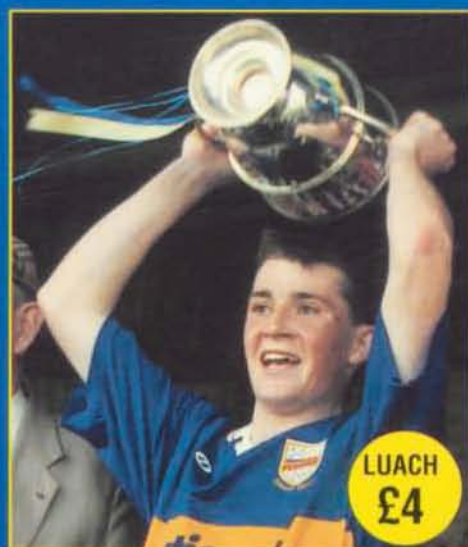
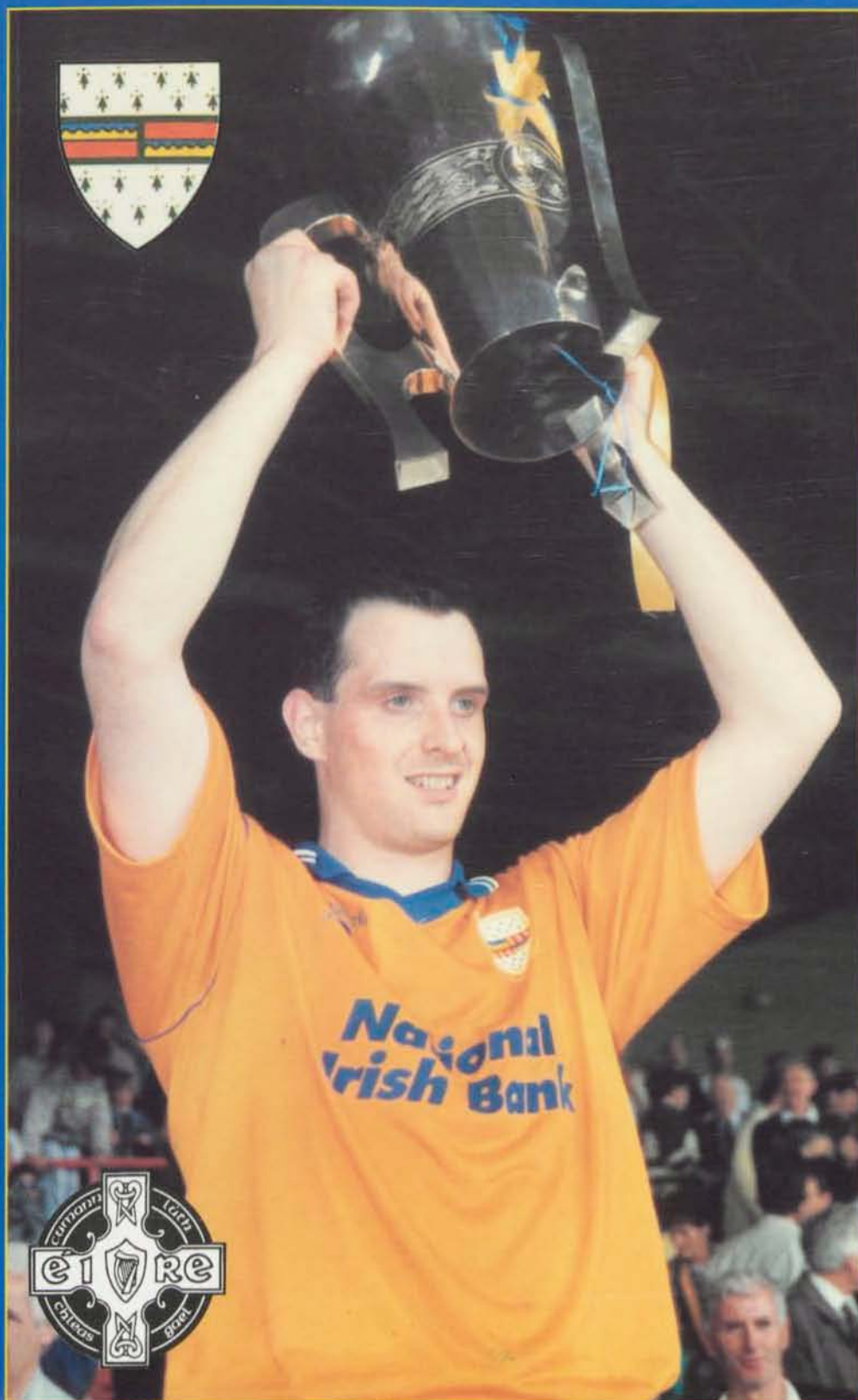


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## **Munster Championships Fixtures 1994**

### **SENIOR HURLING**

Clare v Tipperary on 29th May, at Limerick. Cork v Limerick on 5th June at Limerick.

**Semi-Finals:** Kerry v Clare/Tipperary, on 12th June (venue to be decided)  
Waterford v Cork/Limerick on 19th June at Thurles.

**Final:** 10th July, 1994.

### **SENIOR FOOTBALL**

Tipperary v Clare on 15th May, at Limerick. Kerry v Limerick on 22nd May or 28th May, at Killarney.

**Semi-Finals:** Waterford v Tipperary on 26th June, at Thurles; v Clare on 26th June, at Ennis;  
Cork v Kerry on 26th June, at Cork; Cork v Limerick on 26th June, at Limerick.

**Final:** 24th July, 1994.

### **UNDER-21 HURLING**

Kerry v Clare on 30th June. Tipperary v Limerick on 30th June.

**Semi-Finals:** Cork v Kerry/Clare on 13th July; Waterford v Tipperary/Limerick on 13th July.

**Final:** 27th July, 1994.

### **UNDER-21 FOOTBALL**

Clare v Waterford on 20th April. Cork v Kerry on 27th April.

**Semi-Finals:** Tipperary v Cork/Kerry on 4th May; Limerick v Clare/Waterford on 4th May.

**Final:** 13th July, 1994.

### **MINOR HURLING**

Kerry v Tipperary on 11th May. Clare v Cork on 11th May.

**Semi-Finals:** Waterford v Kerry/Tipperary on 29th June; Limerick v Clare/Cork on 29th June.

**Final:** 10th July, 1994.

### **MINOR FOOTBALL**

Waterford v Tipperary on 20th May. Limerick v Kerry on 18th May.

**Semi-Finals:** Clare v Waterford/Tipperary on 15th July; Cork v Limerick/Kerry on 14th July.

**Final:** 24th July, 1994.

### **McGRATH CUP FOOTBALL**

Clare v Tipperary on 10th April; Waterford v Limerick on 10th April.

**Final:** 24th April, 1994.



# The G.A.A. – A Way Of Life



"August is a wicked month" according to Edna O'Brien. The hurlers of Tipperary would agree. Once again they were surprised by the "old enemy". The Tribesmen had regrouped and introduced many new warriors into their expedition on the second Sunday of August. Looking back to our part in the fall and rise of Galway since 1987 we can only say that "we suffer at their coming and their going". To add to our sorrows they beat our minors as well.

Our troubles really stem from the fact that Cork did not keep their date at Semple Stadium in July. Perhaps their three trips to Thurles in the League decider caused them to tire of coming to Thurles! But we were very keen to welcome them to the Stadium for the Munster Final. The two facile victories over Kerry and Clare left us up in the air. The annual brush with the red and white would have alerted us to the danger which lurked in the maroon of a youthful Galway. And so we came down to earth as Galway did in the long-term interests of hurling in the county.

The football team played in their first Munster Final for many years. They were unlucky to get off to a disastrous start against Cork. But they recovered well and it was good to see a football final in Semple Stadium. Next year they will start with much more self-confidence.

It was left to our camogie and handball teams to bring home the medals in 1993. The Minor team captained by Joanne Horgan won the All-Ireland. This made up a good deal for her brother Brian's disappointment with both hurling and football minors. The Junior Camogie team came through with flying colours in Munster, Anne Gleeson giving great leadership here.

The handball teams were extremely successful again this year. They won thirteen All-Ireland titles and the women almost outdid the men! Jackie Keating represented her country in Cincinnati. The Cashel club enhanced its magnificent record of last year. This ancient game has a proud history in the county. The father of the modern game is generally agreed to be William Baggs of Tipperary. He remains in a class apart.

Come to think of it, the first Tipperary team I ever saw were playing handball. They played at the opening of our

handball court in my native parish in November, 1950. This was a memorable occasion for a rural parish. The alley had been built by voluntary labour and it promoted the young men from the creamery wall to the state of the art court if one is allowed to use that term for the 1950's.

I recall, particularly, the skill and sportsmanship of Joe Bergin and Joe Hassett both All-Ireland champions many times over. I think Joe Hassett liked his trip so much that he stayed with us and won two All-Irelands for Kerry in 1951 and '52!

At the local level Toomevara confirmed themselves as true champions. But Nenagh must be a side to reckon with in the not too distant future. I feel Toomevara will go a long way if not all the way in the All-Ireland Club Championship. There was poetic justice in the football final. Fethard won back the crown from Loughmore who captured it after two memorable games last year.

In recent years I have become anxious that our young people should learn about the history and the ideals of the Association. This is vital in our materialistic age. Our young people are being continually targeted by commercial interests. They are given false promises of happiness through material goods or through escape into alcohol, drugs and promiscuity. Our young people badly need ideals. They need heroes also. So many of their role models today are from the entertainment world and they give bad example in many cases.

There is a great deal of cynicism about also. Even within the G.A.A. itself voices are being raised for the payment of players and a change to a professional, or, at least, a semi-professional model. Foreign games are no longer an issue but foreign holidays are! The phrase "voluntary labour" is as obsolete as the notion that anybody should do anything without getting paid for it anymore.

The G.A.A., of course, still has a great army of voluntary workers. These are the parents, the teachers, male and female, the club members who transport young people and teach them the skills of the game and enable them to take part in the cultural and social side of the Association. These good people are the backbone of

the G.A.A. and they are out of pocket at all times.

But they are very much in tune with the men who came to Hayes' Hotel in 1884. Their circular announced their aim. It said that the purpose of the historic meeting was to inaugurate "a movement . . . to provide rational and national amusements for the humbler and more neglected sections of our race". Michael Cusack and Maurice Davin exerted all their prodigious energy for the next few years in travelling the country to promote the new Association and always at their own expense.

I inaugurated an annual commemoration of the founding of the Association in Thurles on November 1st this year with the help of the Dúrlas Óg club. It was a simple ceremony this time. I hope that the county will be involved next year and the whole country in 1995.

The G.A.A. is a great national "movement". Its aims go away beyond the development of our two most popular field games and beyond the building of stadia and stands. It is not confined to the middle class or to those who are athletically gifted. It must have its own "option for the poor" in a society where so many young people have so much time on their hands and where the Devil is by far the most active agent at job creation! "The Devil finds work . . ."

The brief of the G.A.A. includes patriotism, both local and national and it has to do with fair play. It has to do with our culture, our language, our pastimes, our music, our history, in a word our identity as a nation. The G.A.A. is more than a mere sports organisation. It is a way of life.

But whatever about August, December is a homely month. It is a time to pull the chairs around the table and then around the fire. It is the time to take up the G.A.A. Yearbook and go back over the year that is ending. I wish you the reader all the joys of Christmas and every blessing and success, on and off the playing fields, in the New Year.

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# Another Year Recalled

**I**T GIVES me great pleasure to welcome the publication of the 1994 County G.A.A. Yearbook. I hope it will provide the readers with lively memories of the year that is past and at the same time arouse anticipations of the year ahead.

One has to look back on the year with mixed feelings. Whereas handball again had a brilliant year and camogie was reasonably successful, our core activities yielded a meagre spoil. Our senior footballers caused a certain excitement by reacing their first Munster final since 1944, but the game revealed we have some distance to go before we win a provincial crown.

Whereas our senior hurlers added another provincial title to their credit the majority of our supporters will remember our defeat in the All-Ireland semi-final rather than our victory in Munster. We went into the game against Galway expecting to succeed and go on to win an All-Ireland we believed the team deserved. We needed it to erase the bitter memory of defeat by Cork the previous year. On the day we weren't good enough and the two point margin of defeat flattered us. These events, the victories and defeats, the joys and the sorrows, are well-recorded within the covers of this book even if it is not as substantial a production as it was last



year. Rising costs have forced the committee to slim down this year's edition. This has been achieved by trimming reports and the result is a snappier and livelier production which I am confident will be well received.

The committee also has sought to increase the advertising content and are very grateful for the generous response from businesses in the county. I should like to take this opportunity to thank all our advertisers and to exhort our readers to support them as often as possible. We need their support and they deserve ours.

Finally, I should like to congratulate the chairman of the Communications Committee, Seamus King, for winning a

McNamee Award during the year. His contribution to G.A.A. communications is enormous and this national honour is a fitting reward and recognition for his endeavours. In congratulating him, I should also like to thank him and the other members of the committee for their efforts in producing this excellent publication.

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# Defeat took shine off Munster Crown

By John O'Grady, (Culbairé)

**Early in '93 I devoted a "Star" column to the ingrained consistent and downright malicious perversity of the number three. In any year the date of which ended with that dismal digit, Tipperary have failed to win a senior hurling All-Ireland. In 1893, 1903, 1913 etc. right up to 1983 something had gone wrong, if not in Munster, then outside of it. My purposes were: (a) to fill a column in a slack period where serious hurling was concerned; (b) to draw attention to a freakish fact; and (c) to put some pressure on the fates to end the gap in Tipperary's roll of honour.**

Now, unhappily, we must put our faith in 2003, and hope to see it behave better than its companions of earlier decades; the fates just weren't paying attention in the season we now review. You couldn't call 1993 a year of senior failure – not with another Munster crown collected; but the heavy fall of August 8th certainly took some of the shine off the provincial trophy, not just by the mere fact of defeat but by the stunningly emphatic manner of it. An occasion absolutely unrisen to; untypical of Tipperary, so to speak.

Alternative years starting in '89, had balanced success with defeat, yielding two All-Irelands. Now, after the loss in Pairc Ui Chaoimh in 1992, could we be back in 1993 to maintain the good luck of the odd years? And under the same "Taoiseach" in "Babs" Keating who had managed Tipperary to the revival of 1987, his "cabinet" now featuring John O'Donoghue and Noel O'Dwyer as successors to Theo English and Donie Nealon of the original threesome. Hopes were not quite sky-high on account of Cork's expected threat, but neither were they at ground level, in spite of definite worries over the pivotal place of centre back and doubts as to whether some



Len Gaynor Clare coach congratulates John O'Donoghue after the Munster Final.

veterans had much left in them.

Cork, according to the popular scenario, would be coming to Thurles, where they can hurl, but can be beaten too. If that could be achieved, Galway were in many eyes regarded as faded from previous heights, and sure, weren't we always or nearly always – able to put a traditional jinx on Kilkenny? There, briefly, was your optimist's advance invoice of another All-Ireland. Not by any means assured, but very, very possible if our men and mentors – rebounded properly from

'92. Of course you always had, here and there, the less positive and maybe more realistic observer would say: "look, we've done okay in taking two All-Irelands with a team that's no classic selection; there's no great sign that we've mended our weak points; and some of the original fire had died in some of them". Babs had complained in 1992 about Cork's approach. Were we going to be any better able to cope in 1993 if we met forcefully rugged opposition? Ageing players were unlikely to find a more self-protective



Eyes on the ball! – Pat Fox is first to the ball during the Munster senior hurling final against Clare at Limerick.



response, a year later.

### League resumes

All this was over the horizon when the year began with the second session of the League. Tipp. had reached the New Year with a perfect record of three victories, and had "only" Down and Antrim to play. The quotation marks round "only" are testimony to the growing usefulness of those Ulster counties. At Ballycran against Down, we fielded: P. Ryan, Delaney, Sheehy, Frend, Ramie Ryan, O'Meara, Kennedy, Carr, Stakelum, Bohan, Declan Ryan, Leahy, Dinny Ryan, M. Ryan, Cleary, Cormac Bonner and English came in as subs for Dinny Ryan and Cleary and the points were won, 0-14 v 2-5. Only two of the fourteen flags were raised from play in rescuing a cause put in early danger by two quick Down goals. After those breaches in our defence, it was the rearguard that really won the day in the last quarter. Goalie Philip Ryan of diminutive stature in the manner of the famous little Jimmy Maher, was getting a trial in the absence of Hogan.

Toomevara's title was reflected by Frend and O'Meara in defence. At the other end, Fox was a notable absentee through injury, while the full-forward placing of Michael Ryan seemed to be an index of selectors doubts about that position after Cormac Bonner's mediocre 1992 against Conor Hayes and Denis Mulcahy. At this stage you could have run a competition to name Tipperary's championship full-forward without much fear of many getting the answer correct.

Antrim came south and met a considerably different Tipp. fifteen. Grace was in goal; Perdue at left-back; Bobby Ryan in Kennedy's place; Conal Bonner for Ramie Ryan; a midfield of King and Hayes; Aidan Ryan, Cormac Bonner and English on the inside as neither Leahy nor Cleary fielded. Again, no soft touch against an Ulster team, though Antrim lacked Barr, McFetridge and Terence McNaughton. The scoreline was 1-17 to 2-10, a mere matter of four points on home soil and an Elliott "goal" luckily disallowed after McKillop had goaled either side of half-time and Tipp's sole goal was a Stakelum penalty in a personal 1-10 return. This, to say the least, was no overpowering exhibition by Tipperary. Tommy Dunne came in for English during the game – a further example of how our one-time chief personality and inspirer had become an intermittent factor.

Not many goals

Anyhow, Tipp. had come through with an immaculate League record – though a marked scarcity of green flags through the series indicated reduced penetration round opposing posts. A winning habit was no bad thing, all the same, though our section had not contained Cork or Galway – and the win over Kilkenny in November had been a bit of a "steal" on the day's play.

Qualifying with encouraging ease, we travelled to Killarney for a quarter final



Full-back Noel Sheehy (left) goes highest to grab the ball during the Munster senior hurling final against Clare at Limerick. Also included are Declan Carr (T. centre) and Cyril Lyons (C. right).

with Kerry. Hogan was back in goal, fronted by the by now regular line of Delaney, Sheehy and Michael Ryan. Ramie Ryan, O'Meara and Conal Bonner were the outer barrier, Stakelum and Carr midfield, and the familiar faces of Cleary, Declan Ryan, Leahy, Fox, Cormac Bonner and English in attacking positions. The figures of 0-14 against 0-5 go nowhere near reflecting the difficulties posed by a determined and occasionally robust Kerry. The half way position of 0-6 to 0-5, with Fox and Declan Ryan our scorers, gradually improved in the direction of security as Kerry failed to raise a solitary flag in the period. Tipp. had given quite a subdued display against Terrier-like opposition, but it got us into the semi-final.

Seldom enough in League history over recent decades had Tipp. come up against Cork in the knockout section. Neither county actually relished meeting seriously before the championship on the theory that you like to preserve an element of mystery as to your form and personnel – a year earlier Cork had almost blatantly failed to contest a semi-final with Limerick in order to avoid a final against Tipp. The presumption that it would be a Munster Final between the pair was generally accepted. How little we suspected that things would not follow expectations.

At any rate, Cork came to Thurles for this league match, on the same bill with Wexford and Limerick. Tipp's sole change from the Kerry game was Dunne for Leahy suffering from a Killarney knock. A victory would be doubly valuable, as an advance blow for the championship and a

visa to the League final. We had to do without the versatile Aidan Ryan as well as Leahy, with the "Borris" player at the time reported unwell with an ailment initially feared to be serious, but later, happily, clarified as a minor matter.

### A rainy start

It spilled rain on the stadium as the game started – they got none a mile or two out of town – and the conditions were no aid to confident control or combined play. Cormac Bonner tricked Corcoran and O'Gorman for a heartening goal and we led 1-5 to 0-7 at the break. English, Ramie Ryan and Stakelum were among the point scorers. Two spectacular episodes marked the second half, in the form of melee and dismissal. The first emanated from a ruck over the prostrate Ken Hogan and looked fiercer than it was – Carr and Teddy McCarthy were booked.

The second, a pull that contacted English's head, led to the exit of Timmy Kelleher and Cork's reduction to fourteen. Cork spirit was undimmed. Manley goaled with twelve minutes left, and Tipperary suffered two losses that may have cost the game. Ramie Ryan, hurling confidently, had a finger broken while O'Meara also got hurt almost simultaneously. Colm Bonner and Bobby Ryan came on, as did Hayes for Carr. The trend became menacing, but we seemed to have got out with a win when Dunne put Tipp. two up with time fading.

Never count out Cork is a wise maxim with '84 as a cautionary memory. A clearance was let go somewhat soft by our forwards; the ball reached the gangling Hennessy and began a triangular



interchange that top rugby players might envy in its movement, passing and timing. The end product was a drive by Mulcahy, receiving from Buckley, low and lethally past Hogan. Stunningly they had done it again 2-11 to 1-13, and the moral advantage for the summer had – we feared – passed to them; that scenario was hard to get out of our heads. Cork's eventual league title was only won after a remarkable and prolonged three-match series with a Wexford who several times appeared to have it won. Perhaps Cork's marathon, even if successful, had a bit to do with the downfall that was to come for them?

#### Favourable draw

The Munster draw was kind, setting Tipp. up against Waterford or Kerry in a semi-final. On all known history, it had to be Waterford, especially at their own Walsh Park. True, the Decies had sunk to sheer ineptitude against Cork in the League, but new coach George Leahy could use this as a spur towards self-respect and a hearty tilt at Tipperary. No, he could not! In a result as bizarre as that long ago defeat of Kerry footballers at Dungarvan, the Kingdom held out for a win that reverberated through the air-waves as the Monday sports sections. This was into our barrow, with Kerry coming to the stadium to be met with a blend of respect, curiosity and disbelief. Sure enough, it was really no contest from the early moment when Cleary "buried" a penalty.

Our selection was: Hogan; Conal Bonner, Sheehy, Ryan, Bobby Ryan, O'Meara, Delaney, Carr, Colm Bonner, Leahy, Declan Ryan, Stakelum, Aidan Ryan, Crosse, Cleary. No Fox or English or Cormac Bonner. The Cashel forward had more or less been handed his P45 by the management, the others were unfit.

The newest and most discussed recruit was definitely Crosse. He had been invited to the camp, had seemingly done reasonably and here he was for a senior debut. The thought probably occurred to some or many, that it was odd that he hadn't been in the picture in the several years since his minor days, but, then, hadn't Cormac Bonner come back out of the discard in 1988 and maybe a discovery had been made in the case of Anthony also.

The win by 4-21 to 2-9 left both Crosse's case and that of the team as a whole, unproven. It was just a stroll with 3-20 from play and fourteen wides to show how much shooting was going on. Cleary got 3-2, the fourth goal was Stakelum's, Crosse himself scored 0-3 and passed the ball about rather smartly. On the negative side, Kerry or Tony Maunsell had got two goals and missed an open one as our inner defence had its problems. This wouldn't do against Cork, so we said, still under the delusion that Cork would be there.

How could it be otherwise? Len Gaynor

was doing his earnest best on his crossing of the Shannon, but Cork had "destroyed" them in the play-off of the League and gone on to win out. Drawing from a small pool from half a county and, in most opinions, deteriorated from the standard of a few years back, how could the Banner resist the legion in red. The answer is writ large in the story of the year. On a heavy sod at Limerick, Len's men tore into the favourites and kept tearing into them, inspired by Daly at fullback. Goals were scored by Jim McInerney (1) and Fergus Tuohy (1). Radio listeners of Tipp. affiliation, listening to the broadcast, were amazed at the news of a Clare lead and uncertain whether to welcome it or not, so much did it run contrary to their image of the Munster final. And when the final whistle gave reality to the sensation, we were happy for Gaynor, but unsure of what the result really meant. Were Clare genuinely better than Cork or had it been a freak based on Clare heart and Limerick mud? If the former, Clare might well be a real threat and it was prudent for Babs and the players to expect a possible second successive peak performance from Clare on Munster Final day. True, they had a known habit of playing poorly when the coveted title was only one game away, but their footballers had done it in 1992 and maybe that great feat would encourage a parallel by the hurlers.

#### Clare collapse

No, comprehensively no, it did not! When the firing and the flag-raising was over, Keating opined to the media that it had been Tipp's "best performance" in his term of managership, a classic, no less. Personally I had my doubts, to the extent of writing that "the championship begins on August 8th". In a "no contest" final

before 42,000 who didn't all stay till half time, Tipp. by that time had gone ten up and eventually with English and Bobby Ryan as late and unnecessary reserves, strolled to 3-27 to 2-12. The game died as soon-as born, with Aidan Ryan and Fox interchanging to the bewilderment of the Clare defence, in which Russell could not hold Declan Ryan or Daly get to grips with Crosse, Leahy kicked our first goal, Cleary crashed in the second, Crosse took the third. A Lyons goal near the break meant little, though it was no tribute to our marking, as neither was the late one for McInerney.

In the euphoria of an effortless Munster title, only the cautious and the realistic types worried about how much a devastated team had managed to score. Ah, well, you can't expect concentration when all tension has departed; we'll be tighter when tightness is needed. For the record, Tipp's successful side was: Hogan, Delaney, Sheehy, Ryan, Ramie Ryan, O'Meara, Conal Bonner, Colm Bonner, Carr, Cleary, Declan Ryan, Leahy, Aidan Ryan, Crosse, Fox.

The "man of the match" accolade went to Leahy a reassuring thing with Galway coming up, as also was the improved midfield play of Carr and Colm Bonner. The jury was out as far as O'Meara team-captain at Centre-back was concerned; some felt that he was more of a heavy sod than "fast going" type. Others said he was young and strong and needed more championship experience.

#### Short odds on Tipp.

Tipp. were favourites, so the papers and the bookmakers kept on indicating. Strong favourites, it could be said. In Galway circles this was not unwelcome – you can put being underdogs to good



Nicholas English in action during the All-Ireland semi-final against Galway in Croke Park.



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psychological use, and no county does it better than Galway, after long years of allegedly being "disregarded" by the counties with long lists of All-Irelands. At times it was hard to know whether they were complaining or enjoying this unproven and subjective idea of being outsiders to the main strongholds. An element of the press kept on harping this tune, sharpened by folk memory of the Keady affair, the dismissals of Linnane and McGrath. Tipp. found itself the target of bitter rivalry – a sad distortion of our genuine admiration and respect for Galway over the decades. But if people choose to be offended it is not easy to deny them the pleasure.

We should have known how intensely Galway sought victory and how near they'd been to Kilkenny in the 1992 semi-final. But such alertness does not seem to have existed in our camp with Galway's heavy defeat by Limerick in the League quarter-final and our own sweep through Munster confirming the feeling that Galway were diminished from their best and Tipp. restored to it. Thoughts and talk of a final with Kilkenny, were rife, and Galway gained extra edge from it.

#### Centre-back issue

The name of Michael O'Meara loomed large in the run-up. He had picked a fortnight before the game to give one of his least convincing displays, in a North game with Nenagh and Keating was there to see his prospective centre-back shifted to midfield in the second quarter, and return to his usual position later, to no good effect, as Eire Og riddled the Toomevara defence. If Tomlinson could do that much on him, how would he cope with Cooney? "Babs" and colleagues decided to drop their captain, and to go for veteran Bobby Ryan. A tall order for the "Borris" backman, some had expected one of the Bonners to get the post if O'Meara was omitted.

The team: Hogan, Delaney, Sheehy, Ryan, Ramie Ryan, Bobby Ryan, Conal Bonner, Carr, Colm Bonner, Cleary, Declan Ryan, Leahy, Aidan Ryan, Crosse, English.

Galway left out Finnerty and Keady. They put McNerney at centre-back, with Killilea in a corner and Kelly outside him. Advance speculation on these choices seemed to endorse Tipp's chances – wasn't McNerney a wing-back and weren't the others green to this level?

The game itself mocked such notions. Galway were as ready as a guerilla party in ambush; Tipp. were as passive as a complacent victim. Galway had quick encouragement after six minutes that had seen a deceptively smooth Tipp. start with two Cleary frees. "Hopper" McGrath, well named, sent a lob towards goal after a Bobby Ryan overhead bat. Ken Hogan, unsure of whether to use stick or hands, let it hop past him for a goal of disturbing softness. Hard luck on the worst possible day for the Lorrha 'keeper, but it



*All-Ireland semi-final, August 8, 1993. Tense final minutes for selectors.*

strengthened Galway's sense that it could be their day.

#### Declan departs

A second depressent followed – Declan Ryan, one of the few with strength enough to pose problems for Galway's defence and make room for others, had to depart with knee trouble. Galway, finding form like that of the 80's with McNerney bursting out of defence, ball in hand, gave our backs a hard time. At halfback, especially, we did not get to grips with them, and midfield was overrun with Coleman the main agent. Rugged defence, unceremonious to a degree, brushed our more ball-playing types aside and even Leahy, one of the tougher types did not relish it.

Colm Bonner's experience on one burst through illustrated Galway's grim resolve, he was met by Treacy with a crushing tackle. Not long afterwards, both Colm and Declan were simultaneously replaced by Fox and Stakelum. The double move was to be the focus of later criticism, on the grounds that Bonner wasn't doing that poorly and that the options were cut down to the minimum as far as the rest of the game was concerned.

If Galway had kept a low profile since the League, here they were with potential fully revealed. Seven points up at half time, with a great long one from Kelly as the pick of the lot. Tipp. rallied with Carr and Cleary points. Leahy went to the "40", Fox and English changed corners. A collision between Ramie Ryan and Delaney left the Cashel player concussed and it did no good for Tipp's momentum. Desperately they fought on and two Cleary frees made it five in a row and only three behind.

Galway had begun to drive many wides to leave Tipp. still theoretically in it, but found the mark again through Cooney, Rabbite, hurling powerfully now. O'Meara had come on after the collision episode, and settled quite quickly, if without the turn of foot to catch up with Rabbite or Cooney. English and Crosse had points cancelled by Cooney and Burke as Galway's followers roared in approval and Tipp's could see disaster taking shape.

Aidan Ryan and Leahy pointed but so did Rabbite before Pat Fox drove home a rebound off keeper Burke for a goal that could not save the cause. In seventy minutes we had not bothered their goalie, whereas Hogan made three or four fine stops after his initial error. The small quota of credit on the day went mostly to our full-back line, with Michael Ryan the best of them.

#### The aftermath

So defeat it was, and deserved success for Galway, a little spoiled, in our view, by overdone after game talk of being "written off" and all that; a great hurling county has no need to talk like a small one. One imagines that Kilkenny had more Tipp. sympathy in the All-Ireland that would generally be the case! A considerable amount of recrimination followed among our hurling fraternity with few compliments and a lot of belated wisdom. O'Meara should have been started; Colm Bonner should have been switched, not taken out; "Babs" had been overconfident, as against Cork in 1992; he had helped Galway's motivation with unwise statements; to sum it up, he ought to go.

Such is the compendium of cribs, of varying validity, but all tinged by the sour taste of disappointment. As it turned out, there was no move to replace him, apart from a sort of hint, soon quietened, from a Cashel source. The job was his, if he wanted, said Co. Chairman Maguire. He did want it and so he still has it for 1994. At season's end Tipp. had played and won three League rounds. A perfect record, but we had exactly the same at the end of 1992 and our fate was to go a long way, but not all the way, in league and championship.

Some of the older men will hardly be involved in the bid to recover supremacy. In general, they and Babs have served us well, taking Tipperary out of the fringe of things and onto centre stage. The next Munster draw seem favourable enough to hopes of reaching the final and Cork could or should be there too. Champions Kilkenny, along with Galway, look to be the best on the wider scene. Let's hope Tipperary get to meet and test them.





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# Is Tipperary Hurling at a Crossroads?

By Declan Kelly (Cork Examiner)

**D**ealing in retrospection can often be a fruitful exercise for those who wish to become educated in the trials and tribulations which fill our daily lives.

The economist, John Maynard Keynes, put it more poetically, when he said that the lessons of the past should always be used as the gateway to the future.

Such clichés should not be lost on those of us who wish to apply them in a sporting context.

For when it comes to hurling, Tipperary hurling in particular, this past season can be more readily dissected than some of its recent predecessors.

Put another way, I believe the county now has an ideal opportunity to walk boldly through that gateway to which Keynes so aptly referred.

In the overall scheme of things, there is much to be positive about from Tipperary's point of view as one looks ahead to the Summer of 1994.

One would indeed be foolish not to realise that the potential for further advancement went a-begging all too easily on August 8th. I also believe Tipperary would have stood a superior chance of beating Galway this year had the double substitution not been made in the error-ridden semi-final.

Furthermore, I remain convinced that Tipperary would have defeated Kilkenny had they made it through to the final.

In my view, the Cats won't get too many titles as handy again if they make it to Croke Park in September for the next 100 years in a row.

All that considered, finding the key to the overall puzzle matters a great deal to the people of Tipperary at this juncture.

I currently sit amongst the ranks who are of the opinion that the fate of the county senior hurling team is at yet another crossroads in its black and white existence of recent years.

The management of the Tipperary senior hurling team are fortunate that they have the opportunity at least to build on the foundation of a Munster title.

For others, like Cork and Limerick, the journey through the soul will be far more tedious and difficult.

One thing is certain however, all three now need to grasp the nettle with different degrees of bravery.

The degree to which they succeed will almost certainly decide whether Tipperary falters or prospers in the foreseeable future. Though I have been critical of some of the things they have done in the recent and not so recent past. It was indeed heartening to see Babs Keating and his selectors blooding new talent for much of the league campaign up to Christmas.

Nevertheless, this is something which should have been done quite a while ago to allow other players the opportunity to stake their place on a side which had, ironically, probably begun to look a little too settled and set in its ways.

Competition is healthy in all spheres, and the Tipperary senior hurling team is no exception.

Thus, if the selectors follow through with their present policy for the rest of the year, it is not unreasonable to expect that we will see some new faces when the team lines up for its first championship campaign next summer.

For this, I believe, is the central issue which needs to be addressed at this juncture while Tipperary is still in a position of relative dominance.

All of this brings me back to something I wrote in this yearbook twelve months ago, with regard to the comparative standards in Tipperary and Cork.

I wrote back then that there was no question but that the standards in Tipperary were quite a deal higher.

I also stated that the cut and thrust which we see regularly in all divisions of



Declan Kelly

senior hurling in Tipperary and especially in the closing stages of the championship, were no longer a regular feature of the scene down Leaside way.

A dozen months have passed in the interim and the order of merit has not changed one iota.

In fact, if anything, standards in Tipperary have risen slightly while Cork has struggled to consolidate its position.

This year's Tipperary county final was one which I enjoyed immensely, for there was little or nothing between the two sides at the finish. Indeed this is as all ideal head-to-head contests should be. It was no coincidence though that Toomevara disposed of St. Finbarr's on the way to the Munster Final where they were an infinitely better balanced side than their opponents from Sixmilebridge.

However, high standards on the local front are only of real merit if they are tapped and made use of when the hour of combat approaches on the inter-county front.

Observers need only look at Cork's plight to see what happens when you wait too long to implement change, even if the change is only gradual and tentative.

At a time when most other Munster counties with the exception of Clare appear to be in decline, Tipperary seem to have a valuable opportunity to reassert their position in the season ahead, if the right blend between old and new can be attained.

All Munster counties are in mourning with regard to hurling at the moment, but for some the bereavement is more serious than others.

Tipperary still have, I believe, an opportunity to aim for a glorious ascension.

We await the wake with interest.

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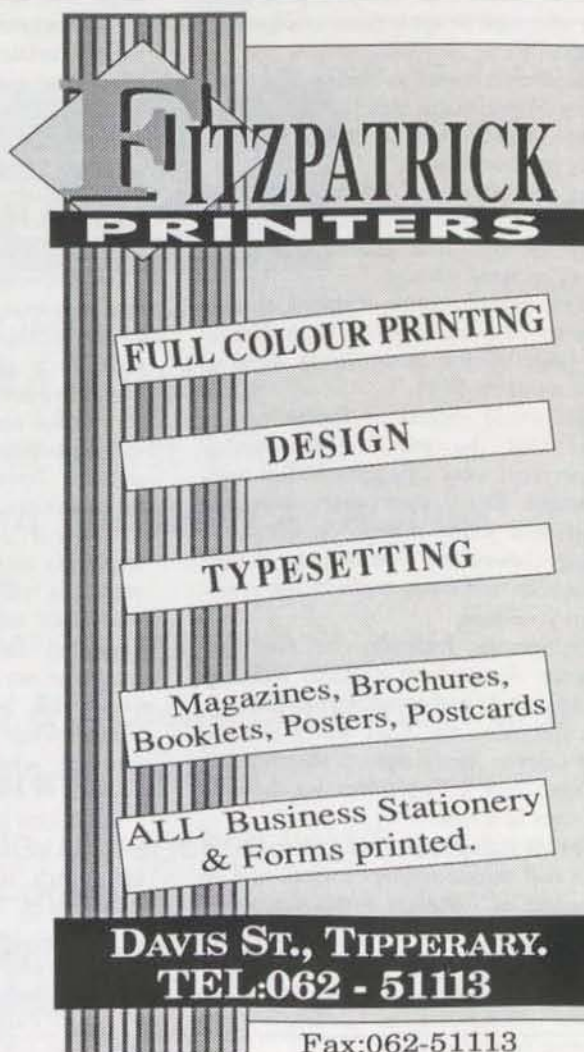
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# Tipperary Minor hurlers

—SO NEAR AND YET SO FAR

by Mark Rabbitte, "Nenagh Guardian"

**W**HILE Tipperary's defeat at the hands of reigning All-Ireland champions, Galway, at the national semi-final stage last August may have prompted people to think that 1993 was yet another flopped year on the minor hurling front, closer examination will reveal that this was not the case and that the year was, indeed, a most rewarding one which gives cause for great optimism for the year ahead.

The reason being that, at the outset of the season, the minor hurlers were generally regarded as the side with the least to offer in terms of championship prospects. They were young (three of the side were only sixteen), inexperienced and with only two players remaining from the 1992 side, they were not given much hope for success. However, after putting in some great work under the guidance of coach, Fr Tom Fogarty, the team came through a facile victory over Limerick; two heart-stopping encounters against Clare and a sweet Munster final win over Cork before eventually bowing out to a more experienced Galway side in the All-Ireland semi-final at Ennis last August.

## EARLY START

Yet again, this year, Tipperary were sent into the throes of championship hurling as early as 7th April when they faced Limerick at Semple Stadium.

This was a game that the home side weren't expected to come through, given the fact that Limerick CBS had captured the Harty Cup in fine style just a few weeks previously, but what transpired on the night was a sure sign that, while the squad may have been tender in years, it played with a pride and spirit that showed they were not going to be easily beaten in the championship.

A fine display of maturity, especially after the early sending off of a player, saw them produce some outstanding passages of hurling and with sixteen-year-old Liam Cahill giving an inspirational performance (he scored 1-4), the Tipperary lads eased to a 1-17 to 0-6 victory.

Unfortunately though, even after this fine showing, many people were still not convinced as to the merits of Fr Fogarty's team. "Limerick were very poor," they said, and once they come up against the big teams they would just fade away. However, it was in their next game, a Munster semi-final against Clare in Limerick, that people really began to sit up and take note of this team. After conceding two bad goals in the run up to half-time, Tipperary faced into the final

twelve minutes of the game trailing by seven points and looking like they were about to be dumped out of the championship. However, a switch by the Tipperary mentors, which brought Kevin Tucker to wing-forward and Philip O'Dwyer to corner proved to be a master one indeed as no sooner had the switch been made than O'Dwyer had the ball in the back of the Clare net. Andy Moloney followed with a similar score and with points coming from Johnny Enright and Kevin Tucker, Tipperary were two up going into injury time. Clare, however, fought back to level for what was probably the fairest result to a great game. The final score read 2-13 to 3-10 and afterwards, Fr Tom Fogarty described Tipperary's performance as "a remarkable display of fighting spirit."

## THE REPLAY

The replay, which again took place in Limerick's Gaelic Grounds, was a much more clear-cut affair. Tipperary, showing a few changes from the drawn game, after a rather indifferent first half, at the end of which they trailed 0-6 to 0-5, really moved up a gear in the second half and completely overwhelmed their opponents to run out comfortable 0-17 to 1-9 winners.

This win put Tipperary into a third consecutive Munster final, and with age-old rivals Cork having come through the other side of the draw, the stage was set for what would hopefully be a great game.

Luckily for Tipperary things went according to play on the day, and, along with the seniors annihilation of Clare, the minors saw off the challenge of Cork in a



ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL AT ENNIS — Anxiety on the faces of the Tipperary minor management: Phil Lowry (kneeling) (selector), Fr. Tom Fogarty (coach); Gerry McKeogh (selector); John Costigan (selector).



most impressive fashion. A good start which saw them open up a 0-4 to 0-1 lead after eleven minutes provided them with a solid platform from which to launch their championship bid and with Johnny Enright finishing a brilliant move to the back of the net after eighteen minutes, the Tipperary lads retired at half time enjoying a 1-5 to 1-1 lead.

The second half exchanges were more or less even, although Tipperary had to rely upon the excellence of Brendan Cummins in goals to rescue them on a couple of occasions before they ended up winners on a 1-12 to 1-9 scoreline.

This victory meant that only reigning champions, Galway, now stood between the side and a second All-Ireland appearance in three years and it was with an air of quiet confidence that the Tipperary contingent headed off to Ennis on Friday, 6th August last.

#### HOPES DASHED

These confident hopes of victory were soon dashed, however, and when Tipperary came up against a confident, experienced and well prepared Galway side

which contained a number of their 1992 title-winning side. Their all-round physical strength and balance proved too much for a Tipperary side which, although giving of their best from start to finish, was always fighting a losing battle.

By half time, though, Tipperary were in with more than a fighting chance, trailing by just 1-5 to 0-6 at the interval. Galway's display in the second half, though, was as good as given by a minor team all year and with goals coming from Seán Corcoran and Declan Walsh, the Westerners ran out easy winners on a 3-10 to 0-10 scoreline.

And thus ended Tipperary's year and while many of the critics were slamming both team and management for yet another year without a minor title, even they must agree that the strides made during the year with such a young squad were most encouraging and can but augur well for 1994. Success in the grade must come at some stage and having witnessed the exploits of this young squad all year, I, and many others, are of the opinion that it will come sooner rather than later.

Team management for the year was — Coach: Fr Tom Fogarty (Moynemount). Selectors : Gerry McKeogh

(Ballina); Jim Lynch (Cahir); John Ryan (Cashel); Phil Lowry (Holycross), John Costigan (J. K. Brackens).

The panel for the year was — Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Paul Shelly (Killenaule, U); Colm O'Flaherty (Cahir); Martin Haverly (Kilruane); Michael Ferncombe (Boherlahan-Dualla, U); David Fogarty (Golden-Kilfeacle U); Brian Horgan (Knockavilla, U); Andy Moloney (Cahir, U); Seamus Maher (Borrisoleigh, U); Terry Dunne (Toomevara); Darren O'Connor, Cahir U); Pat Croke (Mullinahone); Johnny Enright (Thurles Sarsfields, U); Declan O'Meara (Nenagh Eire Og); Kevin Tucker, captain (Nenagh Eire Og); Philip O'Dwyer (Boherlahan-Dualla, U); Liam Cahill (Ballingarry, U); Noel Ryan (Holycross-Ballycahill, U); Conor O'Shea (Aherlow); Tadhg Bourke (Holycross-Ballycahill); Noel Morris (Loughmore-Castleiney); Brian Phelan (Upperchurch-Drombane); Ky Vaughan (Mullinahone, U); Tom Moylan (Newport, U); Michael Collins (Galtee Rovers, U); Davy Kennedy (Loughmore-Castleiney, U).

Note — 'U' denotes those underage next year.



*Pat Croke in action against Galway during the All-Ireland minor hurling semi-final in Ennis.*



# The Nenagh Co-op 1993 County Senior Hurling Championship

SEAMUS J. KING

**I**N winning the 1993 Nenagh Co-op county senior hurling title, Toomevara achieved something no team has since Kilruane MacDonagh's in the late '70's, put two championships back to back. In doing so they doubled the achievement of the 1960 team, equalled the success of the 1930-31 teams and made it possible to emulate the victories of the three-in-a-row squad way back in the 1912-14 era.

During the course of the celebrations following the 1992 win a warning was sent to all and sundry that, having won this great prize, they would not be giving it up easily. A similar warning was issued on the evening of October 10th to anyone who might have designs on 'Dan Breen' for 1994: they are determined to keep it in the home of the 'Greyhounds' for at least another year.

There were a number of contenders for county honours at the start of the year. Beaten finalists in 1992, Thurles Sarsfields, had definite aspirations and seemed to be on target when they handed out a twelve-point drubbing to old rivals Holycross-Ballycahill in the Mid final at Templemore on 15th August. In doing so they won their first divisional final in thirteen years.

A week later Mullinahone made history when they won their first ever senior divisional final by beating Carrick Swans, 1-11 to 0-12, in the South final. It was their first time in the final and only their second year in senior ranks. The victory was inspired by a great display by their captain, John Leahy, who scored nine points of their tally.

On the same day Nenagh Eire Og had to survive a tenacious Moneygall display before taking the North championship by 0-14 to 0-12 at Cloughjordan.

On the last Sunday of August, Moneygall played Toomevara, the North league winners, to decide on the second team to go forward to the county championships. The game resulted in an emphatic win, 1-16 to 1-7, by the league winners and for the second year Toomevara qualified for the county championships without a divisional title.

On the same day Cashel were unimpressive in accounting for Kickhams in the West final at Tipperary. On a scoreline of 2-15 to 2-12 the King Cormacks won their fourth title in six years but failed to deliver on the promise they showed against Cappawhite in the semi-final.

## QUARTER-FINALS

The quarter-final pairings pitted Mid v. South in Golden. In the first game Thurles Sarsfields did not impress in beating Carrick Swans by 4-8 to 1-8. Playing with the wind in the first half the Mid champions led by 3-4 to 0-4 at the interval and, in the course of the hour, shot no less than nineteen wides against a mostly ineffective Swan side.

In the second game, Holycross-Ballycahill scored an unconvincing three point win, 1-12 to 2-6, over the South champions, Mullinahone. Although the Mid side were the better team they played badly and might have been in trouble had John Leahy been on target with his free-taking.

The two other quarter-finals were played at Templemore. In the first Cashel faced Toomevara, who gave a very impressive performance in hammering the West champions by 1-17 to 1-4. At half-time the score stood 0-10 to 1-2 in 'Toome's favour but, as Cashel were to have the advantage of the wind in the second half, it appeared as if they were still well in contention. However, there was no resurgence and all the King Cormac's were to score was a mere two points.

In contrast, Toomevara stamped their authority on the game and their supremacy was never in doubt until they ran out convincing and worthy winners by thirteen points. The second game was lacking in excitement and Nenagh Eire Og struggled to a five point win over West runners-up, Kickhams, on a scoreline of 1-14 to 0-12. Nenagh went into an early lead of 0-7 to 0-1 but Kickhams began to respond in the second quarter and brought down the lead to 0-8 to 0-6 at the interval. Midway through the second half Nenagh got the only goal of the game to put them into a 1-10 to 0-7 lead. At times during the remainder of the game Kickhams threatened but their finishing was poor and Eire Og had a five point advantage at the final whistle.

## SEMI-FINALS

The semi-finals were played at Semple Stadium on 26th September. In the first, Nenagh Eire Og defeated Holycross-Ballycahill by a single point on a scoreline 0-15 to 0-14 and qualified for their first county final. Nenagh entered the game as favourites chiefly due to poor performances from the Mid men during the year. However, Holycross-Ballycahill produced a performance in the first half that was

largely unexpected and led by an impressive six points at the interval. The margin might have been wider but for some fine free-taking by Michael Cleary, which put a gloss on an otherwise lacklustre performance from the Nenagh men.

There was a transformation in the teams at the interval. The bottom fell out of the Holycross-Ballycahill challenge in the second half and they could score only three points. In contrast Eire Og came alive, got three quick points and, with a much improved performance from Kevin Tucker, eventually snatched victory by a solitary point. The win underlined the important contribution of Michael Cleary, who scored nine points of the winners total.

In the second game the champions, Toomevara, completely outshone a poor Sarsfields performance. It was a most disappointing display in the light of the two-hour battle between the same protagonists in last year's final. 'Toome' led 0-7 to 0-3 at the interval but, as Sarsfields had a slight wind advantage in the second half, it was possible they might make their mark. Instead 'Toome' went further ahead and even though Sarsfields pegged them back a couple of times, 'Toome' always had that extra acceleration when the need arose and this was to take them well away in the final quarter when they scored 0-6 to only 0-1 for Sarsfields.

## THE FINAL

Toomevara went into the final strong favourites. They had impressed along the way, in beating Moneygall in the North play-off, in pushing aside Cashel at Templemore, in overcoming the challenge of Thurles with ease. In contrast, Nenagh Eire Og had just about got there, against Moneygall in the North final, against Kickhams in the quarter-final and just about against Holycross-Ballycahill.

There was just one doubt looming in the face of certainty: Nenagh had beaten the same opposition twice in the North championship. The answer to that, of course, was that Toomevara hadn't their act together when they went down in defeat. Now, they had and were a very formidable outfit.

At half-time it appeared that Toomevara were on target and their favouritism justified. With a few minutes to go before the interval they led by 1-8 to 0-3 and



while Michael Cleary hit three great points before half-time, the more respectable looking scoreboard did not anticipate what was to come. At this stage no Nenagh forward had registered.

Nenagh introduced Eddie Tucker at half-time and he began to make an impact. After ten minutes they had added three points to their credit while 'Toome' replied with one from a Mike Nolan '65.' Then, following an explosion of pulling between Frank Moran and Michael Murphy, Nenagh seemed to spark fire. A great run by John Heffernan resulted in a goal and this was followed by a point. Another followed and, suddenly, Nenagh were ahead by 1-11 to 1-9.

It was at this stage that Toomevara showed their true character. They rallied to level but Nenagh went ahead again. With ten minutes to go it was anyone's game with great excitement and some splendid exchanges. Toomevara levelled again and then went two points ahead. Entering injury time Nenagh missed chances and then Cleary scored to leave a point between the sides. By this stage two minutes of extra time had elapsed but most expected four because of a delay attending an injury to Philip Shanahan. However, referee Paddy Lonergan blew the final whistle to the surprise of most and the disappointment of Nenagh, who believed they might have got the equaliser in those extra minutes. Probably everyone present would have liked another hour of such an heroic contest.

It was a marvellous moment for Toomevara and a tremendous ending to a year that hadn't started off too promising. They showed themselves end-of-season specialists. It was a great moment for captain, Jody Grace; for coach, Seán Stack and for selectors, Fr. Michael Casey, Jim McDonnell and Frank Ryan.

The winning team was – Jody Grace; Pat Meagher, Rory Brislane, Declan O'Meara; George Frend, Michael O'Meara, Philip Shanahan; Tony Delaney, Pat King; Michael Nolan, Michael Murphy, Liam Flaherty; Tommy Carroll, Kevin Kennedy, Tommy Dunne. Substitute – John Ryan for Michael Murphy. Substitutes – Kevin McCormack, Terry Dunne, Liam Nolan, Michael Delaney, Sean Nolan, Jimmy Dunne, Aidan Maxwell, Brendan Spillane, Noel Kenneally, Michael McCormack.

Nenagh Eire Og – Christy McLoughlin; Donie O'Brien, Conor O'Donovan, Noel Coffey; Phil Hennessy, Frank Moran, Paul Kennedy; Philip Kennedy, Michael Cleary; Paul Dolan, John Heffernan, Robbie Tomlinson; John Kennedy, Neilly Corbett, Kevin Tucker. Substitutes – Denis Finnerty for Donie O'Brien; Eddie Tucker for Neilly Corbett; Chris Bonner for John Kennedy. Also – Declan O'Meara, John Tucker, Con Howard, Gearoid Cleary, Michael Kennedy, Mi-

chael Grace.

Selectors – Liam Heffernan (coach), John Tucker, Billy Flannery.

'Man of the Match' Award – Michael Cleary (Nenagh Eire Og).

Referee – Paddy Lonergan (Galtee Rovers).

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the county senior hurling championship was sponsored. The sponsors were Nenagh Co-op and the amount of the sponsorship, which was 'substantial' according to county chairman, Michael Maguire, was not revealed.

## Nenagh Co-Op Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship Results 1993

COUNTY FINAL Semple Stadium - October 10th

Toomevara 1-14, Nenagh Eire Og 1-13

*Referee: Paddy Lonergan (Galtee Rovers)*

SEMI FINALS - Semple Stadium - September 26th

Nenagh Eire Og 0-15, Holycross-Ballycahill 0-14

*Referee Tommy Lonergan (Kilsheelan)*

Toomevara 0-18, Thurles Sarsfields 0-9

*Referee Willie Barrett (Ardfinnan)*

QUARTER FINALS - Golden - September 12th

Holycross-Ballycahill 1-12, Mullinahone 2-6

*Referee Richie Barry (Cappawhite)*

Thurles Sarsfields 4-8, Carrick Swans 1-8

*Referee Michael Cahill (Kilruane-McDonaghs)*

Templemore -

Toomevara 1-17, Cashel King Cormacks 1-4

*Referee Tommy Lonergan (Kilsheelan)*

Nenagh Eire Og 1-14, Kickhams 0-12

*Referee Willie Clohessy (Drom-Inch)*



Photographed at the launching of the 1993 Nenagh Co-Op sponsored under 16 inter county hurling tournament at Haye's Hotel were - back row l. to r. Tom Collum, county coaching committee; Martin Linnane, Nenagh Co-Op; Tommy Kelly, secretary County Bord na nOg; John Ryan, county development officer; Donal Shanahan, county youth officer; Tom Joyce, Nenagh Co-Op. In front - Tomás Ó Baróid, county senior board secretary; Jim Lynch, chairman Bord na nOg; Michael Maguire, county senior board chairman; Jim Murphy, Chief Executive Nenagh Co-Op.



# Tipperary Junior Hurlers



The Tipperary team which failed to Waterford in the Munster Junior hurling semi final (replay) at Cappoquin. Back row l. to r. Michael Ryan, Pat Maguire, Eamonn Kelly, James Cahill, Joe Harrington, Owen Cummins, Ger Ryan, Liam Stokes. Front row l-r Ger Maguire, Damien Quinlan, Seán Nealon, Liam Enright, Chris Byron, Paudie O'Keefe, Peter Brennan. Final score (replay) Waterford 3-12, Tipperary 1-10.



Tipperary junior hurling selectors photographed in Cappoquin before the Munster junior hurling semi final replay against Waterford l. to r. Jim Fogarty (coach), Paddy Kelly, Jimmy Meighan, 'Senator' Murphy, Noel Browne.

## Inter Firms Hurling



The Proctor and Gamble Panel pictured before winning the Inter Firms Junior Munster Final at Tralee against Kerry Co-Op. They also won the County title for the third consecutive year. Back Row l. to r. Brian Bergin (Toomevara), Brian Looney (Burgess), Sean Forde (Silvermines), Martin Cahalan (Kilruane McDonagh), Barry Ryan (Borrisoleigh), Declan Corcoran (Silvermines), Dinny Connors (Burgess), Liam Sheedy (Portroe), John Conroy (Kilruane McDonagh), Ger Maher (Kilruane McDonagh) and Stephen Treacy (Portumna). Front: Gearoid McDermott (Cahel King Cormacks), Paul Moran (Shannon Rovers), Pat Power (Portroe), Paul Kenneally (Toomevara), Ger Gleeson Captain, (Silvermines), Pakie Burke (Shannon Rovers), Steve Carthy (Kilruane McDonagh), Joe Cahill (Kilruane McDonagh), Phil Hennessy (Nenagh Eire Og), Thomas Hogan (Shannon Rovers), and Brian O'Brien (Silvermines). Missing from photo J. Doughan (Monegall), Eddie Tucker (Nenagh).



Taylormade Templemore Ltd., Munster Inter Firms Junior Football Champions 1992/93. Front l-r Paul Daly, R. Doyle, Michael Ormond, Sean Percy, Evan Byrne, (Capt), Mel McBride, Joe Shields, Jim Ormond, David Russell. Back l. to r. Colm Russell, Gerry Quinn, Mick Cahill, James McCarthy, Martin Bourke, Patrick Gleeson, John Guider, Tom McGrath, John Mason, Tom McGrath, Myles McMorow.



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*His Grace, Most Rev. Dermot Clifford, patron of the GAA addressing the delegates at the County Tipperary GAA annual convention at Sarsfields Social Centre.*



*Photographed at County GAA annual convention at Sarsfields Social Centre were l. to r. Liam McGrath, Holycross; Jim Cahill, Thurles and Jimmy Purcell, Thurles.*

## Tipperary County Convention January '93 at Árus na Sáirséalach



*All the secretaries at the county convention last year l. to r. Matty Connolly, Mid; Michael O'Meara, South; Jerry Ring, West; and Michael O'Brien, North.*



*President of the G.A.A. Peter Quinn who spoke at County Tipperary Annual Convention has a few minutes to read through the programme during a break in the proceedings.*



*Photographed before the start of the County Tipperary GAA annual convention in Thurles were l. to r. Martin Dwan, Drom; Denis Floyd, Birdhill; Jimmy Collins, Clonmel and Seamus O Riain, Moneygall.*



*Sharing a light-hearted moment after the County GAA annual convention in Thurles were l. to r. Mick O'Brien, secretary North Board; Liz Howard re-elected County Board P.R.O.; John Ryan, re-elected County Development Officer.*



*Re-elected - Tomas O Baroid, Michael Maguire and Seamus Hogan who were re-elected to the positions of secretary, chairman and treasurer respectively at County GAA annual convention in Thurles.*



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Bhí craobh mhór láidir sa bhaile agus bhiódh féilte dá n-eagrú ag an gcraobh, le comórtais i gceol rinne agus labhairt na Gaeilge. Bhí an chraobh ag dul i dtreise bliain i ndiaidh bliana go dtí gur thosnaigh Cogadh na Saoirse. Chuir na Dubhcro-naigh an chraobh faoi chos agus bhí ar na baill éirí as. Co luath is a bhí an cogadh thart agus saoirse cainte amach athbhunaíodh an chraobh. Tosnaíodh ar na féilte arís agus bhí an cultúr gaelach á spreagadh ag na baill. Lean an chraobh mar sir uaireanta láidir uaireanta lag ach leanúrach.

Buaic réime na craoibhe ab ea imeachtaí na bliana 1965. Sa bhliain sir bhuaigh an chraobh príomhdhuais Glór na nGael as ucht an dea obair a bhí déanta ag baill na

craoibhe agus muinntir an bhaile chun an Ghaeilge a fhorbairt. Bhronn Eamonn De Valera an corn ar Sheosamh Ó Tuathaigh, Cathaoirleach na Craoibhe. Tar éis an éacht íontach sir thainig sórt meatha ar an gCraobh agus i rith na seachtódaí bhí sí beagnach éagtha agus cé gur rinneadh iarrachtaí chun rudaí a fheabhsú theip ortha.

Tháinig dream beag le céile sna h-ochtódaí agus shocraigh stad ar an gCraobh a thosnú arís. D'eirigh go geal leo ar feadh cupla bliain agus bhí togha oibre a dhéanamh ag an gCraobh. Tharla mí thuiscint idir an chraobh agus an Coiste Stiúrtha i mBlá cliath agus thit rudui as a gcéile arís.

Sa bhliain 1992 d'aiseiríodh an chraobh athuair agus tá sí ag moireachtáil ó shoin. Tagann na baill le céile ar bhonn rialta. Faoi láthair níl slua mór páirteach sa chonnadh i nDúrlas agus is cuís díomá é

seo. I mbliana chur comóradh an chéid a cheiliúradh bhronn ar chraobh gloine chriostail ar Liam Ó Riain as Baile Dhaith Dúrlas atá ag déanamh sár oibre ar son na Gaeilge i mBolton, Sasana. Tá sé beartaithe freisean. Trath na gCeist a eagnú do na Meánscoil canna maguaird agus tá scéimeanna eile beartaithe ag an gcraobh le haghaidh fohrbairte na Gaeilge.

Tá tionchair iasachta ag Brú go géar ar chultúr na tíre seo agus uaireanta bíonn sé thar a beith deachair aidhmeanna Chonradh na Gaeilge a chur ar aghaidh. Caithfear an tróid a leanúint agus fad is a leanas an Conradh i nDúrlas beidh sé sa fhiorthosach chun na h-aidhmeana seo aidhmeana De h íde a chuir i mbéal an phobail.

*Conchubhan Ó Riain*  
Oifigeach na Gaeilge.



Tipperary U.21 hurling team back row l. to r. Paudie O'Keeffe, Brian O'Meara, Tommy Dunne, Brendan Cummins, Pat Maguire, Tomás Gleeson, Seán Collum, Brian O'Dwyer, Adrian Hogan. Front row Ger Maguire, Tomás Fogarty, John Doughan, Philip Shanahan, Vinny Ryan, Brian Gaynor.



# Jimmy 'Butler' Coffey

## — a link with greatness

Seamus Leahy

They still tell the story in Castleconnell how in the days before the motorcar took over the roads the train driver on the morning of a big hurling game held the train in the station until Ned Coffey arrived. He had to walk from Newport but he never missed a big match and the trainer driver, knowing he would be along, couldn't find it in his heart to go without him.

A lover of hurling since the birth of the G.A.A., Ned had followed Tubberadora, the 'Blues', Toomevara and Boherlahan. He was a sound judge of hurling and he saw his three sons, Mick, Jimmy and Jack, win All-Ireland medals. Mick won a junior All-Ireland title with Tipp in 1926 and both Jimmy and Jack were on the minor team which completed the third leg of the Triple Crown victory in 1930. Had he lived a few months more in 1937, he would have seen Jimmy win a senior All-Ireland, and to this day it is a matter of the keenest regret with his famous son that he did not live to see it.

In his home in Cappamore today Jimmy 'Butler' Coffey, as he has always been known, belies his 80-plus years as with the clarity of mind one might expect in a man half his age he ranges over a lifetime in hurling which brought him into contact with and earned him the respect of men whose names will be remembered as long as stories of games long past are told. Still the barrel-chested, thick-limbed figure who tore with Tommy Treacy against defences that are part of hurling history, he is never so happy as when engaged in reminiscences of games played before most of us were born. Statistics of games, half-time scores, full-time scores, who marked whom and who scored what — these are details that flow from him as easily as the Mulcaire finds Shannon's banks and every story is laced with the humour of the quintessential Tipperary-man of the hills.

At a time when the hub of Tipperary hurling was Mid-Tipp and it was not easy for a lad from the hills of North Tipperary to get the attention of those who mattered, Jimmy was a county minor for three years running. There was a sudden inexplicable flowering of talent in the Newport area and Jimmy was joined on



the All-Ireland winning team of 1930 by two others from his club — his brother Jack and Jim Close who would later be a member of Mick Mackey's immortal squad. Only the redoubtable Dinny Gorman, who was a sub, and Jimmy himself, now survive of that team.

Jimmy quickly came into senior ranks, being the first of the 1930 minors to graduate, but an unhappy event in 1932 brought him into temporary disfavour with selectors. Picked to play against Cork in the championship, he was prevented by his work from turning up and it looked as if his inter-county career might be over. But a chance occurrence brought him back into favour. Cycling into Limerick to see a Thomond Féis game between Limerick and Tipperary, he was accosted on the street by Johnny Leahy, the Co. Secretary. "Will you come down to Sadlier's Hotel — we're short of subs", Johnny called. Delighted to oblige, Jimmy found himself fitted out with a pair of outsize boots and not-so-clean togs and when Mick Cronin of Lorrha was carried off with a head injury he was pushed onto the field with the admonition, "Stop Clohessy!" The Clohessy in question was Paddy, long recognised as one of the greatest centrebacks the game has produced and when, half a century later, Jimmy Coffey told the story to Pat Stakelum — a man who knows more than

a little about the quality of centrebacks — Stakelum's laconic comment was, "A tall order!"

Tall order though it may have been, Jimmy acquitted himself well and for the first time he experienced the exhilaration of playing beside Tommy Treacy. Phil Cahill, the Holycross maestro, came on when Jimmy Ryan of Boherlahan was injured and with Tipp. four points down and not much time to go he was awarded a free. "Lob it in and we'll bust the net!" Treacy told him and as the ball dropped out of the sky Treacy jumped, hurleys flashed and the big Killea man fell to the ground, his head, not for the first time in his hurling career, badly cut. Limerick held out but Coffey's reputation as a senior hurler was established and from then until 1940 he was a regular member of the Tipperary team.

Sixty years later he remembers vividly the team which went down by three points in the following year to Waterford, who in turn went down to Limerick. Their names and positions are listed by him without falter as if the game were played yesterday:

Tommy O'Meara of Toomevara in goal; John Maher and Jack Stapleton of Thurles and Phil Purcell; Jim Lanigan, Tom Teehan of Army and Killenaule, and Bill Kennedy of Moycarkey; Tommy Treacy and Mick Daniels, who later won an All-Ireland with Dublin; Phil Cahill, Mick Cronin and Jimmy Coffey; Tommy Leahy, Martin Kennedy and Jimmy Heaney. It was, says Jimmy Coffey one of the most talented groups of individuals ever to represent the county and it was highly ironic that they did not make it past the first round of the championship.

It was another of the cruel ironies of Jimmy Coffey's hurling career that his years of maturity coincided with the peak years of Mick Mackey's and Limerick's greatness. Everywhere a team of hurlers raised their heads they were confronted by the men in green under the captain whose name even today brings a flutter of excitement among those lucky enough to have seen him in his prime. During the 1930's Limerick had a dazzling run of victories, taking three All-Irelands on top of a record five National Leagues in-a-row, leaving little to be won by any other



Munster county. The Thomond Feis – a competition much loved by Jimmy Coffey for its sheer Gaelic quality – while it provided memorable games, was won year after year, with but one exception, from 1933 to 1940 by Mackey's men. And not even Newport itself was spared the devastation, since two of its shining lights, Mick Ryan and Jim Close, hearing the call of county loyalty, defected to Ahane and Limerick. Long years afterwards in the evening of his hurling career, when Coffey had married and settled in Cappamore, he found himself permitted by rule to play junior for Cappamore and senior for another club. Invited to play for Ahane, he won two county championships – an inkling of the hurling honours he might have gained if he had forsaken his native county in the years of his prime.

A slight shadow of nostalgia crosses his face as he tells of a thundering church-building game between Ahane and Thurles in 1947 when Ahane lined out with John Mackey as full-forward and Mick and Jimmy himself in the corners. It says much for the quality of Sarsfields at the time that they beat that Ahane team nearly in their own backyard.

If he talks well of every year of his hurling life, he talks particularly well of 1937 when unfancied Tipp beat Cork in the first round and, against all the odds, disposed of Limerick in the Munster Final. A goal by 'Sweeper' Ryan kept the teams level with 1-2 each at half-time but even then Limerick remained hot favourites. Tipperary supporters were as much aware as anyone else of the awful power of

Mackey's men when the chips were down and nobody would predict that Tipp would succeed in establishing a lead, much less hold it to the end.

But that is exactly what Tipp did. Three goals were blazed in during the first seven minutes of the second half, putting the pressure on Limerick while allowing Tipp to concentrate on holding onto their lead. With defeat staring them in the face, Limerick turned on all of their awesome firepower to produce what was generally regarded as one of the finest hurling games of the 'Thirties. Tipp stayed with them ball for ball and it fell to Tommy Doyle to lash home a pass from Coffey to the net to give Tipp the victory by 6-3 to 4-3.

There were those who would later claim that it was a mixture of over-confidence and campaign fatigue which cost Limerick the game that day. But there can be no taking away from Tipp's achievement in snatching the Munster crown from one of the greatest hurling teams of the century. The Tipp men would long remember the commanding presence and the earnest words of Tom Semple before they took the field. "You are going out to meet the best team since the Association was founded", he told them, "but the men with the greatest will-power will win". Jimmy Coffey considers to this day that it was the inspiration of the old Blues captain which made the vital difference between Tipp and Limerick during that never-to-be-forgotten hour.

That was the year in which the All-Ireland against Kilkenny was played in Killarney, with Tipp winning by a

thumping margin of 3-11 to 0-3 but when the years had rolled their carpet of forgetfulness over the events of 1937 it was memories of the victory over Limerick in that epic Munster Final which proved most durable. Jimmy Coffey would concur with Semple's verdict on the Mackey team of the 30's. In his estimation they have never been quite surpassed. They owed nothing to anyone but themselves. They trained themselves and the impetus to victory came from themselves. What you saw on the field was all there was to see; there was no brains trust making magical decisions from a dugout. They were on their own. They played Sunday after Sunday through summer and winter, helping to build more churches, it was said, than any fifteen bishops and always giving the fullest commitment. When the glory of Ahane finally petered out, something went out of hurling that has never been replaced.

The final whistle, though, of the 1937 All-Ireland was the last piece of luck that Tipperary hurling enjoyed for many years. In the year immediately following there was the heartbreak of what is still referred to as the 'Cooney case' when a Central Council ruling sidelined Tipperary after they had beaten Clare in the first round with a team which Johnny Leahy described as 'the nearest thing to perfection'. But for Jimmy Coffey there was the consolation of a Railway Cup medal with a Munster team which today reads like an All-Stars selection: Paddy Scanlon; Dinny Gorman, Tom McCarthy, Jim Lanigan, John Keane, Paddy Clohessy, Larry Blake of



Winners of the 1937 All-Ireland hurling championship (played at Killarney). Back Row (l. to r.) D. Gorman, W. O'Donnell, W. Wall, Jim Lanigan (captain), Jn. Maher, Jer Cornally, Gerry Doyle, Dan Mackey, (Johnny Leahy). Centre Row: (Wm. Leahy), Jimmy ("Butler") Coffey, Jimmy Cooney, Johnny Ryan, "Bunny" Murphy, T. Treacy, Phil Ryan, M. Maher. Front Row: P. Ryan, ("Sweeper") T. Doyle, J. Gleeson, T. Butler.



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Clare, Timmy Ryan and Jack Barret, Jimmy Coffey, Mick Mackey and Christy Moylan of Waterford, Bill O'Donnell, John Mackey and John Quirke. Among the subs were John Maher, Johnny Ryan and Jack Lynch. Little wonder that Jimmy Coffey was included in that star-studded team. In the 1937 campaign he had marked with distinction three men who in 1984 would receive nominations for inclusion in the Team of the Century – Jack Barrett of Cork, Jackie Power of Limerick and Paddy Phelan of Kilkenny.

