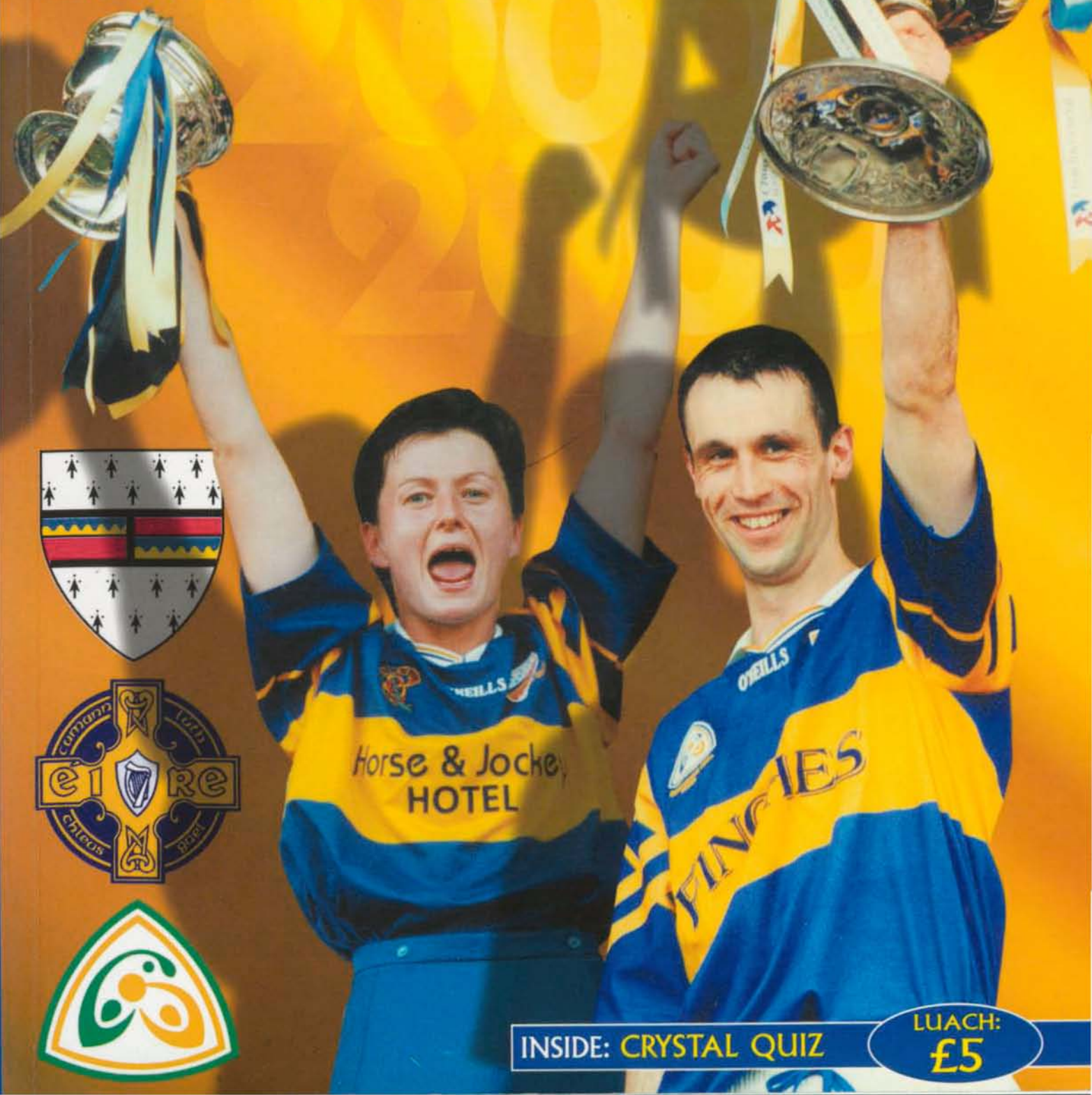


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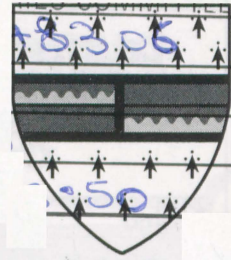


The Tipperary panel that won the All-Ireland senior camogie final for the first time by defeating Kilkenny at Croke Park. Back row (left to right): Nora Dwan, Gráinne Shanahan, Helen Kiely, Helen Campion, Angie McDermott, Marie Harkin, Therese Brophy, Noelle Kennedy, Suzanne Kelly, Claire Madden, Meadhbh Stokes (captain), Jovita Delaney. Front row (from left): Sheena Howard, Philly Ryan, Louise Ryan, Deirdre Hughes, Ciara Gaynor, Niamh Harkin, Sinead Nealon, Emer McDonnell, Cairtiona Hennessy, Emily Hayden, Una O'Dwyer.





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## Comhairle na Mumhan C.L.G. – FIXTURES 2000

Babhta	IOMÁINT SINSIR/IDIRMHEANACH	Dáta	Ath-imirt	Ionad
First Round:	Corcaigh v. Ciarraí	28/5		P. Uí Chaoimh
First Round:	Tiobraid Árann v. Port Láirge	28/5	3/6	P. Uí Chaoimh
Semi-Final:	Luimneach v. Corcaigh	4/6	10/6	
Semi-Final:	Luimneach v. Ciarraí	4/6	10/6	
Semi-Final:	Clár v. Tiobraid Árann	11/6	17/6	
Semi-Final:	Clár v. Port Láirge	11/6	17/6	
Final:	Sinsir	2/7	8/7 or 9/7	
Final:	Idirmheanach	28/6 (Wed.)	6/7 (Thurs.)	

### PEIL SINSIR/SOISIR

First Round:	Corcaigh v. Luimneach	20/5	20/5 or 26/5	Kilmallock
First Round:	Clár v. Port Láirge	14/5	20/5	Inis
Semi-Final:	Ciarraí v. Corcaigh	18/6	24/6	Cill Áirne
Semi-Final:	Ciarraí v. Luimneach	18/6	24/6	Cill Áirne
Semi-Final:	Tiobraid Árann v. Clár	25/6	1/7	Luimneach
Semi-Final:	Tiobraid Árann v. Port Láirge	25/6	1/7	Dun Garbháin
Final:	Sinsir	16/7	30/7	
Final:	Soisir	6/7 (Thurs.)	(13/7 (Wed.))	

### CORN MHIC CHRAITH – PEIL SINSIR

Semi-Final:	Clár v. Luimneach	12/3 (Sun.)	Extra Time	
Semi-Final:	Tiobraid Árann v. Port Láirge	12/3	Extra Time	
Home Final:		2/4 (Sun.)	Extra Time	
Final:	Home Winners v. Londain	23/4 or 30/4	Extra Time	

### PEIL NA MIONÚIR

First Rounds:	Luimneach v. Tiobraid Árann	12/4 (Wed.)		Luimneach venue
	Clár v. Port Láirge	12/4 (Wed.)		Dun Garbháin
Second Rounds:	Tiobraid Árann v. Port Láirge	19/4 (Wed.)		Dun Garbháin
	Clár v. Luimneach	19/4 (Wed.)		Luimneach venue
Third Rounds:	Tiobraid Árann v. Clár	3/5 (Wed.)		Luimneach
	Port Láirge v. Luimneach	3/5 (Wed.)		Dun Garbháin
Semi-Finals:	R/Robin Winner v. Corcaigh	5/7 (Wed.)	8/7 (Sat.)	
	R/Robin R/Up v. Ciarraí	5/7 (Wed.)	8/7 (Sat.)	
Final:		16/7	21/7 (Fri.)	

### IOMÁINT NA MIONÚIR

First Rounds:	Clár v. Ciarraí	26/4 (Wed.)	29/4 (Sat.)	Ennis
	Tiobraid Árann v. Port Láirge	26/4 (Wed.)	29/4	Walsh Park
Semi-Final:	Corcaigh v. Clár	10/5 (Wed.)	17/5 (Wed.)	Luimneach
Semi-Final:	Corcaigh v. Ciarraí	10/5 (Wed.)	17/5 (Wed.)	Tralee
Semi-Final:	Luimneach v. Tiobraid Árann	10/5 (Wed.)	17/5 (Wed.)	Luimneach
Semi-Final:	Luimneach v. Port Láirge	10/5 (Wed.)	17/5 (Wed.)	
Final:		2/7	7/7 (Fri.)	

### PEIL FÉ-21

First Round:	Tiobraid Árann v. Ciarraí	18/3 (Sat.)	25/3 (Sat.)	
First Round:	Clár v. Corcaigh	18/3 (Sat.)	25/3	Kilmallock
Semi-Final:	Port Láirge v. Tiobraid Árann	29/3 (Wed.)	5/4 (Wed.)	
Semi-Final:	Port Láirge v. Ciarraí	29/3	5/4	
Semi-Final:	Luimneach v. Clár	29/3	5/4	
Semi-Final:	Luimneach v. Corcaigh	29/3	5/4	
Final:		13/4 or 14/4	20/4 or 21/4	

### IOMÁINT FÉ-21

First Round:	Clár v. Ciarraí	21/6 (Wed.)	28/6 (Wed.)	
First Round:	Tiobraid Árann v. Port Láirge	21/6 (Wed.)	28/6	Thurles
Semi-Final:	Luimneach v. Clár	12/7 (Wed.)	19/7 (Wed.)	
Semi-Final:	Luimneach v. Ciarraí	12/7 (Wed.)	19/7 (Wed.)	
Semi-Final:	Corcaigh v. Tiobraid Árann	12/7	19/7	Thurles
Semi-Final:	Corcaigh v. Port Láirge	12/7	19/7	Walsh Park
Final:		26/7	2/8 or 9/8	



# AFTER THE CHARGE OF CLARE'S DRAGOONS — WHITHER TIPPERARY HURLING?

**I**t was the best of times: it was the worst of times, Charles Dickens began "The Tale of Two Cities". Ours is the "Tale of Two Counties" — Tipperary and Clare 1993-1999.

Saturday, June 12th was the low-point of Tipperary hurling fortunes in 1999. Our hurlers were trounced by Clare. We were beaten in most sectors; we scored only two points from play and lost by ten points. We were at a loss to explain this collapse in a game which everybody expected "to go down to the wire" and perhaps beyond into extra times.

This replay of the Munster Hurling Semi-final ended the bright hopes of the spring and early summer. The new manager, Nicky English and his young charges had put in long hard hours of training. The team had shown great promise in the League and had given a fine display in defeating Galway in the final in early May. Tomás Dunne received the trophy and we all looked forward to the championship clash with our old rivals, Clare. The team had the benefit of many competitive games and new players had been tried and tested.

This clash with the Bannermen came on June 6th in Páirc Uí Chaoimh. The showdown turned out to be a classic. It was point for point in the first half of a fast and a sporting contest. The second half was full of all that is best in hurling. Tipperary shone in all sectors from the goalie Brendan Cummins to the full forward Paul Shelly. Clare was struggling until Jamesy O'Connor nipped in to score his first ever championship goal. This steadied them but they were unable to hold down the Tipp forwards who went three points in front with two minutes to go.

The tension was unbearable as Tipperary people wished the clock forward. Then Conor Clancy was deemed to have been fouled as he charged for the goal. A penalty! Davy Fitzgerald makes the long journey to take it. Bending, lifting, striking and it's a goal! Clare were "out of jail"!

Tipperary were left to regret a number of misses when they had Clare securely shackled. Were Clare past it or was their below-par performance due to lack of match practice? Many Tipperary people still felt they were past their best. It reminded me of a verbal exchange between Mohammed Ali and Joe Frazier in their final contest dubbed "the thrilla in Manila". As they pounded each other in the centre of the ring Ali said, "They told me you was all washed up Joe". "They told you wrong" said the brave



Photograph taken after the Munster under-21 hurling victory over Clare at Ennis shows: (l to r): Sean Kelly, Chairman Munster Council, presenting the trophy to William Hickey, captain of the winning Tipperary team; Archbishop Dermot Clifford, Patron of the G.A.A.

Joe. Any notion that Clare were on the way out was rudely shattered in the reply. They are still a great side, the team of the nineties without doubt. On the morning after the replay Nicky English pondering on his opposite number Ger Loughnane, must have felt like the wedding guest who had been fixed by the beady eye of the Ancient Mariner.

*"He went like one that hath been stunn'd,*

*And is of sense forlorn:*

*A sadder and a wiser man.*

*He rose the morrow morn".*

Clare had the psychological advantage which the team who force the last minute draw always enjoy. The losers have to listen to the verdict of friend and foe alike, "Ye threw it away, "Ye left it after ye". Six days is not long enough to cast out these demons. We experienced it before in 1996 with Limerick.

However, I believe that the drawn game rather than the replay is the true measure of this young Tipperary team and their new management. The experience will prove profitable next season and Tipperary will be contesting the championship with the best in the province.

But, as happens in family life, when the men are taken away the women come to fill the breach. So it was; the Camogie team brought All-Ireland honours to the Premier County in the last year of the century. Strange to say, their fortunes were the direct opposite to their

male counterparts. Cork beat them badly in the League. I recalled my prediction in last year's Annual that, "I expect them to win an All-Ireland title in the next year or two". I was glad that I had given them the extra year!

But, to everyone's surprise, they grew in stature with every game and found themselves in Croke Park on the first Sunday in September facing favourites Kilkenny who had beaten Cork in the semi-final. This young Tipperary team were described by Con Houlihan the previous year as "mere children" who had served up the best display of Camogie he had seen in years at junior level.

*"Thank heaven for little girls, for little girls grow bigger every day"* as Maurice Chevalier used to assure us in the old days.

The team grew before our eyes and were within a point of the favourites at half time. The second half was full of courage, skill and excitement. Kilkenny went two points up and the Tipp sideline sent in Philomena Fogarty and Catriona Hennessy. These were to prove the match-winners.

It was all square with fifteen minutes to go. There were gasps from the Tipp supporters when Noelle Kennedy, who had been so accurate up to then, missed two frees. But she handed the task over to Catriona Hennessy who scored from a 45 in the dying minutes only to see Kilkenny draw level again.



A draw seemed to be on the cards or even a Kilkenny victory but a Tipp free gave Catriona the last chance and with all the assurance of youth she clinched the game for Tipperary with a marvellous point from a very difficult angle. So it was that Tipperary had won the first 15-a-side final using every inch of Croke Park. They had the distinction of winning the first Senior final for the Premier County in the last year of the Century. Meadhbh Stokes accepted the O'Duffy Cup to the cheers of jubilant Tipp fans. After seven defeats in previous finals this victory was especially sweet.

There were two very interesting incidents in the game. At one point, the lady referee rushed to the sideline to get a bottle of water for an injured player. I had never seen such tender loving care from a male referee. When veteran Ann Downey came in as a sub for Kilkenny she embraced the referee! I was about to quote Albert Reynolds, *"That's women for you"*, but since I was seated between the President of Ireland and the President of the Camogie Association of Ireland I thought better of it!

The Camogie team are a credit to the County. Their skill and determination, their winning ways on the field and in the media were admired by all. Congratulations to their manager Biddy Phillips and her selectors on winning the only All-Ireland title which had eluded Tipperary down the years and doing so before the century was out.

Tipperary won two other Munster Championships at Minor and Under-21 levels. The Under-21 final at Cusack Park will be remembered for all the wrong reasons but it was a gruelling contest and a great victory. The winners were in Tullamore within four days to face Galway in a re-run of the 1996 Minor Final. They had not recovered sufficiently to keep the Galway forwards at bay and went out of the championship. It is very unfair to the Under-21 grade that fixtures seem to be very much at the mercy of the fortunes of senior teams. It diminishes this competition greatly.

The Minors were very promising in the Munster Final but Galway proved a little too fast for them on Final Day. While they were understandably dejected at the time, they returned to a warm welcome at the Cathedral steps on Monday evening. They carried themselves with great dignity. They had not drowned their sorrows as happened on former occasions of defeat. I was impressed by their discipline and great credit must go to their Manager and mentors. These young men will wear the blue and gold again!

The Senior Footballers travelled to Tralee to play Kerry. They were performing well until Kerry *"scored"* the *"goal that never was"*. A wide ball came back into play and was sent to the net. The umpire at the far post raised the green flag. This happened at a time when

scores were level. For the remainder of the game, until the last few minutes, Tipperary were chasing that goal. It certainly had an adverse effect on their chances. It is high time that video evidence is introduced to correct such serious mistakes on the part of officials. Video replays are operated successfully in other sports such as American Football. That said, I would be very slow to apply for the post of umpire in a Tipp-Kerry clash as there is nearly always a highly controversial goal! As well as this my neutrality would be seriously questioned by both sides!

Toomevara reclaimed the Dan Breen Cup for the second year in a row and the fifth in the decade. They were tested for stamina by Kilruane and by Holycross-Ballycahill but they had an easy victory in the final against Nenagh. Their games against Ahane were further proof of their high calibre and it was only the All-Ireland champions of last year Doora-Barefield who finally put a halt to the Greyhounds' gallop.

Thurles Sarsfields took the minor title and were cheered on by many members of the Millennium team who were feted on the occasion. This is, I hope, the harbinger of great things to come – the return of the Sarsfields to the top flight in the hurling world.

Moyle Rovers also retained their football title beating Fethard in a great final. They were unlucky not to have won the Munster Crown against Doonbeg in the Gaelic Grounds in December last. The pitch was a veritable quagmire and the stronger Claremen forced a draw in injury time thus gaining the psychological advantage in the replay. The same old story and the moral is never give the Bannermen a second chance!

Fethard Minor footballers beat Burgess in the A-Final while Ballina took the honours from Loughmore-Castleiney in the B-final.

The subject of *"racial tension"* between Tipperary and Clare supporters has been aired on national radio and elsewhere. It would appear that the verbal exchanges between the neighbouring fans have gone away beyond the normal banter which makes Gaelic games the good-humoured outings that they are meant to be. Liberty Square on the day of a Cork-Tipp Munster Final is the best example I know.

But during the past few years there has been an unacceptable degree of intimidation of spectators and insults of a very personal and hurtful nature have been hurled at players from both sets of fans. I was in Cusack Park at the Under-21 game and I met a number of middle-aged women who were in tears after being harassed by their neighbours in the stand. A young priest who came to the game with his father and elderly uncle was barracked on the terrace. As I walked down the street from the Stadium

a number of people vowed that they would never come again. *"Go deó deó arís ní raghad go h-Inis"*. It is time to end this tribalism on both sides of the Shannon and return to the friendly rivalry which always characterised the encounters of these two great Gaelic counties of Cusack, Davin and Croke. How about it for a New Year's resolution on the part of Tipperary and Clare fans as we move into the New Millennium?

Two little incidents gave me a lot of pleasure during the year. The first occurred in a restaurant in Cork where I was having a meal with cousins from Australia. A shy woman approached the table and excused herself, *"You don't know me"*, she said, *"but you probably would have known my late husband"*. *"Who was he?"* I enquired. Christy Ring! Rita Ring is a wonderful lady and belongs to the gentle company of Mairín Lynch and all the wives who supported their husbands in their playing days.

The other occurred after the Confirmation ceremony in Mullinahone. A woman in a wheel-chair waited patiently in the May sunshine as I posed for photographs with the children of their families. When I had finished I went over to her. *"I was delighted"*, she began *"with what you said about Declan Browne in the local paper a while ago. You said that he was the greatest all-round Tipperary man since Matt the Thresher. I like that"*. Charles J. Kickham ended his great novel; *"Knocknagow is gone"*. I don't think so. I think I met one of Nora Lahy's descendants in the person of the woman in the wheelchair who came out to declare the summer open!

There is a very special dimension to the G.A.A. which is often called *"the G.A.A. Family"*. This gives people a sense of belonging, of fellow feeling, of shared enthusiasms and experiences long after the competitions and games are past and gone.

I must not trespass further on the territory of much better qualified sports writers in the Yearbook. This is a very special issue – Tipperary Yearbook 2000. It marks the end of the year, the end of the decade, the end of the century and the end of the millennium. But the Editor and the writers are equal to the task of covering all the bases! There is no danger of the Y2K virus here! What there is, however, is a love of our Gaelic games that assumes the proportions of an incurable disease!

Mar sin, bhí an bliain 1999 sásúil go leór do mhuintir Chondae Thiobraid Árann. Tá gach dóchas agam go n-éireodh go geal linn an bliain seo cughainn le cúnamh Dé. Gúim beannachtaí na Nollag ar leighéoirí an Bhlianiris agus Siocháin ár Slánaitheóra Íosa Chríost libh go Léir sa Bhlian Nua, sa Cheád Nua agus sa Mhíle Nua.

*Is mise*

*+ Most Rev. Dermot Clifford, D.D.*



# Message from County Chairman

## CAMOGIE VICTORY

### – HIGH POINT OF '99



Paul O'Neill, Tipperary G.A.A. Chairman.

**O**bviously the high point of the year was the victory of the county senior team in the All-Ireland camogie final. It came as a surprise that we had never won the final before although the competition has been in existence since 1932. That made the victory all the more significant because it was an historical breakthrough after seven failures in finals. It was also significant because it was unexpected. We were rank outsiders, having been badly beaten in the league by Cork, who were subsequently beaten by Kilkenny in the championship. There is a lot to be learned from this success. The team set out as no-hopers and, through dedicated training, strong personal commitment and a tremendous will to win, they achieved greatness. My sincere congratulations to the whole panel, their mentors and trainers. May their success be the first of many.

While not achieving the ultimate success, the hurlers of the county hadn't a bad year. In another era the winning of the National League

against Galway at Ennis would be a cause of major celebration. While the league is no longer on such a high plain, it is still the second competition in the hurling year. And there was another victory also, when we won the South-East League for the first time. Then there was the might-have-been in the senior championship at Cork when, after a great display, we almost dethroned the greatest team of the nineties. Unfortunately our display in the replay was way off target and defeat our lot.

Our under-21 players also brought us glory. The high point has to be the victory in the Ennis cauldron when, against the odds and record home support, we triumphed. Unfortunately, as a result of bad match management on the part of the Munster Council, we were forced to play the All-Ireland semi-final five days later and went down to Galway.

Our minor hurlers did us proud right up to All-Ireland day but a below par performance on that occasion resulted in defeat at the hands of a gritty Galway side. The game was lost during a spell before half-time when Galway scored five points without reply. Tipperary came within two points twice during the second half but Galway were not for taking and we suffered the disappointment of defeat.

Of the many highlights in the game within the county the one that stands out in my mind is the victory of Newcastle in the county minor 'B' championship. More associated with football, the club had never before won a county title in either football or hurling. It was a great achievement and they deserve our heartiest congratulations.

I should like to thank all our supporters for their splendid turnout during the year. I was particularly impressed with the numbers that came to Cork for the replay against Clare. Saturday is a difficult day for many but a great number of our supporters overcame the difficulty. I should like to encourage many of these supporters to be more active with their clubs and to give them also

the support they need so very much.

Finally, I want to compliment the Yearbook Committee for another splendid publication. It is a great record of the G.A.A. year and a delight to read beside winter fires as we reflect on the year just past and look forward with relish to the one to come. As it is my last year as county chairman, I want to congratulate the committee for all they have done during my term of office and wish them the best in the future.

**Pól Ó Néill**

*Cathaoirleach  
Coiste Thiobraid Árann*

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# Penalty Pain... main memory of '99

## TIPP SENIOR REVIEW

BY JOHN O'GRADY (CULBAIRE)

One moment of the last year of the decade, the century and the millennium will for long torment the memories of Tipperary hurling folk – and can't nearly all of us be categorised thus? At Pairc Uí Chaoimh on June 6th we had Clare apparently beaten. Nicky English in his "maiden" year was on the brink of the sort of triumph that had eluded Len Gaynor and Rev. Tom Fogarty and hadn't been enjoyed since the '91 campaign under Babs Keating. Fate, and the fighting spirit of the Banner, had something different to say in that arena beside the Lee. A penalty!

Clancy had been fouled. Upfield on his predictable mission trotted David Fitzgerald. Low to Cummins' left the fatal – had we known it then – projectile entered our net. Terrific Tipp display negated, Clare to be faced again in six days. The utter difference from the drawn game made mockery of those unavailing seventy minutes – we lost by the substantial margin of ten points. And so our year ended before half of it was gone. The pain still lingers, the league victory hardly even mentioned, so feeble its consolation.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

A "fast-backward" review has highlights – like the abandoning of the theory of Leahy as a wingback; the return after five years of Declan Carr, only to be omitted when the big days came; the surprising, and quite late, decision to leave out Declan Ryan at the start of the Clare replay; the consequent if not necessarily fair criticism of English and partners after an extended honeymoon of general approval of the handling and



Ah, ref! – Clare full-back Brian Lohan keeps a tight grip on Paul Shelly's jersey as they vie for possession during the Munster senior hurling championship semi-final replay at Pairc Uí Chaoimh. Also included are Tipperary players Declan Ryan and John Leahy.

the approach by the new "cabinet", who had come up with another original ploy in the placing of All-Star defender Paul Shelly at full forward.

But the story begins with the Board's choice of English to succeed Gaynor, and the naming of Ken Hogan and Jack Bergin as Nicky's partners. Great players lately retired from active play are not rare as choices for management – think of David O'Leary or Bryan Robson in that other code. They are thought to be at an advantage in freshness of reputation and in rapport with young players,

Nicky's place in our record is a high one – he made the 'Star's Millennium' fifteen by popular vote in the Autumn. Shining intelligence was the basis of his subtle skills and a nice touch of modesty, combined with a distaste for provocative statements, made him a contrast with the less discreet "Babs". He provided no juicy scraps for media expansion and studiously avoided fuelling the Tipp-Clare issue that has been a tiresome and needless visitant.

His and Tipp's story can be – like Caesar's Gaul – divided into three parts – the preliminary Oireachtas plus South East League games; the official league; the championship. They were to make a varied mix: Oireachtas semi-final with Galway lost by a referee's decision to rule out Cahill's 'winning' goal at Ballinasloe; South-East won in a good hard final with Waterford; National League won against Galway at Ennis; Championship – well we know all about that! Overall a creditable second, though the league nowadays has shed much of its old-time kudos, why? It's not that long ago that the League final drew very wide attentions, and the earlier games had very respectable support. Recall those three Cork v Wexford games at the stadium? My own view is that the outbreak of 'calendaritis' in the high-powered revision group, pressing the



Ollie Baker and Declan Carr in action in the NHL semi-final at Limerick.



league into the brief span between March and the championship, has left it overshadowed from round one by the bigger things looming up, and taken less than seriously by team managers – the Clare v Tipp semi-final was diminished to a depressing degree by the advance knowledge of Loughnane's non-committal approach.

### AN ACTIVE POLICY

From the start, English determined to be busy, whatever the level of competitiveness in the outings. Whereas Gaynor had been baulked from the South-East league by the mysterious edict that Tipp had to have entered the Oireachtas as well – which we hadn't – in the case of his successor we were in both. So a 'blitz' of games began in autumn and extended well into winter. A measure of the number is that when we played the Oireachtas semi-final, it was the thirteenth match – and the first to be lost. One of the more promising younger forwards was Mark O'Leary on the wing, a prolific flagraiser. But he was out with injury when the more serious contests began. Fullback, questionable since Noel Sheedy retired, was a prime focus of experiment – and hardly solved, as it turned out in June.

No need – or space – to go into the details of the long litany of games that led up to the various finals, but the South-East final of Walsh Park can be rated meaningful. Waterford, at home or anywhere, have been a considerable force. Tipp were pressed hard after an O'Sullivan goal tightened things near the end. Some good and timely points by William Maher eased the strain and we won the crystal by 1-16 to 2-8 with a team containing only six of the previous year's championship side. Notable facets were Leahy at wingback. Frend at left corner – the veteran's experience might have helped us later – O'Leary and Browne on the left side of attack. Declan Ryan did not feature. It was not a win to get too worked up about but was still welcome evidence of earnestness in the camp.

So the league. Six games after an initial bye. Away to Down was a facile first assignment, 4-23 to 0-8 with two of the goals by Cahill. Again Leahy was in defence, Corcoran played at fullback. At home to Wexford we won again, 1-16 to 1-8, with the visitors quite slack. Fahy was right back. Still no Declan Ryan. Andy Moloney's strong Fitzgibbon Cup brought him back into the picture as a reserve for O'Meara.

The first reverse came at Nowlan Park in late March. The 'game of two halves' tag was never better merited – Tipp's initial sparkle with Dunne doing lovely stickwork had Tipp ten points ahead at the break (1-12 to 0-5). Leahy had done well against D.J. Carey. Shelly, placed at full forward in a radical move that was to be continued, had done quite well

too. The second half demolished the lead and turned it into a sharp defeat (3-14 to 1-13). Carey got going to the extent of undermining for good the Leahy-in-defence theory. Moloney, O'Shea and McEvoy had goals in course of the home revival which shattered our hopes. O'Brien in goal – he had played regularly on account of Cummins' physical problems – had ill-luck in dropping a catch at the wrong time. Ormonde's injury let in Paul Kelly at the start. O'Neill seemed then a real contender for a forward place, as did Maher. Neither lasted in favour, nor did Raymie Ryan.



*Senior hurling manager Nicky English keeps in close contact with his fellow selectors during the Munster SHC match at Pairc Uí Chaoimh.*

### CAHILL CATCHES CORK!

Home to Cork we had better – much better – luck. Getting a last minute goal to win certainly holds an element of fortune. Cahill tapped past Cusack after Shelly, receiving from a brilliant catch and dodge by Leahy, had his shot stopped by Cunningham's successor in the Cork net. Cork had led all the way after a prompt goal from Deane. A big item was Leahy's return to the forward sector. Conal Bonner made a re-appearance. Moloney started with Enright at midfield. A surprise choice was Maguire at left corner. Declan Ryan came in for most of the second period. Another to arrive as a sub was Fergal Heaney for Hugh Flannery. Browne was absent because of Railway Cup football.

Away to Laois, another success (2-16 to 1-7) Heaney was full back. But the really attention-gaining thing was the appearance of Declan Carr. The 1991 All-Ireland captain had not been seen since 1994 and his return – he was now with Lucan Sarsfields – was a real novelty, as well as keenly debated as to its wisdom at this stage. As it turned out,

the return was, in the end, to be unexploited when the championship chips were down. But it became a feature of the scene up to the end of the league. Carr, different looking now with close-cropped head, was a massive presence at midfield, not mobile but of some effect in closer work. Some tough play near the end left Leahy, limping at the close – his tendency to get involved had obviously not been discarded by the volatile Mullinahone man.

Last day out, we beat Waterford at the Stadium (1-14 to 0-14). They had started our troubles in Gaynor's second year by taking the points out of Thurles. Several Tipp personalities re-emerged – Cummins back in goal; Gleeson at Centre-back due to David Kennedy's injury; Carr again starting; Aidan Ryan a reserve recruit when Ormonde got a knock; Brian Horgan, back after long absence. We had neither Leahy nor Bonner. Level with nine minutes left, Tipp hit four useful points to win. Carr did reasonably.

### AN UNUSUAL SEMI-FINAL

Second in the table, we faced Clare in the semi-final. A curious game, inhibited by thoughts of June 6th, Clare, under tactician Loughnane, had an obvious motive for making it less than an all-out struggle. But it took a Dunne point to win it at the close. Corcoran held O'Connor well. Declan Ryan had a good second half on McMahon. A strange – and revealing – sight was to see both Baker and Lynch taken off by Ger. Raymie Ryan became a casualty – not of injury but of the way David Forde readily eluded him. The unlucky Cashel man was to be unlucky again – he had not been used in the 1997 All-Ireland against Clare. For him it was to be exit from the picture after this further disappointment – one had more than a little sympathy for a hurler of such class. Browne's prospects faded too on the day.

The league final was set for Ennis. It was not a choice that went down well in Tipp. Apart from the travel aspect and the traffic problems it guaranteed Galway a lot of support, not all of it from Galway. But the title was won despite a bad start – Galway had five on the board before Carr opened our account. Shelly suffered on very dubious cancellation of a goal fapped in off a Leahy cross. Broderick and Kerins tormented our defence early on – Bonner replaced Horgan in consequence. A Cloonan goal at the three-quarter stage rocked us. Dunne's deadly frees were a main factor. Leahy had our solitary goal, his defensive spell now a memory. A "Toome" captain again handled the trophy – George Frend had done so in 1994 – he had now left the scene as younger back man like Fahy, Heaney, Corcoran and Kennedy emerged. As already stated, the League had come to



mean less than before, but his was encouraging for what was coming up in three weeks at Cork.

### THE CHAMPIONSHIP

Kerry in Thurles was not going to be a worry. Nor were they, 4-29 to 2-6, except that their couple of goals were slightly thought provoking. We lined out: Cummins, Fahy, Heaney, Sheedy, Bonner, Kennedy, Corcoran, Carr, Enright, Dunne, Ryan, Leahy, Cahill, Shelly, O'Meara. Subs used were Kelly, Frend and Gleeson. Leahy started in a corner – varied opinions had been expressed about the relative merits of wing or corner for him. Nine Tipp players scored, with Shelly getting 2-2.

Back to camp for the big one, the mentors had a fair deal to reflect on. Would Carr's return be continued? Much of the "pros" lobby's thinking had concentrated on him as a foil to Baker – it seemed to be the basis of his unexpected come-back. But the opinions that counted now turned the other way, possibly on grounds of stamina and pace or as a negative reaction to his expectations as a former big name summoned for a purpose. So Gleeson got the nod as partner for Enright, the only alteration from the format against Kerry.

Bitter-sweet memory surrounds June 6th, with the sweetness the weaker aspect. A draw has never felt so much like a defeat. Being beaten the first day would have been more endurable. We played as a *Star* report said, "out of our skins". It was back into those skins on the following Saturday, with Clare reversing roles to a devastating degree.

Before 43,000 spectators on the first day, Tipp displayed intensity and purpose from the start against a team expected to rebound from the league semi-final and be their real selves, even without Baker, for whom the rangy Flannery deputised. Leahy and



Liam Sheedy gets the better of his opponent David Forde during the Munster SHC game at Pairc Uí Chaoimh.

O'Meara did a pre-arranged switch. John taking the corner according to theory of upsetting the defence with a roving role.

First Tipp man to signal good form was Liam Cahill, giving Frank Lohan severe trouble, David Kennedy at centre-back rose to new heights; Corcoran watched O'Connor effectively. We led (0-8 to 0-7) at halftime; encouraging indeed.

We re-started fast with Leahy and Shelly points. Baker was sent for. An O'Connor goal from a Gilligan pass put the Banner a point ahead. We regained it through Dunne and Cahill; Gilligan levelled Leahy with a calf injury, was

replaced by Tucker. Tipp put in their thrust for victory, delighting the followers. Tucker, Declan Ryan and sub Kelly hit three in a row but Clare weren't buckling – Gilligan and Clancy reduced it to one. Crucially Fitzgerald saved from Shelly – how many people later said he should have accepted the point, though a goal did obviously beckon from that position? It didn't seem to be costly, for Dunne's "65" and Shelly put us three up again. The great prize was more or less in our grasp. English was about to crown his record to date. For years the rights and wrongs of the Clancy penalty will be debated – as well as the "pity they didn't foul him further out" line of useless regret! Paddy Leahy used to express that very practical, if cynical, view about the wisdom of the far-out free.

### DAVID'S STUNNER

Fitzgerald's penalty against Limerick in 1995 had become a precious item in Banner lore, as had his saves on other occasions, like Leahy in 1997. The feisty 'keeper, whose will to win shines in every motion, came up from the Blackrock end to attempt a rescuing goal. Surely, we prayed, it can't be, after all, the hour-long feats performed by our fellows. David struck to the left corner and the line of guardians couldn't stop it. Noise exploded, nearly all of it from Banner throats – we were dumb-struck at the turn of events. The saviour was smothered in hugs by relieved team mates and a flood of followers

In Cork they have a saying about the team that should have won – "they left it after them". Tipp went back and



Senior hurling selectors (l. to r.) Jack Bergin and Ken Hogan in discussion with manager Nicky English prior to the National Hurling League Final at Cusack Park, Ennis.



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The Tipperary team that played Clare in the Munster senior hurling championship semi-final replay at Pairc Uí Chaoimh. Back row (l. to r.): John Leahy, Paul Shelly, Brian O'Meara, Brendan Cummins, Conor Gleeson, Eddie Enright, Eddie Tucker, Liam Sheedy. Front: Donncha Fahy, Fergal Heney, Eamonn Corcoran, Thomas Dunne (captain), Conal Bonner, David Kennedy, Liam Cahill.

didn't find it. What made the difference? Later some pointed to mid-week strenuous exercises. Others mentioned the exclusion of Declan Ryan from the initial line-up. An alerted Clare had to be a major matter, and maybe a Tipp unable to dispel ominous fears.

As to Declan, I heard of the decision from Joe Hayes as we met at the turnstiles. He was surprised and, as a Clonoulty-Rossmore man, more sur-

prised than most. Why, we wondered, were they leaving out a man who had done well in restricting McMahon? Wouldn't it be a blow to confidence all round? Later "post-mortem" soundings have shed some light on the thinking behind the option taken. Declan is said to have admitted he was a doubtful seventy-minute player at this stage. Eddie Tucker was seen as capable of "running at" McMahon and evading him while

Ryan would be a more static, if stronger, opponent. Naturally, the result caused the selectors to be heavily criticised – a new experience for Nicky as their chief.

#### A DIFFERENT DAY

Clare started with cutting edge, doing deep damage – 1-4 to 0-1 in ten minutes of torment for our defence. Flannery came out to crowd a midfield where Baker had started. The spaces in our inner defence were alarming, a complete "fluff" leading up to Markham's goal. Gilligan and Murphy were menacing as two-man front line. Halftime saw Tipp in mortally wounded state at 1-12 to 0-8. An Enright point was our best score – he didn't last the whole way. Colin Lynch was having a personal triumph at midfield scoring ultimately four times. Leahy once again got into unproductive personal side-shows, losing concentration on the main agenda.

In our distress, unexpected resort was made to Ormonde as a midfielder and (less unusual by far!) Declan being called in. Horgan replaced Bonner. O'Meara had our best goal chance, but Fitzgerald halted it. About the best of our harried defenders was Fahy, often far out from the regular confines of the corner. A free by Declan gave the token satisfaction of a goal – only eight down now! It disimproved by two more before handshake-time. Only Dunne and Enright had scored from play. We trudged back along the Marina, while the Banner followers, like Yeats' swans "trod with a lighter tread".



Liam Cahill (right) gets the better of Brian Lohan in this tussle during the Munster SHC match at Pairc Uí Chaoimh.



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# Controversy clouds Munster U-21 win

By : J. J. Kennedy

**U**nfortunately Tipperary's achievement in winning a 15th Munster U-21 hurling title in 1999 got sidelined by other events. The brawl that erupted at the end of the Munster final at Ennis captured media headlines in subsequent days. Eventually, a Munster Council investigation resulted in suspensions for Tipperary and Clare personnel as well as a fine for the County Boards. It's an episode that further sours the already poisoned relations between the counties.

Events at Cusack Park on that August evening have also tended to deflect attention from Munster Council's deplorable handling of this championship during the summer. Delays and postponements created a fixtures bottle-neck which resulted in Tipperary having to face an All-Ireland semi-final just four days after their provincial success. It proved too much with the minor champs of '96 failing to add the U-21 crown of '99.

But back to the beginning of a campaign that had much to prove after the debacle of the 1998 Munster final against Cork. Team manager Jerry O'Brien (Portroe), and his fellow selectors, Paddy McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields) and Donal McGettigan

(Killenaule) set off on a mission that ultimately was only half achieved. Winning Munster was the highlight but failure to go the distance to national honours was a huge disappointment.

## KERRY THRASHED

The championship draw handed us an away game with Kerry to begin with. Initially in some doubt as to whether Kerry would field or not it eventually went ahead at the seaside venue of Ballyheigue on June 23rd. After the customary round of challenge games Tipperary put together their opening formation for this Kerry assignment but had to do without the injured pair, Donnacha Fahy and Paul Kelly. For the record Tipp began their campaign as follows: Emmet Dunphy (Roscrea); William Hickey (Boherlahan, captain), Fergal Heney (Kickhams), Philip Maher (Borrisoleigh); Thomas Costello (Cappawhite); John Carroll (Roscrea); Hugh Flannery (Eire Óg, Nenagh); Michael Ryan (Templederry); William Maher (Ballingarry); Paddy O'Brien (Toomevara); Eugene O'Neill (Cappawhite); Aidan Doyle (J.K. Bracken's); Seamus Butler (Drom-Inch); Michael 'Bonny' Kennedy (Clonoulty); Declan Browne (Moyle Rovers). *Subs used:* John Teehan (Gortnahoe) for Thomas Costello and Cathal O'Shea (Aherlow) for Declan Browne.

The game itself merits little comment. Kerry had come to Thurles the previous year for a thrashing and the change of venue this time made little difference. Tipperary were raging favourites and were never seriously challenged. They led 3-8 to 0-3 at half time and eventually came home by 5-15 to 0-8 with Declan Browne ending top scorer on 1-4. The only issue after this game was



A delighted William Hickey holds the trophy aloft following Tipperary's victory over Clare in the Munster Under-21 hurling final at Ennis

the farcical nature of Kerry's involvement at this level.

## ESCAPE AT WALSH PARK

The semi-final took Tipp to Walsh Park on July 14th and it was to prove a game of extraordinary dramatics. Declan Browne scored 3-1, Donnacha Fahy was sent off and it took a late and great save from Damien Young to pull Tipp through despite owning a ten point advantage with some eight minutes remaining.

Tipperary had a host of injury worries in the build up and the side that eventually faced the Decies showed four changes from that which humbled Kerry. Tipperary's minor goalie, Damien Young, took over net minding duties from Emmet Dunphy. The Drom-Inch player would have the distinction together with Eoin Kelly of winning minor and U-21 Munster medals in the same year though I'm sure both would have swapped one for an All-Ireland. Donnacha Fahy, recovered from injury, resumed at wing back to the exclusion of Hugh Flannery. Paul Kelly was also declared fit and he took over at number eleven with Borrisoleigh's John Keane playing beside him. In the reshuffle Eugene O'Neill went full-forward while Aidan Doyle and Seamus Butler lost out.

It was a patchy performance from Tipperary with Declan Browne's goal



Paul Kelly controls the ball ahead of a Galway player during the Under-21 hurling All-Ireland semi-final at Tullamore.





*In action during the controversial Munster Under-21 hurling championship final at Ennis were Clare's Enda Flannery, Tipperary's man-of-the-match John Carroll, Gearóid Considine (C) and Richie Flannery (T).*

poaching proving the match ace. Tipp played with the wind in the first half and led 3-4 to 0-7 at half time. Paddy O'Brien hit the first goal and Declan Browne showed predatory opportunism for the other two. Early in the second half Browne pounced again and Tipp led by 4-9 to 0-9 with a place in the final looking secure.

But dramatic turnabouts are no strangers to hurling and before the fat lady sang in Walsh Park this Tipp side had been rocked to its core. In the final seven minutes Waterford hit 2-2 with Ken McGrath walloping two frees to the net as Tipp were sent reeling before the onslaught. Ten points shrivelled to a vulnerable two and in injury-time it took a great save from Damien Young to keep out another Ken McGrath free. In the end Declan Browne's striker's instinct carried Tipp through but they came away from Walsh Park bruised and uncertain. Donnacha Fahy had been sent off in the second half for a second bookable offence and three substitutes had been used. Ritchie Flannery replacing Michael Ryan. Ger O'Grady coming in for "Bonny" Kennedy and Hugh Flannery arriving for Thomas Costello.

#### **FIXTURE BUILD-UP**

The story of the second provincial semi-final between Cork and Clare is one that reflects poorly on Munster Council. It was to have been played the same night as the Tipp Waterford encounter but Cork got a postponement on the grounds that Nicholas Murphy, their full-forward, was playing football four days later against Kerry in the Munster championship. It seems utterly absurd to me that an entire provincial

championship would be held up because of the dual involvement of one player. You could highlight the utter craziness another way: one Cork player could not be asked to play U-21 hurling and senior football four days apart, yet an entire Tipperary team had to play a high-intensity Munster final and re-emerge four days later for an All-Ireland semi.

The manner in which Munster Council allowed its fixtures to be postponed rates as one of the scandals of 1999. After Cork got their initial postponement of the game. Clare were granted further deferment when they had to play an All-Ireland senior hurling quarter-final. The absurdity of it all is further highlighted by the fact that when the game between Cork and Clare did eventually take place at Thurles Nicholas Murphy was substituted before half-time.

#### **THE SIEGE OF ENNIS**

The upshot of all this shenanigans was that Tipp and Clare were finally paired to contest the Munster final at Ennis on Tuesday, August 31st. When they met in the 1995 final Clare had come to Thurles and this was the return half of the agreement. That night at Ennis will live long in people's memories for many reasons both good and bad. It was a cracking game and an outstanding Tipp win but the atmosphere was belligerent and it all erupted when the final whistle sounded leaving a bitter after-taste.

First to the hurling. A huge crowd packed the Ennis pitch, dominated by the locals who held high hopes of a first Munster title following their semi-final win over Cork. Tipp made just one

change in personnel from the semi-final, Richard Flannery replacing John Keane, but the move necessitated a re-jig of the side. Flannery came on in midfield to partner Michael Ryan with Willie Maher going to number eleven and Paul Kelly moving to number twelve in Keane's place. They faced a Clare side for whom Ken Kennedy, John Reddan, Enda Flannery and Alan Markham had been stars against Cork, the latter three being senior panellists.

It was a riveting game played at high intensity with some masterful skill on display and a swaying contest. Tipp had the wind in their shoulder blades for the first half and they showed the early form. Paddy O'Brien was in scintillating form shooting points from play and frees to carry Tipp into an early lead 0-5 to 0-1. But Clare rebounded and the temperature rose before half time.

In an incident near the sideline Clare's corner forward, Brian McMahon, received a nasty facial injury in a clash with Thomas Costello. The Cap-pawwhite man was booked but the incident was to be given air afterwards when the Clare county chairman demanded that it be included in the investigation that enquired into the after-match brawl. The incident also signalled Clare's best spell of the game when Alan Markham buried a twenty metre free in the Tipp net and Seán Ryan and again Markham followed up with points. The Banner was in full cry and they took a one point lead to the dressingrooms, 1-7 to 0-9.

Tipp introduced Eoin Kelly for Fergal Heney at half-time and later brought on John Teehan for William Maher and John Ferncombe for 'Bonny' Kennedy.



Clare quickly stretched their lead to two points on resuming but then came a turning point when Declan Browne once more showed clinical finishing with a Tipperary goal. 'Bonny' Kennedy had supplied the cross from the sideline and Browne availed of a fraction of hesitancy by the corner back to nip inside, take the ball under control and plant it in the corner of the net. It was a magic goal and invaluable to the game's outcome.

Back in the lead but Tipp still had an amount of work to put through to hold their advantage. Tit-for-tat scoring followed, Tipp held their lead but Clare fought doggedly. John Carroll emerged as an outstanding centre-back with Philip Maher and Donnacha Fahy consolidating the defensive resistance. Michael Ryan and Ritchie Flannery worked slavishly at midfield while Paddy O'Brien had radar accuracy from frees. Paul Kelly and his younger brother, Eoin, displayed some dazzling skill while Declan Browne's goal was one of the scores of the game.

It was down to a nerve-tingling finish with the play going over-time and Tipp clinging to a two point advantage before Paddy O'Brien made it a safer three points. Even then, almost five minutes into added time, it took a skilful piece of theft for Thomas Costello to deprive Clare's Seán Ryan of a levelling goal. Tipp held out and William Hickey was mounting the steps to accept the cup from Munster chairman, Seán Kelly, but not before gardaí had broken up an unseemly brawl in front of the stand area with substitutes and mentors from both side involved.

## SUSPENSIONS

The fall-out from the row saw Munster Council embark on a prolonged, torturous investigation process. Witnesses were called, individuals were identified and summoned and the video footage was viewed and re-viewed. The G.A.C. committee of Munster Council investigated the matter and the issues were tossed and teased. There were doubts about procedures and legalities and the outcome was delayed as the council sought advice. It was to be a messy investigation, poorly led and processed. Eventually, the Council, minus the G.A.C. men with Con Murphy in the chair, ratified a package of sanctions, the chairman having to use his casting vote to ensure passage.

Clare's coach, Dave Fitzgerald, along with a Clare substitute, Mark Fitzgerald, and Tipperary subs Ger O'Grady (Sarsfields) and Emmet Dunphy (Roscrea) were handed two months suspensions. Another Tipp panellist, Tomás Keane (Carrick Swans) was given four months for his part in the fracas. Each County Board was fined fifteen hundred pounds but Thomas Costello was exonerated, the action of the referee in booking him



*Tension very evident in this photograph of the Tipperary supporters, mentors, etc. during the closing stages of the Munster Under-21 hurling final at Ennis.*

being approved as the most appropriate sanction.

Given the intensity of the Munster final and the barrage of publicity on subsequent days it must have been difficult for the Tipp side to re-focus for an All-Ireland semi-final with Galway on the following Saturday. It was a repeat of the minor final of '96 and was played in an unfamiliar O'Connor Park, Tullamore. Tipp made a few adjustments to their side from the Munster final. Fergal Heney, replaced in Ennis, was overlooked and in the reshuffle players were pulled back to fill the gap. Thomas Costello went full-back with Donnacha Fahy moving to number two. Michael Ryan took over Fahy's place at wing back, Willie Maher returned to midfield. Eugene O'Neill went to number eleven, Declan Browne to full-forward and John Ferncombe held his place at corner forward.

## TULLAMORE DEFEAT

It was a game in which Tipperary were rocked by three Galway goals coming either side of the interval when they looked to be out of the contest. But, coming with a sprint finish, the Tipp side stormed the Galway posts in the final minutes and only an agonising miss by Declan Browne right at the death, deprived the side of what would have been an astonishing victory.

Tipp trailed by 0-8 to 1-7 at half time, a half in which 'Bonny' Kennedy (who started brightly) and Galway's Steven Morgan were sent off following an off-the-ball altercation. The Galway ploy of moving a corner forward outfield was creating space in the Tipp rearguard and Eugene Cloonan availed of this to shot some useful scores including the first half goal which was the essential difference between the sides at this stage. By contrast Paddy O'Brien's accuracy deserted him and it all added up to a troublesome opening half for Tipp.

But Tipperary's real difficulty emerged early in the second half when the defence was pierced for two further

goals as the side slipped behind by 0-10 to 3-9. By now Fergal Heney was in the game in place of team captain Willie Hickey and Eoin Kelly came on for Ritchie Flannery. The margin was still eight points with as many minutes to play and it was in those concluding moments that this Tipperary side showed its true mettle.

In those final minutes Tipp came like an express train. The revival began with Eugene O'Neill pointing a free. Paddy O'Brien added one from play and then Eoin Kelly got his stick to a Michael Ryan '65' for a badly needed goal. With just three between them the charge for the line was at full throttle. A John Ferncombe point cut the margin to just two and right at the end Donnacha Fahy, Philip Maher and John Carroll (now in attack) were involved in a passing movement that set up Declan Browne in front of the posts. Tantalisingly the shot flashed wide of the left post and Galway held out.

It was a Tipp display that faltered early on but featured a brave recovery that came within a stroke of gold. There was much to admire about the form of players like John Carroll, Philip Maher, Donnacha Fahy, Paddy O'Brien, Michael Ryan, John Ferncombe, Eugene O'Neill and Paul Kelly. And if Declan Browne missed the jackpot in the end it was his wizardry that played a major role in bringing the side to Tullamore.

It had been an eventful, controversial campaign with no lack of talking points. 'Bonny' Kennedy and his Galway counterpart were handed three month suspensions but it was the shorter terms handed out after the Munster final that created the greater stir. Those events signalled a new low in Tipp/Clare relations. Is it too much to hope that the start of the new millennium there will be friendlier rivalry between Tipp and Clare? And that the Munster Council will in future treat with proper respect this U-21 grade? We live in hope.



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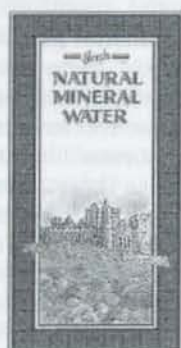
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Munster Final, July 21st, 1999 - Fermoy: Cork 2-9, Tipperary 1-7



*The Tipperary Intermediate Team that played Cork in the Munster final at Fermoy. Back L to R: Michael Spillane, Fethard; Brian O'Dwyer, Moneygall; Sean O'Meara, Shannon Rovers; Seamus Butler, Sean Treacy's; Michael Ryan, Templederry; Donal Keogh, Silvermines; Ray Killeen, Knockshewanna; Tommy Hogan, Shannon Rovers. Front L to R: Colm Morrissey, Galtee Rovers; Declan Browne, Moyle Rovers; Jim McGrath, Ballina; Declan Corcoran, Silvermines; Sean Maher, Ballybacon-Grange; Padraig Burke, Upperchurch-Drombane, (captain); Michael Ryan, Fethard.*



*Tipperary forward Declan Corcoran heads for goal pursued by Cork's Derek Patterson during the Munster Intermediate Hurling Championship final at Fermoy.*



*Intermediate hurling manager, Brendan Bonner, in thoughtful mood during the Munster final against Cork at Fermoy.*



*Tipperary Masters (over 40) Team 1999 who lost the All-Ireland Final to Kilkenny in Tullamore on Sunday, September 19th, 1999: Back L to R: Seamus Burke, JKB; Tim Floyd, Newport; Eamonn Maher, Lorrha; Michael Gleeson, Portroe; Martin Burke, JKB; John Sheedy, Portroe; John Hassett, Drom/Inch; Sean Ryan, Ballinahinch; John Ryan, Toomevarra; Larry Mackey, Manager; Pat Dunlea, Secretary. Front L to R: Pat McLoughney, Shannon Ros; Mike Harrington, Templederry; Kevin Fox, Éire Óg Annacathry; John Stokes, Gortnahoe-Glengoolie; Gerry Stapleton, Borrisoleigh; Liam Keogh, Silvermines; Gerry Ryan, Silvermines; Pat Looby, Drom/Inch; Leo Crampton, Clonakenny; John Stone, Roscrea.*



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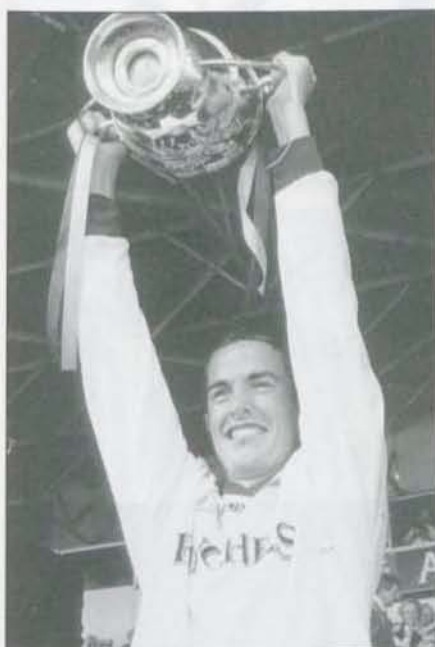
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# TIPPERARY MINOR HURLERS...

## A Supreme Effort

By John Guiton (Tipperary Star)



Tipperary captain Damien Young holds the cup aloft after Tipperary's victory over Clare in the Munster minor hurling championship final at Semple Stadium.

**T**here's nothing more emotionally upsetting in sport than to see a group of young players distraught following the disappointment of defeat. Words of consolation bring little comfort as they trudge disconsolately towards the sanctuary of their dressing room.

The Tipperary minor team of '99 know all about it. On Sunday, September 12th last, they endured the heart-break of All-Ireland defeat, - high hopes lay in tatters at GAA headquarters as Galway celebrated its first every national success in the grade over the Premier County.

Time is a great healer, and three months on, the disappointment for the young lads is less acute now. On reflection they have come to appreciate that it wasn't such a bad Summer after all! Granted, it is a matter of grave concern to Tipperary hurling folk that despite the valiant efforts of many people associated with the grade the Premier County has won only three All-Irelands in almost twenty years. However, while the '99 team are bitterly disappointed that they did not add to that record, they can hold their heads high after bringing home a much cherished Munster title.

For a County once dubbed specialists in the grade winning a Munster championship doesn't sound like an earth shattering feat. However, in an era in

which competition in all grades has very much levelled out, and it is becoming harder and harder to emerge with success at provincial level, the Munster crown is very significant indeed. It is all the more important in the year that is in it.

The defeat of the Senior hurlers by Clare after Tipp had lost a glorious chance in the drawn game left a gloom hanging over the county. A long uneventful Summer loomed large on the horizon, but, the minors with the U-21s ensured that Tipp's name stayed in the spotlight.

### THE MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIP

The minors 1-13 to 2-7 win over Clare following on provincial triumphs in '96 and '97 was a source of great encouragement, a reassurance that despite the All-Ireland defeat Tipp does have the young talent coming on stream.

It was a provincial success based on real character. Tipps convincing win over Limerick in the championship opener allowed them plenty room for optimism going into the final, but the prospect of facing Clare was still daunting, to say the least. It certainly was not a vintage Tipp display on the big day but it was spirited and rivetting and boded well for the All-Ireland series. Twice Clare hit them with goals, which stemmed from defensive errors, but they stuck to their task manfully, and inspired by the hard work and commitment of Dermot Gleeson they carved out a well deserved success. It was all the sweeter considering that Tipp had

trailed at the break by two points 0-7 to 1-6, and Clare had a goal from Rory Liddane at the start of the second half. However, a most spectacular goal from Kevin Cummins in the 8th minute gave Tipp an enormous boost and, after the equally impressive Colm Ryan sent Tipp ahead for the first time with a point at the three quarter stage, they took over. Their finishing burst was impressive. Great scenes of joy greeted the presentation of the trophy to their excellent goalie, and captain, Damien Young.

The provincial celebrations over Tipps were soon back in business with an eye towards the elusive All-Ireland title. Preparations under Manager Paudie Butler, and his colleagues Dinny Cahill (trainer) and selectors Eugene Ryan, Ger O'Neill and Noel Russell, could not be better, but there was a fear that defeated Leinster finalists Wexford would meet Tipp on the rebound and knock them off their pedestal. However, while Tipp were slow to stamp their authority on the game they eventually turned on the style to win by a comprehensive margin (3-13 to 1-8).

### THE FINAL

With Galway having dealt Clare a heavy blow in the semi-final, Tipp were under no illusions about the task facing them in the decider. Yet their record in the championship suggested that they would be well up to the challenge on the big stage. Alas, while only three points separated the sides in the end (0-13 to 0-10) Tipp did not play up to scratch failing to recapture the form shown over the Summer. Having said



Eoin Kelly (left) rounds his marker, Brian O'Mahony and heads for goal during the minor hurling final against Galway at Croke Park.



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that, it would be grossly unfair to take from the merit of Galway's win. They were crisper, more assured, and better coordinated in their approach. The game seemed to be going Tippi's way in the early stages but approaching the break Galway hit a most telling blow to the Premier County morale. Tipp endeavouring to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the County's last minor crown of the forties were nicely poised approaching the closing stages of the first half when Donal Shelly put them a point in front. They could scarcely have reckoned on what was to come,

however, with Galway laying the foundations for their success in a blistering five minute spell. Five points in as many minutes, left Tipp on the ropes and trailing by 0-9 to 0-5 at the interval.

Shortly on the resumption Galway stretched their lead to five points and the signs were ominous for Tipp when Kevin Cummins had to retire feeling the effects of injury. Galway were defiant, and Tipp badly needed a goal. To their credit, Tipp twice came within two points of the leaders but the Galway defence performed heroics in the clos-

ing stages after Richie Murray put the side three clear. For all their shortcomings, Tipp were only a puck of a ball behind and they came close to snatching a sensational goal, only to see goalie Johnny O'Loughlin scoop the ball clear, following a line cut into the square by Donal Shelly.

So, a much sought after minor crown to add to the title of '96 had eluded the boys in Blue and Gold. Winning an All-Ireland title is never easy but the team and mentors can be happy that they put in a supreme effort with that goal in mind.



Tipperary minor hurling mentors photographed at the Press Night at Semple Stadium prior to the All-Ireland final against Galway. Included are (l to r): Ger O'Neill, Eugene O'Neill (selectors), Paudie Butler (manager), Noel Russell (selector) and Dinny Cahill (Trainer).



Deep in thought - A thoughtful Paudie Butler photographed following the defeat by Galway in the All-Ireland minor hurling final at Croke Park.



Tipperary full-back Paul Curran (right) goes head-to-head with Galway full-forward David Forde during the All-Ireland minor hurling final at Croke Park.



Photograph taken following a presentation to Phil O'Mara who retired from the position of treasurer of Durlas Og Juvenile GAA Club after a period of twenty years. The presentation was made by Pat Stakelum, president of the club, and a presentation of a bouquet of flowers was also made to Phil's wife Helen by Mary Callanan. Included in photograph are (seated, l to r): Dick Callanan, chairman; Pat Stakelum, president; Phil O'Mara; Helen O'Mara; Mary Callanan; Phyllis Kennedy, treasurer. Standing: Jim O'Dwyer, secretary; Fr James Walton, patron; Larry O'Connor, John O'Gorman, Michael Carroll, Michael Russell, Michael Kennedy, Michael Gleeson, Frank Mockler, John Smith, Gerry Spain and Paddy Moore.



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# TIPPERARY INTER-COUNTY FOOTBALL REVIEW 1999

## SENIOR RESULTS

### CHAMPIONSHIP

23/5/99 v. Kerry Tralee 0-08/1-11

### ALL IRELAND "B" CHAMPIONSHIP

02/10/99 v. Longford Ballymahon 2-10/0-09

20/11/99 v. Fermanagh Templemore 0-09/0-18

### LEAGUE

14/02/99 v. Waterford Dungarvan 4-10/1-07

28/2/99 v. Longford Clonmel 2-10/3-10

14/03/99 v. Cavan Breffni Park 0-08/0-12

28/3/99 v. Sligo Sligo 0-07/0-12

31/10/99 v. Laois Portlaoise 1-04/1-13

14/11/99 v. Carlow Ardfinnan 2-11/0-10

28/11/99 v. Wexford

### MCGRATH CUP

31/01-99 v. Waterford Golden 3-09/0-09

20/02/99 v. Clare Milltown-M. 0-03/0-08

### DR. MORRIS CUP

18/02/99 v. Garda College Golden 1-12/2-06

### CHALLENGE GAMES

23/01/99 v. Garda College Dr. Morris Pk 1-04/1-11

11/04/99 v. Limerick Golden 1-15/0-05

22/04/99 v. Carlow Dr. Morris Pk. 6-09/2-11

27/04/99 v. Mayo Maryland 3-10/3-15

06/05/99 v. Waterford Dr. Morris Pk. 3-12/1-08

12/05/99 v. Kildare Newbridge 2-10/1-14

27/09/99 v. Garda College Dr. Morris Pk. 2-09/0-13

17/10/99 v. Carlow Carlow H.C. 0-13/1-09

19/10/99 v. Limerick Dr. Morris Pk. 1-09/1-11

04/11/99 v. Waterford Dr. Morris Pk. 1-09/1-11



Goal or no goal? ... Tipperary players Sean Collum, Niall Kelly and Liam Cronin dispute the umpire's decision to award a goal to Kerry during the early stages of the Munster senior football championship game at Tralee. On the right Tipperary goalkeeper Philly Ryan looks on amused.

1999 was an eventful year for the Senior team. Controversy surrounded the Championship match with Kerry both before and after.

The year commenced in early January when training resumed. On January 23rd a challenge game was played against the Garda College in preparation for the League resumption on February 14th.

The league results before Christmas meant that Tipperary needed to win all their games to have a chance of qualification. While they defeated Waterford in their first game they lost their remaining games to Longford, Cavan and Sligo.

In the McGrath Cup they defeated Waterford and lost to Clare.

In the Dr. Morris Cup tournament they defeated the Garda College under lights in Golden. In preparation for the Championship Challenge games were played against Carlow, Mayo, Waterford and Kildare.

The Championship game against Kerry was fixed controversially for Tralee and the game itself was overshadowed by the awarding of a goal to Kerry after the ball had gone wide and came back on to the field from the stand behind the goal.

This proved to be the vital score of a game riddled with errors by the officials.

In the 1999 "B" Competition they defeated Longford in the quarter-final but were eliminated by Fermanagh in the semi-final.

In the 1999/2000 league they were defeated by Laois in their first game but

had a good win over Carlow in their second game.

**SELECTORS:** Colm Browne (Manager), Pat Moroney and Colm O'Flaherty. Following the Championship, Colm Browne was not a in a position to continue having completed his two year term.

