13
<b>Ballinderry Tournament</b>	
Tipperary	0-18
Clare	0-11
<b>Clonmel, Somalia Fund</b>	
Tipperary	2-21
Waterford	2-8
<b>Semple Stadium, Royal Liver N.H.L.</b>	
Tipperary	0-15
Limerick	1-10
<b>Nowlan Park, Royal Liver N.H.L.</b>	
Tipperary	1-10
Kilkenny	1-9
<b>Semple Stadium, Royal Liver N.H.L.</b>	
Tipperary	1-15
Offaly	0-7
<b>Football:</b>	
<b>Semple Stadium, Erin Foods Challenge</b>	
Tipperary	1-13
Down	1-8
<b>Ardfinnan, Royal Liver N.F.L.</b>	
Tipperary	1-13
Waterford	0-8
<b>Ennis, Royal Liver N.F.L.</b>	
Clare	1-12
Tipperary	0-10
<b>Croke Park, N.F.L. Promotion Play-Off</b>	
Monaghan	2-11
Tipperary	1-8
<b>Ennis, McGrath Cup Semi-Final</b>	
Limerick	3-6
Tipperary	1-8
<b>Carlow, All-Ireland 'B' Football Championship</b>	
Carlow	1-9
Tipperary	0-9
<b>Semple Stadium, Royal Liver N.F.L.</b>	
Tipperary	3-12
Carlow	0-10
<b>Newbridge, Royal Liver N.F.L.</b>	
Kildare	0-19
Tipperary	1-12
<b>Semple Stadium, Royal Liver N.F.L.</b>	
Cavan	1-13
Tipperary	1-7
<b>Clonsilla, Royal Liver N.F.L.</b>	
Leitrim	1-13
Tipperary	0-5
<b>Camogie:</b>	
<b>Minor Championship</b>	
Tipperary	6-11
Clare	3-3
Tipperary	6-7
Limerick	3-8
<b>Munster Final</b>	
Tipperary	5-7
Cork	3-4
Tipperary	7-9
Galway	4-3
(Replay)	
<b>All-Ireland Final</b>	
Tipperary	4-9
Kilkenny	1-3
<b>Under-18:</b>	
Tipperary	13-9
Waterford	1-2
Tipperary	7-9
Limerick	3-3
<b>Munster Final</b>	
Tipperary	2-9
Clare	2-9
<b>Junior Championship:</b>	
Tipperary	6-14
Waterford	1-6

<b>Munster Final</b>	
Tipperary	2-17
Limerick	1-7
Tipperary	1-12
London	2-3
Tipperary	4-7
Kilkenny	1-7
<b>All-Ireland Final</b>	
Tipperary	6-13
Galway	2-7
<b>County Finals:</b>	
<b>Senior</b>	
Toomevara	0-7
Cashel	0-6
<b>Intermediate</b>	
St. Mary's Clonmel	1-2
St. Bernadette's, Roscrea	0-4
<b>Junior</b>	
Knockavilla D	1-5
Shannon Rovers	2-2
Knockavilla D	3-2
Shannon Rovers	1-3
(Replay)	

## JUVENILE RESULTS

<b>Nenagh Co-Op Under-16 Hurling:</b>	
Tipperary	0-20
Waterford	0-4
Tipperary	2-10
Wexford	1-3
Tipperary	3-8
Kilkenny	1-9
<b>Semi Final</b>	
Tipperary	4-14
Limerick	0-3
<b>Final</b>	
Kilkenny	4-10
Tipperary	4-9
<b>South East Under-16 Football League:</b>	
<b>Final</b>	
Tipperary	2-9
Wexford	1-6
<b>Garda Cup Under-16:</b>	
<b>Hurling Final</b>	
Mid Tipperary	4-5
South Tipperary	1-10
<b>Football Final</b>	
South Tipperary	2-8
West Tipperary	0-9
<b>Peadar Cumming U-14 Hurling Tournament:</b>	
<b>Semi Finals</b>	
North Tipperary	4-9
West Tipperary	2-3
South Tipperary	3-6
Mid Tipperary	1-2
<b>Final</b>	
South Tipperary	1-9
North Tipperary	0-4
<b>Community Games U/13½ Hurling:</b>	
<b>All-Ireland Semi-Final</b>	
Carrick On Suir	3-11
Portumna (Galway)	2-6
<b>All-Ireland Final</b>	
Carrick On Suir	4-3
Carrigart (Antrim)	0-2

## INTER-FIRM HURLING

<b>Co. Junior Final:</b>	
Proctor & Gamble (Nenagh)	2-9
Freshland Foods (Roscrea)	0-5

## SCHOOLS' RESULTS

<b>Camogie:</b>	
<b>Munster U-15 Colleges' Final</b>	
St. Mary's (Nenagh)	2-3
St. Mary's (Midleton)	2-3
St. Mary's (Nenagh)	7-4
St. Mary's (Midleton)	1-4
(Replay)	
<b>All-Ireland Semi-Final</b>	
St. Mary's (Nenagh)	2-5
Mercy (Roscommon)	2-0

<b>All-Ireland Final</b>	
St. Mary's (Nenagh)	2-5
St. Mary's (Magherafelt)	2-5
St. Mary's (Nenagh)	2-6
St. Mary's (Magherafelt)	0-8
(Replay)	
<b>All-Ireland Vocational Schools Senior Final</b>	
Roscrea Vocational School	0-11
Loughrea Vocational School	1-4
<b>All-Ireland Vocational Schools' Junior Final</b>	
Roscrea Vocational School	1-9
Thomastown Vocational School	2-1
<b>Football:</b>	
<b>Voc. Ed. Committee Munster Junior Football Final</b>	
McSweeney Com. College (Cork)	1-10
Thurles Vocational School	1-5
<b>Tipp. Post Primary Finals U-15</b>	
Abbey C.B.S.	2-17
Carrick On Suir C.B.S.	1-3
<b>U-17</b>	
Clonmel High School	1-11
Abbey C.B.S.	0-5
<b>All-Ireland 'B' Championship Semi-Final</b>	
Tipperary	1-11
Leitrim	0-7
<b>Final</b>	
Tipperary	
Laois	
<b>Hurling:</b>	
<b>Co. Primary Schools Final - Div. A</b>	
Toomevara	2-5
Thurles	2-2
<b>Div. B</b>	
Moneygall	3-3
Littleton	0-5
<b>Div. C</b>	
Inch	2-4
Carrig	0-2
<b>Div. D</b>	
Ballylooby	1-7
Burgess	0-3
<b>Div. E</b>	
Gurtgarry	2-4
Drangan	1-3
<b>Rice Cup U-14 Semi-Final</b>	
Kilkenny C.B.S.	1-7
Our Lady's, Templemore	0-5
<b>Munster U-15 Colleges' Final</b>	
Nenagh C.B.S.	4-7
Scariff C.C.	3-5
<b>Crone Cup Final</b>	
Thurles C.B.S.	5-8
Scoil Ruain, Killaule	2-3
<b>Canon Fitzgerald Final</b>	
Thurles C.B.S.	1-11
Our Lady's, Templemore	0-5
<b>Munster Colleges 'C' Final</b>	
Roscrea C.B.S.	2-4
Hamilton H.S. (Bandon)	1-7
Hamilton H.S.	3-6
Roscrea C.B.S.	1-11
(Replay)	
<b>Munster Colleges 'B' Final</b>	
Abbey C.B.S.	3-9
Pres. D.L.S. Hospital	1-11
<b>All-Ireland Colleges 'B' Semi-Final</b>	
Abbey C.B.S.	0-13
Mac Niss (Antrim)	1-3
<b>All-Ireland Colleges 'B' Final</b>	
Abbey C.B.S.	4-8
Roscommon	1-7
<b>Munster V.E.C. U-14 Final</b>	
Thurles V.S.	6-13
Roscrea	1-10
<b>All-Ireland Junior V.E.C. Semi-Final</b>	
Scoil Ruain, Killaule	5-22
Portaferry (Down)	0-3
<b>Final</b>	
Scoil Ruain, Killaule	3-4
St. Colman's (Gort)	2-4
<b>Munster V.E.C. Senior Semi-Final</b>	
St. Brogan's Bandon	1-10
Roscrea V.S.	1-4
(Replay)	
<b>Inter Co. V.E.C. Championship</b>	
Cork	1-10
Tipperary	1-8



# OBITUARIES

## Ailbe Bourke



*Ailbe Bourke*

It was with great sadness that the village of Emly learned of the untimely death of Ailbe Bourke, after a short illness. Just 12 months previously he had undergone an operation and though early results seemed heartening, it soon became apparent that he was not making the desired recovery. Though he fought for life with great tenacity he had to succumb in the end and died peacefully in his home on the 19th May, 1992, aged 47 years.