A leg injury in 1940 ended his inter-county career but after his marriage and move to Cappamore in 1945 his junior games with Cappamore and senior games with Ahane kept him in the fray until he played his last game in 1951, having achieved the extraordinary record of having played in four decades. Then he took over the management of Cappamore and he brought the club to six finals, five of which they won – one junior and four senior. In his fine history of the Cappamore club, Fr. Liam Ryan, himself an outstanding player during that great run of victories, describes him as “the most successful trainer and manager of Cappamore teams in its hundred years of history”.

In his hospitable home in Cappamore today Jimmy Coffey looks back over the four decades of his playing career – and many more – with great nostalgia and much authority. He refuses to be drawn

into giving an opinion as to the greatest players ever. “There is no such thing as the greatest player ever”, he insists. “You can only say a man was great in his own time”. But he has no doubt that Jackie Power of Limerick was one of the greatest – proving it both as a back and a forward – and that Paddy Phelan of Kilkenny would rank among them – “you had to beat Paddy Phelan for possession or you were lost; concentrate on keeping the ball from getting to him”. As a forward he still has a huge admiration for Phil Cahill and Martin Kennedy, but of all Tipp men one senses not just admiration but affection when he speaks of Tommy Treacy. “A Tipperaryman, full-blooded and honest”, is his description of the big man who, he claims, never hit a man with a hurley in his life, though there were those who, after a shoulder from him, would have preferred if he had used his stick instead. “Ah, that was an example of a captain in action”, he recalls of a League game when Treacy was nominated as captain and took the honour so seriously that he lifted the entire team with him.

Pride in the Tipperary jersey, pride in the honour of representing the county he sees as not being so much part of the hurler's baggage as it was in his day. He recalls a summer day in the ‘20's when he lined out against Roscrea in a North Tipp minor final in O'Meara's field at Gawn and being so overcome by the honour of playing in the field where the Toomevara

Greyhounds trained that he could hardly hurl. He regrets the devaluation of basic skills such as the drop-puck and the overhead let-with-it of which Timmy Ryan of Limerick was the great master; and he feels strongly that only goals struck with the hurley should be allowed. He is not too happy either about the influence of sponsorship, though he feels that it must be accepted as a fact of life. And he considers that time in the field – particularly in the case of underage players – should be spent in practising skills rather than in physical training. The cultivation of hurling skills, he maintains, has suffered from the obsession with physical fitness.

From his home in Cappamore only across the street from the homes of his two sons – Pat, a Telecom official and Eamonn, a teacher in Newport and doing wonderful work for Gaelic games – Jimmy ‘Butler’ Coffey can survey the G.A.A. world with something of a proprietary air. He has played more than a man's part in making the Association what it is today. Anyone who loves the game of hurling and who worries about its future could do worse than sit at his feet for a few hours, not just for the sake of his salty reminiscences, but for the soundness of the opinions which he expresses on all aspects of the game. At least they would come away feeling considerably wiser – as I did.

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# TIPPERARY FOOTBALL

—By Seamus O'Donoghue, P.R.O.

**A**S the year 1993 draws to a close Tipperary look back on a very exciting and successful year for the county footballers in all grades.

The seniors had a very long year in which they started by beating Waterford in the Phelan Cup in Stradbally by 1-4 to 0-2 and followed this with the Hayes' Hotel Historic Challenge in Thurles against Dublin and this game ended in a draw after an excellent display which was a great achievement against a strong Dublin side.

In the first League game, played in Thurles, Tipperary played the then All-Ireland champions, Donegal, on 14th February and were beaten on the score of 1-12 to 1-9, a good result for Tipperary to be so close in a game enjoyed by a fine crowd. They played Wexford in a challenge on the following Saturday and suffered defeat by 2-9 to 1-7.

On 28th February, Tipperary travelled to Longford to play the locals in a vital League game with the winners assured of playing in Division 3 of the new League. Tipperary, despite kicking a lot of bad wides in the first half, ran out winners by 0-8 to 1-2, a scoreline that did not do justice to the superiority of the Tipperary team.

That game finished their League programme and they continued to train three times a week in preparation for the

McGrath Cup game against Waterford. They played Kerry in Seán Treacy Park in a challenge game and scored 3-8 against 2-15 for Kerry, who fielded a near full size.

On 18th April, Tipperary played Waterford in the McGrath Cup in Clonmel and won on the score of 1-12 to 1-9, having led by 1-7 to 0-7 at half-time. This was a very important win for Tipperary as they would be playing Waterford in the Munster semi-final if they got over Limerick in the first round. A further challenge game was played against Offaly which Tipperary won on the score of 1-14 to 2-9. Tipperary played Limerick in the first round on 16th May in Thurles and won on the score of Tipperary 3-18; Limerick 3-8. Scores for Tipperary were — P. Lambert 0-9; D. Hogan 2-0; B. Bourke 1-1; P. Maguire 0-3; A. Crosse 0-3; D. Foley 0-1; J. Costello 0-1. This game was played before the National Hurling League final and, despite the very bad weather, Tipperary played very well and the large crowd present were loud in their praise of the standard achieved by Tipperary in particular.

Tipperary played Laois in a challenge in Rathdowney and this game ended in a draw — Laois 0-13; Tipperary 1-10.

On 20th June, Tipperary travelled to Walsh Park to play Waterford in the Munster semi-final and won on the score

of Tipperary 3-10; Waterford 0-13. Tipperary scorers were — P. Lambert 2-4; M. Sheahan 1-1; D. Foley 0-3; A. Crosse 0-2. There was great excitement after the victory as Tipperary had achieved their ambition of reaching a Munster final.

On 18th July, Tipperary senior footballers played Cork in Semple Stadium in the Munster football final, the lead up to this game was very exciting with very big crowds turning up in Ardfinnan for training sessions and the players got a new image as the press came to these sessions for photos and TV coverage; also local radio and various Cork radio representatives travelled to get familiar with the players for the big game.

Tipperary players and officials were given blazers, slacks, shirts and ties for the Munster final by "Friends of Tipperary Football" and looked very well on the day. Cork won by 1-16 to 1-8, having led at half-time by 0-10 to 0-4. Tipperary got off to a very bad start and fell eight points behind, the exact score they lost the game by.

Tipperary players were very disappointed with the loss having trained so hard for ten months, yet when they see the beating handed out to Mayo by Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final they need not be too disappointed as they say — 'you have to lose a final before you win one.'



The Tipperary senior football team which won the McGrath Cup (Home Final) by defeating Clare in Ardfinnan. Back row (l. to r.) John Costello, Peter Lambert, Mark Leonard, Derry Foley, Brian Burke, Seán Collum, Mark Sheahan. Front row — Kevin Coonan, Pat Maguire, Jerry Ryan, Philly Ryan, Seán Brett, John O'Meara, Tom Macken, Davy Hogan.





Midfield duel – Cork's Anthony Davis (left) grabs the ball under pressure from Tipperary wing-forward Derry Foley in this tussle during the Munster senior football final at Thurles.



Senior football coach, Seamus McCarthy (left), joins in the training (with Anthony Cross) as they prepare for the Munster senior football final against Cork.

Tipperary team for the Munster final – Philly Ryan (Clonmel Commercials); John O'Meara (Emly), Seán Collum (J. K. Brackens) captain, Seán Brett (Mullinahone); John Owens (Moyle Rovers), Tom Macken (Ballyporeen), Jerry Ryan (Ardfinnan); Brian Burke (Fethard), John Costello (St. Finbarr's); Derry Foley (Moyle Rovers), Pat Maguire (Lattin-Cullen), Mark Sheahan (Nenagh Eire Og); Peter Lambert (Nemo Rangers), Anthony Crosse (Eire Og Annacarty), Davy Hogan (St. Patrick's). Substitutes – G. Enright (Cahir), Tom Anglim (St. Patrick's), Willie Tarrant (Galtee Rovers), Jimmy Dunne (Moynemount), Declan Hahessy (Grangemockler), Kevin Coonan (Nenagh Eire Og), Mark Leonard (Aherlow), Denis Finn (Moyle Rovers), Dan Quirke (Clonoulty-Rossmore).

Tipperary defeated Clare in the Home Final of the McGrath Cup played in Ardfinnan and this victory sets them up for the final against London (away) at a date to suit both counties. Victory here is well within their grasp and would be a fitting end to the season.

In the 1993-94 League we are in very good company and having been defeated by both Armagh and Tyrone, Tipperary got the better of Cavan by six points, a complete turnaround in twelve months when Cavan defeated Tipperary by six points in Thurles\*. With home games against Offaly and Wexford in the New Year and an away game to Antrim, I feel Tipperary can retain their Division Three status. It is so important to be playing top class sides. Coach to seniors – Seamus McCarthy (Galtee Rovers); Selectors – D. J. Gleeson (Eire Og Annacarty), Michael Power (Newcastle), Peter Savage (Ardfinnan), Seán Hennessy (Cappawhite). Trainer – John Phelan (Moyle Rovers).

\*They then beat Monaghan (away) by a goal.

#### JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Tipperary junior footballers played Limerick in the first round in Thurles after the National Hurling League final and won very easily. This game was really played at an inappropriate time with nearly all supporters leaving the Stadium and it showed up in the display of football served up.

Tipperary played a very fancied Waterford side in the Munster semi-final on 20th June and here they played some excellent football against a highly thought of Waterford side that fancied its chances of winning out in Munster, but the spirit of the team saw them through to a Munster final with Cork which was played in Clonmel on 30th June.

Tipperary really trained hard for this game and were led by Cork 0-5; Tipperary 0-3 at half-time and Cork eventually went won by Cork 1-10; Tipperary 0-9.





Tipperary Junior Football team: Back l. to r. S. Delahunty, M. Grace, C. Egan, A. O'Meara, S. Ryan, S. Maher, B. Macken, T. Guilfoyle. Front l. to r. L. Mooney, J. McGrath, V. McKenna, E. Maher, T. Maher, L. Cronin, D. O'Shea.

Tipperary had as much play as Cork but kicked seven wides in the first half. Tipperary scorers were Eamonn Maher 0-6; Colm Egan 0-1; Liam Mooney 0-1, Michael Grace 0-1.

The following was the Tipperary side – Tomy Maher (Moyle Rovers); Tom Guilfoyle (Moynemacsherry); Liam Macken (Ballyporeen); Liam Cronin (Moyle Rovers); Seamus Delahunty (Moyle Rovers); Vincent McKenna (Borrisokane); John McGrath (Moyle Rovers); Shay Ryan (Fethard); Seán Maher (Ardfinnan); Denis O'Shea (Aherlow); Eamonn Maher, captain (Ballyporeen); Michael Grace (Galtee Rovers); Liam Mooney (Eire Og Anacarty); Colm Egan (Kildangan); Andrew O'Meara (Grangemockler). Substitutes – Eamonn Ryan (Ardfinnan); Alan Quirke (Arravale Rovers); Pat Hickey (Kilsheelan); Denis Fitzgerald (Ballyporeen); Richard English (Arravale Rovers); John Butler (Knockavilla); Eamonn O'Meara (Grangemockler); Liam Stokes (Kilsheelan); Michael Beston (Fr Sheehy's); Paddy Murphy (Fr Sheehy's).

Selectors – Willie Robinson (Kilsheelan), coach; Tom Cusack (Fr Sheehy's); Richard Boyle (Ardfinnan); Michael Byrnes (Lattin-Cullen); John Kelly (Rahealty).

#### UNDER-21

The Tipperary under-21 panel were considered very strong as it contained

eight players who had played senior for the county. Training took place mostly in New Inn but, with so many of the players involved with the senior side, it was not very satisfactory.

On the 2nd July, they played Waterford in Waterford with a very strange side with players slotted into some strange positions. It was generally felt that Tipperary would win but Waterford, who were coached by Larry Tomkins of Cork, had a very good side and the game ended in a draw with Waterford getting the equaliser with the last kick of the game with us.

Score 0-11 each.

The replay took place in Clonmel on 9th July and here it went to extra time with Waterford winning by 1-14 to 0-12.

This was a very disappointing result for Tipperary despite being led at half-time by three points. Tipperary went three points ahead with time almost up but Waterford levelled with a well worked goal.

Tipperary – Kevin O'Sullivan (Arravale Rovers); Keiran O'Reilly (Cashel King Cormacs); Sean Collum (J. K. Brackens); Denis Finn (Aherlow); Michael O'Mahoney (Commercials); Mark Leonard



Junior football selectors photographed before the start of the Munster junior football final against Cork (l. to r.) - John Kelly, Michael Byrne, Willie Robinson, Tom Cusack and Richard Boyle.





*Tipperary minor football selectors photographed before the Munster minor football semi-final against Limerick at Clonmel (l. to r.) – George Webster; Colm O'Flaherty; Hugh Kennedy, chairman county football board; Mick Darcy and John Cummins.*

(Aherlow), Benny Hahessy (Carrick Swan); Kevin Coonan (Nenagh Eire Og), Conor Gleeson (Boherlahan-Dualla); Martin Coen (Fethard), Pat Maguire (Lattin-Cullen), Mark Sheahan (Nenagh Eire Og); Michael Ormonde (Loughmore-Castleiney), David O'Neill (Newport), Gerry Maguire (Lattin-Cullen).

Substitutes – Liam Sweeney (Moynempletuohy), Derry Peters (Aherlow), Graham Lonergan (Arravale Rovers), John Roche (Kilsheelan), John Cahalane (Shannon Rovers), Tony O'Sullivan (Arravale Rovers), Declan McGrath (Lattin-Cullen), Michael Spillane (Fethard), Padraig Moloney (Galtee Rovers),

Keith Hennessy (Thurles Kickhams.)

Selectors – Noel Byrne, coach (Fethard); Jimmy O'Donnell (Rockwell Rovers); Seán Mockler (Loughmore-Castleiney); Paul Dillon (Commercials); John Kissane (Nenagh Eire Og).

#### MINOR FOOTBALL

Tipperary minor footballers had a very active year which started with trials in December, 1992, and followed with trials in January with a minor blitz held in Rockwell College on 30th January and sponsored by 'Friends of Tipperary Foot-

ball.' This blitz was an outstanding success and it was obvious from the talent on view that the players were there only to get them together.

A panel of thirty-five players were drawn up and two teams were taken to Birr to play Offaly and Tipperary came out on top.

They followed this with a challenge against Kerry in Seán Treacy Park and this game was played over four periods and it was a very interesting challenge with Kerry fielding a full side. This was followed by a challenge game against Cork who scored a lot of goals but Tipperary matched them on the points tally.

A further challenge against Westmeath, which Tipperary won by 2-11 to 1-5 brought us to the first round game against Waterford in Clonmel and here Tipperary, after a very slow start, won by 1-13 to 0-7 for Waterford. Tipperary had to wait until 8th July to play Limerick in semi-final which they won by Tipperary 3-17; Limerick 1-6.

The Munster final against Cork was played in Semple Stadium on 18th July and Tipperary lost by 2-15 to 2-7, having been led by 1-12 to 0-5 at half-time.

Tipperary played very well in the first half and gave as good as they got for most of the game. Tipperary never gave up and the young side finished very strongly. Coach Colm O'Flaherty, Cahir. Selectors – John Cummins, Ardfinnan; Mick Darcy, Borrisokane; George Webster, Gortnahoe-Glengooile; Hugh Kennedy, Arravale Rovers.

Tipperary – John McNamara (Commercials); Liam O'Dwyer (Thurles Sarsfields), John Crotty, Captain (Clonmel Og), Liam Barron (Cashel King Cor-



*Tipperary – Munster minor football finalists 1993 – Back row (l. to r.) – Liam Barron, Andy Moloney, Tom Moylan, John Crotty, John McNamara, Brendan Cummins, Darren O'Connor, Ken O'Neill. Front row – Kyran Vaughan, Brendan Walsh, Liam O'Dwyer, Ollie Cahill, Colm O'Flaherty, Aidan Butler, Brian Fogarty.*





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macs); Kyran Vaughan (Mullinahone), Colm O'Flaherty (Cahir), Brendan Walsh (Commercials); Tom Moylan (Newport), Andy Moloney (Cahir); Ken O'Neill (Newport), Darren O'Connor (Cahir), Aidan Butler (Knockavilla Kickhams); Ollie Cahill (Commercials), Brendan Cummins (Ardfinnan), Brian Fogarty (Golden-Kilfeacle). Substitutes – Declan Laffan (Loughmore-Castleiney), Bill Fitzgerald (Thurles Sarsfields), Declan Riordan (Aherlow), Damien Byrne (Fethard), Lionel Leonard (Aherlow), Richard Cassidy (Moycarkey-Borris), Brian Horgan (Knockavilla Kickhams), Garret McLoughlin (Boherlahan-Dualla), Niall Beckett (Commercials), Padraig Costigan (Moyne-Templeuohy).

The Tipperary Football Board are very grateful to 'Friends of Tipperary Football' for the manner in which they fitted out senior and minor teams for Munster final and for also providing socks and togs for both junior and under-21 teams. Also to Hayes' Hotel for their sponsorship of all county football teams and hopefully their efforts will be rewarded; also Tipperary Hurling Supporters Club for providing jumpers for minor side for Munster final.

The year 1993 was a very successful year for Tipperary and with the standard improving at underage level, 1994 surely represents a further challenge with a favourable draw surely next year should see a Munster football title for Tipperary.



*Is it true? – Eddie Lonergan checks the scoreboard after the Munster minor football semi-final between Tipperary and Limerick in Clonmel.*



*The Tipperary under-21 football team which played Waterford at Clonmel. Back row (l to r.) – Kieran O'Reilly, David O'Neill, Mark Leonard, Conor Gleeson, Michael O'Mahony, Denis Finn, Benny Hahessy, Mark Sheahan. Front row – Ger Maguire, Michael Ormonde, Kevin Coonan, Kevin O'Sullivan, Pat Maguire, Martin Coen, Seán Collum.*





Football Reunion 1993. Three goalkeepers - left to right: Tony Newport, John Williams, Billy Kelly.



Football Reunion at Bru Boru, John O'Boyle, Christy D. Estelle Roe.



Friends of Tipperary Football receive sponsorship from Hayes' Hotel. Front l. to r. Dr. Clifford (Patron), Noel Morris (Chairman), Gerry McGovern (Hayes' Hotel), Mick Maguire (Co. Chairman). Back row l. to r. John Moloney (Vice Chairman), Sean Crowe (Treasurer), Anthony Power (Secretary), Eddie Lonergan (Football Board), John Hassett (P.R.O.)



His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. Clifford, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly and Patron of the G.A.A. (centre) presenting a new trophy to the County Tipperary Football Board at their annual convention in Hayes' Hotel. The cup was accepted on behalf of the board by Hugh Kennedy, Chairman (right) and also included in photo is Mick Maguire, Chairman County Tipperary G.A.A. Board.



Photograph shows Sean Crowe, treasurer (right) making a presentation to 'Babs' Keating on behalf of the 'Friends of Tipperary Football' at a function in Hayes' Hotel. The presentation was made to 'Babs' in recognition of his efforts to promote football in Tipperary.



# Friends of Tipperary Football

By John J. Hassett

**T**WENTY-FOUR months old, the Friends of Tipperary Football can look back on its progressive footprints with satisfaction, having made a considerable impact for good on Gaelic football in the county.

Most observers of their activities will note Tipperary senior footballers reaching the Munster final, after a 49-year break, accompanied by the minors on the big occasion in Semple Stadium. The juniors came closest to winning a title in a game they lost to Cork in Clonmel, which they had an opportunity of winning. Cork went on to win the All-Ireland from Laois.

The real success of the Friends of Tipperary Football, apart from helping to restore a new strong pride in the county jersey in all grades, is two-fold:

1. Recognition of the players of the past.
2. Financial support through sponsorship of secondary schools and grants towards school grounds development to boost existing facilities and attract the youth to play Gaelic football.

In 1993 Hayes' Hotel, Thurles, the establishment in which the GAA was founded 109 years ago, sponsored Tipperary football teams in the Munster championships. The link with the cradle of the GAA has had a mutual benefit to Tipperary football and to a hotel that is owned and managed by people worthy of its Gaelic tradition.

Few outside those directly involved with the County Board and with the Friends of Tipperary Football believed that Tipp could reach three Munster football finals at the beginning of the year. The sponsorship of Hayes' Hotel with such an outlook prevailing was a generous input that happily returned good value to them in publicity. In marked contrast to other years, the Tipperary senior football squad and minor teams were among the best attired in the 1993 championships.

The annual reunion of players of the 1940s brought some of the greats of Tipperary football together for the second time in twelve months. Legendary figures of the game such as Tommy O'Keeffe and Jim Williams, Clonmel; Tom Keane, Cloneen; John McGrath, Loughmore; Billy Kelly, Templemore; Christy D'Estelle Roe, do.; Bob Stakelum, Holycross; Dick McGrath, Loughmore, and several other equally prominent players of the

past attended. Bru Boru, at the foot of the Rock of Cashel, provided their facilities and renowned group of performers to put on a great evening's entertainment and refreshments for the gathering of Gaels who were guests of the Friends of Tipperary Football.

The officers and committee worked hard through the last 24 months to help in the elevation of Tipperary football from its lowly position. A growing respect is now evident for the game and the response of the business community in the county towards Gaelic football and its increasing status reflects the input of players, team management and the work of the Friends.

The membership of the Friends of Tipperary Football in 1993 consolidated the figure recruited in 1992. The overall objective of 5,000 members requires much greater co-operation from several clubs throughout the county than has been evident over the last two years. The figure is achievable and should have been reached this year. The level of commitment from all involved with the big ball game at county level and in particular the players was commendable. Few on the outside realise the demands on time, effort and discipline essential for preparation by each member of our minor junior under-21 and senior players at county level for championship. They all responded to the demands placed on them.

As we look forward to the future no one knows what it will hold for

Tipperary football. What we do know is that a new beginning has been made, a new impetus has been established and if it is maintained over the next three years success at provincial and All-Ireland level will come.

Our gallant colleens have won two All-Ireland senior football titles for County Tipperary in the 1970s. Plans for their recognition were made and I hope will be put into effect before this article is published. Ladies football is again making a welcome comeback in Tipperary and will get the full support of the Friends of Tipperary Football. We hope that the ladies of today will emulate the colleens of yesterday and bring another All-Ireland title in the 1990s to the Premier County.

The second annual challenge games organised by the Friends was a successful and enjoyable promotion and rewarding financially. The clash of Dublin and Tipperary footballers provided good entertainment and a draw was a fair result. Tommy Carr, who was captain of the Dublin team, was greeted by his 100-year-old grandfather, Jack Ryan Rabra of Hollyford, who threw in the ball and viewed the games from the new stand.

The greetings of the festive season and good wishes to all for 1994 from the Friends of Tipperary Football. If you are not against us, be with us by joining the Friends now, The annual fee is five pounds.



Friends of Tipperary senior football, Tipperary v. Dublin. Left to right: Keith Barr, Dublin captain; Tommy Carr, John Hassett, John Ryan (R.), Hollyford, grandfather of Tommy Carr, who attended the Tipperary/Dublin Bloody Sunday game in November, 1920; Hugh Kennedy, Brian Burke, Tipperary captain.



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# FETHARD'S 19th CO. FINAL

By Denis Hannon

**A**t the start of 1993 little hope was held out for success in the senior football championship. The year started with League Games against Commercials – which ended in a draw. The second game was against Ballyporeen which Fethard defeated rather easily.

In our next two games we suffered defeats at the hands of Moyle Rovers and Ardfinnan. That left us with two games remaining that we had to win, so the pressure was on. The first of the two vital games was against Cahir in Clonmel in which we ran out easy winners.

This meant that in our meeting with Grangemockler we had to beat them and also depend on results of the other games played on that night. All worked out well and we were through to South semi-final in which we were drawn against Ballyporeen in Clonmel. We got off to the worst possible start – letting in a goal in the first couple of minutes.

To add to our misfortune we lost our full back Michael "Buddy" Fitzgerald with a serious leg injury which kept him out of action for a long period.

Following this incident the team rose to the occasion and won easily by seven

points. We had reached our first final of '93 against our old rivals Commercials and all football followers looked forward eagerly to the game. Played in brilliant sunshine in Cahir, probably the warmest day of the year – we got off to a good start considering the number of positional changes made due to injury. Michael Ryan replaced Michael "Buddy" Fitzgerald at full back and Tommy Sheehan was unable to start. The half time score showed Commercials leading by a score of seven points to five. Sheehan was introduced just before half time and he revitalised the team with his performance in getting the all important goal which sent us on our way to our 25th South Title. Willie O'Meara played a captain's role and received his fully deserved "man of the match" award.

County quarter-finals played in Littleton saw us meeting Oliver Plunkett's – a Mid-combination in a lack lustre game we ran out easy winners. That left us through to a county semi-final place against Arravale. This was a formidable challenge as Arravale were a big strong physical team. The game was played in Holycross under terrible conditions and we won by 13 points to 5 points.

The final itself was one of the best

football finals of recent years. Fast, open, tough, physical but always entertaining football. It kept the large crowd entranced. Picking off some very good points we went in at half time with an eight points to two points lead. This was due mainly to our midfield dominance of Shay Ryan and Brian Burke, who sent in a great supply of abll to our forwards. Immediately after half-time, Chris Coen made it nine points to 2 points, but this proved to be our last score for ten to fifteen minutes. Loughmore, true to their tradition and reputation never gave up and cut our lead with a good goal, followed by two points.

The game was still anybody's for the taking when 'Buddy' Fitzgerald was introduced. Much to the delight of the Fethard supporters he gave the team a vital injection of spirit. Shay Coen made a tremendous save and from this our centre forward Michael O'Riordan scored a vital point that was to change the course of the game. Shay Ryan broke away and scored a point to give us a four point lead. Into the last five minutes we got on top again and points from Roibeard Broderick and Tommy Sheehan with the final kick of the game scored our 13th and final point.

As the referee blew "full time" nobody but those from Fethard could appreciate how sweet this victory was.

Loughmore as ever were very gracious in defeat. Willie O'Meara who played a captain's part all through accepted the cup from Hugh Kennedy on behalf of a young and determined Fethard panel.

So a year that started with little hope turned out to be one of great achievement. The regaining of the county championship in '94 will be even tougher as many will be looking to dethrone us.

The 'homecoming' the team got on the night of the county final was tremendous. The parish priest and Community Council welcomed the team home and paraded the team through the town. Various people gave speeches and trainer Dinny Burke and a selector Danny Lane broke into song.

Fethard panel: Shay Coen, Martin Ryan, Michael Ryan, Philly Blake, Michael Quinlan, Willie O'Meara (C.), Willie Morrissey, Brian Burke, Shay Ryan, Tommy Sheehan, Michael O'Riordan, Michael Spillane, Martin Coen, Chris Coen, Jimmy O'Meara, Michael Fitzgerald, Roibeard Broderick, Liam Connolly, John Hackett, Danny Tobin, Brendan Brett, Dermot Hackett, Tom Ryan, Kenny Hackett.

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*My Ball! – a determined Eamonn Brennan, Loughmore-Castleiney (left) keeps possession of the ball despite the attention of Jim O'Meara (Fethard) during the county senior football final between the sides at Holycross.*



# Some Old Memories of Croke Park

SEAMUS Ó RIAIN

**T**HE first time I entered Croke Park was on a lovely August Day in 1928. A number of other firsts marked that day for me; it was my first trip on a train, my first time in Dublin and my first meal in a hotel. No surprise that the day remains firmly etched on my memory for all the wonders that were revealed to me from the time I left my bicycle at Roscrea Station until mounting it again to face the setting sun for home.

The occasion was chosen so that I might see the giants of hurling of the period, for Ireland's best were playing America in the Tailteann Games competition. Being lifted over the turnstile to the sideline gave me my first exciting view of the vast arena, and the colourful parade of the two teams was greeted with thunderous and awesome cheering, that reached its climax at the conclusion of each national anthem. All my excited attention was on the players whose names were familiar, from Tommy Daly in goal and Sean Og Murphy, full back, to Martin Kennedy and Phil Cahill in the forward line. The hero of the hour was Mick King of Galway at centre forward. Tall, of splendidly proportioned athletic build, allied to consummate artistry with the camán, my memory says that he sent over eleven points to ensure victory for the home team. For me it was the perfect result. One survivor of that All-Star team remains with us, hale and hearty. Garrett Howard was a versatile player who displayed his prowess in most positions on the field of play. He is still an eager observer and a keen judge of hurling men. Go maire se an cead.

Three years passed before I got to Croke Park again and that came about as a result of starting my secondary education in Colaiste Einde in the city in 1931. The All-Ireland hurling final was played before the school re-opened but Cork and Kilkenny finished level so the replay was a game to look forward to. In the meantime the football final brought Kerry and Kildare in opposition for the fourth time in six years and as the two glamorous teams they attracted a record attendance. It was a delight to see this classic game that raised Gaelic football to a higher plane. Boyhood heroes were Joe Barrett, Con Brosnan and Bob Stack of Kerry and Jack Higgins, Paul Doyle and Matt Goff of the Kildare team. It was the third All-Ireland in a row for the Kerry men.

The replay of the hurling final again ended in a draw and we got another chance to see the hurling skills of Eudie Coughlin, Jim Hurley and Jim Regan of Cork, and Mattie Power, Paddy Phelan and Martin White of Kilkenny but Lory Meagher's absence through injury affected the outcome and Cork won a historic All-Ireland, on the third attempt.

For the four years of the secondary school course in Colaiste Einde and in Colaiste Caoimhin scarcely a match of any consequence was played in Croke Park without a group of us schoolmates taking up our usual vantage spot on the short stand at the corner at the Railway End.

Limerick hurlers arrived as challengers to Kilkenny bringing a dash of colour and excitement wherever they played. It was the era of Mick Mackey and the crowds thronged to see him executing his individual skills with boyish élan. Tipperary hurlers were quiet in those years. Come to think of it, the county senior hurling team played in no All-Ireland final in Croke Park between 1930 and 1945; the 1937 final was played in Killarney because the Cusack Stand was in course of construction.

## Transport

Because our school did not open until after the All-Ireland hurling final each year some means of transport had to be found to get to Dublin for the match. At times it might be by motor car, once it was on the back of a lorry and on another I cycled the ninety miles on the Saturday before the game. There was no problem in regard to the football final because we were always well back at our studies before the fourth Sunday in September, so we could always attend the match. The title race was opened considerably in the early thirties as new counties came into contention and added a freshness to the championship. Cavan and Mayo got their hands on the Sam Maguire for the first time, and so did Galway in adding to their victory in 1925. Tipperary returned to Croke Park after a break of fifteen years and lost to Cavan, the eventual winners, by a single point in the 1935 semi-final.

Our school matches in the Leinster Colleges championships were usually played in Croke Park so that we became familiar with the pitch and the surroundings.

The dressingrooms were under the old wooden Hogan Stand and the teams entered the pitch by a narrow passage

around the Short Stand. Inside the fence enclosing the pitch a hard core track with tarred surface was used as a cycle track on the day of a sports meeting, and for sideline seating on the day of a match. Only a simple embankment occupied the space where the Cusack Stand was erected in 1937/8. The attendance at All Ireland finals ranged between 30,000 and 50,000

## Cusack Stand

The erection of the Cusack Stand, the first of its kind in the country, was an indication of the growing popularity and support the G.A.A. was enjoying as well as being an expression of faith in its future. Dublin and Waterford contested the Hurling final a few weeks after the official opening of the stand but I could not be there as I was taking up a new teaching post on the little island of Inis Barr a'Chuain west of Lettermore that weekend. However when Kerry and Galway met in the football final a few weeks later a group of us hired a bus and set off early in the morning for Croke Park. We made a short stop in Athlone for Mass and we were among the early arrivals at Croke Park and secured a good viewing point in the Long Stand. We viewed the Cusack Stand with wonder as it filled up and the entire ground became crowded. The attendance was almost 70,000, way beyond anything that could have been imagined before. The match was in keeping with the occasion. The pace was at top speed, no one dared to dally with the ball, it was full-blooded from start to finish. It remains in my memory as the greatest football match that I was privileged to see. All the players were heroes on that day but I keep a special place for Brendan Nestor, John Dunne and Mick Raftery of Galway, and Johnny Walsh, Sean Brosnan and Paddy Kennedy on the Kerry side. The game ended in a draw and we did not return for the replay because none of us could afford to make a second trip to Dublin within a few weeks. But we crowded around the few radios and felt we were present in Croke Park as Michael O Hehir wove brilliant word pictures of the game and the extraordinary final minutes of an ending that was not an ending; and the Sam Maguire Cup found its way back to Galway.

A few weeks ago I saw the last remaining piece of the Cusack Stand toppling to the ground. But the memories of great players and great games will endure, and a new edifice will rise to bring in a new era?



# Doyle in Texaco Hall of Fame

IT is entirely appropriate that hurling legend John Doyle, from Holycross should be the recipient of this year's Texaco Hall of Fame award. The award adorns a glorious collection of hurling accolades for the Tipperaryman, the first sportman from the Premier County to receive such an honour, and only the third GAA personality in all. Previous winners were Doyle's great contemporary and keen rival, the late Christy Ring, and another legend of the game the late Mick Mackey.

Mackey received the award in 1961, and Ring was given the honour ten years later. Indeed both Doyle and the late Cork star have been honoured by Texaco with Hurler of the Year awards as well as Hall of Fame pennants, Ring in '59 and the Holycross/Ballycahill club man in '64.

Winner of eight All Ireland medals, and eleven National League honours Doyle is sure to rank prominently in any team of stars of bygone days. It is hard to comprehend how any player could have enjoyed so much success in tough physical contact sport. And when you take into account that in addition to the above

collection of medals he also has to his credit ten Munster championships, Eight Railway Cup titles, and six Oireachtas medals, not forgetting many club achievements the mind boggles! His ability, teak toughness, absolute durability, and power, were qualities he never relinquished over a long career, with the result that he became one of the most talked about players of all time.

From his early days Doyle showed great promise of hurling ability. He made his first appearance on the County minor team at the age of sixteen in 1946, when he won a Munster medal. The following year he won Munster and All Ireland titles. And on the following year he captained the team which lost to Waterford in the Munster final. During the 1948/49 senior league he played in most of the games but was in the reserves when Tipperary defeated Cork in the league final in Thurles.

When Munster championship time came he was not selected for the first round game against Cork but played in the replay and in the semi-final against Clare. He was again listed amongst the subs for the Munster final against Limerick but when Flor Coffey was unable to play Doyle regained his place and

was an ever present member in the Blue and Gold colours until he retired from hurling after the '67 All Ireland final.

In that span he turned out to be one of the greatest defenders in the game winning his first three All Ireland medals at left corner back, in '49, '50 and '51, and played at left back in '58, '60 and '61 finals. From 1962 until he retired in '67 at the age of thirty seven, he manned the right corner-back slot.

At club level Doyle made his senior championship debut in a first round game against Moycarkey at right half back, and was a member of Holycross/Ballycahill sides which won four Mid and three County titles in the 47/'54 era. In 1955 he captained Tipperary to win National League honours.

The crowning award for Doyle came in 1984 when he was selected at left bull back on the team of the Century, and this latest prestigious honour is indeed fitting considering that he is the only Tippman to receive it so far.

On the administrative side of the Association John Doyle served Tipperary as Central Council representative for many years. We congratulate him on his richly deserved honour.

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Contemplating some changes during half time in the All Ireland Masters hurling final between Tipperary and Dublin at Carlow are l. to r. Seamus Power, Mickey Loneragan (manager) and Larry Mackey.



The Tipperary Masters hurling panel which played against Dublin in the All Ireland final at Carlow. Back row l. to r. Seamus Ryan, Jack Ryan, Paudie Butler, W. Crosse (Boherlahan), Maurice Grace, Eugene Ryan, Seamus Power, Tommy O'Dwyer, Brendan O'Neill, Joe Kennedy, Seamus Mackey, Tommy Butler, Mickey Loneragan (manager). Front row - Larry Mackey (selector), Joe Tynan, Liam O'Sullivan, Martin McDermott, Michael Dundon, Jimmy Ryan, Seamus Barry, Tony Dunne (captain), Pat Dunlea, Tadgh O'Connor, Francis Loughmane, Matt Quinlan, Danny Pym.





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# Tom Semple Remembered — 50th Anniversary

*Michael Dundon (Tipperary Star)*

Not too many of those who gathered at St Mary's Cemetery on a bleak Sunday morning last April knew Tom Semple personally. His fame and his influence were familiar to them and they had come to mark the 50th anniversary of the death of a man who was the driving force behind the development of Thurles Sportsfield into one of the country's top stadia for Gaelic games in a life-long involvement with the association as a player, team manager and administrator.

The anniversary celebrations were organised by Thurles Sarsfields Club of which Tom Semple was a most illustrious member, winning six Tipperary senior championships and twice captaining Tipperary to All-Ireland honours in 1906 and 1908.

The ceremonies commenced with an anniversary mass at St Joseph's and St Brigid's Church, concelebrated by the Parton of the GAA, Archbishop Dermot Clifford and Rev Patrick O'Gorman, Sarsfields Patron.

Members of the Semple family, attended, including T. J. Semple, grandson of Tom Semple and himself a former Sarsfields and Tipperary hurler; seven year-old Thomas Semple, great-grandson; Mrs Josephine Semple wife of the late Tommy Semple, son of Tom Semple; and Mrs Anne Semple, wife of T.J. Semple.

The attendance also included Mickey Byrne, President of Sarsfields Club; Sean

Fogarty, Chairman of the Mid Board along with Secretary, Matty Connolly and Treasurer Dick Maher. Also present was octogenarian Mick Craddock, who was a Sarsfields player trained under Tom Semple.

After Mass a wreath was laid on the grave of Tom Semple and the Archbishop led the gathering in the recitation of a decade of the Rosary.

Liam O'Donoghue, chairman of Sarsfields Club, in a graveside oration said that to many Irishmen the name of Tom Semple is synonymous with hurling. As a leader of men and in particular as a wielder of the camán, he had few equals. He added — It may justly be said that he was a leader of the gallant band who were instrumental in acquiring Thurles Sportsfield from the Thurles Show Committee and played a major part in the raising of funds for its early development. Tom Semple, it has been written, was born to lead. A commanding figure, his magnificent physique and easy manner earned the respect of thousands of patrons, as he built up the reputation which Thurles gained for excellent stewarding on the days of big matches in the now famous grounds aptly named to his memory.

"Semple Stadium, which was given his name, on the proposal of Thurles Sarsfields in 1968, has been, and always will be, a lasting tribute to one of the all-time greats", he added.

He concluded that the memory of Tom Semple is a very precious part of Thurles Sarsfields heritage. It challenges the young men of Thurles to endeavor to emulate the deeds, courage and commitment of Tom Semple.

Archbishop Dermot Clifford in a tribute said that Tom Semple set standards for young people, whether on the pitch, off the pitch or on the train to Dublin. "Tom Semple's principles were not for sale. He was never in anybody's pocket. He was not under the thumb of politicians or big business interests. He did not believe in giving young people everything they wanted. He was dedicated to serving their best interests now and their long-term interests as he worked to develop their character and to challenge them to high ideals. He wanted young people to develop respect for themselves and to show respect to others", he said.

Tom Semple is a shining example of principled service to the GAA and to the people of Thurles. His name will always remain in the affections of the ordinary people as a true Irishman, a true Tipperaryman and a true Blue.

At the conclusion T. J. Semple thanked, on behalf of the Semple family, all who had attended. He endorsed the sentiments of the Archbishop regarding the use of Semple Stadium as an area for the playing of sports and in particular Gaelic games.



*Pictured at the wreath-laying ceremony at the late Tom Semple's grave at St. Mary's Cemetery on Easter Sunday, 1993, to mark the 50th anniversary of his death were — At front (from left to right) Mickey Byrne (President, Thurles Sarsfields Club), Mical McElgun (Vice-President, Sarsfields), Mrs Bridget Wort, Johnny Wort, Mrs Anne Semple, Thomas Semple (great-grandson), T. J. Semple (grandson), Mrs Josephine Semple (daughter-in-law), Fr Pat O'Gorman (Patron, Sarsfields), Gerard Corbett (Secretary, Sarsfields), Liam O'Donnchu (Chairman, Sarsfields), Archbishop Dermot Clifford, Patron of the G.A.A.*

*(Photo: Sinead Ní Riain)*



# TOOME ARE SIMPLY THE BEST, BUT ...

*By Gerry Slevin*

There I was knocking on the door of the Toomevara dressing room a short time after the Greyhounds had retained their county senior hurling title on Sunday, October 10th when a voice rang out 'why don't you try the back door!'

It wasn't that anyone wanted to prevent me from entering the joyous room and meeting some of those involved in the final, in my line of duty as a journalist. No, it was more subtle than that. On more than one occasion in my writings I had referred to Toome's presence in the final as having been achieved via the back door and he was just getting his and Toome's own back.

Later that night when the celebrations were in full swing in the village, Donie Shanahan referred to the 'Toomevara system'. He too had spoken of how Toome had been decried because of their back-door entry and because it was the second successive season that such entry had been made, Donie was merely emphasising the uniqueness of Toome's position.

There isn't a doubt in the world that Toomevara are the best team in the county. After all, if you succeed in shoving aside the champions of the West (Cashel), the Mid (Thurles Sarsfields) and the North (Nenagh Eire Óg), there is

hardly any need to be apologetic to anyone, is there?

I am not for a moment denying Toomevara's entitlement to their place in the sun, but what I am saying is that the method through which that achievement came about, leaves ample room for debate and perhaps for inquiry.

'Yes, Slevin is at it again', I can hear my Toomevara friends say.

'He acknowledges our status in one sentence and then in the next he puts a damper on it'.

Wrong.

The fact that it is Toomevara is irrelevant. Were the same road as was travelled by Toome over the past two years, travelled by say, Nenagh Eire Óg, Kilruane, Roscrea or any other team, I would still come out and query it, simply because I have grave doubts that the system is the correct one.

Let's take an objective look at the system and see what it gives us. Some years back, the North Board in a bid to add more status to the league, the Hogan Cup, decided that the winners each year would meet the eventual runners-up in the championship, for the right to move on to the county quarter final along with the divisional champions.

It is my belief that however well-meaning that decision was, the Board



*Goal! Goal! Goal! – Toomevara mentor Frankie Ryan shows his delight after Toomevara's goal during the county senior hurling final.*



had no right to link up the league and championship in that way. They are two separate, distinct competitions with no bearing on each other. In so deciding, the Board was throwing a life-line to the league winners to which they were not entitled. It was giving the league champions . . . should they subsequently fail to add the divisional championship to their honours list, or indeed should they fail to reach the divisional final . . . a further opportunity of making progress in the county championship. And this, notwithstanding the fact that through the championship losers' group, a second chance was already given.

For the past two seasons, Toome have won the Hogan Cup. This year it took a replay against Roscrea to see them through. They were drawn against old rivals Nenagh in the first round of the championship and they went down by a point. A second chance was provided through the losers' group. Toome came through it successfully and found themselves in the semi-final of the championship. Their opponents? Nenagh again, and this time their defeat was far more emphatic, fifteen points no less. Teams like Lorrha and Moneygall, who suffered ONE defeat had waved farewell to their hopes for the year. Toome, on the other hand, defeated TWICE were still there!

Now Toome officials are on record as having stated that when they won the league, they could afford to take things easy enough in the early rounds of the championship. Their aim was to retain their county title and irrespective of how they fared in the North championship, they were assured of a play-off with the championship runners-up. And what does the North Board do? It fixes that play-off . . . against Moneygall . . . for the Sunday immediately AFTER the North final. Eight days earlier Moneygall, having prepared diligently for the North final suffered a narrow defeat at the hands of Nenagh Eire Óg. It was a cause for disappointment and naturally so. But they had to try and pick themselves up in a matter of days and face out against a team, Toome, that had weeks to prepare for this clash, freed of all North final apprehensions and all that is associated with the preparation for such an important match.

It was no contest. Toome got on top early on and stayed there to win handsomely.

Now, if I might revert once again to the reason why the North Board-linked up the league and championship in that way. My

conclusion is that the Board shot itself in the foot, by providing an opportunity for a club to treat the senior championship in the division with less than the enthusiasm with which other clubs approached it.

Winning the North championship was not a priority with Toome, as it was with all other teams. No, their aim, and they have quite openly stated so, was to retain their county title and the best way they knew how was through the 'Toomevara system'.

It is a situation that has to be cleared up and while other clubs might well see the sense of my logic . . . and they do . . . I think it will be very difficult now for the North Board to take the necessary steps, simply because what was Toome's position this year and last year, could be Lorrha's, Newport's, Borrisokane's, Borris-Ileigh's etc. in future years.

But I think it goes deeper than that. Quite frankly I would go so far as to say that a ruling from Croke Park, if applied for, might well decree that such a link between league and championship as obtains in North Tipperary, is not

enforceable. The twain, in my view, cannot meet.

There has to be something radically wrong with a championship that allows a team, three bites of the cherry in making progress. Goodness knows, two is bad enough . . . the losers group . . . but providing a third opportunity is really asking too much.

I am not anti-Toome nor do I in the least begrudge them their achievements. My crib is with the system that prevails and which allows them . . . or any team . . . a lifeline to county championship success, because of a league competition that bears no comparison in status or in the attitude of the participating teams. The league is, and should only be a 'warmer-up' for the championship, an opportunity for teams to put their act together for the championship. And there it should end.

So, provide an incentive, like a week-end away somewhere, but don't link it to the premier competition, the senior championship. It shouldn't be done, and I feel that enquiries would elicit that it CAN'T be done.



*Time up (almost!) – Nenagh Eire Óg mentor John Tucker checks his watch during the closing minutes of this year's county senior hurling final between Toomevara and Nenagh Eire Óg.*



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# Meet All-Star Michael Cleary

**Date of Birth -** 16/8/1966  
**Height** 5'8"  
**Weight** 11st. 4lb  
**Club -** Nenagh Eire Óg  
**Schools -** Nenagh C.B.S.

## Influences on Your Hurling Career?

Father (RIP) and others too numerous to mention

**Early Career Heroes?** - Francis Loughnane, Ray Cummins, Billy Fitzpatrick, Pat Hartigan

**Honours Won - Inter County:** 2 All Ireland, National League '88, 4 Munster Senior, Oireachtas, Railway Cup, 3 All Stars, Munster Minor Medal, Tipperary Hurler of the Year '90

**Inter Club -** County u.21, 2 North Medals, 3 North League, North and County U.16

**Favourite Position?** - Wing Back

**Best game played in?** 1991 Munster Final (Drawn game)

**Best Performance for Tipp?** 1991 Munster Final (Replay)

**Best Performance for Nenagh?** 1993 County Final

**Favourite Pitch?** Thurles

**Best referee - Inter County:** Terence Murray

**Inter Club:** All pretty even

**Career Ambitions:** To have further success with Tipperary and to win a county championship with Nenagh.

**Greatest thrill in Hurling** - Performing to the best of your ability and skills that you'd have practiced working out in a game situation.

**Biggest Disappointment in Hurling?** Hurling has been very good to me.

**When did you make your Senior Tipp debut?** - 1988 Munster Championship v. Limerick as a sub.

**Main difference between playing for club and county?** The speed of the game, first touch must be perfect at inter county.

**Describe your feelings when appointed Tipp captain?** It was a tremendous honour for me personally, and my family and club, unfortunately the day itself was not memorable but I'll never forget the thrill of leading Tipp out onto Croke Park.

**Does captaincy affect your game?** I don't think it does, one must always concentrate on one's own game no matter what the circumstances.

**Why were Tipp unable to reproduce their Munster final form against Galway?** It's a mystery really, there must have been a certain amount of complacency and the goal and the loss of Declan Ryan in the space of a few minutes, shouldn't have, but did unsettle the team.

**What are the possibilities of success for Tipp in 1994?** The new players that have come in have revitalised the panel and their performance to date have been encouraging, that coupled with more work and more determination can put Tipperary back where it should be next year.

**Has the standard in Munster fallen since Tipp's All Ireland in 1991?** I don't think so, 1991 was an exceptional year in Munster and it was inevitable that the standard couldn't maintain year after year, but to look at the Munster championship over the last 15 years the quality of games has been seldom surpassed elsewhere.

**Which players have been your most difficult at Inter County level?** John Power when he played wing back, Cathal Casey, Pat

Hartnett, Brian Whelehan.

**Apart from training with Club and County, what other preparation have you for matches?** Practice in a ball alley during the winter and spring and generally just playing a ball against a wall as much as possible during the daytime.

**You don't wear a helmet what is your opinion on their value to players?** There is no doubt that helmets reduce the number of head and facial injuries, but personally I feel a lot of knocks are the result of poor tackling by one or the other of the participants.

**Are there any rule changes you would like to see in hurling?** No kicking the ball from the hand in hurling.

**How do you rate "Babs" Keating as a manager?** "Babs'" record as a manager speaks for itself and the style of play he endorses shows his commitment to playing the game as it should be played at all times.

**Any advice for young players?** Practice all the skills as often as possible and watch the good players to see how they work themselves out of tricky situations.

**Are the national leagues played at the right time of the year?** Probably not but I can't see an alternative time so as not to affect the running of the inter county and club championships.

**Any views on professionalism and hurlers?** I don't think the country could support professional hurling which is a pity, because I feel if they were a professional game the skills level would rise to unprecedented levels.

**How do you see Tipp hurling going in the next three years.** I feel it is very important Tipp win a minor title very soon as we need to have quality players coming through all the time, having said that, should Tipperary continue to promote the game of hurling as it does and with the success of Tipp club teams in recent years, I don't think there is any cause for concern in the immediate future. We must also continue to promote the game vigorously at primary school level, throughout the county.

**General comments:** While I feel it is of paramount importance that we continue to promote the game from an early age however, I feel we are reaching the stage at present where there is too much under-age competition and young players are running the danger of growing up with the belief that the "win at all costs" idea was correct while the development of the basic skills is neglected. I believe that we should reduce the number of under age competitions and channel our efforts to developing the skills of the game.

Otherwise I feel the game of hurling in general is in a healthy state, both on a local and national level, in recent years the level of fitness at both club and inter county has reached new levels, all to the benefit of the game however. I feel it's important that coaches, trainers and players never lose sight of the fact that hurling is the name of the game and the physical preparation of a player should always incorporate work with the hurley and ball.

Having seen all the major field games in the world, there is absolutely no doubt in my mind that hurling is head and shoulders above all other games and while it's a tremendous honour to represent one's parish let alone county, the fun that one gets from playing the game, the friends that one meets make hurling a way of life for us all and long may it continue to do so.

*Michael Cleary was talking to Seamus O'Doherty*



Michael Cleary at the All Star Presentation 1993. left to right. Bobby Ryan, Noel Sheehy, Donie Nealon, Michael Cleary, Liz Howard, Conal Bonnar, Michael Maguire, Seamus McCarthy, Marita and Pat Fox.



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Crosco Cup	Kickhams 1-10	Clonoulty/R 0-4	R. Barry
I.H.C.	Arravale Rvs. 4-10	Golden/K 0-5	R. Barry
J.H.C. 'A'	Rosegreen 1-8	Aherlow 0-9	C. O'Sullivan
J.H.C. 'B'	Cashel 2-7	Arravale Rvs. 2-4	W. Morrissey
U.21 HC 'A'	Kickhams 0-15	Aherlow 1-10	J. Moloney
U.21 HC 'B'	Clonoulty/R 2-9	Golden/K 1-10	N. Lonergan
MHC 'A'	Kickhams	Clonoulty/R	J. Ryan
MHC 'B'	Galtee Rvs.	Rockwell Rvs	J. Ryan
M.H.L.			Not finished
S.F.C.	Arravale Rvs 1-9	Cashel 2-4	P. Lonergan
O. Donoghue Cup	Arravale Rvs	Rockwell Rvs.	T. Meehan
I.F.C.	Cappawhite	Kickhams	T. Meehan
J.F.C.	Eire Og	Golden/K	To Play
J.F.L.	Rosegreen 1-8	Arravale Rvs. 2-4	P. Lonergan
U.21 F.C. 'A'	Aherlow	Kickhams	
U.21 F.C. 'B'	Golden/K	Clonoulty/R	P. Cormack
MFC 'A'	Galtee Rvs. 0-8	Arravale Rvs. 0-7	E. O'Dwyer
M.F.C. 'B'	Golden/K 2-14	Rosegreen 4-6	J. Moloney
J.F.L. 1992	Aherlow 1-9	Kickhams 2-3	N. Lonergan

## Scór 1993 Results - West Tipperary Board

Figure Dancing	Scór Sinsir	Scór na nOg	Scór na bPaiste
Solo	Sean Treacys	Latten Cullen	Clonoulty/R
Singing	Joan Breen	Breeda Butler	Mary T. Ryan
Instrumental	Golden/K	Sean Treacys	Sean Treacys
Music	Sean Treacys	Sean Treacys	Sean Treacys
Novelty Act	Golden/K	Golden/K	Lattin/C.
Question Time	Cashel	Emly	Sean Treacys
Recitation	Eileen Heffernan	Edel Devane	Gerard O'Toole
	Cappawhite	Clonoulty/R	Sean Treacys
Ballad Group	Arravale Rvs.	Sean Treacys	Clonoulty/R
Set Dancing	Cappawhite	Cappawhite	Cappawhite

## West Tipperary Board Officers 1993

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*Cashel King Cormacs – West Junior "B" Champions. Back: J. Moloney, T. Walsh, B. Moloney, P. O'Donoghue, E. Foley, S. Foley, J. McGrath, S. O'Keeffe, R. O'Connor, A. Ryan, G. McNichol, M. Brosman, D. Higgins. Front: C. Teehan, S. Harding, L. Davitt, W. Harding (Capt), T. Moloney, N. Walsh, D. Keating, G. Quirke, N. Hall, M. Hayes, J. O'Dwyer.*



*Galtee Rovers – Minor Football Championships 'A' winners Front L/R: David Browne, John Peters, Michael White, Sean O'Neill, Michael Collins, Eamon Lonergan, Dallan Browne, Brian Walsh, Brendan Healy, Liam Phelan. Back L/R: Ger Lonergan, Mark Crowe, James Galvin, Raymond Hickey, John Murphy, Oliver O'Brien, Stephen Crowe, David O'Gorman, Declan O'Donoghue, Brian Morrissey, Peter O'Sullivan.*



*Rosegreen – West Junior 'A' Hurling Champions. Back row: C. O'Brien, D. Manton, D. Fanning, M. Fanning, F. Ryan, J. Hickey, J. Walsh, M. Tobin, L. Kelly, E. Sherlock, Jimmy McCormack. Front row: J. O'Grady, D. Ryan, P.J. Gould, S. Ryan, P. McCormack, M. Doyle, J. Shanahan, T. McCormack, S. McCormack, M. Corcoran, T. Shelly.*



*Clonoulty/Rossmore – West U21 Hurling 'B' Champions 1993. Back row (L-R): T. J. Maher, Seamus Lacey, Tomas Barry, Tom O'Dwyer, Joe Wade, Aidan Butler, Mark Keane, Jerry Ryan, Michael Quinn, John Barry, Michael Ryan (L). Front Row (L-R): Roddy Ahearne, Ian Ryan, Nollaig Heffernan, Kenny Ryan, Michael Hughes, Michael O'Donnell, Tom Ryan (L), Liam Coen, Micael Ryan.*



*Arravale Rovers West South Football Champions. Front L/R: Paddy Maher, Tommy Toomey, Justin Quinlan, Jimmy Lowry, John Quirke, Larry O'Donnell, Peter Gleeson, John Lowry, Graham Lonergan, Setanta Burke, Damien Quinlan, Tom Richardson. Back L/R: Fergal Gallaher, Paddy Maher, Richard English, Pat Kennedy, Alan Quirke, Kevin O'Sullivan, Tony Lohan, Tony O'Sullivan, Willie Crowe, David Walsh, Mark Gleeson, James O'Donoghue.*



*Cashel King Cormacs – West Senior Hurling Champions. Back row: S. Morrissey, T.J. Connolly, S. Slattery, M. Minogue, D. Ryan, P. O'Donoghue, J. Ryan, S. O'Donoghue, J. Minogue, M. O'Dwyer, T. McNerney, J. O'Donoghue. Front row: S. Morrissey, M. Butler, J. O'Leary, R. Ryan, A. Bonnar, Colm Bonnar, Conal Bonnar, Cormac Bonnar, Willie Fitzell, (Capt), M. Perdue, K. O'Reilly, D. McGrath, S. Barron.*



*Golden/Kilfeacle West u/21 Footballers 1993. Front Row L/R: Barry Ryan, Stephen Flood, Donal Ryan, Ger Looby, Anthony Beattie, David Fogarty, Brian O'Connell. Back Row L/R: Denis Callaghan, Michael Fogarty, Stuart Beattie, Noel Moloney, Liam Rafferty, Derek Hogan, Eamon Ryan, Brian Fogarty.*



*Galtee Rovers West Minor Hurling Championship B Winners. Front L/R: Michael White, David Browne, Raymond Hickey, Brian Walsh, Dalton Browne, Michael Collins, Brendan Healy, John Peters, Liam Phelan. Back L/R: Ger Lonergan, Mark Crowe, Brian Morrissey, David Livingstone, Declan O'Donoghue, Eamon Lonergan, Oliver O'Brien, James Galvin, Stephen Crowe, John Murphy, David O'Gorman.*

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Kickhams - West Tipperary U21 'A' Hurling Champions 1993. Back (L-R): Christopher Ryan, Tom Kennedy, Paul Morrissey, Joseph Shanahan, Ger Farrell, Seamus Hennessy, Paul Ryan, Seamus Cussen, Aidan Heaney, Clive Morrissey, Donal O'Brien, Declan Crosse, Vincent Kelly. Front (L-R): Ger Browne, Vincent Bradshaw, Aidan Butler, Pat Ryan, Kevin Farrell (Capt), Brian Horgan, Ger Butler, Michael O'Brien, Aidan Slattery, John O'Brien.



Kickhams - West Intermediate Football Champions. Back (L/R) Paul Morrissey, Paul Ryan, Anthony Qualter, John McCormack, Sean Bradshaw, Clive Morrissey, Christopher Ryan, Larry Farrell, Jimmy Farrell, Michael Ryan, Kevin Farrell, Tony Farrell, Ger Farrell. Front (L/R) Vincent Bradshaw, Willie Crowe, Pat Ryan, Andrew Kennedy, Seamus Hennessy, Johnny Butler, Ger Butler, Aidan Butler, Brian Horgan, Aidan Murphy, Vincent Kelly.



Golden/Kilfeacle Minor Football Championship 'B'. Front L/R: Brian O'Connell, Eamon Ryan, Tom Fogarty, Dom Beattie, James Lawrence, David Fogarty. Back L/R: Brian Fogarty, Ger Looby, Sean Hourigan, Stephen Flood, Barry Ryan, Alan Price, Tadhg O'Donnell, Derek Hogan, Donal Ryan (P).



Kickhams Crosco Cup Senior Hurling League Winners 1993. Back (L/R): Anthony Qualter, Kevin Farrell, John McCormack, Kieran Cussen, Jimmy Farrell, Sean Buckley, Johnny Butler, Paudie Slattery. Front (L/R): Vincent Kelly, Sean Bradshaw, Declan Crosse, Ger Crosse, Aidan Slattery, Ger Butler, Christopher Ryan.



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WEST BOARD OFFICERS 1993

From left: Tom O'Donnell (Treasurer), Paul O'Neill (Chairman) and Jerry Ring (Secretary).

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# Eire Og – Fifty Years Ago

By Eileen Ryan

**O**N Friday 19th November last, the Eire Og/Annacarty/Donohill club honoured their heroes of the past, at a function in Dundrum House Hotel.

Presentations were made to the surviving members of the 1943 county championship team, and an enjoyable evening ensued where young and old mingled, swapping stories of the past and present. The team members can relive the match as it was only played last Sunday, not fifty years ago. There was a twinge of sadness, that nine of the fifteen team members have passed to their eternal reward. Go ndeanfaigh Dia trocaire ar a n-anamacha.

October 3rd 1943 is a date forever etched on the minds of Eire Og people, as it was on that Sunday in Thurles that Eire Og won the first county senior hurling title for the West Division by beating Mid champions, Moycarkey-Borris. Nobody thought then that forty-four years would pass before another West team emulated that, great feat.

The nucleus of the 1943 team began back in the 1930's when Eire Og won the West Tipperary Primary schools' championship for three consecutive years. Three West minor hurling titles came to the Eire Og/Cappawhite combination, Brian Borus in 1937, '38 and 39. So the foundation was laid



Survivors of 1943 Co. Final who attended a function hosted by Eire Og recently. Back l. to r. George Ryan, Eire Og; Michael Ryan Eire Og; John Ryan, Eire Og; Fan Dwyer, Eire Og. Front l. to r. Mutt Ryan, Moycarkey; Jim O'Donnell, Eire Og; Willie Ryan, Moycarkey; Larry Ryan, Moycarkey; Tom Joy, Eife Og.

for the great team of the 40's from the beginning of the 1941 championship to the end of the 1943 championship. Eire Og played thirty-seven matches and were only beaten in two – the 1941 Co. Final against Boherlahan and the 1942 semi-final against Killenaule.

A crowd of 8,000 attended the

1943 final which had a sensational ending. At the interval the sides were level on 1-2 each, but with eight minutes remaining Eire Og were five points down, and Moycarkey looked set to take the final. A Bill O'Donnell goal brought them back to life and infused with new hope, two more goals followed, leaving the final score 4-3 to 2-4, a five point win for Eire Og. It was one of the most dramatic rallies ever staged and it left the Eire Og captain, Tom Ryan (C) receiving the Dan Breen Cup. The victorious team was:

Jimmy O'Donnell, Johnny Ryan (W), Jim Hanly R.I.P., Jack Dee R.I.P., George Ryan, Phil Ryan (C) R.I.P., Tom Ryan (C) R.I.P., Tom Burke R.I.P., Bill O'Donnell R.I.P., Jerry Ryan R.I.P., Denis Condon R.I.P., Michael Ryan (C), Jack Cooney, Tom Joye, Jerry Ryan (W) R.I.P.



EIRE OG-ANNACARTY 1943 COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Back Row: Tom Burke, Bill O'Donnell, Denis Condon, Jack Cooney, Jerry Ryan (W), Jimmy O'Donnell. Middle Row: Phil Ryan (C), Tom Joye, Michael Ryan (C), Johnny Ryan (W). Front Row: George Ryan, Jerry Ryan, Jim Hanly, Tom Ryan (C), Jack Dee.

"Here's a health to Eire Og, may your banners never fall,

You beat Cappawhite and Cashel and you feared not Killenaule,

On the third day of October, nineteen and forty-three,

You beat Moycarkey champions and gained the victory."



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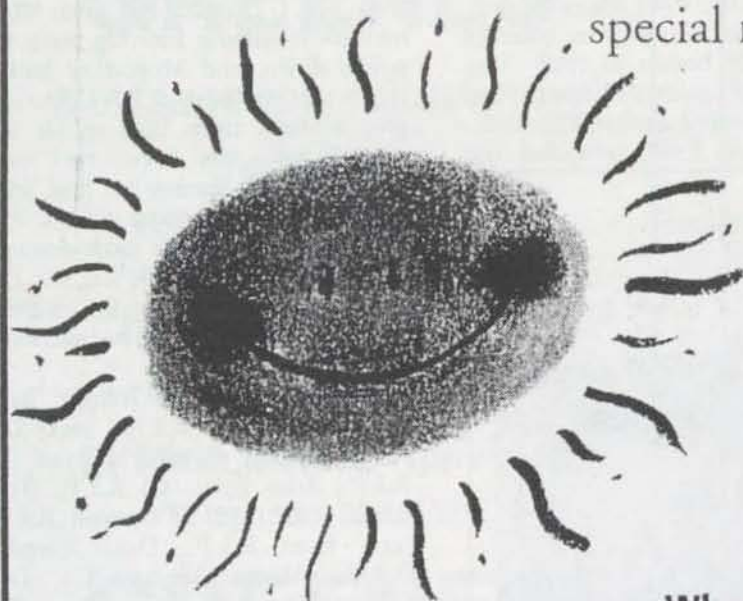
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# Mid-Tipperary G.A.A. Review

MATTY CONNOLLY, Rúnaí



Some of the officers of the Mid-G.A.A. Board photographed after their adjourned Convention. Front row (l. to r.) Noel Murphy, Assistant Secretary; Dick Maher, Treasurer; Sean Fogarty, Chairman; Matty Connolly, Secretary; Bob Stakelum, President. Back row: Jim Max, Thurles Sportsfield Representative; Michael Burke, Co. Board Representative; Michael Greene, Vice-chairman; Jimmy Meighan, Vice-chairman; Pat Cullen Co. Board Trustee; Dick Buckley, Co. Board Representative. Missing from photograph are Mick Curley, Gate Checker; Mick Cahill, Templemore Sportsfield Representative; Timmy Grace, Gate Checker and Andy O'Gorman, Mid Tipperary Youth Officer.

## Competition results

DATE	VENUE	COMPETITION	TEAMS AND SCORES	REFEREE
15/8/93	Templemore	Senior Hurling Final	Thurles Sarsfields 3-14; Holycross-B. 1-8	M. Greene
3/10/93	The Ragg	Int. Hurling Final	J. K. Brackens 0-12; Upperchurch-D. 1-9	MI. Doyle
17/10/93	Replay	Simple Stadium	Upperchurch 2-12; J.K. Brackens 1-10	MI. Doyle
3/10	Drombane	Junior A Hurling Final	Drom-Inch 0-8; Moycarkey B 0-8	Phil Lowry
17/10/93	Replay	Simple Stadium	Drom-Inch 2-13; Moycarkey B 3-8	Phil Lowry
19/9/93	Templemore	Junior B Hurling Final	Loughmore/Castleiney 2-13; Clonakenny 0-7	Liam Connolly
19/9/93	Simple Stadium	U-21 A Hurling Final	Holycross-B. 2-8; Thurles Sarsfields 1-7	Jim O'Shea
19/9/93	The Ragg	U-21 B Hurling Final	J. K. Brackens 0-11; Rahealty 1-5	Rody Lowry
5/9/93	Simple Stadium	Minor A Hurling Final	Boherlahan-D. 2-12; Rahealty 1-8	Willie Clohessy
17/10/93	Simple Stadium	Minor B Hurling Final	Loughmore-Castleiney 1-8; Moycarkey B 2-2	Martin Treacy
29/8/93	Rahealty	Minor C Hurling Final	Clonakenny 2-4; Rahealty 1-1	Willie O'Grady
15/8/93	Littleton	Senior Football Final	Loughmore-C. 1-9; Oliver Plunketts 0-5	Liam Connolly
26/9/93	Holycross	Int. Football Final	J. K. Brackens 2-13; Moyne-Templemothy 2-9	Pat Cullen
31/10/93	Replay	Holycross	Thurles Sarsfields 0-11; Holycross-B. 3-2	Pat Cullen
6/11/93	Castleiney	U-21 B Football Final	Thurles Sarsfields 4-6; Holycross-B. 2-5	Pat Cullen
14/11/93	Templemore	Junior A Football Final	Loughmore-C. 3-9; Moycarkey-B. 2-5	John Kelly
		Junior B Football Final	Loughmore-C. 3-4; Thurles Kickhams 1-9	Jim O'Shea
1/9/93	The Ragg	Minor A Football Final	Thurles Sarsfields 1-6; Holycross-B. 0-7	Pat Cullen
25/9/93	Holycross	Minor B Football Final	Rahealty 2-13; Boherlahan-D. 3-2	Pat Cullen
2/5/93	Holycross	Cahill Cup Final	Boherlahan-D. 4-8; Holycross-B. 1-11	Pat Cullen
23/5/93	Holycross	Int. League Hurling Final	Holycross-B 1-10; J. K. Brackens 1-7	Rody Lowry
13/6/93	Holycross	Junior League Hurling Final	Thurles Sarsfields 3-13; Drom-Inch 2-8	Martin Treacy

## AWARDS

**Hurler of the Year 1992**  
Paddy McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields)

**Footballer of the Year 1992**  
Tom McGrath (Loughmore/Castleiney)

**Player of the Past**  
Matty (Mutt) Ryan (Moycarkey/Borris)

**Senior Club of Year 1992**  
Loughmore/Castleiney

**Junior-Intermediate Club of Year 1992**  
J. K. Brackens

**Man of the Match Award Mid-Hurling Final**  
Connie Maher (Thurles Sarsfields)

**Man of the Match Award Mid-Football Final**  
Michael Ormonde (Loughmore-Castleiney)

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The Loughmore-Castleiney team which retained the Mid senior football title by defeating Oliver Plunketts at Littleton. Back row: (l. to r.) Eddie Webster (coach), Michael McGrath (K.) Richard Stapleton, Philip Kennedy (captain), Declan Laffan, John Kennedy, Pat Treacy, Tom McGrath. Front row: John Treacy, Ned Ryan, Pat McGrath, Michael Ormonde, Seamus Bohan, Eamonn Brennan, Michael McGrath, Tim Cullen.



The Thurles Sarsfields team which won the Mid Tipperary senior hurling championship by beating old rivals Holycross-Ballycahill in Templemore. Back row (l. to r.) Connie Maher, Seamus Maher, Ciaran Carroll, Liam Duggan, Michael Sparrow, Jim Moloney (capt.), Seamus O'Shea, Paddy Maher. Front row: Michael Maher, John Dorney, Brendan Carroll, Paddy McCormack, Tommy Maher, Clive Hanrahan, Seamus Quinn.





The Loughmore-Castleiney team which won the Mid Tipperary u.21 'B' football final at Castleiney. Back l to r. Michael Ormond, Noel Cahill, Donal Bolger, Wayne Webster, Noel Kennedy, Colm Dunne, Johnny Bourke, Declan Laffan. Front - Noel Morris, David Kennedy, Ollie Ryan, Dominic Brennan, Tommy Larkin (capt.), Philip McGrath, Jimmy McGrath.



The Holycross-Ballycabill panel which won the Mid u.21 hurling 'A' title by defeating Thurles Sarsfields in the final at Semple Stadium. Back row l. to r. Tadgh Bourke, Paul Ryan, Pat Whelan, Brendan Bannon, Patrick Doyle, Richard Doyle, Donal Duggan, Philip Ryan, Conor Ryan, Liam McGrath, Michael Ferncombe, Declan Quinlan, Noel Ryan, John Butler. Front - Aidan Hassett, Michael Lee, Alan Joyce, Tomás McGrath, David Bourke, Declan Ryan, Timmy Gleeson (capt.), Jim Ryan, Pádraig McGrath, Tommy Flanagan, P. J. Mackey.