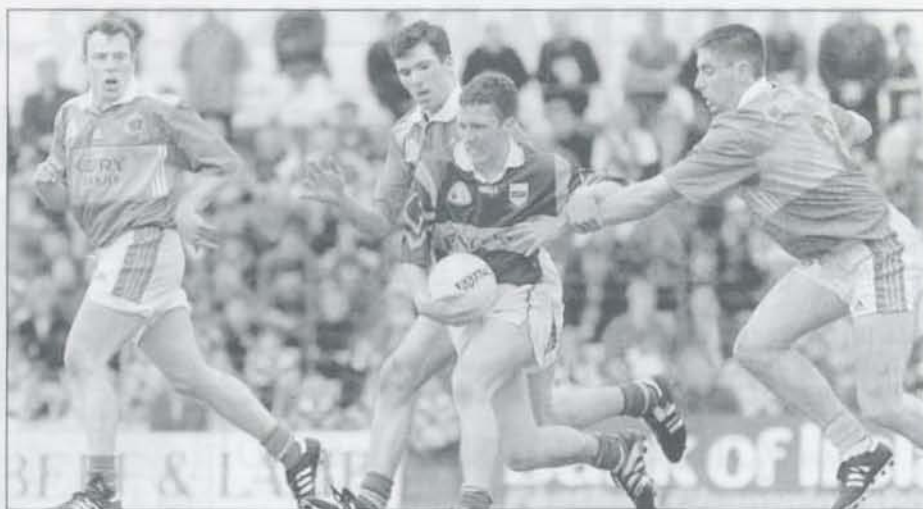
Colm O'Flaherty was appointed



The Tipperary senior football team that suffered a controversial defeat at the hands of Kerry in the Munster football championship at Austin Stack Park, Tralee. Back row L/R: Damien Byrne, Niall Kelly, John Costello, Derry, Foley, Sean Maher, Conor O'Dwyer, Des Lyons, Mark Sheehan. Front row L/R: Pewter Lambert, Declan Browne (captain), Philly Ryan, Davy Hogan, Sean Collum, Benny Hahessy and Liam Cronin.



manager with Michael Fitzgerald, James Meagher and Gerry Cahill as selectors. The lineout against Kerry was: Philly Ryan (Commercials), Conor O'Dwyer (Kilmacud Crokes), Niall Kelly (Kildangan), Liam Cronin (Moyle Rovers), Benny Hahessy (Swan), Sean Collum (J.J. Brackens), Damien Byrne (Fethard), Derry Foley (Moyle Rovers), John Costello (Kilmacud Crokes), Sean Maher (Ardfinnan), Davy Hogan (St. Patricks), Des Lyons (Grangemockler), Peter Lambert (Ardfinnan), Mark Sheehan (St. Sylvesters), Declan Browne (C) (Moyle Rovers), sub: Conor O'Shea (Aherlow) for Mark Sheehan; James Williams (Moyle Rovers) for Des Lyons; Seamus Delahunty (Moyle Rovers), Robbie Leahy (Kilmacud Crokes), Michael Spillane (Fethard), P.J. Lanigan (Ballymun Kickhams), Fergal O'Callaghan (Commercials), Kevin Coonan (St. Sylvesters), Ger Butler (Knockavilla Kickhams) and Tommy Connors (Kildangan).



Tipperary football All-Star, Declan Browne causing problems for the Kerry defence during the Munster senior football championship at Austin Stack Park, Tralee.



Senior football manager Colm Browne issues instructions to his players during a training session at Dr. Morris Park.



Newly appointed manager of Tipperary senior football team, Colm O'Flaherty, photographed in Templemore prior to the All-Ireland "B" championship semi-final against Fermanagh.

## JUNIOR FOOTBALL

### CHALLENGE GAMES

06/05/99	Commercials	Clonmel
10/05/99	Limerick	Doon
17/05/99	Kilkenny	Ardfinnan

### CHAMPIONSHIP

23/05/99	Kerry	Tralee
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1-08/0-17  
4-10/0-04  
0-15/0-06

2-08/1-13

the game. Late in the game a penalty from Paul Tobin and appointed free from John Shanahan brought Tipperary level. In injury time Tipperary had the chance to take the lead but Kerry broke up

the field to take the lead and another point gave them a two point victory.

**TEAM:** Cathal Moloney (Galtee Rovers), Paul Tobin (Arravale Rovers), Alan John Lonergan (Ardfinnan), Peter

**A**s defending All-Ireland Champions a new panel had to be selected. A panel was selected and training commenced in late April

Challenge games were played against Commercials, Limerick and Kilkenny and a promising team emerged.

In the first round of the Championship they faced Kerry on May 23rd in Tralee as a curtain raiser to the senior match.

Tipperary started well scoring three good points. Kerry then came back into the game and a close contest ensued. Early in the second half Tipperary mid-fielder David Fogarty was mysteriously sent off but Tipperary responded well and a goal from Benny Hickey brought them back into



The Tipperary minor football panel photographed before their first game in the round robin series of the Munster MFC at Semple Stadium in April. Back row R/L: Brian Brooks, Thomas Molan, Niall O'Dwyer, Padraig Foley, Richard Horgan, Johnny Walsh, Owen Kearney, Derek Breen, Niall Fitzgerald, Kevin Mulryan, Joe Keane, Tom King, Kevin O'Regan. Front row R/L: Don Maher, Aidan Dundon, Shane Maher, Con McCarthy, Niall Sheehan, Philly Ryan, Colm O'Brien, Tony Doyle, Kieran O'Brien and Sean McKeogh



Gleeson (Arravale Rovers), Ky Vaughan (Mullinahone), Andrew Lacey (Arravale Rovers), Tom Guilfoyle (Moyne/Templetuohy), Liam England (Inane Rovers), David Fogarty (Golden/Kilfeacle), Colin Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), John Carroll (Inane Rovers), John Shanahna (Moyle Rovers), Padraig O'Keeffe (Commercials) Benny Hickey (Cahir) (C), Tommy Hewitt (Moyle Rovers), Subs. Mark O'Brien (Aherlow) for Ky Vaughan, Tommy Connors (Kildangan) for Tommy Hewitt, Liam Dwyer (Sarsfields), Eddie Fogarty (Kildangan), Ml. McGrath (Eire Og/Annacarty) and Philly Blake (Fethard).

**SELECTORS:** Seamus McCarthy (Manager), Pete Savage, Martin Healy and Conor O'Dwyer.



The Tipperary junior football team that was unlucky not to have beaten Kerry in the Munster championship game at Tralee.



Tipperary forward Brian Brooks (right) heads goalwards during the Munster MFC game against Limerick at Semple Stadium.



Tipperary junior football mentors photographed at Travele before the Munster championship game against Kerry. Included are (l. to r.): Seamus McCarthy (manager), Pete Savage, Martin Healy and Conor O'Dwyer (selectors).

## U-21 FOOTBALL

### CHALLENGE

17/01/99	Wexford	Ardfinnan	0-11/2-11
17/01/99	Tipp. Minor	Newcastle	1-07/0-07
24/01/99	Offaly	Dr. Morris Pk.	0-07/2-08
07/02/99	Carlow	Eire Og	1-11/2-11
13/02/99	Limerick	Ardfinnan	2-12/2-10
14/02/99	Waterford	Friary	1-14/1-04
07/03/99	Ardfinnan	Ardfinnan	2-12/1-09
14/03/99	Fethard	Fethard	2-06/1-10
21/03/99	Limerick	Cahir	2-10/3-13

### CHAMPIONSHIP

31/03/99	Cork	Ardfinnan	1-07/4-12
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**F**ollowing trials in early January a panel was selected to participate in training and challenge games. In March the final panel was chosen and they faced a difficult task against Cork on March 31st. Three first half goals ensured that Cork ran out easy winners. Tipperary improved in the second half and the highlight of the game was a great goal by Declan Browne.

**SELECTORS:** Seamus McCarthy (Manager), Pete Savage, Conor O'Dwyer and John Phelan.

**TEAM:** Colm McMenamin (Commercials);

William Hickey (Boherlahan-Dualla); Andrew Lacey (Arravale Rovers); Paul Tobin (Arravale Rovers); Thomas Costelloe (Cappawhite); William Maher (Ballingarry); Tommy Galvin (Commercials); Liam England (Inane Rovers); Shane McDermott (Cappawhite); Colin Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Eamon Hanrahan (Commercials); Paul Cahill (Grangemocker); John Carroll (Inane Rovers); Declan Browne (Moyle Rvs); Damien O'Brien (Eire Og-Annacarty).



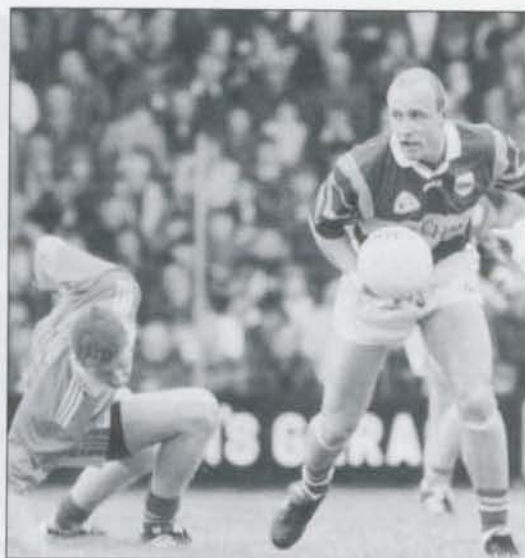
Tipperary under-21 football mentors photographed prior to the Munster championship semi-final at Ardfinnan (l. to r.): Seamus McCarthy (manager), Conor O'Dwyer, D.J. Gleeson and Pete Savage.

**SUBS:** Tommy Connors (Kildangan) for Shane McDermott; Richie O'Connor (Cahir) for Thomas Costelloe; Benny Hickey (Cahir) for Liam England; Cathal Moloney (Galtee Rovers); Darragh Moore (Arravale Rovers); Declan Fanning (Kilenaule); John Paul Looby (Fethard); David Morrissey (Kildangan); Alan O'Gorman (Ardfinnan); Vinnie Moloney (Cahir); Eoin Morrissey (Knockavilla Kickhams); Eoin O'Connor (Boherlahan-Dualla).





The Tipperary under-21 football team that played Cork in the Munster championship semi-final at Ardfinnan. Back row (l. to r.): Eamonn Hanrahan, Tommy Galvin, William Maher, Thomas Costello, Paul Tobin, Andrew Lacey, Liam England, William Hickey. Front row: Colin Morrissey, Shane McDermott, John Carroll, Declan Browne, Paul Cahill, Colm McMenamin, Damien O'Brien.



Sean Collum (right) in action during against Kerry in the Munster championship senior football game at Tralee.

## MINOR FOOTBALL REPORT 1999

by Tom Kirwan  
(Minor Football Selector)

**1999 proved to be a disappointing year for Tipperary's Minor Football championship campaign – this despite showing some early promise in the Inter County football tournament and numerous challenge games.**

In preparation for this year's championship the Minor Football Selectors, under Team Manager Keith Ricken, held an Inter Divisional under-17 football tournament, numerous coaching sessions, challenge games and an Inter County football tournament.

The following briefly gives an insight into the activities of the 1999 Tipperary Minor Football team.

### INTER DIVISIONAL TOURNAMENT

During October 1998 the North, South and West divisions organised divisional trials to select panels to represent their divisions in the Inter Divisional Football Tournament. Over 120 players participated in the trials.

In excess of 100 young footballers, from all four divisions participated in the very successful Inter Divisional Football Tournament which was held during October and November 1998. In all eight tournament and three challenge games were played.

The South defeated the North division in a very entertaining final.

### COACHING

Twenty-two coaching sessions were held for the Minor Football team during the period December 1998 to April 1999.

The sessions were held in Thurles, Rosegreen and Golden.

### CHALLENGE GAMES

Ten challenge games were organised

during January to April of this year for the Minor Football Panel. Three of these games were against county opposition. Tipperary lost to Wicklow by 0-10 to 1-9 (held in Goatenbridge). They lost to Cavan by 0-9 to 2-7 (held in Belturbett, Co. Cavan before the National Football League game) and they also lost to Cork (in Fermoy) by 0-8 to 0-17.

The other seven challenge games were against colleges, clubs and an under-21 Tipperary selection.

### INTER COUNTY TOURNAMENT

The 1999 four county, Minor Football Tournament, organised by the Tipperary Football Board proved to be an outstanding success. The Tournament was held during March and April and the following counties participated: Tipperary, Roscommon, Offaly and Westmeath.

In a thrilling final, which was held in Semple Stadium on the 5th April, Tipperary defeated a strong Offaly side by 0-13 to 1-9.

This was Tipperary's first success in this Tournament which has been played over the past five years.

### CHAMPIONSHIP

The 1999 Munster Minor Football Championship was once again organised on a Round Robin system, with Clare, Tipperary, Waterford and Limerick participating.

In the first round Tipperary defeated Limerick by 2-10 to 1-8. This game was held in Semple Stadium.

In the second round, which was played in Killmallock, Tipperary were defeated by Clare on a scoreline of 1-5 to 4-9.

In their third and final game, which was held once again in Semple Stadium, Tipperary lost to Waterford by 1-10 to 2-8.



Tipperary minor football coach, Keith Ricken, issuing some instruction to his players during the Munster championship match at Semple Stadium.



Michael Frawley, Chairman of Tipperary Football Board presents the trophy to Minor team captain Liam Kearney.



Both Clare and Limerick qualified for the Munster semi-finals where they were defeated by Cork and Kerry.

#### 1999 MINOR FOOTBALL PANEL

Tipperary were represented by the following 24 member panel in this year's Munster Minor Football Championship:

**TEAM:** Derek Breen (Knockavilla Kickhams); Niall Sheehan (Arravale Rovers); Padraig Foley (Moyle Rovers); Shane Maher (Burgess); Dermot Gleeson (Ballinahinch); Don Maher (captain) (Inane Rovers); Owen Kearney (Ballyporeen); Kieran O'Brien (Ardfinnan); Niall Fitzgerald (Moyle Rovers); Tony Doyle (Killenaule); Colm O'Brien (Burgess); Kevin Mulryan (J.K. Brackens); Brian Brooks (Inane Rovers); Conor McCarthy (Fethard); Sean McKeogh (Ballina); Joe Kane (Fethard); Aidan Dundon (Thurles Sarsfields); Tom King (Loughmore Castleiney); Niall O'Dwyer (Killenaule); Richard Horgan (Knockavilla Kickhams); Philly Ryan (J.K. Brackens); Thomas Molan (Ballyporeen); Tom Fitzgerald (Killenaule); Johnny Walshe (Clonmel Og).

**SELECTORS:** The 1999 minor football selectors were: Keith Ricken (manager), Michael Power, Tom Kirwan, Dominic Everard and Tommy Twomey.



Tipperary minor football selectors photographed at Semple Stadium prior to the Munster championship (1st round) game against Limerick. Included are (l. to r.): Tom Kirwin (Kildangan), Dominic Everard (Moynemount), Michael Power (Newcastle) and Tommy Toomey (Arravale Rovers).

Kevin Mulryan brings the ball clear of defence during the Munster MFC game at Semple Stadium.

## *J.K. Brackens who defeated Upperchurch-Drombane in the Mid Junior 'A' Football Final at Castleiney*



Back row (l. to r.): Michael Cahill, Ronan Loughnane, Michael Larkin, Benny Fogarty, P.J. Corcoran, Sean Leahy (captain), Martin Burke, James Maher, Aidan Ivers, Damien Harkin, Paddy Marnell. Front: Jim Queally, John Dunne, Philly Ryan, Sean Percy, James Cahill, Paul O'Brien, Sean Cashman, Seamus Delaney, Kevin Ivers.





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# THE COUNTY SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

by Seamus J. King

**T**here is no doubt about it: Toomevara are the senior hurling champions of 1999, but they are also the champions of the nineties. By their, apparently, effortless victory over Nenagh Éire Óg at Semple Stadium on October 10 the club crowned a great decade, making it five out of ten county finals, the others having been won in 1992, 1993, 1994 and 1998. It puts them in the same league as the famed Sarsfields, who won five titles in each of two decades, the fifties and the sixties. Toomevara also had a previous glorious decade when they won five finals between 1910 and 1919. The club produced so much talent during the nineties that their tally might even have been greater.

And then, Toomevara mightn't have been there at all! The team that might have deprived them of ultimate honours was Portroe who almost put a stop to the Greyhounds' gallop in the north semi-final. It took two games to dispose of this tenacious opposition and set up a meeting with old rivals Nenagh in the final at Cloughjordan on August 22. In fact Toom were underdogs going into this match and the omens were not good for them when they trailed by seven points at the interval. A great second-half rally transformed the deficit into a four-point victory margin on a scoreline of 2-19 to 2-15. It was a sweet victory, revenge for defeat by the same opposition the previous year, and achieved in the absence of important players like Ken Dunne, Michael Bevans and Pdraig Hackett.

On the same day at Semple Stadium, Holycross-Ballycahill were dethroning the mid champions, Loughmore-Castleiney. Holycross's task was made somewhat easier by the absence from the Loughmore side of their two county players, David Kennedy, because of a broken bone in his hand, and Paul Ormonde, who was caught up in exams. Despite the losses the champions were in contention until the end and were deprived of a draw by a great save by Holycross goalkeeper, Michael Ferncombe, in the last minute of the game. The final score was 1-13 to 1-10 and it brought Holycross-Ballycahill their fourth mid title of the decade.

A week earlier Kickhams won their sixteenth west title with a one-sided victory over Éire Óg, Anacarty at Clonoulty. The performance of the latter was disappointing in the light of earlier victories over Golden-Kilfeacle and

Cappawhite. Kickhams were never in trouble, were in front by 0-14 to 0-5 at the interval and had the wider margin of 1-21 to 0-7 at the final whistle.



'Dan Breen' returns to Toomevara - Captain of Toomevara Thomas Dunne holds the Dan Breen Cup aloft following the defeat of Nenagh Éire Óg in the county SHC final at Semple Stadium.

On the same day Mullinahone were very impressive when dishing out a twenty-three point hammering to Carrick Swan in the South final at Clonmel. In a fine exhibition of hurling they scored 3-26 to 1-9 for the Swan. Major contributors to the scoreline were John Leahy, who scored eleven points, and Paul Kelly, who had 2-5 to his credit. The game was even for the first quarter but then Mullinahone began to pull away. The led by 0-14 to 1-5 at the interval and it was plain sailing in the second half.

## QUARTER-FINALS

The first of the quarter-finals was played at Templemore on August 28. The game was a total mismatch with the west runners-up, Éire Óg, Anacarty, completely out of their depth against Toomevara side which showed they were simply in a different class. They were coasting at the interval with a score of 3-13 to Éire Óg's 0-2. They were ahead 5-20 to 0-3 when Éire Óg got their only goal and ahead by 6-23 to

1-4 when the final whistle rescued Éire Óg from their misery. No fewer than nine players scored in Toomevara's thirty-four point victory.

On the following day at Cashel, Holycross-Ballycahill and Carrick Swan drew on a scoreline of 0-14 to 1-11. The mid champions were expected to find this game easy but, in fact, had to pull out all the stops to gain a second chance. Carrick were two points behind when an Alan Ryan goal put them ahead with very little time left. The mid men were saved by a John Ferncombe point from a free and again when referee, John Ryan, disallowed a Carrick point for a square infringement as the ball sailed over the bar.

In the replay, at the same venue, three weeks later Holycross-Ballycahill won by 1-16 to 1-12. Again the mid champions did not impress. They did against the breeze in the first half and led by 1-8 to 0-4 at the interval. But Carrick did not die as expected but rallied strongly to reduce a deficit of nine points early in the second half to just two points with six minutes remaining. Holycross had to withstand enormous pressure during the final minutes before eventually coming through with a four point margin.

On the same day and at the same venue Mullinahone defeated Loughmore-Castleiney by 2-20 to 2-8. The winning margin was impressive but the victory wasn't as comprehensive as the scoreline. Mullinahone came to the game with glowing credentials but it took a long time for them to get going. They scored nine points to Loughmore's 1-6 in the first half. The game was very much in the balance until Loughmore's Noel Kennedy got his marching orders, early in the second half. This seemed to knock the spark out of Loughmore's challenge and set Mullinahone on the path to victory. A major contribution to the victory was the 2-12 scored by the Kelly brothers, Paul and Eoin.

Kickhams might have caused an upset in the remaining quarter final against favourites, Nenagh Éire Óg at Templemore on September 18. There were four points between the teams at the final whistle, Éire Óg 1-14, Kickhams 2-7, but the game might have been much closer had the west champions not been so profligate with their scoring opportunities. Éire Óg were clear by 0-9 to 1-3 at the interval and a commanding seven points in front with twelve minutes remaining. But





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Kickhams did not die and an Eoin Morrissey goal in the twenty-eighth minute paved the way for an upset. However, Nenagh steadied and held on for a four point victory.

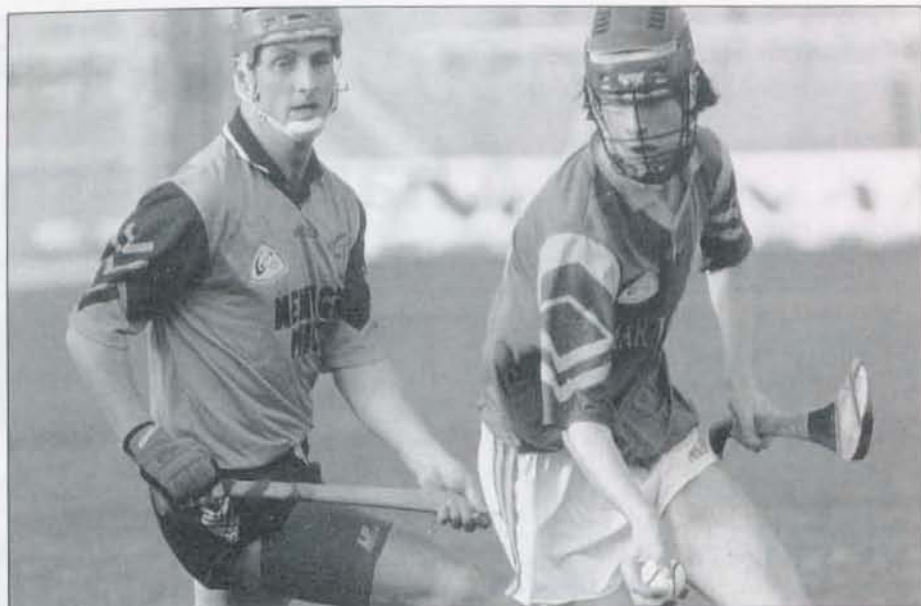
### SEMI-FINALS

The semi-finals were scheduled to be played at Semple Stadium on September 25 but the Toomevara-Holycross game was postponed because of a bereavement in Toomevara. The draws for the games were interesting. Many looked forward to the Nenagh-Mullinahone clash as one between sides with similar styles of hurling. A great contest was expected with Mullinahone favourites to make it to the final stage. In fact Eire Og came to Semple Stadium as underdogs and with nothing to lose. They gave an outstanding performance, played out of their skins, were focused on what they were doing and there was never a doubt but that they were going to win. In contrast Mullinahone were a huge disappointment, realising none of the promise they had shown in the south final or in the final quarter against Loughmore-Castleiney. Their forward line, which was expected to revel in the open spaces of Semple Stadium got nowhere against an efficient Nenagh back line and ended up repeatedly in cul de sacs. The magic of previous displays was completely absent. Nenagh led comfortably at half-time by 2-8 to 0-6 and were out in front by 4-18 to 1-10 when the final whistle sounded.

The second semi-final was played in Semple Stadium on October 3 and it was a game of two halves, in which the wind played a major part. Holycross-Ballycahill were kings in the first half and led by 4-6 to 2-2 at the interval. A goal by Toomevara soon before half-time gave the scoreline a bit of respectability. The mid champions were in control and the spearhead of their attack was a devastating Tony Lanigan, who hit 3-3 in eighteen minutes against a hapless Rory Brislane. The talk at half-time was a mixture of opposites: had Holycross enough of a lead or would Toomevara be able to bring it down? The north champions set about reducing the ten points deficit soon after the resumption and after twenty-one minutes of play had reduced it to a manageable two points. John Ferncombe gave Holycross a breather with a point, but two great long-range points by Owen Brislane and a point from a free by Tomas Dunne brought the sides level. Holycross went back in front with a free from Ferncombe but Toomevara had the best of the final minute exchanges, scoring three points to win by 2-17 to 4-9.

### THE FINAL

The final was played on October 10 at Semple Stadium with Toomevara slight favourites. To a certain extent it was a difficult game to forecast. In the



Toomevara forward John O'Brien contemplates his next move as he is closely watched by John Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Og) during the county SHC final at Semple Stadium.

course of the championship the form book had been thrown out the window. Mullinahone had easily disposed of Carrick in the south final and they in turn had been sent packing by a rampant Nenagh in the county semi-final. Mid champions, Holycross, took two games to beat Carrick and yet had put it up to Toomevara in the semi-final. Nenagh, who had gone in as favourites to the north final, were beaten by a great Toom display in the second half.

In the end it was a disappointing final in which Toomevara were in control from the beginning. Playing against the wind in the first half Toom never gave Nenagh time to settle. They were faster to the ball, had a better first touch and were playing with confidence. Nenagh's efforts were floundering from the word go, found it difficult to get scores and were not moving with any fluency. Toomevara led by 1-6 to 0-6 at the interval and were in a comfortable position. The game hung in the balance during the third quarter but gradually and inevitably Toom asserted their superiority, and their seven point victory, on a scoreline of 1-17 to 0-13, was no less than they deserved. The winners had a fine combination of the experi-

enced and the newcomers. In particular Owen Brislane in the backs and Paddy O'Brien, Paul McGrath and John O'Brien combined well with the longer established Tony Delaney and Tomas Dunne to produce the victory formula. In contrast Eire Og never put it together. The fluency of stroke and movement which came so effortlessly to them against Mullinahone was nowhere to be seen and they had to suffer the frustration of another defeat at the hands of their old rivals, Toomevara.

**Toomevara:** J. Cottrell, G. Friend, R. Brislane, B. Dunne, O. Brislane, T. Delaney, P. Hackett, Terry Dunne, B. Duff (0-1), M. Bevens (0-1), P. King, P. O'Brien (0-5), P. McGrath, Tomás Dunne (1-7), J. O'Brien (0-2). Subs: T. Carroll for J. O'Brien, A. Ryan for Terry Dunne, M. O'Meara (0-1) for King.

**Nenagh Éire Óg:** C. McLoughlin, A. Quinn, N. Coffey, J. Heffernan, R. Flannery, F. Moran, J. Kennedy, C. Howard (0-1), J. Slattery, D. O'Meara, E. Tucker (0-1), J. Tucker (0-1), R. Tomlinson (0-3), K. Tucker (0-6), M. Cleary (0-1), Subs: H. Flannery for Moran, L. O'Gara for J. Tucker, M. Hackett for Howard. Referee: Johnny McDonnell (Roscrea). Man of the Match: Paddy O'Brien, Attendance: 9,049.

### RESULTS AT A GLANCE

#### County final - October 10 - Semple Stadium:

Toomevara 1-17, Nenagh Éire Óg 0-13. Referee: Johnny McDonnell (Roscrea).

#### Semi-finals: October 3 - Semple Stadium:

Toomevara 2-17, Holycross-Ballycahill 4-9. Referee: Tommy Lonergan (Kilsheelan).

#### September 25 - Semple Stadium:

Eire Og, Nenagh 4-18, Mullinahone 1-10. Referee: Willie Clohessy (Drom-Inch).

#### Quarter-finals: September 19 - Cashel:

Holycross-Ballycahill 1-16, Carrick Swan 1-12 (Replay). Referee: John Ryan (Cashel).

Mullinahone 2-20, Loughmore-Castleiney 2-8. Referee: Johnny McDonnell (Roscrea).

#### September 18 - Templemore:

Eire Og, Nenagh 1-14, Kickhams 2-7. Referee: Willie Barrett (Ardfinnan).

#### August 29 - Cashel

Holycross-Ballycahill 0-14, Carrick Swan 1-11 (Draw). Referee: John Ryan (Cashel).

#### August 28 - Templemore:

Toomevara 6-23, Éire Óg, Anacarty 1-4. Referee: Willie Clohessy (Drom-Inch).



# The 1999 Senior Football Championship

By Eamonn Wynne, *The Nationalist*

**F**or the first time in many years a different format was adopted by the County Board for this year's Senior Football Championship.

Instead of the winners and finalists progressing from the divisions to the county quarter-finals an open draw, played strictly on a knockout basis and with no back doors or second chances, was chosen as the method of sorting out the footballing men from the boys.

The draw made in the spring kept apart the big guns from the South, who have dominated the Championship in the past decade. It was notable that of the fourteen teams whose names were put into the hat, there was not participant from North Tipp.

The game very much remains a poor relation in the North, despite the many fine players from that division who have graced county teams of various grades down the years, and who continue to wear the blue and gold with distinction.

Of the three teams competing from the Mid only one (Loughmore-Castleiney) arguable had any realistic chance of success.

The West was represented by six clubs although one of them, Lattin/Cullen, gave their first-round opponents Arravale Rovers a walkover, emphasising the dearth of strength within that division too.

Moyle Rovers, Fethard, Clonmel Commercials, Cahir and Ardfinnan flew the flag for the South.

Before a ball was kicked in anger, the clear favourites were the defending champions Moyle Rovers. The Powerstown/Lisronagh team from just outside Clonmel could boast of the county's first footballing All-Star (Declan Browne) and an International Rules player (Derry Foley) in their ranks, as well as a liberal sprinkling of several other talented performers.

But they very nearly bit the dust at the first hurdle. Only an inspired performance from Browne, who scored 2-7, rescued them from an embarrassing defeat against Aherlow, a club that has made sure and steady progress in recent times.

When the final whistle blew the scores were level at 2-8 to 1-11.

Aherlow, who had come close to pulling off the shock of the decade thanks to the displays of Derry Peters, Timmy Leonard, Conor O'Shea and Mike Moroney, had lost the element of



Robbie Boland, Jimmy Dunne and John Owens, Moyle Rovers, in hot pursuit of Tommie Kelly, Commercials, in the County final as referee Ger Hayes keeps a watchful eye on proceedings in the County final.

surprise when the sides returned to New Inn for the replay.

However they still gave their illustrious opponents plenty to think about before going down by 2-14 to 0-14.

Ardfinnan's narrow, 1-9 to 0-10 defeat of Cahir exacted a measure of sweet revenge for the team that had dumped them out of the South Championship.

There was less room for argument in the remaining first round ties. Minor player Kevin Dempsey was the star when Commercials (coached by their former player and ex-League of Ireland soccer star, Martin "Blossom" Quinlivan) cruised their way into the quarter-finals with a 1-13 to 0-9 win over J.K. Brackens.

Loughmore/Castleiney, the longtime standard bearers for the Mid, had little difficulty in seeing off Golden/Kilfeacle by 1-14 to 0-8.

Fethard strolled to victory in the most lopsided of the first-round pairings, when they brushed past Moyne-Templetuohy by 1-23 to 1-1 with summary each.

Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Kickhams, who had received a first round bye, had Tony Farrell and his goal to thank when they got the better of Arravale Rovers (who last won the Championship in 1985) by 1-5 to 0-6 in the first of the quarter-finals.

Commercials' interest in the South Championship ended when Fethard beat them in the Semi-Finals. But they received a timely boost with a County quarter-final defeat of great rivals Ardfinnan.

It proved a close shave for the Clonmel club, who edged home by 1-11 to 1-9, and they were grateful to a vital second-half penalty save by goalkeeper Philly Ryan.

Commercials' other leading performers on that occasion were Keiran O'Reilly, James Keating, Kevin Dempsey, Tommy Galvin, Fergal O'Callaghan and Mick O'Mahoney.

The other two quarter-finals finished all square. Moyle Rovers again stuttered, this time against Loughmore/Castleiney, who came within four minutes of causing a shock. In an outstand-



ing game, the Mid Champions had goals from Michael Webster and Philip Kennedy.

But despite the best efforts of Loughmore's Michael Ormond, Tom King, Pat McGrath, Ned Ryan and Paul Ormond, Rovers clung on by the skin of their teeth (2-5 to 0-11). And not for the first time they were grateful for the scoring contribution of one Declan Browne, who grabbed all but three points of their total.

A last-minute goal by Junior soccer international Michael Grace gave Galtee Rovers a 3-7 to 1-3 draw against Fethard.

The Blues, however, made no mistake in the replay. They thwarted the best efforts of Bansha's Colin Morrissey, Mark Peters, Colin Hayes, Pa Morrissey and Michael Grace to take their place in the last four.

The Semi-Finals line-up contained three familiar names: Moyle Rovers, Commercials and Fethard, who were joined by Kickhams from the West.

Fethard's job at overcoming Galtee Rovers was quickly tempered by the realisation that they had to line out five days later for their biggest match of the year, a Semi-Final date with Moyle Rovers.

Rated by many observers as the county's two best teams, they served up another fine hour's football at New Inn. For the third successive match Rovers flirted with danger, to the point of Championship elimination.

Tommy Sheehan edged Fethard in front with just two minutes remaining. But Rovers, staring defeat in the face, responded like true champions to snatch victory with late points from Declan Browne and Tommy Hewitt.

It was some consolation for the efforts of players like Willie O'Meara, Damien Byrne, Eugene Walsh, Tom Anglim, Willie Morrissey, Tommy Sheehan and Philly Blake that Fethard were to have another cut at Moyle Rovers in the South Final later in the year.

The outcome of the other semi-final was more clear-cut. Kickhams, a club more renowned for its hurling prowess, had Ger Crosse, John McCormack, Anthony Qualter, Aidan Butler and Tony Farrell to thank for taking them so far. But they were out of depth when they met Commercials in New Inn, with the South team enjoying a comfortable 1-14 to 0-6 victory.

And so the Championship that had started in the warm sunshine of July was about to reach a conclusion in Ardfinnan more than three months later. The Moyle Rovers/Commercials Final was played on the third Sunday of September, yet the shirt-sleeves that had been out in force among attendances when the Championship kicked off were still very much in evidence among the large gathering on what was a mild, ideal day for football.

The crowd was treated to a game that lived up to the pre-match hype, as a gripping affair developed.

A spectacular goal from James Keating gave the outsiders, Commercials, a tonic start. But Rovers then took the game by the scruff of the neck to the extent that they led by 1-6 to 1-3 at half-time.

They doubled their lead within 16 seconds of the net when Derry Foley fisted to the net, and Commercials looked a beaten team.

But just when the game looked like conforming to script, Commercials staged a quite dramatic comeback, the introductions of David Lavin and the veteran Joe McNamara gave them a much-needed shot in the arm.

With Sean McEwan, Ger Deeley, Eamonn Hanrahan, Kevin Dempsey and Fergal O'Callaghan also rising to the occasion, they twice came within a point of Rovers, the second occasion

when another one of their great servants, Franny Kelly, who was brought on as a substitute, found the target with just five minutes remaining.

The closing stages of a pulsating final, however, proved a classic case of Commercials shooting themselves in the foot, as they squandered several good chances to at the very least earn a draw.

Backboned by the likes of John Owens, Jimmy Dunne, Michael and John McGrath, Declan Browne and the Foley brothers, Derry and Donal, Rovers held on to claim their fourth County Senior title in five years on a 2-8 to 1-10 scoreline.

As captain, Liam Cronin, invited club stalwart Mick McCarthy to join him in accepting the cup from County Football Board Chairman, Mick Frawley, there was no doubt that Rovers had distinguished themselves as the team of the decade.

The open draw gave teams the opportunity to focus on their own divisional championships, as well as having a tilt at the county competition.

Yet when it came to the crunch it was the same old teams who were battling out for the blue riband event.

Overall, though the new format proved a refreshing change and a welcome innovation, giving followers of the game encouragement as Tipperary football attempts to further raise its profile.



Visitors to local game are present and former Arravale Rovers players with Karl O'Dwyer. (l to r): Karl O'Dwyer, Kildare; Kevin Jones, Arravale Rvs; Peter Gleeson, Arravale Rvs; Brian Lacey, Kildare; Comt. Michael McCarthy, Arravale Rvs.

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# Jack Lynch - the Sportsman

By Pilib Ó Riain

**W**hen approached recently by the Tipperary Year book committee to do an article "Jack Lynch - The Sportsman" my initial reaction was to decline because of inability to do justice to such a subject, but on further reflection I decided why not for two reasons - firstly, had I not personally watched Jack Lynch in action on many occasions during his illustrious playing career and secondly I had always had an intense interest in our games. Indeed, as I approach the winter of life memories of those great days flash into the 'inward eye' and I see and enjoy once again the deeds of Lynch and Christy and their many contemporaries, the Murphys, the Riordans, Jim Young, Willie John, Lotty, Micka and the flying Joe Kelly. I see too their great rivals the Mackeys, Ryans and Clohessys of Limerick; Baston, Deane and my old school pals Johnny O'Connor and Ned Power from the Deise country; but above all I see the Mahers, Ryans, Walls, Doyleys and Stakelums of our own premier county.

Indeed, to add veracity to this assignment I have spoken at length to many of our old hurling stars of the Lynch era, men who could stand up to the very best in their time and so my story is laced and garnished with anecdotes and tit-bits gleaned from the memories of such as Miceal Maher, Pat Stakelum and the Rattler Byrnes. I would love, too, to have talked to another great friend of Jack Lynch the late Johnny Ryan of Moycarkey and the mention of the flying Joe Kelly reminds me of a game I watched in Thurles in the mid forties when Johnny in the autumn of his career had reverted from his usual wing back position to the corner thus marking Kelly. I well remember Johnny giving a lesson to the Cork man that day and when later questioned as to how he always seemed to be ahead of Kelly he smilingly replied, "T'was simple, you see I always started in time". Of course Johnny could start in time because his uncanny sense of position was unique. Indeed he was master of the gift of "anticipation". Theo also possessed such a gift.

And so to my story, "Jack Lynch - the sportsman, from a Tipperary perspective," and how better to begin than a C.V. of his main sporting achievements and this courtesy of a kind Cork historian Jim Cronin.

## LYNCH'S C.V.

Senior hurling All-Ireland medals - Five - 1941, '42, '43, '44, '46  
 Senior football All-Ireland medals - One: 1945. Munster Senior Hurling medals - Six - 1939, 1942, '43, '44, '46, '47  
 Munster Senior football medals - Two - 1943, 1945  
 Railway Cup hurling medals - Four - 1938, 1942, 1943, 1944



Famous Foursome: Pat Stakelum, Jack Lynch, Mick Mackey, Mutt Ryan.

Railway Cup football medals - One - 1946

National League hurling medals - Three - 1940, 1941, 1948

Senior hurling Co. Championships [Glen Rovers] Eleven - 1934, '35, '36, '37, '38, '39, '40, '41, '48, '49, '50

Senior football Co. Championship [St. Nicholas] - Two - 1938, 1940

Dublin Senior Co. Championship [Civil Service] - One - 1945

Harty Cup Medals - The Mon. - Three - 1934, 1935, 1936

Munster Colleges football team - Twice - 1934, 1936

This particular achievement is interesting. Interprovincial colleges teams were selected in those days and Jack Lynch was selected both years in the full-back position surprisingly ahead of another great young Kerry player of the time who had to be content with a corner back position. The player was Joe Keohane who later became one of the finest Kerry players of all time and was selected full-back in the "Team of the Century" in 1984.

Jack loved, in later years to tease Keohane claiming that he himself was the better footballer of the two. I myself had the privilege of seeing Keohane in action in a great team in the forties sporting such brilliant players as Dan O'Keefe, Paddy Bawn, Bill Casey, the stylish Paddy Kennedy, the Lynes, Pat Garvey and 'Gega' O'Connor.

Jack Lynch played with Cork from 1935 to 1950; he captained the team 1939 to 1942 and was chosen at midfield on the "team of the century" in 1984.

My first sighting of Jack Lynch was way back in the early forties in Thurles when a few school pals and myself having deposited our bikes in Smee's yard in Bohernanave we watched from the Killinan end of the old embankment and our main target of interest was one Christy

Ring who was already hitting the headlights as a future star prospect. We particularly noticed a fine able-bodied six footer playing all around him at midfield and were coming to the conclusion it must be Ring. Just then, out of the blue another Cork forward, less tall but just as active popped over a few brilliant points to the Cork cheers of, "well done, Christy boy". We then realised that our first assumption was wrong and we later learn't that he was indeed Jack Lynch. I needn't tell you that from that day on I never again had any difficulty recognising either player.

Now those early years of the forties when Lynch had his greatest successes were the war years when travel was well nigh impossible and our opportunities to see those players were mostly limited to Thurles, so I canvassed Miceal Maher's opinion of Lynch. Miceal, a county and Munster player at the time assured me that no finer player or sportsman than Lynch graced the playing fields of his time. Indeed, his loping, sometimes awkward side step baffled many an opponent and Byrnes and Stakelum whose experience came later in the decade concurred. Miceal also had the added privilege of meeting Lynch personally at their business premises at the corner of the 'square' where players often assembled after games in the sportsfield to celebrate victory or drown their sorrows. There the players would mingle with the crowd at that 'mecca' for sports, lovers from far and near.

Lynch's love of hurling is typified from the following quote from Brendan Fullam's book, "I have always unashamedly claimed that hurling is the best field game in the world. I won't deny that this is a subjective assertion as I have not seen all field games in reality but my opinion holds. I think that hurling typifies the Irish



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thing else with the exception of our language. It has a combination of skill, courage, speed of thought and action and calls for a spirit of give and take more than most games. Its main implement is a stick skillfully hewn and fashioned from ash. Can anything be more 'racy of the soil', the game, the caman and the men who play it."

Little were we to know it but Lynch's county successes ended with the League final of 1948, but many hectic moments were yet to come between Lynch's rebels and the men of the premier county. In late 1948 our players, now in the capable hands of doyen of Tipperary tacticians Paddy Leahy, were making good progress in the league series. The league final took place in the last day of February 1949 and Lynch did score in the game though he and the other Cork forwards were subdued on the day of a rampant Tipperary defence. Tipperary won by a three point margin and so we could look forward to a first-class opening game in the championship with Cork again as the opposition in Limerick in May.

Tipperary prepared meticulously under Leahy. Tommy Doyle was coaxed back from untimely retirement to replace the seriously ill Tommy Purcell, Jimmy Kennedy was transferred back from Dublin and new players began to emerge. On the day as the game wore on Tipperary built up a four point cushion but then Lynch, gathering the ball around midfield raced towards the Tipperary goal tapping ball on stick, outstripping opponents with amazing speed and crashed the ball to the net. Another Cork point levelled matters and so a draw was the result. Lynch had one of his finest games ever that day and finished with a total of a goal and six points.

The replay took place again in Limerick in mid-July and we who were there will never forget it as it was one of the hottest days in living memory. How both sides survived the heat and produced the titanic hurling they did is a mystery and at the end of normal time the sides were still level.

Pat Stakelum, Tipperary's captain that day, takes up the story, "As I was leaving the field with Paddy Leahy the man was rather perturbed. He feared our ability to face extra time and wondered how it could be avoided". Just then Jack Lynch passed by. "My God that was great stuff Jack" remarked Leahy. Lynch replied somewhat dejectedly, "T'was indeed, but I tell you that I have more than enough of it". On hearing this Leahy's eyes seemed to light up and turning to me he said, "We have them Pat, I'm going to press for extra time". History has recorded the result and the little anecdote sums up the shrewdness of Paddy Leahy. Tipp. went on to win the first of their unique three-in-a-row.

The following year Tipperary and Cork qualified once again for the Munster final and the game was fixed for Killarney. I well remember the day, the train journey from Cashel, the late arrival at the park,

already bursting at the seams, the frantic efforts to get into the sidelines and the still more frantic efforts to get out again when we realised the chaos with crowds milling on the playing pitch. It is a mystery that the game finished at all and both Stakelum and the Rattler are both agreed that the major thanks for its completion must go to Jack Lynch.

Time and again he lambasted unruly supporters intruding on the pitch and as one over enthusiastic Cork supporter charged on to the pitch he was met by a "haymaker" from Lynch that surely brought sense to many others. We held on to win by a single goal despite a fierce Cork onslaught as missiles of all kinds rained down on Reddan's goal from the milling throng. An incident late in the game bears telling courtesy of the Rattler.

There was a fierce melee in the Tipperary goalmouth but the ball eventually went wide. Quick as a wink it was kicked back into play by a Cork supporter and Lynch, seizing the opportunity, doubled on the ball across the goalmouth and into the net. Up went the flag and the score was recorded. When challenged later the umpire's cut reply was, "I wanted to get home alive". That was Jack Lynch's swan song in the Cork colours.

A gentle giant with a wonderful good sense of humour Jack Lynch never forgot his roots and was probably happiest when meeting to chat and share a joke with the many friends of his playing days. Anecdotes and jokes from such meetings are myriad. The year was 1948 and Lynch had just been elected a T.D. in Cork city by election. Shortly after in a Cork - Tipperary game played down by the Lee Lynch was playing at full forward while facing him in the Tipp. goal was little Jimmy Maher. These were the days before goalies became a protected species and the goal mouth melee was a common occurrence. On this particular day Lynch had more than once evaded his backs and unceremoniously deposited Jimmy in 'the back of the net'.

Finally Jimmy's patience cracked and as Lynch retreated to the twenty one, he was pursued by the goalie who, raising himself to his full five feet and a bit, looked the six foot T.D. maliciously in the eye and growled, "you come in here once more and there'll be another by-election in Cork". Jack loved to tell that story in later years. Another story from Pat Stakelum.

Paddy Leahy was seriously ill in a Dublin hospital and one day Pat called to see him. Just then who should also call but Lynch who, despite his busy political life, was a regular caller. Naturally the conversation soon drifted to hurling and Paddy temporarily forgot his pain. This was Lynch's story.

T'was early in his career and he had been picked as a sub on the Munster team. A good friend Jimmy Cooney the Tipp.-man was chosen to play at centre-field. In the dressing room before the

game Cooney and Lynch were chatting together when approached by Johnny Leahy. "Well Cooney" says Johnny, "were you at the rugby game at the weekend". Ireland had been playing an international and the "Cooney case" was still obviously fresh in Johnny's mind. Cooney suddenly taken aback and feeling all guilty admitted his transgression and was then told that he could not be played. "What about you, Lynch", Johnny continued. Now at the time Lynch was studying law and using those legal skills retorted in an offended way, "Now that's a shocking accusation to make". Johnny did not pursue the matter further and told Lynch that he would be selected in Cooney's place. What Leahy probably never knew was that both Lynch and Cooney had together attended the rugby game. Many such stories abound.

One thing quite obvious is that despite his greatness Jack was a humble and unpretentious person. Twas the day of Tommy Doyle's funeral and crowds from far and near had come to pay their final respects. My informant, a contemporary player who wishes to remain anonymous, stood quietly in the background. Presently he felt a gentle tap on the shoulder and looking around saw it was Jack Lynch who with his wife Maureen were quietly slipping in to pay final respects to an old comrade. Greetings were exchanged and then Lynch asked to be quietly introduced to the bereaved family. No fuss, no trumpets. Need I say any more.

As I sat recently before the T.V. watching the funeral cortege winding its way through the streets of Jack Lynch's beloved Cork I saw that group of young Cork hopefuls clad in the famed Glen Rovers colours standing to pay respect to their favourite son and it came to my mind how envious of me they would be if they only realised that I had seen what to them could be but a dream. I had seen and the memory would always be with me of Lynch and Christy and all the other great heroes who adorned our playing fields in days long passed and as I listened to the sombre playing of "the Banks" as the band led the cortege over Christy Ring bridge my mind went back to those words so often proudly sung by Lynch himself.

*"My heart was as light as the  
wild winds that blow,  
Down the Mardyke oe'r each elm tree,  
Where we sported and played, in the  
green leafy shade,  
On the banks of my own lovely Lee"*

And then I thought, "who better to epitomise these words than this man who was born under the shadow of the famed Shandon bells and who perfected his hurling and football skills down there on the banks of his own lovely Lee.

**Slán leat. A Sheáin Uasal Uí Loingsigh.  
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# From May misery to September glory

## ALL IRELAND SENIOR TITLE WON AT LAST

BY GERRY SLEVIN

**W**ho would ever have believed it, the transformation of a team, literally humiliated in May, and less than four months later crowned All Ireland champions?

That Saturday evening in May, 22nd to be exact, an experiment in giving hurling fans an opportunity of seeing top class camogie played prior to an inter county game, in this instance Tipp and Kerry in the Munster quarter-final.

National League champions Cork against Tipperary, the Cork ladies, reigning All Ireland champions seeking their 5th successive league title.

An added attraction of course was in the courageous decision of the camogie authorities to bring into being in the final year of the century, the extension of the players complement from twelve to fifteen.

Camogie could now stand shoulder to shoulder with hurling!

Alas, Tipp could not stand shoulder to shoulder with Cork that summer's evening in Semple Stadium. A 9-19 to 2-7 score line tells its own story. Utter humiliation, utter disappointment for a team that had put aside the league hopes of Kilkenny, Clare, Limerick, Wexford and Galway, while losing out narrowly to Cork with an under-strength side. No contest in the final.

Phrases like 'freak result', 'one of those days' were to be heard afterwards by those who believed in the future of camogie in Tipperary. There were other remarks too, not so pleasant ones, from people who chose to scoff and jeer.

The latter – in hindsight – probably had much to do with what happened afterwards, because eighty-five days later Tipperary were crowned All Ireland senior camogie champions for the very first time.

Who indeed would have believed it! All Ireland senior champions. An achievement several great teams in the past tried in vain to bring about. At last it fell to the girls of '99, a team so ably led by Maedhbh Stokes, a team that was dismissed after May 22nd, but which resurrected itself through initiative, dedication and fierce determination, so much so that when final day came against Kilkenny, each and every member was imbued with a frenzied approach that refused to contemplate anything other than a climb to the very top of the ladder.



The Tipperary senior camogie panel celebrate with the O'Duffy Cup following the defeat of Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final at Croke Park. Included are (front, l.-r.): Helen Campion, Emer McDonnell, Noelle Kennedy, Deirdre Hughes, Maedhbh Stokes (captain), Nora Dwan, Helen Kiely, Niamh Harkin. Back: Ciara Gaynor, Philly Fogarty, Emily Hayden, Caitriona Hennessy, Therese Brophy, Claire Madden, Una O'Dwyer, Grainne Shanahan, Sheena Howard, Louise Ryan. In the background is selector Timmy Moloney.



The immediate aftermath of the Cork defeat brought a mixture of frustration and hope. The championship draw could hardly have been kinder to Tipp because what were considered to be the 'big guns' were neatly slotted into the opposite group – Cork, Kilkenny and Galway. Clare and Down or Dublin would stand between Tipp and an All Ireland final place. With all respects to the other teams in Tipp's group, the odds looked good in Tipp's favour but before getting down to the task, a psychological exercise had to be embarked upon. That league final defeat had to be exorcised and mentors Biddy Phillips, Jim Madden and Timmy Moloney along with Board officials Noel Hennessy and Marion Graham had to set about ridding the players of any self-doubts there might be.

Thankfully, it wasn't too difficult because each and every player well knew that the events of May 22nd did not represent a true picture of the Tipp scene. Indeed Cork appreciated that too and when less than two weeks after the league final debacle, Tipp travelled down Lee-side to meet Cork – again – in the provincial championship. While victory went to the home side, it was of proportions far easier to come to terms with than the previous meeting.

#### THE CHAMPIONSHIP

It was now time to expend all energies on All Ireland championship preparations. Added to the back-room were Michael Cleary and Colm Bonnar, former inter county hurlers whose worth in pursuit of excellence would prove hugely influential as the season progressed.

This championship was like no other previous championship in that each team now had fifteen players with games on a full size pitch. Bringing in the assistance of well established hurlers who had been through it all was an excellent move.

Fitness levels were improved, confidence was increased and came Saturday July 10th, and Tipp were ready to host Clare in the opening round in the Ragg. Noelle Kennedy sent home 1-12 of Tipp's total, all bar a point from frees and Tipp were leading 1-16 to 0-4 with two minutes of normal time remaining, a late Clare rally leaving it at 1-18 to 1-6 when Vera Mulcahy sounded the long whistle.

The first hurdle had been crossed and Down were coming next in the semi-final. In the other side, Cork and Kilkenny had come through decisively enough and both semi-finals were fixed for Parnell Park, Dublin on Saturday, August 7th.

The Cork-Kilkenny game was first on the programme and what a surprise that brought about! The All Ireland champi-

ons were in the driver's seat throughout, and though never able to get away from the dogged Kilkenny lassies with the ease their status might suggest, at the same time they seemed they seemed to be doing enough to win until disaster struck with, literally, the final puck of the hour.

A Kilkenny free, Sinead Millea steps up to take it, her team a point behind.

Ensuring a point and a replay her priority. Somehow the ball manages to ease its way under rather than over the crossbar. The final whistle sounds. Kilkenny are in the final, Cork are stunned.

As Tipp run out for their game against the Mourne ladies, the fact that Cork have departed the scene must surely add a spring to their step. Twenty minutes into the hour, Tipperary ahead 3-5 to 0-1 and the game is as good as over as a contest. The luckless Down girls are simply out of their depth and with Deirdre Hughes in rampant mood, blasting home four goals along with three points and other like Eimear McDonnell, Noelle Kennedy, Caitriona Hennessy, Niamh Harkin and Helen Kiely scoring almost at will, vision of the Croke Park sward on final day entered the consciousness.

It's 6-22 to 1-3 in Tipp's favour, Down's goal coming six minutes from the end and from none other than former Tipp star Joan Henderson (nee Tobin), who played for Tipp in the junior All Ireland final of '91, which Down won with a late goal.

Into the All Ireland final and against Kilkenny, a team they had beaten earlier in the season in the league and whose hopes of championship progress had been dashed by Tipp in the quarter final in Semple Stadium in '98. Yet, Kilkenny were the favourites and few could quibble with that. Their pedigree over the past couple of decades suggested they were ripe for another title and after all, only once had they ever suffered defeat in a final.

#### THE FINAL

Yes, Kilkenny it had to be, but they reckoned without the fire and determination of their opponents whose overall play was of such quality as to greatly surprise not only their opponents but the thousands who looked in at the live telecast of what turned out to be a magnificent final. No fears of the big occasion, this was a well tuned Tipp side that gave as good as it got.

When Kilkenny, through Lizzie Lyng, struck for the game's only goal four minutes before half time, Tipp's response was immediate, an Eimear McDonnell pointed for parity at 1-4 to 0-7.

No, this Tipp team would no longer be fodder for anyone and as the game progressed it was noticeable that the

best camogie was coming from the Tipp girls. There was a worry though that the work rate was not complemented by the scores it deserved, and even from placed balls chances were lost. Still, all wasn't lost and after Kilkenny had introduced the injured Ann Downey to boost her side's morale, the Tipp morale could hardly have received great impetus than it did through what had to be the score of the hour, a truly magnificent Deirdre Hughes' point from under the new stand and at a most difficult angle. Level.

Sub Catriona Hennessy edged Tipp ahead from a 45, Sinead Millea struck back for yet another leveller and when it seemed as though the whole exercise would have to be fought out again in a replay, Deirdre Hughes got possession, ran through and, inevitably, was hauled down.

A final chance for victory, but what a pressure shot for young Caitriona Hennessy and how she soaked it up. Accurate and true, the sliotair floated along its desired destination, straight between the uprights. Time was up, added time was in its second minute and the atmosphere was electric and nail biting. A Kilkenny chance to equalise, oh no, with a midfield free. As Sinead Millea came up to take it, thoughts of how she progressed Kilkenny into the final with that late, late free against Cork can't have been far from the minds of all present, especially the Tipp defence. The distance was farther out this time than in the semi-final, but still...

Sinead's attempt was short, however, and Ann Derham's final whistle was the signal for a release of emotions that had to be experienced to appreciate it. There were floods of tears of sheer joy, hugs and back slaps given and taken with abandon.

Maedhbh accepted the O'Duffy Cup from Camogie President, Fileas Ní Bhreaslain and paid due tributes to all who made such an historic day possible.

And it would seem that the time since that September 5th victory, has been spent endorsing those tributes with the county rising to this team in splendid style.

Horse and Jockey and Cashel in the pelting rain of the following night began it at home. Since, the players and mentors have been honoured with civic receptions, club receptions, etc, all staged to shower honour and glory on a group of players who did their county so proud last September.

All Ireland champions in the final year of the century, and for the first time at that. What better way to endorse that victory than by becoming the first All Ireland champions of the new century!

Who ever would have believed it all on May 22nd!



# TIPPERARY CAMOGIE

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*Marion Uí Greacháin*

I am privileged again to have this opportunity to present to you the happenings within our county during 1999. The dawning of a new millennium and what a historic year it has been for Tipperary camogie capturing that elusive senior title for the first time.

The following are the competitions run by the Tipperary County Board with the eventual winners and runners up.



*Senior Camogie selectors L/r: Jim Madden, Bridget Phillips and Timmy Moloney.*

COMPETITION	WINNERS	RUNNER-UP
U-12 'A' Championship	Clonoulty 1-5	Toomevara 0-0
U-12 'B' Championship	Gaels 3-1	Silvermines 1-2
U-12 'C' Championship	Portroe 3-1	Holycross/Ballycahill 1-0
U-12 'A' League	Silvermines 2-3	The Gaels 1-0
U-12 'B' League	Portroe 3-2	Moneygall 0-2
U-12 'C' League	Annacarty 1-0	Moycarkey/Borris 0-2
U-14 'A' Championship	Templemore 8-2	Knockavilla/Donaskeigh 0-1
U-14 'B' Championship	Silvermines 7-3	The Gaels 1-0
U-14 'C' Championship	Bournea 8-0	Annacarty 1-0
U-14 'A' League	Templemore 6-3	Toomevara 2-2
U-14 'B' League	Bournea 2-1	Burgess 1-0
U-14 'C' League	Newport 1-0	Lorrha 0-1
U-16 'A' Championship	Drom/Inch 1-8	Toomevara 2-2
U-16 'B' Championship	Templemore 8-5	Silvermines 3-3
U-16 'C' Championship	Portroe 3-1	Newport 0-1
U-18 'A' Championship	NOT COMPLETED	
U-18 'B' Championship	NOT COMPLETED	
Junior 'A' Championship	St. Rita's/Fethard 3-10	Clonoulty/Rossmore 1-6
Junior 'B' Championship (John Hogan Cup)	Silvermines 1-4	The Gaels 2-0
Junior 'A' League	St. Rita's/Fethard 2-6	Clonoulty/Rossmore 2-2
Junior 'B' League (Terry Griffin Geaney Cup)	Silvermines 1-6	The Gaels 1-0
Intermediate Championship	Holycross/Ballycahill 4-4	Portroe 2-7
Intermediate League (Jimmy Carroll Cup)	Portroe 2-5	Knockavilla/Donasleigh 0-2
Senior Championship	Cashel 3-7	Toomevara 1-5
Senior League (Ann Fraser Cup)	NOT COMPLETED	

Congratulations to Cashel who retained the senior title. In the Munster club final however, last year's All-Ireland club champions Granagh/Ballingarry had a convincing 8 point victory over them. Despite the condi-

tions and the result it was an excellent encounter.

In the Féile Na nGael, Templemore represented Tipperary. They did not reach the same stage of this competition as they had done in previous years but

nevertheless represented their club and county with pride. All was not lost for this brilliant U-14 team. On September 5th they also made history for Tipperary, being the first Tipperary club to be crowned U-14 All-Ireland community games champions. Congratulations to the team, Martin Bourke and all concerned with this historic victory.

Tipperary were well represented in the All-Ireland seven-a-side competition in Kilmacud. Tipperary playing in the Senior All-Ireland Final the following day left a number of clubs without their key players. However they accounted well for themselves even if clubs did not attain the honours they had in the previous years.

## ANOTHER FIRST FOR TIPPERARY!!!

Tipperary hosted the national Congress for the first time ever, last March. The Congress was held in The Anner Hotel and was attended by delegates from all over Ireland, with delegates from London also present. This was a historical event for those who attend Congress on a regular basis, as it was the Congress which honoured a very worthwhile lady involved in camogie for almost seven decades. Sile MacAnaulty was honoured with life long Presidency for her continued dedication and valuable assistance to our association.

My sincere thanks to the following who provided sponsorship for Congress: Stakelums of Thurles for folders and stationery; Timmy Moloney, Cashel for biros; Tipperary Crystal for presentation to our President; Tipperary Supporters Club for hurley badges for each delegate. Many thanks also to Peggie Morris for singing at the mass, Frank





Noelle Kennedy heads for goal during the All-Ireland senior camogie final against Kilkenny

Mulcahy, Anner Hotel, Thurles and his staff for their courtesy and help leading up to Congress. To everybody who contributed to make this Congress the success that it was, many thanks.

#### FIXTURES AND REFEREES

One of the most unappreciated and hard working committees within the County Board structure is the Fixtures Committee. Very few clubs fully realise that the complex work of organising and co-ordinating the running of our games within our county requires hours of behind the scenes planning.

The lack of referees in our county and in particular female referees (no reflection on our male referees) is indeed causing a serious concern, one which will have to be addressed early in the new year. All clubs will have to provide at least one referee. I have brought this subject up year after year, but now is gone beyond a joke and something will have to be done immediately. I hope it will be a subject for discussion at Convention and not just passed off for somebody else to sort out. This problem concerns everybody in our association and it is not just a matter for the officers.

May I take this opportunity to thank all referees who officiated for us last year. In some cases your task was not easy and you had to endure a lot of verbal abuse from players and mentors.

#### SPONSORSHIP

Again we had to call on the good nature of a number of people during the year for sponsorship. Leading up to the Senior Final we had difficulty in attaining sponsorship. Finches put some gear at the disposal of the team for the semi-final. Our good friend in the Horse and Jockey Inn, Tom Egan, came up trumps and to his credit did not leave the girls wanting and attired them beautifully for this historic occasion.

Many thanks to Frank Mulcahy, Anner Hotel, Thurles, Tipperary Sup-

porters Club who paid the costs of the hotel for the week-end, to Tipperary/Dublin Association who provided a meal for the team on Sunday night, to Tipperary G.A.A. Board who paid for the transport for the week-end. To the many clubs, the Divisional Boards, companies and many individuals who answered our appeal for funds - it was all much appreciated. Thanks also to Siobhan Tynan, Sportsman's Dream, Nenagh, who presented each member of the panel with a pair of camogie boots prior to the game.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all our camogie friends who got married during the year. Congratulations also to those who extended their families.

Sincere congratulations to our three senior county players who have received awards since our historic vic-

tory, Deirdre Hughes, Suzanne Kelly and Meadh Stokes. We have humble recipients, but for some of them appearing on our daily newspapers, we would not have been told of their achievements. Girls you deserved those awards and should not be embarrassed by the publicity you get, for those once we are getting good publicity. Well done!!!

Congratulations also to Sinead Nealon who was awarded the "Player of the Year" for the Ashbourne Colleges Competition. Sinead played with W.I.T. and they won the Ashbourne for the first time this year. Tipperary had indeed a big contribution to this victory, with no less than four Tipperary players involved, Jacqueline O'Connor, Sinead Nealon, Una O'Rourke and Cathriona Fitzgerald. Colm Bonnar was also involved as coach.

#### SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy to all those who suffered bereavements during the year. In particular to our former chairperson Bernie O'Dowd on the death of her husband Tommie. Tommie was a well know figure in camogie circles and was a selector with the great Thurles camogie team of the 70's. To the families and friends of all who suffered bereavements during the year, our deepest sympathy.

Ar dheis de go raibh an nanamacha.

#### SCHOOLS CAMOGIE

We are indebted to the teachers of all primary and secondary schools who are giving freely of their time promoting camogie in their schools.

The schools are the backbone of our clubs and we thank them sincerely for the work they are doing and for allowing camogie on their curriculum, it is much appreciated. We wish them well



Eileen, Len and Ciara Gaynor in joyful mood after Ciara had played a prominent part in the defeat of Kilkenny in the senior camogie final All-Ireland at Croke Park.



in the coming season both on and off the field.

## CONCLUSION

I would like you pay a special tribute to my fellow officers, Noel Hennessy who has put in many hours of hard work helping with the completion of the dressing rooms and attending many meetings and functions that clubs would not have been aware of. Bidy who has given so freely of her time during a very busy year. Patsy Carroll who made herself available on many occasions collecting at gates on semi-final and county final days, also our P.R.O. Rose Mannion.

Sincere thanks to the GAA clubs for putting your pitches at the disposal of our teams, both at club and county level. We look forward to your continued cooperation. My appreciation also to Tommie Barrett, Martina Oakley and Tim Floyd for their continued support and help during the year and the much needed use of the office facilities.

Finally I would like to thank the club officers, club and county players for their kindness and courtesy shown to me during the year and I wish them success for the coming season. I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and a successful 2000.

I wish all incoming officers, sub-committees, teams and their management the very best for the new millennium and let's hope we will bring more silverware to the Premier County than we have in this century.

Emer McDonnell heads goalwards during the All-Ireland senior camogie final against Kilkenny.



Officers of the Camogie Board photographed prior to the All-Ireland victory over Kilkenny. From L/R: Marion Graham, secretary; Noel Hennessy (Chairman) and Rose Mannion (PRO).

Meadbh Stokes, Tipperary (Captain) being presented with sponsorship cheque from proprietor of the Horse and Jockey Inn, Mr. Tom Egan. Included in picture are Marion Graham, Co. Secretary, Emily Hayden, Tom Egan, Meadhb Stokes and Bidy Philips (Manager).



TEMPLEMORE – County U-14 'A' League and Championship Winners 1999.

Back (l.-r.): Martin Bourke, Elaine Bourke, Lisa Buckley, Freida Morkan, Siobhan Brennan, Tara Johnston, Catherine Ryan, Marlyn Purcell, Sinead Bourke, Claire Grogan, Brid Kiely, Carmel Phelan, Catherine O'Doherty, Emma O'Meara, Tara Ryan. Front (l.-r.): Orlaith McDonnell, Fiona Hennessy, Patricia Jones, Laura O'Connor, Maria Bourke, Karen Maher, Denise Fogarty, Marguerite Bourke (capt.), Karen Healy, Laura Houlihan, Claire Murphy, Eimear Buckley, Fiona Johnston, Sarah Hennessy.

TEMPLEMORE – County U-16 'B' Champions 1999

Back (l.-r.): Martin Bourke, Noelle Bergin, Patricia Ryan, Catherine Ryan, Aileen Brennan, Sinead Bourke, Claire Grogan, Brid Keely, Fiona Purcell, Siobhan Kiely, Marguerite Bourke, Jim Brennan. Front (l.-r.): Sinead Scully, Jean Timmons, Tara Johnston, Patricia Jones, Bridin Jones (capt.), Ashling Brennan, Sara Ryan, Siobhan Brennan, Elaine Bourke.



TEMPLEMORE U-13 1/2 team – All-Ireland Community Games Championships 1999

Back (l.-r.): Martin Bourke (trainer), Eimear Buckley, Patricia Jones, Claire Grogan, Claire Murphy, Mary Maher, Catherine O'Doherty, Marlyn Purcell, Sinead Bourke, Mick Curley. Front (l.-r.): Laura O'Connor, Emma O'Meara, Karen Maher, Catherine Maher, Orlaith McDonnell (capt.), Sharon Meade, Brid Keely, Elaine Bourke, Clairisa Bohan.