Ailbe was a great member of the Emly club, he played football at all levels winning a county junior medal and a West senior medal in 1968.

My own particular memories are of a most loyal and true friend who as my umpire for 14 years, travelled in all weathers the length and breadth of Ireland (I recall long trips to Enniskillen, Kenmare, Doonbeg and Aughrim). He was always available irrespective of the importance of the game and I was especially thrilled that he was with me in Croke Park on All-Ireland Football Final Day 1990.

Ailbe was always willing to offer a bit of constructive criticism when he saw fit and more often the important words of encouragement when things may not have gone so well. I miss him dearly.

His popularity among his parish and surrounding areas was much in evidence by the large crowds in attendance at his funeral. He is survived by his wife Pat, daughters Carol, Antoinette and Gillian.

May he enjoy eternal peace.

P.R.

## Pat Caplice

When the news spread on Sunday, November 24, 1991 that Pat Caplice, aged 39 years had passed to his eternal reward after a long illness it cast a gloom around Skeheenarinky and Kilbehenny and the surrounding areas. Pat was a playing member of

our hurling club during the '70s. He gave great service to the team during those years before moving to live in Kilbehenny. He was also a fine accordion player. His memory will live in the minds and hearts of his legion of friends with whom he shared many a happy occasion especially at the local lounge in Kilbehenny where he entertained with his fine accordion playing.



*Pat Caplice*

The huge crowd who came to pay their last respects at the removal of his remains and funeral was a fitting tribute to the popularity and esteem in which he was held. His coffin was draped in the club colours and club members formed a guard of honour. A great loss to his family. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and young family, his father, brothers, sisters and relatives.

Go ndéann Dea trócaire ar a anam.

E.M.

## Michael Carroll



*Michael Carroll*

The death occurred on February 13th last of Michael Carroll, Boulick House, Clonmel, and formerly of Drombane. A lifelong follower and supporter of Tipperary hurling. He was 87.

The last match he attended was the disappointing Munster Final defeat of Tipperary by Cork in

Thurles in 1990, when he was 86 years of age.

While never a player himself, he was ever proud of the fact that his father, also Michael, was a member of the first Tipperary team to win the All-Ireland in 1887.

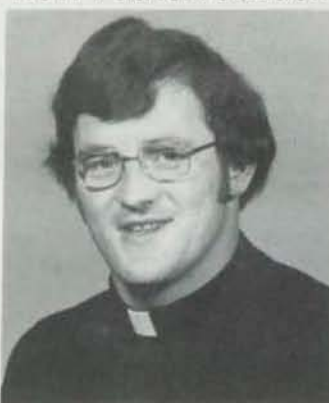
Indeed if he had been spared another few months he would have been very proud to see history repeated after 105 years when his grand-daughter Michelle Kennedy was a member of the Tipperary camogie selection which won Tipp's first adult camogie All-Ireland this year.

A grandson, Harry Nolan, also won a Community Games All-Ireland with Carrick-on-Suir this year.

He is sadly missed by his wife Janie, family and very many friends.

Go ndéana Dia Trocaire ar a anam.

## Rev. Patrick Condon



*Rev. Patrick Condon*

On Monday morning, 17th August, 1992, the parishioners of Emly and the local G.A.A. club were numbed by the tragic news, of the sudden deaths of two of its very active and former players in the prime of their lives, namely Rev. Patrick Condon, R.I.P., Turlock, California, formerly of Ballycurrane, Emly, who died in the U.S.A. and of Mr. Donie McGrath of Farren, Emly, R.I.P.

Rev. Patrick Condon, aged 44 years, was a member of a very respected farming family in Emly, having been educated at the local National School, started second level at the De La Salle school, Hospital, Co. Limerick and completed his secondary schooling at Rochestown college, Cork. In his final year in Cork, Patsy as he was known to his many friends, decided to follow his older brother and sisters into the religious life. Patsy entered St. Patrick's Seminary, Thurles to study for the priesthood and was ordained in June 1975 for the American dioceses of Stockton, California. Throughout his entire school

years, Patsy played all games, but especially football and hurling for his parish, the colleges he attended and later at county football level at all grades from minor, U-21, junior and finally at senior. Patsy was a very skilful and versatile player, with a great dash when the need arose, to split the opposition.

Of the many glorious occasions he shared, I am sure the West Tipperary senior football championship final of 1968 stands out, when he was a key figure in the Emly-Aherlow combination victory over neighbours Lattin-Cullen played at St. Ailbe's Park, Emly, and later that year he helped Emly win the West Tipp junior football title and go on and capture the county championship, after a lapse of 30 years, when they had a sweet victory over North champions - Lorrha in the county final played at Semple Stadium, Thurles. The following year, Patsy was one of three players chosen from Emly, to play for the Tipperary junior football team in the Munster Championships, Tipperary reached the Munster final but were beaten by Kerry in a very entertaining game. In later years Patsy played for the Tipperary senior football team and was a member of the team which beat Dublin in the "Bloody Sunday" commemoration game of 1972 played at Croke Park.

As well as playing for his parish and county, Patsy played for Clarecastle in the Clare senior hurling championship. During his study for the priesthood, Patsy took leave for three years and while out from college, went to work as an Insurance representative in the Ennis region. In 1970 Patsy won a Clare senior championship in hurling with Clarecastle.

After his ordination in 1975 Patsy went to serve in his American dioceses and returned for many years for his annual holidays. During his 17 years in the priesthood, Patsy served in four parishes in the Stockton dioceses, in St. Luke's, Modesta and finally at St. Anne's, Ladi.

Looking back, as a very close friend who enjoyed his company on many occasions, it is hard to recollect the happenings of some 20 or 30 years. At that time the fullness of life seemed to be passing at a very slow pace, but alas that is not the case, when those many years have elapsed since and now as I sit and gather my thoughts, some 3 months exactly have gone since the "Lord called you Patsy" to His great vineyard. I extend my sympathy to the Condon family on this very sad occasion.



## Joseph Cormack



Joseph Cormack (Rosegreen)

The parish of Cashel and Rosegreen was plunged into sadness in January when news spread of the death in London of Joe Cormack at the early age of 31 years.

Born into a family with a strong G.A.A. tradition, he was the son of James and Ellen Cormack of Lower green and hurling came as second nature to him.

He was a determined and skilful hurler from an early age and played underage hurling with Cashel, and junior hurling with Rosegreen.

In the early eighties he emigrated to England joined the Sean Treacy's club where he continued to play the game he loved so well. Joe was laid to rest in his native Rosegreen, and the large attendance at his funeral testified to the esteem in which he was held. At the removal of the remains members of Rosegreen G.A.A. club formed a guard of honour and his coffin was draped in the club colours.

To his wife, children, mother, father, brothers, sisters, relatives and friends we offer our deepest sympathy. May he rest in peace.

## Ger Cornally



Ger Cornally (Thurles Sarsfields)

Ger Cornally died this year after a long illness. Ger worked with C.I.E. at Thurles station for over 40 years and lived with his two unmarried sisters in a Railway House beside Bowe's pub in Thurles.

His early years in hurling were without success because of the prominence of a great Moycarkey/Borris team of the early thirties, but Sarsfield's with Ger at full-back ended their reign in 1935. This period also saw the rise of the new Thurles Kickham's Club and it is recorded that Sarsfield's won the 1935 County Championship with only one sub.

He wore the Blue No. 3 Jersey for seven further senior county championship successes, 1936, 1938, 1939, 1942, 1944, 1945 and 1946 and finished his hurling career in 1949.

He came to prominence with the county team with his club-mates - Jim Lanigan, Tommy Butler, John Maher, Tommy Doyle and Bunny Murphy with an All-Ireland victory in Killarney in 1937 and in the following year, it is said that but for the Cooney Case, Ger and Tipperary would have annexed another All-Ireland title.

He continued at full-back for Tipperary without any success until again in 1941 - the "Foot and Mouth Year" Ger and his team-mates were again deprived of an All-Ireland crown. 1945 was to be Ger's next All-Ireland success when again at full-back, Tipperary beat Kilkenny in another final.

