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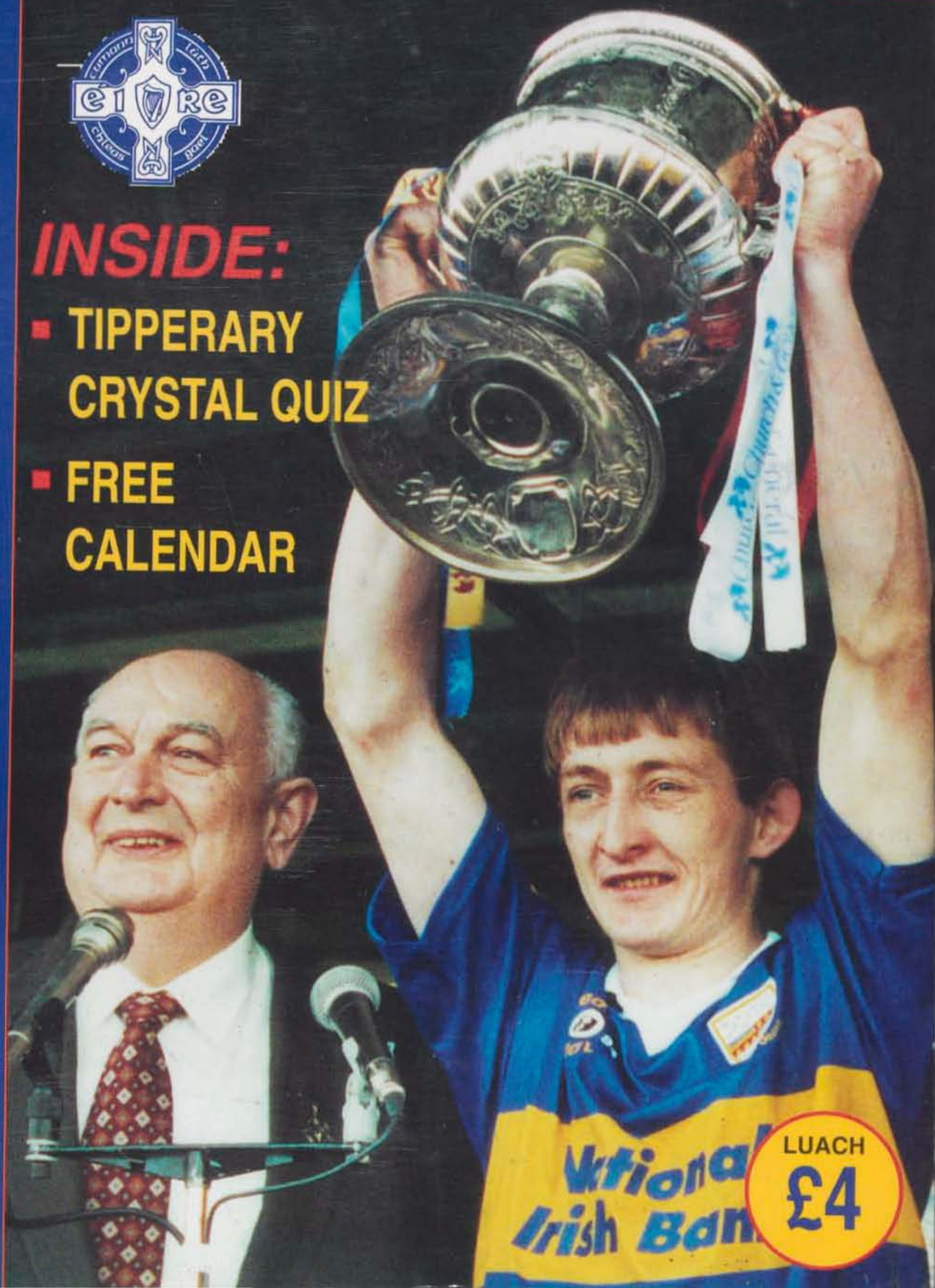
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I WILL GLADLY LEND A HAND



“CAST ne’er a clout till May is out,” runs the ancient proverb. It was a warning to people not to take off cardigans or pullovers too early in the year. May can be a treacherous month.

So it proved this year for the Tipperary hurlers. After their convincing victory over Galway in the National League on May 8th in Limerick, many betting men divested themselves of their shirts and put them on Tipperary for the All-Ireland. Considering that they had beaten both Cork and Kilkenny in the penultimate stages they seemed to be the “form” team for 1994.

But three weeks later our hopes were dashed by Clare in the same Gaelic Grounds and “Babs” Keating announced his retirement as Manager. None could have foreseen such a shock, except the men from Clare. As Margaret Thatcher said when she was forced out of office: “It’s a funny old world.” It’s as uncertain in the sports world as it is in politics. Shakespeare would have sympathised with us as we faced the summer, on holidays before the holidays began!

*“Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May
And summer’s lease bath all too short a stay”.*

We will miss “Babs” Keating. He brought great life and colour to the G.A.A. scene in Tipperary and to the hurling world at large. In 1986 he issued the clarion call for the Revival. Ironically, this was the year Clare knocked us out in the semi-final. Tipperary people owe “Babs” a great debt. We enjoyed our seven “fat” years coming as they did after so many lean ones. The Keating era was memorable. It will be recalled with pride when “Babs” Babes are senior citizens and wondering where they put their two All-Ireland, two League and five Munster medals! The four Munster Finals against Cork in ’87 and ’91 will still gladden the heart.

I should like to wish Fr. Tom Fogarty, Ken Hogan and John Kennedy every success as they step into “Babs’” shoes or should I say his seven-league boots! I was told by one of my priests: “You will know the Tipperary team before anyone now”. I would not bet on that!

While the hurlers left the stage in May, the football team took us well into July and all the way down to Páirc Uí Caoimh for the Munster Final. Maurice Davin wrote in 1884: “Irish football is a great game and worth going a long way to see, when it is played on a fairly laid-out ground and under proper rules”. I don’t know whether it was with the grounds or with the rules of the game that Tipperary people found fault, but only a very small contingent undertook the journey to Cork this time. They missed a very good contest.

Tipperary took the game to Cork. They scored two of the best goals of the year and had they been a little bit more lucky they would have got a fourth goal and would have been set for a famous victory. I congratulate Seamus McCarthy, his selectors and panel on a very worthwhile display. They will advance further unless too many of them get injured playing hurling!

In the county competitions, Toomevara confirmed their claim to being the team of the decade when they made it three in a row. Ballingarry Gaels were the worthy and popular winners of the minor championship. Clonmel Commercials overcame the strong challenge of Loughmore in the football final. I was

pleased to see a namesake of mine lift the minor cup for Aherlow – Fergal Clifford.

And so, 1994 was not the best of times on the playing fields, but it was by no means the worst either. Our young people were out there playing hurling, football, handball and camogie while their coaches, trainers, parents and mentors were playing their part also. This is the heart of the matter. Success at inter-county level is a bonus – one which can only come when the ground-work is being done at the club level.

The opening of Lár na Páirce, the G.A.A. Interpretative Centre, makes a very welcome and very valuable addition to the existing facilities in the county. This “state of the art” museum will be the ideal vehicle for passing on the history, the ideals and the excitement of the past to the G.A.A. of the 21st century. Older generations picked it up from G.A.A. publications, from word of mouth and on train journeys to big matches. In Kerry, the “Ghost Train” which left Tralee at midnight and arrived in Dublin at 7 a.m. was said to be a “university on wheels” for young people who listened to their elders describe great players of the past. There were no ghost stories on the Ghost Train!

Lár na Páirce will be equipped with the most up-to-date teaching methods – films, computers, video and audio equipment, as well as a wealth of historical material. The “folklore” is an important part of the G.A.A. But, like our memories, the folk memory can become blurred and dimmed with the passing years. In Lár na Páirce those who have entered the folklore by their feats on the playing fields will keep their places for all time.

A key figure in the history of the G.A.A. suffered the fate I have been speaking about. This was a man who enjoyed an international reputation as an all-round athlete, like Ronnie Delaney, Eamon Coughlan or Sonia O’Sullivan, in his day. He was the first President of the G.A.A. – Tipperaryman Maurice Davin. I am very happy that he has been brought back to centre-stage by Séamus O Riain. *Mas maith is mithid*. This biography of Davin is carefully researched, beautifully written and elegantly presented.

Maurice Davin is a model for people at every level of the Association. The player, the referee, the coach, the parent or the administrator will find in the life of Maurice Davin an example of sportsmanship, discipline, unselfishness and integrity. Above all, he had a natural dignity which he maintained in the face of opposition and recrimination in the early troubled days of the G.A.A. He was, as Michael Cusack put it, “spotless in the midst of the speckled”. His promise to Cusack two weeks before the G.A.A. was founded could be the motto of everyone in this great amateur sporting body. “I will gladly lend a hand if I can be of any use”.

So, as the players leave the pitch for the Christmas break we will all be doing a little stocktaking amid the decorations. The G.A.A. Yearbook will help greatly with this operation since it has all the facts, figures, pictures and stories. It documents the past year but it forces us to look forward also. It is the 1995 Yearbook you are reading.

I wish you all the joy and peace of Christmas, and the luck of the Offaly men in the New Year!

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	Cork v. Kerry	Tralee	21/5/1995
	Tipperary v. Waterford	Cork	21/5/1995
		(if no home and away agreement)	
Semi-finals:	Clare v. Cork	Limerick	11/6/1995
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	Clare v. Kerry	Ennis	11/6/1995
	Limerick v. Tipperary	Cork	11/6/1995
		(if no home and away agreement)	
	Limerick v. Waterford	Cork	11/6/1995
Final:			9/7/1995

SENIOR FOOTBALL:

	Kerry v. Limerick	Limerick	28/5/1995
	Cork v. Waterford	Cork	28/5/1995
Semi-finals:	Tipperary v. Kerry	Tralee	28/5/1995
	Tipperary v. Limerick	Limerick	25/6/1995
	Clare v. Cork	Cork	25/6/1995
	Clare v. Waterford	Ennis	25/6/1995
Final:			23/7/1995

UNDER-21 HURLING

	Limerick v. Tipperary	Limerick	21/6/1995
	Clare v. Waterford	Thurles	21/6/1995
Semi-finals:	Cork v. Limerick	Limerick	12/7/1995
	Cork v. Tipperary	Thurles	12/7/1995
	Kerry v. Clare	Ballyheigue	12/7/1995
	Kerry v. Waterford	Kenmare	12/7/1995
Final:			26/7/1995

UNDER-21 FOOTBALL:

	Clare v. Kerry	Ennis	12/4/1995
	Cork v. Tipperary	Clonmel	12/4/1995
Semi-finals:	Limerick v. Clare	Askeaton	19/4/1995
	Limerick v. Kerry	Askeaton	19/4/1995
	Waterford v. Cork	Páirc Uí Rinn	19/4/1995
	Waterford v. Tipperary	Dungarvan	19/4/1995
Final:			3/5/1995

MINOR HURLING:

	Waterford v. Clare	Bansha	3/5/1995
	Kerry v. Limerick	Ballyduff	3/5/1995
Semi-finals:	Tipperary v. Waterford	Fermoy	28/6/1995
	Tipperary v. Clare	Limerick	28/6/1995
	Cork v. Kerry	Killarney	26/6/1995
	Cork v. Limerick	Kilmallock	28/6/1995
Final:			23/7/1995

MINOR FOOTBALL:

	Cork v. Limerick	Mallow	26/4/1995
	Waterford v. Clare	Emly	26/4/1995
Semi-finals:	Kerry v. Cork	Tralee	13/7/1995
	Kerry v. Limerick	Listowel	13/7/1995
	Tipperary v. Waterford	Thurles	13/7/1995
	Tipperary v. Clare	Limerick	13/7/1995
Final:			23/7/1995

McGRATH CUP:

	Tipperary v. Limerick	Thurles	23/4/1995
	Waterford v. Clare	Ennis	23/4/1995
Home Final:			7/5/1995



A rather quiet year

Tá bliain eile tagtha agus is mór an onóir dom mar chathaoirleach ar choiste Tiobraid Árann an focal brollaigh a scríobh do bhliainiris Thiobraid Árann.

It is a great honour for me as chairman of the County G.A.A. Board to write the foreword for the Tipperary Yearbook. How will the year 1994 be remembered in G.A.A. circles? Will it be for the devastating power of our senior hurling team in the League Final against Galway? Or, the anti-climax experienced by players, officials and supporters alike, following the first round championship defeat by Clare? Or the brave bid by our senior footballers to wrest the Munster crown from Cork? Or will the decision of "Babs" to step down, be the focal point of the year? These were among the events that dominated a rather quiet year.

For me the lack of success by our underage teams in both codes, is the most sombre memory of the year. However, having attended a number of underage club games in the county this year, I believe that our attention to coaching over the past few years is beginning to pay dividends. The quality of those games allied with the best County Minor Hurling Final in a long number of years, plus the U-16s victory in the Nenagh Co-op Tournament, gives cause for optimism.



Wishful thinking, quite possibly, but if the solid evidence of emerging talent is properly harnessed and imbued with the traditional Tipperary style and dash, the future should be bright.

The decision by "Babs" Keating to relinquish the manager's position of the senior hurling team signals the end of an era. His contribution to Tipperary hurling was immense. I would like to thank him and his selectors for the time and effort they put into bringing success to Tipperary. On that same note, I wish Fr. Tom Fogarty and his selectors every success.

The year ahead will be a very important one for the county. The effort required to ensure that the proud name of Tipperary will be to the forefront, will be substantial. I am sure that it will be forthcoming from all concerned,

so that our ambitions will be realised.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the work of the Communications' Committee in producing yet another impressive Yearbook. It will provide many an enjoyable night's reading for Tipperary people at home and abroad. It will also provide an accurate account of the year's activities for interested parties in the years to come.

Seán Fogarty

Chairman, Tipperary County Board

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From League Glory to Munster Gloom

THE SENIOR YEAR

The story of Tipperary's senior hurling year can't be told like a detective novel – the ending, the twist in the tail, is too well known. One has to write – and read – it more like a tale of a Titanic; our ship met its iceberg at Limerick on May 29th, only a few weeks after it had sailed to an impressive victory over Galway in the League final at the very same latitude.

A very prescient Michael Dundon, reporting that earlier that happy day for his "Star", remarked that the glow of the League success would be "poor comfort if the championship ends in defeat". He was wrong in just one respect – the championship started in defeat! The stunning figures had hardly been taken down off the scoreboard before (to return to our metaphor) the captain of the good ship Tipp. had announced his retirement. Babs was gone, after a reign of mingled success and failure since 1987. This third successive year out of the championship frame was more than he could rebound from; the League was little consolation, its glitter a frosty smile on the sideboard.

Doubts about Keating's future had been very real long before the League started. The defeat by Galway in the '93 semi-final caused him to review his position. Criticism, as ever, was sharp and shrill as our main rivals of recent seasons got the better of us again. The choice of Bobby Ryan over Michel O'Meara; the double withdrawal of Declan Ryan and Colm Bonner – one through injury, the other on mentors' on-the-spot assessment – were high among the critics' list of charges. Such things tend to be reflex rather than obviously justified – criticism is one of the few pleasures of losing.



Níoclás English breaks through against Cork in League semi-final.



New Tipperary selectors (l-r): John Kennedy, Fr. Tom Fogarty (manager) and Ken Hogan photographed at Semple Stadium during the NHL game between Tipperary and Kilkenny.

'BABS' CARRIES ON

At any rate, the manager decided to give it another go, probably to the relief of the Board, as it averted the chore of finding a successor. Nor would Babs have enjoyed going out on a losing note; optimism springs eternal to such a sporting personality. Who but an optimist goes racing, or tees up in a golf event? His fund-raising flair and his useful connections would not be readily replaced by a successor.

Reaction among the public was probably favourable to his remaining, with a minority adamant that a change would be timely.

There had been rumblings that choices and switches hadn't satisfied everybody in the squad; a call for change was briefly floated and hastily withdrawn, with Cashel the epicentre. People tended to overlook the presence of two distinguished ex-players in John O'Donoghue and Noel

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O'Dwyer as Keating's ministers, so personalised have things become since managers have come to the fore. They stayed, along with the taoiseach.

The league is a curious business. Half serious and half trialist, it matters more while it is going on than when it is over. Winning it is a feat, but a qualified one. Financial rewards accrue to the county treasure chest. It is bedevilled in its earlier rounds by the continuing involvement of the county champions in parochial ambitions – by injuries, and by the complex mesh of junior concerns in either code.

The league team that isn't short at least a third of its strength is a rarity in the pre-Christmas matches. The need to give a run to promising young players is another factor for fluidity in personnel. Could even the keenest Tipp. follower list, at this moment, the county's line-out in all those rounds leading up to the knock-out games? And even those at quarter and 'semi' stage might puzzle him – he ought to be fairly accurate about the team that beat Galway in the final!

We will do a "fast forward" on the games that sent Tipp. into the new year of '94 with full points. The best of those wins was a hard-fought one at Cappoquin, where a young goalkeeper, Brendan Cummins, from Keating's own area, did a lot to gain the points. Things were not to work out later for the youngster any more than they did, ultimately, for the team.

A BAD RE-START

The first of the year was our worst. Who, in the half-frozen crowd at Nenagh, in February, watching Galway's strength brush aside Tipp. in the close rucks and their attack riddling our defence in the last quarter, could have pictured us as able to reverse the result a couple of months later? Not much more than the jerseys linked the two days – nine of those who played at Nenagh were not on the final line-out.

At MacDonagh Park, Ken Hogan was to play his last game of a creditable career; Noel Keane, Ned Ryan, Paul Delaney, John McCormack, Brendan Carroll, Stephen Dwan, Ger. Maguire, Nicky English – none of these was on the ultimate side. Pat Fox was injured on both occasions. The Nenagh deficit was 3-12 to 1-11, a heavy trouncing on home soil for the non-vintage line-out, and misleading on that account. When the crunch came, in May, Tipp. had recovered their physical appetite, to the surprise of the Westerners; the Toomevara element told in that respect.

Our string broken, it stayed that way. Cork came to Thurles in late February. Our team: Cummins, Keane, Ml. Ryan, Delaney, Conal Bonner, Tomás Gleeson, Ramie Ryan, Brian O'Meara, Deeley, O'Keeffe, Dwan, Leahy, Aidan Ryan, Crosse, English. Not a goal was scored in the hour, but there was no lack of wides – even Cleary found the posts elusive. Trialist O'Keeffe got three nice points. Our interim lead of 0-9 to 0-6 was overhauled through the efforts of Egan, Buckley and Manley. Teddy McCarthy opened up in the second half; Pat



Tipperary full-back, Noel Sheehy, challenges Clare's Tom Guilfoyle for the ball during the Munster senior hurling championship game in Limerick. Conal Bonner watches the outcome (centre).

Hartnett's move to midfield checked the useful start of our experimental O'Meara-Deeley combination. We went down in a contest we could have won, a fair effort by another on-trial selection, many of them to hold no lasting tenure.

After this, the trip to Enniscorthy held danger of losing out on qualifying, a fact unthinkable after the early good run. Our record against Wexford was worse than against most, especially when travelling – hardly a decent display in years.

Wexford were going very badly in the current series, and lived up – or down – to it in a game Tipp. won: 1-17 to 1-14. Of interest was the advent of Jody Grace to goal, Frend to half-back, King to midfield, McGrath to centre-forward, Dunne to a corner. Michael O'Meara was a sub. for Colm Bonner, while English and Carr also were called in. It was Cleary's accuracy that won it; he got a personal 1-9.

The game marked the first real signs of arrival at something pre-figuring our championship choice – and it got Tipp. into the quarter-finals.

A KNOCK-OUT TREBLE

The future held the pleasing sequence of a nice hat-trick of successive victories. Kilkenny, Cork and Galway, one after the other, were our victims, a nominal elite ejected in a run to create illusions. The Kilkenny game had an acrimonious background. They claimed Tipp. owed them a game at Nowlan Park; we officially admit-

ted it – and the G.A.A. wouldn't hear of any place but Croke Park. Kilkenny spoke of discouraging followers from going to Dublin. Those who did travel saw a listless show by the All-Ireland holders until a Carey goal and some belated "sting" reduced our lead to from thirteen to seven points; the eventual tally was 2-18 to 1-12.

Newest face for Tipp. was Michael Nolan at right wing. Fox was back in a corner; he and fellow veteran English shared the goals, both set up by Cleary runs. Nicky's 1-4 seemed a token of restored zest. Frend was a leader in defence. The worth of it all was a little devalued by Kilkenny's moody approach – they hadn't been to happy since the post-championship controversy over a holiday that wasn't provided.

"Cork will be a tougher test", opened Keating. With the game set for Páirc Uí Chaoimh, he had grounds for the view expressed. At half-time by the Lee, he seemed about to be proven an accurate, if cheerless, prophet. We had been dead, inept – and lucky to be five points down as Cork wasted multiple chances – and Tipp. spent eighteen scoreless minutes at one stage. Fox had to leave the scene just before the break.

A dramatic change, all the more welcome for its unexpectedness, was to take place. A key to it was in the less than likely hands of Joe Hayes, on for Deeley. He and King got on top of McCarthy and Casey. Crosse rasped in a quick goal; we

had levelled in five minutes, and never let Cork back into it. Michael Ryan had a great game, Frend took buffetings and emerged to clear, English skipped around Corcoran, Crosse gave O'Gorman endless problems, Sheehy got a grip on Teddy McCarthy. It was Crosse whose second goal set up Tipp. for a driving finish, with points by Cleary, English and Leahy in the last ten minutes. It ended at 2-13 to 1-13, Cork's goal from Sean McCarthy in the final minute a late scare recalling other lost Tipp. leads. Not this time – we were into the League Final and feeling pretty good.

FEELING GOOD

We felt better after it. Unhealthily good, maybe, and even inclined to be unworried over the matter of absentees for Clare. The sensation of beating Galway was a thing that had alternated with the reality of being defeated by them. The rivalry had been rather over-dramatised and whipped up over the seasons since '87, with things said and written of not very responsible nature by various people, such being modern media trends.

"Leahy's Final" was a headline over one report of our 2-14 to 0-12 victory over Limerick. He was to get further, and less happy, publicity in the weeks to come. English dropped out before the start; Fox and Delaney were already out of the question. The team: Grace; Frend, Sheehy, Ryan; Ramie Ryan, O'Meara, Conal Bonner; King, Hayes; Leahy, McGrath, Aidan Ryan; Declan Ryan, Crosse, Cleary. It was Declan's first appearance since the All-Ireland semi-final, and his goal in twenty minutes was a trend-setter for the outcome.

From the start, it was a vastly more determined Tipp. than at Nenagh. Such as Pat King, checking Coleman; Frend, tight and nimble; McGrath, pulling hard against McNerney; Hayes, continuing his Cork form – these were leading lights, but Leahy was the exuberant star with brilliant, clinching points. Declan Ryan, brushing aside two tackles, scored his, and our, second goal before Leahy applied the finishing gloss to an excellent Tipp. performance. Tommy Dunne, for Aidan Ryan, was the sole substitution.

Followers drove home in brilliant sunshine that was an image of optimism. Everything in the gardens was lovely, that delightful May evening. Babs was surely pleased to have retained office, with little thought of early exit. Perhaps a really sharp watcher of the skies might have spotted a wee cloud, just about the size of a football.

LEAHY'S INJURY

Leahy had weight problems in the springtime, appearing quite thick-set and well padded after the winter rest. A place in the county football panel had obvious merits towards losing some of the poundage. Keating and company would have welcomed their man's dual interests – nobody had a more dual career than Babs himself. The risk of injury was no higher in one code than the other, though Tipp. folklore held sad memories of how Johnny Ryan (Moycarkey-Borris) played in a



Declan Ryan scores in the League final.

junior football game – and lost his place for the 1945 All-Ireland final with Kilkenny.

It wasn't in a tackle or even in the process of kicking a ball that Leahy got his injury – he simply turned his ankle on uneven ground. He got a blow on that ankle a few years ago in a hurling game against Laois, at Rathdowney, and it may be an Achilles heel still – if the anatomy folk will permit the phrase. Anyhow, the "worst case" scenario had come to pass; our League final stand-out was out. So were Hayes, Delaney and Fox, who hadn't fully recovered from his Cork injury.

Pre-match publicity had come obvious themes. Clare had been hammered by Tipp. in the '93 Munster Final. "Revenge" was inevitably quoted as a motivation, with some Banner people still indignant over Tipp's alleged "arrogance" and piling on of scores, bringing on English to help in that process – the public have begun to talk like pressmen! The Gaynor factor was another useful peg to hang comments on.

TIPP STILL FAVS.

Tipp. just had to be favourites, almost irrespective of absences. On the crest of a winning wave, how could they slip into a trough so soon? Surely their larger pool of players still held enough talent to handle this chore and set up a final with, of course, Cork. But previews locally did not take for granted, even if some readers regarded this as writers' insurance against the unlikely. Keating spoke prudently, too,

saying that Clare had not "ignited at all" in '93, while everything went right for his men. Into my own head came the reflection that Clare had beaten new League winners within weeks in the previous year. Still, things should work out decently for a team that lined out: Grace; Frend, Sheehy, Ml. Ryan; Ramie Ryan, O'Meara, Conal Bonner; King, Colm Bonner; Dunne, McGrath, Cleary; Declan Ryan, Crosse, Aidan Ryan.

In the stands was the unfit English, a sad finish to his renewed promise over the past few months. One-third of the side, more or less, was not playing. The rest, who were, would have to hurl well, though with Clare you never know.

Within about ninety minutes or so, we knew, all too well. Clare had stuck quite well to Galway in the League semi-final until the last quarter; their form was not bad and their spirit vis-a-vis Tipp. was bound to impel them to furious efforts. Our jersey alone wouldn't win it without a class display from all its wearers. And the breaks might just favour the presumed underdog.

THE BANNER'S REVENGE

In fifteen minutes, O'Meara had to depart with a damaged leg. Colm Bonner, going brightly at midfield, was moved to centre-back, and never struck the same form again. Liam McGrath was suffering from an ill-timed virus – could there be a worse conspiracy of fate? Crosse could not resume after half-time, which saw Tipp.

ahead at 0-7 to 0-5; the clouds were gathering as Clare maintained pressure. They switched James O'Connor to midfield – it had a crucial effect. Ger. O'Loughlin was proving a threat to our defence. The advent of Fox for Crosse gave some promise of penetration.

Guilfoyle's goal in twelve minutes of the half confirmed our danger. Daly and Lohan were shining in a tighter Clare defence. A Grace save from McInerney averted worse trouble.

With five minutes remaining, sub. Michael Nolan passed neatly to Fox. A goal was more than "on" for the Anacarty marksman but it flew over Fitzgerald's bar for a minimal lead. Escape was not to be. A long free from the Clare goalie dropped into our square and Guilfoyle turned it past Grace, and Tuohy's point ratified a result that rocked the hurling world (2-11 to 0-13). We had matched our points with thirteen wides.

Of the sides fielded, Clare's had deserved their victory. What our missing quota, specifically Leahy, might have done was food for sore speculation. Babs could not be accused of being lucky, and the depression of the moment led to his immediate resignation. With him went a lot of colour, glamour, personality – and controversy.

The later choice of Fr. Tom Fogarty, heading a threesome with Ken Hogan and John Kennedy, brought in a more conservative cabinet, less liable to provide fuel for media hyping – and thoroughly deserving



Aidan Ryan takes on the Clare defence (J. O'Connell and B. Lohan) as Davy Fitzgerald (Clare goalkeeper) looks on during the Munster senior hurling championship match in Limerick.

the good-will of the country's supporters.

The defeat of Cork by Limerick a week later and Clare's poor final effort only intensified Tipp. gloom. Seldom in the history of the championship had Tipp. been given a shorter or – theoretically –

smoother path to an All-Ireland than to avoid Cork and Galway.

The coming year offers a menu of Waterford, Limerick, probably Cork, then Galway and whoever wins Leinster. His men will have to provide the good works.



Tipperary full-back Noel Sheehy challenges Clare's Tom Guilfoyle for the ball during the Munster senior hurling championship game in Limerick. Conal Bonner watches the outcome (centre).

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Our Pride Restored – Remembering “Babs”

By Lis Howard, County P.R.O.

The appointment of “Babs” as team manager in July, 1986, heralded a new era in Tipperary hurling. A generation of children had grown up never knowing the celebration and joy of Munster Final and All-Ireland victory. Those of us who had known better days, felt a sense of despair. We had the hurlers, success at Minor and Under-21 but lacked cohesion and leadership at Senior level. The five-man selection committee was unwieldy and clearly wasn't working. The system was changed under the guidance of County Chairman Michael Lowry, to appoint a manager with responsibility and freedom to choose his own selectors. Who was capable of leading Tipperary out of the hurling wilderness?

It is worth recalling that “Babs” Keating was not the first choice in '86. Others were approached and declined. However, “Babs” had solid support, after much “behind the scenes” work and talk, he was appointed. A new dawn had risen. A sense of anticipation spread throughout the county.

“Babs” was a household name in sporting circles. One of the outstanding dual players, he was used to success on the field and professionally in the business world. Possessing a drive to put his stamp on Tipperary hurling, he was ambitious, demanding high standards and organised in his approach. His personal qualities of enthusiasm, fun, humour plus his ability to bring people with him were essential in blending a group of diverse personalities into a team. Despite having “a short fuse” at times, “Babs” had a tolerance and understanding of people.

Speed, skill, stamina were words which “Babs” used frequently. That was his gospel in hurling terms. He encouraged flair and style, he wanted his players to play and portray hurling as the most wonderful field game in the world. He was intolerant of silly mistakes, such as persistent fouling and a player's inability to correct bad hurling habits. He demanded excellence. While he would “light up” when a player produced that touch of class which elevates the game, he also appreciated honest effort.

“Babs” brought a great buzz of excitement to Tipperary. The Supporters' Club was his brainchild. He realised that the support he required in terms of training, medical facilities, catering and equipment, cost money. While the County Board was



South Board Chairman, Sean Nugent, seen making a presentation to “Babs” on behalf of the South Board. The presentation took the form of a specially commissioned piece of Tipperary Crystal in the shape of a sliotar and has engraved and mounted.



generous, it had many teams and other projects to finance also. The Supporters' Club raised considerable finance and now works very closely with the County Board. In the heady days of early success, it was allowed too much latitude, always unwise with anything new! It has a very positive role and one which is much appreciated. Reward was also part of the package, holidays in foreign parts and weekends in Ireland were enjoyed by players. Wives and girlfriends were well looked after. Their support was appreciated.

The sporting success of the “Babs” era is well documented. Success which we all enjoyed and celebrated. The youngsters throughout the county brought great colour and innocence to those years. The more senior citizens relived their youth and came out in force to follow “Babs' Babes”. The Babes will always have a special place in our affections.

Team management, in any code, isn't all plain sailing. “Babs”, with his fellow selectors, had to make some unpopular decisions. Naturally, some players were hurt and disappointed on occasions. Also, some sectors of the media and public were quick to criticize. When Tipperary won, three selectors were praised but when failure came, the blame was laid at the feet of the manager! I'm sure that Babs would have done some things differently, given a second opportunity.

The replacing of Martin McGrath in the semi-final of '87 is still one I cannot understand. Frankly, it looked like a mistake in the “heat of battle”. The decision to drop Pat “Pa” O'Neill for the All-Ireland Final of '88 and the subsequent appointment of Nicky as captain, without

consultation; was ill advised. My view is, that “Babs” succumbed to pressure peripheral to the team. There were those who assumed control, without any official role. They fancied themselves as “Kingmakers”. They felt that they were bigger than Tipperary hurling! “Babs” and indeed Nicky were the “fall guys” in this case. As well as “Pa” O'Neill who handled his disappointment with dignity.

My own memories from the past eight years are myriad. Killarney, on a warm Sunday afternoon, when the “Famine ended”. There was an innocence that day, which was never quite recaptured. Coming home to Tipp after the All-Ireland victories, in the team bus. Crossing over “the border” outside Urlingford where bonfires blazed and supporters gathered to greet the hurlers. The emotion was palpable, tears and indeed thoughts of those who were no longer alive to share that moment. I was privileged on both occasions to introduce the players on arrival in Thurles. Quiet moments of reflection in the Keating home, following success and defeat too. Nancy and “Babs” made everyone welcome no matter when they called.

The great revival of interest in hurling among the children of Tipperary is the most pleasing aspect. “Babs” always had a word for the youngsters. I recall him throwing a bag of sliothars to a group of youngsters outside Casement Park. Talk about “Manna from Heaven”. My own nephews and nieces enjoyed the fun and excitement particularly Keelan, Garrett and Stephen who practically went from babyhood to teen years during the “Babs” era. They shared the good days, also the not-so-good ones, and learned to accept

➤
Tony Reddan
and
Johnny Ryan
at the
County Final.



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Tipperary players
prominent on University
of Limerick's Fitzgibbon
Cup winning team in '94
(left to right): Joe Wade,
Clonoulty/Rossmore;
David Quirke, Arravale
Rovers; Alan Quirke,
Arravale Rovers; Pat
Maguire, Lattin/Cullen.



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both. Stephen, eyes alight proclaiming to all and sundry "Nicky is magic", Keelan and Garrett dressed in "all the gear" racing across the pitch in Killarney with the players as they came out to play "extra time". Lovely and special memories which they treasure.

My friendship with Babs and his wife Nancy goes back many years. The past 8 years were times of joy, some pain and testing days, sharing success and disappointment, some differences but a closer and better acceptance of each other as friends. There is only one "Babs", who is passionate about hurling and Tipperary. His contribution to Tipperary and hurling is immense. He brought glamour, style, skill and personality to the greatest field game in the world. To him and his selectors, Theo, Donie, John and Noel we owe our thanks.

Thank you "Babs" you gave Tipperary supporters great years.



"Babs" and his successor Fr. Tom Fogarty, pictured at the South Board's "Tribute to Babs".

Tipperary Championship Record 1987-1994

	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Scored	Conceded
Antrim	2	2	0	0	7-39	5-19
Clare	4	2	1	1	8-70	5-44
Cork	7	3	2	2	16-120	17-106
Galway	5	2	0	3	7-75	8-71
Kerry	2	2	0	0	5-42	4-15
Kilkenny	1	1	0	0	1-16	0-15
Limerick	4	4	0	0	8-71	3-46
Waterford	1	1	0	0	0-26	2-8
	26	17	3	6	52-459	44-324

Championships 1987-94 Clubs Represented

7 players: Borrisoleigh; 6 players: Toomevara; 5 players: Cashel; 4 players: Nenagh Eire Óg; 3 players: Cappawhite, Clonoulty/Rossmore, Loughmore/Castleiney; 2 players: Eire Óg, Annacarthy; Holycross-Ballycahill; Kilruane McDonagh, Lorrha, Mullinahone, Roscrea; 1 player: Burgess, Killenaule, Kilsheelan, Knockavilla Kickhams, Lattin-Cullen, Newport, Silvermines, Upperchurch-Drombane.

TIPPERARY CHAMPIONSHIP SCORERS 1987-1994

Nicholas English	12-94	(130)	Michael Doyle	2-1	(7)
Pat Fox	11-87	(120)	Bobby Ryan	1-3	(6)
Michael Cleary	8-75	(99)	Martin McGrath	0-5	(5)
Declan Ryan	5-33	(48)	Pa O'Neill	0-3	(3)
Aidan Ryan	1-35	(38)	Dinny Ryan	1-0	(3)
John Leahy	2-25	(31)	Michael Scully	0-3	(3)
Paul Delaney	0-19	(19)	Liam Stokes	0-3	(3)
Donie O'Connell	2-12	(18)	John Cormack	0-2	(2)
Cormac Bonnar	3-6	(15)	Tommy Dunne	0-2	(2)
Joe Hayes	1-11	(14)	John McGrath	0-2	(2)
Anthony Crosse	1-9	(12)	Richard Stakelum	0-2	(2)
Conor Stakelum	1-9	(12)	Conal Bonnar	0-1	(1)
Declan Carr	1-8	(11)	Pat Fitzelle	0-1	(1)
Colm Bonnar	0-7	(7)	John Kennedy	0-1	(1)

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The Tipperary Junior Hurling team which played Clare in the first round of the Munster championship at Limerick. Back row (left to right) - Paudie O'Keeffe, Michael Ryan, David Fogarty, Brendan Cummins, Eamonn Maher, Shay Ryan, Eamonn Kelly, Maurice McCormack. Front row - Jim McGrath, Conor Arrigan, John Darcy (captain), Vinny Ryan, Brian Flannery, Tomás Keane, Tommy Hogan. Clare 3-12, Tipperary 1-12

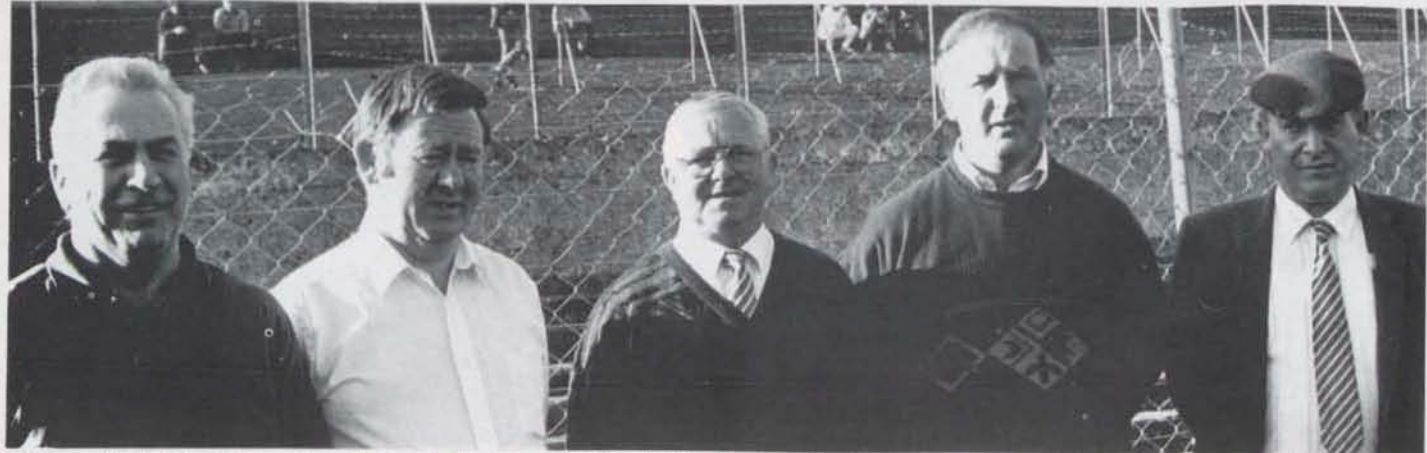


The Tipperary Junior Hurling selectors photographed prior to the start of the Munster championship match against Clare at Limerick. Left to right - Kevin Fox, Jim Fogarty (coach), Tommy Murphy, Jimmy Meighan and Paddy Kelly.

COUNTY JUNIOR AND UNDER-21 HURLERS



The Tipperary Under-21 hurling panel which defeated Limerick in the Munster championship replay at Semple Stadium. Back row (left to right) - Tomás Keane, Conor Arrigan, Mark Rabbitt, Adrian Hogan, John Doughan, Brian O'Meara, Conor Gleeson, Liam McGrath, Seán O'Donoghue, Mark Leonard, Keith Slevin, Denis Hogan, Brendan Cummins. Front row - Aidan Flanagan, David Burke, Ger Maguire, Kevin Tucker, Terry Dunne, Robbie Tomlinson (captain), Kevin O'Sullivan, Philip Shanahan, Brian Gaynor, Timmy Gleeson. Tipperary 1-16, Limerick 2-13 (draw). Tipperary 2-15, Limerick 2-8 (replay). Waterford 2-16, Tipperary 2-8.



Tipperary Under-21 hurling selectors photographed in Limerick before the Munster championship game against Limerick. Left to right - Mick Minogue (coach), Billy Carroll, Vinny Ryan, Willie Ryan and Paddy O'Meara.

Our County Minor Hurlers – A Disastrous Year

By NOEL DUNDON ("Tipperary Star")



Tipperary minor hurling selector John Costigan shows his concern at another missed chance during the closing stages of the Munster minor hurling championship match against Waterford at Fermoy.

A WEEK in politics is a long time. So too is a year in hurling. Twelve years seems like an eternity. That's how long it is since Tipperary last captured the *Irish Press* trophy for the All-Ireland minor hurling competition.

One of those heroes, John Kennedy, is now a selector with the Tipp senior team. That in itself is an indication of just how much water has passed under the bridge.

1994 was a year that was looked forward to in the minor hurling stakes. Following the Munster victory the previous year, the team contained ten of the 1993 panel. The

team was said to be an experienced one in so far as it could be with minors.

On the 29th June we travelled to Fermoy to see a double header, with Cork playing Limerick and Tipperary coming up against Waterford in the curtain-raiser.

The sun was about all that shone for Tipperary. A woefully inept first-half performance left them all of seven points in arrears at the interval. The second half that followed was a transformation to tigerish and courageous play which culminated in a great finale.

Tipp were in almost total control for all but a brief spell in the second half and when Liam Cahill brought them level for the first time since Waterford goaled in the fifth minute of the first half, it looked as though the Premier County would complete the revival and win dramatically.

The Waterford men, however, had other ideas and they surged upfield late in the game, winning an injury-time free which wing-forward Dave Bennett nonchalantly tapped over.

Although a 60-yard free from John Enright would have drawn the game after Seamus Maher was pulled down, Waterford were victors by the slenderest of margins. No blame could be put on the luckless Enright who contributed 8 of Tipperary's 15 points and had it not been for his accuracy the game would have been well beyond the Tipp men.

Although Enright and Andy Moloney were heroes in defeat, Tipp were out in the semi-final, suffering the same fate as all the other counties' hurling teams. It was,



Matthew O'Dowd (Tipperary) and Dan Shanahan (Waterford) in action during the Munster championship semi-final at Fermoy.

indeed, a disastrous year.

It was a year which saw the end of the reign of Fr. Tom Fogarty and his co-selectors. The manager going on to greater things with the senior team, perhaps.



The Tipperary minor hurling team which failed by the narrowest of margins to beat Waterford in the Munster championship at Fermoy. Waterford 2-10, Tipperary 0-15. Back row (l. to r.) – John Enright, David Kennedy, Seamus Meagher, Andrew Moloney, Kevin O'Brien, Noel Ryan, Paul Shelly, Brian Horgan. Front row – David Fogarty, Liam Cahill, Matthew O'Dowd, Philip Rabbitte, Mark O'Leary, Michael Ferncombe (captain), Kyran Vaughan.

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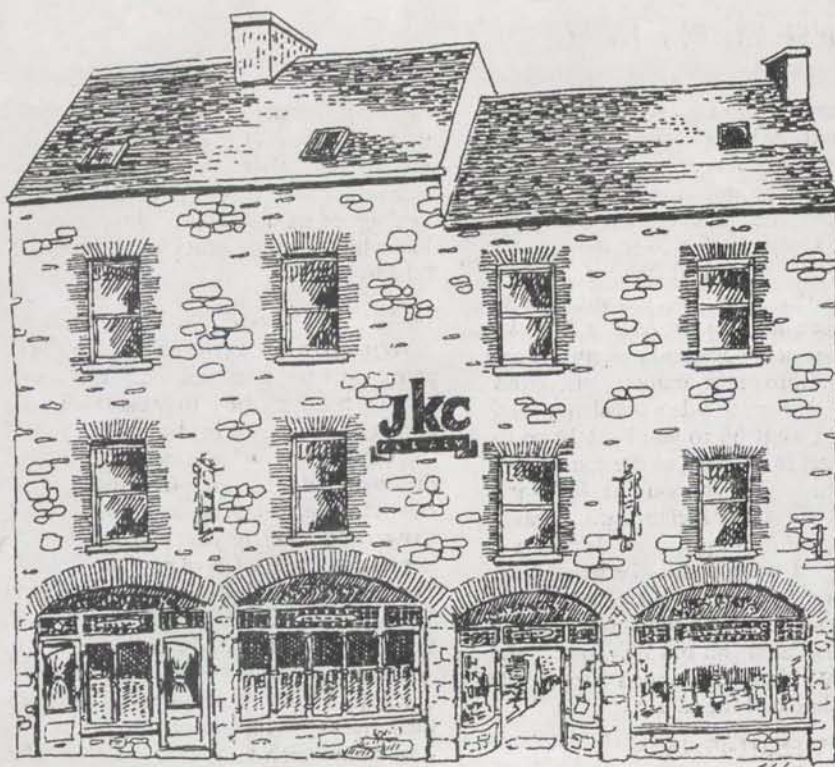
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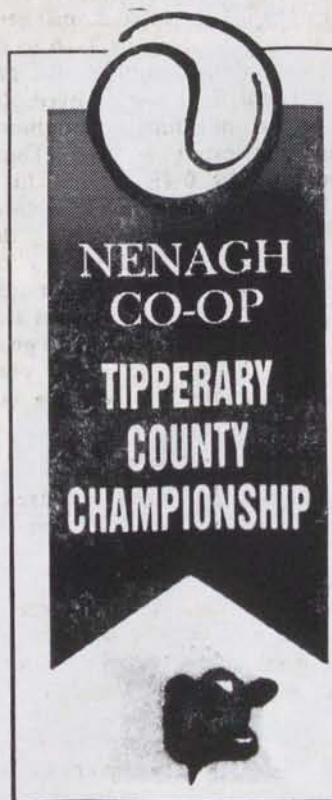
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THE ESSENCE OF FITNESS

The Nenagh Co-op County Senior Hurling Championship

By: SEAMUS J. KING

BY THEIR victory in the Nenagh Co-Op County Senior Hurling Championship on October 2, Toomevara confirmed their domination in senior hurling and established themselves as one of the great teams in the last quarter of this century. One has to go back to the seventies, to Kilruane MacDonagh's three-in-a-row team, to find a team of equal dominance in the county hurling scene. By winning their third-in-a-row Toomevara were equalling a club record achieved back in 1912-14 and became only the second club in the county to achieve this feat. (Thurles Sarsfields won three (or more) -in-a-row on four occasions. Kilruane-MacDonaghs, Roscrea, Moycarkey-Borris and Boherlahan did so on one occasion each).

From early in the championship, it was obvious that Toomevara would be the team to beat. Their performance in the club championship was a signal to all, that they were a powerful force once again. They did suffer a hiccup in the north championship when they were held to a draw by Lorrha, but came through the replay. They went on to defeat Kilruane-MacDonaghs in an emphatic manner in the north final, winning by 1-16 to 0-7. On the same day, August 14, the other three divisional finals were played. In a rather drab mid-final, Loughmore-Castleiney defeated a poor Thurles Sarsfields side by 0-15 to 1-6. In the south, Don Lyons contributed handsomely to Ballygarra's win by scoring three goals in his side's total of 4-9 over Mullinahone, who had 1-9 to their credit. The west final ended in a draw. In a dramatic ending Sean Slattery scored a goal to give Cashel King Cormac's a last minute draw with Clonoulty-Rossmore in a scoreline of 1-16 to 2-13.

COUNTY QUARTER-FINALS

The county quarter-finals were fixed for the weekend of August 27-28, and there were moves to have two of them put back in order to have the west final replayed. These came to nothing and the matches went ahead as arranged, with the west replay not taking place until October 30 and resulting in a Cashel victory by 2-12 to 1-8.

The quarter-finals took place in three venues, Kilsheelan, Templemore and Nenagh. Cashel King Cormac's had an easy victory over Mullinahone, at Kilsheelan, winning by 1-19 to 1-7, after having no less than three goals disallowed for 'square' infringements. Up to half time the sides were close enough but a Cashel goal and a point soon after the resumption

set the west side up for an easy victory. In the second game Clonoulty-Rossmore were never tested. From early in the game, they were on top and when the final whistle sounded they had sixteen points to spare in a scoreline of 0-20 to 0-4.

Toomevara played their quarter-final game with Thurles Sarsfields in Templemore on Saturday, August 27. Two goals by the north champions between the tenth and thirteenth minutes effectively killed off the mid-side's challenge and Toomevara went on to win by 2-16 to 0-9. The most interesting of the four games was played in Nenagh on the following evening. Kilruane-MacDonaghs created something of a surprise by defeating a more fancied Loughmore-Castleiney side. Contributing greatly to their victory was the performance of the two veterans of the side, Denis Cahill and Jim Williams. In the end, the margin of victory was three points in a scoreline of 1-14 to 1-11.

COUNTY SEMI-FINALS

The semi-finals were played in Semple Stadium on September 11 and the headlines in the 'Tipperary Star' the following week tell the story: *Toomevara Trounce Listless Clonoulty-Rossmore and Cashel stroll past tame Kilruane*. In the Toomevara-Clonoulty-Rossmore game the opening quarter promised differently. After eight minutes Toomevara's corner forward, Jimmy Dunne, was sent to the line and the west side led by 0-6 to 0-2 at the end of the first quarter. However, Clonoulty were not making full use of their chances and Toomevara came back into the game, chiefly through good work at centrefield by Pat King. At halftime the sides were level and prospects of a close encounter were still alive. For the early minutes of the second half, these feelings continued to be justified. But then between the 7th and 21st minutes Toomevara scored 3-5 and Clonoulty completely collapsed under the onslaught. The final minutes were painful to watch, as Toomevara completely dominated and were ahead by 4-17 to 1-12, at the final whistle.

Cashel went one point better in their fifteen point victory over Kilruane MacDonaghs in the second game. In the first quarter the King Cormacs established a 1-6 to 0-2 lead. At this stage, their chances were enhanced with the sending off of Martin Haverty for a foul on Conal Bonnar. However, the north men got a boost with a Dinny Cahill goal coming up to halftime and were only four points adrift at that stage. Cashel got off to a dream start on the resumption and were ahead by 2-11 to 1-4 after seven minutes.

The King Cormac's got a third goal in the ninth minute and the sending off of a second Kilruane player, Ger Maher, tore the back out of their challenge. The final quarter dragged its slow length alone until the final whistle when Cashel were in front by 3-19 to 2-7.

COUNTY FINAL

Toomevara were two to one favourites going into the final and that favouritism had its basis in their impressive displays during the year and in the recollection of the outcome, when the two sides met in the quarter-final at Templemore the previous year. On that occasion Cashel had no answer to the physical strength and impressive array of hurling talent in the Toomevara side. With no new talent coming on to the Cashel side it wasn't to be expected, that they could create a surprise.

And so it turned out. After a bright opening, Cashel were knocked back on their tracks by the concession of an easy goal from which they didn't recover until near the interval, at which stage Toomevara were ahead by 1-6 to 0-4. Instead of getting the goal they needed for a good start to the second half, it was Toom who scored. By the time the last quarter approached, they were ahead by 2-9 to 0-6. At this stage Cashel got a goal and a point to put only five points between the sides and there was hope of a grandstand finish. But Toomevara replied with another goal and that effectively killed off Cashel's challenge. In the end Toomevara were worthy champions by 3-11 to 1-9. Afterwards Cashel, while admitting the obvious supremacy of Toomevara, were to rue the concession of two soft goals, some questionable selectorial decisions and some dreadful shooting by the forwards.

The Teams were: Toomevara: Jody Grace, Pat Meagher (capt), Rory Brislane, Declan O'Meara, George Frend, Michael O'Meara, Phil Shanahan, Terry Dunne, Pat King, Kevin Kennedy, Michael Murphy, Tony Delaney, Liam Nolan, Tommy Dunne, Tommy Carroll. Subs: Liam Flaherty for Rory Brislane; Brislane for Liam Nolan.

Cashel King Cormacs: Kevin O'Sullivan, Liam Barron, Pat O'Donoghue, Michael Perdue, Joe O'Leary, Colm Bonnar, Seamus Morrissey, Seanie O'Donoghue, Willie Fitzell, Conal Bonnar, T. J. Connolly, Raymie Ryan, Seanie Morrissey, Cormac Bonnar, Ailbe Bonnar. Subs: John Ryan for Seamus Morrissey.

Man of the Match: Pat King (Toomevara).

Referee: Michael Doyle (Holycross-Ballycahill).

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Photograph taken after the election of officers at the Co. Tipperary GAA Annual Convention at Sarsfields Social Centre, Thurles, shows (left to right) – Tom O'Donnell, Golden-Kilseacle (elected treasurer); Seán Fogarty, Moyne-Templetuohy (elected chairman) and Tommy Barrett, Thurles Sarsfields (re-elected secretary).



Michael Lowry, chairman, Semple Stadium Development Committee, brings the delegates up to date on the current financial situation of the Stadium during the GAA County Board Annual Convention at Sarsfields Social Centre.



Re-elected . . . Four of the officers of the GAA County Board who were re-elected to their positions at the Board's Annual Convention in Thurles (left to right) – Noel Morris (Borrisokane), Central Council Representative; Michael McCarthy (Moyle Rovers) and Liam O'Dwyer (Boherlahan-Dualla), Munster Council Representative; John Ryan (Holycross-Ballycahill), County Development Officer.



Seán Fogarty makes his acceptance speech after his election as County Chairman at last January's Convention at Sarsfields Social Centre.



Three delegates from Nenagh Eire Og who attended the County Tipperary GAA Annual Convention in Thurles (left to right) – Jack Kennedy, Ger Gavin and Jimmy Morris.

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Sometimes, change is introduced for the sake of change. On other occasions, change may be introduced by decree. Some organisations actively resist change, while others change so often that they finish up with no real identity.

It is against this background that the GAA, an organisation not noted for change, is *experimenting* with a number of rule changes in the current Church and General National Leagues. Some are trenchantly opposed to the concept of experimentation, not to mention the experimental changes, while others regard them as a brave attempt to retain the quintessential/skilful aspects of hurling and football. Irrespective of one's personal viewpoint on the matter, it is important for everyone to clearly understand *why* the current rule changes were introduced in the first instance.

FOOTBALL

Gaelic football has undergone significant change over the past twenty-five years. It's hard to establish to what extent it has been a *natural* process, where, as the name of the game would suggest, that the primacy of *kicking* has been retained, or whether it has been more of a *mutant* process where, the use of the *hand* is fast becoming supreme.

Having analysed many games, particularly at under-age level, the Rules Revision Work Group was satisfied that there has been a serious deterioration in players' preparedness and ability to kick the ball.

This reflected itself in the fact that many young players are developing a near obsession with hand-passing the ball. (The fact that the legality of many of these hand-passes could also be queried, is something which I will not dwell on here). On the basis of this analysis, the Work Group was satisfied that further uncontrolled (unrestricted) use of the handpass would have major downstream ramifications for the game.

It was for this reason that it was decided to introduce a restriction on the handpass, i.e. a player who took a *direct* handpass could not play the ball away with the hand. Apart from reducing the

potential number of handpasses and increasing the level of kicking, it was postulated that this change would have the added advantage of ensuring that the player who is *not in possession*, could effectively "tackle" his opponent. (One of the big drawbacks of the "possession game" is that the player who is not in possession finds it very difficult and, on occasions, impossible to reduce the advantage of the player who has the ball.)

The rule permitting any player to take a free kick was introduced to overcome the problem which some referees experience trying to *identify* the player who was fouled and/or to *remember* who was fouled, when a break in play takes place after a foul, e.g. injury to a player.

The Work Group was satisfied that having all kick-outs from the 13m line would help to standardise the rules relating to the kick-out and that it would be of particular assistance to teams/goalkeepers when playing against a very strong wind. There is also some likelihood that it will also result in a greater level of high fielding.

Having decided on these particular rule changes, the Work Group took things a step further when they organised a tournament involving Erin's Isle, St. Vincent's, Navan O'Mahonys and Sarsfields (Newbridge) to try out the changes. The overall consensus was that once players got an opportunity to adapt, the rules worked well.

It was unfortunate that some commentators, from the very outset, chose to adopt a closed mind with regard to these changes. One would have expected a little more *objectivity*. Indeed, it was ironic to hear one commentator, who had accused a previous Rules Revision Work Group of aping the Australian rules, now indicting the current Work Group for dragging the game thirty years backwards.

HURLING

Hurling, just like Gaelic football, has undergone a significant transformation over the past twenty-five years. While many of these changes have taken place

on an imperceptible basis, they are reflected in today's game as near obsessive-like tendencies with lifting/catching the ball and/or solo running with the ball. The downside of this is that overhead striking is as good as gone and it is now the exception more than the norm to see a hurler striking the ball on the ground. Apart from these aspects, it is also much more difficult to referee games when players resort to lifting the ball into the hand or soloing with it.

When a player is running at speed, the difference between four and five steps can be difficult to spot, to say the least. When the Work Group analysed the overall situation, it was accepted that the best solution was to restrict players to one hand catch. It was also felt that this would lead to much more direct play which would, in turn, ensure the acknowledged core skills of striking on the ground and in the air would grow in importance again.

The restriction on kicking the ball from the hand was introduced to ensure that players play the ball away from the hand with the hurley, or, alternatively, drop the ball on the ground before playing it away.

These rules were experimental within a club competition involving: Cashel, Mt. Sion, Cloughaun and Toomevara.