(Photos: Seamus Bourke)





# County Camogie Review

BY COUNTY P.R.O. ROSE MANNION

The year 1999, the dawning of a new Millennium, and what a historic year it has been in the annals of Tipperary camogie with the Senior team bringing the O'Duffy cup to the County for the first time ever. But as the saying goes, a week in politics is a long time, so too is a year in camogie.

Fifteen years seems like an eternity as that's how long it's been since Tipperary last contested the Senior All-Ireland. However, here I deal with their league run earlier in the year which was a good practice run-up to the championship. They recorded a great victory over Wexford that brought them through to the National league semi-final against Galway.

To reach this semi-final they had wins over Limerick, Clare, Kilkenny and Wexford while Cork were the only team to defeat them on the way. There was no need to worry though with Galway, as the girls finished on a scoreline of Tipperary 2-14 to Galway 3-7.

And so to the final and what a devastating blow this game turned out to be. All confidence after such a fine run, was now shattered and took a major blow. The Semple Stadium venue was a curtain-raiser to the Tipp/Kerry S.H.C. game, and what a disappointment to both the girls and their management team as Cork totally annihilated this promising outfit. A small following of supporters watched on and could not believe what was happening before their very eyes, but as the crowd gathered into the Stadium for the hurling match, they were shocked into disbelief that the girls could be taking such a beating in this National League final.

All-Ireland champions Cork, were totally in control going for their five-in-a-row league title and twelve of that team that played in last year's All-Ireland, were now lined out in Semple Stadium. One might ask what chance did Tipperary stand, a side that lacked so much experience compared to the opposition? The Cork side too looked so much fitter while their speed caused problems throughout the field but even more so on the



*Under-12 Anacarty/Donohill Camogie Club*

*Back Row (l. to r.): Eileen Ryan, Ann O'Dwyer, Emma Kennedy, Mary Keane, Ann-Marie Ryan, Claire O'Neill, Rita Ryan, Mary O'Dwyer, Grace Furlong, Yvonne Ryan, Fionnula O'Brien. Front: Sarah Ryan, Alison McHugh, Sheila Ryan, Orla Coughlan, Denise O'Dwyer, Elaine Ryan, Fional Bradshaw, Christine Ryan, Catherine Quinlan, Lisa Carew, Mary Quinlan.*



*Eire Og Anacarty/Donohill Camogie Club, under-14 Co. Championship Finalists 1999*

*Back Row (l. to r.): Josefa Fox, Assistant Secretary; Brid Carew, Treasurer; Sarah O'Brien, Secretary; Fr. Tony Ryan, Chairman.*

*Middle Row: Kathleen O'Connor, Mary Keane, Ann Marie Ryan, Sheila Carew, Antoineette O'Doherty, Fiona Fox, Aislinn McGrath, Joanne O'Doherty, Tracey Guerin.*

*Front Row: Emma Kennedy, Emma McHugh, Noreen O'Doherty, Aoife Barry, Patricia English, Caroline Furlong, Cathriona White, Ann O'Dwyer, Roseanne Hennessy.*

*Missing from photo: Eimer Quinn, Ann Marie O'Neill, Amanda Fahy, Patricia Ryan, Coach/Selector.*

back line which was constantly punished and particularly in the second half.

Cork had 3-11 scored by the time Noelle Kennedy registered Tipp's first point from a free in the 23rd minute.

Cork's Una O'Donoghue, Sinead O'Callaghan, Linda Mellerick and Fiona O'Driscoll were coming down heavy on the Tipp back line.

While Tipperary did manage to gather themselves a little better in the second half, they were however in dire trouble and unable to make a come back with the Cork side running riot on them. Noelle Kennedy did have a goal for her side in the

17th minute, which was the result of a free, but it was far too little, far too late. Final score Cork 9-19 to Tipperary 2-7.

It was a game of no real benefit to either side and the major question now was could the Tipperary side put this disaster behind them and forget the game ever took place?

With the championship looming ahead, a hat-trick had to be performed and one wondered where could Tipperary go from here, and how could that hat-trick be performed.

## Under-18

The under-18 girls played old rivals



Cork in the semi-final of the Munster championship on a fine crispy day that was ideal for such a game.

This team was made up of six All-Ireland medal holders and three from last year's Junior team that contested the All-Ireland final. However, lady luck eluded the girls and they found themselves face-to-face with a Cork side that were hungry for glory and who were not letting Tipperary home with a win, like what they did the previous two years.

Tipp's three-in-a-row hopes were swept aside and their Munster title swiped from them on a final score of Cork 4-16 to Tipp 2-7.

#### **MINORS SHORT-LIVED SPELL**

Larry Kennedy, Chairman of the Burgess club was a selector with the minors during '99 and he reported that they had their first and only outing against Limerick on April 5th in Templemore. He goes on to tell us that Limerick had a great start and although they had a faster and sharper side, the Tipp back line stood pretty firm as a whole and only the puck of a ball separated them at the interval.

Tipp shook off the cobwebs, piled on the pressure and were winning more ball in the second half with more play and a more evenly distribution of the ball meant that scores were beginning to come their way. However, a free to Limerick resulted in a stroke of luck.

Goal, giving the Tipp girls no time to make amends.

Larry feels that Tipp should have won this game and were worthy of far better but alas, it was not to be. Final score: Limerick 1-5, Tipperary 0-4.

*The panel* – Ailish Kennedy, Kathleen Kennedy, Trish O'Halloran, Brid Hackett, Aileen Forde, Bridget Ryan,

Helen Breen, Aine Mulcahy, Aisling Minogue, Orla McDonagh, Philly Fogarty, Browyn Keeshan, Lilly Harrington, Noelle Bergin, Louise Young, Melissa Stapleton, Geraldine Kinane, Gillian Slattery, Mairead Hogan, Margaret Hogan.

#### **Juniors mixed fortunes**

This team, last year's All-Ireland finalists, was not in as much luck in '99 with their games. It was more a case of mixed fortunes for them than anything else, losing some games and winning others.

Bernie O'Dowd from the Thurles club tells us that in the league Tipperary played four games, winning their first two against Limerick and Clare respectively. This was an ideal start and the outfit was looking promising, but Offaly was Tipperary's downfall and their third outing which saw them concede to the faithful County. Galway called a further halt to their gallop and left them out of the league.

However, all was far from lost for this panel of girls and their management team thought that something could be salvaged for the championship, and so Timmy Delaney of Borrisoleigh was introduced to the coaching helm.

The side had a convincing eight point win over Limerick in the Munster semi-final. With a miss in the preliminary round, this win was a real morale booster going into the final against Cork which all knew would be a tough encounter and no one was under any illusions as to what would have to be done.

On a sun-soaked August evening in Cork, Tipperary failed to their bid for the Munster title. A sharper, fitter and far more hungry side Cork proved to be on the evening running circles

around the Tipperary side.

#### **Intermediates**

Tipperary had a walkover from Clare in the first round of the Intermediate championship. Cork were their opponents for the Munster final which was played at the Ragg and this time round, Tipperary proved worthy to be crowned Munster Intermediate Champions on a scoreline of Tipperary 6-14 to Cork 3-5.

*The panel* – L. Ryan, D. McDonnell, P. Fogarty, J. Ryan, M. Corcoran, J. O'Connor, D. Quigley, J. Delaney, L. Burke, G. Shanahan, A. Dean, N. Maher, D. Ryan, J. Ryan, S. Ryan. Subs: S. Howard for D. Ryan, S. Cusack for L. Burke and D. Manton for J. Ryan.

#### **Gael Linn**

Munster retained their Senior title in the Gael Linn Inter-Provincial competition which took place in St. Anne's Park, Bohernabreena, Tallaght on June 19th.

Two of Tipperary's representatives, Deirdre Hughes and Noelle Kennedy, were in full playing form on the day, with Deirdre picking off three points while Noelle finished with one point to her credit in the final. Well done to all the Tipp competitors.

#### **More gold comes to Tipp**

Templemore camogie club brought gold to the premier County and to their club, also this year when they were crowned under-14 All-Ireland Community Games Champions for 1999 on the exact same day as the Seniors captured the All-Ireland.

Like the Senior squad, Templemore are the first Tipperary club ever to achieve this honour in the 35 years of the Community Games competition. They beat the Leinster champions Urlingford/Johnstown (Kilkenny) in the semi-final and had a 4-7 to 1-4 victory over the Connacht champions Killimor (Galway) in the final.

This panel of girls, their coach Martin Burke, and all in Templemore, connected with this brilliant win are to be congratulated.

At time of going to print, they are to contest the Ann Frazer League final against old rivals Toomevara, at a future date.

However, in the Munster final, they failed to progress against another old rival and pretty strong Granagh/Ballingarry side on a scoreline of Ballingarry 0-12 to Cashel 0-4.



Clonoulty/Rossmore under-12s 'A' County final '99



I believed in giving praise where it's due and here I wish to thank our local media people. The people I refer to are Paddy Finucane and Mike McCartney of Tipp FM., Michael and Breda Hennessy, together with the two Marys who man the phones, down there in Tipp Mid-West, Jerry Slevin and Bridget Delaney of the *Nenagh Guardian*, Michael Heverin and Tom Corr from the *Nationalist*, and Michael Dundon and Brendan O'Connor of the *Tipp Star*.

All wonderful people giving camogie in Tipperary fantastic coverage and all so helpful to me in my job as P.R.O. I cannot thank them enough for their kindness, co-operation and genuine support to me which has made my job much lighter.

Last but by no means least, the

A slow process is best to describe our new dressing rooms at our county pitch. However, slow it may be, but we are getting there and we aim to have them opened in the new year.

The usual story of finance is one stumbling block, and as I write, we in the Development committee are holding a disco in the new Munster Hotel's night club 'Phoebes' on December 3rd.

many wonderful people around the county at club level who have helped me out from time to time and my wish to you all is for a healthy and sporting Millennium.

# Development

by Rose Mannion, Development Secretary

Electrical, plastering and the heating stages are all in progress and the £40,000 we received of grant money, is nearing its end at this stage.

Whatever fundraising ideas that are put forward in the future, we need the support of everyone in order to finish this lovely and much needed facility.

Well done to Cashel who retained the Senior championship title for their second year.

As Tipperary camogie P.R.O. it certainly has been a busy time, yet it has been a wonderful and historic time to work through, a time never to be forgotten.



At the announcement in Croke Park of Schwarzkopf's sponsorship of this year's Gael-Linn Camogie Interprovincial Championships to be held in Dublin on June 19th.

(l to r): Joe McDonagh, Uachtaran GAA, Senior Tipperary star Maeve Corcoran, Marion Graham County secretary, Mr. David Wright, General Manager, Schwarzkopf (Irl).

Three lovely lassies from Silvermines! - Celebrating Tipperary's victory over Kilkenny in the senior camogie final Croke Park in September were (l to r): Shauna Kennedy, Evelyn Egan and Marie Keogh, all from Silvermines.



Pictured above at the presentation of medals in the Thatched Cottage, Ballycommon after the 'Whirlpool' rest of Ireland charity match which took place in McDonagh Park. Nenagh recently against Tipperary all-Ireland camogie champions are (l to r): Gillian Maher (Kilkenny) captain of Whirlpool team, Sheila Wallace (Pairc An Chrocaigh), Phyllis Breslin (Uachtaran Cumann Camagaiochta na nGael), Meadhbh Stokes (Tipperary Captain), Aine Derham (Dublin) referee.



# A Great Year for Silvermines Camogie

Silvermines Camogie Club was founded in 1993 by Eileen and Noelle Kennedy. Our Club has gone from strength to strength, with about 50 girls from ages 8 to 24. Our trainers are Donal Forde and Liam Keogh, Donal trains the U12 and U14 age group, and Liam looks after the U16s, U18s and Juniors.

1999 was a very successful year for the Club, winning the

Junior League and Junior Championship, County U14 'B' Champions and U12 and U16 contesting finals. Three of the girls represented Tipp in U18's against Cork: Denise Ryan, Siobhán McCarthy and Claire O'Sullivan. Four girls represented Tipp U14 in a Blitz, Teresa Timmons, Emma Dunlea, Shauna Kennedy, Mary Coughlan.

Chairman: Jack Devaney; Secretary: Noreen Timmons; Treasurer: Martin Griffin; P.R.O.: Siobhán O'Brien.



*Silvermines U18 Champions 1998 (played in Feb. '99): Back Row (l. to r.) Teresa Timmons, Niamh Keogh, Gráinne Gleeson, Maura O'Doherty, Denise Ryan, Carmel Ryan, Siobhán McCarthy, Claire O'Sullivan, Noelle Kennedy (Trainer). Front row: Siobhán O'Doherty, Mary Coughlan, Emma Dunlea, Mary Sheehan, Siobhán O'Brien, Orla McDonagh, Aileen Forde, Marie Keogh.*



*U14 County Players . . . Emma Dunlea, Teresa Timmons, Shauna Kennedy, Mary Coughlan.*



*Junior 'B' Championship & League County Champions (Back row l. to r.): Niamh Keogh, Siobhán McCarthy, Siobhán O'Brien, Maura O'Doherty, Yvonne Griffin, Mary Sheehan, Dawn Kennedy. (Front row): Denise Ryan, Carmel Ryan, Joan Ryan, Teresa Timmons, Siobhán O'Doherty, Shauna Kennedy, Aileen Forde, Claire O'Sullivan. Missing from Photo: Orla McDonagh and Edel Ryan.*



*U14 'B' County Champions '99 . . . (Back row, l. to r.): Siobhán O'Brien, selector; Mary Sheehan, selector; Martin Griffin, trainer; Jack Devaney, selector. 2nd row: Claire Kelly, Siorcha Corbery, Teresa Kennedy, Sandra Griffin, Shauna Kennedy, Mairead O'Donoghue, Gráinne Gleeson, Emma Dunlea, Joanne Nolan, Edel Ryan. 3rd row: Colette Ryan, Amy Kelly, Teresa Timmons, Rosemary Kennedy, Marian Devaney, Mary Coughlan (capt), Alicia Ryan, Aileen Sheehy, Tara Chadwick, Margaret McDonnell. Front row: Fiona Kennedy, Siobhán Egan, Maria Butler, Joanne O'Brien, Margaret Clifford, Denise O'Brien, Ciara Ryan, Helena Ryan.*



# BURGESS CAMOGIE

**T**here is an old saying that "winning isn't everything" – its the only thing. We won no titles this year, nevertheless our club is very vibrant and active. We know that a championship or league title does a lot for morale within the club.

However we had some close decisions during the year and we know that we are there or thereabouts in our standard of play. We will keep doing the right things and in time we will get the results. We have a very flourishing Summer Camp which appears to be growing in strength each year. With the introduction of 15-a-side we must try and broaden our catchment to include areas where camogie isn't played.

Of course the highlight of our camogie year was the winning of the All Ireland Senior Camogie title, and it is nice to know that we had a big part in this triumph. Our congratulations to Therese Brophy, Sinéad Nealon, Sheena Howard, Emer McDonnell. We are very proud of these girls and very proud of our coaches who gave these girls the time and knowledge of the game.

Going into the next millennium we will strive to maintain our standard of play and continue to supply players to the county and college teams.

We thank those involved with the management of the club and we are fully appreciative of the trojan work done by them, in particular, our chairperson Larry Kennedy, our vice-chairman Marie Hogan, Secretary Deirdre McDonnell, treasurer Eileen Hogan, P.R.O. Liam Hogan, senior team manager Brian McDonnell, Junior team manager John Hogan, coaches Edel Hogan, Margaret Hogan, Padraig



Burgess players on Tipperary Senior Camogie panel – Therese Brophy, Sinéad Nealon, Emer McDonnell, Sheena Howard.



The Burgess camogie panel and mentors which won the county under 16 final by beating Gortnahoe-Glengoolie at The Ragg.

Meagher, Niamh Hogan and new acquisitions Brian Duggan, Liam Hogan jnr and Ger Kennedy. Club committee John and Carmel Donoghue, Mary Kennedy, Aileen Howard, Siobhain

McDonnell, Geraldine Hogan, Seamus and Aine O'Brien and all who lend a helping hand from time to time.

Nollaig shona dhibh eile.

'Mol an Óige agus tiocfaidh siad'.



Niamh Hogan explaining the skills of Camogie to Chernobyl children at the Burgess Camogie camp.

*Tipperary midfielder, Emily Hayden (left) about to gather the ball ahead of her opponent during the Camogie National League Final at Semple Stadium.*





# MARION CHAIRS MUNSTER CAMOGIE COUNCIL

by Gerry Slevin



**T**ipperary County Camogie Board secretary, Marion Graham from Littleton, was thrown in at the deep end of provincial council affairs last January, when she was the unanimous choice of delegates to chair Munster Council for the next three years.

Going to the Convention in the Ambassador Hotel in Cork, Marion had it in mind to seek the vice-chair and so give herself a three year "easing in" process. However, the vice-chairperson Vera Mackey from Limerick who in the normal course of events, would be the automatic choice for the chair to succeed Marie Kearney, Cork, had to withdraw because of work and study commitments.

So instead of a preparatory period for the chair, the very popular Littleton lass found her self going all the way to the top.

It is an appropriate time for a Tipper-

ary chairperson, on view of the strides the game has made in the county over the past decade or so and indeed Marion herself played a major role in such a happy state of affairs through her administrative qualities and her coaching and managerial expertise.

Over the past decade Tipperary's camogie fortunes have been raised considerably with All Ireland titles in intermediate, junior and minor grades as well as All Ireland senior and junior colleges titles (St. Mary's, Nenagh). The "big one", the senior title, eluded the county until September year. What a way to finish the final decade of this century. To capture no less than six All Irelands when Tipperary had failed to etch their name on any trophy until the '90s.

Marion is happy that the dressing room at the Ragg is coming on well. At the moment the plumbing and electricity are being installed.

"All we want now is someone to give us a couple of thousand pounds to see it through and if we could get the clubs behind us and into promoting the G.A.A. lotto, we would be doing well", Marion says. She concedes of course, that the problem in this regard lies in the fact their members are also working for their own G.A.A. clubs.

It could be an exiting three years of Marion Graham at the head of camogie affairs in Munster. There is no more enthusiastic promoter of the game anywhere and such is the commitment she has always given that it will not come as any great surprise, should she decide to move up the ladder and seek the presidency. That's all for another day, another year. Meanwhile it will do very nicely that her long desired wish of seeing Tipperary become All Ireland senior champions was realised last September, during her chairmanship of the Munster Provincial Council.

## GA.A. All-Star Award for Deirdre

**T**wo months after the historic All-Ireland breakthrough Tipperary Camogie was back in the spotlight on Monday, November 15th, when the ultra-talented Deirdre Hughes received an Eircell G.A.A. All-Stars Player of the Month award, at a function in Croke Park.

On a day when Eircell honoured members of four All-Ireland winning teams for the months of September and October, Deirdre Hughes gave the Premier County its first award under the scheme.

The Toomevara star is a very worthy recipient of the award. For ten years she has given wholehearted commitment to the game serving up some superb displays for club and county. While the All-Ireland Senior medal was the icing on the cake for Deirdre, and she gave an outstanding display against Kilkenny, her impressive collection also includes Junior and Intermediate All-Ireland medals, and seven county championship medals. She also holds two Senior and two Junior Interprovincial championship medals with Munster.



Deirdre Hughes - Eircell Player of the Month and Camogie Player of the Year with Sean McCague (G.A.A. President Elect) and G.A.A. President Joe McDonagh.

The Eircell award, while a major honour for Deirdre is also a fitting tribute to the very many people associated with the promotion of camogie in the county.

Eircell awards were also presented to Christina Heffernan, a member of the All-Ireland winning Mayo ladies football side, hurler Brian Corcoran (Cork)

and footballer Mark O'Reilly (Meath) for their All-Ireland performances.

Mr. Jim Collity, Director of Corporate Business unit, Eircell, speaking at the function, said that "it is a great honour for Eircell to be in a position to praise and reward sportsmen and women of the highest calibre in the country for their contribution to Gaelic Games".



# Cappawhite Ladies Football

**C**appawhite had another very busy year in the Ladies Football in 1999. They fielded teams in under 12, 14, 16 and Minor and also in Junior.

In the under 12 Cappawhite played five games in the League Section winning two against Moyle Rovers and Moycarkey drawing with Brian Borus and losing two against Ardfinnan and Cahir. They then beat Ardfinnan in a play off before losing to Brian Borus by 4-5 to 1-2 in the semi final.

**Panel:** Michelle O'Mahony, Catherine Kelly, Mary Keane, Elaine Ryan, Laura Mullins, Ann O'Dwyer Capt., Mary O'Dwyer, Patricia Ryan, Emma Kennedy, Claire Mullins, Ann Marie Ryan, Marie T. McCarthy, Audrey Dargan, Claire O'Neill, Valerie O'Neill, Bridget Barry, Orlagh Eichholz, Brid Heffernan, Denise O'Dwyer, Jenni O'Dwyer, Mary T. Meehan, Martina Buckley, Niamh Buckley, Aisling Barry, Eibhlin Ryan.

In the under 14 Cappawhite had wins over Ardfinnan, Cahir, Brian Borus and Moyle Rovers. In the Semi Final they again beat Cahir but found Ardfinnan too strong in the final. This group also took part in Feile in Limerick. They played games against Rathkeal, Mungret, Croom and Roundwood (Wicklow). They lost the first, won the second and third, drew the fourth but needed to win this to qualify for the semi final. Still everyone seemed to enjoy the hospitality in Limerick and made new friends. Joanne O'Doherty also took part in the skills competition.

**Panel:** Ann Marie O'Neill, Michelle Grant, Cathy O'Neill, Mary Keane, Ann O'Dwyer, Joanne O'Doherty, Emma Kennedy, Sheelagh Carew Captain, Marion Renehan, Jayne Clancy, Fiona Fox,



*Cappawhite U-16 Co. Champions 1999. Front row (l to r): Antoinette O'Doherty, Noreen O'Doherty, Ann O'Dwyer, Michelle Grant, Jayne Clancy, Anna Kennedy, Tracy Maguire Capt., Jane Ann O'Neill, Siobhan Costello, Deirdre Ryan, Joanne O'Doherty, Antoinette Murnane. Back row: Marie Loughman, Cathy O'Neill, Michelle O'Neill, Sinead Buckley, Catherine Cranley, Fiona Fox, Helen Kennedy, Elaine Renehan, Marie O'Neill Kathleen O'Connor, Helen Breen, Sheelagh Carew.*

Antoinette Murnane, Orla Ryan, Michelle O'Neill, Ann Marie Ryan, Denise Renehan, Emma McHugh, Ruth Kennedy, Marie Loughman, Catherine Cranley, Mary Kate Ryan, Noreen O'Doherty, Antoinette O'Doherty, Kathleen O'Connor, Audrey Dargan.

Cappawhite had great hopes for the under 16 team as they had won championship under 14 in previous years. They started their campaign with an easy win over Cahir. They next beat Ardfinnan. In the semi final Cahir pushed them for a long time before Cappawhite came good in the second half. In the final played in Bansha Cappawhite beat Ardfinnan by 3-4 to 1-2.

**Panel** – Helen Kennedy, Anna Kennedy, Cathy O'Neill, Elaine Renehan, Joanne O'Doherty, Marie O'Neill, Jane Ann O'Neill, Tracy Maguire Captain, Sheelagh Carew, Siobhan Costello, Helen Breen, Deirdre Ryan, Fiona Fox, Michelle O'Neill, Antoinette Murnane, Sinead Buckley, Marie Loughman, Jayne Clancy, Catherine Cranley, Kathleen O'Connor,

Noreen O'Doherty, Antoinette O'Doherty, Ann O'Dwyer, Michelle Grant.

Cappawhite also took part in the Minor Championship for the first time and had a great win over Cahir. They now await the winners of Aherlow and Brian Borus in the County final. Cappawhite have qualified for the County Junior final against old rivals Aherlow. Cappawhite also took part in the Bank of Ireland 7-a-side junior football Championship in Santry. They had victories over Carrigtwohill (Cork), Lissummon (Armagh) and Clones (Monaghan). They lost to Hanrahan's (Carlow) and were beaten 4-2 to 2-4 by Bredagh (Down) in the quarter final. The girls really enjoyed this trip to Dublin and are looking forward to next year already.

**Panel (7-a-side):** Helen Kennedy, Mairead Crowe Captain, Lorraine Barry, Angela McDermott, Marie O'Neill, Siobhan Costello, Jane Ann O'Neill, Tracy Maguire, Deirdre Ryan, Sandra Barry, Aisling Barry, Marguerite Crowe.



← An emotional Niamh Harkin watches the concluding stages of the All-Ireland senior camogie final between Tipperary and Kilkenny.

→ Anyone for First Aid? Michaela Graham, daughter of Marion Graham, secretary of Tipperary Co. Camogie Board, helps out with the First Aid during the National League final between Tipperary and Cork at Semple Stadium.





# Silver Jubilee for Tipperary Ladies – 1974-1999

## First ever Ladies Football All-Ireland

Kitty Savage, 1974 Captain



**W**hat can you say about the first ever winners? History makers? Ice Breakers? They were all of those and indeed paved the way for the current crop of players.

Ladies football was extremely popular back then. There was a team in every village and townland. Competition was fierce and it must be said that this rivalry helped in no small way in helping the team of '74 to their first of two All-Ireland victories. Further proof of the talent in the team was the acquisition by two of its players of the *Bulmers Sports Star of the Year* - Lillian Gorey of St. Bridget's in '74 and Eleanor Carroll, Ardfinnan in '76. There were no All-Stars in those days, but I'm sure that a few would have fallen Tipp's way had they been in operation.

And so to 3rd October '99 and the silver jubilee celebrations. We all went to Dublin expecting great fuss to be made

of us, but instead we felt almost like an imposition on proceedings. We weren't on the television because we were called onto the pitch *before* the senior match, not at half time as we expected. Michael Lyster obviously couldn't be bothered to do his research, citing Offaly as the winners. The fact that he corrected himself later was too little too late - a fair reflection of what RTE think of the game.

Not to worry though, we enjoyed the day and night afterwards and look forward to the day in the not too distant future when we'll be going to Croke Park to cheer Tipperary on to their 4th All-Ireland success.

Tipperary 1974 team as lined out:

1. Margaret Carroll, Ardfinnan
2. Sally Clohessy, Moycarkey
3. Ann Croke, Mullinahone
4. Majella Sweeney, Newcastle
5. Ena Hackett, Newcastle
6. Tina Flynn, Ardfinnan
7. Betty Looby, Golden
8. Susan O'Gorman, Ardfinnan
9. Eileen Dudley, Cashel
10. Lillian Dorey, St. Bridgets
11. Eleanor Carroll, Ardfinnan
12. Josephine Keane, Mullinahone
13. Mary Power, Mullinahone
14. Kitty Ryan (Savage), Captain, Ardfinnan
15. Mary McGrath, Emly
16. Nora Moran, Newcastle
17. Mary Loneragan, Emly
18. Mary Burke, Emly
19. Alice Morris, Moycarkey
20. Cait O'Dwyer, Moycarkey
21. Marion Bryan, Moycarkey
22. Ann Bryan, Moycarkey
23. Ann Clohessy, Moycarkey
24. Noreen Blake, Golden
25. Katherine Keane, Mullinahone

Just for the record, Tipperary beat Offaly in the final played at Durrow on Sunday, October 13th, 1974. Tipperary 2-3, Offaly 2-2.



*Dermot Shanahan in Croke Park to meet President Mary McAleese. Also in picture Helen O'Rourke, General Secretary of the Ladies Football Association of Ireland and Nollagh Ó Mhuirthe, Uachtarán of the Ladies Football Association.*



# 1998 COUNTY CHAMPIONS

THESE FINALS  
WERE PLAYED WHEN  
LAST YEAR'S  
YEARBOOK WAS  
PUBLISHED



MOYLE ROVERS COUNTY JUNIOR FOOTBALL 'A' CHAMPIONS 1998

Back row (l. to r.): Pat Fahey, selector; Seamus Norris, Philly O'Dwyer, Tommy Hanrahan, Pat Condon, Niall Fitzgerald, Michael Murphy, Pdraig Foley, Pat Brett, John Kelly, Oliver McGrath, Johnny O'Brien, John Russell, Brendan Foley, selector Fr. Seán Nugent. Front row (l. to r.): Pat O'Connor, Ger Cahill, Tony Maher, Ger McCarthy, Aidan Lawless, Paul O'Connor, Eamon Power, Declan McGrath, Robbie English, Keith Delahunty, Kevin Condon, John Butler.



FETHARD 1998 JUNIOR (B) FOOTBALL - SOUTH AND COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Back row (l. to r.) Denis Hannon (selector), Michael Keane (selector), P.J. Ahern, Gabriel Horan, Murt Ryan, Gerry Murphy, Thomas McCarthy, Tommy Gahan, Ian Kendrick, Michael Costello, Dave (Cha) Morrissey, Keith Woodlock, Ronan Allen, Kenneth Byrne, Walty Moloney (selector). Front row (l. to r.): Tommy Sheehan (trainer), Garreth Byrne, Philly Prout (captain), Mick Ahern, Conor McCarthy, Nicky Murphy, Philly Croke, Kenneth O'Donnell, Kevin O'Donnell, M.J. Croke, Donal Tobin, Micheál McCormack (Runaf).



MOYLE ROVERS FIRST COUNTY JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP WINNING TEAM

Back row (l. to r.): Seamus Norris, Pat Condon, John Kelly, Paul Boland, Robbie English, John Shanahan, Michael McGrath, Kevin O'Connor, Noel Wall, Donal Foley, Declan McGrath, Johnnie O'Brien, Martin Walsh, Fr. Seán Nugent P.P. Front row (l. to r.): Kevin Condon, Declan Browne, Aidan Lawless, Seamus Delahunty, Pat Brett, T. J. Wall, Eamon Power, John McGrath (captain), James Williams, Jimmy Dunne, John Butler. (Tom Lane missing from photo).



# OUR LADY'S (TEMPLEMORE)

*Munster U-15 'A' Hurling Champions (White Cup) 1999*



BACK ROW (l.-r.): Sean Ó Costagáin (Maistir na gCluichí), Paul Guider (J.K. Brackens), Lorcan Egan (do.), Pádraig Maher (do.), David McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Hugh Coughlan (Moyle-Templetuohy), Trevor Hassett (Drom-Inch), Dr. Jim O'Shea (Principal), Gerard McGuinness (Moyle-Templetuohy), Paul Brennan (Loughmore-Castleiney), Derek Bourke (do.), Keith Nolan (Drom-Inch), Owen Houlihan (Clonakenny), Rory Purcell (coach).  
FRONT ROW (l.-r.): Lorcan Madden (Errill), Calm Campion (Loughmore-Castleiney), Mark Dunne (Errill), David Kennedy (Durlas Og), Peter Maher (Brackens), Eddie Kelly (Moyle-Templetuohy), Richard Ryan (do.), Pat Shortt (Capt.) (Upperchurch-Drombane), Evan Sweeney (Loughmore-Castleiney), Declan Ryan (Drom-Inch), Owen Brennan (Loughmore-Castleiney), Kevin Davy (Moyle-Templetuohy), Ollie Delaney (Borrisoleigh), Brendan Healy (Loughmore-Castleiney).

# SCOIL RUAIN (KILLENAULE)

*Munster Vocational Schools 'A' Hurling Champions 1999*



The Scoil Ruain (Killenaule) panel which won the Munster final and played Athenry Vocational School in the All-Ireland 'A' hurling semi-final at Banagher.

BACK ROW (l.-r.): Ben Denny, Joe Caeser, Niall O'Dwyer, Adrian Tobin, Conor O'Donnell, Donal Shelly (Capt.), Jonathan Guilfoyle, Joseph Hogan, Declan Ryan, Eoin Teehan, Gearóid Maher, Edward O'Meara.  
FRONT ROW (l.-r.): John Gleeson, Vincent Doheny, Paul Curran, Noel O'Grady, Tommy Doyle, Philip O'Shea, Patrick Kerwick, Darren O'Donoghue, Darragh Blake.



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# RECENT PUBLICATIONS

By Seamus J. King

**T**he only new club history I've heard about is the Galtee Rovers book. A long time in gestation, this work is expected to appear next April or May. So, the author, Seamus McCarthy, told me recently. The book will be much more than an account of G.A.A. activities in Galtee Rovers-St. Pecaun's. It will incorporate a history of the parish of Bansha and Kilmoyler and accounts of the lives of its famous people.

Another book, to be published in November, is Raymond Smith's mammoth production, *The Millennium Book of Gaelic Games*. Over 500 pages long and retailing at £10, this reference book of G.A.A. information, winning teams and results, is a must for anyone involved in Gaelic games. It is an updated edition of the 1993 volume, with additional information on junior championships, university competitions and other areas not covered in the previous book. A great effort has been made to make the book comprehensive and complete and as accurate as it is possible to be in an area of hundreds of teams and thousands of results.

A handy reference book is *The Wolfhound Guide to Hurling* by Brendan Fullam, published by Wolfhound Press for £4.00. The author is one of hurling's greatest enthusiasts and has spent many years travelling the hurling counties, meeting and speaking with many of the hurling greats. The result is the hurling trilogy, *Giants of the Ash, Hurling Giants & Legends of the Ash*. A Wexford man, he lives in New Ross, where he was branch manager with Bank of Ireland. The present publication guides us through the origins and evolution of hurling. He discusses its requirements and its attractions, the competitions and grades, the G.A.A. founders and the great players.

A delightful publication is *Horse and Jockey: All Ireland Hurling Champions 1899*, a booklet published in connection with the centenary celebrations held in Horse and Jockey on August 29. This is more than an account of the celebrations, it is a mini history of the Horse and Jockey, beautifully illustrated, artistically designed and a most interesting read. The booklet was so popular that the complete edition may be gone by now and, if it is, I would advise you to risk breaking and entering in order to get your hands on a copy. It sells for £5.

Another publication of note is a booklet remembering the 1974 minor football and hurling heroes of Cashel King Cormacs. In that year a total panel

of twenty-two players won the minor hurling and football double for the first time in the county. The booklet introduces the reader to the team, tells their story and traces their progress to an historic double. Available in Cashel, it retails at £3.

A second edition of *The GAA: A History* by Marcus de Burca appeared in October. Published by Gill and Macmillan, it retails at £19.95. The book has an interesting history. First published by the G.A.A. in 1980, it was the first history of the Association. A large edition of 10,000 was published and it became the definitive work on the Association. Even though the present volume is called the second edition, another edition was published for Irish Life Assurance plc by Wolfhound Press in 1990, in the Irish Life Classic Collection. It brought the story up to 1990, reviewing the impact of the eighties on the G.A.A.

and examining the future direction of hurling and football. The edition also included a fine selection of photographs, in colour as well as black and white.

The present edition takes the story up to the end of the century and covers the changes and challenges faced by the Association in the 1980's and 1990's. Among the matters addressed in the new edition are the changed playing rules in Gaelic Football, the astonishing revival of public interest in hurling and the introduction of the 'back door' format in the championship, the development of Croke Park as a stadium of truly international standard, and many other matters. The book remains, not only the sole reference book on the history of the Association, but a must for anyone who wishes to be informed about the greatest amateur association in the country.





# Tipperary GAA

## MEMBERS DRAW

### 1999 1st Prizewinners

Dec 98.....	Dick Goldsboro, Ballingarry .....	Honda Civic
Jan 99.....	Mary Donnelly, Boherlahan .....	Suzuki Baleno
Feb 99.....	Mary Hogan, Clonmel Og .....	£10,000
Mar 99.....	Kieran Hogan, Burgess .....	Honda Civic
Apr 99.....	Tom Meade, J.K. Brackens .....	Ford Escort
May 99.....	Maura Morkan, Nenagh Eire Og .....	Toyota Corolla
Jun 99.....	Fr. Dick Kelly, Moycarkey-Borris .....	Honda Civic
July 99.....	Teresa Macchia, Sean Treacy's .....	£15,000
Aug 99.....	Jas Prendergast, Kilsheelan .....	£10,000
Sept 99.....	Eileen Gleeson, Silvermines .....	Toyota Corolla
Oct 99.....	John Mackey, Ballinahinch .....	Skoda Octavis
Nov 99.....	Bernadette Kelly, Commercials .....	£10,000



Jun 99 Fr. Dick Kelly, Moycarkey-Borris Honda Civic



May 99 John Quinlan, Rosegreen £4,000



Aug 99 Amy Kissane, Nenagh Eire Og £3,000



July 99 Teresa Macchia, Sean Treacy's £15,000



Aug 99 Jas Prendergast, Kilsheelan £10,000

### 1999 Lotto Winners

Jan 99	Paddy Harvey, Newport.....	£3,000
Feb 99	Joe Gregg, Borrisokane.....	£1,166
	Michael Carroll, Moycarkey-Borris.....	£1,166
	Michael Brett, St. Patrick's.....	£1,166
Mar 99	Michael Heaney, Nenagh Eire Og.....	£2,000
	George Stokes, Gortnahoe-Glengoole.....	£2,000
Mar 99	Pat Malone, Portroe.....	£1,250
	Eamon Lonergan, Clonmel Og.....	£1,250
Apr 99	Ger O'Meara, Knockshegowna.....	£2,000
May 99	John Quinlan, Rosegreen.....	£4,000
Jun 99	Billy Breen & Pat Brehony, Cappwhite.....	£3,500
	Mary Curran, Golden-Killeacle.....	£2,500
	Michael English, Skeheenarinky.....	£1,500
	Pauline Lyons, County Camogie.....	£1,500
Aug 99	Amy Kissane, Nenagh Eire Og.....	£3,000
Sept 99	Seamus Connolly, Arravale Rovers.....	£3,000
Oct 99	Teresa Doran, Moneygall.....	£1,750
	Michael O'Rahilly, Killenaule.....	£1,750
	Sean Hogan, Roscrea.....	£2,000
Nov 99	William Cahill, J.K. Brackens.....	£2,500
	Paula McKenna, Borrisokane.....	£2,500

**Tipperary County Board wishes to express its appreciation to Clubs, Promoters, Co-ordinators and Members for its continued support for the Draw during 1999**



# DECLAN RYAN

## – The Quiet Man from Ballymore

By J.J. Kennedy

*The following profile of Declan Ryan is taken from the History of West Tipp G.A.A. which is written by J.J. Kennedy and will be published early in the New Year.*

**W**ith the last hurling championship of the 20th Century completed, Network 2's *Breaking Ball* programme asked Liam Griffin, Nicky Brennan and Eamonn Cregan to select their team of the decade. The selection was announced in October and included Declan Ryan at full forward. It was deserved recognition for one of Tipperary's quieter stars of latter years.

The placing of the burly Clonoulty man at number fourteen raised an eyebrow or two because the bulk of his hurling has been on the half line. Yet his inter-county championship career began as a full forward when he marked Limerick's Leonard Enright in the semi-final of 1988 at Pairc Uí Chaoimh. Tipp won comfortably that day, with Declan scoring his first championship point, but more importantly it marked the launch of a career that would harvest two All-Irelands, four Munsters, three national leagues, two All-Stars and a host of other honours, minor and major. In the history of Tipperary hurling for the past dozen years or so Declan's role has been pivotal.

But while that Limerick game marked his championship debut we must retrace our step some months for the first nod from 'Babs'. '87 had been a heady, sweaty season for Tipp. Snapshots of Killarney and a bloodied Richard Stakelum announcing the end of the famine are forever scorched onto Tipp memories. It was a Summer of high emotion, the pent-up frustrations of sixteen years unleashed in an uncontrollable frenzy of celebration. But after the ecstasy came the agony with Galway spoiling the party on a day the Croke Park scoreboard announced that Stephen Roche had made Tour de France history.

Declan Ryan missed the '87 watershed by a matter of months. In the wake of the defeat by Galway the call

went out for new boys to supplement the heroes of Killarney. By the dawn of '88 three in particular had arrived - John Leahy, Michael Cleary and Declan Ryan. Declan's entry to the side was on Sunday, November 22nd at Pairc Uí Chaoimh against Cork in the league. It was a rematch of the Munster final and an endorsement of the Killarney result as Tipp prevailed by 2-10 to 0-8. Declan Ryan played at number ten, marking a certain Jim Cashman. Their paths were to cross frequently, and controversially, in subsequent years.

### JIM CASHMAN

Mention Jim Cashman to Declan Ryan and you're met with a knowing smirk. He knows your angle and knows it can't be avoided. His rivalry with the Corkman is inescapable as is that famous stroke in the replayed Munster final of 1991 in Thurles. Donie O'Connell started on Cashman that day but Declan moved in on him in the second half as Tipp tried to

retrieve a four point interval deficit. Under a dropping ball, Declan's pull was low and caught Cashman on the hand.

It's a stroke that has at this stage become part of the folklore with Declan facing many a jibe in the years since. Referee, Terence Murray, booked the Tippman but saw no need for further admonishment. Yet the flak rained down after the game. Several commentators latched onto this one stroke in what had otherwise been a spectacular Munster final spectacle. One scribe even went to the extreme of labelling it 'an evil stroke'. Those who know Declan and his hurling can easily dismiss such wild exaggeration.

Declan himself is philosophical about the incident: "I would prefer if it hadn't happened, but it did and I can't change that. It's one of those things I don't dwell on, I've put it out of my mind and it doesn't bother me. I marked Jim Cashman after that and we have spoken and got on well. He was an outstanding centre back and is still



Declan Ryan finds his progress temporarily halted by Ollie Baker during the Munster SHC game at Pairc Uí Chaoimh.



starring for Blackrock. There was a lot made of the incident but most of it was over-the-top. It must be remembered that he played on for the rest of the game and played the following week for Blackrock. I think there was a lot made of the incident simply because Jim didn't play very well that day".

What does Declan feel about the generally held view that Cashman had an edge on him, that the Corkman was the one player who could handle him? It's a view given further oxygen by 'Bab's Keating's book where, in his thumbnail sketches of the players, he says of Declan: "Why Jim Cashman would have beaten him so often is beyond belief".

In reply Declan probes the memory to list off the games where he marked Cashman: '87 in that first league game where he did okay; '88 Munster final where he scored 1-1; 1990 in the 'donkies for derbies' Munster final in Thurles where the Corkman beat him well; drawn game in '91 where Cashman was given man-of-the-match but Declan feels he did okay. There were a few others but adding them all together Declan feels he broke even enough.

But what's the Jim Cashman view of the incident and the rivalry? Actually, it's remarkably similar to Declan's. When I finally tracked down the Corkman, who is a rep for Murphy's, he dismissed the incident with almost nonchalant unconcern: "It was a high ball that I went to bat out and Declan caught me on the knuckles. That's hurling. You get those type of belts and you give some back. There were other times when I hit Declan and that's the way it goes. There's no ill-will, we've met and got on well together and we've played golf and I've had a good craic with many of the Tipp lads".

What about his head-to-head rivalry with the Tippman? "When I played with Cork, there were a lot of good centre forwards around, such as Declan Ryan and Donie O'Connell and Joe Cooney and you had to be on the top of your game to hold you own with any of them. I'd have beaten Declan on some occasions and he beat me on others. We had a great year in 1990 and it was Tipp's turn in 1991. That's the way it goes".

#### BABS

The debate about Declan Ryan versus Jim Cashman will be ongoing, but the final estimation of Declan is hardly in dispute. 'Babs' was in no doubt as to his value when he summed up in his book: "We would not have won an All-Ireland title without him . . . His



*Declan Ryan has his eyes firmly fixed on the ball as he heads for goal followed by Sean McMahon.*

skill was incredible, his touch on the ball superb, his strength was sometimes awesome . . . Declan's name was always the first to be pencilled in on the team". High praise indeed which is readily repaid by Declan who has nothing critical to say of the former manager: "We got on well. He was always very good to me. He had little tolerance of players whose skill he felt was not up to it. In his view if your skill wasn't good enough you shouldn't be on the team. He never did me any harm".

It has all been a long journey for Declan from Ballymore and the early tentative steps to hurling stardom. From Cashel C.B.S. to Thomastown Vocational School in Kilkenny, with whom he won an All-Ireland title beating Borrisokane in the final. The talent was genetic, his father Tom, a native of Aherlow, having played senior football for Tipperary with 'Babs' Keating and his uncle T.J. Butler winning an All-Ireland U21 hurling medal with Tipp in 1964 - as a full forward incidentally. Aidan Butler is T.J.'s son. Declan was first noticed in the mid eighties being on the Tipp minor football panel of '85 and playing both county minor hurling and football in 1986, though without success.

The minor hurlers lost a replay to Cork in '86 in a game played at Kilmallock. Declan himself was the victim of a foul pull that day, struck on the face as he lay prone on the ground. Many thought the Corkman

should have walked for that pull but, in keeping with his attitude to the Cashman incident, Declan plays down what happened. "It wasn't a serious injury at all. The fact that I had previously got stitches on the lip has made the scar look bad but there was no real damage done". On injuries in general, Declan has been lucky. A knee injury in the 1993 All-Ireland semi-final against Galway has been the only item of significance in a long and decorated career.

Interestingly, football would have been the inherited game from his father and in a different county that might well have been his future. In Tipperary, he played county U21 football in '88 and '89, but never stepped up to senior because by then hurling had taken centre stage. In common with others like Nicky English and John Leahy it's often claimed that he would have made the grade as successfully at football as hurling. Standing at 6 ft. 1 inch and weighting around 12 stone 7 pounds at his peak, he certainly had the physique for the big ball game. In more recent years, he shyly admits that the weight has slipped up to 15 stone and in this winter of '99 he's reluctant to put figure on it.

His shyness and reticence hides a depth of character, a deep down substance that Nicky English is quick to highlight. Others too have noticed the brain behind the brawn. Former Limerick All-star, Paddy Kelly, describes



him as "A thoughtful centre-forward, always measuring and reading things essential to the likes of Fox and English as they were to him . . . outstanding skill level . . . central to Tipperary in the past ten years".

#### ACHIEVEMENTS

Listing off Declan's trophy collection is the same as listing Tipperary's since 1988: a league medal from '88, Munster senior medals from '88, '89, '91 and '93, further leagues in '94 and '99 as well as Oireachtas, South-East league and Railway Cup. The All-star statuettes of '88 and '97 are prized possession too as is the cidona award for the latter year. Special too is the U21 All-Ireland of '89 where he captained Tipp in that crowd-chaotic final against Offaly at Portlaoise. With him that day was three-goal hero Dan Quirke, a clubmate of Clonoulty with whom he shared a marital connection being married to sisters, Olive and Hazel Fryday, whose brother, Andrew, minds goal for Clonoulty.

On the club scene too there have been many successes, capped by county senior titles in '89 and '97. Sitting now on the threshold of the new millennium what does the future hold for Declan? There is no glib, P.R. answer, it's more a case of wait and see. "The training now is very intense and some of the fun is gone out of playing. Dropping the league games before Christmas was a mistake. The championship is always very serious

with everything focusing on the match but there was more of a craic to those league games where you met the player and socialised afterwards. Keeping down the weight too is a problem and I'm making no decision yet about another year".

Which raises a point about last year when Declan was omitted for the replay against Clare. Was he annoyed, as one rumour suggested. "No. It was a tactical move that didn't work. I felt I played poorly in the drawn game, I was tired and I was struggling for a lot of it. I told Nicky this afterwards and he felt that we had no-one to take the game to Clare in the last twenty minutes. They felt I might have something to offer coming in late in the match but by then, of course, the game was over".

On the question of his most admired opponents, Declan readily names Seanie McMahon and Jim Cashman. He has high praise too for Cappawhite's Thomas Costello whom he has found tricky to handle at club level and he also has high regard for fellow Clonoulty men Joe Hayes and John Kennedy whose example and influence played an important role in his development as an inter-county player. Others who have won his admiration are Tony Doran, whose courage he singles out, and Pa Fitzell of Cashel. The '91 All-Ireland semi-final stands out in his mind as very memorable: "That was our first meeting with Galway since the Keady affair

and there was something to prove. It was a great win for us". Other games that stand out in his life as highlights include the league final of '94 where he scored 2-1, the Munster replay of '91 and the 1990 game with Limerick where he won man-of-the-match.

Declan, a rep for Norbrook Laboratories, plays golf off a ten handicap at Dundrum and he and his wife, Olive, who live at Clune, are expecting their first child in a few weeks. That event too will, unavoidably, figure in his hurling plans for the future. At just 31 he could, arguably, have a few more years at inter-county level. I know Nicky English will hope he stays for the start of the new millennium, at least. Whether he does or not, his place in Tipperary hurling is assured. Since the Tipp revival of 1987 he has been a central cog in the engine room of Tipperary sides. In that, at least, 'Babs' was correct.

I can't agree with 'Babs' on one point, incidentally, where he found Declan uncommunicative. I didn't. At his home at Clune he and his wife were gracious hosts and there was never a lull in the chat.

Declan's selection on the team of the decade, chosen by two Leinster men and a Limerick man, reflects his high standing nationally. Perhaps, at times, he has been given less credit within Tipp. Maybe, like many great hurlers, his true worth will only be appreciated when he finally hangs up his boots

## 1931 American Tour



Back (l. to r.): Jim Lanigan, T. Connolly, J. O'Loughlin, J. Stapleton, Phil Purcell, Paid McKenna, T. Butler (B'lahan), J. McKenna, M. Ryan, John Maher. Middle: T. Leahy, Phil Cahill, Fr. T.J. Meagher, Fr. M.J. Lee, J.J. Callanan (captain), J. Harney, J. Leahy, (Sec). Front: T. Butler (Thurles), T. O'Meara, J. Heaney, M. Cronin, M. Kennedy, T. Treacy.



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<b>TIPPERARY CO-OP - SUPERVALU SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP</b>					
15/8	Clonoulty	Kickhams	1-21;	Eire Óg	0-7 P. Russell
<b>GLEESON CONCRETE - CROSCO CUP SENIOR HURLING</b>					
21/11	Cashel	Kickhams	4-10	Clonoulty/R	5-4 J. Ryan
<b>A.I.B. INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP</b>					
3/10	Golden	Lattin	0-11;	Arravale Rvs	1-7 A. Ryan
<b>GLEESON CONCRETE JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP 'A'</b>					
9/10	Cappawhite	Galtee Rovers	0-8;	Sean Treacys	0-7 E. Browne
<b>TIPPERARY CO-OP - SUPERVALU JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP 'B'</b>					
11/9	S. T. Park	Cappawhite	1-5;	Rosegreen	0-6 F. Kearney
<b>O'DWYER'S STEEL U21 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP 'A'</b>					
17/10	Cashel	Cappawhite	1-13;	Clonoulty/R	3-6 W. Morrissey
<b>KICKHAM LOUNGE - U21 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP 'B'</b>					
9/10	Cappawhite	Eire Óg	4-11;	Aherlow	1-5 S. Toomey
<b>DUNDRUM HOUSE HOTEL MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP 'A'</b>					
17/8	Cashel	Kickhams	1-21;	Clonoulty/R	3-6 A. Ryan
<b>KAVANAGH COACHES - MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP 'B'</b>					
11/9	Cashel	Galtee Rovers	4-9;	Golden/K	1-4 P. Russell
<b>BRIDGE HOUSE MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP 'C'</b>					
13/8	Golden	Solohead	4-12;	Rockwell Rovers	2-8 F. Kearney
<b>BALLINLARD TRANSPORT SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP</b>					
31/7	S. T. Park	Galtee Rovers	1-10;	Golden/K	0-5 S. Toomey
<b>O'DONOGHUE INSURANCES - O'DONOGHUE CUP FINAL</b>					
28/11	S. T. Park	Eire Óg	1-6	Kickhams	0-3 J. Moloney
<b>C &amp; C ENGINEERING JUNIOR FOOTBALL CUP 'A'</b>					
17/10	Golden	Emly	2-11;	Rosegreen	0-10 J. Ryan
<b>MCGRATH OIL JUNIOR FOOTBALL CUP 'B'</b>					
21/11	S. T. Park	Galtee Rovers	3-8	Aherlow	2-4 T. Walsh
<b>PORTERHOUSE JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE</b>					
14/8	S.T. Park	Emly	1-8	Rosegreen	1-5 J. Ryan
<b>O'GRADY SUPERMARKET U21 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP</b>					
3/4	Golden	A. Galtee Rovers	2-9	Arravale Rovers	0-8 P. Russell
3/4	Golden	B. Sean Treacys	1-8	Rockwell Rovers	1-3 J. Ryan
<b>ROYAL HOTEL MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 'A'</b>					
10/8	Bansha	Kickhams	3-8	Eire Óg	2-6 D. Fitzgerald
<b>KENNEALLY JEWELLERS MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 'B'</b>					
11/8	S.T. Park	Golden/K	3-10	Clonoulty/R	2-10 J. Ryan
<b>BRIDGE HOUSE MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 'C'</b>					
4/8	Golden	Rockwell Rovers	1-7	Lattin/C	0-7 G. Riordan



Sean Murray – Chairman Tipperary Co-Op presents sponsorship to Denis Ryan, West Board Chairman also included are on left Paul Madden, Tipperary Co-Op and Michael Glynn, Asst. Manager, Tipp Co-Op Super Value, Kickham Place and on right is Declan Ryan.



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**Kicksams - Minor Football Champions 'A' 1999** Front L to R: David Shanahan, Alan Horgan, David Horgan, Willie Ryan, Damien McGrath, Noel O'Brien, Paul Breen, Harry Horgan, John F. O'Brien, Richard Horgan. Back L to R: Peter Comerford, Christopher Keane, John Keane, Sean Ryan, Pat O'Grady, Daniel Breen, Derek Breen, Garret Ryan, Phil Ryan, Fergal O'Brien, Conor, Conor Ryan, Thomas Hayes, Willie Keane.



**Golden/K - Minor Football Champions 'B' 1999** Front L to R: Eddie Fitzgerald, Donncha Carr, Christopher Ryan, Seamus Carr, Paul Fogarty, Paudie Ryan, Danny Hallissey, Thomas O'Donovan, Thomas Morrissey, Keith Edwards. Back L to R: Seamus Keane, Christopher Long, Gavin Ryan, Richard Walsh, John Colohan, Damien Fogarty, David Downey, Jack O'Sullivan, Michael Doyle, Charles Walsh, Brian Cahill, Kevin Landy.



**Rockwell Rovers - Minor Football Champions 'C' 1999** Front L to R: Sean O'Carroll, James Heffernan, Martin Boland, Kevin Hally, Patrick Prendergast, John Hally, Patrick Hally, Stephen Byrnes, James O'Halloran. Back L to R: Martin Keating, Stephen Phelan, Conor O'Gorman, John Prendergast, Shane Nolan, William Shortall, Jake Ansell, Patrick Nugent, John O'Donnell, William Prendergast.



**Emly - Junior Football Champions 'A' 1999** Front L to R: Stephen Burke, David Hennessy, Donncha Breen, Fred Leahy, Ger Dawson, Shane McManus, Michael Ryan, Sean Hennessy, Adrian Hennessy, David Byrnes, Tom Richardson. Back L to R: Seanie O'Brien, Roger English, Denis Heelan, Eanna McManus, Ciaran Lees, Richard Byrnes, Karl Burke, Brian Murphy, Paul Creamer, Liam Burke, Brendan Moloney, John McGrath.



**Emly - Junior Football League 1999** Front L to R: Donal Heelan, Donncha Breen, Fred Leahy, Denis Heelan, Roger English, Ciaran Lees, Shane McManus, Tom Richardson, Adrian Hennessy, Brian Murphy, Gerry Lonergan. Back L to R: Stephen Burke, Brendan Moloney, James Ryan, Liam McGrath, Eanna McManus, Karl Burke, Richard Byrnes, Sean Hennessy, Tony Hartnett, Liam Burke, John McGrath, Patrick McGrath.



**Éire Óg - Intermediate Football Champions 1999** Front L to R: Pat Ahearn, Philip McGrath, Damien O'Brien, Ger Griffin, Michael Heffernan, Vinnie Ryan, Donncha Horan, Richard Leahy, Kevin Fox, Ronan O'Brien, Patrick Ryan, Shane Hennessy, Brian Ryan (Missing). Back L to R: Michael Dwyer, Eugene Carew, Liam Dwyer, Michael McGrath, Liam Mooney, Tim Heffernan, Phil Keaty, Anthony Crosse, Oliver Kelly, John Kelly, John Quinn, Philip Heffernan.



**Cappawhite - U21 Hurling Champions 'A' 1999** Front L to R: Matthew Kennedy, Robbie Fitzgerald, Richard Barry, Brian O'Neill, Shane McDermott, Stephen Griseewood, Paddy Julian, Eddie Walsh, John Paul Burke. Back L to R: James McCarthy, Thomas Costelloe, Ger O'Neill, Mullins, George Furlong, John Coyle, Niall Riail, Johnny Ryan, Eugene O'Neill, Cian Creedon, Seanie Ryan, Damien O'Neill.



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**Cappawhite - West Junior Hurling 'B' Winners 1999** Front L to R: John Paul Burke, Sean Hennessy, John Ryan, Richard Barry, Robbie Fitzgerald, Stephen Grisewood, Willie O'Neill, John English, Michael Ryan, Cian Creedon. Back L to R: Niall Creedon, Niall Riail, Tom Julian, Gary Quinlan, Eddie Walsh, John Tierney, Damien O'Neill, Michael O'Connor, Don O'Neill, George Furlong, Declan Costelloe, Mickey O'Neill.



**Kickhams - Minor Football Champions 'A' 1999** Front L to R: David Horgan, John F. O'Brien, David Shanahan, Owen O'Brien, Richard Horgan, Thomas Hayes, Harry Horgan, Willie Ryan, Damien McGrath, Alan Horgan, Noel O'Brien. Back L to R: William Keane, Conor Ryan, Christopher Keane, Garret Ryan, Sean Ryan, Philip Ryan, Derek Breen, John Keane, Fergal O'Brien, Pat O'Grady, Daniel Breen, Paul Breen, Alan Hayes, Peter Comerford.



**Solohead - Minor Hurling Champions 1999** Front L to R: Eamon O'Brien, Jamie Ryan, Gerry Dee, Joseph O'Doherty, Pat O'Brien, Joe Reardon, Michael O'Connor, Jamie Kenefick. Back L to R: Danny O'Dwyer, Kieran O'Dwyer, Philip O'Doherty, David Ryan, Noel Kennedy, Barry Ryan, Jonathan Cosgrave, Mark Cosgrave, Colm Reardon, Shane Ryan, Alan Reardon.



**Lattin/Cullen - Intermediate Hurling Champions 1999** Front L to R: John Bourke, James Power, Nicky English, Damien Moloney, Diarmuid O'Halloran, Gerry Maguire, Brian Maguire, Bernard Leahy, Pat Dwyer, Thomas Leahy, Sean Dunne, Richard Leahy. Back L to R: Pat O'Halloran, Frank Bourke, Donal Breen, Tom Morrissey, James Cunningham, Kevin Kiely, Ger Kiely, Pat Maguire, Paul Ryan, John Kiely, Roger Kiely, John Kiely (trainer).



**Kickhams - Senior Hurling Champions 1999** Front L to R: Sean Ryan, Declan Crosse, Ger Butler, Ger Crosse, John McCormack, Kevin Farrell, Brian Horgan, Aidan Slattery, Michael O'Brien, John Butler, Eoin Morrissey, Donal Kennedy, Aidan Butler. Back L to R: John O'Brien, Vincent Bradshaw, Anthony Qualler, Tony Farrell, Fergal Heeney, Richard Horgan, Jimmy Farrell, Sean Bradshaw, Donie O'Brien, Vincent Kelly, Derek Breen, Alan Horgan, Barry Ryan, Maurice Ryan, Donagh O'Donnell, Paudie Slattery.



**Galtee Rovers - U21 Football Champions 'A' 1999** Front L to R: Colin Hayes, Connie O'Dwyer, Andrew Underhill, James Russell, Cathal Moloney, Colin Morrissey, Eddie Grace, Stephen Grace, Denis Peters, Pa Morrissey, Mark Peters, Willie Tarrant. Back L to R: John Peters, Michael Grace, Padraig O'Halloran, Eamon Hughes, John Hayes, David Browne, Noel O'Brien, Michael Ryan, Vinny Murphy, Niall O'Shea, Aidan Hogg, Clement Quirke, John Morrissey.



**At the West Convention in Anacarty 14/12/98** Front L to R: Denis Ryan, Chairman; Jenny Ring, Secretary; Eamon Buckley, Treasurer; J.J. Kennedy, P.R.O.; Back L to R: Liam Treacy, Vice-chairman, West Board; Paul O'Neill, Co. Chairman; Fr. Tony Ryan, Chairman, Éire Óg; Lar O'Keefe, Chairman, West Bord na mÓg; James O'Donnell, Vice-chairman, West Board.



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# CORMACS HONOUR THE DUAL CHAMPIONS OF 1974

By Mattie Finnerty



Back row (l to r): Angus Ryan (selector), Tony Slattery, John Crosse, Tommy Grogan, Liam O'Dwyer, Tom O'Grady, Brendan Bonnar, Michéal Murphy, Pa Fitzelle, Cormac Bonnar, Dessie Taylor, John Darmody (selector). Front row: Tom Slattery, Gerry Mulligan, Bernard Minogue, Don Higgins, Joe Minogue, Michael O'Byrne, Billy Irwin, Jerome White, John Grogan, Joseph O'Regan, Br. Malone (selector). Missing from photo: Mattie Corcoran, Liam O'Neill.

**C**ashel King Cormacs GAA Club celebrated the 25th anniversary of the unprecedented achievements of their 1974 minor team with a reunion dinner which was held in Kearney's Castle Hotel at the end of October.

The minor panel of 1974 created history when they became the first team in the county to win the county minor hurling and football titles in the same year. Cashel King Cormacs had never before won a county minor title in either hurling or football and this made the achievements all the more significant.

The chairman of the club, Councillor Joe Moloney said that what was most remarkable about the team's success was the fact that both the hurling and football teams were made up of practically the same players. In all, there were twenty-two players involved, he said.

Before the celebration dinner, Mass was celebrated in the hotel for the late Monto Carrie who died in a car accident on 22nd August, 1973 while travelling to Tipperary Town with some players for a west minor football championship game against Emly. The chairman, Councillor Moloney, paid tribute to the work done by Monto Carrie and the later Brother Noonan in laying the foundations for the 1974 success. He

also thanked Fr. Bernie Moloney and the club patron Monsignor Lee for celebrating the Mass and complimented Mary, Tony, Gerard and Tom Slattery for their musical accompaniment at the service.

There was a special booklet issued to mark the occasion compiled by the club president, Seamus J. King. The booklet contains contributions from Mick O'Byrne, Br. Malone, Seamus O'Doherty of Roscrea and Tom McGrath of Loughmore-Castleiney. The chairman presented a copy of the booklet to each of the 22 players and to their selectors Br. Malone, Angus Ryan and John Darmody. This publication is available in local newsagents in Cashel and from the editor Seamus J. King.

Guest speakers on the evening included Monsignor Lee, Br. Malone, former chairman in 1974, and Angus Ryan, team manager in 1974.

On behalf of the team of 1974 Billy Irwin spoke of the path travelled by them. "This all began in 1969 for the under 13s who learned the basic skills in Br. Noonan's leagues at the CBS field on the Golden Road. Following this Br. Noonan teamed up with Monto Carrie at club level and success began to flow," he said.

Billy referred to the 22nd August, 1973 "a date none of us will ever forget

— the date we lost a great mentor and friends in Monto Carrie".

He then went on to thank Br. Noonan and Monto Carrie who laid the foundations and said they will never be forgotten. He also paid tribute to their selectors. Br. Malone, chairman; Angus Ryan, secretary and John Darmody, treasurer and referred to the commitment of these three men.

He acknowledged the held and dedication of the teams, parents supporters, John Joe Grogan, Dinny Kennedy, the current executive committee for their generosity and time in putting the reunion together, the members of the organising committee Tommy Grogan, Mattie Finnerty, Joe Malone, Joseph O'Regan, Gerard Slattery and Seamus King for his work on the presentation booklet.

The winning team of 1974 double county minor champions: Gerry Mulligan, hurling captain: Mick O'Byrne, football captain: Brendan Bonnar, Mattie Corcoran, Pa Fitzelle, Tommy Grogan, Billy Irwin, Joe Minogue, Liam O'Dwyer, Liam O'Neill, Tom Slattery, Dessie Taylor, Cormac Bonnar, John Crosse, John Grogan, Don Higgins, Bernard Minogue, Michael Murphy, Tom O'Grady, Joseph O'Regan, Tony Slattery, Jerome White.



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**GALTEE ROVERS JHC – A WEST & CO. CHAMPIONS**

Front (l to r): Michael White, Pat Bergin, Willie Tarrant, Colin Morrissey, Cathal Moloney, Mark Peters, Pa Morrissey, John Hayes, John Paul Lonergan, Padraig O'Halloran, Kevin Roche. Back: Michael Ryan, Colin Hayes, Seamus Moloney, Vinnie Murphy, Michael Grace, Larry Quinn, John Morrissey, Chris Bryon, Paul Maher, Ger Lonergan, Anthony O'Donoghue.



**GALTEE ROVERS – MHC B**

Front (l to r): Christopher Collins, Michael Byron, Kevin Bergin, Pat Marnane, Christopher Higgins, Andrew Morrissey, Pa Morrissey, Shane Ferris, John Paul Lonergan, Brendan Murphy. Back: Michéal Peters, Declan Peters, Mark Peters, Denis Peters, Aidan Keating, Paul McCarthy, David Morrissey, Ciaran Shiels, Anthony Boles, Eamon O'Connell, David Byron.



**GALTEE ROVERS – WEST S.F. CHAMPIONS**

Front (l to r): Denis Peters, John Morrissey, Eamon Hughes, Brendan Healy, Mark Peters, Willie Tarrant, Johnny Halpin, Pa Morrissey, Jim Phelan, Colin Hayes, Colin Morrissey, Eddie Grace. Back: John Peters, Kevin Roche, James Galvin, Michael Ryan, Michael Grace, Seamus Moloney, Cathal Moloney, Vinny Murphy, Padraig O'Halloran, Ger Lonergan, Liam Phelan, Paddy Morrissey, Michael Grace.