He captained Munster to a Railway Cup success in 1946 when it was said of him that he was the first ever Railway worker to bring home the Railway Cup.

A very shy man, who never spoke or boasted of his hurling career but up to his death had a keen interest in the affairs of his club and his county.

Ar dheis Dé to raibh a anam.

T. O. B.

## John Costelloe

A feeling of shock, real sadness and deep regret enveloped the parish of Mullinahone and the surrounding area when news broke one Saturday morning of the death at his home in Poulacapple of John Costelloe. Born at Killothea at the foot of Slievenamon. A mere 52 years before John had moved to Poulacapple on his marriage to Brigid Egan and had been quickly absorbed into that famous family and community. My first memory of John Costelloe is that of a slim angular centre-back kicking a big black old-style leather football over the bar for Mullinahone against Arravale Rovers in Clonmel Sportsfield in a county championship semi-final in the early winter of 1965.

The day was bad and it was the first 'fifty I had ever seen scored. John served the Mullinahone club well both as a player and later as an administrator. Returning to Mullinahone from his student days in Rockwell College, John won South Tipperary minor football honours in 1956, junior football honours in 1961 and intermediate honours in

1965. He also appeared in a South Tipp senior final in 1969 after which he prematurely retired. He quickly made his mark as an administrator being probably the man who brought modern administration to Mullinahone G.A.A. club. Ever more than a G.A.A. Gael John was a quietly religious person and a magnificent Community worker. His greatest gift to Mullinahone G.A.A. club was his part (almost solo) in the purchase of Knocknagow Community Sportsfield which was opened in 1982. A true sportsman in victory or defeat John could always raise spirits with a song. No doubt by now "The Mullinahone Fifteen" is an heavenly aria. To Brigid and John's sons and daughters we say thank you for the good that John did. We shall miss him, as you do, even if not so much. May John enjoy the peace of heaven.

## John Donnelly



John Donnelly

The late John Donnelly of Knockanuss, Horse & Jockey, was a dedicated follower of hurling in his native parish and of county teams. John himself had a long playing career. In the late 1940's he graduated from local junior teams onto the Moycarkey senior team with which he was to give sterling service as a defender for many years. His first outing at the top level was in 1950 and he was to go on to win Mid and county No. 1 medals in 1954. Playing on the team which went through a lean period in that decade one felt that in another era John Donnelly would have drafted into any defence and hold his own with the best. In fact John was selected on Mid-Tipp teams for the inter-divisional Miller Shield competition and was selected on Tipperary panels for League and Tournament games.

After his playing days were over John became an ardent supporter of hurling and his critical analysis of all games was keenly sought by his listeners. In recent years he took great pride in the achievements of his son Eamonn who came from a successful under-age career to make the club senior

team and get recognition by the Tipperary under-age selectors. The game has lost a true and loyal patron in John Donnelly.

## Jim Duggan



Jim Duggan (Newcastle)

The death occurred on 15th September, 1992 of Jim Duggan. Known to his many friends as "Big Jim". He played with Newcastle in the 40's and 50's, winning a South junior hurling championship in 1949.

He loved all outdoor sports and was a member of the coursing club and fishing club.

To his daughter Helen and son-in-law Liam and family we extend our sympathy.

Go ndeana Día trocáire ar a anam.

## Richie Fitzgerald



Richie Fitzgerald (Fethard)

On January 25th, 1992, the club lost its longest ever serving officer. Better known as 'Cousin', a jolly happy go lucky man who gave of his time, particularly in later years as a fund raiser. His career on the playing field was ever so reliable, especially during the 1940-1944 era.

He held the office of treasurer from 1940 to 1965 which he carried out diligently and efficiently. His presence and character will be sadly missed by all of us who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Go ndeana Día trocáire ar a anam.

N.O.B.



## Dan Foley



Dan Foley

The news of the death of Dan Foley, Garryroe house, Clonmel, after a brief illness, in September of this year was received with a great sense of loss and sadness throughout the parish and surrounding areas.

Dan spent his whole life as a very extensive and efficient farmer, and will be fondly remembered by those privileged to know him as a great character, extensively witty, a dedicated family man, a good neighbour and a true Gael in every sense of the word.

He was a life-long member of Moyle Rovers G.A.A. club, serving as a player, mentor and committee man for many years. A regular patron at all the games be they club or county, his advice and opinion on all important matters was always readily forthcoming. His proudest moment must surely have been in Kilsheelan late in 1991 when the clubs senior footballers won their first divisional title in which his sons, Donal and Derry played leading roles.

Dan Foley was a good and generous man whose passing we deeply mourn. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Bridget, family and relatives.

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

## Tommy Foran



Tommy Foran

Early Monday morning on 13th April, 1992 the town of Carrick was shocked to hear of

the untimely death of a well respected and much admired member of the community, Tommy Foran.

That Tommy was a revered and lifelong member of Carrick Davins is incidental but behoves me on behalf of the club to pay tribute to him not just in terms of sport, but in the broader sense as a good neighbour and valued member of the community.

Tommy was a down to earth individual whose prowess on the hurling field reaped scant reward, with the minimum of club honours but he did grace the county scene and was an integral part of an All-Ireland junior hurling winning Tipperary team. He also became a much respected referee, officiating at many important club and inter-county games, including an All-Ireland minor final. His most enduring traits, however, were his no nonsense approach to life, his concern at all times for his family, his devotion to the church and his little known charitable and compassionate endeavours over a long number of years. His lifelong love of the Davin club was unsurpassed and on behalf of the Davins and his many friends in the Association, we offer his family our heartfelt condolences.

"Go thugadh Dia trocaire ar a anam".

## Eddie Gleeson



Eddie Gleeson (Thurles Sarsfields)

The sudden death of Eddie Gleeson, in February, came as a great shock, not only to his family, but to the community at large, who held Eddie and the Gleeson family in high esteem. He was aged 72.

A member of a well-known local family, Eddie was an accomplished tradesman whose carpentry skills were very much in demand up to his retirement.

In his younger days, Eddie was an outstanding hurler winning his place on the Tipperary team on the strength of impressive showings in Sarsfields' colours. He won a number of championships with "The Blues" but the highlight of his career was surely his All-Ireland senior hurling medal won in 1945 when Tipperary beat Kilkenny at Croke Park, a game in which Eddie

scored two second half goals.

Later, he continued his involvement with Sarsfields helping the club to further successes from the sideline by his shrewdness as a selector.

Apart from hurling, Eddie's other great love, outside his family, was Irish music. He was a talented fiddle player and greatly enjoyed his weekly sessions with other local musicians.

However, he was first and foremost a family man, and his passing is a great loss to his wife Bess, son Michael, daughters Nita, Betty and Ursula, their families, his brother and sisters, and a wide circle of relatives and friends.

At the removal of the remains to the Cathedral, and at the interment in St. Patrick's after Requiem Mass on Friday, a guard of honour was provided by former team-mates and Sarsfields club, who also carried the coffin, draped in the Tipperary and Sarsfields colours to the graveside.

## Con Guilfoyle



Con Guilfoyle (Moneygall)

On the 21st June the death took place of Con Guilfoyle, Cullemaine, Moneygall.

Con was a lifelong supporter of Moneygall teams since his early years. In 1929 he was a member of the Moneygall junior hurling team which won the North Tipperary final. He played for many years with the club and was noted for his fierce determination on the field as well as his gret stamina during a game. In later years he took great pleasure in the performances of his sons Dan and Jim on the Moneygall senior team in the seventies and eighties.

Last year, in his own quiet way, he rejoiced in the success of Moneygall intermediate team led by his son Jim and also starring his grandson Eamon Troy. The large crowd which attended his funeral was a sign of the esteem in which he was held in the parish and surrounding areas.

Our deepest sympathy to his wife Mary, sons Dan and Jim and daughters Mary and Betty on their sad loss.

## Jack Gunne



Jack Gunne (Fethard)

On 11th September last the town and parish of Fethard felt sad when the news of Jack Gunne's death got around.

I first met Jack in the junior class in the Old Monastery school as we young boys called that solid stone building in which the Patrician Brothers tried to teach us something.

About eight boys squeezed into our long desk, I remember them all. I sat next to Jack and always admired his good big writing, especially Irish. Our first teacher was Brother Gerard, a quiet young man which I felt was doing his first job.