The J. K. Brackens team which won the Mid u.21 hurling 'B' title by beating Rahealty in the final at The Ragg back row Tommy Maher, Mervin Braddish, Anthony Marnell, John Ivors, Donal Bourke, Paddy Clarke, William Cahill, Colm Russell. Ronan Louahmane. Jack O'Shea, Fernal McDonnell, Michael Grimes. Front



The Loughmore-Castleiney junior football team which won the Mid junior football final by defeating Thurles Kickhams by the narrowest of margins at Templemore. Back row l. to r. Jim Maher (selector), Don Bolger (selector), John Bourke, Noel Morris, Eugene Stapleton, Jim Gleeson, Taffy McGrath, Pat Lynch, Jimmy Connolly (capt.), Michael O'Connell, Philip McGrath, Tom Ryan, Michael Webster (selector and manager). Front row - Joe McGrath, Noel Cahill, Frankie McGrath, Conor Evison, Wayne Webster, Pat Connolly, Eamon Connolly, Eamon Sweeney, Tommy Larkin, Tom Connolly, John Cormack.



Thurles Sarsfields, winner of the Mid minor football title by defeating Holycross-Ballycabill at the Ragg. Back row l. to r. Tom Larkin, Peter Broderick, Tom Fogarty, Brendan Maher, Bill Fitzgerald (capt.), Gerry Spain, Brian O'Grady, Colin Coppinger. Front row. Liam Scully, Darren Molumby, Mark King, Matthew Ryan, Michael Galvin, David O'Riordan, Johnny Enright.



The Rahealty minor football team which won the county title by defeating Golden Kilfeacle in a replay at Cashel. Back row l. to r. John Callanan, Patrick Hackett, Philip Butler, Denis Mantion, Paul Maher, Trevor Connors, Pat Lawlor, Mark Ryan, Fergus O'Brien, Liam Mockler. Front row - Raymond O'Dowd, Michael Hackett, Damien Harris, Pat Gleeson, Gavin Purcell, (capt.), Ollie Geoghegan, Raymond Carew, John Gleeson, Tony Cleary, missing from photo is Philip Croke.



County Champions - The Loughmore Castleiney panel which won the county minor hurling 'B' title by defeating Lorrha in the final at MOneygall. Back l. to r. Brian Dunne, Noel Morris (capt.), Tony Foy, Donal Bolger, Damien Cullen, Oliver Ryan, Michael Webster, David Kennedy, Declan Laffan, Eamon Sweeney, (coach). Front row - Alfie Stapleton, Kieran Webster, Dominic Brennan, Paul Ormonde, David Sweeney, Brian Webster, John Gleeson, Joe Danagher, Tom Maher, Tommy Ormonde, Garry Sweeney.



The Upperchurch-Drombane intermediate hurling team which drew J.K. Brackens in the Mid intermediate hurling final at The Ragg. Back l. to r. Gerry Ryan, Dan Griffin, Tomás Keane, Pat Carey, Pádraig Hayes, Seamus Armstrong, John Ryan, Conor O'Dwyer. Front row - Jim Ryan, Michael Dwyer, Sean Purcell, Brian Phelan, Michael Ryan (captain), Liam Shanahan, L. T. Ryan.



# Boherlahan-Dualla

## MINOR 'A' COUNTY HURLING CHAMPIONS

—Pilib O Riain

**W**INNERS of the minor 'A' county hurling championship for 1993 were Boherlahan-Dualla. The win brought great joy and excitement to the parish as it was the second time only for the club to win this particular competition, the first being twenty-three years previously when a team, led by Seamus Power and powered by players such as Jim Keane, Benny Ryan, Jim Maher and Ciaran Maher, defeated near neighbours Clonoulty in the final. Credit for this present success is in no small measure due to the great work in recent years by the juvenile committee under the late Dick Delaney which had brought steady and progressive success in recent times.

The present successful team, managed by Michael Ferncombe, Cyril O'Dwyer and Tommy Flanagan, is a young group of great potential and ability who, unfortunately, failed to make the big breakthrough in their juvenile days. In 1990 they reached the final of Feile na nGael in Thurles only to be beaten by Rathnure, Wexford, and in the local championships they were beaten by Loughmore.

Last year they lost by a point to Durlas Og in the Mid final but this year they were determined to go all the way. In the Mid championships they overcame Sarsfields and Holycross-Ballycahill and Rahealty in the Mid final. In the semi-final of the county they defeated a determined Killenaule side by a single point. Michael Ferncombe putting over a vital free just on the call of time. The final opposition were next door neighbours Knockavilla Kickhams who had already

defeated Toomevara on the way to the final. A great first half saw our lads take a commanding lead but they had to give of their very best to overcome a great second half Kickhams rally.

A hopeful sign is that a big number of the players are still eligible for next year and here's hoping they go one better than in '71 when they narrowly failed to Kilruane to win titles back to back.

The successful team was — Barry Cross; Brendan Ferncombe, Liam Bourke, James Wade; Seamus Hickey, Michael Ferncombe, William Hickey; Jason Hassett, Gareth McLoughlin; Gerard Flanagan, Albert Maher, Philip O'Dwyer; John Carew, Adrian McLoughlin, Diarmuid O'Dwyer. Substitutes — Ger Barry, Steven Patterson, Declan O'Dwyer, John Tarrant, Declan Moylan, Noel O'Connor, John Fahy, Mark Hickey, Christy Croke.



The Boherlahan-Dualla panel which won the county minor hurling 'A' title by defeating Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Kickhams at Littleton. Back row l. to r. Michael Ferncombe, M. Hickey, J. Fahy, S. Patterson, J. Barry, D. O'Dwyer, L. Bourke, A. McLoughlin, B. Cross, J. Hassett, J. Tarrant, G. Flanagan (capt.), A. Maher, P. O'Dwyer. Front row - D. Moylan, C. Croke, N. O'Connor, D. O'Dwyer, J. Wade, W. Hickey, S. Hickey, G. McLoughlin, B. Ferncombe, D. Dwyer.





The Loughmore-Castleiney team which won the Mid junior hurling 'B' title by defeating Clonakenny at Templemore. back row l. to r. Noel Kennedy, Pat Hennessy, Conor Evison, John Egan (capt), Kevin Kelly, Noel Cahill, Patrick Gleeson, Taffy McGrath, Front row Noel Morris, Tom McGrath (K), Mick McMcGrath (K), Lant Carroll, Tim Cullen, Tommy Gleeson, Richard Stapleton.



Boherlahan-Dualla, winners of the Cahill Cup 1993 back row (l. to r.) Pat Power, James Tarrant, T. J. Dwyer, Michael Murphy, Conor Gleeson, J. J. McGrath, John Wadrick, David Ryan. Front row - Aidan Flanagan, Liam Maher, Brian O'Dwyer, Seamus Murphy, Pao Delaney (Captain), Philly Ryan, Ger Flanagan.



The Clonakenny team which won the club's first Mid minor hurling title defeating Rehalty in the Mid Tipperary minor hurling C final back l. to r. Paddy Breslin, Philip Ryan, Paddy Ryan, Mark O'Dwyer, (capt.), Seamus Nolan, Michael Mitchell, Michael Maher, Darren Talbot, Front - Bobby Martin, Sean Hennessy, Brian Burke, Eoin Dwyer, Donal Crampton, Padraig Quinlan, Michael Murray.



The Thurles Sarsfields team which drew with Holycross-Ballycabill in the Mid Tipperary u.21 football final at Holycross. Back l. to r. David O'Riordan, Tom Larkin, Tom Max, Bill Fitzgerald, John Purcell, David Condon (capt.), Peter Broderick, Brendan Maher, Pat Treacy, Lar Barrett, Eddie Enright, Trevor O'Dwyer, Front row - Pat Murray, John Enright, Brian O'Grady, Michael Galvin, Michael Bowe, Darren Molumby, Tom Kennedy, Noel Dundon, Ger Collins. Sarsfields won the replay 4-6 to 2-5.



Holycross-Ballycabill winners of Mid Tipperary intermediate hurling league title by defeating J. K. Brackens in the final at Holycross. Back row l. to r. Beny Browne, Tim Stakelum, William Ryan, Michael Ferncombe, Thomas Flanagan, Philip Ryan, Gerry Fennessy, Paddy Browne. Front row - Billy Dwan, Robert Stakelum (capt), Pat Cahill, Declan Quinlan Timmy Gleeson, P. J. Mackey, Jim Butler.



The Drom Inch team which won the Mid junior hurling 'A' title by defeating Moycarkey Borris after a replay. back l. to r. Liam Kennehan, Oliver Dwan, Brian Kenny, Martin Fahy, Bernard Looby, P. J. Ryan, Liam McLoughlin, Timmy O'Meara, Tommy Butler, John Egan, Paudie Butler, Front row Thomas Cantwell, Tommy Kiely, P. J. Nolan, Mark Jordan, John Sheridan, Jimmy Darcy, Pat Quinn, Paddy Looby Matt Shanahan, Roger McLoughlin.



The J. K. Berackens team which won the Mid intermediate football title by defeating Moyne-Templemore in the final at Holycross. Back row l. to r. Michael Marnell, John Ivors, Jim Cahill, Martin Bourke, Joe SHields, Mervin Braddish, Larry Stapleton, Sean Scully, Front row - Jim Ormonde, Michael Larkin (captain), James McCarthy, Sean Collum, Paddy Marnell, Anthony Marnell, Sean Cashman.



The Thurles Sarsfields team which won the Mid Tipperary junior league title by defeating Drom-Inch at Holycross. Back l. to r. Denis Maher, Eamonn Stakelum, Gary Loughmane, Padraic Dundon, John Purcell, Jim Woodlock, Bill Mullanney, Tony O'Meara, Trevor O'Dwyer, Pat McCormack, Front George Grogan, Ger Donnelly, Declan Keher, Clive Hanrahan, Pat Treacy (capt), Martin McElgunn, Andy Rossiter, Eddie Enright.



# Opening of Littleton GAA field

**S**UNDAY evening, May 16th, 1993, will be remembered with affection in the parish of Moycarkey-Borris as the night their recently developed field at Littleton was officially opened and blessed.

The rain poured down but it did not deter one thousand patrons from attending this history-making occasion. The field and buildings were blessed by Rev. Fr. Richard Ryan, P.P., and the official opening performed by Mr Michael McGuire, Chairman, Tipperary G.A.A. Board. Other speakers were Mr Sean Fogarty, Chairman of Mid-Tipperary G.A.A. Board, and club chairman, Mr Liam Hennessy, who doubled as M.C.

In attendance were many former club officers and players, including Canon Denis O'Meara, P.P., Murroe, former club chairman. After the official ceremony Tipperary and Kilkenny played a senior hurling tournament which ended on parity.

Up to 1969 the club teams trained and hurled at various venues in the parish when the field at Littleton was purchased, having previously been leased. The price was £2,000 and since then many phases of development have taken place—erection of boundary wall,

front entrance, dressingrooms, meeting room, sideline seating and new stand; also revamped scoreboard and team dug-outs.

To date over 65,000 has been spent on the development and the ground is now one of the best in any rural parish.

In his foreword to the special souvenir programme, club chairman, Mr Liam Hennessy, had the following message: "The

facilities now available here will serve the players of the present and generations to come and I think all associated with the developments".

Now one of Tipperary's best known clubs has a venue to match that glorious past and it is hoped that it will not be long before further honours on the playing fields are brought back to Moycarkey-Borris.



Unveiling of plaque at opening of Moycarkey field. L. to R. Liam Hennessy - Club Chairman, Mick McGuire - Co. Chairman.

## Johnny Ryan (Moycarkey-Borris) Honoured

**T**HE Ryan family of Ballybeg Littleton, are one of the best known hurling families in Tipperary Gaeldom. They gave sterling service to their club Moycarkey-Borris, their county and province.

Last January, Johnny of that famous family was honoured by the Clonmel United Sports Panel with the Knocknagow Award, Tipperary's "Hall of Fame". He played most of his

hurling at wingback and was recognised as one of the great defenders of his era - fearless, stylish and sporting.

Johnny came onto the Moycarkey-Borris senior team in 1934 and continued to play at this level right up to 1956 when he played his last game against Thurles Sarsfields in the Mid final of that year. During his playing days he won every honour in the game - Divisional, County, Provincial, Railway Cup and All Ireland Medals.

An unassuming gentleman of gaelic games

Johnny Ryan loves to reminisce on the great games he played in, the players he opposed and the anecdotes which are part and parcel of gael sport. His selection last January was a popular one and he deserves to be included in Tipperary Hall of Fame, to join such greats as Martin Kennedy (Toomevara), Tommy Treacy (Killea), Tommy Doyle (Thurles Sarsfields) for the hurling world and his good athletic friend Tom Healy (Coolcroo) honoured the previous year.



At last years Mid Tipperary GAA annual convention the Mid board was presented with a new trophy to be presented to the Mid Tipperary Hurler of the Year. The trophy was presented to the board by Liam Ryan, son of the late Paddy (Sweeper) Ryan after whom the trophy is named. The first winner of this shield was Paddy McCormack who was presented with the award during the convention. Photograph shows (l. to r.) - Paddy McCormack, Liam Ryan, Johnny Ryan, winner of the Knocknagow Hall of Fame award and brother of 'Sweeper' Ryan, Mutt Ryan, winner of the Mid Tipperary hall of Fame award and also a brother of 'Sweeper' Ryan.



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*Carrick Davins, South Intermediate Hurling Champions – Back row – P. Walsh, L. Cronin, C. Arrigan, S. Harris, W. Loughman, Pa McGrath, G. McGrath, M. Waters, T. Power, P. McGrath, B. Conney. Front row – D. King, P. J. Arrigan, S. Fleming, B. Waters, A. Waters, D. Waters, J. Waters, W. Robinson. Not in photo: Joe Kennedy.*



*Kilsheelan – South Intermediate Football Champions Back row (l. to r.) – J. Roche, B. Connolly, G. Kehoe, S. Nugent, M. O'Reilly, M. Ryan, D. O'Connor, L. Stokes. Front row – P. Hickey, L. Corcoran, J. Larkin, M. Larkin, P. Larkin, M. Ormonde, S. Roche.*



*Moyle Rovers – Senior Football team, winners of Tipperarymen's Cup, Co. League, Division 1) and Clonmel Oil, South Senior Football League. Back row – M. Griffin, E. Moore, J. Kelly, M. McGrath, P. Norris, J. O'Brien, K. O'Connor, D. Finn, S. Delahunty, Derry Foley, K. Bates, P. Brett, A. Moynihan, P. Boland, S. Norris. Front row – M. Kearney, A. O'Dwyer, J. McGrath, Donal Foley, P. O'Connor, J. Owens (captain), T. Maher, E. Power, L. Cronin, M. J. Browne, R. English. Absent from photo: N. Wall and J. Finn.*

# South Board Roll of Honour 1993 CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

## SENIOR HURLING

At Clonmel – Mullinahone 1-11; Carrick Swan 0-12. T. Lonergan

## INTERMEDIATE HURLING

At Clonmel – Cahir 1-10; Carrick Davins 2-7. Replay: Carrick Davins 2-4; Cahir 0-4. W. Barrett

## JUNIOR HURLING 'A'

At Clonmel – Moyle Rovers 4-11; Skheenarinka 2-10. J. Keane.

## JUNIOR HURLING 'B'

At Kilsheelan – Moyle Rovers 4-13; Carrick Swans 1-12. N. Coughlan.

## UNDER-21 HURLING 'A'

At Clonmel – Killenaule 2-17; St. Mary's 1-5. J. Keane.

## UNDER-21 HURLING 'B'

At Clonmel – Fethard 1-9; Newcastle 1-6. M. Walsh.

## MINOR HURLING 'A'

At Monroo – Killenaule 0-10; St. Mary's 0-7. J. McCarthy.

## MINOR HURLING 'B'

At Clonmel – Fr Sheehy's 2-7; Ballyneale 1-5. C. Browne.

## SENIOR FOOTBALL

At Cahir – Fethard 1-10; Commercials 0-9. T. Lonergan.

## INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL

At Clonmel – Kilsheelan 1-9; Fr Sheehy's 1-9. Replay: Kilsheelan 0-9; Fr Sheehy's 0-7. J. McCarthy.

## JUNIOR FOOTBALL 'A'

At Cahir – Commercials 1-8; Ardfinnan 0-7. T. Lonergan.

## JUNIOR FOOTBALL 'B'

Final – Carrick Davins v. Mullinahone.



UNDER-21 FOOTBALL 'A'  
Final – Fethard v. Ardfinnan.

UNDER-21 FOOTBALL 'B'  
Final – Grangemockler v. Killenaule

MINOR FOOTBALL 'A'  
At Cahir – Commercials 0-9;  
Ardfinnan 0-4. B. White.

MINOR FOOTBALL 'B'  
At Clonmel – Moyle Rovers 1-5; Fr  
Sheehy's 0-8. M. McCormack. Replay  
(at Ardfinnan): Fr Sheehy's 0-8; Moyle  
Rovers 1-4. C. Aylward.

## LEAGUES

CLONMEL OIL S.F.L. (1992)  
Final – Fethard 1-8; Moyle Rovers  
0-11. T. Lonergan. Replay (at  
Kilsheelan): Moyle Rovers 3-9; Fe-  
thard 1-9.

WALSH SHIELD S.H.L. (1993)  
Semi-finals – Ballingarry v. Carrick  
Davins; Killenaule v. Cahir.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
(1993)  
Semi-finalists – Killenaule, Ballingar-  
ry, Carrick Davins and Kickhams.

CLONMEL OIL S.F.L. (1993)  
Quarter-finalists – Commercials,  
Grangemockler, Moyle Rovers, Bally-  
poreen, Fethard, Cahir and two  
(Ardfinnan, Fr Sheehy's or Mullina-  
hone).



Football Board Chairman Hugh Kennedy presents the County Final Cup to Fethard Captain Willie O'Meara



Moyle Rovers – South Junior Hurling Champions and beaten county finalists. Back row (l. to r.) – J. Russell (selector), M. McCarthy, J. McGrath, J. Kelly, M. McGrath, J. O'Brien, D. Foley, P. Norris, B. Boland, S. Norris, E. Moore, P. Brett, J. McCarthy (selector). Front row – C. Boland, R. English, L. Cronin, N. Wall, F. Fennessy, K. O'Connor (captain), P. McCormack, A. Moynihan, D. McGrath, M. J. Browne, D. Looby (selector), together with some youthful supporters.



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# Commercials retain county title

**A**T the outset of the minor championship we were very hopeful of county honours. With a number of players still eligible from the previous year's winning team the outlook looked good. The South championship was run, as has been the norm for quite a number of years, on a league system. Five teams entered - Commercials, Fethard, Ardfinnan, Cahir and Clonmel Og.

Our first game was against Ardfinnan and we overcame them on a score of 2-7 to 0-7. Having beaten Fethard 0-11 to 0-7 we had to give a walk-over to Cahir and later on received a walkover ourselves from Clonmel Og.

Our semi-final opponents were Cahir. We dominated the first half and led 1-7 to 0-0. The second half saw Cahir take over and in the end the final whistle sounded with the score - Commercials 1-9; Cahir 0-6. Thus we were in the South final against Ardfinnan, a repeat of the 1992 South final. It was a close game with scores hard to come by. Half-time saw the scores level at 0-2 each. However, in the second half we gradually pulled away to win in the finish by 0-9 to 0-4.

In the county semi-final we had a runaway win over Thurles Sarsfields - 2-

16 to 0-1 - having led at half-time 0-6 to 0-0. Commercials had reached the county final for the second year in a row and our final opponents were Newport. The final was fixed for Holycross on Sunday, 17th October, as a curtain raiser for the county senior final. We knew little or nothing about Newport with the exception of two of their players, Tom Moylan and Ken O'Neill, who had played with our county representatives, John McNamara, Brendan Walsh, Neill Beckett and Ollie Cahill. The word was that they were big and strong, especially up the middle. Sunday, 17th October, turned out to be an ideal day for football and when referee Michael O'Sullivan of Arravale Rovers threw in the ball before a very respectable crowd both sides went at it full belt.

Two goals by our corner-forward, Paul Scully, and points by Ollie Cahill (2), James Keating, Niall Dempsey, Eddie Farrell and Bobby Power, heped us to a half-time lead of 2-6 to 0-2 and put us on the road to success. An early second-half goal by Niall Dempsey gave us a thirteen point lead. Newport pressed more and more and eventually, from a melee in front of our goal, after the ball had come back off an upright, Newport forward Raymond O'Brien scored a goal. As it turned

out, this was the only goal conceded by our goalkeeper, John McNamara, and our defence throughout the entire minor championship.

Two second-half points by Ollie Cahill brought the score to 3-8 to 1-5 and with two minutes remaining Niall Beckett and Paul Scully set up Bobby Power for a brilliant goal. Thus we had emulated the achievements of the 1954-55 and 1967-68 teams, winning our second successive county crown with a final score - Commercials 4-8; Newport 1-5.

A special word of congratulations to trainer-selector John Kerin and to selectors Ruairi Walsh, Billy Cahill, Rian Forrestal and John McNamara on a job well done.

County final team and substitutes as follows - John McNamara; Kieran Forristal (captain), Paul Williams, Graham Cantwell; John Conway, Brendan Walsh, Stephen Granville; Keith Ryan, Niall Beckett; Ollie Cahill, Eddie Farrell, James Keating; Paul Scully, Niall Dempsey, Anthony Power. Substitutes Bobby Power for James Keating (injured); Bernard Walsh for Stephen Granville (injured); also Paul Cahill, Paul Kennedy, Francis Brannigan, Fergal Condon, Alan Kearney, Niall Cahill, Brian Denn.



**CLONMEL COMMERCIALS COUNTY MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS**

*Back row (l. to r.) - Paul Williams, Keith Ryan, John McNamara, Niall Dempsey, Brendan Walsh, John Conway, Graham Cantwell.  
Front row - Eddie Farrell, Stephen Granville, James Keating, Oliver Cahill, Cianán Forrestal (captain), Niall Beckett, Anthony Power, Paul Scully.*



# In Victory or Defeat

MULLINAHONE SOUTH TIPPERARY SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS

**I**T is a measure of the raised expectations and high success level of recent years that the majority of Mullinahone supporters leaving Golden on 12th September after a three-point loss to Holycross-Ballycahill in the county senior hurling quarter-final should be bitterly disappointed.

For days and weeks afterwards the missed goals and points were discussed by local pundits. Supporters, mentors and team itself now know that we were good enough to have made a county semi-final or even final appearance. This is a big change for a club whose best hurling team was eliminated by Ballingarry's second string in the first round of the South Tipperary junior hurling championship as recently as 1987.

In 1945 (forty-eight years ago), Mullinahone last won a divisional senior football title. Prior to this year the club had never appeared in a divisional senior hurling final let alone won one.

On 22nd August, 1993, all that was changed forever as Mullinahone's senior hurlers, in only their second year in the ranks, and appearing in their very first final, defeated Carrick Swans who were seeking their 21st South Tipperary senior hurling title.

Perhaps it was an omen of things to come that as patrons flocked to Clonmel that day they were met with a programme whose covers were in green and red, the colours of the brash and youthful challengers.

The final itself was a tense battle. In spite of all their experience gathered over the playing fields of Tipperary and indeed Ireland since 1988, Mullinahone were affected by nerves. This was the biggest day so far in the parish's relatively short hurling life. Even their most experienced hurlers were affected and it was well into the second half before the team ignited. Even then it was hard on their followers as wide followed wide and the gap wasn't wide enough to be safe.

The end came suddenly and the sound of Tommy Lonergan's whistle was the sweetest music of the year. Mullinahone were the 1993 South Tipperary senior hurling champions. "The old order changeth yielding place to the new." Now things will never be the same again. Mullinahone were an overnight success having been trying for years.

Mullinahone were disappointed when they were catapulted into senior ranks after the 1991 intermediate championship. County junior winners in 1989 they lost the intermediate final to Portroe in 1990 and the following year they reached the

county semi-final only to go down narrowly to Arravale Rovers with five of their best injured on the line and a postponement not granted to a club whose players had served the county well.

Being divisional champions for two years in a row meant senior ranks without benefit of a county title in 1992. In Round 1 we defeated Killenaule, the reigning champions, only to draw them again in the semi-final. This we drew but by now lethargy had overtaken the club and we went down to defeat.

Five years of hurling at the top or near it had taken their toll. John Leahy and Tipperary had crashed out of the Munster championship in Cork and Brian O'Meara, hugely influential in the defeat of Killenaule, was in the USA with the Boston Tipps. He was to win a North American Board senior hurling title (the equivalent of an all-Ireland medal) with them. It was all cumulative. The batteries needed to be recharged and perhaps time is the best healer.

At our AGM it was decided to get an outside coach. The choice was Michael Doyle of Holycross. Early sessions with Michael proved relatively successful but many of our players were away from home. This didn't help not did the fact that Michael was captain of his own club.

However, in spite of all these difficulties I believe that Michael re-ignited the spark and can take a share of the credit for Mullinahone's success later in the season. We learned from him, but perhaps he, too, learned enough from us, to tilt the balance in his own side's favour when we clashed

in early September.

The South draw ordained a first round meeting with Carrick Swan. An experimental team took the field as we were hit by injury, illness and examinations. While victory wasn't vital, every win over senior opposition would inspire confidence. After a bit of a struggle we edged out on top 0-12 to 1-7.

We were now in the semi-final but would miss the match practice of the losers group. We were drawn against the reigning champions and our great rivals Ballingarry. They had come through the losers group. Many of our followers would have preferred to meet Ballingarry in the final. Some said the semi-final was the place to catch them. Locally the game was being built up as a clash of the Titans. It was to be our greatest test so far.

Ballingarry had the advantage of the elements and we were holding them okay for awhile. Then the roof fell in as our full-back line buckled perhaps from pressure out further and four goals were conceded. At half-time we were twelve points down 4-6 to 0-6. The hopes of our followers were sorely tested. It was the darkest hour but it was also the hour before the dawn.

The Mullinahone dressing-room was a quiet place as the players took in the awful situation they were in and the jibes of the opposition. Perhaps they were after all "only a poor junior team." There was little said as the players looked into their hearts and vowed that in the second half things would be different. They were.

Within minutes Mullinahone had shot



Mullinahone C.J. Kickhams South Senior Hurling Champions 1993. Back l. to r. Ray Cody, Sean Brett, O. Maher, B. O'Meara, Tony Dalton, Jim White, Jim O'Neill, Noel Leahy, Terry O'Brien, Ger Dalton, O. Curran. Front l. to r. Pat Croke, Mossy Tobin, Sean Walzer, Jackie Bolger, John Leahy (capt.), Liam O'Connor, Ml. Skehan, John McCormack, Alan Fox, Stephen O'Brien, K. Vaughan





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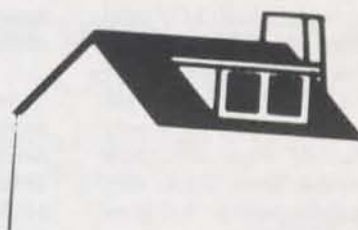
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1-1 to drag themselves back into the game. After thirteen minutes the sides were almost level. For ten minutes or so they fought for supremacy but now nothing could halt the Mullinahone machine and incredulous Ballingarry could only stand and stare as Mullinahone roared on to victory.

It was the greatest comeback of our time. The second half scoring was Mullinahone 2-12; Ballingarry 0-1 in the end, a five point win - 2-18 to 4-7. It was the day when Mullinahone's hurlers became men and learned to believe in themselves.

The final brought ballyhoo and pressure. Once more this group of players were stepping into the unknown for Mullinahone. As I said the pressure got to Mullinahone and only when the anxiety lifted did Mullinahone show something approaching their true form. Again they will learn and hopefully the team will grow to fill the mantle of champions.

On final day the club had many heroes as winners always do. Even 'Man of the Match' and captain, John Leahy, had local rivals on the day. His now county

colleague, Brian O'Meara had a profound effect on the turning around of the final. Wing back Tony Dalton, who should be our next Tipperary representative, was outstanding.

Seán Brett is now well recovered from injury and a powerful asset to any team. How Tipperary junior hurling selectors could ignore such a player is beyond me. His likes were missing down in Cappoquin. Liam O'Connor, our goalie, is back towards his form of old. Ollie Maher in a most difficult year for him, showed what club spirit is all about. Kyran Vaughan at seventeen the baby of the side turned in some sterling performances. In earlier rounds Jackie Bolger showed hurling class.

As I have previously said, on final day all proved heroes and it is well to name the South final panel for posterity - Liam O'Connor, Kyran Vaughan, Ollie Maher, Michael Skehan, Tony Dalton, Sean Brett, John McCormack, Ray Cody, Brian O'Meara, Jackie Bolger, 'Mossie' Tobin, Noel Leahy, John Leahy (captain), Sean Walzer, Pat Croke, Stephen O'Brien, Jim White, Alan Foxe, Jim O'Neill, Ger Dalton, Albert Curran, Thomas Cahill,

Terry O'Brien, 'Toss' Lonergan, Gerry Brett and John O'Shea who was later enlisted.

In 1993 we scaled new peaks and saw new glories. In 1994 the goalposts will have to be moved again to fit in with newer, higher ambitions and further development. What are those goals and dreams? Before 1987 the records of Tipperary hurling have little mention of Mullinahone or C. J. Kickham's players. Since then things have changed utterly.

A Tipperary team without a Mullinahone player is now almost a novelty. The names of Leahy, O'Meara, Croke loomed large for Tipperary in victory and defeat in 1993. Before the decade ends in 1996 is it possible that a Mullinahone player clad in green above red will ascend the steps of Ardan Ui Riain to claim the Dan Breen Cup on behalf of Mullinahone? Some will scoff at the dream but prior to 1987 to quote many - "whoever heard of a hurler from Mullinahone." There are not too many reasons why Mullinahone cannot emulate the last great standard-bearers of South Tipperary, the Davins of the 1960's.

—Richard Sheehan

## Ballingarry Juveniles A Good Year



William Maher, Ballingarry, winner u.14 All Ireland (Tony Forrestal) with Tipperary, winner Leinster Junior Colleges Medal with St. Kierans Kilkenny.



Donal Shelly receives cup for the South Final from Nicholas Moroney (South Board na nOg Chairman).



Ballingarry U.14 'B' Football Champions 1993 - back row l. to r. E. O'Brien, K. O'Connell, M. Ryan, P. Molloy, M. Cahill, M. Morris, A. Cleere, S. O'Brien, J. Donovan, Wm. Maher, T. Croke, J. P. Cashin. Front row l. to r. B. O'Brien, S. Brennan, J. Ivers, Ed. O'Brien (capt.), D. Norton, S. Brennan, D. Shelly, G. Ivers, T. Norton.



South Hurling Championship U.12 front row Ed. Cahill, D. Walton, S. Purcell, T. Ivors, C. Ivors, B. Cooney. Middle row l. to r. Wm. Maher, M. Sparrow, J. Holohan, D. Kelly, P. Hayes, M. Macklin, R. Webster, S. Brewer. Back Row P. J. Moloney, T. Brennan (Selector), S. Brennan, E. Cahill, D. Shelly (capt), S. McCormack, B. O'Brien, D. Norton, K. Lyons, Dan Shelly (Selector).



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# Ballyporeen/Skeheenarinky G.A.A.

## Victorious Ballyporeen

*Ballyporeen 3-6*

*Moyne-Templetuohy 1-8*

**B**ALLYPOREEN having beaten Ballylooby in the South U.16 B Football Final, and Toomevara in the County Semi Final went on to have a historic win over Moyne-Templetuohy on Sunday 17th October.

It was a hard fought battle and "Bally" were a little slow to settle against a physically stronger side.

In the second half with Michael Kenneally moved to wing back and Noel Gorman to centre-field the team settled down and Tom O'Farrell won possession from the throw in and passed the ball to Alan Fogarty who scored a lovely goal with the left foot and the sides were now level. This was the boost the team needed and now the "Bally" lads started to play with fierce determination. Four more points followed by Alan Fogarty, Paul O'Gorman was in excellent form and a good passing movement from Paul to Alan Fogarty to David Williams onto Michael English who sent the ball into the back of the net. At centre-field there were sterling performances from Tom O'Farrell and Noel O'Gorman who both lived up to their high standards as usual.

Great credit must go to the backs for the way they withstood the pressure put on by the Moyne forwards. Pa Meade, with what seemed a certain goal brought off a brilliant save. Paul O'Gorman with his safe handling and distribution, Tom O'Gorman rock solid at full back, was well assisted by Keven Kenneally in the other corner. Maurice Mullane was a tower of strength at centre back, Michael Kenneally when moved to wing back blotted out the main

treat from the Moyne wing forward and Rory O'Farrell with his "never say die" attitude fought brilliantly. Alan Fogarty, at centre forward caused major problems for the Moyne defence with his penetrating runs and scoring ability. Michael English, when moved to full forward scored an important goal to put daylight between the sides.

Jimmy Gubbins, Tom Molan, Liam O'Brien and Ger Martin tried hard, but found the bigger and stronger Moyne backs difficult to handle.

Paul McGrath, David Williams and Eamon O'Brien when introduced played their part.

The shield was presented to Alan Fogarty, captain, by Jim Lunch, Chairman of the County Tipperary Juvenile Board amid scenes of great

excitement. Great credit is due to our selectors, John O'Callaghan and Ned Fogarty, trainers Declan Hickey and Billy Macken, secretary Harry O'Brien, Tom O'Gorman, Treasurers Liam O'Reilly, Physio and John Goff Chairman, for their commitment and dedication throughout the year. The club would like to congratulate Alan Fogarty and Tom O'Farrell on being selected on the County U.16 football team.

Team: Pa Meade, Paul O'Gorman, Tom O'Gorman, K. Kenneally, Noel O'Gorman, M. Mullane, Rory O'Farrell, Jas Gubbins, Alan Fogarty captain 2-5, Tom Molan, Ml. English 1-1, Ger Martin, Liam O'Brien. Subs D. Williams, P. McGrath, E. O'Brien, P. Ryan, B. Meade, F. Martin.



*The Ballyporeen Team which defeated Moyne-Templetuohy in the Co. U.16 B Football Final. Front Row 1 to r. Harry O'Brien, Secretary, T. O'Gorman, Pa Meade, Alan Fogarty (Capt), John Goff (Chairman), Tom O'Gorman (Treasurer) J. Buggins, B. Meade, Middle Row 1 to r. J. O'Callaghan (Selector), Noel O'Gorman, Ml. English, D. Williams, T. O'Farrell, Ml. Kenneally, M. Mullane, Ger Martin, Paul O'Gorman, E. Fogarty (Selector), Back Row 1 to r. B. Mackin (Trainer), Paul McGrath, L. O'Brien, P. Ryan, R. O'Farrell, E. O'Brien, K. Kenneally, T. Molan, F. Martin, D. Hickey (Coach).*



# More honours for Fr Sheehy's

—by Vee Rambler II

In 1993 our minors continued the winning tradition that they have built up in recent years and provided their supporters with another season of on-going entertainment and success. Following the winning of two county titles in 1992, in under-16 hurling and football, we annexed South minor 'B' titles in both codes this year — a truly remarkable achievement, by any standards, when one takes into consideration the size of the club.

While we are now the proud holders of both titles we must admit we had some tremendous battles, notably against Moyle Rovers in football and Cahir in hurling, en route to the titles.

Our footballers were first into action but were well beaten by Ballingarry in the first game. As the championship was run on a league basis, it gave the team time to regroup. Our next game was against Moyle Rovers in Marlfield. After thirty minutes we found ourselves twelve points in arrears. At half-time a few harsh words were said and had the desired effect. In the second half the lads played like a team inspired and pulled back the big lead, point for point. In the end time ran out and we had to settle for a draw. The team was now on a roll — St. Martin's Newcastle, Kilsheelan and Mullinahone fell by the wayside and we advanced to meet Moyle Rovers in the South final. It was a well contested and entertaining game that ended in a draw — Fr Sheehy's 0-8; Moyle Rovers 1-5.

The replay took place the following Saturday at Ardfinnan. Despite many anxious moments Sheehy's, ably led by inspiring captain Henry O'Grady, held on for a one point victory to complete a great double for the club.

The minor hurling championship commenced in July and we were grouped with St. Patrick's, Newcastle and Ballyneale. Victories in the early rounds against Newcastle, St. Patrick's and Ballyneale were comfortable but impressive. Training now began in earnest as we prepared to meet favourites Cahir in the semi-final in Ardfinnan. Cahir won the toss and with wind advantage and powered by their three county minors, got off to a great start. They raced into a five point lead and we were in trouble. Then Liam O'Connor, who with Liam Fleming, was hurling superbly and defiantly at midfield, took a sideline cut, floated it into the 21 yard line where Barry Moran doubled on it and rattled the net. The lads then began the second half with all guns blazing.

Their refusal to contemplate defeat, the discipline instilled in them over five years of underage campaigning and, above all,



FR SHEEHY'S — South Minor 'B' Hurling/Football Champions 1993. Back row (from left) — Barry Moran, Willie Cleary, Liam Fleming, Liam O'Connor, Conor Durack, Frankie Wyse, Declan English, Patrick O'Sullivan, Kevin Clarke, Seamus Durack, Seamus Tierney, Liam Condon. Front row (from left) — Willie O'Grady, Patrick Maher, Henry O'Grady (captain, football), Denis O'Sullivan, David Clarke (captain, hurling), John Noonan, Seanie Fleming, Christy Browne, Seamus Murphy.

their pride in themselves and their club kept them attacking and defending superbly until the final whistle blew and brought them a win and a place in the final, built on character and determination — Fr Sheehy's 2-2; Cahir 0-7.

On Sunday, 25th September, we met Ballyneale in the South final at Clonmel. Sheehy's started well and had early scores to lead, but Ballyneale came back to trouble our boys in the second half.

Sheehy's appeared sluggish at times, due to this being their third outing in a week but, inspired by captain, David

Clarke, outstanding play by Liam Fleming and great marksmanship by top scorer Frankie Wyse, they held on and thoroughly deserved their historic victory on a scoreline of 2-7 to 1-5.

To all the backroom people — Mary Fleming; Harry O'Grady; Pat O'Sullivan; Seamus Maher; Bertie, Pat Flynn; Christy English; Seán Tierney; Noel Browne; our local G.P.'s, B. Durack and D. Spillane and finally to the three selectors — Michael O'Connor, Michael Pyne and Toby Moran, without whom victory could never have been achieved, we say 'thanks for the memories!'

## Tipperary Delegates at Congress



Tipperary delegates at Congress. l. to r. Ml. McCarthy, Liz Howard, Jerry Ring, Mick Maguire, Michael Maher, Michael O'Brien, Noel Morris, Matty Connolly.



# Historic double for Killenaule

—Donal McGettigan

Killenaule completed the minor and under-21 hurling double in the South division for the first time. Early in the season great hopes were expected of the under-21 team, but it was the minor team who got the supporters talking and put the buzz of hurling into the parish.

The minor championship was played on a league format, with four teams qualifying for the knock-out stages. Carrick Swans were our first opponents in Murroe and after being on top for fifty minutes, Swan put in a great finish and were defeated by four points. Local neighbours, Ballingarry, defeated us in the next game.

The next game was crucial, and the lads raised their game and, displaying grit and determination, we played a draw with St. Mary's. Ballybacon Grange were easily defeated in our next outing.

It was down to a knock-out game with Mullinahone to advance to the semi-final. In a see-saw game of great scores and excitement, Jason O'Dwyer scored the winning goal. We were in the semi-final.

Carrick Swan were our opponents. On a miserable night in Murroe we rose to the occasion and a great display from Paul Shelly saw us in the final against St. Mary's. The final proved to be a great

advertisement for hurling and with the never-say-die spirit of Killenaule coming to the fore. Great display from P. Noonan, D. Kelly, K. Browne, M. Butler, P. Shelly, K. Cleary, B. Hayes and Philip Ryan saw us bring back the South Tipperary minor trophy to Killenaule.

Boherlahan-Dualla were our opponents in the county semi-final, New Inn was the venue. We were the underdogs. The first half was played at a furious pace with hard knocks being given and taken in the right spirit, and the sides went to the dressing-rooms level. Boherlahan-Dualla went four points clear in the early stages of the second half but a great goal from Brendan Hayes and two Paul Shelly points put us into the lead with five minutes left.

Could we reach our first county minor final, but it was not to be, Boherlahan-Dualla equalised and a harsh free in extra time put us out of the minor championship.

The under-21 team started their campaign against Ballybacon-Grange and after a tough encounter, came out on top by four points. This team gave their best display when easily accounting for Ballingarry in the semi-final after a bad start. John O'Dwyer and Tony Shelly were

the scorers-in-chief. The final against St. Mary's proved to be a very one-sided game. With Killenaule completely on top and fine displays from Liam Butler, Michael Shelly, Paul Shelly, Tony Shelly, Larry Hayes and John O'Dwyer sent the supporters home happy.

We were now in the county semi-final, Holycross-Ballycahill were our opponents. They had defeated us in the corresponding minor game three years previous, but hopes were high of turning the table on them.

This game proved to be a big disappointment for the supporters as they felt this team was capable of a county title. We never played to our potential and Holycross-Ballycahill fully deserved their victory.

So, the year ended for both the minor and under-21 teams at the county semi-final stage.

I would finally like to thank my fellow selectors — H. Browne, T. Shelly, J. Tobin, Michael Bulfin, for their efforts throughout the year. I would also like to thank the sponsors for the new set of playing gear.

Beid lá cile againn.



## Vocational School All Ireland Hurling Final

Watching the All Ireland Vocational Schools semi final between Tipperary and Offaly at Birr were l. to r. Cyril Gleeson (Newport), John O'Riordan (Thurles), team selector and Sean Scully (Cashel) team trainer.



The Tipperary Vocational Schools team which played Galway in the All Ireland final at Thurles. Back row l. to r. - Paul Mullins, Risteard Cassidy, Liam Bannon, Pat Ryan, James Connolly, Thomas Moylan, Donal Ryan, Jimmy Clarke, Kenneth Cleary, Brendan Hayes, James Bourke. Front row - Brendan Hogan, Aidan Kiely, Robert Ryan, Tomas O'Toole, Paul Shelly, Michael Ferncombe (captain), James Ryan, Ken Browne, Liam Cahill, Liam Nolan, Final Score Galway 5-7, Tipperary 1-11.



# Remembering Our Forefathers

By: John Guiton (Tipperary Star)

**A**LL too often the influence of the Gaelic Athletic Association in helping to shape our country is ignored. Like all major organisations it regularly bears the brunt of sharp criticism. The criticism is sometimes deserved, and at other times grossly unfair. One certainty, however, is that the Association is a vitally important



John Guiton

Thomas White, Papal Nuncio, New Zealand; Bishop Denis Browne, Bishop of Auckland, a successor to Dr Croke, the first patron of the GAA, who ministered in Auckland; Bishop Leonard Boyle, Bishop of Dunedin; Dr Thomas Morris, Archbishop Emeritus, and former GAA patron; and Fr Francis O'Toole CC, Bohernanave, Chaplain to Durlas Og juvenile hurling and football club which played a leading role in the staging of the commemoration.

After Mass Durlas Og County title winning u/16 hurlers, and u/12 footballers, followed by top GAA officials in the county marched to the Croke monument in Liberty Square. The parade was led by Cashel Christian Brothers school band, under the direction of Bro. Kevin Treacy, while a colour party was provided by

members of 16th Heavy Mortar Battery, FCA Thurles. The gathering heard eloquent speeches from Dr Clifford, former President of the GAA, Mr Seamus O'Riain, and former Tipperary hurling star, and President of Durlas Og club Pat Stakelum, while Master of Ceremonies for the occasion was Michael Carroll, Vice President of Durlas Og.

All speakers highlighted the immense appeal of the GAA, and paid tributes to the vision of the founding Fathers of the Association. A lovely ceremony was followed by an enjoyable meal for guests at Hayes Hotel. There Chairperson of Thurles Urban Council paid a glowing tribute to the initiative of Dr Clifford, and the Association, in fittingly remembering our great heritage.

vehicle for community development in our island. And one wonders from time to time if the seven men who sat down in Hayes Hotel in Thurles, in November 1884, to establish the Association fully realised the importance of their actions. They were truly idealistic leaders and it is imperative that in the modern age of sophistication, in which there is a tendency to forget our past, we continue to pay homage to the noble seven.

How fitting that on November 1st last GAA officials, supporters, gathered in Thurles to commemorate that great event in history. It was 'a first' for the Association and was the brainchild of His Grace, Most Rev Dr Dermot Clifford, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly. It proved to be an outstanding success, and Dr Clifford, Patron of the Association has certainly put in motion what is bound to become an annual event on the GAA calendar.

The commemoration ceremonies fittingly started with Mass at the Cathedral, with His Grace Dr Clifford the chief celebrant. He was assisted in the beautiful ceremony by fellow Bishops Archbishop



His Grace Most Rev Dr Dermot Clifford, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly and Patron of the GAA, giving his address at commemorative ceremonies to mark the founding of the GAA in Thurles.



# Cluiche-Ghliceas

Liam Prut

**C**ÉN Ghaeilge atá ar 'gamesmanship'? Má ghlacaimid le chluiche-ghliceas in éagmais téarma níos oiriúnaí ní bheimid i bhfad ón sprioc ach a mheabhrú gur traidisiún atá i gceist, mar shampla, i dtuaisceart Thiobraid Arann. B'fhéidir nach 'gamesmanship' go díreach a bheadh i gceist agat agus tú ag tagairt do chuid de na cluichí a buann Cill Chainnigh, mar shampla, nuair nach léir do chách go mbíonn siad tuillte i gceart acu! Nó dá mbeimis ag cuimhneamh ar Loch Garman le déanaí a n-éiríonn leo imirt níos fearr ná a gcéilí comhraic ach an cluiche a chailliúnt ag an deireadh!

Thabharfadh na Francaigh an je-ne-sais quoi ar an gcaillíocht bhreise bhuaiteach sin. Sa tsrón a shamhláim an cháillíocht sin a bheith, is é sin, féith an bhua nó srón an bhua. Tá rud amáin cinnte, nuair is coimhlínt 70 noiméad a bhíonn i gceist, ní mór taithí a fháil ar an nóiméad ceart chun an ceann is fearr a fháil ar an gcéile comhraic. Ní bua go bua an nóiméad deiridh. Ní leor cuma agus gotha an bhua a bheith ar fhoireann má ghéilltear liathróid bhog i mbéal na caithréime; is minice a chailltear cluichí le blianta beaga trí dhearmad bunúsach, dá fheabhas an t-íománaí, ná a bhualítear foireann le barr feabhais na himeartha. Chaill Gaillimh do Thiobraid Arann i 1989 toisc gur éirigh leo níos mó dearmad a dhéanamh ná Tiobraid Arann a dhein cuid mhaith dearmad iad féin! Chaill Tiobraid Arann sa deireadh i mbliain seo na dtubaistí in aghadh na Gaillimhe toisc dearmad bunúsach a rinneadh ar cheann de bhunrialacha an chluiche tráth a bhí an sruth ag casadh inár bhfabhar. Imríonn Gaillimh anois in aghaidh Thioraid Arann mar a d'imríodh Tiobraid Arann na seascaidí iad féin—is é sin, cluiche díreach gan iomarca ornáidí.

Níl sa méid sin ach breacléiriú ar cluiche-ghliceas. Oibriú an chloiginn atá i gceist. Taithí a thugann máistreacht agus dá bhrí sin tá sé an-tábhachtach an tSraith Náisiúnta a bhuachan agus gan a bheith sásta dul go dtí na babhtaí deireanacha gan an cluiche ceannais a bhuachan chomh maith. Taithí ar chluichí tábhachtacha a bhuachan atá i gceist.

Rachaidh mé siar go dtí 1953 chun a léiriú go bhfuil difríocht shoiléir ann idir 'gamesmanship' agus an rud ar a dtugaim cluiche-ghliceas anseo. Is cuid de thraisdi-siún é an gliceas seo agus é i mbarr feabhais de réir mar a bhíonn ag éirí le foireann ar bhonn leanúnach. Sa bhliain sin 1953 casadh dhá fhoireann idirmheánacha ó Thuaisceart Thiobraid Arann ar a chéile sa chluiche ceannais—Buirgéis agus Fánaithe na Sionainne. Trí chúl agus cúig phointe an taobh a fuairadar an chéad

uair. San athimirt níor bhain ceachtar taobh ach oiread; fuair Buirgéis dhá chúl agus ceithre phointe agus fuair na Fánaithe trí chúl agus pointe. Bhí dianchoimhlínt sa tríú himirt arís agus an ceann is fearr le Fánaithe na Sionainne. Ansin i lár an dara leath bhí Buirgéis ar an ionsaí agus an sliotar tuairim daichead slat amach ó chúl na bhFánaithe. Go tobann tugadh faoi deara gur scaoileadh giorra as mála a bhí in sheilbh ag duine de lucht leanúna Buirgéis agus seoladh amach sa pháirc é os comhair an chúil sa tsli gur thóg muintir Bhaile an Doire na súile den liathróid agus gur éirigh leis an ngiorra san áit go raibh teipthe as na tosaithe eile go dtí sin. Fuair Buirgéis cúl fad a bhí 'Bhí mé anseo cheana!' á rá ag an ngiorra. Lean scóranna eile an chéad chúl sin agus chríochnaigh Buirgéis seacht bpointe chun tosaigh. Ní rabhas féin i láthair ag an gcluiche sin mar b'ín an bhliain a d'fhág mé an baile agus chuala mé an scéal ó m'athair a bhí ann mar a chredim. Cuid den bhéaloideas atá ann anois.

Ní fhéadfai a rá nár buadh an cluiche sin ar an bpáirc. Ní raibh an giorra bocht le lochtú as a ladar a chur i scéal an chluiche fhíorthábhachtaigh sin! Leathnú at thraid-siún na cúrsála ab ea é seo agus is dócha nach n-aontódh an lucht freasúra spórt fola leis ach cé a déarfadh nár cuireadh le diminsiún an spóirt féin an lá sin. Níorbh iad imreoirí Buirgéis a scaoil amach an giorra ach tuigeadh do m'athair go raibh siad ag súil leis an eachtrá mar níor chuir siad aon tsuim ann! Ní déarfainn gur cleas é an d'oibreodh sa lá atá inniu ann agus ní

mholfaínn do Loch Garman triail a bhaint as an ngiorra in aghaidh Chill Chainnigh. Chuala gur chuir Paddy Bán O Brosnacháin an pheil thar Ardán Uí Ogáin—an sean-árdán!—siar sna caogaidí le barr cluiche-ghlicis tráth ar theastaigh uaidh moill a chur ar an imirt agus ba thúisce a mholfaínn sin do Loch Garman. Táim cinnte dá mbeadh a leithéid déanta acu dhá uair le blianta beaga nach díomhaoin a rachaidís abhaile agus go mbeadh a mhalairt de stair is de sheanchas le maíomh acu.

Ach amháin nach dócha go bhfuil cúrsaí chomh simplí sin ar fad! Tá gach seans ann go mbeidh riail éigin sáraithe acu nó go mbeadh sliotar eile ar fáil!

Agus gach rud ráite, ní i gcónaí is leor an dícheall ná an ealaín (go bhfóire Dia orainn!) gan an cloigeann a oibriú. Níor ghá nithe mar sin a mheabhrú do Thiobraid Arann na seascaidí, ach amháin gurb iad íománaithe cumasacha na haimsire sin atá in ainm is a bheith ag múineadh glicis agus oilteachta do ghlúin an lae inniu! Go n-éirí sin leo! Ní bua go leanúnachas.

Cóip den chlár oifigiúil a cuireadh ar fáil tráth oscailt oifigiúil Pháirc Imeartha Bhaile an Doire an 10 Deireadh Fómhair, 1992, nuair a d'imir Tiobraid Arann in aghaidh an Chláir, a chuir ag machnamh mar sin mé. Cóip í seo nach scaoilfidh mé uaim go bog agus a bhfuil ann faoi stair na hiománaíochta sa chuid sin de Thioraid Arann. B'fhéidir go n-inseodh duine de mhuintir Buirgéis dúinn cá bhfuairadar an giorra sa chéad eagrán eile Bhliain-Iris.

## Crystal Quiz Winners



*Crystal Quiz Winners: Presentation of Yearbook Quiz winners 1993: left to right: Mick Maguire, Co. Chairman, Joe Foley, Carrick on Suir, Seamus King, Yearbook Chairman, Joe Moloney Moycarkey/Borris, Liam Ó Donnchú Yearbook Secretary, Pat Gleeson, Drangan was unable to be present.*



# 1993 – The Final Feile?

*By Seamus J. King*

**I**T appears almost certain that the 1993 Feile will have been the final event of its kind in Thurles. This is the belief of Michael Lowry, expressed in a recent interview, and, while the ultimate decision will be one for the Semple Stadium Management Committee and for the promoters, M.C.D., it is most unlikely that there will be a Feile in Thurles in 1994. If there is to be another, the location most likely will be Boston, Massachusetts,\* to cater for the huge influx of Irish for the World Cup – provided of course that Ireland qualifies, and that is not known at the time of writing. The most likely proposition for Thurles will be that one or two single concerts will be held at about the same time.

Even if there were to be another Feile in Thurles, Michael Lowry would not be involved in its organisation. This may come as a surprise to the many who regard him as being chiefly responsible for the whole concept of Feile and for its success to date. Michael's reluctance to be involved in any further possible event stems from the feeling of having had enough and being unwilling to undergo the enormous pressure any more. An inordinate level of criticism, much of it misdirected, allied to the suspicions of many critics that he was motivated by self promotion and personal gain, have annoyed him intensely, given his long service to the welfare of the Association in so many areas. Far from gaining any personal or financial benefit for Feile, Michael Lowry has instead paid a high price in terms of time, effort and his own business. Running Feile has been a lonely operation in many ways, and while he greatly appreciates the help and support of Semple Stadium Management Committee and the County Board, he has often had to bear the brunt of the criticism because of being the figure perceived by most people as the public face of the Feile Committee. He has been subjected to abuse and vilification, some of which was also directed at his family, and he feels that there may also have been some political consequences. He reckons that he has lost part of his traditional support but feels that this may have been countered by recognition from younger people who have seen his actions as positive, and weighed in favour of the all-too-often neglected youth of the country.

## **Why Feile?**

Why did he get involved at all in this

musical festival? He recalls that when he was Chairman of the County Board he came to the conclusion that most people in the county were indifferent to the debt on Semple Stadium, and that there was a lack of clarity on whose responsibility it was to clear the debt. He had admired the

forethought of those, like Pierce Duggan, who had spearheaded the development of the Stadium and he believed that the County Board and the Management Committee had an obligation to the investors in the 'Double Your Money Scheme', who had made the development



*Paddy and Joan Murphy, Bohernanave, Thurles, at Féile '93.*



*Denis Desmond, M.C.D., Michael Lowry and Chief Superintendent Jim McHugh discussing arrangements for the Féile.*



possible, what then, was to be done? On the basis that the mainstream supporters of the G.A.A. in the county had already given enough and could not be imposed upon again so soon, the concept of a three-day rock festival, different from anything seen before in Ireland, gradually began to emerge. It's audience would be the young people who form such a significant portion of our population, and who would not necessarily have any commitment to the G.A.A.

After a number of disappointments in response to the idea, contact with promoters M.C.D. through a business connection in Belfast was the key element in welding the project together.

### Criticism

Michael Lowry believes that most people do not realise that enormous task involved in organising Feile. It has been the biggest recreational event in Ireland over the past number of years and involved intricate organisation, superhuman effort and meticulous co-ordination. Very much in 'Thurles' favour was it's central location and it's magnificent stadium. Indeed, one of the offshoots of running Feile has been the improvement of facilities in the stadium itself. In addition to helping clear the debt, the event has resulted in over two hundred thousand pounds being spent on refurbishments to the stadium, thereby enhancing it's already fine reputation.

The Feile had not been without opposition, often substantial, and coming in the main from from a traditional element in the G.A.A., from some townspeople in Thurles, and from the Archbishop of Cashel and Emly, Dr. Clifford. Michael Lowry understands the reservations of the traditionalists within the G.A.A., and appreciates their point of view, but expresses the opinion that the stark reality of the situation was a debt of £1.28 million, with no way of meeting it. There was a moral as well as a financial obligation to honour the County Board commitments, and there was no viable alternative being offered. He was also acutely conscious of the disruption to the lives of Thurles townspeople but felt that the £5 million boost to the local economy might have counterbalanced this given the depressed state of the local economy in recent years.

Archbishop Clifford's criticism of Feile probably received most coverage. His condemnations were detailed and insistent and he had a complete right to make them. Michael Lowry refrained from commenting on them at the time in order to avoid the confrontational situation that any reply would bring. An opinion he expressed then and which he still holds to be true, is that Feile is not the source of all of the problems but is actually a mirror image of many of the ills of Irish Society.

He utterly rejects the unruly behaviour of a small minority, but says that such behaviour, which is not unique to Feile, reflects the disillusionment and the anti-establishmentism of a section of our society and is understandable, if not excusable, given that there are over three hundred thousand people unemployed at present. Cancelling or transferring Feile would not make this problem go away. He would also like it to be remembered that the vast majority were well-behaved and he refutes the disparaging remarks which were applied universally to be the younger generation.

### Success

Ultimately he will have to be judged by the success of what he set out to do. From a debt of £1.28 million when he took over, he expects that it will be less than £100,000 at the end of this year, a figure which he considers manageable and which could be cleared by another phase of the five-year ticket scheme in 1994. In addition, all of the investors in the 'Double Your Money' plan will be repaid by Christmas.

Michael Lowry, was, in fact, disappointed that the debt was not entirely cleared by Feile 93, but a reduction in the numbers attending was accompanied by a parallel loss of revenue. This was brought about by the intense competition in this particular area. For example, an attempt to emulate Feile in Tramore this year resulted in an estimated loss of £750,00 for the promoters there. Feile generated

additional income for the Stadium this year and was far ahead of all it's competitors, but he still felt that Feile 93 was only moderately successful from a financial viewpoint.

### The G.A.A.

Michael Lowry sees the G.A.A. at a crossroads. It is, without doubt, the most popular and broadly based sports organisation in the country and it generates enormous support and loyalty amongst the general public. But he feels that many of the people in positions of authority within the Association simply do not recognise what a power for good the G.A.A. could be on the broader national scene.

It needs a radical assessment of it's traditional role and of it's own place in society. A common public perception of the organisation as representing one side of the political divide must be changed. In the wake of the horrifying carnage in the North in recent times, the G.A.A. is in a unique position to help bring about that change.

Removing the ban on members of the British Forces and the R.U.C. would be an important and far-reaching gesture which would dispel the cloud of doubt many people have about the ideology of the G.A.A.

It would also be a major step forward for an organisation which has a far greater capacity for the promotion of All-Ireland peace and harmony, than it has so far realised.

\* This has now been confirmed.

## Communications Chairman Retires



Following many successful years as chairman of the Yearbook committee Mick McCarthy retired from the position last year. Mick from the Moyle Rovers club in South Tipperary had held the position of Chairman since the early 1980's and had seen the yearbook grow in size and popularity. Photograph shows a presentation being made to Mick at a function in Park Avenue Hotel - Thurles. Left to Right: Mick McCarthy, Liam O'Donnchú, Mick Maguire and Seamus King.



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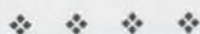
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North Board G.A.A. Chairman, Billy Ryan (centre), presents Nenagh Éire Óg chairman, Ger Gavin (right), with the MacDonagh Trophy as "Club of the Year" 1992. On left is club treasurer, Jimmy Morris.



KILRUANE U/21 "B" HURLING CHAMPIONS

Back Row (l-r): Noel Conroy, Martin Haverty, Matt Cleary, Declan Troy, Conor Williams, Kevin O'Brien, Sean Gaynor, Michael Ryan. Front Row (l-r): Brian Gaynor, Eoin Kennedy, Sean Sheppard, Michael Haverty, Paddy Ryan, Mark O'Leary, Pat White.

## NORTH TIPPERARY G.A.A. RESULTS 1993

Grade	Winner	Score	Loser	Score	Venue	Referee
S.H.C.	Nenagh	0-14	Moneygall	0-12	Cloughjordan	J. McDonnell
I.H.C.	Burgess	3-12	Templederry	1-09	Nenagh	M. Cahill
J.H.C. 'A'	Knockshe	1-16	Nenagh	1-09	Borrisokane	M. Lenihan
J.H.C. 'B'	Toomevara	0-14	Nenagh	1-08	Borrisokane	J. McDonnell
U/21 H. 'A'	Nenagh	1-10	Moneygall	0-07	Toomevara	T.F. Stapleton
U/21 H. 'B'	Kilruane	1-15	Silvermines	3-08	Toomevara	M. Ahearne
M.H.C. 'A'	Toomevara	1-12	Erin's Hope	0-09	Cloughjordan	M. Cahill
S.H.L.	Toomevara	1-09	Roscrea	0-12	Moneygall	T.F. Stapleton
	Toomevara	1-11	Roscrea	1-07 (replay)		
I.H.L.	Kildangan	2-11	Kilruane	0-09	Nenagh	M. Cahill
J.H.L.	Toomevara	1-10	Kilruane	0-09	Nenagh	M. Darcy
S.F.C.	Nenagh	1-11	St. Brendan's	4-5	Borrisokane	M. Maunsell
I.F.C.	Newport	0-13	Shannon R.	1-03	Kilcolman	M. Maunsell
J.F.C.	Inane Rovers v.		Silvermines.			
U/21 F. 'A'	Erin's Hope v. Nenagh.					
U/21 F. 'B'	Newport v. Burgess					
M.F.C. 'A'	Newport	1-08	Kilruane	0-05	Nenagh	J. Kissane
M.F.C. 'B'	B/Ileigh	1-07	Kildangan	1-03	Templederry	M. Healy





*1992 North Tipp Hurler of the Year, Philip Shanahan (Toomevara) receives his award from Gerry Slevin of Nenagh Guardian and Billy Ryan, North Board Chairman.*



**LORRHA MINOR 'B' HURLING TEAM - 1993 NEALON TROPHY WINNERS**

*Back Row (l-r): B. Lewis, P. Hough, P. Madden, T. Lewis, A. Dolan, D. Clancy, M. Coen, B. Liffey, S. Hogan, K. Cleary, B. Kinsella, D. Molloy, N. Hogan, D. Broderick. Front Row (l-r): G. Fallon, E. Lewis, T. Neeham, D. Houghton, V. Liffey, T. Hogan, A. Killeen, E. Harding (capt.), S. Sullivan, F. O'Meara, O. Gleeson.*



*"Guardian" Footballer of the Year, Kevin Coonan (Nenagh), receives his trophy from Gerry Slevin of Nenagh Guardian and Billy Ryan, North Board Chairman.*



# TOOME'S YEAR

**I**F 1992 was a memorable year for Toomevara, when the senior team regained the county title after a lapse of thirty-two years, surely 1993 has surpassed it in the number and manner of the club's achievements.

The litany of successes reads as follows: North Tipperary under-12, under-14 rural, minor, junior 'B' hurling championships, under-16 'B' football championship, junior and senior hurling league titles and, of course, the retention of the Dan Breen Cup by the senior hurling team.

The under-12 team captured the North Tipperary hurling championship for the third year in a row, defeating their great rivals, Moneygall, in the final in a titanic struggle.

The under-14 hurling team won the rural title, defeating Kildangan in the final, but were beaten by Mullinahone in the county final.

The under-16 'B' footballers made history for the club by winning their first ever juvenile football title, but were beaten by West champions, Kickhams, in the county semi-final.

The junior 'B' team, composed of very dedicated, wholehearted players, proud to wear the green and gold 'for the honour of the little village', surprised their most earnest supporters by going through the North Championship undefeated to reach the final against a highly-rated Nenagh Eire Og. They upset the odds and reaped a due reward for their unrelenting dedication in search of this title. In a pulsating county semi-final, a new inauguration in this grade, Cashel defeated them on a score of 3-11 to 2-11. This team deserve great credit and gave wonderful entertainment during the year.

Early in the year the senior team set their sights on winning the senior league as a useful preparation for the championship. In a very competitive competition, Toome' succeeded in reaching the final, in which they were lucky to draw with Roscrea, who dominated for a long period and were the better team on the day. The replay brought a much improved display from the Toome' lads, who went on to display their superiority readily enough.

Toomevara performed badly in the North championship and had to wait for



*Jody Grace accepts Dan Breen Cup from Mick Maguire, County Chairman.*

the play-off between the league winners and North final runners-up for the right to enter the county championship race. During the interim period battered pride was restored, lowly spirits were rejuvenated, tired limbs rested and batteries recharged for a drive towards retaining the county title.

By the time they played losing North finalists, Moneygall, the county champions were back in full flight and had little difficulty in defeating their neighbours, pulling away for a nine points victory by 1-16 to 1-7. In the county quarter-final Toome' impressed, coasting past a completely disoriented Cashel team for a 1-17 to 1-4 winning margin. The county semi-final, a repeat of the 1992 final of Toome' and Thurles Sarsfields, was expected to be a severe confrontation, because of the impressive performances of a Sarsfields' outfit in all their matches, a team hell-bent on revenge and confident of reversing the previous year's result. Highly regarded in many quarters, Sarsfields had no answer to the power and might of the North men, who triumphed on a

scoreline of 0-18 to 0-9.

Nenagh Eire Og had come through on the other side of the draw and, so, the stage was set for an all-North county final, and their third meeting of the year. Neighbouring clubs and keen rivals over the years, with many great battles between them, all added to lending an extra edge of intensity and anticipation to the build-up to the big occasion. Toome' were bidding for their twelfth county title, while Nenagh had never been in a county final, and were determined to set the record straight and bring the Dan Breen Cup to the Ormond capital for the first time ever. Their success-starved supporters craved victory and who better to defeat than the reigning champions.

Toome' were regarded as favourites on the evidence of both teams' performances in the run-up to the big day, but the fact that they had lost twice to Nenagh already served to make them very wary of any undue over-confidence. They were certainly not counting any chickens. They knew that the challengers would make an almighty effort to make



## TOOMEVARA JUNIOR 'B' HURLING TEAM, NORTH TIPP CHAMPIONS, '93



Back row (l. to r.): Brian Bergin (capt.), Jerome Mounsey, Noel Cahill, Seamus Brislane, Dinny Haverly, Francis Kennedy, James Connolly. Front row (l. to r.): James Cottrell, Pat Haverly, Seamus O'Meara, Seamus Woods, Bill Carroll, Liam Gleeson, Paul Kenneally, Eamonn Spillane.

history. They knew also that Nenagh were confident that Toome' held no terrors for them. What a battle royal took place! Toome' surged into an eight points lead in the first half, playing very confidently up to the interval.

What a transformation took place in the second half as Nenagh joined battle and took the game to the Toome' side. They thundered into the fray and, rid of all inhibitions, hurled with a confidence and daring born of their previous victories over their now-wilting opponents. They pulled back a six points deficit and, when they went into a two points lead, they looked to be on the road to their first-ever title. They had Toome' on the rack and their supporters were delirious, while the Toome' supporters were dumb-founded.

But the champions, steeled by many a battle, found courage in the face of defeat. They fought tooth and nail to haul themselves back from the brink, dredging up reserves of spirit and stamina which drove them on in pursuit of their cherished goal. The hour findeth the man and a magnificent solo effort by Michael Nolan yielded a wonderful point, which spurred on his team-mates to greater endeavour in the heat of battle. This was a thriller and one of the best finals for many years. Toome' emerged victorious, worthy winners on a score of 1-14 to 1-13. It was a victory achieved by courage, resilience, determination and a refusal to yield in the face of adversity. Jody Grace was a proud captain when accepting the cup on behalf of a proud team. Fair play to Nenagh for a wonderful effort; they earned the respect of everyone by their

gallant heroic display.

Toome' then set out on the Munster Club Championship trail with the good fortune of having the first round and, if successful, the second round game at home in Toomevara. The question was: would the local St. Michael's Park be capable of housing such attractive fixtures? No stone was left unturned in the effort to ensure that the matches would be played in Toomevara. Prodigious work was accomplished by a dedicated army of workers in a very short space of time to transform the Park and its surrounds into one of the best in the county. Much praise has been heaped on the club for the excellence of the facilities provided for the games.

The setting was perfect, then, to welcome Patrickswell for the first round. After a tentative first half in which both teams were evenly matched, Toome' opened their shoulders in the second half to run out easy winners on a score of 5-15 to 1-10.

St. Finbarrs of Cork signalled their intention to beard the lion in his own den in the semi-final and carried the fight to Toome' in no uncertain manner. Unfortunately, the weather conditions were atrocious but, in spite of those, both teams served up a thriller with fortunes ebbing and flowing. Toome' missed many chances, hitting eighteen wides to their opponents' seven and escaped with a one point winning margin on a score of 1-10 to 0-12. However, the team showed great character throughout the game and were worthy winners and deserved the accolades showered on them by their relieved supporters.

Now for their first Munster final

against Sixmilebridge of Clare. There was a very unusual aspect to this game as Seán Stack, who is coach to the Toome' team, played at centre-back for Sixmilebridge. While players, selectors and committee of the club have played a large part in the success of the seniors, Seán Stack, in particular, deserves the highest praise in recognition of the great work he has done with the team. he has imbued in the team the spirit, determination and commitment in evidence throughout the campaign. Toomevara defeated Sixmilebridge in the Provincial Final to win their first-ever Munster title.

Looking back on the year, it must be said that remarkable success has been achieved. This has been brought about through the prodigious work-rate of all those involved in those achievements, in the response, dedication and commitment of all the players in the many months of hard slogging work put in by so many people in charge of the teams. There was also the hard work and co-operation of all the members of the club and especially the club committee. There was the willing and enthusiastic encouragement of the people of the parish, all wishing to see Toome' reach new heights.

The historic double county senior victories of 1930/'31 have been emulated by the team of 1992/1993—J. Grace (capt.), P. Meagher, R. Brislane, D. O'Meara, G. Frend, M. O'Meara, P. Shanahan, P. King, T. Delaney, M. Nolan, M. Murphy, L. Flaherty, T. Carroll, K. Kennedy, T. Dunne, L. Nolan, T. Dunne, K. McCormack, J. Ryan, J. Dunne, B. Spillane, S. Nolan, M. Delaney, A. Maxwell, N. Kenneally, M. McCormack.