**W**hen the history of this club is eventually written there must surely be a special section reserved for the exploits of our various teams in this, the final year of the millennium. Traditionally a football club, we owe much to the excellent record of our Juvenile Board presided over by John Peters with county titles at under 12 and under 14 leading to the club's first county minor A football title for Willie Tarrant and his men in 1998.

Despite their youth our under 21 side showed tremendous skill and commitment in withstanding the challenge of champions, Golden in a replay in Sean Treacy Park before going on to defeat Arravale Rovers, to clinch the west title. Then it was on to wet and windy Ballycahill for a mighty game with Kildangan before we faced Holycross in the county decider in Boherlahan. Here perhaps our youthfulness finally caught up with us but we can look forward to a bright future in this grade.

Then it was on to senior football where we met neighbours Aherlow in the first round and lost by a few points. Victory over Lattin in the losers group set us up for another game with Aherlow and the lessons of the first day were well learned as we advanced after a hectic game to face Golden in the west final. In a game best remembered for the display of Michael (Foxy) Grace, we regained the west title after a wait of 8 years. This victory was to set our senior footballers up for a great display against Fethard in the county open draw before losing the replay narrowly. As we write our footballers are still involved in the Junior B championship.

As in minor football last year our under 21 hurlers showed the fruits of patient hours in the training ground in juvenile ranks by winning a west under 21 cup for the first time. This year it was the turn of the minor and junior hurlers who captured trophies previously won in 1997. Our minor hurlers went through their league campaign undefeated and despite a tough encounter with Sean Treacys in the semi final we survived to see off the challenge of Golden in a tame west final. Just rewards for Pa Morrissey and Mark Peters whose talents would grace any stage. Not for the first time the vastness of Semple Stadium proved our undoing in a semi final with Ballina where we were in with a shout until the last minute.

In a moment of inspiration some time ago it was decided to invite Ger O'Neill to coach our Junior hurlers who were always "there or thereabouts" but yet hadn't won any silverware since 1980. Now we are county junior hurling champions and the trojan work of Ger, John Quirke and his selectors is finally paying off. Our opening games in this year's league were far from convincing as we stuttered and stumbled against Emly, Cashel and Sean Treacys while defeating Clonoulty and last year's champions Kickams. They were to be our semi final opposition but this time it was our turn and we headed to Cappawhite to meet Sean Treacys in the west final. Here we were successful thanks to the accuracy of Pa Morrissey, the resilience of our defence and midfield and Cathal Moloney's goalkeeping. Now the scene changes to the Ragg where we cross swords with Nenagh Éire Óg the north champions. The first game ended with the teams level but in a heartstopping replay, after being level at half time we held out to win by a solitary point. Next the county final beckoned against south champions Skeheenarinka. Having scored 3-16 in their semi final we knew that they would be worthy opposition for our stout hearted defence. against the breeze in the opening half we trailed at the break 0-5 to 0-2 but what a turnaround there was in the second period as we tacked on a goal and 8 points to leave us winners on the score 1-10 to 0-8. the final whistle heralded scenes of uncontrollable joy as Michael Grace accepted the trophy signalling the start of great celebrations in the parish; A fitting end to a brilliant hurling year and surely the icing on the cake for Pat Bergin, described elsewhere as the "Elder Statesman" of the team.

On the juvenile front 1999 has been a special year also with our under 14 players doing a clean sweep of hurling and football championships as well as the Féile na nGael and Péil na nÓg competitions. Not to be outdone the under 16 hurlers finally came good to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat in the west final against Cashel. Many of these players have a very bright future ahead of them and with a little luck there will be many more years like this in the next millennium.





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<b>GLANBIA GAIN SENIOR HURLING</b>	Mullinahone	3-2	Carrick Swans	1-9	Clonmel	15/8	T. Lonergan
<b>CLONMEL OIL SENIOR FOOTBALL</b>	Moyle Rovers	2-10	Fethard	1-13	Kilsheelan	7/11	S. Roche
<b>MARTINS TILES INTERMEDIATE HURLING</b>	Ballybacon-Grange	1-16	Cahir	2-9	Clonmel	14/11	T. Lonergan
<b>EIRCOM INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL</b>	Swans v Ballyporeen or Grangemockler						
<b>JOHN QUIRKE JEWELLERS JUNIOR HURLING (A)</b>	Skeheenarinky	1-15	Fr. Sheehys	1-5	Clonmel	10/10	W. Barrett
<b>JUNIOR FOOTBALL (A)</b>	Cahir v Fethard						
<b>JUNIOR HURLING (B)</b>	Ballylooby/Castlegrace	2-10	Ballybacon/Grange	1-5	Clonmel	17/10	T.J. Corby
<b>O'BRIEN ALUMINIUM JUNIOR FOOTBALL (B)</b>	Carrick Swans	4-10	Commercials	2-6	Monroe	6/11	J. McCarthy
<b>TIPP TYRES UNDER-21 HURLING (A)</b>	Mullinahone	0-14	Killenaule	0-8	Fethard	14/11	S. Mullins
<b>UNDER-21 FOOTBALL (A)</b>	Fethard	1-17	Ardfinnan	1-14	Clonmel	18/4	T.J. Corby
<b>UNDER-21 HURLING (B)</b>	Moyle Rovers	1-8	Newcastle/Marlfield	1-11	Clonmel	31/10	S. Roche
<b>REPLAY:</b>	Moyle Rovers	2-9	Newcastle/Marlfield	2-9	Clonmel	13/11	S. Roche
<b>UNDER-21 FOOTBALL (B)</b>	Carrick Swans	1-7	Mullinahone	0-9	Clonmel	17/4	S. Mullins
<b>CHADWICKS MINOR HURLING (A)</b>	Killenaule	5-10	Mullinahone Gaels	5-10	Fethard	29/8	T.J. Corby
	<i>Championship awarded to Killenaule</i>						
<b>SUREPRINT MINOR FOOTBALL (A)</b>	Fethard	1-11	Ardfinnan	2-8	Clonmel	14/8	S. Mullins
<b>REPLAY:</b>	Fethard	3-10	Ardfinnan	0-2	Clonmel	24/8	S. Mullins
<b>MINOR HURLING (B)</b>	Newcastle	3-10	Ballybacon/Grange	1-6	Clonmel	25/9	S. Quirke
<b>MINOR FOOTBALL (B)</b>	Carrick Swans	0-11	Newcastle	1-8	Marlfield	11/8	B. Tyrell
<b>REPLAY:</b>	Newcastle	1-10	Carrick Swans	0-8	Marlfield	17/9	B. Tyrell
<b>MINOR HURLING (C)</b>	Skeheenarinky	2-9	St. Patricks	2-9	Marlfield	18/9	A. Moloney
<b>REPLAY:</b>	St. Patricks	4-7	Skeheenarinky	2-8	Marlfield	25/9	F. O'Leary
<b>MINOR FOOTBALL (C)</b>	Carrick Davins	2-13	St. Patricks	4-3	Kilsheelan	25/8	P. Shelley



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Fethard ... Co. Intermediate Hurling League Champions 1999 — Back Row (l. to r.): Thomas Anglim, William Morrissey, Ml. Quinlan, Ciarán Treacy, Conor O'Donnell, Miceál Spillane, Michael Burke, P.J. Ahern, Tomás Burke, Miceál Sean McCormack, Paul Fitzgerald, Stephen O'Donnell, John Kelly, Austin Godfrey, selector. Front Row: Mick Ahern, selector, Ml. Buddy Fitzgerald, Kenneth O'Donnell, Mickey Ahern, Michael Ryan (captain), Liam Treacy, Aiden Fitzgerald, Kenneth Browne, Damien Byrne, Colin Allen.



U21 South Final ... Presentation of Cup to Captain Miceál Sean McCormack by Jimmy Keating (South Board Chairman).



St. Patricks (Drangan & Cloneen) South Tipperary Minor 'C' Hurling Champions 1999 — Back Row (l. to r.): Kenneth Brett, Team manager, T. J. Noonan, Mark Hayes, Adrian Britton, Liam Brett, John Brett, captain, Kieran Clancy, P.J. Burke, John Sugrue, John Griffin, Michael Britton, Percy Burke, Michael McCormack, selector. Front Row: Brian McCormack, William McCormack, Patrick Brett, Mark McCormack, Owen Hayes, Noel Lyons, William Noonan, Billy Brett, selector.

This team defeated Skeheenarinky after a replay in the South Final. St. Patricks were narrowly defeated in the County Semi-Final Replay by eventual County Champions, Clonakenny.

Skeheenarinky South Tipperary Juniors Hurling Champions and Co. Finalists 1999 — (Back Row, l. to r.): Paul Brennan, Jimmy O'Donoghue, Conor Farrell, Eamonn Fitzgerald, Ian O'Donnell, Ger Fox, Eamonn Maher, Willie Cahill, Michael Farrell, John Maher, John Fox, Pat Farrell, Stephen Ryan. (Front Row): Rory Farrell, Johnny McDonnell, Liam Finn, Tomas Hickey, Declan Hickey, Thomas Maher, captain, Fergal McLoughlin, Joe English, Richard Vaughan, Rory McLoughlin, Paul Maher. Boys: Michael Finn, Noel Vaughan, Fionn McLoughlin.







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# A MAGNIFICENT FIRST FOR NEWCASTLE

**S**aturday, October 9th: Newcastle 4-6, Ballina 2-10 will remain etched in the minds of hurling supporters in Newcastle for many a year to come.

The scenes of joy and jubilation as the final whistle sounded will never be forgotten. Every man, woman and child raced to their heroes, County Minor 'B' champions for the first time and the first every county title for Newcastle in the club's sixty three year history.

Trailing for most of the game, the second half saw Newcastle dig deep to overcome an 8 point deficit and win the game by 2 points. An astonishing team performance that all players can be very proud of as their commitment to training and dedication to the game is outstanding.

Great credit must go to Terence Kennedy, trainer and selector of this team. Terence has been training underage teams for the past 11 years and has achieved 6 south titles for the village, as well as bringing an U14 and U16 team to County Final's only to be disappointed. This County title is a tribute to past and present members of the club, in particular the founding member, the late Frank Hallinan, grandfather of Emmet and Frank Hallinan, members of



Newcastle County Minor 'B' Hurling Champions — Back Row, (l. to r.): T. O'Dwyer, N. Morrissey, D.J. Condon, F. Hallinan, E. O'Flynn, E. Prendergast, E. Fitzpatrick. Middle row: T. Kennedy, trainer and selector, F. Kennedy, First Aid, E. Hallinan, P. O'Shea, S. Mangan, P.J. Mulcahy, J. Loneran, A. Sweeney, D. O'Grady, Club Secretary, S. McGrath, Club Chairman. Front Row: N. O'Dwyer, D. Kennedy, M. Loneran, B. Hickey, captain, B. Cullinan, D. Loneran, M. Kennedy, S. Kennedy, Team Mascot.

the present team. Paudie O'Shea is a grandson of the late Tommy Sweeney and Éanna O'Flynn is a son of the late Tomás O'Flynn who were All-Ireland Hurling medal winners with Tipperary.

1999 will be remembered as the most successful year in the long history of the

club. Titles are not easily won and large amount of hard work, time and energy is required, all of which were given by Terence and his team. Thankfully their efforts bore fruit: A County Minor 'B' title for Newcastle.

## Intermediate Hurling Champions



The Ballybacon-Grange Intermediate Hurling Team who won the South Championship for the 2nd year in a row. Back (l to r): Shane Mason, Kenneth O'Shea, Ray Duggan, Liam Butler, Anthony Dillon (manager), Brian Condon, Brendan Cummins, Gerry Ryan, Kieran Walsh, Richard Walsh, Sean Maher, James Maher, Brian Coffey. Front row: Thomas O'Leary (selector), James English, Gaven O'Mahoney, Declan Ryan, Michael O'Sullivan (capt), Alan O'Gorman, Johnny English, Nigel Carrigan, Michael English, James Hackett, Michael Phelan, Patrick Norton, Tommy Mason (selector). Missing from photo: John Cummins (trainer).  
1999 was another great year for Ballybacon-Grange Club. We won the South Intermediate Hurling Championship for the 2nd year in a row. The club also reached South Finals in Minor and Junior B. A great effort was put into training by the players and by the trainer John Cummins. The coveted County Championship must now be very near.



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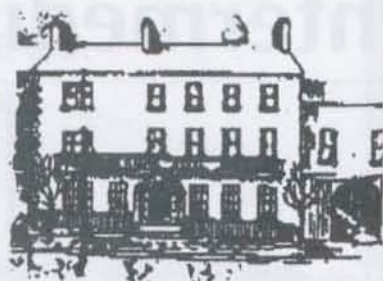
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# PADDY BOLAND

## *Tipperary's longest serving secretary*

**A**s the Carrick Swan Club, founded in 1929, proudly celebrated its 70th anniversary this year, the name most associated with Carrick Swan G.A.A. Club over the past forty years is undoubtedly Paddy Boland. Paddy has been a Swan supporter since his teenage years in, appropriately named, Hurley's Lane. He followed the great Swan of the 1940s that won eight South Tipperary Senior Hurling Championships between 1939 and 1952, and the Senior County title in 1947. Cycling was the mode of transport to matches for many at that time. Paddy wore the black and white jersey in Minor and Junior ranks.

In 1959, Paddy Boland took over as secretary of the Swan G.A.A. Club from the late Sean Dunne and has continued in that onerous position ever since. Like all clubs, Swan has experienced peaks and valley periods during the past forty years but Paddy's loyalty and enthusiasm never wavered. Highlights during his time as secretary include seven South Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship titles, an under-21 County title, an unexpected but welcome success in Gaelic Football and numerous underage successes in both hurling and football.

Paddy has represented his club at South Board and county level and



40 years as Secretary of Carrick Swan – Paddy Boland  
Jimmy Keating, Chairman South Board making a presentation to Paddy Boland to mark his forty years as Secretary of Carrick Swan Hurling and Football Club at their annual social. Pictured (l. to r.): Jimmy Keating, South Board Chairman; John Flynn, former Club Chairman and Co. Board Rep.; Joan Boland, Paddy and Jim Walsh, Club Chairman.

county secretary, Tommy Barrett, bestowed on him the highest praise: "Not alone is Paddy Boland the longest serving secretary in County Tipperary, but he is also a most efficient administrator".

Paddy is looking forward to the new millennium as secretary of the club with the committee, busy preparing for the opening of its new indoor training centre, in which Paddy has been involved in recent years in negotiating purchase

and refurbishment of the Forester's Hall, which will soon be available as an indoor training venue for young and old members of the club.

With the Juvenile teams under-12 'A' hurling reaching county final, under-14 'A' hurling winning South and County Feile titles and under-14 'A' hurling County Championship, under-16 'B' South Champions, this should ensure further Swan victories into the next millennium.

## **Official Opening** **Kilsheelan/Kilcash Dressing Rooms**

*By James Holohan P.R.O.*

**I**n the early '60s, the club saw the need in providing dressing-room facilities for its players. This notion bore fruit in 1966 when we were first in the division to achieve this aim. In recent years, many facets of the building were not in line with 21st century requirements and it was decided to demolish them and rebuild in the same area. In 1988 Development Officer, Martin Nolan drew up a 10 year plan and one of these was to extend the dressing-rooms. Seamus Butler was the architect and local contractor, John Cloona commenced work in August 1998 and had it completed in the Spring of this year.

Chairman, Billy Stokes co-ordinated the project on his daily visits to the site

keeping a keen eye on work in progress. Painting, decorating and many other necessary jobs continued during the summer culminating in the laying of the tarmacadam to leave the finished article.

The premises contains a meeting room, four dressing-rooms, referees room, ladies and gents toilets and a shop.

The hard working finance committee led by Chairman Sean Nugent sought many ways of fund raising. The main focus was a Race Nite and we now have the debt down to manageable proportions.

Monday 25th October was a dream come true with the official opening by Sean Kelly, Chairman of the Munster Council. The rooms were blessed by Fr

Bill Carey P.P. Both wished the Club well and lauded their initiative.

Happily the weather smiled for us. The three match programme brought a big attendance and helped create a good atmosphere. Tipperary defeated Kilkenny in a Camogie match. They were led by their Captain Kilsheelan lady Meadhbh Stokes. This was followed by an U-14 hurling match when Moyle Rovers defeated the home side. Tipperary came out on top in the Hurling Tournament game against Waterford. It added to the occasion when our own John Roche came on for the last quarter.

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# Title for Fr. Sheehys



Fr. Sheehy's Under 14 C Hurling South Tipperary Champions. Back row: Christopher Smith, Brendan Walsh, Brian Mulcahy, Bobby Platt, Samantha Mullins, Terence O'Brien, Thomas O'Donnell, Shane Gleeson. Middle row: James Mulcahy, John O'Connor, Kevin Fitzgerald, Jimmy Fitzgerald Selector, Paul Condon, Jer Norris, Patrick Moran. Front row: Pat Sheehan Manager, Damien Flynn, Pat Mulcahy, John Sheehan Capt., Andrew Sweeney, Michael Myles, Chris Platt, John Sweeney Selector.

Missing at time of photo: Steven Fitzpatrick and Patricia Hickey.

**F**r. Sheehy's lost the Under 16 C football South Final to Grange-mockler, who went on to win a county title. Fr. Sheehy's had a marathon against near neighbours Ballylooby in the South Semi Final which went to a second replay in Goatenbridge on 12th July and won on a final score of 5-7 to 3-5.

Under 16 B hurlers were a bit unlucky not to qualify for the Semi Final. Clonmel Og beat them on the 9th August in Clogheen by 2-8 to 2-7 to edge them out of the championship. Fr. Sheehy's were a bit unfortunate that Richard McGrath received a bad injury in the football final, Richard would have made a huge difference in the hurling. We wish Richard a speedy recovery as he is a talented hurler.

Under 12 B footballers won one and lost four games in the championship, they beat St. Patrick's 3-0 to 1-4 at home in Clogheen on the 27th April. St. Patrick's went on to win the South title. This team were very unlucky to lose four out of five matches, they could have easily won four out of five and went on to better things, better luck next year. Under 12 C hurlers reached the Semi Finals and lost to Kilsheelan 4-2 to 1-0 on the 28th July at Ned Hall Park, Kilsheelan lost to St. Patrick's in the South Final who went on to win the county title.

Under 10 took part in a special tournament run by the South Board this year for the first time. This proved to be a huge success with Clonmel Og and Moyle Rovers winning the hurling and football respectively.

Fr. Sheehy's played an under 9 hurl-

ing blitz in Clogheen on 11th Sept for the Billy Kaye Memorial Shield, which proved to be a fantastic days hurling for all the teams that took part. Fr. Sheehy's and Clonmel Og qualified for the final. The crowd were kept on their toes for the whole game which ended up in a draw. Clonmel Og won with a goal in the dying seconds of extra time, Bill and Bridie Keating presented Clonmel Og with the Billy Kaye Shield and medals to both teams.

Under 14 B footballers were very unlucky to lose to Kilsheelan in the South Final at Goatenbridge on the 23rd June on a final score 0-12 to 0-7. Kilsheelan won the County title on the 8th July in Clonoulty when they beat Borrisoleigh 4-5 to 1-4.

Under 14 C hurlers made up for the disappointment of the footballers on 19th August in Ardfinnan when they beat Newcastle 3-7 to 1-2 to lift the under 14 hurling title for the third time in four years. Fr. Sheehy's started very strongly with plenty of possession but failed to avail of their chances. It took a John Sheehan free to open the score after ten minutes. John scored two goals before Newcastle scored from a penalty to leave the half time score 2-1 to 1-1 in favour of Fr. Sheehy's. Fr. Sheehy's played some nice hurling in the second half to win comfortably on a final score of 3-7 to 1-2. John Sheehan played a captain's role and scored a cracker of a goal early in the second half from the twenty metre line to secure the South Tipp title for Fr. Sheehy's. Goal keeper Damien Flynn and his six backs were outstanding, they kept the Newcastle forwards at bay all night long. John Sheehan was man of the match with a tally of 3-6 out of 3-7.

Well done to this team who got their just reward in the end and also to Jimmy Fitzgerald, John Sweeney and Pat Sheehan selectors.



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# The Nineties

## - A Golden Era for Moyle Rovers

Tony Lonergan

**A**s another year draws to a close it is normal to reflect on the events that unfolded, to rejoice in the good things and learn from the disappointments.

As the curtain draws on 1999 it heralds the end of a unique period, the end of a year, the end of a decade and the end of a millennium.

Moyle Rovers can indeed reflect with pride on all three periods as the club had developed from a humble beginning to what it is today.

The club was founded in 1928 when a group of young men from the parish of Powerstown/Lisronagh entered a minor football team in a league which was organised in Clonmel and called the team Moyle Rovers, the name arising from the river Moyle which flows through the parish.

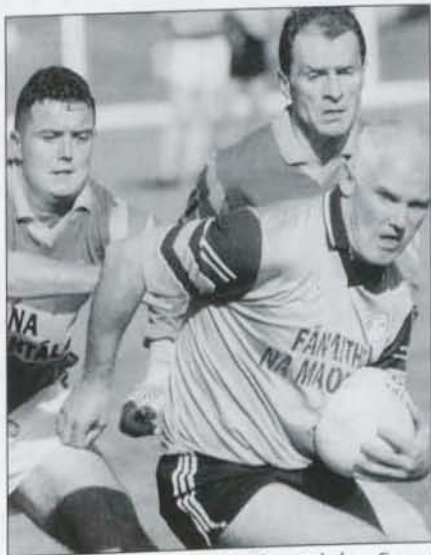
Like many rural clubs in those difficult times during the '30s, '40s and into the '50s, the good and the bad times interchanged the club often finding it difficult to fulfil fixtures. Indeed there was a short lapse in the early '50s until the present resurgence started in 1956.

Many notable events have taken place since 1928, some of the most noteworthy being the winning of County Junior Football Championships in 1931 a feat repeated again in 1959, the development of a strong juvenile arm to our club which was initiated in 1976, the winning of our first County Juvenile football championships in 1983, the purchase and development of our own ground in Monroe which was officially opened in May 1990, which has brought us into the present decade.

It has always been our ambition to have good facilities and to have teams to match the facilities. As we faced into the nineties no one could have anticipated the "Golden era" that was to unfold. This last decade has truly been a remarkable period in our clubs history.

Due to increasing numbers, a second playing field was purchased and developed at Monroe. This provided much needed space to cater for our expanding membership, tennis courts were developed on the complex and a whole coaching system was put in place to cater from the age of under-8 up to senior level. Ladies football was a new development in the last decade and this is now growing at a great rate.

However, it was the events on the playing field that was most remarkable. A first divisional Senior Football Cham-



John Owens being challenged by Fergal O'Callaghan and Tommy Kelly Commicals in the Co. Senior Football Final.

pionship won in 1991. South Junior A and Junior B hurling championship were won in 1993, a unique achievement, County championship were won in the under 12, 14 and 16 grades and the most momentous of all our first ever County Senior Football Championship victory in 1995, which was followed by further victories in this grade in 1996, 1998 and 1999. We also contested two Munster Club Championship finals in 1995 and 1998. This decade also saw victories in divisional Minor football, Junior football, Junior hurling and under-21 football. This led us into 1999. The start of 1999 saw some unfinished

business from 1998, the county junior hurling final and the county junior football semi-final. Boheralahan was the venue for the county junior hurling final and after a replay, history was again made as the first county hurling title was brought back to the parish. The football semi final was duly won and we went to Cahir for the County final. This competition had a huge significance for our club as the winning trophy was the Dick Power memorial cup presented to the County Board by the Moyle Rovers in honour of Dick a member of the victorious 1959 Junior football team whose untimely death in 1961 caused a large void in our club and parish. It also had special significance as Dick's son Eamon was a member of the team. Victory was again ours on the day and the presentation was a very emotional event as Eamon accepted the trophy which was presented thirty six years ago in honour of his late father, the current captain, Paul O'Connor gallantly stepping aside for this historic occasion.

There was hardly time to draw our breath and the 1999 championship period was again upon us. Our under-14 footballers did us proud qualifying to represent Tipperary in the Feile na Gael competition held in Clare reaching the semi-final stage in division 2. This team then went on to win the divisional and county championship.

Our senior footballers retained the County title and at the time of writing are awaiting a replay in the divisional final. This was, by far, our toughest



A proud moment for the Power family as Eamonn poses with family members while holding the Dick Power Memorial Cup, following Moyle Rovers win in the 1998 County Junior Football Final. The Cup was presented to Co. Board by Moyle Rovers Club to commemorate the memory of Eamonn's father Dick.





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campaign at this level, a draw and replay in the first round, a draw and replay in the second round, winning the

semi-final by two points and the final by a point, you can't get much closer than that. If ever a competition proved that

spirit, determination and will to succeed bring results then this was it. A truly gallant group of men who gave their all for club and parish.

In the Munster Club Championship, Rathgormack ended our interest in this championship winning by four points at Dungarvan.

Over this period, there were many notable achievements by our players and in 1998 three deserve a special mention, Declan Browne's All Star Football award, the highlight of his many awards; Seamus Delahunty's All-Ireland Junior football medal as goalkeeper with the county team bridging a gap of 75 years and Derry Foley's selection in the Irish Comprise Rules team, and the trip to Australia in October last. Honours richly deserved by all three.

As I bring this discourse to a close, I and the people of our parish are indeed most fortunate to have witnessed the events that have transpired over the last number of years and pay tribute to the people that laid the foundation stone in 1928 and those that carried it through to today.

Long may it continue.



Football Board Vice-Chairman Michael Power presents the Dick Power Memorial Cup to Eamonn Power, Dick's son and team captain Paul O'Connor, following Moyle Rovers win over Solohead in the County Junior 'A' Final at Cahir.



Golden/K celebrate - Co U21 IHC 'A' Victory; Front (l to r): Denis Ryan, West chairman; Paul O'Neill, Co. chairman; John Leahy, guest; Jim Fogarty, chairman; Ger looby, U21 H, Capt; John Currihan, secretary



Sean Treacy's celebrate - West J.F.C. 'B' win. Front (l to r): Denis Ryan, Keith Barr, Michael Hanley, Mary Ryan-Mulqueen, T.J. Caplis, Back: Eamonn Stapleton, Fr. Christy O'Dwyer, Pat Stapleton, Brendan Carr, Mick Ryan (D), Pat Carey, Tom Barry, Seamus.



Contestants in the Mid under-14 hurling skills competition. Included (l to r): Barry Delahunt (Durlas Og), Tommy Kennedy (J.K. Brackens), Kieran Young (Drom Inch) and Kieran Barrett (Holycross-Ballycahill, winner).



Finalists in the Mid Tipperary Long Puck competition held at Pairc na nOg, Thurles, photographed prior to the start of the competition. Included are (l to r): Alan Ryan (Durlas Og), James Cody (J.K. Brackens), Kieran Young (Drom Inch) and Kevin O'Dwyer (Holycross-Ballycahill, winner).



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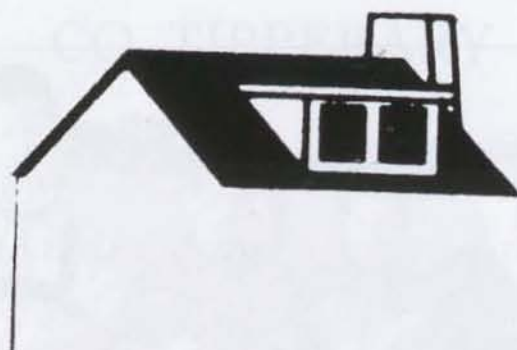


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# Australian Dream Come True

By James Holohan



Derry, down under with the Irish team.

**O**ne of the highlights of the career of Tipperary Footballer, Derry Foley was his selection on the Irish team for the international rules Series in Australia. After many years service to the County team, he became the first Tipperary player to be honoured in this way.

On his return he gave the following interview:

**J.H.** Give a brief account of the journey out to Australia?

**D.F.** The party assembled at Dublin's Skylon Hotel on Saturday 2nd October. Following the usual protocol, we flew London, Kuala Lumpur and arrived in Melbourne at 8 a.m. on Monday. On arrival we were met by officials of the Australian Football League. Jet lag was quickly put aside when we went for a training session at Midday. Two sessions daily became the norm as the single minded approach of the mentors became evident.

**J.H.** How did it feel when you were called on to play in the first test?

**D.F.** I was delighted to be one of the eight interchange players nominated before the match. Due to my late call up, it was always going to be an uphill battle to make the panel. When we came out on the field, we were immediately struck by the wonderful atmosphere generated by the capacity attendance. This was added to by the several pockets of Irish people waving the Tri-Colour and I felt a deep sense of national pride within me. On receiving the call up early in the third quarter I was anxious to get into the action as soon as possible and quickly settled down when I received a pass from John McDermott and in the subsequent play a score resulted. Huge elation greeted Jarlath Fallon's last minute goal as we went on to win by eight points. That night, victory was celebrated in true Irish style. Next morning we were quickly brought to our senses with a

training session and a three mile jog around Herbert Park Lake.

**J.H.** What was the spirit like throughout the tour?

**D.F.** From the outset the management was determined to develop a comradie among the players and everything was done together as a group. The spirit was very evident in the way the team performed and drew as the tour progressed. When it came to the lighter moments Joe Kavanagh was the "Joker in the Pack".

Sponsors, First Active and Coca Cola organised a number of day trips. While we enjoyed them our focus was on winning the series.

**J.H.** Did Australians generate as much hype before the games as we would prior to the All Ireland?

**D.F.** The G.A.A. could gleam several ideas from the A.F.L. in the marketing of their games. Huge emphasis is put on media exposure. Players were always assessible which meant unlimited coverage in the newspapers. Talk shows were a daily occurrence and the T.V. cameras were never far from one's daily routine. A carnival atmosphere prevailed before the games culminating in a magnificent fireworks display.

**J.H.** Is there any aspect of the tour you would like to comment on?

**D.F.** One could not but admire the great level of organisation by the respective associations. Everything was dealt with in minute detail. Credit must go to the backroom team and all others associated with the tour.

**J.H.** The Final destination was Syd-

ney, what kind of itinerary was in store for the party?

**D.F.** The teams performance in the Test Matches caught the imagination of the Irish community and they took the opportunity to come out in large numbers to watch the team play a New South Wales selection in a traditional game of Gaelic Football. With the competitive element no longer present, we were more relaxed and it was an opportunity for the Irish community to meet their heroes from back home.

**J.H.** Is there any aspect of the Australian game that you would like to experiment with here?

**D.F.** I feel it is important to prevent the crowded midfield area when the ball is kicked out. This could be done by allowing a mark when the ball is fielded cleanly. I also think that the pick up off the ground would help to speed up the game and possibly prevent injuries. Also allow the tackle to be implemented hence the onus would be on the player in possession to get rid of the ball. Perhaps the Railway Cup could be used to try it out.

**J.H.** Finally Derry, you announced recently that you were retiring from the Inter County scene, is there any possibility of a change of heart?

**D.F.** I am adamant there will be no going back. I will continue playing my Club Football with Moyle Rovers. Having reached 32 years I do not feel I have anything left to offer in the development of Tipperary Football. It is time to move over and give the younger players their say.



Derry Foley in action at home with Moyle Rovers.



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# COUNTY HURLING LEAGUES 1999



By Leonard Fitzgerald

Just as the G.A.A. have introduced a new improved system in the Bank of Ireland Football Championship and the Guinness Hurling Championship in an effort to enhance the chances of the weaker county in making the breakthrough, at the beginning of 1999 a new county hurling league system was proposed. Under the guidance of county chairman Paul O'Neill, county P.R.O, officer Liz Howard and a no. of other delegates the amendment was put forward, eventually passed and officially put into operation. After much discussion, agreement and controversy, the newly formatted county leagues commenced on the 28th February with great anticipation. Despite the adverse weather conditions 28 of the chosen 30 sides from every corner of the county lined out with the aim of beginning a winning sequence before the forthcoming divisional championships.

From the Premier division to division 2A and 2B, all clubs were graded on their performances in the preceding county championship with the 1998 divisional finalists occupying the Premier division, the respective semi-finalists of each division filling the division 1 table while all other clubs occupying the lower divisions. The success of the hurling leagues hinged on the co-operation of clubs and club-members in keeping to the schedule of games. My involvement was to ensure that the correct results were phoned in. I was given the specific responsibility of co-ordinating results, producing league tables on a weekly basis and recording other relevant information regarding fixtures plus publicity for the leagues.

The league was in operation from February to June with games being played on a home and away basis. Five substitutes were allocated for each game with the affiliation fee of £100 for entry. The winners of each division would receive a prestigious trophy, a set of championship medals plus the bonus of £1,000 contribution towards the player's holiday fund would also be provided. Among the new trophies for presentation are the Ryan Cup, presented by the Ryan family of Ballybeg in Littleton in memory of the great Johnny Ryan of Moycarkey-Borris and Tipperary fame. He was the recipient of two All-Ireland medals in 1937 and



Toomevara defender George Frend being presented with the 'Man of the match' award following his display against Ahane in the Munster Club Championship replay at Semple Stadium. Included in photograph are (l to r): Sean Kelly, chairman Munster Council; George Frend receiving the award, from Bobby O'Dwyer, representing the sponsors of the award, AIB Nenagh. In front is Robert O'Dwyer.

1945, played Railway Cup with Munster and won numerous county championship medals with his native Moycarkey. Next the Devitt Cup was presented in honour of Jim Devitt of Cashel, and All-Ireland medal winner with Tipperary in 1945 and 1949, while the Canon Fogarty Cup, in honour of former chairman of the County Board, was rewarded to the division 2 winners.

Once the league commenced, first round games were played every sec-

ond weekend. Toomevara and Éire Óg, Nenagh were fancied to dominate the Premier division and in turn they easily qualified for the final after remaining unbeaten throughout the campaign. However this fixture has yet to be played due to Toomevara's extended run in the Munster Club Championship. Division 1 was much more open with Portroe, Thurles Sarsfields and Roscrea fighting tenaciously for a final appearance. Portroe's skill, spirit and resilience pulled them through to the final against the unbeaten Sarsfields. However the newly crowned All-Ireland sevens winners had too much in reserve against their mid counter parts. Lastly the Canon Fogarty cup was on offer for the division 2 winners. Holycross-Ballycahill and Borrisokane were promoted from 2A while table-topper Moneygall and Kilruane MacDonaghs were strongest in division 2B. Borrisokane and Moneygall won their semi-final outings producing an all-north decider with Borrisokane clinching it after a replay, in a high tempered affair.

Overall the county league is good for hurling in the county, most inventive and well organised. It has given clubs the opportunity of playing teams from all divisions. On a personal note, I would like to thank all those club-members that I was associated with who have been most co-operative throughout. For me, controlling incoming results and producing tallies from week to week was a challenge in every respect. It required quality time and patience but was worth the hassle. It would be nice to see the league given a permanent place in the county G.A.A. calendar.



Nenagh Éire Óg's John Slattery (left) heads goalwards as he is pursued by Toomevara's Brian Duff during the county SHC final at Semple Stadium.



# TIPPERARY SUPPORTERS CLUB

By: Gerry Ryan P.R.O.

**A**nthing less than All-Ireland Champions is considered an unsuccessful year by Tipperary Supporters. We Tipp people expect success and the year commenced on a very positive note when the South East League was won later to be followed by the National Hurling League. However, having given their all and with victory in sight against Clare in the championship we were caught at the post by a controversial penalty decision. Lady luck deserted us and the replay was not a true reflection of our team. Clare were deserving winners but I have no doubt the harsh lessons learned will stand our players in good stead.

Off the field we had one of our most successful years in the Tipperary Supporters Club. We had three main fundraising activities, greyhound meeting at Thurles racetrack, Golf Classic at Thurles Golf Club and our membership draw for a VW Polo Saloon. The biggest attendance ever at Thurles Greyhound Stadium was an indication of the organisation by the special committee set up to run this greyhound meeting. The meeting held on April 4th which coincided with the National League game against Cork turned into a festive occasion. The late Liam Cahill goal which won the game put people in the mood for an evening of enjoyment. However, it must be said that defeat, even if inflicted with the last puck of the game did not stop the people of Cork coming to support us. The marvellous rivalry and friendship that exists between Tipp and Cork was again to the fore. Our 13th Annual Golf Classic was held at Thurles Golf Club on Friday May 21st. In total 64 teams competed ensuring a full sheet from 8.15 am to 5.00 pm. The event ran so smoothly and was a resounding success which was a tribute to the special golf committee under Brendan Sheridan. The fantastic array of prizes were provided by Bulmers, the main sponsors. The winning team with 88 pts representing Dundrum House were Willie Crowe, Tony Lacey, Noel Quirke and Michael Breen.

Our other big fundraiser was our membership draw for a VW Polo Saloon. The winner was Andy Brennan, The Ragg, Thurles and he was presented with the keys by Nicky English at a special function in the Royal Hotel, Tipperary. To assist our main committee a special committee based in Tipperary was also set-up and this ensured that our highest membership ever in the Supporters Club was achieved. It was a tremendous year on all fronts so a special work of thanks to the committee and the various sub-committee for all their help on behalf of Tipperary Hurling.



A happy group pictured after the Supporters Club Golf Classic. Included are Nicky English; Jack Bergin, Co. Chairman; Paul O'Neill; Pat Barnes; Bulmers; plus Louis Fitzgerald; Ailbe O'Connell; Ger Ryan and Gerry Ryan of the Supporters Club.



Supporters Club chairman Louis Fitzgerald presented Cork's hurling manager Jimmy Barry Murphy with the prize after his dog won the main event at the Supporters Club Greyhound meeting at Thurles Greyhound Stadium. Also included are Paschal Taggart; Kevin Dwan, Thurles Track; Denis Finn, secretary and Ger Ryan, treasurer Supporters Club, Nicky English and Co. Chairman Paul O'Neill.



The winning team representing Dundrum House Hotel of our Golf Classic at Thurles Golf Club with Pat Barnes, Bulmers the main sponsors and team manager Nicky English.

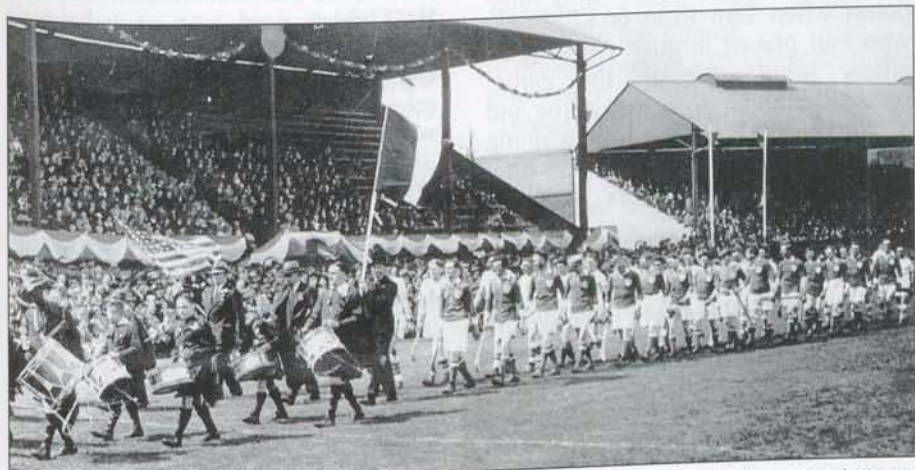


Arthur Pierse of Pierse Motors, Tipperary, main sponsors of the star prize in our membership draw hands over the keys which were accepted on behalf of the Supporters Club by team captain Tommy Dunne. Other players present: Conal Bonnar and John Leahy as well as Gerry Ryan, Brendan Sheridan, Louis Fitzgerald and Denis Finn of Supporters Club Committee.



# The Hogan Stand and the Premier County

By Séamus Leahy



Photograph taken during the Tailteann Games of 1928 gives some idea of the original Hogan Stand, with the old Corner Stand on right. The main entrance, including access to sideline, was between the two stands. Seamus Ó Riain, who kindly supplied the photograph was at the game and recalls that Mick King of Galway at centre-forward was, in his boyish judgment, the hero of the hour.

**W**e've always had a great sense of history in the GAA and the GAA has never been an ungrateful organisation so do you know what I'm going to tell you? said the Man with the Large Bottle and the Small Glass. It is my firm conviction that when the new Hogan Stand is opened there will be a specially reserved section in it for Tipp. Not just down in a corner either but right in the middle where we were in the habit of being for all sorts of matches until we got used to being pushed out of it on big occasions by people who wouldn't be there again until the next big occasion.

And why wouldn't there be special consideration for Tipp? said the Man with the Large Bottle and the Small Glass. Can any of ye tell me who won the first All-Ireland at Croke Park when it wasn't even Croke Park but was referred to simply as Jones' Road? Tipp, of course. And here's a better one for ye. Who won the first football All-Ireland there? Again it was Tipp. Now there's one for ye! The first All-Irelands in both hurling and football were for the 1895 title. They were both played on the same day at Jones' Road – March 15th, 1896 – and Tipp won the two of them. In hurling, wearing the later-familiar blue with gold hoop, Tubberadora beat Dublin Commercial by a big score and in football, wearing

white jerseys, Arravale Rovers beat Meath by a single point. Mind you, there was a bit of an argument later on about that point. The referee in a fit of foolishness wrote to the papers saying that he should have disallowed one of Tipp's points because one of the Tipp forwards had been inside the 21 for a kickoff from which a point had resulted. Therefore, he deemed the proper result should have been a draw and the game should be replayed. But fair play to the Meath fellows – the President of the Navan Pierse Mahony club which had represented the county announced that Meath considered Tipp's victory a fair result and they would not be objecting. To keep everything above board the Central Council called a special meeting at which the referee withdrew his recommendation that the game be replayed and Tipp's claim to the title was confirmed.

Now there, said the Man with the Large Bottle and the Small Glass, is an example for us nowadays. The matter was settled within the G.A.A. and not a penny was spent in the Four Courts on funny little men with funny wigs and not-so-funny fees. And Tipp had established a record that can never be taken away from us – winners of the first hurling and first football title played on the sod that would later be known as Croke Park.

And in case I should forget to point out, he continued, wasn't Archbishop

Croke himself an honorary Tipperaryman? Wasn't it from the pulpit in Thurles Cathedral he thundered many of his denunciations of the crimes committed by the powerful against the people? Wasn't it to Croke's door in Thurles Michael Davitt came to heal the rift that threatened to choke the GAA in its first years of life? And sure wasn't it in Thurles the Association itself first saw the light of day and wasn't it Maurice Davin, the pride of all Tipperary but especially of Carrick, who was its first President? And wasn't it Davin's nephew, the great Tom Kiely, once athletics champion of the world, who led the athletes of the world in the great parade which marked the opening of the Tailteann Games in 1924 when the more privileged of the spectators looked on from the newly-built Centre Stand which would two years later be renamed the Hogan Stand.

It was the Tailteann Games which pointed to the need for more comfortable spectator accommodation and a great leap forward was made with the construction of the Centre Stand, the Long Stand (standing room only!) and the Corner Stand (no seating), which would later give way to Nally Stand. But it was widely felt that there should be an appropriate memorial to Mick Hogan the Grangemockler man whose life had been cut short on that awful Sunday in 1920 when a Tipp-Dublin game had been terminated by British bullets. On St. Patrick's Day in 1926 the Centre Stand became the Hogan Stand and to one of its pillars was fixed a memorial plaque reminding spectators of Mick Hogan's tragic end.

To emphasise the significance of the occasion the official ceremony of dedication was marked by a replay of that Tipp-Dublin game of six years before. Templemore had the selection for Tipp but the team included three of the original Bloody Sunday players – Bill Ryan Laha, 'Big Jim' Ryan and Bill Barrett Dublin, who had contested four All-Irelands in a row and won three, had five of the original Bloody Sunday team – Paddy and Johnny McDonnell, Joe and John Synott and Jack Reilly. In a dour full-blooded game Tipp won by a single point and it was generally accepted that, given the historic back-



ground to the occasion, it was a satisfactory result.

The Hogan Stand that was dedicated that day – it seated only about two and a half thousand – held proud memories for us over the years that followed. In its lifetime before it was removed to Limerick, it saw Tipp captains lift the McCarthy Cup seven times and on no less than eleven occasions Tipp young fellows lifted the Minor cup. But we didn't make as much noise about such achievements in those days as other counties – as well as ourselves – have done of late and anyway we were more used to it.

The arrival of what for a long time we referred to as the New Hogan Stand was marked by the final of the Railway Cup in June of 1959. President Sean T. O'Kelly, himself no stranger to Croke Park since he had seen almost every championship match there since its beginnings, performed the opening ceremony. In a game whose chief attraction was one of the greatest of all his performances by Christy Ring (he scored four goals and five points) Munster were easy winners. The team included five Tipp players – Tony Wall who was captain – Michael Maher, Theo English, Donie Nealon and Jimmy Doyle and when Wall lifted the club – the first to be lifted in the completed new stand – there were many

among the hundreds of All-Ireland medal holders who had been specially invited to be present who appreciated the appropriateness of the honour falling to a Tipp man. Three months later the first All-Ireland minor game was won by Tipp and Larry Kiely, the flying horseman, became the first man to carry away a national championship cup from the new stand. Mind you, Tipp were lucky to escape with the cup on that particular day. With only a few minutes left we were trailing by three points when Tom Ryan of Killenaule who had played through carrying an elbow injury through the game, smashed home a goal from a free and a minute later sent over the winning point from another free. With that point another Croke Park first was established for Tipp.

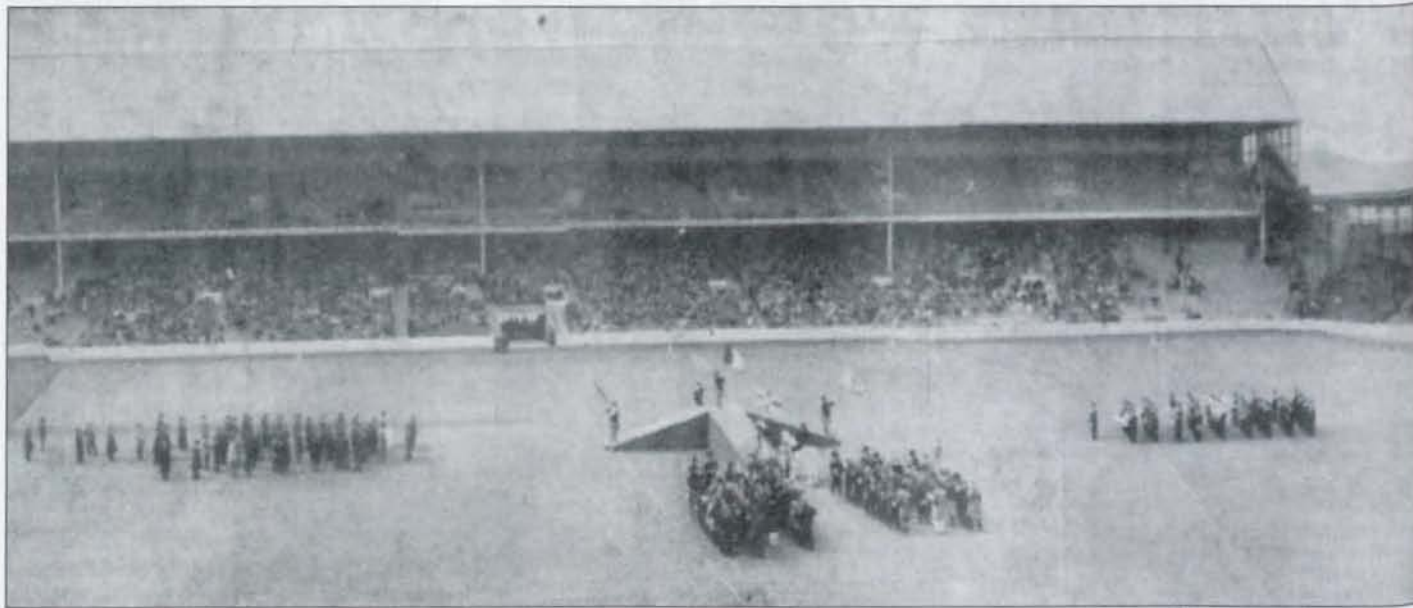
We didn't bring home the minor cup as often from the new stand as we did from the old, but thanks to the blitz of the 60s we can claim to have taken the McCarthy as often as we did from the original stand. In the first decade of the life of the new Hogan we contested seven All-Ireland finals and won four – 1961, '62, '64 and '65. The less said about the decades that followed the better, but at least we can claim that no decade passed without a Tipp man making that glorious journey up the steps of the Hogan Stand to receive a

championship trophy.

I'm not so sure, said the Man with the Large Bottle and the Small Glass, that it will be quite the same getting the cup from the yoke out on the field like the fellows at Crufts Dog Show, but when the time comes I suppose we won't notice where we collect it. And with the help of the Lord, it isn't too far away and maybe we will all be sitting in a shiny new Hogan Stand where we will all be comfortable in a way that the Tubberadora men and Arravale men who took away the first trophies from Croke Park on that far off day could not have dreamt of.

In the meantime, said the Man with the Large Bottle and the Small Glass, let us not forget the words of the President of the GAA, Dr. Joe Stuart, who followed Sean T. O'Kelly to the rostrum before Tony Wall lifted the cup in 1959; "Proud as we are of Croke Park, I would prefer an Ireland, in which our games were played in every parish, to an Ireland with ten Croke Parks, but with the games themselves decaying. The grounds do not matter most, nor the crowds, but the games themselves and the national spirit of players and followers alike."

And so say all of us – well, some of us anyway.



New Hogan Stand blessed and opened – June 1959. Panoramic view of the pageant in progress with the new Hogan Stand towering in the background. The Railway Cup final, between Munster and Connacht, was played after the opening.

# Nollaig Shona dár Léigheoirí



# MILLENNIUM MANIA

by Seamus J. King

**D**id you read about one of the ideas received by the National Millennium Committee for the proper celebration of the Millennium? This looney proposal was to move this year's All-Ireland Hurling final from September to next New Year's Day! Just imagine what all All-Ireland would be like on a normal New Year's Day. And the plight of the players who would have to maintain fitness for months after the semi-finals in August. And the abstemiousness they would have to bear over the Christmas period. Not to mention the state of the pitch on the first of January.

The Tipperary County Board set up its Millennium Committee early in the year and it met on a number of occasions to decide in what fitting ways the Association could celebrate the Millennium in the county. Conscious of the heavy workloads already undertaken by clubs and committees throughout the county, the committee agreed that any celebratory ideas should be practical and memorable.

One of the ideas was that a Tipperary Hurling and Football Team of the half-century should be selected and that the selected players be honoured at a Millennium Banquet. In the case of hurling this idea was taken over very effectively by the *Tipperary Star* and was a subject of much discussion before the team was announced and introduced to the crowd at the county senior hurling final. Perhaps there is scope for a football team to be picked.

Another idea was to publish a collection of Tipperary G.A.A. ballads, songs and poems. Jimmy Smyth, of Clare and Croke Park, had a wide collection of these already and was willing to help. Liam Ó'Donnchú and Seamus King provided him with the back up from the county. The response to their many pleas for club ballads fell, unfortunately, mostly on deaf ears. In any event the collection has been completed and only awaits publication.

An Coiste Culturtha were requested to organise an event combining the talents of Scor, Comhaltas Ceolteoirí Éireann and Gaeilscoileanna. This will take the form of a concert and will be staged sometime during next year.

Local committees were encouraged to celebrate anniversaries of major events in their parishes. The year 2,000 marks the centenary of a Tipperary All-Ireland Double, Two-Mile-Borris in hurling and Clonmel Shamrocks in football. Local committees in these areas are encouraged to remember these events in a fitting manner. Where nec-

essary help will come from the county board.

The committee also recommended that the plaque missing from Haye's Hotel, which acknowledged the foundation of the G.A.A. in the building, be replaced. Croke Park would be involved in this project.

Another Millennium celebration recommended was to honour Tipperary's 'Three-in-a-Row' team of 1949, '50, '51 at a special function during Millennium year.

A further suggestion was that a new championship medal be designed and presented to all championship winners in Millennium year. Also, that Louise Kennedy be requested to design a new Tipperary jersey (blue and gold of

course). The county board would hold the franchise and this would be a source of income in the future. In this connection it was also agreed to design a new G.A.A. crest for the county.

The committee looked for suggestions from around the county but virtually none, looney or otherwise, were received. However, it is satisfied that in the above suggestions the Millennium will be remembered in an appropriate manner.

The members of the committee were as follows: chairman, Seamus J. King, secretary, Liam O'Donnchu, Conchuir O'Riain, Denis Floyd, Marie Morrissey, Sean Nugent, Seamus Leahy, Paul O'Neill, Tomas O'Baroid and Tom O'Donnell.

## INTER G.A.A. CLUB GOLF



"The inter G.A.A. Club Golf Championship of Co. Tipperary was held in the neutral venue of Callan Golf Club on the weekend of August 6th & 7th 1999.

As it was the first Championship, it was a great success, 21 Clubs from all over the county were represented.

It was run by the Friends of Ballingarry G.A.A. who were raising funds for the provision of a new playing pitch in Ballingarry Village.

The teams were playing for a magnificent Perpetual Trophy. It was presented to the committee by ESSO Teo and is called "The ESSO, Babs Keating Trophy". It was specially commissioned and Hand crafted by Tipperary Crystal, Carrick-on-Suir.

It is most appropriate as it contains a camam and sliotar facing a golf club and golf ball, mounted on an inverted crystal bowl, inscribed "Babs Keating, County Golf Championship sponsored by ESSO" and all mounted on a mahogany base.

The first winners of this Trophy were a team representing Eire Og/Annacarty led by star hurler, Pat Fox.

Picture shows Babs presenting the trophy to Paddy Clancy and Gary O'Hanlon of St. Patricks.

The championship will be played in 2000 on the second weekend of August, and the organisers hope that all clubs will be represented.



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# All-Ireland Three-In-A-Row Celebration 1949-1951

There was a most enjoyable event in the Centenary Rooms at the Ragg on November 19. The occasion was the honouring of the players involved in the winning of three All-Irelands between 1949 and 1951. Organised by the county board as part of their Millennium program, it included a reception, dinner and presentation.

The MC and general organiser was county P.R.O., Liz Howard. Speakers included county chairman, Paul O'Neill, county secretary, Tomás O'Baroid, who was attending his last official function, and Pat Stakelum, who replied on behalf of the players and their representatives. Sean Nugent gave a fine rendering of *Slievenamon*.

Special guests invited were the representatives of the three teams beaten by Tipperary in the three-in-a-row victories. Unfortunately, Paddy Rustichitzko, who captained Laois in 1949, and Padge Kehoe, who played at wing-forward for Wexford in the 1951 All-Ireland, were unable to attend. Mick Kenny, who captained Kilkenny in 1950, was present and said a few words. Mick has the distinction of captaining the Tipperary junior team to All-Ireland victory against Offaly at Birr in 1953. He had earlier won a junior All-Ireland with Kilkenny in 1946 and was to win a senior All-Ireland with them in 1957.

For the record, the following is Tipperary's progress over the three years, 1949-1951.



Members of the panel or their representatives: Back row: (l to r): Tom O'Donnell, county treasurer; Tom Kevins; John Everard; Mrs. Furlong; Mrs. Hogan nee Fleming; Mrs. Tom O'Meara; Mrs. Anne Ryan; Connie Keane; Jimmy Kennedy; Mrs. May O'Gorman; Mrs. Rita Walsh; Kay Maher; Bob Stakelum; Liz Howard. Middle row: Mrs. Anne Mulcahy; Mrs. Sally Bannon; Mickey Byrne; Flor Coffey; Ned Ryan; John Doyle; Sean Kenny; Jimmy Finn; Pat Stakelum; Tony Reddin; Mrs. Tim Ryan. Front row: Seamus O'Riain, President, Tipp County Board; Paddy Kenny; Jim Brennan; Martin Doyle; Lorraine O'Dwyer; Paul O'Neill, county chairman; Martina Kenny; Mick Ryan; Tomás Ó Baróid, county runá; Nicholas Mockler, Phil Shanahan.

1949:	Tipperary 3-10	Cork 3-10	(Limerick, 29/05/49)
	Tipperary 2-08	Cork 1-09	(Limerick, 26/06/49)
	Tipperary 1-15	Clare 1-09	(Limerick, 03/07/49)
	Tipperary 1-16	Limerick 2-10	(Cork A.C., 17/07/49)
	Tipperary 6-18	Antrim 1-04	(Croke Park, 31/07/49)
	Tipperary 3-11	Laois 0-03	(Croke Park, 04/09/49)
	Captain: Pat Stakelum (Holycross-Ballycahill)		
1950:	Tipperary 4-08	Limerick 0-08	(Limerick, 18/06/50)
	Tipperary 2-13	Clare 3-07	(Limerick, 09/07/50)
	Tipperary 2-17	Cork 3-11	(Killarney, 23/07/50)
	Tipperary 4-07	Galway 2-06	(Tuam, 18/08/50)
	Tipperary 1-09	Kilkenny 1-08	(Croke Park, 03/09/50)
	Captain: Sean Kenny, (Borrislough)		
1951:	Tipperary 2-10	Waterford 3-5	(Cork A.C., 10/06/51)
	Tipperary 3-08	Limerick 1-06	(Thurles, 08/07/51)
	Tipperary 2-11	Cork 2-09	(Limerick, 29/07/51)
	Tipperary 7-07	Wexford 3-09	(Croke Park, 02/09/51)
	Captain: Jimmy Finn (Borrislough)		

The total panel of players over the three years is as follows. Those with asterisks are gone to their eternal reward. Seamus Bannon\*, Tony Brennan\*, Mickey Byrne, Willie Carroll\*, Flor Coffey, Tommy Doyle\*, John Doyle, Jim Devitt\*, Johnny Everard, Paddy Furlong\*, Paddy Fleming\*, Jimmy Finn, John Hough\*, Connie

Keane, Paddy, Kenny, Sean Kenny, Phibbie Kenny\*, Jimmy Kennedy, Tom Kevin, Sonny Maher\*, Nicholas Maher\*, Ned O'Gorman\*, Tony Reddin, Mick Ryan, Jack Ryan, Dinny Ryan, Timmy Ryan\*, Ned Ryan, Tommy Ryan\*, Philly Ryan\*, Phil Shanahan, Pat Stakelum, Bob Stakelum, Johnny Walsh\*.



Paul O'Neill, county chairman, making a presentation to Mick Kenny, captain of Kilkenny team in 1950, with Liz Howard, county P.R.O. and M.C. on the evening, right.

Three captains: Tony Finn, (1951); Sean Kenny (1950), Pat Stakelum, (1949).







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Co. Board treasurer, Tom O'Donnell, watching the All-Ireland minor hurling final between Tipperary and Galway at Croke Park.



# '99 A great year for Portroe

1999 will go down in the club's history as one of the greatest years ever since the G.A.A. was founded. Our club grounds stand half way up the hill of Port and it is over thirty years since our club members purchased the site on G.A.A. grounds. It has to be said that they showed great wisdom and vision in securing the field as it has served our parish and players so well over the years. We undertook a large development programme over the last number of years and we now have a full sized adult playing pitch, a juvenile pitch, dressing rooms and a covered stand. We are extremely proud of our facilities which were officially opened on May 9th this year by Bishop Willie Walsh. The occasion was marked by a senior hurling tournament game between Limerick and Tipperary.

The coaching and preparation of teams in our club is second to none and the fact that we now boast senior and junior A hurling teams, junior A football, under-21 hurling and football and minor hurling and football teams, show what can be achieved with the right attitude and environment.

Our first ever county title was won in 1990 when our intermediate team (hurling) defeated Mullinahone, and so history was made. Our second county title was won last year when our junior B hurlers defeated Thurles Fennellys in a heart-stopping final in Nenagh. I would go so far as to say that the junior hurlers gave the club the injection of confidence needed to go on and make this one of our greatest years. Any person at that final will tell you that it was the sheer heart and wills to win of the players that got them a county medal. Our senior hurlers went from strength to strength this year and qualified once again for the North semi-final against Toomevara. We were defeated by the narrowest of margins in the replay in a game which we should have won. Defeat is hard to swallow but the lads put it well behind them and went on to win the county league final the following Sunday against Thurles Sarsfields. It was a very proud day for us and it greatly helped to put the bitter defeat of the week before behind us. We returned home amid great excitement and the cup was filled many times over during the celebrations. We were to go from strength to strength. In September we travelled to Kilmacud to take part in the prestigious All-Ireland Seven-a-Side competition run by Kilmacud Crokes. Words cannot describe the elation



Portroe Senior Hurlers 1999. Back row (l to r): Seamus Power (trainer), Donnacha Keating, Micheal Delahunty, Joe Sexton, Pat Sexton, Patrick Conroy, Coleman Shouldice, Darran Gleeson, Finbarr Ward, Liam Sheedy, Noel O'Halloran, John Hogan (B), Dinny Hogan. Front row: James Seymour, Anthony Kennedy, John Gleeson, John Moloney, Dinny Quinn, Barry O'Driscoll, John Hogan, John Ryan, Mackey McKenna, Padraig Quinn, John Sheedy.



Kilmacud Crokes All Ireland Seven-a-side champions: (l to r): Joe Sexton, Barry O'Driscoll, John Sheedy, John Ryan, John Moloney, Seamus Power, Liam Sheedy, Dinny Hogan, Noel O'Halloran, Darran Gleeson, John Hogan, Mike Gleeson, Jimmy Sheedy, Pat Sexton, Coleman Shouldice.

tion we felt when the final whistle blew and we were crowned the new Sevens All-Ireland Champions. Bonfires welcomed us home on the Sunday evening and how wonderful it was to see the young children flying the green and gold jersey at the cross of Port.

The previous week our club was present in Croke Park to see Tipperary win their first All-Ireland Senior Camogie title. We had enormous interest in this because our own Claire and Jim Madden were involved as player and selector. What a proud day it was – and who

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knows – maybe we can supply more players to the county team. Our under-12s won their county final earlier in the year and since then our under-16s won their county final and our Intermediates won the county league final.

Our juvenile club has played an enormous part in promoting our games and looking after our underage players. Nowhere will you find such a hard working and dedicated committee who will put so much time and effort in with our young people. We continue to hold successful summer camps for the boys and girls and also indoor leagues during the winter.

Tipperary under-21s gave us a heart-stopping Munster final in Ennis against Clare and once again the club was out in force to support the team – spurred on by the fact that our own Gerry O'Brien was the manager of the team.

Tipperary seniors were unfortunate not to win against Clare in the first match in Cork, and in the heart of the defence we had Port's Liam Sheedy to shout for. Unfortunately luck was not on our side and the Banner men proved the stronger the second time around.

We continue to set the pace for the clubs taking part in Scór competitions during the winter months. This competi-

tion is often criticised because of its decline – yet it continues to flourish at our club level. Perhaps our secret is in the spirit in which our competitors take part. The 'craic' and the laughter and the sheer fun of it all is what makes it for us and long may it continue.

And that concludes it for us for this year. At the time of submitting this our junior A footballers have qualified for the North final. It has been a long and successful year and during the winter months I'm sure the fireside talk will be of our great year and great memories. Enjoy your success – it was richly deserved.

## North Tipperary G.A.A. 1999 Results of Competitions

Grade	Date	Winner . . . Score	Runner-up . . . Score	Venue	Referee
S.H. C'ship (T.S.B)	22/8	Toomevara . . . 2-19	Nenagh . . . . . 2-15	Cloughjordan	MI. Cahill
S.H. League (Hogan Cup)	–				
I.H. C'ship (Guardian)	9/10	Silvermines . . . 0-15	Templeberry . . . . 0-9	Nenagh	J. McDonnell
I.H. League	20/6	Silvermines . . . 1-13	Knockshegowna . . 1-12	Nenagh	T. Ryan
J.H.C. 'A' (Watch Centre)	9/10	Nenagh . . . . . 2-10	Moneygall . . . . . 0-12	Cloughjordan	M. Ahearne
J.H. League 'A'	11/7	Nenagh . . . . . 3-13	Kilruane . . . . . 1-9	Moneygall	Mn. Griffin
J.H.C. 'B' (Watch Centre)	23/10	Burgess . . . . . 2-10	Nenagh . . . . . 1-4	Dolla	Dan Darcy
J.H. League 'B'	9/8	Kildangan . . . . 2-11	Toomevara . . . . 1-12	Nenagh	J. Kissane
U-21 H. 'A' (Tom Walsh)		Burgess or Toomevara v Templeberry or Nenagh			
U-21 H 'B' (Tom Walsh)		Silvermines v Kildangan			
M.H.C. 'A' (Ger Gavin)	22/9	Roscrea . . . . . 1-16	Toomevara . . . . . 0-8	Moneygall	G. Hayes
M.H.C. 'B' (Ger Gavin)	26/9	Ballina . . . . . 0-9	Borrisoleigh . . . . 0-9	Dolla	J. Collins
M.H.C. 'B' (Ger Gavin)					
replay	2/10	Ballina . . . . . 1-9	Borrisoleigh . . . . 2-5	Dolla	M. Healy
M.H.C. 'C'	8/9	Templeberry . . 2-13	Kilruane . . . . . 1-8	Toomevara	M. Griffin
S.F.C.	–				
I.F.C.	30/10	Kildangan . . . . 1-7	Inane Rovers . . . . 0-6	Toomevara	G. Hayes
J.F.C. 'A'		Portroe v Borrisoleigh or Templeberry			
J.F.C. 'B'		Nenagh/Monegall/Shannon Rov. v Ballinahinch/Burgess/Silvermines/Inane Rovers			
U-21 F.C. 'A'	10/4	Kildangan . . . . 0-8	Burgess . . . . . 0-7	Nenagh	J. Kissane
U-21 F.C. 'B'	3/4	Silvermines . . . 0-11	Newport . . . . . 2-7	Ballina	T. Ryan
M.F.C. 'A'	11/8	Burgess . . . . . 2-11	Inane Rovers . . . . 2-7	Dolla	P.J. O'Rourke
M.F.C. 'B'	6/8	Ballina . . . . . 4-12	Newport . . . . . 0-3	Dolla	M. Healy

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*Footballer of the Year 1999:*  
**TOMMY CONNORS (Kildangan)**

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Borrisokane Senior Hurlers, Co. League (Div. 2) champions. Back row (l to r): Dermot Murphy, Paul Darcy, John Egan, Eoin Larkin, Michael Quigley, Vincent McKenna, Niall Slevin, Tadgh Slevin. Front row: Shane Guest, Pauric Hogan, Jim McLoughlin (capt), Paul Dooley, Vivian Dooley, Michael Heenan and Adrian Hogan.