Everything was grand while we were with Br. Gerard but when we took a step higher it was a different story under Br. Athanasius.

However our gang survived a tough preparation for Confirmation. After that Jack and a few of us got into the things we were really interested in, football and hurling on the school teams.

Jack was a good hurler and won senior medals at that game later on, with several for minor, junior and Tipp county teams. He was one of the stars of Fethard teams from 1930 until 1942.

When we had to work for a living Jack went into his father's forge on the Green and I went out to the fields of Brodeen and Garrinch. A few years later when Jack was good at his trade he went to the racing stables around Fethard and shod the horses.

This work gave him a chance to pick a local winner and he enjoyed a small flutter in the betting office every day which mostly turned up with profit.

In the long years between our schooldays and Jack's death we met occasionally at matches I always looked forward to going up to the forge with a horse and having a long chat with that mild mannered man who I know was my true friend. May God reward his noble soul.

A Classmate



## John Hally



John Hally, Newcastle

The death in November, 1991 of the colourful John Hally, brought an end to his long association with the G.A.A. in his native Newcastle. A village he loved so well, John who was a very humorous man. He played his hurling in the '40's and early '50's with the Newcastle club. Winning a South junior hurling medal in 1949.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

## Philly Kehoe



Philly Kehoe (Kilsheelan)

The passing of Philly Kehoe recently, one of the club's best known players in the 'thirties, 'forties and early 'fifties, was similar to the falling of a great Oak tree, as he was part and parcel of the landscape of Kilsheelan parish for so long.

While he may not be the greatest dual purpose player the club ever produced, he was certainly one of the most colourful.

Philly was known and respected in G.A.A. circles all over South Tipperary. Whenever his name was mentioned it was synonymous with Kilsheelan and the G.A.A.

He was a talented hurler and football, having a few outings in the county senior football colours, unfortunately he did not have the dedication and commitment equal to his ability. Had he done so, he would have earned himself a regular place on the team.

When he came on the football

scene in the late 'thirties it was not a great time for the local club. Seven-a-Side football tournaments were very popular at that time especially at carnivals and sports days. The club took part in most of these competitions and enjoyed a good deal of success with Philly being one of the most prominent players. While the club were successful in these competitions, they had no such success in the championship, while they did have seven, or eight good players, they did not have fifteen.

After winning junior football honours, South and County in 1942 a senior team was fielded, with Philly playing a prominent role, and continued to do so, into the early 'fifties. Success came his way again in 1950, when the team won South and County at junior level.

On the hurling scene, he also played over a long number of years, taking part in the 1937 junior final when Kilsheelan lost to Killenaule by four points.

In the early 'forties he got a trial for the county junior hurling team, but did not give it his full commitment had he done so, his place on the team was assured.

During the development of the Sportsfield, he was very much involved with the project. Apart from his physical contribution, his talent as an entertainer was utilised to the full, as evening after evening he would entertain the group of workers, with some good yarn, or with witty comments, thereby ensuring their attendance on the following evenings, if only to listen to Philly's 'good ones'.

On the G.A.A. scene, he loved to talk of the great games and players of the past, he claimed the best hurling game he ever witnessed, was that epic encounter between Tipperary and Limerick in the Munster Final of 1937, when the boys in the Blue and Gold defeated that great Shannonside team, which boasted of such famous players as the Mackey brothers etc. Jimmy Cooney, who starred in that great game was in Philly's book, the greatest centre-field player of his time.

It was a treat to sit with him, especially in his own home and listen to him recounting tales and stories of such variety from some incident that occurred down the road, to something that happened on the world stage.

He will be greatly missed by his relations but most especially by his wife Nell and family, also by his friends and neighbours who will miss his friendly face from the local scene.

## Lieut. Tom Keogh

On Monday evening 3rd August, 1992, the late Tom Keogh of Lissatunny, Nenagh, passed peacefully to his eternal reward in the presence of his dear wife Kathleen, and his beloved family after a long illness know-

ingly, patiently and bravely borne to the very end. Tom was a native of Rearcross where he was born 73 years ago. In 1945 he took up employment as a wardman at Nenagh County Hospital and spent the remaining 47 years of his life in his adopted town where he settled into married life with Kathleen (nee Langton) who hailed from Richmond.



Lieut. Tom Keogh (Order of Malta)

Being on the staff of Nenagh hospital where the late Dr. Louis Courtney, K.M., and the late Willie Strong also served, it is no surprise that Tom should be 'conscripted' into the ranks of the Order of Malta Ambulance Corps. For 43 years he proudly wore the uniform of the Order and gave valiant voluntary service to the Order and through it to the many sporting and voluntary aid groups in the town. Like his colleague Willie Strong, Tom was a regular attendee at hurling and football matches and in his earlier years in addition to attending at McDonagh Park, he would cycle to matches at Borrisokane, Cloughjordan, Dolla etc., so dedicated was he in the service of the Order of Malta. Many is the retired hurler who has been the recipient of Tom's skilful first aid treatment and who would eventually have experienced his caring nature and concern as a wardman in the hospital.

Just months before he died, during the Golden Jubilee celebrations on the founding of the Nenagh Unit of the Order of Malta, Tom was awarded the Order's silver medal for meritorious service in recognition of his long and dedicated membership of the Order. So dedicated was he that although he knew in October last that he was terminally ill, Tom continued for three months more to assist in the transport of people to the Day Centre, until he was no longer physically capable of doing so.

Tom Keogh by his record of service to others without regard to any recognition for same, has set a headline that all young people (and not so young) in whatever social or sporting endeavour they find themselves involved in could well endeavour to copy.

To his wife Kathleen, his family

and his Order of Malta colleagues we extend our deepest sympathies.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam dhlí.

## J. J. Larkin



J. J. Larkin (Moneygall)

The death took place in February of J. J. Larkin, Moneygall, after a long illness. All his life he was a keen follower of Moneygall teams and was always willing to help out when needed. In later years he was very active in the major development work in Moneygall field and was a prominent member when the club won the A.I.B. Club of the Year Award in 1980.

Back in 1972, when the County Board presented a new Dan Breen cup to the county senior hurling champions, J. J. was the man responsible for making the new base for the trophy.

Our deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

## Jim Lanigan

(Thurles Sarsfields)



JIM LANIGAN, Thurles was killed early this year in an accident on the Killian Road as he returned from his nightly walk and visit to his wife's grave in Killinan Graveyard.

A big, quiet unassuming man, Jim worked in The Sugar Factory as a Fitter and lived in Cuchulainn Road, Thurles. A lover of country life, fishing and gardening, both himself and his wife Nora (nee Hayes) cycled the roads of Tipperary in their leisure hours.

His hurling career commenced with a Senior Hurling County



Championship win in 1929 and the following year, he won his first Senior All-Ireland at 19 years of age at centrefield beating Dublin.

His death brought to an end the last remaining link of that Senior team, generally referred to as the Triple Crown Year.

He captained Sarsfield's team to win four further Senior Championships 1935, 1936, 1938, 1939. During this period also, he was a regular member of the County team.

Tipperary contested and won the 1937 All-Ireland played at Killarney. Jim at left-corner-back gave a brilliant performance as Captain of the team. The following, he captained Munster to a Railway Cup victory.

It is said of Jim Lanigan that he had tremendous hurling skill in a period when there was no specialised training or coaching aids. He is always referred to by his Sarsfields team mates as the 'Complete Captain'. He demanded discipline and sportsmanship and was highly respected by them for his example and commitment. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

T.O.B.

## Mick Lynch



Mick Lynch  
(Ballinahinch/Killoscully)

The passing from this life on 10th February, 1992, of Mick Lynch of Drombane/Killoscully, was mourned by all followers of our games throughout his parish and county.

He was one of the club's greatest supporters and personalities, when he retired after a long career as a player he became the supreme supporter and his total commitment and dedication to teams from the parish knew no bounds.

He was a member of the Knockmeale Rangers team that won the North Tipperary J.H. championship in 1949.

Mick had a unique distinction that few could equal of having attended over eighty All-Ireland finals at Croke Park. Indeed few games of note were played during all those years in which he was not present. The last game I saw Mick attend was the Munster club match between Cashel and Middleton in Mitchelstown last November.

His great belief was that if the games were to prosper the juveniles had to get first priority and his car was always available to transport the players to the various games.