The one rule, common to hurling and football, which was introduced relates to the exclusion zone for the penalty kicks/pucks. There is ample evidence from games and referees to justify this experimental change, which will help to tidy up what can be a very messy situation.

Only time and congress will tell if these rules will ultimately become a part of the Official Guide. The Association has to be commended for being prepared to try them out because, as Machiavelli once said, "There is nothing more difficult to take in hand, more perilous to conduct, more uncertain in its success, than to take the lead in the introduction of a new order of things". But, then, the more things change, the more they stay the same.



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PAT STAKELUM

All time All Star

Pat Stakelum had to be a hurler. His father, Paddy, played with Holycross-Ballycahill in the early years of the century while his uncles, Robbie and Jack, were prominent with Dublin Faughs in 1890-1892.

The Stakelum brothers, all six of them, spent their free time hurling in the hayshed field, where a shed wall provided a convenient goal. As Pat had three older brothers, he had to be good to survive.

When he went to school at Thurles C.B.S. his abilities were recognised and he won Croke Cup medals in 1942 and 1943. Unfortunately he was not part of a Harty Cup winning team as C.B.S. was defeated in his time by great St. Flannan's teams in 1944, 1945 and 1946, despite fielding stars like Paddy Kenny, Seamus Bannon and Jack Harris.

However, Pat won two All-Ireland college medals with Munster Colleges in 1945 and 1946.

In 1945 Pat captained the Tipperary minor team that swamped all opposition in the Munster Championship. An easy win over Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final prompted "Winter Green" to comment in the *Tipperary Star* that Dublin would have the honour of being defeated in the final by the greatest minor team ever. Dublin were not overawed and proceeded to inflict an unwelcome and wholly unexpected defeat on

Tipperary.

He was selected at centre half-back on the 1946 County Junior team that lost to Limerick at Charleville. His first Senior appearance for Holycross/Ballycahill was in 1946 when Boherlahan were defeated in the first round. However, Moyne proved to be too strong in the Mid semi-final and had an easy win.

From 1946 until 1964, except for 1950, he played in all Holycross Championship games making his last appearance at full-forward in the 1964 County Final against Sarsfields. In 1950 he transferred to Young Irelands, Dublin, but returned to the fold for the successful County Championship campaign.

With the club he won four Mid and three County Championships in the 1947-1954 period, when he had his brother John as a team-mate. Another brother, Conor, was on the 1951 panel and played in the 1954 County final against Roscrea.

After the Holycross/Ballycahill 1948 county final victory, Pat became captain of the Tipperary team that won Munster, All-Ireland, National League and Oireachtas titles and he also captained the Munster team to win the Oireachtas titles. He also captained the Munster team to win the Railway Cup in 1950. Other trophies won during his



A youthful Pat Stakelum - star of many a Holycross and Tipperary victory.

term as captain were the Monaghan and Thomond Feis cups.

In all, he won three All-Ireland and Three Munster Championships, six National League medals, six Railway Cup medals and an Oireachtas trophy. He captained Ireland in the 1952 representative game against Combined Universities and held his place on the Ireland teams in 1954, 1955 and 1956. In 1957 he was selected on the Rest and Combined Universities team that lost to the Ireland selection.

As he retired from inter-county hurling at the end of 1957, he was not a member of the victorious 1958 All-Ireland team but made one further appearance in championship hurling when Waterford created a sensation by leading Tipperary by 8-2 to 0-0 at half-time in the Munster semi-final in Cork. Pat came on as a substitute at half-time but Waterford were too far ahead, winning easily on the score: 9-3 to 3-4.

Many would class Pat as the greatest centre-half back of all time. Definitely he was the best in his own era. A stylish hurler he could strike left and right and he had the gift of being in the right place at the right time. He rarely came under a referee's notice as he was noted for his sports-manship. There was nothing soft about him and any brash youngster who tried to rough him received a salutary lesson that stung but did not injure.

When Phil Purcell, County Secretary, died in 1961, Pat was elected to replace him as County Secretary and Munster Council representative. He retired as Secretary in 1963 but continued to represent Tipperary on the Munster Council, until retiring at 1969 County Convention.

As a founder member and an ever present officer of Durlas Óg, he is one of the people responsible for reviving Juvenile hurling in Thurles and he played a major part as a member of the committee that acquired and developed Páirc na n-Óg.

B.S.



Pat and Nancy Stakelum with the All Time All-Star Award.

TIPPERARY FOOTBALL



HEROES ALL! The Tipperary senior football team which pushed Cork to the limit before conceding defeat in the final minutes of the Munster Final at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Back Row (l-r): Davy Hogan, Cristóir McGrath, John Costello, Brendan Cummins, Jerry Ryan, John O'Meara, Anthony Crosse, Tom Macken, Mark Sheahan. Front Row: Seán Brett, Peter Gleeson, Philly Ryan, Brian Burke (capt.), John Owens, Peter Lambert.

The year 1994 was a very busy year for the Senior footballers and also a very exciting year in which they won the McGrath Cup in London, at Easter. Just missed out promotion to Division II and reached Munster Final for second successive year.

Tipperary started the year with a 1-10 to 0-7 victory over Cavan in the National League and followed with 1-13 to 0-13 win away to Monaghan. They then played Offaly, in Thurles, and here Tipperary dropped a point when they could only get a draw in a game that they completely dominated. They then travelled to Belfast and defeated Antrim by one point which set up the final game against Wexford, where a win would put Tipperary in with a chance for promotion, but in Semple Stadium, Tipperary never got to grips with a good Wexford side and were well beaten on the day.

Cork were played on the 26th March in a challenge, with Cork winning by 1-14 to 1-7.

Tipperary played London, in London, on the 4th April, in the McGrath Cup Final and won very easily with the following side: E. Ryan, J. O'Meara, S. Column, P. Gleeson, T. Macken, S. Brett, G. Ryan, B. Bourke, J. Costelloe, M. Sheehan, J. Leahy, P. Lambert, S. Hogan, A. Crosse, B. Cummins. Subs: S. Ryan, Ed. Ryan, C. Coen.

The friends of Tipperary provided the finance to give the players one extra day in London after the McGrath Cup victory and the players were delighted with this very generous gesture.

The Seniors on their return had to travel to Ennis to play Clare in the first round of the McGrath Cup and here Tipperary were relieved of the Cup when Clare ran out easy winners over a very disappointing Tipperary side on the score of 3-13 to 0-9.

This victory by Clare just six weeks before the Munster Championship, with the same opposition, did really pose questions re the spirit of the Tipperary side. Brian Bourke as captain addressed the players after the game and asked for a big effort in preparation for the championship. Waterford, Sligo and Wexford were played and training in Ardfinnan and Thurles was well attended and the players really put in a big effort for the game on the 15th May, in Limerick.

Clare were clear favourites for this game but Tipperary, having held Clare to 0-6 each at half-time, won on the score of 2-8 to 0-13. Tipperary were thrilled with their victory and the small loyal band of supporters gave vent to their feelings at the end of the game. An injury to John Leahy was the one disappointing fact of the game.

Mayo were played in a challenge game in preparation for the semi-final game against Waterford, in Semple Stadium, and here Tipperary had a convincing 5-14 to 0-15 win on the 26th June. Tipperary fielded short John O'Meara and Anthony Crosse for this game - both players out through injuries suffered while playing hurling.

Cork defeated Kerry in their semi-final by 1-13 to 2-8, and so we had for the second year a Tipperary-Cork Munster Final,



"It was the most important game of my life and worth it all" - After a week of uncertainty as to whether he would be able to play or not, Derry Foley shows his delight after scoring Tipperary's first goal in the Munster senior football final at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

Final, but this time Tipperary had to travel to Cork for the final.

Training was now three nights per week and with John O'Meara and Anthony Crosse recovering from injuries, Tipperary management felt that the side were really coming right, but a championship game in the south saw star midfielder Derry Foley being put off in the final minutes. The feeling was that his sending off would merit only a two weeks' suspension, but then word was that he would get more than the minimum.

This was a devastating blow to Tipperary football and the selectors drafted in C. McGrath of Commercial's to the

panel with his height and strength and skill. Four days before the final the High Court granted an injunction restraining the Association from taking any action against Derry Foley until the Munster final was over. But, as Tipperary picked their side on the Sunday night, Foley was not included in the first fifteen.

The Tipperary players travelled to Cork for the Munster Final with one aim – and that was to win. How close they were to reaching their goal is now history.

It was very disappointing to some when Tipperary officials left the Stand when Derry Foley was introduced as a sub.

A super sub, he proved with a marvellous goal and a display that forced Cork to take off "All Star" midfielder Shay Fahey. Try as Tipperary did, they just could not catch Cork, and a last minute goal for Cork gave the scoreboard a lopsided look: Cork 2-18, Tipperary 3-8.

Tipperary: Philly Ryan, John O'Meara, Peter Gleeson, Sean Brett, Terry Ryan, Tom Macken, John Owens, Brian Burke (capt.), John Costello, Mark Sheahan, Cristeóir McGrath, Brendan Cummins, Peter Lambert, Anthony Crosse, Davy Hogan. Subs: Eamon Ryan, Sean Collum, Ailbe Bonner, Liam Cronin, Shay Ryan, Chris Coen, Eamon Maher, Pat McGuire, Kevin Coonan, Ned Ryan, Derry Foley. Manager/Coach, Seamus McCarthy; Selectors – Michael Power, D.J. Gleeson, Pete Savage, Sean Hennessy. Trainer – John Phelan.

The National League results so far have been disappointing – losing by one point



John Costelloe scores against Cork in the Munster Football Final.

to Roscommon, 6 points to Fermanagh and by 5 points to Cavan. Just like last year, Tipperary fielded under-strength in all these games and subsequently paid the price; yet these games could, and should, have been won with the players that were available.

In the 'B' Championship a first round bye was followed by a two points win over Monaghan (away) but a very poor display in semi-final saw Carlow qualify for final with Westmeath.

I feel that the playing of the 'B' Championship under the old rules did not suit Tipperary as Carlow, fielding nine Éire Óg players, were masters of the hand-pass. Expecting players to play one Sunday with

one hand-pass and the following Sunday with as many as you like proved the undoing of the side.

Clonmel Commercials, county champions, have kept Tipperary flag flying with wins over Galbally (Limerick champions) and Austin Stacks (Kerry champions), in Tralee, qualifying them for a Munster final with Castlehaven.

The Munster draw for 1995 has paired Tipperary against either Kerry or Limerick in Munster semi-final and there is no reason why we should not qualify for a third Munster final in succession and, hopefully, a long sought-after victory.

Seamus Ó Donoghue, P.R.O.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

The Juniors, who this year had to draw from Junior and Intermediate Clubs, were defeated 0-13 to 1-5 by Clare in the first round played in Limerick on Sunday, 15th May, as a curtain-raiser to the senior game.

Tipperary played Laois the previous Tuesday in a challenge game and won on the score 2-12 to 2-10.

Clare fielded a very strong side with six of their players having played for Clare seniors in Division I of the National League and this experience was the main difference in the two sides.

The following side lined-out for Tipperary: Seán Bradshaw (Knockavilla Kickhams), Tom Guilfoyle (Moyne/Templetuohy), Noel Leahy (Mullinahone), Matt McCabe (Newport), Seamus Roche (Kilsheelan), Vincent McKenna (Borrisokane), Derry Peters (Aherlow), Anthony O'Gorman (Newcastle), Keith Hennessy (Thurles Kickhams), Denis O'Shea (Aherlow), Colm Duggan (St. Patrick's), Ger. Butler (Knockavilla Kickhams), Michael Moroney (Aherlow), Larry Stapleton, capt. (J.K. Brackens), Seamus Butler (Ballingarry). Subs. used: Mark Leonard (Aherlow) for Tom Guilfoyle (inj.); Paddy Murphy (Fr. Sheehy's) for Seamus Butler; also Michael Coonan (Newcastle), Luke Leonard (Aherlow), Robert Ryan (Newport), Pat Hickey (Kilsheelan),

Michel Larkin (J.K. Brackens), Theo Lloyd (Moyne/Templetuohy), John Larkin (Kilsheelan). **Selectors** Willie Robinson (Coach)

(Kilsheelan); Michael Byrnes (Lattin-Cullen), Tom Cusack (Fr. Sheehy's), Richard Boyle (Ardfinnan), Jim Moynihan (J.K. Brackens).



Tipperary junior football selectors photographed before the start of the Munster championship game against Clare (l-r): Mick Byrnes, Richard Boyle, Willie Robinson (Coach), Tom Cusack and Jim Moynihan.



The Tipperary team which played Clare in the Munster junior football championship, at Limerick. Back Row (l-r): Martin McCabe, Anthony O'Gorman, Colm Duggan, Seán Bradshaw, Seamus Roche, Vincent McKenna, Tom Guilfoyle, Keith Hennessy. Front Row: Seamus Butler, Larry Stapleton capt., Michael Moroney, Denis O'Shea, Noel Leahy, Derry Peters, Ger. Butler.

Under-21 Football

The coach and selectors invited 64 players for trials at the start of the year but, like all football sides, the response left a lot to be desired. Some players were involved with their schools and a few with the Seniors, yet a big effort was put in.

Offaly were beaten in a challenge game in Lusmagh, and then followed a challenge in New Inn against Laois, which ended in a draw, after a very competitive game.

Waterford were our opponents in Carrick-on-Suir on a very bad day which saw a very understrength Tipperary side fail by two points in a very high scoring game. The seniors were played twice in Lisvernane and in New Inn in preparation for championship with Cork.

After two months training we had some valuable players dropping out of the panel and this did not make the selectors' job any easier.

They played Cork on 4th May in Ring Park in Cork on a beautiful evening, but, after the first twenty minutes Tipperary were completely submerged by a classy and talented Cork side. The score at half-time read: Cork 1-8, Tipperary 0-2, and at full-time: Cork 1-20, Tipperary 0-4. Cork rested two of their better forwards for the game so one can see the huge gap that separated the two sides.

Tipperary had only four of the players that played in the corresponding game at minor level when Tipperary were unlucky to go under by four points.

Team: Kevin O'Sullivan (Cashel King Cormacks), Liam Phelan (Commercials),

Kieran O'Reilly (Cashel King Cormacks), Derry Peters (Aherlow), Mark Leonard (Aherlow), P.J. Lanigan (Grangemockler), Sean Maher (Ardfinnan), Brendan Cummins (Ardfinnan), John Roche (Kilsheelan), Graham Lonergan capt. (Arravale Rovers), Tony O'Sullivan (Arravale Rovers), Keith Hennessy (Thurles Kickhams), David Lavin (Commercials), Kevin Coonan (Éire Óg Nenagh), Jim McAuliffe (Éire Óg Nenagh).

Subs: Mervin Branahan (J.K. Brackens),

Colm O'Flaherty (Cahir), Jerry Maguire (Lattin-Cullen), John Crotty (Clonmel Óg), Michael Ferncombe (Holycross/Ballycahill, Liam Murray (Templederry), P.J. Lonergan (Ardfinnan), Noel Kennedy (Loughmore), Michael O'Mahoney (Commercials), injured.

Coach: Noel Byrne (Fethard).

Trainer: Jimmy O'Donnell (Rockwell Rovers), Paul Dillon (Commercials), James Maher (Loughmore-Castleiney), John Kissane (Éire Óg Nenagh).



Tipperary Under-21 football mentors photographed at Páirc Uí Rinn before the Munster Championship game against Cork (l-r): Noel Byrne (coach); James Maher (selector), Paul Dillon (selector) and Jim O'Donnell (trainer).



The Tipperary Under-21 football team which played Cork in the Munster Championship at Páirc Uí Rinn (Cork). Back row (l-r): Jerry Maguire, John Crotty, John Roche, Sean Maher, Kieran O'Reilly, Kevin O'Sullivan, Tony O'Sullivan, David Lavin, Liam Phelan, Brendan Cummins, Keith Hennessy, Mervyn Bradish, Noel Kennedy. Front row - P.J. Lonergan, Colm O'Flaherty, Graham Lonergan (capt.), P.J. Lanigan, Kevin Coonan, Derry Peters, Jim McAuliffe, Mark Leonard, Liam Murray, Michael Ferncombe.

MINOR FOOTBALL

A big effort was put in at the start of the year with numerous trials held and many challenge games played against Galway, in Nenagh, and Limerick in Lisvernane. Cork were played in Cork, and Tipperary performed quite well before going down by 4-9 to 1-12.

Kildare were also challenged, in Newbridge, and all the time it seemed that the side was coming along nicely for the Munster championship game with Waterford, in Stradbally, on Wednesday, 18th May.

Tipperary started well with midfielder Andy Moloney scoring a point to be followed by a further point from Donal Duggan.

Waterford gradually got to grips with Tipperary and with diminutive midfielder Tom Flynn taking on the Tipperary defence, Waterford led at half-time by 0-4 to 0-3.

Waterford got completely on top in the second half and went clear by five points before the introduction of Colm Heaney



The Tipperary minor football selectors photographed in Clonmel before travelling to Stradbally for the Munster championship match against Waterford (l-r): Michael O'Mahony, Martin Maher, Mick Doyle, Cristóir McGrath, Colm O'Flaherty (Coach).

rallied Tipperary and they reduced the lee-way to two points, and then missed a goal opportunity. Waterford came again to score two points and run out winners by 1-7 to 0-6.

I considered Waterford a very good side and events afterwards proved this when Clare were lucky to beat them by one point, with All-Ireland champions Kerry just beating Clare in Munster Final.

The following side lined out for Tipperary: Niall Kelly (Kildangan), Paul Ormonde (Loughmore), David Kennedy (Loughmore), Bernard Walsh (Commercials), Ky Vaughan (Mullinahone), Tom Moylan (Newport), Cyril O'Neill (Newport), Andy Moloney (Cahir),

Gary Morrison (Cahir), Gavin O'Mahoney (Ardfinnan), Donald Duggan (Holycross), Damien Byrne (Fethard), Mark Ryan (Rathealty), Gary Mernagh (Thurles Sarsfields), Mark O'Shea (Aherlow).

Subs: Liam Hennessy (Ardfinnan), Aidan O'Gorman (Newport), Fergal Clifford (Aherlow), Mark Gregory (Rockwell Rovers), Jason Fogarty (Kilsheelan), James Keating (Commercials), Tommy Ormonde (Loughmore-Castleiney), Brendan O'Dwyer (Moyle Rovers), Tom O'Farrell (Ballyporeen), Declan Crowe (Arravale Rovers).

The following selectors were in charge of the side: Colm O'Flaherty (Coach), Martin Maher, Michael Doyle, Michael O'Mahony, Cristóir McGrath.



The Tipperary minor football team which played Waterford in the Munster championship in Stradbally, Co. Waterford. Back row (l-r): Donal Duggan (Holycross-Ballycabill), Aidan O'Gorman (Newport), Jason Fogarty (Kilsheelan), James Keating (Clonmel Commercials), Mark O'Shea (Aherlow), Damien Byrne (Fethard), Tom Moylan (Newport), Mark Gregory (Clonmel Og), Brendan O'Dwyer (Moyle Rovers), Andy Moloney, captain (Cahir), Garry Morrison (Cahir), Kyran Vaughan (Mullinahone), Tom O'Farrell (Ballyporeen), Liam O'Connor (Fr. Sheehy's). Front Row - David Kennedy (Loughmore-Castleiney), Ben Walsh (Clonmel Commercials), Paul Ormond (Loughmore-Castleiney), Cyril O'Neill (Newport), Garry Mernagh (Thurles Sarsfields), Niall Kelly (Kildangan), Gavin O'Mahony (Ardfinnan), Mark Ryan (Rathealty), Liam Hennessy (Ardfinnan), Fergal Clifford (Aherlow), Declan Crowe (Arravale Rovers).



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Before ever I came to live in Clonmel many years ago I had heard much of Tommy O'Keeffe. Ours was not a football husehold but one would not want to know much about Tipperary football to be aware of the unique position occupied by the man who played for this county with distinction through three decades.

It came as no surprise to me when I discovered that shrewd judges of the game in South Tipperary regarded him – as did less shrewd ones farther up the county – as possibly the greatest footballer Tipperary produced in the last seventy years.

If many spoke of him as the greatest, even more spoke of him as the most stylish. And the style extended even to his appearance on the field. In an age when it was not unknown for players to prove their virility, if not their skill, by the slovenliness of their attire, he was always immaculately turned out – gear newly washed, boots polished. His appearance on the field, like his performance, like his general demeanor, denoted a general tidiness and efficiency in his approach to life itself.

The O'Keeffe family connection with the GAA began long before Tommy was born, extending back to the very birth of the Association. His father, William O'Keeffe, of Carrick, was obviously a man with qualities of leadership and at the turbulent GAA convention – or congress as it would be called nowadays – in November 1887 it was he who proposed his townsman Maurice Davin for the presidency of the infant organisation.

When William O'Keeffe married school-teacher Annie Fitzgerald, he set up home in Kilsheelan and commuted to his work as a solicitor's clerk in Clonmel by pony and trap. Thus the O'Keeffe boys grew up in Kilsheelan and it was to the little village they gave their first allegiance in matters sporting and otherwise.

Tommy himself, unlike his brother Jerry, who was secretary of the South Tipp Board for forty years and was for a period

TOMMY O'KEEFFE – MAN OF STYLE

Chairman of the Munster Council, confined his GAA activities to the playing field. He began playing for Kilsheelan when only a lad in the twenties and was still playing into the late forties.

His inter-county career began in 1927 when he played in the Munster semi-final against Kerry, in Dungarvan. Then, in the following year he was on the Tipp team which, although they do not figure among All-Ireland winners of the time, made a major contribution to football history – they put Kerry out of the championship.

It was a period of unprecedented Kerry dominance of the football scene. They had been runners-up in the All-Ireland of 1923 and winners in 1924. In 1925 they had been, together with Cavan, declared illegal. They had won in 1926 and been runners-up in 1927. They fell to Tipp in 1928 and were back in 1929 to win four All-Irelands in a row. Had Tipp not pipped them that day in Tipperary town, they would in all probability have set the all-time record of five-in-a-row. But even casual observers admitted that Tipp deserved their win. They led at half-time by 1-5 to 0-2 and in the face of a fierce second half bombardment by John Joe Sheehy and his men, they held out to win by a point. Tommy O'Keeffe was the one who scored the goal that day off Jack Walsh and nearly fifty years later a Kerry

garda in Clonmel stopped to tell him "Big Jack says he still owes you one for that goal." But two Tipp players who were injured never played again and Tipp fell to Cork, who in turn were beaten by Kildare who went on to win the All-Ireland.

The Tipp team who defeated the star-studded Kerry side was: Jack Weston, Dan Mullins (Fethard), Dick Heffernan, Tom Carthy (Clonmel), Paddy Kenny, Paddy Arrigan (Carrick), John O'Leary, Ned Lonergan (Ardfinnan), Tom Lee, Ned Barry (Bansha), Dick Mockler, Bill Barrett (Mullinahone), Tommy O'Keeffe (Kilsheelan), Con Keane (Thurles), Jim Davy (Templemore).

Tom Lee is the only one who is still alive. Go mairfidh sé slán.

Tommy O'Keeffe went on to enjoy a long and distinguished career with Tipp, interrupted for a couple of years when he worked in Kilcock and played with Kildare. During that time, too, he played with Kildare junior hurlers, who were beaten in the Leinster Final by Dublin, who subsequently won the All-Ireland.

In 1931 he was a sub on the Munster team which won the Railway Cup; he played on the Munster teams of '34, '35 and '36 and again was a sub in '38. The Munster team at the time was the preserve of Kerry men and the attitude of the Munster Council was to leave football to Kerry. Anyone else had to be twice as good as a Kerryman to be selected and there were numerous stories of efforts to ensure the presence of the maximum number of Kerry men on the field. But the great Paddy Kennedy of Annascaul was only one of the many towering figures of the time who could agree in old age that Tommy O'Keeffe could hold his own in any company.

Tommy was a key figure in the Tipp team which took the Munster crown in 1935 and which lost to Cavan in the most controversial All-Ireland semi-final ending of the decade. With a Tipp point ahead, Cavan were awarded a '50' after Jim



Photograph shows the Tipperary Senior Football team which defeated Cork in the Munster semi-final 1944: Back row (l-r): Tommy O'Keeffe, Clonmel; Mick Byrne, Killustry; Jim Williams, Clonmel; John Larkin, Army; Mick Cahill, Mullinahone; Dick Winters, Bunny Lambe, Army; Dick Sleator, Army. Front row (l-r): Pierce Larkin, Kilsheelan; Sean Cleary, Clonmel; Thomas Ryan, Army; "Sapper" O'Neill, Army; Christy Sullivan, Army; Mick Casey, Arravale Rovers; Jimmy Hickey, Drangan.

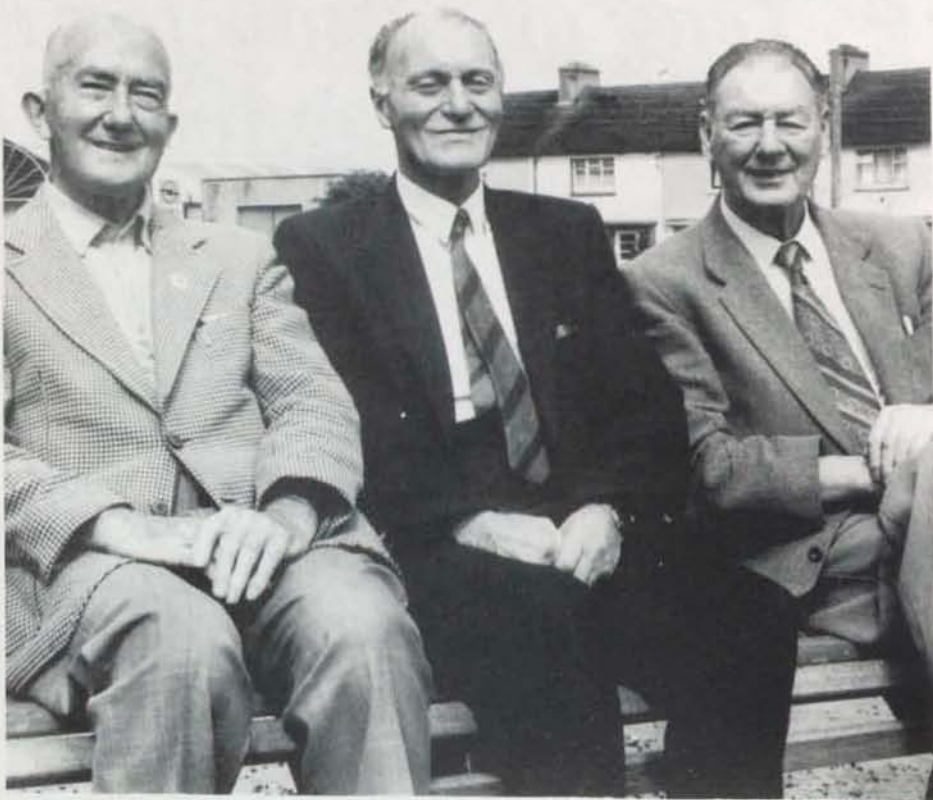
Williams had saved.

The referee spoke to Cavan's John Smith as he placed the ball in front of the goal, though it had gone over the line way out to the side – reportedly telling him that time was up. The rule at the time was that in such circumstances he would have to score direct from the kick. He didn't score direct, the ball was deflected to the Tipp net, Jim Williams being unsighted, and the game was over. It was a game and an incident about which Tommy O'Keeffe spoke eloquently into old age but never with bitterness.

Until the end of his playing days he was a regular on Tipp teams that included names which are part of the country's football story. He was on the Tipp team in 1944 which beat Cork by an impressive six points in the Munster semi-final, only to fail narrowly to Kerry in the final.

In the following year John Joe Sheehy and Joe Barrett came to see Kerry play Tipp, in Clonmel, and were astounded to find that the same Tommy who had played against them eighteen years before was still able to put it up to the Kerry men.

Tommy was an eminently decent man in very sense of the word, with the physical fitness and mental alertness of a man 30 years younger, until his last brief fatal illness in August. At his funeral Mass old men who had seen him in his prime heard Monsignor Holden's moving words with



Tommy O'Keeffe, Bunny Lambe and Tim Williams.

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Year of action for Friends of Tipp football

by John J. Hassett



Photograph taken after the election of officers at the County Football Board Annual Convention in Hayes' Hotel. Front (l-r): Seán Mockler, Loughmore-Castleiney (chairman); Archbishop Dermot Clifford (Patron of the GAA); Hugh Kennedy, Arravale Rovers (outgoing chairman); Eddie Lonergan, Cahir (secretary). Back row - Tom Cusack, Fr. Sheehy's (treasurer); Pete Savage, Ardfinnan (vice-chairman); Micheál Maguire, Lattin-Cullen Michael Power, Newcastle (vice-chairman).

The Friends of Tipperary football continues in its support of the big ball game in the Premier County. Considerable progress has been made in promoting the game at local, divisional and county level but apathy towards the task on hand is still evident in some regions and support for the county teams in the championship games, to put it mildly, was disappointing.

The county senior football team reaching the Munster Final for the second year in succession against Cork, in Cork, was an indication of sustained improvement in standard and their display confirmed that they are now serious contenders for Provincial honours and can no longer be looked upon as rank outsiders in the All-Ireland title race.

The support for ladies' football by the Friends was a welcome development and the expansion of the game into more regions in the county would help in restoring the status Tipperary enjoyed in ladies' football in the 1970's. The recognition of the ladies who brought All-Ireland glory to Tipperary in the sport added colour to the occasion of the annual reunion of county footballers of the past in Brú Ború, Cashel, last September.

One of the other enjoyable occasions of the year was the trip to London by the county team for the McGrath Cup final clash with London last April. It was a spe-



Former Inter-county footballers (l-r): Phil Tobin, Grangemockler; Harry Tobin, Grangemockler; Gerry Carey, Commercials; Johnny Ryan, Commercials, with Co. Football Board Chairman, Sean Mockler.



Some former inter-county footballers at a recent reunion in Brú Ború, Cashel (l-r): Vincent Millett, Commercials; Johnny Ryan, Commercials; Pakie Brennan, Ardfinnan.

cial occasion and a bonding one for the team, to which the Friends of Tipp Football had a rewarding input. The win over Clare in the Munster championship first round in Limerick was a memorable occasion for all present, but in particular for Gaels such as Dick Cummins, Fethard, and Eddie McCarthy, Bansha, who have been around for a long time.

The thrilling Munster final clash with Cork was an occasion to behold. The standard of the football, the quality of the goals and the excitement generated was a memorable treat that will be remembered well into the future. The fact remains that nothing of note was won but no one can deny that the capacity and the talent to succeed is now evident. If the current momentum can be maintained, the Premier County will not have too long to wait to have the Sam Maguire Cup on its sideboard.

For the players of yesteryears the annual reunion in Brú Ború has become an occasion that all look forward to with the prospect of meeting old friends. This year's gathering, as previous ones, was a most enjoyable evening in the shadow of the Royal Rock of Cashel.

The officers and committee, under the generalship of Pat Moroney, Aherlow; John Moloney, Bansha; Anthony Power, Ardfinnan; Sean Crowe, Lattin; Eddie Loneragan, Cahir, and Kathleen O'Dwyer, Tipp Town, have, through their work, expertise and influence, made major contributions to the input of the Friends to the new resurgence in Tipp Football.

The work of the County Board and the Football Board and in particular their co-operation with and support of what the Friends are doing, is providing the proper blend of ingredients necessary to ensure the commitment and input essential to achieve success.

The players at all levels and the management and selectors are all playing their key roles in maintaining the new momentum that is elevating Tipperary football onto a higher plateau labelled Croke Park and dated the third Sunday of September.



Tipperary's John O'Meara tussles with John O'Driscoll during the Munster Senior Football Final against Cork at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.



Grangemockler - 7-a-side Champions. Back Row (l-r): Des Lyons, Declan Hahessy, Jim O'Meara, Peter Lyons, Eamon O'Hanlon. Front Row (l-r): Andrew O'Meara, Kieran McGuire, Mark Cabill, Liam Walsh, Ml. Lyons.



Seán Mockler (left), elected chairman of the Tipperary County Football Board at last year's Convention, being congratulated by Hugh Kennedy, former chairman, at the Convention.

1974-'75 All-Ireland Successes Recalled

Tipperary's Football Ladies'



Tipperary Ladies' Football Team - 1974 and 1975 All-Ireland winners. Front row: Mary Burke (Emly), Josephine Keane (Mullinahone), Mary Power (Mullinahone), Margaret Carroll (Ardfinnan), Ann Croke (Mullinahone), Betty Looby (Golden), Eleanor Carroll (Ardfinnan), John Alymer, trainer (Emly), Mary Lonergan (Emly). Back row: Tina Flynn (Ardfinnan), Chrissie Byrne (Ardfinnan), Susan O'Gorman (Ardfinnan), Cáit O'Dwyer (Moycarkey), Alice Morris (Moycarkey), Sally Clohessy (Moycarkey), Catherine Keane (Mullinahone), Josephine Stapleton (Loughmore), Catherine Treacy (Loughmore), Breda Webster (Loughmore), Ena Hackett (Ardfinnan), Lillian Gorey (Killusty/St. Bridget's).

On Friday 21st November, 1975, Hubert Burke, Mayor of Clonmel, gave a mayoral reception to a Tipperary football team which had, that year, won an All-Ireland championship. This was in fact, the second championship which had been won and it was in recognition of this achievement, that the Mayoral reception was given.

This was the achievement of the Tipperary ladies' football team, who in 1974 and 1975 won the first two championships played. The very first final was played at Durrow, Co. Laois, on 13th October, 1974, against Offaly. Final score Tipp. 2-3, Offaly 2-2. The second All-Ireland was played at Athy, Co. Kildare the opponents on that day were Galway. Final score Tipperary 1-5, Galway nil.

The inaugural success did not get much recognition either within or outside the county, but when the team successfully began the defence of their crown, interest was now being whetted.

Twenty years on you may well ask what

has happened to Tipperary's footballing ladies? Glad to say that a reunion for these ladies was hosted by the Friends of Tipperary Football, in the historical Brú Ború on 10th September, 1994. Beautiful, youthful, energetic, and enthusiastic, these ladies could still show us a thing or two. Let's hope we won't have to wait for another twenty years for Tipperary's footballing ladies, to bring an All-Ireland title home.

1975 team:

Margaret Carroll (Ardfinnan), Anne Croke (Mullinahone), Catherine Keane (Mullinahone), Sally Clohessy (Moycarkey), Tina Flynn (Ardfinnan), Betty Looby (Golden), Lillian Dorey (Killusty/St. Bridget's), Eleanor Carroll (Ardfinnan), Josephine Keane (Mullinahone), Mary Power (Mullinahone), Kitty Ryan (Ardfinnan), Mary Burke (Emly), Cáit O'Dwyer (Moycarkey) Chrissie Byrne (Ardfinnan), Katherine Treacy (Loughmore), Josephine Stapleton (Loughmore), Bridie Ryan (St. Bridget's), Susan O'Gorman (Ardfinnan), Josephine Murphy (St. Bridget's), Breda

Webster (Loughmore), Alice Morris (Moycarkey), Jim Kennedy (Chairman), Bridget Ryan (Secretary), Tom Donovan (Selector), Teddy Keane (Selector), Johnny Elymer (Trainer), Derry Shanahan (Trainer), Jim Strappe (Selector).

1974 team:

Margaret Carroll (Ardfinnan), Majella Sweeney (Newcastle), Anne Croke (Mullinahone), Catherine Keane (Mullinahone), Sally Clohessy (Moycarkey), Tina Flynn (Ardfinnan), Ena Hackett (Newcastle), Betty Looby (Golden), Eileen Dudley (Golden), Lillian Dorey (Killusty/St. Bridget's), Eleanor Carroll (Ardfinnan), Josephine Keane (Mullinahone), Mary Power (Mullinahone), Kitty Ryan (Ardfinnan), Mary Burke (Emly), Cáit O'Dwyer (Moycarkey), Ann Brogan (Moycarkey), Mary Lonergan (Emly), Nora Moran (Ardfinnan), Jim Kennedy (Chairman), Bridget Ryan (Secretary), Tom Donovan (Selector), Teddy Keane (Selector), Johnny Elymer (Trainer), Derry Shanahan (Trainer), Jim Strappe (Selector).

TIPPERARY LADIES' FOOTBALL

By Pauline Russell

TIPPERARY were well represented at inter-county level this year, competing at U-14, U-16, U-18 and senior level.

The U-14s were the most impressive. They beat both Waterford and Cork on their way to a place in the Munster Final. The final was a very evenly contested game with Kerry edging victory by the minimum of margins. Congratulations to the U-14 team and their coaches. This team gives us great hope for the future.

The senior county championship was won by a strong Brian Boru side with victory over Sliabh na mBan.

The U-14 county championship was won again this year by Aherlow, with victory over a courageous Templemore side. This was Templemore's first time taking part.

St. Aillies Vocational School, Tipperary, are through to a Munster Final, having had a convincing win over Killarney in the semi-final.

With Tipperary's ladies' football only two years off the ground, big improvements have been made in the standard of football being played. With the primary schools who are running competitions improving the skills, it will go from strength to strength. We will gladly welcome new clubs to take part.

Tipperary was represented by Edel Hanley and Mary Donovan of Aherlow on All-Ireland Football Final day in the Mini-Sevens INTO Skill.



AHERLOW - UNDER-14 COUNTY CHAMPIONS 1994

Back row - Mary Donovan, Marie Donovan, Tracey O'Brien, Margaret Moroney, Sinéad Kirby, Deirdre Carey, Brid O'Brien, Marie Hayes. Front row - Eleanor Whyte, Celine McEniry, Siobhán Hayes, Edel Hanley, Anita O'Brien (capt.), Lisa Halligan, Catherine O'Neill.



Tipperary Under-14 County Team, 1994, who were beaten by Kerry in the Munster Final by just one point. Back row - Orla Kennedy (Ballylooby), Geraldine Barry (Ballylooby), Rachel Kelly (Cappawhite), Marie Hayes (Aherlow), capt., Tracey O'Brien (Aherlow), Anita O'Brien (Aherlow), Claire Tobin (Ardfinnan), Nora Noonan (Clogheen). Front row - Marie Donovan (Aherlow), Mary Ryan (Clonoulty), Mary T. Slattery (Ballylooby), Siobhán Hayes (Aherlow), Loraine Barry (Cappawhite), Mairéad Ryan (Solohed), Marian Reardon (Solohed).

Ballingarry CLCG - champions in the making

By Tadhg Ó Meachair, Rúnai

FORTUNE shone brightly on Ballingarry G.A.A. this year. We tasted victory early in May with a good win over Carrick Davins in the South Tipp Junior Football League Final of '93.

This decider was played in Monroe with the club winning 2-14 to 1-8, a notable occasion as this collection of players had no achievement in football to date.

Ballingarry's next jewel in our crown of success for the year was our South Senior Hurling Final victory over neighbours and rivals Mullinahone on 14th August, 1994, where with good, fast, direct hurling we gave a great exhibition to take our fifth title, 4-9 to 1-9. Trainer and selector Tommy Norton and selectors John Cahill and Willy Hayes deserve every credit here and should go much further in future

days.

The highlight of the year, though, must surely be the Ballingarry Gaels victory over the greyhounds of Toomevara - that great hurling bastion - in the County Minor "A" hurling final, after a great display in the divisional final with a runaway win over Killenaule.

The amalgamation of Ballingarry and St. Patrick's (Drangan) is for this grade in hurling and football. We knew that Toome would not let us lay our ash-tinged fingers easily on the Cup. But it was meant to be, for after a good, fast, exciting tussle, without doubt one of the best displays of hurling at this level, we earned the laurels with the firm and assured backing of trainer Jim Ivors and his selectors: Martin Maher, Paddy Ivors, Colm Duggan and Ned Morris.



Michael Ivors, Ballingarry Gaels captain, holds the Seán Treacy Cup aloft.

Afterwards we enjoyed a good celebration of victory in The Munster Hotel, courtesy of our many friends and patrons around the town of the gardens, especially Jimmy O'Connor of O'Connor Construction. May future years be equally as bright, le cúnamh Dé.

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Toome's three-in- a-row

by: NIALl WILLIAMS

THE year 1994 has been historic in the annals of Toomevara Club. The senior hurling team equalled the feat of the old 'Greyhounds' of 1912-14 by winning the County Senior Hurling Championship for the third year in a row, and were narrowly beaten in the All-Ireland Club Final on St. Patrick's Day by Sarsfields of Galway.



Chairman of the County Board, Sean Fogarty, presents the Dan Breen Cup to Pat Meagher, Captain of the Toomevara team which won the County Senior Hurling Final by defeating Cashel King Cormacks at Semple Stadium, to complete a three-in-a-row for the Club.

The minor hurlers were beaten in the County Final by Ballingarry Gaels; the Under-16 team marched to County Final glory at the expense of Cappawhite; the Under-12 youngsters were beaten in their County Final by Mullinahone.

Also the Junior 'B' team reached the North Final to be beaten by Nenagh Éire Óg, and the Under-14 hurlers were defeated in the North Tipp. Rural Final by Borrisokane after two replays. Borrisokane went on to annex County honours.

The Under-12 hurling team captured the North Tipperary Championship for the fourth year in a row. Not highly thought of early in the year, they managed to beat Roscrea in the first round, went from strength to strength, reached the North Final against old rivals Moneygall, and emerged victorious in a game of high quality hurling, and swaying fortunes, and in which victors and vanquished excelled.

They beat Clonoulty-Rossmore to qualify for the County Final against Mullinahone who proved too strong in a great game. This under-12 team showed great fighting qualities in their run to the final.

The Under-14 team made a valiant effort to retain their hold on the Rural Hurling Title but were beaten by an excellent Borrisokane team in the North Final. The final went to a second replay and all three games were an excellent advertisement for fast, skilful and committed hurling. But for serious injuries to three of our players, Toome might well have gone on to ultimate county honours.

Early in the year Donal Shanahan, Gerry Kelly and Martin Ryan gathered together a squad of Under-16 and Minor players, forty in all, and did trojan work in moulding both teams into winning combinations. They spent many hours and evenings of dedicated work enticing, cajoling and encouraging their charges, improving their skills and fine-honing their talents with the result that they produced two fine teams who put their long hours of training on show in all their



Liam Nolan breaks through the Sarsfields defence and scores a great goal for Toomevara.

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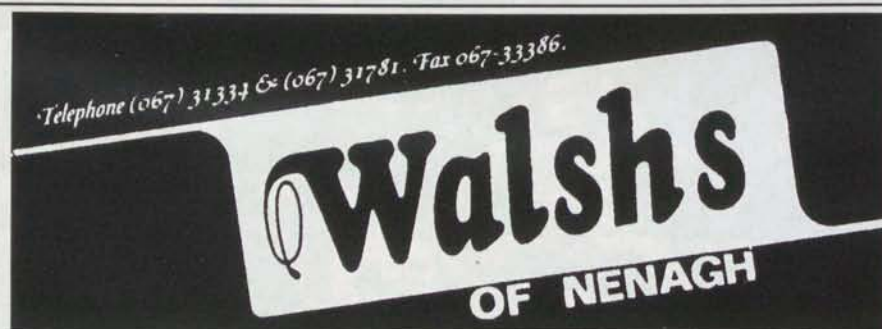
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games.

Both teams reached their respective county finals. The Under-16 team beat Roscrea in the North final, Ballybacon-Grange in the County semi-final, and displayed all the fruits of their labours in the County final to beat Cappawhite, who only capitulated in the last quarter of a fine game.

The minor team, which has most of its players eligible for next year, beat Kilruane MacDonagh in the North final. In the County semi-final they overcame a very fancied Thurles Sarsfields in a classy game, and were the choice of many for the County final against Ballingarry Gaels. Many shrewd judges deemed the final to be one of the best for many years. It contained ground hurling at its best, overhead striking, sweeping movements from end to end, good old-fashioned hip to hip clashes, and in the end hurling was the winner. Ballingarry were worthy winners over the gallant Toome boys.

The Junior 'B' hurling championship is very keen in competition, endeavour and will-to-win. The Toomevara lads were trying to retain their title and they managed to reach the North Tipp final giving some good displays to get there. They had beaten Nenagh Éire Óg in last year's final. The Nenagh men were dead set to get revenge this year, and set about their task in a keen, hard-fought encounter with plenty of skill displayed, and in the end were worthy champions.

The year began on a very high note for the Senior team as they had qualified to play Ballycran (Down) in the All-Ireland Club semi-final in Croke Park. They duly overcame their opponents in February and so had fulfilled the expectations of their many supporters for a show-down with Sarsfields of Galway on St. Patrick's Day.

The build-up and hype for this game reached fever pitch to the extent that it assumed the proportions of a Tipperary-Galway confrontation. Sarsfields were regarded as slight favourites and also were bidding to become the first Club to retain the All-Ireland title.

Man, woman and child left Toome deserted on St. Patrick's Day, having high hopes and quiet confidence of victory. A classic encounter ensued. Hurling was of a very high standard, the pace was electrifying, and fortunes ebbed and flowed.

Toome led for most of the game, looked in serious trouble when Sarsfields, wind assisted, piled on the scores early in the second half. But courage and determination they did not lack, as they battled, even though a man short, to stay ahead. A few missed chances, due to inexperience, at a vital stage, proved costly and Sarsfields got a vital goal to put them in front very late in the game, and held on to win on a score of 1-14 to 3-6.

The sending off of Pat Maher was a very harsh decision and a heavy blow to the team. In spite of criticism for supposed



Toomevara's George Frend (left) closes in on Michael Hughes (Clonoulty-Rossmore) as he heads for goal during the County Senior Hurling Semi-Final at Semple Stadium.

wrong tactics on the day, this writer, on repeated viewing of the video of the game, avers that Toome played honestly and fairly. The Sarsfields tactic of feigning injury

in the first half, when playing against the wind, and killing precious time, worked as a public relations exercise. Remarkable that the tactic wasn't repeated in the second half.

Conscious of the fact that some people were averse to the North Tipp. system of allowing the Senior League winners to re-enter the championship, if already beaten there-in, and whereby they had become County Champions in 1992 and 1993 through this system, Toome were determined that this taunt would not be levelled at them in 1994. They set out with the intention of winning the North Tipperary Championship.

They had a bad start when Roscrea defeated them in the first round of the League only ten days after the All-Ireland Club final, at a time when spirits were somewhat low.

There is nothing better to rekindle the fervour and enthusiasm than a meeting with Nenagh Éire Óg and Toome decisively defeated them in Toomevara with a scintillating display. A rather lethargic effort against Kilruane MacDonagh in the League semi-final served to reduce heads to a normal size. The stage was set for another confrontation with Nenagh in the League final and what a battle it was. In a fiercely contested game, in which both sides strove might and main for supremacy, Toome showed their great nerer-say-die



John Tuohy, a member of the Toomevara backroom staff, reflects the anxiety felt during the closing stages of the Munster Club Championship Semi-Final (1994-'95) against Clarecastle at a rain-soaked Ennis.

spirit in the second half to fashion a worthy victory. Nenagh deserve great credit for their tenacity and spirit on the occasion.

Toome could now do, as in the two previous years, and take things easy, as said by critics. Roused and stung, the resolve was to win the North championship. It took two stern games to put away Lorrha, Moneygall were defeated and they faced Kilraune MacDonagh in the North final. Hopes of a rousing final, bringing back memories of former tussles, were dashed as Toome emerged winners on a scoreline of 1-16 to 0-7.

The County quarter-final in Templemore pitted Toome against Thurles Sarsfields, who were eager to eradicate the bitter memories of their defeats by Toome in 1992 and 1993. Thurles thundered into the game from the start, but however hard they tried, they were unable to contain the champions, who proved easy winners by 2-17 to 0-9.

Clonoulty-Rossmore made no secret of their ambition to dethrone Toome and were fully confident. They had been impressive in their quarter-final game and felt fully justified in their expectations. The game opened at a tremendous pace and the challengers raced into a 0-6 to 0-1 lead. Disaster beckoned for Toome when they were reduced to fourteen men, but it was then they showed their true worth, and pulling out all the stops, they pulverised the Clonoulty defence, who had no answer. A scoreline of 4-17 to 1-12 indicated a very convincing victory.

For the County final, Toome were regarded as warm favourites, even though their opponents were Cashel King Cormacs, who looked impressive when easily defeating Kilruane MacDonagh in the other semi-final. Toome could easily have fallen into the trap of complacency. But, forewarned by the confident predictions emanating from Cashel, and also, having as their goal the feat of recording their third-in-a-row, the champions left no stone unturned, made thorough preparations in their determination that no one was going to stop them, and were fully ready for the fray.

On County final day, in Semple Stadium, Cashel failed to achieve what they promised. They opened on a bright note, carried the game to Toome, but over-elaborated in front of goal and didn't take their scores. When Toome scored their first goal, the Cashel men seemed to wilt, and thereafter, never posed a serious threat to the "Greyhounds". Toome won on a score of 3-11 to 1-9, and team mentors and supporters were elated on a record equalling third-in-a-row achievement. They are now acknowledged as worthy champions.

Preparations were set in train to defend the Munster Club title and the first round opponents were Ballyduff (Kerry) who represented their county in 1891 to win



A question of balance! – Conor O'Donovan (Nenagh Éire Óg, left) and Kevin Kennedy (Toomevara) in action during the North Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship match in Cloughjordan.

Kerry's one and only All-Ireland hurling title. Ballyduff put up a very spirited display but were no match for the more skilful title-holders, who did enough to ensure their passage to the Munster semi-final in which the opposition would be provided by Clarecastle (Clare).

Bearding the lion in his own den is a daunting proposition, and the Toome men were taking no chances, fully aware that a stiff obstacle lay ahead. And what a stiff encounter it proved to be. The game, played in Cusack Park, Ennis, was a wonderful exhibition of skill, spirit, endurance and stamina. Heavy rain lashed down throughout the game and the very heavy underfoot conditions were not conducive to good hurling, but the two teams gave their all in a cliff-hanger.

Clarecastle went into an early three points lead but Toome recovered to lead at half-time by 1-8 to 0-6, having outthured the Clare men in the second quarter. What a marvellous second half was served up! Clarecastle threw themselves into the fray and threw everything at their opponents, who weathered a fierce barrage, and hung on grimly to win by one precious point. Both teams must be congratulated on a thrilling blood-tingling, nerve-jagging feast of hurling.

Toomevara lost the Munster decider to Kilmallock by 2-11 to 1-11 on 27th November 1994.

All in all, it was a great year for the Club, and especially for the senior hurlers who were J. Grace, P. Maher (Captain), R. Brislane, D. O'Meara, G. Frend, M.

O'Meara, P. Shanahan, P. King, T. Dunne, K. Kennedy, M. Murphy, T. Delaney, L. Nolan, T. Dunne, T. Carroll, M. Nolan, K. McCormack, L. Flaherty, J. Dunne, A. Maxwell, J. O'Meara, J. Cottrell, R. Hackett, D. O'Meara, D. Kelly, M. Bevens, K. Dunne.

Recognition must be made of the work done by the three senior selectors, Fr. Michael Casey C.C., Jim McDonnell and Frankie Ryan, who worked tirelessly to have everything in apple-pie order on all occasions. Theirs was an unenviable task because of the large number of talented players vying for selection, but they carried out their duties very fairly. The success of the team is also due in large part to the coaching work of Clare man, Seán Stack, who has earned the respect and gratitude of the people of Toomevara for his outstanding work with the players who have total loyalty and confidence in him.

Also, gratitude and thanks are due to physiotherapist Audrey Ryan who played a big part in soothing and restoring aching muscles and limbs.

As a gesture of appreciation from the Club, the senior panel, selectors, coach and officials are being sent on a well deserved holiday to the Canary Islands next January.

The year's successes have been achieved by dedication, commitment and sheer hard work of players, club members, club officers, through the encouragement and unfailing support of the people of the parish and also of many people and supporters outside the parish.

Commercials take their 13th County Senior Football Title

The 1994 Senior football records will show that seven teams affiliated to the South Board to compete in the South Senior Football Championship which is run on a League system.

The seven teams were as follows: Commercials, Fethard, Ardfinnan, Cahir, Moyle Rovers, Grangemockler, Ballyporeen.

Commercials' first game was against Grangemockler which ended in an exciting draw: Commercials 1-14, Grangemockler 2-11. Victories over the following: Fethard 1-8 to 0-10, Ballyporeen 2-12 to 0-12, Ardfinnan 0-14 to 1-10, left us qualified for the South Semi-final where we were drawn against Fethard. Like all previous Commercials/Fethard games, this proved to be of the highest quality.

Level at half-time (0-8 each), we played great football in the second half to run out winners 1-12 to 0-12. Thus we qualified for the 1994 South Final, our opponents being old rivals Ardfinnan, the game played on Sunday, 11th September, at Kilsheelan.

The first half proved to be very close with the score at half-time reading: Ardfinnan 1-3, Commercials 0-5.

We took control in the second half and ran out rather easy winners: 0-16 to 1-05. Congratulations to Joe McNamara who won the "Man of the Match" award.

Our County quarter-final pairing was against Galtee Rovers, whom we defeated on the score: 2-11 to 1-04.



Seán Mockler, Football Board Chairman, presents the O'Dwyer Cup to Mark O'Connell, victorious Commercials' captain.



John McNamara keeps a close eye on developments.

Lattin/Cullen were our County semi-final opponents and we cruised into the County Final on a scoreline of 1-21 to 1-07. In fairness to Lattin/Cullen, they were

The following was the line-out and scorers:

Philly Ryan		
Bernard Wash	Rian Forristal	Mark O'Connell (capt.)
Liam Phelan	Gerard Deeley	Paul Lucey
Anthony Wall (0-1) Fergal O'Callaghan		
Joe McNamara (0-1)	Criostóir McGrath (0-1)	Padraig O'Keeffe (0-1)
David Hickey (0-3)	Frannie Kelly (0-1)	Dermot O'Shea

Subs: John Hall (for Paul Lucey), Eddie Hewitt (0-1, for Padraig O'Keeffe), Gene McGrath (for Dermot O'Shea), Seán McMahon, Michael O'Mahoney, John McNulty, Donal Ó Caoimh, David Lavin and Stephen Granville.

Congratulations and well done to all concerned.

under-strength due to holidays and injuries. Thus it was all set up for yet another confrontation with Loughmore/Castleiney. The two teams took the field in Cashel, on Sunday, 23rd October – a bright but blustery day, chilly and with a

thin wind blowing into the town goal. Referee for the final was Paddy Russell, Emly.

It proved to be a hard, dour encounter with scores at a premium and certainly very hard to come by. Thanks to a Pat

McGrath goal direct from a free, Loughmore led at half-time by two points, 1-3 to 0-4.

Slowly but surely the Commercials pulled back the lead and went two points ahead (0-9 to 1-4).

Loughmore brought it back to one point, 0-9 to 1-5. Again Commercials stretched it to two points (0-10 to 1-5).

Loughmore had the final score – a point – to leave it 0-10 to 1-5, but, try as they could, they failed to score the equaliser. The final whistle sounded with a free out from the Commercials' back line, much to the relief of players, spectators and supporters.

The Commercials Club had won its thirteenth County senior football title in its short existence of 60 years: no mean achievement.

The men in charge of the team were:



Anthony Wall (Commercials) receives the "Man of the Match" trophy from Seán Mockler following County Football Final.

Ben Keane, Trainer/Coach; Tommy Kelly and Paul Dillon. Congratulations to

Anthony Wall on a well-deserved "Man of the Match" award.



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maintained as an amenity sorts turf.

Major wear and compaction on their sports pitches is now becoming one of the major problems facing most sports clubs, both large and small. The first fact to recognise is that these facts are unavoidable – pitches are there to be played on and used, but acceptable limits of use and wear must be set in order to avoid major damage to the playing surface, with the consequential disruption and expense that this will cause for the club and its members.

COMPACTION

The question of the maintenance and improvement of an existing playing surface is the one faced by all club committees on a continuous basis. The basic cause of most pitch wear problems can be traced to soil compaction. The first step in combating compaction is accepting that it is an unavoidable problem. Play in wet conditions means that deterioration of soil structure will occur. As a result the grass will suffer because of lower oxygen content around the roots, restricted root penetration and the pores and channels become finer and retain

more water. The playing surface then becomes more susceptible to the physical effects of wear, with continued use, the deterioration of the soil structure continues and the surface will become waterlogged – “Mud breeds Mud”.

DRAINAGE

For serious wet patches in a pitch, close centred slit drains connected into a pipe drainage system is the only serious solution. In order to keep the slits open and to give longterm benefits, it is essential that an adequate top dressing of suitable sand is applied to the pitch before it is brought into use.

TOP DRESSING

Where overall drainage is adequate, the surface of a pitch can be greatly improved by the addition of enough sand to dilute the soil in the top inch of the pitch surface. On an average GAA pitch this will require the application of approximately 200-250 tonnes of top dressing sand per year for three years and maintenance dressings of approximately 100 tonnes per year thereafter. This will produce a good sandy layer of material at the

surface that will allow water to get away quickly to the underlying drainage system.