**TOOMEVARA MINOR HURLING TEAM, NORTH TIPP  
CHAMPIONS '93**



*Back Row (l-r): Declan McGrath, Ken Dunne, Bernard Hackett, James Bourke, Oliver Maxwell, Terry Dunne, John Woods (Capt.), James Mounsey. Front Row (l-r): Ken Hassett, Damien O'Meara, Ray Hackett, Justin Cottrell, Joseph O'Meara, Michael Bevens, Denis Kelly.*

**TOOMEVARA U-16 TEAM, WINNERS OF NORTH FOOTBALL 'A'  
CHAMPIONSHIP AND RUNNERS-UP IN HURLING  
CHAMPIONSHIP**



*Front Row (l-r): Noel Cummins, Brian Duff, Eoin Woods, Dermot Brislane, Denis Kelly, Justin Cottrell, Colm Martin and David McGrath. Fron Row (l-r): Martin Cahalan, Terence O'Brien, Padraig Hackett, Damien O'Meara, Michael Bevens, Ray Hackett and Ken Dunne.*

**TOOMEVARA U-14 PANEL, WINNERS OF RURAL NORTH FINAL**



*Back Row (l-r): Marthy Ryan, John Hogan, Patrick McGrath, Brian McGrath, ken Hall, Thomas Ryan, Stephen O'Meara, David Maher, James O'Meara, Andrew Ryan, Thomas Hassett and Michael Kelly. Front Row (l-r): Brendan Dunne, Ronan Tynan, Anthony O'Neill, Andrew Ryan, Paddy O'Brien (Capt.), Barry Dunne, Paul McGrath, Patrick O'Meara, Killian O'Neill and Thomas O'Meara.*

**TOOMEVARA U-12 TEAM, WINNERS OF NORTH 'A' FINAL**



*Back Row (l-r): Kevin Cummins (Capt.), Aiden Slattery, John O'Brien, Brendan Boland, Thomas Slattery, Kevin Hackett, Dermot Ryan and Eoin Brislane. Front Row (l-r): Robert Mounsey, Brian Hassett, William O'Meara, Killian O'Neill, Bill Duff, Michael Devaney and David Kennedy.*

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# Another historic year for Eire Óg Nenagh

1993 was another historic year for Nenagh with our senior hurlers completing a two-in-a-row North titles for the first time and the year culminating in a splendid effort by the team to capture the county title with Toomevara snatching victory by one point.

After a quiet league campaign in the North Eire Óg were drawn against county champions Toomevara in the first round of the senior championship. Conditions in Cloughjordan in May were bordering on dangerous as torrential rain turned the pitch into a quagmire. It was a day for the stout-hearted. Both teams struggled in the conditions early on. Aided by the breeze Eire Óg led by one point at half time. A great start to the second half with John Heffernan at centre-forward leading the way with 1-2 left Nenagh five points up with 10 minutes to go. Toom fought back scoring the last four points but a gallant defence with Donie O'Brien,

Conor O'Donovan and Noel Coffey outstanding, held firm.

The quarter final in Borrisokane had Lorrha as opposition. Slow to start Eire Óg struggled as Lorrha chased and harassed the forwards and a Ken Hogan goal put Lorrha ahead. The introduction of Tipp minor captain Kevin Tucker for an injured John Heffernan and the switching of brother Eddie to centre-forward changed things in the second half. A Kevin Tucker goal opened the way for a scoring spree and goals by Kevin Tucker, Philip Kennedy and Paul Dolan left Eire Óg nine points ahead at the finish.

The semi-final draw once again had Toomevara who had won the losers group as opposition. A July setting in Cloughjordan with conditions perfect for hurling except for a breeze blowing into the town goal. Once again Eire Óg started slowly and at half time led by 6 points thanks to Michael Cleary's free-taking and an excellent Kevin Tucker goal. Would it be enough. The second

half brought the teams best hurling of the year as with Michael Cleary and Philip Kennedy completely on top at midfield the Eire Óg forwards tore the Toom backline to shreds. Goals by John Kennedy, Robbie Tomlinson, Paul Dolan and Kevin Tucker left Nenagh fifteen points clear of the county champions when Johnny McDonnell blew the final whistle.

The North final took place on the 22nd August as Nenagh attempted to make club history by winning two North senior titles in-a-row. An injury to captain John Heffernan left him from the starting fifteen. Playing against the breeze Eire Óg took command early on and with John Kennedy and Michael Cleary in great scoring form backed by 'man of the match' Philip Hennessy who gave a storming performance at wing back, Eire Óg led by two points 0-8 to 0-6 at the interval. Eire Óg looked like easy winners but a determined Moneygall effort put them ahead by a point with 20 minutes remaining. There was



*Champions again! – The Nenagh Eire Óg team which retained the North Tipperary senior hurling title by defeating Moneygall in the final at Cloughjordan. Back row (l. to r.) Donie O'Brien (captain), Noel Coffey, Frank Moran, Christy McLoughlin, Eddie Tucker, Paul Dolan, Conor O'Donovan, John Kennedy. Front row; Michael Cleary, Robbie Tomlinson, Kevin Tucker, Neilly Corbett, Philip Kennedy, Phil Hennessy, Paul Kennedy.*



very little scoring for the next quarter of an hour as defences were on top. With 3 minutes remaining the sides were level at 0-12 each. The heart and character in the side surfaced as two great movements saw points by Eddie Tucker and Robert Tomlinson to give Eire Óg the Frank McGrath Cup for the second year in succession. Donie O'Brien who was presented with the cup completed a unique family double as his father Billy captained the team which won the North Championship in 1957.

The County quarter finals were played in Templemore on 12th Sept. with Knockavilla Kickhams providing the opposition. A dull encounter saw Eire Óg have a great start leading 7 points to 1 at quarter way. Knockavilla got back into the game and after playing with the breeze Nenagh led by just two points at half time. The turning point of the game came ten minutes into the second half as John Kennedy goaled. Knockavilla tried hard but could not pierce a solid defence.

It was on to Thurles two weeks later for a semi-final encounter with Holycross-Ballycahill. A very poor first half performance with Michael Cleary the only scorer for Nenagh had Holycross 0-11 to 0-5 ahead at half time. Things looked bleak but the introduction of substitutes Denis Finnerty and Chris Bonnar and a lifting in performance by the whole team changed matters around completely. It was a different Nenagh team in the second half. Kevin Tucker ran the Holycross defence ragged scoring four points from play, Michael Cleary was unerring from placed balls. With six minutes left Eire Óg had reduced the leeway to one point.

Points by Robbie Tomlinson, Kevin Tucker and Michael Cleary left Eire Óg two points ahead with just one minute remaining. Holycross had caught us

before on the line. A last minute free left hearts in our mouths but the ball sailed over the crossbar and a county final place had been achieved for the first time ever.

Sunday, October 10th was a proud day for all of Nenagh as John Heffernan led the side out. Nenagh's first ever county senior final. Nerves were very much in evidence early on as Eire Óg let Toom get first to the ball. Eight points down Eire Óg looked doomed but with Michael Cleary 'man of the match' at centrefield leading an incredible fight-back they reduced the lead to five points at half time. The introduction of Eddie Tucker at full forward brought the forward line to life. At 1-9 to 0-9 a lengthy break in play for an injury slowed the game. Eire Óg hit a golden patch as Paul Dolan scored a marvellous goal after a tremendous run by John Heffernan. Two fine points by Dolan and Eddie Tucker gave Eire Óg the lead. To Toom's credit they did not die and went two points ahead with minutes remaining. Eire Óg swept forward in waves. Kevin Tucker's shot from the fourteen yard line was saved by Jody Grace. Michael Cleary's marvellous free from the touchline was the final score. Time ran out on Eire Óg's great effort. The saying just a puck of a ball between the teams was never more apt. To manager Liam Heffernan and his fellow selectors John Tucker and Billy Flannery there is the satisfaction of a historic double and a tremendous effort at the county title. With great players coming to the fore particularly at minor and under-21 level it surely will not be long before Nenagh are back attempting to end their famine at senior level.

#### Under-21 Hurling

The year commenced with a first round meeting with Roscrea in Moneygall. Eire Óg were always in command

and the forwards went on a scoring spree. In the North semi-final played in September in CloughJordan, Burgess provided the opposition. Again the Eire Óg defence reigned supreme with Frank McGrath and Robbie Foley outstanding at half-back. John Kennedy was Eire Óg best forward and his point taking proved vital as Eire Óg edged ahead. With ten minutes remaining Declan O'Meara rounded his man and soloed forty yards to plant the ball in the Burgess net. A late Burgess goal left just six point between the teams.

On October 17th, the Sunday after, the county senior final county champions Moneygall provided the opposition in the North Tipp final. It was a game that Eire Óg dominated completely but poor shooting especially in the first half kept Moneygall in with a chance throughout. Eddie Tucker at centre forward won a tremendous amount of possession but Eire Óg were just a few points ahead until ace goal poacher Declan O'Meara grabbed the only goal of the game and at the finish with the defence solid Eire Óg were six points ahead.

On October 30th Knockavilla provided the opposition in the county semi. After playing with the breeze and having a man sent off Eire Óg led by just two points at half time. Again character was a word much in evidence as a dominant half back line laid the groundwork for a splendid second half performance which brought about victory. Captain Eddie Tucker was again in splendid form at centre forward and Robert Tomlinson shot a superb second goal with the forwards shooting a total of 2-14 in all.

Eire Óg Nenagh subsequently defeated their old rivals Holycross Ballycahill in the Co. Final on a 3-14 to 3-6 scoreline.



Nenagh Eire Óg (complete with trophy) victorious county under-21 hurling champions after their defeat of Holycross-Ballycahill in the final at The Rugg. Back row (l. to r.) Frank McGrath, Declan Bailey, Con Howard, Mervin Scanlon, Joe O'Donoghue, Liam O'Gara, Eamonn O'Kennedy, Christy McLoughlin, John Tucker, Rory Flannery, Declan O'Meara, Mark Sheahan, Derek Conroy. Front row: Daragh Quinn, Paudie O'Kennedy, Robert Tomlinson, Robbie Foley, Eddie Tucker (captain), Kevin Tucker, Shane Connolly, John Kennedy, John Manly, Gearóid Cleary, Jack Kennedy (club official).



# KNOCKSHEGOWNA

**A** North victory in '88 and '89 followed by three very lean years was the recent history of the Knockshegowna club up to 1993. Our campaign started this year with the Intermediate League. On the decision of the North Tipp Board even though we would be granted Junior status in the championships for '93 (because we were Intermediate since '90) we would, together with the top Senior teams compete at the higher league. This campaign did not bring us any success but we learned from our mistakes and we then decided to run a Junior Tournament.

We invited teams from Birr and Shinrone in Offaly and our neighbours Borrisokane to take part. It was very

worthwhile and after playing those teams on a league basis we came out on top. This win instilled new life into our players and they realised once again that nothing was impossible with belief in themselves and commitment to their club. We engaged the services of former hurler for Knockshe Sean Carroll to train the team. Together with Pat Cleary, Jim Killeen and David Enright as selectors they set about the task of bringing honours once again to the club.

The full panel of twenty-seven players gave total commitment to training and started on the Junior A campaign being drawn in the first round against Shannon Rovers. A victory we needed and we were successful. We went from there to beat Newport and then the semi-final against Kilruane McDonaghs in which we were given no chance but once again victory was ours and a place in the North Final against opponents Eire Óg Nenagh. A

seven point win brought the North crown to Knockshe'. Celebrations over, it was West champions Rosegreen for the county semi-final. A goal separated the teams at full-time in our favour. Could we win a county final and bridge a gap of twenty three years?

Moyle Rovers v Knockshegowna was the pairing for this very important game to both South and North champions Knockshe appearing last in a county final in '74 and the opposition never appearing in a Junior A county final. All guns blazing we travelled to Holycross on Sunday, November 7 and after 60 minutes of hard, tough hurling on both sides we had four points to spare and the Walsh trophy was ours to the delight of our many fans, sponsors and supporters. We came from the bottom of the pile to the top and we believe any club can do likewise, Declan Costello playing at midfield totalled 20 points in the two finals.



KNOCKSHEGOWNA JUNIOR A NORTH AND COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Back row (left to right) Sean Carroll (trainer), Eugene Cleary, John Fogarty, Ger Brennan, Martin Costelloe, Eugene Conroy, Henry Reid, Declan Costello, Alan Carroll, Liam Brennan. Front row - John Carroll (supporter), Joe Mooney, John Cleary, Sean Cleary (mascot), Eugene Conroy, Joe Murphy (captain), Ray Killeen, Joe Delahunty.



# A FIRST FOR NEWPORT

Newport's Under-16 hurlers carved a special niche for themselves in 1993, when they brought the first ever county under-age hurling title to the parish. The date: Saturday, 2nd October. The venue: Cappawhite. The time 3.25 p.m. as Co. Board na nÓg chairman Jim Lynch,



*Newport U-16 team – County (B) hurling champions '93.*

*Back: Aidan O'Gorman, Brian Coffey, John O'Toole, Richard Collins, James Collins, Michael Carroll, Kenneth O'Brien, Paddy Ryan. Front: Donnchadh Houlihan, Paddy Lenihan, Brendan Bradley, Martin McLoughlin, Eoin Bonfield, Derek O'Neill, Tom Clifford.*

presents the shield to team captain, Aidan O'Gorman, amid scenes of great jubilation. A significant milestone is achieved; a long-standing barrier is broken, a brighter future beckons.

The league stages of the competition were completed without much difficulty. Portroe were defeated 7-9 to 2-1 and Silvermines 4-9 to 0-3. The scheduled game against Lorrha did not materialise. A narrow victory over Burgess (1-5 to 0-5) in the semi-final set up a North final encounter against Kildangan. Played at Kilcoleman on Monday, September 13th,

a wet and windy evening, this was one of the most exciting and hard-fought finals seen in 1993. Both sides sought victory with unwavering commitment and determination. Brian Coffey and Aidan O'Gorman formed an impenetrable barrier in the outer line of defence. The forwards were fortunate to get through for two goals which were the deciding factors and the North under-16 (B) Cup was on its way to Newport for the first time since 1978 with the scoreline reading Newport 2-4, Burgess 0-8.

J. K. Brackens were the opponents in the county semi-final at Templeberry on September 18th. After a slow start, Newport settled down to give a solid display, with Eoin Bonfield outstanding at midfield and Tom Clifford and John O'Toole sealing off the gaps to goal. One point separated the sides at the final whistle (2-10 to 3-6), many of the goals being of a controversial nature.

The county final was scheduled for Cappawhite a week later. A late equalising point from a free by Kenneth O'Brien, brought Newport and Ballybacon-Grange back to do battle again on the following Saturday. The low scoring (2-4 each) in the drawn game indicates a dour struggle. The replay saw a similar dearth of scores, but better quality hurling. Newport got the only goal of the game from James Collins, to leave them 1-5 to 0-5 in front. Kenneth O'Brien scored all Newport's points. T. Clifford and A. O'Gorman formed a solid bulwark in the heart of the defence. Paddy Ryan and Derek O'Neill were solid grafters around the midfield area. But it was an overall team performance that ensured the pinnacle was reached.



*Newport – North Tipp I.F. Champions '93*

*Back: Stephen McCormack, David O'Neill, Ken O'Neill, Tom Moylan, John Keating, John O'Mahony, Con McGrath, Tim Floyd. Front row: John Ryan, Joe O'Brien, Ger Bradley, Robert Ryan, Ger Floyd, D. J. O'Brien, Dinny Ryan.*

The under-16 hurlers of 1993 have earned the right to have their names highlighted in the annals of Newport G.A.A. club. We look forward to further highlights from them in the years ahead.



# St. Ruadhan's Park - a fitting home for Lorrha GAA Club

The official opening on 13th June '93 of the newly developed St. Ruadhan's Park by GAA President Elect, Jack Boothman, is the most notable milestone in the history of the Lorrha club and is a fitting legacy to the selfless and voluntary work of countless individuals over the past six years.

It brings to a close almost seventy years of nomadic wanderings around the parish in search of a permanent base for Lorrha GAA teams and this major new facility - costing in the region of £90,000 between the building of the spacious clubhouse and the development of two playing pitches - should help foster an even greater local participation in Gaelic games.

Under the promptings of the indefatigable Sgt. Tony Coen, the club have left no stone unturned in providing a facility which is on a par with some of the best parish GAA grounds in the country and the opening of which was fittingly marked by an attractive tournament fixture between neighbours Tipperary and Galway.

One of the major aspects of the development was the levelling of the main playing pitch which is now of Croke Park dimensions and the provision of a juvenile field. The specially created embankment along the left hand side of the field enhances spectator viewing.

The ultra modern clubhouse - designed by former Lorrha hurler **Seamus Mannion** - includes two dressing rooms with shower facilities, a referees' changing room, ladies' and men's toilets, a kitchen and a spacious function room, not forgetting the bar and shop facilities.

The official opening would never have been possible only for the enterprise and hard work of the club's Finance & Development Committee, led currently by its tireless chairman, **Tom Kennedy**, with women **Mary Lane**, **Margaret Gleeson** and **Sheila Hocht** among the many individuals to the forefront of that effort. June 13 was a proud occasion for the people of Lorrha and, especially, for those involved with the GAA.

The newly developed St. Ruadhan's Park is situated in the townland of Moatefield, but only for the persistence and determination of club officials around the late sixties and early seventies today's players would probably be hurling at another venue in the parish or, perhaps, mightn't be hurling at all.

Over the decades local teams have trained in many different pitches around the parish, but in 1968 they transferred to Moatefield when renting the use of the field from Michael Killeen of Abbeyville, who had leased it from the Land



*Lorrha and Tipperary hurling stars of the past: Tony Reddin and Liam King at ceremonies to mark the opening of St. Ruadhan's pitch and club facilities on June 13, 1993.*

Commission.

In 1970 the Lorrha Club moved to purchase the field, but the Land Commission were reluctant sellers - they wanted to allocate the club a part of Shaw's Estate of Ballyoughter or a field below the National School at Redwood.

But neither of these sites appealed to club officials due to the unsuitable terrain and their geographic location. Secretary Paddy O'Meara and Treasurer Michael O'Meara (the Hill) stuck to their guns on Moatefield and a deal was eventually struck.

A great amount of pressure had been brought to bear on the Land Commission with former Tipperary hurler John Doyle, Seamus Ryan, then GAA President, and Ned Waters all lending support to the club's 'buy Moatefield' campaign.

£650 was paid for five acres - the club had been hoping to purchase a bigger acreage but were unsuccessful - and were penalised a total of £70 by the Land

Commission for the two years' rent of the field from Michael Killeen.

Parish priest Fr. John Cleary, Paddy O'Meara, Hubie Hogan, Chairman of the North Tipp Board, Tommy Barrett, Secretary of the County Board, and Paddy Ryan, Chairman of the Munster Council, were subsequently appointed the Trustees of the field.

In the early seventies a perimeter fence was erected around the pitch for about £150 with Sam Lucas of Carrigahorig guiding the loyal voluntary effort before work commenced on the original dressing rooms in 1978. Again, Mick O'Meara of the Hill was one of the prime instigators of the development along with Paddy O'Meara and Liam King, Club Secretary and Chairman, respectively, at that time.

Sakie O'Brien, Liam Mannion, the Shelleys and Sullivans were involved in the building of the dressingrooms, which were completed at a cost of roughly £7,000. Subsequently, the field was



NEW COMPLEX AT LORRHA



ploughed by the Sherlocks before being re-seeded.

In 1987 a Finance and Development Committee was formed with a view to enhancing the club grounds. Under the chairmanship of Fr. Tom Seymour, a programme of improvements was drawn up, starting with the levelling of the playing field.

Two acres of land bordering the top of the field were purchased from local farmer, P.J. Mannion, for £7,000/ Declan O'Meara, who succeeded Fr. Seymour (transferred to Roscrea parish around this time) as Committee Chairman, Mick Houlihan and Tony Coen also helped negotiate the price of the extra land as well as supervising the levelling of the field.

Paddy Dermody, then Club Chairman, was also to the forefront of the pitch development and under his forward thinking leadership, the overall revamping of the grounds continued at a relentless pace with John O'Brien ensuring the effort was sustained when taking over the chairmanship reins in 1991.



Front Row (l-r): Fr. John Slattery C.C., Lorrha; Billy Carroll, Secretary Finance and Development Committee; Martin Hough, Tony Coen, Club Development Officer; Kieran Hough, Declan O'Meara.

Middle Row (l-r): Michael Liffey, Sheila Hector, Tom Kennedy, Chairman Finance and Development Committee; Bobby Dillon, Michael O'Meara, Margaret Gleeson P.R.O., Mary Lane Treasurer.

Back Row (l-r): Donal Donohoe, Aidan McIntyre, Ger Mannion, John O'Brien (Club Chairman), Louis McCormack (Secretary), Martin Younge, Lorrha (Finance and Development Committee).



#### KILDANGAN (UNDER 14) CO. URBAN/RURAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

This was Kildangan's first every success at this grade. Newport and Roscrea were defeated in the early rounds. Nenagh Éire Óg were defeated in the North Final. Moycarkey/Borris were the opposition in the rural County Semi-final and were defeated by 4 points. In the rural County Final a heavy defeat was suffered at the hands of Ardfinnan. However, one week later that result was reversed when, in the Urban/Rural county semi-final Kildangan caused a major shock when they defeated Ardfinnan by 4 points. In the County Final Moycarkey/Borris again were the opposition. Kildangan scored a 1-6 to 0-5 victory to win their first ever title at u/14 football section one. This victory placed Kildangan as one of the top juvenile clubs in North Tipperary. Back Row (l-r): L. Ryan, F. Kelly, D. Hackett, R. McKeogh, B. Connors, M. Ryan, G. Kennedy, J. Slattery, E. Nolan. Front Row (l-r): L. Carroll-Flannery, G. Slattery, T. Connors, D. Hogan (capt.), B. Lawlor, S. Hegarty, M. Connors.



# Millar Cup comes to Burgess

By Bridget Delaney (Burgess P.R.O.)

1993 will go down on the club's history as the year when a county Intermediate title came to the parish for the first time ever, and the arrival of the Millar Cup ensued that the Hills of Duharra were alive to the sound of music. Prior to 1993, the club had led the way in their division, with 11 North Intermediate titles, which were won in 1941, '51, '53, '56, '59, '63, '64, '69, '70, '76 and '92. The 1964 and 1976 County wins will go on record as county junior titles, as up to 1979 the divisional Intermediate champions had to play-off with the divisional Junior champions and the winner progressed to the Co. Junior semi-final.

After sampling the heart-break of defeat in the final hurdle against Knockavilla Kickhams on the previous year, the sheer joy and jubilation experienced upon the arrival of the referee's Willie Barrett's final whistle in rain-soaked Keynon Park, Templederry on county final day, adequately compensated for the defeat. These hurlers emulated the feats of the Burgess team of 1963-'64, when a county final was lost before one was won. The fathers of present players Liam McGrath (Pat), Colm McDonnell (Aindreas) and Sean Nealon (Donie who was also captain) were players of that era.

The North championship commenced on Saturday, July 3 and the final, against Templederry was played in Nenagh on October 3. Burgess won by 3-12 to 1-9, thus keeping the Fr. Hewitt Cup in the parish for the second year in succession.

Their opponents in the county semi-final were Arravale Rovers and this game was played in Templederry on October 24. At half time Arravale were ahead by 0-10 to 1-4 but the North champions put on a fine display in the second half and won by 1-13 to 0-13.

The final was fixed for Templederry on 7th November at the early time of 12 noon which meant that both teams on the day would have little time to digest their Wheatabix. The heavens opened with rain for the entire match, but the adverse conditions did not dampen the enthusiasm of the players, mentors and supporters alike, as this was a real hurling treat played with real championship grit and determination.

The Burgess team were once again slow to settle, as had been the pattern for the knockout stages of the championship, but once Darrell Tucker, John Grace and Liam McGrath registered points, they quickly got their act together. Sean Nealon from Burgess and John Ryan from Upperchurch showed accuracy from frees and the moves of both these full-forwards were under surveillance.

Burgess were in a good position at half-time leading by 0-7 to 0-3. Upperchurch again surged back early in the second half, but the Duharra hurlers showed fire in their bellies and responded with every player backing up each other as a team should. Nineteen year old Liam McGrath showed maturity beyond his years by giving a 'man of the match' display from midfield, and the backs despite constant

pressure, defended as if their life depended on the final outcome and all the lads hit the sliothar as if they hated it.

Club chairman Aindreas McDomhnaill must have completed a full marathon, charging up and down the sideline and continually shouting "lads don't yield" and they didn't. When the referee Willie Barrett who did a fine job eventually called a halt to proceedings in this nerve-wracking game, the large Burgess contingent was in bouyant mood. The chairman of the Co. Board Michael Maguire, presented the Millar cup to Sean Nealon and the rest is history. The hills of Duharra were still alive to the sound of music.

Team: David Ryan, Shane Ryan, John Flannery, Kevin Cooney, John McKenna, Colm McDonnell, Tony Gregan, John Darcy, John Joe Ryan, Dinny Darcy, Liam McGrath, John Grace, Eugene Hogan, Sean Nealon (captain), Darrell Tucker.

Subs used: Michael Kearns.

The after-match reception was in O'Meara's hotel, Nenagh, and thirst was drenched in the three local hosteleries at Fire Alley, Barry's and Reidy's. All concerned are congratulated on their victory. The Upperchurch/Drombane team who gave us a hard competitive but sporting match, should feel proud of their performance and should take note that Burgess gained enormous experience by contesting last years final, and that event stood to our lads on this occasion.



Burgess, county intermediate champions, 1993. Back row (l. to r.): Seamus Slattery, John Ryan (coach), Donal Nealon, John Maher, John Joe Ryan, Denis Darcy, Timothy Maher, Kevin Cooney, Liam McGrath, Eugene O'Brien, John Flannery, Colm McDonnell, Darrell Tucker, John Murray, Aidan McGrath, John Ryan, Michael Kearns, Patrick Cooney. Front row: David Ryan, Shane Ryan, Sean Nealon, Sean Darcy (mascot), John Grace, John Darcy, John McKenna, Donie Nealon (team manager), David McAuliffe, Darren Meaney.



# Roscrea Hurling Club – Silver Jubilee Of First County Success

*By Liam Doran (The Guardian)*

**T**WENTY five years ago the remarkable era of success in Roscrea hurling began with the club's first victory in a county senior hurling final. The team went on to win four of the next five county titles – the only interruption being Moyne-Templetohy's victory over them in the 1971 decider.

Roscrea were the first Tipperary team to win the All-Ireland club title, and Tadgh O'Connor was Tipperary's winning captain in 1971. Every county senior hurling final between 1967 and 1973 was contested by Roscrea. As well as 1971, Carrick Davins defeated them in 1967.

The 1968 campaign opened somewhat inauspiciously as Roscrea were held to a draw by Borrisokane in the first round, and in the replay Mackey McKenna (2-4) and Noel Brennan (2-1) inspired Borrisokane to victory by 4-9 to 2-4. Roscrea had to come through the losers group, beating Lorrha and Kilruane before meeting

Borrisokane again in the North semi-final. This time there was no mistake as Roscrea won by 0-13 to 2-5. Borrisokane were the North final opponents on September 29 and Roscrea were very impressive winning 2-15 to 3-7. The Roscrea scores came from Francis Loughnane 0-9, Jack Hannon 1-1, Joe Tynan 1-1, Pasty Rowland 0-2, Michael Nolan 0-1, Liam Brussels 0-1 while the Borris tally came from Noel O'Dwyer 1-2, Kieran McDonnell 1-1, Tommy Dwyer 1-0, Liam Devaney 0-3, and John Kelly 0-1.

Marlfield and Theo English were the opponents in the county quarter final, but it was easy for Roscrea winning 5-15 to 1-2. The county semi-finals were fixed for Nenagh. Sarsfield had to work hard to beat Borris-Ileigh by 2-7 to 2-5, while Roscrea were given notice of potential threat from Moyne-Templetohy as the North champions emerged victors by 3-7 to 2-6.

The county final was in Semple Stadium

again, and Roscrea were not to be denied their first county title, winning 2-13 to 3-4. Francis Loughnane was top scorer with 0-8, followed by Joe Tynan 1-1, Harry Loughnane 1-0, Jack Hannon, Michael Nolan, Liam Brussels, Liam Spooner a point each. For Sarsfields, Jimmy Doyle 1-1, Paul Byrne 1-1, Sean McLoughlin 1-0, Pat Dorney 0-1, Tony Wall 0-1. The Roscrea team was Tadgh Murphy, Mick Hogan, Kieran Carey, John Dillon (C), Pasty Rowland, Tadgh O'Connor, Brendan Maher, Mick Minogue, Francis Loughnane, Joe Tynan, Mick Nolan, Liam Brussels, Barney Hogan, Jack Hannon, Harry Loughnane. Subs: Pat Dynan for Maher, Liam Spooner for Tynan. Also on the subs bench were Michael Maloney, Frank Regan, Paddy Landy, Liam Burke, Seamus Maloney and Willie Stapleton.

There was a reunion for this great squad and their officials at the Pathe Hotel Roscrea on November 19th.



*Marching To County Honours, 1968 J. Dillon (capt), P. Rowland, M. Hogan, M. Nolan, R. Hogan, F. Loughnane, B. Maher, T. O'Connor, J. Hannon, K. Carey, M. Minogue, H. Loughnane, L. Brussels, T. Murphy, and (hidden) Joe Tynan.*



# Tipperary Ladies' Football

Tom O'Dwyer, P.R.O.

**T**IPPERARY ladies' football began in Clonmel in 1969 when a number of local teams organised a series of matches to play for charity. The Post Office, Showerings, the County Council and Schiessers entered teams and it provided great fun and entertainment for players and spectators alike. It was, however, looked upon more as a novelty and it was not until 1971 that interest became serious. A senior championship was held that year—Ardfinnan beating Powerstown in the final.

It continued to prosper at club level and in 1974 the first All-Ireland Ladies' Convention was held in Thurles. Jim Kennedy from Tipperary was elected its first President. Since 1974 Tipperary have won the All-Ireland senior title on three occasions, 1974, 1975 and 1980, and have also won the under-16 title three times, 1978, 1979 and 1980. Towards the end of the eighties activity in ladies' football faded somehow and the shot in the arm it so badly needed came when the I.N.T.O. introduced girls' football to primary schools. Inter-schools competitions were held and this generated great interest and in recent years girls such as Aine Condon, Heather Moroney (Clogheen), Anita O'Brien, Marie Hayes (Aherlow), Siobhan Dwyer, Elaine Walsh, Anne Marie Moran

(Ballylooby) have all represented Tipperary in the mini-sevens exhibition at Croke Park on All-Ireland football Sunday.

As a result of the I.N.T.O. input a meeting was held in Cahir in March, 1993, to revive ladies' football. A new county board was formed and a total of nine clubs affiliated. It was decided to run championship games at u-12, u-14, u-16 and senior. These games provided great entertainment and excitement and attracted big crowds.

The u-12 championship was won by Aherlow. They beat Clogheen in a replay after two great games. Outstanding for Aherlow in their games were Edel Hanly, Marie Hayes, Liza Halligan, Katherine O'Neill and Siobhan Hayes, while Liza Kenneally, Michelle Slattery, Evan Moran, Suzanne and Emma Wall were excellent for Clogheen. Aherlow completed a great double when they also won the u-14 final. After another great game they defeated Ballylooby. Players to shine out in this game were Marie Donovan, Libby Grogan, Evelyn Riordan, Linda Moroney and Caroline Grogan for Aherlow, while Elaine Walsh, Orla Kennedy, Geraldine Barry, Margaret Flynn and Ann-Marie Moran were best for a gallant Ballylooby team. The u-16 championship has yet to be completed.

Four teams took part in the senior championship—Slievenamon, Moyle Rovers, Ardfinnan and Brian Borus. After a

series of very close and exciting games, Ardfinnan and Brian Borus got through to the final. The final, which was played in Cahir, attracted a great crowd and after a very skillful and sporting game Brian Borus emerged winners. Players who caught the eye in this championship were Colette Brett, Mary O'Shea and Bernie O'Shea (Slievenamon), Valery Hogan, Fiona MacNemamin, Marian Power (Moyle Rovers), Ann Burke, Mary Walsh, Patrice Ryan, Deirdre Myles (Ardfinnan) and Orla Fleming, Eileen Myles, Helen Norris, Karen O'Brien, Aishling Tierney and Siobhan Dwyer (Brian Borus).

Overall, it was a very successful year for ladies' football in Tipperary and club officials like Cecelia Walsh (Cappawhite), Tom O'Brien (Clonoulty), Claire O'Connell (Golden), Pauline Russell (Aherlow), Frank O'Brien (Clogheen), Eileen Myles (Ballylooby), Marian Power (Moyle Rovers), Declan and Mary O'Shea (Slievenamon) and Peggy Kennedy (Ardfinnan) can feel very proud of their achievements during the year. Hopefully, all will continue the good work in 1994 and any new club wishing to take part should contact the county secretary, Ann Burke (052-66124).

Finally, a word of thanks to all the referees and their officials and to the G.A.A. clubs who made their grounds available to Tipperary Ladies' Football.



BRIAN BORUS, Co. Tipperary senior ladies football champions, 1993.



# MEMORIES

by P. Ó Riain

*For oft when on my couch I lie  
In vacant or in pensive mood,  
They flash upon the inward eye  
Which is the bliss of solitude.*

**M**emories - how often these memories come flashing into my mind, particularly in times of solitude, of games lost and won; of incidents happy or sad and especially of people met and befriended through almost fifty years of active participation in the G.A.A.

I remember back in '48 when just a raw young teacher in my native Boherlahan I was appointed secretary of the local G.A.A. club - an honour which, though at the time unappreciated, was to afford me the privilege of working shoulder to shoulder with some of the county's finest characters. Chairman at the time was Tom Leahy of the Mill, whose father of the very same name was president and architect-in-chief of the famed Tubberadora All-Ireland winning side of a century ago. There, too, was Willie O'Dwyer, later to become first Honorary President of Tipp. Co. Board, and the Leahy brothers - Johnny the administrator who held the positions of county chairman, county secretary and Munster representative, and Paddy, the skilled and stealthy tactician whose clever and wily leadership from the dug-out helped to bring many an All-Ireland to the county.

I remember my earliest visits to the Mid Board at the Confraternity hall or "The Glenmorgan" - a mecca at the time for Gaelic followers and the many new friendships made. Fr. Paddy Lee was the chairman and his two side-kicks were the lately appointed secretary, Sweeper Ryan, with John Joe Hayes of Ballyerck as treasurer. There, too, from Moycarkey were Johnny Ryan Cusack and Martin Grady of Dukesland, while another Martin - Martin Troy - came from Moyne and had, as I recall, an uncanny knowledge of the Rule Book and its implications. From the cathedral town there were Jim Maher, Bill Leahy, Joe Campbell and Tommy Butler; from Loughmore came big Jim Ryan, Seán Ryan and Mick Lanigan, while Kieran Holland and Neilly Fogarty came from the town of Templemore, an area also represented by gate-checker Jimmy Lee.

Tom Doran, or was it Roddy, represented Holycross with a young aide-de-camp somewhat older than myself, Bob Stakelum, while two youngsters from the 'Church John Shanahan and Jacksie Ryan had more wit and wisdom than many a one their senior. "Nothing for it but to

apply for Marshall aid" remarked John one night as an argument on the distribution of finances was getting out of hand the chairman was on the point of explosion. We all laughed, and the impasse was broken. By the way, Marshall aid was American aid at the time to war-torn Europe at the end of the second World War about that time.

I remember my early visits to County Convention and Willie O'Dwyer introducing me to the old Gaels of the county. Canon Fogarty would give his usual long address which we thought would never end - come to think of it sure it still happens today. He was flanked on either side by that quiet-spoken secretary Phil Purcell and Jack Dwyer-Sonny waiting to take over the baton when the Canon would bid us adieu and the real work of the day would commence.

From the North division came the chairman Fr. Ned Murphy; Mick Moylan, the secretary; Frank McGrath of the Central Council; Tomás Cleary, Con Heffernan of Ardcroney and Roddy Nealon of Youghalarra. From West Tipp. with Jack Sonny were Bill O'Dwyer of Donaskeigh, Gerry O'Dwyer of Bishopswood, Tony O'Doherty, Tommy Ryan of Clonoulty and Martin Hackett from Cashel.

From South Tipp. came Jim Gleeson of Drangan, John Keating of Fethard, Paddy Kenny of Carrick and, of course, the secretary Jerry O'Keeffe. These were but a few of the many I was to meet and befriend. They are all for the most part gone now and I sometimes wonder if, reassembled once again, what their thoughts would be on such things as "three-day rock festivals or, for that matter, Corporate boxes in Croke Park."

I played my little bit of hurling, too, and had the privilege - though I dare say unmerited - of playing occasionally in the county jersey. My travelling companions on such occasions were clubmate Sonny Maher, John Doyle, Ml. Maher and the inimitable Tony Brennan. After-match banter could be great craic, too. "Who do you work for," somebody asked the Rattler one evening. "I don't," he immediately replied, "I'm with the Sugar Company."

I played a little bit of football, too, and, believe it or not, donned the county jersey betimes. Fellow travellers from the Mid were the McGraths and Din Ryan of Loughmore, Micheál Maher of Sarsfields and Bob Stakelum of Holycross. Out chaperone was big Jim Ryan, who played

in Croke Park on that fateful Bloody Sunday in 1920. How we enjoyed his tall yarns as we travelled to games in his famous car known to us as "The Bluebird", which we were convinced had come off the assembly line long before the invention of shock absorbers.

A favourite pastime of ours, too, was counting the goats on either side of the road on the way to games and at a point per goat and a team to either side of the road, we tried to forecast our luck for the day. The football mentors, along with Big Jim Ryan, were Phil Shea of Cloneen, Tommy Hogan of Fethard, and Billy O'Donoghue of Bansha, gentlemen all.

My final point of call on this nostalgic journey down memory lane was the juvenile board and here too I was to encounter some fine gentlemen: "fir den chéad scoth." There was Willie Tuohy, who taught in Holycross, and Bill O'Dwyer of Drombane, Tom Purcell from Moyne, Michael Carroll, who taught back Glengoole way, and Timmy Maher of Pouldine. There was Fr. Michael Lee, the diocesan examiner, Fr. M.B. O'Dwyer of Cappawhite and that fine hurler of a former generation, Fr. Jack Cleary of Lorrha. There was Jim Donoghue, Bob Hall, Bro. Doody, Bill Small and his brother of the Fethard Patricians, Bro. Albert, and there was the genial Kerryman from the Commons, Donal O'Connor. These were but a sprinkling of the good people who at the behest of the G.A.A. patron, Dr. Harty, had initiated juvenile competitions back in the 'thirties; resuscitated them in the troublesome wartime forties and sowed the tiny seed which has become today's comprehensive, county-wide juvenile structure.

There were the lighter moments, too. "That team is wrong," remarked a young hopeful to me one day many years ago, looking over my shoulder as I was lining out a juvenile team on the back of a cigarette packet under a "search" bush in the old hurling field in Gaile. "And what is wrong with it?" I demanded, somewhat taken aback. "You haven't me on it, Sir" he replied, without blinking an eye. That young hopeful is now past middle life and is one of our respected parishioners.

And so the memories come flashing back of men who though leaner and harder times toiled tirelessly to make the G.A.A. in this county what it is to-day: an organisation which will always have an open door for all Irish people, will be true to its Gaelic ideals and will at all times ensure its independence from the world of corporate organisations.



# 1993'94 Tipperary G.A.A. Members' Draw

## ANALYSIS OF SEPTEMBER '93 DRAW

(Including Comparison with September '92)

Tipperary GAA Members' Draw, now in its 6th year, continues to be a phenomenal success. The new 1993/94 Draw is paying clubs a 50% Commission rate which means they can earn £3,000 for every hundred members enlisted. The following is a summary of every club's returns at September in both 1992 and 1993.

NORTH	'93	'92
Newport	469	(410)
Nenagh Éire Óg	374	(518)
Toomevara	321	(357)
Silvermines	321	(235)
Kilruane McDon.	320	(114)
Kildangan	264	(293)
Burgess	254	(250)
Borrisoleigh	240	(310)
Portroe	223	(179)
Moneygall	209	(201)
Borrisokane	193	(287)
Shannon Rovers	185	(191)
Lorrha	176	(249)
Roscrea	170	(140)
Ballina	160	(172)
Templederry	141	(129)
Ballinahinch	125	(172)
Knockshegowna	69	( 83)

4214 (4290)

### ASSOCIATIONS Etc.

	1993	1992
N.A.C.A.	100	(88)
Tipperary Dublin Assoc.	99	(83)
County Camogie Board	51	(65)
St. Mary's Camogie	40	(38)
Tipperary Limerick Ass.	33	(26)
County Board na nÓg	28	(36)
Ballina Handball	26	(0)
Tipperary London Assoc.	22	(0)
Drom/Inch Camogie	21	(0)
Tipperary Galway Assoc.	16	(6)
South Senior Board	13	(16)
Thurles Handball	10	(9)
Gortnahoe Glengoole Camogie	6	(0)
Youghalarra Handball	5	(0)
Tipperary County Handball	2	(2)
Borrisokane Park Committee	0	(39)
Tipperary Supporters' Club	0	(5)
Sean Treacy's London	0	(4)
OTHERS	49	(77)
	521	(494)

SOUTH	1993	1992
Clonmel Óg	798	(834)
Killenaule	545	(821)



Martin and Terry Horan from Silvermines, winners of a Peugeot 20J in the June County Draw, receiving the keys from draw chairman, Mick Frawley.

Moyle Rovers	521	(467)	Holycross	306	(342)
Cahir	343	(287)	Drom/Inch	230	(238)
Marlfield	255	(288)	Clonakenny	219	( 15)
Fethard	253	(176)	Thurles Sarsfields	208	(229)
Ballybacon Grange	248	(180)	Gortnahoe	199	(219)
St. Patrick's	201	(129)	Boherlahan	179	(190)
Kilsheelan	186	(226)	Upperchurch	179	(200)
Mullinahone	160	(142)	Rahealty	158	(124)
Ballingarry	157	(176)	Dúrlas Óg	147	( 82)
St. Mary's	154	(193)	Loughmore	137	(183)
Grangemockler	128	(147)	Thurles Kickhams	102	(117)
Kickhams	127	(124)	Thurles Fennellys	75	( 78)
Skeheenarinka	121	(138)			
Commercials	121	(173)			
Ballylooby	116	(141)			3410 (3286)
Ballyporeen	114	(126)			

WEST	1993	1992
Cashel	579	(456)
Clonoulty	315	(238)
Arravale Rovers	303	(208)
Cappawhite	271	(300)
Lattin/Cullen	265	(191)
Aherlow	211	(158)
Annacarty	207	(216)
Golden	180	(125)
Rosegreen	171	(113)
Knockavilla Kickhams	166	(170)
Sean Treacy's	163	(185)

MID	1993	1992
Moycarkey	588	(580)
Moyne Temple	343	(307)
J.K. Brackens	340	(382)

4737 (4918)



Emly	119	( 18)
Galtee Rovers	59	( 66)
Solohead	45	( 73)
Rockwell	38	( 27)
Glengar	33	( 37)
	3125	(2581)

#### SUMMARY OF TOTALS

	1993	1992
NORTH	4214	(4290)
SOUTH	4737	(4918)
MID	3410	(3286)
WEST	3125	(2581)
ASSOCIATIONS	472	( 417)
OTHERS	49	( 77)

September Total: 16,007 (15,569)



Co. Board Draw launch 28/5/93 at Brú Boru. His Grace Dr. D. Clifford has musical accompaniment from John McLoughlin on the pipes.

## 1992 COUNTY CHAMPIONS

FINALS WERE PLAYED TOO LATE FOR INCLUSION IN LAST YEAR'S YEARBOOK



#### BALLYPOREEN - COUNTY INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONS 1992

Back Row: Tom Maher, Pat Macken, Ian O'Donnell, Billy Macken, Seamus Macken, Eamonn Maher, Fergal McLoughlin, Mike Geary. Front Row: Des Fitzgerald, Eamonn Callaghan, Declan Hickey, Tom Macken (Capt.), Joe English, Ritchie Vaughan, John Maher.



#### KICKSHAMS COUNTY M.F.C. "B" CHAMPIONS 1992

Back Row (l-r): Eamonn Browne (Selector), Paul Morrissey, Ger Farrell, Aidan McGrath, Andrew Kennedy, Adrian O'Dwyer, Aidan Heaney, James McCormack, Vincent Bradshaw, Michael Ryan, Tadgh Farrell, Seamus Hennessy, Clive Morrissey, Christy Ryan (Selector). Front Row (l-r): Michael O'Brien, Oliver Ryan, John O'Brien, John McGrath, Aidan Murphy, Aidan Butler (Capt.), Michael Ryan, Brian Horgan, Joe Shanahan, P.J. Horgan, Seanie O'Brien (Selector).



# G.A.A. Publications

By SEAMUS J. KING

*Another poor year for publications at the local level. In fact, as far as I am aware, there was no new club history in the course of the year. Many of the promises of last year were not realised. For instance, the Golden book, which Willie Ryan was hopeful would see the light of day during 1993, did not do so.*

*He is now hopeful that 1994 will be the year. In fact, he is at the photograph-collecting state. Everything else is in order.*

Similarly, the Arravale Rovers' history, which many people are looking forward to with interest because of the light it will throw on the early days of football in the county, will definitely not be out before Christmas. Tom O'Donoghue is beavering away at it and is hopeful of seeing it off the press during 1994.

I thought at one stage that the Galtee Rovers' book was wrapped up and only awaiting the financial arrangements. I was misinformed. Recently, I had an interesting conversation with Seamus McCarthy on the progress of the book. It's not completed but it's not too far from that stage. Specifically, he's hoping it will be published by the middle of 1994. He had some interesting information on the type of book it will be. He has extended it outside purely G.A.A. matters and is using it as a vehicle for publicising some of the important people of the parish, even if they were not involved with the G.A.A.

One such person is the famous Sir William Butler who, though born in Ballycarron, spent some of his life in the parish. He did some important exploration work in the Canadian west and out of his experience wrote a classic of travel literature, "The Great Lone Land". One of the founders of the G.A.A. was St. George McCarthy, who hailed from the parish and whose sister is buried there. There will also be a piece on Darby Ryan, of Bansha Peeler fame. Geoffrey Keating was associated with the parish and is reputed to have written his masterpiece, "Foras Feasa ar Éirinn", in the parish.

Other notables include John Cullinane, a member of the earliest Central Council of the G.A.A.; Sean Ryan of Dromline, who was a President of the Association; John Moloney of refereeing fame, and Christy Roche, although more renowned for his racing skills, played his underage games with Galtee Rovers. Did you know that a Galtee Rovers' player went down on the Titanic in 1912? He did, and Seamus McCarthy has a photograph of him! I think it's going to be a book that we can all look forward to.

## Coaching Manuals

I am indebted to Denis Floyd for the following information. A welcome addition to the growing volume of G.A.A. literature is a set of Coaching Manuals,

produced under the auspices of the G.A.A. Games Development and Coaching Committee. First on the scene was "Gaelic Football Skills Manual" by Eoin Liston and Pat Daly. Produced in a ring binder of 96 loose leaves by Folens Publishers, the manual is laid out in a clear, easy-to-follow lesson plans from infants to sixth class. All the basic skills are covered, along with simple drills and exercises - all presented with full colour photographs.

"Hurling and Camogie Skills" is a similar type production with 64 loose leaves. Compiled in the main by Denis Burns, a teacher at North Monastery School, Cork, with assistance from Ned Power, Brendan O'Sullivan and Pat Daly, the hurling manual is even more simplified than its football counterpart, with a useful error analysis section at regular intervals. Both manuals are designed for use in Primary Schools, but are also ideal for team mentors coaching the basic skills at club level.

The most impressive publication of all is "The Complete Guide to Hurling and

Football", edited by Pat Daly, who is the G.A.A. Games Development Manager. This mammoth production of three hundred and thirty-six pages is a veritable masterpiece covering every imaginable facet of hurling and football. A look at some of the chapter titles - Adolescent Coaching, Positional and Functional Play, Tactics, Match Analysis, Physical Fitness, The Psychological Factor, Nutrition, Body Physiology, Injuries and First Aid, etc. - gives an idea of the wide-ranging scope of this detailed and excellently researched volume.

Raymond Smith has done it again and was probably the first book to hit the shelves in time for the Christmas buying spree. Launched at ACC headquarters in Dublin on October 19, "The Complete Handbook of Gaelic Games" is an update and more complete edition of the 1988 publication. It has still some way to go before it is "complete" as it does not include the teams that won junior or intermediate All-Irelands. However, it is an essential reference book on G.A.A. matters and sells for £8.95.



**AT LAUCH OF NEW COACHING MANUAL LAST DECEMBER IN THURLES**

Front (l-r): Tommy Kelly, Secretary Bord na nÓg; Mick Maguire, County Chairman; Jim Lynch, Chairman Bord na nÓg; Tommy Barrett, Co. Secretary. Back (l-r): T.J. Egan, Post Primary Schools, Tom Collum - Coaching Co-ordinator, Richard Barry - Bord na nÓg, Joe Dwyer - Bord na nÓg, Nicholas Moroney - Bord na nÓg.



# Special Award For Centrefield

Almost 4 years of hard work on the G.A.A. Museum Project at Thurles bore fruit recently. The magnificent restoration work which has just been completed on the Centrefield Building, Slievenamon Road, Thurles was recognised with a special award at the Fas Community Awards presentation in Limerick. The high standard of the work carried out by local craftsmen and the fact that the project was completed without any debt outstanding, were the deciding factors in winning the prestigious award.

The presentation was made by Mrs Mary

O'Rourke, Minister for State at the Department of Labour, who stated at the awards ceremony, that projects such as this brings to the attention the extend to which local communities can control and shape the future.

Centrefield or Lar na Pairce is the first National Interpretive Centre for Gaelic Games. Renovation of the building began in 1989 and included the major job of replacing the roof and securing the building. The restoration work was completed earlier this year.

May, 1994, is the target date for the official opening of Centrefield.

At present a lay-out design for the Centrefield is being prepared by Brennan and Whalley, Interpretive Designers. Denis Brennan has strong G.A.A. links as his grandfather won an All-Ireland medal with Kilkenny. The centrepiece of this exhibition will be brought to life with the modern interpretive techniques and will cover not just the history of the G.A.A. since 1884, but the story of how the Gaelic Games have shaped Irish history and culture going right back to pre-Christian times.



Photograph shows Jim Finn receiving the award on behalf of Centrefield from Mrs Mary O'Rourke Minister for State at the Department of Labour. Also included are Phil Duggan and Martin Lynch, representing FAS.

*Continued success to the G.A.A. in Tipperary*  
*John and Breda Kennedy*

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# Tipperary Decade by Decade 1894 -- 1984

SEÁN O'DRISCOLL



## 1894 100 YEARS AGO

**A**FTER a lapse of four years a County Board was formed at the County convention which was held in Hayes's Hotel, Thurles. D. H. Ryan of Thurles was elected as chairman. His fellow officers were John Burke (Sec.) Tipperary Town, Hugh Ryan (Treasurer), Thurles. The following committee were also elected: Maurice Power (Clonmel), John Quane (Tipp.), Dan Cahill (Templemore), T. F. Power (Ballingarry), Phil Harty (Borrisoleigh), John Walsh (Tyone), Henry Quinlan (Donohill), Edward Cummins (Golden), Dick Cummins (Fethard), John Ryan (Thurles), Willie Ryan (Clonoulty), Hugh P. Ryan (Roskeen). Around twelve clubs affiliated to the Board.

Up to 1894 a goal had no equal in points, it was then decided to make a goal equal to 5 points.

Drombane hurlers took the county honours with an easy victory over Thurles winning by 4-4 to 0-0 in the first championship played for three years. The county honours in football went to the Arravale Rovers club when they beat off the challenge of Tipperary Shamrocks by 1-2 to 0-0. No other grades were played at that time, only senior championships.

## 1904 90 YEARS AGO

**T**. F. KIELY of Ballyneale won the Gold Medal at the St. Louis Olympics in the Decathlon events. He scored a total of 6,086 points for the ten events. His great achievement was suitably recognised by the Association upon his return home. He received presentations and functions were organised to honour the champion.

Pat McGrath of Emly was elected Secretary of the Munster Council and Patrick J. Hayes was elected as vice-chairman. Joe Ryan was the County's representative at Central Council meetings.

Several Tipperary players were members of the Dublin Faughs hurling club, winners of the Co. S.H. Championship for the fourth successive year. Danny McCormack, a native of Borrisoleigh was

the captain. His team mates included Jack Cleary (Kilruane), Tim Gleeson (Nenagh), Andy Harty, Jack Connolly (Thurles).

## 1914 80 YEARS AGO

**T**HE annual Congress of the Association decided that in future all-Ireland finals in both codes would be played in Croke Park.

A County Championship in Junior Football was added to the fixtures list and Nenagh secured the title with a narrow victory over Clonmel.

Archbishop Thomas Morris, who became Patron of the Association was born in 1914. He is a native of Killenaule.

Tipperary born Andy Harty was elected treasurer of the Dublin Faughs hurling club.

## 1924 70 YEARS AGO

**T**HE ancient Tailteann Games were revived and held in Croke Park. Large crowds enjoyed a week of athletics, shinty, hurling, football and camogie. As well as the host nation competitors from the U.S.A., Scotland, England and Wales took part in the many activities which were a huge success. The following Tipperary hurlers were selected on the Irish team: J. J. Hayes, J. Darcy, M. Darcy, Rody Nealon (father of Donie Nealon, former Intercounty star and present Munster Council secretary). Garret Howard of Limerick, father of the popular Liz Howard present Co. Board P.R.O. was selected on the Ireland team.

The festival parade marched through the city of Dublin to Croke Park and was led by the famous Tipperary athlete T. F. Kiely, on the opening day of the great festival. The Holycross-Ballycahill club affiliated to the South Board for one year only, and then returned to the Mid for 1925.

Their Boherlahan neighbours also affiliated to the South, but their stay was one of a longer duration as they remained for eleven years.

Rockwell College retained the Dr. Harty Cup (Munster Colleges Championship) by beating Limerick C.B.S. 7-3 to 3-4 on May 18 at Thurles.

Bob Mockler, a native of Horse and Jockey, won an All-Ireland S.H. Medal with Dublin. Joe Bannion and Tom Barry from the Ballycahill area were on the Dublin team as well. Andy Harty another Tipperary native was elected to the high office of Dublin County Board Chairman.

## 1934 60 YEARS AGO

**T**HE Jubile year of the Association was celebrated in great style with many special events to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Association in Thurles on Easter Sunday.

The Jubile Congress was held in the Congraternity Hall in Thurles on April 1st with a Special Mass celebrated in Thurles Cathedral.

The Munster Convention was also held at the same venue on March 1st.

A special stamp to commemorate the historic year was issued by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

Mick Kennedy of the Ragg, won an All-Ireland S.H. Medal with Limerick.

The Minor Football title was won for the first time in controversial circumstances. Following defeat by Clare, Tipp. were awarded the game. Kerry were beaten in a replayed semi-final 2-3 to 0-5. Mayo were defeated in the All-Ireland semi-final by 4-9 to 2-5. The other semi-final teams, Tyrone and Dublin were both disqualified so no final was played. The title was awarded to Tipperary.

Winning team: A. Greensmith (capt), J. O'Connor (Arravale Rvrs.), W. Griffin (Clonpet), W. Power (Clonpet), M. Byrne, H. O'Donnell, J. Hickey, M. Lalor (all Fethard), H. McGrath, T. Kenny, C. Dillon, M. Gavin, J. Maher, M. Power (all Clonmel Commercials), P. Blanchfield (Ballyneale), E. O'Toole (Thurles). Subs: B. Kissane, A. Grogan, Wm. Hennessy (all Tipperary), Wm. Quirke, N. Smyth, W. Noonan (all Clonmel), J. Gunne (Fethard), J. Purcell (Kilsheelan), Jim. O'Shea (Ballyneale).

The Minor hurlers achieved honours also by beating Cork 1-3 to 1-2 and Clare by the same score in the semi-final. Waterford were the opponents in the final which was played at the Cork Athletic Grounds on 22nd July, and they were defeated by nine points, 3-6 to 0-6.



The victory march continued with an 8-8 to 1-0 win over Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Leinster champions Laois proved to be a handful before the title was Tipperary bound. The final score was Tipp. 4-3, Laois 3-5.

Tipperary: Con Maher (capt), Tom Lanigan, Jack Noonan, Jas. Mooney, Jack Moloney (all Thurles), Phil O'Dwyer, Jerry Coffey (Boherlahan), Denis Ryan (Dundrum), Tom English (Glen-gar), Tony Brennan (Clonoulty), Pat O'Neill (Carrick), Pat Callaghan (Carrick), Martin Loughnane (Roscrea), Mick Mockler (Clonmore), Tom Cawley (Toomevara), Pat Frazer (Tipperary). Subs: John Dwyer, Jas Brennan, Dick O'Brien, Pat Ryan, Andy Foran.

## 1944 50 YEARS AGO

EIRE ÓG continued their western domination, winning their divisional title for the fifth successive year. They outhurled Cashel at Dundrum on September 24th and won out on a 7-5 to 3-1 scoreline. Eire Og were defending Co. Champions.

The death of Dick Cummins on August 1st, caused widespread grief in the Association. He was a famous Fethard footballer of the 1800's. During an illustrious career, he held many administrative posts in the county and province, including Co. Chairman 1900 - 1905 and was elected as the first Munster Council Chairman in 1901.

## 1954 40 YEARS AGO

TIPPERARY referee S. Hayes took charge of the All-Ireland J.F. final. Bill O'Donnell of Golden was appointed to referee the Munster S.H. final.

With Jimmy Doyle in goal for the first of his four Minor appearances, Dublin surprised Tipperary in an entertaining game and emerged as champions, winning by 2-7 to 2-3.

Tipperary: Jimmy Doyle, M. Cleary, D. O'Shea, C. Moloney, R. Ryan, Ray Reidy, L. Quinn, L. Mahony, M. Burns, J. Murphy, J. Gouldsboro, L. Donovan, S. Kenny, C. Aherne and Liam Connolly.

## 1964 30 YEARS AGO

ARDFINAN footballers brought home the County S.F. Cup for the third year in succession, trouncing St. Flannan's (North Sel.) by 5-10 to 3-3 at Thurles on November 8th.

The team was: J. Moran, John James Lonergan, Mick Moore, Alfie McDermott, P. Ryan, Dick Keating, Mick Byrns, Billy Maloney, Stephen McCormack, Pete Savage, Michael "Babs" Keating, P. O'Brien, Patsy Savage, John Keating,

Tony Ryan. Subs: J. Ryan and E. O'Dwyer. Scorers: Michael 'Babs' Keating 2-2, Patsy Savage 1-2, T. Ryan 1-0, P. O'Brien 1-0, John Keating 0-2, Pete Savage 0-4.

A new grade was introduced at provincial level when the U-21 hurling games were played for the first time with the respective winners going forward to an All-Ireland series as in the other grades.

Tipperary had an easy first round game, beating Cork by 6-9 to 1-1. Semi-final opponents Clare were outhurled at Limerick by 7-6 to 2-4.

The inaugural provincial title was won when opponents Waterford crashed by twenty three points at Waterford on July 30 on a scoreline of 8-9 to 3-1 in Tipperary's favour.

Tipperary ran up another high score against Roscommon and qualified for the National final with the scoreboard reading 11-6 to 2-4 at full time.

The All-Ireland final was decided at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny on October 4 with Leinster champions Wexford providing the opposition. The Munster champions exerted their superiority on the game and brought another National title to the Premier County, winning by 8-9 to 3-1.

Tipperary: Peter O'Sullivan, W. Smith, Noel O'Gorman, M. O'Meara, O. Killoran, C. Dwyer, Len Gaynor, Mick Roche, J. Fogarty, N. Lane, M. 'Babs' Keating, Francis Loughnane, J. Dillon, T. J. Butler, T. Brennan.

In a great year of hurling the N.H.L., All-Ireland and Munster U-21 hurling, Oireachtas and Munster and All-Ireland senior titles were won by the Premier County. John Doyle of Holycross-Ballycahill was selected as Caltex (now Texaco) Hurler of the Year.

## 1974 20 YEARS AGO

SEMPLE STADIUM was the venue for the County Senior Hurling final between Thurles Sarsfields and Silvermines on 13th October. Jimmy Doyle led the Thurlesmen to another title in a poor game when they scored 3-6 to 1-10

for the North Champions.

Tom Ryan, of Ballypatrick was selected by the Tipperary Sports panel for the handball award. Eamon O'Gorman of Ardfinnan got the football award and Jimmy Doyle of Thurles Sarsfields was selected in hurling.

## 1984 10 YEARS AGO

THE County Convention was held in Hayes's Hotel, Thurles on February 5.

Many events were held both locally and nationally to commemorate the Centenary year of the Association. Some of the highlights were the National Exhibition at the R.D.S., Dublin. The Munster and All-Ireland hurling finals at Semple Stadium. Many special events were held in Thurles on November 1, and attended by a large gathering of National figures and well known G.A.A. personalities.

The senior hurlers beat Clare in the semi-final game, winning by 1-15 to 2-11. All roads led to Thurles for the Cork v. Tipperary clash. After a mighty effort to end the famine, the honours went to Cork on a 4-15 to 3-14 scoreline.

Tipperary: John Sheedy, Jack Bergin, Jim Keogh, Dinny Cahill, Pa Fitzelle, John McIntyre, Bobby Ryan, Ralph Callaghan, Phil Kennedy, Nickey English, Donie O'Connell, Liam Maher, Michael Doyle, Seamus Power, Noel O'Dwyer.

Michael Beston was selected on the Railway Cup Football panel when Munster suffered a 0-12 to 0-7 defeat by Ulster in the semi-final.

Bobby Ryan and Nicholas English won Railway Cup medals in the Munster blue.

John McIntyre of Lorrha was the recipient of the Tipperary Hurler Award from the Co. Sports Panel in Centenary Year.

Deirdre Lane was honoured with the Camogie trophy. Cashel's John O'Donoghue was selected for handball.

Tipp. made their first appearance in the senior camogie final since 1979. Nicholas English wore the No 10 jersey for the Bank Of Ireland All-Stars hurling team.



Muiris Walsh, Sean O'Driscoll and Ruairi Walsh, at the Munster Senior Hurling Final v. Clare.



# Oh! For Men Of Steel

Br. Joseph Perkins

**A** good big man and a good small man – there's a place for all in life and we never know when one or the other is needed. Every man for a place, and a place for every man.

When it comes to picking fifteen good men on a team you've got to be selective. You want a strong man at full back, a tall man at centre field and fast men on the wings. There are exceptions. I suppose it all boils down to the fight in the man rather than the man in the fight. Qualities of mind, soul, heart, stomach and will-power, are of the utmost importance.

You must have the correct mixture, strong men with light men, blockers, stoppers, score-getters, fighters for possession, those who will pass the ball and those who will score if given the least opportunity.

Still needed are men like Johnny Ryan, Mick Maher, Kieran Carey, John Doyle, Dinny O'Gorman, Ger Cornally, Seamus Barry, Jack Bergin, Tony Wall and the Walls of Carrick etc. With the "Rattler" Byrne, the "Rubber Man" Doyle, John Flanagan, Sean Kenny, "Sonny" Maher, Tony Brennan, Jimmy Finn, Pat Stakelum, Sean McLoughlin, Martin Kennedy etc and on the wing Jimmy Doyle, Jimmy Kennedy, Tommy Ryan, Paddy Kenny, Pat Fox, Nicky English, Aidan Ryan, Liam Devaney etc.

We have made mistakes at all grades in the past few years by picking men of the same calibre. Ball-players and skill alone will not win matches. Hurling is as hard as ever it was, as tough, faster and hard knocks given and taken with less time to recuperate and more matches to be played.

Coaching has improved hurling but we must take care that we do not insist on the same style of play for each, or take away individuals skill or the natural flair that each one has. Correct the faults, improve skills but let each play to his own natural endowments.

Tipperary had a traditional style of hurling – mostly ground-play and first-time pulling. I'm afraid we've lost a lot of the old skills and tried to perfect the new ones.

Selectors make mistakes, too, and go for the stylish, faster player who are easily seen, scoring points and frees from all angles, lifting and soloing and playing "namby-pamby", and fail, when called to the Bearn Baail or when asked to "take on a man" or fight for a fifty-fifty

ball.

Jimmy Doyle with all his skill and speed was not afraid to fight for every ball. Many's the dirty stroke he received by stronger bullies on the field, who took advantage of weak referees who let such cowardly acts go unpunished or just gave a free. Another young minor hurler at present is receiving malicious treatment to bones and muscle and had he not steel in his moral make up would have left the game long-ago to the hatchet men who think they are the "men of steel" using hurleys like swords.

Referees must be strong also and protect true hurlers. A point or goal or free is no compensation for an injured limb which one has to bear all through life.

Some try to bolster their "ego", energy, exertions, by means of alcohol and nicotine or other drugs. We saw enough of these "toughs" parading their rings, rottiness, roughness to boost their lack of moral courage during Feile. Some of our own victors, also celebrate and that word "celebrating" after a win now, very often only means one thing.

The weaker you are, the more you "celebrate"

We should try to help people to live better lives by means of games.

Discipline and good behaviour should be inculcated. The weak and strong should be helped.

When it comes to picking fifteen men to represent the county, then we should be more than particular in the men we pick – men of steel. There is no place for the plastic, the iron, or the wood. We set an example to the world. 'Tis not hurling or football alone we represent but our people – the kind of people we are – the Premier County.

Tipperary were always famous for its freedom-fighters, its great missionaries, workers, hurlers etc. When the hurlers take the field we all take the field, and we like to be the best, as natural as Tipperary Water, shining like Tipperary Crystal, and as strong and as steadfast as stainless steel.

Of Tipperary men Thomas Davis had this to say:

*"Tall is his form, his heart is warm,  
His spirit light as any fairy —  
His wrath is fearful as the storm  
That sweeps the Hills of Tipperary."*



Gerry Maguire receives the Man of the Match award in Shinty Tournament - Ireland v. Scotland in Inverness from Allen Campbell, President of Scottish Shinty Association.



# Statistical Stalemate

by David Power

**T**HE Summer of 1949 was bright and beautiful. The dawn of that glorious Summer coincided with a resurgence in the fortunes of Tipperary hurling. The 'Premier' county stood poised on the threshold of another spectacular three-in-a-row all-Ireland titles.

My memories of Tipperary's hurling fortunes that year are forever etched in my mind with a remarkable clarity. Childhood memories are indelible marks on the mind and are seldom obliterated by time.

On a very hot May Sunday, Tipperary held Cork to a spectacular draw. The replay required extra time. Older and wiser folk explain to my brothers and me how important it was to relegate the 'Rebels' to the role of spectators for the rest of the 1949 championship campaign. They told us that Kilkenny and Tipperary were locked together in the number of senior all-Ireland titles. 'Suirsiders' and 'Noresiders' held thirteen titles each. Cork enjoyed a clear lead with sixteen titles.

Forty-four years later in 1993, Cork, Kilkenny and Tipperary began their championship campaign still locked in a statistical stalemate. Each county had added eleven all-Ireland titles each to

increase their titles to twenty-seven, twenty-four and twenty-four.

Of the forty-four titles decided in the intervening years, thirty-three were annexed by the three leading counties. All the other counties combined could only tally one quarter of the forty-four titles – a mere eleven.

Oh, yes, there were times in between when fortunes fluctuated. By 1951, Tipperary had levelled with Cork and the 'Cats' brought up the rear. When the 'Premier' county squared up to the 'Leesiders' for the 1952 Munster hurling final on a dull July Sunday both counties were statistically synchronised in all grades of championship hurling. Both counties held parity at six all-Ireland titles each in minor and junior and sixteen in senior, surely an astounding statistical tie.

Three years later Cork had reasserted the three title dominance over Tipperary again. From 1954 to 1966 Cork plunged the depths of hurling fortunes. The Tipperary men surged ahead and by 1965 they came of age with a grand total of twenty-one. The 'Leesiders' were two behind and the Leinstermen were a further four behind.

Tipperary were 'looking good.' But

'security is mortal chiefest enemy.'

Gradually we fell by the wayside and in Rip Van Winkle fashion we detached ourselves from the statistical duel between our great rivals. Eventually when we made the breakthrough in Munster in 1987 we were languishing in third place. The 'Cats' had passed us out and Cork were four ahead.

1993 had stabilised the fluctuations to the same balance as pertained in 1949. The failure of the other counties to dent the dominance of the three front runners is surely the most disturbing statistic of all. Unless this dominance is broken by the other counties in the near future surely Gaelic football will gain at the expense of hurling.

In the last three years in Gaelic football six different counties contested the all-Ireland finals, two of the winners entered the roll of honour for the first time. It may be appropriate to pose a pertinent question – Will the statistical stalemate be maintained after 44 more championship competitions in the year 2037? If the answer is positive surely the future of perhaps our greatest tradition is in serious jeopardy.



Photo taken at Berkeley Court Hotel, Dublin on occasion of presentation of the 1993 McNamee Communication Awards. Left to right: Rev. Seamus Gardiner, Munster Council PRO Margaret King, Seamus J. King, Award Winner for Bord na nÓg History, Liz Howard, County P.R.O. Tomás Ó Baróid, County Secretary.



# Scór 1992/1993

Scór, '92/93 finished up on a high note late in the year with the holding of the All-Ireland Senior Final in Millstreet on the 22nd May. Unfortunately Tipperary had no representatives in the final, hopefully this will be rectified in the coming season. Scór na bPáistí the competition in the County and a Tipperary only competition is going from strength to strength and appears to have much more appeal than the other competitions to both the competitors and the mentors alike. Boherlahan question time, namely Rowena and Shane Dwyer and Liam Burke were deserving All-Ireland winners in the 1993 Scór na Og. They had been runners-up in 1992. Breda Butler 'Sean Treacy's' also her 2nd year competing in the Amhránaíocht Aonair wasn't fortunate enough to come 1st in the All-Ireland despite a superb performance.

The AGM of An Coiste Scór took place on the 12th October 1993 with no changes on the committee for the coming year. Chairman: Joe O'Halloran (Thurles), Secretary, Kathleen King (Lorrha), Treasurer, Joan Ryan (Upperchurch), PRO Nan Kelly (Portroe).

The Scór na nOg County Final will be held on the 10th December 1993.