His death was a huge loss to the parish as he was never found wanting for all the voluntary work that's done each year throughout the parish. A tragic loss to his wife Peg and young family. Their loss is the greatest. As a fitting tribute his coffin was draped in the club colours and a guard of honour met the huge cortege at Killoscully church. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and family, brothers and sisters.

May he rest in peace.

## BILLY MAHER

THE death took place of Billy Maher, Ballytarsna, Boherlahan, on 12th May, 1992.

Scion of a famed G.A.A. family, his uncle, Mikie Maher, a five times All-Ireland winner, was captain of the great Tubberadora team of almost a century ago, while his father, Jack Maher, was also a member of that same team. His brother Sonny added three further



All-Irelands to the family's record 1949-'51 and a cousin, Mikie Maher, while winning a further five All-Irelands in the 'fifties and 'sixties, is one of our country's most able administrators and recently Munster G.A.A. chairman.

Billy, too, was an active member of our local club some fifty years ago and retained a lifelong interest in the games while his daughter, Triona, is involved as physiotherapist to the present county senior hurling team.

We express our deepest sympathy to his widow, Marion; to Triona and to his many relatives and friends.

Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh a anam.

## Jimmy McCarthy (FETHARD)

JIMMY MCCARTHY of Main Street passed to his eternal reward last April and left a void of great magnitude in our community. Jimmy's contribution to



the sporting life of the parish of Fethard and Killusty and indeed Tipperary could not be justly scribed in detail in these few words, or indeed by this pen.

A hurler and footballer of rare ability and cunning, Jimmy donned the Gorm agus Bui with distinction and served his club as a player/selector/committee member for well over 50 years. He was vice-president of the club at the time of his death.

As a member of Coolmoyne and Fethard he won many hurling and football honours at Divisional and County level during his illustrious career — a career, I might add, that seemed to go on for ever.

Jimmy was a member of the Tipperary Junior Football team that defeated Cork in the Munster Final in Fermoy in 1952 — a rare achievement at the time and something that was very special to Jimmy.

Fitness was one of Jimmy's great loves and when called to the "colours" always gave his best, whether it be challenge or championship.

On the weekend of his passing, he was nominated for the South Tipperary Player of the Past award.

Jimmy gave much of his spare time playing and coaching tennis and racquetball at the Sports Centre. Handball was also another of his many activities. A gentle man to the fingertips and an out and out sportsman.

Probably one of Tipperary's best ever racquet players, he won numerous county and team singles and doubles titles in both tennis and badminton. He won the Munster singles badminton championship in 1952, being the first Tipp. man to do so. He won the U/18 county singles tennis championship in 1937 and won the highly rated Lattin open American tennis tournament in 1982 when not far short of his 60th birthday. In the 'seventies he turned to cross-country and road running, becoming so popular in Tipp. and Munster. He won many county-Munster and All-Ireland medals with Fethard A.C.

On the evening of his removal and on his final journey to rest in the Holy Trinity Church just inside the famed town walls of Fethard, the many friends who formed the guard of honour, from the clubs he

served, paid him the ultimate tribute he deserved by their large attendance from far and near.

The Blue & White flag of Fethard straddled his coffin and in its own unique way said it all for us. "Thanks for your company 'Slix'. We loved you in life and in death you shall not be forgotten."

"When the Great Recorder comes to mark against your name, he marks not if you won or lost, but how you played the game."

Go ndeana Dia trocaire ar a anam.

Micheál

## Joey McCullagh



Joey McCullagh  
(Nenagh & Silvermines)

In the month of September, the untimely death of Joey McCullagh, Nenagh, occurred.

Joey grew up in Nenagh and from an early age showed great promise and interest in handball. In his juvenile days, Joey played with St. Mary's handball club. Joey had a beautiful left-hand and the highlight of his time with Nenagh was part of an All-Ireland winning team with the E.S.B., Nenagh, where he worked for many years.

Joey later transferred to the Silvermines in the early eighties and his handball went from strength to strength. In 1984 Joey won the county 40/20 novice doubles with John Forde. In 1986 he won the North division I team of four with Jim O'Brien, Jim Ryan and Tom Kennedy. In 1987, he won a Munster 40/20 Open Novice doubles title. In 1989, he won county 40/20 junior singles and doubles and as well represented Tipperary in the National League on many occasions.

Above all, Joey was a man of very fine qualities whose pleasing quiet manner won him friends everywhere, been a sportsman in and also out of the court. To his wife, daughters, mother, brothers, sister, family and relations, we extend our deepest sympathy.



## Anthony McLoughlin

(Castlelough, Portroe)



ANTHONY played senior hurling for his club Castlelough, Portroe, won Millar Shield Medals with the North Tipp. Divisional team and donned the blue and gold of his county in the twenties.

He retired from the game very early, cutting short a promising career which was later trod by his late brother Denis, a senior hurling county full-back of the thirties. Anthony excelled at all sports; in addition to hurling he was a magnificent swimmer, which sport he enjoyed until late in life.

The writer has reason to remember his prowess at handball, then a favoured past-time in Portroe. A very successful farmer, he was also an avid reader, his addiction to literature made him a very well informed and informative person; to his family our sympathy. May he rest in peace.

## Tommy O'Dwyer

(Moycarkey-Borris)



THE DEATH of Tommy O'Dwyer, Ballymoreen, Littleton in late October brought a lot of sadness to the area. Aged 54 years his demise came after a brief illness. Tommy was involved in G.A.A. affairs in the parish from an early age. He was a member of the great Moycarkey-Borris juvenile teams of the early 1950's and was a free scoring forward on the team which beat Solohead in the 1951 U-14 hurling county final. He graduated onto adult teams and eventually made the senior panel and won a Mid senior medal in 1965 and played on the great side of that decade on numerous occasions. A side always consid-

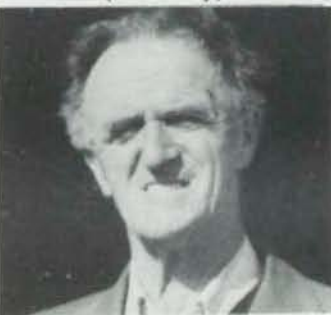
ered unlucky not to have made the breakthrough at county level.

Also adept at football and was a playing member of the parish team which won the first ever divisional junior football title in 1963. After his playing days were over, Tommy became involved at club level and was always willing to carry out the day-to-day work as the need arose.

Tommy was also a great follower of parish and county teams and his unassuming manner made him gain friendships easily. He will be missed in the parish but above all by his sisters, aunt, brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews. May he rest peacefully in his earthly home at Ballymoreen. R.I.P.

## Micheál Ó Riain

(Clonoulty)



GREAT sadness was experienced in Clonoulty and surrounding areas by the unexpected passing of Micheál.

Cailleadh an tUasal Micheál Ó Riain Deardaoin 15 Deire Fomhair 1992. Bhí sé seacht mbliana is trí scór daois. Go ndeanadh Dia Trocaire air.

Micheál was a staunch and highly respected member of the local community, and he worked tirelessly without looking for any reward for the betterment of his native parish.

The large attendance at his funeral testified to the esteem in which he was held both by local people and people he came in contact with through work in the mart, his Ceilí classes and his involvement in Gaelic games.

At the removal of his remains, members of Clonoulty G.A.A. Club, of which he served both as Secretary and Chairman in the 70's and 80's, formed a guard of honour and his coffin was draped in the club's honours.

Micheál's house was always an open house where one was always made welcome, and as a neighbour and friend he was unequalled, always ready and willing to help in any way.

He had a great love for Irish culture, and the Irish language and Ceilí dancing were always promoted by him, every chance he got. He cycled around the county teaching ceilí dancing and adjudicating at Scór. Micheál was in ill health for most of his life, but he overcame his affliction and got on with leading a full and rich life.

To his wife Maggie and his brother, sisters, and other relations we tender our deepest sympathy on their great loss. Do ndeanadh Dia trócaire ar a anam.

## Peter Powell



IT was with a sincere sadness and a deep sense of regret that the members of Clonmel Commercials Football Club received the sad news of the death of their Vice-President, Peter Powell.

Peter the Vice-President of the Club, was one of the longest standing and most loyal supporters, and he was always ready to discuss and advice on G.A.A. matters.