It is important that enough sand is applied to give a good dilution of the existing soil surface, as the application of small amounts of sand will at times only add further to the poor playing surface. The choice of correct grade of sand will have a great effect on the overall effectiveness of this work, it will generally prove cheaper in the long term to choose the best available material, even though more expensive in the short term.

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REMEMBERING ROOTS

By Seamus Leahy

ON A Spring day in 1879 two men in their early thirties strolled in the Phoenix Park and discussed the sad state of the country and the fact that so few people, with such a marvellous facility on the edge of a city, should be engaged in outdoor recreation.

The two men – Michael Cusack of Clare and Pat Nally of Mayo – were what we would today describe as politically and socially aware. Both were thinkers and both were doers. Both were reasonably prosperous men and both were extremely good athletes.

The fact that control of athletics lay with an elitist group and excluded from participation the great majority of their countrymen, was a matter which rankled with the two. There and then they decided that something should be done “to make an effort to preserve the physical strength of our race.”

That walk and that talk in the Phoenix Park would begin the journey to the meeting at Hayes’s Hotel in November 1884, which would so influence the lives of so many over the next 110 years. Both were nationalists of the deepest hue; Nally’s Fenian activities would land him in jail and thus he would miss the founding meeting in Thurles. When he died in mysterious circumstances in Mountjoy Jail in 1891, his coffin, covered in a green flag, was followed by long lines of GAA men and Fenian comrades. And Cusack always paid generous tribute to Nally’s part in bringing the GAA into being.

From the beginning there was a strong political awareness running through all the activities of the GAA. Archbishop Croke was not asked to become patron simply because he was a Catholic prelate, but because he was a Catholic prelate of nationalist convictions. The first lay patrons were chosen because they were leaders of nationalist opinion – Charles Stewart Parnell, Michael Davitt, William O’Brien and John O’Leary. Each of these four had at least one thing in common – they had all been in jail.

The Association learned early in its life that it would be fatal to its existence to allow any one brand of nationalism to dominate it. Thereafter, it would be true to say that all advanced nationalists were GAA



RECEPTION FOR TIPP TEAM BY TIPPERARY ASSOCIATION, DUBLIN

Pictured at the Crofton Airport Hotel, Dublin, at a reception for the Tipperary senior football team who played a draw with Dublin in the Bloody Sunday Tournament on 20th November, 1967, at Croke Park. Jim Ryan, Loughmore, veteran of the 1920 team, and Mick Egan, captain of the Tipp team. The replay took place in Clonmel on the following Sunday, Tipperary winning by 5-9 to 4-10 to win their first senior trophy for 32 years. It is hoped to renew the rivalry between Dublin and Tipp in the Bloody Sunday Tournament next year on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of same.

men, but not all GAA men were advanced nationalists. Dublin Castle hardly differentiated between them and kept a close eye on all the Association’s activities.

The late Frank McGrath, legendary full-back for the Toomevara Greyhounds and Chairman of the Munster Council, used tell of a GAA meeting over a shop fronting on Nenagh’s then-Castle Street and how a policeman insisted on his right to sit in and take notes. He resisted all requests to leave until the late John D. Flannery, normally the most pacific of men, threatened to throw him out the window. John D. was a big man and the policeman left.

Whatever tolerance existed between police and Association, came under the greatest strain after the 1916 Rising. By 1917, the Tricolour was being flown at games and when Boherlahan and Toomevara met in Thurles in that year what was described as “Ireland’s new anthem – the *Soldier’s Song*” was sung. Many of the spectators would have been aware of the fact, too, that almost all the young men of the participating teams

belong to the newly-revived Irish Volunteers.

Later in the year, when Tipp were beaten by Dr. John Ryan’s famous Dublin team in the All-Ireland Final they stayed over in Dublin, until the day after the game. Before returning home they visited the grave of Kerry’s Thomas Ashe who had recently died as result of a forced feeding, while on hunger strike and Captain Johnny Leahy led the team in reciting a decade of the Rosary. The journey to Glasnevin was undertaken on foot because the players, in deference to the memory of James Connolly, did not wish to patronise the Dublin transport system.

From the number of prominent GAA figures in the county, who were equally prominent in the national movement, it may have seemed to Dublin Castle at the height of the Anglo-Irish War that there was little to distinguish between the GAA and the national movement in Tipperary. But the players who travelled to Dublin for the challenge game against Dublin in November, 1920, appear not to have been aware of this. Before the game

began on a bright, windy afternoon the Tipp team posed for a photograph. The Dublin lads, more worldly-wise and with their ears closer to the ground, did not pose. Years afterwards Paddy McDonnell, captain of the Dubs that day, still marvelled at the innocence of the Tipp team. "Some felt Tipperary were naive country boys for having agreed," he said.

As the ball was thrown in by referee Michael Sammon, few of the several thousand spectators were aware that an awful act of vengeance was already in train for the killing early that morning by Michael Collins's 'squad' of eleven members of the British 'Cairo Gang', an elite group of secret agents. The game was not long on, when an aeroplane flew low over the pitch and, flying away towards Baldonnel, sent out a Verey signal. Shortly afterwards, with the aid of trench ladders, over the wall at the canal end poured Black and Tans, who began pouring volleys of gunfire into the crowd.

In the Tipperary goal, 'Scout' Butler, who had fought in the World War, heard the gunfire and with the

instinctive reaction, which had brought him alive out of the trenches, dropped to the ground. In a while a Tommy, who had noticed the speed of the reactions, touched him with his toe. "Where's your gun, Paddy?" he asked. 'Scout' looked at the uniform he had himself once worn. "I left it in Flanders," he replied.

Frank Burke, the Dublin dual star, described in detail, only a few years ago, how he was marking Mick Hogan of Grangemockler and how they were running for a ball, when the firing started. They ran and dropped and ran again and ended by crawling together to the side of the pitch. He heard Hogan shouting: "My God, I'm shot!" Later it would be found that a bullet had entered under his left shoulder and another behind his left. Twelve spectators, including a ten-year-old boy and a girl who was to have been married the following week, were killed.

For many years Tipp and Dublin footballers met for a challenge game in commemoration of that awful day and survivors marched onto the field, formed a square at the spot where Mick Hogan died and recited a decade

of the Rosary. Beneath the stand named after the fallen Tipperary player is a plaque, on which are inscribed the names of the two teams. It is remiss of the GAA of Tipperary that there is not a matching memorial in the Association's headquarters at Thurles.

Perhaps the 75th anniversary of the event this year, would be an appropriate occasion to rectify the oversight of many years. Now that Bill Ryan, Laha, the last of the team, has gone to his reward, the names should be on display, where they may be seen by a generation which is in great danger of having the truth regarding the roots of the GAA kept from them.

The names which appear on the Croke Park memorial are: Ned O'Shea, capt., Gus McCarthy, Frank ('Scout') Butler (Fethard), Mick Hogan, Jerry Shelley, Mick Tobin, Dick Lanigan (Grangemockler), Jackie Brett, Jim Egan, Bill Barrett, Mick Nolan, Jim Doran, Jack Kickham (Mullinahone), Tommy Ryan, Tommy Connors (Castlegrace), Jim McNamara (Cahir), Tommy Powell (Clonmel), Jim Ryan (Templemore), Bill Ryan (Castleiney).



GRANGEMOCKLER 50th ANNIVERSARY OF BLOODY SUNDAY

Group pictured at the laying of a wreath on Mick Hogan's grave at Grangemockler on the 50th anniversary of Bloody Sunday. Included (left to right) - Bill Ryan, Castleiney; Col. Tommy Ryan, Castlegrace; Tomsy Connors, Clogheen; Mick Tobin, Grangemockler; Paddy Hogan (brother of Mick); Mick Nolan, Mullinahone (kneeling); Bishop Russell; Dick Lanigan, Grangemockler; Jim Ryan, Loughmore. Partly hidden at back: Jim Gleeson, South Tipp G.A.A. Board Chairman. The 75th Anniversary of Bloody Sunday takes place next year and it is envisaged that appropriate celebrations will take place within the Premier County.



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Masters in titanic struggles

THE MASTERS, over-40s, All-Ireland hurling championship earned itself deserved recognition in the GAA calendar this year with some titanic struggles in an exciting competition that saw Tipperary and Kilkenny slug it out in the final.

Given the cold shoulder by many in officialdom, particularly in traditional counties like Cork, Clare and Limerick, despite being a Croke Park-run championship, as is its football counterpart, the Masters won many admirers this year by the quality of their play and the enthusiasm and skill of their still very lively participants.

Given that all of those taking part have given great service to their clubs as players and officials, and many outstanding service to their county, it is very difficult to fathom the reluctance to give the competition official blessing in the county, but if this year's exercise achieves anything, and those who saw the drawn thriller in Nowlan Park between the counties will readily verify, that Masters has much to offer both players and spectators alike.

This year Tipperary were coupled with Galway, Laois, Carlow and Waterford in their section. It was Galway's first venture into the competition, and after an initial win over Laois they were narrowly pipped by Tipperary in Portumna when Pat McLoughney's goalkeeping was a key factor in the Tipp win.

Waterford and Carlow scratched, which meant that Tipperary's easy win over Laois at home base "The Ragg" where Michael Jordan always had things shipshape for training and matches, clinched a semi-final spot against Wexford.

The Slaneysiders came to The Ragg determined to atone for defeats by Tipperary in two previous years but, with Jack Bergin outstanding, Tipperary triumphed despite the best efforts of Tony Doran, who thrilled the fine attendance with several flashes of the skill, which made him a legendary figure in the game.

In the other semi-final, Kilkenny grabbed a lucky draw in injury time against Galway, but ran away with the replay to be installed as firm favourites for the title, which has eluded



Tipperary hurling Masters team selectors Michael Loneragan (left) and Larry Mackey.

them in three previous attempts. Tipp were champions in '92 and beaten finalists last year.

The final was to be played at The Ragg with an early start to facilitate those wishing to see the Tipp v. Kilkenny National Hurling League tie at Thurles. Kilkenny disagreed and the game was deferred a week. The new date clashed with the county junior B hurling final involving Sean Fitzpatrick and Maurice Grace of Carrick Swans so Tipp sought a postponement and because of this, were compelled to go to Kilkenny for the final, which acted as curtain-raiser to the Kilkenny v. Cork National Hurling League tie.

Played before a large attendance and with the television cameras present, this game was a cracker and an outstanding advertisement for the Masters competition. Kilkenny started well but missed some chances. Yet at half-time they led 0-7 to 0-5. Tipperary found it hard to bridge the narrow gap but eventually drew level at 0-10 each six minutes from time.

Once more Kilkenny hit the front, but Sean Fitzpatrick, whose accuracy from frees was vital for Tipp all day, sent the final to a

replay with a pointed free two minutes from the end. Kilkenny may have let it slip, but a magnificent Tipperary effort in the face of a vociferous Kilkenny crowd deserved its reward.

The Tipperary team in the final was: Pat McLoughney (Shannon Rovers); Tadhg O'Connor (Roscrea), Seamus Barry (Upperchurch), Eamon Maher (Lorrha); Martin Butler (Holycross), Jack Bergin (Killenaule), Dan Shelley (Ballingarry); Maurice Grace (Carrick Swans), Michael Dundon (Thurles Sarsfields); Tommy Butler (Drom-Inch), Jim Williams (Kilruane), Paddy Moore (Thurles Fennellys); Sean Fitzpatrick (Carrick Swans), Tony Dunne (Toomevara), Joe Tynan (Roscrea), captain.

Subs. - Seamus Power (Boherlahan), Dick Quigley (Moycarkey), Seamus Fox (Anacarthy), Michael Dempsey (Moycarkey).

Other panel members - Tony Smith (St. Mary's), Liam Spooner (Roscrea), Eugene Ryan (Moneygall), Pat Dunles (Silvermines), John Sherlock (do.), Pat Shinnors (Newport), Martin Moloney (do.), Martin Bohan (J.K. Brackens), Dinny Haverty (Toomevara).

Tipperary won the replay 1-10 to 0-6.



The Tipperary Masters hurling panel. Back row (left to right) - Brendan O'Neill, John Sherlock, Seamus Power, Seamus Barry, Pat Shinnors, Michael Dempsey, Jack Bergin, Pat McLoughney, Liam Sullivan, Martin Bohan, Martin Moloney, Maurice Grace, Tommy Butler, Tony Dunne, Larry Mackey (selector). Front row - Paddy Moore, Denis Haverty, Tony Smith, Dan Shelly, Dickie Quigley, Michael Dundon, Martin Butler, Pat Dunlea, Tadhg O'Connor, Eamonn Maher, Joe Tynan, Liam Spooner, Michael Loneragan (manager).

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S.H.L.	19/6	Toomevara	0-13	Nenagh	0-11	Cloughjordan	J. McDonnell
S.H.C.	14/8	Toomevara	1-16	Kilruane	0-7	Nenagh	J. McDonnell
I.H.C.	1/10	Silvermines	0-18	S. Rovers	1-9	Nenagh	G. Hayesl
I.H.L.	19/6	Silvermines	3-14	S. Rovers	1-14	Cloughjordan	M. Cahill
J.H. 'A'	16/10	Ballinahinch	0-7	Nenagh	0-6	Templederry	T. F. Stapleton
J.H. 'B'	15/10	Nenagh	2-13	Toomevara	0-6	Templederry	M. Ahearne
J.H.L.	26/6	Nenagh	3-15	Borrisoleigh	1-5	Toome	M. Lenihan
U-21 H. 'A'	21/8	Nenagh	1-14	Moneygall	1-8	Toome	M. Cahill
U-21 H. 'B'	10/9	Ballina	1-6	Borrisoleigh	0-8	Toome	G. Ryan
M.H. 'A'	30/8	Toomevara	2-11	Kilruane	1-8	Nenagh	M. Healy
M.H. 'B'	29/8	Newport	4-7	Ballina	0-6	Nenagh	M. Darcy

S.F.							
I.F.	30/10	Borrisokane	2-9	Inane Rovers	0-11	Moneygall	M. Maunsell
	22/10	Borrisoleigh	3-7	Portroe	2-10		
J.F.A.	29/10	Borrisoleigh	2-10	Portroe	0-6	Nenagh	J. Kissane
J.F. 'B'							
U-21 'A'							
U-21 'B'	20/4	Borrisoleigh	0-8	Kildangan	0-5	Templederry	G. Ryan
M.F. 'A'	9/9	Nenagh	2-4	Newport	1-5	Kilcolman	M. Lenihan
M.F. 'B'	7/9	Kildangan	1-9	Burgess/B'hinch	1-4	Nenagh	T. Gleeson

S.F.: Nenagh Eire Óg v St. Brendan's (Final)

U-21 F. 'A': Nenagh Eire Óg v Burgess (Final)

J.F. 'B': Ballinahinch v Templederry



John Joe McKeogh, North Board chairman, presents the North Tipp Club of the Year award to Toomevara representatives Bernard O'Neill (treasurer), Fr. Michael Casey (chairman) and Matt O'Meara (secretary).

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Ballina Under-21 B. Back row (left to right): Keith Hogan, Seamus McKeogh, William Shanahan, Adrian King, Brian Stritch, Fergus Collins, Thomas Gleeson, Michael Sheehy, Mark Sheehy. Front row (l. to r.) Robert King, Tony McInerney, Dessie Nevin, Eamon Cawley, Brendan McKeogh, Sean Collins.



North Tipp Footballer of the Year 1993. Mark Sheahan, receives his award from Gerry Slevin of "Nenagh Guardian".



Toomevara: North Minor 'A' Champions. Back row (l. to r.) Owen Woods, David McGrath, Derek Delaney, Padraig Hackett, John Meagher, Rory Morrissey and Ken Dunne. Front row: Denis Kelly, Michael Bevans, Martin Cahalan, Justin Cottrell, Dermot Brislane, Kevin Cornally, Ray Hackett and Damien O'Meara (captain).



Nenagh Eire Óg - U-21 'A' North Champions. Back row (l. to r.) Declan Bailey (captain), Frank McGrath, Shane Connolly, Mervyn Scanlon, Christy McLoughlin, Robbie Tomlinson, Declan O'Meara and John Tucker. Front row: Eddie Guerin, Brendan Shanahan, Darragh Quinn, Kevin Tucker, Rory Flannery, Fergal Hynes and Tom Conroy.



Nenagh Eire Óg Junior B North Champions and County Finalists. Back row (l. to r.) Donnacha Ryan (mascot), Greg Browne, Matt Ryan, Paddy Duffy, Liam O'Gara, Kieran Morris (mascot), Gráinne Nolan, Martin Morris (selector), Rory Flannery (selector) and Willie Nolan (mascot). Middle row: John Foley (manager), Con Malone, Enda O'Sullivan, Con Morris, Eamonn O'Kennedy, Seamus Morris, Brian Connolly, Declan Nolan (captain), Frank McGrath, Mark Sheehan and Padraig Gleeson. Front row: Tom Moylan, John Moylan, Michael Tuohy, Mervyn Scanlon, Declan Bailey, Jason Nevin, Alan Slattery, Darragh Quinn, Brendan Shanahan and Billy Flannery. Absent from photo: Joe O'Donoghue.

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Silvermines – North Intermediate Champions and County Finalists. Back row (l. to r.): David Forde, Joseph Ryan, John Kennedy (B.), Noel Sheedy, Donnacha Droncy, Donal Forde, John Kennedy (T.), Joe Harrington (captain), Eoin Ryan, Ger Ryan (S.), Liam Keogh, Anthony McGrath, Ger Ryan (S.) and Joe Ryan. Front row: Seamus Power (trainer), Joe Quinlan, Thomas Cunneen, Niall Sherlock, Ger Gleeson, Declan Corcoran, Finbarr Ryan, Michael Cunneen, Seán Quigley and Rory Kennedy.



Burgess – 1993 North U-21 'B' Football Champions – Back row (l. to r.) John Maher (selector), David McAuliffe, Brian Cooney, Kieran Kyne, Eugene O'Brien, Shane Ryan, Andreas MacDombnaill (club chairman), John Ryan, Kevin Cooney, Liam McGrath, Patrick Slattery, Seamus Slattery, Aidan O'Leary and J. P. McDonnell (selector). Front row: Darrell Tucker, David Ryan, Darren Meaney, Thomas Hanrahan, Denis Crowe, Colm McDonnell (with mascot Brian Tucker), John McKenna, Fergal Madden, Paul Lenihan and John Hogan (selector).



Borrisokane Inter. Football team: Co. Tipperary Champions 1994 – Back: John Egan, Declan Morris, Adrian Hogan, Paul Corcoran, Vince McKenna, Keith Slevin, Sean Morris, Martin Donnelly, Aidan Hough, Paul Hogan (selector), John Norton, Christopher Rooney. Front row: Paul Darcy, Eoin Cleary, Paul Dooley, Liam Heenan, Niall Kelly, Viv Dooley, Michael Heenan, Padraic Hogan, David Donnelly, Ger Brennan (Sel.)



Portroe – All-Ireland Sevens Finalists. Back row (l. to r.) Chris Madden, John Hogan, Martin McKeogh, Barry O'Driscoll, John Sheedy (manager), and Denis Hogan. Front row: Noel O'Halloran (capt.), Liam Sheedy, James Seymour and Padraig O'Brien.



North Tipp M.H. (B) Champions – Newport. Photographed before the County Semi-Final at the Ragg. Back row: Chris Ryan, Brian Coffey, Ml. Carroll, John O'Toole, James Collins, Michael Coffey, Tom Moylan, Trevor Delahunty, Aidan O'Gorman, Seán O'Gorman. Front: Michael Coffey, David Hickey, Donncha Hoolihan, Paddy Ryan, Eoin Bonfield, Kenneth O'Brien, Paddy Lenihan, Cyril O'Neill, Mark Lenihan. (absent Tom Clifford)



Picking it up! – Pat Meagher (Toomevara), Raymie Ryan (Cashel King Cormacs) and George Frend (Toomevara) getting a close-up view of the ball during the county senior hurling final at Semple Stadium.

Bishops Harty and Walsh . . . True G.A.A. Advocates

by GERRY SLEVIN

Since the involvement of Archbishop Croke and his acceptance 'with the utmost pleasure' of an invitation from Michael Cusack to become Patron of the Gaelic Athletic Association in 1884, the Catholic hierarchy has been unstinting in its support for the G.A.A.

The Tipperary context has, of course, been particularly significant in this regard with the Archbishop's successors retaining that prestigious title of Patron down the decades.

The county is shared out among three dioceses, Cashel and Emly, Waterford and Lismore, and Killaloe and during the past year events in Killaloe gave rise in turn to deep sorrow and unbounded joy with the GAA significance in each instance especially prominent.

On Monday, August 8th, Bishop Michael Harty died in Dublin. He was aged 72 and had been bishop of the diocese since 1967. Those 27 years may have been spent in the main in residence at Westbourne in Ennis, but there was no denying the attachment he had to his native Tipperary and especially his beloved Toomevara.

The shock waves, which news of Bishop Harty's death sent around the diocese of Killaloe and indeed much farther afield, were felt with particular emphasis in Toomevara because Bishop Michael had that special *gradh* for Toome, that made everyone connected with the Greyhounds so proud and in turn, he derived immense satisfaction from the exploits of the green and gold clad Toome lads, particularly over the past couple of years.

Bishop Michael was a familiar figure at venues everywhere. He loved our games, hurling in particular, and though his onerous duties invariably precluded him from being present as often as he would have wished, nevertheless whenever the opportunity arose he made his way to Semple Stadium, Limerick's Gaelic Grounds, Cusack Park in

Ennis, Fitzgerald Stadium in Killarney, Páirc Uí Chaoimh and, of course, Croke Park.

In the aftermath of Tipp's two All-Ireland victories in '89 and '91, Bishop Michael enjoyed the festivities no end out in Leopardstown and again in the Burlington. He loved conversing about the game and he knew his hurling as well as the best. His own brother Bill had been a fleet-footed Toome greyhound back in the '40's and '50's and won a North senior medal, against Roscrea, in '46.

As he entered the twilight of his years, Bishop Michael sought and was granted a coadjutor bishop, a man who would succeed him when he himself decided to retire.

There was great rejoicing on the morning of June 21st when, in Ennis, it was formally announced that Fr. Willie Walsh had been appointed to assist Bishop Michael as coadjutor bishop of Killaloe. The G.A.A. connection was continuing in a very strong way. Fr. Willie, a parish neighbour of Bishop Michael, from just outside Roscrea, was deeply immersed in G.A.A. affairs and only a few weeks before his appointment he had mapped out the downfall of his

native Tipp, when with his fellow Tipp man, Len Gaynor, and former Clare All Star, Ger Loughnane, they comprised the backroom team in the Clare senior camp.

On June 21st it was easy to see the relief on the brow of Bishop Michael. He could now ease himself into his retirement, while Fr. Willie would get to 'know the ropes' from a great tutor before his own time to take over the diocese came along. But things were not to happen so.

The last journey undertaken by Bishop Michael was to Croke Park for the All-Ireland hurling semi-finals on Sunday, August 7th. He had a deep interest in both games, Limerick and Offaly being in his diocese. Before he could drive home, death intervened, suddenly and unexpectedly.

G.A.A. President Jack Boothman led the Association's tribute at Bishop Michael's funeral later that week and it was left to Bishop-elect Willie to officiate at the ceremonies, where the great G.A.A. love experienced by his predecessor was fondly recalled in anecdotes during the homily.

On Sunday, October 2nd, Fr. Willie Walsh was formally installed as Bishop of Killaloe in Sts Peter and



Gerry Slevin presents the 'Nenagh Guardian' Hurler of the Year award 1993 to Kevin Tucker of Nenagh Éire Óg.

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Back row l. to r. T. Vaughan, J. Ivors, J. Hayden, J. Cahill, M. McGrath, N. Cleere, B. Mullally, W. Cleere, W. Maher, R. Hickey, M. Hayden, B. Walton, S. Kealy, G. Ivors, N. Morris, M. Maher. Front row l. to r. Wm. Brewer, T. Hayes, N. Burke, L. Cahill, D. Ivors, M. Morris, M. McCormack, M. Ivors (Capt), M. Goldsboro, M. Morris, M. Cleere, J. Webster, B. Brennan, P. Ivors.

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COUNTY SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS, 1994



Back row l. to r. Kevin Kennedy, Tommy Dunne, Jody Grace, Pat Meagher (Capt) Terry Dunne, Tommy Carroll, Pat King, and Michael Murphy. Front l. to r. Liam Nolan, George Frend, Michael O'Meara, Declan O'Meara Tony Delaney, Philip Shanahan, Rory Brislane.

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Paul cathedral, Ennis. The script everyone had hoped would be complied with, had been torn up and thrown away. No Bishop Michael there to see his protege episcopally ordained. God's ways are not our ways.

But the man who, along with Fr. Seamus Gardiner, now P.P., Roscrea, trained so many successful St. Flannan's teams in Harty Cup and

All-Ireland colleges' fare and who later was to move on to figure prominently in the back room deliberations of the Clare senior hurling camp, reached his priestly maturity through none other than the G.A.A.'s present Patron, Archbishop Dermot Clifford of Cashel and Emly.

Killaloe diocese has reason to be thankful for the great leadership

Bishop Michael Harty gave its people, over 27 years. His work is now being carried on by Bishop Willie Walsh. Two Tipperary men, two leaders of immense popularity, two men beloved of the G.A.A. and all it stands for.

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Historic Year for Ballinahinch

Our first championship game against Ballina, at Newport, proved to be a close exciting affair, winning this game by 1-4 to 0-4.

Our next outing was to be a three match marathon against Moneygall, which we

eventually won narrowly, at Nenagh, on 27th of August.

A big turning point in our fortunes was the advent of Denis Darcy of Burgess as trainer of the team. We had a dramatic rise in the numbers turning up for training. He instilled a will to win and a hunger for success which was to pay rich dividends in future games.

Our North semi-final match, against Ballina, proved to be a crunch affair and, following a very gutsy display, we overcame our great rivals by 2-10 to 1-11.

We were back to Templederry for the North Tipp final against Eire Óg Nenagh, a repeat of the 1992 game. Memories of that dramatic win were recalled when we came out on top on a score of 0-7 to 0-6 following a brilliant display by Michael Ryan.

Following this great, courageous display, nothing outside the division was going to intimidate us in our quest for county honours. Thurles Sarsfields were our opposition in the County semi-final at Nenagh, on 30-10-94, and following

another gallant display we won in the end on a score of 1-9 to 1-7.

The stage was now set for a County Final meeting with Skeheenarinka at Littleton, on 13th November.

The hearts of young and old had many a flutter in anticipation of a great event for the parish on the morning of the game. The match turned out to be a titanic struggle.

The team was a little slow to settle and Skeheenarinka had two points on the scoreboard before Michael Healy had our first score. We were four points down at the break, but drew level after ten minutes of the second half.

We then fell behind to a rather fortunate goal to Skeheen, but the team's great fighting qualities and spirit came to their rescue and a brilliant goal by Mick Ryan was to prove a great boost and we held on to a two point lead in the final nerve-tangling minutes to ensure that the D.P. Walsh trophy was destined for Ballinahinch/Killescully for 1994.



Ballinahinch Junior 'A' North Champions and County Champions. Back (l-r): Tadhg Foley (Selector), Noel Fahy, Denis O'Brien, Eamonn Gleeson, Mark Walton, Michael Harrington, William Lynch, Edward Coughlan, Pat Hayes, Pat Carroll, Desie Kelly, Noel Kearns, Sean Gleeson, Martin Kennedy, Ger Sullivan, Dan Sullivan, Brendan Healy, Liam Kearns, Brendan Walton and Joe Fitzgerald. Front Row: Mick Fitzgerald (Selector), Michael O'Brien, John Ryan, Cathal Bourke, Michael Ryan, Martin Ryan (capt.), Philip Kelly, David Fahy, Dermot Healy, John Healy, Michael Healy and Stephen Ryan (mascot).



All Star function. Front row (l-r): Donie Nealon, Liz Howard, Michael Cleary, Pat Stakelum, Mick Maher. Back row (l-r): Terry Ring, Mick Maguire, Tracey Mullen, Michael Ryan, Sean Barlow, Carmel O'Dwyer, Bitty Barrett.



Pat Stakelum with Seamus McCarthy at the Bank of Ireland All Stars banquet.

JOHN JOE MAHER

— An Enduring Gael

By Séamus O'Doherty

IF I introduce this article by saying that John Joe Maher served the Roscrea Hurling Club as secretary for forty-seven years and 'retired' in 1975, not many people will believe me. That, however, is the case and he is still hale and hearty as he approaches his 85th birthday next February.

When I called to interview this staunch Gael in his licensed premises recently, he had just returned from a four-mile walk.

John Joe likes to get plenty of exercise, despite being knocked down a few years ago as he undertook his daily walk.

A son of Edward (Ned) Maher, a Thurles blue, it was only natural that J.J. should be involved in the game himself. It's difficult to get any account of his prowess other than the modest declaration that he played whenever and wherever Roscrea were stuck! The truth is that he was a useful defender, who collected seven North Tipp senior hurling medals and was only deprived of county honours by the brilliant Thurles Sarsfields teams of his era.

Nowadays J.J. holds dual presidency of his beloved Roscrea and also of the North Tipp GAA Board. He quips that they allow him to throw in the sliothar on Divisional Final day and that a good seat is kept for him!

In his time, J.J. did so much it's impossible to record it all. He served as a Tipperary selector in various grades, acted in a similar capacity for Munster and, of course, was involved at Divisional and Co. Board level for many years.

His Main Street bar is literally a shrine of hurling memorabilia and many sentimental moments are enjoyed as he displays the various souvenirs from his hurling life. His hospitable wife, Madge (an aunt of Offaly referee Seán O'Meara) reckons hurling is J.J.'s life!

That is hardly surprising for a man who attended his first county senior hurling final in 1916 – "Boherlahan beat Toomevara, but I don't remember much about it". The following year, accompanied by his father, J.J. travelled by train to Dublin for his first All-Ireland Final. He has no recollection of missing a hurling decider in the meantime.

There were many hurlers who impressed him over the years. Christy Ring was 'a genius', Jim Regan 'a mighty centre-back', not to mention 'Gah' Ahearne and the 'tea is it and we playing Tipperary?' Other Cork hurlers who impressed him were Seán Óg Murphy, Paddy Barry the forward and Dr. Jim Young.

From Limerick he selected Mick Mackey – 'very strong and fearless'; Garret Howard – 'a great player', Dr. Dick Stokes – 'a flying forward' and the 'tip top' goalkeeper Paddy Scanlan. Staying in Munster, Seamus Power – 'he played for Roscrea', Frankie Walsh, Austin Flynn, John Keane and the skilful Philly Grimes impressed him from Waterford.

Other players who were recalled from J.J.'s galaxy of memories included Jim Langton, Paddy Phelan and Lory Meagher (Kilkenny). Lory made a big impression in a comparatively short career and his best remembered display was against Cork, in the first replay of the 1931 decider. From Dublin, Harry Gray and Roscrea native Charlie Downes were mentioned for their efforts, while the Wexford stars, Nick O'Donnell, "a tremendous player"; Art Foley – "he deprived Ring of a ninth All-Ireland" – and the most famous hurling family, Bobby, Billy and Nicky Rackard made a lasting imprint.

J.J. tried to parry my question about the best Tipperary players of his time, but under pressure he listed the four Leahys, Paddy, Johnny, Micky and Tommy; Martin Kennedy, "the best full-forward of all time"; John Maher (Killinan), "the never-to-be-forgotten 1945 captain"; Mickey 'Rattler' Byrne – "he was hard to beat and his opponent was always fully occupied". From the team of the 'Sixties, J.J. selected Liam Devaney, Donie Nealon and Jimmy Doyle for consistency, but had to note Roscrea's Kieran Carey, who won five All-Ireland medals.

From the 'Seventies, J.J. selected Roscrea's Tadhg O'Connor, "the 1971 All-Ireland captain", and Francis Loughnane, "he scored 2-10 in the 1973 Munster Final", for special praise. Both players won three All-Star awards and when you add Paul Delaney's award in 1991, Roscrea has more All-Star honours than any other Tipperary club!

I asked who was the best goalkeeper he had seen and Tony Reddan was nominated instantly. "He was the best, but not too far ahead of Paddy Scanlan (Limerick) or Jimmy O'Connell (Kilkenny). There was a lot more to do in those days and you earned the credit given."

Over the years, J.J.'s favourite GAA writers were J. D. Hickey, Paddy Purcell and the recently retired Paddy Downey. Of the current crop he likes Donal Keenan (*Irish Independent*) the best. Locally, J.J. maintains that "Cúlbaire's" analysis in the *Tipperary Star* is well worth a read.

J.J. considers that the game now is all the poorer for the amount of lifting and soloing. He would like to see a return to more ground hurling and less handling of the ball. "Maybe the experimental rules will help." On the club scene, J.J. is slightly pessimistic. "It's slipping a bit and there isn't enough dedication from the players". He does not favour importing coaches, where large sums of cash are being paid. "The amateur ethos was always the strong point of the GAA," he said.

In the course of his career J.J. travelled to America in 1964 and 1965 with Tipperary and in 1974 with Roscrea. He spoke very highly of the work done by John "Kerry" O'Donnell (R.I.P.) to develop Gaelic Park, New York, over many years. J.J. had a great regard for John 'Kerry', who visited Roscrea



JOHN JOE MAHER

whenever he was in Ireland to renew the friendship.

What are J.J.'s happiest memories? "Roscrea's first County S.H.C. title in 1968 and the 1971 All-Ireland success of Tipperary and of Roscrea, in the inaugural club decider."

Looking back over the years, J.J. praises the many people who helped to make the G.A.A., including Tommy Barrett, Gerry O'Keefe, Mick Moylan, Frank McGrath, Donie Nealon, Seán McCarthy and his 'personal friends' among the GAA, former presidents Séamus Ó Riain, Paddy Buggy, Pat Fanning, John Dowling, Alf Murray and Con Murphy.

He won't list all the great helpers in Roscrea, but he recalls the much-loved Fr. Bert Carey (R.I.P.), who made a huge contribution to Roscrea hurling during his time in the parish.

Great club hurlers are recalled: Billy Brussels, Fanny Rowland, Martin Loughnane, Patsy Rowland, Mick Loughnane, Joe Fletcher, Jack Ryan, and John Dillon, the 1968 captain.

What are Roscrea's chances for 1995? "We haven't been in a county final since 1985, but we are hoping for an improvement after some disappointing years". One senses J.J.'s hope of seeing another county championship victory, in the near future.

Our conversation was coming towards a conclusion, when I asked J.J. how he rated the Tipperary 1989/91 All-Ireland winning teams. "They deserved the All-Irelands they got and could have won more. The teams were nicely balanced with some players taking responsibility for encouraging those around them". He was delighted to witness the end of the "famine" in 1987.

What of the future? J.J. will maintain his interest in Gaelic Games and hurling in particular. He is at his best telling yarns and talking about the great players he has seen. He values the many friendships made above all else.

Proudly displayed among his many souvenirs is a beautiful clock, incorporating the 1964 All-Ireland winning team. It was presented to him a few years ago by the Co. Board and the citation says it all:

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Final 11/9, at Kilsheelan: Commercials 0-16; Ardfinnan 1-5. P. Russell.

Hearns Hotel Intermediate Hurling

Final 9/10, at Clonmel: Carrick Davins 3-16; Cahir 3-8. W. Barrett.

Intermediate Football

Final 30/10, at Monroe Kilsheelan 2-4; Mullinahone 1-7. J. Lonergan.

Replay 6/11, at Monroe: Kilsheelan 1-13; Mullinahone 0-8.



SKEHEENARINKY - SOUTH TIPPERARY JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS 1994

Back Row (l-r): Jimmy Donohue, Ger Fox, Pat Mackin, Declan Hickey, Rory McLoughlin, D.J. Walsh, J.J. Drennan, Michael Kenneally, Pat Vaughan, Eamonn Fitzgerald, Joe English, Ian Donnell, Eamonn Carey. Front Row (l-r): Tomás Hickey, Conor Farrell, Richard Vaughan, Jon Fox, Thomas Maher, John Maher capt., Eamonn Maher, Liam Finn, Johnny McDonnell, Alan Fogarty. Missing from photo: F. McLoughlin.



Group pictured following presentation of Nationalist awards to South Tipperary Board's players of year. Front Row (l-r): Ollie Cahill - Young Footballer of the Year; Brian O'Meara - Hurler of the Year; Bunny Lambe - Footballer of Past; Brendan Cummins - Young Footballer of Year; John Owens - Footballer of Year. Back Row (l-r): Micheál O'Meara - Sec. South Board; Jimmy Keating - South Board Vice-Chairman; Maurice Walsh - South Board Treasurer; Sean Nugent - South Board Chairman; Tom Corr - Nationalist Newspaper PLC. - Sponsors; Donal McCarthy - South Board Vice-Chairman.



South Board Chairman, Seán Nugent, shown making a presentation to former chairman, Jimmy Collins, whilst Mrs. Betty Nugent presents a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Brid Collins.

John Quirke Jeweller Junior Hurling A
Final 9/10, at Clonmel: Skeheenarinka 2-8; St. Patrick's 1-8. J. McCarthy.

Junior Hurling B
Final 9/10, at Kilsheelan: Carrick Swans 1-14; Moyle R. 1-5. M. McCormack.

Junior Football A
Final 30/10, at Monroe: Killenaule 5-7; Ballylooby Cg. 2-6. C. Boland.

Junior Football B
Final 6/11, at Ardfinnan: Ballyporeen 2-8; Clonmel Og 1-6. M. Walsh.

Under-21 Hurling A
Final 11/9, at Cloneen: Killenaule 2-16; Mullinahon 1-11. J. McCarthy.

Under-21 Hurling B
Final 10/9, at Ardfinnan: Newcastle 3-14; Fr. Sheehy's 2-7. F. O'Leary.

Under-21 Football A
Final 17/4, at Clonmel: Ardfinnan 1-13; Fethard 1-5. T.J. Corby.

Under-21 Football B
Final 16/4, at Kilsheelan: Moyle R. 2-9; Grangemockler 1-4. M. Kennedy.

Better Deal Cash & Carry Minor Hurling A
Final 31/8, at Monroe: Ballingarry Gaels 6-9; Killenaule 1-5. S. Roche.

Minor Hurling B
Final 29/8, at Marlfield: Ballybacon Grange 1-5; Fethard 1-4. P.J. Hassett.

Minor Football A
Final 24/9, at Clonmel: Ardfinnan 1-10; Fethard 2-1. T.J. Corby.

Minor Football B
Final 24/9, at Clonmel: Moyle R. 2-12; Killenaule 1-8. T. Roche.

Minor Football C
Final 15/10, at Ardfinnan: Ballyporeen 2-14; Kilsheelan 0-5. J. Morrissey.



Clonmel Og members with County & Divisional Board officers celebrate the acquisition and handing over of the deeds of their new field at the Roundabout. Front Row (l-r): Seán Quirke, Julianne O'Donoghue, Cahal Ryan, Seán Nugent, Ned Hall, Micheál O'Meara, Michael McCarthy, John Ryan. Second Row: Joe O'Donoghue, Paul Brett, Jerry McDonnell, Mick Maguire, Stephanie Aylward, Eddie Carney, Pat Cashin, Jim Cleary. Third Row: Andy and Mrs. Griffin, Roz Browne, Seamus Stritch, Eddie Fox, Noreen O'Donoghue, Christy Aylward, Seán Crotty, Stephen Aylward, David White, Mark Gregory, Paddy Brett.



South Tipperary G.A.A. referees pictured following the presentation of awards. Front Row (l-r): Jimmy Keating - Vice-Chairman South Board; Joe Keane, Willie Barnett, Brian White, Seán Nugent, Chairman South Board; Jackie Hogan. Second Row (l-r): Micheál O'Meara - Sec. South Board, Maurice Kennedy, T.J. Corby, Charlie Boland, John Cummins, Seán Quirke, Donal McCarthy, Vice-Chairman South Board. 3rd Row (l-r): Maurice Hyland, John Harrington, Christy Dignam, Christy Aylward, Jimmy McCarthy, Maurice Walsh - Treasurer South Board, Fran O'Leary.

Leagues

Clonmel Oil S.F.L. 1993/94
Final 22/5, at Kilsheelan: Commercials 1-8; Moyle R. 0-8. T. Lonergan.

Walsh Shield S.H.L. 1993/94
Final 27/3, at Kilsheelan: Carrick Davins 1-13; Killenaule 1-9. T. Lonergan.

1993 J.F.L.
Final 22/5, at Monroe: Ballingarry 2-14; Carrick Davins 1-8. M. McCormack.

As at 30th October, 1994, a total of 376 games have been played in championship and League under the auspices of the South Senior Board. This exceeds the previous year's record figure of 341 games.



The Kilsheelan team which defeated Mullinahone in the South I.F. Final replay. Back Row: Tommy Lonergan (Selector), Liam Stokes, John Roche, Pat Hickey, Jerry Kehoe, Eddie O'Connell, Michael Ryan, John Larkin, Dan O'Connor, John Lonergan, William Robinson (Coach). Front Row: Tony Walsh, Martin Larkin, Paddy Nugent, Seamus Roche, Seán Nugent, Nickie Coughlan, Pakie Walsh, Martin Ormond, Liam Corcoran.



CARRICK SWAN – South U-14 'B' Hurling Champions 1994

Back row (l-r): Garrett Haulon, Dermot Lanigan, John Smith, J. P. Fitzpatrick, Gerard Grace, Barry O'Regan, Philip Loughman (Capt.), John Brophy, Alan Hartery, Ruairi O'Connor. Front row (l-r): Alan Casey, Patrick Phelan, Anthony O'Donnell, Frankie Nolan, John Stuart, Keith Walsh, Clive Grace, Owen Clery, Mark Cronin, Michael Drohan, James Dalton. Missing: Richard Fitzgerald, Neil O'Meara.



CARRICK SWAN – South U-16 'B' Hurling & Football Champions 1994

Back row (l-r): Jason Walsh, Harry Nolan, Paul Keyes, Paul O'Donnell, Gerard Grace, Michael Russell, Robert Moloney, J. P. Fitzpatrick, Jamie Sweetman, Barry Murphy, Paul Meagher, John Brophy. Front row (l-r): Jason Fleming, Philip Loughman, John Dignam, Aron Harrington (Capt.), Tommy Morrissey, Frank Nolan, Jamie Power, Graham Walsh, Garrett Hanlon, Alan P. Ryan. Missing: Alan J. Ryan.



CARRICK SWAN – South U-12 'B' Football Champions 1994

Back row (l-r): Alan O'Sullivan, Tommy Fitzgerald, Robert Hannigan, John Walsh, Ian Meagher, James O'Dwyer, Anthony Maye, Tommy Smith, Billy Grace, Barry O'Neill, Alex O'Sullivan, Eugene Hogan. Front row (l-r): John Barrett, Alan Comerford, Barry Kelly, Gerard Walsh, Richard Walsh (Capt.), Gerard Dunne, Ross Clery, Anthony O'Donnell, Mark Kelly, Michael O'Shea, Fergus Hartery, John Walsh.



BALLYPOREEN – South U-14 'C' Football Champions 1994

Back row (l-r): David Slattery, Brendan Meade, Thomas Molan, Donal Williams, James Quinlan, Maurice O'Brien, Owen Kearney, Thomas Mee, Richard Caplice. Front row (l-r): Francis Martin, Kevin McGrath, Brendan Finn, Michael Crotty, John O'Gorman, Pakie Ryan (Capt.), Paul McCarthy, Michael Finn, Darragh Lyons, Paul Maher, Michael John Meaney.



CAHIR – U-14 County Rural Champions. Back row (l-r): Nicholas Davis (Selector), Eileen Flynn (Secretary), Jimmy Looby (Trainer), David Williams, Brendan Hally, Derek Davis, Stephen Flannery, James Finn, Liam Fanning, Brendan Waugh, Diarmuid Tarrant, John Moloney, David Allen, Andrew Hyland, Andy Moloney (Manager), Patrick Hyland (Chairman). Front row: Brendan O'Gorman, Liam O'Gorman, Paudie Roche, Mark Hogan (Captain), Damien Lonergan, Tom O'Gorman, James Looby, Brian Farrell, Alan O'Donnell.

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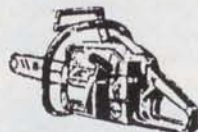
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Moyle Rovers South & County U-21 F 'B' Champions 1994. Back Row (l-r): Billy Foley (Selector), Noel Wall, Tom Hanrahan, Paul Fanning, Brian Kelly, Tom Lane, Shane Williams, James O'Sullivan, Eoin Cooney, Ger. O'Brien, Michael Kearney, John Kelly, Phil O'Dwyer, Eric Moore, Declan McGrath (Selector). Front Row (l-r): Ger. Cahill, Declan Browne, Brendan O'Dwyer, Robbie English, Denis Finn (capt.), Brian Carey, John Paul Keane, Jas. Finn, Jas. Williams, Pat Condon, Paul Williams, Ml. Looby. Absent from photo: Seamus Delahunty (Selector) and Martin Griffin (injured). The notable under-age football double brought the club its first County titles since 1959.



Moyle Rovers South & County Minor 'B' Football Champions 1994. Back Row (l-r): Declan Browne, Jas. Williams, Alan Morrissey, Brendan O'Dwyer, Owen Lane, Colin Fitzpatrick, John Hunt, Brian Kelly, Victor Quinlan, Ger. Cahill, Ian Delahunty, Tom Lane. Front Row (l-r): John P. Keane (capt.), Paul Williams, Kevin Condon, Enda Bates, Paul Ormonde, Ger. McCarthy, Stephen Keane, Brian Keane, John Butler, Stephen Burke.



Ardfinnan - South M.F.C.A. Champs. Back row (l-r): P. O'Connor, R. Wlask, L. Myles, C. Quinn, B. Loneragan, K. Scanlon, T. Browne, A. Keating, M. Ryan, E. Guthrie, B. Browne. Front (l-r): S. Mahoney, R. Carrigan, C. Carroll, J. Kinahan, L. Hennessy, T. Walsh, S. Maher, K. White, G. O'Mahoney.



The Carrick Davins team which defeated Cahir in the South I.H.C. final. Back Row: Liam Cronin, Matty Waters, Val Cronin, Johnny McGrath, Matty Waters, Ricky McGrath, Joe Kennedy, Peter Walsh, Tom Power, Brendan Cronin. Front Row: Paul Casey, Seamus Harris, Ber Waters (capt.), Paul Tobin, Pat McGrath, Seán Fleming, Dinny King, Declan Waters, P.J. Arrigan.



Carrick Swan. Front Row: M. Walsh, K. Loneragan, G. Hawkins, Wm. Murphy, Wm. Walsh, T. Roche, D. McNamara, J. Walsh, J. O'Donnell (capt.), M. Walsh, F. Walsh. Back Row: P. Ryan (Selector), J. Walsh, S. Barrett, T. Fitzpatrick, P. O'Dwyer, B. Grace, M. Grace, S. Fitzpatrick, V. Power, P. Walsh, B. Loneragan, D. Walsh (Selector) - J.H. 'B' County Champions 1004.

THE Games' Development Committee is a new committee in the county which came out of the Structures' Convention held in November of 1993. These new structures were prompted by Munster Council but when the Tipperary Structures' Committee sat down to develop the various committees it was felt that the Development Committee as it stood at that time merited division, with a separate development committee being formed, to deal specifically with games and all they stand for.

The present Games' Development Committee is made up of nine members, two from each division plus the County Youth Officer as follows: South - Jimmy Collins, Chairman, and Willie Barrett; North - Denis Floyd, Hon. Secretary, and Pat Sheedy; West - Tommy Kelly and Liam O'Brien; Mid - Tom Collum and Paudie Butler.

The brief of the committee covers coaching for schools, Recruitment and Training of Coaches to Diploma Levels, Training and recruitment of Referees, Discipline and, of course, everything to do with the running of our games.

To date the committee has met on at least a dozen occasions - priority in the summer months, however, was devoted to coaching and of course to the Summer Camps, which again were an outstanding success.

Over 30 coaches are working with both Primary and Second-level schools - I might add that the level and standard of

Games development in the county

By Jimmy Collins

coaching is exceptionally high. We are fortunate to be able to combine the FÁS scheme with the Munster Council one, and apart from all the coaches having the Foundation Level Coaching Diploma, all of the coaches are members of their own clubs and should be an obvious benefit to them. Here let me congratulate all our coaches, and administrators of the scheme, and thank them for their dedication.

Nearly twenty persons in the county are now qualified to give the Foundation Level Coaching courses and within a short while, we will have four persons qualified to conduct the move advanced Level One course.

The GAA, as an organisation, is slow to change and despite sitting down over a number of months and drawing up recommendations to promote change, our efforts were not greeted with great enthusiasm. But that is democracy and all view-

points are respected.

Some of the recommendations were to do with changing the format of running the U-12 and U-14 County Championships, other suggestions queried the elitism of U-14 and U-16 county teams - are young players burned out at a young age? Clubs to appoint a liaison officer for their schools and of course, the Foundation Level Coaching Course to be conducted in all clubs, during the coming winter months.

These are only a small number of the suggested recommendations. Other areas that must be considered are the length of the GAA season, discipline for parents, players and mentors alike, players playing outside their own age groups. Certainly thought-provoking suggestions.

It is hoped to make a number of suggestions in the near future, in relation to the way our championships are run - have we too many poor senior teams, can we synchronise our divisional championships to ensure all divisions can meet county quarter-final or semi-final deadlines? Should all championships be run on the knockout system with greater emphasis being placed on properly-run leagues?

This committee can meet often, work away forever making recommendations, but unless our minds are open to change then our Association will remain stagnant and eventually be overtaken. It is your Association - examine any suggestions - in fact the committee would like to hear of worthwhile suggestions.

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THE WONDER KINDER OF MULLINAHONE

PRIOR to the Summer of 1994, no rural club had ever managed to win the under-12 double in both football and hurling in Tipperary. In the 23 years of finals decided since 1972, urban club Nenagh Éire Óg were the only ones to have achieved the feat in 1972 and again in 1984.

Only twice in the almost quarter century had lads from the South taken the hurling championship. Both clubs were urban, Carrick Swan in 1975 and St. Mary's Clonmel, in 1980. Never in all the years had Mullinahone reached an Under-12 "A" final in hurling or football in South Tipperary.

A bookmaker would have given long odds at season's start on any of the records going. The odds would have been as astronomical on all three records going at the same time, but then no bookie or sports follower could have foreseen the "wonder kinder" of Mullinahone.

The football championship was played first. In the league section wins over Clonmel Óg and Moyle Rovers saw us qualify for the semi-final. A loss to Cahir saw us take on other section winners Fethard in that semi-final.

For more than a dozen years the manager had sought a championship victory over "The Blues". His hour was at hand and Fethard fell to a fine display in Clonkeen. Cahir were surprised in the other semi-final by Killenaule who were hugely confident in the final because of victory in the Community Games of 1992.

Shocked by early goals, Killenaule never got into the game as Mullinahone became South Tipp Under-12 "A" football champions for the first time ever.

It was "into the West" on a glorious June Sunday evening for the final. Leahy Park, Cashel, was the venue as the Mullinahone boys threw down their challenge to the West winners for three years - Galtee Rovers, who had also been county champions in 1992.

In a glorious football final the green above the red proved too strong for the Rovers, on a 2-8 to 3-1 scoreline.

Mullinahone's manager was always confident that they would win the South Tipp Under-12 hurling title. First day out they had a clear win over a good Killenaule team. Ballybacon were next to bow the knee. St. Mary's caused an upset against a starless Mullinahone. Ballingarry were beaten in Clonkeen and

MULLINAHONE CAPTAINS



MARTIN COSTELLO



EOIN KELLY

Clonmel Og and Swan conceded to ensure qualification.

In the semi-final Cahir were soundly beaten, even if in a late flurry of Cahir goals caused worry to some. The South final was a repeat of the football game with the roles reversed. This time Mullinahone were the raging favourites. While they didn't falter, Killenaule had done their homework splendidly and made it extremely difficult for Mullinahone to score. However, Eoin Kelly managed 1-8 to Killenaule's 0-4. The South double had been achieved. Now there were new worlds to conquer. Durlas Óg the Mid winners waited in Cashel.

It was not an evening for the faint-hearted. Mullinahone started slowly and were six points down at half-time. In the second half the team raised itself to new heights and with captain Kelly leading by example they pulled the lead back point by point.

A goal thrown in didn't do any harm either nor did limiting Durlas to a single second-half point. When referee John Ryan (Bob) blew the final whistle Durlas were 2-6 (12) but Mullinahone's 1-10 (13) was one point more. The impossible dream was now on but in the way stood the giants of the juvenile scene - Toomevara, with their thirteen North Tipp Under-12 hurling titles out of the last fifteen played.

There was a splendid crowd from both parishes in St. Michael's Park when John Ryan started proceedings. Early clashes went in favour of Toome but no serious damage resulted. Taking heart against the elements, Mullinahone began to steady the ship.

The "wonder kinder" grew in confidence and stature. The lads from the South were hurling as well as in the second half against Durlas. Half-time came with the game balanced and the elements to help Mullinahone in the second half.

The Mullinahone boys went for overdrive and two blistering Eoin Kelly goals brought cheers, which could be heard back at the foot of Slievenamon. Even a late Toome goal was not sufficient to stem the tide. When the final whistle blew the score was Mullinahone 2-6, Toomevara 1-4. History had been both repeated and made.

Bórd na Óg chairman Jim Lynch presented the cup to Mullinahone captain Eoin Kelly who in the course of the campaign had proved himself to be the best Under-12 hurler in Tipperary. He had scored all of Mullinahone's 4-24 in the South final, county semi-final and final - a remarkable tour de force.

Let us record their names - Eoin Kelly (capt.), Martin Costelloe (capt.), David Williams, Paul Cummins, Michael Cahill, Neil O'Brien, Kieran Foxe, Conor O'Brien, Vincent Doherty, Adrian Maher, Philip O'Shea, Jonathan Croke, Edwin O'Meara, Aidan Hall, P.J. Walsh, David Vaughan, Danny Morrissey, James Comerford, Richard Fitzgibbon, John Luttrell, Liam Dalton, David Morrissey, Brendan Ryan, Joseph Lonergan, Mark Williams, Brian Egan, Joseph Maher, Joseph Treacy, Martin O'Riordan, Tony Egan and early in the season Niall McCann and Geoffrey O'Connell.

FUTURE LOOKS GREAT FOR ARDFINNAN

Gerard Meagher



ARDFINNAN – UNDER-21 FOOTBALL “A” COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Front row (from left) – Michael English, Noel Murphy, Derek O'Mahony, Liam Butler, Conor Maher, Ollie O'Brien, P.J. Lonergan, Noel Lonergan, Michael O'Sullivan, Cathal Hennessy, Kieron Walsh, Tomás Walsh, Stan Barlow (selector). Back row (from left) – Ger Condon (selector), Pat Quirke (coach/selector), Gavin O'Mahony, Brendan Cummins, Seán Maher, Davy Ryan, Liam O'Leary, Alan John Lonergan, Liam Hennessy, Albert Keating, Lee Crowe, Peter Ryan, Declan Browne, Eamon Norris, Joe Lambert (selector), Ger Walsh (selector).

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Some of the attendance at the laying of a wreath at the Croke Memorial in Thurles by Archbishop Clifford to mark the 110th anniversary of the founding of the GAA in Thurles. Left to right – Maura Scully, Michael Quinn, Mae Quinn (chairperson of the Thurles Urban District Council), Donal Shanahan (organisers of the commemoration, Sean Fogarty (chairman of the County Board), Pat Stakelum, Sean Costello, Phil O'Mara and Noel Maher.

G.A.A. FOUNDATION 110th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS IN THURLES



Thurles Vocational School team, winners of the inter-schools table quiz in Thurles organised as part of the celebrations to commemorate the 110th anniversary of the founding of the GAA in Thurles. In front: Thurles V.S. team members (left to right) – Tadhg Bourke, Michael Callanan, Jimmy Doyle and Conor McGinty. Back – Micheál O Muircheartaigh, quizmaster; Sean Fogarty, chairman, County GAA Board; Maura Scully, organising committee; Eamon De Stafford, organising committee.



Archbishop Dermot Clifford, patron of the GAA, lays a wreath at the Croke Memorial on 1st November, to mark the 110th anniversary of the founding of the GAA in Thurles.



Members of Durlas Óg Club parade towards the Croke Memorial for a wreath-laying ceremony performed by Archbishop Dermot Clifford in November. The ceremony was part of the celebrations to mark the 110th anniversary of the founding of the GAA in Thurles.