There were no Munster Final winners in

the Scór Sinsear. Boherlahan question time team and Breda Butler 'Sean Treacy's' in Amhránaíocht Aonair were the Munster

## Scór Results 1992/93

Scór Na nOg  
Rince Foirne  
Eire Og Nenagh

Amhránaíocht Aonair  
Breda Butler  
(Sean Treacy's)

Ceol Uirlse  
Sean Treacy's

Nuachleas  
Golden/Kilfeacle

Tráth na Gceist  
Boherlahan

Aithriseoireacht  
Elaine Kenny  
(Borrisoleigh)

Bailead Ghrupa  
Upperchurch/Drombane

Rince Seit  
Cappawhite

Scór Na bPáistí

Toomevara

John Quinn  
(Upperchurch-Drombane)

Burncourt

Newcastle

Sean Treacy's

Niamh Ryan  
(Templederry)

Templederry

Moycarkey/Borris

Scór Sinsear

Newcastle

Thomas O'Keeffe  
(Newcastle)

Sean Treacy's

Golden/Kilfeacle

Cashel

Eileen Heffernan  
(Cappawhite)

Newcastle

J.K. Backens



Eire Og, Nenagh - Co. Scór na nOg champions Figure Dancing - with Joe O'Halloran, Co. Scór Chairman and Mick Maguire, Co. Chairman. Group includes: Mary Forde, Deirdre Scanlon, Sara Dillon, Catherine Morris, Ruth Hogan, Karen McMahon, Eileen Devanney, Jackie Kinnane.



1992/93 All-Ireland Scór na nOg Tráth na gCeisteanna Champions Boherlahan team. Pictures (left to right): Fr. Dan Gallogly, Chairman of G.A.A. Cultural Committee, with team members, Liam Burke, Rowena Dwyer and Shane Dwyer, Rockwell College.



Eileen Heffernan, Cappawhite (centre). Winner of Co. Scór Recitation.



Upperchurch-Drombane Ballad Group - Co. Scór na nOg Champions with Joe O'Halloran, Co. Scór Chairman, Mick Maguire, County Chairman, Mrs. Harrington, Joan Ryan and Mary Ryan. Ballad Group includes Mary Ryan, Avril Norma, Nora Harrington and John Quinn.





*Seán Treacy's Instrumental Music – Co. Scór na nÓg winners. Included: Maura Hanley, Germaine Byrne, Elizabeth Ryan.*



*Newcastle Scór Sinsear – County winners. Included: Michael Nugent, Michelle Nugent, Mary Nugent, Anne Nugent and C. O'Loughlin.*



*Cappawhite – Set Dance Co. Scór na nÓg Champions. Included: John Tierney, Michelle Barry, Margaret Ryan, Stephen Grisewood, Siobhán O'Dwyer, Siobhán Liddy, John P. Liddy, Liam Ryan.*



*Elaine Kenny, Borrisoleigh – Recitation Co. Scór na nÓg Champion.*



*Breeda Butler – Seán Treacy's Co. Scór na nÓg Champion Solo Singing.*



*Golden/Kilfeacle Novelty Act – Co. Scór na nÓg winners. Included: Gerry Griffin, Jason Collins, Deirdre Ryan, Marion Quinlan, David Keane, Robert O'Keefe.*



*Cashel King Cormacs Question Time winners – Scór Sinsear. Left to right: Seamus King, Michael Browne, Brian Clancy.*



*Co. Scór winners – Golden/Kilfeacle. Tom Browne, Frances Ryan, Dinny Browne, Jim Keane, Aidan Hally.*



*Co. Rince Set winners – J. K. Bruckens. Included in group: M. Fogarty, G. Leahy, C. Meehan, S. Maher, L. Leahy, B. Nolan, F. Bourke, J. Maher.*





Templederrey Ballad Group - County Scór na bPáistí Winners 1993. Left to right: Sinéad Crowe, Lorraine McLoughney, Niamh Ryan, Sharon McLoughney, Róisín Crowe.



Niamh Ryan, Templederrey, Scór na bPáistí Co. Final winner 1993.

## NORTH TIPP. WINNERS SCÓR '93

	Scór na nÓg	Scór na bPáistí	Scór Sinsir
Rince Foirne	Nenagh Toomevara	Newport	
Amhrán Aonair	Lorraine McLoughney	Aoife McLoughlin	P.J. Lees
	Templederrey	Kilruane	Newport
Ceól Uirlise	Kilruane Lorrha	Kilruane	
Nuachleas	Borrisoleigh	Lorrha	Portroe
Tráth na gCeist	Templederrey	Borrisoleigh	Templederrey
Aithriseoireacht	Elaine Kenny	Niamh Ryan	Eamon Butler
	Borrisoleigh	Templederrey	Templederrey
Bailéad Ghrúpa	Portroe Templederrey	Newport	
Rince Set	Nenagh Kilruane	Nenagh	

## COUNTY SCÓR WINNERS



County Scór winner solo singing, Thomas O'Keeffe, Newcastle.



County winners Scór na bPáistí 1993: Rince Foirne - (l-r) Tomás O'Meara, Rebecca Ryan, Avril Kinane, Robert Ryan. (Front) Andrew McCarthy, Ann O'Meara, Michael O'Meara, Patricia Ryan.



Germaine Byrne (accordion) and Maura Hanly (tin whistle) - Scán Treacy's - County Scór na nÓg 1993 winners.



# FOUNDING THE G.A.A.

— "THE TIPPERARY ADVOCATE", Nenagh, Saturday, November 8, 1884 —

## IRISH NATIONAL PASTIMES



*Pictured above are members of the first Central Council of the G.A.A., taken in Thurles. They are (back row left to right): J. J. O'Reilly (Dublin), Dr. O'Connor (Clare), Rev. J. Concannon (Tullamore), John Cullinan (Bansha) and George F. Byrne (Navan). Middle Row: Rev. C. Buckley (Buttevant), Alderman Mangan (Drogheda), W. Prendergast, Hon. Sec. (Clonmel), James O'Connor (Wexford), Rev. E. Sheehy, P.P., (Limerick), J. J. Cullen (Dunlaoghaire). Front Row: R. J. Frewan, treasurer (Aherlow, Co. Tipperary), Maurice Davin, president (Carrick-on-Suir) and T. O'Reardon (Cork)*

By courtesy of "The Wexford People"

A MEETING was held in Thurles on Saturday in the Commercial Hotel to form a Gaelic Association for the promotion of Irish National Pastimes.

The following were present . . . Messrs Maurice Davin, Carrick-on-Suir, who presided; M. Cusack, Dublin, John Butler, Ballyhuddy, Wm. Foley, Carrick-on-Suir, John McKay, Cork Athletic Club, D.C. Culhane, Thurles, Wm. Delahunty, Thurles, Joseph Ryan, solicitor, Callan, M. Cantwell, Thurles, Mr. Bracken, Templemore and D. I. McCarthy, R.I.C.

Mr. Cusack read a large number of letters expressing approval of the movement and promising co-operation. These included letters from Mr. Michael Davitt, M. A. Miller and Rev. J. Cantwell. Resolutions were adopted for forming an association which shall be called "The

Gaelic Association for the Preservation of our National Pastimes", appointing the Archbishop of Cashel, Mr. Parnell, M.P., and Mr. Michael Davitt to be patrons. Mr. Maurice Davin, president, and Mr. Cusack, Mr. J. Wyse Power and Mr. John McKay, secretaries, with power to add to their number.

Some accounts of this meeting put Dwyer instead of D. before C. Culhane. T. K. Dwyer, his grandfather, who was the mile champion of Ireland in 1878. This athlete's cousin, Tim Dwyer played in goal for Thurles in the All-Ireland final, 1887. Charlie Culhane, also an athlete, had a business in Rossa Street but lived in Friar Street. William Delahunty had a business in Cathedral Street. John Butler was a sportsman and writer. M. Cantwell may have been Michael Cantwell, a native of

Moyne and a member of the I.R.B., who "felt that it was safer" to emigrate to the United States. There is a possibility that he lived in Cathedral Street. Joseph Ryan, Solicitor, practised in Thurles before he left the country. Fr. James Cantwell was administrator in Thurles in 1882 during the controversial funeral of Charles Kickham, Fenian and writer.

The tradition has survived in Thurles that the locals met in MacGlade's Hotel before they crossed the street to help found the G.A.A. in The Commercial and Family Hotel, whose proprietress was Lizzie J. Hayes. I have been told that Johnny Moylan, a native of Borrisoleigh, who was working in this hotel, was sent with the message to Dr. Croke to ask him to become one of the patrons of the G.A.A. Research - Willie Gaynor.



*At Athlone, 1908 . . . All-Ireland Replay, Dublin v. Tipperary. Tipperary won (seventeen aside). Famous "Hawk" O'Brien in goal. Note old-style posts.*

G.A.A. "Golden Jubilee Supplement"



# County G.A.A. Youth Conference

*By Donal Shanahan  
(Co. Board Youth Officer)*

**A** very successful youth conference was held at Park Avenue House, Thurles, in early March. There was an excellent attendance of young delegates from clubs throughout the county.

I was delighted to secure the attendance of Mr. Michael Maher (former Tipp full-back and immediate past chairman of the Munster Council of the G.A.A.); Mr. Luke Murtagh (Chief Executive Officer, North Tipperary V.E.C.); Mr. Michéal Ó Muirheartaigh (the voice of the G.A.A.!), and Tipperary's most honoured All-Star Nioclás English (he has six awards, five Munster Senior and two All-Irelands).

The current County Board chairman Mr. Michael Maguire opened the conference and having acknowledged the significance of the occasion and the quality of the speakers he said that the

G.A.A. was confronted by many problems nowadays but added that the day we had no problems in our games we would have no G.A.A. He was worried about the declining number of players in the minor to under-21 age bracket and partly blamed this on players having to play at a higher age group than their own. He said that we would have to present our games and Association in a more business like manner. He asked the young people present to get involved in the running of their clubs. He stressed the importance of the G.A.A. in character formation.

The first guest speaker was Michael Maher, who spoke about the changing role of the G.A.A. He emphasised the need to work within the club structure in a positive and tangible way.

He said that sport and recreation are an essential build up to whatever stage of life

we are passing through.

Sport is important in forming our character. He outlined the various stages of positive acceptable social behaviour. He stressed the importance of neighbourliness in our lives leading to respect for property, respect for the environment. From this would arise group participation i.e. in sports, social and cultural organisations. One would then become a committee member, and finally an officer of a club. All this helps to create the complete person and Michael went on to say the G.A.A. was helping a great deal in the character formation of the individual.

He said that the G.A.A. in the 90's had many things in its favour but also aspects that would not be. In its favour he said that we had over a quarter of a million players, over three quarters of a million followers; over 2,000 clubs, very good



Speakers at the Youth G.A.A. Convention, organised by the County G.A.A. Board at the Park Avenue House, Thurles, were (l. to r.) Michael Maher, former chairman of Munster Council; Luke Murtagh, CEO, North Tipperary VEC; Michael Maguire, chairman Tipperary Co. Board; Michéal Ó Muirheartaigh, broadcaster and journalist; Nioclás English, member of Tipperary senior hurling team.



facilities, voluntary helpers and a very good product. However we should do everything in our power to make that product as attractive as possible to players playing and to those following.

As against all this the G.A.A. had less voluntary workers than ever. It needs more support and training for such workers. A higher level of skill and discipline needs to be brought into our games.

He emphasised the importance of the G.A.A. doing all in its power to find employment for its youth. He spoke about coaching and the efforts that Munster Council were making in that respect. He said that the recruitment of new referees is a necessity. There was a need to appoint referees on merit by an independent panel. Finally he stressed the importance of proper club structure. He said that the greatest single achievement of the G.A.A. is to make it possible to achieve something for your club.

Mr. Luke Murtagh spoke about the useful foundation sport gives for later life. He went on then to consider sport from four perspectives.

From a parent's point of view sport can help to break down the communications barrier between parent and child. It will be easier to communicate when both have a shared interest in sports.

It helps the young person to cope with injustice and disloyalty. It helps the young person to socialise and broaden friendships. It promotes a sense of discipline and fair play. It shows the value of training and preparation for any undertaking in life and above all else the fit and active body is indicative of a sound and healthy mind.

From a sportsman's point of view Mr. Murtagh explained that he has played and continues to play sport. It has been invaluable in building up friendships. It develops other skills such as teamwork,

communication skills and brings about the ability to listen to other people's ideas. Sport is also invaluable in developing leadership skills.

From the perspective of a community member, Mr. Murtagh outlined the enormous contribution of sport to the life and culture of Nenagh. The various sports clubs in Nenagh have provided worthwhile facilities which are very attractive.

As an educationalist he said that sport promotes a sound body. It develops the skills of all students. He suggested that there should be more co-operation between schools and the local community. He said that Cospóir should be re-established. In summing up he said he couldn't stress strongly enough the importance of participation in sport as a training for life.

Níoclás English spoke from his own perspective as an inter-county hurler.

He said that young people look up to their heroes. The reason they look up to Pat Fox and Michael Cleary is because they see them on the television. The importance of hurling being presented as an entertaining, exciting and attractive game particularly on television couldn't be stressed enough.

He felt that there was too much emphasis on winning nowadays and not enough time given to learning the skills. He pointed out the importance of modern coaching methods and advocated the bringing together of our top juvenile players to holiday camps in places like Rockwell College. He said they should be trained physically and skills wise in a professional manner.

He said that not enough matches were played at inter-county level and that supporters have only four top class matches to go to in the year. His view was that grants and scholarships should be

given to students to go to college and this would promote the playing of hurling.

The last contributor was Michéal Ó Muircheartaigh whose broadcasting career began in 1949.

In a highly entertaining talk he spoke about his passion for Gaelic games. He referred to the excitement unpredictability atmosphere and sheer entertainment of our modern games.

He said he is interested in all field sports but for sheer value and entertainment Gaelic games, well played, are better than any field game in the world. He stressed the importance of Gaelic games in the Irish culture. The G.A.A. should help the youth by generating jobs, providing scholarships and emphasising the importance of the Gaeltacht.

He said that the G.A.A. has been an invaluable agent in the life of the Irish people down through the years. He pointed out two notes of caution.

1. We must remember that sport is a pastime but for some people the art of winning was the be all and end all of everything.

2. In spite of media attention, personalities, good stories, at the end of the day the enjoyment of following hurling and Gaelic football came down to the level of skill displayed on the pitch.

The development of this high level of skill and expertise depends on the individual players. He gave an example of Martin McHugh of Donegal and the endless amount of time he spends on perfecting his skills.

Before finishing Michéal recalled some of the great games he had seen and stressed the need always to respect the referees.

At the end of the session a question and answer session was held and this proved very enjoyable for all present.



Delegates from the Loughmore-Castleiney G.A.A. Club which attended the Youth G.A.A. Convention organised by the County G.A.A. Board at the Park Avenue House, Thurles, were (left to right): Colm Dunne, Noel Cahill and Noel Kennedy.



# Imaginative proposals at Juvenile Seminars

By FRANCIS KEARNEY, Development Committee Secretary

A SERIES of seminars to Juvenile clubs, run by the County Development Committee, produced a set of imaginative and thought-provoking proposals on the efficient running of Juvenile affairs in our county. These proposals represent a challenge to all our Juvenile clubs to carefully consider what they are about and set themselves high standards in the running of their affairs.

The brain-child of Co. Development Officer, John Ryan, the seminars, which were run in the early Spring, were a resounding success. Much thought and planning went into the seminars, the main feature being the dividing of delegates into three groups each night to discuss three separate, wide-ranging agendas which covered all aspects of Juvenile activity. Following the group discussions the delegates reassembled, and feedback from the three groups was shared among the whole group.

One of the main aims of the seminars was to achieve the widest possible participation of those involved in the Clonmel Sports Centre for the south's seminar was most impressive, with in excess of eighty delegates present, representing most clubs in South Tipperary. More than fifty delegates assembled in the Éire Óg complex for the North Division seminar on February 18 with numbers in the mid-thirties attending the seminars in Mid and West. Thus, approximately 200 of those involved in the real grass-roots of our Association benefited from involvement in these most enlightening seminars.

The highlight of each night was, undoubtedly, the group discussion in which the delegates examined twenty-one topics relevant to Juvenile affairs. The sharing of experience by delegates from different clubs enabled clubs to learn from each other and pick up ideas which they might implement in their own clubs. The following sets out the topics discussed and the outstanding points which emerged during the deliberations.

## Public Relations: Are we letting parents know what our values, ideals and aims are?

All public media should be used to best advantage; club notes in local newspapers, local radio, announcements at parish masses, parish newsletters etc. Handbills or circulars can be distributed through parish schools to parents. Insist on good standards of P.R. Regular columns in papers are a must. Young players like to

see their names in print and respond to praise and encouragement. Word of mouth is often the best P.R. Some parents are waiting to be asked to become involved with Juveniles. They should be approached and invited into our clubs.

## The importance of regular meetings:

Monthly meetings are a must to ensure a proper monitoring of progress of all juvenile activities. Establish a regular date for monthly meetings at A.G.M. and stick to it. Start on time, hold brief meetings and finish on time. A proper agenda is vital for the efficient running of meetings.

## Transport:

Both cars and buses have their advantages and disadvantages as forms of transport. It is up to each club to decide which system best suits its needs. Buses eliminate the worry of insurance cover caused by overcrowding of cars and help to foster better team spirit and camaraderie among players. The use of cars helps to get parents involved in club activity. It makes the collection of players more streamlined where cars collect players at different pick-up points in parishes. Cars represent less expense on clubs.

## Liaison with Schools:

Clubs should appoint a School Liaison Officer to make regular visits to schools in an effort to support and encourage the staff in their efforts to promote our National games. Appoint a club member to cut the grass in the school playing field. In schools with no playing facilities, offer the use of the club's grounds. Clubs might also sponsor trophies for school leagues; ensure that schools apply for hurling and helmet subsidies; provide posters, calendars, videos and coaching manuals to schools; use schools to distribute school-boy tickets for major games and look after the teachers who foster our games with tickets for major matches.

## Role for Ladies:

In clubs where ladies have been appointed to administrative positions, they have proven to be at least as efficient, if not more so, as their male counterparts. All clubs should seriously consider establishing camogie teams and girls' football teams in which ladies can become heavily involved. Parents of youngsters involved in club activities are often eager to become involved and, if approached personally, made welcome and given encouragement, they can become

invaluable club members.

## Availability of hurleys, sliotars, footballs, helmets:

An adequate supply of sliotars/footballs must be available at training sessions as all players need to be kept active to maintain interest. A Co. Board subsidy of £1 per hurley up to size 36 is available to clubs. Apply by sending invoices/receipts for hurleys purchased to Co. Secretary every quarter (three months). Mentors must strongly recommend to all juvenile players that they wear helmets. Mycro helmets are available to schools at £12 each. Co. Bord na nÓg secretary, Tommy Kelly, can provide helmets at reasonable cost.

## Associate Membership Card for Juveniles

Youngsters see this as a mark of identity and belonging. It gives them a sense of pride in their club from an early age. A small fee of perhaps £1 could be charged which would help to diffuse the widely prevalent attitude among players that the club provides all facilities free of charge. Adopt the policy of admitting juveniles who produce card into matches free of charge. The motto of our clubs should be "A job shared is a job halved" or many doing a little is better than a few doing a lot.

## The importance of spreading the workload at organisational level:

A constant effort must be made to explain the amount of work involved in the proper running of our clubs to parents and inviting their assistance. Senior players and former players must be encouraged to become involved. People who are new to an area, having come from another parish, are often delighted to be asked to become involved. Clubs should make every effort to enlist the help of professional people (teachers, Gardaí etc.) in their area.

## Enjoyment of G.A.A. activities: Are we making our clubs attractive to youngsters?

Public Relations Officer again vital here. Brief reports of games and team lists should be sent to local papers on a regular basis. Team photos should be displayed in clubhouse, on papers and in schools where possible. At least one social function should be organised annually for players, win or lose. Use coaching video and videos of major matches (club and county) as a social evening for players. It was suggested that local newspapers might provide a special section for Juvenile club



notes and reports of games rather than having them randomly dispersed on different pages. More advance notification of fixtures at divisional level and better standards of refereeing were called for to improve the image of our games.

#### Scór and the Scór Committee:

People in parishes with an interest in music, song and dance should be invited to A.G.M. and a Scór Committee should be elected with sole responsibility for nurturing cultural talent for Scór competitions. Emphasis must be placed on the enjoyment of preparing for and participating in competitions rather than winning. Competent adjudicators must be appointed to ensure fair play to all competitors.

#### Club leagues, blitzes, non-competitive games:

It is essential that clubs provide regular games for all underage players. There is too much emphasis on "winning at all costs" which puts too much pressure on young players. A much greater percentage of non-pressure games must be arranged with special emphasis on players of average and weaker ability. Clubs should arrange club leagues for U-14/U-16 early each year and a series of leagues for the 9-12-year age group. Trophies should be presented to the winners.

When championships are over, neighbouring clubs should co-operate to run blitzes with teams of equal strength competing. Many clubs have established contacts with clubs outside our own county and have arranged day or weekend exchange trips with these clubs. Such trips must be properly organised with plenty of activities planned to make the occasion enjoyable and memorable for players.

#### Involving player celebrities in medal presentations

The thrill experienced by youngsters when presented with medals by their sporting heroes and when spoken to personally by them creates a lasting positive impression towards our Association in their minds. Photographs of the occasion should be prominently displayed in clubhouse. The guest celebrity should be asked to have a short talk prepared with youngsters in mind.

#### Discipline, setting high standards and maintaining them:

\* The standards set by the senior club will invariably be reflected in those of the juvenile club.

\* The standards set by adults are the standards that youngsters will aspire to. Thus the calibre of people involved in Juvenile affairs will determine the character formation of the youngsters that will result.

\* Mentors must earn the respect of young players by showing the youngsters respect themselves. Use players' first names. Praise and encouragement have far more positive results than criticism.

\* Example is the key to good discipline. Mentors must on no account abuse match officials, players or the mentors of opposing teams. This type of conduct shows a lack of restraint, respect, self-discipline and sportsmanship which are the very qualities we are trying to encourage in our youth.

\* Players must be thought to respect each other. Bad language should not be tolerated.

\* A shield or plaque could be awarded to the club's most disciplined team each year.

#### The importance of a Juvenile A.G.M.:

The success of a Juvenile club's yearly activity can be traced back, not to the A.G.M. itself, but to the amount of thought and planning that went into the A.G.M. The following ideas came up in discussion.

(i) Juvenile officers meet in the weeks coming up to AGM and draw up a list of all areas of Juvenile activities (particularly any being neglected) and set aims and objectives for the forthcoming year.

(ii) Estimate the number of people required to service these areas and identify people in the community who might be suitable to fill these positions.

(iii) Appoint officers to approach these people and invite them to do a specific job. Assure them that their involvement is much needed and appreciated.

(iv) Monitor progress in advance of AGM through regular meetings.

(v) Advertise AGM aggressively in all available media.

(vi) Work to a comprehensive, well-thought-out agenda.

#### Coaching of players:

This is perhaps our greatest task and only the most suitable personnel should be appointed as coaches. It not only involves the teaching of skills but also the character formation of our youth.

All coaches of teams and those interested in coaching should be present at the coaching sessions run by the Co. Board professional coaches in our clubs to learn the techniques and approaches involved.

The coaching manuals published by Croke Park are a must for all coaches.

Coaching should start at an early age and players should be allowed to develop at their own pace. Coaches must be patient and persevere with weaker players.

Coaches must vary their approaches and the range of skills practiced from one session to another to maintain interest.

A plentiful supply of sliotars/footballs is essential. Groups of players can then be taken by different mentors to maximise individual attention to players.

A coach's most important asset is his whistle. Players must be trained to respond to its call.

#### Injuries: First-Aid Kit: First-Aid Manual

The first-aid manual issued by Croke

Park should be in all clubs and mentors should familiarise themselves with its guidelines. They should also consider attending courses run by the Red Cross.

A First-Aid kit should be available for each team. It should be kept with the team's club jerseys.

Parents should be notified immediately after the game if their child sustains an injury.

Follow-up is important. Enquire as to the recovery of the injured player. Report all injuries to the referee. A copy of the referee's report recording the injury must accompany all Injury Claims Forms to have them accepted by Munster Council.

Clubs should consider arranging a fixed fee with a particular doctor to examine all injured players for the year. This could reduce the cost on clubs.

#### Meeting between Senior and Juvenile Committees once a year:

While Juvenile Committee officers should be members of the Senior Committee and liaise between both, a formal meeting early in the year can be very beneficial in the drawing up of a rota for the use of the club's facilities. If carefully planned, it should ensure that clashes in the use of facilities are avoided. This rota should then be displayed in the clubhouse.

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At the end of each divisional seminar, Co. Bord na nÓg chairman, Jim Lynch, delivered a powerful and challenging address to delegates on the responsibility they carry to the youth of our county. One of the four Co. Board professional coaches also gave a brief address to each seminar on the value of coaching and the role of the coach.

A special mention also of the invaluable input of those who acted as chairpersons and secretaries of the discussion groups in each division, namely, Donie Shanahan, Liam Ó Donnchú, Michael O'Brien, Liam Treacy, Richard Sheehan, Seán Nugent, Tommy Kelly, Martina Lyons, Liam Hogan, Liam McGrath and Francis Kearney.

It is hoped that the fruits of these seminars will be beneficial to the Juvenile clubs within our county and that clubs will be strengthened, revitalised and encouraged by their participation in them.

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**N**ineteen-ninety-three was once again a most successful year for Bord na nÓg in County Tipperary. It was an extra special year for the young players of Mullinahone, Ballyporeen and Newport, who brought the first ever county titles to their respective parishes.

Mullinahone succeeded in the U-14 rural hurling championship; Ballyporeen in the U-16 (B) football competition, while Newport had a fine victory in the U-16 (B) hurling championship. The year also saw the re-emergence of Moycarkey-Borris at U-12 hurling level, and Ardfinnan at U-14 rural football. Also Kildangan in the U-14 U/R football championship, while Clonmell Commercial had their first U-16 football victory since 1979.

In spite of the enormous amount of under-age games played within the county, all our championships were completed by early October, thus making full use of the fine weather. This year Bord na nÓg changed the format of the fixtures with all football competitions completed first. This proved to be very successful, thus avoiding a pile-up of fixtures at the end of the year. All our games were played with a high level of sportsmanship and were definitely a joy to watch. The primary aim of the Gaelic Athletic Association is to provide games and enjoyment for the youth of this county, something which Bord na nÓg at County and Divisional level are certainly doing.

The U-12 hurling championship once again lived up to all expectations with two excellent semi-finals. Moycarkey Borris had a narrow victory over West Champions Knockavilla Kickhams, while the famed Toomevara club overcame south champions, Ballingarry. The final between those two renowned hurling parishes of Toomevara and Moycarkey/Borris was one of the best ever seen at this grade, with the teams on level terms at full time. The replay at Templemore sportsfield was every bit as good with the boys from Moycarkey beng victorious for a long overdue return to the limelight once again. This competition was kindly sponsored by Gleeson Concrete of Donohill.

The U-12 football also had a most exciting conclusion. In the semi-finals, Fethard overcame Galtee Rovers with Dúrlas Óg defeating North champions, Roscrea, in the other semi-final. The final, played in Cashel, had all that was good in football, with Fethard making all the running but being beaten in the final minutes by a superb Dúrlas Óg team.

The U-14 hurling saw the emergence of Mullinahone to take their first ever underage county title. In the semi-final they overcame Golden, while their opponents, Toomevara, had a victory over Moycarkey in their semi-final. In the final, Mullinahone pulled out all the stops and with a late rally snatched victory to send the bonfires blazing all around C.J. Kickham's lovely village and was ample

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Tomás Ó Ceallaigh, Rúnaí

reward for their dedicated players and club officials.

**U-14 Urban/Rural hurling:** Mullinahone also contested the county final of the U-14 urban/rural hurling championship, but after a very promising first half had to give way to a fine Roscrea team who were holding on to the title won in 1992. The semi-finals of this competition saw Roscrea overcome Clonoulty while Mullinahone defeated Holycross.

**U-14 Rural football:** The final of this competition, which was played at Holycross, saw Ardfinnan win out comprehensive winners on the scoreline of 0-21 to 1-3. The semi-finals saw Ardfinnan easily overcome last year's u-12 winning Galtee Rovers, while Kildangan overcame Mid winners, Moycarkey.

**U-14 Urban/Rural football:** The same two teams - Ardfinnan and Kildangan - contested the urban/rural final, where Kildangan turned the tables on Ardfinnan. In the second semi-final, Moycarkey overcame the challenge of

West champions, Galtee Rovers. The final, played in Borrisoleigh, saw Kildangan take the coveted u-14 U/R football championship which was sponsored by Anglo-Irish Beet Processors.

In the U-16 (A) football competition the semi-finals brought together Cashel and Commercial. This semi-final, played at Cahir, saw the Clonmel club emerge victorious over a very determined Cashel outfit. The second semi-final saw the Templemore club, J.K. Brackens going down to North champions, Ballina. In the final Commercial, with a late rally, defeated Ballina on the score of 1-8 to 1-6.

The U-16 (B) football final was the last competitive final to be played. This was due to an objection and appeal in the South division. In the semi-final, Moyne/Templetuohy defeated Lattin-Cullen while Ballyporeen defeated Toomevara who were appearing for the first time in a football semi-final. In the final played in New Inn, and before a very large attendance, the Ballyporeen club created their own piece of history when they won the club's first ever under-age county title.

In the U-16 (A) hurling the semi-finals saw Roscrea overcome the West champions, Cappawhite, after a replay, while Dúrlas Óg were too strong for Ballingarry in the second semi-final. The final, played in Templemore, was an excellent game with Dúrlas Óg running out winners by the minimum margin on the score: Dúrlas Óg 4-7, Roscrea 4-6.

In the U-16 (B) hurling Newport overcame J.K. Bracken's in their semi-final while Ballybacon Grange overcame Galtee Rovers from West Tipperary. The final, which also went to a replay, saw Newport take their first ever U-16 hurling county title on the score 1-5 to 0-5.

Féile na nGael '93 was again hosted by

## THE RESULTS AT A GLANCE

U-12 Football	Dúrlas Óg	0-6	Fethard	0-5
U-14 Rural Football	Ardfinnan	0-21	Kildangan	1-3
U-14 Urban/Rural Football	Kildangan	1-8	Moycarkey	1-5
Turas na nÓg U-14 Football	Ardfinnan	3-11	Kildangan	1-2
U-16 (A) Football	Commercial	1-8	Ballina	1-6
U-16 (B) Football	Ballyporeen	3-6	Moyne/Templetuohy	1-8
U-16 Garda Cup Football	West	1-10	North	0-4
U-12 Hurling (draw)	Moycarkey/Borris	1-3	Toomevara	1-3
(Replay)	Moycarkey/Borris	2-1	Toomevara	1-2
U-14 Rural Hurling	Mullinahone	2-5	Toomevara	2-4
U-14 Urban/Rural Hurling	Roscrea	2-10	Mullinahone	2-4
U-16 (A) Hurling	Dúrlas Óg	4-7	Roscrea	4-6
U-16 (B) Hurling	Newport	1-5	Ballybacon/Grange	1-5
(Replay)	Newport	0-6	Ballybacon/Grange	1-3
U-16 Garda Cup Hurling	North	4-8	Mid	2-11
Tony Forristal Tournament Final	Tipperary	3-8	Clare	0-2
Nenagh Co-Op Tournament Final	Galway	4-16	Clare	1-5
Peadar Cummins Tournament	North	2-7	South	1-5
Losers Final	Mid	4-8	West	2-5
Féile na nGael	Éire Óg Nenagh	3-4	Ballingarry	2-3
Féile Skills Winner	Fergal Horgan - Knockavilla Kickhams			
Poc Fada Winner	Cathal O'Shea - Arklow			
Féile na nÓg	Ardfinnan	1-10	Éire Óg Nenagh	0-1
U-14 Hurling Blitz	Lorha	4-1	Gortnahoe	2-3



Galway/Mayo and our representatives were Eire Óg Nenagh who defeated Ballingarry in the Féile final and went on to represent Tipperary in the All-Ireland Féile competition. While victory was not their lot, they were worthy ambassadors for our county. Their host club was the famous Castlegar club, whom we thank most sincerely. Our Féile skills winner, Fergal Horan of Knockavilla Kickhams, also gave an excellent account of himself in the final.

Cathal O'Shea of Aherlow was the winner of our Poc Fada competition for 1993.

**The Peadar Cummins tournament** for u-14 division hurling teams was once again hosted by the Borrisoleigh club and was an outstanding success. In this competition, North Tipp. defeated South Tipperary in the winners final, while Mid Tipp overcame West Tipp in the losers' final. Once again our sincere thanks to Albert Kelly and Anne Maher and indeed all the Borrisoleigh officials for their excellent work with this competition.

**The Peil na nÓg** competition for U-14 footballers saw Ardfinnan defeat Galtee Rovers in the final and go on to successfully represent Tipperary in the Peil na nÓg competitions held in Tralee, Co. Kerry. Our sincere congratulations to Ardfinnan who won out their division and showed that football in Tipperary at this level is on a par with most other counties.

**Turas na nÓg.** In the Turas competition, competed for in hurling and football on alternate years, Ardfinnan won the coveted trip to the All-Ireland football final. Our thanks to the Tipperary Senior Board for making tickets available each year for this competition.

**Garda Cup.** Bord na nÓg, as in previous years, once again organised the Garda Cup competitions in both hurling and football.

In the hurling competition, North defeated West and Mid defeated South in the semi-finals and the North were successful in the final to add to their Munster U-16 hurling trophy. In the football semi-finals, North defeated Mid and West defeated South. In the final played at Ballycahill the West were victorious over a determined North Tipperary side. Again our thanks to the Garda Social Club for sponsoring this competition.

**U-14 Blitz.** Bord na nÓg organised an U-14 hurling Blitz over the October week-end with the following teams taking part: Lorrha, Portroe, Moyne Templetuohy, Gortnahoe, Eire Óg Annacarty, Rockwell Rovers, St. Patrick's, Drangan and Ballylooby. After the first series of games, both Lorrha and Gortnahoe emerged to contest the final. Played in Borrisoleigh, the final saw Gortnahoe get on top early on and dominate the first half. In the second half, however, Lorrha upped their game to run out winners of this u-14 blitz, which is geared towards the weakest

clubs in each division.

## INTER-COUNTY SCENE

On the inter-county front, Tipperary had teams in the Tony Forristal tournament u-14 hurling, the Nenagh Co-Op tournament u-16 hurling and the Irish Wire Products tournament u-16 football run by Bord na nÓg in Pallaskenry.

In the Tony Forristal tournament, Tipperary had a first round victory over Waterford, were defeated by Clare in the second round and were lucky to get through as best runner-up. In the semi-final they defeated Galway and had a comprehensive victory over Clare in the final. Many thanks to coach Jackie Walsh and selectors Tom Gleeson, Jimmy Coppinger, Sammy Ryan and John Hennessy for looking after this side. Also thanks to our host club, Clonea-Power of Waterford for all their hospitality.

**Team:** Ml. McNamara (Eire Óg Nenagh), Fergal Horgan (Knockavilla Kickhams), John Fogarty (Hollycross), Philip Maher (Borrisoleigh), T.S. Maher (Dúrlas Óg), Donnacha Fahey (St. Mary's), Declan Maher (Borrisoleigh), Rd. Flanagan (Eire Óg Nenagh), Wm. Maher (Ballingarry), Patrick O'Brien (Toomevara), Paul Ryan (Templetuohy), Paul Kelly (Mullinahone), Trevor Fletcher (Roscrea - Capt.), Micheál Hassett (Moycarkey), John Keane (Borrisoleigh). **Subs:** Aidan Fogarty (Golden), Alan McKeogh (Ballina), Ken Ryan (Moycarkey), Oliver Skehan (Dúrlas Óg), Wm. Ryan (Kilsheelan), Cathal O'Shea (Aherlow), Garry Coppinger (Dúrlas Óg).

Paddy O'Brien was voted best player of the tournament.

In the Nenagh Co-op., while hopes were high following our u-16 success at Munster level, our team could only muster one win over Offaly, which was followed by defeats by both Galway and Clare. The semi-finalists in this competition were Galway (defeated Limerick) and Clare (defeated Waterford). The final was played at Cusack Park, Ennis, where Galway emerged victorious. Once again let us place on record our sincere thanks to our sponsors, Nenagh Co-op. Creamery. The standard of play this year was better than any previous year, with most counties getting plenty of practice before the competition starts. All counties recognise that it's the ideal preparation for upcoming minor teams and anyone that thinks otherwise is not living in the real world.

Our sincere thanks to selectors and coach John Gleeson, Jimmy Murray, Tommy Kelly, Denis Hyland and Martin Treacy for their efforts with the team; also physio Bill Corcoran.

**Team and subs:** Kevin O'Brien (Kilruane), Tomás Keane (Fethard), Ray Hackett (Toomevara), Seamus Hickey (Boherlahan), Paul Ormonde (Loughmore), Chris Dunne (Gortnahoe), Sean Maher (Borrisoleigh), Mark O'Leary (Kilruane), Liam Cahill (Ballingarry), Mark Keegan (Moneygall), Mick O'Shea

(Aherlow), Ml. Bevens (Toomevara), John Enright (Dúrlas Óg - Capt.), Darren Owens (J.K. Brackens), P.J. Sweeney (Moyne), David Fogarty (Golden), Ollie Geoghegan (Dúrlas Óg), Darragh Quinn (Nenagh), Philip Rabbitte (Borrisoleigh), Ken Dunne (Toomevara), Peter Nolan (Templederry), David O'Riordan (Dúrlas Óg), Eamon Corcoran (J.K. Brackens), Ml. White (Galtee Rovers), Mark Cummins (Arravale Rovers), Ml. Kennedy (Clonoulty), Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard), Marcus Morris (St. Patrick's), Austin Cooney (Moycarkey).

## FOOTBALL

Tipperary once again sent an u-16 football selection to University College, Limerick, where they received excellent coaching from the top football coaches in Ireland. This coaching, organised as well by Coiste Oiliúna na Mumhan, is seen as a tremendous success and the report on Tipperary was that our footballers at this age level are on a par skill-wise with the top footballing counties in Munster.

The following panel represented Tipperary: Tomás Keane (Fethard), Tristan Browne (Ardfinnan), Shane O'Mahony (do.), Eric Guthrie (do.), Liam Hennessy (do.), Alan Fogarty (Ballyporeen), P.J. Sweeney (Moyne Templetuohy), Brian O'Grady (Dúrlas Óg), Mark Ryan (do.), Mark O'Shea (Aherlow), Mark O'Brien (do.), Mark Cummins (Arravale Rovers), Declan Crowe (do.), Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers), Vincent Farrell (do.), William Ryan (Clonoulty), Tom Clifford (Newport), Niall Kelly (Kildangan), Brendan McKeogh (Ballina), Darren Owens (J.K. Brackens), Ger Luby (Golden). Supervisors: Jim Lovett and Gordon Loughnane.

## ROCKWELL COACHING COURSE

Bord na nÓg, in conjunction with County Senior Board, once again organised the highly successful Rockwell Coaching course on w/e 6th and 7th August. A total of 69 boys took part in this week-end of intensive coaching by some of the top coaches and trainers within and outside this county.

Our sincere thanks to the Rockwell College authorities for putting their excellent facilities at our disposal. Also thanks to the many supervisors who gave of their time to look after those young players.

## U-16 Munster Hurling Championship

In the Munster u-16 hurling championship, 1993 was a very successful one for the Tipperary representatives, with three divisions - North, Mid and West - contesting the Munster semi-finals. Both North and Mid went on to contest the Munster final, with victory going to North Tipperary. This shows that there is a tremendous amount of talent coming on stream within the county and if harnessed properly and given the proper care and attention must pay dividends in years to come.



## SUMMER CAMPS

Also during the year the county coaching committee organised very successful summer camps. There was one organised within lead division, with close on 1,000 young players taking part. These camps were very well organised and must be continued no matter what the cost. The work of the county coaching committee, together with their coaches, is a tremendous boost to the clubs and schools of the county.

Bord na nÓg, through this widely read publication, wishes to sincerely thank our divisional boards; also all the clubs throughout the county for their tremendous amount of work for our Gaelic games. A special word of thanks to all the field committees, whose help and co-operation is invaluable. A special thanks to all our referees, who go out of their way to facilitate the smooth running of our games.

Our sincere congratulations to Seamus King, author of the "Tipperary Bord na nÓg Story", who was awarded a "McNamee" award for the best Juvenile History in the country.

Finally, a special word of thanks to our sponsors, Jet Oil, Gleeson Concrete and Anglo Irish Beef Processors Cahir. Jet Oil were our main sponsors, having sponsored the following competitions: U-12 football, U-14 Rural and Urban hurling, U-14 Rural football, U-16 A and B football and hurling. Gleesons were sponsors of the U-12 hurling championship, while Anglo Irish Beef Processors Cahir were sponsors of the U-13 U/R football championship.

Thanks to the County Senior Board for all their help during 1993. Finally, a special word of thanks to our young players for playing our native games and giving up so much enjoyment throughout the year.



Some members of the Enright family from Thurles, who travelled to support John, a member of the Tipperary minor hurling team which played Clare in the Munster championship semi-final replay at Limerick (l-r): John (snr.), Susan and Catherine.



Officers elected at the County Bord na nÓg convention in Hayes's Hotel. Front row (l-r) - Paddy Nagle, Treasurer; Jim Lynch, Chairman; Tommy Kelly, Secretary. At back - James Gleeson, Representative to County Senior Board; Liam McGrath, P.R.O.



Divisional contestants in the u-14 Poe Fada competition photographed before the county final at Drombane (l-r): Cathal O'Shea, Aberlow (West); John Keane, Borrisoleigh (North); Keith Robinson, Kilsheelan (South), and Joseph Kiely, Moyne-Templetuohy (Mid). The winner, Cathal O'Shea, represented Tipperary in the Munster competition.



## West Bord na nOg West Champions & Runners-Up '93

GRADE	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	REF	VENUE
<b>HURLING</b>				
U.16 A	Cappawhite	Golden-K	E. Browne	St. Park
U.16 B	Galtee Rvs.	Lattin-Cullen	E. O'Dwyer	Emly
U.16 C	Eire Og	Emly	N. Loneragan	Cappawhite
U.14 UR	Clonoulty-R	Golden-K	E. O'Dwyer	Dundrum
U.14 R	Golden-K	Clonoulty R	J. Ryan	Dundrum
U.14				
Feile na nGeal	Cashel K.C.	Kickhams	L. O'Dwyer	St. Park
U.14 B	Rosegreen	Emly	L. O'Dwyer	Cappawhite
U.12 A	Kickhams	Galtee Rvs.	P. O'Sullivan	Golden
U.12 B	Sean Treacys	Solohead	P. Russell	Cappawhite
<b>FOOTBALL</b>				
U.16 A	Cashel KC	Aherlow	P. Russell	Golden
U.16 B	Lattin-C	Rockwell Rvs	T. Meehan	Cappawhite
U.16 C	Sean Treacys	Solohead	C. O'Sullivan	Cappawhite
U.14 U.R.	Galtee Rvs.	Cappawhite	A. Ryan	Dundrum
U.14 R.	Galtee Rvs.	Cappawhite	J. Ryan	Cashel
U.14				
Feile na nGeal	Galtee Rvs.	Golden-K	E. O'Dwyer	Rosegreen
U.14 B	Rockwell Rvs.	Emly	P. McCormack	Cashel
U.12 A	Galtee Rvs.	Kickhams	L. O'Dwyer	Cashel
U.12 B	Arravale Rvs.	Cashel KC	J. Moloney	Golden
U.12 C	Sean Treacys	Solohead	P. McCormack	Annacarty
U.12 Shield	Clonoulty-R	Cappawhite	N. Loneragan	Annacarty

U.14 Poc Fada West and County Champion Cathal O'Shea (Aherlow)  
 U.14 Hurling Skills West & County Champion Fergal Horgan (Kickhams)  
 West Bord na nOg take this opportunity to thank the Credit Union (Tipperary Town) for sponsoring the West U.14 Urban/Rural Football Championship and Noel Browne Bus Hire, Bansha who kindly sponsored the West U.14 Rural Football Championship

### West Bord na nOg Officers 1993

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**West Tipperary who qualified for the Final of the Garda Tournament (Under-16 Football) at Drombane**

Back Row (l-r): William Ryan, Mark O'Shea, Brian Maguire, Vincent Farrell, Peter Casey, Diarmuid Crosse, Ruairi Ryan, Eugene O'Neill. Front Row: Mark O'Brien, Alan Moloney, Timmy Leonard, Thomas Costello, Mark Cummins (Capt.), John O'Brien, Conal Reilly.



**AT THE OPENING OF THE ANACARTY FIELD**

Left to right: Tom O'Donnell, West Treasurer; Mick Frauley, Co. Draw Chairman; Paul O'Neill, West Chairman; John Kelly, Club Secretary; Mick Maguire, Co. Chairman; Liam O'Brien, Club Assistant Secretary; Tom Crosse, Club Chairman; Fr. Kinnane, P.P.



**CAPPAWHITE - WEST U16 A HURLING CHAMPIONS**

Back Row (l-r): Ger O'Neill (selector), Anthony O'Neill (trainer), Declan Costello (Capt.), Pat O'Neill, Colm O'Neill, William Buckley, Sean Ryan, John Tierney, Michael McCarthy, Patsy O'Neill (selector), Liam O'Connor, Liam Ryan, Tom Julian, Adrian Carmody, John Barry (selector). Middle Row (l-r): Eugene O'Neill, Eoin O'Keeffe, Brian O'Neill, Philip Kelly, Thomas Costello, Aidan Ryan, Myles Shanahan, Sean Mullins, Don O'Neill, Gerry Beary (selector). Front Row (l-r): Paddy Julian, Shane McDermott, Stephen Griesewood.



**CLONOULTY/ROSSMORE Under 14 West Urban Rural Hurling Champions** Back Row l. to r. Noelette O'Dwyer, Edmond Maher, Patrick Flynn, Pdraig COen, Con O'Keeffe, Liam Kearney, Barty Flynn, Conor Ryan, Denis Ahearne, Mark O'Dwyer, James Caplis, Tadgh Bourke, Declan Ryan. Front Michael FOgarty, Kieran Ryan, Richard Sadlier, Liam Manton, T. J. Ryan, Alan Kennedy, Conor Devane, John Devane, Tom Butler, Helen Campion.

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# Sean Treacy's G.A.A. Juvenile Club

By Michael Corcoran

**T**HE juvenile club won three West Tipperary championships in under-16 'B' football; under-12 'B' hurling and under-12 'C' football.

## UNDER-16

Last April our under-16 football team brought the first championships success of the season to our club. This was a historic win as it was the first football championship ever won by the club. In this grade we defeated Eire Og and Solohead to reach the final. In the final against Solohead the team, trained by Gerry O'Toole, played with the skill and courage that is traditional with all the great Sean Treacy teams down the years. There is a great appreciation in the club for Gerry O'Toole's hard work and dedication. The final against Solohead was played in Cappawhite and the cup was presented to the captain, Kieran O'Brien.

## UNDER-12

The past year has been a memorable one for the Sean Treacy's under-12 team. To win a championships in any grade is something which every player aspires to, but to win two championships in the same grade and under the same manager must surely rank as one of the great achievements of the club. No great wonder then that the Sean Treacy's Club is riding on a crest of a wave at the moment with plenty to look forward to in the coming years.

During the championship season, which started at the end of March and continued to the end of August, the under-12 football and hurling teams with their trainer, Philip Ryan, Hollyford, trained hard, oft times battling against the elements to bring honour to our club.

Parents showed great commitment also by ferrying their children, boys and girls, from all corners of the parish to the playing ground in Kilcommon for the numerous training sessions. The travel arrangements for the team were co-ordinated in each area by Michael Corcoran, Rearcross; Noel McMahon, Kilcommon; Mrs Nora Quigley, Milestone; and Mrs Mary Ryan, Hollyford. In every match each player was highly motivated to give his or her best due to the sense of purpose which the trainer had instilled into them.

Pivotal to the teams were the dual players Eamonn Ryan and Padraig Ryan, Hollyford; Shane Reynolds, Rearcross, and Sean Quigley, Milestone. The selectors were: Michael Ryan, Hollyford; Philip Ryan, Hollyford; Willie O'Dwyer, Gurth; Noel McMahon, Kilcommon (club secretary); and Michael Corcoran, Rearcross (club chairman). The under-12 panel were rewarded with a very enjoyable outing to Dungarvan, where they played a match against the Abbeyside club, who are presently being managed by Mattie Carey, a former Sean Treacy player.

Two of our under-14 hurlers—Paul Quigley and John O'Dwyer of Gurth—were called for trials for the West Division.

Two of the under-16 hurlers—Liam Nolan and Liam Caplis of Rearcross—were called for trials and played with the West Tipperary team. Liam Nolan was also called for a county under-16 trial.

## SCOR NA nOG

Instrumental Music—Germaine Byrnes, Maura Hanley and Elizabeth Ryan won the

West Division.

Ballad Group—Deirdre, Siobhan, Mary Teresa and Denis O'Connell and Bridget Phelan won the West Division.

Solo Singing—Breda Butler won West County and Munster final in solo singing and competed in the Ireland final, finishing second.

## SCOR NA bPAISTI

Solo Singing—Mary Teresa O'Connell

finished second in the County Final.

Question Time—Paudie Devitt, Geraldine Carey and Thomas Ryan won the County Final.

Instrumental Music—Sarah Murphy, Rita Murphy and Emer Carr won the West Division final.

Recitation—Gerard O'Toole finished second in the County Final.

## SEAN TREACY'S G.A.A. UNDER-12 HURLING TEAMS



Winners of West 'B' under-12 hurling and West 'C' under-12 football championship, 1993. Back row (left to right): Willie O'Dwyer (selector), E. O'Toole, N. Butler, E. Ryan, M. Ryan, J. Nolan, S. Reynolds, T. Ryan, A. Quinlan, G. O'Toole, J. Phelan, Philip Ryan (selector and trainer). Second row (left to right): Michael Ryan (selector), P. Murphy, T. Nolan, P. Devitt, A. Ryan, M. Ryan, M. Nolan, T. O'Connor, D. Carey, W. O'Dwyer, L. Ryan, J. Carey, Noel McMahon (selector). Front row (left to right): T. Taylor, S. Quigley, M. Murphy, A. Nolan, K. O'Toole, L. O'Toole, S. Quigley (captain football team), P. Ryan (captain hurling team), M. Carey, S. Nolan, D. Ryan, P. Ryan.

## SEAN TREACY'S G.A.A. UNDER-16 FOOTBALL TEAM



Winners of West 'B' championship, 1993. Back row (l. to r.): D. Crump, P. Kennedy, T. Shortt, J. O'Dwyer, F. Carr, P. Quigley, O. Carr, G. Ryan, L. Caplis, L. Nolan, K. Ryan. Front row (l. to r.): J. Ryan, D. O'Toole, P. Quigley, R. Hammersley, T. J. Devitt, K. O'Brien, T. O'Dwyer, T. Keane, V. Carr.



# GAA Summer Camps – Are They Here To Stay?

*By Jimmy Collins, Chairman Coaching Committee*

**T**HE 1980s heralded in a new method of enjoying some of the school summer holidays. A new innovation, Summer Camp, brought children of all walks of life together over the summer holidays. A wide variety of sports and leisure time pursuits, with occasional bus trips thrown in, ensured that the children, for a week or two, had an enjoyable time and their parents felt secure in the knowledge that their children were safe.

Suitable schools with the required space and facilities were availed of. Skilled assistants were brought in and the price fixed per week. A different and wide range of prices were offered, depending on the location and facilities.

For the GAA to break into this already successful and lucrative market was a challenge, although GAA summer Camps had taken place in neighbouring counties in previous years. In fact quite a number of Tipperary children did attend some of the Waterford camps. Early in 1993 the Tipperary GAA Coaching Committee looked at the scene and set about planning possible summer camps through-

out the county. At first glance it seemed right that we should have several regional camps in each division to ensure that all children, boys and girls, would not be too far away from any camp. Further

investigations would show that there was a need to have indoor facilities and handball available at all camps, due to the Irish weather situation.

The final plan, organised by a sub-



*Coaches with group who attended Camp Tipperary.*



*At the Summer Camp in South Tipperary.*



committee comprising the four permanent coaches, Jimmy O'Donnell, Jackie Walsh, Seamus Hayes and Phil Lowry with Tom Collum, Paul Brett, Paudie Butler, Gerry McDonnell, Frank Pyke and Jimmy Collins saw four camps being finalised at Nenagh, Tipperary Town, Thurles and Clonmel.

To say that the camps were a success is an understatement. I suppose too the fee of £10 per child with a reduction of £5 for each successive child in a family did make it attractive. It did mean, however, that there was no discrimination against the less well off family.

Nearly 400 children attended the Nenagh Camp, 200 at both Thurles and Clonmel with 150 at the Tipperary Town Camp. It must be said that a number of children from West Tipperary did attend at all the other camps due to the convenience of location. The clubs who provided both outdoor and indoor facilities in each division certainly played their part in the promotion of our games. Additional help at the camps was provided by parents and clubs officials without whose help it would have been difficult to operate so successfully.

Additional coaches, including three handball coaches, and fields were taken on to cater for the huge numbers, and during the week in each division, boys and girls were coached in hurling, football, camogie and handball. All of this was carried out in an entertaining way with no pressure on either children or coaches. Evidence of the entertainment end of the

camps is visible in the videos made at each divisional camp. A composite video was then made, using coaching excerpts from each divisional video and is available for schools coaching.

The relaxed attitudes in the Summer Camps was far removed from the pressures associated with under-age hurling and football and is possibly the right way to encourage young children to take up our games.

Highlights of the camps were the T Shirts with the GAA crest embossed with the words "Tipperary GAA Summer Camps", the goodies provided by sponsors at some camps, visits by County Minor/Senior players in both hurling and

football. Skill competitions in hurling, football and handball were run off with trophies for the winners and runners-up.

Is there a future for these camps – the Munster Council think so as do the Tipperary Coaching Committee. The general consensus among the parents and children is certainly a yes vote. Lose money we did, but in hindsight we did make a number of errors, due in the main to the fact that this was our first venture into this area. However it was a good investment in the future of gaelic games in our county. The camps were successful and if repeated in 1994 can be run within budget.



*Ballybacon/Grange U.16 South Champions: front row l. to r. Graham Gearon, Brian Condon, Ken O'Shea, Bobby Carrigan, Shane O'Mahony, John English, Billy Hennessy, Alan O'Gorman, Nigel Carrigan, Liam O'Leary. Back row l. to r. John Cummins (trainer), Liam Myles, Brian Cleere, Marcus Ryan, Wesley Burke, Richard Walsh, Tristan Browne, Colm Quinn, John Kenchan, Paul Loneragan, Keigh Scanlon, Eric Guthrie, Brian Loneragan, Mark Egan.*



*Some of the boys and girls from Mid Tipperary who took part in the Tipperary GAA Summer Coaching Camp photographed with the coaches in Thurles.*



# Mid Tipp Bord na-nOg 1993

By Tom Joyce (Secretary)

## Divisional Officers

### President

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### Co. Bord na nOg Representatives (2)

Mick Carey, Upperchurch, Frank Morris, Templemore.

### Mid Senior Bord Representative:

Martin Treacy, Holycross.

## Awards

The 1992 Club of the Year award



J.K. Brackens Mid u.12 'B' Hurling Champions 1993 - Back row l. to r. Andy Maher, Pat Phelan, Michael Maher. 2nd row l. to r. Daniel Maher, Brian Phelan, Michael Henderson, Aidan Ivers, Tomas Deegan, Andrew Maher, Jason McLaughlin, Linda Grogan, Kevin Mulryan, Aidan Deegan, Helen Collier, Michael Maher. Front l. to r. Michael Phelan, Kevin Ivers, Philip Ryan, Ian Deleahunt, Paul O'Brien (capt.), David Ryan, Brendan Corcoran, Billy Prout, David Owens.

went to the Drom-Inch Club (County U.12 Champions)

The 1992 most improved club of the year award went to Clonakenny.

## Sponsors

Thurles Credit Union Sponsored the Mid u.16 A Hurling Championships.

Thurles Branch of Agricultural Credit Corporation sponsored the u.12 A

Hurling Championship.

Denis Kinane Motors sponsored sports bags for the Mid Tipperary U.16 hurling team that contested the Munster U.16 final.

Glasheens Bus Hire, Holycross sponsored a set of socks for the Mid Tipperary u.16 hurling team that contested the Munster u.16 final.



The Durlas O'g panel which won the county under 16 hurling title for the third consecutive year by defeating Roscrea in Templemore. Back row - Mark Wade, Rory Long, Dara Kinane, Joe Barry, Brian O'Grady, Colin Coppinger (captain), David O'Riordan, David Broderick, David Molumby, Kevin Ryan, David Butler, John Bowe, Kevin Ryan, Emmet Maher, Declan Ryan. Front row - Michael Callinan, Michael O'Dwyer, Damien Daly, J. J. Maher, Mark Ryan, Johnny Enright, Michael Hackett, Gary Coppinger, Ollie Geoghegan, Christy Kennedy, John McGinley, Jason Kavanagh.





*Durlas Og, winners of the Mid Tipperary U.12 football title by defeating J. K. Brackens at The Ragg. Back row l. to r. Br. Hickey, Sean Costello, Colm O'Rourke, Eoin Costello, Declan Curtis, Aidan Burke, Stephen Mason, Aidan Dundon, Kevin Ralph, Ian Corbett, Ken Corbett, Mark Butler, James Murphy, Sean McLoughlin, Front row - John Hussey, Willie Kelly, James O'Riordan, David Horan, Tony Ruth, Brian O'Lochlinn, Donal Duggan, Alan O'Dowd, Barry McLoughlin, Ted O'Connor, Mark Dwyer, John Lillis, Declan Ryan.*



*The Holycross-Ballycabill team which won the Mid Tipperary u.14 urban/rural hurling title by defeating Durlas Og in the final at Littleton. Back row l to r. Robert Quinlan, B. Maher, P. Reilly, W. O'Gorman, L. McCullagh, Seamus Doyle, John Doyle, N. Ryan, J. Lowry, K. Ryan, John Fogarty, John Ferncombe, Front row - Mark Fogarty, B. Ryan, P. Fogarty, S. Flanagan, B. Stakelum, P. O'Donoghue, M. Hayes, J. Ryan, Kevin Gleeson, Liam Judge, Alan Darmody. Missing from photography - Paul O'Dwyer, Michael Lowry, Gary Loughmane, Aidan Spillane, Laurence Burke.*



*J. K. Brackens Mid u.16 A football champions 1993 - Front l. to r. Andrew Kelly, Damien Byrne, Jim O'Boyle, Patrick Kennedy, Damien McBride, Michael O'Reilly, David Delahunty, Eamon Corcoran, P. J. O'Shea, Alan Kilroy, Darragh O'Neill. Back l. to r. Derek Doyle, David Burke, Mark Boyle, Matt Butler, Johnny Bane, Noel Stapleton, Paul Kilroy, William Collier, Joe Cusack, David Finnerty, Adrian Moynihan, John Finnerty, Darren Owens (capt.) William Fogarty.*



# Mid Bord na nOg Winners 1992

Competitions	Winners	Runners-Up	Venue	Referee	Date:
U.12 Football Section A:	Durlas Og A 2-9	J. K. Brackens 1-4	Ragg	P. Cullen	24-5-93
U.12 Football Section B	Moycarkey 3-7	Loughmore 1-4	P. na nOg	P. J. Hewitt	28-5-93
U.12 Football Section C	Upperchurch 3-1	Clonakenny 1-6	Ragg	P. Cullen	24-4-93
U.12 Hurling Section A	Moycarkey 2-5	Durlas Og 2-4	Templemore	P. Cullen	26/7/93
U.12 Hurling Section B	J.K. Brackens 2-9	Boherlahan 2-2	Boherlahan	R. Lowry	5-8-93
U.12 Hurling Section C	Loughmore 2-5	Upperchurch 2-2	Ragg	W. Clohessy	5-7-93
U.14 Football Section A	Moycarkey 0-6	Durlas Og A 0-4	Boherlahan	P. Ryan	20-5-93
U.14 Football Section B	J. K. Brackens 2-9	Moyne 1-10	Clonmel	P. Lynch	21-5-93
U.14 Football Section C	Clonakenny 3-8	Upperchurch 1-5	Ballycahill	Pat Ryan	28-5-93
Rural Football	Moycarkey 1-10	Drom 1-6	P. na nOg	Pat Ryan	10-6-93
U.14 Hurling Section A	Holycross 4-8	Durlas Og A 2-7	Littleton	T. Maher	8-8-93
U.14 Hurling Section B	J. K. Brackens 3-6	Boherlahan 2-7	Ragg	W. Clohessy	23-7-93
U.14 Hurling Section C	Moyne 2-9	Gortnahoe 1-5	Littleton	Pat Ryan	2-7-93
Rural Hurling	Moycarkey 4-7	Holycross 3-5	Holycross	J. Kelly	5-8-93
U.16 Football Section A	J.K. Brackens 0-7	Durlas Og A 0-6	Ragg	M. Treacy	19-5-93
U.16 Football Section B	Moyne 0-18	Holycross 4-0	Littleton	J. Connolly	28-6-93
U.16 Football Section C	Durlas Og B 2-9	Drom 1-8	Littleton	J. Connolly	29-6-93
U.16 Hurling Section A	Durlas Og A 7-12	Boherlahan 3-6	Semple Stadium	Dan Bolger	11-9-93
U.16 Hurling Section B	J. K. Brackens 1-18	Loughmore 1-9	Semple Stadium	R. Lowry	11-9-93



# Moycarkey-Borris county under-12 hurling champions 1993

**T**HE Summer of 1993 will be fondly remembered by the juveniles of Moycarkey-Borris. Steady progress over a number of years resulted in a significant breakthrough when our under-12 hurlers won the Mid and county championships. The parish under-13½ hurlers won the county Community Games championship and reached the Munster final. Our under-14's won the Mid rural hurling title for the first time 1983. In football our under-14's won the Mid urban-rural 'A' title, the Mid rural title and contested the county urban-rural 'A' final. Our under-12's also won the Mid 'B' football title.

## UNDER-12 HURLING

In the league rounds of the Mid championship we lost our first game to Durlas Og and beat Holycross in our

second game. We trailed Drom-Inch by three points in our next game but Kevin O'Regan scored a late goal to ensure a play-off. In Boherlahan the team played much better and beat Drom-Inch to qualify for the Mid final. The final against Durlas Og in Templemore resulted in a narrow win with Colm Ryan in superb form at centre-back. In the county semi-final we played Knockavilla Kickhams at Drombane. While we dominated the first half the scores were level with time running out when Eamon Ryan scored a great winning point. Toomevara were our opponents in the county final at Templemore. We trailed by a point late on but John Butler equalised with a fine ground stroke to force a replay. On a windy and wet evening the team showed a further improvement to lead at half-time. Against the wind in the second half, John Kelly scored a great goal to extend the lead. The defence with David Bannon in goal and

full-back John Ryan playing better than ever, held out to win. The whole parish was there to join in the celebrations.

## UNDER-12 FOOTBALL

We won the Mid 'B' title following tight games with Moyne and Loughmore.

## UNDER-14 HURLING

In the rural hurling championship we recorded wins over Boherlahan and Moyne to qualify for the Mid final. The final, v. Holycross, was a great game with the lead swapping throughout. We scored two late goals to win our first rural title since 1983. We beat Durlas Og in urban-rural 'A' hurling but lost out in subsequent rounds. The Community Games under-13½ hurling team defeated Drom, Thurles, Moneygall and Mullinahone in Semple Stadium to win the county title.

Micheal Hassett played at full-forward on the Tipperary team which won the Tony Forrester tournament. Ken Ryan, Danny Graham, Tomás Coman, Tom Kelly and Conor Bannon were with the Mid side in the Peadar Cummins Tournament.

## UNDER-14 FOOTBALL

We retained the Mid urban-rural 'A' title with wins over Drom, Holycross and Durlas Og in the final. In the county semi-final we beat Galtee Rovers but lost the final to Kiladangan in Borrisoleigh. We won the Mid rural title with wins over Moyne, Holycross and Drom. Danny Graham's role in the football team was pivotal.

## UNDER-16 HURLING AND FOOTBALL

We won no titles at under-16 level in a very strong Mid 'A' grouping. The team tried hard but lost out in the league rounds of the championships. Our 'B' team played in the 'C' grade and gave several spirited performances.

Austin Cooney played on a fine Mid under-16 team which contested the Munster and Garda Cup finals. Noel Butler was on the panel. Austin also played on the county under-16 side in the Nenagh Co-op Tournament.

## COACHES AND MENTORS

Frank O'Regan's great work with John Carey, Ned Bannon, Paul Britton, Jack Ryan, John Crawford, Tom Leahy and Dick Quigley was instrumental in the under-12's achievements. Paddy and



*Moycarkey-Borris - Mid Under-14 Triple Champions (rural hurling, rural football and urban/rural 'A' football) - Front row (left to right) - Padraig Heffernan, David Costello, Tomás Ryan, Ken Ryan, Micheal Hassett, Danny Graham, James Foley, Tadhg Ryan, John Kelly, Paudie Doran. Back row - John Carroll, Patrick Croke, Kevin O'Regan, Kevin Shortall, Andy Mullins, Conor Bannon, Michael Minchin, Nigel McCarthy, Tomás Coman, Thomas Kelly, Brendan Crawford. Absent from photo - Danny Meaney, Colm McGarry.*



*Moycarkey-Borris Under-13½ County Community Games Hurling Champions - Front row (left to right) - Andy Mullins, Padraig Heffernan, David Costello, Thomas Kelly (captain), Tomás Ryan, James Foley, Tadhg Ryan, John Kelly. Back row - Paddy Coman (coach), Kevin O'Regan, Patrick Croke, Colm Ryan, John Butler, Ken Ryan, Kevin Shortall, Tomás Coman, Michael Minchin, Danny Graham, Brendan Crawford. Absent - Colm McGarry, Roger Heffernan.*



Eileen Coman carefully nurtured the Community Games team. Pat Leahy, Joe Moran, Tim Kelly, Martin Ryan, Philly Ryan, Matty Shortall, Con Bannon and John Hackett also made a fine contribution.

#### SPONSORSHIP AND SUPPORT

Our thanks to Kearney's Lawnmowers, Littleton, who sponsored socks for the under-12 team. Thanks to our supporters who encouraged our young players throughout the championship.

#### SCHOOLS

We greatly appreciate the hurling and football coaching being done in the schools by Mr Clancy and Mr O'Donoghue. The hurling camp organised by Mr Clancy and Anne Ralph was a tremendous success.

#### JUVENILE COMMITTEE

Chairman - John Crawford; Vice-chairman - Frank O'Regan; Secretary/P.R.O. - Joe Moran; Assistant Secretary - John Hackett.



*Moycarkey-Borris Under-12 Mid and County Hurling Champions 1993 and Mid 'B' Football Winners - Front row (left to right) - Eamon Ryan, Declan Hassett, James Scott, Colm Ryan (captain), Rick Quigley, Colm Ryan, Gary Dempsey, Brian Clohessy. Middle row - Patrick Carey, Tomás Ryan, Seamus Shanahan, John Kelly, Damien Grace, David Bannon, Liam Flanagan, Shane Quigley, John Paul Leahy, Paudie Doran. Third row - Kevin O'Regan, John Ryan, Paul Dempsey, Matthew Shortall, P. J. Flanagan, Aidan Burke, Gerard Maher, Kevin Leahy, John Butler, Eoin Butler, Michael Bracken. Back row - John Carey, Ned Bannon, John Crawford, Jack Ryan, Frank O'Regan, Tom Leahy (selectors).*

# Tipperary Student Receives National Award

**H**URLING and Camogie as with any contact sport can often result in the players receiving injuries. A year long survey of sports injuries, conducted by Dr. Brendan Cuddihy in the accident and emergency department of St. Luke's Hospital Kilkenny revealed that 41% of the injuries occur from playing hurling.

While the majority of injuries occur to the head, face, neck areas - 41%, a staggering 35% affected the wrist and hand. These statistics along with the increasing amounts of money the GAA are paying in insurance claims led our team to realise the need and potential of such a protective hand guard.

Our team, based in Carlow Regional Technical College consisted of Roddy D'Arcy, Greystones, Clive Young, Dublin and I then set about researching the market to see if such a glove would be successfully worn by players. This research involved talking to school and college teams and selected senior coun-

ty teams. The feedback from the players was positive with the G.A.A. organisation welcoming the protective guard in an effort to make the game safer.

And so in May 1992 the 'Ashgard' glove was born. The glove manufactured by O'Dare is made of neoprene. The product was designed to resist impact and friction from an opponents hurl, while not hindering physically or psychologically the players ability to play the game.

Although worn previously by many players it was brought to national prominence when Galway's Joe Rabbitte wore it for the All Ireland semi final and unfortunately for Tipperary played a stormer of a game. It has also been won by Liam McCarthy of Kilkenny and the Bonnars of Tipperary.

September 1993 our team in conjunction with University of Limerick won the IDA Student Enterprise Award. More and more players are now realising the benefits of such a guard in making an enjoyable game safer.

*Meabh Ring*



*I.D.A. Student Enterprise Award 1. to r. Roddy Darcy, Mary O'Rourke, Minister for Labour Affairs, Meabh Ring B.B.S. Clive Young.*

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# SOUTH BORD NA nÓG

By PATSY O'HALLORAN

Grade	Winners	Runners-up	Venue	Referee
U12 Football 'A'	Fethard	Ardfinnan	Cahir	Mossy Hyland
U12 F. 'B'	Moyle Rovers	Fr. Sheehy's	Ardfinnan	Fran O'Leary
U12 F. 'C'	Davins	Fethard (B)	Kilsheelan	Christy Aylward
U14 F. (R)	Ardfinnan	Mullinahone	Marlfield	P.J. Hassett
U14 F. (U/R)	Ardfinnan	Clonmel Óg	Marlfield	P.J. Hassett
U14 F. (B)	Ballingarry	Newcastle	Kilsheelan	Christy Dignam
U14 F. (C)	Moyle Rovers	Davins	Kilsheelan	Sean Quirke
U16 F. (A)	Commercials	Fethard	Kilsheelan	Tommy Loneragan
U16 F. (B)	Ballyporeen	Ballylooby	Clogheen	Frank O'Brien
U16 F. (C)	Moyle Rovers	Kilsheelan	Carrick	Tony Roche
U12 Hurling (A)	Ballingarry	St. Mary's	Cloneen	John Harrington
U12 H. (B)	Swan	Newcastle	Marlfield	Sean Quirke
U12 H. (C)	Moyle Rovers	Kilsheelan	Cloneen	Micheál McCormack
U14 H. (R)	Mullinahone	Ballingarry	Cloneen	Stephen McCormack
U14 H. (U/R)	Mullinahone	Ballybacon/GR	Kilsheelan	Micheál McCormack
U14 H. (B)	Newcastle	Killenaule (B)	Clonmel	Maurice Kennedy
U14 H. (C)	Davins	Ballylooby	Marlfield	Christy Aylward
U16 H. (A)	Ballingarry Gaels	St. Mary's	Monroe	Tommy Loneragan
U16 H. (B)	Ballybacon/GR	Clonmel Óg	Cahir	Frank O'Brien
U16 H. (C)	Davins	Kilsheelan	Marlfield	Christy Browne

Ardfinnan - U14 Rural Football County Champions.  
 Commercials - U16 Football (A) County Champions.  
 Ballyporeen - U16 Football (B) County Champions.  
 Mullinahone - U14 Rural Hurling County Champions.