Peter was a true G.A.A. man who followed the progress of the Commercials teams and the County teams with a special devotion. He wore the Blue and Gold County colours with distinction and, wearing the Green and Gold of Commercials he won two South Minor medals in 1944 and 1945, and a County Senior medal in 1948. On taking up residence in Dublin he played his club football with Geraldines.

On his return to the family business, Powell Bros., Dillon Street, he played an active part in the affairs of the Commercials Club and was also a valued and trusted Chairman of the Clonmel Sportsfield Committee. He was a founder member of the Clonmel G.A.A. Centre, and had the distinction of being one of its Trustees and will be sadly missed by all who frequent the centre.

Peter was a devoted family man and was a loving and caring husband and father. His late father, Tommy Powell, was a member of the Tipperary "Bloody Sunday" team and on the Tipperary team that won the All-Ireland Football Final that year.

Ar dheis lamh Dé go raibh a anam usal

S. Mac C.

## Denis Ryan

(Lattin Cullen)

THE death occurred suddenly on the 28th July of Denis Ryan, Lattin Village. Dinny as he was popularly known was a life long member of the Lattin-Cullen G.A.A. Club. While he was never a playing member, his contribution to the club was enormous, always willing to help in the running of the games and looking after the



Hall and field. He was President of the Club up to the time of his death and rarely missed attending the West Tipperary annual convention. Apart from his interest in G.A.A. affairs he helped to look after the church grounds and the local graveyard and was a valued member of the Senior Citizens Committee. Deepest sympathy is extended to his wife and son and daughter.

## Eddie Ryan

(Cashel)

IT was with deep sadness and shock the people of Cashel and surrounding areas learned of the sudden passing of the young Eddie Ryan who left this world on 11th September, 1992, aged 30 years.

While he only received a small number of years on this earth, Eddie lived his life to its fullest. While not being the tallest on any team, he was a tower of strength to every player who had the opportunity to take the field with him. With many of his age he enjoyed both Divisional and county success with the Cashel King Cormacs Club. This was crowned when he was part of the Cashel side who marched into Semple Stadium to take the county Minor Hurling title in 1980 with a great victory over the Thurles Sarsfields.

In that same year Eddie made his mark at senior level. As the King Cormacs entered into extra-time of the West Senior Hurling Final Replay with their old adversaries, the Sean Treacy's the Cashel mentors sprung Eddie from the subs bench. He duly repaid their confidence in him as he pointed twice during extra-time to give Cashel a two point winning margin.

Eddie himself was a happy character and when his work meant moving from Cashel he used every excuse to return to the city to spend time with the people he grew up with. He never looked on the down side, while others may say a cup was half empty, Eddie always believed the cup was half-full. And while Eddie may have had only time to use half his life with us, he can rest assured he spent a lifetime with the people closest to him to the fullest.

It was with fitting respect that his former team-mates and present senior players along with the Officers of the club provided him



with an honour guard during his removal to the local St. John the Baptist Parish Church and when he was laid to rest.

To his wife, parents, family and close friends the Cashel King Cormacs extends its deepest and most sincere sympathy. Ar dhéis Dé ro raibh a anam. — J.O'D.

## Paddy Ryan

**P**ADDY RYAN'S sudden departure from this life sent a numbness and a cloud over the parish of Borriselagh. He was not in the best of health for a number of years previously.

He was a great follower of G.A.A. throughout his life and took a great interest in the affairs of the parish. He was a very talented hurler and played with the Leigh team at underage and junior level. On the unification of the parish team towards the end of the 40's he played with the senior team. He played his most important games in senior in the famous suit length tournaments played in Thurles at that period. He did not play an active part in the county final victories of that time.

He was father of Billy Ryan, Chairman of North Tipperary Board. He took a keen interest in the way Billy ran the affairs of the Board. His other son Paddy played for Borrisoleigh in various grades for a number of years.

To his wife Sarah and sons Billy and Paddy, his brothers and sisters, we offer our deepest sympathy. Ad dhéis De go raibh a anam. — T.F.S.

## Paddy Ryan (Sweeper)

**T**HE last day of the fading year of 1991 claimed the life of Paddy Ryan (Sweeper), Ballydavid, Littleton, the great Moycarkey-Borris and Tipperary hurler and administrator. Aged 79 years, Paddy was a member of one of the most famous hurling families in the parish and the Ryans of Moycarkey-Borris were household names in their playing days throughout Gaeldom. Their deeds highlighted an era in which their club was a dominant force in hurling in Tipperary.

Paddy came to hurling prominence early in his life and won an All-Ireland minor medal in 1930, the famous triple crown year. Three years later he won a junior All-Ireland. The senior selectors were soon to recognise his prowess and his big reward came in 1937 when he won his first



national senior medal in the Killarney defeat of Kilkenny.

External events well documented robbed Tipperary of All-Ireland glory in the immediate years when Paddy was a regular county team member. But it was not until 1945 that he got his opportunity again when playing with his brother Mutt in the forward line helped Tipperary to defeat Kilkenny again, to gain his second Celtic cross. Another brother, Johnny, was a sub. on the team having lost his place through injury.

With Molycarkey-Borris Paddy Sweeper had a long and rewarding innings, winning county senior medals in 1932, '33, '34, '37 and 1940. He continued to play with the club right into the 1950's, moving from attack to mind goals. One of the greatest and most skilful forwards of his era, Sweeper often won the plaudits of patrons and opponents alike for his daring and class play. A forward feared and respected at all levels whether in the red and gold of Moycarkey-Borris or the blue and gold of Tipperary.

After his playing days were over it was appropriate that Paddy Ryan would become involved in administration, for his love of Gaelic games was so strong that this was inevitable. In 1948 he was appointed secretary of the Mid Tipperary Board, a position he held up to his retirement in 1966. During this period Mid Tipperary teams were to dominate the county scene with the success of especially Thurles Sarsfields, a fact that Paddy was always proud of. At Mid level he worked with fellow clubmen Rev. Fr. Denis O'Meara (Chairman) and John Joe Hayes (Treasurer). During this period, too, he served as county minor hurling selector and helped Tipperary to numerous wins and was also a county senior hurling mentor.

The experience gleaned from his own playing career and his continued involvement with hurling made him a knowledgeable and wise counsellor and his advice was often sought and always welcomed. As an administrator he set high standards for those to follow him and Tipperary G.A.A. at all levels should be indebted to Paddy Ryan (Sweeper). In more recent times he was honoured as first President of the Mid Board and was also

president of his beloved Moycarkey-Borris club at the time of his death. He was also chairman of the club's history committee and was proud to see that production brought to fruition.

Paddy Ryan was always willing to give advice when requested and always had the kind and encouraging word. Other events to give him happiness in recent years was the county success of his club in 1982 and '84 and the developments in Littleton field. His obsequies were overwhelmingly attended by Gaelic personnel for a great Gael. Moycarkey-Borris and Tipperary are all the poorer for his passing, but Paddy Ryan has left golden memories and deeds to cherish. To his wife Ann and family sympathy is tendered; they will miss him most of all from the Ballydavid home.

At his concelebrated funeral Mass, the principal celebrant, his long-time friend and former chairman of the Mid Tipp. G.A.A. Board, Canon Denis O'Meara, having spoken of his great commitment and total dedication, then had this to say:

"I am tempted to say here, that, from time to time, we are often reminded — and sometimes not too gently — of the amount of time we give to G.A.A. affairs, when perhaps we could be better engaged on our duties at more useful things elsewhere, but, speaking for myself, I have always maintained that if you want to see or know what the G.A.A. means to the country, the county, the parish, the home or the individual, all you have to do is go to a funeral like this — there you will see its real meaning, its true nature, its worth, its strength, its solidarity, its friendship — where differences are sunk, forgotten and forgiven, and where there is genuine sympathy for those in sorrow. That to me is worth every minute I ever spent on the field or in the Boardroom."

## Sean Ryan (Toomevara)



**I**T WAS with a great sadness and regret, that the news of the death of Sean Ryan spread throughout the county. Sean was a real gentleman, and his easy manner and disposition won him many friends, all over the county.

From his early days, he devel-

oped a great love and interest in Gaelic games, and was always a regular match goer up to the time of his death. His great friend, the late Canon Mulqueen used to say that if you once travelled to a match with Sean, that such was his company, you would never want to go with anyone else.