First All-Ireland Hurling Champions 1887

WILLIE GAYNOR



Some of the Thurles team who helped Tipperary to win the first hurling All-Ireland ever played. In the final they defeated Galway (Meelick) in Birr, Co. Offaly. Back Row: Dinny Maher ("Red"), Killinan; Jimmy Sullivan, Thurles; Ned Murphy, Thurles; Jim Ryan, Drombane; Mattie Maher ("Mason"), Killinan; Ned Lambe, Drombane; Tom Burke, Bohernamona and Cassestown; Con Callanan, Ardabawn; Dan Davern, Ballycabill; Mattie Maher ("Little"), Killinan. Centre Row: Pat Ryan, Mullaunbrack; Dinny Maher ("Long"), Killinan; Jim Stapleton (capt.), Cathedral Street and Bohernamona; Tom Maher, Killinan; John Leamy, Drombane; Jer Ryan, Ballydavid, Littleton; Tim Dwyer, Ballyvinane, Littleton. Front Row: Mick Carroll, Drombane; Martin McNamara, Thurles; Tom Butler, Thurles. The colours of the old Thurles team were green and gold. I am grateful to the following for helping in the identification of the players: William Corbett, Drombane; T.K. Dwyer, Turtulla, and Jack Carew, Leugh.

The photograph was taken at Thurles Sporting Grounds on June 20, 1910. The photographer was Webster, The Mall, Thurles. At that time three of the team were dead and one had emigrated. Tom Butler took the place of his brother Dick, who had died. Dick had played in the early rounds of the championship, but did not play in the final.

Tommy Carroll, Moyne, who had played in the final, was also dead. Another player missing is Tom Healy, Coolcroo.

John D. Hickey, *Irish Independent*, wrote: "Tommy Carroll, who carried on the movement started by Stapleton and finished by Tommy Healy, father of the famed Coolcroo runners, which brought Tipperary's only goal that day at Birr, was killed in an accident."

Tim Dwyer, Ballyvinane, whose cousin, T.K. Dwyer, was a famous athlete, was goalkeeper during the final, although it appears that Tom Burke played in that position during the early rounds of the championship.

Dinny Maher's son, John, captained the Tipperary team which won the 1945 All-Ireland. Jim Stapleton's son, Jack, captained the Thurles Sarsfields team that won the county final in 1929. Connie Callanan was uncle of John Joe Callanan,



THREE CAPTAINS . . . Three famous Thurles captains: Dinny Maher, Jim Stapleton and Tom Semple. Jim Stapleton was five feet ten inches in height! Dinny Maher was captain of the Tipperary (Thurles) team during the early rounds of the 1887 hurling championship. Jim Stapleton was captain on Easter Sunday, 1888, when the final was played. Tom Semple was captain of the victorious Tipperary (Thurles) teams in 1906 and 1908.

who was captain of Tipperary's 1930 All-Ireland hurling winning side.

When I knew Jim Stapleton he had left Cathedral Street and was living on his farm in Bohernamona. He was the last surviving member of that famous All-Ireland team.

In order to book the special train to Birr for the All-Ireland final, Hugh Ryan and Andrew Callanan, Thurles, paid in advance with their own money, as the Thurles club was short of funds. If they had not done so, no special train would have been pro-

vided.

Hugh Ryan and Andrew Callanan were also present at the hurling match which was played in the grounds of St. Patrick's College, Thurles, before the players departed for America in 1888. Hugh Ryan's brother, Thady (Clonoulty) was a member of the "Invasion" team.

Note: Founding the G.A.A. (Tipperary G.A.A. Yearbook, 1994).

I wish to correct some errors which appeared under the above heading.

The first three paragraphs were taken from "The Tipperary Advocate" 1884. T.K. Dwyer, Turtulla, Thurles, is convinced that his grandfather, also T.K. Dwyer, who was Mile champion of Ireland in 1878, attended the foundation of the G.A.A. The photograph of the Central Council of the G.A.A., 1888, was probably taken at the rear of Hayes's Hotel, Thurles, as the garden ornaments shown are similar to those that were there until the 1950's.



A scene from bygone days - Standing (left to right) - Paddy Leaby, Martin Kennedy, Phil Purcell, John Joe Hayes, Dinny Gorman. Kneeling - M. Kennedy, Roddy Dwan



Picture shows John and Majella Gleeson who won the Honda Civic supplied by Denis Kinane Motors to the Tipperary G.A.A. Members Draw in March, 1994

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UPPERCHURCH-DROMBANE



The Upperchurch-Drombane team which drew with Holycross-Ballycabill in the Mid Junior Hurling 'B' Final Replay at Boherlahan. Back Row: Pakie Phelan, Michael Griffin, Jim Burke, John Ryan (C), John Ryan (P), Tom Quinlan, Billy Hayes, Eugene Shortt, Patsy Ralph, Michael Ryan, Donal Hayes, Tom Kennedy. Front Row: Tommy Tierney, Seamus Barry, Matt Shortt, Edmund Quinlan (Captain), Richie Ryan, Sean Purcell, Frankie Shortt, Seamus Griffin, Gerry Casey (C).

CUMANN LUTHCHLEAS GAEL TIOBRAID ÁRANN MEAN Mid Tipperary G.A.A. Board



Officers of the Mid Tipperary G.A.A. Board photographed after the election of officers at their convention. Front row (left to right) Noel Murphy (Assistant Secretary); Timmy Grace (Gate Checker); Dick Maher (Treasurer); Seán Mockler (Chairman); Bob Stakelum (President); Matty Connolly (Secretary). Back - Harry Ryan (Vice-Chairman); Jim Max (Thurles Sportsfield Representative); Jimmy Meighan (Vice-chairman); Liam O'Dwyer (County Munster Council Representative); Mick Curley (Gate Checker); Pat Cullen (Co. Board Trustee); Andy O'Gorman (Youth Officer); Michael Ryan (Co. Board, Junior Representative); John Ryan (Co. Board Development Officer).

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The Loughmore-Castleiney panel which regained the MacLoughlainn Roadmarkings Ltd. sponsored Mid senior hurling title by defeating Thurles Sarsfields at The Ragg. Back row (l. to r.) Pat Treacy, Conor Eviston, Damien Cullen, David Kennedy, Pat Lynch, Pat Cormack, Philip Kennedy, Noel Kennedy, Pat McGrath, Tom McGrath, Declan Laffan, Mick McGrath (K.) Front row: Noel Morris, Ned Ryan, Eamonn Sweeney, Frankie McGrath, Seamus Bohan (captain), Eamonn Brennan, Michael McGrath, John Kennedy, Noel Cahill.



Outgoing chairman of the Mid Tipperary G.A.A. Board, Seán Fogarty (right) presenting the "Hurler of the Year" award to Michael Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) at the Board's annual convention.



J. K. Brackens delegates with the "Intermediate/junior Club of the Year" award at Mid Tipperary G.A.A. Board annual convention, at Sarsfields Social Centre. Front (l. to r.) Martin Bourke, John Costigan, Tom Collum. Middle: Mick Curley, Paddy McLoughlin. Back: Paddy Guider, Dick Buckley.



Seán Mockler, elected chairman of Mid Tipperary G.A.A. Board at last January's convention, makes his inaugural speech at the convention.



Delegates of the Loughmore-Castleiney G.A.A. club with the "Senior Club of the Year" award at the Mid Tipperary G.A.A. Board annual convention. Front (l. to r.): Seán Mockler (also elected chairman at the convention), Pat Gleeson, Pat Healy. Middle: John Fitzpatrick, Mick McGrath (snr.). Back: John Treacy, Pat Cullen.

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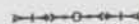
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Winners

Senior Hurling:

Loughmore-Castleiney
0-15

Referee: Michael Doyle.

Intermediate Hurling Final:

Drom-Inch

1-15

Referee: Pat Cullen.

Junior A Hurling:

Thurles Sarsfields

0-12

Referee: Liam Connolly.

Junior B Hurling Final:

Upperchurch-Drombane

2-4

Replay: Upperchurch-Drombane 0-13.

Holycross/Ballycahill 0-7.

U-21 A Hurling Final:

Boherlahan-Dualla

2-10

Referee: William Clohessy.

Under-21 B Hurling:

Loughmore-Castleiney

0-14

Referee: Roddy Lowry.

Replay: Loughmore-Castleiney 1-12

Gortnahoe-Glengoose 1-11

Referee: Roddy Lowry.

Minor A Hurling:

Thurles Sarsfields

3-8

Referee: Phil Lowry.

Replay: Thurles Sarsfields 3-11

Boherlahan-Dualla 2-8.

Referee: Phil Lowry.

Minor B Hurling:

Gortnahoe-Glengoose

1-13

Referee: Martin Treacy.

Senior Football Final:

Loughmore-Castleiney

Referee: Brinsley Lowth.

Intermediate Football Final:

Thurles Sarsfields

0-9

Referee: Jim O'Shea.

Junior A Football Final:

Holycross-Ballycahill

2-4

Referee: Tom Maher.

Runners-Up

Thurles Sarsfields

1-6.

Upperchurch-Drombane

2-9

Moycarkey-Borris

1-9

Holycross-Ballycahill

1-7

Thurles Sarsfields

1-7

Gortnahoe/Glengoose

1-11

Boherlahan-Dualla

2-11

Thurles Kickhams

2-8

Peil Durlas

Moyne-Templetuohy

0-8

Upperchurch-Drombane

1-5

Junior B Football Final:

Loughmore-Castleiney

2-5

Rahealty

0-8

U-21 A Football Final:

Loughmore-Castleiney

0-10

Referee: Liam Connolly.

U-21 Football Final:

Rahealty

1-8

Referee: P. Cullen.

Holycross-Ballycahill B

0-5

Moyne-Templetuohy

2-3

Minor A Football Final:

J. K. Brackens

2-5

Referee: John Kelly.

Minor B Football Final:

Moyne-Templetuohy

0-5

Loughmore-Castleiney

0-6

Boherlahan Dualla

0-4

Cahill Cup Final - Senior Hurling:

Replay: Thurles Sarsfields 1-11

Boherlahan Dualla 0-13.

Referee: Michael Greene.



The Holycross-Ballycahill Intermediate hurling team which retained their Mid Intermediate hurling league title by defeating Drom-Inch at Templemore. Back row (l. to r.) Philip Ryan, Billy Dwan, Tim Stakelum, Paul Slattery, Declan Quinlan, Jim Butler (captain), Alan Quinlan, Tadgh Bourke. Front row: Paddy Dwan, Thomas Flanagan, Declan Ryan, Pat Cahill, Jim Ryan, Gerry Fennessy, Robert Stakelum.



The Clonakenny team which won the Mid Tipperary junior hurling league title by beating Thurles Fennells in the final. Back row (l. to r.) Aidan Bourke, Bobby Martin, Declan O'Dwyer, Michael Maher, Seamus Nolan, Joe Bourke, Pat Holland, Michael Murray, Dick Stapleton, Pat Cantwell, Brendan Bourke. Front row: Colm Murray, Mark O'Dwyer, Leo Crampton, John Cunningham, Eamonn Cunningham, Martin Mortimer (captain), Gary Maloney, Michael Smith, Tomás Mathews. Missing from photograph: John Fogarty, Billy Maher, Seamus Stapleton, Dan Mortimer, Eamonn Stapleton, Michael Mitchell.



The Thurles Sarsfields team which came from behind to draw with Boherlahan-Dualla in the Cahill Cup final at Semple Stadium. Back row (l. to r.) Connie Maher, Eddie Enright, Lar Barrett, Paddy Maher, Maurice McCormack, Jim Moloney, Brendan Carroll, Seamus O'Shea. Front row: Michael Hanrahan, Liam Duggan, Michael Sparrow (captain), Paddy McCormack, Ciaran Carroll, Pat Treacy, Clive Hanrahan.

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Intermediate Hurling League Final:

Holycross-Ballycahill Drom-Inch
2-8 0-8

Referee: Pat Cullen

Junior Hurling Final - Group A:

Thurles Sarsfields Drom-Inch
Not played

Junior Hurling Final - Group B:

Holycross-Ballycahill Gortnahoe-Glengoose
Not played

Junior Hurling Final - Group C:

Clonakenny Thurles Fennellys
1-10 0-9

Referee: W. Clohessy.

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Junior B Hurling: Larry and Joan Mackey, Thurles.
U-21 A Hurling: Bank of Ireland, Thurles.
U-21 B Hurling: Roadstone Provinces, Holycross.
Minor A Hurling: Vale Oil Ltd., Thurles.
Minor B. Hurling: Roadstone Provinces, Holycross.
Senior Football: Thurles Credit Union.
Minor D. Football: Francis Glasheen.

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John Moloughney, Clonakenny.

The Loughmore-Castleiney senior football team which retained the Mid title by defeating Peil Durlas by the narrowest of margins at Templemore. Back row (l. to r.) Paul Ormonde, Pat Lynch, Noel Kennedy, Philip Kennedy, Pat McGrath, Mick McGrath (K.), David Kennedy, Declan Laffin, Thomas Larkin, Eddie Webster (coach). Front row: Noel Morris, Michael Ormonde, Tim Cullen, Eamonn Brennan (captain), Michael McGrath, Ned Ryan, John Kennedy, Seamie Boban, Dominic Brennan, Tom McGrath, Noel Cahill.



The Moyne-Templetuohy team which won the Mid minor football 'B' title by defeating Boherlahan-Dualla by the narrowest of margins at Holycross. Back row (l. to r.): Joe Leahy, Enda Everard, Cathal Ely, Donnacdh Lloyd, Pat Blake, Martin Kelly, Donnacdh Maher, Seamus Maher, Brian Delahunty. Front row: Michael Ryan, Thomas Costigan, Pat Hartigan, Brendan Gavin, Pat Meade, Padraig Costigan (captain), P. J. Sweeney, Ailbe Hayden.



The J. K. Brackens panel which put in a storming finish to take the Mid Minor football 'A' title at the expense of neighbours Loughmore-Castleiney at Holycross. Back row (l. to r.) Michael Fogarty, Willie Fogarty, John Bane, Adrian Moynihan, William Collier, Joe Cusack, Michael Reilly, John Henderson, Darren Owens, Liam Corcoran, Darragh O'Neill. Front row: Aidan Doyle, Eamonn Corcoran, Paul Kilroy, Damien McBride, Michael Grimes, Richard Grimes (captain), David Burke, John Doran..



The Rahealty team which won the Mid Under-21 football 'B' title. Back row (l. to r.) Declan Ryan, Thomas O'Dowd, Trevor Connors, Paul Maher, John Callanan (captain), Pat Lawlor, Raymond O'Dowd, Gavin Purcell, Jonathan Connors. Front row: Mark Ryan, Michael Hackett, Philip Butler, Pat Hackett, Pat Gleeson, John Gleeson, Raymond Carew.



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The Thurles Sarsfields minor hurling panel which drew with Boherlaban-Dualla in the Mid final (sponsored by Vale Oil) at Holycross. Back row (l. to r.) John Bowe, Conor O'Sullivan, Ned Cornally, Gary Mernagh, David Butler, Raymond O'Riordan, Darren Molumby, Rory Long, David Molumby, Sean Ryan, John Enright. Front row: David O'Riordan, Colin Copping, Matthew O'Dowd (captain), Mark King, Damien Daly, Jason Kavanagh, Damien Harris, Mark Wade, Ollie Geoghegan.



Thurles Sarsfields - winners of the Mid-Tipperary intermediate football final at Templemore. Back row: (l. to r.) Conor O'Sullivan, Pat Treacy, Ciaran Carroll, Padraic Dundon, Maurice McCormack, John Purcell (captain), David Condon, Tommy Kennedy, Seamus Maher, Pat McCormack. Front row: Liam O'Dwyer, Darren Molumby, David O'Riordan, Martin McElgunn, Noel Dundon, Gary Mernagh, Raymond O'Riordan, Trevor Dwyer.



The Boherlaban-Dualla panel which won the Bank of Ireland Mid Tipperary Under-21 hurling title by defeating Thurles Sarsfields at Littleton. Back row: (l. to r.) James Wade, Aidan Flanagan, Adrian McLoughlin, Mark Hickey, Liam Bourke, Mark McLoughlin, Barry Crosse, Conor Gleeson (captain), Albert Maher, Frank Hickey, Ger Flanagan. Front row: Jimmy Ferncombe, Dermot O'Dwyer, Garret McLoughlin, David Ryan, Adrian O'Dwyer, Eamonn Maher, Michael Ferncombe, Brendan Ferncombe, Philip O'Dwyer.



The Holycross/Ballycabill team which won the Mid Tipperary junior football 'A' title by defeating Upperchurch-Drombane in the final at The Ragg. Back row (l. to r.) Michael Lee, Paudie Lee, Declan Quinlan, William Ryan (captain), Jim Ryan, Brendan Bannon, Michael Ferncombe, Richard Doyle. Front row: Tony Lanigan, Gerry Fennessy, Pat Cahill, Paul Slattery, Philip Ryan, Phil Dwyer, Padraig McGrath.



The Loughmore-Castleiney Under-21 team which won the Mid Tipperary football 'A' final at Drombane. Back row (l. to r.) Noel Morris, Noel Cahill, Wayne Webster, Philip McGrath, Damien Cullen, Donal Bolger, Noel Kennedy (captain), Declan Laffan. Front row: Tommy Ormond, Joe Danagher, David Kennedy, Dominic Brennan, Paul Ormond, Ollie Ryan, Tommy Larkin.



The Thurles Sarsfields junior hurling panel which won the Mid 'A' title by defeating Moycarkey-Borris in a replay at Holycross. Back row (l. to r.) Denis Maher, Padraic Dundon, Eamon Walbe, Jack Griffin, John Purcell, Jim Woodlock, Michael Hanrahan, Ger Collins, Trevor Cooke, Eamonn Stakelum, Pat McCormack, Pat Murray, Peter Broderick. Front row: Rory Purcell, Declan Keher, Martin McElgunn, Tony O'Mara (captain), David O'Riordan, Gary Mernagh, Raymond O'Riordan, Noel Dundon, Sean Mullane, Richie Corcoran, Mark Wade.



The Drom-Inch panel which regained the Mid-Tipperary Intermediate hurling title by defeating Upperchurch-Drombane in the final at Semple Stadium. Back row (l. to r.) Larry Looby (selector), Pat Looby, Michael Shanahan, Dessie Hennessy, P. J. Brett, John Hassett, Lorcan Looby, Phil O'Halloran, Seamus Fahy, Seán Hayes, Martin Fahy, Tom Cantwell, Kevin Nolan, Paudie Butler (coach/selector). Front row: Matt Shanahan, John Sheridan, Mark Jordan, Tommy Kennedy, Jimmy Darcy, Joe Cahill (captain), Liam McLoughlin, Martin Everard, John Gleeson, Eamon Long, Seamus Kennedy, Joe Ryan, Goalkeeper Martin Everard was also a team selector.

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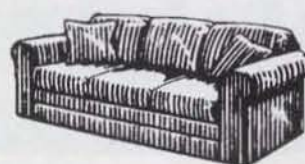
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Loughmore-Castleiney take a first-ever U-21 hurling county title

By Pat Healy, P.R.O.

STRANGE as it may seem for a club that has produced outstanding under-age teams, taking county titles at minor hurling and football and U-21 football down the years, the one elusive title was U-21 hurling.

Following their minor hurling B title of last year, Eamonn Sweeney and his mentors set about the task of bringing U21 (B) hurling honours this year. In a group of three with Rathelty and Moyne they convincingly qualified for the Mid final.

As expected, Gortnahoe were the opposition at Holycross on Sunday evening, 11th September. Going into this game the team was deprived through injury of

Tommy Ormonde, making the task all the more difficult. However, in one of the best games of the year, both teams finished level on the score: Loughmore-Castleiney 0-14, Gortnahoe 1-11. In a great replay we won by a point.

In the county semi-final at Templederry we had a mixed display from the lads before running out 2-6 to 0-4 victors over Ballina and a place in the county final.

The final was played in Boherlahan on Saturday, October 1st, in good dry conditions, with Golden from west of the county our opponents. With our team giving a fine first-half display they held a five-point margin at the interval.

Fifteen minutes into the second half that lead was wiped out as our rivals forged ahead by a minor. However, Not to be denied that dearly-sought title, the lads lifted themselves into overdrive and in a magic last ten minutes ran out worthy 1-13 to 1-7 winners for Declan Laffan to lift the cup from the hands of County Chairman Seán Fogarty.

In the analysis of this victory one must compliment coach Eamonn Sweeney and fellow selectors Joe Grady and Frankie McGrath for their outstanding work in the preparation of this team, and with half the side in the minor ranks the victory is all the sweeter.



Loughmore-Castleiney Under-21 hurling panel, winners of the county "B" title by defeating Golden-Kilfeacle at Boherlahan. Back row (left to right) - Noel Morris, Noel Cahill, Donal Bolger, Tom Maher, Philip McGrath, Brian Webster, Damien Cullen, Tom Foy, Noel Kennedy, Declan Laffan (captain), Eamonn Seeneey (coach). Front row - Tommy ormond (injured), Kieran Webster, David Kennedy, Paul Ormond, John Gleeson, Ailbe Stapleton, Joe Danagher, David Sweeney, Ollie Ryan.



Presentation by Munster Council Chairman, Tom Boland, to Senior Long Puck winner Billy O'Loughlin - Doon, Limerick, and runner-up, Paddy McCormack - Thurles Sarsfields, Tipperary.

PLAQUE UNVEILED AT GAILE SPORTSFIELD (1933-1978)

ON A cold Sunday morning in January – warmed up, I should add, by the hospitality of the Mid Board – the then Mid Board Chairman Sean Fogarty unveiled a plaque at the entrance to the old hurling field in Gaile.

Present on the occasion were John Connolly of Ardmayle and Michael Craddock of Thurles, the only surviving members of the Boherlahan and Thurles Sarsfields teams who contested the first match in the sportsfield on April 29, 1933.

Present also to watch Fr. Feehan P.P. bless the plaque and say prayers for all the deceased members who took the field there over thirty-five years, were distinguished members of the Mid Board and of teams that had thrilled and excited followers in stirring and unstimulating contests over the years.

Mickey Byrne had his quip for the occasion that if the grove of trees were still there, they'd be skin and hair growing out of them!

The 1939 County final was played in



Photographed at the commemorative unveiling of a plaque at Gaile Sportsfield were (from left): John Connolly (Ardmayle) and Michael Craddock (Thurles) the only surviving members of the Thurles Sarsfields and Boherlahan teams who contested the first match in Gaile Sportsfield on 29th April 1933.



Photograph taken on the occasion of the unveiling of a commemorative plaque at Gaile Sportsfield.

Gaile and it saw an experienced Thurles Sarsfields side put a stop to the aspirations of Cashel King Cormac's side. According to 'Culbaire' among the best and biggest matches held there, attended by very big crowds packing sideline and pushing against barbed wire and sometimes hanging out of trees, were those of '43 and '44 between Sarsfields and Moycarkey.

Another great game was that between

Moycarkey and Holycross in the 1948 final. In between, Lorrha won their first ever County final, in junior hurling, when they beat Moycarkey in the 1946 final, played on another cold Sunday, November 23, 1947.

The days of hurling are gone from Gaile and the memories are fading but the plaque should ensure that they won't be forgotten.



This photograph from the 1971 All-Ireland final depicts John Flanagan winning an ariel dual with Kilkenny's Ollie Walsh.

G.A.A. PUBLICATIONS

by SEAMUS J. KING

The highlight of G.A.A. publishing the past year has to be *Maurice Davin: First President of the G.A.A.* by former G.A.A. President and Moneygall man, Seamus O'Riain.

Published by Geography Publications, which is owned by Dr. Willie Nolan of U.C.D. Geography Department and formerly of Ballinastick, it contains 236 pages of text and sixteen pages of excellently produced pictures and illustrations, which add enormously to the enjoyment of the book.

There is a review of the work by Marcus de Burca elsewhere in this Yearbook. Suffice for me to say that I would recommend it not only to anyone interested in the early history of the Association but to all who would like to know something about the social life of the period in the south of County Tipperary. The book will take its place alongside Tierney's 'Croke of Cashel' and de Burca's 'Michael Cusack' as essential reading for anyone interested in the lives of those who shaped the early years of the Association. It is to be hoped that the publication of the Davin biography at this time will bring to the notice of all the importance of the man and the terrible neglect he has suffered.

Perhaps it is worth noting in this regard that he is not remembered in any stand in Croke Park. Belatedly he was recognised in the naming of Áras Dáibhin. But a fitting gesture to his memory would be the naming of the Canal End after him when the redevelopment of Croke Park is completed.

Finally, the book is excellent value at £11.95. The reason for such good value is the subsidisation of its production by both Croke Park and the Munster Council. The Tipperary County Board are also to be complimented on their decision to purchase two hundred copies of the book in order to present one to every National School in the county.

ARRAVALÉ ROVERS

Another publication that nearly saw the light of day in 1994 was the Arravale Rovers Story. The best laid plans of Tom O'Donoghue did not just work out and the publication date is now gone back to the first half of 1995. In a way, the delay will better suit the book. 1995 will be the centenary of Tipperary's second football All-Ireland and the successful club team was, of course, Arravale Rovers.

It was the first All-Ireland to be played in Jones's Road and on the same day the famous Tubberadora won the first of their three All-Irelands. Tipperary is the only county to have won two senior All-Irelands on the one day.

Another interesting statistic is that two brothers played that day, one in football and the other in hurling. Jim and Paddy O'Riordan had that distinction. They hailed from Drombane and Paddy set up a



The launch of "Maurice Davin" (l-r): Pat Walsh, Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir; Mrs. Sheila Walsh; Mrs. Ryan, Moneygall; Seamus O Riain; Mrs. J. Davin, Dublin; Mr. John Davin, Dublin.



At launch of "Maurice Davin" by Seamus O Riain (l-r): Jerry Ring, West Secretary; Sean Fogarty, Co. Chairman; Tom O'Donnell, Co. Treasurer.

record in the hurling final that will hardly ever be equalled: he scored all Tipperary's score of 6-8! Against such a feat the achievement of Eddie Keher and Nicky English pale into insignificance! Much more beside will be found in this important book which will extend to over 400 pages and contain over 100 pages of photographs.

A NEWSLETTER

Kilsheelan club are to be complimented on a novel idea, the publication of a club

newsletter. I have two of them to hand that were produced during 1994. They each contain 4 pages, are properly printed and include text and pictures. One of them was produced in May and lists all the club officers and the draws for the South Tipperary championships. The other pages are full of useful information for members of the club. The second came out in October and was a kind of progress report on the club's achievements during the year. It appears a worthwhile exercise for any club and the costs don't appear to

have been prohibitive. Indeed there are a few advertisements scattered throughout both publications and they probably offset some of the cost.

"God Save Ireland" by Pat Slattery of Cahir has little to do with the G.A.A. The book was launched in Brú Ború in early November and it set out to expose the great decline of traditional values and moral standards that had befallen Ireland in the name of progress, liberalism, modernism and pluralism. I don't mention the book for that reason but rather for an

interesting tale the author told me.

Pat Slattery spent the first twenty years of his career in Dundalk as a senior official with the New Ireland Assurance Company. While in County Louth his love of hurling led him to play with Armagh and he was on the county team which won the Ulster championship in 1949. I checked out the story in the Armagh G.A.A. history and he's there in black and white in the photograph of the team on page 132. Others who 'helped out' in that year were friends of Pat's: Joe Haniffy from Galway,

Willie Rainsford of Kilkenny and Walter Lambert of Galway. They were all listed with Pat as playing for the Éire Óg club.

Armagh played Clare in the All-Ireland final (Home) in Armagh, on August 14. The teams were fairly evenly matched until the final ten minutes when Clare rammed in two goals to take the laurels. Jimmy Smith, then a minor, played with Clare, who were beaten by London in the final proper. Smith's medal that year was to be the only inter-county championship medal he won during his long career.

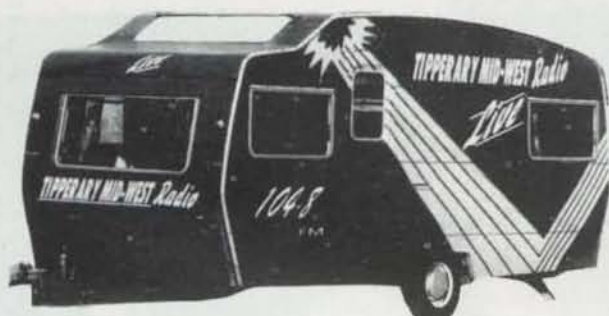


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G.A.A. affairs are alive and well in Gortnahoe/Glengoose

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The Gortnahoe/Glengoose minor hurling panel which won the county 'B' title by defeating Ballybacon-Grange at Boherlahan. Back row (l. to r.) Fergal Egan, Damien Byrd, P. J. Gleeson (captain), Leo Dufficey, Patrick Barnaville, Darren Coady, Pat Hickey, Stuart Perry, Niall O'Donoghue, Michael Purcell, Brendan Hogan. Front row: Paul Stapleton, Thomas Cooney, Christopher Dunne, Ger Hogan, Jason Lawlor, Finbarr Kelly, Philip Dooley, John Teehan, Eddie Lawlor, Ronan Stanley, Vincent Ryan.

When the historians are researching the achievements of Gortnahoe/Glengoose G.A.A. club, 1994 will undoubtedly be one of the years to be highlighted especially at underage level. The club won two Mid-Tipperary titles U-14 'C' and U-16 'C' in football. In hurling three Mid titles were captured at U-12 'B', U-16 'B' and Minor 'B' and the Minors had the added distinction of capturing the ultimate honour in their grade, the County Tipperary Minor 'B' hurling championship.

Gortnahoe/Glengoose began their championship campaign on the 6th July in Littleton, where we crossed hurls with Drom/Inch. Some wonderful points scored from play by Brendan Hogan early in the game settled the team, and even though Drom/Inch tried hard we went on to win on a scoreline of 1-10 to 1-4. Next on the list was J. K. Brackens, who had defeated this team two years earlier in the Mid U-16 final, and early in the game matters weren't looking too rosy for us, being 1-2 to no score in arrears but the team rallied well to draw level by half time. In the second half we seemed to be getting on top, but goals at crucial stages kept Brackens too close for comfort. At the final whistle we were glad to have our noses in front on a 2-11 to 3-7 scoreline.

This was followed by a game with

Moycarkey/Borris, when the team gave arguably their best performance of the year, to record a 1-16 to 1-3 victory, which qualified the team for a Mid final meeting with Thurles Kickhams. In the final played on Friday evening, August 26th at Holycross, a well organised Thurles outfit were fully intent on victory and when the half time whistle sounded it was anybody's game. This was when the selection committee proved their ability, by switching Brendan Hogan from centre-forward to midfield, John Teehan from midfield to centre-back and Chris Dunne from centre-back to centre-forward, they unlocked the Kickhams strategy and went on to win an exciting game by 1-13 to 2-8.

With little time for celebrations, half the panel were successfully involved in a Mid U-16 final two days later, the team prepared for a county semi-final meeting with North champions Newport the following weekend. The Tom Moylan led Newport outfit were favourites, but the pundits hadn't counted on a gritty spirited display from Gortnahoe/Glengoose. Goals from Finbarr Kelly and Eddie Lawlor in the first half sowed the seeds for victory and the game finished 2-5 to 0-7, in our favour. Next on the list was the big one the County Final, and all roads led to Boherlahan on Saturday, October 1st when our opponents would be Ballybacon/Grange. In a dogged first half, with Chris Dunne showing the class that earned

him his place on the county Minor hurling team, Ballybacon were only two points adrift, even though we looked the better team. The second half began with a Ballybacon point, at this stage we were a little apprehensive, but once the scores began to flow we were never in any danger. Some lovely scores were taken in that second half including three smashing goals from Finbarr Kelly, Chris Dunne and Stuart Perry. These goals really ended the game as a contest and Gortnahoe/Glengoose went on to win the match comfortably, on a scoreline of 3-16 to 0-6. Sean Fogarty, County Chairman, presented the Broderick Cup to a very worthy captain, both on and off the field, in P. J. Gleeson, amid scenes of unparalleled excitement. The selection committee of Michael Lyons, Martin Gleeson and Martin Lanigan (B) can feel justifiably proud of their achievement in training and coaching this team to Mid and County Minor titles. The successful team lined out as follows: Darren Coady; Niall O'Donoghue, P. J. Gleeson (captain), Jason Lawlor, Patrick Hickey, John Teehan, Philip Dooley, Brendan Hogan (0-3), Ronan Stanley (0-1), Stuart Perry (1-1), Christopher Dunne (1-10), Michael Purcell, Gerard Hogan (0-1), Eddie Lawlor, Finbarr Kelly (1-0), Thomas Cooney, Fergal Egan, Patrick Barnaville, Les Dufficey, Paul Stapleton, Liam Cleary, Vincent Ryan, Michael Campion and Damien Byrd.

The Tipperary All-Stars

Séamus O'Doherty

The All-Star Awards have been an integral part of the G.A.A. year, since their introduction in 1971. From that inaugural year until 1978, the scheme was sponsored by Carrolls. Since 1979, the Bank of Ireland has been the host.

In all, Tipperary men have accumulated 40 awards. Top of the hurling winners is Nicholas English with six awards. He is followed by Michael Cleary with four. Bobby Ryan, Pat Fox and the Roscrea duo of Tadhg O'Connor and Francis Loughnane have three each. The latter pair have the distinction of being selected on the first team in 1971, along with Mick Roche and Michael 'Babs' Keating. The county's best year was 1991, when 7 awards were won. Tipperary's award-winners are:

1971 – Tadhg O'Connor (No. 5), Mick Roche (No. 6), Francis Loughnane (No. 10), 'Babs' Keating (No. 11).

1972 – Francis Loughnane (No. 10).

1973 – Francis Loughnane (No. 10)

1975 – Tadhg O'Connor (No. 5)

1978 – Tommy Butler (No. 15)

1979 – Pat McLoughney (No. 1), Tadhg O'Connor (No. 4)

1980 – Pat McLoughney (No. 1).

1983 – Nioclás English (No. 10).

1984 – Nioclás English (No. 10).

1985 – Nioclás English (No. 10).

1986 – Bobby Ryan (No. 7).

1987 – Ken Hogan (No. 1), Aidan Ryan (No. 12), Pat Fox (No. 13), Nioclás English (No. 14).

1988 – Bobby Ryan (No. 7), Colm Bonnar (No. 8), Declan Ryan (No. 10),

Nioclás English (No. 14).

1989 – Conal Bonnar (No. 5), Bobby Ryan (No. 6), Declan Carr (No. 9), Pat Fox (No. 13), Cormac Bonnar (No. 14), Nioclás English (No. 15).

1990 – Noel Sheehy (No. 3), Michael Cleary (No. 10).

1991 – Paul Delaney (No. 2), Noel Sheehy (No. 3), Conal Bonnar (No. 5), John Leahy (No. 9), Michael Cleary (No. 10), Pat Fox (No. 13), Cormac Bonnar (No. 14).

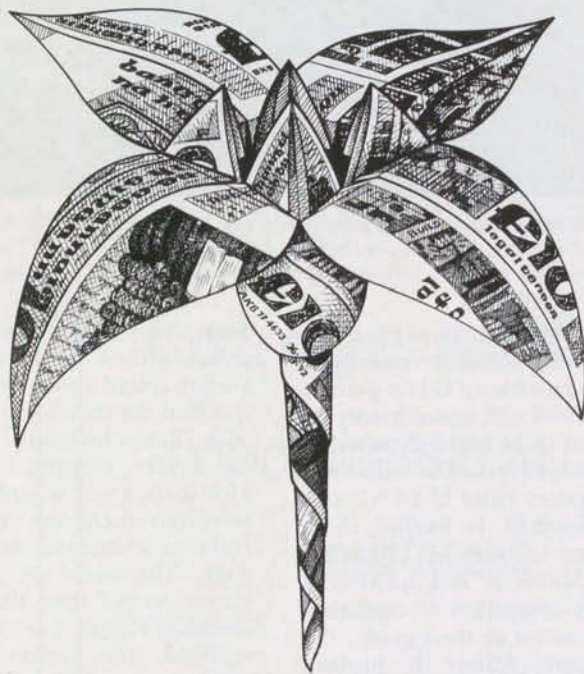
1992 – Michael Cleary (No. 12).

1993 – Michael Cleary (No. 13).

The hurling record holder is Noel Skehan (Kilkenny), who won seven awards between 1972 and 1983, including a five-in-a-row between 1972 and 1976.

The only other players to win five awards in-a-row are Pat Hartigan (Limerick) 1971-1975 and John Fenton (Cork) 1983-1987. Joe McKenna (Limerick) is in joint second place with Nioclás English (Tipperary), both of whom have won six awards. The only Tipperary recipients of the All Time All-Star awards for hurling were the late Tommy Doyle (1986) and Pat Stakelum (1993).

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The scheme was introduced by the Sports Editors of the National newspapers in 1958 and during the early years it was sponsored by Caltex.

Tipperary have produced eight winners since the awards were inception, namely: Tony Wall (1958), Liam Devaney (1961), Donie Nealon (1962), John Doyle (1964), Jimmy Doyle (1965), Michael 'Babs' Keating (1971), Nioclás English (1989) and Pat Fox (1991).

There have been three Hall of Fame awards given in hurling since 1960, and Tipperary's winner, John Doyle (1992) is one of a famous triumvirate, which also includes Christy Ring (1971) and Mick Mackey (1961).

An Teanga Seo 'gainne

Cúig chéad bliain roimh Chríost tháinig scoláirí ó ngach áit san Eoraip Cheilteach chun staidéar a dhéanamh in Éireann ar sheanchas agus ar fhilíocht na tíre. Duine mórluachach ab ea an file i saol na ndaoine mar thugadh sé treoir do dhearcadh an phobail, ní amháin in a threith chultúrach ach freisin in a sheasamh ar na ceisteanna poiblí. Chuaigh traidisiún na mBárd a chothaíodh ins na scoileanna seo i dtreise an feadh na céadta bliana go dtí gur fhulaing an córas dul an gcúl tubaisteach le teacht na Lochlannach i 795. Tháinig laige an-mhór an gcóras seo agus níor mhair scoileanna na mBárd ach ins na limistéir faoi smacht na dtaoiseach Gaelach.

Sa bhliain 1169 tháinig na Normannaigh go hÉirinn agus cuireadh furchóir na tíre faoi smacht arís, ach istigh de dhá ghlún bhí siad níos Gaeláí ná na Gaeil féin. Phós siad mná áitiúla agus thosaigh siad ag labhairt Gaeilge. Bhí air freisin ag an mBárd ins na caisleáin mhóra. Bhí ag eirí go maith arís le teanga agus cultúr na tíre ach thug an Reifirmiseán agus a thoradh buille marfach dóibh. Chreachadh an tír le saighdiúirí agus amhais Shasana. Dúnadh agus scriosadh na mainnisteacha agus scoileanna na mBárd, ionas nach raibh fágtha sa tír ach clíraí fánacha agus scoileanna scairte.

Tháinig Ré Dhorcha na nGael nuair a briseadh ortha i gCath Chionn tSáile 1601. B'shin deire le córas na gclann go deo. Bhí an tír bánaithe, a hanam cloíte agus gan le cloisint ach an Béarla. I 1649 tháinig Cromail agus na Maolchinn agus leanadh leis an t-uafás agus an brú ar an nGaeilge. Mhair rianta den thraidisiún Gaelach áfach in ainneoin na briúdlachta agus bhí cúirteanna filíochta go coitianta sa Mhumhan agus in Uladh. Chuir dánta na haoise seo in iúl dúinn éadóchas na tíre, tír a bhí brúite, ach le misneach nár cloíodh. Chuir filí mar Ó Bruadair, Ó Rathaille, MacCumaidh agus MacCraith cruachas na ndaoine chun suntais ina gcuid scríbhinn agus dánta.

I dtús an naoú aois déag ní raibh an Ghaeilge in úsáid ach in áiteanna bochta iargúlta. Ba é Béarla teanga na mBailte Poirt agus na bailte móra intíre. Bhí an Ghaeilge ag dul i léig i ndáiríre..

Cuireadh luas ar an léig seo le bunú na Scoileanna Náisiúnta i 1831. Ba í aidhm an Rialtais ná an cultúr Gaelach a stoitheadh go hiomlán agus ionannas Sasanach a chur in a áit. Bhí staid na Gaeilge go truamhéalach. I Rith na hama seo ach ní raibh coinne ag einne leis an uafás a bhí le teacht nuair a bhuail an Gorta an tír ó 1845 go '47. Banaíodh na ceantair bhochta agus taoscadh tobar an chultúir Ghaelach le bás is le imirce. Bhí an teanga i riocht an bháis faoin am seo

ach mhair sí go lagbhrioch go dtí gur tharla an mhíoriúl sá bhliain 1893.

Bunaíodh Conradh na Gaeilge agus tháinig rath ar staid na Gaeilge dá bharr. Bhí tionchar mór ag scríbhneoirí mar an tAthair Peadar Ó Laoghaire, Pádraig ó Siochradha (An Seabhac) Douglas De hÍde agus a lán mar iad ar imeachtaí an Chonartha. Bronnadh ar phobal na hÉireann teanga a bhí dearmadta acu. I 1906 ceadaíodh do theagasc na Gaeilge sna scoileanna sa Ghaeltacht. Bunaíodh an Ollscoil Náisiúnta i 1908 agus bhí Gaeilge mar ábhar ar an gCúrsa Léinn. Ó 1923 anuas chuir coimisiúin eágsúla an Rialtais béim ar fhorbairt na Gaeilge mar taiscumar na Gaeilge. Taobh amuigh den Ghaeltacht thug na coimisiúirí seo béalghrá don teanga agus néor rinneadh mórán rudaí deimhneacha chun í a chothú.

Moladh scéimeanna difriúla, mar shampla, Gaeilge riachtanach don statseirbhís agus dón Arm ach ní go maith a d'eirigh leo. Rinneadh iarracht ar chaighdeánú na teanga le tabhairt isteach an Chló Rómhánach i gcaipéisí oifigiúla. Go luath tar éis an dara Cogadh Domhanda cuireadh tús leis an Litriú Nua. Bhí gá mór le seo mar go raibh

litriú difriúla i ngach Cúige ar an bhfocal ceánna. Bhí an Litriú nua faoi lán seoil i 1972.

I láthair na huairé tá an Ghaeilge i staid mhaith in Éirinn. Gan dabht tá an dea thoil ann don teanga ach caithfear bealach réasúnta nua-aimseartha a eagrú di.

Tá radio na Gaeltachta ag cuidiú le leathnú agus forbairt na Gaeilge sa tír go léir leis na blianta anuas. Beidh Teilifís na Gaeilge á chraoladh go luath agus is i ceann de na bealaí cumarsáide is fearr le dul chun cinn a dhéanamh maidir le oideachas na teanga. Is cúis dóchais dúinn na scríbhneoirí Gaeilge a bhíonn ag plé le teamaí comhaimseartha. Tá neart irisleabhar á fhoilsiú trí Ghaeilge anois agus is iontach an rud é do teas na teangan. Caithfear riaradh ar an oíge leis na hirisi seo mar is ortha a bhraitheann todhchaí na Gaeilge.

Tá dea obair á dhéanamh ar fuaid na tíre an son na Gaeilge ach caithfimid bheith ar ár n-airdeall ar eagla go maolódh ár misneach. Tá sé de dhualgas orainn go léir an Ghaeilge a thiomnú don ghlún le teacht mar teanga bheo shláintiúil.

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Senior Hurling County Selectors – John O'Donoghue and Noel O'Dwyer



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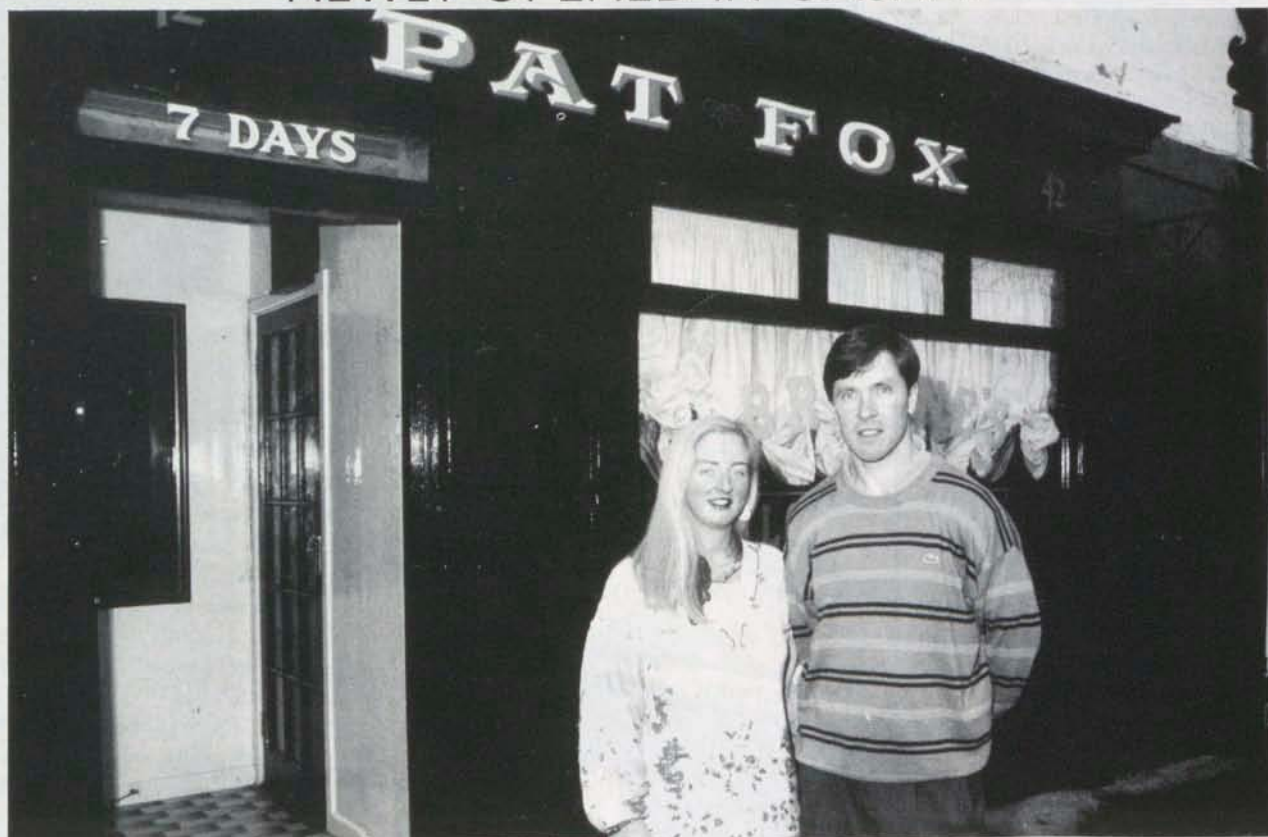
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Left to right: Paddy Russell, Emly; Tom O'Donnell, Co. Treasurer; Martin Condon, Chairman of Emly Club, presents the O'Carroll Cup to Paul O'Neill, Chairman of the West Board; Jerry Ring, West Secretary; Mick Frawley, Emly; Paddy Clancy, Emly.

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SOLO SINGING	Joan Breen (Golden/Kilfeacle)	Lattin/Cullen Deirdre O'Connell (Sean Treacys)	Clonoulty/Rossmore Mary T. O'Connell (Co.) (Sean Treacys)
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC	Cashel	Sean Treacys	Cashel (Co.)
NOVELTY ACT	Golden/Kilfeacle	Sean Treacys (Co.)	Sean Treacys (Co.)
QUESTION TIME	Cashel	Clonoulty/Rossmore (Munster Champions)	Lattin/Cullen (Co.)
RECITATION	Eileen Heffernan (Co.) (Cappawhite)	Cait O'Connor (Cappawhite)	Cashel
BALLAD GROUP	-	Cappawhite	Clonoulty/Rossmore
SET DANCING	Cappawhite	Cappawhite (Co.) (Munster Champions)	Sean Treacys

WEST TIPP. - WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP

WINNERS

S.H.C. Final	Cashel King Cormacs 1-16
S.H.C. Replay	Cashel King Cormacs 2-12
I.H.C.	Éire Óg 3-8
J.H.C. 'A' Final	Cashel King Cormacs 2-7
J.H.C. 'A' Replay	Cashel King Cormacs 2-8
J.H.C. 'B'	Rockwell Rovers 2-6
U-21 H.C. 'A'	Kickhams 4-6
U-21 H.C. 'B'	Golden/Kilfeacle 1-15
M.H.C. 'A'	Kickhams 2-10
M.H.C. 'B'	Aherlow 2-8
Crosco	Cashel King Cormacs 3-19
S.F.C. Final	Lattin/Cullen 0-10
S.F.C. Replay	Lattin/Cullen 2-19
I.F.C.	Aherlow 3-11
J.F.C.	Clonoulty/Rossmore 3-8
U-21 F.C. 'A'	Arravale Rovers 1-7
U-21 F.C. 'B'	Rockwell Rovers 3-12
M.F.C. 'A' Final	Aherlow 0-6
M.F.C. 'A' Replay	Aherlow 5-8
M.F.C. 'B'	Cappawhite 2-10
J.F.L.	Arravale Rovers
O'Donoghue Cup	Galtee Rovers 3-15

RUNNERS-UP

Clonoulty/Rossmore 2-13
Clonoulty/Rossmore 1-8
Lattin/Cullen 0-12
Clonoulty/Rossmore 2-7
Clonoulty/Rossmore 1-9
Cashel King Cormacs 0-6
Aherlow 1-8
Soloh/Éire Óg 1-8
Clonoulty/Rossmore 1-10
Galtee Rovers 1-3
Clonoulty/Rossmore 2-20
Galtee Rovers 0-10
Galtee Rovers 3-8
Kickhams 2-5
Rosegreen 2-4
Aherlow 1-6
Soloh/Éire Óg 0-3
Golden/Kilfeacle 0-6
Golden/Kilfeacle 2-9
Lattin/Cullen 1-6
Rosegreen
Lattin/Cullen 1-12

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E. O'Dwyer
T. Meehan
P. Cormack
P. Russell
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The Aberlow panel which won the County Minor Football title by defeating J.K. Brackens in the final at Cashel. Back row (l.-r.): Noel O'Brien, Michael Carey, Robert Shanahan, Morgan O'Connell, David Hennessy, Brian O'Sullivan, Billy Reardon, Lionel Leonard, Timmy Leonard, Mark O'Brien, Sean Moroney, Paul O'Brien. Front row (l.-r.): Philly Kiely, Thomas Hennessy, Peter Leonard, Mark O'Shea, Paul Kiely, Denis Grogan, Fergal Clifford (Capt.), Barry Leonard, Noel Clifford, James Noonan, Cathal O'Shea, Paddy Burke.



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Front (left to right) - Stephen Grisewood, Colm O'Neill, John English, Declan Costello, Paddy Quirke, Tony Quirke, John Tierney, Sean Ryan, Liam Ryan. Back (left to right) - Adrian Carmody, Brian O'Neill, Kenneth Dwyer, Eugene O'Neill, Michael McCarthy, Kieran Quinn, James Bourke, Tommy Jullian, Thomas Costelloe, Liam O'Connor, Pat O'Neill.



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KICKHAMS MINOR HURLERS - WEST CHAMPIONS

Front (left to right) - I John O'Brien, Adrian Crosse, Paddy O'Dwyer, Diarmuid Crosse, Brian Hourigan, Michael O'Brien, John McGrath, Bill Shannon, Paul Ryan, Owen Morrissey. Back (left to right) - Gerard Farrell, Fergal Hourigan, Fergal Morrissey, Stephen Ryan, P.J. Flanagan, Fergal Heaney, Adrian McGrath, Justin Crawley, Eamon Brown, Darren Kennedy, Philip Kinane, Kevin McGrath.



AHERLOW - WEST INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Back (left to right) - Michael Moroney, Tim Carew, Mark Leonard, Derry Peters, Sean Russell, Ger Kirby, John Ivorn, — O'Sullivan. Front (left to right) - Mark O'Shea, Luke Leonard, Liam Lewis, Denis O'Shea, Don Walsh, Conor O'Shea, Fergal Clifford.



EIRE OG - INTERMEDIATE HURLING CO. CHAMPIONS

Front row - Liam Mooney, Jacko Breen, Liam Ryan (S), Denis O'Dwyer, Donnacha Horan, Vincent Ryan (S), Kevin Fox, Michael Heffernan, Pat Fox, Gerard Griffin, Liam Hughes, Tim Heffernan. Back row - Curry Hanley, Anthony Crosse, Liam Gleeson, Liam O'Dwyer, John Kelly, Bill Burke, Michael Ryan, Michael Ryan (S), John Quinn, Donnacha Hughes, Donal Kelly, Vinney Ryan.



CASHEL - COUNTY S.H. FINALISTS AND WEST CHAMPIONS

Back row - Joe Minogue, Donal Ryan, Michael Minogue, Liam Barron, T.J. Connolly, Seanie O'Donoghue, Kevin O'Sullivan, Sean Morrissey, Willie Fitzell, Sean Barron, Pat O'Donoghue, John Ryan, Barry Moloney, Gerard O'Dwyer. Front row - Sean Slattery, Cormac Bonnar, Mascot, Seamus Morrissey, Raymie Ryan, Joe O'Leary, Colm Bonnar, Ailbe Bonnar, Michael Perdue, Michael Buckley, Declan McGrath.



ARRAVAL ROVERS - WEST U-21 F.C. 'A' CHAMPIONS, 1994

Front (left to right) - David Cleary, Alun Quinlan, Denis Crenmins, Mark Gleeson, Paul Malone, Stephen McGuire, Eoin Bresnan, Brian Moore, Shay Lynch. Back (left to right) - Donal Ryan, Kieran Flynn, Peter Gleeson, Mark Waldron, David Quirke, Kevin Jones, Graham Loneragan, Tony O'Sullivan, John Lacey, Rory Kissane.



ROCKWELL ROVERS - WEST J.H.C. 'B' CHAMPIONS

Front (left to right) - P. Heaney, J. Cooney, B. Moloney, J. Fitzgerald, E. O'Dwyer, T. Buckley, N. Heaney, C. Heaney, J. Heaney, D. Moloney, S. Moloney. Back (left to right) - Billy Smith, O. Hally, O. O'Gorman, J. O'Donnell, D. Moloney, S. Looby, J. J. Dudley, M. Moloney, C. O'Gorman (capt.), F. O'Gorman, M. Tobin, L. Donnelly.

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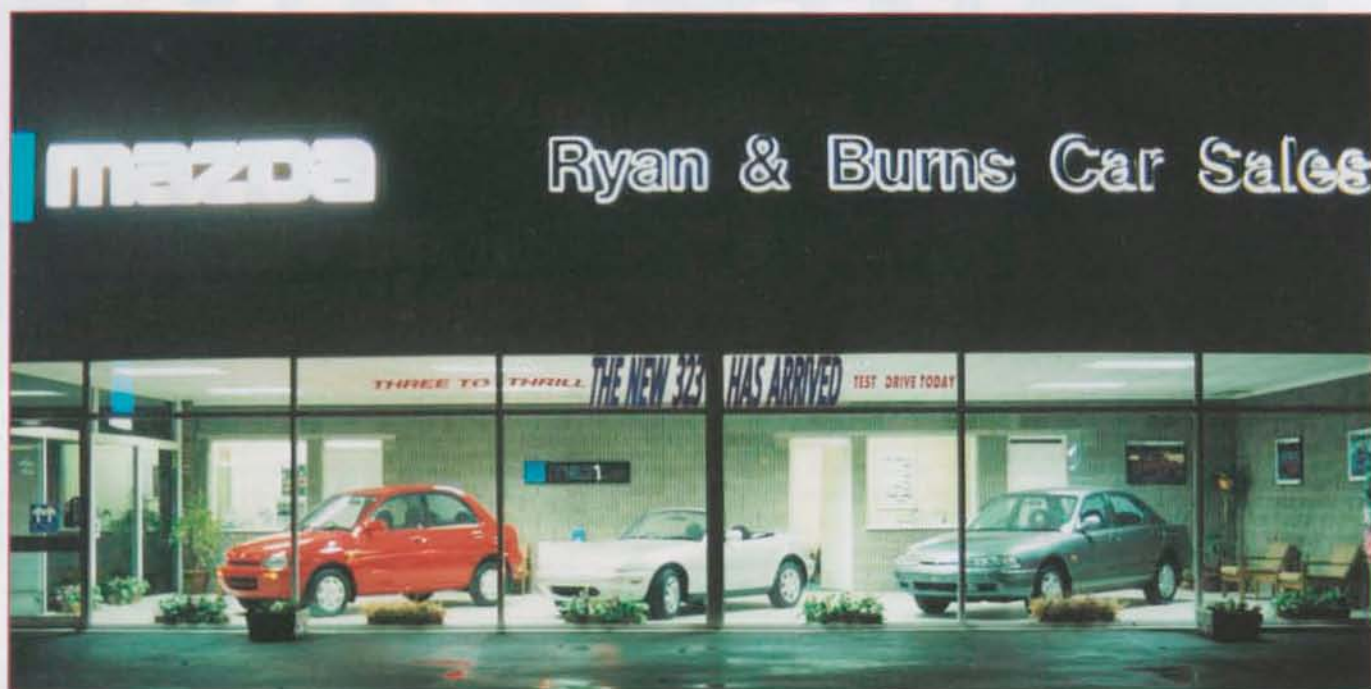


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LATTIN-CULLEN - WEST S.F. CHAMPIONS, 1994

Front (left to right) - Neilly Hassett, Kevin Kiely, Sean Dunne, Michael Martin, Brian Maguire, Ger Kiely, Paddy Morrissey. Back row (left to right) - Pat O'Halloran, Aidan Dwyer, Gerry Maguire, Eddie Morrissey, James Cunningham, Adrian Kiely, Pat Maguire, Nioclás English.