The South Tipperary Under-16 Football team which played West Tipperary in the Inter-Divisional Garda Tournament at Drombane. Back Row (l-r): Tristan Browne, Gregory Aird, John Kenchan, Jason Strang, Lar Heffernan, Eric Guthrie, Tomás Keane, Noel Cotter, Paul Fitzgerald. Front Row: Eddie Walsh, Terry Kearns, Trevor Whelan, Liam Hennessy, Kieran Flynn (Capt.), Shane O'Mahony, Alan Fogarty.



# SOUTH SCÓR NA nÓG

Winners in Scór na nÓg Finals  
held in the G.A.A. Centre,  
Clonmel, on 15/11/92

*Céilí Dancing:* St. Mary's; *Recitation:* Fethard (Liam Treacy); *Solo Singing:* Ardfinnan (Veronica O'Brien); *Novelty Act:* Fethard; *Question Time:* St. Patrick's; *Instrumental Music:* Ardfinnan; *Ballad Group:* Kilsheelan; *Set Dancing:* Newcastle.

## SCÓR NA PÁISTÍ

*Céilí Dancing:* Newcastle; *Solo Singing:* Ballylooby (Geraldine Barry); *Instrumental Music:* Burncourt; *Novelty Act:* Newcastle; *Question Time:* Grange; *Recitation:* Drangan (Fiona Horan); *Ballad Group:* Cahir Convent Primary School; *Set Dancing:* Newcastle.

## SENIOR SCÓR at Clonmel 7/3/'93

*Céilí Dancing:* Newcastle; *Solo Singing:* Newcastle (Thomas O'Keeffe); *Instrumental Music:* No competition; *Novelty Act:* Newcastle; *Question Time:* Ballylooby; *Recitation:* Newcastle (Delia Egan); *Ballad Group:* Newcastle; *Set Dancing:* Newcastle.



DAVINS - U/16 HURLING C SOUTH CHAMPIONS

Back Row: R. Ryan, K. Woods, J. Faulkner, A. Halpin, K. Kerwin, P. Tobin, A. Byrne, E. O'Neill, J. Redmond, C. McGrath, K. Ryan, J. Cochran, J. Power, B. Mackey. Front Row: S. Dowley, D. Tobin, E. Walsh, P. Murphy, B. Butler, D. Butler, M. Harrigan, M. Arrigan, A. Connors.



DAVINS - U/12 C. FOOTBALL SOUTH CHAMPIONS

Back Row: J.P. McGrath, C. Power, E. McGrath, A. Casey, N. Buckler, J. Kinsella, J. Foley, M. Hackett, S. Comerford, P. Murphy, B. O'Neill. Front Row: T. Foran, M. Redmond, J. Power, P. Coady, R. McGrath, N. O'Brien, M. Ryan, D. Buckler, A. Redmond, G. Robinson, A. Coady, N. O'Shea-Waters, S. Cronin, P. Casey.



MOYLE ROVERS U/12 FOOTBALL TEAM - WINNERS OF THE SOUTH (B) CHAMPIONSHIP

Back Row (l-r): Garry Hallinan, Donnacha Campbell, John Looby, Brian Hogg, Tomás Griffin, Conall Crosse, Garry Moore, Stephen Caulfield, David Hallinan. Middle Row (l-r): Eoin Doyle, Anthony Burke, Niall Fennessy, John O'Halloran, Pádraig Foley, Billy Weymouth, Kevin Ryan, Richard Ryan, Micheál Kelly, William Lalor. Front Row: Billy Hunt, John Loneragan, Karl Maher, T.J. Wall, Paul Loneragan, Stephen Dunne (Capt.), Kevin Morrissey, Michael Roche, Tomás Conway, Gerard Purcell, Denis Gardiner. Missing from picture is Paul Ahearn, Shane Flynn.





#### DAVINS - U/14 C HURLING SOUTH CHAMPIONS

Back Row: R. Ryan, K. Woods, M. Walsh, A. Marshall, D. Buckler, M. Arrigan, D. Tobin, A. Dignam, D. Walsh, D. Kennedy, P. Murphy, E. McGrath, A. Connors, P. Arrigan. Front Row: D. O'Shea, M. Redmond, C. Power, P. Coady, P. Gorman, S. Hackett, D. Hogan, S. Dowley.



#### MOYLE ROVERS - U/14 FOOTBALL TEAM WINNERS SOUTH (C) CHAMPIONSHIP

Back Row: Anthony Lonergan (Chairman), Gerard Brett, Aidan Egan, Eoin Hallinan, Ian Tucker, Diarmuid Kelly, Edmonde Ormonde, John O'Halloran, Garrett Burke, Peter Hatton, Brian Hickey, Ian Long, Eileen Boland, Tom Conway. Front Row: Kieran Ryan, John Butler, Billy Desmonde, Donnagh Norris, Kevin Condon, Enda Bates (Capt.), Robert Bourke, Alan Harvey, Ian O'Brien, Brian Keane.



#### ARDFINNAN - RURAL U/14 & PEIL NA nÓG WINNERS

Back Row (l-r): B. Browne (mentor), B. Ryan, N. Browne, A. O'Mahoney, P. Lonergan, K. Quirke, D. Boyle, B. Coffey, D. Browne, A. McNamara (mentor). Middle Row: S. Maher, J.P. Hanrahan, A. Maun, P. Norton, P. Hally, J. Walsh, A. O'Gorman, B. Carey. Front Row: B. Mullane, B. Purcell, T. O'Leary, D. Hackett, C. White, L. Ryan, A. Barrett, D. O'Mahony. Missing from photo: R. Browne (mentor), S. O'Neill, J. Maher.



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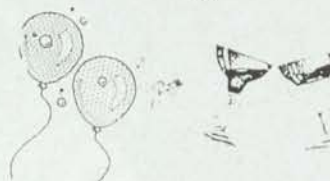
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# Mullinahone's first underage hurling title

UNDER-14 RURAL HURLING CHAMPIONS

**F**IRST indications that Mullinahone might have a decent run in the under-14 hurling championships came early in the year. At an early season meeting Jimsy Kelly promised to put his considerable expertise at the services of the under-14's.

In the Community Games hurling competition Mullinahone defeated Knockavilla, Carrick-on-Suir and Ballylooby to qualify for a county final clash with Moycarkey-Borris. This they lost in Semple Stadium by a single point, having been much the better team on the night but conceding three unlucky goals.

With some useful additions to the Community Games panel the team set out on the South Tipperary Championship trail. Early wins were recorded over Carrick Swans and St. Mary's. Then we lost one to Ballybacon-Grange heavily on an evening when nothing went right.

A won over Fethard in Cloneen revived drooping spirits and Mullinahone qualified for both the rural and urban-rural semi-finals. Jimsy had by now long enlisted the help of his friend Joe Williams in preparing the team. As the team advanced support grew.

The semi-final ended in a draw and a repeat against Cahir was arranged behind the wire in Clonmel. The result was favourable for Mullinahone and now neighbours Ballingarry barred the way to a South Tipperary rural title.

The final took place in Cloneen and with their captain, Paul Kelly, in sparkling form and scoring 0-8 out of the 0-9 scored

from centre back, Mullinahone had an exciting three points win.

The rural county semi-final against Golden in Boherlahan came next. In the first half things didn't go too well and we were down at half time but not out. The second half was a complete turnabout and with fine displays from James Luttrell, Eoin Kelly, Aidan Maher and Dylan Collins Mullinahone drew level and then pulled away as the Golden challenge collapsed.

Back in the South urban-rural, Cahir were the semi-final opposition and they hurled above themselves in Kilsheelan. It was all in vain as Mullinahone raised their game once more and for the third time in less than three weeks Cahir failed to the young Kickhams, a side they find extremely hard to beat. When Ballybacon beat Ballingarry in the other semi-final it set up a revenge tie with Ballybacon. Which Mullinahone won.

Being dual champions gave the lads confidence for their clash with Holycross in Gortnahoe. The lads started very badly but not for the first time they rallied to be back in the game at half time against the elements. In the Mullinahone made it narrowly and were now in both finals.

The rural came first against Toomevara on 3rd September in Littleton. The night and the game will be engraved on the minds of Mullinahone forever. 'Toome' built up an early eight point lead but Mullinahone cut the deficit by half-time.

The pattern continued in the second half as substitutes Bill Tobin, Micheal Quirke and Martin Costelloe are on

tenderhooks as is medical man Tom Collins and faithful followers and hurley carrier Larry Madden. The gap is down to three points and Mullinahone win a free. The ball is advanced to the 20m line by referee Martin Treacy for needless dissent. Paul Kelly blasts to the net in the gathering gloom to level. A few minutes later as 'Toome' composure slips, Paul lofts over the lead and winning point from far out on the left. The victory roar from Mullinahone must have drifted back over Slieveardagh back to the little village. There was glory for Vincent McNamara and Brian O'Brien as well as Keith Collins and James Brennan, who joined the panel late in the season.

The celebrations were well deserved. Each member of the panel received a gear bag in the club colours from Eddie O'Meara and Tipperary Trucks. They were also presented with club shorts and socks by the club and after the urban-rural the entire panel and mentors were treated to a meal by Agricultural Contractor, Liam Tobin.

Earlier in the season the lads had been financially helped by Ned O'Brien, Tony Wilson and Michael Cahill. The urban-rural final against Roscrea went ahead a week later. In the first half Eoin Kelly kept us alive with a brilliant display in goal. We had every chance but eventually we had to give best to a bigger, stronger side. The end of the road for the impossible dream but the memories of the road will always be marvellous.

—Richard Sheehan



Some prominent members of the Moycarkey Borris club watch the county senior hurling team conduct a training session in Littleton. L. to r. Dick Quigley, Jim Flanagan, Tom Harold, Larry Ryan, Liam Hennessy and Bill Flanagan.



# Remembering The Golden Years Of Tipperary Football

Sean Ua Cearnaigh

**I**N contrast to the hurlers who failed to live up to expectations, 1993 was an excellent year for Tipperary's footballers. Tipperary reached three Munster finals – a unique achievement for the Premier County – and even if they failed to win a provincial title the seniors and juniors, at least, showed that with a little more experience and craft they could become a match for the very best in the land.

The juniors failed by a mere four points to a splendid Cork side; the seniors, although finishing eight points adrift of the Rebel County men, notched up score for score with Cork from the eighteenth minute onwards. Were it not for that dreadful start who knows what might have happened! In August Tipperary eventually won the reward their endeavour merited when they won the McGrath Cup 'Home' final vanquishing highly-rated Clare. Make not mistake about it, Tipperary's future looks bright. In players like Sean Brett, Sean Collum, John Owens, Tom Mackin, Brian Burke, Peter Lambert and Davy Hogan they have men at least as good as anybody in any of the more highly rated counties.

1993 was, all in all, a good year for Tipperary football. By a strange coincidence, this upsurge occurred exactly fifty years after the dawn of another Tipperary renaissance. The year 1943 saw the emergence of what many would regard as one of the greatest ever Tipperary sides, certainly a side which, during their three year reign, were desperately unlucky not to win at least one provincial title.

As one who is old enough to remember the 1943-45 period of Tipperary football greatness, I can recall (though scarcely past the use of reason then) the buzz and excitement that surrounded the Premier County lads whenever the game was discussed. Names like Jim Williams, Mick Cahill and Bunny Lambe were on everybody's lips. I grew up in the Galtee countryside, a couple of miles north of Ballyporeen, then (though not exclusively now) football territory. Football was always our first love, even if we always exulted in the triumphs of our hurlers. But, 1945 excepted, the War years were lean ones for Tipperary hurling.

1943 heralded a new dawn for Tipperary's Footballers. In the previous year they had been comprehensively beaten by Kerry in the Munster semi-final; their emergence as a football force

in 1943, though unexpected, was widely welcomed. Following an easy win over Waterford at Clonmel (the score was 2-7 to 1-2 in Tipperary's favour) they had to pull out all the stops to overcome a very good Clare side in the Munster semi-final. The final score was: Tipperary 3-5, Clare 2-6. Cork, meanwhile, had surprisingly beaten Kerry in the other semi-final and were, in consequence, the hottest of hot favourites, to win the provincial title. The Munster final, played in Fermoy on 25 July 1943, was a thriller. Tipperary had the misfortune of losing one of their best backs, Paddy O'Donoghue, through injury and were most unlucky with a good goal shot near the end of the game. Cork, on the other hand, scored a very soft goal midway in the second half. In spite of their misfortune, Tipperary, in the end, were beaten by a mere three points, the score being Cork 1-7, Tipperary 1-4. It was a game (and a provincial crown) that Tipperary should have won.

In 1944 Tipperary again reached the Munster final. Following an easy first round victory (1-10 to 0-5) over Waterford, they created something of a sensation by comprehensively beating Munster title-holders Cork at Clonmel. The score was Tipperary 1-9, Cork 1-3. Hopes were high going into the Munster final against Kerry. This game was played at Limerick on 9 July on a day of wind and rain. Tipperary, although playing with the wind in the first half, were very much off their game and were a goal in arrears at the end of thirty minutes. They improved greatly in the second half and, but for a number of missed chances, might well have emerged victorious. The final score was Kerry 1-6, Tipperary 0-5. As the score would suggest, backs, rather than forwards, impressed on the day.

1945 was the year that Tipperary should have made a glorious breakthrough. They were undoubtedly the unluckiest team in the championship. Receiving a bye to the semi-final, they met Cork at Dungarvan and were most unfortunate to lose by a single point. The score was Cork 1-7, Tipperary 1-6. Cork went on to win the Munster title and the All Ireland. Certainly, their hardest game that year was against Tipperary. Tipperary, as we know, won the All Ireland senior hurling title in 1945 but, with any sort of average luck, should have made it a glorious double.

What was the secret of Tipperary's

superb championship form in the 1943-45 period? Many would say it was the influence of the army. Because of the emergency, many young soldiers not all of them from Tipperary, were stationed in Clonmel and Templemore. A significant proportion of them were accomplished footballers, among them the Wexfordman Dick Sleator who chose to play with Tipperary. Among other army men who gave sterling service at county and club level special mention must be made of Bunny Lambe and Sean Minogue. The 10th Battalion in Templemore were the kingpins of club football in those days. They won the county championship in 1943, were unluckily and very narrowly defeated in the final in 1944, only to regain the title in 1945. It was their last title.

The demise of the 10th Battalion as a football force coincided with the fall from grace of the county team. They were surprisingly beaten by two points by a far from perfect Waterford team in Dungarvan on 9 June, 1946, in the Munster semi-final.

So ended Tipperary's three year glory run. With a bit of luck they could have won two – perhaps even three – provincial titles and – who knows! one All Ireland in this period. Sadly, they had nothing to show in the end for their endeavours. Will history be repeated fifty years later? Tipperary reached Munster finals in 1943 and 1944. Will they be in contention in 1994. One hopes so. One hopes, too, that players and mentors will learn from the mistakes of the past. Tipperary's footballers stand on the verge of greatness. Let them go on to taste the success which so sadly eluded the dauntless men of '43, '44 and '45! Tiobraid Arann abú!



Bunny Lambe, one of the outstanding footballers of his era.



# NORTH TIPP BORD NA nÓG REVIEW '93

**A**fter something like 182 games (including replays) and sixteen championships to be completed, the year of '93 can be seen as a very active year indeed.

The destination of the honours were shared amongst ten clubs, with Toomevara and Roscrea claiming three each.

Roscrea, it seems, are on the up and up. Their treble included the U-Rural plus the U-16 "A". Their last success in that grade was in '84. They also won the Under-12 Football "A" title for the first time in ten years when they defeated Newport by 0-3 to 0-2.

In the "B" hurling grades, Ballina/B'hinch Burgess and Newport were the respective winners. For Newport we have to go back to 1978 for the club's last U-16 "B" win, while Burgess went one better than in '92 when they were runners-up. Ballina/B'hinch won three U-12 "B" in a row in the mid-eighties. They went into the final as underdogs but beat their neighbours comprehensively.

In football activities it was a first for Moneygall in U-12 "B"; a first also for Kildangan and Ballina/B'hinch in U-14 and U-16, respectively.

To crown the Bord's activities, the highlight of the year was North Tipp's U-16 hurling and Garda Cup hurling titles, while our U-14's won the Peadar Cummins tournament at Borris-Ileagh.



**TEMPLEDERRY U-16 PANEL - WINNERS OF NORTH SECTION III FINAL**

*Back Row (l-r): Brian Murray, Trevor Kennedy, John Hogan, Padraig Meehan, Damien Bourke, Vincent Madden, Michael Ryan, Gerard Ryan, Eddie Martin, Sean Madden and Pat Minogue. Front Row (l-r): Cathal Ryan, Matthew Ryan, Daniel Madden, John Kennedy, Paul Ryan, Donal Kennedy (Capt.), John Paul Ryan, Peter Nolan and Seamus Kennedy.*



**BURGESS U-14 PANEL - WINNERS OF NORTH SECTION II FINAL**

*Back Row (l-r): Colm O'Brien, Shane Maher, Brian Duggan, Paul Hogan, Michael Carmody, Fergal McDonnell, Eoin Buckley, Peter Carroll, Garrett Howard, Brian Hogan, Austin Hogan and John Scroope. Second Row: Michael Crowe, Patrick Ryan, Michael Fogarty, Brian McGrath, Patrick Mulcahy, Padraig McDonnell, Kevin McDonnell (Capt.), Timmy Hogan, Liam Hogan, Jonathon Meaney, Cathal Hanrahan and Shane Hanrahan. Front Row: Niall McGrath and Liam Kelly.*

## CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS 1993

Grade	Winner	Score	Loser	Score	Venue	Ref	Date
U-12 H 'A'	Toomevara	3-3	Moneygall	1-5	Cloughjordan	Tom Gleeson	8 Aug.
U-12 H 'B'	Ballina/B'hinch	5-2	Burgess	3-0	Nenagh	James White	9 Aug.
U-12 H 'C'	Portroe	2-1	Newport	0-1	Ballina	Mtn. Griffin	16 Oct.
U-14 H U/R	Roscrea	2-6	Toomevara	1-6	Moneygall	Mtn. O'Leary	13 Aug.
U-14 H R	Toomevara	5-12	Kildangan	1-7	Nenagh	MI. Maunsell	2 Aug.
U-14 H 'B'	Burgess	2-4	Borrisoleigh	1-3	Toomevara	Martin Darcy	26 Sept.
U-14 H 'C'	Templederry	w.o.	Nenagh 'B'	scr.			
U-16 H 'A'	Roscrea	2-8	Toomevara	2-6	Moneygall	Ger Hayes	14 Sept.
U-16 H 'B'	Newport	2-4	Kildangan	0-8	Kilcoleman	MI. Cahill	13 Sept.
U-16 H 'C'	Templederry	3-18	S. Rovers	2-6	Nenagh	John Kissane	25 Sept.
U-12 F 'A'	Roscrea	0-3	Newport	0-2	Dolla	Jim Conroy	21 May
U-12 F 'B'	Moneygall	2-3	Burgess	0-7	Cloughjordan	MI. McGrath	9 Oct.
U-14 F 'A'	Kildangan	2-9	Nenagh	1-3	Moneygall	MI. McGrath	27 May
U-14 F 'B'	B'Kane/Knockshe	2-4	Ballina/B'hinch	2-1	Kilcoleman	Sean Hogan	3 Oct.
U-16 F 'A'	Ballina/B'hinch	1-9	Kildangan	1-4	Kilcoleman	Mtn. Healy	9 July
U-16 F 'B'	Toomevara	1-8	Kilruane	1-6	Moneygall	C. Middleton	22 July





**BALLINA/BALLYNAHINCH U-12 TEAM - WINNERS OF NORTH SECTION II FINAL**

*Back Row (l-r): Shane Ryan, Sean McKeogh, Donncha Ryan, James McKeogh, Eamonn O'Sullivan, Cathal Gleeson, Adrian Kelly and Dermot Gleeson. Front Row: Sean McKeogh, Seamus Larkin, Anthony Hanley (Capt.), Thomas Collins, Michael Kennedy, Alan Kelly and Donal McKeogh.*



**BALLINA/BALLYNAHINCH U-16F**

*Back Row (l-r): Cathal Bourke, Anthony Mills, Declan McKeogh, Noel O'Shea, Mark Riordan, Brendan McKeogh, Mark Walton, Robert King, Ml. Darcy, Mark King, John Darcy, Padraig Flannery. Front Row: Des Morgan, Fran Hogan, Kevin Stritch, Mark Sheehy, (Owen Sheehy, mascot), David Fahy, Des Kelly, Ml. O'Brien, James O'Brien, Bill Lynch.*



**BORRISOKANE-KNOCKSHEGOWNA U-14 F SECTION II WINNERS**

*Back (l-r): Joe Ford (Sel.), Peter Browne (Sel.), Conor D'Arcy, Keith Goherty, Melvin Loughmane, Shane Grace, Brian Hogan, Michael O'Brien, Patrick Carroll, Ronan Guest, Mark Hobbs, John O'Donoghue, Flan Larkin (Sel.). Front (l-r): Darren Browne, Brian Bond, Ger Morris, Keith O'Brien, Colm Larkin, Dara McKenna, Pat Tully (Capt.), Owen Larkin, Tadghie Slevin, Eddie Kennedy, Vincent McKenna (Sel.).*



**NORTH TIPPERARY U-14 PANEL - WINNERS PEADAR CUMMINS TOURNAMENT**

*Defeated Mid 1-10 to 1-2; defeated South 1-10 to 0-3. Back Row (l-r): John Keane (Borrisoleigh), Declan Maher (do.), Andrew Ryan (Toome), Enda Nolan (Kildangan), Emmot Dunphy (Roscrea), Pat Tully (B'kane), Oisín Sheehy (Ballina), Kevin McDonnell (Burgess), Stephen O'Meara (Toomevara). Middle Row: Michael Delahunty (Portroe), Jim McDonnell (Roscrea), Padraig Cahalan (Shannon Rovers), Stephen Hegarty (Kildangan), Cormac Galvin (Nenagh Eire Og), Paddy McGrath (Toomevara), Garrett Howard (Burgess), Thomas Ryan (Toomevara), Fergal McDonnell (Burgess). Front Row: Paul Coleman (Ballina), Tadgh Slevin (Borrisokane), John Slattery (Kildangan), Trevor Moloney (Nenagh Eire Og), Trevor Fletcher (Roscrea), Tony Douglas (Capt., Roscrea), Paul Ryan (Templederry), Alan McKeogh (Ballina), Philip Mahon (Borrisoleigh), Riche Flannery (Nenagh), and Paddy O'Brien (Toomevara).*



**PORTROE U-12 PANEL - WINNERS NORTH SECTION III FINAL**

*Back Row (l-r): Edward Lawlor, Michael Moloney, Shane Creamer, Darren Gleeson (Capt.), Jonathan Hogan, Adam Hogan, Andrew Meaney, Padraig Hickey and Cathal Ryan. Second Row: William Shouldice, Kevin Shinnors, Fergal Hayes, James Freeman, David Lewis, Cian Seymour, Nicky Ryan and William Delahunty. Front Row: Raymond Cottrell, Thomas Quinn, Sean Donnellan, Jason Kennedy, Oliver Ryan, Mattie Kennedy and Hugh Blaney.*



**Moneygall Under-12 Footballers: North Tipp Section II Winners**

*Back Row: Michael Ryan, Damien Martin, Donal Doughan, David Gleeson, Thomas Harney, Paddy Ryan, Danny Sutton. Front Row: Seamus O'Meara, Billy McCormack, Paddy Fanning, Malachy Maher, Paul Smyth, Michael Kirwan, William Greene.*



# Roscrea's conveyor belt back in production

In common with most clubs in the county, Roscrea has been very lucky to have a strong juvenile section, which has, over the years, produced a steady stream of well-trained, well-coached and skilful young players for the club's adult teams. Stars such as Tadhg O'Connor, Francis Loughnane, Jimmy Crampton, Joe Tynan, Tadhg Murphy, Ger O'Connor, Michéal Scully, Donie Kealy and Paul Delaney were products of this conveyor belt system, who went on to play starring roles for both their club and county.

However, the mid 1980s saw the beginning of a sharp decline in the fortunes of underage teams representing the town. Not alone were championships not being won, but more disappointingly the club had seasons when hardly a championship game was won in any grade. Against that background it is no mean achievement to be able to say that 1993 will go down as one of the most successful ever in the club's long and chequered history.

The year began on a promising note when the club won its first North Tipp under-12 football title in ten years. Interest in football has been very high since the Co. Board/Fás scheme started in the primary schools and the selectors, Gerry Fitzgerald, Gerry Kennedy and Aidan Shanahan, tapped into this enthusiasm to organise a very successful schools league. From this they put together a panel which defeated Ballina, Nenagh and then Newport, to become North champions under captain Paul Brussels. They put in another great display to draw with Dúrlas Óg in the county semi-final. In the replay, terrible playing conditions and a bad start combined to undermine their confidence and they were well beaten by the eventual county champions.

Next into the fray were the under-14 hurlers, who were trying to hold onto the county crown won the previous year. Easy victories over Borrisokane, Kilruane and Moneygall qualified them for a semi-final versus Kildangan, whom they beat in a replay and went on to defeat Toomevara in a thrilling final. In the county semi-final

Clohouly were defeated in a high-scoring encounter and so on to face Mullinahone with the county crown at stake. This was one of the best games seen in any grade in the county during the year. Roscrea won and retained their under-14 title.

Amid scenes of great jubilation, the trophy was accepted by Enda Fitzgerald, on behalf of his team mates and selectors Kevin Moloney, Dermot Moloney, Tom McCarthy, Hugh McDonnell and Jim Sheehy.

So all in all a highly successful and very productive year for Roscrea Juvenile

G.A.A. club and who knows if that old conveyor belt can be resurrected. Maybe the young stars of these teams can emulate the achievements of the famous players mentioned at the beginning of this article, and bring further honours to both club and county.

After a brilliant display against a fancied Toomevara team in the North Final, the team went on to defeat Cappawhite after a replay in the county semi-final, only to go down by the minimum of margins to Dúrlas Óg in the final on a scoreline of 4-7 to 4-6.



**ROSCREA U-14 PANEL – WINNERS OF CO. FINAL (URBAN/RURAL)**

Back row (left to right) Damien Moloney, Darragh Spooner, Colm Loughmane, William Hayes, Trevor Fletcher, Pat Lee, Damien Cunningham, Alan Barry, Stephen Hogan, Tony Douglas, Emmet Dunphy and Enda Fitzgerald (captain). Front row: David McDonnell, Colm Monahan, Brendan Ryan, Alan Grehan, Robert Ryan, Eoin Buckley, John O'Lone, Brendan Doran, Darryl



**ROSCREA UNDER-12 FOOTBALL – NORTH TIPP CHAMPIONS**

Back: Derek Halpin, Don Maher, Jim McDonnell, Fitzgerald, Gerry Kennedy (selector), Loughmane, Gavin Lynch, Gerry Fitzgerald (selector), Gary Loughmane, Fitzgerald, Darragh Spooner, Gary Elbert, Christopher Conlon, Aidan Shanahan (selector). Front: Colm Kennedy, Brian Kirwan, Loughmane, Ruairi O'Connor, Alan Franks, Aaron Ryan, Paul Brussels (captain), Ross Redmond, Anthony Walsh, Oliver Douglas, Cormac Donnellan, Laurence Byrne, Jim Sheehy.



**ROSCREA U-16 TEAM – NORTH 'A' WINNERS**

Back row (l. to r.) Tadhg O'Connor, John Douglas, Stephen Shanahan, Liam England, Eoghan Maher, John Carroll, Thomas Carey, Thomas Loughman and Ken Brennan. Front row: Brendan Moloney, Emmet Dunphy, Aidan Moloney, Tony Douglas, Enda Fitzgerald, Patrick Rowland and Niall O'Connor.



# Post-Primary G.A.A. Scene In Tipperary

(Séan O Costagáin)

**I**T once again gives me great pleasure to recall the activity on the post-primary scene in the county over the past twelve months. At the AGM in September 1992 a new post-primary Schools Board was formed to organise both the hurling and football competitions within the county. This account will cover both codes this year.

On the football scene the premier competition in the county is the McGabhann Cup. This is now an under 18 competition and last year we had eight affiliations. The two teams to emerge to contest the final were Abbey C.B.S. and Cahir V.S. with the Abbey emerging clearcut winners on the score 1-19 to 1-3.

The (u/18) B Football competition for the McGabhann Shield also had eight contestants and some very competitive games took place before Tipperary V.S. and Newport V.S. emerged to contest the final. The final which formed part of a double header programme with the A Final in Cashel saw Tipperary V.S. coming out winners by 4-5 to 0-5.

The (u/15) A Football competition for the Cusack Cup had eight affiliations and an excellent Carrick-on-Suir C.B.S. combination proved worthy winners in the final over Killenaule V.S. by 3-14 to 1-3.

In the (u/15) B Football for the Cusack Shield 12 teams affiliated and following a series of very interesting games Borrisokane V.S. and Fethard Secondary qualified for the Final. The final played in Borrisokane saw the lower Ormond boys capture their first post-primary Football competition in the county and what made their victory special was that their victims were Fethard one of the traditional big ball strongholds in the county. The final score was 2-8 to 1-5 in Borrisokane's favour.

The final football competition under our jurisdiction was the (u/14) blitz which took place in Rockwell College on the second Wednesday in May. This in my opinion was a tremendous success with twenty teams participating and with the competition so structured each team had four games in the league section before the knock out stages.

The A Section finalists were Clonmel High School and Carrick C.B.S. and after an exciting game of football Clonmel C.B.S. emerged winners by 2-8 to 3-3.

In the Shield Final Thurles V.S. were victorious when defeating Clonmel C.B.S. (B) by 2-5 to 2-2.

For teams that failed to qualify for either the A competition or the Shield a special skills competition was organised and here Fethard Secondary emerged

winners.

In hurling the first competition decided was the (u/16) A Croke Cup. Eleven teams affiliated here and after one of the best competitions in this grade for years Thurles C.B.S. retained the trophy defeating Tipperary C.B.S. in a reply by 2-9 to 0-9.

The (u/16) B hurling competition for the Hennessey Cup had twelve affiliations and again some great games took place before Presentation Convent Ballingarry captured the trophy by defeating Nenagh V.S. in an excellent final by 3-6 to 2-4. This was Ballingarry's first win in post-primary competition and was just reward for the great work being done in the promotion of Gaelic games by Mayo man Joe Moran around Slieve Ardagh.

Fifteen teams affiliated for the Fitzgerald Shield the (u/17) B hurling competition and it again provided some excellent games. The finalists to emerge were Clonmel C.B.S. and Carrick-on-Suir

C.B.S. and following a keenly contested affair in Kilsheelan Carrick were winners on a scoreline of 1-11 to 1-7.

The Premier hurling competition at post-primary level is the Fitzgerald Cup (u/17) A. Eight teams affiliated and Thurles C.B.S. and Borrisokane V.S. contested the final. Thurles were hot favourites to retain their title but not before they got a rare old fright from the Lower Ormond school. The final score here was 1-12 to 0-6 in Thurles favour.

Once again as I conclude this report I am pleased to say that all post-primary competitions were concluded successfully and I am deeply indebted to all games masters in the County for their help and co-operation and I hope that the work going on at post-primary level will eventually play its part in ensuring that Tipperary capture an All Ireland Minor title in hurling or football in the not too distant future.

THURLES C.B.S. - CANON FITZGERALD CUP WINNERS 1992 /93



Back row John Dwyer, Pat Coman, Mark King, Dáire Molumby, Gary Meragh, Noel Murphy, Kevin Ryan (L), Noel Ryan, Philip O'Dwyer. Middle row: Damien Kinane, Antony Kirby, Ger Flanagan, Colm Coppinger, Johnny Enright, Austin Cooney, Tony Burke, Brian O'Grady, Damien Harris, Vincent Stapleton. Front row Donnchu Maher, Michael Kennedy, Liam Scully, Brian Lanpher, Matthew O'Dowd, Paidie Ryan, Jimmy Darcy, Seamus Costello.

THURLES C.B.S.



Croke Cup Champions '92/'93 Top 1st row Tony Dunne, Donal Donnelly, Mark Wade, Vincent Coughlan, Colin Coppinger. 2nd middle Vincent Kennedy, Brian Webster, David Butler, Austin Cooney, William Ryan, Brian O'Grady, Joe Barry, James Ryan, Darragh Kinane. 3rd bottom James Cashin, Michael O'Dwyer, Rory Lowe, Jason Kavanagh, Johnny Enright, (capt), Emmet Maher, David Sweeney, Michael Esmond, Noel Butler.



# Presentation, Ballingarry, under-16 hurlers won Corn Ui Aonghusa 1993

**T**HE winning of the Corn Ui Aonghusa Tipperary post-primary schools hurling competition was the school's first county hurling title. There were twelve schools in the competition with Ballingarry playing Rockwell College in round one.

Ballingarry were ahead in this game throughout but Rockwell kept coming back until a flurry of points by Ronan Stanley midway through the second half secured the victory. In the second round the team played with great skill and confidence to overcome the challenge of Clonmel V.S. in Clonkeen.

Newport V.S. provided stiff opposition in the semi-final at Drombane on November 20th. The

first half was dominated by Newport, who led by five points at half-time. Some positional changes and the free-taking of Martin Goldsboro ensured a fine comeback to draw the game. A replay in atrocious weather took place after Christmas on February 5th at Littleton. Ballingarry raced into a commanding lead crowned with a fine goal by new full-forward Patrick Hickey. As usual, the defence played very well to contain the Newport revival in the second half.

On Thursday, March 4th, Ballingarry confronted Nenagh V.S. in the final at Littleton. Nenagh were favourites on the strength of their impressive semi-final win over Carrick-on-Suir. Ballingarry settled first and two goals by John Lacy set up a 2-3 to 0-2 half-time lead. In the second half Nenagh rallied strongly

but the Ballingarry defence held firm. The final score was 3-6 to 2-4. One of the highlights of the game was a spectacular point from 80 yards by John Teehan.

Ronan Stanley was presented with the Corn Ui Aonghusa by the County Chairman, Michael Maguire, amid scenes of great joy.

The commitment and discipline of the players was a major factor in their success. Mr Moran and Mr Daly ensured that the team was well prepared.

John Leahy and Sean Brett, two of the school's best known past-pupils, presented the medals and tokens to the players at a special function on the 4th of June. Mrs Susan Meagher, M.C.C., presented a new set of jerseys to the school in memory of her late husband, Ned, who died during the year.

## PRESENTATION, BALLINGARRY, CORN UI AONGHUSA UNDER-16 HURLING CHAMPIONS, 1993



Back row (left to right): Seamus Kealy, John Teehan, Patrick Walsh, William Brewer, John Lacy, Brendan Meagher, Leo Dufficey, Pat Tobin, Mr Joe Moran (coach). Middle row (left to right): Brendan Phelan, Shane Meagher, Denis Tobin, Andrew Laffan, Philip Breen, Robert Campion, John Hayden, Brendan Cody, Thomas McGrath. Front row (left to right): Noel Burke, Liam Croke, Martin Goldsboro, Ronan Stanley (captain), Thomas Manton, Brian Walton, Patrick Hickey.



# Scoil Ruain - Killenaule

1993 was another very successful year for Scoil Ruain, Senior Hurling team. Having disposed easily of Causeway and Middleton in the early rounds they had to pull out all the stops to overcome a fine Bandon Team in the Munster Final.

This match went to extra time with Scoil Ruain emerging victorious by the narrowest of margins. We went on to meet Athenry in our first ever All Ireland Senior semi final. We entered the game severely handicapped as captain and Co. Minor Pat Croke was unavailable.

In the first half Athenry were rampant and took a commanding lead. Six minutes into the second half Athenry led by 3-5 to 0-6. However, Scoil Ruain, fought back and at the final whistle had harrowed the gap to 3 points. While every man on the Scoil Ruain team gave his best there were outstanding displays from Paul Shelly and Pat O'Grady in the back line, Liam Cahill and Ken Browne at mid

field and Ollie Fitzgerald and Ken Cleary in attack.

Team: J. Clarke (Mullinahone), C. Dunne (Gortnahoe-Glengoole) P. O'Grady, (Killenaule), M. Ivors (Ballingarry), B. Mullaly (Ballingarry), P. Shelly (Killenaule), D. Taylor

(Killenaule), L. Cahill (Ballingarry), K. Browne (Killenaule), G. Dalton (Mullinahone), J. Noonan (St. Patrick's Drangan), B. Hogan (Gortnahoe-Glengoole), O. Fitzgerald (Killenaule), B. Hayes (Killenaule), K. Cleary (Killenaule).

## South Tipperary Junior Hurling

As has become practice in recent years in Scoil Ruain, two teams were fielded in the South Tipperary Junior Hurling Championship. The Scoil Ruain "B" team had an easy victory over Cahir in the first round while Killenaule "A" struggled to defeat a gallant Cappawhite side in Clonoulty. The two Scoil Ruain teams were drawn to meet in the semi-final and, after a titanic struggle, the teams finished level at the end of normal time.. Scoil Ruain "B" emerged victorious by five points in extra time. The scene was now set for the final between Carrick who had beaten Tipperary in the other semi final, and Scoil Ruain "B". The match played in

Marlfield, was a tense, close affair, with plenty of skillful hurling from both sides.

The full blooded commitment of all thirty players involved augurs well for the future of hurling in the South division. After an absorbing final Scoil Ruain "B" took the laurels by a single point and Captain Nigel Cleere brought the cup back to Scoil Ruain for another year.

Scoil Ruain "B" John Croke, Philip Blake, Neil O'Donoghue, Aiden Grogan, Gary Collins, Eamonn Delaney, Eddie O'Brien, Nigel Cleere, Jason Corbett, Liam Cleere, Patrick Bolger,



All Ireland champions - the Scoil Ruain (Killenaule) panel which won the Vocational Schools Junior All Ireland final by defeating Gort at Newmarket on Fergus. Back row, left to right: Jimmy Clarke, Liam Cahill, Padraig Noonan, Pat Ryan, Michael Ivors, Colm O'Brien, Ger Dalton, Brendan Hogan, Kevin O'Meara, Brendan Mullaly, Dessie Taylor, Kenneth Cleary, Andy Fox (trainer). Front row Chris Dunne, Gary Ivors, Barry Brennan, Ger Hogan, Michael Butler, Paul Shelly (captain) Ken Browne, Eamonn Tuohy, Tommy Griffin, Pat O'Grady.



# Cumann na mBunscol

(Tiobraid Arann)

## Primary Schools GAA

By Paul Brett (Rúnaí)

**A**NOTHER year has come and gone in the life of Cumann na mBunscol, and I am delighted to say that it again has been a very successful year for us. The growth of girls football has been the big success of the year and we hope to see this grow even bigger in the coming year.

### I.N.T.O./G.A.A. SKILLS

#### PEIL (CAILINI):

Cahir GAA field was the setting for the final of the girls' football. Preliminary rounds having already been held, Inch N.S., Clogheen N.S., Lisvernane N.S. and Ballylooby N.S. won their way to this final. All four schools played each other in a round robin competition and the result was in doubt right up to the last game. After a very exciting evening Lisvernane N.S. came out on top to win their first ever trophy under the auspices of Cumann na mBunscol, Tiobraid Arann.

Lisvernane N.S.: Tracy O'Brien, Siobhán Hayes, Margaret Moroney, Marie Hayes, Margaret Moroney, Marie Hayes, Anita O'Brien, Edel Hanley, Louise Wilkinson, Celine McInerney, Mary Donovan, Pauline Shanahan, Tanya Anderson, Becky Noonan and Louise Wilkinson.

Ballylooby N.S.: Kelly Connolly, Elaine Doyle, Anne-Marie Tobin, Orla Kennedy, Geraldine Barry, Liza Fitzgerald, Mary Therese Slattery, Margaret Butler, Jean Burke and Aisling Burke.

Inch N.S.: Mairéad Ryan, Breda McGrath, Joanne Ryan, Catherine Hennessey, Cheryl Broderick, Mairín Egan, Jacinta Doherty, Regina Long, Aine Everard, Marie Costelloe and Emer Finn.

Clogheen N.S.: Marie O'Neill, Nora Noonan, Suzanne Wall, Emma Wall, Audrey Wyse, Amy Rylands, Eavan Moran, Karen Kenneally, Michelle Slattery and Lisa Kenneally.

#### PEIL (BUACHAILLI):

Cahir GAA field was again the venue for the final of the boys football. Four schools, Ballylooby N.S., St. Patrick's N.S., Fethard, Clonoulty N.S. and Ardfinnan N.S. won their way to the final by winning their respective preliminary rounds the previous week. The games were played on a Friday and we were blessed with a glorious evening after the rest of the week had been very bad weather wise.

All six games in this round robin were very even and at the end of the day three of the schools ended up with the same



St. Oliver's Primary School, winners of the county under-11 primary schools hurling final played at Semple Stadium. Back row: Sheila Quigley, N.T., Thomas McGrath, Cathal Coffey, Thomas Anderson, Ian Brannigan, James Carroll, Emmet Ryan, Alan Cagney, T. J. Wall, David Beckett, Alan O'Dwyer, Denis Conway, Derek Keane, Jerry McDonnell, N.T. Front row: Paul Cagney, Derek Norris, Wayne Kiely, James Cogrove, Dean Kennedy, Adrian Quinn, Ian Cleary, Kenneth Sweetman, Richard Crowe, Robert Kennedy and Mark O'Neill.



Ballinahinch National School, runners-up in the County 'C' Primary Schools hurling final played at Semple Stadium. Front row: John Ryan, N.T. (coach), Adrian Kelly (capt.), Dermot Gleeson, John Paul O'Sullivan, Michael Ryan, Patrick Crowe, Kieran Ryan, Daniel Lyons, Martin Clifford, Vincent Scanlan and Donnach Ryan. Front row: David Ryan, Stephen McNamara, Matthew Kennedy, Alan Kelly, Gerard Griffin, Matthew Fahy, Michael Fitzgerald, Eoin O'Sullivan, John Doherty and Kieran Kennedy.



Oifigi Cumann na mBunscol, 1993. Back row: Paudie Butler (Inch N.S., Delegate to County Board), Stephen Maher (Loughmore N.S. Vice-Chairman), Donal MacCarthaigh (Ballylooby N.S., Delegate to Munster Council of Primary Schools). Front row: Jerry Daly (Thurles, Hon. Life President), Jerry McDonnell (St. Oliver's N.S. Chairman), Paul Brett (St. Oliver's N.S. Rúnaí).





# TOOMEVARA

## Tipperary Senior Hurling Champions 1993

Back Row: L to R - Kevin Kennedy, Michael Murphy, Pat King, Jody Grace (Capt.), Pat Maher, Liam Flaherty, Tommy Dunne, Philip Shanahan.  
Front Row: Tony Delaney, Mike Nolan, George Frend, Declan O'Meara, Tommy Carroll, Michael O'Meara, Rory Brislane...



number of points each. When this happens the rules state that the school with the highest score 'for' are declared the winners and after some deliberations St. Patrick's N.S. were deemed to have won by a whisker. It was tough luck on Ballylooby N.S. and Clonoulty N.S.

St. Patrick's N.S., Fethard: Nicky Murphy, Jason Nevin, Karol Maher, Conor O'Donnell, John Fitzgerald, Kevin O'Donnell, Kenneth O'Donnell, Keith Woodlock, Joseph Keane and Cian Maher.

Ballylooby N.S.: Cormac McCarthy, Pat Morrissey, James Moran, Peter Kennedy, James Swords, Colin Morrissey, Jamie Coffey, Ronan Dwyer, Brian Fitzgerald and Jamie Myles.

Clonoulty/Ballagh N.S.: Tom Butler, Liam Manton, John Devane, T. J. Ryan, Liam Kearney, Alan Kennedy, David Kennedy, Michael O'Shea, Dessie Cullen and Francis O'Dwyer.

#### CAMOGAIOCHT:

This year we had our highest number of schools taking part in the camogie. We hope this will encourage other schools to take part this year. After two preliminary rounds in Roscrea and Clonmel, Inch N.S., Templemore G.N.S., Rosegreen N.S. and Bansha N.S. reached the county final, which was played in Cashel GAA field. Inch N.S. proved too strong on this occasion for the other schools, but this was due in no small way to the skill of Catherine Hennessey. She was a class apart and a name we are certain to hear in camogie circles for years to come.

#### IOMANAIOCHT:

The final of the hurling, kindly sponsored by Park Avenue Hotel, Thurles, was played in The Ragg. Again four schools, Moneygall N.S., Inch N.S., Ardfinnan N.S. and Grange N.S., won their way to the final. After years of trying it was their first skills final for Ardfinnan and Grange. After very keenly contested games the outcome came down to the game between Inch and Moneygall, with the boys from Inch just holding out their rivals from the North. After the games Mrs Eleanor O'Connell of the Park Avenue presented the cup to Paul Stapleton, captain of the Inch team.

#### REGIONAL FESTIVAL:

Tipperary hosted the regional festival of the skills competitions in hurling and camogie this year. Schools from Tipperary, Cork, Kerry, Limerick and Clare came to Clonmel. After a number of mixed games players were selected, all of whom were seen in Croke Park later on in the year.

#### Iománaíocht

#### SOUTHERN SECTION:

##### ROINN A:

Thurles C.B.S., 2-3

Carrick C.B.S., 0-1

Carrick C.B.S. won the toss and elected to play with the slight wind in the first half. The game was played at a very fast pace



Moneygall National School, runners-up in the County 'B' Primary Schools hurling final played at Semple Stadium. Back row: Emer Guilfoyle, Derek O'Meara, Donall Doughan, David Gleeson, Thomas Harney, Derek Ryan, Tadhg Kennedy, Danny Sutton, Paddy Ryan, Aonghus Hourihane, Michael Ryan, Damien Martin and Colm Larkin. Front row: Gerard Costello, Brian Quinlan, Gerard Ryan, Brendan Jones, John O'Meara, Seamus O'Meara, Padraig Greene, Billy McCormack, Brian Nolan, William Greene and John Delaney.



Winners of Roinn A in hurling. Thurles C.B.S., winners of Roinn A in hurling. Back row: Pat McEvoy and John Hickey (coaches), Colm O'Rourke, Cathal Hennessey, Joe Ryan, Kevin Ralph, Kevin Cotter, Lar Corbett, Declan Curtin, Colm Ryan, Jamie Murphy, Stephen Mason, T. J. Dwyer and Donal Ryan, N.T. Front row: John Connors, David Horan, Aidan Burke, Kevin O'Riordan, Tommy Collins (capt.), Donal Duggan, Brian O'Loughlin, Willie Gleeson, Tossie Harold, John Lawlor, Noel Skehan and Barry McLoughlin.



Burgess National School, who played Grange N.S. in the County 'D' Primary Schools hurling final at Semple Stadium. Back row: Padraig McDonnell, Paul Seymour, Shane Maher, Michael Crowe, Patrick Mulcahy, Padraig Madden, Michael Nevin, Shane Mulcahy, Marie Mulcahy, Denis Floyd, N.T. (coach). Front row: Michael Fogarty, Cathal Hanrahan, Noel Gleeson, David Haskett, David Maher, Thomas McGrath, Conor Mulcahy, Eoghan Duggan, Martin Fogarty, Sean Darcy.



with both schools intent on winning the cup. Cathal Hennessey of Thurles gave an exhibition at centre back and he was the one factor that kept Thurles in the game up to half-time, by which time Carrick were ahead on the score 0-1 to 0-0.

In the second half Thurles clawed their way back into the game, thanks mainly to the efforts of John Lawlor at midfield. Gareth O'Hanlon and John Brophy were outstanding for Carrick but in the end Thurles just about deserved their win.

Carrick C.B.S.: William O'Brien, Michael Raggett, Gareth O'Hanlon, Sean Norris, Darren Reade, John Brophy, John Smith, John Nolan, Philip Loughman, Alan Casey, Graham Walsh, Conor Cleary, Anthony O'Connor, Michael Walsh and David Reade. Subs.: Ronan Costello, Connie Enright, Derek O'Sullivan and Emmet O'Shea.



St. Patrick's N.S., Fethard, winners of the I.N.T.O./G.A.A. skills in football. Included is their coach, Eamonn Dwyer, N.T.

#### ROINN B:

This final was between Inch N.S. and Holy Cross N.S. Inch, having won Roinn C last year, elected to be promoted to Roinn B and reached the final on their first attempt. Not only did they reach the final but after very a competitive game they emerged winners and put their name on the trophy at the first attempt.



Inch N.S., winners of the I.N.T.O./G.A.A. skills in camogie.

#### ROINN C:

Ballylooby N.S., 1-4  
Ballingarry N.S., 0-2

This Roinn C final was played in Monroe GAA field and what a final it turned out to be. Ballingarry N.S. taking part in our competitions for the first time, had the wind in the first half. Both teams played their hearts out and scores were difficult to come by. The tackling and blocking were of a very high standard and the two teams ended a rip-roaring first period on level terms.

The wind favoured Ballylooby in the second half, but they found it very hard to break down the Ballingarry backs. While all players had fine games, special mention must be made of James Swords, Colin Morrissey, Peter Kennedy and Pat Wilkinson of Ballylooby, as well as Jason Ivors, Donal Shelly, Brendan O'Brien and Tomás Norton of Ballingarry.

Ballingarry N.S.: Jason Ivors, Eddie Cahill, Tomás Norton, Seán Norton, Seán Brennan, Seán Cormac, Kevin O'Connell, Gerard Ivors, Brendan O'Brien, Dickie Norton, Patrick Hayes, Donal Shelley, Niall Kelly, Matthew Sparrow, Ronald Rice and Eamonn Cahill. Subs.: William Maher, Simon Brewer, J. R. McGrath, Michael Norton, J. Quigley, Michael Fennelly, W. Molloy, Johnny Cashin, B. Kelly and A. Walsh.

Grange N.S., 1-9

Templetuohy N.S., 1-4

It was a case of third time lucky for Grange N.S. this time after being beaten in two previous regional Roinn D finals.

The game was played at a hectic pace with some lovely ground hurling evident from both teams. Grange squandered a lot of scoring chances in the first half and



Grange National School, who won the County 'D' Primary Schools hurling final at Semple Stadium. Back row: David Hally, Gerard O'Meara, Oliver Maun, Conor Keating, Brian Farrell, Brian Loneragan, James Looby, Paul O'Donovan, Kieran O'Brien, Bryan O'Connor, Colm Guthrie, Neil O'Donovan, Eimear O'Loughlin. Front row: Michael Fitzpatrick, Donal Carroll, David Morris, John Purcell, Derek Davis (capt.), Michael Phelan, Barry Mullane, John Carroll, Shane O'connor, Martin Hally, Anthony Collins. Missing: Michael Walsh and Patrick Boyle.



Templetuohy were tenacious in their tackling for possession with centre-back Shane Fogarty repelling many Grange attacks. A crucial goal by James Looby just before half-time gave Grange a lead of 1-4 to 0-2.

In the second half the Grange midfield and forwards, especially Barry Mullane, John Carroll and Michael Phelan, won vital balls for Grange from Brian Loneragan's long puck outs. David Norris moved to midfield and played some great hurling. James Looby of Grange was 'man of the match' and ended with a score of 1-7. Templetuohy tried hard on the day but came up against a team not going to be denied for the third time.

Templetuohy N.S.: Kevin Fogarty, David Kelly, Declan Kelly, David Kennedy, Hugh Coughlan, Shane Fogarty, Raymond Everard, Louis Everard, Ricky Fogarty, John Sweeney, Pat Kennedy, Jim Tierney, Mark Kelly, Conor Breen and Declan Leahy. Subs.: John Hassett, Edward Kelly and Maurice O'Sullivan.

## County Finals

### ROINN A:

Thurles C.B.S., 4-6

Dromakeenan N.S., 3-4

After the disappointment of being beaten by Toomevara last year, Thurles C.B.S. started this game in a manner that showed they were very keen to make up for that defeat. They went at Dromakeenan, from Roscrea, from the throw-in and began to take their scores from all angles. Despite some great play from Brendan Murphy and Daragh Spooner at midfield for Dromakeenan, the Thurles half-backs, especially Colm Ryan and Cathal Hennessey, cleaned up everything thrown at them.

By Half-time Thurles had built up a substantial lead and it seemed they were in for an easy victory. But to everyone's surprise Dromakeenan came out and took the game to Thurles. Gradually they clawed their way back into the game and it took some wonder saves from Donal Duggan in the Thurles goal to keep them out. Added to this in the final minutes they hit the crossbar. Thurles held out for a very good win in a game that was one of the best seen Roinn A for many a year.

Thurles C.B.S.: Donal Duggan, Noel Skehan, Jamie Murphy, Kevin Ralph, Colm Ryan, Cathal Hennessey, Aidan Burke, Keith Cotter, Stephen Mason, John Connor, Lar Corbett, Tom Collins, Colm O'Rourke, Joe Ryan and John Lawlor. Subs.: Kevin O'Riordan, David Horan, T. J. Dwyer, Brian O'Loughlin, Declan Curtis, Ed. Morrissey, Barry McLoughlin, Tom Harold and Willie Gleeson.

Dromakeenan N.S.: Brian Carroll, Keith Murray, Michael Dooley, David McDonnell, Derek Middleton, Don Maher, Conor Boyce, Brendan Murphy, Darragh Spooner, Brendan Franks, David Kennedy, Jason Ryan and Derek Dennison. Subs.: J. J. Quinlan, John Carroll, Fintan Buckley, Diarmuid Fitzgerald and



*Inch National School, winners of the County 'B' Primary Schools hurling final played at Semple Stadium. Also included is coach, Paudie Butler.*



*Newtown Upper N.S., who played Gortagarry N.S. in the County 'E' Primary Schools hurling final at Semple Stadium. Back row: Mr Pat Mansell, N.T. (coach), Michael Cronin, Dermot Lanigan, Ruairi O'Connor, Brid Kirby, Vincent Long, James Power. Front row: Michael O'Shea, Robert O'Dea, Julianne Cody, Mark Cronin, Noel Sheehan, John Paul Brunnock, Gerard Long. Missing: Michael Foley-O'Neill, Thomas Dalton, Noel Keyes.*



*Inch N.S., winners of Tipperary I.N.T.O. Sevens. Back Row: Robert Hicks, Liam Kennedy, Padraig Butler, Damien Young, Alan Ryan, Seamus Butler. Front row: Macdarra Butler, Feargall McLoughlin, Seamus Walsh, Paul Stapleton, Liam Brett.*



Ronan Middleton.

#### ROINN B:

Inch N.S., 2-4

Moneygall N.S., 0-4

Moneygall N.S. came to Semple Stadium hoping to make it three-in-a-row but Inch N.S. had other ideas. They themselves were in for an unique three-in-a-row as in the previous two years they had won Roinn D and Roinn C, and they were hoping to add Roinn B to their collection. They suffered a severe blow the day before the game when their star forward, Catriona Hennessey, was ruled out by a freak accident sustained at home and was unable to play.

From the throw-in both teams gave it all, but no team could get on top of the other. Scores were exchanged on both sides and it was anyone's game for a long time. Alan Ryan of Inch was the star of the day and his two goals were the difference between the teams.

#### ROINN C:

Ballylooby N.S., 4-10

Ballinahinch N.S., 2-2

The final score of this game doesn't do justice to a gallant Ballinahinch team and many present were surprised at the extent of Ballylooby's win. While Ballylooby were the better side, Ballinahinch matched them stroke for stroke and it was only in the last minutes that Ballylooby got on top.

Best for Ballylooby were Jamie Coffey, Cormac McCarthy, James Swords and the Morrissey brothers. Their ability to take points from all angles proved their trump card on the day. While Ballinahinch were beaten they had nothing to be ashamed of in their first county final appearance and they had some fine players in Patrick Crowe, Martin Clifford, Adrian Kelly and John Paul O'Sullivan.

Ballylooby N.S.: Jamie Myles, Pat Wilkinson, James Moran, Eamon Burke, Jamie Coffey, Pa Morrissey, James Swords, Cormac McCarthy, Ronan Dwyer, Colin Morrissey, Brian Fitzgerald, Peter Kennedy and Paul Kennedy. Subs.: John Loneran, Waylon Loneran, Colin Flynn, Sam Barker, Seanie Byrne, Eamon Myles, Patrick Walsh, Gerry Ryan

and John Barrett.

#### FAOI 11:

St. Oliver's N.S. (Clonmel), 4-2

Cahir B.N.S., 2-3

Tuesday, 22nd June, 1993, will go down in the annals of St. Oliver's school as the day they won their first ever county title in hurling. It was a day pupils, parents and teachers will remember for evermore.

St. Oliver's went into this final as favourites but it wasn't long before they realised that Cahir were not just there to make up the numbers. Right from the start Cahir tore into the game and with a brilliant display from Brian Enright in goal they kept Oliver's at bay and led at half-time by four points.

Within minutes of the second half Oliver's had drawn level and seemed to be coasting, but Cahir hit back again and with five minutes to go they had a lead of one point. All seemed lost for St. Oliver's but two goals, both of exceptional quality, by Emmet Ryan and T. J. Wall saved the day for them. Soon after the second goal the final whistle blew to the delight and relief of the Oliver's followers.

For St. Oliver's David Beckett played a captain's part ably, assisted by Cathal Coffey, T. J. Wall, Emmet Ryan and Ian Cleary, while for Cahir Brian Enright, Mark O'Dwyer, Damien McCarthy, Thomas Lawrence and Jamie Lynch had fine games.

Cahir B.N.S.: Brian Enright, Martin Burke, Mark O'Dwyer, David Loneran, Seamus Loneran, Damien McCarthy, Thomas Foley, Noel O'Gorman, Thomas Lawrence, James McGrath, Jamie Lynch, Pdraig Whelan, Brian Irwin, Robert Costigan and Daniel Maguire. Subs.: Liam Cantwell, David Kennedy, Adrian Marnane, Sean Maguire, Gary Burke, Eamon Barrett, Michael Hyde, James O'Connor, Anthony Fitzgerald, James Darcy, John Smith, Gavin Berry and Patrick McCarthy.

#### ROINN D:

Grange N.S., 3-6; Burgess, 4-3  
(after extra time)

Grange N.S., 2-11; Burgess N.S., 0-3  
(replay)

What a difference a few days can make. After a very close and exciting encounter, which could not be decided even after extra time, Grange had a comfortable win in the replay. With Derek Davis recovered from illness, he really made a big difference in the replay. Grange dictated the play but still had only four points to spare at the break. With the aid of the breeze, Grange took over in the second half and with James Looby, Barry Mullane and Kieran O'Brien ably assisting Derek Davis, they went on to win their first ever county title in hurling.

Grange N.S.: Brian Loneran, Kieran O'Brien, Oliver Maun, Conor Keating, James Looby, Paul O'Donovan, Kieran O'Brien, John Purcell, David Norris, Barry Mullane, Derek Davis and Michael Phelan. Subs.: John Carroll, Shane O'Connor, Neil O'Donovan, Gerard O'Meara, Michael Fitzpatrick, Eimear O'Loughlin, Anthony Collins, Michael Walsh, Martin Hally, Donal Carroll, Colm Guthrie, Brian O'Connor and David Hally.

#### ROINN E:

Gurtagarry N.S., 3-7

Newtown Upper N.S., 1-5

Gurtagarry N.S. are still the only school to retain their county title after this very exciting game. While on the day they were that little bit too good for their opponents, Newtown Upper, from the Carrick area, they played very well in this their first appearance in a county final.

#### PEIL:

As we go to press most of the football championships are still to be decided, but the current situation is as follows:

Roinn A: Fethard B.N.S. await either St. Mary's C.B.S. or SS. Peter and Paul's C.B.S. in the final.

Roinn B: Killenaule N.S. await either Cahir B.N.S. or Cashel B.N.S.

Roinn C: Inch N.S., Templemore N.S. and Rosegreen N.S. are still in contention.

Roinn D: Loughmore had a fine win over Clonoulty N.S. in this final.



Ballylooby N.S., winners of Roinn C championship. Back row: Sam Barker, Gerry Ryan, John Barrett, Sean Byrne, Liam Whelan, Eamonn Burke, James Swords, Pat Wilkinson, James Moran, Waylon Loneran, Pa Morrissey, Donall MacCarthaigh, N.T. (coach). Front row: Eamonn Myles, Jamie Coffey, Colin Flynn, Brian Fitzgerald, Paul Kennedy, Jamie Myles, Cormac McCarthy, Colin Morrissey (capt.), Peter Kennedy, Ronan Dwyer, Pat Beary.



# North Tipperary Primary Schools

ONCE again there was tremendous interest shown in our hurling and football competitions and the standard of play in all grades was as high as in previous years and provided great entertainment for the followers.

The year was marked by many fine achievements and pride of place must go to Gurtagarry NS who were victorious in their group for the sixth successive year. The victory reflects the outstanding work being done at juvenile level in Toomevara parish and is also a reward for the interest and dedication shown by the teachers and parents in Gurtagarry. To emphasise this, the school was also successful in their group in football.

Burgess NS also made their mark during the year when they recorded victories in both hurling and football for the second successive year. In their hurling victory over Dunkerrin NS they showed some excellent skills and many of their players will undoubtedly be stars of the future.

The emergence of Ballinahinch as winners of Section C for the first time brought great excitement to their locality and shows the great commitment of John Ryan NT, who is doing excellent work in his school.

Moneygall NS hit the headlines again by capturing the Section B trophy for the third successive year. Inch NS defeated them narrowly in the county final to spoil

their efforts at retaining the county trophy. Moneygall gave many fine displays in the I.N.T.O. seven-a-side blitz and only failed narrowly to achieve victory in the county final.

In the Section A final, Dromakeenan

NS upset the formbook when they came from behind to defeat a fancied Toomevara team who had seemed to be well on the way to victory. While this was a first success for Dromakeenan in Section A, they had already won Section B in 1988.



GORTAGARRY N.S. Panel

Winners of County Primary Schools, Section E final

Back row (l. to r.) – Gerry Kelly (trainer), Willie Kennedy, Michael Kelly, Thomas Kelly, Thomas Maxwell, Thomas Hassett, Alan Coffey, Kevin Cummins, Eileen Brislane (captain), Brendan Dunne.

Front row – Patrick Kelly, Thomas O'Brien, Conor Maxwell, Sean Hogan, Donal Fahy, Siobhan Gleeson, Eilish Hassett, Louise Maxwell.



DROMAKEENAN N.S.

Dromakeenan NS (winners, North Tipperary Primary Schools Section A, 1993).

Back row (l. to r.) – Tom McCarthy (trainer), Jason Ryan, Keith Murray, John Carroll, Don Maher, Fintan Buckley, Brian Carroll, Joseph Quinlan, Thomas Ryan, Derek Dennison, Andrew Golden, John Gunnell (trainer). Front row (l. to r.) – Eoin Quinlan, Conor Boyce, David McDonnell, Derek Middleton, Brendan Franks, Daragh Spooner, Michael Dooley (captain), Ronan Middleton, Diarmuid Fitzgerald, Martin Hayes, Brendan Murphy. Missing from photo – David Kennedy.



# HANDBALL ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS



*All-Ireland 60/30 Novice Champions – Michael Carrie and Paul McGrath (Cashel).*



*David Moloney (Cashel) – All-Ireland Junior Handball Champion 1992 and All-Ireland 40/20 U21 Singles Champion 1993.*



*All-Ireland Masters (B) 60/30 Champions – Gedds McKeogh and Ken Conway.*



*All-Ireland 40/20 and 60/30 U17 Singles – Carol Maloney (Cashel).*



*All-Ireland Senior 40/20 Singles Champion, Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen).*



*All-Ireland 60/30 Junior Champion, Sean Callaghan (Tipperary Town).*



*All-Ireland 40/20 and 60/30 U19 Singles Champion – Jackie Keating (Cashel).*



*U17 60/30 Doubles Champions – Linda Gillespie and Sandra Hourigan (Cashel).*



*All-Ireland 60/30 U21 Singles Champion, Noel Murphy, Cashel.*



Carrig NS also achieved success when they won Section B football final for the second successive year.

While the winners will always receive the publicity and praise that goes with victory, we must not forget the other schools whose dedication and commitment help to make the competitions so successful. Our hurling competitions are only in existence for six years and our football for four years, and already over half of our schools have achieved some success in one or the other while many other schools have only been deprived of success at the final stage. It is everyone's wish that these few who are still awaiting success, will maintain their interest and make the breakthrough in the near future.

The schools committee is grateful to the various park committees and referees for their co-operation during the year. Thanks also to the 'Nenagh Guardian' for continued coverage of our games and to the sponsors - Irish Permanent Building Society and Conor O'Donovan. A special word of thanks to the North Tipperary senior board for their financial help and encouragement.



CARRIG N.S. North Tipperary Primary School Football (Division B) Winners Back row (l. to r) - Mick O'Connell (referee), T. Connors, H. Flannery, P. Kirwan, E. Kirwan, G. Finch, G. Killeen, O. Hynes, L. Carey. Front row - D. Slattery, W. White, G. Corcoran, G. Quinn, J. Slattery, S. Gleeson, M. Nolan, E. Cleary.

#### NORTH TIPPERARY PRIMARY SCHOOLS FINALISTS 1993

Runners-up: Boher.

##### HURLING

Roinn A - Winners: Dromakeenan; Runners-up: Toomevara. Roinn B - Winners: Moneygall; Runners-up: Cloughjordan. Roinn C - Winners: Ballinahinch; Runners-up: Youghalarra. Roinn D - Winners: Burgess; Runners-up: Dunkerrin. Roinn E - Winners: Gurtagarry;

##### FOOTBALL

Roinn B - Winners: Carrig; Runners-up: Rathcabbin. Roinn C - Winners: Burgess; Runners-up: Arcrone. Roinn D - Winners: Gurtagarry; Runners-up: Kilkeary.

## Lattin-Cullen all Ireland Sevens Champions

ON SATURDAY 4/9/1993 the all Ireland Junior hurling sevens were held in St. Judes GAA club in Dublin. The competition is held for county junior hurling champions. Lattin-Cullen representing Tipperary set out early on Saturday morning along with their supporters, determined to win the title. Twenty teams took part in the league system with four groups of five with two teams from each group qualifying for the quarter finals.

Lattin and Cullen had an easy group which consisted of St. Judes, Leitrim; Fontenoys of Down; Castlebar, Mayo; Four Roads, Roscommon. They were drawn against Bodyke of Clare in the quarter final and qualified for the semi final against St. Mogues of Wexford.

For the first time they were meeting their match. They came from four points behind at half time to win by three. After a long day and supporters gathering from all over the city, the team were determined to win the final against Rahoon of Galway. Lattin-Cullen played in the final as if it was their first match.

Nicholas English was proud to accept the magnificent cup. The team were treated to a meal by the host club and in the clubhouse Gerry Maguire was presented with the Player of the Tournament trophy. The team and scorers over the seven matches - Eddie Morrissey (goals), Ger Kiely 2-1, Pat Maguire 0-1, Damian Moloney 1-0, Kevin Kiely 2-3, Pat

O'Halloran 4-6, Sean Dunne 2-2, Timmy Kelly 0-1, Nicholas English 18-18. Gerry Maguire 24-8.

Match Results - Lattin Cullen 10-8, St. Judes 0-1; Lattin Cullen 9-4, Leitrim

Fontenoys 0-1, Lattin Cullen 10-3, Four Roads 0-4; quarter final Lattin Cullen 6-4, BODykme 3-2, semi final Lattin Cullen 5-5, St. Mogues 4-5, Final Lattin Cullen 3-4, Rahoon 1-3.



Lattin and Cullen Back l. to r. Pat Maguire, Gerard Kiely, Eddie Morrissey, Kevin Kiely, Timmy Kelly, front Gerry Maguire, Sean Dunne, Nicky English, Pat O'Halloran, Damien Moloney.



# TIPPERARY HANDBALL 1993

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## Thirteen All-Ireland Titles In A Year To Remember And Much More

### 40/20 Season

Tipperary had a good 40/20 season winning five All-Ireland titles and seven Munster titles.

### Corbett wins Senior Singles

In the month of May, Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen) captured the All-Ireland 40/20 Senior Singles title last won for Tipperary by Tony Ryan in 1983.

Eddie had a brilliant campaign winning the Munster title with wins over P. Walsh (Clare), N. Breen (Clare) and J. Herlihy (Cork) and then turned in a superb performance to beat the fancied F. McCann (Sligo) in the All-Ireland semi-final.

In a dramatic final which began in Ballymore-Eustace where Eddie played Walter O'Connor (Meath), the defending champion, and O'Connor blazed into a 10-0 lead with Eddie looking out of it but Eddie clawed his way back to 10-5 and then 13-9 and 18-15 but Eddie rallied to finish off the first game 21-18. Then O'Connor said "that the left wall was wet" and after a break, the referee deemed the court unfit to play, thus calling the match off.

The match was refixed for Ballaghadreen with Eddie one game up. In the second game Walter began in determined fashion running into a 7-1 lead and held his lead comfortably all the way through to win 21-11. On to the final and deciding game with Eddie beginning to play well running into 4-1 lead and then 7-4 with some "great kills" and some "unbelievable ball picking" Eddie moved to 11-7 and then 14-7. O'Connor reached 11 aces but Eddie's superb fitness showed when he comfortably won 21-11 to win his first Senior Singles title.

### Maloney lifts U-21 Crown

David Maloney (Cashel) won his first All-Ireland of the year when he won the All-Ireland U-21 40/20 singles title beating Adrian Benson (Dublin) in the final.

David who won the Munster championship comfortably with wins over J. Cullinane (Clare), M. O'Connor (Kerry), C. Maxwell (Clare) and G. Kelleher (Cork) in the final. In the All-Ireland semi-final, David beat C. Heneghan (Roscommon). In the All-Ireland final David was hitting the ball with great power which Benson could not cope with



All-Ireland 40/20 champions David Maloney and Noel Murphy (Cashel) receiving their medals from president Mr. Sean McEntee.

and with numerous kills he comprehensively won the first game 21-3. The second game was much the same as the first with David in total control with his "kill shot on song" he had a runaway win 21-6 to take the U-21 Singles title.