As a player Sean was involved for many years with Toomevara, winning senior titles in 1946 and 1958. In 1947 he played for Tipperary in the League and Munster Championship against Limerick. The late fifties was the start of another great era for the club, and Sean was to play a vital rôle as a selector to the successful senior team of that period, and to be involved with the 1960 team, gave him great pleasure. His great ability as a selector was recognised by the County Board, and he was a member of the selection committee of the Tipp. teams that won All-Irelands in 1961 and 1971.

Many players will have many memories of Sean, but his team talks before a game or at half-time were always a great motivation to all players. Over the years Sean watched the fortunes of the parish team closely, and it was a source of great satisfaction to him to see the club progress at underage level and as North Senior hurling champions in 1991, sadly however he was not with us to witness the county final success of 1992.

Sean loved a game of cards — the forty-five, bridge or poker were amongst his favourites, and when performing card-tricks he gave us all wonderful pleasure. To meet him at the races was always a joy, and his great sense of humour and wit endeared himself to all. Sean Ryan will be missed by his wife Nance and all of us who had the pleasure of knowing him. Go ndeanadh Dia trócaire air.

## Stephen Ryan (Ballinahinch & Killescully)



**A** GLOOM was cast on the whole area on the 3rd February, 1992 with the untimely death of Stephen Ryan, Killescully who died after a brief illness. The parish was deprived of one of its staunchest gaelic, and parishioners and a lifelong supporter of Gaelic Games. A very loyal parish and Tipperary supporter, nothing pleased him more than to discuss with all his friends at the local creamery, where he worked part-time, all the various matches throughout the year.



His greatest love after his wife Peggy, his two sons and three daughters, was the G.A.A. He was, during his playing days, a regular in the fullback position and won a North Tipperary championship with Knockmeale Rangers in 1949. An unyielding and fearless player, he was always available with advice and witty comment whenever Ballinahinch were playing down the years.

The esteem with which he was held throughout the area was evident by the huge crowds that attended the removal of his remains to Killoscully Church, and the burial in the local cemetery. A guard of honour of past and present players met the funeral cortege at Killoscully on the arrival of his remains. May he rest in peace.

## Jack Scott, R.I.P. Michael Scott R.I.P.

DEATH is always sad, but it is somehow seen as more poignant when it seems to skip a generation as in the case of two of the famous Scott family of Mullinahone. During the year Jack Scott and his nephew Micky passed on to their eternal rewards. While Jack formerly of Bawnvorna was in his late eighties, Micky was only in his middle fifties. A member of the last Mullinahone football team to win a county senior title in 1929, Jack Scott was a superb footballer in the 1930's playing in the All-Ireland series Tipperary team of 1935 which lost to Cavan and also graduating to the Munster team. Micky Scott loved hurling more.

I remember him as a goalkeeper with Mullinahone in the 1950's and 60's when football was the number one game. He was a great Tipperary supporter and delighted in Mullinahone's recent progress in the small ball game. His uncle too had a part to play in Tipp's hurling story as his grandson George Hayes carved out hurling careers with Tipperary and Dublin. Mickey was a happy and carefree spirit, meeting his own "bad news" with a smile and a song.

Little wonder that a bar on his beloved mouthorgan should be played over the grave where he rests in Ballingarry Churchyard.

Ever associated with Mullinahone Jack Scott spent his final years away from his native place. However it is certain that his heart could never be contented away from Kickhams town. Both coffins carried "the green above the red" as they went to their final resting places in tribute to the parts played

by both in the Mullinahone club.

We offer condolences to the son and daughters of Jack Scott and to the widow, sons, daughters and mother of Micky Scott. Ar dheis laimh Dé go raibh anamnacha na beirte. May their souls rest in peace.

## Michael Seymour

(Lansdowne, Portroe)



MIKIE as he was popularly known, was a follower of the Portroe Club both on and off the field. He played Junior for Tipperary in the early fifties, then moved to the senior team, was lucky to be a member of the team which lost to Cork in 1953 and '54. He won a National League medal against Kilkenny in 1954.

His contributions to Portroe are legendary. He was also a member of the cross-country teams of the '50s, wearing the famous black and white singlet with distinction; to his brothers, neighbours, nieces and family, we extend our deepest sympathy.

## Billy Shanahan



THE news filtered through on an early Spring week-end of the sudden passing of Billy Shanahan, Curraheen, Horse & Jockey. It was hard to comprehend it. Billy was in his mid-fifties and for a number of years was synonymous with sport in the parish, whether it was hurling, football, handball or running. Born within a short distance of the Horse & Jockey ballalley, Billy played there from an early age and

went on to represent the club in many championship encounters. With the local athletic club he also showed himself to be a cross-country runner of both quality and heart.

Moycarkey-Borris A.C. during the early 1950's finished runners-up on numerous occasions in the Tipperary novice championship and Billy was always a front scorer on those teams. In was fitting that he was still there in 1961 to share in the club's initial novice success. Billy also represented Tipperary.

On the hurling fields, Billy played in goals on the winning No. 2 of 1951 and has also played on the No. 1 winning team of the following year. In 1954 he maintained the No. 1 jersey on the side to win the Mid and county No. 1 double. Afterwards Billy graduated to the senior team and for many years was to hold down a midfield position.

In 1962 Billy was midfielder on the senior team to reach the county final against Sarsfields, which the club lost so narrowly. Billy also played on the 1963 history-making Mid junior football winning side. Billy Shanahan was a versatile sportsman and always gave of his best for his club and colleagues. His death leaves a void around the 'Jockey and parish and sympathy is extended to the bereaved.

## Larry Shanahan

THE death occurred in February, 1992, of Larry Shanahan, Shanbally, Cashel, and formerly of Ballycamas, Clonoulty/Rossmore senior team (hurling), which won the West final in 1951. Deepest sympathy is extended to his wife, Bridget, and family.

## Tommy Stanley

(NENAGH)

ON the 16th December, 1991, Tommy "The Digger" Stanley sadly passed away. "Digger", as he was affectionately known by all, had reached 77 years of age. Even in the short space of time since his death, we have come to really realise what a great character and personality he was.

For a man small of stature, he was a giant in personality. From his early boyhood he had a great affection for and affinity with the game of hurling in Nenagh. He manned the goals for many years. Over the years many compliments and comments were passed on his goalkeeping feats, some in glee, and some with sincerity. The comment that always tickled him most, and brought that gleeful look to his eye, was on a famous night in the Hi-B when some "well oiled" admirer passed the comment: "Tommy, if you had a few more inches, you'd have worn the Blue and Gold."



Tommy won no senior medals with Éire Óg, but he surely held more medals of affection than any other member of the club.

Over many years, especially as a selector, he became the very emblem of Nenagh hurling. He was the brain behind the very successful street leagues, which ultimately were responsible for the breakthrough in winning a senior title in 1957. He continued to play an active part in the club until the 1964 victory. From that time, he chose the role of consultant and adviser. Those of us who choose to listen came to realise his depth of knowledge of the game of hurling, which probably was the closest thing to his heart, apart from his fond sister, Ciss, and his close relatives.

Tommy's whole life revolved about the game of hurling, perhaps as much off the field as on it. He had an incredible memory for detail and had the uncanny ability to retrace hurling exploits with a strain of wit that always assured him of a spellbound audience. The more often he told a "true yarn" the better it got. As a storyteller, he had no equal. How many times did he hold court in the Hi.B., Paddy Mackey's, The Quill, Martin Gleeson's and Michael Leo's (who chose to taunt him on his pet hatred, soccer).

Tommy was a fun-loving man. Even in defeat he had the unique ability to find the bright side of life. When heads were down, especially after the some narrow defeats in key games, Tommy was the one that players seemed to gather to for some form of solace. In his quaint way he would get laughter going and defeat was soon forgotten. He was blessed with the unique ability to read people and situations so well, and as Michael O'Kennedy said at his graveside oration:-

"The story that Tommy told was not always a story of 'Greats' you know. In fact I think that the real greatness of the 'Digger' was that he really made everyone special. The things that we all remember most will not be the great names and great games, but I think we will remember the Street Leagues, the Street League finals, the matches between Sarsfields and Éire Óg, when the old street rivalry was really strong, if not bitter, the matches that brought Nenagh together under St. Mary's and finally Éire Óg. But we will remember specially the matches in



Dolla when Nenagh were beaten out the gate by Ballinahinch or perhaps sometimes the other way, or Pallas, when Digger was instructed 'to fetch a pail of water', or Borrisokane when the Nenagh boys came back to Ger Kelly's. Those are matches that we really remember when we recall the 'Digger'. This was the real greatness of the man that he could make every single person that he ever met feel very special."