GALTEE ROVERS - O'DONOGHUE CUP S.F. WINNERS

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ROCKWELL ROVERS - WEST U-21 F. 'B' CHAMPIONS, 1994

Front (left to right) - D. Farrell, J. Heaney, P. Flanagan, C. Heaney, T. Buckley, D. Moloney, M. Moloney. Back (left to right) - G. McGurk, K. Flanagan, J. Hally, O. Hally, V. Peters, K. Moloney, A. Dwyer, V. Phelan.



Clonoulty-Rossmore Juveniles 1994 - K. Ryan, T. J. Ryan, J. Carroll, D. Aberne, R. Sadler, J. Carroll, C. Devane, L. Martin, D. Ryan, T. Burke, M. O'Sé, P. Coen, A. Kennedy, J. Ryan, J. Caplis, B. Flynn, C. Ryan, M. Heffernan, B. Flynn, C. Keefe, M. Kennedy, E. Slattery, P. O'Brien, P. Martin, D. Lacey, K. Ryan, L. Campion, J. Heffernan, T. Butler, M. Campion, S. Ryan, D. Kennedy, J. O'Gorman, P. O'Connor, P. Heffernan, S. White, M. Ryan, J. Devane, M. Ryan, A. M. Wade, M. Devane, H. Campion, S. Ryan, P. Sadler, D. Cross, L. Devane, J. White, S. Ryan, D. O'Dwyer, B. Ryan, B. Slattery, C. Lyons. Absent from photo: T. J. Ryan, M. Ryan, E. Dwyer, M. Fogarty, D. Ryan, D. Dwyer, F. Dwyer. All-Ireland finalists in Quiz Scór: J. Doyle, S. Ryan, T. Bourke.



CASHEL - WEST J.H.C. 'A' CHAMPIONS

Back row - Barry Moloney, Brendan Bonnar, Donal Ryan, Ger Quinlan, Michael Minogue, Joe Minogue, Tony Slattery, Ger O'Dwyer. Front row - Peter Fitzell, Gary Quirke, Declan McGrath, Joey Moloney, Niall Walsh, Sean Barron, Tommy Fitzgerald.



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April 1968 will go down in Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams history as the date the club came of age, by winning its first County final, beating North Champions Toomevara in the final.

Recent years have given great hope that we can look forward to an period where our supporters can again enjoy memories like those given in a very successful period during the '50's and '60's and also by that U/21 win in 1968.

Very recent success such as Minor and Intermediate have given great hope and we were hopeful in the not too distant past that U/21 panels would deliver.

Very good teams failed to do so. Therefore, even though we knew we had a fine panel for this year's Championship, the knowledge that they had gone down at minor level three years previously, and were now short 4 or 5 of that panel, did not inspire confidence. But all credit to the players themselves and those in charge. They set about the task at hand in a very workmanlike manner and trained hard under Gerry Cahill.

Having won their way through the West, they encountered arch rivals Aherlow in the Divisional Final and after a tough game emerged winners by a small margin.

This win set up a County semi-final

27-Year U-21 gap bridged

game with South champions, Killenale. The first game was a very close affair with the lads being lucky to gain a draw. The replay saw the panel in a far different frame of mind and they went about their task manfully and had a comprehensive win in New Inn. This game saw two of our team sidelined, and subsequently ruled out

for the decider against Mid champions, Boherlahan, who had dethroned the favourites, Nenagh Éire Óg.

The final with Boherlahan was fixed for Leahy Park, Cashel, and we travelled in hope more than in confidence. We knew the team would be more comfortable playing Boherlahan than most teams, since the players would know a lot more about them, having played with them in school.

The game never reached great heights but we were happy in the knowledge that the end result would be all that mattered. All through the game, encounters were close with both teams gaining the initiative at times. Thankfully, midway through the second half the lads edged ahead and, despite Boherlahan's best efforts, stayed there.

There were great scenes of excitement at the final whistle, with a 27-year gap finally bridged. We salute the team and all concerned.

For the record, the first team to win in 1969 was: C. Ryan, M. Morrissey, W. Ryan, D. Kennedy, S. Kelly, W. Morrissey, J. Ryan, C. Hayes, E. Browne, T. Touhey, D. Fahey, N. Taylor, C. Taylor, M. Morrissey, P. Taylor, P. Hanley, B. Whiteley, Vinny Ryan, Billy Ryan, Larry McGrath.

Eamonn de Brún



The Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Kickhams panel which won the county under-21 'A' hurling title by defeating Boherlahan-Duala in an exciting final at Cashel. Back row (l-r): Paul Morrissey, Ger Farrell, Michael O'Brien, Adrian Crosse, Seamus Hennessey, Clive Morrissey, Joe Shanahan, James McCormack, Jimmy Farrell, Aidan Heaney, Aidan McGrath, Diarmuid Crosse, Fergal Heaney, John O'Brien, Seamus Cussen, Bobby Alley. Front row - Oliver Ryan, John McGrath, Paddy Dwyer, Aidan Butler, Fergal Horgan, Brian Horgan, P.J. Horgan, Aidan Slattery (capt.), Vincent Bradshaw, John Cussen. Selectors: S. Bradshaw, J. McCormack, S. O'Brien.



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Bord na nÓg Review 1994

Tomás Ó Ceallaigh (Rúnaí)

An interesting statistic from the results of Bord na nÓg competitions during 1994 saw the county divided into two divisions with the Northern half, with the exception of Mullinahone at U-12 level, completely dominating the hurling competitions and the Southern half of the county having a clean sweep in the football competitions.

The year also saw some new clubs entering the winners enclosure with the very progressive Mullinahone club having a double victory at U-12 hurling and football. The year also saw the Cahir club break through in both the U-14 Rural football and U-16 A football competitions.

This year also saw the emergence of the Burgess club as victors in the U-16 'B' hurling competition along with hurling wins for those excellent clubs of Roscrea, Toomevara and Borrisokane.

The excellent U-12 team of two years ago from Galtee Rovers, continued to U-14 success in the rural football competition, with Clonoulty taking the U-16 B football competition. Drom-Inch were our representatives in the Féile na nGael with Fethard doing us proud in Féile na nÓg.

In the U-12 football competition we had excellent games in both semi-finals, where Galtee Rovers defeated Moyne-Templetuohy and Mullinahone defeated Eire Óg of Nenagh. In an excellent final, played in Cashel, Mullinahone overcame a powerful challenge from Galtee Rovers to take the football crown.

In the U-12 hurling semi-finals Toomevara overcame Clonoulty-Rossmore by the smallest of margins, while Mullinahone proved too strong for Dúrlas Óg in the second semi-final. In a powerful final, Mullinahone overcame Toomevara to take the crown at the second leg of an historic double.

In the U-14 U/R hurling semi-final Clonoulty overcame Ballingarry and Roscrea accounted for Féile na nGael winners Drom-Inch. In the final Roscrea made it three-in-a-row with a good win over West champions Clonoulty-Rossmore. In the U-14 Rural hurling Drom-Inch defeated Clonoulty-Rossmore and Borrisokane overcame Ballingarry in the semi-final. In the final played in Toomevara, Borrisokane - Knocknagowna overcame a spirited challenge from Mid champions Drom-Inch.

The U-14 football competitions saw some excellent games played, with the level of ability and skill on a par with that expected in any county. In the Rural football semi-finals, Galtee Rovers defeated Drom-Inch while Cahir had an easy victory over Kildangan.



West Bord na nÓg officers photographed at the launch of '94 Championship, sponsored by local business people. Front row (l. to r.) Seosamh Ó Duibhir (Rúnaí), James O'Donoghue (Life President), Denis Ryan (Chairman), Nicholas Lonergan (Treasurer), Back row (l. to r.) Liam O'Dwyer (Vice-Chairman), D. J. Carr (Registrar), Larry O'Keeffe (Vice-Chairman), Sammy Ryan (R.I.P.), former Bord na nÓg Representative on Tipp Mid West Sports Programme.

The final played in New Inn, was one of the best exhibitions of under-age football seen in this county for a very long time, with the Cahir boys snatching victory in the closing minutes from a very gallant Galtee Rovers fifteen. In the U/R competition Fethard defeated J. K. Bracken's and Galtee Rovers overcame Roscrea. The final played in bad weather conditions ended in a draw with Galtee Rovers taking the replay to continue the excellent work at U-12 level in 1992.

In the U-16 football A competition Cahir defeated Dúrlas Óg in one semi-final, while Cashel were victorious over Eire Óg, Nenagh and set up a meeting in the county final with near neighbours Cahir from the South Division. In a very good final Cahir added their name to the U-16 trophy which they last won in 1992. In the U-16 B football Clonoulty-Rossmore defeated Burgess and Moyne-Templetuohy overcame Carrick Swan. This final, which went to a replay, saw Clonoulty/Rossmore overcome Moyne-Templetuohy. In the U-16 hurling competition, Cappawhite overcame Holycross and Toomevara defeated Ballingarry. In the final Toomevara proved too strong for the West champions Cappawhite. In the U-16 B. hurling competition, Gortnahoe/Glengoole overcame Golden/Kilfeacle and North champions Burgess defeated Carrick Swan. In the final, played in Templemore, Burgess had a fine victory over a disappointing Gortnahoe/Glengoole side.

Féile na nGael this year was hosted by our neighbours Limerick and we had worthy representatives in Drom-Inch. We thank them and their host club Ahane. In the Féile na nÓg football competition we had proud standard bearers in the Fethard

club. In the Turas na nÓg competition, Roscrea won the coveted trip to this year's All-Ireland hurling final. Our thanks to County Senior Board for making this trip possible, by their allocation of stand tickets for the winners.

In the Garda Cup competition, once again sponsored by the Garda Social Club, Thurles, the football title was won by South Tipperary in an excellent competition, while the hurling competition saw West defeat Mid with North overcoming the South. The final of this competition saw victory for the North.

On the Inter-county scene, Tipperary once again took part in the U-14 Tony Forristal Tournament in Waterford, the U-16 Nenagh Co-op Tournament, the U-16 football tournament hosted by Bord na nÓg Lunní. The U-14 footballers took part in the Power Cup and Shield Blitz, in Stradbally, hosted by Waterford Bord na nÓg. While not as successful as other years our U-14s acquitted themselves well and thoroughly enjoyed the week-end, with their host club Tramore, to whom we extend many thanks. Also a special word of thanks to coach Jackie Walsh and fellow selectors Jim Hennessy, Tom Gleeson, Sean McLoughlin and Nicholas Lonergan.

The following was the Tipperary selection:
Damien Young (Drom-Inch), Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone), Noel Skehan (Dúrlas Óg), Leonard Ryan (Kildangan), Adrian Cleere (Ballingarry), Derek Davis (Cahir), Paul Stapleton (Drom-Inch), Kevin McCarthy (Golden/Kilfeacle), William Hayes (Roscrea), Sean Brennan (Ballingarry), Dan Hackett (Kildangan), Matthew Ryan (Drom-Inch), Dermot Gleeson (Ballina/Ballinahinch), Bert Flynn (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Niall Riordan (Dúrlas Óg), Tadhg Slevin

(Borrisokane), Trevor Fletcher (Roscrea), Gerard Morris (Borrisokane), Seamus Butler (Drom-Inch), Paul McGrath (Toomevara), Shane Grace (Borrisokane).

In the U-14 Football Blitz played at Stradbally the following was the Tipperary selection which won trophies:

Conor O'Donnell (Fethard), Brendan Waugh (Cahir), Ted McGrath (Arravale Rovers), John Farrell (Rockwell Rovers), Conor Martin (Clonmel Óg), Dan Hackett (Kildangan), Noel Browne (Ardfinnan), James Swords (Ballylooby), Kieran Quirke (Ardfinnan), Stephen Owens (J. K. Brackens), Michael McNamara (Nenagh), Michael Foley (Rockwell), Shane Kerins (Commercials), Stephen Flanagan (Holycross), Peter Kelleher (Clonmel Óg), Paul Tuohy (J. K. Brackens), Paudie Roche (Cahir), Tommy Connors (Kildangan), Michael Carroll (Fethard), Frank O'Meara (Mullinahone), Martin Peters (Rockwell), James Looby (Cahir), Tommy Ryan (Cappawhite), Aidan Fitzgerald (Fethard), Pat Norton (Ardfinnan), J. Duggan (Cappawhite).

Tipperary once again sent an U-16 football panel to take part in an intensive one week coaching course, in University College, Limerick, and sponsored by Munster Council. This is a very intensive course and the young footballers of Tipperary were on a par with the top footballing counties in Munster. The following players attended:

Mark Cummins (Arravale Rovers), Brendan O'Dwyer (Newcastle), Pat Nugent (Newcastle), David Peters (Commercials), Shane Malone (Commercials), Kevin Heaney (Rockwell), Paddy O'Donoghue (Clonmel Óg), Alan Cullinane (Newcastle), Tomás Keane (Fethard), Richard Walsh (Ardfinnan), Niall Cahill (Commercials), Frank Roche (Durlas Óg), Colm Quinn (Durlas Óg), Liam Delaney (Eire Óg Nenagh), Ger O'Gorman (Cahir), John Ryan (Commercials), Paul Cahill (Grangemockler), Declan Browne (Moyle Rovers), Gearóid Brett (Clonmel Óg), Keith Scanlan (Ardfinnan), Brian Coffey (Newport).

In the Nenagh Co-Op U-16 hurling competition, Tipperary showed considerable improvement from the U-14 team of two years ago, in Waterford. They were defeated in the first round by Waterford, but had subsequent victories over the Leinster teams of Kilkenny and Wexford. This put them into the semi-final, against hot favourites Galway and after a tremendous game, played in Adare, emerged victorious by a two points margin. In the final played in Semple Stadium, Thurles, Tipperary were up against a very good Clare team and after again giving an excellent display of hurling they recaptured the Nenagh Co-op Trophy last held in 1990 on the score of Tipperary 3-18, Clare 4-6. Our sincere thanks to Nenagh Co-op who once again sponsored this excellent tournament and for their generosity to both teams and officials, after the game.

The appointment of Phil Lowry, as coach early in the year, was an excellent



Denis Ryan (Chairman West Tipp Bord na nÓg) presenting Catriona Ryan with the football her late father used in his final game. The ball was signed by the Cashel K.C. and Aherlow players and selectors involved in the game. The presentation was made at the Bord na nÓg sponsored night at Brú Boru, Cashel.

choice and together with his fellow selectors they put a fine panel of players together, who improved with every outing. It is our wish that the County Senior Board would take this panel in hand, as there is a lot of talent there to work on for Minors both next year and 1996.

Our many thanks to Phil and his dedicated selectors: Vincent McKenna, Denis Ryan, Jimmy Hickey and Martin Treacy for all their work.

The following was the Tipperary panel:

Fergal Horgan (Kickhams), John Ryan (St. Mary's), T. J. Maher (Dúrlas Óg), Diarmuid Brislane (Toomevara), W. Hickey (Boherlahan), Nigel Cleere (Ballingarry), John Carroll (Roscrea), (captain), John Teehan (Gortnahoe/Glengoole), Sean Ryan (Cappawhite), Tomás Keane (Fethard), Michael Kennedy (Clonoulty/Rossmore), Michael Ryan (Templederry), Eugene O'Neill (Cappawhite), Aidan Doyle (J. K. Brackens), M. Maher (Ballingarry), Paul Ryan (Templederry), Declan Browne (Moyle Rovers), Eddie Carey (Mullinahone), Paddy O'Brien (Toomevara), John Fogarty (Holycross), Ronan O'Donoghue (Cashel), Mark Cummins (Arravale Rovers), Keelan Howard (Burgess), Tony Douglas (Roscrea), Paul Kelly (Mullinahone), Diarmuid Crosse (Kickhams), Nigel Carrigan (Ardfinnan), Francis Carr (Sean Treacy's), John Keane (Borrisokane), Noel Slattery (Burgess), Pdraig Hackett (Toomevara), Patrick Hickey (Gortnahoe/Glengoole).

In the U-16 football competitions organised by Bord na nÓg, Luimní. The following panel was selected:

Conor Durack (Fr. Sheehy's), Mark Cummins (Arravale), Shane Malone (Commercials), Colm Quinn (Ardfinnan), Alan Cullinan (Newcastle), John Ryan (Commercials), Fergal Condon (Commercials), Brian Coffey (Newport), Paddy O'Donoghue (Clonmel Óg), David Peters (Clonmel Óg), Niall Cahill (Commercials), Ronan O'Donoghue (Cashel), Michael Hartnett (Cashel), Wm. Hickey (Boherlahan), Tomás Keane (Fethard), Brendan O'Dwyer (Moyle Rovers), Declan Browne (Moyle Rovers), Richard

Walsh (Ardfinnan), Kieran Flaherty (Cahir), Ger O'Gorman (Cahir), Stuart Looby (Fethard), Kieran Heaney (Rockwell Rovers), Pat Nugent (Newcastle), Noel Clifford (Aherlow).

In their first round game, they played Kerry South Bórd na nÓg, in conjunction with County Senior Board, who once again organised a very successful coaching weekend, in Rockwell College. This year it was the turn of the U-14s of the county to attend and 40 players for hurling and 40 for football attended. This was a most productive weekend, with the young players applying themselves diligently to the task in hand. The Board had in attendance the top coaches available and it is hoped to have further sessions, for those players as a follow up and to monitor their progress. They have already been back on the October week-end and may have showed improvement.

Finally, it would not be fitting to let this review conclude without saying on behalf of County Bord na nÓg a tribute to the late Sammy Ryan. Sammy's sudden death left a sense of gloom throughout the county, coming as it did while refereeing a Bord na nÓg game, in his native Gaelic pitch in Golden. For many years Sammy was a devoted member of the County Board na nÓg, where he served with distinction. He also acted as gate checker and was our permanent representative on the County Scór committee. His honesty and integrity and his willingness to help out at all times, marked him as a true gentleman whose likes we will not see for a long time. His sudden passing was a tremendous shock to his family especially his daughter Catherine, to whom we offer our sincere sympathy.

Finally, on behalf of the County Board na nÓg let me say a special thanks to all those throughout the county work so hard to promote our Gaelic games. All divisional and club officers, field committees, referees, sponsors, my fellow officers in County Bórd na nÓg thanks for a good year. To the County Senior Board and its officers, many thanks for your help and co-operation at all times. A special word of thanks to the young players throughout, who play our games and provide so much entertainment.

County championship winners 1994:

	Hurling	Football
U-12	Mullinahone	Mullinahone
U-14 (R)	Borrisokane	Cahir
U-14 (U/R)	Roscrea	Galtee Rovers
U-16 (A)	Toomevara	Cahir
U-16 (B)	Burgess	Clonoulty
Féile na nGael	Drom-Inch	—
Féile na nÓg	—	Fethard
Féile Skills	Tadhg Slevin	Borrisokane
Poc Fada	James Swords	Ballylooby
Peadar Cummins		
Tournament	North	
Nenagh Co-op		
Tournament	Tipperary	
U-16 Garda Cup (Hurling)	North	
U-16 Garda Cup (Football)		South

NORTH TIPPERARY BORD NA nÓG REVIEW 1994

By Liam Hogan, P.R.O.

AFTER exactly 167 games (9 replays) and nineteen competitions, the North Tipp Bord na nÓg completed its programme in 23½ weeks, beginning on April 13th and ending on September 24. One very pleasing aspect from this year's games is that there were only three walk-overs given, which is a big improvement from other years.

Full marks must go to North Bord Chairman Connie Grace and Secretary Josephine Needham who kept the show on the road.

NORTH CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS 1994

HURLING

Grade	Winner	Loser	Venue	Ref	Date
U-12H. "A"	Toomevara	2-3 Monegall	1-3 Cloughjordan	Vince McKenna	Aug. 8
U-12H. "B"	Burgess	3-2 Borris-Ileigh	2-1 Moneygall	Martin Ahearn	July 8
U-12H. "C"	Silvermines	2-7 Portroe	1-2 Kilcolman	P. J. Cleary	Sept. 9
U-14H. "A" U-R	Roscrea	4-4 B'kane-K'she	3-4 Cloughjordan	Liam Hogan (S.R.)	June 27
U-14H. "A" R	B'kane-K'she	3-4 Toomevara	3-4 Cloughjordan	MI. Cahill	June 6
(Replay)	B'kane-K'she	4-6 Toomevara	3-9 Cloughjordan	MI. Cahill (A.E.T.)	June 30
(Replay)	B'kane-K'she	3-5 Toomevara	2-3 Cloughjordan	MI. Cahill	July 7
U-14 "B"	Burgess	1-2 Kildangan	0-2 Cloughjordan	John McDonnell	July 3
U-14 "C"	Portroe	2-4 Ballinahinch	0-3 Kilcolman	Martin Healy	Aug. 9
U-16H. "A"	Toomevara	1-12 Roscrea	0-8 Moneygall	Ger Hayes	Sept 6
U-16H. "B"	Burgess	4-8 Templederry	2-14 Nenagh	MI. Cahill	Sept 5
(Replay)	Burgess	3-6 Templederry	1-9 Nenagh	MI. Cahill	Sept 10
U-16 "C"	Silvermines	3-7 Portroe	3-3 Kilcolman	Dan Darcy	Sept 25

FOOTBALL

U-12 "A"	Nenagh	1-3 Roscrea	1-3 Toomevara	D. Shanahan	May 23
(Replay)	Nenagh	3-3 Roscrea	1-2 Toomevara	Tommy Ryan	May 28
U-12 "B"	Burgess received walk-over from Moneygall				
U-12 "C"	Templederry	1-2 Ballinahinch	0-1 Kilcolman	Frank Shanahan	July 11
U-14 "A"	Roscrea	2-6 Kildangan	1-5 Toomevara	Michael Lenihan	Sept 12
U-14 "B"	Kilruane	1-5 Ballina	1-3 Puckane	John Kissane	Aug 31
U-14 "C"	Silvermines	5-7 S. Rovers	2-2 Kilcolman	MI. Maunsell	Sept 24
U-16 "A"	Nenagh	2-5 Roscrea	1-7 Toomevara	Martin O'Leary	July 10
U-16 "B"	Burgess	3-9 Ballina	2-9 Puckane	Martin Darcy	May 22
U-16 "C"	S. Rovers	4-1 Templederry	2-6 Cloughjordan	Michael McGrath	July 13



BURGESS U-10 PANEL - MUNGRET HURLING TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS AND NEWPORT FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

Back row (left to right) - Conor Quigley (football captain), Noel Gleeson, Noel Kennedy, Noel McDonnell, Thomas Fogarty, Michael Seymour, Robert Cremin, John Barry and Fergal Ryan. Second row - Cian McDonnell, Jonathan Maher, Tony Scroope (capt.), Conor Mulcahy, Jonathan Ryan, Sean Darcy, Eoin Duggan and Ger Fogarty. Front row - Patrick Hogan, Tadhg Hogan, Cathal McGrath, Michael Mulcahy and Brian Tucker.



TOOMEVARA - U-12 "A" NORTH HURLING CHAMPIONS

Back row (left to right) - Conor Maxwell, David Kennedy, Michael Hassett, Thomas Maxwell, Conor Slattery, Ronan O'Neill, - Meara and Jason Hogan. Middle row - Alan Kinnally, William O'Meara, Francis Devaney, William Ryan, Shane Tynan, Patrick Kelly, Michael O'Brien and Robert Morrissey. Front row - Ger Cuddihy, Robert O'Neill, Damien Bentley, John O'Brien (capt.), Michael O'Meara, Kevin Mounsey, Liam Kennedy and Alan Sweeney.



SILVERMINES - NORTH U-12 "C" CHAMPIONS

Back row (left to right) - David Kennedy, William Powell, Michael McCarthy, Martin Ryan, John Brophy, Donal O'Brien, Alan Shanahan, Dan Steed and Pat Collins. Middle row - Billy Collins, Niall Kelly, P.J. Grace, Seamus Ryan, William Keogh, Alan Cunneen, John Egan and Cathal Gleeson. Front row - Alan Ryan (capt.), Michael Mealon, Damien Egan, Sean McDonnell, Eoin Quirke and Aidan Hudner.



BORRISOKANE-KNOCKSHEGOWNA - U-14 RURAL (HURLING) NORTH AND COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Back row (left to right) - Flan Larkin (selector), Garry Donnelly, Trevor Reid, Noel Reid, Robert Nevin, Eoin Larkin, Ger O'Donoghue, Anthony Gleeson, Brian Hogan (capt.), Shane Grace, Darren Browne, Ronan Guest, Mick O'Sullivan, Conor Darcy, Peter Browne (selector) and Tom Reddin (selector). Front row - Vincent McKenna (selector), Jamie Donnelly, Michael Kennedy, Shane Donnelly, Brian Egan, Josephy Cleary, Patrick Brennan, Timothy Joyce, Tadhg Slevin, Ger Morris, Niall O'Flaherty, Joseph Joyce, Graham McMahon and Darragh McKenna.



BURGESS – NORTH U-12 "B" HURLING AND FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Back row (left to right) – Thomas Hogan, Eoghan O'Donoghue, David Maher, Kevin McGrath, Alan Seymour, Michael Quinlan, Martin Hogan, Donal Hogan and Damien O'Brien. Middle row – Martin Fogarty, Conor Quigley, Eoin Hogan, Noel Gleeson, Cathal Hanrahan, Frankie Hogan, Tony Scroupe, Niall McGrath and Patrick Tucker. Front row – Sean Darcy, John Barry, Gerard Fogarty, Noel McDonnell, Conor Mulcahy, Eoin Duggan and Pat Quigley.



NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG – NORTH U-12 "A" FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Back row (left to right) – Kevin Flannery, Richard Carey, David Givens, Tom Moyle, Eamonn Hodgins, Keith Langton, Trevor Connolly, Peter Hynes, Eddie Kennedy, Sean Tanner, Kieran Hogan and John Paul King. Front row – Derek Corcoran, Robert Devery, David Hackett (capt.), Robert Ryan, David Devery, Garry Burke, John Dunlan, Patrick Fagan, Hugh Moloney and Sean McGrath.



ROSCREA – NORTH U-14 "A" FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS: URBAN/RURAL

Back row (left to right) – Trevor Fletcher, Kevin Garvey, Gerard Leamy, William Hayes, William O'Connor, Gavin Lynch, William Shanahan and Don Maher. Front row – Anthony Walsh, Brian Brussels, Colm Monahan, Brendan Ryan (captain), Paul Tynan, Stephen Moloney and Paul Brussels.



SILVERMINES – U-14 FOOTBALL "C" NORTH CHAMPIONS

Back row (left to right) – Michael McCarthy, Alan Archard, Brendan Timmons, Paul Sherlock, Gerard Kennedy, Ger Grace, Enda Bourke, Niall Horan, Ronan Gleeson, Vincent Forde, Jim Egan, Dawn Kennedy and Padraic Hanley. Front row – Damien Egan, Tim McLoughlin, Darragh Clifford, Seamus Gillick, Alan Ryan, Sean Forde (capt.), Conor Hannon, Brian Duignan, William McCarthy, William Keogh, Eoin O'Sullivan and Mark Shanahan.



NEWPORT UNDER-10 FOOTBALL TEAM – Bronze Medal winners in the National Community Finals at Mosney (August 1994).

Back row – Eoin Larkin, Mark Fitzgerald, Denis Butler, Eoin Carroll, Dermot Ryan, Conor O'Mahony, Ciarán McCabe, Eoin Shinnors, Vincent Moloney, Shane Egan. Front – Cathal Ryan, Philip O'Brien, Darragh Ryan, David Quinn, Ian O'Donovan, Christopher Doyle, Adrian Furber, Raymond Ryan, Michael Ryan, Kieran O'Sullivan.



TEMPLEDERRY – NORTH U-12 "C" FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Back row (left to right) – Seamus O'Leary, John Murphy, Patrick Ryan, Alan Ryan, Matthew Ryan (capt.), Niall Ryan, Padraig Ryan and Timmy Minogue. Front row – Sean Ryan, Thomas Coughlan, Diarmuid Corcoran, T. J. Fahy, John Harkins, Eugene Foley and Patrick Ryan. This was Templederry's first ever championship win in football.



KILDANGAN – U-14 NORTH RURAL FOOTBALL REPRESENTATIVES

Back row (left to right) – John Collins, Liam Slattery, Thomas Clarke, Hughie Flannery, Ger Slattery, Diarmuid McCarthy, Dan Hackett, Paul Fairavan, Martin Nolan, Leonard Ryan. Middle row – David Coen, Carl Horan, Garry Corcoran, Tommy Connors, William Whyte, Ger Slattery, Liam Kelly, Eric Kirwan, Paul Hannon. Front row – Ger Quinn, Sean Gleeson, Brian Fox and Noel McGrath.



NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG – NORTH U-16 "A" FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Back row (left to right) – Eoin O'Connor, John Slattery, David Fitzpatrick, Liam Delaney, Darragh Breen, Hugh Flannery, David Burke, Richard Flannery, Thomas Maher, Aidan Monagle and Aidan Herlihy. Front row – Michael Hackett, Michael McNamara, Enda Kissane, Anthony Quinn (capt.), John Flannery, Noel Tomlinson, Graham Mitchell, Eddie Kennedy, Michael Ryan and John Kissane (trainer).



SHANNON ROVERS - U-16 "F" ROINN C WINNERS

Back row - Paul O'Meara, Michael Hourigan, Conor Quinlan, John Casey, Niall Leenane, Padraic Cabalane, Ger Stack (C), Mike Hough, Brendan Cormican, Tomás Cleary. Front row - Gerry Cormican, Willie Donoghue, Ray Burke, Sean Dwyer, Liam Gorman, Fergus Nevin, Niall Cabalon, John Barry, Adrian Whelan, Michael Comerford.



BURGESS - NORTH U-14 "B" HURLING CHAMPIONS AND NORTH PEIL FÉILE NA nÓG WINNERS

Back row (left to right) - Alan Seymour, Timmy Hogan, Austin Hogan, Shane Maher, Brian Hogan, Paul Seymour, Jason Seymour, Eoin Buckley, John Scroupe, Brian Duggan and Colm O'Brien. Front row - Sheena Howard, Michael Crowe, Brian McGrath, Patrick Ryan, Patrick Mulcahy, Cathal Hanrahan, Liam Hogan, Padraig McDonnell, Michael Fogarty, Niall McGrath and David Maher.



PORTROE - NORTH U-14 "C" CHAMPIONS

Back row (left to right) - Seamus Brerton (selector), Kevin Ryan, Derek Hennessey, Darren Gleeson, Liam Shinnors, Joe Quinn, Colman Shouldice, Michael Donnellan, Andrew Meaney, Danny Flynn and Tom Gleeson (selector). Front row - William Delahunty, Cathal Ryan, Shane Creamer, Eddie Lawlor, Patrick Conroy (captain), Raymond Cottrell, Padraig Hickey, Nicky Ryan and Michael Moloney. Missing from photo: Dermot O'Halloran and Jonathan Hogan.



BURGESS - U-16 NORTH AND COUNTY HURLING "B" CHAMPIONS AND NORTH FOOTBALL "B" CHAMPIONS

Back row (left to right) - Garrett Howard, Noel Slattery, David Conway, Kevin McDonnell, Peter Carroll, James Slattery, Sean Hogan, Fergal McDonnell, Michael Carmody, Paul Hogan and John Scroupe. Front row - Brian McGrath, Timmy Hogan, John Gleeson (football captain), Jonathan Meaney, Brian Hogan, Keelin Howard (hurling captain), Brian Duggan, Fergal McDonnell, Shane Maher and Padraig McDonnell. Sean Kelly and Colm O'Brien were in the football panel.



ROSCREA - UNDER-14 HURLING "A" NORTH AND COUNTY CHAMPIONS



NORTH TIPPERARY U-14 HURLING TEAM WHICH DEFEATED SOUTH TIPPERARY IN THE PEADAR CUMMINS TOURNAMENT

Back row (left to right) - Kevin Cummins, Eoin Larkin, Shane Grace, Trevor Fletcher (capt.), Ger Morris, Aaron Devane, Michael McNamara, Brendan Timmons and Colman Shouldice. Front row - Dan Hackett, Tadhg Slevin, Paul McGrath, Brian Hogan, Leonard Ryan and Shane Maher.



TOOMEVARA - NORTH AND COUNTY U-16 CHAMPIONS

Back row (l. to r.) - Paul McGrath, Martin Ryan, Thomas Hasett, Tony Delaney, Andrew Ryan, Dermot Haverty, Noel Cummins, Colwyn Martin (capt.), Dermot Brislane, Stephen O'Meara, Andrew Ryan, James O'Meara and Brian McGrath. Front row - Thomas Ryan, Michael Kelly, Benny Dunne, Paddy O'Brien, Barry Dunne, Brian Duff, Padraig Hackett, Patrick McGrath, John Meagher, Ashley Comerford and Ken Hall.



SILVERMINES - NORTH U-16 "C" CHAMPIONS

Back row (left to right) - Eoin Steed, Timmy Kelly, Cian Ryan, Stephen Kennedy, Darragh Hudner, Denis McLoughney, Henry Sheehan, Joe Gleeson, Donal Keogh and Mark Bourke. Front row - Shane Egan, Ollie Sheehan, Eamonn Mulqueen, Thomas Sheary, Seamus Forde, Sean O'Brien (capt.), Brendan Timmons, Raymond Boland and Mark Dunlea.

South Tipp. Bord-na-nÓg

By: PATSY O'HALLORAN

SCÓR-NA-nÓG

<i>Céili Dancing</i>	NEWCASTLE
<i>Solo Singing</i>	ARDEINNAN
<i>Instrumental Music</i>	FR. SHEEHY'S
<i>Novelty Act</i>	NEWCASTLE
<i>Question Time</i>	BALLINGARRY
<i>Ballad Group</i>	ST. PATRICK'S
<i>Recitation</i>	NEWCASTLE
<i>Set Dancing</i>	NEWCASTLE

SCÓR-NA-PAÍSTÍ

<i>Céili Dancing</i>	No Competition
<i>Solo Singing</i>	GRANGE
<i>Instrumental Music</i>	BURNCOURT
<i>Novelty Act</i>	BALLYLOOBY
<i>Question Time</i>	DRANGAN
<i>Ballad Group</i>	CAHIR
<i>Recitation</i>	LISRONAGH
<i>Set Dancing</i>	DRANGAN

COMPETITION	WINNERS	RUNNERS-UP	VENUE	REFEREE
U-12 Football (A)	MULLINAHONE*	Killenaule	Cloneen	John Harrington
U-12 Football (B)	SWAN	Fr. Sheehy's	Marlfield	P. J. Hassett
U-12 Football (C)	KILSHEELAN	Newcastle	Ardfinnan	Christy Aylward
U-14 Football Rural	CAHIR*	Fethard	Clonmel	Sean Quirke
U-14 Football U/Rural	FETHARD	Ardfinnan	Marlfield	T. J. Corby
U-14 Football (B)	SWAN	Mullinahone	Clonmel	M. Kennedy
U-14 Football (C)	BALLYPOREEN	Davins	Marlfield	Sean Quirke
U-16 Football (A)	CAHIR*	Ardfinnan	Clonmel	P. J. Hassett
U-16 Football (B)	SWAN	Moyle Rovers	Kilsheelan	Nicky Coughlan
U-16 Football (C)	NEWCASTLE	Clonmel Óg (B)	Ardfinnan	Fran O'Leary
U-12 Hurling (A)	MULLINAHONE*	Killenaule	Cloneen	Michael McCormack
U-12 Hurling (B)	BALLYLOOBY	Newcastle	Ardfinnan	F. O'Leary
U-12 Hurling (C)	KILSHEELAN	St. Patrick's	Monroe	J. Morrissey
U-14 Hurling Rural	BALLINGARRY	Cahir	Monroe	Charlie Boland
U-14 Hurling U/Rural	BALLINGARRY	Killenaule	Cloneen	John Harrington
U-14 Hurling (B)	SWAN	Fethard	Kilsheelan	P. J. Hassett
U-14 Hurling (C)	BALLYLOOBY	Fr. Sheehy's	Marlfield	Christy Aylward
U-16 Hurling (A)	BALLYBACON/GRANGE	Cahir	Clogheen	Christy Aylward
U-16 Hurling (B)	SWAN	Mullinahone	Kilsheelan	Seamus Roche
U-16 Hurling (C)	MOYLE ROVERS	Newcastle	Marlfield	Maurice Kennedy
Poc Fada	JAMES SWORDS (Ballylooby)			
Skills	SEAN BRENNAN (Ballingarry)			

(* Denotes County Champions)



CAHIR - Winners of U-16 County 'A' Championship

Back row (from left): Padraig Hyland, Conor Hyland, Paul Kearney, John Guthrie, Brian Dolan, Vincent Moloney, Tommy Howley, Darren O'Keeffe, Joey Moloney, Benny Hickey, Ciaran O'Flaherty, Richie O'Connor, Michael Browne. Front row (from left): Kenneth Burke, Gerard O'Gorman, Brian Frazer, Robbie Halley, Brendan O'Flaherty, Niall Morrison, Nigel Grufferty, Garvan Queaney, Paul Conway, Liam Kiely, John Paul O'Gorman.

Mid Tipperary Bord na n-Óg

BORD OFFICERS:

President: Fr. O'Rourke, P.P. – Gortnahoe.
Chairman: Bill Corcoran – J.K. Bracken's.
Vice-Chairman: Paudie Butler – Drom-Inch.
Secretary: Tom Joyce – Holycross.
Treasurer: Frank Morris – J.K. Bracken's.
P.R.O.: Joe Moran – Moycarkey.
Delegate to Mid Senior Board: Martin Treacy – Holycross.
Delegates to County Bord na n-Óg:
 Frank Morris – J.K. Bracken's; Dominic Everard – Moyne.

SPONSORS:

Thurles Credit Union sponsored our U/16 A Hurling Championship.

CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS 1994:

	Winners	Runners-up
U/12 Football		
Section A (after Replay)	Moyne .....2-5	Durlas Óg .....0-6
Section B	Loughmore .....2-6	Holycross .....0-1
Section C	Upperchurch .....1-5	Clonakenny .....1-2
U/12 Hurling		
Section A	Durlas Óg .....3-2	Moycarkey .....1-2
Section B	Gortnahoe .....2-7	Moyne .....1-6
Section C	Upperchurch .....3-6	Clonakenny .....3-4
U/14 Football		
Section A	J.K. Bracken's .....1-14	Drom .....1-5
Section B	Moyne .....1-8	Boherlahan .....0-2
Section C	Gortnahoe .....4-7	Clonakenny .....2-3
Rural Football	Drom .....1-7	Moycarkey .....1-3
Rural Hurling	Drom .....3-8	Moycarkey .....1-5
Féile na nGael	Drom .....2-5	Durlas Óg .....1-4
U/14 Hurling		
Section A	Drom .....2-8	Durlas Óg .....2-4
Section B	J.K. Bracken's .....2-10	Gortnahoe .....1-8
Section C	Upperchurch .....4-14	J.K. Bracken's B .....1-5
U/16 Football		
Section A	Durlas Óg .....1-9	J.K. Bracken's .....1-8
Section B	Moyne .....2-11	Boherlahan .....1-7
Section C	Gortnahoe .....3-9	Clonakenny .....2-1
U/16 Hurling		
Section A	Holycross .....2-7	Durlas Óg .....1-9
Section B	Gortnahoe .....2-8	J.K. Bracken's .....2-2
Section C	Upperchurch .....1-3	Clonakenny .....1-2
Long Puck Winner	Evan Long – Durlas Óg.	
Féile Skills Winner	Colm Ryan – Moycarkey.	

County Bord na n-Óg this year decided to bring 40 of the top hurlers and footballers to Rockwell College for special coaching. The following Mid players participated.

Hurling			
Simon Everard	.....Moyne	Damien Young	.....Drom
Frank Mockler	.....Durlas Óg	Mattie Ryan	.....Drom
Niall O'Riordan	.....Durlas Óg	Paul Fogarty	.....Holycross
Noel Skehan	.....Durlas Óg	Leo Hickey	.....Boherlahan
Paul Stapleton	.....Drom		
Padraig Butler	.....Drom	Football	
		Hugh O'Reilly	.....Gortnahoe
		Kevin Shortall	.....Moycarkey
		Brendan Crawford	.....Moycarkey
		Stephen Owen	.....J.K. Brackens
		Paul Tuohy	.....J.K. Brackens
		Stephen Flanagan	.....Holycross
		Liam Everard	.....Moyne
		Joe Lloyd	.....Moyne



Photograph shows some of the boys who took part in the Mid Tipperary section of the GAA Summer Camp in Thurles. Front row (left to right) – Kieran O'Toole, Hollyford; Keith Holohan, Gortnahoe; David Moran, Drom; Liam Grant, Ballinure; Paul Collins, Drom; P. J. Gorman, Boherlahan. Middle row – Tom King, Loughmore; John Ryan, Leugh; Matthew Macklin, Ballingarry; Thomas O'Halloran, Inch. Martin Joe Murray, Clonakenny; Paul O'Brien, Templemore; Michael Cahill, Templemore; P. J. Campion, Gortnahoe. Back row – Kevin Mulryan, Templemore; Dara Hayes, Dublin; Declan Bolger, Loughmore; Gearóid Byrne, Roscrea; Jackie Walsh, one of the coaches of the Summer Camp; Jim Tierney, Templemore; Brendan Corcoran, Templemore; Eamonn Buckley, Inch; Philip Coman, Boherlahan.



Photograph taken at Mid Bórd na Óg function to present medals to captains of teams who won Mid finals during the year. Front row – Matthew Ryan, Upperchurch-Drombane captain; Mark Sheehan, inter-county footballer who presented the football medals; Frank Morris, Mid Bórd na nÓg treasurer; Bill Corcoran, Mid Bórd na nÓg chairman; Michael Ryan, inter-county hurler who presented the hurling medals; Tom Joyce, Mid Bórd na nÓg secretary; Tom Quinlan, Upperchurch-Drombane, captain. Middle row – Aidan Dundon, Durlas Óg; John Guilfoyle, Gortnahoe-Glengoose; Stephen Everard, Moyne-Templemore; Liam Kennedy, Drom-Inch; John Sweeney, Moyne-Templemore; Alan Tierney, Upperchurch-Drombane; Shane Kennedy, Drom-Inch; William Ryan, Drom-Inch; all captains of Mid final winning teams. Back row – Stephen Owens, J. K. Brackens; Eugene Fitzgerald, Gortnahoe-Glengoose; Loe Dufficey, Gortnahoe-Glengoose; Darren Coady, Gortnahoe-Glengoose; Thomas Costigan, Moyne-Templemore; Benny Fogarty, J.K. Brackens; Padraig O'Dwyer, Durlas Óg; Donal Carey, Upperchurch-Drombane, all Mid final winning captains.



The Holycross-Ballycabill under-16 hurling panel which won the Mid final by defeating Durlas Óg at The Ragg. Back row (left to right) – Seamus Doyle, Robert Quinlan, Brendan O'Dwyer (captain), Ronan Ryan, Paul O'Dwyer, John Ferncombe, Peter O'Donoghue, John Bourke, Tim Morrissey, Eoin Hassett, Denis McCullagh, Eamonn Ryan, Michael Hayes. Front row – Kevin Ryan, Noel Ryan, Brian Ryan, Gary Loughnane, Paul Gould, Patrick Ryan, Mark Fogarty, John Fogarty, J.P. Buckley, Gary Byrne, Paul McGrath, Liam Judge.

Bórd na nÓg Tiobraid Árann Thiar '94

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West Senior Board Rep.

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Liam O'Dwyer

Lar O'Keeffe

Seosamh Ó Duibhir

Nicholas Lonergan

D. J. Carr

Seosamh Ó Duibhir

Denis Ryan

Denis Ryan

Seosamh Ó Duibhir

Liam O'Dwyer

D. J. Carr

Arravale Rovers

Clonoulty-Rossmore

Éire Óg

Solohead

Caiseal Rí Cormaic

Solohead

Golden-Kilfeacle

Caiseal Rí Cormaic

Clonoulty-Rossmore

Clonoulty Rossmore

Caiseal Rí Cormaic

Éire Óg

Golden-Kilfeacle

Bórd na nÓg West Finals '94

U-16 A HURLING (Sponsor: Allied Irish Bank Tipperary)

Winners

Cappawhite 3-14

Runners-up

Cashel King Cormacs

2-5

Referee

Eamon Browne (Kickhams)

U-16 B HURLING (Sponsor: Centenary Co-op)

Golden-Kilfeacle 2-5

Knockavilla Kickhams

1-7

Eamon O'Dwyer (Rosegreen)

U-16 C HURLING (Sponsor: P.J. Byrne's Hardware)

Emly 2-11

Rockwell Rovers

2-3

Paddy Lonergan (Galtee Rovers)

U-14 URBAN-RURAL HURLING (Sponsor: Afri-Cola) **Replay:**

Clonoulty-Rossmore 4-6

Galtee Rovers

2-2

John Ryan (Cashel King Cormacs)

U-14 RURAL HURLING (Sponsor: Corrib Minerals)

Clonoulty-Rossmore 2-9

Galtee Rovers

3-1

Eamon Browne (Kickhams)

U-14 B HURLING (Sponsor: Friar Street Fryer (Cashel))

Lattin-Cullen 5-3

Éire Óg

1-3

John Moloney (Galtee Rovers)

U-12 A HURLING (Sponsor: Gleeson Concrete Ltd.)

Clonoulty-Rossmore 3-2

Kickhams

2-4

John Moloney (Galtee Rovers)

U-12 B HURLING (Sponsor: Tipperary Co-op.)

Cappawhite

Emly

Liam O'Dwyer (Éire óg)

U-16 A FOOTBALL (Sponsor: Allied Irish Bank, Tipperary) **Replay:**

Cashel K. Cormacs 0-13

Cappawhite

1-7

Paddy Lonergan (Galtee Rovers)

U-16 B FOOTBALL (Sponsor: John Quirke, Jeweller [Cahir])

Clonoulty-Rossmore 3-18

Rockwell Rovers

1-8

Eamon O'Dwyer (Rosegreen)

U-16 C FOOTBALL Sponsor: Cashel Credit Union

Solohead 2-11

Rosegreen

1-7

Paddy Russell (Emly)

U-14 URBAN-RURAL FOOTBALL (Sponsor: Tipperary Credit Union)

Galtee Rovers 2-5

Arravale Rovers

1-5

Tom Meehan (Cashel K. Cormacs)

U-14 RURAL FOOTBALL (Sponsor: Noel Browne Bus Hire, Bansha)

Galtee Rovers 4-4

Clonoulty-Rossmore

0-9

Con O'Sullivan (Arravale Rovers)

U-14 B FOOTBALL (Sponsor: Shamrock Farm Enterprises Ltd.)

Aherlow 1-8

Rockwell Rovers

2-2

Sean Toomey (Arravale Rovers)

U-12 A FOOTBALL

Galtee Rovers 5-7

Arravale Rovers

2-1

Denis Fitzgerald (Cashel K. C'macs)

U-12 B FOOTBALL

Lattin-Cullen 5-3

Rosegreen

2-7

Denis Fitzgerald (Cashel K. C'macs)

U-12 C FOOTBALL (Sponsor: Irish Permanent Building Society (Tipperary))

Cappawhite 6-3

Éire Óg

2-3

Nicholas Lonergan (Solohead)

U-12 FOOTBALL SHIELD

Golden-Kilfeacle 3-4

Cashel King Cormacs

2-4

John Moloney (Galtee Rovers)

U-11 FOOTBALL BLITZ (Sponsor: Friends of Tipperary Football)

Clonoulty-Rossmore

Rosegreen

FÉILE NA nGAEL U-14 HURLING (Sponsor: Coca-Cola)

Clonoulty-Rossmore 2-8

Cappawhite

0-0

Paddy Lonergan (Galtee Rovers)

FÉILE NA nÓG U-14 FOOTBALL

Galtee Rovers 6-4

Cappawhite

0-0

Sean Toomey (Arravale Rovers)

U-15 GARDA CUP - FOOTBALL

Arravale Rovers 3-14

Cappawhite

2-4

Con O'Sullivan

U-13 GARDA CUP - HURLING

Kickhams 2-7

Galtee Rovers

2-3



Munster Council representatives Liam O'Dwyer (left) and Michael McCarthy relaxing before entering Croke Park for the All-Ireland Hurling Club Championship final between Toomevara and Sarsfields (Galway).



Jerry Ring, West G.A.A. Secretary, awaits the action to begin.



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Richard Barry, outgoing Chairman of West Bórd na nOg, receives appreciation award from Denis Ryan, incoming Chairman.



A group of girls who played Camogie at Camp Tipperary



AHERLOW - U14B WEST FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Front (left to right) - Fergal Dineen, Brian Moroney, Daniel O'Connell, Ivor Williamson, Billy Donovan, Johnny Reynolds, Patrick Hennessy, Shane Leonard, Declan Kiely, Robert Hennessy, Jerome O'Brien. Back (left to right) - Damian Meade, Brid Hayes, Anita O'Brien, Marie O'Donovan, Denis O'Brien, Liam O'Brien, Michael Murphy, Sean Hennessy, Tommy Russell, Leo Leonard.



WEST TIPPERARY U-16 PANEL IN MUNSTER FINAL V. CORK

Front row (left to right) - Denis Grogan, Aidan Fogarty, Diarmuid Crosse, Michael Kennedy, Cathal O'Shea, Oliver Carr, Cormac O'Dwyer, John Peters, Sean Carr, Mark Cummins. Back row (left to right) - Denis Ryan (selector), James Ryan, Fergal Horgan, Freddie Coffey, Sean Ryan, Ronan O'Donoghue, Francis Carr, Eugene O'Neill, John Aikens, Michael Carey, Tomás Fogarty, Thomas Costelloe, David Browne, Ger O'Neill (trainer), Tommy Kelly (selector).



Photograph shows some of the coaches and speakers who attended the GAA Under-14 hurling and football residential course at Rockwell College (left to right) - Colm O'Flaherty (coach), Jim O'Donnell (coach), John Peters, Galtee Rovers; Seán Mockler, Chairman, County Football Board; Seamus McCarthy (coach); John Moloney (speaker) and Tommy Kelly, Secretary, County Board na nOg.



LATTIN-CULLEN U-12 B FOOTBALL WEST CHAMPIONS

Front (left to right) - Pat Kenny, Michael Leahy, Damien Morrissey, Richard Byrnes, Jamie Morrissey, William Dondon, Ailbe Power, James Breen, Billy Condon, James McGuire, Marie O'Sullivan, Andrew Morrissey, Brendan Hanley, Michael Kenny, Karl O'Donnell, Adrian Moloney. Back - Mick Hanley, Evan Hanley, Pat O'Grady, Daniel Connery, James O'Dwyer, Kieran O'Connor, Joseph O'Dwyer (capt.), Johnny O'Connor, Denis O'Sullivan, Tim Butler, Paul Ryan, Bernard Leahy, Pat McGuire, Mick Byrnes.



CAPPAWHITE - U16A HURLING WEST CHAMPIONS

Front (left to right) - John Paul Crowe, John Ryan, Myles Shanahan, Philip Kelly, Shane MacDermott, Paddy Jullian, Liam Ryan, Robert Fitzgerald, Seamus Breen. Back (left to right) - Aidan Ryan, Eugene O'Neill, Sean Ryan, George Furlong, Michael McCarthy, Thomas Costelloe, James McCarthy, Colm O'Neill, William Buckley, Stephen Grisewood.



GALTEE ROVERS - COUNTY U-14 U/R CHAMPIONS

Front row (left to right) - Bobby O'Brien, Pa Morrissey, Anthony Crowe, Andrew Underhill, Alan Crowe, Colm Hayes, James Russell, Denis Peters, Stephen Grace, Tommy Byron, David O'Brien, Michael Ryan. Back row (left to right) - John Paul Lonergan, Colin Morrissey, Clement Quirke, Niall O'Shea, Vincent Murphy, John Morrissey, Andrew Hogg, Pádraig O'Halloran, Noel O'Brien, Adrian Byron, Mark Peters.

BOOK REVIEW

MAURICE DAVIN (1842-1927): First President of the GAA.

By Seamus Ó Riain

(Geography Publications, 236 pages. £11.99)

WITH the publication of this biography all three principal founders of the GAA have been properly recognised by history. Now at last, Maurice Davin's role in the early GAA has been expertly assessed. That it has taken 110 years after the foundation of the GAA for a life of Davin to appear is understandable.

Croke, after all, was a national figure, and Cusack remains the member of the trio without whose pioneering work in the 1870s there would never have been a GAA – certainly not the one that evolved from 1884 to the start of the present century, when the Association was 'born again' in 1901.

With Davin it is quite different. Anybody who knows anything about the early GAA knows that he effectively withdrew from its councils as early as 1889. As a result his place in – indeed, the extent of his influence on – the GAA has remained uncertain, blurred, even a little controversial, while Croke and Cusack have taken their rightful places in the Association's annals. All this too despite the astonishing fact that Davin, who was born three years before the Famine (whose 150th anniversary we are about to celebrate), lived on into the fifth year of an independent Irish State, whose moderate political philosophy, one suspects, he felt at home with.

Moderation is, indeed, a concept that Davin made very much his own, and probably accounts for the fact that it has taken so long for a life of him to get into print. To use a modern term, Davin was never "pushy" – certainly not in the sense that both Croke and Cusack were! He was a humble man who knew the limits of his own capabilities, who knew too what he could achieve, how far he could go towards a goal (no pun intended) and also

when it was prudent to give up and be satisfied to resume occupation of a back seat.

In the 1870s, when tentative moves were made to organise and unify Irish athletics, Davin lent a hand, or more accurately, took up a pen. In the early 1880s, when called on by Cusack to add his prestigious name to another effort – this time embracing hurling and football as well as athletics – he responded. When asked to become the titular head of the new Gaelic Athletic Association (the full title is important in this context), he agreed. But, when he saw the new sports body being recklessly torn apart by rival political factions, he knew it was time for him to withdraw back into the shadows. And there for almost another 40 years he stayed – not, should be stressed, in any sulking mood, but on the contrary always promoting at local level the association he had helped to found.

If there is one thing Davin will go down in history for it is, as this fine book shows, as the GAA's first effective rule-maker. And, after all, it is rule-making that the whole GAA 'thing' was (and is) about, at least as much as rescuing hurling from extinction.

In the 1870s it was the lack or abuse of rules in athletics, that first forced Davin to go public. It was the risk to life and limb involved in the bucolic form of football-cum-wrestling played in his native area around the same time that persuaded him to back Cusack publicly. It was as the draftsman of the GAA's first rules that he deserves to be remembered, as much as for his attendance in Lizzie Hayes's billiards room in Liberty Square on the afternoon of 1st November, 1884.

Moreover, in a county that has become justly famous for its prowess on the hurling field, it is important to appreciate what Davin's rule-making crusade achieved. If (one doubts) the hoary old tale that he invented Gaelic football ever needed to be



Photographed at the launch – Jack Boothman, G.A.A. President (left) with Seamus Ó Riain (author).

scotched, this biography does so effectively. However, it also shows that it is to Davin that we owe the rise and spread of Gaelic football – to him as much as we do to the accepted version that attributes it to the footballers of Kerry and Louth and Kildare in World War I days. It was Davin's rules, improved on by the much-maligned Dick Blake of Meath in the 1890s, which permitted the transformation of the savage spectacle of the 1870s into the scientific game which 110 years later draws bigger crowds than any form of sports on this island.

To put together a coherent readable account of this modest Carrick man, has taken years of patient research by a modest Moneygall man, for, unlike Croke or Cusack, Davin left hardly any published material, and his private papers seem to consist largely of records of the deeds and words of others. Seamus Ó Riain has a disarmingly simple, sober (at times even bland) style. But his cold factual record ideally suits his subject. On reading it one cannot resist indulging in an 'if' of history and speculate on what a different GAA it might have been, had Davin not resigned from the presidency so early.

For Ó Riain, for the Association in Tipperary and throughout the country it has been a worthwhile, if tricky, job reconstructing Davin nearly 70 years after his death. But it is also a job well done. That said, it is in this reviewer's opinion a matter for regret that Davis's biographer has deftly side-stepped the important question as to why the Carrick man stayed away from the vital meeting in 1886 that dismissed Cusack from the post of Secretary of the GAA, and left him sniping from the sideline for the rest of his life.