### Murphy & Maloney retain title

In the month of April, Noel Murphy and David Maloney retained the All-Ireland U-21 40/20 Doubles title beating Carlow in the final.

In the final in Croke Park, Noel and David began well, playing solidly and looked in no trouble, winning comfortably 21-14. But the second game was a big change about with both Noel and David seeming to relax and with the Carlow pair of D. King and S. McKavanagh running into a big lead the Cashel lads could not catch them, losing the second game 21-13. In the third game, Noel and David showed all their experience to regain their domination and were always well in control to win 21-12.

### Two All-Irelands for girls

Carol Maloney returned to competition action in brilliant form when she won the All-Ireland U-17 Singles title.

Carol comfortably won the Munster title with an easy win over Clare and then in the All-Ireland semi-final she beat Roscommon. In the final, Carol showed some superb form with her brilliant "left-hand" she was always well on top to win at ease against her Kildare opponent.

Jackie Keating was again in fine form after her Christmas trip to the U.S.A., she added the U-19 Singles to her long list of achievements.

Jackie won the Munster title with an easy win over Clare. In the All-Ireland semi-final Jackie had a tough match before overcoming the Mayo girl. In the final, Jackie met her old rival from Antrim and Jackie displayed some fine handball to convincingly beat her to take the U-19 Singles title.

### Ryan & Corbett lose in Senior final

Tony Ryan (Clonmel) and Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen) reached the All-Ireland 40/20 Senior Doubles final.

Tony and Eddie reached the final with wins over B. O'Brien and J. Creedon (Kerry) and J. Herlihy and P. Morris (Cork) in the Munster campaign. In the All-Ireland final, Tony and Eddie went under to T. Sheridan and J. McGovern (Meath) 21-13, 21-18 in a very close



fought second game with the Tipp pair unlucky not to win.



Munster 40/20 Senior Doubles champions '93 Tony Ryan (Clonmel) and Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen).

### Flaherty's beaten in Junior

Tony and Pat Flaherty (Youghalarra) reached the All-Ireland 40/20 Junior Doubles final where they lost out to P. Crothers and A. McGarry (Antrim) in Croke Park.

Tony and Pat had a good Munster campaign with a great win over Jim Ryan and Jim O'Brien (Silvermines) in an all Tipp Munster final. In the All-Ireland semi-final, they convincingly beat M. Mellett and G. Sweeney (Mayo) but in the final, they found the glass Croke Park court difficult losing out to Antrim 21-5, 0-21, 21-7.

### Clonmel wins Munster Masters

Pakie Mullins (Clonmel) had a hard fought win over Billy McCarthy (Ballyporeen) 21-13, 20-21, 21-17 to take the Munster 40/20 Masters (A) Singles title. In the All-Ireland semi-final, Pakie went under to Mickey Walsh (Roscommon) 21-4, 21-11.

Noel O'Brien and Pakie Mullins (Clonmel) had a close fought win over M. Hogan and J. Walsh (Clare) 21-9, 14-21, 21-19 in the Munster Masters (A) Doubles final. In the All-Ireland semi-final they were unlucky to lose out to M. Walsh and P. Clarke (Roscommon) 21-12, 21-18.

### Cashel girls wins Provincial titles

As well as winning All-Ireland honours, Cashel had other girls who had Munster 40/20 success.

Sarah Crochet (Cashel) won the Munster 40/20 U-14 Singles title but lost out to Roscommon in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Donna Harding and Elaine Maloney (Cashel) won the Munster 40/20 U-14 Doubles title but in the All-Ireland semi-final, they lost out to Roscommon.

Sandra Hourigan and Linda Gillespie (Cashel) won the Munster 40/20 U-16 Doubles title beating Limerick in the final but in the All-Ireland final they lost out to Dublin.



Munster 40/20 U-14 Doubles winners '93 - Donna Harding and Elaine Maloney (Cashel).

### 60/30 Season

Tipperary had major success in the 60/30 court with eight All-Ireland wins and ten Munster titles.

### Murphy & Maloney do the double

Noel Murphy and David Maloney (Cashel) added the 60/30 All-Ireland Doubles title to their 40/20 All-Ireland Doubles.

Noel and David had a very comfortable Munster campaign with a 21-7, 21-7 win over Limerick and then a 21-7, 21-16 win over Cork in the final. In the All-Ireland semi-final, they comfortably beat S. Maughan and B. Moran (Mayo) 21-12, 21-10.

In the final they had little trouble in beating A. Benson and G. Ryan (Dublin) 21-14, 21-1. The Cashel duo were never in any kind of trouble running into an early lead with the Dublin pair making it to 14 aces but Noel and David finished it off 21-14. In the second game they had a runaway win with both David and Noel in fine form they held the Dublin pair to just one ace to retain their U-21 Doubles title.



All-Ireland 40/20 and 60/30 U-21 Doubles champions '93. Noel Murphy and David Maloney (Cashel)

### Clean sweep of U-21 titles

#### MURPHY ADDS SINGLES

In the month of September, Noel Murphy (Cashel) won the All-Ireland U-21 60/30 Singles thus completing a clean sweep of U-21 titles for Tipperary.

Noel had a brilliant campaign with a superb win over fellow partner David Maloney (Cashel) in the Munster Final and then in the All-Ireland semi-final Noel had a 21-9, 21-18 victory over S. Maughan (Mayo). In the final, Noel had an easy win over T. Byrne (Wexford) 21-7, 21-7.

This was Tipperary's fifth U-21 title, the last won by fellow clubman Josie O'Dwyer in '90.

### Callaghan takes Junior crown

Sean Callaghan (Tipperary Town) had a night to remember in September when he took the All-Ireland Junior 60/30 Singles title.

Sean had a winning debut in Croke Park with a superb performance with Sean beginning well, tossing well to win the first game 21-12. In the second game, Sean's opponent T. Hynes (Wexford) played the better to win 21-12.

In a close fought third game with little between both, Sean used the glass right-side wall well with some good serving and Sean kept Hynes back in rear-court to record an exciting 21-16 victory to lift the Junior Singles title last won for Tipperary in 1989 by Sean's fellow clubman Willie Fitzgibbons.

### Cashel pair win Novice title

The Cashel pair of Paul McGrath and Michael Carrie won the All-Ireland 60/30 Novice Doubles title in the month of September.

Paul and Michael had an eventful campaign with a very tough Munster final win over fellow Tipperary pair, Pat Ryan (Ballyporeen) and Kevin Croke (Horse and Jockey) and then in the All-Ireland semi-final, Paul had to miss out



Munster 40/20 Junior Champions '93 Tony and Pat Flaherty (Youghalarra).



due to a leg injury and was replaced by fellow clubman Noel Marshall and Noel and Michael just overcame the Mayo pair. In the final, Paul was back to full fitness and both he and Michael were in good form beating B. Barnwell and J. Moran (Wexford) 21-12, 21-10 in Garryhill.

Paul was in superb form killing well to the right-corner and as usual Michael was as "solid as a rock" on the right-side they comfortably won the first game 21-12.

The pattern of the second game stayed the same with the Cashel lads always on top winning convincingly 21-10 to lift the Novice doubles title last won for Tipperary in '91 by fellow Cashel pair Willie O'Dwyer and Paddy Hoare.

## Well-known duo take Masters title

The well-known Tipperary players Ken Conway (Clonmel) and Geddi McKeogh (Ballina) teamed up for the first time this year and had a winning debut to take the All-Ireland Masters (B) 60/30 Doubles title.

In the final, Ken and Geddi began nervously with the Kilkenny pair of P. Savage and Sean Fitzgerald playing the better but as the game wore on the Tipp pair came more into it to win the first game 21-8. In the second game, with Ken missing nothing on the right-side and been ably assisted by Geddi they were by far the better, winning comfortably 21-8 thus claiming Tipperary's second Masters (B) title with the other won in 1988 by Vincent O'Shea and Michael Tyrrell.

## Girls take three 60/30 titles

The Cashel girls again took All-Ireland honours winning three 60/30 titles.

Carol Maloney did the Double when she won the U-17 60/30 Singles title to the 40/20 title won earlier in the year Jackie had a comfortable Munster campaign but in the All-Ireland semi-final she had a hard fought 21-14, 21-18 win over Mayo in a tough encounter. In the final, Jackie showed good form with some beautiful handball to record a 21-13, 21-2 victory over the Kildare girl.

## Lahorna pair win Golden title

The Lahorna pair of Pat Cleary and David Slattery had a good win over Paddy Gleeson and Michael Hogan (Tipperary) in an all-Tipperary Munster Golden Masters (B) Doubles title. In the All-Ireland semi-final Pat and David had a

close fought match with M. Grier and P. Browne (Mayo) before losing 14-21, 21-12, 21-6.

## Ryan wins Munster Silvers title

Jim Ryan (Silvermines) had a good 21-11, 21-12 win over fellow Tipperary player Mick Fitzpatrick (Ballina) in the Munster Silver Masters (B) Singles final but in the All-Ireland semi-final Jim went under to B. Meehan (Sligo) 14-21, 21-19, 21-16 in Ballymote, Co. Sligo.

## Ryan and O'Callaghan win Munster Junior

Noel Ryan (Clonmel) and Sean O'Callaghan (Tipperary Town) teamed up to win the Munster 60/30 Junior Doubles title with a 21-18, 21-6 win over Josie O'Dwyer and Brendan Murphy (Cashel). In the All-Ireland semi-final, Noel and Sean went under to T. and J. McCormack (Mayo) 21-10, 21-14 in Killala.

## Clonmel take Masters Munster

Pakie Mullins (Clonmel) won the Munster 60/30 Masters (A) Singles title with a 21-8, 21-10 win over fellow partner Noel O'Brien in the final but was unable to play his All-Ireland semi-final due to 'flu so he had to concede.

Pakie Mullins and Noel O'Brien (Clonmel) won the Munster 60/30 Masters (A) Doubles title and then in the All-Ireland semi-final, they had a good win over M. Walsh and P. Clarke (Roscommon) 21-13, 21-3. In the final, Pakie and Noel lost out to J. Rossiter and A. Ryan (Carlow) 21-14, 21-15 in Croke Park.

## Munster titles for Cashel girls

As well as All-Ireland success, other Cashel girls had Munster 60/30 success winning five titles.

### U-12 Singles:

A. White.

### U-12 Doubles:

A. Hickey and M. Coleman.

### U-13 Singles:

M. Harding.

### U-13 Doubles:

P. Harding and S. Ryan.

### U-14 Doubles:

E. Moloney and S. Crochet.



Jim Ryan (Silvermines) Munster 60/30 Silver Masters (B) Singles winner.



Pakie Mullins (Clonmel) Munster Masters (A) 40/20 and 60/30 Champion '93.



Noel O'Brien (Clonmel) Munster 40/20 and 60/30 Masters (A) Doubles champion '93.



Munster 60/30 U-14 Doubles champions Sarah Crochet and Elaine Maloney, Cashel.



Munster 60/30 Juvenile Girls winners '93 (left to right) T. Harding, M. Coleman, M. Harding, C. Hickey, A. White.





All-Ireland 60/30 Novice Inter-Club Finalists: Horse and Jockey. Left to right: Danny Butler, Kevin Croke, John Dwyer, John Ferncombe and John Ryan-Moore.

## Inter-Club 60/30

Tipperary reached three All-Ireland 60/30 Inter-Club finals winning just one.

Cashel won their first Inter-Club title when they beat Kingscourt, County Cavan in the All-Ireland Junior 60/30 Inter-Club in the month of October.

The Cashel team of Josie and Willie O'Dwyer, David Maloney, Noel Murpny and substitute Seanie White had a good win over the strong Kingscourt team in Croke Park to lift the title.

Clonmel lost out in the All-Ireland 60/30 Senior Inter-Club final to Kells, Co. Meath in a one-sided final in Garryhill in the month of October.

The Clonmel team of Billy and Pakie Mullins and Tony and Noel Ryan were well beaten by a very strong Kells side.

Horse and Jockey were beaten in the All-Ireland 60/30 Novice Inter-club final for the second year in-a-row when they lost to Kilfane, Co. Kilkenny 105 aces to 81 aces in Talbot's Inch.

The Horse and Jockey team of Kevin Croke, John Ferncombe, John Ryan-Moore and Danny Butler lost out to a good Kilfane side.

## Inter-Club 40/20

A very controversial 40/20 Inter-Club championship with Tipperary losing out in two finals but still awaiting firm news on the Junior Final fixture.

Ballyporeen reached the All-Ireland 40/20 Senior Inter-Club Final but were unlucky to lose out to St. Paul's (Belfast) 110 aces to 98 aces in Croke Park in the month of May. The Ballyporeen team of Pat Ryan, Billy McCarthy, Eddie and John Corbett did very well and were most unlucky to lose out to a very strong St. Paul's side.

Cashel lost out in the All-Ireland 40/20 Novice Inter-Club final after a great run in the championship but in the final they lost out to a strong Garda Depot, Dublin, side 116 aces to 98 aces.

The Cashel team was Paul McGrath, Noel Marshall, Michael Canire and Christy Holmes.

Cashel also won the Munster Junior 60/30 Inter-Club title but were subsequently thrown out of the All-Ireland series because the Croke Park authorities

said "they were not eligible to play as they had won the same competition in '92 and then they should be playing Senior".

Cashel appealed the decision at a Central Council meeting stating that there was no rule in the Rule Book to up-grade them and at this meeting they won their right to play. But only recently at another meeting of Central Council, they reversed their decision in a controversial move.

We await further developments.

## Community Games – Cashel take bronze

The Cashel girls team of Linda Gillespie, Sarah Crochet, Elaine Maloney, Alison, Mary Harding and the unfortunate Donna Harding. Donna has been very unfortunate as she was one of the stars of the Cashel team because on the trip to Mosney, Co. Meath, she fractured her right-hand thus ruling her out of the Games.

This was very unlucky for the Cashel team as they had been in brilliant form in the Munster Championship with a comfortable win over Clare in the semi-final and in the final, they beat a fancied Limerick team well. In the All-Ireland semi-final, they lost out to Dublin but in the play-off for the bronze medals, they turned in a spirited performance to beat Cavan.



Cashel – Community Games team. Front row: S. Crochet, E. Maloney, M. Harding, L. Gillespie, A. White and Team Manager Pat O'Donoghue.

The team manager was well-known Cashel mentor Pat O'Donoghue with his wife Maureen, the County Community Games manager.

## O'Donoghue a huge loss

John O'Donoghue (Cashel) the well-known Cashel handballer has been out of handball action since June '92 due to a serious back injury and it has been a huge loss to Tipperary handball. We all wish him a speedy recovery.



John O'Donoghue (Cashel)



Donna Harding (Cashel) so unlucky with injury causing her to miss the Community Games.





National League winners '93 South Tipperary: Ken Conway, Michael Carrie, Paul McGrath, David Maloney, Noel Murphy, Sean Doyle and Kevin Croke.

## South Tipperary take National League Title

South Tipperary won the National 60/30 League title in October with a comfortable win over North Tipperary in the final. Tipperary entered two teams for the national 60/30 League with one team from South Tipperary and the other team from North Tipperary and both ended up meeting in the final.

The South Tipperary team of Michael, Connie and Paul McGrath (Cashel); Kevin Croke (Horse and Jockey), Ken Conway (Clonmel) being the Novice Doubles pairs and David Maloney and Noel Murphy (Cashel) been the Open Doubles had wins over Carlow and Kilkenny (B) in their group and then beat Kilkenny (A) in the quarter-final and accounted for Meath in the semi-final.

The North Tipperary team of Mark Flynn and James Kennedy (Silvermines); Jim Ryan (Silvermines) and John McQuaid (Roscrea) being the Novice Doubles and Pat and Paul Griffin (Youghalarra), being the Open Doubles pair had wins over Limerick, Cork and Kilkenny (A) in their group and then beat Kilkenny (B) in the semi-final. In the final in Thurles, the South team were in great form to record a 84 aces to 28 aces win over the North team.

## Corbett takes U.S.A. title

Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen) won the U.S.H.A. Open 40/20 Singles title in Baltimore, U.S.A. in the month of June.

Eddie travelled to the 43rd U.S.A. Nationals with four other Irish handballers, Pat and Pierce O'Keeffe (Kilkenny), Paul Walsh (Clare) and Eddie's brother John. Joe Lynch, former secretary of the Irish Handball Association and his good friend Marty Flannery (Dublin) travelled to see the championships. This was

Eddie's first trip on international competition and he had a winning debut.

In the Open Singles, Eddie began his campaign with a 21-5, 21-11 win over Louis Clare, El Paso and then had a 21-16, 21-2 win over Paul Tadevich of Tucson in the quarter-final. In the semi-final, Eddie had a superb 21-5, 21-15 win over ex-pro and twice Open champion David Steinberg of Portland. In the final, Eddie was in great form with a comfortable 21-1, 21-6 win over local players Alan Frank of Baltimore.

This was Tipperary's second win in this competition with Tony Ryan winning the title in 1986.

Eddie also played in the Pro-Singles and had a 21-7, 21-7 first round win over Danny Schmitt of Houston but in the second round, he lost out to No. 3 seed John Robles of Spokane 21-14, 21-12. Eddie's brother John also did well reaching the semi-final of the U-19 Singles with a 7-12, 21-6, 11-4 win over Joey Kaplan of New York in the quarter-final but then lost to Tommy Little III of Kansas City 21-12, 21-19 in the semi-final. John also played the 'C' Singles where he reached the quarter-final where he was unlucky to lose out to Jonge Contreras of Mexico 7-21, 21-12, 11-8. Pearse O'Keeffe (Kilkenny) a former Tipperary player won the "B" Singles at the championships.

## Corbett reaches Irish Open Final

In the month of April, Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen) reached the Irish Open 40/12 T.V. Singles final. Tipperary had a big entry for the Irish Open but Eddie was the only player to make the last eight.

Eddie had wins over Eugene Kennedy (Dublin) 21-8, 21-4 and Michael Maher (Louth) 21-11, 21-8 to qualify for the final T.V. eight places. In Croke Park in April, Eddie began his quarter-final with a come-from-behind win over Billy Bourke

(Kilkenny) 31-28. In the semi-final, Eddie had a titanic struggle with Walter O'Connor (Meath), again staging an almighty comeback to win 31-27.

In the final, Eddie met Michael "Duxie" Walsh (Kilkenny) and again Eddie started slowly but again Eddie staged another comeback from 17-5 to 25-20 but after his earlier exploits a tired Eddie went under to "Duxie" in an exciting final 31-21.

Many will remember Eddie for his comebacks and so follows the name "The Comeback Man".



Eddie and John Corbett (Ballyporeen) who took part in the U.S.H.A. Championship in June '93.



All-Ireland Juveniles Br. Jennings (Mayo) presenting the medals to the Ballinahinch pair of James Ryan and Mark Carroll after the All-Ireland 40/20 U-15 Doubles final.



Munster 60/30 U-14 Doubles champions Paul Coleman and Keith Moroney (Ballina).





"Tipperary Sports Star" David Maloney (Cashel) being presented with his Cidona Award for 1992 by Mr. Brendan McGuinness, Showerings.

## Sports Star – Maloney

David Maloney (Cashel) was honoured in January '93 for his outstanding success in '92 when he won five All-Ireland titles as Tipperary United handball Sports Star.

David had a brilliant year winning the All-Ireland U-21 40/20 and 60/30 Doubles with Noel Murphy, Junior Hardball Singles and Doubles with Josie O'Dwyer and finally the Junior 40/20 Inter-Club win.

## Maloney and O'Dwyer take Junior title '92

David Maloney and Josie O'Dwyer (Cashel) won the All-Ireland Junior Hardball Doubles title in December '92. In the delay in the Hardball championship due to the lack of hardball the championship took place at the tail-end of the '92 season.

In the All-Ireland semi-final David and Josie had a close fought win over J. Guilfoyle and R. McCarthy (Westmeath) 21-17, 21-14 in Roscrea. David was in fine form with his new partner Josie O'Dwyer who replaced the unfortunate Noel Murphy. Noel who hurt his right-finger just at the beginning of the championship and had to miss out.

In the final, David and Josie made the long trip to the Garda Depot., Dublin and played brilliantly to beat J. Molloy and J. Reilly (Meath) 21-16, 21-11.



All-Ireland 40/20 Junior Inter-Club winners '92. Brendan Murphy, Josie O'Dwyer, Noel Murphy and David Maloney.

## Marshall loses Minor Final '92

In December '92 Noel Marshall (Cashel) lost out in the delayed All-Ireland Hardball Minor Singles final. Noel who beat D. Mulanniff (Westmeath) 21-10, 21-2 in the semi-final but then in the final at the Garda Depot, Dublin, Noel lost out to T. Winders (Kildare) 21-9, 18-21, 21-11. Noel began very slowly with Winders well in control winning the first game at ease 21-9. Noel began the second game in better fashion showing some of his best form and in a close fought second game he came out on top 21-18. In the third game, Noel never got on top early on with Winders running into a 16-2 lead before Noel recovered somewhat to 16-11 but Noel's recovery was too late with Winders holding on comfortably to win 21-11.

## Jackie on U.S.A. handball trip

Last Christmas, Jackie Keating (Cashel) travelled to the U.S.A. to the U.S.H.A. handball championship in Cincinnati to take part in the Juvenile 40/20 competition.

Jackie was part of the Irish team and did very well on her first trip on International handball to finish third in the U-19 Singles section.

Jackie began play with a comfortable

win over Priem (Canada) 21-3, 21-4 and then on the same day Jackie again had a good win over Little (Canada) 21-12, 21-1.

On the following day, Jackie began the day with a tough fought win over L. Grafecki (Canada) 21-16, 21-8 and on the evening a tired Jackie put up a brave show before going under to Monroe (U.S.A.) 14-21, 21-20, 11-6 in a marathon match.

On the following day a very tired Jackie played the eventful champion Gawley (Canada) losing out 21-1, 21-16.

## Cashel win Inter-Club title '92

In the month of December '92, Cashel again added another title to their impressive record when they won the All-Ireland Junior 40/20 Inter-Club title. After a comfortable Munster campaign in which they had a convincing win over Mallow in the final. In the All-Ireland final in Garryhill they met Ramsgrange of Wexford.

The Cashel team were by far the better and very well balanced with David Maloney solid in the first Singles and then Josie O'Dwyer and Brendan Murphy turned in a great performance with both in great form – Josie and Brendan turned the title Cashel's way and Noel Murphy rapped it up comfortably in the last Singles to give Cashel their first Inter-Club All-Ireland success.



All-Ireland Junior Handball Doubles Champions '92 – Josie O'Dwyer and David Maloney.



Ballina: Charity Tournament '93 – Division 3 winners: Back row: J. Nevin, P. McCarthy, M. Carey. Front row: H. Ryan, A. Carey, B. Ryan.





*Dessie Kelly (Ballinahinch), Brian O'Brien (Silvermines) defeated in All-Ireland U-16 Doubles 60 x 30 Semi-Final.*



*Munster U-13 40/20 Doubles champions Brendan Timmons and William McCarthy (Silvermines).*



*Jason Tobin (Carrick-on-Suir) Munster 40/50 U-17 Singles winner.*

## *Juvenile News*

Tipperary Juvenile handballers recorded six Munster titles in the '93 season.

In the 40/20 championships:

Brendan Timmons and William McCarthy (Silvermines) won the Munster 40/20 U-13 Doubles title with wins over Clare and Kerry and then had a marathon struggle with M. Roche and D. O'Grady (Limerick) before winning 15-14, 7-15, 15-14 in the final.

Mark Carroll and James Ryan (Ballinahinch) had a great run in the championship with good wins over Clare, Limerick and C. Jordan and P. Buckley (Cork) in the Munster 40/20 U-15 Doubles final.

In the All-Ireland semi-final they had a close fought win over D. Brennan and K. Keegan (Mayo) 15-5, 8-15, 15-14. In the All-Ireland final, they put up a brave show before losing out to E. Hawe and R. Falsey (Kilkenny) 15-5, 14-15, 15-8 in Croke Park.

Jason Tobin (Carrick-on-Suir) won the Munster 40/20 U-17 Singles title with wins over Clare, Kerry and G. Sherlock (Cork) 15-11, 2-15, 15-13 in the final. In the All-Ireland semi-final, Jason lost out to T. Mannon (Galway) 12-15, 15-8, 15-11 in Clarecastle.

In the 60/30 championship:

Paul Coleman and Keith Moroney (Ballina) won the Munster 60/30 U-14 Doubles title with wins over Clare and D. O'Leary and N. Colter (Cork) 15-4, 15-3 in the final. In the All-Ireland semi-final, they had an easy win over D. Hynes and G. Quirke (Roscommon) 15-2, 15-1. But

in the final, they lost out to T. Clifford and D. Love (Kilkenny) 15-2, 15-9 in Croke Park.

Warren O'Brien (Ballyporeen) had a good win over A. Burke (Limerick) 15-13, 15-1 in the Munster U-15 60/30 Singles final. In the All-Ireland semi-final, Warren had an easy win over F. Noone (Roscommon) 15-0, 15-1. In the final, Warren put up a brave show before losing out to the very fancied C. Keeling (Wexford) 5-15, 15-10, 15-3 in Croke Park. Warren is the son of well-known handball and G.A.A. star Frank O'Brien.

Brian O'Brien (Silvermines) and Des Kelly (Ballinahinch) teamed up for the first time and won the Munster U-16 60/30 Doubles title beating G. Mealy and R. O'Keeffe (Cork) 8-15, 15-12, 15-8. In the All-Ireland semi-final, Brian and Des lost out to a strong C. Brennan and V. Moran (Mayo) 15-5, 15-1 in Ballingarry.



*Cashel - All-Ireland 60/30 Inter-Club winners  
Left to right: W. O'Dwyer, N. Murphy, D. Maloney and J. O'Dwyer.*



*Warren O'Brien (Ballyporeen) and C. Keeling (Wexford) receiving their medals from president Sean McEntee, after their All-Ireland U-15 60/30 Singles clash.*



## Cumann na mBunscoil

Lissenhall N.S., a small rural two-teacher school in the parish of Silvermines made handball headlines this Summer winning County, Provincial and All-Ireland honours. Cumann na mBunscoil as usual organised the annual Inter-Schools Handball Championships for boys and girls Under-12, Singles and Doubles, and when the Co. Championships were completed it was found that Lissenhall had made a "clean sweep" of the honours, winning the Boys and Girls Singles and Doubles. The three boys and three girls continued on their winning ways and qualified for the Munster Finals played in Inagh on the outskirts of Ennis. The boys and girls Doubles added Munster honours to their list of titles, but both of the Singles in spite of gallant efforts failed to progress to the All-Ireland stage of the championship.

The All-Irelands were played in Croke Park's glass alley on the fourth of July and the Tipperary Doubles played exceptionally well on the day. The girls Doubles played Kildare first and then faced Dublin in their final game which they won with considerable ease. The boys Doubles found their Kilkenny opponents in the semi-final a difficult pair but managed to reach the magic "eleven aces" first. Their final game was against Armagh which they won easily. The successful Lissenhall sextet was Boys Doubles: Brendan Timmons and William McCarthy; Boys Singles: Jim Egan; Girls Doubles: Siobhán McCarthy and Siobhán O'Brien; Girls Singles: Loreto Moloney.

## Active Lady Secretary Majella Grace

The Ballina handball club has been one of the strongholds of the North Tipperary handball over the years but has been quiet for the last number of years.

But this has changed with the forming of a new committee of Chairman Paddy Collins and Treasurer Geddi McKeogh and one of a very few lady secretaries Majella Grace.



Jim Egan, Lissenhall N.S. - Co. U-12 Singles Schools Champion.

Majella took over as secretary in '92. Majella is no stranger to handball attending the top games in the country from an early age as her father is Tom Ahern, a well-known handball figure who was former chairman of the Munster Council, County and North Chairman. Majella now carries on a great handball tradition and she is very active in the club with regard to Adult competitions and the Juvenile section and was this year the officer in charge at the All-Ireland 60/30 finals in Ballina and many compliments were made by all those who attended.

In adult competition, Geddi McKeogh won the All-Ireland 60/30 Masters (B) title and the club also won the Collins Shield and Shamrock Trophy in North Tipperary. In the Juvenile section, Ballina won numerous Co. Juvenile titles with Paul Coleman and Keith Moroney reaching the All-Ireland 60/30 U-14 doubles final.

Majella's son Paul won the North and County 60/30 U-10 Doubles with Shane Hickey this year.

We must compliment Majella on the great work she is doing and wish her further years of handball enjoyment in the future.



Lissenhall N.S. - William McCarthy, Brendan Timmons - Co. Munster and All-Ireland Schools Champions U-12 'D'.



Loreto Moloney, Lissenhall N.S. - Co. Girls U/12 Singles Schools Champion.



Siobhán O'Brien, Siobhán McCarthy, Lissenhall N.S. - Co. Munster and All-Ireland U-12 'D' Schools Champions.



Ballina Handball Club - Majella Grace being flanked by Club Chairman Paddy Collins and Club Treasurer Geddi McKeogh.



## Tipperary 40/20 Winners '93

Minor Singles	Denis White	(Cashel)
Minor Doubles	Joseph and Finbarr Ryan	(Silvermines)
U-21 Singles	David Maloney	(Cashel)
U-21 Doubles	David Maloney and Noel Murphy	(Cashel)
Novice Singles	Mark Flynn	(Silvermines)
Novice Doubles	Willie O'Dwyer/Paul McGrath	(Cashel)
Junior Singles	Jim Ryan	(Silvermines)
Junior Doubles	Jim Ryan/Jim O'Brien (jnr.)	(Silvermines)
Masters (B) Singles	John Ryan-Moore	(Horse & Jockey)
Masters (B) Doubles	John R. Moore & John Dwyer	(Horse & Jockey)
Golden Masters (B) Singles	Jim O'Brien (snr.)	(Silvermines)

## Tipperary 60/30 – Winners '93

Minor Singles	Pat Hickey	(Hollyford)
Minor Doubles		
U-21 Singles	David Maloney	(Cashel)
U-21 Doubles	David Maloney/Noel Murphy	(Cashel)
Novice Singles	Paul McGrath	(Cashel)
Novice Doubles	Paul McGrath/Michael Carrie	(Cashel)
Junior Singles	Josie O'Dwyer	(Cashel)
Junior Doubles	Josie O'Dwyer/Brendan Murphy	(Cashel)
Masters (A) Singles	Pakie Mullins	(Clonmel)
Masters (B) Singles	John Ryan-Moore	(Horse & Jockey)
Masters (B) Doubles	Mick McGrath/John Ferncombe	(Horse & Jockey)
Masters (B) Singles	Mick Fitzpatrick	(Ballina)
Golden Masters (B)	Paddy Gleeson	(Lahorna)

## County 40/20 Juvenile Winners '93

U-10 Singles	D. Egan	(Silvermines)
U-10 Doubles	O. Quirke/D. O'Brien	(Silvermines)
U-11 Singles		
U-11 Doubles		
U-12 Singles	J. Egan	(Silvermines)
U-12 Doubles	G. Ryan/D. Hickey	(Ballina)
U-13 Singles	A. Carrie	(Cashel)
U-13 Doubles	B. Timmons/W. McCarthy	(Silvermines)
U-14 Singles	J. Ferncombe	(Horse & Jockey)
U-14 Doubles	P. Coleman/K. Moroney	(Ballina)
U-15 Singles	W. O'Brien	(Ballyporeen)
U-15 Doubles	M. Carroll/J. Ryan	(Ballinahinch)
U-16 Singles	D. Kelly	(Ballinahinch)
U-16 Doubles	P. Sheehan/B. O'Brien	(Silvermines)
U-17 Singles	J. Tobin	(Carrick-on-Suir)
U-17 Doubles	E. Butler/G. Tobin	(Carrick-on-Suir)

## County 60/30 Juvenile Winners '93

Under-10 Singles:	K. Kennedy	(Ballina)
Under-10 Doubles:	S. Hickey/P. Grace	(Ballina)
Under-11 Singles:	S. Moroney	(Ballina)
Under-11 Doubles:	D. Hickey/J. Gleeson	(Ballina)
Under-12 Singles:	K. Dempsey	(Clonmel)
Under-12 Doubles:	B. Darcy/S. Spillane	(Nenagh)
Under-13 Singles:	A. Carrie	(Cashel)
Under-13 Doubles:	B. Timmins/W. McCarthy	(Silvermines)
Under-14 Singles:	J. Ferncombe	(Horse & Jockey)
Under-14 Doubles:	P. Coleman/K. Moroney	(Ballina)
Under-15 Singles:	W. O'Brien	(Ballyporeen)
Under-15 Doubles:	M. Carroll/J. Ryan	(Ballinahinch)
Under-16 Singles:	A. Supple	(Ballyporeen)
U-16 Doubles:	K. O'Brien/C. O'Neill	(Newport)
Under-17 Singles:	K. Linehan	(Ballina)
Under-17 Doubles:	T. Harding/R. Manton	(Cashel)



Ballyporeen Handball Tournament – Back row: Paul McGrath and Michael Carrie (Cashel) – winners. Front row: Pat Ryan and John Corbett (Ballyporeen) runners-up.

## World Championship for Ireland

The World Handball Championships will be held in Ireland in October '94.

This will be the third time it has been held here with the others held in 1970 and 1984.

There will be many grades including:

Invitation Singles and Doubles;  
Open Singles;  
U-23 Singles;  
'B' Singles and Doubles;  
Masters Singles and Doubles;  
Silver Masters Singles and Doubles;  
Golden Masters Singles and Doubles;  
Over-55 Singles and Doubles;  
Over-60 Singles and Doubles;  
U-16, U-18 Singles – boys and girls;  
Womens' Singles and Doubles;

The championships will be held from October 3rd to the 9th. Tipperary as usual will be expected to have a big entry and just maybe may have a World Champion in '94.



Jackie Keating (Cashel) takes third at U.S.A. Juvenile 40/20 Championships.



# Coiste Camogaiochta Thiobraid Arann

By Marion Ui Greachain

The year commenced on January 17th with our County Convention, attended by 17 clubs out of a possible 24. The following officers were elected:

Cathaoirleach: EAMON DE BRUN

Leas Cathaoirleach: LIAM O HOGAIN.

Runai: MARION UI GREACHAIN

Cisteoir: BRID MHIC PHILIP

Registrar: BRID MHIC PHILIP

P.R.O.: MARION UI GREACHAIN

Fixtures Committee: JULIA O'DWYER, CONOR RYAN, MARION GRAHAM, PADRAIG MULLINS, SALLY DUGGAN

Development Committee: LIAM HOGAN, MARTIN BOURKE, BERNIE O'DOWD, GEARLDINE RYAN MEAGHAIR

Intermediate Coach: JOHN KENNEDY

Intermediate Selectors: JOHN KENNEDY, BIDDY PHILIPS, MARTIN KENNEDY

Junior Coach: LIAM HOGAN

Junior Selectors: LIAM HOGAN, PADRAIG MULLINS, FR. PETER BRENNAN

Under-18 Coach: PADRAIG MULLINS

Under-18 Selectors: PADRAIG MULLINS, PATSY CARROLL, RICHARD HORGAN

Minor Coach: CONOR RYAN

Minor Selectors: CONOR RYAN, MAR-



Biddy Philips with her officials before the All-Ireland final. Back row (l. to r.): Marion Graham, Deirdre Hughes (umpires), Biddy Philips (referee), Sheila Delaney, Joan Harkin (umpires). Front row: The two line umpires from Dublin.

ION GRAHAM, BILLY KELLY

CAMOGIE in the county is on a high note at the moment, an increase of four clubs for affiliation brought the number of affiliated clubs from twenty-four to twenty-eight for the 1993 season. From the above number of competitions played it was indeed a busy season.

Congratulations to all the eventual

winners and commiserations to the losers. Well done to all teams who took part. Winning is not everything-taking part, playing our game in a sporting manner and making friends is also very important.

1993 was a mixed year at inter-county level. After our successes last year we went into '93 with optimism. Our All-Ireland junior champions were defeated in the Junior League semi-final in Ballymacnabb, Armagh, in a fashion that would put a question mark over the standard of referees that some counties put forward as their inter-county referee. It was unfortunate that Tipperary were the victims of injustices in this aspect. However, that is water under the bridge and we lost by two points to Armagh, the eventual winners of the Junior League.

Tipperary then contested the Intermediate Championship, pitted against Down on August 2nd in Portaferry, Co. Down, when some players had a decision to make 'Feile' or 'Portaferry'. Thankfully, the latter won and Tipperary had a convincing win over our Northern friends.

The next outing saw us in St. Anne's Park, Tallaght, Dublin, against the senior Dublin side. Dublin had lost their first game in the senior open draw, and the structure of the intermediate competition is that the first round losers take part in the intermediate competition. Dublin proved too strong for our girls, as the experience they had at senior level was evident and we lost by seven points.

However, in the Munster intermediate competition we had accounted for

## COUNTY CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS-UP

Competition	Winners	Runners-up
U-12 'A' Championship	Toomevara	Drom-Inch
U-12 'B' Championship	Templemore	Fethard
U-14 'A' Championship	Drom-Inch	Toomevara
U-14 'B' Championship	Kilruane McDonaghs	Bansha
U-16 'A' Championship	Drom-inch	Fethard
U-16 'B' Championship	Thurles	Templemore
U-18 Championship	Toomevara	Drom-Inch
John Hogan Cup		
Junior League	Drom-Inch	Cashel
Jimmy Carroll Cup		
Intermediate League	Shannon Rovers	Portroe
Ann Frazer Cup		
Senior League	Toomevara	Cashel
Senior Championship	Toomevara	Cashel
Intermediate Championship	Roscrea	Knockavilla Kickhams
Junior Championship	Drom-Inch	Shannon Rovers
U-12 'A' League	Not completed	
U-12 'B' League	Not completed	
U-14 'A' League	Not completed	
U-14 'B' League	Not completed	



Limerick in a convincing fashion, facing Clare in the final. Clare were hoping to impress on this occasion as they were playing Dublin in the intermediate All-Ireland final. Our bunch decided after their defeat against Dublin that the inaugural Maire Ni Cheallachain Cup was heading for the Premier County, and this they did. Tipperary took control from the throw-in and ran home convincing winners, with twelve points to spare. Incidentally, Clare overcame the Dubs in the All-Ireland intermediate final by three points, so we can reflect on what might have been and look forward to next year with optimism.

At junior level a virtually new team headed for Glen Rovers pitch in Cork for their first outing in the championship. Some players were totally new to the inter-county scene and Cork came out on top. However, they turned the tables on Cork in Kilcolman pitch in the first round of the '93/'94 league and had three points to spare in the end.

At minor level Tipperary enjoyed another successful year. Being All-Ireland champions, the pressure was on to retain their title. Trials were held over a number of weeks in Durlas Og grounds, Thurles. One hundred girls attended on different Saturdays, so the selectors were a bit overawed at the end of the trials. By April the panel had been established and work commenced to improve their skills and fitness.

Their first outing was against Clare on a wet, windy Sunday evening. A win over Clare had them in a Munster semi-final against Limerick and this game they took in style as well. Cork were providing the opposition for a Munster final in The Ragg. Both teams were locked together at the final whistle and we had to wait a number of weeks until the exams were over to travel to Inniscarra in Cork for the replay. Tipperary played with fire and determination and the minor cup headed for home in the capable hands of Joanne Horgan.

Our Northern friends, Down, travelled to us for the All-Ireland semi-final. They provided us with a runaway victory and we were on our way for the second All-Ireland final in a row. Luck was on our

side and we had a home venue for the final against Galway. On a wet and windy Sunday afternoon, July 25th, the scene was set, but the Tipp girls did not provide us with the style and skill we had enjoyed against Cork in the Munster final and we were lucky to come away with a draw. We travelled to Ballinasloe, Galway, for the replay and with ten minutes to go who would have said that we would be up five points when the referee blew the final whistle. But we were, and there were wild scenes of jubilation when Joanne Horgan was presented with the All-Ireland Cup by the President of the Association, Brid Uí Mhaolagain.

Toomevara represented Tipperary in the Munster Club Championship. Due to the fact that they had to play four games, including the county final in the space of ten days, a tired bunch faced the Limerick champions, Grannagh-Ballingarry. Toomevara did not play up to the standard that we know and were defeated on this occasion. Hopefully, clubs will be more co-operative for next year's senior championship and the club representing our county will be able to go out and prepare for the Munster championship in the proper frame of mind and level of fitness that is required for this competition. Toomevara did us proud and were as gracious in defeat as they were in winning.

Drom-Inch represented the county at the national finals of the Feile na nGael in Galway, in Division 1. Even though they did not reach the final as they did last year, they accounted well for themselves and reached the semi-final, but were narrowly defeated in a thriller of a game by the eventual winners. They also had the distinction of receiving the award for the best banner.

Helena Campion (Clonoulty) was the representative for the skills final. Helena, still underage for next year, came in sixth out of nineteen competitors. This was Helena's second year representing Tipperary, so we hope next year it will be the case of 'third time lucky' for Helena.

A number of clubs took part in the All-Ireland seven-a-side competition in Kilmacud, Dublin, on the eve of the All-Ireland finals. They didn't bring home any trophies, but all clubs played well and

must be congratulated on the manner in which they took their defeats.

Biddy Philips, our County Treasurer, had the distinction of being the referee for the junior All-Ireland final in Croke Park this year, an honour bestowed on her that no other camogie person had achieved. The game ended in a draw and Biddy refereed the replay; both games she handled expertly and must be complimented on her achievement.

## DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAMOGIE GROUNDS

Finally, the pitch in The Ragg is looking well. It took some time and maybe this was a blessing in disguise. It is well drained now, the grass is up, and hopefully we can commence the building of the dressing-rooms early in the spring. Funds are badly needed for this venture, so we will be appealing to all camogie clubs to come out and give some assistance in raising the necessary money to complete the dressing-rooms and have a pitch and facilities that we can be proud of.

The above achievements could not be had without the assistance of a number of people. Transport was needed to get the girls to training and sincere thanks to all the parents or the officials of the clubs who brought them. Thanks to the officers Drom-Inch GAA club, we had all our training sessions for minors in the Drom field and all minor games in The Ragg. Thanks also to Durlas Og committee for their facilities for the minors' trials. Thanks also to Thurles Crokes athletic committee for the use of their facilities for training for the intermediate and junior teams. Sincere thanks also to Holycross/Ballycahill GAA club for the use of their facilities for numerous county finals and games. Thanks to all GAA clubs for giving their facilities to all camogie clubs throughout the year for training and matches. We are indebted to you all.

## SMYPATHY

Sincere sympathy to all those who suffered bereavements during the year. To their families and friends we extend our deepest sympathy. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.



Deirdre Hughes being presented with the Cidona Award for camogie by Mr Brendan McGuinness.



Tipperary selectors in jubilant mood before the All-Ireland semi-final. Left to right: Martin Kennedy, Biddy Philips, John Kennedy.



# Tipperary's four-in-a-row

By Marion Graham

**U**P until 1990 the name Tiobraid Arann had never appeared on the u-18 Munster Cup. From 1990, no other county has been a match for the blue and gold. This surely indicates that camogie in the county is on an upsurge and it will not be long before we are up with the elite of the senior counties.

Padraig Mullins, Patsy Carroll and Richard Horgan were the charge hands this year with the u-18s. They found it very difficult to organise training, as all the players were either involved with the county intermediates, their respective clubs in the championship, or with their schools. However, all the girls were playing camogie at some level and were fit enough; all was needed was a get-together once a week for a 'pep' talk and some light training.

Their first outing was against Waterford in Tramore on September 18th. Waterford provided no challenge whatsoever and none of the Tipperary squad were tested. They came home on a convincing win by 5-18 to 0-0. Cork were their next conquest in the semi-final and this game was played in The Ragg on October 9th. In almost perfect conditions the Tipperary squad again conquered Cork at underage level.

Tipperary got off to a dream start and had 2-2 to their credit inside the opening ten minutes and led at the interval by 2-6 to 0-4. In the second half Cork showed that they never give up and tried tirelessly to penetrate the Tipperary defence and did at one stage come within three points of the Premier team. Tipperary prevailed and



*Under-18 Munster champions, Tipperary. Back row (left to right): Padraig Mullins (coach), Ann Barry, Maura Cahalane, Lisa Carroll, Catherine Bourke, Suzanne Kelly, Collette Grace, Olivia Kennedy, Orla Crompton, Patsy Carroll (selector), Richard Horgan (selector). Front row (left to right): Michelle Bulfin, Claire Egan, Aine Hogan, Helen Kiely, Marie Ryan, Aileen Delaney, Noelle Kennedy (capt.), Lisa Breen, Fiona Butler, Dearbhla Quigney, Niamh Bonnar.*

came out on top with a score of 3-10 to Cork's 1-9.

Clare provided the opposition for the final and again Drom-Inch provided the pitch and facilities. This game was played on November 7th. Clare had run Tipperary to two points in last year's final and the mentors knew that this Clare team would be no push-over.

On this occasion Tipperary proved much too strong for Clare and recorded their fourth successive title at this level. Superior in skill and sharper in their approach, they played with far greater determination than their subdued opponents. Tipperary had 1-2 clocked up before Clare got their name on the scoreboard. It was a very one-sided first

half and we led by 2-8 to 1-2 at the interval.

In the second half the Tipperary girls were never seriously threatened and never gave an inch. Clare failed to score in the second half where the rampant Tipperary girls added a further five points to their tally.

Team and substitutes: Michelle Bulfin, Aileen Delaney, Suzanne Kelly, Marie Ryan, Claire Egan, Ann Barry, Aine Hogan, Catherine Bourke, Helen Kiely, Lisa Carroll, Maura Cahalan, Ann McGivern, Dearbhla Quigney, Lisa Breen, Fiona Butler, Niamh Bonnar, Orla Crompton, Collette Grace, Olivia Kennedy, Theresa Brophy, Sheila Kyne and Noelle Kennedy (captain).



*Toomevara u.12 team - County Championships 1993 (seventh title in a row).*



# The long road from junior to intermediate

By Martin Kennedy

**H**AVING reached the pinnacle of success in 1992 by winning the junior All-Ireland, we wondered what lay in store for us in the higher intermediate grade in the coming season.

Before the start of the championship we did well in the league with victories over Waterford, Cork, Carlow, Wexford and Limerick until we were beaten 5-8 to 6-6 by Armagh in the semi-final. This was the end of our league run and an easy win by Armagh over Dublin in the final only emphasised what might have been.

We had to wait until August 1st for our intermediate championship to start and the fact that we had to travel up North again, this time to Portaferry, was not greeted with enthusiasm. After a great victory over Down we were beaten by Dublin on a scoreline of 3-12 to 1-10 in the All-Ireland semi-final.

As a consolation we won the inaugural Munster intermediate championship, beating Limerick and Clare along the way. In the final against Clare we won by 4-11 to 1-7 after a great display by all involved.

For the players, trainer John Kennedy and selectors Biddy Phillips and Martin Kennedy it was a good year, keeping the momentum of winning going. This can only bring confidence to this young team.



**DROM-INCH u.14 County Champions and Tipperary Féile na nGael representatives.** Back row (l. to r.) Joanne Kinnane, Denise Ryan, Elizabeth O'Connor, Maureen Egan, Caroline O'Connor, Catriona Hennessy, Deirdre O'Connor, Catherine McGrath, Jacqueline O'Connor, Jennifer Hicks. Front row (l. to r.) Deirdre Delaney, Claire Hoare, Joanne Ryan, Niamh Harkin, Marie Harkin (capt.), Breda McGrath, Jane Ryan, Sara O'Brien.



**THURLES U.16 'B' COUNTY CHAMPIONS** Back (l. to r.) Bernie O'Dowd (trainer), Natalie Butler, Noreen Gooney, Denise Curtis, Lucy McLoughlin, Suzanne Dunne, Yvonne Kearney, Majella Mllaney, Fiona O'Donovan, Carol Philips, Flan Quigney (trainer). Front row (l. to r.) Ursula Ryan, Catriona Moore, Mary Kennedy, Gillian O'Neill (capt.), Reena Fogarty, Louise Curley, Michelle Twomey, Philomena O'Dwyer.



**TIPPERARY INTERMEDIATE TEAM, 1993** who reached the All Ireland semi final. Back row (l. to r.) Biddy Phillips (selector), Theresa Burke, Meadh Stokes, Triona Bonnar, Ann Gleeson, Claire Madden, Suzanne Kelly, Ailish Delaney, Nora Dwan, Regina O'Meara, Cora Kennedy, Aileen Delaney, John Kennedy (coach). Front row (l. to r.): Martin Kennedy (selector) Deirdre Hughes, Anne Marie Fitzgerald, Marie Ryan, Ann Gleeson (capt.), Helen O'Leary, Noelle Kennedy, Helen Kiely, Catherine Burke, Siobhan Cusack.



# Our back-to-back title

By Marion Graham

**O**UR minors did us proud again this year when after some heart-stopping games they eventually took the ultimate—THE ALL-IRELAND TITLE.

It was obvious from our first game in Littleton on April 25th against Clare that the girls meant business when they had a convincing win by 6-5 to 0-2.

The Drom-Inch GAA grounds at The Ragg housed the final and, despite the terrible weather conditions, both teams served up a fine hour's camogie, which failed to yield a result, with both teams locked together at 2-2.

In the replay Tipperary capitalised their chances and came out on top with the score Tipperary 3-10, Cork 3-6. Amid wild scenes of jubilation Joanne Horgan received the Munster Cup and Tipperary had once again conquered their Cork rivals.

Their next encounter was against our Northern friends, Down, the following Sunday and again Tipperary had home advantage.

The game did not live up to expectations and Tipperary came out victorious over the Ulster champions by 7-9 to 2-5.

The scene was set for the All-Ireland

showdown against Galway on Sunday, July 25th. Tipperary were fortunate to have won the toss for a home venue. Again Drom-Inch came up trumps with their excellent pitch and facilities.

The game ended in a draw at 1-5 each. The replay was fixed for the August bank Holiday in Ballinasloe.

This was an occasion when all the spirit and commitment present in the team was called upon. With the half-time score Galway 2-3, Tipperary 0-4, something had to be done in the Tipperary camp. Mandy Quigley was introduced in the second half (she had starred in the Munster final and replay and the All-Ireland semi-final, but due to illness had missed the drawn game). This was to prove an inspired move as the team now received a great boost and panic signals were evident in the Galway team.

Still trailing by five points with seven minutes to go, Tipperary's revival started when from 30 yards out Ciara Gaynor blasted low and hard to beat the Galway defence for a goal. Tipperary's next score came from a line ball 25 yards out which was well struck by Nicola Kennedy. Anne Barry doubled on it and put it over the bar.

Hearts were pounding everywhere and

Sharon Lawton pointed from 50 yards out. The question on every Tipperary person's lips was: 'Will they do it?' The best score of the day came from a 30th when the ball was dropped by Ciara Gaynor into the goalmouth, connected on beautifully by Anne Barry into the Galway net. The last score of the day came from Ciara Gaynor with a point to wrap up the game and send the All-Ireland trophy back again to the Premier County. Joanne Horgan accepted the cup on behalf of the tea from the President of the Association, Bridin Uí Mhaolagáin.

The team were togged out beautifully on All-Ireland day with a set of jerseys sponsored by Maddens Milk, tee-shirts sponsored by Frank Mulcahy, The Anner Hotel, Thurles, and kit bags sponsored by Francis Glasheen, Bus Hire, Holycross.

Tipperary team: Susan Kincally, Sharon Lawton, Caroline Buckley, Marie White, Joanne Horgan (capt.), Theresa Brophy, Nicola Kennedy, Miriam Maxwell, Mary Looby, Ciara Gaynor, Anne Barry, Gillian O'Neill, Mandy Quigley, Emily Hayden, Marie Harkins, Lisa McCormack, Cathriona Fitzgerald, Jacqueline O'Connor, Dorcey Culleton, Olivia Hayden, Bridget Phelan, Clodagh Dunne, Michelle Larkin, Fiona Hanrahan.



**KILRUANE U-14 'B' COUNTY CHAMPIONS.** Back row (l. to r.): Una O'Rourke, Denise Comerford, Sinead Gaynor, Hazel Keogh, Bernie Brennan, Stephanie Killackey. Front row (l. to r.): Susan Williams, Ciara O'Brien, Debbie Carroll, Jane Quinlisk, Donna O'Meara, Eileen Ryan.



**SHANNON ROVERS,** Intermediate League winners, 1993, and runners-up in the Junior Championship. Back row (l. to r.): Pat Brophy, Regina Darcy, Catherine Burke, Ann Hogan, Helen Tierney, Annette Calahan, Carol Brophy, Collette Horan (capt.), Bridie Brophy, Helen Fox, Annette Fogarty, Ann Sullivan, Jamsie Burke, Edward Brophy. Front row (l. to r.): Maura Cahalan, Deirdre Quinlan, Olive Guest, Michelle Cahalan, Margaret Tierney, Claire Horan, Cathriona Tierman, Mary Leenane, Teresa Burke. Kneeling: Rita Burke, Jackie Sullivan, Linda Sullivan.



**TEMPLEMORE, u-12 'B' County Champions.** Back row (l. to r.): Joanne Carton, Michelle Murphy, Fiona Collins, Michelle Grimes, Martin Bourke (trainer), Eilish Meaghair, Aine Keely, Linda Grogan, Elaine Ryan, Sorcha Loughnane. Front row (l. to r.): Elizabeth Jones, Ciara O'Shea, Shauna Walsh, Helen Collier, Michelle Purcell (capt.), Norma Maher, Jemeel Devaney, Claire McBride, Laura Carton, Carol Heffernan. Missing from photograph: Edel McDermott.



**DROM-INCCH, u-16 County Champions.** Front row (l. to r.): Alice Darcy, Jane Ryan, Louise Delaney, Siobhan Stapleton (capt.), Marie Harkin, Julie Delaney, Joanne Kinnane. Back row (l. to r.): Cathriona Hennessey, Sinead Ryan, Caroline O'Connor, Eileen Ryan, Kathleen Carey, Deirdre O'Connor, Catherine McGrath, Ann Barry, Jacqueline O'Connor, Mary Looby.



# Drom-Inch Camogie Club

By Martin Flynn, P.R.O.

**D**ROM-INCH camogie club was formed in 1967.

The first competition of 1993 was the junior league, which commenced at the end of March in Thurles, who also provided the opposition. A comprehensive victory on this occasion set in motion a winning pattern and further victories over Kilruane-McDonagh and Templemore qualified us for the final against Cashel on the 2nd of May in Cashel. This was a very good game of camogie and Drom-Inch emerged winners by 4-5 to 2-2. Captain Aileen Looby was presented with the John Hogan Cup and after this victory the team set its sights firmly on the junior championship.

Team: Margaret Looby, Catherine McGrath, Caroline O'Connor, Alice Darcy, Sheila Delaney, Ann Barry, Julie Delaney, Aileen Looby (captain), Marie Harkin, Noreen Delaney, Mary Looby, Sinead Ryan, Jacqueline O'Connor, Helen Kiely, Angela Hoban, Deirdre O'Connor, Kathleen Carey, Eileen Ryan, Mary Kinnane.

In the u-14 county championship wins over Bansha, Cashel and Toomevara on a home and away league left us on top of the group and another final meeting with runners-up, Toomevara. The final was played in Borrisoleigh on July 14th and for the second year running the championship returned to Drom-Inch. Marie Harkin received the cup on behalf of the team.

Final team (u-14): Maureen Egan, Denise Ryan, Marie Harkin (capt.), Claire

Hoare, Jane Ryan, Jennifer Hicks, Jacqueline O'Connor, Catherine McGrath, Deirdre O'Connor, Caroline O'Connor, Catriona Hennessy, Joanne Ryan, Joanne Kinnane, Niamh Harkin, Brid McGrath, Sarah O'Brien, Deirdre Delaney, Elizabeth O'Connor.

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The juniors, having won the league earlier in the year, set their sights on the championship and completing the double. This they duly did and on route to the final we overcame Kilruane-McDonagh, Lorrha, Shannon Rovers and Cashel in a replay. In a very keenly contested game against Shannon Rovers in Borrisoleigh we emerged victors by 3-6 to 2-3. Captain Aileen Looby again collected the cup.

Final team: Sheila Delaney, Margaret Looby, Marie Harkin, Aileen Looby, Noreen Delaney, Ann Barry, Mary Kinnane, Sinead Ryan, Alice D'Arcy, Helen Kiely, Jacqueline O'Connor, Mary Looby, Angela Hoban, Kathleen Carey, Siobhan Stapleton, Julie Delaney, Catherine McGrath, Deirdre O'Connor, Catriona Hennessy, Eileen Ryan, Helen Kennedy.

Under-16s: After many fine performances against Kilruane, Roscrea, Toomevara, and a win over Cashel in the semi-final, we faced Fethard in the final in Ballycahill. They showed all their true qualities, winning by 4-11 to 1-3. Siobhan Stapleton was the proud captain of this team.

After Tipperary's defeat of Galway in the All-Ireland minor final there is little

doubt but the standard is very high in this category throughout the county. Four players from the club were part of that victorious All-Ireland team—Mary Looby, Ann Barry, Jacqueline O'Connor and Marie Harkin.

Final team: Deirdre O'Connor, Kathleen Carey, Jane Ryan, Siobhan Stapleton, Marie Harkin, Alice D'Arcy, Anne Barry, Sinead Ryan, Jacqueline O'Connor, Julie Delaney, Catriona Hennessy, Mary Looby, Catherine McGrath, Louise Delaney, Eileen Ryan, Joanne Kinnane.

Our participation in the u-18 championship started in Thurles on the 2nd of October. This was run on a knockout system and we eliminated Thurles, Templemore and Fethard. Again we faced Toomevara in the final on October 31st in The Ragg, a draw being a fair result on the day in a tough entertaining game, later described by the Co. Chairman, Eamonn Browne, "as the best game he had seen in years". The replay is due for November 13th and is eagerly awaited by all. Noreen Delaney has been the captain of this team throughout the year. Helen Kiely was a member of the Tipperary team that won the Munster u-18 final this year.

Team: Deirdre O'Connor, Noreen Delaney, Helen Kennedy, Aileen Looby, Marie Harkin, Sinead Ryan, Alice D'Arcy, Ann Barry, Jacqueline O'Connor, Julie Delaney, Helen Kiely, Mary Looby, Catherine McGrath, Mary Kinnane, Angela Hoban, Catriona Hennessy, Jane Ryan, Kathleen Carey, Eileen Ryan, Siobhan Stapleton.



*Drom-Inch, Junior Champions and League winners, 1993. Back row (l. to r.): Catriona Hennessy, Mary Kinnane, Sheila Delaney, Sinead Ryan, Deirdre O'Connor, Eileen Ryan, Kathleen Carey, Caroline O'Connor, Catherine McGrath, Anne Barry, Jacqueline O'Connor, Mary Looby. Front row (l. to r.): Jane Ryan, Margaret Looby, Angela Hoban, Alice Darcy, Aileen Looby (capt.), Siobhan Stapleton, Julie Delaney, Marie Harkin, Noreen Delaney, Joanne Kinnane, Louise Delaney. Missing from photograph: Helen Kiely, Helen Kennedy.*



# Templemore Camogie Club

By Martin Bourke

**I**N the u-12 championship Templemore had victories over Roscrea 7-3 to 1-0, Thurles 2-0 to 1-0, Borrisoleigh 1-4 to 1-1, Gortnahoe 13-14 to 0-0, to reach the semi-final.

In the semi-final they had a comprehensive 8-3 to 0-0 victory over Burgess, and on July 31st in The Ragg history was

made when they easily disposed of Fethard on the score of 6-4 to 0-0, and thus became the first ever camogie team to bring a county title to the parish.

All players played their part in this historic win but none more than centre-forward Linda Grogan, who scored 21-27 for the six games, an average of 3-6 for each game.

Team: Norma Maher, Michelle Purcell (capt.), Ailish Meagher, SORCHA LOUGHNANE, Jemeel Devaney, Carol Heffernan, Helen Collier, Elizabeth Jones, Claire McBride, Linda Grogan, Elaine Ryan, Fiona Collins. Subs.: Joanne Carton, Laura Carton, Michelle Murphy, Ciara O'Shea, Shauna Walshe, Michelle Grimes, Aine Keely, Edel McDermott.



St. Joseph's Primary School, Templemore, County Camogie Champions, 1993. Back row (l. to r.): Sr. Brid Coman (Principal), Margaret Greed (teacher), Joanne Byrne, Michelle Murphy, Elaine Ryan, Fiona Collins, Paula McCarthy, Mary McCormack, Patricia O'Brien, Helen Collier, Ciara Ormond (capt.), Majella Stapleton, Jemeel Devaney, Carol Stapleton, Michelle Purcell, Linda Grogan, Marie Brennan, Joanne Carton, Anita Deegan. Front row (l. to r.): Deirdre McLoughney, Aine Keely, Grainne Fogarty, Malisa Cole, Norma Maher, Anna Larkin, SORCHA LOUGHNANE, Edel McDermott, Claire McBride, Shauna Walshe, Carol Heffernan, Elaine Quinn, Jackie Morrissey, Elizabeth Jones, Veronica Bane, Michelle Grimes, Ailish Maher. At back (l. to r.): Ken Hogan, Jim Brennan, Martin

## St. Bernadette's Camogie Club (Roscrea)

By Betty Ryan

**O**UR intermediate team atoned for last year's defeat in the county final when they bounced back to regain honours in a nail-biting finish to emerge victorious by the narrowest of margins.

It was a victory richly deserved by the team, who never lost their composure despite inclement weather conditions.

Our opponents, Knockavilla, fought bravely for long intervals, but were unable to penetrate our defence. Having failed in last year's decider, a supreme effort to reverse this result yielded handsome dividends. Knockavilla showed that they were no pushover and piled on the pressure aided by a strong second half wind. Try as they did, they were unable to alter the situation and the final whistle was greeted with great joy. It was a sweet victory and one which every player can be proud of.

The panel of players are as follows: C. Phelan, B. Ryan (capt.), P. Cummins, L. Franks, M. King, Y. Kirwan, N. Kennedy, M. Gleeson, A. Franks, A. Keeshan, M. Kiely, A. Delaney, B. Moloney, B. Treacy, M. Quigley, G. Bourke, M. Hogan, B. Graham.



1993 Intermediate County Champions Back row (l. to r.) C. Phelan, L. Franks, M. Ryan, B. Ryan (capt.), A. Keeshan, M. Gleeson, A. Delaney. Front row (l. to r.) M. Kiely, A. Franks, N. Kennedy, T. Kirwan, P. Cummins.



# Toomevara Camogie Club, 1993— from strength to strength

By Deirdre Hughes



Toomevara senior camogie team—Ann Fraser Cup and County Championship winners, 1993. Front row (l. to r.): M. Ryan, N. Kennedy, M. Maxwell, A. Delaney, D. Hughes, A. Gleeson, B. Phelan, M. Stapleton, S. Maxwell. Back row (l. to r.): J. Kennedy (coach), J. Browne, A. Bergin, F. Murphy, R. O'Meara, C. Kennedy, N. Dwan, M. Maxwell, A. Ryan, F. Stead, S. Cusack. (Missing from photograph: Suzanne Kelly).

**L**OOKING back at 1992, it was hard to imagine that the same success could be repeated in 1993, but it was, and the Toomevara Camogie Club can be justified as one of the most successful in Tipperary.

The u-12 girls have certainly set some standard that any team would envy—a famous seventh county title in a row. They defeated Drom-Inch in another thrilling county final, section A. Well done, girls!

Our community games u-13½ team also won another county title, making it five-in-a-row. Those are certainly some

achievements by any standards. The u-14 and u-16 teams did not capture county titles but reached final and semi-final stages, respectively.

Strangely enough, our u-18 team was the one that started the club's activity in 1993 with a county final victory over Burgess back in January 10th. They are presently bidding for two-in-a-row, having already drawn in the final with Drom-Inch in a thrilling game.

## SENIOR GIRLS WIN DOUBLE

Of course, it is the top honour for any club—the senior championship—and it was a great occasion when the Toome' girls

won their second successive title.

Firstly, there was an Ann Fraser victory over Cashel and the question was: could this momentum be kept up? And so to the championship, where Toome' accounted for Cashel and Clonmel relatively easily only to go down to Burgess by a point. This set up a semi-final clash with Burgess on August 29th which saw another relatively easy victory over Burgess. So, it was only three days later, on September 1st, when Toomevara deservedly won their second successive county title, defeating Cashel by a point in what had to be one of the best games of the year.



Toomevara Community Games Team: County Champions 1993



TOOMEVARA U-18 COUNTY CHAMPIONS: County final played on January 10th, 1993. Front row (l. to r.): M. Ryan, S. Kelly, N. Kennedy, T. Young, T. McCormack, A. Delaney, L. Hassett. Back row (l. to r.): J. Kennedy, N. Ryan, M. Maxwell, B. Phelan, S. Sheppard, A. O'Leary, A. Ryan, M. Maxwell, C. Maxwell, F. Murphy.



# FETHARD

## *Tipperary Senior Football Champions 1993*



The Fethard team which regained the County Senior Football title by defeating Loughmore-Castleiney at Holycross. Back row (left to right) – Michael Quinlan, Michael Riordan, Michael Ryan, Michael Spillane, Shay Ryan, Shay Coen, Brian Burke, Phil Blake. Front row – Tommie Sheehan, Jim O'Meara, Willie O'Meara (captain), Willie Morrissey, Chris Coen, Martin Ryan, Martin Coen.



# Schools Camogie

By Martin Quirke

**T**HE year 1993 was another step forward in the growth of camogie in our schools. Presentation/Patrician School, Fethard, were the winners of the u-16 championship, defeating Presentation, Thurles, in the final.

Dinny Burke has done great work with these girls and it will not be long until they put their name on a Munster trophy. Pádraig Carroll will be hoping to go one step further with Presentation, Thurles, in 1994.

In the u-14 blitz held in May, St. Joseph's of Borrisoleigh marked their first year in schools camogie with victory in the B section. This is a school that a lot more will be heard about in the future and I am sure Olivia Kennedy will be hoping for a good run in the u-16 championship. In section A of the u-14 competition Our Lady's, Templemore, defeated the Ursuline School of Thurles. Here again Teresa Brennan is doing great work and the future looks very promising. Ann Kenny of the Ursuline, Thurles, had a fine u-14 team and with a bit more experience her girls will add their name to one of our trophies.

As secretary of the school's board, I would like at this stage to thank all the teachers in all the schools that participated for the great work they are doing. Our motto is 'participation' and the attitude of all schools that take part reflects this motto. Thanks also to our referees, but we need more. The camogie county board has given its full backing to the promotion of camogie in the schools and their support is appreciated. GAA clubs and divisional boards have given support through donations and provision of fields and this is also a great help.

What of 1994—the omens are good. We have sixteen schools involved for '94. Along with our u-14 and u-16 competitions we are beginning a senior competition. New schools are joining all the time and the standard of the other schools is rising. For example, of the last eight teams through to the Munster senior schools championship this year, four of them are Tipperary schools. A sure sign of growth.

The future looks bright, but the work has only just begun. We must keep our emphasis on skills and with this in mind I strongly encourage all schools to get a few copies of the new coaching manual—it is excellent. We must also tackle the problem of scarcity of referees. Here all schools can help by putting two girls' names forward for training as referees.

The best of luck to all schools participating in our 1994 competitions. You are doing great work.



Our Lady's Secondary School, Templemore, Munster U-15 'B' Champions, 1993. Front (l. to r.): Grace Ormond, Paula Stapleton, Bernadette Ryan, Maria Harkins, Jackie Carroll, Eileen Ryan, Caroline O'Connor, Deirdre Foy. Back (l. to r.): Teresa Brennan (coach), Jackie O'Connor, Tara Hogan, Maria Bourke, Brid Barry, Helen Grogan, Denise Kelly, Catherine Cahill, Deirdre O'Connor, Monica O'Reilly.



Patrician Presentation, Fethard, winners of u-16 schools championship. Back row (l. to r.): Denis Burke (trainer), Deirdre O'Meara, Ann-Marie Murphy, Lecanne Burke, Noelle Murphy, Marie Morrissey, Jenifer Fogarty, Emily Sayers, Ailish Sheehan, Kay Spillane, Elaine O'Connell. Front row (l. to r.): Bernice Horgan, Annette McCarthy, Lisa McCarthy, Sharon Lawton (capt.), Olivia Phelan, Gwen Cooke, Caroline Fitzgerald.



St. Joseph's College, Borrisoleigh, winners of u-14 camogie competition. Back row (l. to r.): Principal, Pádraig O'Shea, Marguerite Ryan, Mary Kelly, Sínead Ryan, Julie Delaney, Christine Ryan, Siobhán Maxwell, Joanne Kinane, Carol Walsh, Jennifer Hicks, Olivia Kennedy (teacher). Front row (l. to r.): Caitriona Maxwell, Marie O'Meara, Mary Looby, Mairead Kennedy, Aisling Kennedy.



Our Lady's Secondary School, Templemore, u-14 'A' winners. Back row (l. to r.): Caroline O'Connor, Marie Bourke, Jane Collins, Helen Grogan, Paula Butler, Niamh Buckley, Jackie O'Connor, Catherine Doran, Laura Bohan. Front row (l. to r.): Deirdre Foy, Monica O'Reilly, Deirdre O'Connor, Paula Stapleton (capt.), Eileen Ryan, Maria Harkins, Grace Ormond, Catherine Cahill.



# OBITUARIES

## PETER BROWNE

In March of this year, Peter Browne (R.I.P.), who gave sterling service to his native Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Kickhams, and to Boherlahan, passed to his eternal reward.

Being an all-round athlete, cyclist, boxer, Peter's first love was for our Gaelic games and nothing gave him greater pleasure than attending them while able, and discussing with his friends, his exploits in Mid Tip and West Tip during his own playing days.

He recounted on numerous



occasions the great tussles he had with his opponents, whilst playing, and greatly enjoyed their friendship in later years.

He left his native parish early on in life, to work in Tubredora, with the famed Leahy family, and sure it was inevitable that he would be imbued with Gaelic traditions. He played his early hurling and football in the Mid with Boherlahan, since the West Division wasn't formed until 1930. During his time in Boherlahan he won an All-Ireland Junior medal with Tipperary in the early 30's. His brother Martin was a member of the 1930 Junior Triple Crown team whilst his brother Pake played with the County in the early 20's.