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Templederry Minor Hurlers, North hurling champions. Back row (l to r): Patrick Ryan, Alan Ryan (captain), Niall Ryan, Michael Butler, John Kennedy, John Murphy, Alan Ryan, Martin Ryan, Timmy Minogue, John Phelan, Seamus O'Leary. Kneeling: Sean McLoughney, Paudie Ryan, Daniel Shanahan, James Kennedy, J.J. Fahy, Padraig Ryan, Padraig Gleeson (mascot), John Harkins, Padraig Corcoran, Thomas Coughlan and Padraig O'Leary (mascot).

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Templederry, North and County Intermediate hurling finalists. Back row (l to r): Matthew Ryan (M), Pat Phelan, Bernard Looby, Donal Gleeson, Tommy Phelan, Damien Bourke, Damien Quinn, Martin Ryan, Padraig Ryan, Michael Ryan, Tommy Murray (capt), Pat Minogue, Michael Kennedy, Sean Ryan (selector), Dinny Ryan (manager). Kneeling: Michael Ryan (selector), Donie Kennedy, Gerard Ryan, Richard Kennedy, John Collins, Timmy Minogue, Seamus Kennedy, Paul Ryan, Jimmy Collins, Patrick Ryan and John Kennedy.

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Kildangan, North Intermediate football champions. Back row (l to r): David Morrissey, Edward Fogarty, James Minihan, Karl Hogan, Wesley Hayes, John Harty, Enda Nolan, Brenda Delaney. Front row: Dan Hackett, James Flannery, Paul Kirwan, Ger Slattery, Eamonn McGrath, Tommy Connors (capt), Michael Ryan.

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Burgess, 1998 County hurling 'B' champions. Back row (l to r): P.J. Hogan (chairman), Pat Carroll, Sean Hogan, Garry Howard (s), Paul Seymour, Donal Hogan, Peter Carroll, Shane Maher, Paul Hogan, John Scroope, Kevin McDonnell, Fergal Hanrahan, Brian Hogan, Kevin Nealon, Timmy Hogan, J.P. McDonnell (s), Anne McGrath (secretary), David Kyne (selector). Front: Brian McGrath, Niall McGrath, Colm O'Brien, Garrett Howard, John Gleeson, Liam Hogan, Keelan Howard (capt), Brian Duggan, Fergal McDonnell, Padraig McDonnell, Donie Nealon (s). Absent from photo: Colm McDonnell (s).

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Burgess, North M.F.C. winners. Back row (l to r): Pat Carroll, James Brophy, Michael Fogarty, Shane Maher, Donal Hogan, Damien O'Brien, David Quinlan, Alan Seymour, David Maher, Patrick Tucker, Noel McDonnell, P.J. Hogan (s), J.P. McDonnell (s). Kneeling: Jason Seymour, Patrick Ryan, Niall McGrath, Padraig McDonnell (capt), Colm O'Brien, Frankie Hogan, Cathal Hanrahan, Eoin Hogan and Tony Scroope.

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Nenagh Eire Óg, North League Winners. Back Panel members (l to r): Brian Farrell, John Flannery, Brendan Shanahan, Joe O'Donoghue, Martin Donnelly, Eamon Murtagh, Joe Sheedy, Brian Darcy, David Hackett, Ronan Bailey, Trevor Connolly, Conor O'Donovan, Michael Hynes (president), Michael Ryan (selector), Billy Flannery (selector). Front: Tom Kennedy, Brian Fitzgibbon, Gearóic Cleary, Darragh Quinn, Brian Quinn, Shane Connolly (captain), Billy Flannery, Noel Tumlinson, Declan Bailey, Stephen Ryan, Ken Barry, Michael Grace.

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Silvermines Intermediate Hurling panel, North League and I.H.C. North and County champions. Back row (l to r): Ger Grace, Sean Quirke, David Forde, Joe Harrington, Declan Corcoran, Noel Sheehy, Donnacha Droney, Michael Murphy, Sean O'Brien, Donal Keogh, Michael Murphy, Liam Keogh, Brendan Timmons, Jim Keogh (manager), Finbarr Ryan, Martin Steed, Ger Clifford, (selector), Jack Dunlea (selector), Michael Cunneen. Kneeling: Mark Bourke, David Boland, Mattie Ryan, Paul Sherlock, Emmet Street, Ger Ryan (captain), Timmy Kelly, Ger Gleeson, Niall Sherlock, Stephen Kennedy and Tom Cuneen.

(Photo: B. Delaney)



Roscrea, North Minor hurling champions. Back row (l to r): Don Maher, Jim McDonnell, Brian Brooks (captain), Daimuid Fitzgerald, Brendan Comerford, Ollie Douglas, Maurice Nash and Brian Fitzgerald. Kneeling: Rory Comerford, Jason Ryan, Aaran Ryan, Anthony Walsh, Rory Delaney, Alan Franks, Damien Dalaney and Ronan O'Meara.

(Photo: Bgt. Delaney)

Burgess, North and County 'B' hurling champions. Back row (l to r): Donie Nealon (s), Eugene Hogan, John Joe Ryan, James Hayden, J.P. McDonnell (s), Kevin McGrath, John Darcy, Michael Morrissey, John Flannery, Fergal Hanrahan, Colm O'Brien, Brian Cooney, Andreas MacDomhnaill (s), Donal Hogan. Kneeling: Garry Howard (s), Michael McDonnell, Brian McGrath, David Kyne, John Gleeson, Niall McGrath, Donal Nealon (capt), Patrick Ryan, Sean Nealon, John Grace, Paul Seymour, Sean Hogan, Anne McGrath (secretary).

(Photo: B. Delaney)



Burgess, Junior 'B' Hurling County Champions 1999. The Burgess panel and mentors that won the county junior 'B' hurling title by defeating J.K. Brackens at The Ragg. Back row (l to r): Eugene Hogan, Donie Nealon (s), John Joe Ryan, James Hayden, J.P. McDonnell (s), Kevin McGrath, John Darcy, Michael Morrissey, John Flannery, Fergal Hanrahan, Colm O'Brien, Brian Cooney, Andreas MacDomhnaill (s), Donal Hogan. Front row: Gary Howard (s), Michael McDonnell, Brian McGrath, David Kyne, John Gleeson, Niall McGrath, Donal Nealon (capt), Patrick Ryan, Sean Nealon, John Grace, Paul Seymour, Sean Hogan, Ann McGrath (club sec).



Templederry Minor team County Finalist 1999 beaten by Clonakenny, Section C.



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A fine crowd of his family, friends and former fellow players gathered in the clubhouse for a meal, presentation and celebration. One of Tony's county teammates, John Doyle, was present to make one presentation, and one of his former clubmates, Michael O'Meara, made a second one. Tony's wife, Maureen, and eight of their nine children attended.



Former members of the Lorrha teams which won senior divisional championships in 1948 and 1956. Back row: Fintan Spain, Paddy O'Meara, John Moloney, Michael O'Meara, Tom Lambe, Joe Molloy, Phil McIntyre, Dan O'Meara, Eugene O'Meara, Paddy Guinan, Seamus King. Front row: Billy Hogan, Paddy Madden, John Doyle, Tony Reddin, Paddy O'Sullivan, Mick O'Meara, Mick O'Meara, Johnny Larkin.

Fintan Spain, Paddy Madden, Tony Reddin.

Tony receiving the number 1 club jersey which he used to wear in his early club days, from Michael O'Meara



Tony and Maureen Reddin, Margaret Gleeson, who organised the meal, Michael Liffey, Club Chairman.



Eamon Reddin replying on behalf of the family.



Tony receiving a presentation from John Doyle.



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# BALLINA MINORS 1999

**B**allina's minor hurlers and footballers enjoyed great success in 1999, winning the north double and the county football title. Ballina began their campaign in April with a win over Ballinahinch in football and Kildangan in hurling. The team's next game was against Ballinahinch in Minor Hurling. On a bad evening for hurling both sides served up exciting fare with a draw being a fair result.

The teams last game before exams, was in football. Here Ballina eventually emerged victorious over Borris-Ileigh by 2 points.

In the North football semi-final, Ballina were nine points ahead of Kildangan entering the final stages. However a late rally by Kildangan yielded 2-3 and a draw.

In the hurling Championship, Ballina next took on Silvermines. The 'Mines led for most of the game and Ballina seemed in big trouble. A storming finish by Ballina seemed to ensure victory, but a goal with the last puck of the game brought Silvermines level. Victories then followed over Portroe and Borrisokane.

The football semi-final replay was also won against Kildangan. In the north final, Ballina raced up to Newport. This night also clashed with St. Anne's, Kildaloe Deb's Ball, and left many players in a dilemma. On the night Ballina proved too strong for Newport and advanced to the county-semi.

Golden-Kilfeacle provided the opposition in the county semi-final. The sides were even in the first half. In the second half, Ballina got through for a brace of goals and this had a big bearing on the final scoreline.

After the football semi-final, thoughts once again, turned to hurling championship. In the final league game, Ballina defeated Borris-Ileigh to qualify for the semi-finals.

Ballina finished second in the league group and were pitted against Ballinahinch in the semi-final. This turned out to be a great game of hurling enjoyed by a big crowd in Newport. Both teams served up top quality hurling in a very sporting game. In the end a draw was a fair result.

Due to Dermot Gleeson's involvement with the Tipp Minor's we had to wait almost three weeks for our replay. On the day of the game a storm force

wind was blowing down the middle of the field. Ballina played with the wind in the first half, and built up a 7-point half-time lead. A goal early in the second half set us on the road to victory. In the North final we faced Borris-Ileigh. Ballina began very well, but Borris edged their way back into the game. At the end of 60 minutes, we had played our 4th draw of the minor hurling championship in 1999.

The following Saturday the two sides returned to Dolla for the replay. Due to the heavy rain, which had fallen all week, the game took place in the "outside" field in Dolla. Borris-Ileigh made the better start with the wind. However in the second half, the lads put in a tremendous effort and held out for a one point win.

The next day we travelled to Semple Stadium to play Galtee Rovers in the county semi-final. Galtee were quickly off the mark and raced into an early lead. At half-time only 2 points separated the sides. Two late goals gave us a flattering 9 point winning margin. Tipperary Town was the venue for the county final. Newcastle were the opponents. Ballina got off to a great start, and were nine points clear coming up to half-time. Just before the interval Newcastle struck for a goal to leave 6 points separating the sides. Two early second half points seemed to settle our nerves again. However in a bid to save the game, Newcastle

mentors made some clever switches. The side from the Waterford border scored 3-3 to 0-1 in reply to take a one goal lead. In a last attempt to save the game, a late goal bound shot was turned over the bar by the Newcastle goalkeeper. This gave Newcastle a two point win and their first county title.

For Ballina, heads were low, but their was also a renewed believe in the camp, that the football title was still up for grabs. In the intervening two weeks, the response to training was very good. With renewed confidence, we set out for Templederry and a clash with Loughmore-Castleiney. Ballina opened the scoring with 3 early points. By half-time Loughmore had overturned this deficit and were 2 points clear themselves.

Loughmore pulled further ahead early in the second half. Ballina now began to respond to the Loughmore challenge, helped in no small way by some good changes from the sideline. With minutes remaining Ballina were still a point behind and hoping for a draw. We then struck for the only goal of the game and tagged on two further points to win by four.

This brought us our first ever County Minor title, and first County Football title for the adult portion of the club.

Well done to the selectors: Vivian Cahalane, Mattie Cosgrove, John Gleeson and trainer Vincent McKenna.



*Ballina Minors 1999. Back row (l to r): Sean McKeogh, Domhnall McKeogh, Ml. Moloney, Christopher O'Meara, Patrick Cosgrove, Padraid Sheehy, John Ryan, Peter King, William Gleeson, Michéal Kennedy, Adrian Ring, Thomas Collins, Robert Nolan. Front: Kevin Ryan, David Hickey, Cathal Gleeson, Seamus Larkin, James McKeogh, Gerard Sheehy, Wayne Cahalane, Noel Moroney, Eamon O'Sullivan, Shane Ryan. Missing from photo: David Collins, Padraig Ryan and Cathal O'Connell.*



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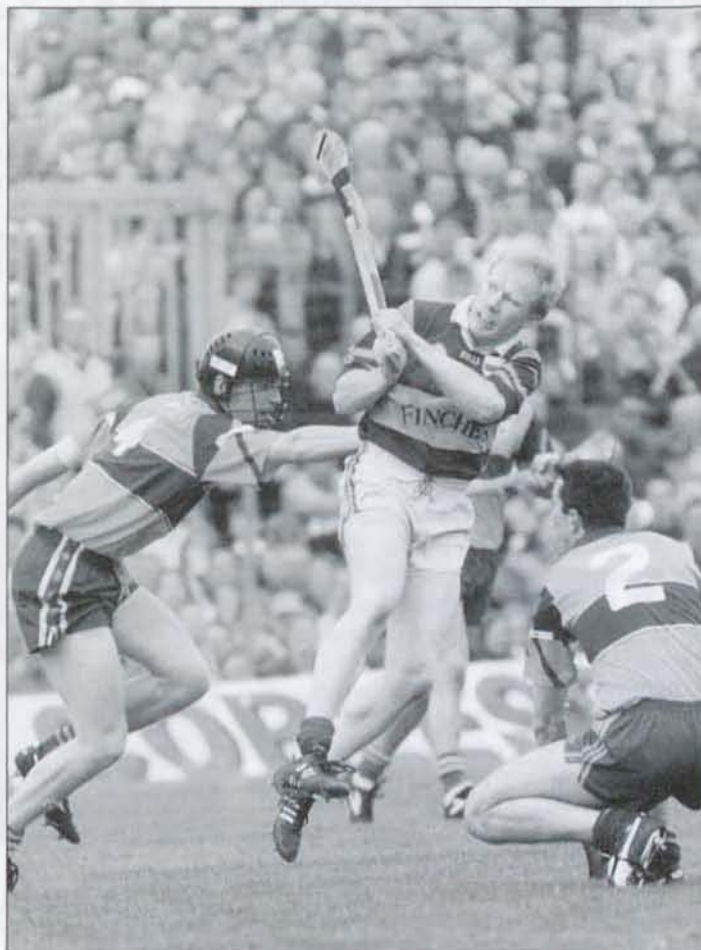
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Raymie Ryan handpasses the ball to a colleague during the NHL semi-final at Limerick.



Aidan Ryan gets the better of Frank Lohan and Enda Flannery during the NHL semi-final at Limerick.



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Three in a row – '49, '51, '51 – (l.-r.): Sean Kenny, Johnny Everard, Pat Stakelum



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Three in a row – '49, '51, '51 – Mickey Byrne, Jimmy Kennedy, Bob Stakelum, Connie Keane



Three in a row – '49, '51, '51 – (l.-r.): Mickey Byrne, Seamus Ó Riain, Ned Ryan.



Three in a row – '49, '51, '51 – The legendary Ryan brothers from Roscrea (l.-r.): Dinny, Jack and Mick.



Three in a row – '49, '51, '51 – What advice is captain Pat Stakelum giving Mick Ryan and Jimmy Kennedy?



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# "Tipperary Star" .....

## TIPPERARY HURLING TEAM OF THE MILLENNIUM

Liz Howard



*Tipperary Hurling Team of the Millennium. Back row (l to r): Damien Young (Minor Hurling Captain 1999); Mick Roche; Tony Wall; Michael Kennedy, son of Martin; Jimmy Finn; John Doyle; Mick Ryan; Liam Devaney; Donie English, father of Nicky; Willie Hickey (Captain U21 team 1999). Front: Michéal Butler; Jimmy Doyle; John Doyle, son of Tommy; Tony Reddin; Mickey Byrne; Jimmy Brennan, son of Tony Theo English; Paddy Kenny; Siobhan Ryan.*

**C**hoosing a Tipperary Team of the Millennium is no easy task. Consider the wealth of talent since the start of the century. Household names who had thrilled spectators over the years. Many teams of equal merit could be chosen. No living person had seen every player in action. Word of mouth and records would have to be taken into account. However it was decided to pick a team and the wheels were set in motion.

The initiative was taken by The Tipperary Star when they asked readers to nominate their Tipperary hurling team of the Millennium. There was a huge response. Entries poured in. Competition for places was fierce. It was nip and tuck for certain positions. Noel Dundon was the tally man. Rumours were rife as to who had won a place on this coveted team. As usual, not all were accurate, but that intensified the excitement. This had really caught the imagination of, not alone people within the county but readers as far away as the USA, Australia and Africa.

The team was to be announced on County Final day in Semple Stadium. A fitting platform, where every nominee had played. If only that famous sod could talk. What stories it could reveal! I was honoured to be asked to announce the winners and present them to the spectators on that occasion.

The Tipperary Star organised a wonderful presentation lunch prior to the County Final. There was a great buzz, as past players met, some for the first time, in many years. Reminiscences of great games and fun occasions were most entertaining. What struck me most was the respect among the group and

their graciousness at being chosen on the team. They were honoured to be there, some expressed surprise at omissions from the team. All accepted that is how democracy works. Dr. Clifford made the presentations. As usual his words were apt and relevant to mark this special event. Paul O'Neill, County Chairman added his words of congratulations to the team members, his thanks to Michael Dundon, Editor of the "Tipperary Star" for taking the initiative. Lunch was a happy and relaxed affair. Indeed, we could have lingered longer! But Semple Stadium beckoned for the introductions.

The crowd in Semple Stadium rose to the Tipperary Team of the Millennium. It was quite emotional as round of spontaneous applause broke out to acknowledge each player. It shows how much we love our hurling and our hurlers. The players came out as a team lines out, goalkeeper first. The great Tony Reddin, Galway's gift to Tipperary. Tony had played for his native county before crossing the Shannon to live in Lorrha in the late '40s. The rest is history. He was a vital part of the three in a row All Ireland winning team 1949 to 1951. He played many great games in the Blue and Gold which saw him also win a place in the Team of the Century in 1984. He is a darling man, full of warmth and kindness.

The full back line of Mickey Byrne, Tony Brennan and John Doyle actually played together, a wonderful trio. What can be said about corner back Mickey "Rattler" Byrne? A wonderful character and raconteur, holder of five All Ireland medals and a record fourteen county championships, he feared no forward. It was quite the reverse! Calm under the

severest pressure is a vital requisite for a full back, such a man was Tony Brennan, who won an All Ireland in 1945 playing at full forward, he made the transition to full back and went onto win three more All Ireland medals on three in a row team. His son, Jim represented him on the day. Tony was watching from the playing fields of Heaven. Next came the legendary John Doyle, who won eight All Irelands and was also chosen on the Team of the Century in '84. The man who epitomised the spirit of Matt the Thresher in Knocknagow.

The half back line read Jimmy Finn, Tony Wall and Tommy Doyle. What a formidable trio. Jimmy was a wonderful hurler who came to prominence in the minor All Ireland of 1949 and won senior All Ireland medals in '50, '51 and '58. He was also chosen on the Team of the Century. Tony Wall, my childhood hero, was a player of great positional sense as well as skill. He captained Tipp to victory in 1958 and won further All Irelands in 1961, 1962, 1964 and 1965. He was Texaco Player of the Year in 1958. Tommy Doyle, one of the fittest, fastest and most skillful players ever to wear the Tipperary jersey won five All Ireland medals. A great favourite with my Dad, I'm sure they are on the same team in Heaven. His son, John represented him in Semple Stadium.

The midfield due, Theo English and Mick Roche kept the south Tipp flag flying. Theo, renowned for his overhead play, his ability to cut line balls over the bar and his consistent level of fitness, won four senior All Irelands as well as a junior title. Graceful and elegant, Mick Roche made hurling look easy, his display in the All Ireland final of



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1968 was one of the best ever. He won senior All Ireland medals in 1964, '65 and '71, as well as an U-21. He was chosen on the first Carrolls All Star Team in '71.

The half forward line read: Jimmy Doyle, Mick Ryan and Liam Devaney. Any half back line would meet them with trepidation. Jimmy, who started his career as goalkeeper in 1954, won six All Ireland medals at senior level and two at minor. Another Team of the Century player, he was all class and skill, a superb sportsman. Mick Ryan of Roscrea was a huge part of the success of the three in a row victories of 1949 to 1951. Strong and powerful he made many scores for lighter players around him. I was delighted to see him so well and happy. He travelled from Cork where he lives to share the day with him team mates. Versatile Liam Devaney played in every position for Tipperary with the exception of full back. An outstanding hurler he won five senior All Ireland medals, he won Caltex Hurler of the Year in 1961.

The inside forwards read, Paddy Kenny, Martin Kennedy and Nicky English. Imagine the combination? A minor captain in 1947, a superb corner forward, Paddy won three senior All Ireland titles in 1949, '50 and '51. A great score getter, he had a unique and effective method of taking twenty one yard frees. I heard many stories about the great Martin Kennedy, who started his hurling career as a goalkeeper for Borris-Ileigh before moving to Toomevara



"Ready to take the field". Led by William Hickey, Tony Reddin, Mickey Byrne, Jim Brennan, son of Tony, John Doyle, prior to their induction on County Final Sunday.

and becoming a household name. His ability to snatch a goal was incredible, he could outwit any defender in an era when defenders were staunch and tough. His son, Michael was there on the day. The only player from the recent past, Nicky English, an exciting and talented forward, who sparkled with skill and flair long before the Famine ended. He holds two All Ireland medals at senior level as well as U-21, Fitzgibbon Cup and All Star Awards. His Dad, Donie represented Nicky in his unavoidable absence.

I salute the "Tipperary Star" Tipperary Hurling Team of the Millennium.

Damien Young and William Hickey, the minor and U-21 captains of 1999 respectively, lead out the players. Siobhan O'Neill and Michael Butler represented the children of Tipperary. My right-hand-man, my nephew, Garrett was also part of the day, ensuring that the player profiles were in order and generally helping out in his calm way. It was a lovely occasion and all the players chosen, enjoyed it. There was poignant moments, times of fun, sadness for those who had gone to a better place. Mickey Byrne said to me "If only we could turn back the clock". If only indeed

## Tipperary Star Millennium Hurling Team

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
|   | (1)<br><b>TONY REDDAN</b><br>(Lorrha)              |   |
| (2)<br><b>MICKY BYRNE</b><br>(Sarsfields)               | (3)<br><b>TONY BRENNAN</b><br>(Clonoulty/Rossmore) | (4)<br><b>JOHN DOYLE</b><br>(Holycross/Ballycahill) |
| (5)<br><b>JIMMY FINN</b><br>(Borrisoleigh)              | (6)<br><b>TONY WALL</b><br>(Sarsfields)            | (7)<br><b>TOMMY DOYLE</b><br>(Sarsfields)           |
|   | (8)<br><b>MICHAEL ROCHE</b><br>(Carrick Davins)    | (9)<br><b>THEO ENGLISH</b><br>(Marfield)            |
| (10)<br><b>JIMMY DOYLE</b><br>(Sarsfields)              | (11)<br><b>MICK RYAN</b><br>(Roscrea)              | (12)<br><b>LIAM DEVANEY</b><br>(Borrisoleigh)       |
| (13)<br><b>PADDY KENNY</b><br>(Sarsfields/Borrisoleigh) | (14)<br><b>MARTIN KENNEDY</b><br>(Kiladangan)      | (15)<br><b>NICKY ENGLISH</b><br>(Lattin/Cullen)     |

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Officers of Mid Tipperary G.A.A. Board and guests photographed at the Board's Annual Convention at Thurles Sarsfields Social Centre. Included are (seated - l. to r.) John O'Donovan, Mid Board treasurer; Paul O'Neill, Co. Board chairman; Harry Ryan, Mid Board chairman; Bob Stakelum, Mid Board president; Tommy Barrett, Co. Board secretary; Matty Connolly, Mid Board secretary; Michael Egan, Mid Board assistant secretary. Standing: Michael Bourke, Mid Board vice-chairman; Mick Maher, Mid Board gate checker; Michael Curley, Mid Board gate checker; Conchuir Ó Riain, Co. Board Oifigeach na Gaeilge; Jimmy Meighan Mid Board vice-chairman; Jim Max, Mid Board Thurles Sportsfield rep.; Andy O'Gorman, Mid Board youth officer; Pat Cullen, Mid Board County Board trustee; John Ryan, Co. Board Development Officer.



Loughmore-Castleiney delegates being presented with the Senior Club of the Year award at the Mid G.A.A. Board's Annual Convention at Thurles Sarsfields Social Centre. Included are (seated: l. to r.): Frank McGrath, Harry Ryan (chairman Mid Board), Pat Cullen. Standing: John Fitzpatrick, Seán Mockler, Pat Gleeson.

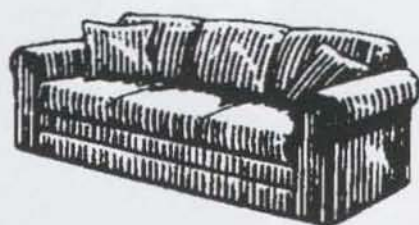
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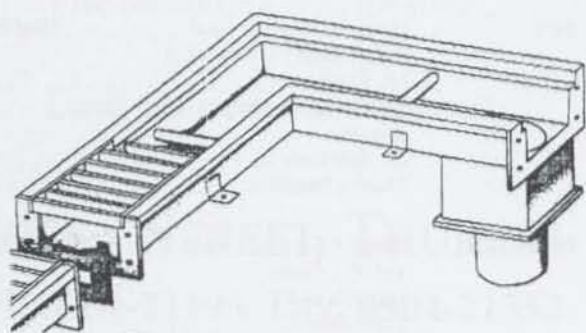
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<b>Sunday 3/10</b>	Younges, The Ragg Intermediate Hurling Final ..... (Holycross) Ref. R. Lowry Gortnahoe ..... 2-6 Thurles Sarsfields ..... 0-11	<b>Sunday, 21-11</b>	Mid Tipperary Junior A Football Final .. (Castleiney) Castleiney J.K. Brackens ..... 0-9 Upperchurch Drombane ..... 1-4
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<b>Wed., 15/9</b>	Super Macs, Thurles Minor A Hurling Final ..... (Holycross) Ref. Ml. Greene Thurles Sarsfields ..... 1-9 Drom-Inch ..... 1-7	<b>1/5</b>	J.K. Brackens ..... 4-13 Thurles Sarsfields ..... 2-5
<b>Wed., 15/9</b>	Thurles Credit Union Minor B Hurling Final ..... (Templetuohy) Ref. P. J. Leahy. Loughmore C ..... 2-10 Gortnahoe/G. .... 2-5	<b>Friday 30/4</b>	Minor B Football Final ..... (Outside Field) Ref. P. J. Leahy Loughmore-C. .... 0-13 Gortnahoe-G. .... 1-4
<b>Monday, 13-9</b>	Minor C Hurling Final ..... (Ballycahill) Ref. W. O'Grady. Clonakenny ..... 6-9 Upperchurch ..... 2-10	<b>Thursday 22/4</b>	Minor C. Football Final ..... (Clonakenny) Ref. P. Cullen Clonakenny ..... 4-6 Upperchurch-D ..... 2-5
	Hibernian Insurance, Thurles Senior Football Final Loughmore-C. v. J.K. Brackens	<b>Saturday 3/7</b>	Junior Hurling Div. I League ..... (Holycross) Ref. P. J. Hewitt Drom-Inch ..... 2-11 Holycross-B. .... 0-11
		<b>Sunday 11-7</b>	Div. 2 League ..... (Stemple Stadium) Ref. J. O'Shea Clonakenny ..... 2-14 Thurles Sarsfields ..... 1-12
		<b>Saturday 3-7</b>	Div. 3 League ..... (Holycross) Rev. W. Cashin Boherlahan-D. .... 3-14 Killea ..... 0-9



The Clonakenny panel that won the Mid Tipperary Junior Hurling League (Div. 2) title by defeating Thurles Sarsfields at Semple Stadium. Back row (l. to r.) John Madden, John Martin, Pat Shelly, Jimmy Martin, Eoin Ryan, Michael Murray, Mark Talbot, Gearóid Byrne, Seamus Nolan, Michael Murray, Aidan Burke, Leo Crampton, Michael Leamy, Ger Byrne, Michael Smith. Front row: Garrett Ryan, Pat Holland (captain), Eoin Murray, Bobby Martin, John Fogarty, Alan Abbott, Donncha Murray, Declan O'Dwyer, Michael Burke, Martin J. Murray, Tomás Matthews.



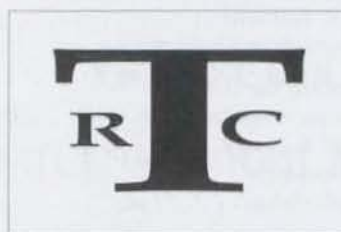
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The Holycross-Ballycahill panel that regained the Mid senior hurling title by defeating holders Loughmore-Castleiney at Semple Stadium. Back row (l. to r.): David Burke, Tadgh Burke, P. J. Mackey, Donal Duggan, Philip Ryan, Michael Lee, Declan Quinlan, Michael Ferncombe (captain), William Ryan, Brendan Ryan, Donal Ryan, Declan Ryan, Eamonn Ryan, John Butler. Front row: John Fogarty, Gary Byrne, Denis McCullagh, Jacko Doyle, Conor Lanigan (mascot), Tony Lanigan, Thossie Fogarty, Timmy Gleeson, Phil Dwyer, John Ferncombe, Adrian O'Keefe, Seamus Ryan. In front: Denis Ferncombe.



The Thurles Fennelly's panel that won the Mid junior 'A' championship title by defeating Holycross-Ballycahill at The Ragg. Back row (l. to r.): Pat Butler, Michael Burke, John Connors, Colm Maher, Trevor O'Dwyer, Christy Jordan, Mark Loughnane, Kevin White, John Lawlor, John Callanan, Pat Lawlor (captain), Damien Kinane, Jim Woodlock. Front row: Jim Mackey, Philip Lawlor, Tom Sullivan, Pat Gleeson, Ollie Geoghegan, Raymond Carew, Philip Butler, Lar Barrett, Lar Mackey, Mark Jordan, Tom Jordan. Mascot: David O'Mahony.

The J.K. Brackens panel that won the Mid junior 'B' hurling title by defeating Gortnahoe-Glengoose at Holycross. Back row (l. to r.): Brendan Corcoran, Daniel Maher, Seanie Leahy, Tommy Deegan, Brendan Guider, Paul Doyle, Michael Delaney, Paul Deegan, Davy Maher, Jack O'Shea, Paul Nolan, Bill Leahy. Front row: Ian Doyle, Michael Fogarty, Seamus Bourke, Aidan Bourke, Peter Bourke, Ray Bourke (captain), Johnny Maher, Damien McBride, Paul O'Brien, John Fitzgerald, Phonsie Deegan. Mascots: Darragh Bourke (left) and Shane Cashman.



The Clonkenny panel that won the county minor 'C' hurling championship final by defeating Templederry by the narrowest of margins at Moneygall. Back row (l. to r.): James Mullally, Brendan Murray, Eoin Houlihan, Donncha Murray, Martin Joe Murray, John Nolan, Gearóid Byrne (captain), Walter Byrne, Derek Ryan, Joe Shelly. Front row: Thomas Carroll, William Moloughney, Michael Costigan, Liam Costigan, Niall Matthews, Andrew Crampton, David Crampton, Damien Coonan, Alan Abbott, Gerard Smith, Mark Ryan.



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The Drom-Inch panel that won the County Bar (Thurles) Mid Under-21 'A' hurling title by defeating Boherlahan-Dualla at Drombane. Back row (l. to r.): Paul Ryan, Michael Scanlon, Michael Costello, Brian Costello, Eddie Kinane, Damien Young, Seamus Cahill (captain), Noel Kenehan, Matty Ryan, Eamonn Ryan, Macdara Butler, Robert Hicks, Shane Kennedy, John Kennedy. Front row: Trevor O'Connor, Liam Kennedy, Seamus Butler, Michael Cantwell, Eamon Buckley, Fergal McLoughlin, Paul Stapleton, Paul Ryan, Padraig Butler, Liam Brett, Alan Ryan, Brian Boyle.

The J.K. Brackens team that won the Mid minor 'A' football title by defeating Thurles Sarsfields after a replay at The Ragg. Back row (l. to r.): John Dunne, Kevin Mulryan (captain), Aidan Ivers, Jason McLoughlin, Paul O'Brien, Eoghan O'Doherty, David Owens, John Bourke. Front row: Ian Doyle, Killian O'Neill, Philip Ryan, Kevin Ivers, Ger Mullally, David Ryan, David McLoughlin.



The Loughmore-Castleiney panel that defeated Gortnahoe-Glengoose in the minor 'B' hurling final at Templetoohy. Back row (l. to r.): Paddy Hennessy (manager), Conor Scully, Tommy Long, Liam Doyle, Paul Brennan, Derek Bourke, Tom King, Declan Bolger, Oliver Ryan, Niall Hackett, Barry Hennessy. Front row: David McGrath, Darren Danagher, Brendan Healy, Evan Sweeney, Michael Walsh (captain), Brian Hennessy, Kevin Stapleton, Martin Gleeson, James Connolly, Aidan Webster.

The Thurles Gaels panel that won the Mid under-21 'B' football title by defeating Upperchurch-Drombane at Templemore. Back row (l. to r.): Peadar Ryan, James Carroll, Colm Maher, Tom Campion, Don Lane, Mark Butler, Ted O'Connor, John Lawlor, Joe Cleere, William Carroll, Jer Loughnane, Tom Dwyer, Jim Doyle, Michael Carew, Tristan O'Gorman. Front row: William Maher, David Keane, Stephen Browne, Emmet Maher, David Kelly, Lar Mackey, Derek Treacy, William Lawlor, Wayne Keane, John Connors (capt.) and Aidan Burke.



History Makers - The Loughmore-Castleiney panel and selectors that won the Mid Tipperary minor 'B' football title by defeating Gortnahoe-Glengoose in the final at Dr. Morris Park, Thurles, the first Mid-Final to be played at this venue. Back row (l. to r.): Michael McGrath (selector), Jimmy Hennessy (selector), Aidan Webster, Derek Bourke, Thomas Higgins, Conor Scully, Simon Murphy, Tom King, Barry Hennessy, Oliver Ryan, James Connolly, Declan Bolger, Liam Doyle, Michael Walsh, Michael Webster (selector), John Hackett (selector). Front row: Timmy Cullen (selector), David McGrath, Denis Higgins, Brian Hennessy, Darren Danagher, Tommy Long (captain), Niall Hackett, Paul Brennan, Martin Gleeson, Evan Sweeney, Brendan Healy, Kevin Stapleton.





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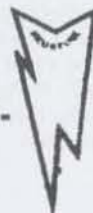
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The Gortnahoe-Glengoose team that won the Mid Intermediate hurling title by defeating Thurles Sarsfields by the narrowest of margins at Holycross. Back row (l. to r.) Ronan Stanley, Joseph Hogan, Jim Lanigan, Seán McMonagle, Michael Cleary, Martin Lanigan, Vincent Ryan, Brendan Hogan. Front row: Paul Barnaville, Kevin Laffan, Nigel Kenny, P. J. Gleeson, John Teehan, Martin Gleeson (captain), Keith Corbett.



The Moycarkey/Borris panel that defeated Upperchurch-Drombane in the Mid Under-21 'B' hurling championship final at Holycross. Back row: (l. to r.) Eamon Ryan, Matthew Shortall, John Butler, Conor Bannon, Pat Carey, William Dempsey, Tom Kelly, Robert Doran, Donnacha Hennessy, Michael Healy, Kevin O'Regan. Front row: Colm Ryan, Francis Ryall, Paudie Doran, Ken Ryan, John Kelly, Michael Hassett (captain), Paul Dempsey, Owen Butler, Nicholas Hogan.



The Thurles Sarsfields team that won the Intermediate football title by defeating Holycross-Ballycahill in the final at Littleton. Back row (l. to r.): Mark Wade, Brendan Maher, Gary Memagh, Lar Corbett, Brendan Carroll, Tommy Kennedy, Seamus O'Shea, Jamie Barrett, Connie Maher (captain). Front row: Stephen Mason, Eoin Costello, Colm Rourke, Eugene McAree, Aidan Dundon, Leonard Phillips.





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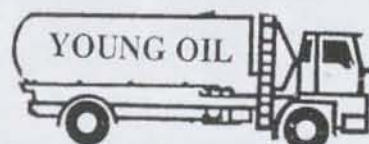
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# Centenary Celebrations 1899 - 1999 at The Jockey

**S**unday, August 29th, 1999 will be long remembered at the Horse and Jockey, as it was on this day the beautiful commemoration stone was unveiled to honour the local team which won the All-Ireland Senior Hurling title of 1899, beating Blackwater (Wexford) in the final.

The evening's celebrations began in the Handball Alley with Mass which was concelebrated with the Chief Celebrant Monsignor Richard O'Keeffe (U.S.A.), accompanied by Rev. John O'Keeffe, C.C., Glengoole; Very Rev. Richard Ryan, P.P.; Rev. Daniel O'Gorman, C.C., and Rev. Tadhg Furlong, C.C.

Following Mass, the Sean Treacy Pipe Band led the huge parade of young and old alike from the Ball Alley to the Memorial. There the gathering of approximately 700 listened to speeches from Joe Moran, Chairman of the Moycarkey/Borris club, Harry Ryan, Chairman of Mid-Tipperary GAA Board; Tommy Barrett, Secretary of Tipperary County Board, Senan Lillis of the Blackwater Club (Wexford), Liam O'Donoghue of Moycarkey NS and Tom Mullins, the Centenary Committee Chairman. Before the unveiling there was an emotional rendition of 'Boolavogue' from Castlebridge's Matty Murphy.

Many of the speeches dealt with accounts of the game itself, while others dealt with historic snippets of the local area, with hurling, handball and athletics to the fore and for which the Jockey is renowned.

The unveiling of the well-appointed memorial stone was performed by Tommy Gleeson and Jerry O'Keeffe, both sons of 1899 players. Local clergy blessed the stone and it looked very impressive when it was lit up in the failing sunlight.

One of the final acts of the evening was when the Blackwater delegation presented an 1899 Blackwater hurley replica to the Chairman of the Centenary Committee, Tom Mullins. This was beautifully french polished and inscribed with the following: "1899 Blackwater Hurley. Presented to the Horse and Jockey Centenary Committee by the Sons of Twice Leinster's Best Men on the 29th August, 1999"

The evening came to a close in the Horse & Jockey Inn with refreshments and entertainment.

Local man Jimmy Tobin was an excellent Master of Ceremonies on the memorable occasion.

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## The All-Ireland Championships of 1999

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**I**n the first round of the 1899 championship, Horse and Jockey beat the 1894 champions, Drombane by forty four points and went on to beat Golden by twenty weight points in the semi-final. Meanwhile, Two-Mile-Borris had also qualified for the final.

The teams lined out in Hacketts field at Clongour, Thurles, on the Turtulla road. Newspaper accounts gave the score as Horse and Jockey, 3-6 to Borris, 2-5. Two-Mile-Borris objected on the grounds that there was too much extra time played, and that it was during this large amount of extra time that the Jockey got the winning score. The county board re-fixed the game for Sunday, 26th May, 1900, at Cashel.

It was a warm summers day, and Borris took the wind in the first half. Following a number of Borris wides, the Jockey got three points following Joe O'Keeffe's long puck-outs. Borris then got their first point with the Jockey soon getting their fourth. In a hectic bout of hurling, Borris scored two more points, and while things were going their way, scored two quick goals. The Horse & Jockey men did not let Borris go too far, and from the puck-out after the second

## Horse and Jockey Centenary Committee 1999



Back Row (l. to r.): Mary Fahey, Tommy Gleeson, Tom Mullins, Jimmy Tobin, Joe Bourke, Tommy Maher, Eamon Barry. Middle row (l. to r.): Concepta O'Keeffe, Billy Molumby, Jim Burke, T.K. Dwyer, Mick Roche, Jack Bergin, Seán Barry, Jim Scott, Liam Ó Donnachú. Back row (l. to r.): Harry Ryan, Dan Bergin, Michael Bourke, Eamon Donnelly, Henry Bourke, Joe Tobin, John O'Keeffe, Bart Howard.



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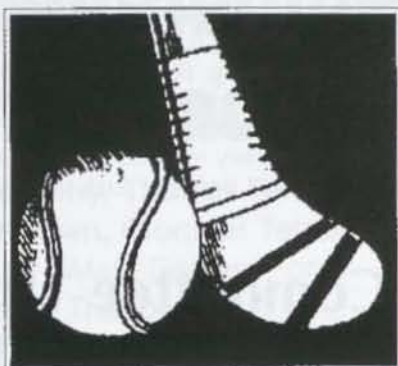
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Borris goal, they got their third goal, and got a fourth from the Borris puck-out. In the second half, Borris only scored one point, leaving Horse and Jockey winners 4-8 to 2-10. The winning team was: Tim Condon (Captain), Joe O'Keefe (Goalkeeper), Danny Mullins, Jack Horan, John Ryan, John Heffernan, Jack Cahill, John Flanagan, Bill Gleeson, Dick O'Keefe, Mike Wall, Billie Gleeson, Jim O'Keefe, Mikey Condon, Jack Maher, Jack Gleeson and Wattie Dunne. The subs were: Neddy Grant, Joe Ryan, Danny Corcoran, Stephen O'Sullivan, and Con and Dan Gleeson. There was great excitement when the team was presented with their county championship medals in the City Hall, Cashel, that evening.

### MUNSTER CHAMPIONS

Clare created a big upset when they defeated Cork in the Munster Championships. However, they met their match when they met Horse & Jockey in the Munster Final. The game was played at the Markets Field, Limerick. This is now used as a greyhound racing track, and had been the home of Limerick soccer team when they won the League of Ireland Championship some years ago.

Tulla were representing Clare, and special trains were put on to carry the supporters. The game took place on the 20th of October. Tipperary won the toss and took the wind in the first half. Clare were first to score with a point, but the Jockey men stuck to their tasks and scored eleven points in the first half. Despite putting on terrific pressure, they were unable to score a goal. Clare, however, only got another point in this half. The second half was easy. Horse and Jockey scored five goals and six points more before the end, and Tulla got six points before the finish. The final

score was: Tipperary 5-16, Clare 0-8. The team was: Jim O'Keefe, Joe and Dick O'Keefe, John Flanagan, Bill, Jack and Billy Gleeson, John and Tom Ryan, Jack and Mikey Maher, Denis and Johnny and Denis Walsh, Ned Hayes, Wattie Dunne and Phil Byrne. Ned Hayes replaced the team captain, Tim Condon, who was absent through illness. Mikey Maher, the Walshes and Tom Ryan were from Tobberadora and Phil Byrns was from Clonoulty.

### HORSE AND JOCKEY ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS

Horse and Jockey met the Leinster champions Blackwater from Wexford, in the All-Ireland final at Jones Road (now Croke Park), Dublin, on Sunday, 22nd of March, 1901. The game started at 1.30 p.m. in ideal weather. The Wexford backs were considered the strongest part of the team, and for at time they showed great quality in their hurling. Eventually, Mikey Maher scored two points for the Jockey, and they got going and scored two goals and two more points in a short spell. Black-

water settled down and scored a goal and two points as half time approached. The Jockey, however, got another goal and two points in the short time remaining before the break, to leave the interval score Horse and Jockey 2-6, Blackwater 1-3.

It was all one-way traffic in the second half, Horse and Jockey scored one more goal and six more points while the Wexford men scored only one more point.

With ten minutes to go, one of the Wexford players was injured and when they had no substitute to go on, the game was brought to a close with the score of Horse and Jockey 3-12, Blackwater 1-4.

The winning team saw Tim Condon back as captain, with the rest of the team as follows: Big Bill Gleeson, Jack Gleeson, Dick O'Keefe, Wattie Dunne, Billie Gleeson, Joe O'Keefe (Goalkeeper), Tom Ryan, Johnny Walsh, John Ryan, Phil Byrne, Jack Flanagan, Mike Wall, Jack Maher, Mikey Maher, Jim O'Keefe and Denis Walsh.



The monument was unveiled by Tommy Gleeson on left and Jerry O'Keefe on right. In the centre is Tom Mullins - Centenary Committee Chairman

## South Tipperary County Council Civic Reception for John Doyle



Tipperary Captains with John Doyle at Civic Reception. (l to r): Matt Hassett, Michael Murphy, John Doyle, Jimmy Doyle.



At Civic Reception for John Doyle. (l to r): Brendan Griffin, Chairman S.R. Co. Council, John Doyle, Joe McDonagh, President GAA, Most Rev. Dr. Russell retired Bishop of Waterford and Ex Chairman Mid Board.



At Civic Reception for John Doyle (l to r): Willie Rachard, Wexford, Tommy Barrett, Jim McDonnell, Cavan, John Doyle, Michael Lowry T.D.



# First County Under-21 Football Title for Holycross/Ballycahill



*Holycross-Ballycahill under-21 football team that won the county 'A' final by defeating Galtee Rovers at Boherlahan. Back row (l. to r.): William O'Gorman, Thomas Hayes, Frank Dwan, Darragh Duggan, John Fogarty, Denis McCullagh, Robert Quinlan, Liam McCullagh, Peter O'Donoghue, Michael Hayes, Gary Byrne (captain), Ronan Ryan, John Tierney. Front row: Kevin O'Riordan, Conor Hayes, Bobby Stakelum, Patrick Ryan, Jacko Doyle, Shay Doyle, John Ferncombe, Noel Ryan, Brendan O'Dwyer, Stephen Flanagan, Paul O'Dwyer, Liam Judge, Mark Fogarty.*

If, as 1999 began, a list of contenders for county Under-21 football honours was drawn up, the name of Holycross/Ballycahill would hardly have loomed large. For sure, the County Minor 'B' title win three years previously indicated some considerable ability with the bigger ball, but this was the 'A' grade and the more traditional football clubs would have to be fancied.

Against such a background, selectors Michael Doyle, Robert Stakelum and John Ferncombe picked the panel and set to work. After a players meeting in the Community Centre on January 30th, training began immediately. Sessions, including one supervised by dual county player, Brendan Cummins, were consistently well attended. This committed preparation was reflected in a narrow opening victory over Moycarkey/Borris, followed by a comprehensive win over Boherlahan. The mid final against J.K. Brackens was played on Good Friday, and good it certainly was for the team in green as a late surge of scores brought victory on a 1-6 to 1-5 scoreline. A shock result it may have been to those outside the parish or division, but anyone who saw the input during the previous two months knew it was merely due reward for a massive effort.

After a four-week break, the county semi-final took place in Cloneen on April 24th against South champions Fethard. Another display of courage and skill brought another tight, bat-



*Timmy Gleeson (Holycross-Ballycahill) receives the "Man of the Match" award from Harry Ryan, chairman of the Mid G.A.A. Board, for his outstanding contribution to the team's victory over Loughmore-Castleiney in the Mid S.H.C. final at Semple Stadium. It was Timmy's second time winning the award.*

ting victory. County final day was Saturday, 8th May; Boherlahan the venue and Galtee Rovers the opposition. After playing with the wind, towards the village end, a half-time lead of 2-5 to 0-3 was very promising. A Galtee onslaught brought them to within a point, but a breakaway score and some heroic mass defending won the day. As the final whistle sounded, it was Holycross/Ballycahill 2-6, Galtee Rovers 1-8. Presenting the trophy, County Football Board Chairman, Mick Frawley, was lavish in his praise of the skill and commitment of both sides and wholeheartedly welcomed Holycross/Ballycahill to the captain's table of Tipperary football. Amid scenes of joy, Gary Byrne accepted the cup on behalf of the 26 dedicated players and three meticulous mentors who had lifted club and parish with their courage and determination.

*County final panel:* Robert Quinlan, Michael Hayes, Jacko Doyle, Noel Ryan, Shea Doyle, Peter O'Donoghue, Patrick Ryan, Gary Byrne, Denis McCullagh, Dara Duggan, John Ferncombe, Brendan O'Dwyer, Liam McCullagh, John Fogarty, Stephen Flanagan, Paul O'Dwyer, Eamon Ryan, Ronan Ryan, Mark Fogarty, Liam Judge, Bobby Stakelum, Kevin O'Riordan, Thomas Hayes, William O'Gorman, John Tierney, Conor Hayes.



*Captain of Holycross-Ballycahill, Michael Ferncombe (left) receives the trophy from Harry Ryan, chairman of the Mid G.A.A. Board, following the victory over Loughmore-Castleiney in the final at Semple Stadium.*



# Tipperary take over in Big Apple

**I**n mid-October at Gaelic Park, New York, Tipperary reversed the result of last years New York final with a four point win over champions Limerick. Tipperary 2-19, Limerick 3-12.

The issue was in doubt right to the final minutes, with Limerick pressing for the goal that would bring them within striking distance. But stout defence by Tipp, held the Limerick-men scoreless for tense final five minutes, and captain Shane Ryan duly collected the silverware.

Under the new rules, each side was allowed just three 'weekend' players, and Tipperary stuck to their own.

Out to assist the Premier cause were John Madden, a long-time stalwart of the Tipp side in New York; Toomevarman Declan O'Meara, and inter-county star Liam Cahill, who had a big bearing on the out-come.

Limerick, meanwhile, turned to Laois, with the giant Niall Rigney and PJ Peacock and to Dublin, for Liam Walsh.

Tipperary started well, with the ultra-

sharp Cahill notching up the game's first two pints. Limerick replied through the gun of corner-forward Dave Simms, and it was tit-for-tat for the opening quarter.

Then came the first of Tipp's goals, an error by keeper Finbarr Flood, lead to Kevin Kennedy hitting the target. That put Tipp 1-4 to 0-4 ahead with twenty minutes gone, but five minutes later, Tipperary's Ian Duggan returned the favour.

From there, Tipp looked toe coasting a good half-time lead, but on the stroke of half-time, Cathal Kenny pounced and Tipp's lead was reduced to the minimum at the half, 1-9 to 2-5.

Within seconds of the re-start, the sides were level again, when Niall Rigney tapped over a free. But Tipperary with the help of Cahill and O'Leary regained control, and a series of pints had them 2-16 to 2-10 ahead by the 56th minute, and looking good.

This was a 70-minute game however, and with just ten minutes left on the clock, substitute Morgan Burns drilled a

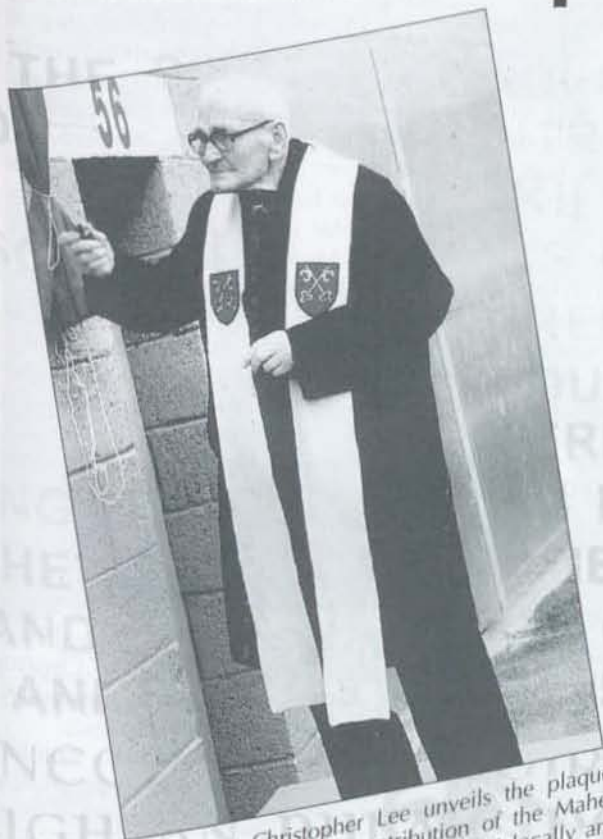
ground shot to the net, and there was just three points, one shot, between them again.

With the crowds rising to the action, Tipperary answered the challenge and a super long-range point from Madden, with a two further gems from the flying O'Leary, saw them safely ahead again, 2-19 to 3-11, within minutes.

In the final five minutes, Limerick threw everything into attack, but the Tipp defence held firm. With little concern for their own safety, they blocked everything thrown at them, forced the Limerick forwards outside, and held them to just one point, another Rigney free. Job done, new champions, and deservedly so.

**Team** — (All Tipperary) I. Duggan, D. Cummins, J. Lyons, S. Colleson, O. Cummins, S. Ryan, J. Madden, A. Slattery, M. Carroll, M. Kennedy, L. Cahill, K. Kennedy, M. O'Leary. Subs used: J. Slattery, W. Hackett, P. Hogan, D. O'Meara.

## Maher Family Honoured at Semple Stadium



Monsignor Christopher Lee unveils the plaque commemorating the contribution of the Maher family, Killinan, Thurles, to the GAA locally and nationally.



Michael Maher, Thurles, speaking on behalf of the Maher Family, originally from Killinan, Thurles, at the unveiling of the plaque to commemorate the contribution of the family to the GAA.



# Thurles Sarsfields - County Minor Hurling Champions

## "The Blues Finish the Century in Style"

By Noel Dundon (Tipperary Star)



The Thurles Sarsfields panel that won the county minor 'A' hurling title by defeating Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Kickhams at Semple Stadium. Back row (l. to r.): Peadar Graydon, Eoin Costelloe, Eamonn Tuohy, Conor Lyons, Stephen Mason, Thomas Callanan, Colm O'Rourke, Jamie Murphy, Lar Corbett, John Hussey (captain), Eamonn Gleeson, Tony Connolly, Philip Hayes. Front row: Matie Ryan, David O'Dwyer, Tony Ruth, Sean O'Dwyer, Aidan Dundon, John Lillis, Patrick McCormack, Liam Hickey, Brian O'Loughlin, Barry O'Dwyer, Barry McLoughlin, James O'Riordan.

**T**hurles Sarsfields minor hurlers of 1999 bridged a fourteen year gap when they claimed the County title for the first time since 1985 while playing some fabulous hurling throughout the year.

For a club like Sarsfields with great history and tradition, this was their first success on County Final day in Semple Stadium in fourteen long years - their last in the senior grade coming all of 25 years ago in 1974. However, despite the apparent void in the trophy cabinet in recent years, the club set about establishing a status for their minor hurlers and as the year progressed a team of real quality emerged.

Their whole campaign began back in the depths of winter as February saw the club embark on a Hurling School of Excellence which turned out to be an outstanding success. Guest players such as Jimmy Doyle, Nicky English and Jamesie O'Connor were invited to take training sessions and the players responded in a very positive way to the coaching being undertaken by the club.

When the hurling championship began in earnest, Sarsfields were ready and waiting for action. A tricky encounter with Drom/Inch saw Sarsfields pull away in the end to win comfortably and they found little trouble in dealing with the challenges of Moycarkey/Borris, Moyne/Templetuohy and JK Brackens to qualify for the Mid Final. Again Drom/Inch provided the opposition for the third time in three years (Drom won the previous two).

### FAR HUNGRIER

This was a game of real intensity

played in Holycross and Sarsfields emerged by the skin of their teeth. The really stylish, free flowing hurling was put aside for much of this game and the players had to dig deep and work very hard to shake off the county champions. At the end of the day Sarsfields showed their mettle while Drom/Inch tried very hard, the Thurles team seemed to be far hungrier for the cup.

And so the county campaign kicked in for Sarsfields. While a divisional honour was probably the aim for the club at the start of the year and anything else would have been a bonus, Sarsfields minor showed how hungry they were for success. Huge sacrifices were made prior to the county semi-final against Killenaule and again before the county final. With many players away in college as the year progressed, the onus was on themselves to react to the new environments facing them. The soft options were never more readily available, but, they didn't want them.

On a soft surface in Golden, Killenaule came with all guns blazing - their mission - to lower the blue and white flags and win a place in the County Final. It wasn't to be for them though as players like Larry Corbett, Stephen Mason, Barry McLoughlin, John Lillis and Aidan Dundon came into their own on the big stage. Sarsfields were through to the County Final - their fourth since 1985. Three went abegging in 1987, 1992 and 1995.

### NO STONE LEFT UNTURNED

No stone was left unturned as the preparations began for the final. The

college based players travelled home for training midweek and the sessions, under the watchful eyes of Dinny Maher, Sean Ryan, Lenny Phillips and Johnny Enright, were strict, controlled and very demanding. In the eyes of the players the story of their history making feats could be seen. They would not be beaten and a single minded determination carried them towards Semple Stadium for their big day.

In Thurles, County Final day is always special. It is even more special when a local team is involved. Sarsfields folk will remember October 10th for a long time to come. Not only did the minors achieve their goal, but the club also had five players on the Tipperary Star Hurling Millennium Team as well. Mickey Byrne, Tommy Doyle, Tony Wall, Jimmy Doyle and Paddy Kenny were honoured on a very special day for Sarsfields.

Knockavilla Kickhams were physically strong as a team and had won the West championship in fine fashion. They certainly fancied their chances and were not coming to Thurles for the day out. They meant business.

Sarsfields got a great start to the final when Tony Ruth nipped in for an early goal, but Knockavilla fought back and lead by one point at the interval having played wind assisted, a Christopher Keane goal before the break, putting them into the lead.

The West men could do nothing about Sarsfields second half display which was simply magnificent. A long delivery from Stephen Mason free was aided by Liam Hickey and went all the way to the net after five minutes and when Brian O'Loughlin netted 10 min-



utes later, Sarsfields had assumed control and eventually ran out easy winners.

## CELEBRATIONS

The kind of celebration that took place after the game were unseen in Thurles for some time. A lift to the whole town, especially the hurling parts, the players proved themselves to be a credit to the club, their families and themselves. Men like goalkeeper Paddy McCormack, a minor for three more years, Seanie Dwyer, John Lillis, Tony Connolly, Thomas Callanan and Barry Dwyer proved themselves to be extremely capable defenders and men who are destined to wear the clubs senior jersey in the years to come.

At midfield Stephen Mason and Jamie Murphy were a real handful for other pairs and they kept the team going at vital times. Larry Corbett, Brian O'Loughlin, Liam Hickey, Aidan Dundon and Tony Ruth got the necessary scores and did so with style. However, it was the drive instilled in these players by captain John Hussey that won the day for them. Hussey was an inspirational captain with the heart of

a lion and he showed buckets of determination all through the years. Eoin Costelloe too showed his craft and guile when introduced during the year as did David O'Dwyer.

Sarsfields backroom team are to be complimented for their efforts and their success. They found solutions to

problems and answers to questions which were being asked of the club. At the end of the day they can look back at a successful campaign and look forward to great times ahead.

The minors of '99 will be the men of the new millennium for Thurles Sarsfields.



Chairman of County GAA Board, Paul O'Neill, presents the trophy to John Hussey, captain of Thurles Sarsfields, following the victory over Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Kickhams in the county minor 'A' hurling final at Semple Stadium.

# Congratulations to Tipperary's 1999 - Eircell hurling All-Star TOMÁS DUNNE (Toomevara)



President of the G.A.A. Joe McDonagh presents the trophy to Tomás Dunne, captain of the Tipperary hurling team following the victory over Galway in the National Hurling League Final at Ennis.

Selected this year at centrefield, Tomás was previously honoured in 1997, as a wing forward. During the year he captained Tipperary to Waterford Crystal South East League and National League successes and led Toomevara to another County Senior Hurling title. He also represented Munster in the Inter-Provincial competition. His championship performances against Clare were highly impressive. A widely respected player in Tipperary and around the country, Tomás is deserving of this latest achievement.



# Developments at Semple Stadium

**F**ormerly, the property of Molloy's, local Merchants, the present grounds on which Semple Stadium is built was sold to a Horse Show Committee by Molloy's in 1901. Until 1910, it was used for local shows. It was then developed as a hurling venue and the first working committee included Tom Semple of playing and organisational renown.

With increased attendances at G.A.A. games, Thurles Sportsfield, as it was then known, with the assistance of Munster Council, undertook its first development in 1937. This brought about extra sideline seating; some covered, standing accommodation and a new embankment. The next development took place in the sixties when Bord na bPáirc in Croke Park decided on major ground improvements. Thurles was one of the grounds selected. The erection of the Kinane Stand took place and was completed in 1967 at a cost of around £115,000 paid by Central Council, Munster Council and Tipperary County Board. Much of the latter's contribution arose from the Senior Hurlers success in National Leagues.

The next major development scheme was initiated in 1979. At this stage, the Stadium was now called Semple Stadium in memory of the late Tom Semple. This development involved the M.K. Ryan (New Stand) and both Terraces was given a very big boost with the fixing of the Centenary All-Ireland for Thurles in 1984. The cost of this project exceeded £1 million and it took considerable effort to pay off the debt incurred. In addition, further investment of approximately £400,000 has been made in the Stadium within recent years to cover the erection of up to date barriers, entry and exit gates, landscaping, tarmac, improved dressing rooms, toilet facilities, improved amplification and electronic score board.

Higher standards of comfort and safety are being demanded at all stadia and Semple Stadium is no exception. When the Old Stand was built in the sixties, it was hoped to cover a larger area through the full length of the



Six Tipperary players who were members of the Munster Railway Cup panel that suffered defeat at the hands of Connacht by the narrowest of margins in the final of the competition at Semple Stadium. In front — Brian O'Meara, Mullinahone; Liam Cahill, Ballingarry; Thomas Dunne, Toomevara; at back — Brendan Cummins, Ballybacon-Grange; Eamonn Corcoran, J.K. Brackens; David Kennedy, Loughmore-Castleiney.

Stand. It has not happened yet. Many would hope to see it done early in the New Millennium. Media accommodation for Radio, Television and Press could then be brought to the same side and all catered for in a better way. Such a venture would require considerable grant aid as you are now talking in millions. Improvement of dressing room facilities and toilet accommodation in the same area of the grounds will also be necessary. An Assembly Room for Stewards would also be very desirable.

On the New Stand side, the roof ironwork and pillars need treatment to halt rusting and prevent its re-occurrence. The seats need replacing. There is now a demand to increase accommodation of the Stadium to bring it in excess of 60,000 capacity, which would probably involve contemplating a double decker building in the most appropriate area.

Development into the new Millennium will go on. There is no standstill. You either make progress or go into recession, but the building options must be carefully researched and designed by the professionals and the financial implications clearly understood and evaluated.

**Mícheál O'Meachair**  
Cathaoirleach Stáid Semple.



Tipperary hurlers training at Semple Stadium



# TIPPERARY COUNTY BORD NA NÓG REVIEW 1999

*Padraig De Nóglá Runaí*

**T**he outstanding feature of this years Championships was the high standard produced in all competitions, with many thrilling games at all age levels. While our domestic competitions provided first class entertainment, the same cannot be said of our Inter-County competitions with our U-14 Footballers being the only winners.

## PEIL NA NÓG

The first competitions of the year was Peil na nÓg U-14 Football where the winners would go on to represent Tipperary in the finals, this year to be held in Clare. Roscrea played Gortnahoe in one semi-final, while Galtee Rovers played Moyle Rovers in the other. Roscrea and Moyle Rovers emerged as winners and contested the final a week later at the Durlas Óg grounds. In a fine sporting game, Moyle Rovers emerged winners on the score of 2-9 to Roscrea's 1-5. This was Moyle Rovers first Peil na nÓg win and they went on to do themselves and Tipperary proud to reach the semi-finals in Clare.

## FÉILE NA NGAEL

Féile na nGael U-14 Hurling competition was next. Burgess defeated Durlas Óg after extra time and Carrick Swan defeated Gortnahoe. The final was between Swan and Burgess and after a close encounter, Swan created history by winning their first ever Co. Féile title, Swan 3-2, Burgess 2-2. They went on to do themselves and Tipperary proud in

the national finals held in Wexford.

The Féile Skills competition was won by Conor O'Brien of the Eire Óg/Anacarty Club, he went on to represent Tipperary in the national finals in Wexford and finished second overall after a close finish.

## UNDER-12 'A' FOOTBALL

Moycarkey/Borris beat Eire Óg Nenagh and Clonmel Commercial beat Aherlow in the semi-finals. The final was played in New Inn and Moycarkey emerged victorious by 1-6 to 1-0.

## UNDER-12 'B' FOOTBALL

Silvermines beat Loughmore / Castleiney and Rockwell Rovers beat St. Patrick's in the final Silvermines beat Rockwell 1-4 to 0-1.

## UNDER-12 'C' FOOTBALL

Kilruane/McDonaghs beat Drom/Inch and Eire Óg Anacarty played Mullinahone in New Inn, the first day the game was drawn after a very exciting contest. They won the second day by the narrowest of margins after an equally exciting game. In the final they were beaten by Kilruane by 2-8 to 1-2.

## UNDER-14 'A' FOOTBALL

Gortnahoe beat Burgess, Moyle Rovers beat Galtee Rovers; Cashel was the venue for the final between Moyle Rovers and Gortnahoe. This was an exciting contest from the outset with Moyle Rovers defeating a gallant Gortnahoe side by the narrowest of margins, the final score Moyle Rovers

1-9, Gortnahoe 2-5.

## UNDER-14 'B' FOOTBALL

In the first semi-final, Borrisoleigh and Boherlahan had to play two games before a winner emerged, Kilsheelan beat Solohead. The final was contested by Kilsheelan and Borrisoleigh. Kilsheelan emerged victorious by 3-9 to 1-4.

## UNDER-14 'C' FOOTBALL

Borrisokane beat Upperchurch / Drombane and Eire Óg Anacarty beat Ballyporeen. In the final Borrisokane beat a gallant Eire Óg side by the narrowest of margins. The final score Borrisokane 2-7, Eire Óg 1-9.

## UNDER-16 'A' FOOTBALL

In the first semi-final Cahir beat Rosegreen at Clonmel, Roscrea beat Moycarkey/Borris. The final was played in Semple Stadium and was won by Roscrea 2-10 to Cahir 0-6.