This handsomely produced book deserves to find a place on the shelf of every Irish sports follower and of every student of the cultural revival movement (begun by the GAA) that led to an independent Irish State. To enhance this book the publisher and the Davin family between them collected no less than 26 unusual illustrations (many of them evocative old photographs and documents) covering 16 pages. It seems a pity, therefore, that there is no mention of them in the contents page.

Marcus de Búrca.



The author and family at the launch in Croke Park on October 4, 1994 – Back row (from left): Eugene, Bernadette, Margaret, Diarmuid, Mary, Anne and Seamus (jr.). Front row (from left): Jack, Monica, Seamus Ó Riain, Mary and Philip.

MICHAEL O'HEHIR

"JIMMY KENNEDY
stands over the ball; he
bends; he lifts; he
strikes, and the umpire's flag is
waving. They're level again."

Michael O'Hehir was an outstanding monument of social and G.A.A. history for nearly half a century. His distinctive voice echoed through the decades of Gaelic glory. Future study of the social impact of the G.A.A. must be inextricably linked with the broadcasting phenomenon, who bestrode the Sunday airways like a colossus.

It is a coincidence of history, that he appeared with the emergence of the radio aspect of the mass media in Ireland. Most older people know, that his first broadcast was of the 1938 All-Ireland football semi-final between Kerry and Monaghan, whilst still a schoolboy at O'Connell's School.

Auditory transmission of GAA drama evoked a powerful response. Wealthier folk with a passion for hurling and football made sure that their wet batteries were "ready for next Sunday". Mushrooming listeners acquired a focus of occupation for the latter part of the Sabbath Day.

Those fortunate enough to own "wirelesses" were besieged by male neighbours who "came to hear the match". My earliest memories of these great occasions were in the late 1940s. My younger brothers, my sisters and I were advised to make ourselves scarce, while the match was in progress. My older brothers were allowed to listen on sufferance, on condition I was tempted far away.

Kind neighbours always spoke up for their inclusion in the match-listening crowd. When the match ended, it was discussed with the seriousness of a war cabinet evaluating a battle scene.

Gender equality, in interest or listening participation, lay decades into the future. The womenfolk absented themselves temporarily from the hearth.

I reached match-auditory manhood on my tenth birthday, which coincided with the 1949 All-Ireland hurling final between Laois and Tipperary. That same day, *The Sunday Press* was published for the first time and vied with and complemented the hurling game, as a focus of attention.

My next-door neighbour, some few months my senior, and I were allowed to listen, because we could recite the Premier team and state that Paddy Rutchitko was captain of the Laois team. We were mightily impressed when O'Hehir called him "Rusty" for short. The number of visiting neighbours had significantly declined, because radios were becoming so common.

— the voice of Gaelic Ireland

By: DAVID POWER

My friend and I were so excited by our new-found status of maturity, that we found it too difficult to vindicate it. One of us committed a social indiscretion of an auditory and olfactory nature, which merited immediate expulsion. We were like Adam and Eve departing Paradise.

Many stories, some undoubtedly apocryphal, gild the O'Hehir legend. My favourite one is about a Cavan enthusiastic supporter who was listening to the great communicator in an All-Ireland championship against Kerry. When the Kingdom moved seven points clear, O'Hehir sang the praises of their skills so much that the Cavan fan put his foot through the wireless-set claiming O'Hehir was a liar.

Shocked neighbours were obliged to trudge to another house a mile away. When they arrived, accompanied by the offender, the Breffni men were back on equal terms. The bold Cavan troglodite opined that the kick had taught manners and truth to O'Hehir — hence the level scores.

Gradually the years rolled on. Tipp were invincible — my favourite word was 'indomitable', taught to me by my headmaster who, we were told, had founded the Kickham's Knockavilla Club. O'Hehir captured every magical moment, of this greatness. My brothers, neighbours and I imitated every nuance of his voice and every dramatic moment to near perfection. Phrases, intonation, pauses, understatement and euphemisms were avidly studied and tested. The cows nodded approval as we marched them home for milking. "Experiment had subjugated test".

In 1953 I peaked in my admiration. Daily for months, I outlined the Cork and Galway hurling teams to such an extent that I can recall them today with equal facility. One quote I treasured:

"The ball goes to Hubert Gordon; he's seventy yards out; to John Killeen; he's sixty yards out . . . and there is the equaliser . . . and Mickey Burke of Galway is down injured." This became the central issue of the match as Christy Ring revealed too great an intensity, in

his hurling passion.

By 1960 Tipp were in full flight again. I had passed to man's estate, but my enthusiasm had not abated. In 1960 there was a difference — a technological one. The tape recorder was available; matches could be recorded and replayed frequently. We never tired.

Before the hurling final between Wexford and Tipperary, O'Hehir warmed to his introduction with:

"Lo and behold, after a most glorious morning here in Dublin the rain has started. A half an hour ago everyone was basking in the sunshine and, as if like magic, umbrellas have appeared all round the place and those various headgears, which people were wearing, now assume a further meaning as the rain comes down to damped this colourful sight."

What magnificent fluent language! What a dramatic introduction! The tension had become unbearable. Like Oscar Wilde we hoped it would last forever. He resumed:

"Bad news for Tipperary minors. They have been beaten by Kilkenny on a scoreline of Kilkenny 7-12, Tipperary 1-11."

He further informed us that they were level at half-time: 1-5 to 0-8.

Never mind, we assured ourselves; it was only of minor importance. The senior game was due and Jimmy Doyle was king. Shattered dreams lay on the anvil of experience.

We dreamed of revenge the following year, but the Yellow Bellies had given way to Dublin.

The ghosts of the 1960 defeat haunted us in the second half and may have been responsible for our maturity and strength, in a final dramatic reassertion of hurling greatness. O'Hehir's colourful language and vivid descriptions plunged daggers in Tipp hearts.

"The ball goes to Achill Boothman, to Bernie Boothman; Boothman, both men are all over the place; to Larry Shannon and Dublin are in the lead."

We yearned for the corrective medicine of our erstwhile Cavan supporter of yesteryear. I forgave my hero when the final whistle blew. O'Hehir faded out. Family screams replaced his dramatics, as we danced in joy.

Master Time and technology caught up with Michael O'Hehir. Television was cramping his style. Yet I continued to listen to his radio commentary, while I watched the big screen.

A stroke in 1985 silenced the living legend and ended a host of dreams; but we were left with memories, each one a jewel. A younger generation is suffering from gathering amnesia and I go upon my way, sorrowful.

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Scór 25ú

by Kathleen King

Scór 1993/93 celebrated twenty-five years of presenting the cultural aspect of the G.A.A.

When Scór was introduced, twenty-five years ago, there was hardly a venue in the County able to accommodate the crowds attending it from Club level upwards. Somehow it has lost its appeal in recent years at Parish and Club level, the very grassroots of Scór. The Scór Convention will be coming up next April and clubs are asked to hold their own conventions before that and put forward their ideas, on what they want from Scór. The survival of Scór depends on clubs and their level of participation.

Unfortunately Tipperary had no All-Ireland winner in the 25th year of Scór,



Deirdre O'Connell - Scór na nÓg County winner.

Congratulations to the Scór na nÓg Munster Final winners, the Clonoulty/-Rossmore Question Time team and the Cappawhite Set Dancers. There were no Munster winners in Scór Sinsear, but we look forward to a more successful year in 1995.

RESULTS OF SCÓR 93/94

Rince Foirne - Upperchurch/Drombane.

Amhráníocht Aonair - Deirdre

O'Connell (Sean Treacy's). **Ceol**

Uirlise - Sean Treacy's. **Nuachleas** - Sean Treacy's.

Tráth na gCeist - Clonoulty/Rossmore (Munster final).

Aithriseóireacht - Elaine Kenny (Borris-oleigh).

Bailead Ghrupa - Upperchurch/Drombane.

Rince Seit - Cappawhite (Munster final winners).

SCÓR SINSEAR

Rince Foirne - Upperchurch/Drombane.



Scór na Mumhan Final - Newcastle Ballad Group. Included: Collette O'Loughlin, Annette, Collette and Mary Nugent, Tom O'Keefe.



Scór na bPáistí - Novelty Act Scór na bPáistí (Tittles the Cat). Included: Aileen O'Brien, Kieran O'Toole, Aileen Carr, Áine O'Dwyer, Siobhán Quigley, Willie O'Dwyer.



Scór na nÓg County Winners - Instrumental Music - Mary Hanley and Germaine Byrnes.



Scór na Mumhan Final - J.K. Brackens Figure Dancing. Included: Sorcha Maher, Martina Fogarty, Geraldine Burke, Anne Mason, Lorcán Leahy, Brendan Nolan, Pat Delaney, Sean Delaney.

Ceol Uirlise – Lorrha.
 Ceol Uirlise – Lorrha.
 Nuachleas – Golden/Kilfeacle.
 Tráth na gCeist – Cashel.
 Aithriseoireacht – Eileen Heffernan,
 Cappawhite.
 Bailead Ghrupa – Newcastle.

Rince Seit – J.K. Brackens.

SCÓR NA bPÁISTÍ

Rince Foirne. – Upperchurch Drombane.
 Amhránaíobht Aonair – Norma
 Harrington (Upperchurch Drombane).
 Ceol Uirlise – Cashel.

Nuachleas – Ballylooby.

Tráth na gCeist – Drangan.

Aithriseoireacht – Sarah Fogarty,
 Templeberry.

Bailead Ghrupa – Moyne/Templetuohy.
 Rince Seit – J.K. Brackens.



Upperchurch/Drombane Figure Dancers – Co. Winners Scór na nÓg.
 Included: Siobhán Ní Lomdha, Eleanor Quinn, Joan Quinn, Avril
 Harrington, Mairéad Gleeson, Joan Ryan, Mairéad Griffin, Claire Buckley.



Scór na Mumhan Final. Golden/Kilfeacle – Novelty Act. Included: Fiona
 Ryan, Jim Keane, Joan Breen, Larry Wade, Denis Browne, Tom Browne,
 Michael Forrester, Paudie Quirke.

The Tradition of Kickham and Davin

By Bro. J. Perkins

MAURICE DAVIN of Carrick-on-Suir was forty years of age, when Charles Joseph Kickham of Mullinahone died. These two patriotic men had a great influence on hurling and athletics, not alone beneath the shade of Sliabh na mBan but throughout all Ireland.

Kickham must have seen the young Davin at many a sports' meeting and heard of his great successes in Ireland and at English competitions, when he beat the best in the world in "pure athletics" – field events.

When Charles Kickham was writing *Knocknagow* or *The Homes of Tipperary*, his eyesight, now badly impaired, I'm sure he could see "in his mind's eye" the fine figure of Maurice Davin, as he threw the sledge at the local sports, which Kickham attended.

In his great book he tells how "Matt the Thresher", the local all-round athlete, threw the sledge in the "kiln field" and beat the Englishman, Captain French, having uttered the memorable phrase: "for the honour of the little village." Gazing up at old Slievenamon, he got inspiration from the sound of the drum, the sight of his native hill and the presence of his own people.

Later that day in Mullinahone (in the field I visited myself – or in the supposed field) a match was arranged. Kickham noted it all for us and the memory lived on for me, and all Tipperary people for whom *Knocknagow* is a happy mirror of their own lives.

Kickham died in 1882, two years before



Brother J. Perkins

the founding of the GAA in Thurles. 'Tis good to note that hurling matches were being played in the mid-1800s, but we have plenty of references to games being played between parishes, baronies, counties – even inter-provincial games, with any amount of hurlers on each side.

But: "Hurling was already old when the gods of Homeric Greece were young". The first mention of the game dates from a battle fought at Moytura (the plain of the towers) near Cong, in Mayo, about 1272 B.C. The Fir Bolgs (not the Yellow Bellies of Wexford) were playing the Tuatha de Danaan. It was twenty-seven-a-side on that day and many a bone was broken and many a head was bruised.

In an eighth century text (*Seanchas Mór*) there is a regulation concerning the binding of hurling sticks used by princes

and chieftains, but we have not to hand any other set of rules until the Killimor Rules in force before 1884.

In January 1885, new Rules were before the meeting in Thurles for hurling, football and athletics. It is more than likely that Maurice Davin drafted these. He was well-equipped to do so, as Seamus Ó Riain so well tells us, as he had intensively studied the rules of other sports, far and near.

We don't know what rules were in existence at Brittas, near Thurles, in 1770 when Upper and Lower Ormond met the Baronies of Kilnamanagh and Eliogarty in a twenty-seven-a-side match. The field was well-roped off and there was great order all round. I have walked this field myself to try to get the atmosphere once more.

The Purcells in Loughmore used to have their matches in the level field beside the Castle, although they had some trouble in controlling a lad called Loneragan, an outstanding hurler. He was sent to Dublin once, the day before, but he walked back in time for the match next day, muscle-bound, but he turned out and played like one of the modern Red and Greens – a hero!

Hurling is just as skilful, tough, manly as ever. The "wrestling" may be gone; the shoulder-to-shoulder is still there; the dashing and dash gives manliness to the game. Maurice Davin did a great job in drafting the Rules of the Game. His book by Seamus Ó Riain must be carefully studied. The "Quiet Man" must be honoured as the "great man" he truly is. Tipperary can be truly proud of Maurice Davin and Charles Joseph Kickham.

Cumann na mBunscol

(Coiste Thoibraid Árann)

I.N.T.O./G.A.A. SKILLS BOYS' FOOTBALL

Seventeen schools from all over the county took part in the boys' football. After four regional groups – Ardfinnan N.S., Inch N.S., Lisvernane N.S. and SS. Peter & Paul's C.B.S. Clonmel – reached the finals. In the final, Inch N.S. and Ardfinnan N.S. finished level on points, but Ardfinnan were declared the winners as they had a higher score rate.

GIRLS FOOTBALL

Ten schools took part in the girls' football and Clogheen N.S., Lisvernane N.S., Clonoulty N.S. and Clogheen N.S. reached the finals. After a very exciting evening in Clogheen G.A.A. field, Lisvernane N.S. and Clogheen N.S. finished on equal points. Lisvernane were declared the winners as they had the higher scoring rate.

HURLING

Seventeen schools took part in the hurling competition with Moneygall N.S., Clonoulty N.S., Mullinahone N.S. and Ballylooby N.S. reaching the finals. After some very exciting games, Ballylooby N.S. came out on top and were presented with the Park Ave. Cup.

CAMOGIE

Ten schools entered for the camogie which was the highest number we ever had. After the preliminary rounds Rosegreen N.S., Inch N.S., Templemore N.S. and Ballylooby N.S. reached the final round. The finals were played in New Inn G.A.A. field and after a wonderful evening of camogie St. Joseph's N.S., Templemore, came out on top. This was their first time entering the competition so their victory was all the more enjoyable. Their star throughout the competition was Lynda Grogan, daughter of the former Cashel and Tipperary hurler, John.

HANDBALL

The finals of the Cumann na mBunscol handball competitions took place in the Horse and Jockey handball alley. The results were as follows:-

Girls' Singles: Marie Slattery (Littleton N.S.) beat Eimear Ryan (Lissenhall N.S.) 10-11, 11-10, 11-8.

Boys' Singles: Brian Darcy (Nenagh C.B.S.) beat Eoin Quirke (Lissenhall N.S.) 11-3, 11-2.

Girls' Doubles: Siobhán McCarthy and Loreto Moloney (Lissenhall N.S.) beat Brid Healy and Sarah Slattery (Littleton N.S.) 11-2, 11-1.

Boys' Doubles: Alan Ryan and Damien Egan (Lissenhall N.S.) beat Brendan



St. Patrick's N.S. Fethard – U/13 'A' Champions 1993. Front: Paul Hackett, Colum O'Shea, Kevin O'Donnell (capt.), Noel Sharpe, Eoin Doyle. Middle: Diarmuid Bourke, Conor McCarthy, Jason Barron, John O'Meara, Michael Aberne, Glen Burke. Back: Mr. Cassin (coach), Kenneth O'Donnell, Mark O'Dwyer, Valentine O'Dwyer, Tommy Gaban, Ronan Allen, Philip Croke, Thomas Dorney, Mr. Dwyer (Principal).



Ballylooby N.S., winners of the Roinn C county hurling final, with their coach Doal MacCarthaigh N.T. (Cathaoirleach Cumann na mBunscol).



Grange N.S., winners of the Roinn D county hurling final, with their coach Mr. Tomás Ó Slatara N.T.

O'Brien and Mark McEvoy (St. Mary's C.B.S., Clonmel) 11-3, 11-8.

PEIL

Roinn A (Final):

St. Patrick's B.N.S. (Fethard (1-7), SS Peter and Paul's C.B.S. 2-0.

Roinn B

Killenaule N.S. 2-3, Cahir B.N.S. 1-4.

Roinn C

Templemore B.N.S. 4-4, Inch N.S. 0-0.

Roinn D

Loughmore N.S. 3-6,
Clonoulty N.S. 0-2.

Roinn E

Tankerstown N.S. 2-6, Ballinure N.S. 3-3; Tankerstown N.S. 2-4, Ballinure N.S. 1-5.

Under-11 A

In this competition Cahir B.N.S. had a very good win over St. Patrick's B.N.S., Fethard.

Under-11 B

Ardfinnan N.S. 1-6, Upperchurch N.S. 1-2.

IOMÁNAÍOCHT

(Southern Section) Roinn A

Thurles C.B.S. 3-8, St. Mary's C.B.S. (Clonmel) 3-4.

Roinn B

Holy Cross N.S. 2-3, Inch N.S. 2-2.

Roinn C

Ballylooby N.S. 3-8,
Ardfinnan N.S. 1-2.

Roinn D

Grange N.S. 5-4, Drangan N.S. 2-6.

Roinn E

Ballyporeen N.S. 11-6, Dualla N.S. 6-4.

County Finals

Roinn A

Thurles C.B.S. 1-5, Dromakeenan N.S. 1-3.

Roinn B

Holy Cross N.S. 3-3,
Moneygall N.S. 0-2.

Moneygall N.S., contesting their fourth final in a row, were ousted this time by a very well drilled Holy Cross team who were winning their first ever county title in Cumann na mBunscol. Two goals in a minute for Holy Cross was the turning point of the game and there were great scenes of delight at the end.

Roinn C

Ballylooby N.S. 5-2,
Rathcabbin N.S. 1-2.

Roinn D

Grange N.S. 2-3, Ballinree N.S. 2-2.

Roinn E

Boher N.S. 5-7, Ballyporeen N.S. 3-1.

Under-11 A

Thurles C.B.S. 2-3, Cahir B.N.S. 0-1.

Under-11 B

Killenaule N.S. 1-5, Ballylooby N.S. 1-1.



Boher N.S. – winners of the Roinn E County Final in hurling.



Ballyporeen N.S. – winners of Roinn E of the Southern section in hurling, with their coach, Mr. Nioclás O Duinnín N.T.



At the launch of the Church & General sponsorship for Cumann na mBunscol. (Front) Paul Brett, St. Oliver's N.S., and Mairéad Morrissey, Ballylooby N.S. (Back) John Leonard (C&G), Paul Brett (Rúnaí, Cumann na mBunscol), Aidan Wemyss (C&G) and Donal MacCartaigh (Cathaoirleach Cumann na mBunscol).

CAMÓGAÍOCHT

Ballylooby N.S. 3-1,
Rosegreen N.S. 2-2.

The first ever camogie final was played in Cahir G.A.A. field. From the throw-in, it was evident that this game would be very close, and so it proved. There was nothing between the teams and Rosegreen were unlucky to draw this game and have second chance.

Sadly for us in Cumann na mBunscol this was the last game to be refereed for us by Sammy Ryab R.I.P. Four hours after this game Sammy was called to his eternal reward. To us he was a loyal friend and was always willing to help out in any way he could. He will be missed by us all. Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a anam dhilis.

On behalf of Cumann na mBunscol we would like to thank the County Board, Boards of Management, schools, teachers, parents, referees and all clubs which put their field at our disposal during the year. Your help and encouragement is greatly appreciated.

Cloiste Cumann na mBunscol

Hon Life President: Mr. Gerry Daly, Monadreen, Thurles.

President: Mr. Sean Horan N.T., Cahir B.N.S.

Chairman: Donal MacCarthaigh N.T., Ballylooby N.S., Cahir.

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P.R.O.: Paul Brett N.T.

Delegates to Munster Council of Primary Schools: Donal MacCarthaigh N.T., and Paul Brett N.T.



Loughmore N.S. - winners of Roinn D Football 1993. Back row (l-r): Michelle Danagher, Deirdre Cleary, Laura Russell, Stephen Maher N.T., Principal; Aidan Webster, Tommy Long, Barry Hennessy, Clinton Fitzgerald, Oliver Ryan, Martin Gleeson, James Connolly. Middle Row: David McGrath, Michael Bourke, Stephen Ryan, Sean Moynihan capt., Evan Sweeney, Brendan Healy, Brian Hennessy, John Cleary, Leonard Ryan. Front Row: Darren Danagher, Brendan Maher, Edward Connolly, Ronan Stapleton, Martin Walsh. Missing from photograph: Andrina Webster.



Scoil Ailbhe U.11 Iomáint - Co. Champions 1994 Cumann na mBunscol. Back (l-r): Colm Duggan, Michael Sheehan, Muiris Harnett, Keith Dempsey, Tony Connolly, John Lillis, Michael Costello, Barry O'Dwyer. Front (l-r): James Kennedy, Robert Jordan, Lorcan Burke, Paul Darcy, Patrick McCormack, David Judge, Eamon Tuohy, Matthew Butler. Coach: Br. D. Fitzgerald.



Killenale N.S. - winners of Roinn B Football Championship 1993. Back row (l-r): Brian Shelley, Damien Webster, Niall O'Dwyer, Tony Doyle, Eddie O'Brien, Patrick Lawlor, James O'Mahoney, Paul Cooke, Simon McMenamin, Damien Gleeson, Tommy Fitzgerald. Front row (l-r): Martin Shelly, Andrew Hanley, Jimmy Hayes, Sean Cleere, Patrick Kerwick, Michael McCarthy, Tommy Delaney, Michael Farrell, Pat Cashin, Joseph Ceaser.



Holycross N.S. hurling team, county schools' final winners. Back row (l-r): Shane Bourke, Mai O'Gorman, John Lacey, Joseph Ryan, Wayne McLeish, Paul Tuohy, Aidan Spillane, Siobhán Ryan, Shane Maher, Frank Dwan, Thomas Hayes. Front row: Thomas Maher, Ann-Marie Hayes, Nicholas Irwin, James Barrett, Patrick O'Gorman, John Quinlan, Paul Fogarty, Pdraig Doran, Louise Ryan, Deirdre Delaney, Alan Ryan, Brendan Quirke.



Templemore B.N.S. Back row (l-r): George Frend (Teacher), Peter Cullen, Sean Fogarty, John Dunne, Micheál Cahill, Jason McLoughlin, Declan Bolger, Alan O'Shea, Aidan Ivers, Liam Doyle, Daniel Maher, David Saunders, Micheál Maher, Paul Kennedy, Billy Prout, Michael Maher (Principal). Front row (l-r): Kevin Ivers, David McLoughlin, Micheál Henderson, Ian Delahunty, Kevin Mulryan, David Owens, David Ryan, Gerald Mullally, Killian O'Neill, Philip Ryan, Niall Hackett.



Ardfinnan N.S. U-11 B Winners. Back row (l-r): Declan Byrnes, Thomas O'Donnell, Liam Murphy, Gary Byrnes, Dermot Coyne, David Condon, Francis O'Neill, Shane Sweeney, Barry O'Gorman, John Dermody, Thomas Walsh. Front row: Shane Griffin, David Murphy, Adrian Griffin, Thomas O'Mahoney, Martin Ryan, Danny McMahon, P.J. Lonergan, Craig Vokes. At back: Liam Ó Súilleabháin (Teacher/Coach).



I.N.T.O./G.A.A. Football Skills Winners - Ardfinnan N.S. Left to right back row: Barry Burke, James Nugent, Eoin White (capt.), Richard Condon, Kieran Coffey, Liam Ó Súilleabháin (Teacher/Coach). Front row: Paul Kennedy, Thomas Maher, Shane Sweeney, Trevor Coveney, Patrick Condon.



Scoil Ailbhe. South Shield and County Shield Iomáint faoi 13. Roinn A Cumann na mBunscol. Back (l-r): Eoin Costelloe, Aidan Dundon, Joe Ryan, Billy Kelly, Brian Costello, Alan O'Dowd, Liam Hickey, Ted O'Connor. Front: Eamon Ryan, David Horan, John Hussey, Martin John O'Sullivan, Tony Ruth, Barry McLoughlin, James Harrington. Coach: Br. F. Walsh.



Ballylooby N.S. - I.N.T.O. Sevens Champions of 1994. Front: Paudie Slattery, John Whelan, Pa Morrissey (capt.), Jamie Myles, Brian Fitzgerald, Ronan Dwyer. Back: Eamonn Burke, David Fox, Donall Mac Caitheigh, P.O. James Moran, David Byron, Colin Flynn.



St. Joseph's N.S. Templemore - winners of the I.N.T.O./G.A.A. Skills in Camogie.



Pupils of Lisvane N.S. who won the I.N.T.O. Sevens Skills Football 1994. Front: Brid O'Brien, Edel Hanley, Mary Donovan, Celine McEnery, Eleanor Whyte. Back: Creena O'Brien (teacher), Becky Noonan, Siobhán Hayes, Niamh O'Sullivan, Dundre Carey, Elaine Donovan, Louise Grogan, Tom O'Shea (teacher).

North Tipperary Primary Schools

1994 WAS another exciting year for our Primary Schools with many exciting games and the standard of hurling exceptionally high in many games.

Highlight of the year was undoubtedly the emergence of Boher N.S. as new winners in Section E. They succeeded Gurtagarry who had been unbeaten since the competitions began in 1988 and they proved they were worthy champions by going on to defeat Ballyporeen in the County Final in Semple Stadium.

Other new winners to emerge during the year were Rathcabbin in Section C hurling, Ballinaclough in Section D football and Nenagh C.B.S. who defeated Moneygall/Dunkerrin in the final of Section "A" football – this was the first year in which we had a Section "A" football competition. Another noteworthy achievement during the year was the success of Moneygall in Section "B" hurling for the fourth year in succession.

1994

Hurling	Winners	Runners-up
Section A	Dromakeenan	Nenagh
Section B	Moneygall	Ballina
Section C	Rathcabbin	Ballinahinch
Section D	Ballinree	Ardcroney
Section E	Boher	Ballinacloy

Football	Winners	Runners-up
Section A	Nenagh	Moneygall/Dunkerrin
Section B	Carrig	Ballina
Section C	Burgess	Ballinree
Section D	Ballinaclough	Kilkeary

Thanks to all the schools for their co-operation in running these competitions during the year. A special word of thanks to the referees and park committees for their continued support. Conor O'Donovan and the Irish Permanent Building Society deserve our thanks for their support of the hurling competitions.



Carrig N.S. Team 1993/94 – Winners of Group C Football. Third year in a row to win. Back row: Ian Herriott, Kenneth Chadwick, Niamh Kennedy, Geraldine Maher, Paul Hogan, Fergal Dodd, Eric Kirwan, Bernadette Connors, David Kenneally, Thomas Mackey, Patrick Lynch, Christopher Spelman. Front row: Denis Slattery, Noel McGrath, Garry Corcoran, Sean Gleeson, William White (Capt.), Michael Slattery, Gerard Quinn, Brian Forde, Patrick Ryan, Gerard Killeen. Trophy has come to parish (Puckane Carrig) for the first five years of the competition.



Nenagh C.B.S. – Primary 'A' North Football Champions. Back row (l.r.): Brother Daly, Mr. E. Dillor N.T., Matthew O'Gara, Adrian Healy, Peter Hynes, Eamonn Spillane (trainer), Cliff Morgan, Kieran Hogan, Seanie Tanner, Eddie Kennedy, Patsy Boner. Middle row: Mark Corcoran, Noel Moloney, Conor Kirwan, Stephen Ryan, Willie Quinlisk, Niall McGrath, Richard Larey, David Hackett. Front row: Darren McGrath, Eamonn Hodgins, Shane Spillane (Capt.), Ronan Hayes, Murty Ryan, David Deveny and John Kissane (trainer).



Ballinree N.S. – North Primary Schools 'D' Hurling Championship and Football 'C' Finalists. Back row (l.r.): Kevin Mounsey, Martin Kennedy, Brendan Boland, Dermot Ryan, Conor Slattery, David Kennedy. Front row: Alan Kenneally, Paul Clarke, Bil Duff (Capt.), Mary O'Meara, John Gleeson.



Burgess N.S. – North 'C' Football Primary Schools Champions. Back row (l.r.): Marie Mulcahy, Thomas McGrath, Michael Fogarty, Cathal Hanrahan, Eoin O'Donoghue, Padraig Madden. Front row: Thomas Fogarty, David Haskett, Noel Gleeson, David Maher, Martin Fogarty.



Moneygall N.S. Winners of Roinn B North Tipperary - Back Row: Ann Marie Callaghan, Patrick O'Brien, Donald Doughan, Daniel Sutton, Patrick Ryan, Derek O'Meara, Deirdre Troy, William Greene, John Delaney, Damien Martin, Michael Ryan, Emer Guilfoyle. Front Row: Enda Troy, Seamus O'Meara, Patrick Guilfoyle, Brian Quinlan, Gerard Ryan, Padhraic Greene, Billy Hayes, Colm Larkin, Eamon McCormack, Brian Nolan.



Rathcabbin N.S. - Front row: Tadhg Nevin, Adrian Kennedy, Michael Hennan, Shane Brophy, Kevin Liffey, Richard Needham, Thomas Lambe, T. J. Slevin, John Hector. Back row: David Needham, Eoghan Clancy, Enda Moran, Niall Brophy, David Bourke, Pádraic Deane, Sinéad Sullivan, Robert Quinn, Patrick Cleary, Colm Dolan, Brian Dolan, Ronan O'Meara, Patrick Burke.



Dromakeenan N.S. who retained the North Tipperary Primary Schools (Section A) title. - Front row (l.-r.): Kenneth Franks, Trevor Fitzpatrick, Diarmuid Fitzgerald, Chris Moore, Michael Cummins. Middle row: David O'Meara, Andrew Golden, Trevor Fitzpatrick, Brendan Hogan, Shane Carroll, Jonathan Murray, Joseph Tuohy, David King, Eoin Quinlan. Back row: Tom McCarthy (trainer), Derek Middleton, Shane Kirwan, Conor Boyce, Donncha Doyle, Don Maher, Cian Stapleton, Martin Hayes, John Gunnell (trainer).



St. Odrian's N.S., Ballinalough - Back row: Daniel Steed, William Keogh, William Powell, Paul Sherlock, Gerard Grace, William Forde, Pádraig Clarke, Eamon Fitzpatrick. Front row: Michael Clifford, Eamon Bourke, David Kennedy, Darren Clifford, Seán Quirke (Capt.), Seamus Ryan.

Tipperary Post-Primary Games (1993-94)

Seán Ó Costáin

HURLING COMPETITIONS

Croke Cup (under-16) A

Semi-Finals:

Nenagh C.B.S. 2-5, Tipperary C.B.S. 1-5;

Clonmel C.B.S. 5-8, Thurles C.B.S. 3-6.

Final:

Clonmel C.B.S. 3-11, Nenagh C.B.S. 0-7.

Clonmel C.B.S. with an excellent team achieved a memorable victory in this grade, defeating many excellent teams on the way. It was all of thirty-four years since the famous nursery last captured the prestige trophy and as a result, it was much appreciated. I wish to compliment the High School on their great win and a sincere "Well Done" to their mentors. No doubt, they will provide formidable opposition in Fitzgerald during the coming year.

HENNESSY CUP (U-16) B HURLING

Semi-Finals:

Carrick-on-Suir V.S. 3-9, Ballingarry 3-5; Nenagh V.S. 3-9; Cashel V.S. 1-3.

Final:

Carrick-on-Suir V.S. 4-7, Nenagh V.S. 3-8.

This was again an excellent competition, with very competitive games between the twelve competing schools. The final result here, a win for Carrick V.S., was their first ever Tipp Post Primary victory and again was a just reward for the excellent work put in over the years, by a very dedicated Michael Kelly.

FITZGERALD CUP (U-17) A HURLING

Semi-Finals:

Tipperary C.B.S. 3-9, Thurles C.B.S. 1-3;

Our Lady's, Templemore 3-13, Nenagh C.B.S. 2-16 (first game).

Our Lady's, Templemore 1-16, Nenagh C.B.S. 1-6 (replay).

Final:

Our Lady's, Templemore 1-12, Tipperary C.B.S. 1-6.

This competition once again provided some excellent fare with, in my opinion, the drawn semi-final in Moneygall between Nenagh C.B.S. and Templemore, being a classic. The final saw Templemore bring back the trophy for the fourth time



Clonmel High School - Croke Cup - Tipp. (U-16) A Hurling Champions 1994

Back (l. to r.) Philip Dowling (Clonmel Og), Declan Prendergast (St. Mary's), Paul McCarthy (Clonmel Og), Paul Ormond (Moyle Rovers), Mark Prout (Clonmel Og), Christopher O'Flaherty (Clonmel Og), Donncha Fahey (St. Mary's), Kieran Quirke (Ballybacon-Grange), David O'Connell (Clonmel Og). Middle (l. to r.): Mr. P. Power (coach), Brian Cleere (Ballybacon-Grange), Paul Murray (Clonmel Og), Alex Casey (St. Mary's), J. J. Wall (Ballymacarbry), Colin White (Ballybacon-Grange), Eamon Hanrahan (St. Mary's), Paul Kearney (Cahir), Mr. Shanahan (coach). Front (l. to r.) Trevor Whelan (Clonmel Og), Paddy O'Donoghue (Clonmel Og), Nigel Corrigan (Ballybacon-Grange), Michael Ryan (Ballymac.), Declan Browne (Moyle Rovers), Fergal Condon (St. Mary's), Barry Darmody (St. Mary's), Enda Bates (Moyle Rovers), Gearóid Brett (Clonmel Og). Missing from photograph Paul Loneragan (Ballybacon Grange).



Carrick-on-Suir Vocational School - winners of Hennessey Cup and Vocational Schools senior and junior hurling competitions. Back row: P. Power, P. Keyes, S. O'Hara, B. Murphy, K. Casey, R. Moloney, T. Reade, N. Power, D. Walsh, B. Crotty, E. O'Neill. Middle: J. Sweetman, K. Reade, J. Walsh, A. Walsh, J. Fleming, B. Grace, E. Maher, H. Nolan, K. Tobin, G. Grace. Front row: P. O'Donnell, A. Ryan, A. Harrigan, D. Reade, M. Harrigan, K. Walsh, P. Loughman.



Fitzgerald Cup Champions (1994) Tipp (U-17) A Hurling. Our Lady's, Templemore. Back row (l. to r.): John Finnerty (J. K. Brackens), Adrian Moynihan (do.), Darren Owens (do.), Brian Delahunty (Moynempletuohy), Tomás Maher (Drom-Inch), Joe Cusack (J. K. Brackens), Mervyn Deegan (Loughmore), David Finnerty (J. K. Brackens), Ken Dunne (Toomevara), Michael Cahill (Drom-Inch), Eoin Ryan (Clonakenny), Sean O'Costáin (coach). Front row (l. to r.) David Bourke (J. K. Brackens), Denis Kelly (Toomevara), Paul Ormond (captain) (Loughmore), Eamon Corcoran (J. K. Brackens), P. J. Sweeney (Moynempletuohy), Alvy Stapleton (Loughmore), Damien McBride (J. K. Brackens), Aidan Doyle (do.), John Gleeson (Loughmore), Paul Ryan (Drom-Inch), Jonathan O'Connor (Drom-Inch). Missing from photo Conor Ryan (Upperchurch-Drombane). (Photo: Seamus Bourke)

and their first since 1978. The victory was much appreciated in Templemore and with many of the players available for the coming school year, it should encourage the school to make an all out effort in the Harty.

FITZGERALD SHIELD (U-17) B HURLING

This competition was once again very competitive with some excellent games. Ballingarry having won the (U-16) B in 1993 continued their progress and achieved a memorable victory in the Shield, their first in the grade. Again, a sincere Well Done to Joe Moran and his team and as they have entered in this year's Munster Colleges competitions, I wish them every success.

Semi-Finals:

Presentation (Ballingarry) 4-6, Rockwell College 2-3; Roscrea C.B.S. 4-13; Carrick-on-Suir V.S. 3-7.

Final:

Presentation (Ballingarry) 6-6, Roscrea C.B.S. 1-4.

CUSACK CUP (U-15) A FOOTBALL

Semi-Finals:

Abbey C.B.S. 5-9, Our Lady's, Templemore 0-3; Clonmel High School 3-10; Killenaule V.S. 1-4.

Final:

Abbey C.B.S. 2-12, Clonmel High School 2-6.

The main problem with this competition was that it went too late, as a result of certain schools being busy with games and the very inclement weather, experienced over the year.

CUSACK SHIELD (U-15) B FOOTBALL

Semi-Finals:

Tipperary V.S. 5-9, Cashel V.S. 4-4; Nenagh V.S. 2-4, Borrisokane V.S. 1-2.

Final:

Nenagh V.S. 4-5; Tipperary V.S. 0-5.

This was quite a good competition, with eight teams participating and a remarkable feature was, that the Shield once again remained in North Tipperary with Nenagh V.S. capturing their first Tipp Post Primary Football title, thus emulating their neighbours, Borrisokane V.S. who were successful in 1993.

MCGABHANN CUP (U-18) A FOOTBALL

Semi-Finals:

Tipperary C.B.S. defeated Carrick-on-Suir C.B.S.

Clonmel C.B.S. 2-8; Patrician, Fethard 1-9.

Final:

Tipperary C.B.S. 2-11; Clonmel C.B.S. 2-7.

This competition was once again very successful with an excellent final in which Tipp C.B.S. narrowly captured the trophy



Presentation, Ballingarry - Under-17 B. Fitzgerald Shield winners 1994: Back row (l. to r.) Thomas Manton (Emeralds); Denis Tobin (Emeralds); Sean O'Brien (Ballingarry); Brian Walton (Ballingarry); John Lacey (Killenaule); Andrew Laffan (Emeralds); Sean Fox (Mullinahone); Brendan Meagher (Ballingarry); Seamus Kealy (Ballingarry); Patrick Walsh (Ballingarry); Patrick Hickey (Gortnahoe); Eddie Carey (Mullinahone). Front row (l. to r.) William Brewer (Ballingarry); Shane Meagher (Ballingarry); Jason Ivors (Ballingarry); John Teehan (Gortnahoe); Ronan Stanley (captain) (Gortnahoe); Leo Dufficy (Gortnahoe); Brendan Cody (Emeralds); Martin Goldsboro (Ballingarry); Liam Croke (Ballingarry).



Nenagh Vocational School - Cusack Shield and North Tipperary Junior Football Champions - 1993/1994. Front row (l. to r.) Paul Seymour, Tommy Connors, Ronan Tynan, Paul McGrath, Paul Kirwan, Kevin Hackett, Brian McLoughlin, Noel Tomlinson (captain), Michael Connors, Thomas Maher, Eoin Hynes, John Lynch, Stephen O'Meara, Paul Cusack, Pat McGrath. Back row (l. to r.) Pat Lynch, Michael Delahunty, John O'Meara, Eamonn Murtagh, Gerard Kennedy, Dan Hackett, Enda Nolan, Ken Hall, Leonard Ryan, Graham Mitchell, Hugh Flannery, Brian Hassett, Martin Nolan, T. Delaney (coach). Missing for photo: brothers John and Gerard Slattery.



Abbey C.B.S. - U-15 Football - Cusack Cup winners. Front row (l. to r.) Diarmuid O'Halloran, Kevin Nolan, Dan Riall, Peter Leonard, Aidan Fogarty, Michael McAvoy, Mark Hanly. Second row - standing: John O'Dwyer (trainer), Paul Tobin, Keith Landers, Edmund Grace, Andrew Lacey, Trevor Landers, Anthony O'Grady, Colm Morrissey, Mr. Mulken. Back row: Tommy O'Connor, Richard Swords, John Carew, Niall O Sé, John Kennedy, John O'Donnell, Darragh Moore, Mark Greene.



Thurles C.B.S. mentor, Peter O'Shea, anxiously watches the team's progress during the Dr. Harty Cup semi-final against North Mon. (Cork) at Mitchelstown.

in a game of quality football.

McGABHANN SHIELD (U-18) B FOOTBALL

Semi-Final:

St. Joseph's, Borrisoleigh beat Borrisokane V.S.; Cahir V.S. 2-4, Nenagh V.S. 2-3.

Final:

Cahir V.S. 5-9, St. Joseph's, Borrisoleigh 1-4.

This McGabhann Shield competition yielded a very good victory for Cahir V.S., who have not been in the forefront for a few years. A special word of praise to them and their very committed gamesmaster, Fr. Knight.

The annual Blitz held in Rockwell, in the middle of May, once again provided a feast of football excellently organised by Colm O'Flaherty. High School, Clonmel, won the (U-14) A and Cahir V.S. captured the (U-14) B or Shield Competition.

Even though the Harty Cup once again failed to find a home in the Premier County it was quite a successful year for Tipperary Colleges in Munster competitions. Roscrea C.B.S. captured the Corn Iognáid Rís and Our Lady's, Templemore, had their most successful year for over a decade capturing Munster (U-18^{1/2}) Corn Phadráig and also the Munster (U-16^{1/2}) B. Kinnane Cup, defeating Doon C.B.S. in an outstanding final on the score 2-16 to 4-8. To crown a wonderful year Our Lady's, Templemore, captured All-Ireland Senior B honours defeating Callan C.B.S. in the final on the score 3-8 to 0-8 and victory in the Tipperary (U-17) A (H) Fitzgerald Cup, completed a memorable year for the Mid-Tipp nursery.

Thurles C.B.S. made a gallant effort to once again capture the Harty and having defeated St. Flannan's (Ennis) in a rousing quarter final replay, they lost to eventual winners, North Monastery (Cork), in the semi-final on the score 2-6 to 1-5.

As we set out on a new Colleges' School Year, one wonders when the Harty will come to Tipp again. It has only found a home in Tipp on eleven occasions since 1918 and with the day schools still at a disadvantage, all we can do is to keep trying and eventually some school in the county



Our Lady's, Templemore - Kinnane Cup Munster (U-16 ^{1/2}) winners 1994. Back row (l. to r.) Seán O Costagáin (coach), Joe Cusack, Eamon Corcoran, Brian Delahunty, Mervyn Deegan, David Finnerty, Denis Kelly (captain), and Ken Dunne. Front row (l. to r.) Tomás Maher, Paul Ryan, Paul Ormond, Johnny Gleeson, Alan Kilroy, Alvy Stapleton, Jonathan O'Connor and Aidan Doyle. Sub: Michael Cahill (missing from photo). (Photo: S. Bourke)



McGabhann Shield (U-18) Football and V.S. Senior Football Champions 1994 Cahir V.S. Back: Mark O'Connor (Cahir), Adrian Condon (Ardfinnan), Vincent Carew (Cahir), Kieran Savage (Ardfinnan), Tristian Browne (Ardfinnan), Eric Guthrie (Ardfinnan), John Guthrie (Cahir), Middle: Diarmuid Boyle (Ardfinnan), Paul Lonergan (Cahir), Brendan Healy (Galtee Rovers), Brian Lonergan (Ardfinnan), Brian Frazer (Cahir), John Kinahan (Ardfinnan), Christy Browne (Fr. Sheehy's), Robert O'Connor (Ardfinnan), Wesley Burke (Ardfinnan). Seated: Darren O'Keeffe (Cahir), Noel Hally (Cahir), Tom Heaphy (Ardfinnan), Pat Maher (Fr. Sheehy's), Shane O'Mahoney (captain), (Ardfinnan), Alan O'Gorman (Ardfinnan), Kevin White (Ardfinnan).



Abbey C.B.S. S.F. McGabhann Cup winners: Front (l. to r.) Mark Cummins, David Fogarty, Pat Roche, Liam Phelan, Francis Stokes, Mick Collins, Niall English, Roy Collins, Lionel Leonard, Pat McEvoy, Mick White, Michael Ryan. Back row: Mark O'Shea, Aidan Tobin, Ger Farrell, Kieran Greene, Ian Morrissey, Sean O'Neill, David Kuss, Jason Nugent, Brian McGuire, David Morey, David Quinlan, Tom O'Donoghue.

GAELIC GAMES IN THE VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

by T.J. EGAN

Tipp. schools dominate Munster Hurling and Camogie Championships

Tipperary Vocational Schools' dominance of the Munster Vocational Championships continued in 1994.

Borrisokane C.C. captured the Munster senior hurling title when they defeated Scoil Ruain, Killenaule, in an all-Tipp final played at Semple Stadium.

Scoil Ruain atoned for their senior hurling defeat by capturing U/16 championship in convincing fashion.

The u/14 final was a repeat of the senior final and again Borrisokane C.C. came out on top in an exciting final.

Borrisokane C.C. were defeated in the All-Ireland semi-final by Rathdowney V.S. while Scoil Ruain were defeated in the All-Ireland finals by Loughrea V.S.

Tipperary Vocational Schools inter-county hurlers reached the All-Ireland final for the second year running, but were comprehensively beaten by a far superior Galway team in a very poor final.



Tipperary Vocational Schools All-Ireland runners-up to Galway. Back row: Martin Costello, Michael Maher, Kevin O'Brien, Pat Hackett, Patrick Doyle, Chris Dunne, P.J. Gleeson. Front Row: Sean Sheppard, Peter Nolan, Liam Nolan, Jason Fogarty, Liam Cahill (capt.), Sean Kennedy, Michael O'Brien, Conor Troy.



Borrisokane Senior V.S. Camogie All-Ireland Finalists. Back Row (l-r): Claire Walsh, Cathrine Burke, Claire Horan, Colette Horan, Marie White, Julie White, Antoinette Darcy, Margaret Tierney, Joanne Turner, Samantha Reid, Nicola Gleeson, Annette Fogarty. Front row (l-r): Ellen Ryan, Michelle Larkin, Catriona Tiernan, Maura Cahalan, Yvonne Williams, Ruth Moylan, Olive Guest, Susan Williams, Niamh Larkin.



Borrisokane C.C. - Munster V.S. Senior Hurling Champions 1994. Front Row (l-r): Donie Comerford, Conor Ryan, Niall Slevin, Martin Burke, Alan Slattery, Sean Sheppard, Adrian Egan, Conor Deegan. Back Row (l-r): Donal Hourigan, Martin Costello, Martin Haverty, Kevin O'Brien, Enda Slevin, Michael Haverty, Marcus Slevin.

CAMOGIE

Not to be outdone by the boys, the Tipp girls too can be proud of their achievements with Roscrea and Borrisokane contesting both the senior and junior finals. In the senior final, Borrisokane at last had the better of Roscrea in an excellent game, while Roscrea retained their junior crown with a great win over their arch rivals.

Borrisokane advanced to the All-Ireland final by defeating Leinster champions, Thomastown, but were defeated in the All-Ireland final by Loughrea V.S. in a great final played in Lusmagh, while Loughrea also defeated Roscrea in the junior final. Final score: Loughrea 1-8, Borrisokane 1-6.

CONCLUSION

Our thanks once again to our gallant band of referees, Park Committees and to the County Board for its very generous grant which is very much appreciated.



Tipperary's Kevin O'Brien (left) and Conor Troy (2) combine to break up a Galway attack during the All-Ireland Vocational Schools Hurling Final at Páirc na nGael.

TIPPERARY

— Nenagh Co-Op Tournament Winners 1994



The Tipperary Under-16 Hurling Panel which won the Nenagh Co-Op sponsored tournament by defeating Clare 3-18 to 4-6 at Semple Stadium. Included in photograph also are Martin Linnane, Assistant Chief Executive, Nenagh Co-Op (centre left), presenting trophy to John Carroll, captain of the team and Connie Grace, Acting Vice-Chairman, County Bord na nÓg.

Coiste Camogaiochta Thiobraid Árann

By Eamonn de Brún

Officers:

Chairperson: Eamonn Browne.

Vice-Chairperson: Liam Hogan.

Secretary: Marion Graham.

Treasurer: Biddy Philips.

Registrar: Biddy Philips.

P.R.O.: Marion Graham.

Sub-Committees:

Fixtures Committee: Julia O'Dwyer, Sally Duggan, Conor Ryan, Sheila Delaney, Pádraig Mullins and Marion Graham.

Development Committee: Bernie O'Dowd, Liam Hogan, Martin Bourke.

Intermediate coach: John Kennedy.

Intermediate Selectors: John Kennedy, Biddy Philips, Martin Kennedy.

Junior coach: Liam Hogan.

Junior Selectors: Liam Hogan, Pádraig Mullins and Bernie O'Dowd.

U-18 Coach: Pádraig Mullins.

U-18 Selectors: Pádraig Mullins, Deirdre Hughes and Martin Flynn.

U-16 Coach: Conor Ryan.

U-16 Selectors: Conor Ryan, Richard Horgan and Marion Graham.

The previous couple of years had seen unprecedented success coming to the county and we are hopeful that 1994 would see that continue.

All committees were to work very hard in their quest for honours on behalf of the county but unfortunately their hopes were not to be fulfilled. The Intermediates reached the All-Ireland semi-final where they lined out short a couple of their best players, notably Cora Kennedy, who received a very nasty injury in the previous week's County Senior Final. Cora is still receiving treatment for the injury and we hope it will have healed sufficiently to allow her contribute during 1995. Going back to the game in question, on hindsight we must ask were we right to allow the game to be played a week prior to an All-Ireland semi-final, it cost us dearly. The Juniors as always find

it difficult to formalize a panel, and this year was no exception but all credit to those in charge for the work put into the panel and again I believe an injury to Orla Hogan in the Munster Championship was to prove crucial to our title aspirations, also some players didn't decide to join the panel until well into the campaign.

The U-16 panel as in previous years gave of their best under those in charge and after a lot of trials and games a panel was formalized, which everybody felt was good enough to retain the All-Ireland title. The loss of form or otherwise of some key players was to prove a very big burden in that quest. Tremendous performances against Cork and also against Wexford are great memories of the team, though the displays in the All-Ireland semi-final and replay against the Leinster Champions left a lot of queries which were to prove very true when they faced Galway in the All-Ireland final. While defeat was the teams lot in this game, the county was proud of the panel. They went under to one of the finest under-age teams seen for a long time. I don't believe any team would have lived with Galway on the day.

While the Intermediate played the All-Ireland championship on the open draw system, they were entitled to enter the Munster Senior Championship, where they encountered Cork in the final. This game was played in Toomevara and the display of the team that evening will live in the memory of those who saw it for a very long time. The girls led Cork up to the last couple of minutes in a great game which ended in a draw with Cork winning the replay.

The U-18's as usual find it difficult to get together as a panel since the girls are all involved in the closing stages of the County Championship and also when it commences they are back in school. Though they had an easy win against Waterford, Limerick in the semi-final were to prove a difficult hurdle to surmount and the game ended in a draw in normal time with Limerick edging ahead in extra time. All in all a disappointing year, success wise for our county teams, which we hope will only be a temporary setback.

Our county championships provided some excellent games during the year and

while some clubs have had way more success than others, it shouldn't deter those who were unsuccessful.

We congratulate our Féile na nGael winners Drom/Inch on their success, we also thank Helen Campion our Féile skills champion for the past three years.

Those who have helped in any way during the year on behalf of the Board we say a sincere Thank You and also the many people in the clubs throughout the county for your work. To our referees who have a very difficult task, but have fulfilled their duties in a very efficient way we are indebted to you. May I on behalf of the Board take this opportunity of wishing the compliments of the Christmas season to one and all and look forward to Tipperary Camogie Board going forward in 1995 to greater deeds.

While affairs on the playing fields took up a lot of time and didn't yield much success, off the pitch we had great success in getting our grounds in The Ragg further developed and awaiting for '95 when it will become available for use by the Board. This work is the product of a lot of effort by the development committee and we are also extremely grateful to the G.A.A. County Board and development officer John Ryan for the help and support and also those who gave of their time picking the stones off the pitch. This development will be a credit to everybody when finished. Various fund raising activities were run to fund the development and the major one was our Classic in mid-July, which proved a big success. We thank very sincerely Castlebrand, Nenagh, who have very generously sponsored this event for the past two years and we congratulate the winners, the Clare team which included members of their senior hurling panel. Along with Castlebrand we sincerely thank all our other sponsors for their generosity. The entries for this year clearly showed that this must become an Annual event, as it showed clearly the popularity by the increase of entries. Many other fund raising events have taken place, and are taking place in the very near future.

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.

Tipperary Minors relinquish their All-Ireland Title

By Marion Graham



Tipperary Minor Munster Champions

Back row (l. to r.) Conor Ryan (coach), Aine Ryan (mascot), Paula Stapleton, Helen Campion, Gráinne Shanahan, Nesa O'Driscoll, Catherine Cahill, Claire Horan, Nolette O'Dwyer, Helen Grogan, Mary Looby (captain), Orla Egan, Jacqueline O'Connor, Emily Hayden, Julie Delaney, Richard Horgan (selector), Marion Graham (selector). Front row: (l. to r.) Grace Ormond, Alice Darcy, Cathriona Tiernan, Marie Harkin, Elaine Fitzgerald, Fiona Hanrahan, Meadhbh Corcoran, Ciara Gaynor, Cathriona Hennessy, Patricia Cummins, Olwen Noonan.

The campaign to capture our third All-Ireland Minor title in-a-row commenced on Saturday, February 26th with 105 names submitted from clubs all over the county for trials. A difficult task was indeed ahead for the coach Conor Ryan, selectors, Richard Horgan and Marion Graham. They divided the clubs into sections and had forty players attend each trial.

On May 16th Tipperary played their first championship game in defence of their title when they took on Limerick in Mary Immaculate College Grounds, Limerick. With poor underfoot conditions, Tipperary were slow to start, but as the game progressed the Premier girls showed great skill and determination and for the most part their reading of the game was first class. An excellent all-round performance with each and every girl playing her heart out and responding positively to the urgings of their mentors put them on target for another Munster Final by overcoming Limerick on a scoreline of Tipperary 3-11 to Limerick 1-5.

Their opponents in the Munster final were old rivals Cork and this game was fixed for May 20th. Displaying a brand of camogie that would impress at senior ranks, Tipperary had an impressive victory over the Lee-siders, giving Tipperary their third Minor Munster final in-a-row, incidentally Cork were their opponents on all three occasions.

The All-Ireland semi-final played in Buffers Alley G.A.A. pitch, Wexford, on Sunday, July 24th proved to be a thriller with non-stop action from start to finish. Tipperary would have been slight favourites going into the game, but Wexford had high hopes for their team and they were justified. They took Tipperary by storm and led at the interval by 4-5 to Tipperary's 2-5.

The excitement of the second half reached fever pitch and with one minute to go Tipperary were ahead by just one point when Wexford were awarded a free

on the 30m. line which they wisely went for their point. From the puck-out Tipperary attacked and were awarded a 30m. free, but failed to convert. The final whistle went on the puck-out with the sides locked together, Tipperary 6-8, Wexford 5-11.

It was Wexford who got the better start in the replay with a goal for them in the seventh minute. However, Tipperary fought back and had two goals in as many minutes from Cathriona Hennessy and Helen Grogan to put them in a promising position after fifteen minutes. Wexford took some beautiful points but they were wiped out by scores from Ciara Gaynor and Cathriona Hennessy to give Tipperary a 2-4 to 1-4 interval lead. Wexford pressed hard again on resumption and had their goal after nine minutes to give them a two point lead, at this stage the character of the Tipperary side was tested and they were back on level terms with just ten minutes remaining. It was then that Gráinne Shanahan was introduced, her first goal coming after a block down by the Wexford 'keeper and Gráinne was there to pounce on the breaking ball. The super sub struck again one minute from time to put the game beyond Wexford once and for all after she punched on another cross this time from Helen Grogan. Despite the best efforts of the Wexford players they could not pull back that kind of lead with so little time remaining and with Tipperary defending gallantly they ran out eventual winners by a scoreline of 4-6 to 2-6.

The final against Galway . .

On an ideal day for the game, with only a slight breeze to contend with, Tipperary started off in a promising fashion with a point from Cathriona Hennessy after two minutes play. However, it did not take Galway long to settle into their stride and matters looked a trifle ominous for Tipperary when Galway hit the home side's first goal in the third minute. Galway were on top in most sectors, however, and

in a six minute spell they tore the Tipperary defence line apart with three goals, Tipperary's only goal of this half coming on the call of half time as the scoreline read 5-5 to 1-5 in Galway's favour.

Tipperary showed much more purpose in their play in the second half and to their credit they never stopped trying. Helen Grogan got on the end of a Ciara Gaynor free to push home their second goal in the 17th minute and while Mary Looby had a fine third goal for Tipperary with five minutes remaining, Galway were very much more in control, picking points with ease.