Peter went on to win many medals and Mid titles, before he returned home to his native parish in the middle 30's, continuing to give great service to Kickhams, winning a West senior medal in 1938, to be defeated by Sarsfield in the County semi-final, the Mid side providing the bulk of the County team at the time. One victory which gave him great pleasure was the defeat Kickhams inflicted on Éire Óg Anacorthy in the 1944 League, Éire Óg having won the County title in 1943.

His only surviving brother, Mick, was a valued member of Kickhams during this era, and both were very close to each other. Peter took great pride in his family's involvement in Gaelic games and in the G.A.A., and followed their fortunes with interest. His grand-

children involvement also, especially in Camógie, gave him great satisfaction. May he rest in peace.

## PAUL BUTLER

(Fr. Sheehy's)

It was with sincere sadness and a deep sense of regret that we learned of the untimely death of Paul Butler, Glencallaghan, Burncourt, in September.

Paul was only 21 years of age and his sudden passing numbered and saddened his family, friends and colleagues. He was a playing member of Fr. Sheehy's G.A.A. club and had recently been involved with the Under-21 hurling and football teams. The blue and gold of Fr. Sheehy draped his coffin on its way to its final resting place, and his many friends and team mates formed a guard of honour at Burncourt Church



on the arrival of his remains from St. Joseph's Hospital, Clonmel.

To his father, mother, brothers, sister, uncle, aunts, relatives and friends we offer our deepest sympathy.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

## JIMMY CAREW

Though he was in failing health for some time, nevertheless Jimmy Carew's unexpected death caused sorrow and grief.

He was encouraged by his father, James, to participate in all outdoor sports. Jimmy attended and hurled with Cashel C.B.S. He hurled with his local club of Rossmore and also played for Clonoulty between the years 1937-1949. On the field he was courageous, skilful and determined. Off the field he was popular with his team-mates and friends. At this stage he was

reaching his potential and about to be selected for County level when he developed meningitis.

Although he never hurled much after this, he still was a great supporter of the local clubs and county.

A warm, humble and simple man, he will have no fears in crossing the Great Divide. To his wife Kitty, his son Noel, daughters



Joan, Catherine and Mary; daughter-in-law and sons-in-law we extend our sincere sympathy. May he rest in peace.

## MICHAEL CAREY

(Ballinahinch)

The Parish of Ballinahinch was saddened on 9/9/93 at the death of Michael Carey from Shallee. Mikin, as he was well known; was a former member and player for our club. He was an influential member and played on the Knockmeale Rangers team that won the North Tipperary Championship in 1949. He emigrated to America in the early 1950's and was one of the founder members of the Harry Bolands Hurling Club in Chicago.

When he returned to Ireland he took up refereeing and was was one of the most prominent referees in North Tipp.



He officiated at the 1964 North Tipp final, the last time Nenagh won the senior hurling title, until recent years.

He was a dedicated supporter of Tipperary hurling and scarcely ever missed an inter-county game

involving Tipp in any grade.

His presence will be missed throughout the G.A.A. world. The club would like to extend its deepest sympathy to his family and relatives.

## JAMES CLEARY

As father to Tipp hurling star, Michael, James K. Cleary, or JKC as he was affectionally known, is entitled to revered memory; but in his own right, his contribution to the GAA at so many levels and in so many ways marks him out as someone special, a man whose sudden passing last January left a void in the life of his adopted town, Nenagh, that will never be filled.

To describe JKC as a character fails to do him justice. He was that and more. His premises in the town's Pearse Street was a mecca for GAA fans and players. People with time on their hands passing through invariably called in. This was especially true of those involved with the GAA and, of



the hurling ladder, the visit of the game's great personalities was very frequent.

JK welcomed them all. And as with everyone else, he was not short on a bit of tongue-lashing if he felt it was needed.

In over forty years in Nenagh, JK built up a business that reflected his own commitment to hard work. Nothing was too much for him and he expected people to be up front with him. His business and his family aside, hurling and talk of hurling was his main preoccupation. He loved it so much - and 26 Pearse Street - in the years before the Éire Óg club rose to the grandeur of a magnificent complex that it was an unofficial headquarters for the club. Meetings were held there and, of course, for teams departing for venues outside of Nenagh, it was, and still is, the collection point.

Growing up in an atmosphere that was steeped in hurling lore, it



was no wonder that son Michael should have dedicated himself so much to the game. And what pride JK derived from his exploits! As far back as Michael's juvenile days, and when he won his first All-Ireland medal as a member of the CBS squad that took 'B' honours in 1983, JK was confident he would make it.

Needless to say when those All-Ireland medals came in '89 and '91 and those All-Star awards etc., there was no prouder man in Nenagh. A man who seldom missed a game involving Éire Óg, JK was hardly the most sanguine of supporters to be seated beside. He had no compunction whatever in telling . . . out loud . . . a player what he thought of him. No one was spared, not even young Mike himself!

But that was JK and provided you realised that there wasn't a malicious bone in his body and that an apparent gruff exterior hid a heart that was filled with good humour, then you knew where you stood.

Wife Peg, son Michael, daughters Marion and Eileen, along with his sisters Mary Minogue and Anne Kennedy, have suffered a great loss in his sudden departure. The GAA, too, has suffered because people like JKC garnish the Association in ways so few can. He had a special way with him, a special appeal to so many and that was very evident in the days immediately following his death. The people of Nenagh, literally, did not know what had hit them.

God did not spare him to see Nenagh Éire Óg make it to their first ever county senior final this season, but you can be absolutely sure that with the 'Digger' he kept the Nenagh flag flying up above, in spite of the resistance he would have met from the great Sean Ryan and Jack Donovan!

## TED CORBETT

In the month of July, the death occurred of well-known and popular figure, Ted Corbett of Goatenbridge.

Ted, a well-known native Irish speaker, was on national radio on many Irish programmes. In 1971, he won a South Tipperary Scór recitation with a poem in the Irish language.

In the 1930's and '40's, Ted was an outstanding athlete and won many events at local sports meetings and was a county sprint champion at 100 and 200 yards on many occasions.

Ted was also a valued member of the Ballybacon/Grange Hurling Club. In 1943 he won a League final title with them. Ted was also a

valued committee member, selector and coach to local teams over the years. His grandson, Eddie Corbett, Ballyporeen, is the well-known handball star and he took great interest in Eddie's achievements and was present at his games.

Ted will always be remembered as a kind and honest person and generous neighbour who was



always willing to help when needed. To his wife Cathy, son Michael, daughters Ann, Chris; sisters Mary Ellen, Johanna, Chris; grandchildren, nephews, nieces and relatives we extend our deepest sympathy.

## SEAN COSTELLO (Cloughjordan)

Sean's tragic death on Friday morning, 13th August, at the tender age of 17, shocked and saddened the entire parish and surrounding areas. He was the eldest of a family of eight of Dr. Roisín and Fergus Costello, The Manse, Cloughjordan.

Sean attended Borrisokane Community College and was due to sit his Leaving Cert. next June. He was extremely popular and had a lovely outgoing personality. He enjoyed sport and music and was a prominent member of the victorious Kilruane U/14 hurling team which won North and County



finals 1989/90 and the Féile team which reached the All-Ireland final

1990.

He was also on the U/16 team. His team-mates formed a guard of honour at the graveside on Sunday morning.

Sean is a great loss to his parents, sisters, brothers, relatives and many friends, to whom deepest sympathy is offered.

May he rest in peace.

## THOMAS COUGHLAN (Cappawhite)

With the recent death of Thomas Coughlan, one of the most respected and best known personalities was removed from the Cappawhite area. He was 81.

Thomas Coughlan's pub was, and still is, a favourite meeting place for Gaels young and old, where all the games, local and inter-county, would be discussed.

Thomas himself was a fine hurler in his youth and gave long service to the Cappawhite team and also was picked for the Tipperary county junior team in 1938.

When the boys and girls got tired of the hurling discussion at



Coughlans, a sing-song would be proposed and Thomas would give a fine rendering of "Ned of the Hill".

Although ill for some time, his passing has nonetheless left a void among all of us who regarded him as a great friend.

## CHARLES (Chas) CROSSE (Grantstown)

When the Knockavilla/Donaskeigh Kickham club played Éire Óg Nenagh in the county senior hurling quarter-final at Templemore, on October 12th last, a minute's silence was observed before the throw-in. The public address announcer ex-

plained that the pause was a mark of respect to the memory of Charles Crosse, former Kickham hurler and clubman, who had died that weekend.

Although in his early eighties, and known to have been ill for some months, word of his death was, with difficulty and sadness, absorbed by his many friends. Charles, or affectionately Chas to those who knew him, had weathered the years better than most; a sprightly figure ever keenly interested in hurling and the club with which he filled many roles from its foundation in the mid-thirties.

As hurler, administrator, selector and general guiding figure, Chas's association with his native parish had been lifelong. His hurling pre-dated the establishment of the West division in



1930; in 1929 he played junior hurling in the South championship with a Golden selection. For the initial five years of the West division, Knockavilla and Donaskeigh were separate clubs. Chas, together with his brothers, was central to Donaskeigh, winning a West junior title in 1932 and subsequently playing on a Multeen Rovers selection drawn from Donaskeigh and Donohill.

1935 saw Knockavilla and Donaskeigh combine and the Kickham club began in dream fashion taking a West senior hurling title in its debut year. It was the first of two 'West's' won by Chas, the second coming in '38. In '41 the Crosse brothers offered their services to Golden for one year and narrowly missed out on a West title, beaten by Éire Óg in the final.

With Donaskeigh breaking from the Kickham club in the early 'forties, Chas was quickly back in the fold, playing what a colleague vividly recalls as a 'super game' in Dundrum against Éire Óg, the '43 county senior champions.

Knockavilla and Donaskeigh reunited and Chas, although now leaving aside the camán, continued active involvement with the club, serving as chairman and then selector on the '49 team beaten in the county final by Borrisoleigh. And while he slipped from official involvement thereafter, he remained a staunch club follower



down through the decades.

As a hurler, Chas was once a Tipperary trialist playing mostly in the heart of attack at either centre or full forward. As clubman his affable, peace-loving nature helped smooth many an unevenness. His wife Kathleen and family have lost a dearly loved one; the Kickham club has lost a lifelong fan. May the heavens be his bed.

## DICK DELANEY

(Ardmayle, Boherlahan)

On August 16, 1993, the death took place of Dick Delaney, Ardmayle. Just 60 years of age, his death caused a great shock to his family and friends. Dick won a Mid senior hurling medal back in 1953 and for the following ten years he played regularly for the club in both hurling and football. Dick suffered indifferent health for a



long number of years and had to take a passive role as far as club activities were concerned, but in the late 'seventies he began to take a particular interest in the juveniles. He became chairman of the newly formed juvenile committee and for the next fifteen odd years he devoted most of his leisure time to this very necessary work.

His sons Pio, Dave and Ricky are active members of the club, while his daughter Jovita is one of the most prominent Camogie players at the present time, having won Intermediate and Minor All-Ireland medals as well as a host of other successes. We express our sympathy to his widow Jovita and family. Go ndéanaí Dia trócaire air.

## JACK DONOVAN

(Toomevara)

When Jack Donovan passed away last March the village and parish of Toomevara lost one of the supporting pillars of the



community. He had spent his full eighty-four years amongst his own people serving their needs and reflecting their traditions. In a special way he is remembered for his contribution to hurling which was his first and enduring love, and the service he gave as a player, as a mentor and advisor, and as an inspiration to youth.

The first time I saw him play he was holding the full-back position on a junior team in 1928. He was a strongly built youth of nineteen years and the general comments all round predicted a bright future for him. During his years of teacher-training he missed some of the games at home because it was not easy to get home from college for them. In 1930 his powerful physique and skill with the hurley secured him his place on the Toomevara senior team that put two county titles back to back in 1930-31.

Initially he played on the forward line that included Martin Kennedy, Paddy O'Meara, Paddy Collison and Tom Byrnes before settling in the full-back line where he earned a place on the county senior panel that won the All-Ireland in 1930 and the year after he was at corner back on the team that lost to Cork in the Munster championship. In that position he continued to play for his club for a number of years.

When he qualified as a teacher his first appointment brought him to Moneygall as substitute Principal for Matthew Gleeson, a native of Drombane, who was in failing health. I had the benefit of his special teaching skills for a few months. For a big man he was gentle and kindly spoken and I appreciated his keen interest in his pupils' welfare.

He was appointed permanent Principal of Gurtagarry School, where he spent many fruitful years before transferring to Toomevara as Principal. In both schools he transmitted to generations of pupils his great love for hurling and when the club acquired a field beside the village, John Donovan played more than a man's part in developing the pitch and he provided the practical leadership when he took off his coat to shift mounds of earth to level the

playing surface.

His local community is indebted to him in many ways but none more so than for the sturdy example of good living that he upheld throughout his long life. The appreciation of his sterling qualities was demonstrated by the vast crowd that attended to pay their last respects to the "old Master" when he was laid to rest in the village cemetery. Our sympathy is offered to his wife Maura and their children.

## JIM GILL

(Burgess)

When the news filtered through in early February of the sudden passing of Jim Gill, Newtown, it was greeted with a very deep sense of melancholy. Jim was born in Fatheen in 1922 and graduated from U.C.D. in 1945 in Civil Engineering.

Jim made a valued contribution in the local community, being involved in Juvenile G.A.A. activities, Parish Council, School Management Board, I.F.A. and Nenagh Show Committee. For many years he was North Bord na nÓg representative to the County Board. One of his proudest moments was when Burgess won the County Junior Final in 1976, as he had nurtured these players through juvenile ranks, and was glad to see his efforts reap rewards.

His son Robert was also on that team: Being a man of great humour, intelligence, integrity and honesty, he was often sought after for sound advice on club developments by many clubs. Indeed many dressing-rooms,



buildings, etc. can stand as a permanent memorial to the charming gentleman.

Jim was always available to his own club, Burgess, and often solved problems with the minimum of fuss, and his absence is sadly felt. The esteem in which he was held throughout a wide area was evident by the huge crowds that attended the removal, Requiem Mass and burial.

Go ndéanaí Dia trócaire ar a anam.

## NED GLEESON

The late Ned Gleeson of Kilcoleman was for many years a playing member of Kildangan Club. He was a member of the 1944 Junior team which won Divisional honours, and recalled many incidents of those games at a function held to honour that team late last year.

One who rarely missed a game, he was always to be seen when the local team was playing.

A keen supporter of County teams, he had a deep love for this native county and was a good judge of the requirements needed to play at County level. He will be missed by all who knew him – a sad loss to our club.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anan dílis.

## MICHAEL GREY

(Nenagh)

Nenagh was saddened during the year at the loss of Michael Grey. The Grey family had been long associated with the club. In early years before McDonagh Park had dressing-rooms, the Grey household, next to the hurling pitch, was for many years used as dressing-rooms.



Michael Grey was an accomplished hurler and during the late 'forties hurled minor for Tipperary. Among his team-mates were such as Jimmy Finn and Pat Stakelum. At club level Michael figured on many Éire Óg teams and among his honours were junior in 1947 as well as being a member of the victorious 1957 senior squad which won Nenagh's first North Tipp title.

During his later years Michael took great pride in the performance of his son, Michael Jnr., and his last night alive was spent in McDonagh Park watching his son star in a thrilling minor semi-final replay.



## PAT GUILFOYLE

A native of Ballydavid, Pat had a great interest in sport from a young age and hurred on the successful parish minor and u/21 teams of the late 1960's, winning Mid and County medals. Pat also played in the forward line and was an opportunist player. After his playing days he was active in club organisation and a loyal follower of the red and gold. His death in his early forties was much mourned.

May he find a resting place in the home of the Gaels in heaven.  
R.I.P.

## PAKIE HEFFERNAN

On the 14th February, 1993, the death took place of Pakie Heffernan, Glenough, Rossmore. Pakie was a lifelong supporter of teams from Clonoulty/Rossmore



from his early years.

He won a West Junior Hurling League medal in 1944 and a West Junior Championship hurling medal in 1945 and played for many years for the club. In later years he took a great pleasure in his sons playing for the club, especially Michael, who played a major role on the Clonoulty/Rossmore senior hurling team, winning the county final in 1989.

On the evening of the arrival of his remains to Rossmore Church, a guard of honour was formed by club members and his coffin, draped in the Rossmore colours. We express our deepest sympathy to his wife, family and relatives and friends. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

## JOHNNY HENNESSY

Great sadness was experienced in Killenaule and surrounding areas with the death of Johnny Hennessy early this year. He had a lifelong interest in Gaelic games and Irish culture and followed the

fortunes of Killenaule and Tipperary teams with great enthusiasm.

It can be said that Johnny Hennessy typified the spirit of the GAA and what it represents in Irish life. He was very much to the fore in promoting Scór in the early seventies and in later years with his wife Mary adjudicated Scór competitions in and outside the county.

Johnny was secretary and treasurer of the Killenaule club, covering a span of fifty years, filling both positions with great diligence and dedication. He also served on the South Board and County Board, making many friends and no enemies.

His popularity could amply be seen in the huge turnout at the removal of his remains to St. Mary's Church, Killenaule, and Requiem Mass, prior to his interment in Moyglass cemetery. The Killenaule club saluted an outstanding clubman with a guard of honour, and the red and yellow of Killenaule was placed on his coffin.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Mary and family.  
Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

## MICK HENNESSY

On August 2nd, Mick Hennessy passed to his eternal reward. Although he had been in declining health for the previous year, his death was unexpected and left a yawning void in the community. It was difficult to comprehend that the familiar figure of Mick would no longer be seen on the village street in Cloughjordan, at training in McDonagh Park or on the sideline supporting the black and white of Kilruane McDonaghs.



A native of Ballylanders in County Limerick, he came to Cloughjordan over half a century ago. Immediately, he pitched his lot in with the local club and played on the junior hurling team. It was as an administrator, however, that Mick made the greatest impact. In the late sixties and early seventies he was deeply involved

with the juvenile club which won numerous divisional and county honours. In 1974 he was elected treasurer of the senior club and was to fill that onerous position until 1992. This was the longest term of office for a treasurer in the history of the Kilruane McDonaghs Club. The job of treasurer was made for him as Mick was the personification of honesty and integrity.

His term as treasurer coincided with the golden era of the club. Mick saw McDonaghs flourish to become one of the leading clubs in the country, culminating in the historic triumph over Buffers Alley in the 1986 All-Ireland Club Final. He savoured every one of the victories in that period, whether divisional, county or national. Of course Mick had particular cause for pride as a key figure in many of those triumphs was his son Seamus, whose superb midfield play and unerring accuracy were admired by friend and foe alike.

When Mick relinquished his position as treasurer, in January, 1993, he was unanimously appointed joint-president of the club. At the club's annual function in February, he was presented with a crystal vase in recognition of his sterling service over the years. Even in his last few months, although visibly fading, the welfare of Kilruane McDonaghs was foremost in his thoughts.

Mick was also an active member of the Thomas McDonagh Park Committee. In 1989 he succeeded the late Dan Farrell as treasurer. He was very proud of the park and was very keen on its development. It gave him immense satisfaction to see so many important games played there, including the North senior finals of 1991 and 1992. He was in his element on final day hurrying to and fro, checking that everything was in order and that there was order in everything. The 1993 North final between Nenagh and Moneygall just didn't seem the same without his presence. His fervent wish was that a stand would be erected in the park and a recent decision by the committee to proceed with this would have received Mick's seal of approval.

Apart from the G.A.A., Mick's other great passion was a game of cards. He enjoyed the camaraderie that was associated with the hand of 45 or whist. Above all, however, he was a devoted family man and had his priorities in life ordered correctly. An unassuming man and one never to seek the limelight, he did his work quietly and diligently in the background. Matches, meetings and training sessions will be the poorer for his absence.

At his funeral, members of the club and the park committee formed a guard of honour and his coffin was draped in club colours. Fittingly his grave was covered with a sod from the bank in

Thomas McDonagh Park. Wouldn't he be pleased.

Ar dheis láimh Dé go raibh a anam uasal.

## JOHNNY KEHOE

(Kilsheelan)

Johnny Kehoe of Ballydine Kilsheelan, who passed to his eternal reward in March of this year, had been a life-long member of the G.A.A.

He gave a lifetime of service to his local club, Kilsheelan, and his links to the club spanned an unbelievable eight decades, stretching from his early playing days in the 'twenties to his role of club president in the 'nineties.



The intervening years were for Johnny a labour of love. He played a leading role in Kilsheelan's football successes in 1930 and 1933 at a period when Kilsheelan and Tipperary football was of a very high standard. When a hurling revival was spearheaded from his own area of Ballydine in 1929, Johnny was actively involved and was a member of that historic first team to take the field under the Kilsheelan banner. At the end of a long and distinguished playing career Johnny became active on the administrative side of the club, serving on many committees before succeeding Paddy Larkin as Club Chairman in 1964.

He was to hold that position until the 8th January, 1987. The club enjoyed unprecedented success during his period as Chairman with pride of place going to senior football victories in 1968 and 1972. Johnny's sons James, Michael, John and Gerry shared in many of those triumphs and he took justifiable pride in his family's magnificent contribution to those successes.

When Johnny's term of office ended as chairman, he was honoured with the Club Presidency, a position he filled with equal interest and enthusiasm. He also served as a Co. Board member for many years and as Co. S.F. Selector and was also honoured



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**Back Row: L to R -** Conor Ryan (Coach), Emily Hayden, Michelle Larkin, Marie Harkins, Durcey Cullinton, Mary Looby, Mandy Quigley, Nicola Kennedy, Marie White, Caroline Buckley, Sharon Lawton, Clodagh Dunne, Jacqueline O'Connor, Marion Graham.(selector).  
**Front Row L to R -** Fiona Hanrahan, Miriam Maxwell, Ciara Gaynor, Treasa Brophy, Aine Ryan (Mascot) Joanne Horgan (Capt).  
**Gillian O'Neill, Lisa McCormack, Susan Keneally, Anne Barry, Cathrion Fitzgerald, Olivia Hayden, Bridget Phelan.**



with the Vice-Chairmanship of the South Board.

Apart from the G.A.A., Johnny's life centred around his family and his neighbours. His generosity knew no bounds; he will be sadly missed by his neighbours, but more especially by his wife Gabrielle and family.

Go ndeana Dia trócaire ar a anam dílis.

## FR. TIM KENNEDY

April 5th of 1993 saw the passing of one of West Tipperary's most respected Gaels, Fr. Tim Kennedy. Ordained to the priesthood in 1943, Fr. Kennedy served in the parishes of Golden-Kilfeacle, Lattin-Cullen, Bansha, and Clonoulty-Rossmore in the West Division as well as a brief term in England, after being ordained, and a term in Murroe, Co. Limerick.



The G.A.A. was, perhaps, Fr. Tim's greatest passion. The analysis of matches played and the speculation about upcoming matches was his favourite topic of conversation. A shrewd judge of hurling, Fr. Kennedy's views were valued and respected by team mentors and selectors and his encouragement and interest gave renewed vigour to the efforts of all involved in promoting Gaelic games.

Fr. Kennedy was involved in the affairs of the Association in all the parishes of West Tipperary in which he served. During his short ministry as curate in Golden-Kilfeacle he served as club chairman, during which time the club won a West senior football title and he was also a mentor of the U-15 team which won three West titles.

Serving in Lattin-Cullen from 1952 to '62, Fr. Kennedy and the late Canon Ryan were the driving force in the building of the G.A.A. hall, which opened in 1953. As club chairman, he gave new impetus to the club, which flourished under his guidance. His involvement with juveniles during the 1950's brought much

success and the players he coached went on to win eight West football finals and contested the 1961 County football final, which was lost only in a replay. The present County Chairman, Michael McGuire, owes his involvement as a player and administrator to Fr. Kennedy and his influence of the character formation of the young was, indeed, great.

In Bansha, Fr. Kennedy continued to be involved in G.A.A. affairs, though illhealth limited his contribution. He was a keen follower of teams and was involved in the winning of juvenile leagues in the parish and also served as chairman of the Juvenile club for a number of years.

Fr. Kennedy was president of Clonoulty-Rossmore G.A.A. club from his arrival in the parish until his death. Though not actively involved in club activities he was a true supporter of teams through thick and thin. The victory of the senior hurling team in the 1989 Co. Final was a source of great pleasure and pride to Fr. Kennedy. Equally so were the victories of juvenile teams in which Fr. Tim took particular interest.

Fr. Kennedy served a term as chairman of West Tipperary Bord na nÓg in the 1950's and was also a delegate to the Senior Board for many years. His contribution to the affairs of the division was recognised by his being elected as one of the Honorary life presidents of the West Board.

His loss to the division is great. I measc naoimh uile na nGael go raibh a anam dílis.

## MICHAEL KINANE

The news of the death of Michael Kinane, Toureen, Rossmore, after a brief illness in October of this year, was received with a great sense of loss and sadness throughout the parish and surrounding areas. Michael spent his life in farming and will be fondly remembered by those privileged to know him.



Michael won a West Tipp. junior hurling medal with Clonoulty/Rossmore in 1945; Coun-

ty Minor trial 1946; Crosco Cup medal with Clonoulty/Rossmore 1950; Senior hurling medal with Clonoulty/Rossmore 1951; West Tipp. junior hurling medal with Rossmore 1956. Michael also played with Tipperary in the national Hurling League 1951/52; came on as a sub. in Oireachtas hurling final against Kilkenny in 1952; played against Galway in a gold medal tournament in 1952 and played junior hurling for Tipperary in 1954/56.

Michael Kinane was a good and generous man whose passing we deeply mourn. On the arrival of his remains to Rossmore Church, a guard of honour was provided by Club members who also carried the coffin draped in the colours of Clonoulty/Rossmore. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Eileen, family, relatives and friends.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

## TOM LANIGAN

Tom Lanigan of 123, Pine Ridge, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin, who died suddenly on the 16th May, 1993, aged 76 years, was formerly of Cuchulainn Road, Thurles.

Tom had five brothers, Martin, Jim, Tim, Pat (Pakie) and John; and his two sisters Mary (Mai) and Bridget (Pidgie).



Jim, John and Tom were the hurlers in the family, while sister Pidgie was an exceptional camogie player and represented Tipperary and Munster in the Tailteann Games in 1932. Tom Lanigan, with his brothers Jim and John, played hurling and football with Thurles Sarsfields, notably in the 1930's.

Tom won a Harty Cup medal with Thurles C.B.S. in 1933 and a County Minor medal representing Thurles on a Mid Selection, also in 1933. He won county minor honours in 1934, again representing Thurles on a Mid selection and went on to win an All-Ireland minor medal with Tipperary, beating Laois 4-3 to 3-5 in this same year under the captaincy of Con Maher, the Furze, Thurles. Also

on the team were Jack Noonan, James Mooney and Jack Moloney of Thurles.

Tom won a Munster minor medal with Tipperary in 1935 but the team was beaten in the All-Ireland final by Kilkenny (4-2 to 3-3).

Thurles Sarsfields won the County senior hurling title in 1935 to provide Tom at eighteen years of age with his first senior medal and he was to win further honours including football in this year and in the succeeding years when Thurles Sarsfields won the County senior hurling title in 1936, 1938 and 1939.

Tom Lanigan played as a wing forward for club and county and was recognised as a stylish hurler with good hands and balance and a keen eye. He liked to get the ball in his hand and strike for the goal and was known to dislike training sessions where "ground only" play was insisted on. His brother Jim often remarked that the man marking Tom at training sessions of this nature, often himself, would have a few sore knuckles to testify to Tom's displeasure of such occasions.

Tom's wife is Maureen Browne, formerly of Castle Park, Castle Avenue, Thurles, and her brother, Seamus Browne, also hurled for Thurles Sarsfields with distinction, particularly in that memorable county final against Borrisoleigh in 1952 before an attendance of 1,500 people. Tom Lanigan enjoyed good health up to his sudden death in May of this year, 1993.

Tom is survived by his wife Maureen, son Jim, daughter-in-law Myram, and grandchildren Gráinne and Thomas.

His sister Pidgie is living in Chicago and is the only surviving member of the family of six boys and two girls.

Tom Lanigan is buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Thurles and during his funeral the coffin was draped in the Thurles Sarsfields colours.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

## MICHAEL LEAHY

One of the longest serving and most loyal members of the Cashel King Cormac's club passed away during the summer. Michael Leahy's connection with the King Cormac's went back to the very early thirties when he was a delegate to the West Convention in January, 1932. At the time of his death he was still active, serving as secretary of the Leahy Park Committee.

Over this long span of over sixty years, Michael filled many roles in the club. During the thirties he was





a player and secretary and, in the words of a contemporary, 'a leader we all looked up to'.

In 1934 he captained the first Cashel team to win a west divisional title. He was involved in the Sportsfield Committee from the beginning and was club chairman and vice-chairman for a period of nearly twenty years. He was always sincere, reliable and trustworthy.

Go ndeana Dia trócaire ar a anam.

## DANNY LYONS

(Ballyporeen)

Ballyporeen GAA Club lost one of its most devoted members with the untimely death of Danny Lyons on 28 January, 1992.

Danny, who passed from this life following a short illness, was a dedicated family man, successful businessman, a pillar of the local community and a gentleman in the eyes of those who were fortunate enough to make his acquaintance.

He bore his final illness with remarkable dignity, displaying sincerity, integrity and strong religious faith which were hallmarks of his character. His removal and obsequies brought a huge gathering to the village to mark the passing of a true friend. His coffin, draped in the red and black, was flanked by a very large guard of honour comprising of past and present players and officials of the club.



Among the huge gathering were members and ex-members of the club who were present to pay their

final respects to a man who has been the heart and soul of Ballyporeen GAA, a man who had dedicated himself to the ideals and objectives of the GAA, given outstanding service as a player, worked tirelessly as an officer of the club and given freely of his expertise and advice for the betterment of his club.

Danny made numerous substantial financial contributions to club activities and most recently to the Field Development Fund. He never sought recognition for his support but rather preferred to subscribe anonymously.

We could always rely on Danny to give sound, practical, common-sense advice, delivered in a pleasant manner when decisions had to be taken regarding club affairs. Ballyporeen GAA will certainly miss his immense contribution.

Danny had the blessing of a very happy family who are all involved in the affairs of Ballyporeen GAA Club. To Sheila and all Danny's family we extend our sincerest sympathies.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

## WILLIAM MALONEY

The late William Maloney of Crannagh, Ballycommon, who died on 29/4/93, was a life-long member of the Kildangan Club.



A kind and gentle man who served the club throughout his playing career, he was a member of the 1944 Junior team which won divisional honours. He was actively involved in Juvenile affairs during the 1960's, when, with members of his family, Kildangan had much success. He will be sadly missed by all associated with this fine club.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

## JIM MINEHAN

The late Jim Minehan of Lisduff House, Ballycommon, Nenagh, who died on the 27/1/93, aged 74 years, served the club with



distinction, both as player member and supporter throughout his life. Jim, a good humoured man, was never one to remove himself from his duties as a member of the club. He gave of his services unselfishly and was a tireless worker, even being involved in promoting recent club development.

He will be missed by all within our club, but the Minehan tradition carries on as his family are presently involved as playing members and officers of Kildangan Club. His son Pat is present treasurer.

Tributes paid at his funeral were an indication as to the esteem in which he was held within the club.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

## CHRISTY MOLOUGHNEY

A native of Coldfields and residing at Ballydavid, Littleton, Christy hurred with both the Two-Mile-Borris team (Mid J.H. winners 1957) and parish teams. A strong hurling forward, he was forceful on the drive and skilful on the strike. An affable man, he always took a great interest in all sport in the parish and was an ardent follower of Moycarkey-Borris and Tipperary teams.

A knowledgeable critic of the game, Christy is missed from our games and from venues far and near.

## AIDEEN NEALON

(Burgess)

A deep sense of sadness existed on 21st February last when Aideen Nealon's battle for precious life finally came to a halt in Nenagh General Hospital, after a long illness. She was eldest daughter of Donie and Kitty Nealon.

Her call to heaven came at the early age of 27, but as Fr. S. Gardiner stated in his homily at Aideen's funeral Mass, Aideen touched all who knew her as few do, and even though she was leaving us at a young age, one



senses she had a fulfilled life.

Aideen had a great personality and her outgoing nature and fun-loving ways won her many friends. In her health, she excelled in Irish Dancing and won many honours including Scór, County and Munster titles in Figure Dancing in 1987. She was also an accomplished swimmer. She loved our national games and was very proud of her father's involvement in G.A.A. activities.

Although working in the Civil Service at the Central Statistics Office in Dublin until her illness, her roots lay with her club and county. The 1992 Intermediate final was the last match that she attended. Aileen is featured on the match video holding the Fr. Hewitt Cup, which returned to the Duharra Hills after a 16 years' absence, but nobody inspired the lads that did duty that day more than Aileen, and naturally the same players were disappointed that they failed to bring home the county title for Aileen's last year with us, but she is still sharing the club's successes in spirit.

In her spare time in Dublin she devoted much of her endless energy to Childline and helped children to fulfil their lives. Aileen bore her illness with great courage and dignity, and the manner in which she accepted her lot is an example to us all. She had great devotion to Our Lady and Padre Pio and, as she is now with the angels, she will know the meaning of Padre Pio's saying: "If you know the value of suffering, you would ask for nothing else."

Leading G.A.A. personalities attended her funeral including G.A.A. President Peter Quinn and Director-General Liam Mulvihill.

I measc Scur na nAingeal agus foireann Neimhe go raibh a h-anam alainn, oirearc, uasal.

## PAKIE O'NEILL

Springtime had just arrived when Patrick O'Neill passed to his eternal repose. It was an appro-





priate time for Pakie, as he was known to depart this life as Springtime would see the commencement of his work for the farming community, which involved ploughing, mowing and in former years reaping and threshing.

Pakie was born in Solohead and played for the parish in the 1930 West Senior hurling final at the tender age of 19. Soon after he came to live in Emly where he spent the rest of his life.

He soon immersed himself in the activities of the local G.A.A. club, giving many years of service as a player and committee member.

When Emly purchased its own ground, Pakie acted as one of the guarantors and he was then contracted to level and prepare the pitch, and the fruits of his labour are there for all to see.

Pakie had an abiding and life-long interest in hurling and he liked nothing better than to discuss the merits or otherwise of players and particularly the County senior hurling team. Great was his disappointment and loud his lamentations whenever Tipperary were beaten, especially if Limerick were the victors.

To his wife and family we offer our condolences. Solas na bhFlaitheas dá anam uasal.

## JIMMY O'DONNELL

(1917-1993)

Jimmy O'Donnell was born, nurtured, influenced, and moulded in a parish noted for its devotion to all things Irish. As a



consequence there was created for the people of the area an oasis of such profound Gaelicism that no one could survive in it without imbibing its very spirit. Jimmy gave expression to this inheritance in so many ways.

He loved the G.A.A. and had an abiding fervour for the games. A gentleman always willing to chat and reminisce on games and days gone by.

He was one of five brothers who contributed enormously to Golden/Kilfeacle, the county and the province. As a player and administrator he had the proud record of having serviced his club unceasingly for a period of well night on sixty years. His playing career stretched from the middle thirties until the early fifties.

Playing with Golden Fontenoy's as they were then known, he won junior hurling titles in the years 1935 and 1943. A minor hurling championship in 1936 was followed by a junior football success in 1940. In 1941 he was elected captain of the Senior Hurling team who lost by a point to Éire Óg in the West final.

An indicator of the strength of the victors on that occasion was that this was the Éire Óg team that brought the division its first County Senior title in 1943. Unfortunately for Jimmy he was not able to play in the final due to illness.

It's firmly believed that his absence cost Golden Fontenoy's the West and possibly the County senior title of that year.

In 1946 he became involved administratively for the first time when he was elected secretary and treasurer of the Golden/Feacle Club. He served as chairman from 1960 to 1973. The exalted office of chairman he occupied for all of twelve years from 1974 to 1985. He was the club's president from 1985 until his sudden and unexpected calling. From 1946 until his death on Friday last he rendered unbroken service as a selector in various grades of both hurling and football. Indeed so great was the man's dedication and enthusiasm that he attended his last club meeting as recently as Saturday night week. He was also unique in that he was lone selector of the Junior Football team which won the County in 1979.

On many occasions he represented the club as a delegate to Divisional Board meetings. His contribution to the GAA also extended to the compilation of the Parish History in conjunction with his two colleagues and friends Willie Ryan and Morty O'Connell.

Along with his fellow members and team-mates, he played his part in the provision of the excellent facilities which the Club can be proud of, development which is ongoing to the present day.

Ní beihidh a leithéid ann arís. Go ndéana Dia a trócaire ar a anam dhúilis.

## PADDY O'GORMAN

The death after an illness of Paddy O'Gorman, Abbey Road, Thurles, at the age of 79, removes from the community a man who played a prominent role in the commercial and sporting life of the town for many years.

Paddy spent a lifetime on the staff of P.J. Hickey's, Chemists, Liberty Square, where his kindness



and courtesy made him a great favourite with customers and colleagues alike.

He had a life-long association with Gaelic games. He was an accomplished hurler in his youth. He captained the first Thurles C.B.S. team to win the Dr. Harty Cup in 1933 and later gave distinguished service to Thurles Sarsfields, with whom he won several championships.

Later, he was involved as a club official, serving as secretary for some years. He was actively involved at the old Thurles Sportsfield for many years, being a familiar figure on duty at the main gate.

The appreciation of the community for his commitment was reflected in the huge attendances at the removal of the remains to the Cathedral and at the interment in St. Patrick's after concelebrated Requiem Mass. The coffin was draped in the colours of Sarsfields, whose members flanked the hearse in a fitting farewell to a loyal clubman.

## TOM POWER

On May 27th, 1993, the death took place of Tom Power, Gaile, Boherlahan. Tom was the youngest member and the last of his generation of one the finest Gaelic families in this county. An older brother, Jack Power, won two Junior All-Irelands 1913-14; two Senior All-Irelands 1916-25, and seven senior county final medals while another brother, Paddy, won a senior All-Ireland 1925 and six senior county final medals.

Tom himself won senior county



finals in 1927-28 and '41; won a Junior All-Ireland in 1930 and gave over twenty years of service at the highest level to his club. Tom's son, Séamus, a leading member of his club through the seventies and eighties won an Intermediate All-Ireland, a National League medal in 1979 and represented the club on the county team for a number of years. His other son Monty also played with the club for a number of years. Tom Power was a nephew of Johnny Connolly of the famed Tubberadora team, while his wife Nellie was niece of another prominent member of that team, Jack Maher of "the Fields".

We extend our sympathy to his relatives. Ar dheis láimh Dé go raibh a anam.

## PAT REIDY

The local community was devastated at the sudden passing of Pat Reidy, Rosemount, Carrigtoher, on 4th April. Pat was well-known and loved the joys of life.

He was employed at Ballywilliam Creamery for 44 years, until his retirement as stores manager in 1988, and he was duly honoured for his services by a presentation function. Pat won a North Tipperary Minor 'A' Championship medal in 1939. He also collected two North Tipp Intermediate championship medals in 1941 and 1951. The club enjoyed remarkable success, winning four North Tipp Intermediate titles, which he administered in the role of Club Secretary.

Being a man of great integrity



and vision, he became involved in Juvenile GAA activities, organising club juvenile teams, and he introduced his three sons, John, Paddy and Michael, to our national games. His eldest son, John, won a



county Junior medal in 1976 and later donned the Lilywhites jersey with his adopted county, Kildare. Pat was a loyal supporter of the county team and was a happy man when the hay was saved and Cork 'bet'.

The club joined a guard of honour, some of whom were his former team-mates, at the removal from Nenagh General Hospital, and perhaps it was appropriate that his Requiem Mass was on Palm Sunday, as Pat filled many a child's palm with sweets.

The large crowd that attended his funeral bore testimony to the high esteem in which he was held, and it was fitting that the sun should shine as he was laid to rest in Kilmore cemetery.

Ar dheis láimh Dé go raibh anam uasal, Padraig.

## MATT RYAN

Matt Ryan (Lacken), Dolla, who died unexpectedly on 18th September, was the first chairman of Silvermines Handball Club which was founded in October '80.



He held that position for three years but maintained an active interest in the wellbeing of the club until his untimely death. Throughout the years he was always a great supporter of Silvermines G.A.A. and a regular sponsor of club activities.

A native of Knockfune, Newport, Matt was from a family steeped in Irish ideals, and which made an enormous contribution to country and community. Páirc Uí Riain in Newport is named after Matt's uncle, Paddy, who played a prominent role in Ireland's fight for freedom. As late as July, 1993, Matt Ryan made a substantial contribution to Newport G.A.A. Club for the restoration of the gates at the impressive entrance to Newport's "Lacken Park".

The thriving family business in Dolla was built up by Matt's hard work and dedication, but perhaps more by his genial manner and friendly disposition. The great respect in which he was held was shown by the huge turn-out at his funeral, which was among the largest ever seen in the area.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh sé.

## TOMMY RYAN (R)

The passing from this life on the 6th June, 1993, of Tommy Ryan (R), Garrenmore, Clonoulty, was mourned by all followers of our games throughout his parish and county.



He was one of the club's greatest supporters and his total commitment and dedication to teams from the parish knew no bounds.

In 1989, in his own quiet way, he rejoiced in the success of the Clonoulty/Rossmore Senior hurling team, captained by his son, T.J. Neil was also on the panel and Eoin was a selector on the team. 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 and family on their sad loss.

Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a anam.

## PADDY RYAN

The death of Paddy Ryan of Ballyglasheen, Kilsheelan, took place recently in a Killenaule nursing home.

Paddy had been honorary president of Kilsheelan GAA Club and a lifelong supporter of Gaelic games. He was a native of Donohill in West Tipperary, but spent most of his adult life in the parish of Kilsheelan.

When the Kilsheelan club purchased the sportsfield in 1950, Paddy was at the heart of a lot of the development work which took place there. His knowledge and experience of the land was a great asset to the club at the time and he took great pride in the fact that he took part in the planting of the trees which now surround the field.

He was always willing and ready to act as an umpire and he travelled the county with the late Jack



Roche, who was a prominent referee at the time. He was also a popular member of Willie Robinson's team of umpires. None would be fairer or more impartial than Paddy at this job, but it was often pointed out to him in the good humoured banter that sometimes follows games that he got caught out for a few scores while lighting his pipe, which was very much part of his equipment for umpiring!

Paddy also filled the roles of club committee member and selector. He was a great attender at games in which the club were taking part, rarely missing one. When he had the pipe well lit, hours of conversation could flow on his favourite topic. He was immensely proud of his club and also of the fact that his grandsons were prominently associated with it as players.

He had the respect and affection of players young and old and solid testimony to this was in evidence as he was laid to rest in Gambonsfield.

We tender our sincere sympathy to his wife Ellen and family.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

## REV. MICHAEL RYAN

A largely forgotten member of the Cashel club from the thirties passed away in Prosperous, Co. Kildare, in October. Rev. Michael Ryan, who spent forty years of his priesthood in the diocese of Plymouth, was ordained in Thurles in June, 1935.

Born in 1911, he showed remarkable athletic prowess from an early age and came to prominence with the Cashel C.B.S. team in 1927. Equally proficient at hurling and football he played on and off for the Cashel club until his last game, the county senior hurling semi-final against Moycarkey at Gaile in 1934.

His contemporaries remember him as a fine player who would have made the county team but for his studies. His death is another reminder of the depth of hurling



talent in Cashel in the thirties.

Ar dheis láimh Dé go raibh a anam.

## MARTIN SHELLY

Early in October the death occurred of that great Gael, Martin Shelly, The Park, Templemore.



Martin's involvement with Templemore Éire Óg commenced in 1937 when he was a playing member of the minor football team defeated by Thurles C.B.S. in the final. He soon graduated to senior ranks and in 1939 he won a Mid championship medal and played full-back on the team beaten by West Tipperary in County semi-final on the score 0-4 to 0-3.

In 1940 he played in goal on the team beaten by Loughmore Castleiney senior football team (St. Colmcille's and Éire Óg). These two teams continued for the 1941 championship but in 1942 both came together and won the Mid championship. Martin played full-forward and in the semi-final they were beaten by Fethard. For the next three years - 1943 to 1945 - Templemore Éire Óg had to give way to the mighty army team, the 10th Battalion, who won three Mid titles and two County titles.

In 1946, in one of the best Mid senior football finals played for a long time, Martin played wing forward on the team beaten by Loughmore Castleiney - eventual County champions - on the score 1-4 to 0-6. Martin continued playing with the club up to 1949



and for the next twenty years approx. He became involved with the running of the club, being a member of the executive committee and selection committee for many years.

It was only to be expected that Martin had one of the biggest funerals seen in Templemore for many years, as his many friends and playing colleagues came to pay their respect. A guard of honour was provided by past and present members of the Éire Óg club, a club he had faithfully served for many years and in which he took a keen interest in up to the time of his death.

May his gentle soul rest in peace and may his family – Jim, Joe, Pat and Mary – to which he was so devoted – draw comfort from the memories he leaves within the hearts of all who knew him.

Ar dheis láimh Dé go raibh anam uasal Máirtín.

## DOLORES TYRRELL

There was widespread shock and sadness in South Tipperary and Waterford sporting circles and most especially in Newcastle, on 31st October, when the news of the death of one of the area's most popular sportswomen, Mrs. Dolores Tyrrell (nee Hallinan) became known.



Dolores followed in her father's and brother's footsteps by becoming actively involved in the running of the Newcastle Club. She held the position of Secretary for many years and endeared herself to players, selectors and everyone involved by her dedication and commitment to the Club. Indeed she was the first female Club Secretary in South Tipperary. Her skills were not just confined to the field of administration as she took on the role of selector several times and her knowledge and reading of games was as good, if not better, than any man's.

Dolores paved the way for the involvement of women in G.A.A. clubs and on moving to Grange-mockler, after her marriage to Jerome, she handed the reins over

to another female secretary, but continued her involvement with the Club as assistant secretary and P.R.O.

Dolores' many other involvements included playing football with Ballymacarbery and Waterford ladies' football teams, through which she won Junior, Senior and Club All-Ireland medals and also with the boys of Kildalton Agricultural College, where she worked, and whom she coached to win two All-Ireland Agricultural Colleges' Finals and with St. Mary's Camogie Club in Clonmel through which she won 2 County camogie titles, and also in Scór Sinscar, participating in the Figure Dancing and Novelty Act sections for several years.

The huge crowd that attended her funeral was indeed testimony to the esteem in which she was held by everyone who knew her. Dolores was, in the words of Fr. Mick Kennedy, a "mighty lady", full of life and energy. Her optimism, sincerity, dedication and thoughtfulness will be sorely missed by all involved in Newcastle Club but most especially by her husband Jerome, parents Frank and Emily Hallinan, her brother, sisters and all her relations and many friends to whom we tender our heartfelt sympathy.

Ar dheis láimh Dé go mbeidh do hanam dhúis, Dolores, agus tá súil againn go mbuailfimis le chéile arís i bpáirceanna glasa Parthais.

## VERY REV. JOHN WALSHE P.P.

(1920-92)

The death took place in April of Fr. John Walshe, P.P., Lattin, and President of the Lattin-Cullen Club. A native of Drangan, he was ordained in Thurles in 1947 and spent four years in Edinburgh before returning to take up duty



in Ballinahinch-Killoscully. From there he served in Ballinaboyer, Annacarty-Dunohill, Hospital-Herbertstown before coming to

Lattin as P.P. in 1979. He served as chairman of the Lattin-Cullen Club in 1980-81-82. He was elected President in 1983, a position he held until his death. He had a tremendous enthusiasm for the G.A.A. and its ideals. He was particularly passionate about the promotion of football, both at club and divisional level. His contribution to the Association was recognised by the West Board when he was elected Honorary President in the early eighties.

## LIAM Ó MAOLDOMHNAIGH

(Thurlesbeg, Boherlahan)

On October 26th, 1993, the death took place unexpectedly of Liam Ó Maoldomhnaigh, Thurlesbeg, Boherlahan. Liam was a member of the Suir View hurling team which won a Mid junior final in 1959. He also played on the team in the 1960 campaign.

A keen gaelgóir and Irish language enthusiast, Liam was also a member of the Boherlahan Sportsfield Committee which were responsible for the development of the playing field and sports centre and was a for a period chairperson of that committee. We express deepest sympathy to this bereaved widow and young family. Rest in peace.

## PAD & JACK DUNNE

(Gaile)

On September 5th, 1993, the death took place after a long illness of Pad Dunne, Gaile. Pad played his earlier hurling with Moycarkey but transferred to Boherlahan in 1938 and played with the club up to 1945, winning a county senior medal in the Inter Divisional Millar Shield Competition of the time and on a few occasions wore the county jersey.

On November 7th, 1993, the death took place of Jack Dunne, a younger brother of Pad. Jack also played with Boherlahan club for a number of years and won a Mid junior final medal in 1947.

Go ndéanaí Dia trócaire ar anamnacha na beirte.

## NEDDY MAHER

(Tubberadora, Boherlahan)

On May 25th, 1993, the death took place of Mr. Neddy

Mahe, formerly of Tubberadora. Neddy played with Boherlahan club in the 'twenties and 'thirties and won a minor All-Ireland medal in 1930. Having emigrated to England in the mid-thirties, he returned to spend his final years in his native Tubberadora.

## JOHNNY MAHER

(Boherlahan & New York)

On November 20th, 1993, the death took place in New York, where he had lived for over 60 years, of Johnny Maher, formerly of Kilbreedy, Boherlahan. Johnny Hailed from a noted G.A.A. family. His father Paddy and two uncles, Peter and Con,



won county honours with Suir View back in 1897, Peter having already won the All-Ireland final with Tubberadora in 1895.

Johnny, with his brother Pad, was a member of the great Boherlahan team of the 'twenties and won County Final senior medals in 1925-'27 and '28, in fact being the last surviving member of that team.

In February, 1930, Johnny went to work in New York at the behest of the Tipp. G.A.A. in that city and continued to play successfully there for a number of years. His first visit home was almost thirty years later in 1959 and he subsequently visited regularly making sure to be present for all Tipperary's successes in recent times. He also continued as a lifelong active member of the Tipperary Association in New York right up to the end. He was uncle of Tim Maher, who died a few short years ago and was on different occasions chairman of Mid Tipp. Board G.A.A. and a Munster Council representative. Mockler, a son of the great Jack Mockler of the famed Thurles Blues, was a son-in-law of Johnny Maher, married to his daughter Florence.

A great Gael with a lifelong abiding interest in the G.A.A., he will be sadly missed by family, relatives and friends. Rest in peace.



# Scoreboard 1993

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## COUNTY FINALS

### HURLING

Senior — Toomevara 1-14; Nenagh Eire Og 1-13.

Intermediate — Burgess 0-11; Upperchurch-Drombane 0-7.

Junior 'A' — Knockshewanna 1-9; Moyle Rovers 0-8.

Junior 'B' — Loughmore C 1-9; Cashel K. C. 0-4.

Under-21 'A' — Nenagh Eire Og 3-14; Holcross-Ballycahill 3-6.

Under-21 'B' — Kilruane MCD v. J. K. Brackens

Minor 'A' — Boherlahan-Dualla 1-12; Knockavilla Kickhams 2-6.

Minor 'B' — Loughmore-Castleiney 1-10; Lorrha 2-2.

Under-16 'A' — Durlas Og 4-7; Roscrea 4-6.

Under-16 'B' — Newport 1-5; Ballybacon-Grange 0-5 (replay).  
Newport 2-4; Ballybacon-Grange 2-4 (draw).

Under-14 Urban/rural — Roscrea 2-10; Mullinahone 2-4.

Under-14 Rural — Mullinahone 2-5; Toomevara 2-4.

Under-12 — Moycarkey-Borris 2-1; Toomevara 1-2 (replay).

Moycarkey-Borris 1-3; Toomevara 1-3 (draw).

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### FOOTBALL COUNTY FINALS

Senior — Fethard 0-13; Loughmore-Castleiney 1-4.

Intermediate — Newport v. J. K. Brackens

Junior 'A' —

Under-21 'A' —

Under-21 'B' —

Minor 'A' — Clonmel Commercials 4-8; Newport 1-5.

Minor 'B' — Rahealty 2-15; Golden-Kilfeacle 3-7 (replay, after extra time). Rahealty 1-6; Golden-Kilfeacle 0-9 (draw).

Under-16 'A' — Clonmel Commercials 1-8; Ballina/Ballinahinch 1-6.

Under-16 'B' — Ballyporeen 3-6; Moyne-Templetuohy 1-8.

Under-14 Urban/Rural — Kildangan 1-6; Moycarkey-Borris 0-4.

Under-14 Rural — Ardinnan 0-21; Kildangan 1-3.

Under-12 — Durlas Og 0-6; Fethard 0-5.

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### 1992 COUNTY FINALS

Intermediate Hurling — Knockavilla Kickhams 4-7; Burgess 0-10.

Intermediate Football — Ballyporeen 2-7; Aherlow 0-5.

Junior Football — Knockavilla Kickhams 1-11; Inane Rovers 0-8 (replay). Knockavilla Kickhams 1-1; Inane Rovers 0-4 (draw).

Under-21 'A' Football — Aherlow 2-4; Nenagh Eire Og 1-4.

### INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### SENIOR HURLING

At Semple Stadium (6-6-93) — Tipperary 4-21; Kerry 2-9.

At Limerick (4-7-93) — Tipperary 3-27; Clare 2-12 (Munster final).

At Croke Park (8-8-93) — Galway 1-16; Tipperary 1-14.

#### JUNIOR HURLING

At Semple Stadium (6-6-93) — Tipperary 2-13; Waterford 3-10 (draw).

At Cappoquin (27-6-93) — Waterford 3-12; Tipperary 1-10.

#### UNDER-21 HURLING

At Pairc Ui Chaoimh (24-7-93) — Cork 4-10; Tipperary 2-14.

#### MINOR HURLING

At Semple Stadium (7-4-93) — Tipperary 1-17; Limerick 0-6.

At Limerick (30-4-93) — Tipperary 2-13; Clare 3-10 (draw).

At Limerick (14-5-93) — Tipperary 0-17; Clare 1-9 (replay).

At Limerick (4-7-93) — Tipperary 1-12; Cork 1-9 (Munster final).

At Ennis (6-8-93) — Galway 3-10; Tipperary 0-10.

### UNDER-16 HURLING

At Ballymacarbry (27-3-93) — West Waterford 2-10; South Tipperary 0-8.

At Kilmallock (27-3-93) — Mid Tipperary 1-15; Avondhu (Cork) 0-7.

At Limerick (27-3-93) — West Tipperary 2-14; Mid Clare 0-0.

At Pallasgreen (27-3-93) — North Tipperary 3-8; South Limerick 0-1.

At Limerick (17-4-93) — North Tipperary 0-11; East Clare 2-3.

At Dungarvan (17-4-93) — Mid Tipperary 2-16; West Waterford 2-12.

At Ballygiblin (17-4-93) — West Tipperary 1-13; Cork City 0-3.

At Nenagh (1-5-93) — North Tipperary 2-11; Limerick City 0-11.

At Holycross (2-5-93) — Mid Tipperary 2-13; West Tipperary 3-6.

At Limerick (4-7-93) — North Tipperary 3-9; Mid Tipperary 2-10 (Munster final).

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### MASTER'S OVER-40

At The Ragg (10-7-93) — Kilkenny 3-13; Tipperary 3-8.

Tipperary-w.o.; Waterford-scr.

At Nowlan Park (11-9-93) — Tipperary 2-13; Wexford 2-9.

At Carlow (18-9-93) — Dublin 3-12; Tipperary 4-6 (All-Ireland final).

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### SENIOR FOOTBALL

At Semple Stadium (16-5-93) — Tipperary 3-18; Limerick 3-8.

At Waterford (20-6-93) — Tipperary 3-10; Waterford 0-13.

At Semple Stadium (18-7-93) — Cork 1-16; Tipperary 1-8 (Munster final).

### JUNIOR FOOTBALL

At Semple Stadium (16-5-93) — Tipperary 1-14; Limerick 0-6.

At Waterford (20-6-93) — Tipperary 1-9; Waterford 0-8.

At Clonmel (30-6-93) — Cork 1-10; Tipperary 0-9 (Munster final).

### UNDER-21 FOOTBALL

At Waterford (2-7-93) — Tipperary 0-11; Waterford 0-11.

At Clonmel (8-7-93) — Waterford 1-14; Tipperary 0-12 (after extra time).

### MINOR FOOTBALL

At Clonmel (6-5-93) — Tipperary 1-13; Waterford 0-7.

At Clonmel (7-7-93) — Tipperary 1-13; Limerick 1-6.

At Semple Stadium (18-7-93) — Cork 2-15; Tipperary 2-7.

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### OTHER RESULTS

#### MUNSTER CLUB HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

At Toomevara (24-10-93) — Toomevara 5-15; Patrickswell (Limerick) 1-10.

At Toomevara (7-11-93) — Toomevara 1-10; St Finbarrs (Cork) 0-12.

At Limerick (21-11-93) — Toomevara 0-15; Sixmilebridge (Clare) 0-7 (Munster final).



## MUNSTER CLUB FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

At Quilty (31-10-93) – Kilmurray/Ibricane (Clare) 1-8; Fethard 0-9.

## SENIOR INTER-COUNTY GAMES

### ROYAL LIVER NHL 1992/93

At Ballycran (7-3-93) – Tipperary 0-14; Down 2-5.  
At Semple Stadium (21-3-93) – Tipperary 1-17; Antrim 2-10.  
At Killarney (11-4-93) – Tipperary 0-14; Kerry 0-5 (quarter-final).  
At Semple Stadium (25-4-93) – Cork 2-11; Tipperary 1-13 (semi-final).

### CHURCH AND GENERAL N.H.L. 1993-94

At Casement Park (17-10-93) – Tipperary 4-17; Antrim 1-12.  
At Semple Stadium (31-10-93) – Tipperary 1-17; Limerick 3-8.  
At Cappoquin (14-11-93) – Tipperary 0-11; Waterford 0-10.

### CHALLENGES/TOURNAMENTS

At Semple Stadium (31-1-93) – Tipperary 2-16; Meath 2-5.  
At Semple Stadium (7-2-93) – Tipperary 0-16; Cork 2-7.  
At Clonmel (21-2-93) – Tipperary 1-9; Waterford 2-6.  
At Tipperary (28-2-93) – Tipperary 2-12; Clare 1-12.  
At Annacarty (4-4-93) – Tipperary 0-11; Limerick 0-11.  
At Coolderry (1-5-93) – Offaly 1-18; Tipperary 2-13.  
At Littleton (16-5-93) – Tipperary 1-11; Kilkenny 1-11.  
At Lorrha (13-6-93) – Galway 3-18; Tipperary 1-11.  
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## FOOTBALL

### ROYAL LIVER N.F.L. 1992-93

At Semple Stadium (14-2-93) – Donegal 1-12; Tipperary 1-9.  
At Longford (28-2-93) – Tipperary 0-11; Longford 1-7.  
At Pairc Ui Chaoimh (14-3-93) – Cork 3-11; Tipperary 1-5.

### CHURCH AND GENERAL N.F.L. 1993-94

At Templemore (10-10-93) – Armagh 1-14; Tipperary 1-5.  
At Omagh (24-10-93) – Tyrone 1-12; Tipperary 0-7.  
At Semple Stadium (7-11-93) – Tipperary 1-10; Cavan 0-7.  
At Carrickmacross (21-11-93) – Tipperary 1-13; Monaghan 0-13.

### ALL-IRELAND 'B' CHAMPIONSHIP

At Newross (25-9-93) – Wexford 0-9; Tipperary 0-6.

### McGRATH CUP

At Clonmel (18-4-93) – Tipperary 1-12; Waterford 1-9.  
At Ardfinnan (2-8-93) Tipp 2-7; Clare 0-8, Home Final

### CHALLENGES/TOURNAMENTS

At Semple Stadium (7-2-93) – Tipperary 1-13; Dublin 1-13.  
20-2-93 - Wexford 2-9; Tipperary 1-7  
At Tipperary (27-3-93) Kerry 2-15; Tipperary 3-8.  
(25-4-93) – Tipperary 1-14; Offaly 0-9.  
At Rathdowney (4-6-93) – Tipperary 1-10; Laois 0-13.  
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### COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOLS HURLING FINALS

'A' – Thurles CBS 4-6; Dromakeenan NS 3-4.  
'B' – Inch NS 2-4; Moneygall NS 0-4.  
'C' – Ballylooby NS 4-10; Ballinahinch 2-2.  
'D' – Grange NS 3-6; Burgess 4-3 (draw, after extra time).  
Grange NS 2-11; Burgess NS 0-3 (replay).

## JUVENILE RESULTS

### NENAGH CO-OP UNDER-16 HURLING

At Templemore (9-10-93) – Tipperary 5-25; Offaly 0-5.  
At Ballindereen (16-10-93) – Galway 4-11; Tipperary 1-10.  
At Ennis (23-10-93) – Clare 2-12; Tipperary 2-10.  
(Tipperary failed to qualify for the semi-finals)

### GARDA CUP UNDER-16 HURLING

At Semple Stadium (11-7-93) – North Tipperary 6-7; West Tipperary 1-8.

At Semple Stadium (11-7-93) – Mid Tipperary beat South Tipperary.

At Templemore (18-7-93) – North Tipperary 4-8; Mid Tipperary 2-11 (final).

### TONY FORRISTAL UNDER-14 HURLING

At Waterford (28-8-93) – Tipperary 1-10; Waterford 0-3.  
At Waterford (28-8-93) – Clare 3-4; Tipperary 1-8.  
At Waterford (28-8-93) – Tipperary 2-7; Galway 0-3.  
At Waterford (29-8-93) – Tipperary 3-8; Clare 0-2 (final).

### FEILE NA nGAEL UNDER-14 HURLING

County semi-finals–

At Holycross (22-5-93) – Durlas Og 1-6; Nenagh Eire Og 1-4.  
At Boherlahan (22-5-93) – Ballingarry 2-9; Cashel King Cormacs 0-0.

County final–

At Holycross(22-5-93) – Durlas Og 1-13; Ballingarry 3-0.  
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### COMMUNITY GAMES MUNSTER FINAL – UNDER-24 HURLING

Sixmilebridge (Clare) 3-3; Moycarkey (Tipperary) 1-3.

### PEADAR CUMMINS TOURNAMENT – UNDER-14 HURLING

At Borrisoleigh (10-7-93) – South Tipperary 2-7; West Tipperary 1-1.  
At Borrisoleigh (10-7-93) – North Tipperary 1-10; Mid Tipperary 1-1.  
At Borrisoleigh (10-7-93) – North Tipperary 1-10; South Tipperary 0-3.

### BENNETT CUP – SOUTH EAST UNDER-16 FOOTBALL

Tipperary 4-11; Wexford 0-1. (Final)

### MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIP – UNDER-16 FOOTBALL

At Pallaskenry (6-11-93) – Tipperary 2-22; Duhallow (Cork) 0-4.

### GARDA CUP – UNDER-16 FOOTBALL

At Drombane (8-5-93) – North Tipperary 2-6; Mid Tipperary 1-7.  
At Drombane (8-5-93) – West Tipperary 3-12; South Tipperary 1-9.  
At Drombane (12-5-93) – West Tipperary 1-9; North Tipperary 0-6 (final).

### VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS HURLING

#### INTER-COUNTY SENIOR

Tipperary 2-19; Kerry 2-3  
Tipperary 0-14; Offaly 2-7.  
Galway 5-7; Tipperary 1-11 (All-Ireland final).

### SCHOOLS SENIOR

Munster 'A' final – Scoil Ruain (Killenale) 2-13; St. Brogan's (Bandon) 1-12 (after extra time).

All-Ireland semi-final – Athenry VS 3-8; Scoil Ruain (Killenale) 1-11.

### SCHOOLS JUNIOR

All-Ireland semi-final – Loughrea VS 4-5; Borrisokane Commercial College 3-5.

### SCHOOLS UNDER-14

Munster final – Roscrea VS 2-6; Causeway Comprehensive (Kerry) 0-8.

### SCHOOLS SENIOR FOOTBALL

North Tipperary final – Borrisokane Community College 1-7; St Sheelan's (Templemore) 1-4.

### COLLEGES RESULTS (Hurling)



Rice Cup (Under-14 hurling) Semi-final – Callan CBS 3-7; Nenagh CBS 4-3.

Hennessy Cup (Under-16 hurling) Final – Presentation, Ballingarry 3-6; Nenagh VS 2-4.

Croke Cup (Under-16 hurling) Final – Thurles CBS 2-9; Abbey CBS 0-9 (replay).

Thurles CBS 1-11; Abbey CBS 2-8 (draw).

Canon Fitzgerald Cup Hurling Final – Thurles CBS 1-12; Borrisokane Community College 0-6.

Munster Colleges 'C' (Dr Rodgers Cup) Final – St. Joseph's (Borrisoleigh) 4-8; Lismore CBS 2-8.

Dr Harty Cup (Munster Senior Hurling) 1993-94 – Nenagh CBS 1-13; Colaiste Chriost Rí (Cork) 1-7.

Thurles CBS 1-15; St Finbarr's Farranferries (Cork) 0-9.

Abbey CBS —; Charleville —.

Thurles CBS 1-14; St. Flannans 2-11.

Midleton C.B.S 5-13; Nenagh CBS 2-4

#### COLLEGES RESULTS (Football)

White Cup Football Final – Thurles CBs 3-5; St. Flannan's (Ennis) 0-7.

Post-primary Under-18 Final – St. Aible's Tipperary 4-5; Newport VS 0-5.

McGabhann Cup Final – Abbey CBS 1-19; Cahir Vs 1-3.

#### INTER-FIRMS FOOTBALL

Munster Junior Final – Taylormade (Templemore) 3-11; Norton (Dungarvan) 1-5.

#### INTER-FIRMS HURLING

Munster Junior Final – Proctor and Gamble (Nenagh) 4-10; Kerry Co-op 2-7.

Trench Cup Senior Football Final – Garda College (Templemore) 1-13; Dundalk RTC 1-5.

## CAMOGIE

### COUNT FINALS

Senior – Toomevara 4-8; Cashel 1-14.

Intermediate – Roscrea 2-1; Knockavilla 0-6.

Junior – Drom-Inch 3-6; Shannon Rovers 2-3.

Under-18 – Toomevara 2-8; Drom-Inch 3-5 (draw).

Toomevara 4-3; Drom-Inch 1-5 (replay).

Under-16 'A' – Drom-Inch 4-11; Fethard 1-3.

Under-16 'B' – Thurles 4-5; Templemore 3-3.

Under-14 'A' – Drom-Inch 4-10; Toomevara 0-2.

Under-14 'B' – Kilruane beat Bansha.

Under-12 'A' – Toomevara 1-1; Drom-Inch 0-3.

Under-12 'B' – Templemore 6-4; Fethard 0-0.

## COUNTY LEAGUE FINALS

Senior – Toomevara 5-5; Cashel 2-7.

Junior – Drom-Inch 4-5; Cashel 2-2.

## COLLEGES CAMOGIE 1992-93

Munster Colleges Senior League Final – St. Mary's (Nenagh) 3-8; St. Patrick's (Cork) 1-6.

Munster Colleges Junior Final – St. Marys (Charleville) 2-6; St. Mary's (Nenagh) 1-0.

Munster Colleges Junior 'B' under-15 Final – Our Lady's (Templemore) 4-6; Coachford Community School (Cork) 3-2.

## V.E.C. CAMOGIE

Munster Senior Final – Roscrea VS 2-4; Borrisokane Community College 1-6.

Munster Junior Final – Roscrea VS 4-8; Borrisokane Community College 2-5.

All-Ireland Junior Semi-final – Loughrea VS 3-6; Roscrea VS 1-4.

Munster Senior Semi-final 1993-94 – Roscrea VS 5-0; Coachford (Cork) 3-3.

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## NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE 1993-94

Tipperary 4-3; Cork 3-3.

Tipperary 4-5; Wexford 3-0

## MUNSTER UNDER-18 CHAMPIONSHIP

Tipperary 5-19; Waterford 0-0.

Tipperary 3-10; Cork 109.

Tipperary 2-13; Clare 1-2 (Munster final).

## MINOR INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Tipperary 6-5; Clare 0-2.

Tipperary 2-2; Cork 2-2 (draw, Munster final).

Tipperary 4-10; Cork 3-6 (replay).

Tipperary 7-9; Down 2-5.

Tipperary 1-5; Galway 1-5 (draw, All-Ireland final).

Tipperary 3-10; Galway 2-9 (replay).

## INTERMEDIATE INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Tipperary 3-19; Limerick 2-6.

Tipperary 4-11; Clare 1-7.

Tipperary 5-12; Down 3-7.

Dublin 3-11; Tipperary 1-10 (All-Ireland semi-final).

## MUNSTER JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Cork 3-10; Tipperary 1-8.

## NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE 1992-93

Tipperary 6-12; Carlow 3-8.

Tipperary beat Wexford.

Tipperary 1-5; Limerick 0-3.

Armagh 5-8; Tipperary 6-4 (All-Ireland semi-final).



Watching the minor hurlers prepare for the Munster final against Cork were l. to r. Mick Craddock, life time Tipperary supporter, Dr. Dermot Clifford, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly; Jimmy Purcell, Stadium Caretaker, Jerry Ring, West Board Secretary.





## TIPPERARY MINOR HURLERS - Munster Champions 1993

BACK ROW: Philip O'Dwyer, Johnny Enright, Declan O'Meara, Brendan Cummins, Andy Moloney, Paul Shelly, David Fogarty, Terry Dunne. FRONT ROW: Martin Haverty, Kevin Tucker (Captain), Colm O'Flaherty, Pat Croke, Brian Horgan, Seamus Maher, Michael Ferncombe.

## NORTH TIPPERARY U16 MUNSTER CHAMPIONS 1993



BACK ROW: L. to R. Mark O'Leary, Phillip Rabbitte, Martin Bourke, Paul Kane, Martin O'Brien, Niall Slevin, Seán Maher, Seamus Hayes (Coach). FRONT ROW: Ken Dunn, Peter Nolan, Michael Bennis, Ray Hackett, Daragh Quinn, Denis Kelly, Mark Keeshan, Damien O'Meara.

SELECTORS: John Gleeson - Kildangan, Sean Quinn - Nenagh Eire Og., Bernard O'Neill - Toomevara, Liam Hogan - S. Rovers, Seamus Hayes - Kildangan.



# TIPPERARY – MUNSTER SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS 1993



**BACK ROW:** Aidan Ryan, Ramie Ryan, Declan Carr, Noel Sheehy, Ken Hogan, Anthony Crosse, Declan Ryan, John Leahy. **FRONT ROW:** Conal Bonnar, Michael Cleary, Colm Bonnar, Michael Ryan, Michael O'Meara (Capt.) Pat Fox, Paul Delaney.