## UNDER-16 'B' FOOTBALL

In the first semi-final, Mullinahone beat Emly and Kildangan beat Boherlahan/Dualla. The final which was contested by Kildangan and Mullinahone turned out to be a marathon affair with Kildangan finally overcoming a gallant Mullinahone by 0-12 to 1-6.

## UNDER-16 'C' FOOTBALL

Grangemockler beat Knockavilla/Kickhams and Templederry beat Upperchurch/Drombane, in the final Grangemockler beat Templederry by 2-6 to 0-9 to win their first county final in years.



The Tipperary panel that played Clare in the final of the Nenagh Co-op Tournament (under-16 inter-county hurling) at Nenagh. Back row (l. to r.): Ronan O'Meara, Roscrea; Liam Kelly, Kildangan; David Kennedy, Toomevara; John Kennedy, Drom-Inch; David Byron, Galtee Rovers; Martin Costigan, Moyne-Templetuohy; Diarmuid Fitzgerald, Roscrea (captain); John Brennan, Nenagh Eire Óg; Damien O'Brien, Burgess; Pat Buckley, Emly; Brian McCarthy, Grangemockler; David Morrissey, Galtee Rovers. Front row (l. to r.): John Butler, Moyne-Templetuohy; Darragh Lyons, Skeheenarinky; William Ryan, Toomevara; Alan O'Sullivan, Carrick Swan; Paddy Flaherty, Cahir; Emmet Hallinan, Newcastle; Philip Doherty, Solohead; Ger Griffin, Ballinahinch; Aaron Ryan, Roscrea; Andrew Morrissey, Galtee Rovers; Joe Caesar, Killenaule; James McKeogh, Ballina.



### UNDER-12 'A' HURLING

Drom/Inch beat Moneygall and Carrick Swan's beat Clonoulty. In the final, Drom/Inch beat Swans after close game by 3-3 to 1-5.

### UNDER-12 'B' HURLING

Carrick Davin's beat Rockwell Rovers and Kilruane MacDonaghs beat Holycross. In the final, Kilruane beat Davin's 2-6 to 3. This was the Davin's first appearance in a county final for many years.

### UNDER-12 'C' HURLING

St. Patrick's Drangan beat Sean Treacys and Gortnahoe/Glengoole beat Lorrha. In the final, St. Patrick's beat Gortnahoe 1-3 to 0-1. This was St. Patrick's first county final win in years.

### UNDER-14 'A' HURLING

Carrick Swan beat Galtee Rovers and JK Brackens beat Burgess. In the final, Swans beat JK Brackens by 4-2 to 3-3. This was Swans first county final win in this grade.

### UNDER-14 'B' HURLING

Kilsheelan beat Golden/Kilfeacle and Gortnahoe/Glengoole beat Borrisoleigh. In the final, Gortnahoe beat Kilsheelan by 2-8 to 0-4. This was Gortnahoe's first Co. Final win in hurling.

### UNDER-14 'C' HURLING

Sean Treacy's beat Fr. Sheehy's and Borrisokane beat Boherlahan/Dualla. In the final Borrisokane beat Sean Treacy's 0-7 to 1-2.

### UNDER-16 'A' HURLING

Toomevara beat Loughmore / Castleiney and Galtee Rovers beat Killenaule. In the final, which was played in Semple Stadium, Toomevara beat Galtee Rovers by 3-12 to 0-2.

### UNDER-16 'B' HURLING

Silvermines beat Holycross in one semi-final, while Carrick Swans and Lattin/Cullen played a draw in Cashel 1-8 to 2-5 for Lattin after a terrific game. The replay lived up to all expectations as both teams gave everything. Lattin emerged winners on the final score Lattin 3-6, Swans 3-4. In the final, played in Dr. Morris Park, Silvermines overcame Lattin/Cullen 5-11 to 2-5.

### UNDER-16 'C' HURLING

Upperchurch/Drombane beat Templederry at the Ragg and Moyle Rovers beat Solohead in Cahir. In the final, which was played in New Inn, Upperchurch overcame Moyle Rovers on the score of 2-8 to 1-6.

## TOURNAMENTS

### UNDER-14 FOOTBALL

Pride of place at Inter Co. level again goes to our under-14 footballers. The footballers, after failing at the final hurdle for the last two years, rose to the occasion to win the competition for the first time, with wins over Cork County

4-16 to 1-5, in the semi-final defeated Waterford 0-15 to 2-3, in the final they defeated Kerry North after a terrific game to run out winners. The final score Tipperary 2-10, Kerry North 1-6.

The Panel on duty for Tipperary read as follows: Anthony Burke, Cahir; Des Morrissey, Clonmel Óg; David Morrissey, Galtee Rovers; Stephen Burke, Gortnahoe/Glengoole; Sean Coyne, Ardfinnan; Derek Patterson, Boherlahan/Dualla; Kevin O'Dwyer, Holycross/Ballycahill; Kieran Lyons, Moyle Rovers (captain); Michael Heffernan, Gortnahoe/Glengoole; Shane Dolan, Moyle Rovers; Robbie Cremin, Burgess; Michael Coleman, Cashel King Cormacks; Ian Barnes, Clonmel Commercial; Connor O'Brien, Éire Óg/Anacarthy; Darren Killackey, Kilruane/McDonaghs; Pat Murnane, Galtee Rovers; Liam Lawlor, Clonmel Óg; Eoin Davern, Cashel King Cormacks; Peter Hally, Ardfinnan; Lorcan Egan, JK Brackens; John Sheehan, Fr. Sheehys; Pat McDonnell, Moyle Rovers; Anthony Glasheen, Arravale Rovers; Thomas Hayes, Boherlahan/Dualla.

Selectors: Tom Pat Cremin, North; John Hally, West Carey, Mid; Christy Aylward, South, later on the squad went on to further glory in the Jim Power Memorial Tournament, organised by Waterford Co. Bord and Kilmacthomas GAA Club, in association with the Power Family.

In the semi-final, they defeated Carlow 1-14 to 1-4, in the final they defeated Limerick 4-12 to 0-4. The following were added to the panel to cover for injuries: David Killoran, Roscrea; Joe Cleary, Borrisokane; David McGrath, Loughmore/Castleiney; Alan Burke, Fethard; John Murphy, Ardfinnan.

### NENAGH CO-OP INTER CO. UNDER-16 HURLING TOURNAMENT

This year, twelve teams entered the

tournament, including Laois and Dublin for the first time.

Kerry and Cork gave Tipperary and Clare walkovers in the preliminary rounds while Limerick beat Waterford and Laois beat Offaly.

The quarter finals were played in Thurles with the winners going through to the final proper and the losers contesting the Shield Final.

Galway beat Kilkenny and Clare beat Laois while Tipperary beat Dublin and Limerick beat Wexford after extra time.

Clare beat Galway 3-12 to 0-9 in the Ragg, while Tipperary beat Limerick 1-10 to 1-7 in Clonoulty to leave Clare and Tipperary contesting the final to be played in Nenagh a week later.

In the final, Clare overcame Tipperary in a close finish to win the Tournament for the first time.

The final scores Clare 0-17, Tipperary 1-10.

In the Shield semi-final, Laois beat Kilkenny 3-10 to 2-9 in Park na nÓg, while Wexford beat Dublin 4-12 to 3-12 at Dr. Morris Park, to leave Laois and Wexford to contest the Shield Final to be played in Nenagh as a curtain raiser to the Clare v Tipperary final.

The final which was played in a sporting manner was won by Wexford, the final score, Wexford 1-14, Laois 1-08.

The Co. under-14 hurlers made many friends when they contested the Annual Tony Forestall Inter Co. Tournament in Waterford at the end of August.

While they overcame both Laois and Offaly in their Group games, they had to give second best to Galway in the semi-final.

Our under-15 hurlers suffered a similar fate in the Carrigadhaun Tournament, having won their group games, they were beaten by Cork County in the semi-final.



Tipperary mentors photographed before the final of the Nenagh Co-op Tournament (Inter-County under-16 hurling) against Clare at Nenagh, (l. to r.): Vincent McKenna, Borrisokane, coach; Martin Treacy, Holycross-Ballycahill; Eddie Grant, Killenaule and Noel Browne, Galtee Rovers.



## COUNTY BORD NA NÓG RESULTS AT A GLANCE 1999

### HURLING

U-12 'A' Hurling	Drom/Inch .....	3-03
U-12 'B' Hurling	Kilruane .....	2-06
U-12 'C' Hurling	St. Patrick's .....	1-03
U-14 'A' Hurling	Carrick Swans .....	4-02
U-14 'B' Hurling	Gortnahoe .....	2-08
U-14 'C' Hurling	Borrisakane .....	0-07
U-16 'A' Hurling	Toomevara .....	3-12
U-16 'B' Hurling	Silvermines .....	5-11
U-16 'C' Hurling	Upperchurch .....	2-08

Carrick Swan .....	1-05
Carrick Davins .....	0-03
Gortnahoe .....	0-01
JK Brackens .....	3-03
Kilsheelan .....	0-04
Sean Treacys .....	1-02
Galtee Rovers .....	0-02
Latten/Cullen .....	2-05
Moyle Rovers .....	1-06

### FOOTBALL

U-12 'A' Football	Moycarkey/Borris .....	1-06
U-12 'B' Football	Silvermines .....	1-04
U-12 'C' Football	Kilruane .....	2-08
U-14 'A' Football	Gortnahoe .....	2-05
U-14 'B' Football	Kilsheelan .....	3-09
U-14 'C' Football	Borrisakane .....	2-07
U-16 'A' Football	Roscrea .....	3-12
U-16 'B' Football	Kildangan .....	0-12
U-16 'C' Football	Grangemockler .....	2-06

Commercials .....	1-00
Rockwell Rovers .....	0-01
Eire Óg Anacarthy .....	1-02
Moyle Rovers .....	1-09
Borrisoleigh .....	1-04
Eire Óg Anacarthy .....	1-09
Cahir .....	0-02
Mullinahone .....	1-06
Templederry .....	0-09

### TOURNAMENT

Munster U-14 Football Final	Tipperary .....	2-10
Jim Power U-14 Football Final	Tipperary .....	4-12
Peil na nÓg U-14 Football Final	Moyle Rovers .....	2-09
Forrestal U-14 Hurling	Tipperary eliminated semi-final	
Feile na nGael U-14 Hurling Final	Carrick Swan .....	3-02
Nenagh Co-op U-16 Hurling Final	Clare .....	0-17
Nenagh Co-op U-16 Hurling Shield Final	Wexford .....	1-14
Carrigadhuhan U-15 Hurling	Tipperary eliminated semi-final	

Kerry North .....	1-06
Limerick .....	0-04
Roscrea .....	1-5
Burgess .....	2-02
Tipperary .....	1-10
Laois .....	1-08

## PRIMARY SCHOOLS TABLE QUIZ



Upperchurch NS 'A', runners-up in the county final of the Primary Schools GAA Table Quiz photographed with organisers and sponsors at the Park Avenue following the presentation of prizes to the winning teams. Included are (seated l to r): Martin Bourke, L.J. Ryan, Michael Ryan (D) and John Ryan (J), all team members. Standing: Michael Flanagan, chairman Thurles Co-Op Creamery (sponsors); Maria Morrissey, Co. Senior Board Youth Officer; Brendan Cummins, Tipperary senior hurler and footballer, who presented the prizes; Michael Lanigan, manager Thurles Co-Op Creamery; P.J. Harrington, principal Upperchurch NS; Andy O'Gorman, Mid Bord na nÓg Youth Officer.

The Ballagh NS team that finished in third place in the county final of the Primary Schools GAA Table Quiz held in the Park Avenue House, Thurles. Included are (seated l to r): Mary Lyng, Padraig Heffernan, Liam Devane and Thomas Lyng, all team members. Standing: Maria Morrissey, Co. Senior Board Youth Officer; Michael Flanagan, chairman Thurles Co-Op Creamery (sponsors); Brendan Cummins, Tipperary senior hurler and footballer who presented the prizes to the winning teams; Michael Lanigan, manager Thurles Co-Op Creamery; Pat Carroll NT, Ballagh NS.





# Under 14 Footballers – the Shining Lights

Rickie Sheehan – P.R.O. Bord na nÓg



Tipp-14 Footballers 1999, Munster & Jim Power Tournament Winners.

**I**t wasn't a wonderful year for Tipperary under-age teams on the intercounty scene with no ultimate success at under 16 or under 15 level.

It was the under 14 footballers who were the shining lights of our intercounty year. They didn't win one title but rather two which would indicate a squad of considerable promise. In the early part of the season they were victors in the Munster under 14 football championship and towards the end of the year they consolidated their season with a good win in the "Jim Power Tournament" in Kilmacthomas down in County Waterford. From Tipp's point of view it would be a pity if these underage tournaments were to disappear from the G.A.A. calendar. The abolition of these tournaments seems to be a strange idea emanating from the rarefied air of Croke Park and promulgated by lesser minions down the line when other associations such as I.R.F.U. and F.A.I. are trying to break into the intercounty scene at underage level. The selectors who guided Tipperary to this welcome football success were Pat Cremin (Burgess), Christy Aylward (Clonmel Óg), Tom Carey (Upperchurch/Drombane) and John Halley (Rockwell Rovers). We congratulate the quartet and their youthful charges. It is pleasant also to be able to state that these lads were an extremely well behaved and disciplined bunch of boys and credit is due to their mentors who imposed a no nonsense approach from the very beginning of the season again we congratulate all concerned on the fact that Tipperary are 1999 Munster under 14 football champions.

Having reached the final in both 1997 and 1998 only to go down to Clare in 1997 and Limerick last year it was a case of third time lucky for Tipp this year. It was a major course of satisfaction overcoming Kerry North in Bruff in the final. The season began with trials and two challenge games against Kerry North in Emly. The Kerry lads won both the "A" and the "B" games and Tipperary picked a panel of 24 players who went into training. In the quarter-final Tipp played Cork

County in Fermoy. Tipp won well by 4-16 to 1-5. The Tipp scorers that day were Conor O'Brien 2-2, Ian Barnes 0-6, Darren Kilackey 1-1, Michael Coleman 0-3, Robert Cremins 0-1 and Thomas Hayes 0-1. However the fine displays of the goalie, backs and midfielders should not be overlooked as Cork County were held to only 1-5. The semi-final also took place in Fermoy with Waterford the opposition. The Waterford boys notched 2-3 but again the Tipp scoring machine was in top gear this time scoring fifteen points courtesy of Ian Barnes 0-9, Michael Coleman 0-3, Shane Dolan, Derek Patterson and John Sheehan 0-1 each. The final was fixed for July 17th in Bruff. It was to be the beginning of an awful weekend for Kerry football in which they lost under 14, senior minor and ladies Munster football finals. Such thoughts were far from our minds as we prepared for the under 14 final against North Kerry on the Saturday.

## A TREMENDOUS FINAL

"The Examiner" reported on the final on Tues. July 20th. "In a tremendous under 14 football final Tipperary emerged winners over a gallant North Kerry side. Tipperary showed greater determination. North Kerry led by 0-3 to 0-2 after 15 minutes but the eventual winners had a great goal by Ian Barnes after good work by Conor O'Brien in the 18th minute. North Kerry fought back with impressive midfielder Shane O'Connor setting up Brian Stack for a goal and a two point lead 1-4 to 1-2. Tipp fought back with two points from Ian Barnes to be level at the break. Kerry edged ahead with a point on the restart but two Ian Barnes points gave Tipp the lead. With eight minutes to go Tipp began to take control with substitute John Sheehan, Conor O'Brien and Michael Coleman doing well. Midfielders Michael Heffernan and Kieran Lyons were very impressive and full back David Morrissey was outstanding. North Kerry failed to score in the last 14 minutes while Ian Barnes pointed and then Conor O'Brien goaled after good work by John Sheehan. Late points followed from Michael Heffer-

nan and Thomas Hayes to give Tipp a well deserved victory 2-10 to 1-6. After the game Munster Council Vice Chairman Christy Cooney presented the cup to the Tipperary captain, Kieran Lyons. It was a day on which hope dawned for Tipperary football.

The Tipp panel was Anthony Burke (Cahir), Des Morrissey (Clonmel Óg), David Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), Stephen Burke (Gortnahoe/Glengoose), Sean Coyne (Ardfinnan), Derek Patterson (Boherlahan/Dualla), Kevin O'Dwyer (Hollycross/Ballycahill), Kieran Lyons (Moyle Rovers), Michael Heffernan (Gortnahoe/Glengoose), Shane Dolan (Moyle Rovers), Robbie Cremin (Burgess), Michael Coleman (Cashel), Ian Barnes (Clonmel Commercials), Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg, Anacarty), Darren Killackey (Kilruane), Pat Murnane (Galtee Rovers), Liam Lawlor (Clonmel Óg), Eoin Davery (Cashel), Peter Hally (Ardfinnan), Lorcan Egan (J.K. Bracken's), John Sheehan (Fr. Sheehy's), Pat McDonnell (Moyle Rovers), Anthony Glasheen (Arravale Rovers) and Thomas Hayes (Boherlahan).

Because of injury other players had to be added to the panel for the Jim Power Tournament on Nov. 6th in Kilmacthomas. Among others drafted in were David Killoran (Borrisokane) and Donacha Duggan (Hollycross) who had outstanding games in Waterford as well as Joe Cleary (Boherlahan/Dualla), David McGrath (Loughmore/Castleiney), Alan Burke (Fethard) and John Murphy (Ardfinnan). In the final Tipperary had a big win over Limerick 4-12 to 0-4 to avenge the Munster final defeat of 1998. The semi final brought new rivals in Carlow who had had a very good season in Leinster. It was a ding dong battle but towards the end the superior fitness and combination of Tipp began to tell as they pulled away for a fine victory 1-14 to 1-4 bringing down the curtain on a great under 14 football season. For Tipp football the future could be promising.



# GROUND HURLING

Maria Morrissey, County Youth Officer

The Ground Hurling Tournament continues to go from strength to strength each year. This is largely due to the commitment of all the juvenile clubs throughout Tipperary, who faithfully participate in the tournament. This year in excess of sixty teams took part. We had three consecutive Saturdays commencing on Saturday 21 Aug and concluding on Saturday 4 Sept. There were approx. eleven venues in the county. Nearly all of these were hosted by individual clubs and I am very grateful for their goodwill and co-operation. Each venue in this case would have four teams including the host team. Matches were played here in a round-robin system. For those who may not have attended or seen our ground-hurling games, matches are played across the field allowing us to have two games on simultaneously.

Each team is allowed a panel of fifteen players, in most cases this was exceeded such was the enthusiasm of our U-11's and their mentors. A big factor in the success of this tournament is its non-competitive nature – one I hope never changes and I oppose any moves to make it competitive. All of the fixtures are pre-arranged and selection is purely lottery. Winning or losing matches plays no important role in this tournament. Everyone gets a medal for taking part and having fun.

## CENTRAL VENUE

A new element of the tournament this year was the introduction of the "central venue" in Thurles. We had the use of three fantastic venues; Dr. Morris Park, Semple Stadium and Thurles Sarsfields Club field. This combination afforded us the unique opportunity of hosting in excess of twenty teams each of the three Saturdays. Every team got a Saturday in



Templederry U-11 Ground Hurling Team. Back row (l to r): Mentors Noel Carey, James O'Leary, Christy Kinane, Gerry Hogan. Middle row: Thomas Stapleton, Eoghan Kinane, Tom Ryan, Brian Carey, Denis Corcoran, Mairead O'Leary, Eimear Shanahan, Tadhg McLoughlin, Eanna Murray, Brian Stapleton, Alan Carey. Front row: Aidan Ryan, Daniel Fahey, Seamus O'Dwyer, John Fogarty, Tommy Hogan, Gearóid Ryan, Paaraig O'Leary, Paul Murray, Christopher Coughlan, Ronan Kinane.

Thurles during the Ground Hurling. This for me was most exciting. The young people showed wonderful appreciation and their delight to be playing in such distinguished venues was very obvious. The greatest part for them was coming out of the tunnel to Semple Stadium. This all could not have happened without a lot of hard work and I am very grateful for the support I received especially from Jimmy Purcell and Philly Butler in Semple Stadium and Dr. Morris Park respectively, the Divisional Youth Officers – Caroline, Andy, Brian & D.J., Tom Collum, Liam Hennessy, Conor Ryan, John Ryan, J.C. Ryan, my Dad and sisters who all helped on a Saturday, all the Co. Board officers who attended but especially all the mentors and supporters for their co-operation.

## BUÍOCHAS

A special mention to Michael Maher, Tommy Barrett and Paul O'Neill, Liam O'Donnchú and Ger Corbett and all in

Thurles Sarsfield for making their venues so readily available. Tesco Thurles too, played their part by providing much needed minerals and crisps. I hope this new association continues.

We try every year to promote and encourage the use of younger people as referees, this was the case again this year. Some weeks prior to the tournament we asked the clubs to provide one young person to start refereeing. With the help of Willie Robinson, Ref. Co-ordinator we held an introduction to refereeing for the Ground Hurling Tournament at three locations in the county. Willie Barrett and Paddy Russell gladly provided some tips and encouragement. This was a great opportunity to source some new refs for the ever decreasing pool we have. Those who got involved did so with great interest and enthusiasm. Hopefully these people will continue and maybe start a full referee training course in the New Year.



Redwood N.S., winners of the county final of the Primary Schools GAA Table Quiz at the Park Avenue House Hotel, Thurles. Included are (seated, l to r) – David Hough, Kevin Hough (captain), Diarmuid Mannion and Elaine Hough, all team members. Standing – Brendan Cummins, Tipperary senior hurler and footballer; Jo Needham NT, Redwood NS, and secretary of North Tipperary Bord na nÓg; Michael Lanigan, Manager Thurles Co-op Creamery (sponsors); Maria Morrissey, Co. Senior Board Youth Officer, Michael Flanagan, Chairman Thurles Co-op Creamery. Redwood answered all sixty questions correctly. A record for this competition?

## Thurles Co. Op. Primary Schools Table Quiz

Last years worthy winners of the Thurles Co Op "Children of Lir" Trophy were Redwood N.S., Lorrha. They featured very strongly in their divisional rounds and were clear winners. This year's teams have a big challenge as Redwood contest their title. The final is Thursday 9th December, 1999 in Park Avenue Hotel, Thurles at 7.15 pm.



# West Tipperary Bord na nÓG Review

**B**ord na nÓg Tiobraid Arann Thiar wish to acknowledge their appreciation to their sponsors for the sponsorship of the divisional championship during 1999.

Over 200 championship games were organised for the Juveniles of West Tipperary in 1999.

Our first competitions began on 29th March 1999, under-16 football. Rosegreen made the big breakthrough in under-16 'A' football winning the title for the very first time.

Galtee Ros Lattin/C and Sean Treacy's reached county finals in hurling, but all failed to their North counterparts.

Rockwell Ros and Eire Óg reached football finals with Eire Óg in under-12 and under-14 finals.

Our divisional teams again had no luck in either the under-16 hurling (Munster) Inter Divisional defeated by South Limerick. Our under-14 hurlers were defeated by South Tipp and North Tipp in the Peadar Cummins Tournament.

The division was well represented on county teams especially in under-14 football and under-16 hurling.

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James O'Donoghue (Arravale Ros)

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### REP. TO SENIOR BOARD:

Lar O'Keeffe

## GLEESON CONCRETE U-12 'A' HURLING

### Final

Clonoulty/R .....2-2

Kickhams.....2-0

Ref. Paddy Russell

## TANAISTE AWARD ▷

Joe McDonagh, President C.L.G. presents the Tanaiste Award to Conor O'Brien, Eire Óg, Annacarty, runners-up in the All-Ireland Hurling Skills U-14. Conor had already won the West and County Tipperary Hurling Skills titles.



## SOLOHEAD U-16 HURLING 'C' WINNERS

Back (l.-r.): Mark Cosgrave, Barry Ryan, Pauric Greensmyth, Noel Kennedy, David O'Brien, Ml. O'Connor, Ciaran O'Dwyer, Colm Riordan, Jamie Kennefick, Brendan Whelan, Joseph O'Doherty, Philip O'Doherty (manager). Front: Eamon O'Doherty, Jerry Dee, Philip O'Doherty (capt.), Eamon O'Brien, Brian Hartnett, Jamie Ryan, Wally Myers, Paul Ryan, Neil Collins, Shane Ryan.



## SOLOHEAD U-14 'B' WEST TIPP WINNERS

Back (l.-r.): Tommy Ryan (selector), Brian Hartnett, Liam Ryan, Niall Collins, Tommy Fitzgerald (manager), Jamie Kennefick, Kevin Wallace, Paudie Collins, Wally Myers, Paul Ryan, Parry Power, Jonathan Lynch, Michael Kennedy, Niall Greensmyth. Front: Eamonn Doherty, M.J. Buckley, Alan Kiely, Vincent Stokes, Shane Ryan, Brendan Whelan, Michael Toomey, Daniel Ryan.



## SOLOHEAD U-15 HURLING WEST FINAL

Back (l.-r.): Philip Doherty (selector), Eamonn O'Doherty, Mark Cosgrave, Peter O'Hara, Parry Power, Barry Ryan, Jamie Kennefick, Niall Collins, Jonathan Lynch, Shane Ryan, Tommy Fitzgerald (selector). Front: Paul Ryan, Joseph Doherty, Wally Myers, Noel Kennedy (capt.), Jamie Ryan, Eamonn O'Brien, Niall Greensmyth. Missing from photo: Brian Hartnett.



# **TIPPERARY CO-OP U-12 'B'** **HURLING**

## **Final**

Rockwell Ros .....	1-1
Aherlow .....	0-2
Ref. Richard O'Connor	

# **NOEL BROWNE BUS HIRE U-12 'C'** **HURLING**

## **Semi-final**

Eire Óg .....	0-3
Cappawhite .....	0-1
Ref. Eamon Browne	
Sean Treacy's .....	2-2
Emly .....	0-3
Ref. Richard O'Connor	

## **Final**

Sean Treacy's .....	2-3
Eire Óg .....	1-4
Ref. Francis Quinn	

# **KELLY SOFT DRINKS U-14 'A'** **HURLING**

## **Semi-final**

Kickhams .....	3-6
Cashel K.C. ....	1-4
Ref. Francis Quinn	
Galtee .....	0-11
Clonoulty/K .....	1-1
Ref. John Ryan	

## **Final**

Galtee Rus .....	4-11
Kickhams .....	4-3
Ref. John Ryan	

# **FRIAR ST. FRYER U-14 'B' HURLING**

## **Final**

Golden .....	3-6
Rockwell Ros .....	1-7
Ref. Aengus Ryan	

# **HANLEY TYRE CENTRE U-14** **HURLING**

## **Semi-final**

Sean Treacy's .....	1-2
Cappawhite .....	0-4
Ref. Tommy Fitzgerald	
Lattin/C. ....	2-9
Eire Óg .....	2-6
Ref. Eamon Browne	

## **Final**

Sean Treacy's .....	4-6
Lattin/C. ....	1-6
Ref. Tom Walshe	

# **TIPPERARY CREDIT UNION U-16 'A'** **HURLING**

## **Final**

Galtee Rus .....	5-6
Cashel K.C. ....	5-4
Ref. W. Morrissey	

# **CENTENARY CO-OP U-16 'B'** **HURLING**

## **Semi-final**

Kickhams .....	2-13
Clonoulty/R .....	2-10
Ref/ Sean Toomey	
Lattin/C. ....	3-5
Arravale Ros .....	2-7
Ref. Francis Quinn	

## **Final**

Lattin/C. ....	4-12
Kickhams .....	2-7
Ref. Tom Walshe	



## **EIRE ÓG – COUNTY FINALISTS AT FOOTBALL AND WEST TITLE HOLDERS**

Back (l.-r.): Tom Breen, Finbarr Bradshaw, David Hennessy, Patrick McHugh, Brian Ryan, Richard Ryan, Gerard Hayes, Daniel Hogan, Roseanne Hennessy, Conor O'Brien, Conor Duhy, John O'Dwyer, Sheelagh Carew, Padraig Ryan, Emer Quinn, Caroline Furlong, Kay Ryan, Paul Keane. Front: Sea Hogan, John Paul O'Dwyer, Cathal Hayes, Brian Fox, Thomas Coughlan, Sean Hogan, Christy O'Dwyer (capt.), Aislinn McGrath, Joanne O'Doherty, Patricia English, Clare Dawson, Aine McGrath, Fiona Fox.



## **EIRE ÓG U-12 PANEL WHO WON WEST TITLE IN FOOTBALL FINAL ALSO COUNTY FINALISTS 1999**

Front row (l.-r.): Kieran Ryan, Eileen Ryan, Cian O'Reilly, James Ryan, Gearoid Ryan, Jeremy Furlong, Yvonne Ryan. Second: Eddie Ryan, M.J. Duhy, Diarmuid Ryan, Kev Fox, Denis O'Dwyer, Wm. O'Neill, Richard Ryan, Eoin Kennedy, Mary O'Dwyer, Elaine Ryan, Peter O'Dwyer, Kevin Dawson. Third: Kevin Griffin, Declan O'Neill, Noel Leahy, Cathal Hayes, Sean Hogan, Ashley Deegan, Brian Fox, Padraig O'Dwyer, Ann Marie Ryan, Mary Keane, Emma Kennedy, Ann O'Dwyer, Grace Furlong. Back: Kevin Fox, Fr. Tony Ryan, Ray Kennedy, T. O'Carroll, D.J. Gleeson.



## **GOLDEN KILFEACLE – U-14 'B' WEST WINNERS**

Back (l.-r.): Seamus Currvan, Jack O'Dwyer (capt.), Gerard Luby, Jamie Keating, James McCarthy, Kevin Griffin, Kevin Blake, Paddy Hayes, Michael Harding, Charles Crosse, Michael Long. Front: Johnnie Luby, John English, James Hayes, Paddy Ivers, Dermot Carr, Philip Long, Daithi Barghry, Dermot Ryan, Sean Walkes, Michael Fitzgerald, Anthony Hally.



## **LATTIN/CULLEN – U-11 HURLING BLITZ**

Back (l.-r.): Daniel Connery, Adam Black, Emmet Kenny, David Enright, Shane Russell, John Breen, Stephen Martin, David Condon, Tadgh Hennessy, Michael Martin. Front: Cahal Martin, Gerard Ryan, Leonard Leahy, Martin Kirby, Michael Kirby, Shane Kirby.



# **P.J. BURN FUEL AND PLUMBING SUPPLIES U-16 'C' HURLING**

## **Final**

Solohead .....	3-6
Rockwell Ros .....	3-6

Ref. E. Browne

## **Replay**

Solohead .....	3-7
Rockwell Ros .....	3-5

Ref. Francis Kearney

# **FITZPATRICK'S PAINTERS U-12 'A' FOOTBALL**

## **Final**

Galtee Ros .....	2-4
Aherlow .....	2-4

Ref. Sean Toomey

## **Replay**

Aherlow .....	1-7
Galtee Ros .....	2-3

Ref. Sean Toomey

# **O'GRADY'S EMERALD FOODSTORE, DUNDROM U-12 'B' FOOTBALL**

## **Final**

Rockwell Ros .....	2-3
Kickam's .....	0-9

Ref. Denis Fitzgerald

## **Replay**

Rockwell Ros .....	3-5
Kickam's .....	0-8

Ref. Francis Quinn

# **IRISH PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETY TIPPERARY U-12 'C' FOOTBALL**

## **Semi-final**

Cappawhite .....	4-5
Emly .....	1-1

Ref. Sean Toomey

Eire Óg .....	2-4
Solohead .....	0-1

Ref. Francis Kearney

## **Final**

Eire Óg .....	2-2
Cappawhite .....	1-5

Ref. Richard O'Connor

## **Final Replay**

Eire Óg .....	0-6
Cappawhite .....	1-2

Ref. Joe O'Dwyer

# **CORRIB MINERALS U-14 'A' FOOTBALL**

## **Final**

Galtee Ros .....	2-8
Gachel K.C. ....	1-6

Ref. Francis Kearney

# **SERGEANT PEPPER'S U-14 'B' FOOTBALL**

## **Semi-final**

Golden/K .....	9-6
Rosegreen .....	1-0

Ref. Paddy Russell

Solohead .....	4-1
Rockwell Ros .....	3-3

Ref. Willie Morrissey

## **Final**

Solohead .....	3-4
Golden .....	2-3

Willie Morrissey

# **WHEALAN SPORTS TIPPERARY U-14 'C' FOOTBALL**

## **Semi-final**

Cappawhite .....	3-6
Clonoulty/R .....	0-4



**LATTIN/C - U-16 'B' HURLING**

Back (l.-r.): John Butler, Eaven Hanley, Jimmy Breen, Adrian Moloney, Timmy Byrnes, James Dwyer, Michael Kenny, Billy Condon, Karl O'Donnell, Liam Vaughan, John Kiely, Jamie Morrissey, Mike Hanley. Front: Brendan Hanley, Eamon Condon, James Maguire, Thomas Condon, Pat Power, Pat Maguire, Dermot Leahy, James Breen, Joseph McCarthy, Michael Byrnes, Richard Byrnes.



**ARRAVALLE ROVERS - U-11 BLITZ HURLING**

Back (l.-r.): Conor McNamara, John McCahill, Paddy Noonan, Damien O'Donnell, Paul Ryan, Eoin McCarthy, Kevin Ryan, David Halpin. Front: Timmy Dalton, Gerard O'Dwyer, Pauric Lyons, Michael O'Sullivan, James Ryan, Steven Quinn, Michael O'Dwyer, Richard Heffernan, Michael Crowe.



**EMLY - U-16 'B' FOOTBALL**

Back (l.-r.): J.P. Walsh, Pat Buckley, Michael Locke, Joseph Hartigan, Brian Carroll, Michael Sheehy, Noel McCarthy, Stephen Creamer, John Purcell (capt.), Donal Condon, Sonia Lonergan, P.J. Connolly. Front: Alan Sheehy, Philip Purcell, Eoin Buckley, Nigel Purcell, Michael McEniry, Emma Butler, Michael Ring, Michael Ring, Michael H. McGrath, Theo Butler, Sean Murphy, Michael Burke, Alan Leahy.



**KICKHAMS - U-14 'A' HURLING**

Back (l.-r.): Caitriona Taylor, Elaine Hayes, Nigel Hayes, Paul O'Dwyer, Donal Comerford, Anthony Ryan, David Ryan, Donncha O'Grady, Robert O'Brien. Adults at back: Raymond Heney, Conor Ryan, Sean Breen. Front: Trevor O'Brien, John Taylor, Patrick Ryan, Joseph Breen, Linda Breen, Thomas Comerford, Padraig Hayes. Middle: Mark Ryan, Martin O'Brien, Michael Breen, Michael Heelan, James Keane, Valerie Horgan, Thomas Keane, Darren Hayes, Michael Shanahan.



Ref. Eamonn Browne	
Eire Óg.....	3-5
Lattin/C.....	2-7
Ref. Sean Toomey	
<b>Final</b>	
Eire Óg.....	3-12
Cappawhite.....	0-0
Ref. Sean Toomey	

#### ALLIED IRISH BANK TIPPERARY U-16 'A' FOOTBALL

<b>Semi-final</b>	
Galtee Ros.....	1-10
Arravale Ros.....	0-4
Ref. P. Russell	
Rosegreen.....	2-10
Cashel K.C.....	0-11
Ref. E. Browne	
<b>Final</b>	
Rosegreen.....	4-3
Galtee Ros.....	1-9
Ref. P. Russell	

#### QUIRKE JEWELLERS CAHIR U-16 'B' FOOTBALL

<b>Semi-final</b>	
Emly.....	2-11
Clonoulty/R.....	0-5
Ref. E. Browne	
Lattin/C.....	3-6
Golden/K.....	2-6
Ref. St. Toomey	
<b>Final</b>	
Emly.....	4-5
Lattin/C.....	0-7
Ref. E. Browne	

#### CASHEL CREDIT UNION U-16 'C' FOOTBALL

<b>Final</b>	
Kickhams.....	2-13
Cappawhite.....	3-2
Ref. T. Fitzgerald	

#### COCA COLA PÉIL NA NÓG

<b>Semi-final</b>	
Galtee Ros.....	3-18
Sean Treacy's.....	0-0
Arravale Ros.....	2-4
Golden/K.....	1-0
<b>Final</b>	
Galtee Ros.....	3-8
Arravale Ros.....	1-2
Coca Cola Féile na nGael	
<b>Final</b>	
Galtee Ros.....	0-8
Kickhams.....	0-1

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#### CASHEL - U-11 FOOTBALL BLITZ

Back (l.-r.): Raymie O'Brien, John Ryan, Darren Gayson, John Morrissey, Lee Bourke, Shane Looby, Christopher Hickey, James Fitzgerald, Aidan Fogarty, Patrick Butler. Front: Cathal Horan, Gavin Browne, John Kavanagh, Eoin Fitzgerald, Andrew O'Reilly, Thomas Gayson, David Higgins, Gary Keane, Owen Laffan, David Shields, Emmet White, William Gleeson.



#### CAPPAWHITE - U-12 FOOTBALLERS

Back (l.-r.): John McGrath, Keith Ryan, Aidan Ryan, Peter Buckley, Colm White, Gerry O'Neill, Michael R. Buckley, Patrick Maguire, Matthew Ryan, James Carr, Ciarán Ryan, Martin O'Connor, Patrick Barry, Anthony Cummins. Front: Colin Andrews, Paul Crowe, Jimmy Ryan, Dessie Renehan, Gerry Renehan, Paul Fitzgerald, Michael Ryan, Michael O'Neill, Timmy Cranley, Michael P. Buckley, Breandán Buckley, John Hourigan, Mark Quinlan, Donagh Heffernan.



#### CLONOULTY-ROSSMORE - U-12 'A' WEST CHAMPIONS

Back: Pat Kearney, selector; Seamus Manton, manager. Standing (l.-r.): Patrick Ryan, Tadhg Ryan, Pádraig White, Nóirín Ryan, Cora Hennessy, Timothy Hammersley, John O'Keefe, Joey O'Keefe, Thomas Quinn, Jason Forrestal, Pádraig Kearney. Front: Philip Kearney, Ruairi Ryan, Pádraig Heffernan, James Manton, Diarmuid Cullen, James Heffernan, captain, Anthony Kearney, Kieran Hammersley, David White, Thomas Butler, Jim Ryan, Donncha Ryan.



#### AHERLOW - U-12 FOOTBALL 'A' WEST CHAMPIONS

Back (l.-r.): Lorraine Peters, Anne Marie Fahy, Sammy Smith, Gordon Peters, Seamus Grogan, Vincent Hennessy, Cathal Dillon, Martin Peters, Tommy O'Neill, Chris McDonald, John Hennessy, Peter McKnight. Front: Simon Smith, William Hennessy, William White, Sean Dillon, Gary Frewen, Bernard O'Brien, Thomas Hanley, Thomas Fahy, Sean Mullins, Ciarán McDonald.



# Sean Treacy JUVENILE CLUB

## UNDER-12

**T**he hurling season of '99 has been on one of the most successful ever in the history of the Sean Treacy Juvenile Club, boasting two West hurling titles and making a historic first appearance in an under-14 county final.

In the under-12 championship after a series of impressive wins against Solohead, Eire Óg and Emly, our team qualified for the West final against our near neighbours Eire Óg.

After a thrilling encounter we emerged victorious by a narrow margin. It was a proud moment for our club as

captain Joey Ryan accepted the West Cup to the delight of our loyal supporters.

## UNDER-14

When the under-14 panel first came to the training field many felt it would take another year for this team to come good, but after outstanding displays against Cappawhite and Eire Óg, it was realistic to believe that another West title could be won.

Our opponents in the final were a much fancied Lattin-Cullen side, but our young team rose to the occasion and won convincingly in what was our

best Juvenile game for many a day. Team manager Pat Carey was a proud man as his son Seamus accepted the cup on behalf of his gallant team-mates.

In the Co. semi-final we faced Fr. Sheehy's (South) and another fine performance in New Inn saw us qualify for our first County final ever in Juvenile ranks. The final played on Silvermines well manicured pitch was against Borrisokane, but after an epic encounter the stronger North team were triumphant by a two point margin.

We look forward to the new Millennium and continued success in the Sean Treacy Juvenile Club.

## UNDER-12 SEAN TREACY TEAM – WEST CHAMPIONS '99

Front row (l. to r.): Mark Hogan, T.J. Quigley, James Gough, Denis Stapleton, Jody Ryan (captain), Damien Nolan, Jim Caplis, Raymond Williams, Kieran Carey, Tommy Burke. Back: J.J. Ryan, Pat Carey (selectors), Matthew Carey, Sean Carey, Brian Healy, Paul Hogan, Paudie Carey, Philip Quinlan, Tom Hickey, Simon Kennedy, Jamie Ryan, Vincent Carey, Siobhan Ryan, Jimmy Nolan and John Hickey (selectors).



## UNDER-14 SEAN TREACY HURLING TEAM – WEST CHAMPIONS '99

Front row (l. to r.): J.J. Ryan, Matthew Carey, Eamon Devitt, Fintan Carey, Jamie O'Toole, Paudie Carey, Seamus Carey (capt), Simon Kennedy, Jamie Ryan, Declan Hickey, Jody Ryan, Gerard Nolan, Tara Carey, Judy Mulqueen, Tracey Ryan. Back: Jimmy Nolan, Rody Ryan, Patrick Stapleton, Declan Hickey, John Hickey, Eamon Wade, Tom Moloney, Paudie Ryan, Liam Ryan, John Berkerry, Mick Ryan (W), Denis Stapleton, Tommy Ryan, Danielle O'Connell, Pat Carey.



Mary Teresa O'Connell, Sean Treacy's, winner of the solo song competition in the All-Ireland Final of Scór na nÓg, pictured with her parents Breda and Denis. (Photo: Seamus Bourke)

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# Rockwell Rovers – Juvenile Club

Cathy Moloney, Secretary.

**T**he club, this year, has enjoyed success especially at U-12 level, winning the West B hurling and football titles.

The footballers, having beaten Kickhams in a replayed west final, reached the county final but were beaten by Silvermines in a very entertaining match.

The U-12 hurlers beat Aherlow in the west final. They then represented the west in the county semi final against Carrick Davins in which they were beaten. It was a great achievement for the players themselves and their coaches to obtain the double. The club would like to congratulate all the players for their efforts, the supported and the trainers who all con-

tributed a great deal of their time to the club. It is good to see under age teams especially in small areas achieving

success and hopefully they will continue to play both football and hurling at minor and senior levels.



West B Football Back (l to r): Kieran Barrett (sel.), J. O'Donnell, E. Peters, P. Cummins, N. Barrett, G. Moloney (capt), E. Barrett, E. Hall, P. Boland, Taylor Ryan (sel). 2nd row: J. Scanlon, J. Flanagan, A. Moloney, J. Dudley, M. Byrne, B. O'Donnell, M. Barrett, Donal Moloney (sel.). 3rd row: P. Lonergan, B. O'Riordan, S. Byrne, A. Cope, E. Barron, L. Lonergan, M. O'Donnell, W. Flynn. 4th row: J.J. Cooney, S. Boland, A. Dudley, P. O'Donnell, K. O'Riordan, C. Hayes.

## Rockwell Rovers–West U12 C Champions.

Front (l to r): Owen Byrnes, Jack Moloney, Eamon Og Barron, Liam Lonergan, William Hickey, J.J. Cooney, Brian Riordan, Stephen Byrnes, Diarmuid Lonergan, Kevin Riordan, Mairead Hickey, Willie Flynn, Owen Ryan. Back: Michael Byrnes, Eoin Barrett, Patrick Boland, Shane Ryan, Pat Cummins (capt), Noel Barrett, Gearoid Moloney, James Dudley, John Flanagan, Alan Moloney, Barry O'Donnell, John Scanlon, Emmett Hall, Mary Cooney.

## At West Tipperary Hurling Blitz

### Kickhams U-12 H Blitz.

Front (l to r): Pakie Farrell, Jason Duncan, Shane Morrissey, Owen Beardmore, Sean Carroll, David Butler, Gary Heelan, Thomas Huet, Conor Horan, Marguerite Fryday, Michael Morrissey, Niall O'Brien.

Back: Alan O'Dwyer, Jason White, Pdraig Hayes, Paul Kennedy, Trevor O'Brien, Sean Keogh, Paul O'Dwyer, Patrick O'Brien, Michael Butler, Cillian Heney, Richard O'Brien, Paddy Burke, Michael Heelan, Pdraig Morrissey, Stephen Buckley, Christina Butler, Donal Morrissey, Owen. Butler.



### Cappawhite U-12 H Blitz.

Front (l to r): John McGrath, Mark Buckley, Matthew Ryan, James Carr, Donagh Heffernan, Colm White, Timmy Cranley, Gerry O'Neill, Aidan Ryan, Michael O'Neill, Peter Buckley.

Back row: Mark Quinlan, Martin O'Connor, Mike Ryan (W), Joe Clancy, Paddy Noel Fitzgerald, Keith Ryan, Paul Fitzgerald, John Hourigan, Michael R. Buckley, Michael P. Buckley, Jimmy Ryan (P), Dessie Renehan, Paul Crowe, Jim Cranley, Brendain Buckley, Colin Andrews.



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Liam Cahill gets the brush off from a Galway defender as Paul Shelly lies injured on the ground during the National Hurling League final at Cusack Park, Ennis.



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# West Tipperary Football Blitz



**Solohead U-11 Football Blitz**

Front Row L/R: Owen Collins, Aine Griffin, Joseph Riordan, Kieran Griffin, Aidan Coffey, Declan Riordan, Mark Kiely, Damien Ryan, Brendan Collins and James English. Middle Row L/R: Christopher Corby, John Paul Riordan, David Kenndy, Christopher Hadnett, Kevin Ryan, Michael Ryan, John Joe O'Brien, Christopher Connors, Aine Riordan, Aidan Ryan, Declan Byrnes, Back: Oliver Coffey and Sean Riordan.



**Emly U-11 Football Blitz**

Front Row L/R: Julie O'Meara, Tina Bourke, Ciaran McCauley, Jamie Leahy, Ed O'Meara, Declan McEniry, Joey Lonergan, Connor Quish, Jack Donovan, Billy O'Meara and David Murphy. Back Row L/R: Robert McEniry, Thomas Dawson, Sabrina Vance, Ricky Bailey, Tracey Russell, John Hennessy, Liam O'Donnell, J.P. Walsh, Mark Davern, Ned O'Meara, Leonard Vance and Brid Condon.



**Golden K U-11 Football Blitz**

Front Row L/R: Michael Fitzgerald, Tara Walsh, Jamie Currivan, Brendan Moloney, Shane Looby, Cahal Hayes and Shane O'Connell. Back Row L/R: Ciara O'Sullivan, Rachel Colohan, Roddy Dwyer, Jonathan Corcoran, David Ivers, Ronan Hayes, Michael Fitzgerald and Michael Hayes.



**Aherlow U-11 Football Blitz**

Front Row L/R: Mark Hanley, Gary Frewen, Bernard O'Brien, Thomas Fahy, William Og O'Brien, Thomas Hanley, Ann Marie Fahy and Colm Griffin. Back Row L/R: William Hennessy, Gordon Peters, Peter McKnight, Tommy O'Neill, Cahal Dillon, Seamus Grogan, Ciaran McDonald and Sean Mullins.



**Lattin/Cullen U-11 Football Blitz**

Front Row L/R: John Breen, Cahal Martin, John Cooney, Ger Maher, Leonard Leahy, Michael Kirby and Adam Black. Middle Row L/R: Ailbe Byrnes, James Hayes, David Condon, Stephen Martin, Shane Kirby, T. J. Heffernan, David Enright, Tadgh Hennessy and Grainne Heffernan. Back Row L/R: Michael Martin and Daniel Connery.



**Clonoulty U-11 Football Blitz**

Front Row L/R: Phillip Kearney, Aidan White, Brian Carroll, Donncha Ryan, David Fitzpatrick, Padraig Heffernan, David White, Shane O'Dwyer, Padraig Kearney and Danie O'Dwyer. Back Row L/R: Aidan Ryan, Ciaran Hammersley, Shane Ryan, John O'Keefe, Sean Maher, Paudie White, Diarmuid Cullen, Seamus Heffernan, Patrick Ryan, Thomas Butler and Jamie Ryan.



**Arravale Rovers U-11 Football Blitz**

Front Row L/R: Michael O'Sullivan, James Ryan, Ned Lowry, Paul Ryan, Jonathan Ryan, Brian Jones, Gerard Tuohy, Wesley Downey and Pat Noonan. Middle Row L/R: Stephen Quinn, Jamie O'Callaghan, Patrick Noonan, John O'Brien, Stephen Madden, Stephen Spillane, James Mulhaire, Luke Callaghan and David McCormack. Back Row L/R: Michael Ryan and Stephen Madden.



# Bord na nÓg Tiobraid Arann Theas

## RESULTS 1999

### Football

	WINNER	RUNNERS UP	VENUE	REFEREE
Fé 12 A	Commercials	Ardfinnan	Kilsheelan	John Harrington
Fé 12 B	St. Patrick's	St. Martin's	Kilsheelan	Brian Tyrell
Fé 12 C	Mullinahone	Ballyporeen	Kilsheelan	Brian Tyrell
Fé 14 A	Moyle Rovers	Ardfinnan	Cahir	Andy Moloney
Fé 14 B	Kilsheelan / Kilcash	Fr. Sheehys	Goatenbridge	Donnie Cahill
Fé 14 C	Ballyporeen	St. Martin's	Goatenbridge	Tom Dignam
Fé 16 A	Cahir	Fethard	Ardfinnan	Danny Cahill
Fé 16 B	Mullinahone	Kilsheelan / Kilcash	Cloneen	John Harrington
Fé 16 C	Grangemockler	Fr. Sheehy's	Marlfield	Brian Tyrell

### Hurling

Fé 12 A	Carrick Swan	Ballingarry	Kilsheelan	Seamus Mullins
Fé 12 B	Davin's	Marlfield	Cloneen	Brian Tyrell
Fé 12 C	St. Patrick's	Kilsheelan / Kilcash	Fethard	Micheál McCormac
Fé 14 A	Carrick Swan	Kilenaule	Cloneen	John Cahill
Fé 14 B	Kilsheelan / Kilcash	St. Mary's	Monroe	Jimmy McCarthy
Fé 14 C	Fr. Sheehy's	Newcastle	Cahir	Andy Moloney
Fé 16 A	Kilenaule	Ballingarry	Cloneen	Christy Aylward
Fé 16 B	Carrick Swan	Carrick Davins	Carrick-on-Suir	P.A. Shelly
Fé 16 C	Moyle Rovers	Skeheenarinky	Cahir	Andy Moloney

### Peil na nÓg

Moyle Rovers	Ardfinnan	Kilsheelan	
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### Feile na nGael

Carrick Swan	St. Mary's	Ned Hall Park	Sean Quirke
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### Skills

Brian Carroll	(St. Mary's)		
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### Poc Fáda

Shane Mullins	(St. Mary's)		
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### Fé 10 Tournament

Football	Moyle Rovers	Commercials	Ned Hall Park	James Hennessy
Hurling	Clonmel Óg	Carrick Swan	Ned Hall Park	James Hennessy

### Officers

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## COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Fé 14 A	Football	Moyle Rovers
Fé 14 B	Football	Kilsheelan/Kilcash
Fé 12 C	Hurling	St. Patrick's



Mullinahone U16 Footballers,  
South Tipp U16 "B" Champions  
eventual County runners up to  
Kildangan after three superb  
County Finals.

Kilsheelan U/14 Football team that defeated Borrisileigh in  
the "B" Final at Clonoulty.

Back: James Nolan, Shane Corcoran, William Walsh,  
Eoin Ryan (Kilcash), Shane Geoghegan, Patrick Walsh,  
Lee Doyle, Eoin Ryan (Ballyglasheen), Thomas Ryan,  
Michael Foley, Senan O'Halloran, Laura Healy.  
Front: James Byrne, David Hanrahan, Stephen Cloona,  
Shane Crotty, Oisín Ó Cuinneáin (Capt.), Keith Condon,  
Kieran Gibbs, Aaron Burns, George Stewart,  
Michael O'Reilly, Michael McHugh. Mascot: Billy Maher.







Kilsheelan U/14 Hurling team that defeated St. Mary's in the South "B" Final at Monroe.  
Back: William Walsh, Eoin Ryan (Kilcash), Keith Condon, James Nolan, Patrick Walsh, Eoin Ryan (Ballyglasheen), Senan O'Halloran, Oisín Ó Cuinneagan, Lee Doyle and Michael O'Reilly.  
Front: Thomas Ryan, Stephen Cloona, Michael McHugh, Shane Geoghegan (Capt), Barry Cloona, David Hanrahan and Michael Foley.



Ballyporeen U14 C South Football Champions 1999  
Back row l to r: Billy Crotty, Sean Tobin, Selectors Seán Malan, John Tobin, David Russell, Willie Lynch, Manager, Pat Hennessy selector.  
Middle row: Davidy Crotty, Hughie O'Brien, Brian Williams, Michael Crotty, Eamon Flannelly, Paul Hennessy, James Roche, Brian Carey.  
Front row: Danny English, James Sheehan, Sean Sweeney, Kevin Lynch (Captain), Allan Hanlon, Harry English, Michael Baley, Patrick Quinlan



St. Patrick's (Drangan & Cloneen) South & County Tipperary Under 12 C Hurling Champions 1999.

Front row (l to r): John Moroney, Paul Horan, Sean O'Donovan, Brian Hickey, Captain, Thomas Burke, Edmond Phelan, Aaron Cronin, Anthony Barry.

Middle: Eoghan McCormack, Robert McCormack, Darren Meagher, Jason Hayes, Damien McCormack, Neil Gleeson, Patrick Moroney.

Back: Tom McGrath, Emma Horan, Danny Gleeson, Anne Sugrue, Michelle Moloney, Dermot Molloy, Micheal Meagher, Conor Barry.

At back: Michael Horan, Selector, Dan Gleeson, Team Manager, Eugene McCormack, Selector. Missing from photo: Paul McGrath, Forward.

This team also took part in the Geoffrey Croke Memorial Tournament organised by Ballingarry Juvenile G.A.A. Club and brought home the shield.



St. Patrick's (Drangan-Cloneen) South Tipperary Under 12 B Football Champions 1999.

Front row (l to r): Emma Horan, Dermot Molloy, Sean O'Donovan, Danny Gleeson, Captain, Brian Hickey, Tom McGrath, Edmond Phelan, Michael Mullally, Anthony Barry.

Middle row: Richard Needham, Robert McCormack, Darren Meagher, Patrick Moroney, Damien McCormack, John Henry Smith, Sam Morrissey, Tom Burke, William Phelan.

Back row: Eoghan McCormack, John Moroney, Paul Horan, Neil Gleeson, Shane Gorey, Denis O'Donovan, Jason Hayes, Aaron Cronin, Conor Barry.

At back: Michael Horan, Selector; Dan Gleeson, Team Manager; Eugene McCormack, Selector. Missing from photo: Corner forward Paul McGrath.







*Carrick Swan U14 "A" Hurling Co Champions and U14 Féile na nGael Co Champions.*

*Back row (l to r): Kieran Reade, Alan Rockett, Matthew Power, John White, James Gibbs, Pat Lanigan, David Smith (Capt), Simon Butler, Darren Fahey, Wayne Murphy, Wayne O'Neill, Kevin Lanigan, Alan Waters.*  
*Front row: David Kelly, Alan Walsh, Derek O'Dwyer, Andrew Walsh, David Drohan, Colm O'Sullivan, John Murphy, Derek Reade, Shane McDonnell, Stephen Walsh, Peter White, Brian Kenny.*



*Carrick Swan U12 "A" South Champions & Co. Finalists Hurling.*

*Back row (l to r): Sean McDonnell, Selector; Declan Long, William Lonergan, Stephen Hahessy, Kieran Reade, Martin Russell, Kevin Lanigan, Pdraig Landy, Colm O'Sullivan, Capt., Michael Ryan, Keith Ryan, Danny O'Hanlon, Paul O'Regan, Maurice Grace, Selector.*  
*Back row: Dean Clery, Jimmy Dignam, James O'Dwyer, Shane Hogan, Wayne Cullen, Dwane Fogarty, Damien Roche, Daryl Whitty, Barry Walsh, David Walsh, John Flynn, Owen Dunne.*

*Missing from photo: Mark Fogarty & L.J. Keegan.* →



*Carrick Davins U12 Hurling South Champions and County Finalists.*

*Back row (l to r): Kathleen Cronin, Liam O'Dwyer, Luke Foran, Martin Duggan, Ed Murphy, A.J. Cronin, David Harrison, Lenny Morrissey, Aiden O'Shea, Alan Keane, Lee O'Callaghan, Dixie Ryan, Eddie Walsh.*  
*Front: Steven Harris, William O'Dwyer, John Coady, Michael Cronin, Michael Coady, Trevor McCarthy, Philip Dalton, Lee Mackey, Ian O'Dwyer, Patrick Harris.*  
*Missing from photo: Shane Butler, J.J. Butler, Steven Waters.*



*Carrick Swan U16 "B" South Champions Hurling.*

*Back row (l to r): Wayne O'Neill, John White, Alan Rockett, Alan O'Sullivan (Capt), James Gibbs, John Walsh, William Waters, Gerard Walsh, Lawrence Phelan, Noel O'Donnell, Ross Clery.*  
*Front row: Alan Waters, David Drohan, Colin O'Regan, Pat Lanigan, Simon Butler, Stephen Walsh, David Smith, Mark Walsh, Darren Fahey, Matthew Power.*



*Clonmel Óg U10 South Champions.*

*Back row (l to r): Michael Coyne, John O'Brien, Emmet Johnson, Andrew Aylward, Greg Carroll, David Corry, Keith O'Shea, Richard Madden, Luke Kelly.*  
*Middle row: Patrick Meaney, David Nugent, Stephen O'Reilly, David Fallon, Gavin Pyke, Shane Lawlor, Jason Fallon; Patrick Burke, Jason O'Dwyer, John O'Brien.*  
*Front row: Colm O'Mahony, Neil O'Shea, Niall McCormack, Kevin Burke, David McGrath (Capt), Paul Landers, Brendan Cronin, Hugo Morrissey, Finbarr Morgan, John O'Brien.*  
*Also on the panel: Rory Kiely, Alistair Armstrong, Christopher Connolly, Eoin Hughes.*





## Moyle Rovers Juveniles

# 1999 A Year of Success



**MOYLE ROVERS U-14 'A' FOOTBALL SOUTH CO. CHAMPIONS AND FEILE PEIL WINNERS**

Moyle Rovers under-14 'A' football team that won the South and County title, Tipperary Feile winners and beaten semi-finalists in the All-Ireland Feile Division Two. Back row (l. to r.): Jimmy Dunne, Eileen Boland, Pat McDonnell, Kieran Lyons, Shane Dolan, Michael Mulchay, Padraig Kelly, Keith Fortune, Kevin Harte, Nevill Melbourne, Ronan Cross, Joe FitzGerald, Ian Browne, P.J. Dolan, Marie Burke. Front: Michael Mulvihill, Aidan Foley, Aaron Kelly, Michael Mulchay, J.R. Jim Ryan (capt.), Tommy Barry, Brian Mulvihill, Martin Dunne, David Conway, David Lyon, Richard O'Donnell, Gavin Smith. Seated: Michael Griffin, Alan McCormack, Philip Ryan, Eoin Fogarty. Missing from photo: Niall Flynn, Anthony Loneragan.

**P**icture the scene – Monroe – mid-summer – Friday evening. Mini-buses and cars deposit their precious cargo under the watchful eye of Mick McCarthy. Toggling out is done with enthusiastic haste and soon both pitches are awash with colour and the normally quiet countryside is filled with the mingled voices of up to a hundred youngsters. It's training time for Rovers juveniles!

This scene, where selectors and coaches give freely of their time and where youngsters hone their skills in a family-like atmosphere, defines the word "success"; it is the essence of Moyle Rovers style as much as the winning of titles. Nonetheless, the club's active youth policy of the last few years has led to success on the field of play – and so it was in '99.

A talented panel of under-10s did well in hurling and football, winning the newly introduced South Football "blitz" and showing much promise for the future.

Our under-12s, competing in the 'A' section in both hurling and football managed to reach the south semi-final in both codes, beaten by a strong Ardfinnan side in the football and eventually losing out to Ballingarry in the hurling after an epic struggle involving passion, grit and skill and no less than two replays!

1999 will be remembered as a dream year for Moyle Rovers under-14s. Victory in the Peil na nÓg competition came first with wins over a talented Ardfinnan side in the South – Galtee Rovers in the County semi-final and an impressive

Roscrea in the County Final. As guests of the Lissycasey Club a memorable and enjoyable weekend in Clare representing the county in the Féile Peil na nÓg and mid June ensued.

Following victories over host club Lissycasey, Kilmihil and Cavan Gaels, the boys from Monroe progressed to the semi-final of the All Ireland Div 2 only to be pipped by Laois champions, Stradbally.

Valuable experience was gained however, which probably contributed to wins over an ever-improving Ardfinnan in the under-14 'A' South Championship and Galtee Rovers in the county semi-final. The final was a nail-biting encounter, with Gortnahoe-Glen-goole providing the opposition. At the final whistle Moyle Rovers emerged as winners of the coveted under-14 'A' County title by the narrowest of margins. Three members of the team – Kieran Lyons, Shane Dolan and Patrick McDonnell were subsequently picked to represent their county at under-14 level and helped Tipperary to become Munster Champions. Kieran had the added distinction of being chosen as captain of this all conquering county team.

Meanwhile the under-14 'B' team played out of their skins to reach the South semi-final where Ballyporeen edged them out.

Hurling now took over, the boys again reaching the under-14 'B' South semi-final stage, where they were eventually edged out by Kilsheelan after a replay.

For the under-14s one final pleasant

surprise awaited; a free trip including match tickets to Croke Park to see Cork play Meath in the All-Ireland final, courtesy of the County Board (Turas na nÓg).

Some members of the current senior panel might remember the last time a Moyle Rovers team earned such a trip by winning the under-14 'A' title in 1983.

Moyle Rovers under-16s also had a very fruitful year. Though beaten by Fethard in the under-16 'A' South football semi-final, they went on to record a marvellous victory in the under-16 'C' South hurling final at Skeheenarinka. Following another great win over Solohead in the county semi-final, they were defeated by a stronger Upperchurch-Drombane team in the county final, though realising that they hadn't played to their potential. Nonetheless, well done to the under-16s for bringing something highly regarded at Moyle Rovers to the club – a South hurling title!

The positive benefits of being involved in a club like Moyle Rovers for young people are incalculable. In this regard the trainers, selectors and club secretaries deserve a special mention. Without their untiring dedication, their enthusiasm and most of all the unselfish devotion of their time, the very existence of a club such as ours would not be possible. It is particularly encouraging to note the number of former and existing senior players who are showing that they want to give something back to the club. The future looks bright. Keep up the good work!



# Historic First Juvenile County Title for Grangemockler U-16C Footballers

**T**he recent introduction of county competition for all juvenile grades has opened the door for the smaller centres of population to express their talent outside their own division and Grangemockler having won numerous south titles since their first in 1987 were delighted to avail of the opportunity in 1998.

Following an impressive victory over Fr. Sheehy's in the south final they faced Knockavilla Kickhams in the county semi final and after a robust match at New Inn emerged victorious on the score line. Grangemockler 2-9, Kickhams 2-3.

In the county final Grangemockler met north champions Templederry at Cashes.

Outplayed in many areas in the first half, Grangemockler depended greatly on inspired performances from Brian McCarthy at midfield, Barry Hanrahan, Ted Lyons and Edmund Ahearne in defence and Peter Kennedy in attack to keep them in the game, and were fortunate to stay within 3 points of Templederry at half time.

However Grangemockler raised their game greatly in the second half, showing great courage and fighting spirit to clawback. The lead through a goal from long range by Peter Kennedy and a smashing point on the run by Pat O'Toole.

A might point from 50 yards by Brian McCarthy was followed by the best score of the game; A smart clearance by Barry Hanrahan to Brian McCarthy who played a quick pass to Brian Blanchfield and Brian beat two defenders before blasting low and hard to the net for the clinching score.

Five points up with 5 minutes remaining and a last surge by Templederry yielded a penalty. The tension was

fierce now but Thomas Keating typified the Grangemockler spirit on the night by pulling of a marvellous save at the expense of a 45. After that they were not going to loose it and they held out like lions to triumph on the final score Grangemockler/Ballyneale 2-6, Templederry 0-9. This was a tremendous victory built by hard training and dedication by the entire panel of players photographed below and sell prepared by selectors Eamon Phelan, James St. John, John O'Toole and Michael Murphy.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COUNTY MEN!

1999 was also an historic year for Ballyneale hurling club; as Cathal Houlihan of Currasilla donned the blue and gold of Tipperary to become the first player from our parish to play minor hurling for the county. He has

brought great honour to the club by winning a Munster minor medal and with luck could also have had an All-Ireland as well. In 1995 Kieran McGuire of South Lodge became the first player from the parish ever to play for Tipperary hurlers when he brought home a Munster championship medal and he progressed to hurl for Tipp Intermediate team the following year, Kieran showed the way!

This year Brian McCarthy showed great promise by playing U-16 hurling and football for Tipperary and he surely has a bright future. Also Dessie Lyons and P.J. Lannigan followed a long tradition of footballers to play for the county from the parish when Tipperary lost in controversial circumstances to Kerry. All this shows that with the right skill and dedication even players from the smaller clubs do get due recognition – well done lads!



### GRANGEMOCKLER – South and County U-16 C Football Winners

Front row: James St. John (selector), Thomas Kennedy, Pierie Tobin, Keith Sullivan, Peter Downey, Mark Connolly, Daren Power, Thomas Keating, Ted Lyons, John Paul Wallace, Owen Connolly, Edmund Hearne, Pat O'Toole, Paul McAndrew, Michael Murphy (selector), Michael Murphy (selector).