On behalf of my fellow selectors, Conor and Richard I wish to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of the girls for their commitment to training through a long year. Sincere thanks to the parents and club mentors who brought the girls to training, it was indeed much appreciated. Thanks also to Drom/Inch club for the use of their pitch for all our training sessions, to Durlas Óg for the use of their facilities for our trials, many thanks to Templemore for making the necessary arrangements and preparing the pitch for the replay of the semi-final. To everyone who helped in any way a sincere thank you.

Finally, to the girls, to those who are over 16 for next year keep up the good work and if you give as much to the coach and selectors of the adult teams when you are called up to the higher grade as you have given to us, the future for you as an Inter-county player and the county can only flourish. To the girls who are still eligible for next year's minor panel, put last year's final behind you and think positive. To all of you as a team, you were a brilliant bunch to work with and we enjoyed every minute of it, through the rain and the sunshine, the laughter and tears it was our pleasure. Thank you.

Lady Luck did not shine for Intermediates

By Marion Graham

In a year that should and could have gone down in the records for our Intermediate Camogie team, lady luck was not on their side and failed at all the final hurdles. Contesting the first Senior League Final since 1977, the Munster Senior Championship final last won by Tipperary in 1969 and falling at the first hurdle in the Intermediate Championship will all have to be chalked down to lack of experience.

Good wins in the Senior League campaign against Wexford, Kildare and Clare and falling only to Cork, put Tipperary pitted against All-Ireland senior champions Kilkenny in the semi-final, on May 23rd.

Tipperary went on the rampage from the throw-in and had 1-6 to their credit before Kilkenny's Ann Downey scored from a free. Deirdre Hughes was having the game of her life at full-forward and added a further goal to her tally in the opening half. This was a fine performance by the Tipp side, giving very little chance going into the game they took this match to Kilkenny throughout and led at the interval by 2-7 to 1-3 at the break.

The Premier side went into the second half with it firmly fixed in their minds that they were heading for a place in the final. Kilkenny forwards tried and tried again to penetrate the Tipperary defence line but they stood firm and due to the excellence of all the defence line all Kilkenny could muster past them was two points from play with their second goal coming from a 30m. free.

Tipperary never look like relinquishing their lead and only for the goal and two points in the last few minutes of the game gave the scoreboard a respectable look from a Kilkenny's point of view.

And so the Senior League Final was set for June 12th venue Ballinasloe, opposition Galway, who had put away Cork in the other semi-final on the score of 5-10 to 2-6. Who would have envisaged this pairing at the beginning of the year for the final? It could have been disastrous for Tipperary as an Intermediate team to be pitted against the All-Ireland Senior finalist at their home venue, instead they came away from the National League Final with a fair degree of distinction, holding the Galway girls to five points and in the final analysis it was lack of experience that saw Tipperary lose out in what was a very exciting and close contest throughout. Galway were a more physical and stronger side and showed signs of their involvement in a higher grade through a measure of cuteness and skill that only comes from experience. It was to Tipperary's credit



NATIONAL SENIOR LEAGUE FINALISTS

Back row (l. to r.) John Kennedy (coach), Maeve Stokes, Theresa Bourke, Claire Madden, Deirdre Hughes, Ailish Delaney, Cora Kennedy, Siobhán Cusack, Catherine Bourke, Biddy Philips (selector).
Front row (l. to r.) Martin Kennedy (Selector), Kaiffe Moloney, Ann Gleeson, Suzanne Kelly, Noelle Kennedy, Helen Kiely, Anne Gleeson, Gillian O'Neill.

that they never seemed overawed by the opposition. Although they began shakily and gave the impression that they would be totally over-run, they soon showed what they were made of and when Noelle Kennedy lashed home a goal to bring the sides level at 1-2 to 0-5 after eleven minutes, Galway knew they had a fight on their hands. The teams were level five times during the opening half including the interval, 1-4 to 0-7 and Tipperary had reason to be well satisfied with their performance.

In the opening minutes of the second half the Tipperary defence line were put under severe pressure and Galway strove to take matters into their own hands and were ahead by five points in as many minutes. Indeed one could say "for only those few minutes that Tipperary fell asleep". They were with Galway all the way, but could not bring back that five point deficit which Galway gained in the opening minutes and they took the honours on a score of 1-13 to 1-8.

With only Tipperary and Cork entering the Munster Senior championship an epic final was in store for supporters and they were not disappointed. On July 20th in Toomevara the final ended in a draw in a contest that was full of skill, excitement and determination throughout.

Cork lining out a full strength team were first to score with a point from Linda Mclerick, immediately Tipperary replied with a point from Helen Kiely. Points were exchanged from both sides until Tipperary got their first goal in the 15th minute when Deirdre Hughes beautifully hand-passed the ball past the Cork goalie. The game was played in a fast and furious manner with neither sides giving an inch and contesting every ball leaving the score at the interval Cork 0-9, Tipperary 1-4.

In the second half Tipperary took command of the scoring for the first ten minutes and with a Catherine Bourke goal had them ahead by two points half-way through. From here on it was nail-biting ball the way, with Tipperary forwards putting the Cork backs under enormous pressure. However, Cork managed to rally some scores and went ahead by a point with a minute to go. In the dying moments Tipperary were awarded a free from just inside the sideline 40m out. Silence prevailed amongst the spectators while Deirdre Hughes lifted and struck it with ease over the bar to leave the sides level once more. From the puck-out Cork again gained possession but time had run out as the referee blew the whistle to leave the teams on level pegging with a score of Tipperary 2-10, Cork 1-13. The replay was fixed for August 8th in St. Finbarr's Grounds, Cork.

This replay never lived up to the standard of the first game and the Tipperary girls never raised their game like they did in the first encounter. Cork emerged winners in the end by nine points. Not taking anything from the Leesiders victory, but the concession of some very soft scores didn't help the cause.

From the start, Cork looked as if they would run riot, but all credit to the Tipperary defence, repelled many Cork attacks. Cork started the second half as they did the first, throwing everything at Tipp. The backs were containing them until tragedy struck after four minutes, when a harmless looking shot deceived the Tipp goalie and finished in the net. This gave the home side the confidence they needed and knocked the stuffing out of the Tipperary girls. To Tipperary's credit they never gave up and lost nothing in defeat.

Tipperary lost their bid for five-in-a-row

By Padraig Mullins

The U-18 team were chasing their fifth Munster title in-a-row and with many of last year's team available, hopes were high of achieving this target.

The panel assembled late in August and the first game versus Waterford was played on Saturday, September 3rd in Tramore. The team ran out very easy winners against a very weak Waterford team. The semi-final was fixed for late September, but a number of postponements resulted in the game not taking place until October 16th. The short evenings and the fact that a number of the girls were away at college ruled out mid-week training, so preparations were confined to week-ends. Club commitments and bad weather resulted in the team taking the field versus Limerick without satisfactory preparations.

This showed particularly in the first half when lack of team understanding resulted in Limerick building up a good lead.

The second half resulted in a complete transformation with Tipperary on top in all sectors. An early second half goal did not deter the girls and slowly but surely they began to whittle back the lead. Tipperary hit the front with five minutes



Tipperary Under-18 Team

Back row (left to right) Angela McDermott, Sile Kyne, Aileen Delaney, Suzanne Kelly, Anne Barry, Joanne Horgan, Miriam Maxwell, Caroline Buckley, Mary O'Mahony. Front row (l. to r.) Susan Kinneally, Marie Ryan, Nicola Kennedy, Theresa Brophy, Michelle Bulfin, Catherine Bourke, Rena Fogarty, Dearbhla Quigley, Triona Fitzgerald.

to go, but Limerick secured an equalising point in the last minute.

In extra time Tipperary dominated the first half, but a series of fine saves by the Limerick goalie defied our best efforts. The killer blow came on the stroke of half time when Limerick scored the decisive

goal. The Tipperary girls again dominated the early stages of the second half but scores proved elusive and Limerick ran out deserving winners.

Thanks to all players and mentors for their efforts. Selectors Deirdre Hughes, Padraig Mullins, Martin Flynn.

Tipperary Junior Camogie Team

By Liam Hogan

Tipperary reached the Munster Junior and Intermediate Finals in 1994, only to be beaten by Limerick and Clare, in the respective finals. During the year new players were blooded, as half of last year's team went to the County Intermediate team. The Munster Intermediate championship was not open to our current Intermediate

team, as they had won the Munster Intermediate championship last year. Our Junior team was entered to gain experience from this competition. With the amount of talented players available in the county now there is no reason why we should not win a Munster or All-Ireland Junior Championship, next year or in the foreseeable future.

We had some good results in the National Junior League, beating Waterford, Wexford, Carlow and Cork, to reach the National quarter-final. We beat Clare in the Munster Intermediate championship. Our thanks to Liam Hogan, Padraig Mullins and Bernie O'Dowd who couldn't be faulted as they did everything possible to prepare the team. The players were more than willing to co-operate at all times at training.



Tipperary Junior Team : Back row (l. to r.) Liam Hogan (coach), Padraig Mullins (selector), Nora Dwan, Caroline Buckley, Gillian O'Neill, Orla Hogan, Marie Hogan, Orla Crompton, Annette Brennan, Paula Bulfin, Sheila Kyne, Pamela Dagg, Brid Morris, Bernie O'Dowd (selector). Front row (l. to r.): Eileen Kearns, Niamh Bonar, Emma Carroll, Michelle Bulfin, Patricia Carroll, Claire Egan, Lizzie Maher, Nicola Kennedy, Jane Horgan, Ciara Burns, Aine Hogan, Theresa Brophy.

Silvermines camogie club

By Eileen Kennedy

1994 was the first year for camogie in the Silvermines. The girls put in a great effort and reached an U-14 'C' league final and an U-12 'C' final. Our U-12s were a very strong team and had no problems heading their first group, having convincing wins over Ballinahinch, Newport, Lorrha and Golden in the semi-final. The girls got off to a good start in the final against Lorrha and came out easy winners with a score of 6-2 to 1-1. The girls played some excellent camogie throughout the year.

The U-14s were very unlucky in their championship, but made no mistakes when reaching the league final with very positive wins over Ballinahinch and Seán Treacy's. In the final they faced a very strong Lorrha side and lost by only one point in an excellent game of camogie.

Team: Sheila Keogh (capt.), Emma Dunlac, Carmel Ryan, Crystal Bourke, Sarah O'Grady, Mary Sheehan, Ciara Butler, Siobhán McCarthy, Denise Ryan, Siobhán O'Brien, Claire O'Sullivan, Marie Doherty Ailee Forde, Rebecca O'Brien, Siobhán Bourke, Orla McDonagh, Yvonne Griffin and Pamela Quirke.

Drom-Inch Camogie club

Our most successful year

The club entered twelve different competitions and emerged victorious on nine occasions throughout the year.

U-14 Féile na nGael Champions

One of the many highlights of the year was the many excellent performances of this team. In the county championship wins over Knockavilla Kickhams, Templemore and a draw against Cashel set up a county final clash with Cashel in Borrisoleigh in May. Winning comfortably on that evening meant that the club was going to represent Tipperary at Féile for the third year in-a-row. The team trained very hard for the next month under the guidance of John Harkin and effort put in was well rewarded with victories over Limerick, Clare and Roscommon, which resulted in meeting Clonlara of Clare in the final. Much to the delight of the large following, this young team again delivered the right result. Captain, Catriona Hennessy proudly collected the trophy on behalf of her team-mates, also this was the first time a Tipperary team had won Division Two of Féile.

Two weeks later many of this panel went on to win the County Community Games final, overcoming Toomevara in the semi's and Holycross in the Final.



Drangan/Cloneen Under-16 'B' Champions - Back row (l. to r.) Catherine O'Connor, Cathy Doran, Janet McCormack, Sarah Noonan, Bridget Griffin, Ashling O'Connor, Rev. Peter Brennan, Una Shanahan, Emily Noonan, Camila Noonan, Hazel Hackett. Front row (l. to r.) Mairead Morrissey, Deirdre Cuddihy, Paula Clancy, Elaine White, Olwen Noonan (captain), Marie O'Brien, Anne Noonan, Breda Burke, Claire Horan.



Drangan/Cloneen U-14 'B' League winners - Back row (l. to r.): Hazel Hackett, Cathy O'Brien, Stephanie O'Shea, Breda Burke, Sarah Noonan (captain), Emily Noonan, Fiona Horan, Claire Horan, Rev. Peter Brennan. Front row (l. to r.) Anne-Marie Horan, Cathy Doran, Mairead Britton, Jill Horan, Sinéad O'Connor, Fiona Shanahan, Edel Morris, Meadhb Britton.



Silvermines U-12 County Champions - Back row (l. to r.) Siobhán McCarthy, Ciara Butler, Anne-Marie Ryan, Bríd Grace, Orla McDonagh, Siobhán Bourke, Rebecca O'Brien, Niamh Keogh, Crystal Bourke, Liza Toohey. Front row (l. to r.) Shauna Kennedy, Carmel Ryan, Denise Ryan, Claire O'Sullivan (capt.), Aileen Forde, Sandra Griffin, Dawn Toohey, Emma Dunlac.



Drom-Inch U-18 County Champions - Front (l. to r.) Ann Barry, Jane Ryan, Caroline O'Connor, Catriona Hennessy, Maria Harkin, Alice Darcy, Joanne Kinnane, Catherine McGrath. Back (l. to r.) Sinéad Ryan (capt.), Kathleen Carey, Mary Loohey, Angela Hoban, Jacqueline O'Connor, Julie Delaney, Siobhán Stapleton, Deirdre O'Connor, Eileen Ryan.

Schools Camogie

St. Mary's camogie club, Nenagh

Camogie in our post primary schools again continued to grow through to 1993-1994 school year. Pride of place must go to St. Mary's (Nenagh) for their victory in the senior All-Ireland Schools – a first for St. Mary's.

On Saturday, April 16th, 1994, St. Mary's 16th, 1994. St. Mary's, Nenagh, made history by winning their first ever All-Ireland senior camogie title. In the final which was played in O'Connor Park, Tullamore, St. Mary's beat St. Patrick's, Maghera from Derry on a scoreline of 1-10 to 1-2.

The winning of this first ever senior title makes St. Mary's the top camogie school in the country. This was our burning ambition since camogie was first played in the school back in the early '80's. The majority of this senior team were members of the 1991 and 1992 back-to-back winning All-Ireland Junior (Under-15) teams. It was only logical to expect that these two very fine Junior teams would give us this superb senior team.

Once again on the day, St. Mary's captain, Noelle Kennedy led by example and produced a brilliant display of camogie scoring 1-8 to St. Mary's 1-10 total. Even though every girl on the team played her part in this historic win the parts played by Suzanne Kelly, Marie Ryan, Síle Kyne and Ciara Gaynor also deserve special mention.

When Noelle Kennedy received the cup she was given a rousing welcome by St. Mary's huge throng of loyal supporters of both teachers and students. That moment will never be forgotten by anybody from St. Mary's who were there to witness it.

THE COUNTY SCENE

On the county scene we had 15 schools affiliated with Our Lady's, Templemore, winning our premier competition, the under-16 championship. Templemore beat St. Joseph's, Borrisoleigh, in a very sporting and entertaining final.

In our Under-14 blitz competition Borrisokane Community College won the A section and St. Ruan's, Killenaule, won the B competition. Congrats. to all but especially to Scoil Ruan on winning their first schools camogie competition.

I will again like to thank the principals and teachers of all the schools that participated. Your commitment to the students in your schools deserve greater recognition for 1994-1995. I would also like to thank the County Camogie Board, referees and G.A.A. clubs for their continual full support.



Our Lady's, Templemore – U-16 Tipperary Schools Champions – Back row (l. to r.) Catriona Tierman, Douna O'Meara, Margaret Tierney, Denise Comerford, Deirdre Quinlan, Marie Kennedy. Front row (l. to r.) Sarah Cleary, Sarah O'Brien, Louise Brennan, Claire Horan (captain), Helen Brennan, Mairéad Comerford, Norah Casey. Missing from photo: Bernie Brennan.



Lorrha U-14 'C' County league Winners – Back row (left to right): Pauline Lambe, Michelle Hogan, Rose Mannion (mentor), Ashling Mahon, Sarah Lewis, Ann Hogan, Margaret Slevin, Rachel Egan, Emer Kennedy, Mary Slevin, Emily Hogan (coach). Front Row (l. to r.) Juliet Sullivan, Emer Gormally, Edel Bourke, Bernadette Donoghue, Pauline Hector, Meadhb Kennedy, Claire Mahon.



Toomevara senior championship and League winners 1994 – Back row (l. to r.) John Kennedy (coach), Siobhán Maxwell, Noelle Kennedy, Audrey Ryan, Regina O'Meara, Suzanne Kelly, Sinéad Maxwell, Mary Stapleton, Anne Bergin, Marie Ryan. Front row (l. to r.) Linda Woods, Deirdre Hughes, Miriam Maxwell, Ann Gleeson, Siobhán Cusack (captain), Nora Dwan, Katie English (mascot), Kathleen Kennedy, Josephine Browne, Ann Woods, Gráinne Shanahan.



Noelle Kennedy being presented with her award for "Player of the Tournament" at the Kilmacud All-Ireland Seven-a-side.



BURGESS - U-14 'B' CHAMPIONS

Back row (left to right) - Carmel O'Donoghue (selector), Jenny Dagg, Anne McKeogh, Elizabeth Scroope, Liam Hogan (trainer), Deirdre Ryan, Helen Maher, Heather Barry. Second row (left to right) - Marie Mulcahy, Marie Kennedy, Niamh Hogan, Josephine McKeogh, Elaine O'Brien, Helena Frawley, Olive Slattery, Michelle Slattery, Eimer McDonnell, Siobhán McDonnell (selector). Front row (left to right) - Lorraine Gleeson, Annette Kelly, Olive Gleeson, Louise Ryan, Sinéad Collins (capt.), Sheena Howard, Michelle Scroope, Deirdre Kyne, Edel Hogan, Amy Kissane.



PORTROE - U-16 COUNTY 'B' FINALISTS, 1994

Back row (left to right) - Róisín Hackett, Lisa Gleeson, Breda Slattery, Neasa O'Driscoll (capt.), Sile Slattery, Sinéad Ryan. Front row (left to right) - Geraldine Conroy, Elaine Flynn, Olivia Ryan, Sinéad Donnellan, Róisín Donnellan (mascot), Stephanie Lawlor, Siobhán Malone.



THURLES - U-12 'B' COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Back row (left to right) - Flan Quigney (trainer), J. Campbell, A. O'Dwyer, J. Harnett, L. Fennelly, A. M. Kennedy, S. Philips, L. Carroll, D. O'Connor, A. Moore, N. Wade. Front row (left to right) - H. Loughmane, G. O'Dwyer, L. Power, T. Callanan, M. Bourke, T. Ryan, M. Connors, E. Bannon, N. O'Dwyer, R. Wade, C. Fitzgibbon, D. King, B. Phillips (coach).

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Success was still to come in the U-14 County League when they accounted for Burgess in the final.

For the third year in-a-row the club won the U-16 championship and also provided Tipperary with six of their panel who lost to Galway in the All-Ireland minor final. They were Mary Looby (captain), Jacqueline O'Connor, Maria Harkin, Catriona Hennessy, Julie Delaney and Alice Darcy. At county level we were up against Toomevara in the final, had a five point winning margin on the day and captain, Alice Darcy, did the honours by collecting the cup on behalf of her team.

In the Under-18:

For the first time in the club's history we recorded a County Final victory at this level, Cashel, Templemore and Toomevara by a point in the final meant that the club had won three under-age county finals. Sinéad Ryan, Kathleen Carey, Mary Looby, Angela Hoban, Jacqueline O'Connor, Julie Delaney, Siobhán Stapleton, Deirdre O'Connor, Aileen Looby.

Winning the Intermediate league at the end of June against Portroe was the confidence booster we required, especially with the re-emergence of Burgess in this grade, wins over Knockavilla Kickhams and Portroe set up a final pairing with Burgess in Semple Stadium in October, this was the toughest game of the campaign, but a margin of four points separated us at the final whistle and we now look forward to playing in the senior tanks in 1995. Margaret Looby captained this victorious team.

Kilruane McDonagh camogie club

JUNIOR GIRLS WIN DOUBLE

1994 proved a very successful year for our junior camogie team. The first competition of the year was the Junior League, which commenced on March 20th in Roscrea against St. Cronan's.

We were convincing winner on this occasion with a score of 4-10 to 1-2. Our further victories over Lorrha and Borrisokane qualified us for the county final against Thurles on Saturday, September 10th, in Ballycahill. We proved to be that bit stronger than Thurles on this occasion with our girls emerging easy winners 6-11 to 0-2.

The first two games in the championship against Lorrha and Borrisokane who were unable to field teams resulted in walkovers. Shannon Rovers were our next opponents in Ballinderry on Monday, 25th July. They were one of our strongest opponents since the season begun with a very good display of camogie and Kilruane emerged winners 1-8 to 0-2.

We were now into the semi-final stage of the championship with Thurles being our opponents. This was another thrilling performance by our girls. All players played their part on this occasion leading to a convincing win over Thurles with a score of 1-7 to 0-2.



Drom-Inch Intermediate team, County and league champions - Front (l. to r.): Ann Barry, Criona Harrington, Noreen Delaney, Catriona Hennessy, Margaret Looby (capt.), Helen Kiely, Maria Harkin, Alice Darcy. Back (l. to r.) Sinéad Ryan, Kathleen Carey, Mary Looby, Angela Hoban, Jacqueline O'Connor, Julie Delaney, Siobhán Stapleton, Deirdre O'Connor, Aileen Looby.



Drom-Inch County U-16 Champions - Front (l. to r.) Joanne Ryan, Catriona Hennessy, Marie Harkin, Alice Darcy (captain), Jane Ryan, Joanna Kinnane, Catherine McGrath. Back (l. to r.) Caroline O'Connor, Kathleen Carey, Mary Looby, Jacqueline O'Connor, Julie Delaney, Deirdre O'Connor, Eileen Ryan. Missing from photograph: Jennifer Hicks.



Drom-Inch U-14 All-Ireland Féile na nGael and County Champions: U-14 League and Community Games Champions: Front (l. to r.) Sarah O'Brien, Claire Costelloe, Cheryl Broderick, Niamh Harkin, Joanna Ryan, Catriona Hennessy (capt.), Deirdre Ryan, Aine Everard, Teresa Maher, Norma Harrington, Helen Sheridan. Back (l. to r.) Ann Ryan, Antoinette Kiely, Claire Hoare, Kay Barry, Liz O'Connor, Maureen Egan, Breda McGrath, Kathleen Kinnane, Mairead Ryan, Deirdre Delaney, Sinéad Egan



Kilruane McDonagh - County Junior League and Championship winners 1994 - Front row (l. to r.) Ellen Ryan, Yvonne Williams, Debbie Carroll, Maggie O'Meara, Bernie Darcy-Meagher, Ciara O'Brien, Susan Williams, Sinéad Prout, Deirdre Reddan. Middle row (l. to r.) Marie Whyte, Ciara Gaynor, Julie Whyte, Colette Cleary, Caroline Foote, Alice Deane, Susan Kenneally, Bernie Brennan, Donna O'Meara, Bridget Cleary, Stephanie Killackey, Hazel Keogh. Back row (l. to r.) Brian Gaynor, John Cahill, Declan O'Meara (trainers/selectors). Inset: David Quinlan (trainer/selector).

Tipperary Handball '94

Another great year for Tipperary handball with many highlights during the season

40/20 – A Major Success

Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen) retained his All-Ireland Senior 40/20 singles title, now making it 2-in-a-row for Eddie.

Eddie made the journey to Roscommon twice for the All-Ireland final because on the last occasion the court was wet. On the second day in April, Eddie had a comfortable 21-5, 21-8 win over Francis McCann (Sligo).

Juniors take 40/20 crown

In the month of March, the well-known Cashel pair of David Moloney and Noel Murphy won the All-Ireland 40/20 Junior Doubles title, beating G. Sweeney and K. Ferrick (Mayo) in the final.

Ryan and Flynn lift Novice title

In the month of April, Jim Ryan and Mark Flynn (Silvermines) won the All-Ireland 40/20 Novice doubles title.

In the All-Ireland title, Jim and Mark turned in a vintage performance to beat N. Kerr and C. McCullan (Tyrone) 21-11, 21-10, in Kilbeggan, Co. Westmeath, to take Tipperary's first title in this grade.



All-Ireland 40/20 Junior Doubles Champions – John Gaffney (Sligo) presenting the medals to Noel Murphy and David Moloney (Cashel).

Jackie wins All-Ireland

Jackie Keating (Cashel) won the All-Ireland 40/20 Junior singles title in the

40/20 Munster Championships



David Moloney (Cashel) added the All-Ireland 40/20 Junior singles title to the doubles title in the month of April.

In one of the best ever Junior finals, David had a nailbiting 16-21, 21-17, 21-19 win over S. Madden (Antrim) in the final, at Ballymore-Eustace.



month of June, beating R. Faulkner (Cavan) in the final.

Another win for another Moloney

Carol Moloney (Cashel) added another All-Ireland title to the Moloney household when she won the U-19 40/20 singles title in May.



Carol Moloney (Cashel) – All-Ireland 40/20 U-19 singles winner.

Tipperary handballers won a total of 9 adult Munster 40/20 titles.

Martin Maher and Johnny Forde (Silvermines) beat Cork in the semi-final and then, in the final in Nenagh, they had an exciting 21-18, 21-18 win over P. and T. Buckley (Cork) in the Masters (B) doubles final. In the All-Ireland semi-final they travelled to Kells, Co. Meath, and lost out

to P. Harris and P. McGovern (Meath) 21-5, 21-16.

Vincent O'Shea (Lahorna) won the Silver Masters (B) singles title with a 21-8,



Munster 40/20 Masters (B) doubles winner, Martin Maher (Silvermines).

21-18 win over D. O'Brien (Cork), in Nenagh. Vincent easily won the first game 21-8 but was made work all the way in the second game, just winning 21-18. In the All-Ireland semi-final, Vincent lost out to J. Doyle (Wexford) 21-17, 14-21, 21-9 in the Horse & Jockey.

Vincent O'Shea and Frank O'Brien (Ballyporeen) teamed up for the last time



Munster Silver Masters 40/20 and 60/30 winner, Vincent O'Shea (Lahorna).

and won the Silver Masters (B) titles with an exciting 21-18, 21-16 win over M. Jordan and M. Boyle (Cork), in Cashel, in the final. But Vincent was ruled out in the All-Ireland semi-final because of a rule change, so Jim O'Brien snr. (Silvermines) stepped in with Frank. However, they lost out to P. McGrath and J. Doyle (Wexford) 21-2, 21-7, in O'Loughlins, Kilkenny.

Juvenile 40/20

Tipperary Juvenile 40/20 handballers won two Munster titles in March.

David Hickey and Noel Moran (Ballina) had a comfortable win over Limerick in the semi-final and in the final in Fermoy they had a clearcut win over A. Duggan and P. Hanarahan (Clare) 15-4, 15-1 in the u-12 doubles final.

John Ferncombe (Horse & Jockey), son of well-known Johnny Ferncombe, was in good form in the 40/20 with an easy win



Munster 40/20 U-12 doubles winners - Noel Moroney and David Hickey (Ballina).



Munster 40/20 u-12 and u-13 team finalists - D. Collins (Ballina), D. Gickey (Ballina), S. Spillane (Nenagh), A. Ryan (Silvermines), N. Moroney (Ballina) and B. Darcy (Nenagh).

over Limerick in the semi-final, and then in the final in Fermoy recorded a superb 15-13, 15-13 win over C. Collins (Clare) in the u-15 singles final. In the All-Ireland semi-final, John lost out to the talented E. Kennedy (Dublin) 15-2, 15-6 in Borris, Co. Carlow.

Yougalarra Win

Yougalarra won the Munster 40/20 Junior Inter-Club title with a good win over Silvermines in the County Final.

In the All-Ireland semi-final, the Yougalarra team of Pat and Paul Griffin and Tony, Pat and Dermot Flaherty lost out to Talbot's Inch.



Frank O'Brien (Ballyporeen) - Munster 40/20 Silver Masters (B) winner.

All-Ireland win for Horse & Jockey pair

In the month of July Mick McGrath and John Ferncombe (Horse & Jockey) won the All-Ireland 60/30 Silver Masters (B) doubles title. Mick and John were in total control in the final beating J. Heneghan and W. Muga (Roscommon).

McGrath does the double

Mick McGrath (Horse & Jockey) won his second All-Ireland 60/30 title in July when he won the Silver Masters (B) singles title.

Only the week previous, Mick won the Silver Masters (B) doubles title when John Ferncombe turned in a superb performance to win the singles title with a clearcut 21-15, 21-9 win over John Kenny (Mayo) in the final.

World success for Tipperary



World Open Doubles Champions Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen) and Dan Armijo (U.S.A.)

Tipperary had a total of 37 players in the Waterford Crystal World Handball Championship in Ireland in October last and won two World Titles and reached two other finals. The championships came to Ireland for the third time with a total of 680 players taking part.

The championships were played at Dublin and Clare venues. This was the biggest ever handball event to come to Ireland and it was a major success. Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen) teamed up with Dan Armijo (U.S.A.) when both players found themselves without partners before the tournament and they turned out to be the pair to take the World Open Doubles title.

Michael Carrie (Cashel) reached the World 'C' singles final in a competition which had 64 entries. Michael had a good campaign with wins over S. Murtagh (Meath), P. Ryan (Dublin), J. Molloy (Dublin), John Corbett (Ballyporeen), G. Guiney (Cork) but in the final in Ballymore-Eustace Michael went under to N. Reilly (Kilkenny) 21-5, 21-9.

Carol Moloney (Cashel) played in the girls U-19 singles and reached the final with a good 21-4, 21-10 semi-final win over F. Mee (Roscommon). In the final, Carol was nervous and the talented Jessica Gawley (Canada) never let her into the game with Carol losing out 21-10, 21-1.



Carol Moloney (Cashel) been congratulated by Maureen O'Donoghue (chairperson of Cashel Ladies' Handball Club) after finishing second in the World U-19 girls singles final.



World Masters (B) Champions. Tony Hayes (Munster Council Chairman), presents trophies to Tony Breen (Wexford) and Billy McCarthy (Ballyporeen).



World 'C' Singles Final - Len Ahern (Dublin) pictured with Nicky Reilly (Kilkenny) winner and Michael Carrie (Cashel) runner-up.

Four All-Ireland's in one day

The month of November was a special time for Cashel juvenile girls when they won four All-Ireland 60/30 titles in one day. Cashel juvenile girls have proved very successful over the last number of years but to win four titles in one day it must be their highest honour to date.

After her great singles success she teamed up with Linda Gillespie to take the All-Ireland U-19 doubles title with a close fought win over Roscommon 21-18, 21-19 in the final.

Donna Harding and Sarah Crocket (Cashel) turned in a fine performance to take the All-Ireland U-15 doubles title in convincing form. Donna and Sarah who had a comfortable Munster final win over Clare and in the All-Ireland final. Donna and Sarah played class handball to easily beat Roscommon 15-2, 15-2 to take the U-15 title.



All-Ireland 60/30 U-17 doubles winners. Michelle Harding and Elaine Moloney (Cashel).



All-Ireland 60/30 U-15 Doubles Champions. Sarah Crocket and Donna Harding (Cashel).

Twelve Munster 60/30 titles

Tipperary handballers won twelve Munster 60/30 titles in the '94 season.

John McQuaid (Roscrea) won the novice singles title with a hard fought win over Pat Ryan (Ballyporeen) 20-21, 21-11, 21-18 in Thurles in the final. In the All-Ireland semi-final in Talbot's Inch, John never got into his best form losing out to O. Faisey (Kilkenny) 21-6, 21-10.

John McQuaid and Mark Flynn (Silvermines) teamed up for the last time and won the Novice doubles title with a 21-18, 21-15 win over Seán Doyle and Jimmy Mullins (Clonmel) in the final and then a fine win over N. Murphy and S. Egan (Offaly) 21-14, 21-15 in the All-Ireland semi-final in Cashel. In the All-Ireland final, they were unlucky to lose out to A. & M. O'Donnell (Roscommon) 21-18, 21-19 in two very close games in Croke Park.

Pakie Mullins and Noel O'Brien (Clonmel) represented Munster in the Masters (A) doubles and lost out to P. Hope and B. Mullins (Offaly) 21-14, 21-8 in the All-Ireland semi-final in Crinkle.

Michael Carrie (Cashel) had a close fought win over G. Kelleher (Cork) 21-18, 16-21, 21-10 in the U-21 singles final. In the All-Ireland semi-final he lost out to C. O'Brien (Offaly) 18-21, 21-15, 21-13.

Vincent O'Shea (Lahorna) beat Danny Butler (Horse & Jockey) in the Silver Masters (A) singles final and in the All-Ireland semi-final, Vincent played very well before losing out to P. Reilly (Kilkenny) 21-17, 21-17 in Talbot's Inch.

David Moloney and Noel Murphy (Cashel) won the Intermediate doubles title with a 14-21, 21-11, 21-13 win over fellow clubmen Josie O'Dwyer and John Fitzell but in the All-Ireland semi-final, they never found their best form losing out 21-12, 20-21, 21-12 to P. Hall and S. Ahern (Dublin) in the Garda Depot, Dublin.

Pat Cleary and Paddy Gleeson (Lahorna) represented Munster in the Golden Masters (B) doubles All-Ireland semi-final but they lost out to J. Meehan and D. Quigley (Dublin) 21-7, 21-10, in the Garda Depot, Dublin.

Geddi McKeogh (Ballina) represented Munster in the Masters (A) singles All-Ireland semi-final but lost out 14-21, 21-16, 21-11 to P. Hope (Offaly) in an exciting match in Ballina.

Vincent O'Shea (Lahorna) and Danny Butler (Horse & Jockey) represented Munster in the Silver Masters (A) doubles but lost out to S. Reade and A. Greene (Kilkenny) in the All-Ireland semi-final in Clonmel.



Munster 60/30 Masters (A) Singles Champion - Geddi McKeogh (Ballina).



Munster U-21 60/30 Singles Champion - Michael Carrie (Cashel).



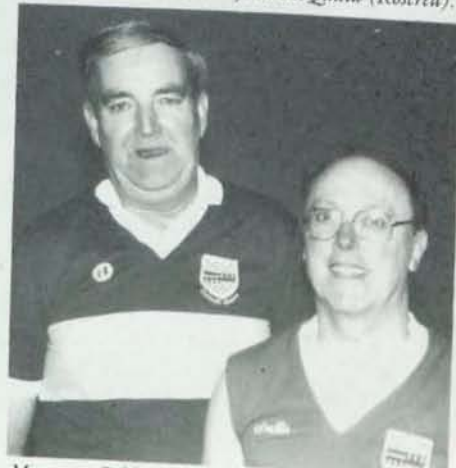
All-Ireland 60/30 U-19 Singles Champion Carol Moloney (Cashel).



Munster 60/30 Intermediate Doubles Champions - Noel Murphy and David Moloney (Cashel).



Munster 60/30 Novice Doubles winners - Mark Flynn (Silvermines) and John McQuaid (Roscrea).



Munster Golden Masters (B) 60/30 winners - Pat Gleeson (Lahorna).

Juvenile boys win title



Tipperary U-13 team – winners of the All-Ireland 60 x 30 Team Championship. Back row (l. to r.) Kevin Dempsey (Cashel), Noel Moroney (Ballina) and Shane Spillane (Nenagh). Front row: David Collins (Ballina), Brian Darcy (Nenagh), David Hickey (Ballina) and Jim Egan (Silvermines).

In the month of November, the Tipperary U-12 and U-13 team of 6 won the All-Ireland 60-30 U-12 and U-13 team title.



Pictured at a Mayoral Reception (l. to r.) Eddie Corbett, Raymond Breen, Sean McEntee, the Mayor Alderman Seamus Healy, Billy McCarthy and Tony Breen.



Cashel Stars – (l. to r.) Noel Murphy, Carol Moloney, Jackie Keating and David Moloney, who between them have amassed 45 National titles in their careers so far.



Munster 60/30 Novice Singles winner, John McQuaid (Roscrea).



Sports Star '93 – Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen) receiving his Cidona award from Mr. Brendan McGuinness, Showering, Clonmel.

Sports Star for Corbett

Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen) received his fourth Tipperary United Sports Star award for handball in the month of January.

Mayor honours World Champions

Clonmel Mayor Ald. Seamus Healy held a Civic Reception for 4 World Handball Champions at Clonmel Corporation Offices after the World Championship in Ireland in October.

Seamus Healy welcomed the 4 World Champions, Billy McCarthy, Tony and Raymond Breen and Eddie Corbett who won World titles at the Waterford Crystal World Handball Championships.

Famous Inter-Club win for Ballyporeen

In the month of May, Ballyporeen won the All-Ireland 40/20 Novice Inter-Club team of four in Kilbeggan, Co. Westmeath. In a thrilling final, Ballyporeen came from behind to record a famous win over Bolfield, Co. Mayo, 115 acres to 104 acres. The Ballyporeen team of John Corbett, Joe English, Michael Meaney and Pat Ryan turned in a fighting performance to overcome the Bolfield team of B. Judge, P. Foy, J. Judge and J. Neary.

Girls do well

In the month of April, Tipperary Juvenile 40/20 girls did well taking eight Munster titles.

A. and L. Moloney (Silvermines) won the U-12 Doubles with a good win over Clare in the final, to take their first ever title. M. O'Doherty (Silvermines) also took her first title when she won the U-13 singles with a great win over Clare in the final. T. Harding (Cashel) turned in a good performance to beat Clare in the U-14 singles final. A. White and M. Harding (Cashel) are two very promising handballers and they comfortably beat Clare to take the U-14 doubles title. Donna Harding (Cashel) won the Munster U-15 doubles title and in the All-Ireland semi-final they easily beat Antrim 15-6, 15-1 but in the final they were most unlucky to lose out to Kildare 15-14, 15-10 in an exciting match.

Gráinne Shanahan (Silvermines) easily won her first Munster title with a good win over Clare in the U-16 singles final but in the All-Ireland semi-final, she played well but lost out to Antrim 15-6, 15-8. Carol Moloney (Cashel) won the Munster title and also went on to take the All-Ireland title in the U-19 singles.

Caroline Kenny and Elaine Moloney (Cashel) won the Munster U-19 doubles title but in the All-Ireland semi-final they lost out to Antrim 21-7, 21-6.

Moloney takes 3rd title of the year

David Moloney (Cashel) took his third All-Ireland title of the year when he won the Intermediate singles title in the month of July.

David won the first Intermediate singles title in Croke Park with an easy 21-5, 21-6 win over Gus Sweeney (Mayo) in the final.



All-Ireland 40/20 Novice Inter-Club winners. Back row (l. to r.) P. Ryan, J. English, M. Meaney. Front row: J. Corbett and F. O'Brien.



Irish handballers in U.S.A. (l. to r.) Pierce O'Keeffe (Kilkenny), Eddie Corbett (Tipperary), Brian Gilhooly (Wexford), John Corbett (Tipperary), Jim Ryan (Tipperary).



Owen McCann (left) Editor "Gael Sport" and Seán McEntee, President of the Irish Handball Council, pictured with Gus Sweeney (Mayo) runner-up and David Moloney (Cashel) winner following the All-Ireland 60/30 Intermediate Singles Final in Croke Park in July.

COUNTY 40/20 WINNERS '94

Minor Singles: J. Tobin (Carrick-on-Suir).
Minor Doubles: P. Supple and W. O'Brien (Ballyporeen).
U-21 S.: J. English (Ballyporeen).
U-21 D.: J. English and J. Corbett (Ballyporeen).
Novice S.: J. Looby (Golden).
Novice D.: P. McGrath and W. O'Dwyer (Cashel).
Junior D.: D. Moloney and N. Murphy (Cashel).
Masters (B) S.: J. Ryan-Moore (Horse & Jockey).
Masters (B) D.: J. Ryan-Moore and J. Dwyer (Horse & Jockey).
Silver (B) S.: V. O'Shea, Lahorna.

CO. 60/30 WINNER 1994:

Minor S.: D. Nevin (Ballina).
Minor D.: D. Nevin and C. Hurley (Ballina).
U-21 S.: M. Carrie (Cashel).
U-21 D.: M. Carrie and D. White (Cashel).
Novice S.: P. Ryan (Ballyporeen).
Novice D.: S. Doyle and J. Mullins (Clonmel).
Junior S.: B. Martin (Tipperary Town).
Intermediate S.: D. Moloney (Cashel).
Intermediate D.: D. Moloney and N. Murphy (Cashel).
Masters (B) S.: J. Ryan-Moore (Horse & Jockey).
Masters (B) D.: J. Ryan-Moore and J. Dwyer (Horse & Jockey).
Silver (B) S.: M. McGrath (Horse & Jockey).
Silver (B) D.: M. McGrath and J. Ferncombe (Horse & Jockey).

CO. JUVENILE 40/20 WINNERS '94

U-10 Singles: E. Keogh (Ballina).
U-10 Doubles: M. J. Meaney and D. Lyons (Ballyporeen).
U-11 S.: E. Quirke (Silvermines).
U-11 D.: P. Grace and K. Kennedy (Ballina).
U-12 S.: A. Ryan (Silvermines).
U-12 D.: D. Hickey and N. Moran (Ballina).
U-13 S.: K. Dempsey (Clonmel).
U-13 D.: S. Spillane and B. Darcy (Nenagh).
U-14 S.: B. Timmons (Silvermines).
U-14 D.: D. Tobin and D. Butler (Carrick-on-Suir).
U-15 S.: J. Ferncombe (Horse & Jockey).
U-15 D.: P. Coleman and K. Moroney (Ballina).
U-16 S.: P. Tobin (Carrick-on-Suir).
U-16 D.: M. Carroll and J. Ryan (Ballinahinch).
U-17 S.: D. Kelly (Ballinahinch).
U-17 D.: B. O'Brien and P. Sheehan (Silvermines).

CO. JUVENILE 60/30 WINNERS '94

U-10 Singles:
U-10 Doubles: D. Lyons and M. J. Meaney (Ballyporeen).
U-11 S.: K. Kennedy (Ballina).
U-11 D.: S. Hickey and P. Grace (Ballina).



All-Ireland Juvenile 60/30 Final. Sean McEntee, president of the Irish Handball Council presents the U-17 runners-up medals to Kieran Timmons (Silvermines) and Aidan Supple (Ballyporeen).

U-12 S.: B. Darcy (Nenagh).
U-12 D.: D. Hickey and N. Moran (Ballina).
U-13 S.: K. Dempsey (Clonmel).
U-13 D.:
U-14 S.: P. Ryan (Ballyporeen).
U-14 D.: B. Timmons and M. Purcell (Silvermines).
U-15 S.: J. Ferncombe (Horse & Jockey).
U-15 D.: G. Moloney and G. Quirke (Silvermines).
U-16 S.: P. Tobin (Carrick-on-Suir).
U-16 D.: M. Carroll and J. Ryan (Ballinahinch).
U-17 S.: R. Manton (Cashel).
U-17 D.: W. O'Brien and A. Supple (Ballyporeen).

Hardball success for Juniors

The Cashel pair of Noel Murphy and Michael Corrie won the All-Ireland Junior Hardball Doubles title in November.

The Cashel lads had two great wins to lift the title. In the All-Ireland semi-final, they had a hard fought win over J. Reilly and J. "Boy" Molloy (Meath) 14-21, 21-16, 21-8. In the All-Ireland Final in Crinkle, Michael and Noel had a comfortable win 21-13, 21-13 over A. Campbell and O. Deegan (Kildare).

Two 60/30 Juvenile titles

Tipperary Juvenile handballers won two Munster 60/30 titles in 1994.

John Ferncombe (Horse & Jockey) won his second Munster title of '94 when he won the U-15 Singles title with wins over P. Donnelly (Limerick) and in the final John had a good win over C. Collins (Clare) 15-0, 15-6 in Cashel.



Handballer weds... John O'Donoghue (Cashel) who married Denise Gardiner (Clonmel) in 1994.

Handball Marathon

In the month of May, the National Handball Marathon took place with nine Tipperary clubs taking part.

The Irish Handball Council joined with the Irish Cancer Society and the Ulster Cancer Foundation to raise funds to help the cause.

The marathon was a success at Tipperary venues which were:

- Cashel.
- Clonmel.
- Ballyporeen.
- Carrick-on-Suir.
- Ballina.
- Nenagh.
- Silvermines.
- Youghalarra and
- Lahorna.

Over £2,000 was raised.

60/30 Inter-Club

Tipperary won two Munster 60/30 Inter-Club titles in July.

Horse & Jockey won the novice title beating Clonmel in the final with the team of Kevin Croke, John Ryan Moore, John Ferncombe, Mike Kerwick and Danny Butler, but lost out to Talbot's Inch team of O. Falsey, D. Hennessy, C. Jordan and P. Savage - 110 aces to 100 aces - in Horse & Jockey.

Youghalarra who the Junior title with the team of Pat and Paul Griffin and Pat & Tony Flaherty, but in the All-Ireland semi-final in Talbot's Inch they lost out to O'Loughlins (Kilkenny) side of N. Reilly, M. Nolan, P. Parsons and B. Falsey.



All-Ireland 60/30 u-14 singles finalist. Mary Harding (Cashel).

Nine 60/30 titles for girls

Cashel Juvenile girls won nine Munster 60/30 titles in the month of October, in Cashel. June Ryan turned in a fine performance to take the u-12 singles title.

Jacqueline Kennedy and Alison White proved a very strong pair to take the u-12 doubles title. Lorraine Burke looked very promising to take the u-13 singles title.

Mary Harding won the Munster u-14 singles title in great form but in the All-Ireland final, in Roscommon, Mary played well but went under to J. Long (Dublin) 15-7, 15-5.

Donna Harding and Sarah Crockett easily won the Munster u-15 doubles and then went on to win the All-Ireland title.

Elaine Moloney and Michelle Harding won the Munster u-17 doubles and then superbly went on to take the all-Ireland title.

Carol Moloney took two Munster titles when she won the Munster u-19 singles and doubles with Linda Gillespie and then did the double again, taking the two All-Ireland titles.



Munster 60/30 Novice Inter-Club winners - Horse & Jockey. Left to right: D. Butler, K. Croke, J. Dwyer, J. Ferncombe, J. Ryan Moore. Missing: M. Kerwick.



Munster 60/30 champions (l-r): L. Burke, u-13 singles; J. Kennedy, u-12 doubles; J. Ryan, u-12 singles; A. White, u-12 doubles - all Cashel.

COMMUNITY GAMES SUCCESS

This year, the annual All-Ireland Community Games were a major success for Tipperary handballers, winning double gold and silver. Cashel girls u-13 and u-15 teams won gold, and Ballina boys u-13 team won silver.



All-Ireland u-13 girls Community Games winners. Back Row - J. Kennedy, M. Harding, P. Butler, A. White. Front Row - N. Cully, F. McCarthy, C. Moloney (Teach Coach).

JACKIE WINS U.S.A. TRIP

In the month of November, Jackie Keating (Cashel) won her place on the Irish team for the U.S.H.A. 39th National Juniors in San Diego, at Christmas.

North Tipperary Handball

It was a very successful year with all competitions being completed in the 40x20. Some very fine handball was served up. In Div. 1 we saw some very good handball and in the final Youglalarra had a very good win over their old rivals, Silvermines.

Div. 2 and 3 saw Nenagh Éire Óg contest both finals. They found the Silvermines too strong and experienced for them in Div. 2 and Youglalarra narrowly beat them in Div. 3 final.

Hollyford were successful in taking Div. 4 after another great battle with Ballinahinch.

There were some very fine performances in the County 40x20 and the division fared very well.

We had good representation on the County panels. The 60 x 30 championship again proved very successful and again the division was well represented at County level.

The Juvenile scene was again very successful and there were some very fine games played. Players from this division acquitted themselves with distinction.

The North was well represented on the Tipp. Team of 6 in the All-Ireland victory and also at Munster championships.

Ballina/Nenagh Éire Óg/Silvermines provided players along with the South representatives, Clonmel, and we congratulate them on a great victory.

Ladies' handball in the division has come on a lot over the past year and this coming year for the first time the North will be holding ladies' competitions.

In the month of May the National Handball marathon took place with nine Tipperary clubs taking part.



Ken Conway (Clonmel), County Secretary and current Irish Handball Council Treasurer.



All-Ireland Community Games Silver Medal winners Ballina - Back Row: D. Collins, N. Moroney. Front Row: S. Hickey, K. Kennedy, P. Grace and P. Hickey.



All-Ireland u-15 girls Community Games winners. Back Row: S. Ryan, S. Crochet, D. Harding, M. Coleman. Front Row: P. Harding, L. Burke, Pat. O'Donoghue, Team Manager Joe Connolly, former National Secretary.



Jackie Keating (Cashel) being congratulated by Maureen O'Donoghue (Chairperson of Cashel Ladies' Handball Club) and her father, Dinny Keating, after winning the trip.



HOW CLOSE IS CLOSE? . . . Noel Sheehy and Michael McGrath (Galway) in a close tussle during the National Hurling League final in Limerick.

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Toomevara's Michael O'Meara (left) and Michael Murphy share their disappointment after narrowly losing the All-Ireland Club Championship Final to Sarsfields (Galway) in Croke Park on St. Patrick's Day.



Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Coiste Thiobraid Árann Thuaidh

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

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 1994 CHAMPIONSHIPS WINNERS

*Nollaig shona dhíbh uile
Go n-néirí libh san ath-bliain*



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Cathaoirleach

MICHEÁL Ó NUALLÁIN
Cisteoir

SCOREBOARD 1994

Compiled SEAMUS O'DOHERTY

COUNTY FINALS - HURLING

Senior:	
Toomevara	3-11
Cashel K.C.	1-9
Inter:	
Eire Og (Annacarty)	0-9
Silvermines	1-5
Junior 'A':	
Ballinahinch	1-10
Skeheenarinka	1-08
Junior 'B':	
Carrick Swans	0-7
Nenagh Eire Og	0-6
Under-21 'A':	
Knockavilla Donaskeigh	2-7
Boherlahan Dualla	0-11
Under-21 'B':	
Loughmore Castleiney	1-13
Golden Kilfeacle	1-7
Minor 'A':	
Ballingarry Gaels	1-11
Toomevara	1-7
Minor 'B':	
Gortnahoe Glengoose	3-16
Ballybacon Grange	0-6
Under-16 'A':	
Toomevara	2-7
Cappawhite	2-10
Under-16 'B':	
Burgess	3-7
Gortnahoe Glengoose	0-2
Under-14 Urban/Rural:	
Roscrea	2-7
Clonoulty Rossmore	1-5
Under-14 Rural:	
Borrisokane/Knockshagowna	4-9
Drom Inch	4-5
Under-12:	
Mullinahone	2-6
Toomevara	1-4

COUNTY FINALS - FOOTBALL

Senior:	
Clonmel Commercial	0-10
Loughmore C.	1-6
Inter:	
Borrisokane	2-10
Kilsheelan	1-9
Junior 'A':	
Killenaule	1-8
Borris-Ileigh	0-10
Under-21 'A':	
Ardinnan	0-11
Loughmore C.	0-11
(Replay) Ardinnan w.o. Loughmore C. scr.	
Under-21 'B':	
Moyle Rovers	0-11
Rahealty	0-11
(Replay)	
Moyle Rovers	1-10
Rahealty	0-11
Minor 'A':	
Aherlow	3-12
J.K. Brackens	1-8
Minor 'B':	
Moyle Rovers	2-8
Moyneltempleuohy	0-6
Under-16 'A':	
Cahir	4-5
Cashel	0-5
Under-16 'B':	
Clonoulty-Rossmore	1-8
Moyneltempleuohy	0-11
Replay:	
Clonoulty-Rossmore	1-12
Moyneltempleuohy	3-3
Under-14 Urban/Rural:	
Galtee Rovers	2-5
Fethard	1-8
Replay:	
Galtee Rovers	4-4
Fethard	1-5
Under-14 Rural:	
Cahir	3-9
Galtee Rovers	5-2
Under-12:	
Mullinahone	2-8
Galtee Rovers	3-1

1993 COUNTY FINALS

Under-21 'B' Hurling: (Replay)	
Kilruane McDonaghs	1-5
J.K. Brackens	1-3

Inter. Football:	
J.K. Brackens	2-3
Newport	0-6
Junior Football:	
Eire Og Annacarty	1-9
Clonmel Commercial	1-8
Under-21 'A' Football:	
Nenagh Eire Og	1-7
Fethard	0-4
Under-21 'B' Football:	
Killenaule	3-5
Golden Kilfeacle	0-7

INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior Hurling:	
At Limerick Gaelic Grounds (19/5/94)	
Clare	2-11
Tipperary	0-13
Junior Hurling:	
At Limerick Gaelic Grounds (29/5/94)	
Clare	3-12
Tipperary	1-12
Under-21 Hurling:	
At Limerick Gaelic Grounds (30/6/94)	
Tipperary	1-16
Limerick	2-13
At Semple Stadium (14/7/94)	
Tipperary	2-15
Limerick	2-8
At Walsh Park, Waterford (27/7/94)	
Waterford	2-16
Tipperary	2-8
Minor Hurling:	
At Fermoy (29/6/94)	
Waterford	2-10
Tipperary	0-15
Under-16 Hurling:	
At Ballygiblin (16/4/94)	
West Tipp.	1-13
Avondhu (Cork)	2-8
At Kilsheelan (20/4/94)	
South Tipp.	3-5
East Waterford	2-5
At Sixmillebridge (16/4/94)	
East Clare	1-10
North Tipperary	2-4
At Semple Stadium (16/4/94)	
Mid Tipperary	3-12
East Limerick	1-8
At New Inn (30/4/94): Quarter-final	
West Tipperary	3-18
South Tipperary	4-9
At Cappamore (30/4/94): Quarter-final	
Limerick City	2-12
Mid Tipperary	1-4
At Doon (7/5/94): Semi-final	
West Tipperary	5-10
Limerick City	2-5
At Semple Stadium (10/7/94): Final	
Cork City	1-10
West Tipperary	2-5

MASTERS OVER-40

Tipperary w.o. Waterford scr.	
Tipperary w.o. Carlow scr.	
At Portumna (5/8/94)	
Tipperary	2-10
Galway	0-15
At The Ragg (28/8/94)	
Tipperary	4-10
Laos	0-6
At The Ragg (8/10/94): Semi-final	
Tipperary	1-14
Wexford	3-7
At Nowlan Park (20/11/94): Final	
Tipperary	0-11
Kilkenny	0-11
Replay: Bohrlahan (27-11-94)	
Tipperary	1-10
Kilkenny	0-6
Senior Football:	
At Limerick Gaelic Grounds (15/5/94)	
Tipperary	2-8
Clare	0-13
At Semple Stadium (26/6/94)	
Tipperary	5-14
Waterford	0-15
At Páirc Uí Chaoimh (24/7/94): Final	
Cork	2-19
Tipperary	3-9
Junior Football:	
At Limerick Gaelic Grounds (15/5/94)	
Clare	0-13
Tipperary	1-5

Under-21 Football:	
At Páirc Uí Rinn (4/5/94)	
Cork	1-20
Tipperary	0-4
Minor Football:	
At Stradbally (11/5/94)	
Waterford	1-7
Tipperary	0-6

OTHER RESULTS

Munster Club Hurling Championship (1994)	
At Toomevara (16.10/94)	
Toomevara 1-18	
Ballyduff (Kerry)	1-6
At Ennis (29/10/94)	
Toomevara 1-12	
Clarecastle (Clare)	1-11
At Semple Stadium (27/11/94) (Final)	
Toomevara	1-11
Kilmallock (Limerick)	2-11
Munster Club Football Championship (1994)	
At Clonmel (30/11/94)	
Clonmel Commercial	3-17
Galbally (Limerick)	1-9
At Tralee (6/11/94)	
Clonmel Commercial	2-9
Austin Stacks (Kerry)	1-10
At Páirc Uí Rinn (20/11/94) Final	
Castlehaven (Cork)	2-14
Clonmel Commercial	1-4
All-Ireland Club Hurling Championship (1994)	
At Croke Park (20/2/94) Semi-final	
Toomevara	1-13
Ballycran (Down)	1-5
At Croke Park (17/3/94) Final	
Sarsfields (Galway)	1-14
Toomevara	3-6
All-Ireland Agricultural Colleges Championship	
Final	
Rockwell College	2-7
Warrenstown College (Meath)	1-8
Final	
Rockwell College	3-7
Mountbellew (Galway)	1-10

INTER-COUNTY GAMES

Church & General NHL 1993/94	
At Nenagh (13/2/94)	
Galway	3-12
Tipperary	1-11
At Semple Stadium (27/2/94)	
Cork	0-17
Tipperary	0-15
At Semple Stadium (6/3/94)	
Tipperary	3-12
Down	3-2
At Bellefield, Enniscorthy (20/3/94)	
Tipperary	1-17
Wexford	1-14
At Croke Park (10/4/94)	
Tipperary	2-18
Kilkenny	1-12
At Páirc Uí Chaoimh (1/5/94) Semi-final	
Tipperary	2-13
Cork	1-13
At Limerick Gaelic Grounds (8/5/94) Final	
Tipperary	2-14
Galway	0-12
Church & General NHL 1994/95	
At Semple Stadium (9/10/94)	
Tipperary	2-14
Antrim	1-7
At Limerick Gaelic Grounds (23/10/94)	
Tipperary	1-15
Limerick	2-9
At Semple Stadium (6/12/94)	
Kilkenny	2-12
Tipperary	1-10
At Ballinasloe (20/11/94)	
Galway	1-13
Tipperary	0-11
Challenges/Tournaments	
At Tipperary Town (23/1/94)	
Tipperary	1-13
Limerick	0-11
At Semple Stadium (30/1/94)	
Toomevara	2-14
Tipperary	1-10
At Clonmel (3/4/94)	
Tipperary	2-11
Waterford	1-9
At Ardinnan (17/4/94)	
Tipperary	3-13
Wexford	2-15

At Ballinkillen (3/7/94)	
Tipperary	0-16
Wexford	1-8
At Clonmel (7/8/94)	
Tipperary	4-17
Cork	0-17
At Parnell Park (31/10/94) Oireachtas Cup	
Tipperary	1-14
Dublin	2-6
At Semple Stadium (13.11.94) Oireachtas Cup	
<i>Semi-final (after extra time)</i>	
Cork	4-20
Tipperary	2-20
Féile na nGael U/14 Hurling	
Drom Inch	4-5
Ahane (Limerick)	0-3
Drom Inch	2-3
St. Finbarr's (Cork)	1-4
Drom Inch	1-4
Monaleen (Limerick)	2-4
(Drom Inch eliminated on scoring difference)	
Church & General NFL 1993/94	
At Semple Stadium (6/2/94)	
Tipperary	1-7
Offaly	0-10
At Casement Park (20/2/94)	
Tipperary	1-10
Antrim	1-9
At Semple Stadium (13.3/94)	
Wexford	1-13
Tipperary	1-8
Church & General NFL 1994/95	
At Hyde Park (16/10/94)	
Roscommon	0-14
Tipperary	1-10
At Semple Stadium (30/10/94)	
Fermanagh	2-9
Tipperary	1-6
At Breffni Park (13.11.94)	
Cavan	1-8
Tipperary	0-6
At (27/11/94)	
Westmeath	1-9
Tipperary	1-6
All-Ireland 'B' Football Championship	
At Scotstown (23/10/94)	
Tipperary	0-14
Monaghan	1-10
At Tullamore (6/11/94)	
Carlow	3-11
Tipperary	3-5
McGrath Cup S.F.	
At Ruislip (3/4/94) 1993 Final	
Tipperary	2-13
London	0-4
At Ennis (10/4/94) 1994 Semi-final	
Clare	3-13
Tipperary	0-9
Challenges/Tournaments	
At Semple Stadium (30/1/94)	
Kerry	3-12
Tipperary	0-8
At Cork (25/3/94)	
Cork	1-14
Tipperary	1-7
At Clonmel (14/4/94)	
Tipperary	2-12
Waterford	0-9
At Carlow (23/4/94)	
Tipperary	1-9
Carlow	1-9
At Athlone (29/4/94)	
Tipperary v. Sligo	
At Wexford (2/5/94)	
Tipperary v. Wexford	
At Rathdowney (25/9/94)	
Tipperary	3-9
Laois	0-12
At Tipperary Town (2/10/94)	
Tipperary beat Limerick	
S.F. at Carrick-on-Suir (19/11/94)	
Tipperary	2-7
Kilkenny	1-10
Co. Primary Schools Hurling Finals	
A) Thurles CBS	1-5
Dromakeenan NS	1-3
B) Holycross NS	3-3
Moneygall NS	0-2
C) Ballylooby NS	5-2
Ballinreens NS	2-2
E) Boher NS	5-7
Ballyporeen NS	3-1

JUVENILE RESULTS

Enagh Co-Op. U/16 Hurling	
Waterford	1-19
Tipperary	3-11
Tipperary	3-4
Kilkenny	1-6

Tipperary	6-30
Wexford	0-6
Semi-final:	
Tipperary	1-16
Galway	3-8
Final:	
Tipperary	3-18
Clare	4-6
Garda Cup U/16 Hurling	
North	2-11
Mid West	1-7
Tony Forristal U/14 Hurling Tournament	
Galway	3-14
Tipperary	0-5
Cork	4-7
Tipperary	0-3
Tipperary	1-8
Waterford	2-5
(Draw) Tipperary did not qualify for semi-finals.	
Féile na nGael U/14 Hurling	
County Semi-finals	
Drom Inch beat Ballingarry by 2 points.	
Clonoulty Rossmore	3-4
Roscrea	1-4
County Final:	
Drom Inch	2-2
Clonoulty Rossmore	1-3
Community Games U/14 Hurling	
Munster Final:	
Drom Inch	1-7
Sixmilebridge (Clare)	1-4
All-Ireland Semi-final:	
Drom Inch beat Kircubbin (Down)	
All-Ireland Final:	
Drom Inch	4-8
Portumna (Galway)	1-5
Munster U/16 Football Tournament	
RI	
Kerry south	3-16
Tipperary	0-6
Shield Semi-final:	
Tipperary	3-6
Cork City	1-10
Final:	
Tipperary	0-11
Limerick	1-7
Peadar Cummins Tournament U/14 Hurling	
West Tipperary beat Mid Tipperary	
North Tipperary beat South Tipperary (a.e.t.)	
Final:	
North Tipperary	4-11
West Tipperary	3-5
James Power U/14 Football Blitz Final	
At Stradbally (4.6.94)	
Tipperary	0-18
Waterford	1-1
Garda Cup U/16 Football	
At Semple Stadium (14.5.94)	
West Tipp.	0-8
North Tipp.	1-4
At New Inn (14.5.94)	
South Tipp.	2-17
Mid Tipp.	0-3
At Cahir (28/5/94)	
South Tipp.	4-13
Final:	
South Tipp.	4-13
West Tipp.	2-4

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Inter-County Senior Hurling	
At Durrow (9/4/94)	
Tipperary	0-3
Kilkenny	0-0
(Abandoned after 6 minutes due to bad weather)	
At Semple Stadium (20/4/94) All-Ireland semi-final	
Tipperary	2-13
Kilkenny	2-3
All-Ireland Final at Limerick Gaelic Grounds (8/5/94):	
Galway	2-20
Tipperary	1-5
Junior Hurling: Munster Final	
Scoil Ruain (Killenaule) beat Causeway Comp. (Kerry)	
At Lisdowney (31/3/94) All-Ireland semi-final	
Scoil Ruain	2-13
Kilcormack VS (Offaly)	1-10
At Birr (17/4/94) All-Ireland Final:	
Loughrea VD (Galway)	1-15
Scoil Ruain	0-11
Senior Hurling	
At Semple Stadium (6.3.94) Munster Final	
Borrisokane Com. College	3-4
Scoil Ruain Killenaule	0-6
At Nowlan Park (26.3.94) All-Ireland Semi-final:	
St. Fergal's, Rathdowney	4-5
Borrisokane C.C.	2-9
Dr. Harty Cup S.H. 1993/94	
At Cappamore (13.3.94)	

Thurles CBS	3-7
St. Flannan's (Ennis)	1-12
At Mitchelstown (20/3/94) Semi-final:	
North Mon. (Cork)	2-6
Thurles CBS	1-5
At Croom (19/10/94)	
Nenagh CBS	7-15
Col. Christ Ri (Cork)	3-3
At Kilworth (19/10/94)	
Thurles CBS	3-13
Hamilton High School (Bandon)	1-5
At Cahir (19/10/94)	
Midleton CBS	3-14
Our Lady's, Templemore	1-9
Camogie	
Munster Senior Final 94/95	
St. Nary's Nenagh	4-5
St. Mary's Charleville	3-8
Munster Colleges' S.H. 'B'	
At Semple Stadium (25/3/94) Final	
Our Lady's Templemore	1-10
Cashel CBS	1-8
At Bellfield (17.4.94)	
Our Lady's Templemore	2-19
D.L.S. Belfast	0-2
At Nowlan Park (7/5/94) All-Ireland Final	
Our Lady's Templemore	3-8
Callan CBS	0-8
Leinster Colleges S.H. 'B'	
At Portlaoise (26.3.94) Final	
Callan CBS	1-10
Cistercian College (Roscrea)	1-8
Munster Colleges S.H. 'C' (Dr. Rodgers Cup)	
At Newcastle (17/4/94) Final	
Mt. Sion (Waterford)	2-2
St. Joseph's Borrisoleigh	0-6
Munster Colleges H. U/16½ (Dr. Kinane Cup)	
At Boherlahan (13/9/94) Final	
Our Lady's Templemore	2-16
Doon CBS	4-8
Munster Colleges H. U/16½ 'C' (Corn Iognáid Ris)	
At Boherlahan (16/3/94) Final	
Roscrea CBS	4-3
Mt. Sion (Waterford)	0-2
Munster Colleges H. U/15 (White Cup)	
At Ballygiblin (25/5/94) Final	
North Mon. (Cork)	3-4
Thurles CBS	2-5
Rice Cup H. U/14	
At The Ragg (23/5/94) Semi-final	
Our Lady's Templemore	1-6
Thurles CBS	0-4
Canon Fitzgerald Cup S.H.	
At Semple Stadium (13.5.94) Final	
Our Lady's Templemore	1-12
Abbey CBS	1-6
Canon Fitzgerald Shield S.H.	
At Semple Stadium (20/4/94) Final	
Pres. Ballingarry	6-6
Roscrea CBS	1-4
McGabhann Cup S.F.	
At Cahir (3/5/94)	
Abbey C.B.S.	2-11
Clonmel M.S.	2-7
Camogie - County Finals	
Senior:	
Toomevara	2-5
Cashel	1-6
Inter:	
Drom Inch	2-5
Burgess	1-4
Junior:	
Kilruane	0-5
Templemore	0-5
Replay: (a.e.t.)	
Kilruane	6-7
Templemore	3-11
Under-18:	
Drom Inch	1-4
Toomevara	0-6
Under-16 'A'	
Drom Inch	4-11
Toomevara	3-
Under 16 'B'	
St. Patrick's Drangan	1-9
Portroe	0-2
Under 14 'A'	
Drom Inch	4-7
Cashel	2-1
Under 14 'B'	
Burgess	5-3
Holycross	3-2
Under 14 'C'	
Ballinahinch	1-0
Lorha	0-2
Under 12 'A'	
Templemore	2-5
Drom Inch	1-3

Under 12 'C'	
Silvermines	6-3
Lorrha	1-0
County League Finals: Senior	
Toomevara	2-7
Cashel	2-6
Junior:	
Kilruane beat Thurles	
Inter:	
Drom Inch	4-7
Portroe	3-7
Colleges Camogie	
Senior: Munster Final	
St. Mary's Nenagh	5-9
Scoil Mhuire Cashel	1-0
All-Ireland Semi-final	
St. Mary's Nenagh	5-6
Loreto Kilkenny	4-3
All-Ireland Final	
St. Mary's Nenagh	1-10
St. Patrick's Maghera	1-2
Munster Senior Final 94/95	
St. Mary's Nenagh	4-5
St. Mary's Chaleville	3-8
Replay:	
St. Mary's Chaleville	2-6
St. Mary's Nenagh	1-6
Munster Senior League Final	
St. Mary's Chaleville	3-8
Our Lady's Templemore	2-7
Munster Junior Final	
St. Mary's Chaleville	5-8
St. Mary's Nenagh	0-0
Munster Junior League Final	
Our Lady's Templemore	5-14
St. Pat's Cork	0-2
V.E.C. Camogie	
Munster Junior Final	
Roscrea Voc. School	4-0
Borrisokane C.C.	1-1
All-Ireland Semi-final:	
Roscrea Voc. School	1-0
Mountrath	0-2
All-Ireland Final:	
Loughrea Voc. School	3-3
Roscrea V.S.	1-4
Senior	
All-Ireland semi-final:	
Borrisokane	1-1
Thomastown (Kilkenny)	0-0
All-Ireland Final:	
St. Brigid's, Loughrea	1-8
Borrisokane Com. College	1-6
Munster Senior Club Championship	
At The Glen Field (18/9/94)	
Glen Rovers (Cork) beat Toomevara.	
National Senior League	
At Enniscorthy (13/3/94)	
Tipperary	5-16
Wexford	2-1

At New Inn (17/4/94)	
Tipperary	5-4
Kildare	0-4
At The Mardyke (1/3/94)	
Cork	6-14
Tipperary	2-3
At Shannon (1/3/94)	
Tipperary	6-7
Clare	0-7
At Toomevara (22/5/94)	
Tipperary	4-8
Kilkenny	2-7
At Ballinasloe (12/6/94) Final	
Galway	1-13
Tipperary	1-8
Inter County Munster Championship	
At Toomevara (20/7/94). Final abandoned during extra time because of bad light	
Cork	2-16
Tipperary	3-10
At St. Finbarr's, Cork (8/8/94)	
Cork	3-12
Tipperary	1-7
Munster Intermediate Championship	
At Kilcolman (23/7/94)	
Tipperary	2-13
Limerick	3-5
At Kilcolman (6/8/94) Final	
Clare	1-15
Tipperary	0-6
All-Ireland Intermediate Championship Open Draw	
At Clane (28/8/94): All-Ireland semi-final	
Kildare	3-5
Tipperary	0-7
National Junior League 93/94	
At Enniscorthy (13/3/94)	
Tipperary	3-6
Wexford	2-3
At New Inn (17.4.94)	
Tipperary 6-10	
Carlow	1-1
At Limerick (29/5/94)	
Limerick	2-6
Tipperary	0-1
94/94 At Kilcolman (30/10/94)	
Tipperary	9-14
Waterford	0-1
At Carlow (13/11/94)	
Tipperary	4-7
Carlow	1-9
Minor Inter Co. Championship	
At Limerick (14/5/94)	
Tipperary	3-11
Limerick	1-5

At Ballinlough (21/5/94) Munster Final	
Tipperary	2-12
Cork	1-6
At Monamolin (24/7/94)	
Tipperary	6-8
Wexford	5-11
At Templemore (7/8/94) Replay	
Tipperary	4-6
Wexford	2-6
At Loughrea (14.8/94) All-Ireland Final	
Galway	7-13
Tipperary	3-9
Munster U/18 Championship	
At (3/9/94)	
Tipperary	10-13
Waterford	0-1
At Kilcolman (16/10/94) Semi-final (after extra time)	
Limerick	3-9
Tipperary	2-7
All-Ireland Féile na nGael: Division 2	
Drom Inch	5-5
Wolfe Tones (Shannon)	2-0
Drom Inch	3-4
Roscommon	1-1
Drom Inch	2-2
Croagh Kilfinny (Limerick)	1-3
Drom Inch	2-3
Bruff (Limerick)	1-5
Drom Inch	4-9
Truagh Clonlara (Clare)	2-2
(All-Ireland Final)	
Inter-Firm Junior Hurling	
At Nenagh (4.12.93) All-Ireland Final	
Tallis Bros. (Kilkenny)	2-6
Proctor & Gamble (Nenagh)	1-9
At Freshford (19/3/94)	
Tallis Bros.	3-10
Proctor & Gamble	3-8
Inter-Firm Junior Football	
At Templemore (12.3.94) All-Ireland Final	
Dublin Co.Co.	0-8
Taylor-made (Templemore)	0-5
All-Ireland 'Sevens' Senior Hurling	
At Stillorgan (3.9.94) Semi-final	
Portroe (Tipperary)	3-7
Kinnity (Offaly)	1-8
At Stillorgan (3/9/94) Final	
Mount Sion (Waterford)	6-12
Portroe	4-14
Dr. Harty Cup 94/95	
At Mitchelstown (16/11)	
Midleton	1-5
Thurles	0-6
At Cappamore (16-11)	
St. DFlannan's	2-9
Nenagh C.b.S.	0-6



Start of Munster Senior Hurling Championship 1913 at Dungarvan (l. to r.): "Wedger" Meagher (Tipperary Captain), James McDonnell (Referee) (Kerry), John J. Murphy (Cork Captain).

Rose Barrett



In mid July, widespread sympathy and a great sense of loss was felt, especially among G.A.A. followers, when we heard the sad news that Rose Barrett was dead. Rose, wife of our County Secretary Tommy, had been ill for some time, an illness which she bore bravely and with remarkable resilience.

Rose was well known, far and wide by G.A.A. personnel. She had boundless energy, enthusiasm and was always proud of our Association and its ideals. She was always kind, courteous and gentle to the many of us who called to the Barrett home at Clongour, Thurles. Rose worked tirelessly in support of Tommy as G.A.A. Secretary and we extend our sympathy to him and to daughter Rose Anne and sons Joe, Tommy and Billy.

Tá dlúth chara cailte againn go léir.

Solas na bhflaitheas dá h-anam.

Jimmy Butler



With the passing of the late Jimmy Butler, Toor, Kilcash, during the summer, another of the Kilsheelan players of the thirties and forties left the scene.

Jimmy followed in the footsteps of his elder and more famous brother, Edward, generally known as Ebby, onto the football field, in the late twenties and playing on the Tipperary County Minor team of 1930.

Probably his most successful year in the Kilsheelan colours was 1942, when the team won the South and County Junior Championships. His brother William was also a member of that successful team.

He was a keen follower of all

Friends we lost in 1994

G.A.A. games, be they at club or inter-county level, taking particular interest in the fortunes of the players from the Kilcash side of the parish, at club or county level.

Jimmy came from old farming stock and was born in Toor, at the foot of Slievenamon.

Not surprisingly he had a great love of nature, he loved his land, his sheep and cattle.

Being content with the simple things in life one of his favourite pleasures was his visit to the local pub for the chat with his friends and neighbours.

At the local weekly cattle mart in Carrick-on-Suir, an event he seldom missed, he was a familiar figure, together with his neighbour and faithful friend of many years, whom I'm sure will miss him greatly.

To his brother, William, nephews and cousins we extend our sincerest sympathy.

Eddie "Taylor"

Condon LATTIN/CULLEN

The untimely passing, on June 30th of one of the most stylish footballers to grace the playing fields of the county, cast a gloom over the Lattin/Cullen parish. Taylor as he was affectionately known represented the county in Minor Football in 1951.

He won a West J.F.C. medal with Lattin/Cullen in 1957 and S.F.C. medals with the Lattin/Cullen/Solohead combination in 1956 and 1957. When Lattin/Cullen joined the senior ranks in 1958 his exploits at centrefield led his club to many successes. He also represented Tipperary in senior football from 1962 until 1967.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Richie Delahunty 1938-1994



The sudden passing of Richie Delahunty on March 11, left a void in the parish of Cashel-

Rosegreen where he was held in great esteem by everybody, especially in sporting circles.

Born in Ballydoyle, the G.A.A. held a very special place for him, and from a very young age showed great skill and determination in both hurling and football.

As a juvenile he won West and County honours in hurling and football with New Inn, and he also won a West Minor hurling championship with Cashel in 1956.

Richie was also a good cross-country runner, and in 1956 won a Youths Munster and All-Ireland medals with Tipperary and in 1958 won a Youths County medal.

He played Junior hurling and football with Rosegreen until he retired. He was a gentleman on and off the field - there was no malice in the man, no harbouring of grudges, and those of us who had the privilege of knowing him admired and respected him.

G.A.A. club members and former team-mates formed a guard of honour at the removal of the remains to the village church and interment in the local cemetery.

To his wife Betty, brothers, sister, relatives and friends, we offer our deepest sympathy. May his soul rest in peace.

Eamonn Donnelly

Eamonn Donnelly who died in October was a well known International Athlete in his youth and a great follower of Gaelic games.

A respected member of the farming community, Eamonn had a life-long interest in athletics and music. He was a member of the Seán Treacy Pipe Band for many years, a tradition now carried on by his son, Thomas.

As a cross-country runner he gained many honours with the Coolcree club culminating in an international vest in 1951 when he represented Ireland in the international championship in Sheffield, along with clubmates Paddy Fahy and Mixie Dunne. He began his running career with the club in the late 1940's and shared many inter-club championships with them as a scoring team member.

Always relied upon to give a good performance, he was a high team scorer and his spirit epitomised the great character of the runners of his era.

When Eamonn reached his peak, the great club was on the wave and in 1951 he finished seventh in the Irish championship to gain his first

green vest. A year later he was again selected to run for Ireland and won a bronze medal as a scoring team member in the Festival of Britain race. He later competed with Moycarkey-Borris A.C. and was second in a county novice championship cross-country and won many awards with that club too. When the club was revived in 1958, Eamonn became chairman of the new committee and greatly helped the budding stars to again emulate the athletes of the past to regain former glories. His advice was always helpful and practical.

At the obsequies guards of honour were provided by the Seán Treacy Pipe Band, former members of the Coolcree A.C., while the coffin was draped in the black and white colours of his old club.

Sincere condolences are offered to his wife, Biddy; sons, daughters, brothers, sister, daughter-in-law, grandchild, other relatives and friends. R.I.P.

Michael Donnelly



Michael Donnelly, Davis Terrace, Clonmel, and formerly of Parnell Street, Clonmel, was a founder member of the Commercials Football Club and was Vice-President of the club at the time of his death on September 14th, 1994.

Michael played football with the Commercials for many years in his youth and continued active association with the club throughout his life holding various positions on the committee including chairman, vice-chairman and treasurer. He was a county and club selector in the 1960's and was one of the selectors when Commercials won the three-in-a-row titles in 1965 - 1967.

Michael retired from active involvement in 1975 and from then on held the position of vice-president, but he continued to follow the fortunes and affairs of the club with a keen interest and was always available to advise and support.

Michael Donnelly is survived by his wife, Nellie, to whom the Commercials club offer their deepest sympathy.

May he rest in the peace of the Lord.

Denis Flaherty



Sympathy is extended to the relatives and friends of Denis Flaherty, Curragh, who passed away last year. "Din" as he was known to all who knew him was a prominent member of the Portroe hurling team for many years.

Playing at full forward he was the tormentor of many defences and played on the 1950 Intermediate team which won the North championship. His former colleagues and members of the local club formed a guard of honour at the removal of his remains. May his soul rest in peace.

John Flanagan



The early days of September last were sad ones for the club with the sudden death of John Flanagan, Galbertstown. When the news broke there was widespread grief in the parish and throughout Tipperary and much further afield at the unexpected passing of the genial John. Aged 47 years John was the star in the firmament of the club hurling greats. In a Gaelic career spanning over thirty years John was part and parcel of the ancient game in the parish of Moycarkey-Borris. Glancing back on records the barometer of club performances ebbed with John's performances; if he was on song the results were forthcoming but if he had an off-day defeat was often our lot. Such was his impact.

John had his heart and soul in the red and yellow. On the field of play he was the leader in attack and was feared and respected by opposing defences, skilful as they came on the sliothar, strong and courageous in the tackle and accurate with his shots. He topped the

club scoring charts frequently whether from play or placed balls; never selfish when a team-mate was in a better scoring position with his well directed and precision timed pass. He never flinched a challenge and was in his element when the exchanges got tough. On and off the field John was a colourful character; his wit and humour were enjoyed at games he attended and his company always a pleasure to be part of.

Having graduated through the rural schools games with divisional successes it was not long before he was playing at adult level making his debut at corner forward on a No. 2 junior team in the summer of 1961 v Upperchurch at the opening of a field there when he played alongside his father John, in the last line of attack. This was the commencement of a brilliant career and in 1964 made his senior debut v Holycross. For over twenty years at senior level he served the club with distinction. While the most promising if unlucky team of the early and mid 1960's were somewhat on the wane he still won his first Divisional senior medal emerging as top scorer v Sarsfields in the replay of 1965. He continued to star on the team that brought back the Leahy Cup in 1967, 1971, 1981 and 1982.

When the club broke that 42 years gap in 1982 to regain the county senior hurling crown and win the Munster club championship John was very much to the fore as the inspiration of his colleagues and had his brother Jim also on the team and again in 1984 when the second county title of modern times was added. His displays in those campaigns will live in hurling folklore in the parish. Those were very proud years for the great club servant and successes he cherished as much as higher honours he achieved with Tipperary teams. He continued to hurl up to a couple of years ago when he played on successful junior teams.

In the blue and gold jersey of Tipperary John Flanagan was again to make a national mark playing with the unsuccessful minor teams of 1964 and '65 and after winning an U-21 Munster and All-Ireland medals in 1967 that same year he was called up for senior intercounty duty, on this higher plateau he made an indelible mark and soon gained fame as a fearless forward through Ireland. The first of his Munster medals came in 1967 but with the county fortunes swaying slightly downwards it was four years later that he gained his second provincial award and in the same year achieved his great ambition of an All-Ireland celtic cross when the Kilkenny team was defeated.

He continued to hold a permanent place on the Tipp side until 1976 but six years later was recalled to play against Wexford in a league game which was his final

outing with the county squad. He was also honoured by the Munster selectors and won a Railway Cup trophy in 1969 and shared Tipperary league successes in that era too and toured the U.S.A. on two occasions. In 1982 he was honoured by the United Sports Panel as Tipperary hurler of the year. Those were but some of the honours and fame that this renowned son of Moycarkey-Borris gained.

Also a gifted footballer he was a leading light on the club's 1980 county intermediate victorious side and won several junior Mid medals in this code. His sporting interests did not end with Gaelic games as he was very much involved in the show jumping and horse scene and was proficient at soccer with the Two-Mile-Borris F.C.

It is difficult to apprehend that the boyish, impish and fairhaired John will no longer grace the venues where our club play. He acted as club secretary, selector, trainer and committeeman. His contribution to our club will be long remembered and the passing years will never dull or diminish his playing contribution. His name will forever be linked with the famous names of yore and we know that from greener playing fields he will watch with interest our playing deeds and no doubt have the analytic and critical comment on team and individual performances that he was never shy to contribute.

While Gaeldom mourns his passing at this comparatively young age our sympathy goes in this time of grief to his widow Peg, son Tom, daughters Ann-Marie and Noreen, father John, brothers Jim and Bill and all the other relatives and friends who mourn John. Ar dheis Dé go bhfuil a anam.

Henry Gouldsbrough



Henry Gouldsbrough was born in Thurles in 1920 and his first introduction to hurling was with Thurles Kickhams. He joined the Irish Army in 1939 and he was commissioned 2/Lt. in 1941 and posted to 31st Infantry Bn. located in Ballincollig Barracks near Cork city. Having won a Frewen Cup and two Harty

Cup medals with Thurles C.B.S. Henry continued his hurling career with Kickhams and the army.

In the first round of the Cork hurling championship in 1944 the Army captained by Henry were drawn against St. Finbarr's. That Barrs-Army game has been regarded by Cork hurling followers as one of the greatest games ever played in that county. Some other players from Tipp who played with the Army that day were Martin Larkin and Jerry Dwyer (Solohead), Martin Coffey (Drombane), Jack Pollard (Holycross) and Bill Joy (Cashel). In 1945 Henry won a senior hurling All-Ireland playing centrefield for Tipperary. The county was experiencing a lean time due to the superiority of Cork but with other 'greats' like Jimmy Maher (goal), Ger Cornally, Jn. Maher, Flor Coffey, Anthony Brennan and the Ryans, Mutt and Paddy (Sweeper) they kept the flag flying.

In 1947 Henry transferred to St. Finbarr's and in that same year he won a Cork senior hurling championship playing centrefield with the great Seán Condon. In 1952 The Barrs again reached the final but Henry was not to be in luck as Avonduhu beat them in a replay. An accomplished footballer he played on the Tipperary senior team for many years. His last football game in the county colours was when he played full-forward against Kerry in the 1949 championship. He was also a skilful basketball player and won many army titles in this sport.

When Henry retired from the playing fields he continued to serve the Association both as a referee and club official. He refereed games at all levels in Cork and even when he finally retired from refereeing his interest in hurling and football never waned. Though he lived in his retirement in Cork city he followed the fortunes of his native Tipperary down through the years. This year ('94) he was chosen by the Mid Tipperary oard as the recipient of "The Hall of Fame" award. At a joyous and nostalgic presentation in Cork hosted by the Tipperarymen's Association (Cork) and the St. Finbarr's club Henry was delighted to meet many of his old Tipp comrades.

Unfortunately, just a mere three months later those same comrades were travelling south for a much sadder occasion, for at the age of 74 Henry had died. The large crowd which attended his funeral at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, the Lough, bore testimony to the high esteem in which he was held. An abiding memory will remain of the choir singing "Slievenamon" as is coffin draped with the National flag and the colours of Tipperary and St. Finbarr's was borne from the Church. The Military pall-bearers rendered suitable honours at St.

Finbarr's cemetery where Henry was laid to rest in his adopted county. A gallant son of the Premier County, both in Tipperary and Cork Henry set a mark which many will try in vain to eclipse.

In Iothlainn Dé go raibh a anam uasal.

Conchubhar Ó Riain

James Gleeson KILDANGAN



On March the 10th, 1994, the death took place of James Gleeson, Killawn, Ballycommon, Nenagh, aged 81 years.

James was a valued member of Kildangan G.A.A. Club. His contribution as player and loyal supporter will always be remembered.

James was always available to his club and solved many problems with the minimum of fuss. A quiet and gentle man with a rare sense of good humour, his absence is sadly felt. The esteem in which he was held throughout a wide area was evident by the huge crowds that attended at removal, Requiem Mass and burial.

We express our sympathy to his family and many friends.

Ní beidh a leithéid ann arís.

Borrisoleigh tragedy

Thomas Gleeson
Conor Gleeson
Liam Ryan

The parish of Borrisoleigh was shocked on Monday morning the 15th of November when news filtered through of the triple deaths on the outskirts of the village in the early hours of the morning. The numbed silence and the heartfelt grief of all the people who attended the removal of the remains from Nenagh hospital and the interring of the three in St. Brigid's cemetery showed to everyone the esteem the three lads were held. Liam Ryan R.I.P. was the youngest of the trio. He was a great supporter of his school and parish team.

Conor Gleeson R.I.P. had played in all grades in juvenile up to the time of his death. His greatest interest was in fowling and this was to leave his hurling interest in second place.

Thomas Gleeson R.I.P. was the eldest of the trio. He had a great interest in G.A.A. matters in the parish. His other interest was card playing and was seen far and near playing the game of 25's or 45's.

As Dheis Dhei go raibh a anamacha.

Timmy Hammersley

CLONOLTY/ROSSMORE



One of the great servants of Clonolty/Rossmore G.A.A. club passed to his eternal reward on the 1st October, 1994. Timmy had given sixty years of his life to the club as a player and an officer.

As a player he won an "under-15" county final in 1934, played county minor in 1936 and won a senior hurling medal in 1951. As a referee he was held in the highest esteem throughout the county.

As a club officer he occupied every position in the club, holding the position of club chairman on three different occasions and finally was president of the club.

Timmy also represented the club in Scór, reaching a Munster final.

His qualities were also recognised by the West Board when he was made vice-president of the Board.

Timmy Hammersley's contribution to the G.A.A. was immense. His family continues the tradition of giving to the Association and to the community.

We tender our sincere sympathy to his wife, Bridie and family.

Go ndeana Dia trocaire ar a anam.

John Kavanagh



In May of this year, Kickham's club lost one of its staunchest

members and ex-player in the person of John Kavanagh R.I.P. John, a native of Ballyferriher, Dingle, Co. Kerry, arrived in the parish in 1947 and immediately became involved in the club. Since he had come from the home of football it was in this field that he made the greatest contribution to the club and retained that interest right up to his death.

In 1949 he married his wife Esther and the responsibilities of married life with four sons and two daughters didn't allow a lot of time for his favourite pastime. He was proud though that his sons were to carry on the family's flag with the club, and also his grandson is at present a valued member of the football teams. This gave John great satisfaction as did the fact that he himself was a fluent Irish speaker. One of his last wishes and requests was that his coffin would be draped in the Knocknavilla-Donaskeigh colours. This wish was fulfilled and the very large crowd which attended his removal and burial bore testimony to his popularity and I know he would have been very proud of the fact that the club afforded him a guard of honour along with his many friends.

Go ndearaí Dia trocaire ar a n-anam.

Matty Kennedy



Matty Kennedy of Kickham Street, Clonmel, who died unexpectedly in November was on the Tipperary junior hurling team of 1950 which beat Clare and Waterford before being narrowly beaten by Cork in the Munster Final. He was a leading player with St. Mary's hurling club for more than a decade in the forties and fifties and is remembered as a formidable midfielder of notable strength. In his earlier playing days his team mates included his brothers Pat, Michael and Seán who later became a well-known Galway hurler. Matty and his brothers gave sterling service to St. Mary's over many years at a time when his father, Pat, a native of Temple-derry, was club president. Incidentally, Pat played with Dublin in the 1906 All-Ireland Final against Tipperary.

We extend our sympathy to his wife Peggy and to his family.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Pat Kirby



Deep shock and heartfelt sadness descended on our club when word spread that Pat Kirby, one of our stalwarts, had died suddenly, aged 39 years. Pat had played hurling and football with the club since his juvenile days and indeed was quite an accomplished player, being born less than 100 yards from the famous Wall brothers it was only natural that Pat would join the "Swans". He caught the eye of the county minor selectors and won a Munster hurling medal in 1973. Pat won every honour at juvenile, minor, U-21 and senior in the South.

His pride and joy was winning an U-21 county medal in 1972. Pat was a tall, unassuming person who led by example on and off the playing field. He was always there to encourage those who needed it and to offer consolation if things went wrong. He enjoyed life as it came and loved his family very much, we in the Swan club will sorely miss one of our gentle giants and to his wife and family we extend our deepest sympathy.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Eddie Lyons



The year 1994 in the history of Carrick Davins, irrespective of any honours garnered on the field of play, will always be tinged with sadness due to the loss of "Mr. Davin", Eddie "Knox" Lyons.

A much admired and respected administrator, Eddie guided his beloved Davins through the halcyon days of the '60's and '70's, revelling in the accumulation of every honour then available to the club and reached his own pinnacle when serving as a county senior hurling selector.

These accolades however were scant reward for the loyalty and trojan work, which was his trademark, displayed by Eddie in the lean years with little thought for anything other than the welfare of Carrick Davins and all associated with the club.

The cross-section of society at his final obsequies however testify to his standing in the community outside G.A.A. environs, especially the many charitable organisations who benefitted from his organisational and fund-raising expertise.

But lest our memories of "Knox" the motivator, the organiser, the workaholic, cloud our appreciation of the private man let us recall that Eddie's own driving force was an abiding belief in and devotion to his home and family.

To his wife Mary and family we tender our sincerest condolences as theirs is the greatest loss.

Go thugadh Dia trocaire ar a anam.

Rev. Fr. Tom Marsh D.D.



Fr. Tom Marsh who passed to his eternal reward on October 31st was born in Gormanstown, Ardfinnan '62 years ago. His late parents were both teachers in Gormanstown school, which has since closed down. In his young years Fr. Tom played football for Ardfinnan. In 1945 he was part of the juvenile team from Ardfinnan which won the Dr. Naughton Divisional and Fr. Maher County Cups. He also played junior for the Ardfinnan club in the early fifties. Fr. Tom on leaving Ardfinnan was educated in Mount Mellera, Rome and Maynooth where he was ordained in 1957.

His recently published book, *The Triune God*, is part of a series of works by Maynooth scholars which he was instrumental in arranging as part of the colleges' 1955 Bi-Centenary celebrations. After his ordination Fr. Tom taught theology in St. John's College in Waterford. During this time he was a selector on the Ardfinnan teams of the 'sixties and 'seventies during the clubs glory days. He was appointed professor of Dogmatic Theology in Maynooth in 1978. A former chairman of the Irish Theological Association, his published work has earned him a substantial international reputation, especially in the U.S. In the 1970's he helped to expand the teaching of Theo-

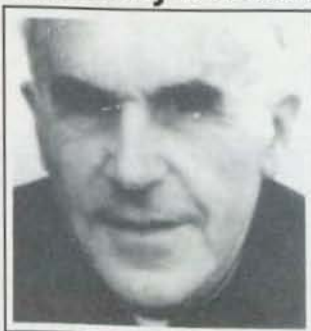
logy Courses to lay students. In the same period he was a founder member of the Football Board in Tipperary. Indeed he was chairman of the Football Board in its inaugural year. This was indeed appropriate, as it was the Ardfinnan Club which recommended the setting up of a separate Board to accommodate football in the county. During this time Fr. Marsh was also senior football selector with the county team. In the years after he wasn't involved as a selector Fr. Marsh became a life-president of Ardfinnan G.A.A. club. In the 1980's he trained Maynooth Colleges G.A.A. teams and he produced several Plays in the college. Indeed he was preparing for a production of *Murder in The Cathedral*. Fr. Tom Marsh was a rare combination, a football loving, drama producing theologian who was well liked among his students as he was respected in the Academic Community and G.A.A. Circles, especially in his beloved Tipperary. Our club in Ardfinnan was well represented at this funeral and the maroon and white flag was draped on his coffin. There is so much that could be written about this man. To finish I quote Ardfinnan clubman Richie O'Mahoney when he said "Fr. Tom was a brilliant man".

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Gerard Meagher

P.R.O. C.I.G., Árd Fhionáin

Fr. Johnny Minehan



Fr. Johnny was called to heaven after a short illness in Nenagh General Hospital, appropriately on the date, 11th February, which is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, to whom he had great devotion.

Fr. Johnny came to Ballywilliam in 1942. He immediately became involved in parish activities including the G.A.A. At this time he was aware of the ill-feeling between the two parish clubs Youghalarras and Burgess, who had split in 1939 when the parish team was defeated by Shannon Rovers in the North Tipperary intermediate final. He envisaged great potential if the two clubs re-united as both clubs were able to field a junior and intermediate team, but quality was also evident as Burgess won the 1941 North Tipperary intermediate title and Youghalarras did likewise in 1942.

In 1943, he got the two teams back together as "Duharra" and both sides of the parish played for

the 'pick', meaning the winner would get eight places and the losers 7. Burgess won the match, and this bizarre system coupled with the opening of the Kildare Bog which resulted in players leaving the parish, were some of the reasons why the Duharra team did not make the expected big impact in the senior championship. However, the Duharra team did reach the 1944 senior North final, but were defeated by Kilruane McDonaghs. Fr. Johnny was a selector of that team.

In 1945 he was involved in the formation of Bord na nOg and became the first chairman of the North Tipperary Bord na nOg.

In 1963, Fr. Johnny was transferred to Borrisokane and he became vice-chairman of the G.A.A. North Tipperary Senior Board, a position that he held for seven years, but conveniently never chaired a meeting. He was promoted to parish priest of Cross in 1969 and the following year was welcomed back to Burgess and Youghalarras. He was delighted to be back in hurling country and taking his driving techniques into account was only a couple of minutes away from Semples Stadium.

He enjoyed the witty comments passed Burgess defeated his native Kildangan in the 1970 and 1976 North intermediate finals, but then Fr. Johnny was in a position where he could not lose. In 1975, he was chairman of a committee set up to acquire a suitable G.A.A. grounds as the club had none. Fr. Johnny being the businessman he was, acquired 9 acres in Kilcolman, which was very centrally located to both sides of the parish at the cost of £10,500 (including legal fees) and the deal was signed, sealed and delivered in record time, thus achieving a milestone in the club's history.

The G.A.A. formed a guard of honour from the bridge at Newtown to Youghalarras Church, where his remains were received on Sunday, February 13 and on the following day in the presence of 82 priests, Bishop Harty was chief celebrant of the concelebrated Requiem Mass and many tributes were paid to Fr. Johnny from organisations including the G.A.A.

Johnny Moroney



While most clubs suffer losses in personnel in any given year, 1994 saw Davins suffer a

double blow with the demise of our Vice-President, Johnny Moroney, a few short weeks prior to Eddie Lyons.

A lifelong devotee of the G.A.A., Johnny found within the association an outlet for his imaginative and forward thinking.

His Holy Grail was always the upgrading and modernisation of the club premises and its facilities to the betterment of all concerned.

Although he served in many capacities over the years, most will remember him for his dogged determination and singlemindedness when championing some project or other concerning improvements to the club. His joy on seeing a brainchild of his become reality could only be matched by victory on the field.

Johnny was definitely the architect in chief of the progressive innovations undertaken by the club over the years and will be a great loss in the years to come.

Again our loss pales into insignificance when gauged beside the sorrow of his wife Alice and his family. To them we offer our thoughts and prayers.

Go thugadh Dia trocaire ar a anam.

Richard Morris LOUGHMORE-CASTLINEY



It is with great sadness and regret that we report to you the untimely death on March 3rd, of Richard Morris, Clonmoleague, Loughmore.

On the sporting scene Richard will be remembered as an avid football and hurling fan, deriving tremendous satisfaction from the achievements of his beloved Loughmore-Castliney, whose colours he wore with distinction for a long number of years. The pinnacle of his career was the winning of the county senior football title in 1955. Playing in the left half back position he formed a most formidable defensive flank with his neighbour and friend the late Billy Sheppard. His knowledge of the game made him a most interesting companion.

The Loughmore/Castliney G.A.A. club and former teammates escorted his remains through the village to the parish church, his casket draped in the colours of his beloved parish.

Go ndeana Dia trocaire ar a anam dilis.

Morty O'Connell

The unexpected death of Morty O'Connell cast a gloom over the Golden-Kilfeacle club. He was totally dedicated to the G.A.A. and gave his club and the West Board unbroken service for over



fifty years as a player or administrator. He won a minor championship with Golden in 1936 and played senior hurling for Golden Fontenays at the age of seventeen in 1938. He won a West J.H.C. in 1943 and played in goal in the Millar Shield for West Tipperary in 1944.

He was secretary of the Golden club from 1948 to 1960. He also served as treasurer of the club for twenty-four years. He was elected Treasurer of the West Board in 1977. He was a member of the County Board until 1985. He is deeply missed by his wife Theresa, his family and all those who had the pleasure of knowing and working with him.

Billy O'Brien



In February of 1994, after a long illness, courageously borne, Billy O'Brien of Annbrook Heights (and late of Islandbawn) passed on.

Billy's hurling career spanned the period from 1946 to 1962. In 1946, he manned the goal for the Tipperary minor team beaten by Dublin in the All-Ireland final by a score of 1-6 to 0-7.

Billy was also on the minor side of 1945 who was beaten by Dublin in the All-Ireland final. A quote from the *Nenagh Guardian* states that "O'Brien held a great goal". He subsequently wore the senior jersey for Tipperary and was sub-goalie to no less than Tony Reddan in the 1957 championship and league campaign.

Billy enjoyed some great moments with the Nenagh club, first with St. Mary's and then with Eire Og. He played in goal for the

intermediate team who won the 1947 county championship, he lost out to Roscrea in the 1949 North senior hurling final and had to wait another eight years before eventually taking the senior title in 1957. This was the zenith of Billy's playing career and how proud he was, as captain of that Nenagh team, to accept the Murphy Cup from the North Tipperary chairman, Seamus O'Riain of Moneygall.

Billy played on with his club until 1962 and then retired. He took up the post as selector with the club and two years later was a selector for the senior winning side of 1964. Perhaps his proudest hurling moment came, when in 1993, his son Donie stood forward as captain of the senior Nenagh winning side of that year to take the Frank McGrath Cup.

Character-wise, Billy was a shy and modest man by his very nature. Yet this quiet, unassuming man had wonderful courage, skill and dedication to training. These fine traits served to have him highly regarded by his team mates and in the words of the club's chairman in 1957, Liam McKenna; "Billy always led by example and never missed a training session. He gave me my proudest moments during my years as chairman of the club".

To his wife Nora and her family, we give our deepest sympathies.

J.Q.

Billy O'Donoghue ARRAVAL ROVERS



The G.A.A. lost a life-long follower when Billy O'Donoghue, Rossadrehid, Tipperary, passed away on May 4, 1994.

Billy played with distinction for Arravale Rovers winning county titles in minor and senior football in 1934 and 1941 respectively. His inter-county football career was crowned by Munster medals in minor 1935 and junior 1937. During 1940, 1941 and '42 he was an ever-present member of the county senior team.

Taking up residence in Rossadrehid in the early 1940s he became a respected mentor with Galtee Rovers. From 1955 to 1961 he was a Tipperary senior football selector.

John Moloney chose Billy as one of his umpires and for years he served at venues in all Four Provinces.

Billy O'Donoghue's passing was

mourned by many, especially the members of Arravale Rovers and Galtee Rovers clubs. To his wife Breda and family, all G.A.A. followers who knew him, offer their sincerest sympathy on Billy's passing.

Ar dheis láimh Dé go raibh sé.

Jim O'Grady

Sympathy is tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. Jim O'Grady, Newbridge, and formerly of Dukesland, Turtulla. Aged 65 years, his unexpected death caused great shock and sorrow to the great number of his friends in the district. As a hurler, he first came into prominence with Thurles C.B.S. and he was centrefield on the first Dr. Hartly Shield School team from Moycarkey-Borris. He was at centrefield on the county minor hurling team which won the Munster finals of 1945-'46 only to lose the All-Ireland finals on both occasions to Dublin. He played for his parish at senior level from 1947 to 1950 when he went to Dublin and played with Young Irelands for many years. In 1946 he was one of the founder members of Moycarkey Athletic Club and was secretary for four years.

As well as being a club administrator he was well above average as an athlete, being a prize-winner at Roscrea sports in 1949 and 1950 and also at Thurles in 1949. He is mourned by his wife, sons, daughter and his brother John. Peace to his soul.

T. K. O'D.

Jim Quigley SILVERMINES



The late Jim Quigley of Boherbee, Silvermines, who died in Mid-September 1993, served his club and his parish with distinction both as a player and club official. For many years in the 50's he acted as club secretary and gave his services unselfishly in the promotion of games in the parish. His two great loves were the juveniles and football, and breathing space was a premium in Jim's Anglia as he packed in team and supporters on the journey to many an underage game.

Above all he enjoyed playing the game of football and his prowess as a footballer was well known throughout the division. Like all good G.A.A. men Jim could discuss games 'til the cows came home, and indeed many a

good tale is narrated about Jim himself.

Jim will surely be missed by his many friends and relations.

Ní bheidh a leithéid ann arís.

Quinn brothers



1994 saw the passing of two members of that esteemed Quinn family of Killinan, Thurles. Seán died in May with Danny going to his eternal reward a short time later.

Both had a great interest in sport particularly hurling, at which they were adept and skillful players in their youth. Various successful colleges teams at Thurles C.B.S. include their names. They gave great service to the Rahealy club in their playing days and were loyal supporters to the end.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh siad.

Jimmy Quirke ROSSMORE



On Christmas Eve, 24th December, 1993, Rossmore and Tipperary lost a great Gael with the death of Jimmy Quirke from Dromdiha, Drombane. Jimmy played for Rossmore for many years, winning a West Junior hurling final in 1956 with the club.

The large attendance at his funeral testified to the esteem in which he was rightly held.

To his family and friends we extend our deepest sympathy.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Martin Ryan



On Friday, October 14 Martin Ryan, president of Drom-Inch G.A.A. club passed to his

eternal reward. Martin was blessed with a long life and good health. He was born on January 1st, 1905 in Drom. His love of hurling and his native parish were matched only by his love of family and devotion to Mass and Rosary. When he came of age Martin developed into a formidable full-back and was on the team that won a Mid Junior title in 1932. He was again at full-back on the team that brought Drom-Inch its first county title in 1937. Martin played on into his forties and became trustee to Drom field. He was blessed to see his daughters Joan and Monica go on to win County and All-Ireland club honours in camogie. He saw his son Tim follow his footsteps winning County Junior title in 1970 after 33 years.

He became president of the club in 1984. He was so proud when Drom-Inch brought the Mid senior title to the parish for the first time in 1974 and again 1984. He encouraged all those involved in the development of the new field in The Ragg.

What a great night it was when he and his colleagues of 1937 were honoured at the Club Dinner of 1984. Martin was a father figure to all hurlers and attended matches up to the grievous loss of his beloved wife Winnie R.I.P., in November 1993.

He was in failing health for some time and after a short illness he died in Nenagh hospital surrounded by his family. As his remains approached Drom chapel hurlers of every age formed a guard of honour for their noble president. The draped coffin in his beloved colours of green and white was honoured by the vast crowds and G.A.A. Mid and County officers. The parish mourned a great Christian man whose enthusiasm and leadership in times of crisis brought unit and strength.

We extend sympathy to his family and friends.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam uasal agus anam a bhean álainn Winnie.

Ned Ryan



It was with deep regret and sadness that we learned on the 20th April last of the death of Ned Ryan, Limerick, formerly of Cloneybrien, Portroe. Although residing in Limerick for 40 years, Ned never forgot his roots.

He continued to hurl for the local team for many years and he was a member of the successful North Intermediate hurling team of 1950. In later years, no matter

where Port or his beloved Tipp were playing Ned would be there to cheer them on and one could hear "squeeze 'em up Moycarkey". The extent of his popularity was witnessed by the large crowds attending his funeral when Ned was laid to rest in his beloved Portroe. To his wife Florrie, sons, daughters, relatives and friends, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Sammy Ryan



It was with extreme shock and deep sadness we learned of Sammy Ryan's sudden death on Thursday, June 23 last. His passing has left West Tipperary Bord na nÓg without one of its greatest Gaels.

Sammy gave many years of dedicated service to the Division and County as a referee, selector and Board chairman. In latter years he will be remembered for his weekly contribution on Tipperary Mid West radio, gathering information from all parts of the county to relay to the listeners.

The depth of friendship and respect for Sammy was borne out by the large attendance at his removal and burial, with all levels of our Association in attendance. On the arrival of the cortege at Golden it stopped at the local club grounds from where the referees of West Tipperary carried Sammy's remains to the local parish church. On the morning of burial the coffin was carried by the present officers and former chairman of West Bord na nÓg. Guards of honour was provided by the members of the local Golden-Kilfeacle G.A.A. club and members of County Bord na nÓg. Jim Fogarty, chairman of Golden-Kilfeacle juvenile club delivered the oration at the graveside.

As a mark of respect to Sammy a minute's silence was observed at all West Bord na nÓg games in the week following his death. All referees at these games wore black armbands as a mark of respect also.

At the medals presentation at Bru Boru, Cashel, hosted by West Tipperary Bord na nÓg, Divisional Bord na nÓg chairman Denis Ryan, presented Catriona Ryan with the football signed by the Cashel K.C. and Aherlow teams from the final game her father refereed. Catriona also received the championship medal Sammy would have received for his services as a referee to West Bord na nÓg during 1994.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Ralph Ryan



It was with great regret that we in Borrisoleigh learned of the sudden death of a great friend and Gael Ralph Ryan during the year.

He was a great Gael and sportsman, the likes of which would be hard to suppress. He gave a lifetime to the G.A.A. and all things Irish.

Born in Knockanure overlooking the town of Borrisoleigh he was involved in hurling literally from the time he was able to walk. He played in all grades for the club and had the distinction of playing for his county firstly in minor grade in 1934 where he won a Munster championship and was narrowly deprived of an All-Ireland medal and later on he was recognised by the senior selectors. He was a very important part of the halycon days of Borrisleagh hurling of the late forties and early fifties. When his playing days were over he continued to serve the club as an administrator and loyal supporter which he kept up, to the time of his death.

Lastly our most abiding memory of him was as a great family man and he will be sadly missed by wife Mary, his son, daughters, grandchildren, sisters and brothers, his many relatives and friends not only in Borris but all over the country.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Willie Ryan

GOLDEN-KILFEACLE



Willie Ryan "Tony" passed away last January after a short illness. He spent all his life contributing to community organisations starting with Muintir na Tire and the I.C.M.S.A. Later he gravitated to politics and became hon. sec. of the Fianna Fáil Party. He was involved deeply in parish affairs especially with the Kilfeacle community and was finalising a book on the parish history and the G.A.A. at the time of his death. He was also a life-president of the West Tipperary Board G.A.A., acted as vice-chairman of the Board for many years and was chairman from 1976 to 1978. The large attendance at his funeral

from all walks of life, local and national, attested to the esteem in which he was held. He is sadly missed by the Gaels of the Division and the county and in particular by his wife Peggy.

Jack Sherlock



It was Saturday, July 9th that Jack Sherlock died unexpectedly at McDonagh Park in Nenagh, just before the start of the Intermediate match between Kildangan and Silvermines. A quiet, unassuming individual and a dedicated clubman, following the Silvermines teams throughout the division in all weathers, Jack won a North Tipperary J.H. championship with Ballinacloagh in 1939.

The Sherlock name is very much associated with the club as Jack's son John is the current chairman and still plays junior hurling and is a member of the Tipperary Masters' team. His nephew Niall played for Silvermines in this years Intermediate county final.

Jack was a true Gael and always held the ideals and aspirations of the Association at heart. He had many friends and the large attendance at his funeral testified to the esteem in which he was so rightly held. To his family and all those who were so close to him we extend our deepest sympathy.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Ned Stapleton

HOLLYFORD



Ned Stapleton had a long association with the G.A.A. He played hurling with Hollyford in his youth and was secretary of the St. Ailbe's hurling club, Hollyford from 1933 to 1947.

Ned organised the minor hurling team in 1942, that won a West Tipperary championship for the second time.

The team was a combination known as the Seán Treacy's - comprising Hollyford, Kilcommon and Glengar. Ned was its secretary and manager.

In 1947 St. Ailbe's won the West Tipperary Junior hurling championship under Ned's leader-

ship as secretary, coach and selector. This was St. Ailbe's last year. In 1948 Ned saw his great ambition come true when after years of hard work he was one of the organisers of the first senior hurling team from the Slieve Phelim mountains to play in the West Tipperary championship. The team known as the Geraldines was selected from Hollyford, Kilcommon, Rearcross and Glengar. They won a round of the championship and were beaten in the semi-final.

In 1957 he was to the fore once again in reforming the local St. Ailbe's club. Ned was also a prominent and active member of the West Tipperary Board from its early days. Even though he emigrated in the early 1960's he held a lifelong abiding interest in the G.A.A. fortunes of Hollyford and later Seán Treacy's.

His keen interest in Tipperary and its people resulted in his election as president of Clann Thiobráid Árann - Tipperary Association in Dublin and it brought great joy to him to welcome and entertain Tipperary teams and officials to the capital.

His coffin was draped in the club colours and a guard of honour of officials and former players

paid due respect to the memory of a true Tipperary Gael.

Solas na bhFhaitheas dá anam.

Mick Tyrrell



Mick Tyrrell was one of the best known handball administrators in the country and was a former president of the Irish Handball Association. He was also known throughout South Tipperary as a hurler, footballer and club official. His untimely death caused great shock and sadness and the presence at his funeral in Clonmel of the President of the G.A.A. Jack Boothman and the Director General Liam Ó Maolmíchil, together with former handballers, officials and players from many parts of Ireland bore testimony to the widespread respect in which he was held.

Mick was a native of Clogheen

where his love of handball was first nurtured. With his close friend the late Paddy Hickey he acquired great skill in the local ballalley. He also became a useful forward on the Fr. Sheehy's football team and a capable goalkeeper for the hurlers.

When he took up residence in Clonmel Mick joined St. Mary's hurling club and was goalkeeper on the team which won the South junior title in 1969 and the intermediate title in 1972. He also became a leading figure in Clonmel handball circles and in the building of the very fine alley which was developed beside the G.A.A. Centre. It was following this venture that he became involved in handball administration at county, provincial and national level. In more recent times he became secretary of St. Mary's hurling club, of the Clonmel Sportsfield and of the Clonmel G.A.A. Centre, holding all three positions at the time of his death together with trusteeship of Clonmel handball club.

Mick was a very popular player and official and was noted for his great generosity of spirit, for the wholeheartedness of his efforts and for his ability to radiate enthusiasm and optimism. Sym-

pathy is extended to his wife Aileen, his daughters Catherine and Clare, and his sons Brian and Ronan.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Patrick "Pate" White NEWCASTLE



The death took place on September 3rd, of Patrick "Pate" White, Newcastle. Pate played in goal for the Newcastle hurling team in the 1930's and 40's. While not winning any championship he played a big part in the formation of the club in its early years.

To his wife Mary Ann, daughters and family we extend our sympathy.

Gó ndéana Dia trócaire ar a anam.

NAME THE TEAM



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HANDBALL ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS



All-Ireland 60/30 Silver Masters (B) doubles champions, John Ferncombe and Mick McGrath (Horse and Jockey).



All-Ireland 40/20 Novice doubles winners, Mark Flynn and Jim Ryan (Silvermines).



All-Ireland 40/20 Senior Singles Champion, Eddie Corbett, (Ballyporeen).



All-Ireland 40/20 Junior doubles champions, Noel Murphy and David Moloney, (Cashel).



All-Ireland Junior Hardball doubles champions, Noel Murphy and Michael Carrie, (Cashel).

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Back row (l. to r.) Anthony Crosse, Noel Sheehy, Pat King, Jodie Grace, Michael Ryan, Declan Ryan, John Leahy, Conal Bonnar, Joe Hayes. Front (row l. to. r.) Michael Cleary, Michael O'Meara, George Frend (Capt), Liam McGrath, Aidan Ryan, Raymie Ryan.