Yes, those comments surely summarised the unique wit and personality of The Digger.

A facet of hurling life quite prevalent throughout the country is the great enjoyment and kick that rural clubs get from giving a good trouncing to the "townies". Tommy was the butt of many such jokes over the years from the country boys who often won the match, but could never win the argument with Tommy. The Kildangan man will always remember Tommy's famous retort about hurling in China - "what are ye talking about, look at China with 600 million people and they don't have one bloody hurler." That instant wit, that he was blessed with, so typified the man.

Tommy lived with his sister Ciss all his life and she was his number one. He never married, but we can recall one occasion in his "sagging years", when in hospital he was recalling his past and amongst other things about the fact that he had never married but that he had thousands of children because, as he sincerely said, "every young lad who played for Éire Óg was a son of mine," and, of course, Johnny McGrath, his prodigy and neighbour, who won an All-Ireland medal in 1958, was his 'favourite son'.

This summarised and epitomised the man. He was a loving man of a unique natural wit, full of life, a great entertainer, always in good humour, saw the best in people all the time and loved to tell a "true yarn". There was none better to tell one.

Heaven, by its very description, must enjoy the game of hurling. No doubt Tommy at this stage is actively involved up there as a selector and probably has found the formula to keep "Ringing" scoreless for an hour.

May the soil rest lightly on the remains of this light-hearted human being.

Sincere sympathy to his sister Ciss, his nieces and nephews, other relations and his legion of friends and admirers, both young and old.

Ar dheis láimh Dé go raibh a anam. "Ní fheicimid a leithéid arís".

J.D.

## Willie Starr

(Borrisokane)

IT WAS appropriate that on the day Willie Starr was laid to rest, Borrisokane, the club to which he



had given such magnificent service for so many years, should have been involved in the county intermediate football final against Grangemockler. Success wasn't to accompany that outing but that wouldn't have bothered Willie too much.

Whether as a player, mentor, club official, referee or in preparing Gardiner park for a match, Willie gave it everything, and there was no greater demonstration of his involvement than when at the age of 53, he lined out for Borrisokane against Moyne Templetuohy in the 1971 county senior (open draw) championship. Only fourteen players could be mustered for the game. Willie played in goal, as he had done so often in his hurling career.

He played minor with his native Shannon Rovers in 1936 and 1937 and won a North junior medal with the Rovers in 1940. Borrisokane won the intermediate title that year and subsequently beat the Rovers in a playoff to decide the North representatives in the county junior championship.

Willie transferred to Borrisokane in the '40s and was on the intermediate team that lost to Portroe in the North final of 1950. Compensation was made two years later when he figured on the side that beat Silvermines in the final.

Borrisokane then moved up to senior grade and those three memorable games against Lorrha in '53 saw Willie between the Borris posts where his long puck out was a decided asset to his side. Indeed, his rival at the other end, Tony Reddin is said to have said to Willie before one of those games "You puck it out to me and I'll puck it back to you".

Some years ago the club recognised his great services by bestowing on him the honour of club president, an honour he was extremely proud of.

As a member of the Gardiner Park committee, Willie took a keen pride in the state of the pitch. He was always on hand to cut the grass and it was his motto that if a player couldn't hurl there, he couldn't hurl anywhere.

Above all else however, he was a devoted family man and nowhere will he be missed more than in the hearts and lives of his wife Eileen, son Louis, and daughters Geraldine, Teresa and Marie.

The Shannon Rovers and Borri-

sokane clubs formed guards of honour at his funeral, his coffin bearing the flags of both clubs and when his remains were interred in the beautiful Terryglass cemetery, we all lamented the final departure of a great character, a man who carried life's cares lightly on his shoulders and who liked nothing more than to be involved with people and to help them out in whatever way possible.

## Denis Tuohy

(Annacarty)



THE summer of 1992 marked the passing of one more of that band of men who in 1930 established the West Tipperary G.A.A. Board. Denis Tuohy was there at the beginning and had attended board meetings up to a few years back. At his burial in Annacarty cemetery, County Chairman, Michael Maguire, delivered the following words of appreciation.

"We are gathered here on this sad occasion to pay tribute to a great Gael, Denis Tuohy. He was a man of many parts who loved the

games and the great outdoors, was interested in athletics and was fond of a day out with his dog and gun.

Denis was one of the few survivors of that group of people who met in Dundrum in 1930 to form the West Board. It took courage and foresight to embark on this course of action at that time. His friend C.F. McCarthy was another of those men and we are delighted he is with us here today and in good form.

Denis was also a link with many of the greats of the past including Tom Semple whom he regularly met on his way to school in Thurles by train. He served as a delegate at the West Board for many years and his knowledge and advice was always valuable.

He served Éire Óg in various positions since the foundation of the club in 1936. He was chairman and club selector on numerous occasions. He was noted as a great judge of a player and a shrewd mentor on the line. Being a selector on the Éire Óg team which won the Dan Breen cup on October 3rd, 1943 was always a great source of pride to him.

He was a great gamesman and an ardent follower of Éire Óg and Tipperary up to a few short years ago. For many years he paid his annual pilgrimage to Croke Park on St. Patrick's Day to watch, as he said, 'the cream of Ireland's hurlers and footballers'. He has now gone to join many of that gallant band and I'm sure the chat on the green fields of heaven is about the games.

I extend the sympathy of the Gaels of Tipperary to his family and many friends and may the green sod of his beloved Annacarty rest lightly on this noble Gael. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam dhilis".

## Tipperary All-Ireland Champions 1989

(Air: 'The Wearing of the Green')

*I will sing a song of a hurling team who all others did outshine,  
Tipperary was their birthplace and the year was '89,  
Their grand display on final day was a joy for all to see,  
At the end they were the champions and we shouted victory.*

*Great teams have won on final day like Mackey and his men,  
Kilkenny, Cork and Dublin and the gallant Slaney men,  
But when hurling scribes are writing great moments in our time,  
They will have to give a mention to the men of '89.*

**Chorus:** *Tipperary men around the world,  
Would like their hands to join,  
And sing and sing the praises,  
Of the men of '89.*

*All through the year they played so well, they were lit and fast and clean,  
Old timers looked at them in awe their likes they had seldom seen.  
For skill and flare they could compare with any other time,  
They beat the cream and realised our dream in the year of '89.*

*For years and years we were denied a win on Final Day,  
Defeat upon defeat each time left our exiles in dismay.  
So in New York Bars and Camden Town that September day so line,  
Tipperary men were dewey eyed with the men of '89.*

*A thrilling year it surely was for all our hurlers bold,  
They brought honour to their county and to the Blue and Gold.  
In years to come small boys will tell how Captain Bobby Ryan  
Brought back the Cup to Knocknagow in the year of '89.*

Gerard Ryan





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**AII-IRELAND MINOR  
CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS 1992**

**BACK ROW (l.-r.):** Marlon Graham (Selector), Joanne Horgan, Ann Barry, Caroline Buckley, Dearbhla Quigney, Ann Barry, Michelle Bourke, Clodagh Dunne, Ciara Gaynor, Shiela Coyne, Catherine Bourke, Suzanne Kelly, Conor Ryan (Coach). **FRONT ROW (l.-r.):** Aileen Delaney, Miriam Maxwell, Michelle Bullfin, Alison Lawlor, Aine Ryan (Mascol), Ciara Burns (Captain), Mandy Quigley, Edel Keane, Susan Kinally, Theresa Brophy, Maria Ryan.





# TIOBRAID ÁRANN

**AII-IRELAND JUNIOR  
CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS 1992**

**BACK ROW (l-r.):** Bridget Phillips (Selector), Marita Tobin, Siobhán Cusack, Meadbh Stokes, Jovita Delaney, Ailish Delaney, Claire Madden, Cora Kennedy, Ann Gleeson, Marlon Graham (Co. Secretary), Ann Gleeson, Orla Hogan, John Kennedy (Coach). **FRONT ROW (l-r.):** Martin Kennedy (Selector), Michelle Kennedy, Joan Tobin, Kaitie Moloney, Sinead Nealon, Triona Bonnar (Captain), Deirdre Highes, Ann Marie Fitzgerald, Regina O'Meara, Helen O'Leary, Noelle Kennedy, Angela Ryan.