Back row: John O'Toole (selector), Brian Blanchfield, David Blanchfield, Theo English, Richard John Tobin, Brian McCarthy, Michael Munnelly, Barry Hanrahan, Peter Kennedy, John McAndrew, Daniel Murray, John Ryan, Robert Murphy, Eamon Phelan (selector).

## SUCCESS FOR BRIAN BORU'S



### BRIAN BORU'S – Under 12 County Champions.

Back row (l to r): Eileen Myles (coach), Grainne Fitzgerald, Noreen Walsh, Michelle O'Donnell, Elaine Whelan, Catherine Tobin, Patricia Hickey, Grainne O'Connor, Samantha Mullins, Marie O'Brien, Una Hanrahan, Eimer Kendrick, Breda O'Brien (coach).  
Front row (l to r): Nicola English, Roinin Slattery, Linda Williams, Nichola Gilmore, Ellen Hanrahan (captain), Karen Byrnes, Aisling Tobin, Niamh McConigley, Mairead Gilmore, Laura O'Brien.



# North Tipperary Bord na nÓg Finals 1999

## HURLING

	Winners	Runners-Up	Venue	Referee	Date
U-12 (A)	Moneygall 7-4	Roscrea 2-1	Nenagh	Martin Healy	25/07/99
U-12 (B)	Kilruane/McDon 3-7	Templederry 2-4	Toomevara	Ger Hayes	29/07/99
U-12 (C)	Lorrha 1-2	Shannon Rovers 0-5	Puckane	Ben Darcy	13/07/99
REPLAY	Lorrha 4-6	Shannon Rovers 2-1	Puckane	Ben Darcy	17/07/99
U-14 (A)	Burgess 2-11	Roscrea 2-6	Cloughjordan	Ger McKeogh	16/08/99
U-14 (B)	Borris-Ileigh 0-11	Ballina 2-1	Nenagh	Mr. McGrath	18/08/99
U-14 (C)	Borrisokane 2-4	Lorrha 2-1	Puckane	Vincent O'Connor	28/08/99
U-16 (A)	Toomevara 4-7	Roscrea 1-10	Nenagh	Mr. Cahill	08/09/99
U-16 (B)	Silvermines 2-5	Ballinahinch 1-8	Nenagh	Tom Gleeson	30/08/99
REPLAY	Silvermines 1-10	Ballinahinch 0-10	Nenagh	Tom Gleeson	03/09/99
U-16 (C)	Templederry 1-10	Kildangan 1-8	Nenagh	Martin Darcy	06/09/99

## FOOTBALL

	Winners	Runners-Up	Venue	Referee
U-12 (A)	Nenagh Éire Óg 5-1	Burgess 4-1	Cloughjordan	Tom Killackey
U-12 (B)	Silvermines 4-7	Newport 1-1	Kilcolman	M. Healy
U-12 (C)	Kilruane/McDon 1-7	Shannon Rovers 1-2	Borrisokane	Tommy Ryan
U-14 (A)	Burgess 1-5	Ballina 1-2	Nenagh	Dan Darcy
U-14 (B)	Borris-Ileigh 1-4	Newport 0-3	Dolla	Martin Griffin
U-14 (C)	Borrisokane 2-11	Shannon Rovers 1-3	Borrisokane	John Cleary
U-16 (A)	Roscrea 5-6	Ballina 2-10	Cloughjordan	Mr. McGrath
U-16 (B)	Kildangan 4-9	Ballinahinch 0-3	Nenagh	Mr. McGrath
U-16 (C)	Templederry 1-11	Borrisokane 1-5	Toomevara	Ger McKeogh

Féile na nGael U-14 Hurling Champions 1999:

Féile na nÓg U14 Football Champions 1999:

U14 Poc Fada Champion 1999:

U14 Féile na nGael Skills' Champion 1999:

Burgess

Burgess

Sean Hassett, Toomevara

Pádraig Gleeson, Templederry

### No. of Juvenile Games played in Division in '99:

Hurling 188

Football 93

Féile na nGael 12

Féile na nÓg 3

Total 296

Féile na nGael '99-'00: 14



Kilruane MacDonaghs County U/12 'B' Hurling Champions and County U/12 'C' Football Champions.



Burgess Under-14 hurling panel — North Féile na nGael winners and county finalists. Back row (l. to r.): Timmy Darcy, Jim Ryan, John McGrath, Brian Tucker, Niall Quigley, Michael Dunne, Robert Cremin, Leo Quigley, Michael Dunne, Cathal McGrath, Gerry Ryan (captain), Paddy Hogan, Jonathan Maher, Tadgh Hogan, Tommy Fogarty. Front row: Rory McKenna, Brian Delee, William Fitzgerald, Mark Flaherty, Paddy Sheehan, Paddy Fogarty, Tony Dunne, Cian McDonnell, Darren McMahon, Niall Madden, Shane Looby.

## Moneygall girls make history



Two young Moneygall girls — Michelle Kirwan, playing at right-corner back and Mary Ryan, at top of the right, made history in the U/12 hurling 'A' championship, played in McDonagh Park, Nenagh on July 25th, 1999 when Moneygall regained the North Tipperary Crown, in style, for the first time since 1976. Michelle and Mary are the first girls to win a North 'A' championship medal.

Both girls played a prominent and impressive part in Moneygall's championship campaign with Mary picking off some stylish and terrific scores and Michelle defending with confidence and dependability.

The girls are also accomplished camogie players with county titles to their credit at U/12 in 1998. Both, I am sure, will wear the black and red and the famed blue and gold, with pride and distinction in the future.

Mary is daughter of Eugene and Mary Ryan and grand-daughter of Seamus O Riain, former President of the G.A.A.

Congratulations to Michelle and Mary, whose artistry, skill and flair are a joy to behold.





Tipperary men who played a big part for W.I.T. in the Fitzgibbon Cup final at Templemore.

Back row (l to r): William Maher, Kevin O'Brien, Enda Everard, Andy Moloney (capt), Declan Browne, Eamonn Corcoran. Front: Mark O'Leary, Michael Bevans, Michael Hassett and Donie Nealon (mentor).

(Photo: B. Delaney)

Nenagh Eire Óg, U-12 'A' North Football champions. Back row (l to r): D.J. Hayes, R. Herlihy, L. Fogarty, B. Carr, N. Tucker, M. O'Meara. Middle row: E. Egan, D. Minogue, K. O'Donoghue, J. Toohey, C. Toohey, J. Ryan, K. Kennedy, T. Mulcahy. Front: P. Burke, T. Tucker, P. Kevin, J. Ashman, C. Slattery, D. Ryan, T. Kennedy, K. Morris, D. Mitchel. Mascots: B. Heffernan, J. Minogue.

(Photo: B. Delaney)



Burgess, North 'A' hurling and football champions Feile na nGael North winners and county finalist. Back row (l to r): Dinny Darcy (s), John Hogan (s), John Maher (s), Pat Cremin (s). Second row: Timmy Darcy, Brian Delee, Mick Dunne, Thomas Fogarty, Cian McDonnell, Niall Madden, Robbie Cremin, John McGrath, Jonathan Maher, Tadhg Hogan, John Joe Ryan (s). Seated: Tony Dunne, Rory McKenna, Kieran Corrigan, Daniel McMahon, Patrick Fogarty, Leo Quigley, (capt F.), Brian Tucker, Gerry Ryan (capt H.), Niall Quigley, Stephen O'Flaherty, Cathal McGrath, Patrick Hogan, Oonagh Maher.

(Photo: B. Delaney)



Borrisoleigh, North Tipperary U-14 'B' hurling champions. Back row (l to r): Liam Shanahan, Paul Mason, Joanne Cowan, Sinead Ryan, Brian Stapleton, David O'Connor, Gerard Treacy, Shane McCormack, Paul Mason, Keith Ryan, Brian Ryan, John Young (capt), Michael Kiely. Kneeling: Joseph Spooner, Liam Shanahan, Kieran Cowan, John Sadlier, Michael Treacy, Paddy Stapleton, Michael Corcoran, Ivan Kelly, Martin Treacy, Jody Harkin, Brendan Maher, Michelle Stapleton, Carmel O'Brien, Mairead Maher.

(Photo: B. Delaney)



# Silvermines Juvenile Club



*Silvermines Juvenile Club: U-16 Hurling 'B' North & County Champions. Back row: Michael Cuneen (selector), Jim Egan (selector), Declan Mulqueen, Aidan Hudner, Damien Egan, Alan Shanahan, Cathal Gleeson, Donal O'Brien, William Powell, James McGrath, Martin Ryan, Pat Sheehan (selector), Eoin Sheehan, Niall Kelly, Tom Kelly (selector, club chairman) holding young David Shanahan, Michael Shanahan (selector, club P.R.O.). Front row: Seamus Shanahan (selector), Sean Forde, Thomas Gleeson, Maurice Leamy, John Gleeson, Eoin Quirke (Captain), Matt Ryan, Mark Dunne, Kevin Cuneen, John Egan, Michael O'Brien (selector, North Board secretary). Juvenile club officers: chairman Tom Kelly, secretary: Gerry O'Flynn, assistant secretary: Jim Egan, treasurer: Billy Grace, P.R.O.: Michael Shanahan, liaison: Joan O'Brien.*

**F**ollowing on our great success in '98 when the Silvermines Club won Club of the Year we did not think it was possible to top it. Top it we did, culminating in the club attaining senior status by winning the Intermediate County Title by beating our great neighbours Templederry. This followed winning both League and North titles. In total 8 major trophies were won by the club at all levels. this was topped off with wins at divisional and county level in camogie, which brought the silverware up to 11 titles.

The county final against Rockwell Rovers proved the way of all county finals tough and uncompromising. In the final half both defences dominated to leave the half time score 2 points to 1 in favour of the 'Mines. In the 2nd half Padraig Ryan started to dominate mid field with some first class football. The forwards Michael Hogan, Kenneth Holland, William Feehily, Conor Kelly and Daniel Keogh edged the 'Mines into a lead of 4 points to 1. While Rockwell put great pressure on the Silvermines defence, Ronan Sherlock, Daragh Walsh, Keith O'Flynn ensured there was no break through. It was at this stage following a great move, Conor Kelly with a blistering shot hit the crossbar, when the ever-alert Gearoid Quinn snatched the ball, side stepped his marker and blasted the ball into the roof of the net. Padraig Ryan capped off a brilliant team performance to score the final points of the game to leave a final scoreline of Silvermines 1-5, Rockwell 0-2.

## UNDER 10 HURLING

To be successful you need good foun-

dation and this is where it starts. With the purchase of our new field we now have plenty of room to develop the stars of the future. Over the year thanks to a committed coaching crew the attendance numbers has reached record levels. While competitive matches were deliberately kept low key the panel of players performed exceptionally well in the County Ground Hurling tournament.

## U-12 & U-14 HURLING

While competing bravely our under 12 and 14 hurling teams had disappointing campaigns. This was more to do with age profile of both teams than a local of skill or commitment. However following restructuring of our training programmes a return to form is expected in the new season.

## U-16 HURLING

Every now and then a club produces a special team. This year it was our under 16's, who blazed a trail through the B championship to win both North and County titles. It took a replay match over our great rivals Ballinahinch to clinch the North Final. In the first game the 'Mines gave up a 4-point lead to train by 2 points in the closing minutes. It is at such moments the true character of this team showed. Never dropping their heads they came back to score a goal and take the lead. However the Ballinahinch team also showed great heart by scoring the last point to send the match to a replay.

We did not think it was possible to have a replay as thrilling as the original game but what a replay it was. Both teams continued where they left off in showing great skill and courage. How-

ever this time it was the Ballinahinch defence was breached with a great goal kicked into the net. There was no turning back now. The game ended, Silvermines 1-10, Ballinahinch 0-10.

In the County semi-final the Silvermines were in devastating form in defeating a good Holycross side. This was a true team performance, which set team up with confidence for the final.

After a long wait of nine weeks the County Final was played in Dr. Morris Park, Thurles where Lattin Cullen provided the opposition. The 'Mines opened the score with points from James McGrath and Martin Ryan. However Lattin Cullen came back with a goal and point to take the lead from the only time in the game. Further points from James McGrath (2) and goals from Eoin Quirke and William Powell left us in front at half time on a scoreline of 2-4 to 1-3.

In the 2nd half the 'Mines team cast off the cobwebs of their long wait for the County Final and played what can only be described as exhibition hurling. While Lattin Cullen started with 2 more points, Cathal Gleeson pointed and Eoin Quirke scored a first class goal. The 'Mines forwards opened up a downhearted Lattin Cullen defence with scores from Thomas Gleeson, William Powell, James McGrath and Damian Egan. At the final whistle the 'Mines were comfortable winners with a scoreline of 5-11 to 2-4.

Following last years victory in the U-16 competition which was the first juvenile hurling County title won, it was a unique achievement to win again. It is for such reasons we call this team special.



# Templederry Bord na nÓg 1999

**T**he year gone by proved to be another very successful year for Templederry Juvenile G.A.A. Club.

## U-16 TEAM:

Pride of place must go to the parish U-16 team. Early in the year, Patrick Ryan was chosen as manager. Along with his selectors Dan Madden, Tommy Foley, James Gleeson and a very inspirational coach and trainer John Collins, training soon got underway.

In the football U-16 championship, we were in Section 'C' of the North Division. In the preliminary rounds we had easy wins over Borrisokane and Burgess 'B'. Portroe proved to be much stiffer opposition in the semi-final which was played in Dolla. In the final, we played Borrisokane again. The 'Borris' lads turned out to be much stronger and more resurgent than in the early round and after a titanic struggle, Templederry emerged victorious by 5 points in the final which was played in Kilcoleman.

Meanwhile, Upperchurch were defeating Gortnahoe-Glengoole in the mid Tipperary final to set up a county semi-final parring with Templederry. In a fiercely contested game in Borrisoleigh, Templederry emerged victorious by the smallest of margins.

Grangemockler provided the opposition in the final which was played in Holycross.

The Templederry lads played with intelligence, skill and finesse, but victory was not to be, with the south lads emerging on top by 3 points.

Once the football championship was over, our U16s got down to serious training for the hurling competition. We had a relatively easy victory over Shannon Rovers in the first round. We drew with Borrisokane in the next round which was played in Templederry. We had a tremendous victory over Lorrha in the North Tipperary semi-final in Puckane. Kildangan provided the opposition in the final which was played in a gloomy evening in early September in McDonagh Park, Nenagh. Kildangan were strong and skillful. Templederry were tenacious all through and emerged victorious to earn a county semi-final meeting with our neighbours Upperchurch. This game, played in The Ragg, was an evenly contested affair, but one Upperchurch player, Eugene Short, made the difference and the mid-bows proved superior by a few points.

The team and panel was as follows:

James Hogan, Diarmuid Corcoran, Billy Corcoran, Pdraig Gleeson, James Corcoran, Tommy Coughlan, Tom



*Templederry U-16 Football Team 1999 (North Tipp Champions Section 'C' and County Finalists — Back row (l. to r.): Patrick Ryan (manager), Seamus O'Leary, Tom McLoughlin, Pdraig Ryan, Dan Madden (selector), J.J. Fahy, Diarmuid Corcoran, James Corcoran, Philip Ryan, Thomas Coughlan, James Gleeson (selector), Tommy Foley (selector). Front row (l. to r.): John Collins, (Trainer), Eoghan Murray, Pdraig Gleeson, Johnny Harkins, James Hogan, Brendan Hayes, Daniel Shanahan, Eddie Fahy, Eoin Mulcahy, Sean Ryan, Billy Corcoran, Michael O'Leary, James O'Leary (Club Chairman).*

McLoughney, J.J. Fahy, Seamus O'Leary, Brendan Hayes, Sean Ryan, Pdraig Ryan, Michael Ryan (captain), Eddie Fahy, Daniel Shanahan, Johnny Harkins, Michael O'Leary, Eoghan Murray, David Ryan, Michael O'Dwyer, Eoghan Mulcahy, Philip Ryan.

## U-12 TEAM:

Templederry played in the 'C' Section of the North Tipp U-12 hurling championship. They were grouped with Silvermines, Borrisoleigh and Kilruane. Games were played on a home and away basis. In the preliminary rounds, Templederry had victories over Borrisoleigh and Silvermines. They drew with Kilruane at home and lost away. In the semi-final, Templederry defeated Borrisoleigh, but went down to Kilruane in the North Tipp final.

In football we, likewise, played in the North Tipp U-12 Section 'C' football. We were grouped with Kilruane and Borrisokane. In the preliminary rounds we defeated Borrisokane but went

down to Kilruane. However, Shannon Rovers defeated us in the North Tipp semi-final.

## U-14 TEAM:

We played in the North Tipp U-14 Section 'C' football championship. We were grouped with Newport, Borrisoleigh, Silvermines, Kildangan. After a series of preliminary rounds, we qualified for the semi-finals. Unfortunately, we had to give way to a much stronger Newport side in this game.

We, likewise, played in the North Tipp Section 'C' championship in U-14 hurling. We were grouped with Moneygall, Silvermines, Borrisoleigh and Ballina. After a series of first round games we went down to Ballina in the semi-final.

## U-11 HURLING:

We took part in the County Tipperary U-11 ground hurling tournament. Here we achieved a high level of success. We played teams from Knockavilla, Kick-



*U-16 North Tipp 'C' Hurling Champs — Back row: Dan Madden and James Gleeson (selectors). Middle row, l. to r.: J.J. Fahy, Paudie Ryan, Diarmuid Corcoran, Damien Carey, Eoghan Murray, Sean Ryan, James Hogan, James Corcoran, David Ryan, Philip Ryan, Tom McLoughney, Billy Corcoran, Johnny Harkins. Front row: John Collins (trainer), Michael O'Leary, Michael Ryan, Pdraig Gleeson, Brendan Hayes, Seamus O'Leary (captain), Tomas Coughlan, Joanne Coughlan, Michael O'Dwyer, Daniel Shanahan, Eddie Fahey, Eoghan Mulcahy, Patrick Ryan (Manager).*



hams, Moycarkey, Borris, Moneygall, Burgess, Roscrea, St. Patricks, Drangan and Lorrha.

Later in the year we took part in the Burgess U-11 hurling tournament. In the earlier rounds, we had victories over Kildangan, Silvermines and Portroe, while going down to Burgess.

Templederry and Burgess met again in the final which was played in Killecoleman in early November. This was a tremendous game with our young hurlers giving of their all. At half time, Burgess led by three points. Templederry fought back to achieve a wonderful victory over old rivals Burgess. A sincere word of thanks to the Burgess Club for inviting us into the Tournament.

The U-11 hurling panel for the year was Thomas Stapleton, Eoghan Kinane, Tom Ryan, Brian Carey, Denis Corcoran, Mairead O'Leary, Eimear Shanahan, Tadhg McLoughlin, Eanna Murray, Brian Stapleton, Alan Carey, Aidan Ryan, Daniel Fahy, Seamus O'Dwyer, John Fogarty, Tommy Hogan, Gearoid Ryan, Padraig O'Leary, Paul Murray,



Templederry North Champions in the U-12 Hurling Section 'C' and made history when they became 1998 County Champions in the same section for the first time ever at juvenile level for their club. (Back row, l. to r.): Daniel Fahey, Alan Carey, Eoin Mulcahy, Gearoid Ryan, Michael O'Dwyer, Matthew Ryan, Michael Ryan, Pat Ryan, Mairéad O'Donoghue, Thomas Stapleton, Padraig O'Leary, Donal McGrath, Eoghan Murray, Gerard Kennedy, Andrew Ryan (captain), Michéal O'Leary. (Front row, l. to r.): John Butler, Aidan Ryan, John Fogarty, Tom Ryan, Ronan Kinnane, Noel Ryan, Brian Stapleton, Seamus O'Dwyer, Tadhg McLoughlin, Christopher Coughlan, Morgan Carey, Eoghan Ryan, Thomas Hogan, Joanne Nolan.

Christopher Coughlan, Ronan Kinane, T.J. O'Brien, Tom McCutcheon, Denise O'Brien, Fiona Kennedy, Steven Smith.

#### SCHOOLS:

Templederry N.S. did very well in the schools championship this year. They

reached the final of the North Tipp Section 'B' football championship, going down to Borrisoleigh N.S. in the final.

In hurling, they won the North Tipp Section 'C' championship and went down to a much bigger school (St. Olivers, Clonmel) in the county final

## "Memories are Made of This"

Liz Howard

**A**S the year draws to a close, I recall my personal highlights of the year.

- The display of our senior hurlers in the League Final and the first day against Clare in Páirc Uí Chaoimh.
- The victory of the U21 hurlers in Ennis.
- The dignity shown by William Hickey when he was replaced (unfairly in my view) in the All-Ireland Semi-final. He was a role model for all young players.
- The manner in which the minor hurlers dealt with defeat after the All-Ireland final. Deeply disappointed, they mingled with other players from Cork, Kilkenny and Galway at the Monday lunch for the participating teams. Their clubs can be proud of them.
- The arrival home reception in Thurles for the minor hurlers. Loyal supporters turned out to greet them as did Dr. Clifford.
- The Portroe victory in the Kilmacud Sevens. There was such a sense of unity among the players and support from many Tipperary clubs. There was fun also, when "He who shall be nameless", was sent to buy oil to massage aching

limbs, arrived back with cooking oil.

- The All-Ireland camogie victory, a first senior title for Tipperary. It was a wonderful occasion in Croke Park and a great day for camogie in the county.
- The honouring of the "Tipperary Star" Hurling Team of the Millennium on Co. Final day.
- The honouring of the players who

brought the three in a row 1949 - 1951, to Tipperary, a lovely evening.

- Derry Foley's selection on the Irish Compromise Rules team.
- Paddy O'Brien's display on County Final day.
- The victory of the Burgess Junior Hurlers in the Co. Final and John Costigan's (JK Brackens) words of congratulations.



Jim Sheedy, Roscrea (left) and his son Conor, photographed with Jim's brother, Liam, one of the Tipperary team that defeated Galway in the National Hurling League final at Cusack Park, Ennis.



# Borrisokane Juvenile G.A.A.

Just two years after opting out of amalgamation, Borrisokane Juvenile's decision to plough a lone furrow was resoundingly vindicated on the playing fields during 1999 thanks to a marvellous Co. Double in Section C by the under-14 hurlers and footballers.

When the under-14 footballers beat Shannon Rovers in the North Final, it was the beginning of a wonderful run of success. After beating Upperchurch-Drombane in the Co. semi-final, Borrisokane just survived a second half onslaught from Eire Óg-Annacarty in the Co. final to hang on by just one point on a score of 2-7 to 1-9, for captain Pádraic Moriarty to lift the Co. Shield.

Despite a few hiccups during the league section of the North under-14 hurling, Borrisokane did enough to make it through to the play-off stages, and eventual victory in the North final by 3 points over a skillful Lorrha team.

Having overcome Boherlahan/Dualla in a hectic Co. semi-final, only Sean Treacys now stood between Borrisokane and an historic Co. double. That history was finally made in Dolla on a September evening when the exceptional discipline, skill and courage of this Borrisokane team again came to the fore, to repel the challenge of a strong Sean Treacy's team by just two points on a score of 0-7 to 1-2.

When captain Seosamh Cleary accepted the Co. trophy county title of the year – a fantastic feat by any standard.



**BORRISOKANE U-14 HURLING COUNTY CHAMPIONS – SECTION C**

Back (l. to r.): Raymond Harding, Kevin McKenna, Sabrina Larkin, Philip Austin, Seamus Kennedy, Joe Gleeson, Pádraic Moriarty, Ger Cahalan, Brendan Reddan, William Daly, James McMahon, Paul Donnelly, Richard Austin. Front: Paul Egan, Kevin Gleeson, Thomas Tully, Cathal Dooley, Feargal Davis, Seosamh Cleary, Colm Larkin, Dwayne Power, John Tully.



**BORRISOKANE U-14 FOOTBALL COUNTY CHAMPIONS – SECTION C**

Back (l. to r.): Tom Kennedy (trainer), Ger Cahalan, Joe Gleeson, Philip Austin, Seamus Kennedy, Brendan Reddan, James McMahon, Richard Harding, Paul Donnelly, Kevin Gleeson, Kevin McKenna, Tom Moriarty (trainer). Front: Colm Larkin, John Tully, Gordon Harding, Feargal Davis, Brian Collins, Pádraic Moriarty, Seosamh Cleary, Dwayne Power, Thomas Tully, Paul Egan. Missing from photo: William Daly.



Toomevara North and County U-16 Hurling Champions — Back row, l. to r.: Conor Maxwell, Ciaran Fitzpatrick, Terry Delaney, Ger Cuddihy, Eddie O'Meara, William Ryan, Alan Kenneally, Patrick Touhy, Brian McCormack, Enda Hackett. Middle: Ger White, selector, Frank Devaney, selector, Michael O'Brien, Sean Hassett, David Kennedy, Michael Hassett, Francis Devaney, Paddy Kelly, Kevin McCormack, selectors, John Tynan, selector and chairman of Juvenile club. Front: Shane Tynan, Andrew Fitzpatrick, John Boland, Sean Delaney, Joe McCormack, captain, Sean Hogan, James McGrath, John O'Meara. Missing: Ronan O'Neill and Bertie Sherlock, treasurer.



Moneygall U-12 Hurling 'A' North Tipperary Champions 1999 — Back row, l. to r.: Michelle Kirwan, Stephen Maher, Joseph Treacy, Philip Fanning, Pajo Troy, John Ryan, Patrick Doughan, Robert Burns, Sean Gleeson. Front: Robert Jones, Mary Ryan, Denis Carroll, Michael Hogan, John King, Martin Deane, Aodhán Ryan, Thomas Devereux, Jody Troy, Keith Maher, Michael Cahill.



# Mid Tipperary Bord na nÓg REVIEW 1999

*By Martin Treacy (Secretary)*

**T**he 1999 season in Mid Tipperary was once again a busy one for Bord na nÓg in the division with almost 300 games in both football and hurling being organised.

The organising of so many games makes for a huge amount of work for both board officers and committee for which I thank them most sincerely.

On the field of play our U-16 hurlers made an early exit from the Munster Championship, being beaten by Mid Clare in the first round. Our U-14 hurlers fared much better, winning the Peadar Cummins Tournament. In the semi-final they defeated North Tipp while they accounted for South Tipp in the final.

County honours came to the mid division with Drom/Inch winning the under 12 A hurling title, Moycarkey/Borris the under 12 A football, Gortnahoe/Glengoose captured the under 14 B hurling crown with Upperchurch/Drombane taking home the county 16 C hurling trophy.

The under 11 Ground Hurling Tournament was held once again in 1999 and as always proved very successful. All Mid clubs took part in the tournament.

A great innovation in the last few years has been the organising of one day blitzes. A number of clubs in the division organised these blitzes especially for under 10s in 1999, all of which proved to be outstanding successes.

The Board would like to thank all clubs for their co-operation during the year to the coaches and mentors of all teams in the division a sincere thank

you. Thanks also to the clubs representatives on the board, field committees and groundsmen, Tipperary Star and photographer, Brendan O'Connor and local radio. A special thank you to our referees and their officials and finally our sponsors to whom we are deeply indebted.

A happy Christmas and New Year to all.



Mid Board na nÓg officers photographed at a presentation of medals function in Thurles. Included are (seated l to r): Martin Treacy, secretary; J.C. Ryan, chairman; Maria Morrissey, Co. Senior Board Youth Officer; Fr. J. O'Rourke, president. Standing: Eamonn Sweeney, vice-chairman; Frank O'Regan, treasurer; Matty Ryan, vice-chairman; Bill Corcoran, former chairman of the Board.



The Holycross-Ballycahill panel that won the Roskeen Construction Mid under-16 'B' title by defeating Moycarkey-Borris in the final at Boherlahan. Back row (l to r) – Sean Stakelum, Shane Burke, Conor Doyle, Jack Dawson, Kevin O'Dwyer, P.J. Ryan, John Carroll, John O'Dwyer (captain), Conor Ryan, Kieran Barrett. Front row – David Judge, Lloyd Feehan, Keith Durack, Matthew Butler, Colm McGrath, Gerry Ryan, Thomas Fogarty, Frank Tuohy, Shane Finnan.

The Loughmore-Castleiney panel that won the Thurles Credit Union Mid under-16 'A' hurling final by defeating Moyne Templetuohy at Semple Stadium. Back row (l to r): Kieran McGrath, David McGrath, Thomas Maher, David Moore, Derek Bourke, Declan Bolger (captain), Michael Treacy, Brendan Healy, Colm Campion, Liam Doyle, Conor Scully, Darren Danagher, Paul Brennan. Front row: Andrew Sweeney, Eoin Ryan, Ronan Stapleton, Enda Hackett, Colin Sweeney, Evan Sweeney, Evan Sweeney, Kevin Stapleton, Edward Connolly, Eoin Brennan, Martin Walsh.







The Gortnahoe/Glengoose panel that became the first holders of the Seamus Hayes Memorial cup by defeating Moycarkey-Borris in the Mid under-14 'B' hurling final at Pairc na nÓg, Thurles. Back row (l to r): Brian Stokes, Kenneth Hickey, Michael Heffernan, Kevin Kenny, Matthew Maher, Edward Stokes (captain), Dermot Ryan, Niall Teehan, Keith Holohan, Mark Dwyer, John Coleman, Michael Phelan, Keith Maher, Shane Hanrahan. Front row: James Treacy, Aidan Kilcourse, Jeff Brennan, Keith Dwyer, Shane McGarry, Patrick Skehan, David Mockler, Shane Long, Shane Kenny, Stephen Bourke, Shane McCarthy, Stephen Houlihan.

The J.K. Brackens panel that won the Mid under-14 'A' hurling title by defeating Durlas Óg at Holycross recently. Back row (l to r): John Madden, James Cody, James Quinn, Edward Laffan, Joe Fitzpatrick, Brian Giles, Padraig Murphy, Conor Costigan, Damien Doran, Robert Bourke, Gerry Morrissey, Claire Grogan, Lorcan Egan. Front row: Darragh Russell, William Moloughney, Eanna Jones, Ian Delaney, Chris Fogarty, Tommy Kennedy (captain), Mark Fennell, Shane Scully, Padraig Greed, Mark Walsh, Sean McCormack.



Upperchurch-Drombane County U-16 C Hurling champions.

Back row (l to r): John Gleeson, Oliver Ralph, Eoin Carew, Michael Kennedy, David Carey, Phillip Bourke, James Gleeson (captain), Michael Corcoran, Tom Kennedy (selector), Colm Kennedy, Shane Armstrong, Patsy Ralph (Chairman), Patrick Moynihan, John Carey, John Fogarty, Tom Carey (selector), Jody Brennan. Front row: Eugene Shortt (selector), Michael Ryan (D), Noel Ryan, Michael Harty, Andy Kinane, Pat Shortt, Caitriona Shortt (mascot), John Ryan, Michael Ryan, Paul Darcy, Edmond Ryan.

The Drom-Inch panel and selectors that won the Mid under-12 'A' hurling title by defeating Moycarkey-Borris at Holycross. Back row (l to r): Matt Ryan, Tommy Butler (selectors), Alice Costello (manager), Paudie Butler, (selector). Middle row: John Kennedy, Antoinette Kennedy, Johnny Ryan, Enda Walsh, Liam Ryan, Paul Connors, David Butler, Philly Ryan, Seamus Callanan, Mark Collins, Michael Everard, Philip Brett. Front row: Siobhan Butler, Joseph Lupton, Matthew Buckley, Edward Costello (captain), James Ryan, Vincent Black, Eric Woodlock, Martin McGrath, Matthew McGrath, Daniel De Burca, Diarmuid Long.



The Holycross-Ballycahill panel and selectors that won the Mid under-12 'B' hurling title by defeating Moyne-Templetuohy in the final replay at Littleton. Back row (l to r): Neil Ryan (selector), Dan Harty, James Kennedy, Pierce Stakelum, Michael Kennedy, Thomas Lowry, Mark O'Gorman, John Butler (captain), Liam Ryan, Stephen Ryan, Willie Harty (selector), Paddy O'Gorman (selector). Front row: Jamie Purcell, Justin Shelly, Tomas Comerford, Philip Kennedy, James King, Michael Harty, Brian Barrett, Sean Comerford, Philip King, Conor Morrissey. Unavoidably absent from photography were Darren Ryan and Michael Carr.



# Bord na nÓg – Tiobraid Árann Méanach Officers, 1999

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## Mid Tipperary Bord na nÓg results 1999

### FOOTBALL

	Winners	Runners-Up	Venue	Referee
U-12 A	Moycarkey/Borris	Durlas Óg	Holycross	J. Sweeney
U-12 B	Loughmore/Castleiney	Boherlahan/Dualla	Holycross	P.J. Leahy
U-12 C	Drom/Inch	Upperchurch/Drombane	Holycross	G. O'Shea
U-14 A	J.K. Brackens	Gortnahoe/Glengoole	Páirc na nÓg	J. Sweeney
U-14 B	Boherlahan/Dualla	Loughmore/Castleiney	Páirc na nÓg	G. O'Shea
U-14 C	Upperchurch/Drombane	Drom/Inch	Ballycahill	P.J. Hewitt
U-16 A	Moycarkey/Borris	Loughmore/Castleiney	The Ragg	R. Lowry
U-16 B	Boherlahan/Dualla	Holycross/Ballycahill	Littleton	D. Curtis
U-16 C	Upperchurch/Drombane	Gortnahoe/Glengoole	Ballycahill	J. Sweeney
Péil na nÓg	Gortnahoe/Glengoole	J.K. Brackens	Templemore	R. Lowry

### HURLING

	Winners	Runners-Up	Venue	Referee
U-12 A	Drom/Inch	Moycarkey/Borris	Holycross	P.J. Hewitt
U-12 B	Holycross/Ballycahill	Moyne/Templetuohy	Littleton	MI. Jordan
U-12 C	Gortnahoe/Glengoole	Upperchurch/Drombane	Littleton	J. Crawford
U-14 A	J.K. Brackens	Dúrlas Óg	Holycross	MI. Greene
U-14 B	Gortnahoe/Glengoole	Moycarkey/Borris	Páirc na nÓg	D. Curtis
U-14 C	Boherlahan/Dualla	Moyne/Templetuohy	Littleton	MI. Jordan
U-16 A	Loughmore/Castleiney	Moyne/Templetuohy	Semple Stadium	J.P. Stakelum
U-16 B	Holycross/Ballycahill	Moycarkey/Borris	Boherlahan	P.J. Leahy
U-16 C	Upperchurch/Drombane	Clonakenny	Páirc na nÓg	P.J. Hewitt
Péil na nGael	Durlas Óg	Gortnahoe/Glengoole	Páirc na nÓg	P. Lynch
Peadar Cummins Tournament	Mid Tipperary	South Tipperary	Borrisoleigh	

Skills Winner: Kieran Barrett, Holycross/Ballycahill.  
Long Puck Winner: Kevin O'Dwyer Holycross/Ballycahill.

## Mid Tipperary Bord na nÓg Sponsors 1999

U-12 A	Hurling – Centenary Co-Op
U-12 B & C	Hurling – Pat Ryan, Senator Windows
U-14 A	Hurling – Spain Family
U-16 A	Hurling – Thurles Credit Union
U-16 B & C	Hurling – Roskeen Construction (T.J. Ryan)
Feile na nGael	Hurling – Jimmy Coppinger

U-12 A	Football – Templemore Jewellers
U-12 B & C	Football – Park Avenue House, Thurles
U-14 A	Football – Ronaynes Hardware, Thurles
U-14 B & C	Football – Stakelums Hardware, Thurles
U-16 A	Football – John O'Keefe Car Sales, Horse & Jockey
U-16 B & C	Football – Michael Moran Ltd, Thurles





## Mid Tipperary Under 14 Hurlers

Barry O'Donovan	Dúrlas Óg
Edward Stokes	Gortnahoe/ Glengoole
Colm Campion	Loughmore/ Castleiney
Derek Patterson	Boherlahan/ Dualla
Gerome Ryan	Drom/Inch
Ian Delaney	J.K. Brackens
Patrick Byrne	Holycross/ Ballycahill
John Paul Costigan	Moyne/ Templetohy
Kieran Barrett	Holycross/ Ballycahill
Niall Matthews	Clonakenny
Barry Delahunt	Dúrlas Óg
Brendan O'Sullivan	Dúrlas Óg
Niall Teehan	Gortnahoe/ Glengoole
Kevin O'Dwyer	Holycross/ Ballycahill
Lorcan Egan	J.K. Brackens
David Ryan	Boherlahan/ Dualla
James Woodlock	Drom/Inch
Richie Ruth	Dúrlas Óg
Edward Connolly	Loughmore/ Castleiney
David McGrath	Loughmore/ Castleiney
Robert Bourke	J.K. Brackens
Tomás Hayes	Boherlahan/ Dualla
Keith Houlihan	Gortnahoe/ Glengoole
Michael Sheridan	Drom/Inch
Thomas Stakelum	Holycross/ Ballycahill
Brian Graydon	Dúrlas Óg
Michael Heffernan	Gortnahoe/ Glengoole



The Boherlahan-Dualla panel that won the Mid under-14 'C' hurling title by defeating Moyne-Templetohy at Littleton. Back row (l to r): Paul Murphy, John Dwyer, David Ryan, Michael Kennedy, Darragh Hickey, Alan Ryan, Thomas Hayes (captain), Derek Patterson, Tommy Murphy, William Dwyer, Brian Maher. Front row: Paddy Joe Butler, Christopher Maher, Alan Fitzpatrick, Brendan Heney, James Mulligan, Aidan Maher, David Patterson, Colin Bargary, Kevin Leamy, A.J. Maher. Mascot: Kieran Sweeney.



The Gortnahoe-Glengoole panel and selectors that won the Mid under-12 'C' hurling title by defeating Upperchurch-Drombane at Littleton. Back row (l to r): Eamonn Purcell, Jer O'Keeffe, Sean Hickey (selector). Middle row: Shane Long (captain), James McGarry, Wayne Corbett, Sean Lahart, T.J. Lanigan, Patricia Houlihan, Brian Purcell, Ciara Heffernan, Stephen Houlihan, Shane Hanrahan. Front row: Paul Ryan, Anthony Morris, Deirdre Dunne, Michael Treacy, Thomas O'Keeffe, Richard Purcell, Michael Houlihan, Thomas Duggan, James Stokes, Jimmy Corcoran.



The Boherlahan-Dualla panel that won the Mid under-16 'B' football title by defeating Holycross-Ballycahill at Littleton. Back row (l to r): Eoin Howard, Raymond Shelly, Gary Crowe, Paul Ryan, James Hayes, Liam Fahey, James McGrath, Martin Power, Brian Creed, Cian O'Connor, Padraig Hickey (captain), Nicky Murphy, Jonathan Hayes, John Tobin. Front row: Shane Ryan, Kevin Wallace, Jack Maher, David Byrne, David Lowry, Tomas Ryan, Kevin Maher, Derek Patterson, Ian O'Dwyer, David Ryan, Joe Ryan, Edmund Leamy. Absent from photo: Brendan O'Connor.



The Moycarkey-Borris panel that won the Mid under-16 'A' football title by defeating Loughmore-Castleiney in the final at The Ragg.

Back row (l to r): Eamonn Clohessy, Ger Dempsey, Colm Ryan, John Minchin (captain), Conor Butler, Tony O'Dwyer, Pat Carroll, Liam Shanahan, Liam Flanagan, T.J. Sheppard, Liam Power.

Front row: Sean Quinlan, Paul Healy, Cathal Ryan, John Leahy, Christopher Cashin, Sean Healy, Brendan McCullagh, Rick Quigley, Stephen Kiely, Richard Fanning, Michael Power.





The Upperchurch-Drombane panel and selectors that won the Mid under-16 'C' football title by defeating Gortnahoe-Glengoole at Ballycahill. Back row (l to r): Eugene Shortt (selector), Jody Brennan (captain), P.J. McLoughlin, Shane Armstrong, James Gleeson, Tom Carey (selector), Matthew Davern, Michael Corcoran, John Carey, Eoin Carey, John Gleeson, Michael Harty, Edmund Ryan, John Fogarty, Tome Kennedy (selector). Front row: David Carey, Oliver Ralph, Larry Ryan, Pat Shortt, Andrew Kinane, Michael Ryan, Jack Ryan, Noel Ryan, Paul Darcy, Colm Kennedy, Philip Bourke.

The Boherlahan-Dualla panel that defeated Loughmore-Castleiney in the Mid under-14 'B' football final at Pairc na nÓg. Back row (l to r): Christopher Maher, Michael Kennedy, John O'Dwyer, Colin Walsh, David Ryan, Niall Fahey, Brian Maher, Alan Ryan, Tommy Murphy, Tomas Hayes, Kevin Leamy, Aidan Maher. Front row: Darragh Hickey, William O'Dwyer, Brendan Heaney, James Mulligan, David Patterson, Derek Patterson (captain), Paddy Joe Butler, Alan Fitzpatrick, A.J. Maher, Derek O'Riordan, Philip Maher.



Durlas Óg under-14 hurling panel – Mid Feile na nGael winners and county semi-finalists. Back row (l to r): David Murphy, Conor Brady, Aidan Brennan, Morgan Gleeson, Eoin Russell, Brian Graydon, Barry O'Donovan, Peter Maher, Patrick Kenny, Alan Ryan, Richard O'Gorman, Patrick Ruddy. Front row: Kieran O'Connor, Muiris O'Sullivan, Justin Cleary, Grey Bowe, Barry Delahunty, Brendan O'Sullivan, Stephen Lillis, Richard Ruth (captain), Brendan Duggan, Cian Gleeson.

The Gortnahoe-Glengoole panel that won the Mid under-14 'A' football title by defeating J.K. Brackens at Pairc na nÓg, Thurles, recently. Back row (l to r): Michael Phelan, Nicholas Guilfoyle, Nigel O'Gorman, Michael O'Brien (selector), Mark Dwyer, David Mockler, Michael Heffernan (captain), Edward Stokes, Niall Teehan, Keith Holohan, Stephen Bourke, Kevin Kenny, John Coleman, Brian Stokes, Matthew Maher, Patrick Phelan, John Coleman (manager). Front row: William Coleman, Kevin Maher, James Treacy, Keith Dwyer, Shane Hanrahan, Patrick Skehan, Joseph Purcell, Shane Long, Jeff Brennan, Kenneth Hickey, Shane McGarry, Shane McCarthy, William Lahart, Stephen Holohan. Missing from photo: Michael Heffernan (Snr) (selector).



The Loughmore-Castleiney panel and selectors that won the Mid under-12 'B' football title by defeating Boherlahan-Dualla at Holycross. Back row (l to r): Michael McGrath, Michael Webster, John Healy, Eamonn Sweeney, John Hackett (selector). Middle row: Aidan McGrath, Shane Nolan, Gerard Connolly, Raymond Webster, Ciara Johnson, Denis Leahy, Siobhan McGrath, Fiona McGrath, Diarmuid Brennan, Martin Burke, Shane Purcell, John Campion, Shane Hennessy. Front row: Tomas McGrath, Cian Hennessy, Damien Ely, Ciaran Hackett, Kevin Johnson, Mark Heffernan, David Foy, Kieran McGrath, Noel McGrath, Maria Eviston, Lorraine O'Connell, Patricia McGrath.





The Upperchurch-Drombane panel and selectors that won the Mid under 14 'C' football title by defeating Drom-Inch at Ballycahill. Back row (l to r): Oliver Ralph (captain), Padraig Stapleton, Tom Stapleton (selector), Philip Bourke, Patrick Moynihan, Patsy Ralph (selector), Michael Harty, Mike Ryan (D), Michael Ryan, Michael Kennedy, Liam Quinlan (selector), Noel Ryan, Donncha Ryan, L.J. Ryan. Front row: Owen Shortt (trainer), John Ryan, Michelle Shortt, Matt Ryan, Keith Ryan, James Greene, Colm Stapleton, Leonard Purcell, Robert Grant, Gearoid Crowe.

The Drom-Inch panel and selectors that won the Mid under-12 'C' football title by defeating Upperchurch-Drombane at Holycross. Back row (l to r): J. Callanan, Matt Ryan (selector), Tommy Butler (selector), J. Collins, Sally Young (P.R.O.), M. Ryan, Maria McGrath, M. Callanan, P. Buckley, C. Collins. Middle row: Diarmuid Long, Daniel De Burca, Edward Costello, Matthew McGrath, Eric Woodlock, Mark Collins, Martin McGrath, Francis Collins, Alice Costello (manager). Front row: Joe Lupton, Matthew Buckley, Liam Ryan, Johnny Ryan, Enda Walsh, Paul Connors, James Ryan (captain), Michael Everard, Philip Ryan, Seamus Callanan, David Butler.



The Moycarkey-Borris panel that won the Mid and county under-12 'A' football titles. In the Mid final they defeated Durlas Óg. Back row (l to r): Conor Burke, Blane O'Halloran, Stephen O'Dwyer, Diarmuid Carroll, Jamie Fanning, David Kinane, Paul Singleton, Brian Moran, Laurence Power, Shane Barry, Edward Power, James Power, Michael O'Gorman, Aaron Hickey, Noel Kinane, Eoin Ryan. Front row: Tony Flanagan, Aidan Ryan, Martin Slattery, Tadhg McCullagh, Anthony Healy, Bobby Bracken, Gerry Maguire, Patrick Shortall, Eoin Cantwell, David Maher (captain), Phil Kelly, Ciaran Clohessy, Peter O'Brien, Paul Kennedy, Thomas Quinn, Eamonn Flanagan.

Captains of Mid Tipperary Bord na nÓg championship winning teams photographed with Paul Ormonde, a member of Tipperary's All-Ireland junior football winning team, at the presentation of medals function at the Park Avenue House, Thurles. Included are (seated l to r): John Carroll (Holycross-Ballycahill), John Ryan (Upperchurch-Drombane), Pat Shortt (Upperchurch-Drombane), Paul Ormonde, who presented the football medals, John Sweeney (Moynemacsherry, captain of Mid Tipperary under-16 football panel that won the inter-divisional Garda Cup), Michael Bourke (Moynemacsherry), Ian Delaney (J.K. Brackens), Kieran Shortall (Moycarkey-Borris). Middle row: Roger Quinlan (Moycarkey-Borris), Donal Hayes (Holycross-Ballycahill), Patrick McCormack (Durlas Óg), Paul Hanrahan (Gortnahoe-Glengoolie), Peter Bourke (J.K. Brackens), Brian Kennedy (Drom-Inch), Kieran Hassett (Drom-Inch), Michael Maher (Moynemacsherry), Edward Kelly (Moynemacsherry), Mid and county skills competition winner). Back row: Joe Ryan (Boherlahan-Dualla, Mid Long Puck winner), Aidan Dundon (Durlas Óg, captain of the Mid under-14 hurling panel that won the inter-divisional Garda Cup competition), Gearoid Byrne (Clonakenny), Eoin Costello (Durlas Óg), Paul Guider (J.K. Brackens), Willie Collins (captain of the Mid under-14 hurling panel that won the Peadar Cummins inter-divisional competition), Colm Campion (Loughmore-Castleiney). Unavoidably absent from photograph is senior hurler Michael Ryan who presented the hurling medals.





# TIPPERARY HANDBALL REVIEW 1999

**A**ll-Ireland successes for Tipperary Handball were confined to the Master Grades during 1999. Billy McCarthy from Ballyporeen and Martin Maher from Silvermines teamed up in the Silvermasters 'B' Doubles to beat Joe Nolan and Noel Rigney from Galway in the All-Ireland Semi-Final played in Nenagh. Billy and Martin then went on to take the All-Ireland Final by defeating Tyrone's John McCullough and Peter O'Brien in a very tight game on a score 17-21, 21-16 and 21-15. This was our only success in 40 x 20 All-Ireland series as Vincent O'Shea and Jim Ryan were beaten by Cavan's Greg Sheridan and Patsy Hand in the Goldsmasters 'A' Doubles Final.

John McQuaid and Des Kelly were defeated by Kildare in the 40 x 20 Novice Doubles All-Ireland Final.

On the 60 x 30 front, All-Ireland success were achieved in three grades. Mick Fitzpatrick from Ballina achieved a life long ambition when he captured the Emeraldmasters 'B' Singles All-Ireland Final. Mick defeated Frank Daly from Roscommon in the All-Ireland Semi-Final and then went on to take the Final by defeating John Nolan from Wexford in a very exciting game played at Garryhill. On Friday, 23rd July at Thurles, the Clonmel handball Club achieved a notable double success when Club Players won both Masters 'B' Doubles and the Goldenmasters 'A' Doubles All-Ireland Titles. Seamus Morrissey and Gerry Spillane defeated a well fancied pair from Carlow, Martin Clancy and Michael Doyle by 21-12, 21-19. On the same night Pakie Mullins and Sean Doyle achieved their first ever success



Carol Moloney, Cashel, runner-up in Ladies Open Senior Final with Pat McKenna and Tim Healy.

against the Kilkenny pair of Paddy Reilly and Seamus Reade by 21-12, 21-18.

Billy McCarthy and Pat Ryan took part in the Connaught Open 60 x 30 Tournament and defeated Tom Derrig and John Staunton from Mayo in the Masters Doubles Final. Pat Ryan also took part in the Junior Hardball Doubles with John Corbett but were defeated in the All-Ireland Final by Eamon Law and Eddie Bourke from Kilkenny.

Pakie Mullins also had a family interest in the Junior 'B' Doubles when his son Paul and his brother Jimmy reached the All-Ireland Final only to be beaten by David Mullinoff and Liam Cassidy from Westmeath in the Final played in Mullingar.

Other highlights for Tipperary during the year was the selection of Ger Coonan, Ballina on the One-Wall Youth International team and Ger played his part in achieving success in the Six Nation One-Wall Tournament played at Dungarvan in April. Ger was also a member of the Ballina team that took part in Féile na nGael in Wexford and was Skills Winner in the Boys 60 x 30 Division. Ger completed a fine year by taking the 60 x 30 U14 Singles Munster Title.

Ballina Handball Club had a very successful year in Juvenile Handball and succeeded in taking the All-Ireland title in the Community Games held in Mosney.

## MUNSTER OPEN 1999

The Munster Open 60 x 30 Tournament was held at Tipperary venues on the weekend 26th/27th June, 1999. This Tournament catered for the same Grades as 1998, namely Open Mens Singles, Open Ladies Singles, Masters B Doubles, Novice Doubles and Boys and Girls U-17 Singles.

### Mens Open Singles

There were 12 entries in the Mens Open Singles and it was divided into

four groups of 3 players in each group. Each group winner was decided on a round-robin basis, with the following groupings taking part:

**Group 1:** Robbie McCarthy, Westmeath; John Corbett, Tipperary; Duxie Walsh, Kilkenny.

**Group 2:** Pat Buckley, Cork; Pat Ryan, Tipperary; Martin Golden, Sligo.

**Group 3:** Dominic Lynch, Kerry; Bill O'Brien, Limerick; Francie McCann, Sligo.

**Group 4:** John Herlihy, Cork; Eugene Downey, Kilkenny; Seamus Maughan, Mayo.

These Group Matches were played on Saturday, 26th June at Lahorna, Ballina and Roscrea.

**The Group winners were:** Duxie Walsh, Pat Ryan, Dominic Lynch and Eugene Downey.

The Group Semi-Finals were played on Sunday, 27th June, in Thurles with Duxie Walsh beating Pat Ryan 21-5, 21-10 while Dominic Lynch defeated Eugene Downey 21-17, 21-17.

Duxie Walsh went on to take the Final by beating Dominic 21-5, 21-6.

### Ladies Open Singles

The Ladies Open Singles received only 2 entries and in the Final, played at Thurles on Sunday, 27th, Bernie Hennessy, Limerick beat Carol Moloney, Tipperary by 2 games to nil.

### Masters B Doubles

Four entries were received for this grade with players from Wexford, Carlow, Kilkenny and Tipperary taking part. Con Moore and Pat Gardiner from Kilkenny beat Andy Purcell and John Forde from Tipperary in the first semi-final while Michael Doyle and Martin Clancy from Carlow beat John Bail and Brendan Murphy from Wexford in the second Semi-Final. The Carlow pair went on to take the Final on a score line of 21-16, 21-15.

### Novice Doubles

Ten entries were received for the



U15 Doubles 40x20 All-Ireland Runners-up 1999, Marion Coleman, Ballina, Siobhan O'Doherty, Silvermines.



Novice Doubles and the Counties represented were Kilkenny, Tipperary, Limerick, Clare, Galway, Wicklow, Roscommon and Kerry. The Final was contested by two Tipperary teams - Jimmy Mullins and Paul Mullins, Clonmel beat Desmond Kelly and Desmond Linehan from Ballinahinch 21-7, 21-3.

#### Boys U-17 Singles

Six entries were received for the Boys U-17 Singles and it was divided into two groups of three:

**Group 1:** Clive Counihan, Kerry; Noel McHugh, Galway and Barry McAndrew, Waterford.

**Group 2:** Oliver Conway, Galway; Philip Butler, Waterford and Michael John Meaney, Tipperary.

Each group was played in a round-robin basis and Noel McHugh, Galway and Philip Butler, Waterford emerged as Group Winners. All the games were played in Thurles on Saturday, 26th June, and Noel McHugh beat Philip Butler in a very exciting Final by 21-16, 21-14.

#### Sponsorship

The Mens Open Singles and Ladies Open Singles were again sponsored by Martins Fruit and Veg. Clonmel and Hally & Son, Builders, Clonmel respectively. The other Grades were co-sponsored by Thurles Credit Union, Bank of Ireland, Thurles and Chadwicks, Clonmel.

Refreshments for the Tournament were kindly donated by Tipperary Spring Water, Showerings Annerville, Clonmel, Clonmel Cash & Carry, Coca Cola Bottle Ltd, Cantwell and Corcoran, Thurles and Johnsons Super Valu, Thurles.

In general entries were very low for the Tournament and no entries were received in respect of the Girls U-17 Singles. The attendances at the Tournament were very low as we again clashed with major G.A.A. Fixtures. However, all games were played to a very high standard and Tipperary Crystal Trophies were presented to the Winners and Runner-up of each Competition. It is hoped that player participation will increase for future Tournaments.



**ABOVE** – 1999 U16 Team All-Ireland Silver Medalists 60 x 30 – Marian Coleman, Karen Collins, Cliona Collins, Tracy Coonan.



←  
Winners of Novice Doubles in Munster Open, Paul and Jimmy Mullins with Pat McKenna and Tim Healy.



Tim Healy, Munster Handball Council Chairman makes a presentation to Pat McKenna, Tipperary Chairman in recognition of long service to County Provincial and National Handball.



Ger Coonan, Munster Champion U14 All-Ireland Finalist; Winner of Féile Skills 1999. Ger was also on the Irish team that won the One Wall Competition in Dungarvan.



Munster U12 Winners Karen Collins and Declan Kennedy receiving medals from Tim Healy, Munster Chairman.



# TIPPERARY HANDBALL BOARD

## ROLL OF ALL-IRELAND HONOURS 1924-1999

YEAR	CODE	GRADE	WINNERS		YEAR	CODE	GRADE	WINNERS	
1928	60*30	Junior Doubles	T. O'Keeffe	J. McCarthy				S. Fitzgerald	T. Morrissey
	Hardball	Junior Singles	J. Ryan		1975	40*20	Junior Singles	P. O'Keeffe	
	Hardball	Junior Doubles	S. Ryan	S. McInerney		40*20	Junior Doubles	T. Morrissey	E. Farrell
1929	Hardball	Senior Doubles	P. Ormonde	C. Maloney		40*20	Golden Masters A Doubles	D. Wall	P. Macken
	60*30	Junior Singles	P. Hassett			Hardball	Senior Doubles	P. Hickey	J. Cleary
	Hardball	Junior Doubles	N. Gorman	T. Maloney	1976	40*20	Golden Masters A Singles	D. Wall	
1931	Hardball	Senior Doubles	P. Ormonde	C. Maloney		60*30	Under 16 Singles	A. Ryan	
1934	60*30	Senior Doubles	J. Hassett	E. Hassett	1977	40*20	Minor Singles	A. Ryan	
1935	60*30	Junior Singles	M. McMahon			40*20	Minor Doubles	A. Ryan	G. Walsh
	60*30	Senior Doubles	J. Hassett	E. Hassett		60*30	Under 12 Singles	J. Fitzell	
1936	60*30	Senior Doubles	J. Hassett	E. Hassett		Hardball	Minor Singles	A. Ryan	
1937	60*30	Junior Doubles	J. Bergin	M. O'Gorman		Hardball	Minor Doubles	A. Ryan	W. O'Donnell
	60*30	Senior Doubles	J. Hassett	E. Hassett		Hardball	Junior Singles	W. McCarthy	
	Hardball	Junior Doubles	J. Hassett	M. O'Gorman	1978	40*20	Minor Singles	A. Ryan	
1938	60*30	Junior Doubles	A. Collins	C. Collins		40*20	Minor Doubles	A. Ryan	M. Dyer
	60*30	Senior Doubles	J. Hassett	E. Hassett		60*30	Under 13 Singles	J. Woodlock	
1940	60*30	Minor Doubles	P. Kennedy	J. Sweeney		60*30	Minor Singles	A. Ryan	
1941	60*30	Minor Doubles	P. Kennedy	J. Sweeney		60*30	Novice Doubles	M. Maher	V. O'Shea
	60*30	Junior Singles	E. McMahon			60*30	Junior Doubles	T. Morrissey	N. O'Brien
	60*30	Junior Doubles	S. Rice	E. McMahon		Hardball	Minor Singles	A. Ryan	
1942	60*30	Senior Doubles	J. Collins	C. Collins		Hardball	Minor Doubles	A. Ryan	W. O'Donnell
1945	Hardball	Junior Singles	M. O'Gorman		1979	40*20	Under 14 Singles	J. Woodlock	
1948	60*30	Senior Singles	J. Bergin			40*20	Under 16 Doubles	J. Scannell	J. O'Neill
1949	60*30	Junior Doubles	P. Kennedy	D. Carey		40*20	Minor Singles	W. O'Donnell	
	60*30	Senior Doubles	J. Bergin	J. Sweeney		40*20	Junior Singles	A. Ryan	
	Hardball	Junior Singles	P. Kennedy			60*30	Under 14 Singles	J. Woodlock	
1950	60*30	Senior Singles	J. Bergin			60*30	Junior Singles	A. Ryan	
	60*30	Senior Doubles	J. Bergin	J. Sweeney		Hardball	Minor Singles	W. O'Donnell	
1952	Hardball	Junior Singles	C. O'Brien			Hardball	Junior Singles	N. Ryan	N. Ryan
	Hardball	Junior Doubles	J. Kennedy	M. Heffernan		Hardball	Junior Doubles	A. Ryan	
1955	Hardball	Minor Singles	J. Ryan		1980	40*20	Under 21 Singles	A. Ryan	
1957	Hardball	Minor Singles	P. Hickey			40*20	Golden Masters 'A' Doubles	J. Walsh	D. Wall
1958	Hardball	Junior Singles	J. Ryan			60*30	Under 15 Doubles	F. McCarthy	D. Nolan
	Hardball	Junior Doubles	T. Doheny	M. Shanahan		60*30	Under 21 Singles	A. Ryan	
1959	Hardball	Minor Doubles	C. Cleere	J. Cleary	1981	40*20	Under 21 Singles	A. Ryan	
1960	Hardball	Junior Doubles	T. Cleere	C. Cleere		40*20	Under 21 Doubles	A. Ryan	W. O'Donnell
1961	Hardball	Junior Singles	J. Cleary			40*20	Senior Singles	A. Ryan	
1962	Hardball	Minor Singles	P. McLoughlin			40*20	Golden Masters 'A' Singles	J. Walsh	
	Hardball	Minor Doubles	P. McLoughlin	A. Murphy		60*30	Under 12 Singles	J. Dwyer	
	Hardball	Junior Singles	P. Hickey			60*30	Under 12 Doubles	S. White	J. McGeer
	Hardball	Junior Doubles	P. Hickey	T. Breedy		60*30	Under 15 Doubles	E. Corbett	M. Kenneally
	Hardball	Senior Doubles	J. Ryan	M. Shanahan		60*30	Under 16 Singles	J. Woodlock	
1966	60*30	Under 16 Singles	A. Carey			60*30	Under 21 Singles	A. Ryan	
	60*30	Under 16 Doubles	A. Carey	P. Kelly		60*30	Under 21 Doubles	A. Ryan	W. O'Donnell
	60*30	Tailteann Senior Doubles	P. Hickey	J. Cleary		60*30	Junior Singles	P. Mullins	
	Hardball	Senior Singles	P. Hickey		1982	40*20	Senior Singles	A. Ryan	
1968	Hardball	Minor Doubles	W. McCarthy	S. Halley		60*30	Junior Doubles	E. Farrell	W. Mullins
	Hardball	Senior Doubles	P. Hickey	C. Cleere		60*30	Novice Inter Club	St. Mary's Clonmel	
1969	60*30	Junior Singles	P. Davin					K. Mullins	P. Ryan
1970	60*30	Under 16 Singles	W. Fitzgibbon					S. Carroll	F. Scully
1971	60*30	Under 12 Singles	J. O'Brien			60*30	Open Inter Club	St. Mary's Clonmel	
	Hardball	Senior Singles	P. Hickey					T. Morrissey	E. Farrell
1972	60*30	Under 14 Singles	S. Morrissey					B. Mullins	P. Mullins
	60*30	Under 21 Doubles	E. Farrell	J. Ryan				J. O'Donoghue	
	Hardball	Senior Doubles	P. Hickey	C. Cleere	1983	40*20	Senior Singles	A. Ryan	
1973	60*30	Under 12 Singles	J. McCarthy			40*20	Golden Masters 'A' Singles	J. Walsh	
	60*30	Under 21 Singles	W. Fitzgibbon			60*30	Senior Singles	A. Ryan	
1974	60*30	Under 14 Singles	A. Ryan			60*30	Top Ace	T. Morrissey	
	60*30	Junior Inter Club	St. Mary's Clonmel			Hardball	Minor Singles	J. O'Donoghue	
			M. Tyrrell	K. Conway		Hardball	Minor Doubles	J. O'Donoghue	E. Corbett



YEAR	CODE	GRADE	WINNERS	YEAR	CODE	GRADE	WINNERS
1984	60*30	Under 21 Doubles	K. Mullins J. O'Donoghue	1993	60*30	National League Div 1	D. Moloney N. Murphy
1985	60*30	Under 14 Doubles	D. White M. McNerney				K. Conway K. Croke
	60*30	Under 15 Doubles	B. Murphy A. Gillespie				P. McGrath S. Doyle
	60*30	Under 21 Singles	J. O'Donoghue				M. Carrie
	60*30	Under 21 Doubles	E. Corbett J. O'Donoghue	1994	40*20	Novice Doubles	J. Ryan M. Flynn
	60*30	Novice Doubles	S. O'Callaghan P. O'Brien		40*20	Junior Singles	D. Moloney
	60*30	National League Div 1	S. Doyle J. Cagney		40*20	Junior Doubles	D. Moloney N. Murphy
			F. Scully T. Slattery		40*20	Senior Singles	E. Corbett
			P. Mullins E. Farrell		40*20	Novice Inter Club, Ballyporeen	J. Corbett J. English
1986	40*20	Under 21 Doubles	J. O'Donoghue E. Corbett				P. Ryan F. O'Brien
	40*20	USHA Open Singles	A. Ryan				S. Tobin
	60*30	Under 13 Doubles	J. English M. Carrie				J. Keating
	60*30	Under 21 Doubles	P. Fitzelle J. O'Donoghue		40*20	USHA 19 & Under Girls	J. Keating
Hardball	Junior Singles	J. O'Donoghue			40*20	World 40 & Over 'B' Doubles	
Hardball	Junior Doubles	J. O'Donoghue E. Corbett			40*20	World Open Doubles	E. Corbett
1987	40*20	Under 16 Singles	M. McNerney		60*30	Intermediate Singles	D. Moloney
	40*20	Under 21 Singles	E. Corbett		60*30	Silver Masters 'B' Singles	M. McGrath
	60*30	Under 15 Doubles	D. Moloney N. Murphy		60*30	Silver Masters 'B' Doubles	J. Ferncombe M. McGrath
1988	40*20	Under 13 Doubles	J. O'Mahoney K. O'Neill		60*30	Under 12/13 Team (6)	K. Dempsey S. Spillane
	60*30	Junior Singles	W. McCarthy				D. Hickey N. Moroney
	60*30	Masters 'B' Singles	V. O'Shea				B. Darcy D. Collins
	60*30	Masters 'B' Doubles	V. O'Shea M. Tyrrell				A. Ryan
1989	60*30	Under 15 Doubles	F. Ryan J. Ryan		60*30	Under 15 Doubles Girls	D. Harding S. Crothers
	60*30	Junior Singles	W. Fitzgibbon		60*30	Under 17 Doubles Girls	M. Harding E. Moloney
	60*30	Junior Doubles	E. Corbett J. O'Donoghue		60*30	Minor Doubles Girls	L. Gillespie C. Moloney
Hardball	Senior Doubles	W. McCarthy N. Ryan			Hardball	Junior Doubles	N. Murphy M. Carrie
1990	40*20	Senior Double	J. O'Donoghue E. Corbett	1995	40*20	Under 15 Doubles	D. Tobin D. Butler
	40*20	Masters B Singles	J. Ryan		40*20	Junior Singles	J. O'Dwyer
	60*30	Under 21 Singles	J. O'Dwyer		40*20	Under 12/13 Team (6)	N. Moroney D. Egan
	60*30	Novice Doubles	T. O'Flaherty P. O'Flaherty				B. Darcy K. Kennedy
	60*30	Masters B Singles	S. Doyle				D. Hickey S. Hickey
	60*30	Silver Masters B Doubles	D. Butler J. Slattery		60*30	Novice Doubles	P. Ryan K. Croke
Hardball	Minor Doubles	D. Moloney N. Marshall			60*30	Intermediate Doubles	N. Murphy J. O'Dwyer
1991	40*20	Minor Doubles	D. Moloney N. Murphy		60*30	Masters 'A' Doubles	B. Mullins W. McCarthy
	40*20	Senior Doubles	J. O'Donoghue E. Corbett		60*30	Silver Masters 'B' Singles	J. Ryan
	40*20	Masters 'B' Doubles	J. Ferncombe M. McGrath		60*30	Silver Masters 'B' Doubles	J. Ryan C. Collins
	40*20	Silver Masters 'B' Singles	S. Lee		60*30	Under 12/13 Team (6)	D. Hickey P. Grace
	60*30	Minor Doubles	D. Moloney N. Murphy				B. Darcy S. Hickey
	60*30	Novice Doubles	P. Hoare W. O'Dwyer				N. Moroney K. Kennedy
	60*30	Silver Masters 'B' Singles	S. Lee		60*30	Minor Doubles Girls	D. Harding C. Moloney
Hardball	Minor Singles	D. Moloney			Hardball	Senior Doubles	E. Corbett N. Ryan
Hardball	Minor Doubles	D. Moloney N. Marshall					
1992	40*20	Under 21 Doubles	D. Moloney N. Murphy	1996	40*20	Under 17 Singles	P. Coleman
	40*20	Junior Inter Club	Cashel		40*20	Junior Singles Ladies	C. Moloney
			D. Moloney		60*30	Junior Doubles	P. Ryan K. Croke
	40*20	Under 15 Doubles Girls	J. O'Dwyer		60*30	Silver Masters 'B' Doubles	J. O'Dwyer J. Ryan Moore
	40*20	Under 19 Singles Girls	S. Hourigan		60*30	Silver Masters 'A' Doubles	J. McKeogh V. O'Shea
	60*30	Under 15 Doubles Girls	S. Hourigan		60*30	Junior Singles	M. Flynn
	60*30	Under 21 Doubles	D. Moloney				
Hardball	Minor Doubles	M. Carrie	C. Kenny	1997	40*20	Under 15 Doubles	D. Hickey N. Moroney
Hardball	Junior Singles	D. Moloney	N. Murphy		40*20	Under 12/13 Team (6)	D. Lyons M. J. Meaney
Hardball	Junior Doubles	D. Moloney	N. Marshall				J. Coonan S. McGrath
			J. O'Dwyer				E. McKeogh N. Collins
			D. Moloney				D. O'Brien
1993	40*20	Under 21 Singles	D. Moloney		40*20	Senior Doubles Ladies	J. Keating C. Moloney
	40*20	Under 21 Doubles	D. Moloney		60*30	Under 21 Doubles	A. Supple P. Supple
	40*20	Senior Singles	E. Corbett		60*30	Emerald Masters B. Singles	P. Gleeson
	40*20	USHA Open Singles	E. Corbett				
	60*30	Under 21 Singles	N. Murphy	1998	40*20	Under 14 Doubles	M. J. Meaney D. Lyons
	60*30	Under 21 Doubles	D. Moloney		60*30	Masters 'B' Doubles	M. Gleeson M. Collins
	60*30	Novice Doubles	M. Carrie		60*30	Under 14 Doubles Girls	T. Coonan A. Coonan
	60*30	Junior Singles	S. O'Callaghan				
	60*30	Masters 'B' Doubles	K. Conway	1999	40*20	Silver Masters 'B' Doubles	B. McCarthy M. Maher
	60*30	Junior Inter Club, Cashel	D. Moloney		60*30	Masters 'B' Doubles	S. Morrissey G. Spillane
			J. O'Dwyer		60*30	Golden Masters 'A' Doubles	P. Mullins S. Doyle
			S. White		60*30	Emerald Masters 'B' Singles	M. Fitzpatrick



# Days of Great Joy for Tipperary



*Tipperary substitutes celebrate as Caitriona Hennessy puts the ball over the bar for Tipperary's final point from a free to win the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final for the first time.*



*Tipperary minor hurlers enjoy their lap of honour following victory over rivals Clare in the Munster Championship final at Semple Stadium.*





# Church and General Cumann na mBunscol

**1**999 was another great year for Cumann na mBunscol and it can only be safely said that gaelic games in Tipperary will continue to thrive in the next Millennium with the great crop of young players coming up through the ranks.

Along with our hurling, football, peil na mban and camogie championships we had two hurling and one football match at intercounty level, in regards to The Primary Game. In a year that was very productive for the ladies of Tipperary on the camogie field, Cumann na mBunscol appointed it's first lady official. Michelle Ryan has taken over from Paul Brett as PRO and we would like to extend our gratitude to paul for the great work he has done for the games down through the years. All in all we look back with satisfaction at 1999 and face the Millennium with the hope of continued success.

## OFFICERS

**Hon President:** Jerry Daly, Monadreen, Thurles

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**Treasurer:** Paul Brett.

On behalf of Cumann na mBunscol I would like to thank the County Board, teachers, parents, officials and all who have given their time throughout the past year. A special word of thanks goes to our sponsors, Church and General, and to the continued support and coverage we receive from the Nationalist, the Tipperary Star, the Guardian and South Tipp Today. Go raibh maith agaibh go leir. *Michelle Ryan P.R.O.*

## FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The 1999 football championship was another great success for Cumann na mBunscol. Blessed with weather all



County Camogie Champions 1999 . . . Front row l/r: Aoife Harty, Padrena Clancy, Tara Murray, Catriona Lowry, Janet Carey, Patricia Clancy, Mairead Raplh, Fiona Clancy, Georgina Purcell, Deirdre Grant, Roisin Ryan, Orla Ryan and Lisa Berkley. Back row l/r: Catherine Leamy, Caroline Carew, Tracy, Michelle Hickey, Sheena Purcell, Michelle Shortt, Norita Ryan, Emer Ryan, Siobhan Ryan, Laura Carey, Maria Kennedy, Claire Ryan, Margaret O'Brien and Ciara Roche.

through the programme the finals were played out over two days in Munroe and Marfield. Both days served up very close entertaining games and credit is due to those who had prepare these teams so well. Congratulations to those who made it to the final and also to all who competed throughout the year and contributed to making it such an enjoyable championship. The results were:

Roinn A, St. Oliver's 0-2; Carrick C.B.S. 0-1

Roinn B, St. Mary's 2-5; Upperchurch 2-1

Roinn C, Cappawhite vs. Boherlahan

Roinn D, Loughmore 0-7, Kilsheelan 1-2

Roinn E, Rathkeevin 4-6, Clerihan 1-5

Roinn F, Ayle vs. Leagh.

Under-11 A, Carrick C.B.S. vs. St. Oliver's

Under-11 B, Lisvernane vs. Ardfinnan/St. Mary's

## PEIL NA MBAN

Roinn A, Ballylooby 6-3; Ardfinnan 0-1

Roinn B, Cahir vs. St. Oliver's

Roinn C, Littleton 3-8; Powerstown 2-0

## HANDBALL

Handball in 1999 was again supported by a small minority of schools. The Cumann na mBunscol championship took place in Ballyporeen with the following schools taking part: Ballina N.S., Silvermines N.S., Ballinacloyh N.S., Ballinahinch N.S., Hollyford N.S. and Ballyporeen N.S.

## THE PRIMARY GAME

The Primary Game has become a very popular aspect of our games and always receives great support on the big day. The boys lines out for Tipperary on two occasions, against Kerry and Clare, while the girls took to the field against Kerry. All the matches were played as curtain-raisers to the senior games. The teams which lined out on each occasion were as follows:



The Tipperary Primary Schools Panel and selectors that played Clare in Pairc Uí Chaoimh, Back row l/r: Liam Dooley (Cloughjordan, Selector), Liam Bergin (Tankerstown, Selector), Ray McLoughrey (Cloughjordan NS), Niall Quigley (Youghalarra NS), Sean Hassett (Gurtagarr NS), Shane Carroll (Kilbarron NS), Wayne Murphy (St. Mary's NS, Carrick), Richard McGrath (Carrick CBS), Daniel Kirby (Scoil Ailbhe, Thurles), Shane O'Brien (Boher NS), Donal McCarthy (Ballylooby, Selector), P.J. Harrington (Upperchurch, Selector), Tom Slattery (Primary Schools organiser). Front row l/r: Phil Fanning (Dunkerrin NS), Martin Ivors (Ballingarry), Shane Long (Gortnahoe NS), Shane Kearney (St. Peter & Paul's NS), Alan Cooney (Lisnamrock NS), Kieran McGrath (Loughmore NS) and Eric Woodlock (Inch NS).





The Tipperary ladies football panel and selectors that took part in the Primary Game at Austin Stack Park, Tralee, on Munster championship day. Back row l/r: Liam O'Sullivan (Ardfinnan, Selector), Marie O'Brien (Grangemockler NS), Cathy O'Neill (Ayle NS), Clare Darmody (Ardfinnan NS), Emma Williams (Mullinahone NS), Deirdre Ryan (Ballytarsna NS), Tara Ryan (Loughmore NS), Elaine Devereux (Our Lady of Mercy NS, Cahir), Brendan Horan (Cahir, Selector). Front row l/r: Caroline Butler (Ballingarry, Selector), Cora Hennessy (Boherlahan NS), Ann O'Dwyer (Garryshane NS), Catherine Cagney (St. Oliver's NS, Clonmel), Diane Skehan (Gortnahoe NS), Ann Marie O'Neill (Ballingarry NS), Maura Casey (Rosegreen NS), Emma Horan (Drangan NS), Marie O'Brien (Ballylooby NS) and Una Hally (Grange NS).



The Tipperary Hurling panel and selectors that played Kerry in the Primary School Game at Semple Stadium. Back row l/r: PJ Harrington (Upperchurch, Selector), Vivian Dooley (Borrisokane, Selector), Eoin Murray (Cill na Naomh NS), Michael Deane (Lorha NS), Tommy Hennessy (Rossmore NS), Brian McCormack (Drangan NS), Eoin Ryan (Nenagh NS), Shane Walsh (Fethard NS), Eddie Costelloe (Inch NS), John Ryan (Upperchurch NS), Damien Dunne (Kilkeary NS), Donal McCarthy (Ballylooby, Selector), Liam Bergin (Tankerstown, Selector). Front row l/r: Darragh Hickey (Boherlahan NS), Denis Stapleton (Hollyford NS), Declan Walsh (Ardfinnan NS), Kevin O'Callaghan (St. Oliver's NS), Matthew Ryan (Templederry NS), Richard Butler (Ballingarry NS), James Keogh (Kilruane NS), Niall Nergin (Killenale NS) and Mark Cahill (Drom NS).



## FOOTBALL

Tipperary vs. Kerry – Claire Darmody (Ardfinnan), Elaine Devereux (Our Lady of Mercy, Cahir), Catherine Cagney (St. Oliver's), Marie O'Brien (Ballylooby), Cathy O'Neill (Ayle), Ann O'Dwyer (Garryshane), Emma Horan (Drangan), Cora Hennessy (Boherlahan), Tara Ryan (Loughmore), Diane Skehan (Gortnahoe), Ann Marie O'Neill (Ballingarry), Marie O'Brien (Grangemockler), Deirdre Ryan (Ballytarsna), Emma Williams (Mullinahone), Maura Casey (Rosegreen), Una Hally (Grange). Selectors: Liam O'Sullivan (Ardfinnan), Caroline Butler (Ballingarry), Brendan Horan (Cahir BNS).

## MINI-SEVENS

This is a competition that is very well supported by all schools in the county each year. It is played off in regional games and the winners proceed to a county final blitz. The following teams were crowned county champions and went on to represent Tipperary in Munster. It is from these provincial matches that players are selected to play in Croke Park during the all-Ireland series.

Hurling: Loughmore N.S.

Football: Grange N.S.

Ladies Football: Ardfinnan N.S.

Camogie: Dunkerrin N.S.

## HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

The hurling championship was a keenly contested affair this year, culminating in our county finals day in Semple Stadium. The skill and commitment shown on the day was great to watch with all teams putting in impressive performances. The winners on the day:

Roinn A, Dromakeenan N.S. 0-7; Carrick C.B.S. 0-4

Roinn B, Knockavilla N.S. 7-9; Ballina N.S. 0-0

Roinn C, St. Oliver's N.S. 2-5; Templederry N.S. 1-5

Roinn D, Lisvermane N.S. 1-6; Kilruane N.S. 0-3

Roinn E, Drangan N.S. 3-5; Gurtagarry N.S. 3-2

Roinn F, Ballagh N.S.

Under-11: Scoil Ailbe 1-6; Carrick C.B.S. 1-3

Under-13: Carrick C.B.S. 0-5; Thurles C.B.S. 0-3

## County Champions, Primary Group C.

Front row l/r: Colm Ryan, Michael Ryan, Patrick Purcell, James Greene, William Gleeson, Joseph Ryan, Leonard Purcell, Colm Stapleton, Jamie O'Toole, Matthew Ryan and Aidan Brett. Middle row l/r: Owen Shanahan, Michael Carew, Michell Shortt, Matt Ryan, L. J. Ryan, Michael Ryan, John Ryan, Keith Ryan, Fiona Clancy and Eamon Fogarty. Back row l/r: Matthew Carey, Gearoid Crowe, Thomas Carew, Tracey Ryan, Caroline Carew, Martin Bourke, Padraic Ryan, Padraig Stapleton, Patrick Moynihan, Patrick Lowry.





Grange N.S. I.N.T.O. 7-a-side Football Champions '99 — Back Row, l. to r.: James Sweeney, Conor Slattery, William McCarthy, Philip Bannon, Brian Sullivan, Tony Ryan, David Foley, Ewen Pettit, Liam Wooten. Front: David Lonergan, Gerald Bannon, Shane Byrne, Brian Dillion, Liam Pollard, Tommy O'Donnell, James Heffernan, Shaun Costigan. Two players who played in Croke Park were: Philip Bannon and Tony Ryan.



Ardfinnan N.S. 7-a-side County Champions '99 — Back Row, l. to r.: Claire Darmody, Niamh O'Mahoney, Lisa Byrne, Linda Pyke, Deborah Doolan, Liam O Súilleabháin, bainiseoir. Front row: Karen Burke, Hannah Phelan, Annabell Roche, Mairéad Maher, Claire O'Leary, Linda Lonergan - chosen to represent Tipperary in Croke Park at Cork-Mayo Senior Semi-final.



Ardfinnan N.S. 3-in-a-row Champions, December '98 — Back row, l. to r.: Siobhán Doheny, Emma Devereux, Sarah Pyke, Claire Condé, Lisa Byrne, Linda Pyke, Claire Darmody, Niamh O'Mahoney, Bríd Murphy, Deborah Doolan, Michelle Lonergan, Lisa Bray, Liam O Súilleabháin, bainiseoir. Front: Annabell Roche, Orla Walsh, Claire O'Leary, Katie McMahon, Deirdre Feeney, Mairéad Maher, Hannah Phelan, Karen Burke, Linda Lonergan.



Ballylooby N.S. Winners of Roinn 'C' Camogie Championship '99 — Back row, l. to r.: Roisin Slattery, Grainne O'Connor, Ellen Hanrahan, Catherine Tobin, Clare Morrissey, Eimear Morrissey, captain, Fiona Fahey, Una Hanrahan, Michelle O'Donnell. Front: Maire O'Brien, Noreen Walsh, Kate O'Donnell, Karen Byrne, Elaine Whelan, Linda Williams, Aisling Tobin. Kneeling at front: Sarah Fahey, Olivia Holloway.

## 2000 - From Semple to Croker

It begins with a buzz  
Ends on a high  
Gives pleasure to many  
When Autumn is nigh.

The clash of the ash  
The beat of the drum  
Each little county  
Has it's own song to hum.

The boys from Tipp  
In the famed blue and gold  
Are now in the nineties  
Not nearly so bold.

It seems there are few  
Who will take on the chance  
Few who will lead  
The Banner on a merry dance.

For Tipp lacks a leader  
A man to uphold  
The life of a county  
Whose last medal is old.

I pray that my anguish  
Will vanish next year  
For the team of '99  
I'll not shed a tear.

For they're long forgotten  
Gone back to their souls  
To find Tipp's giant heart  
We all know of old.

I know they will find it  
And soon will arise  
To face teams like the Banner  
And look them in the eyes.

Tipp are the best  
They're tops, I've no doubt  
In the Millennium year  
They'll not be knocked out.

The blue and the gold  
Will shine bright and strong  
And our premier county  
Will sing Slievenamon.

People will smile  
And in pleasure will gaze  
As we'll return to the times  
Of Fox, English and Hayes.

The songs will be happy,  
The verses will flow  
And laments like these  
Will have nowhere to go!!



# NORTH TIPP PRIMARY SCHOOLS HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP 1999



**T**he North Tipp Primary Schools Hurling Championship began after the Easter holidays and were completed in time for the County Schools Finals in Semple Stadium in Tuesday 15th June.

## SECTION A HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Just two schools competed in the Section A Championship this year. Dromakeenan National School easily defeated Nenagh CBS in a straight final.

## SECTION B HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Ballina National School, Moneygall National School and Roscrea National School took part in the Section B Championship.

Ballina overcame Borrisokane in a preliminary round. In the semi-finals Toomevara accounted for Roscrea National School while Ballina overcame Moneygall. In the Final Ballina National School had that little extra in reserve to overcome Toomevara.

In the Section B plate competition Moneygall National School defeated Roscrea in one Semi-final. They then accounted for Borrisokane National School in the final.

## SECTION C HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

The Schools taking part in this competition were Dunkerrin National School, Corville National School, Templederry National School, Puckane National School, Cloughjordan National School, Portroe National School, Yougalarra National School and Borrisoleigh National School.

Templederry defeated Dunkerrin in one semi-final while Cloughjordan accounted for Yougalarra in the other. Templederry had a decisive win over Cloughjordan in the final. They were beaten by St. Oliver's of Clonmel in the County Final in Semple Stadium by one goal.

In the plate competition Puckane received a walkover from Corville in one semi-final. Yougalarra easily

Kilruane National School North Tipperary School Champions Group 'C' in hurling and football pictured with Gilbert Williams, national teacher; Christine O'Meara national teacher; May Casey national teacher and Len Gaynor.

defeated Portroe in the other semi-final. In the final Puckane had a few points to spare over Yougalarra.

## SECTION D HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

The schools taking apart in the competition were Burgess National School, Lorrha/Redwood, Rathcabbin National School, Silvermines National School, Ballinree National School, Carrig National School (Nenagh), Kilbarron National School, Carrig National School (Birr), Kilruane National School and Ballinahinch National School. In the first round Burgess, Rathcabbin, Ballinree, Kilruane and Kilbarron had wins over Lorrha/Redwood, Silvermines, Carrig (Nenagh), Ballinahinch and Carrig (Birr) respectively.

In a preliminary quarter final Kilruane defeated Kilbarron.

Burgess defeated Ballinree in one semi-final while Kilruane defeated Rathcabbin in the other. Kilruane were too strong for Burgess in the final thereby adding the three teacher hurling trophy to the three teacher football trophy.

## SECTION D PLATE COMPETITION

Ballinahinch defeated Carrig (Birr) in a replay. This was a preliminary round. In the semi-final Ballinahinch accounted for Silvermines while Lorrha/Redwood got a walkover in the other from Carrig (Nenagh). In the final Ballinahinch easily accounted for Lorrha/Redwood.

## SECTION E HURLING COMPETITION

In the quarter finals Boher National School, Kyle Park National School, Ballinacloy National School and Gortagarry National School had victories over Rearcross, Kilkeary, Ardcroney and Fantane National Schools respectively.

In the semi-final Boher defeated Kyle Park while Gortagarry accounted for Ballinacloy. The final was closely contested affair with Gortagarry emerging victorious by one point to end Bohers long reign.

In the plate final Kilkeary had an easy win over Ardcroney.



Primary Schools 'B' Division Football Champions '98 . . . back row l/r: Ciaran Wooten, Emer Hally, Gerald Bannon, Shane Byrne, William McCarthy, Ewen Pettitt, Tony Ryan, Clodagh Hickey, Una Hally and John Loneran. Middle row l/r: Tomás O'Slatara (Principal), David Loneran, Scott Ahearn, Fergus O'Sullivan, James Heffernan, Liam Wooten, James Sweeney, Philip Bannon and Aidan Kelly. Front row l/r: Siobhain Liston, David Foley, Shaun Costigan, Brian Sullivan, Tommy O'Donnell, Liam Pollard, Conor Slattery and Brian Dillon.



# NORTH TIPP PRIMARY SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 1999

## SECTION B FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**T**welve teams entered in the North Tipp Primary Schools football Championship. In the first round Templederrey defeated Portroe while Ballina accounted for Borrisokane. Puckane received a walk over from Dunkerrin, Borrisoleigh likewise received a walkover from Moneygall. Youghalarra defeated Carrig and Cloughjordan also made it into the second round.

In the second round Templederrey defeated Ballina, Borrisoleigh defeated Puckane and Youghalarra overcame Cloughjordan. At this stage Templederrey received a bye through to the final while Borrisoleigh defeated Youghalarra in the only semi-final.

The final was a tremendous game and Borrisoleigh had one point to spare over their rivals Templederrey.

## SECTION A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

There was just one game in this Championship. Here Nenagh CBS easily accounted for Roscrea.

## SECTION C FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Eight teams took part in North Tipp Section C football Championship.

In the quarter finals Ballinahinch, Kilruane, Kilbarron and Burgess had victories over Silvermines, Lorrha/Redwood, Ballinree and Rathcabbin respectively. In the Semi-finals Kilruane defeated Ballinahinch while Kilbarron accounted for Burgess. In the final Kilruane were that



North Tipp Champions Section 'C' Hurling, County Finalists and North Tipp Finalists in Football Section 'B'. School hurling and football team Templederrey National School 1999... Back row l/r: Ronan Ryan, Eoghan Ryan, Donal McGrath, Andy Ryan, Michael O'Dwyer, Matthew Ryan, Padraig O'Leary, Thomas Stapleton, Ronan Russell, Alan Carey and James Fahey. Front row l/r: Seamus o'Dwyer, John Fogarty, Pat Ryan, Thomas Hogan, Gearóid Ryan, Morgan Carey (Captain), Daniel Fahey, Aidan Ryan and Kevin O'Brien. Shane Fogarty absent from picture.

bit too strong for Kilbarron.

## SECTION A PLATE COMPETITION

Silvermines defeated Lorrha/Redwood in one semi-final while Rathcabbin accounted for Ballinree in the other. In the final Silvermines emerged victorious over Rathcabbin boys.

## SECTION D FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Boher, Kilkeary, Rearcross, Lackamore, Gortagarry, Fantane, Ballinacloy and Kyle Park competed for the championship

provided. After a series of preliminary games played on a league basis, Boher, Kilkeary, Fantane and Ballinacloy emerged to participate in the semi-finals. Fantane defeated Kilkeary in one semi-final while Ballinacloy accounted for reigning champions Boher in the other. In the final a very fit and skillful Ballinacloy side were too strong for Fantane.

## SECTION D PLATE COMPETITION

Terryglass National School defeated Aghish National School in the final.



## Mol an Óige

On opposite sides — Cousins John Shortt (Durlas Óg) and Therese Shortt (Upper-church-Drombane) in opposition during the Ground Hurling Tournament in Thurles.



→ Brian Stakelum from Durlas Óg takes a well earned rest during half time in the Ground Hurling Tournament game against Upperchurch-Drombane in Thurles.



↑ Jason Ryan from Toomevara watches his heroes play Portroe in one of the North SHC matches at Cloughjordan.



# Tipperary Post-Primary School Review (1998-99) (Sean Ó Costagáin)

It is my pleasure once more to present to the Gaels of our county an account of an excellent year at post-primary level in both hurling and football. We started off in September with the first year hurling competition that is going from strength to strength.

Division 1 saw eight teams affiliating and after a series of games, the two schools to emerge to contest the final were St. Joseph's Borrisoleigh and Roscrea C.C. (A). A great final saw Borrisoleigh win on score: St. Joseph's Borrisoleigh (2-6) Roscrea C.C. (A) (1-4).

The first year (B) competition saw fifteen teams affiliate and again we had a great competition before Borrisokane emerged winners much to the satisfaction of their mentors.

## SEMI-FINALS:

Borrisokane C.C. ....	3-3
Cashel C.S. ....	3-0
Clonmel CBS ....	3-7
St. Joseph's Borrisoleigh (B) ....	2-4

Both competitions were completed by the third week in October which gave rise to very favourable comment.

## FITZGERALD CUP (U-17) A HURLING

### Semi-Finals:

Thurles CBS ....	3-8
Our Lady's Templemore ....	0-8
Roscrea C.C. ....	3-10
Nenagh CBS ....	1-5

### Final:

Thurles CBS ....	2-12
Roscrea C.C. ....	3-6

In what was one of the best Colleges games played in Tipperary this year, Thurles C.B.S. came back from the dead to snatch a hard earned victory over a gallant Roscrea team in a great final watched by a big crowd in Semple Stadium. A sincere well done to both teams and especially to the deserving victors.

## FITZGERALD SHIELD (U-17) B HURLING

### Semi-Finals:

Clonmel CBS ....	4-9
Carrick-on-Suir V.S. ....	1-4
Cistercian Roscrea ....	3-8
Convent of Mercy, Newport ...	0-5

### Final:

Cistercian Roscrea ....	6-12
Clonmel CBS ....	1-10

In what was Cistercian Roscrea's first year in our competitions, we want to sincerely congratulate them and their mentors, Pat Sheedy and Hugh McDonnell on making an immediate impact winning both the Fitzgerald Shield and



**BORRISOKANE C.C. (TIPPERARY FIRST YEAR (B) CHAMPIONS IN HURLING 1999)**

Back (l to r): Matthew Carr (Headmaster), Enda Hogan (Shannon Rovers), Seamus Kennedy (Borrisokane), Brian Collins (do), Darren Killackey (Kilruane), David Sherlock (Borrisokane), Darragh Egan (Kildangan), Joe Gleeson (Borrisokane), Conor Hughes (Kildangan), Alan Byrne (Shannon Rovers), Michael Quinlan (do), Kevin McKenna (Borrisokane), Mark Comerford (Shannon Rovers), Tom Moriarty (coach). Front row: Brian Doheny (Kilruane), Padraig Moriarty (Borrisokane), Colm Williams (Kilruane), Joseph Cleary (Borrisokane), Sean Doheny (Kilruane), Paul Morkan (Shinrone), Daniel Hctor, (do), Colm O'Meara (do) and Tommy Hogan (Kilruane).



**THURLES CBS; FITZGERALD CUP (TIPP U-17 A) HURLING CHAMPIONS 1999**

Back (l to r): Aiden Dundon (Thurles Sarsfields), Niall Dunne (Gortnahoe), Liam Hickey (Thurles Sarsfields), John Devane (Clonoulty), Paul Horan (Gortnahoe), P.J. Campion (Gortnahoe), Barry O'Dwyer (Thurles Sarsfields), Tony Connolly (Thurles Sarsfields). Middle: David O'Dwyer (Thurles Sarsfields), Liam McGrath (Holycross), Declan Leahy (Moyne), Kieran Joyce (Emeralds), Eamon Ryan (Moycarkey), David Maher (Captain) (Boherlahan), Eoin Costello (Thurles Sarsfields), Alan Guilfoyle (Emeralds), Francis McCormack (Gortnahoe), Conor Lyons (Thurles Sarsfields), John McGrath (Drom). Front: Sean O'Dwyer (Thurles Sarsfields), Rick Quigley (Moycarkey), Kevin Foley (Moycarkey), Jim Ryan (Gortnahoe), Paddy McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields), James Barrett (Holycross), Tony Ruth (Thurles Sarsfields), John Lillis (Thurles Sarsfields), Aidan Fogarty (Emeralds). Absent: Ger Joyce (Emeralds).



**OUR LADY'S TEMPLEMORE CROKE CUP TIPP (U-16) A HURLING CHAMPIONS 1999**

Back (l to r): Seán Ó Costagáin (coach), Owen Houlihan (Clonakenny), Daniel Maher (J.K. Brackens), Joe Shelley (Clonakenny), Walter Byrne (do), Padraig Keeley (Brackens), David Owens (do), Dr Jim O'Shea (principal), Martin Costigan (Moyne-Templetuohy), Declan Booler (capt) (Loughmore-C), Paul Brennan (do), James Moore (J.K. Brackens), Eddie Kelly (Moyne-Templetuohy), Derek Bourke (Loughmore-C) and Rory Purcell (coach). Front: Damien Bergin (Moyne-Templetuohy), Paddy Kelly (Toomevara) John Butler (Moyne-Templetuohy), Paddy Kelly (Toomevara), John Butler (Moyne-Templetuohy), Hugh Coughlan (do), Peter Maher (J.K. Brackens), Richie Ryan (Moyne-Templetuohy), Pat Shortt (Upperchurch-D), Evan Sweeney (Loughmore-C), Darren Danagher (do), Padraig Maher (J.K. Brackens), John Hassett (Moyne-Templetuohy), Keith Nolan (Drom-Inch), Brendan Healy (Loughmore-C).



Hennessy Cup. We look forward to their challenge in the coming years for the (A) competitions in both age groups.

#### CROKE CUP (U-16) A HURLING

##### Semi-Finals:

Thurles CBS.....6-12  
St. Joseph's Borrisoleigh.....2-9  
Our Lady's Templemore .....1-7  
Cashel C.C. ....0-8

##### Final:

Our Lady's Templemore .....1-7  
Thurles CBS.....1-3

This years Croke final was a repeat of the 1998 decider and once again we had an intense wholehearted encounter with Templemore, who were very fortunate to defeat an under-strength Cashel C.S. team in semi-final, emerging four point winners over a very committed Thurles C.B.S. outfit. The great revelry that exists between both schools saw a big crowd present to witness Our Lady's retain their trophy.

#### HENNESSY CUP (U-16) B HURLING

##### Semi-Finals:

Cistercian Roscrea .....4-7  
Presentation Ballingarry.4-7 (draw)  
Cistercian Roscrea .....8-9  
Presentation Ballingarry.2-3 (replay)  
Carrick-on-Suir CBS .....6-8  
St. Ailbe's Tipperary Town .....0-1

##### Final:

Cistercian Roscrea .....4-6  
Carrick-on-Suir CBS .....1-7

Cistercian having defeated Ballingarry in a Semi-Final Replay never looked like losing this Championship. I hope those victories in the Tipperary competitions will give them the inspiration to go on to better things in the national and Leinster competitions.

#### CORN MHIC GABHANN (U-18) A FOOTBALL

This, the Premier Football competition in our county once again provided us with some excellent games before Fethard emerged emphatic and deserving winners having defeated Our Lady's Templemore in a well contested final. Nenagh CBS failure to field a team in round one was a source of disappointment.

##### Semi-Finals:

Our Lady's Templemore .....4-10  
Killenaule V.S. ....4-5  
Fethard Secondary School ....3-12  
Clonmel C.B.S. ....2-7

##### Final:

Fethard Secondary School ....1-13  
Our Lady's Templemore .....2-5

#### McGABHANN SHIELD (U-18) B FOOTBALL

##### Semi-Finals:

Carrick-on-Suir CBS.....2-11  
Coláiste Dún Iascaigh .....2-5 AET  
St. Joseph's Borrisoleigh.....2-7  
Carrick-on-Suir V.S.....2-4



**CISTERCIAN COLLEGE ROSCREA**

CCR Under 15's Hurling team - which beat Carrick-on-Suir CBS on the score 4-6 to 1-7 in the Hennessy Cup Final (Tipperary Schools Under 15) Back (l to r): Alex Eivers, Conor Glynn, Pat McIntyre, Niall McInemey, John Phelan and Christy Molloy. Middle row: John Purcell, Edmund Hearn, Hugh Maloney, Frank Hegarty, Jody Milne, Eoin Murphy and Des Heman. Front row: Ivan McCarthy, Diarmuid Corcoran, Nigel Purcell, Conor Phelan (captain), Mr Pat Sheedy (coach), Pat Fleming, Peter Brady and Liam Meehan.



**FETHARD SECONDARY SCHOOL**

Corn Mhic Gabhann Tipp (U-18) A Champions 1999. Back (l to r): Ian Kennch (Fethard), John Fitzgerald (do), Tommy Gahan (do), Glen Burke (do), John Noonan (do), Paul Croke (Moyle Rovers), Kenneth Byrne (Fethard), John O'Meara (do), Damian Gannon (Fethard), Carl Maher (Fethard), Paul Hackett (do), John Looby (Moyle Rovers), Diarmuid Bourke (Fethard). Front row: Kevin O'Donnell (Fethard), Bully Hunt (Moyle Rovers), Cian Maher (Fethard), Phillip Croke (do), Alan Phelan (do), Conor McCarthy (capt) (Fethard), Nicky Murphy (do), Kenneth O'Donnell (do), John Lonergan (Moyle Rovers), Owen Doyle (Fethard).



**OUR LADY'S TEMPLEMORE CUSACK CUP WINNERS TIPPERARY (-15) A FOOTBALL 1999**

Back (l to r): Seán O'Costagáin (Maistir na gCluichí), Owen Houlihan (Clonakenny), Brendan Healy (Loughmore-C), Eoin O'Shea (J.K. Brackens), Michael Bourke (Moyn-Temp), Paul Brennan (Loughmore-C), Keith Nolan (Drom-Inch), Dr. James O'Shea (principal), Kevin Fogarty (Moyn-Templetuohy), Derek Bourke (Loughmore-Castleiney), Eddie Kelly (Moyn-Templetuohy), Paul Bourke (J.K. Brackens), Paul Guider (do), Rory Purcell (team manager). Front row: Richard Ryan (Moyn-Templetuohy), Brian O'Toole (J.K. Brackens), David McGrath (Loughmore-C), Neville Morgan (Brackens), Hugh Coughlan (capt) (Moyn-Templetuohy), Peter Maher (J.K. Brackens), Owen Brennan (Loughmore-C), Pat Shortt (Upperchurch-Drombane), Evan Sweeney (Loughmore-C), Colm Campion (do), Denis Maher (Moyn-Templetuohy), Michael Lynagh (J.K. Brackens), David Doran (do), Pádraig Maher (do).



**CONVENT OF MERCY NEWPORT**

Cusack Shield, Tipperary (U-15) B Football Champions 1999 Back (l to r): Philip Condon (Ahane), Aiaran McCabe (Newport), Shane Ryan (do), Ciaran Mooney (Ahane), Declan Kett (Murroe-Boher), Eoin Carroll (Birdhill), Joseph Ryan (Sean Treacys), James Ryan (Murroe-Boher), Eoin Larkin (Newport) Joseph Powell (do), James Linnane (Ahane), John Nealon (do). Front: Niall Collins (Ahane), David Hayes (Birdhill), Daniel O'Brien (Murroe-Boher), John Foley (Ballinahinch), Andrew Hickey (Newport), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch), Pádraig Berkery (Ballinahinch), David Moore (Newport), Philip O'Brien (do), Conor O'Mahony (do), David Quinn (do).



### Final:

Carrick-on-Suir CBS .....1-16  
St. Joseph's Borrisoleigh.....1-9

Carrick-on-Suir C.B.S. over the years have always figured prominently in our honours list and this year, it was the turn of their Senior Footballers to whom we offer our congratulations on their victory in the McGabhann Shield. It was again a pity to see an affiliated team, Nenagh V.S. failing to put out a team. Schools should be careful in this regard because such a situation belittles the competition and also holds it up.

### CUSACK CUP (U-15) A FOOTBALL

#### Semi-Finals:

Our Lady's Templemore .....4-13  
Killenale V.S. ....3-2  
Tipperary CBS .....3-13  
Coláiste Dún Iascaigh.....1-2

#### Final:

Our Lady's Templemore .....5-8  
Tipperary CBS .....2-4

Our Lady's Templemore created a surprise in this final as Munster Champions, the Abbey were expected to be much too strong for the Templemore boys, but on the day Templemore were clear cut winners, thus bringing the Cusack Cup back to the town for the first time since 1957.

### CUSACK SHIELD (U-15) B FOOTBALL

#### Semi-Finals:

Convent of Mercy Newport....5-6  
Thurles CBS.....1-3  
Carrick-on-Suir VS.....2-7  
St. Joseph's Borrisoleigh ..... 1-7

#### Final:

Convent of Mercy Newport....4-8  
Carrick-on-Suir VS.....0-6

This Cusack Shield final saw Liam Dillon from Mercy Newport receive his just reward for his commitment to football in Newport over the years. A sincere well done for a well deserved victory.

The Annual U-14 football blitz returned to Rockwell College once again this year and their excellent facilities once again provided us with a platform from which we had a great days entertainment. Our sincere thanks to College authorities for their generosity. Colm O'Flaherty left nothing to chance in his organisation and he had the added satisfaction of seeing his school, Cashel C.S. win the U-14 A competition defeating Coláiste Dún Iascaigh in the final on the score 5-6 to 5-3. The Under 14(B) went to St. Ailbe's Tipperary Town who defeated Thurles CBS by 6-3 to 3-3 in the final of that competition.

At last September A.G.M., we decided to organise for (C) competitions, two in hurling and two in football. The reasoning behind it was to give meaningful competition to those schools whose commitment to the G.A.A. is total, but who due to lack of numbers are not



### TIPPERARY U-14 A F WINNERS 1999 CASHEL C.S. '99

Back (l to r): Michael Lowney (Rosegreen), Michael Kennedy (Boherlahan), James McCarthy (Golden), Sean Conway (Clonmel Com), Ger Looby (Golden), Colm Walsh (Boherlahan). Middle: Michael Coleman (Cashel), Liam O'Brien (Cashel), Aidan Lonergan (Cashel), Eoin Davery (Cashel), David Ryan (Boherlahan), Tomas Barrett (Rockwell Rovers), Eoin McGrath (Rosegreen). Front: Diarmaid Carr (Golden), Paul O'Dwyer (Knockavilla), Tomas Hayes (capt) (Boherlahan), T.J. Hickey (Cashel) Kevin Leamy (Boherlahan).



### ST. JOSEPH'S NEWPORT WINNER TIPP (U-16) C HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP 1999

Back (l to r): Myles Shinnors, P.J. McLoughlin, Vincent Moloney, Dermot Duggan, Daniel O'Toole, Stephen Nash, Michael O'Brien. Middle: Ger Sheehy, Marcus Ryan, Thomas Cooney, Philip Dee, James Hurley (capt), Martin Moloney, Patrick Ryan. Front: Michael Fitzgerald, Dermot Ryan, Alan Kelly, Ian Blake, Eoin Shinnors, Damien Coffey, Ger Griffin.



### ST. SHEELAN'S COLLEGE TEMPLEMORE, TIPPERARY SENIOR HURLING (C) CHAMPIONS 1999

Back (l to r): Damien Madden (J.K. Brackens), Noel Ryan, Keith Kennedy (Templederry), David Ryan (J.K. Brackens), Paul O'Brien (J.K. Brackens), Fergal McLoughlin (Drom), Nicholas Ryan (Drom), Maurice O'Sullivan (Templeduohy), Sean Hogan (Toomevara), Michael Keely (Teacher). Front: Paul Collins (Drom), Colin Doyle (J.K. Brackens), Stephen Delaney (Roscrea), Michael Kennedy (Drom), Jim Mackey (Thurles Fennellys), J.J. Fahy (Templederry), Conor Maxwell (Toomevara), Ian Doyle (J.K. Brackens), Billy Prout (J.K. Brackens).



### ABBEY C.B.S. U-15 MUNSTER CHAMPIONS

Back (l to r): Karl O'Donnell, John O'Brien, Michael O'Dwyer, Alan Noonan, Bernard O'Callaghan, Noel Kennedy, David Whelan, Alan O'Neill, Roger O'Connor, Wayne Rogers, Barry Ryan, Alan Dillon. Front: Brian Leonard, Brendan Hanley, Mark Cosgrave, James Ryan, David Morrissey, Conor O'Brien, James Maguire, Daniel Hennessy, Joseph O'Doherty, John Barry.



able to compete in A and B competitions. I hope they have filled that void and perhaps we can review the situation and A.G.M. and see if we could include more schools within this system and perhaps promote someone from it. In our inaugural year with (C) competitions, St. Joseph's Newport captured three Championships, while St. Sheehan's College Templemore captured the Senior Hurling C title. I wish to congratulate the winners here and hope that their successes will be an inspiration to other small schools to achieve success in years ahead.

I must say well done to Schools that had successes at Munster level during the past year. The **Abbey C.B.S.** won both **U-15B Hurling** and **Football**. Templemore won U-15 A Munster Hurling Championship while **Cashel C.S.** won the **Corn Solo** at U-15 hurling. Thus the three Munster U-15 hurling Championships came to Tipp which augurs well for the underage hurling in the county. At U-16 and-a-half level, Nenagh C.B.S. won Kinnane Cup in Hurling defeating another Tipp School, Cashel C.S. in the final. At Senior B level, St. Joseph's Borrisoleigh went to the final of the Corn Phádraig losing out by a two point margin. In football, Clonmel High School went all the way to Munster Senior B Football Final, but had no luck – again St. Augustine's Dungarvan in the finals.

Killenaule V.S. despite the loss of their star forward, Owen Kelly to St. Keiran's College, Kilkenny won the Munster championship and injuries proved their downfall against Athenry V.S. in All-Ireland semi final. A word of congratulations also to Tipp V.S. team who narrowly lost All-Ireland final after providing us with an excellent spectacle on League Final Sunday in Ennis. The final replay took place in Birr and despite a gallant effort, Tipperary V.S. team lost by a four point margin (2-10) to (0-12).

As we look back on the past year at Post-Primary level, we can feel justifiably proud of the organisation and format of our Post-Primary games. All Schools participate in well organised competitions and a high standard is being attained all round. Over the years, I have had the pleasure of complimenting the schools on the level of sportsmanship that exists and except for an odd minor hiccup, that thankfully prevails, I am delighted to say that we have the common sense to put minor difficulties behind us when the overall good of Gaelic games within our county is at stake. Due to the various school pressures at this point and time, Gaelic games could easily lose their honoured place in our schools and I believe it is incumbent on us to insure that day is in the far distant horizon, because gaelic games at both club and county level would be much the poorer should



#### UNDER 15 HURLING

Back (l to r): Tomas Hayes (Boherlahan), Patrick Halley (Rockwell Rovers), Harry Horgan (Knockavilla Kickhams), Joe Ryan (Boherlahan), David Kennedy (Clonoulty Rossmore), Martin Brown (Cashel), Brian Slattery (Clonoulty Rossmore). Middle: Raymond Shelly (Boherlahan), David Haly (Rockwell Rovers), Liam Hayes (Clonoulty Rossmore), David Coffey (Cahir), James McCarthy (Golden), Aiden Lonergan (Rosegreen), David Ryan (Boherlahan), Paul Ryan (Boherlahan). Front: Paul O'Dwyer (Knockavilla Kickhams), Eoin Howard (Boherlahan), Gary Crowe (Boherlahan), James Hayes (Boherlahan) (capt), Michael Kennedy (Killenaule), John Maher (Boherlahan), David Ryan (Rosegreen).



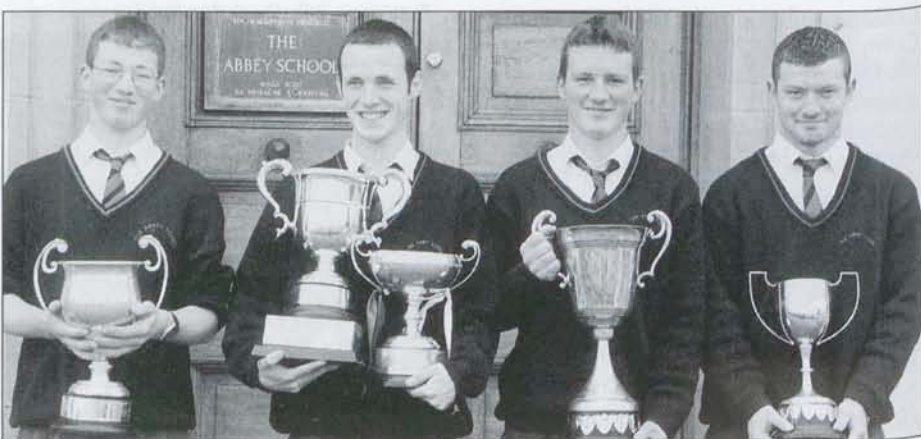
#### ABBAY C.B.S. MUNSTER U-15 'B' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Back (l to r): Alan Dillon, Mark Burke, Mark Cosgrave, Barry Ryan, Roger O'Connor, Noel Kennedy, Alan O'Neill, David Whelan, Maurice Power, Michael Byrnes, Eamon O'Brien, Gary Flood, Donough Shanahan. Front: Alan Noonan, Peter O'Hara, James O'Dwyer, Bernard O'Callaghan, Conor O'Brien, David Morrissey, Wayne Rogers, Daniel Hennessy, Brian Leonard, James Maguire, James Shanahan.



#### NENAGH CBS KINNANE CUP (MUNSTER U-16 B CHAMPIONS 1999)

Back (l to r): Mr. L. Kennedy, S. Creamer, T. Connolly, E. Lawlor, D. Kennedy, D. O'Brien, D. Maher, C. Gleeson, S. O'Leary, P. Rohan, G. Ryan, M. Ryan, Mr. P. Gray, Mr. V. Kyne (principal). Front: D. Hogan, N. Gleeson, B. Fox, W. Ryan, B. D'arcy, F. Hogan, W. Keogh, R. Bonfield, D. O'Brien, C. Morris, T. Coughlan.



#### CAPTAINS ALL! AT ABBEY SCHOOL WITH TROPHIES WON 1998/1999

(l to r): Alan O'Neill, Peter Leonard, David Morrissey, Mark Hanley



that situation ever come about. I am delighted with the manner in which County Senior Board treat the schools and I want to record how much it is appreciated by management and teachers alike.

As I look at our competitions here in Tipperary at local level it gives me great pleasure to say that all our competitions are integrated, including all post-primary schools, which in the not too distant future may be the case at provincial and national level. Our domestic post primary competitions are looked upon as roll models despite our faults and limitations and I want to compliment the leadership within our County back in the early seventies that initiated this development with the introduction of the Canon Fitzgerald Cup competition which has gone from strength to strength over the years. To the initiators Seamus Ó Riain and Tomás Ó Baróid a sincere thanks and congratulations as you were years before your time in progressive planning.

I was delighted during the year to have a chat with Seamus Ó Riain concerning our competitions and even though he may now be removed from the coalface he is very much *aut fait* with what is going on at post primary level and is delighted with the diligence and interest of the teachers that is keeping the show on the road, an observation that pleased me immensely.



#### TIPPERARY VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS PANEL

*All-Ireland runners-up after a replay with Galway at Birr. Back (l to r): Paul O'Brien, Brian Brooks, Don Maher, Joe Brady, Michael Cordial, Sean Quirke, Conor O'Donnell, Gerard Egan, Danny Corbett, Alan Doherty, Johnny Walsh, Damien Kelly, Diarmuid Fitzgerald, Owen Larkin, Thomas Callanan, Eoin Comerford. Front: Ronan Tynan, Donal Shelly, Damien Gleeson, Johnny Guilfoyle, Niall O'Dwyer, Tony Doyle, Tadhg Slevin (captain), Noel O'Grady, Paul Curran, Alan Abbott, Kenny Franks, Damien Murray, Jamie Barrett.*



#### COLAISTE CISTEIRSEACH ROS CRÉ

*Fitzgerald Shield Tipperary (U-17) B Hurling Champions 1999. Back (l to r): Andrew O'Brien (Cork), Michael Ryan (Borrisoleigh), Ivan McCarthy (Kerry), Cian Begley (Galway), Pat McIntyre (Offaly), Gerard Corcoran (Mayo), Emmet Dunne (Laois), Alan Flaherty (Galway), Tom Walsh (Carlow), Cormac Loughnane (Offaly), Hugh McDonnell (coach). Front: Conor Phelan (Kilkenny), Hugh Moloney (Éire Óg, Nenagh), Niall McInerney (Galway), Bobby Houlihan (Limerick), Peter Garvey (Galway), John O'Brien (Toomevara) capt, Brian Connolly (Galway), Frank Hegarty (Kerry), Peter Brady (Laois), John Purcell (Emly). Missing from photo: Diarmaid Corcoran (Templederry), John Phelan (Kilkenny), Nigel Purcell (Emly).*



#### ST. JOSEPHS BORRISOLEIGH, FIRST YEAR LEAGUE DIVISION A WINNERS '98/'99

*Back (l to r): Mr John Mulcahy (trainer), Mr Kevin O'Dwyer (manager), John Young (Borrisoleigh), Shane Finnan (Holycross/Ballycahill), Kieran Barrett (Holycross/Ballycahill); James Hogan (Templederry); Mark Fennessy (Holycross/Ballycahill), Philip McCormack (Thurles), Nigel Grace (Thurles), Greg Broderick (Drom-Inch), Eoin Russell (Thurles), Daniel Shanahan (Templederry); Mr Padraig O'Shea (principal); Mr Pat Crowley (trainer). Front: Richard O'Gorman (Thurles), Ciaran Fitzpatrick (Toomevara), Brendan O'Sullivan (Thurles), Noel Ryan (Templederry), Brian Grayden (Thurles), Paddy Stapleton (Borrisoleigh), Ciaran Brislane (Toomevara), Darren Kennedy (Drom-Inch), Brendan Duggan (Thurles), Matthew Vahey (Borrisoleigh), James Woodlock (Drom-Inch), David Young (Toomevara); Stephen Cummins (Toomevara).*

# Bí Linn sa Mhílaois Nua



# FITZGIBBON CUP

## – A Premier Competition

*Supt. Jim Mulligan*

**T**ipperary and the Gaelic Athletic Association are synonymous, as The Premier County was the birthplace of the G.A.A. with that historic meeting at Hayes Hotel, Thurles in November 1884.

Another historic chapter was written during 1999 with the first ever staging of the Fitzgibbon Cup in the county held at Templemore and hosted by the Garda College G.A.A. Club. The decision of the organisers, Comhairle Árd Oideachais Cumann Lúthchleas Gael to select Templemore as the venue for the Bus Éireann sponsored Fitzgibbon Cup was not only as a recognition of the progress of the Garda College G.A.A. Club since its' foundation in 1992, but also as a tribute to all the Tipperary hurlers who have contributed so much to the Fitzgibbon Cup competition down through the years.

Each of the four semi-finalists had a Tipperary connection. Both matches were played at the Garda College Sportsfield with hosts Garda College taking on Waterford Institute of Technology and followed by U.C.D. versus U.C.C.

The Ken Hogan coached Garda College had to field without their captain and Clare star, Ollie Baker, through injury and coupled with the loss of former captain and Moneygall player, Brian O'Dwyer, also through injury, they never reached the expected

heights and had to give way to a very slick Waterford I.T. contingent. Waterford I.T., who were very impressive and pulled away from their opponents in the closing stages had stars in captain, Andy Maloney, fellow Tipperary players, Eamonn Corcoran, Michael Bevans and Declan Browne, as well as Dave Bennett (Waterford), Henry Shefflin (Kilkenny) and Neil Ronan (Cork).

In the second semi-final, U.C.C. overcame U.C.D. with the prolific Johnny Enright scoring from frees and play. He was supported by Richie Flannery - Nenagh and Cork star, John Browne. U.C.D. meanwhile featured Paul Ormonde, Hugh Flannery, Paddy O'Brien and goal scorer Paul Darcy.

Sunday's final took place at Páirc Shileáin, Templemore, which was in splendid condition due to the marvellous work of the J.K. Brackens' committee and ground staff. The match was featured on TnaG, now TG4, and was a splendid advertisement for Higher Education Senior Hurling. In a very entertaining game of hurling, Waterford I.T. fashioned an impressive win over U.C.C. on a score line of 4-15 to 3-12. Cahir's Andy Maloney was an inspiring captain for W.I.T., while football All-Star, Declan Browne, gave an exhibition of corner-forward play, scoring 2-02. Kevin O'Brien in goal was effective while his Tipperary colleague, Michael Bevans was lively. Eamonn Corcoran of

J.K. Brackens played a very effective role at centre-back and was selected as the "Player of the Tournament". U.C.C. relied heavily on Sarsfield's Johnny Enright to keep their hopes alive, but he did not have the necessary back-up. This gave Waterford I.T. their third victory in the competition to add to the successes of 1992 and 1995.

Also taking place on the Fitzgibbon Cup week was the Bus Éireann Ryan Cup competition and this featured Letterkenny I.T. versus University of Ulster Coleraine and Sligo I.T. versus Dundalk I.T. The semi-finals took place at the Ragg, compliments of Drom/Inch G.A.A. Club and the finalists were U.U.C. v Sligo I.T. In Sunday's final, Sligo I.T. defeated U.U.C. at the Garda College sportsfield on a score line of 1-05 to 0-5. This competition is the starting position for new colleges entering the third level arena and was the launch pad for this year's hosting club, Garda College, who were successful in 1995.

It is wonderful to see another Tipperary college entering the field of third level games this year, with the entry of Tipperary Rural and Business Development Institute (T.R.B.D.I.) for the 1999/2000 season.

The Bus Éireann Fitzgibbon Cup is now without doubt one of the premier competitions on the G.A.A. calendar and it is an honour and a privilege to host.



Back row (l. to r.): Supt. John McFadden, Garda College; John Costigan, Chairman, J.K. Brackens; Tom Collum, Secretary, J.K. Brackens; Tony Butler, Secretary, Drom-Inch; Sean Mockler, Supt. Jim Mulligan, Chairman, Garda College GAA Club; Tom Sheedy, Bus Éireann; Mick Lynch, Bus Éireann; Inspector John Scanlon, Treasurer, Garda College GAA Club. (Front row (l. to r.): Bill Darcy, Chairman, Drom-Inch; Paul O'Neill, Chairman Co. Board; Dr. D. Clifford, Archbishop of Cashel and Emlý, Patron of GAA; John McLoughlin, Sales Executive, Bus Éireann; Christy Leddin; Helen Cullagh, Secretary, Garda College GAA Club; Chief Supt. Kevin Ludlow, Director, Garda College.



**A**s we start into a new Scór season I recently had some time to reflect on our last one. Please allow me to share some of my thoughts and observations on our 1998/99 season.

Our year started in October with our Annual General Meeting at which the first task of the year was set. Adjudicators always raise many questions. In the last number of years our question has been how can we get some more involved? A recruitment drive was seen as the only option. With this in mind we held a seminar and as a committee all endeavoured to source new people to attend. This was agreed to be a very useful exercise and we hope to continue this in the future.

## SCÓR NA NÓG

Scór na nÓg followed our first competition annually. We, as usual, had a very high standard of competition at the County Final in Cashel. All those who represented Tipperary at the Munster Scór na nÓg stages did so with distinction. We were very proud of them all but especially of Mary Theresa O'Connell Sean Treacy's winning the Amhránaíocht Aonair and Borrisoleigh winning the Rince Set at the Munster Final in Killarney. Both clubs are consistent in Scór and were deservedly rewarded with taking All-Ireland titles on Saturday 20th February in the University Concert Hall, Limerick. The only titles I might add to come to Munster this year!!

## SCÓR SINSEAR

Scór Sinsear proved again to have an equal amount of talent. Club participation is a cause of concern and we need a renewed effort in the county to promote this competition by all the clubs. The success of the items that represented Tipperary at the Munster stages was wonderful, all featured well and can take pride in their efforts. We took four Munster titles eventually, Solo Singing, Instrumental Music, Recitation and Set Dancing. Borrisoleigh, Toomevara, Cappawhite and J.K. Brackens were the clubs respectively. The All-Ireland in the Ulster Hall, Belfast was wonderful, we may not have brought home the laurels however we had the pleasure of being involved in an historic occasion as this was the first time Scór was ever hosted in Belfast.

## SCÓR NA BPÁISTÍ

Scór na bPáistí continues to be the highlight of my year and I do feel of a good many more. I have expressed the opinion that Scór na bPáistí may be better served at a different time of the year. This view was felt by others at this year's AGM and it is hoped we will discuss this again during this season. The young people that we see each year would probably put most of us to shame with all their ability, I am continually amazed, we can be very proud of them and can only offer every thanks to their parents and mentors.

## CHAMPIONS HONOURED

In honour of our All-Ireland winners a function was hosted in their honour on Friday 21st May in Park Avenue House Hotel. This is almost an annual social event now and it is great to have winners to do it for. Both Mary Theresa O'Connell and the Borrisoleigh Set Dancers were made a small presentation. We had the great pleasure of being entertained by them later in the proceedings. During the summer Munster Council in conjunction with the Munster Scór Committee also hosted a celebratory function for Scór winners both All-Ireland and Munster winners. We are very appreciative of this initiative and hope it continues from season to season.

We suffered one very upsetting and disappointing blow during the year. As Toomevara prepared for their All-Ireland Scór Sinsear final in Instrumental Music one member was involved in a serious accident. This prevented the trio travelling to Belfast to perform.



North Senior Scór Question time champion: Templederry, Donal Shanahan, James Gleeson, Richard Gleeson.



Set Dancers: Borrisoleigh Senior - North Winners: Back (l to r) Henry Groome, Declan Maher, Thomas Walsh, Pierce Ryan. Front: Michelle Maher, Helen Carroll, Carol Bradshaw, Maria Ryan.



Borrisoleigh Senior Figure Dancers: North winners. Back (l to r): Marie Ryan, Aileen Óg Groome, Lorraine O'Dwyer, Sinead Stapleton. Front: Marguerite Ryan, Mary Kelly, Helen Carroll, Carol Bradshaw.



(l to r): Thomas Slattery, Connor Slattery and Aidan Slattery all from Ballymackey. Representing Toomevara G.A.A. Club in Scór. They reached the All Ireland in Belfast but was unable to attend due to Aidan's accident.



Trath na gCeisteanna - North winners Scór na nÓg (l to r): Matthew Stapleton, Pauric Maher, Vincent Stapleton.



Solo Song-Senior Scór Co. Winner: Marie Ryan, Borrisoleigh.



It is difficult to express how we felt when we heard of Aidan's accident. Though there is a long road to recovery, both I and all the committee of Coiste Scór Thiobraid Árann think of him and all his family often and wish them well during these hard times. I had the great pleasure of dealing with the boys since I became secretary over four years ago and it always was a pleasure. I look forward to their return.

With that season complete we have just started another. Our recent AGM saw some officer changes. Most notably the loss of Joe O'Halloran from the top-table. Joe most recently held the post of Co. Treasurer and before that Co. Chairperson, he has given many years of enthusiastic service to Scór and will always have many friends through Scór. Dan Madden is welcomed as the new Co. Treasurer from Templederry. Also joining us this year is Margaret O'Connell, Moycarkey Borris as Assistant Treasurer from Joan Ryan, who continues at Munster Committee representative with Newcastle's Seamus McGrath. Nuala O'Gorman, Sean Treacy's replaces Eileen Heffernan, Cappawhite who like Joe is a dedicated Scór person. The other officers are; Chairperson: Jim Keane, Golden/Kilfeacle; vice-chair: Johnny Delaney, J.K. Brackens; Paudie Quirke, Golden/Kilfeacle; P.R.O.: Nora Troy, Thurles Sarsfields.

#### A MILLENNIUM REQUEST

As the Millennium draws to a close we have a lot to be proud of in Scór and yet hard work is needed to address our areas of weakness, club participation being of paramount importance. Everyone has a role to play. Those clubs that are already involved please continue the good work do not get complacent but to those clubs for whatever reasons who are not participating this is an opportunity to start. I know if I can offer any assistance I will as will the other officers.

Thank you as always. It is pleasure to be allowed to be associated with this publication. Every success to Seamus King and Liam O'Donnchu and all involved.

**Maria Morrissey**

*Rúnaí Coist Scór Thiobraid Árann*



*Scór na nÓg – Solo Singer, North Winner, Borrisoleigh: Anne-Marie Kavanagh.*



*Recitation, Co. Winner, Scór na nÓg: Michael Corcoran, Borrisoleigh.*



*Scór na bPáistí – Ceol Uirlise, Co. Winners, Borrisoleigh: Back (l to r): Martin Maher, Brendan Maher, Mary Maher (coach). Front: Mairead Maher, Toby Kavanagh, Mary Bradshaw.*



*Scór na bPáistí Set Dancers, Co. Winners, Borrisoleigh: Back (l to r): Philip Ryan (coach), Mick Fahy, Jody Harkin, Brendan Maher, Toby Kavanagh, Phil Maher. Front: Elaine Stapleton, Pauline O'Brien, Jill Chadwick, Maura Bradshaw.*



*North Tipperary Novelty Act Scór na bPáistí champions, Templederry. Back (l to r): Dan Madden, Grainne Ryan, Aisling Gleeson, Mai Fogarty. Front: John Fogarty, Catriona Madden, Ronan Kinane, Ciara Ryan, Edel Kinane, Donal McGrath.*



*Scór na nÓg Set Dancers: All Ireland Winner, Borrisoleigh: Back (l to r): Philip Ryan (coach), Martin Maher, Seamus Farrell, Pauric Maher, Peter Ryan, Phil Maher (Musician). Front: Deirdre Bradshaw, Anne Ryan, Pamela Ryan, Margaret Ryan.*



*Scór na nÓg Novelty Act – Co. Winners, Borrisoleigh: Back (l to r): Jim Keane, Matthew Stapleton, Vincent Stapleton, Tom Ryan (coach). Front: Anne Ryan, Amy Spillane, Margaret Ryan.*



# Mid Tipperary Scór 1998/99

**C**oiste Scór had an enjoyable season last year. We are still hoping that clubs would have a better input in Scór Sinsear.

Our Scór na nÓg winners performed well in County final in Cashel in December, everyone did their division proud. Our representatives Gortnahoe/Glengoole in Rince Foirne were unlucky in Munster semi-final in Cashel in January, but our ballad group from Moyne/Templetuohy were second in Munster final in Killarney, end of January. Better luck next year.

We had an exciting night at mid-final of Scór Sinsear in Littleton in February hosted by Moycarkey/Borris club and Paddy Cooney, where all categories were keenly contested, none more so than the set dancing. J.K. Brackens barely held onto the title, as Drom, Upperchurch, Moyne and Moycarkey gave their best shots to try and dispose them.

We had four representatives in Munster final of Scór Sinsear in Clonmel in March, in Rince Foirne Upperchurch, J.K. Brackens were involved in Nuachleas, Trath na gCeist and Rince Seit, but despite good performances only Rince Seit went on to All-Ireland in Belfast in April, where although they gave a polished and exciting performance failed to get the nod on the night. It was great to see three items from J.K. Brackens in Munster final – well done and keep up the good work.

The Scór na bPaistí competition was very enjoyable and wonderful to see the talent of these young children, our representatives in county final in Cashel in April. Drom/Inch were second in Rince Foirne as were J.K. Brackens in Nuachleas and Trath na gCeist Roseanne Purcell, Moycarkey won Aithriseoireacht and Drom the Bailead Ghrupa.

Coiste Scór Thiobraid Mhéan would like to congratulate the Tipperary Camogie team on their great win in Senior All-Ireland and say well done to Biddy Phillips on her faith and perseverance. We wish them continued success.

Coiste Scór would like to thank our host clubs for their help on competition nights. Also sponsors Thurles Credit Union, Donal Young, The Ragg, Tivoli Cleaners, Thurles A.C.C., Grants and Kinanes Publicans, Upperchurch, Lycon Auto Spares, Thurles, Livestock Mart.

## ELECTED OFFICERS

Chairman .....	Paddy Cooney (Moycarkey)
Vice-Chairman .....	Martin Kennedy (Drom)
Runaí .....	Breda Corcoran (Upperchurch)
Cisteoir and O.C.P. ....	Nora Troy, (Thurles Sarsfields)
Assistant Runaí .....	Noel Joyce (J.K. Brackens)
Delegates to County Scór .....	Martin Kennedy and Pa Delaney (Drom)
Delegate to Munster .....	Joan Ryan (Upperchurch)

## MID TIPPERARY WINNERS

	Scór na nÓg	Sinsear	Scór na bPaistí
Rince Foirne	Gortnahoe/Glengoole	Upperchurch	Drom
Amhránaíocht Aonair	Moyne/Templetuohy	Upperchurch	Moycarkey
	Deirdre Cormack	Fergal Butler	Marie Carey
Ceol Uirlise	Boherlahan/Dualla	Upperchurch	Boherlahan
Nuachleas	Drom/Inch	J.K. Brackens	J.K. Brackens
Trathna gCeist	J.K. Brackens	J.K. Brackens	J.K. Brackens
Aithriseoireacht	Moyne/Templetuohy	J.K. Brackens	Moycarkey
	Deborah Kelly	Noel Joyce	Roseanne Purcell
Bailead Ghrupa	Moyne/Templetuohy	Moyne/Templetuohy	Drom
Rince Siet	Moycarkey/Borris	J.K. Brackens	J.K. Brackens

## The Man in the Middle

by John Moloughney

In Ireland today we all enjoy our Gaelic Games  
Our hurling and football they have all the big names  
Be it County or Club at every game you will see  
That man dressed in black and all important referee.

The man in the middle, the entire pitch he will control  
Looking after the match and the players in his control  
He blows the whistle and gives all the free pucks  
Sometimes on bad pitches that are only fit for ducks.

He must have two linesmen a man for each side  
A man at each post to signal a score and maybe a wide  
He informs the two captains when they come for the toss  
That during the game there will only be one boss.

When the game gets underway the play will ebb and flow  
Sometimes the games are very fast and sometimes very slow  
He may blow the whistle for a tackle from behind,  
Then some wit in the crowd will shout are you blind.

From the start to the finish the game is in his care  
He will do his very best to make sure its done fair  
Some games are very easy and more can be tough  
Many players can be sporting some are very rough.

The referee will take a look and make his decision  
One side will be happy, the other will treat it with derision  
When the game is over the winners are in full song  
The losers are wondering where the referee went wrong.

He goes through every game and he applies all the laws  
Everyone would be happy if all the games were drawn  
The game it is over and while we reflect on the score  
Spare a thought for the man in the middle, the poor reiteoir.



# SCOREBOARD '99

Compiled by Seamus O'Doherty

## COUNTY FINALS – HURLING

### Senior:

Toomevara.....	1-17
Eire Óg Nenagh.....	0-13

### Inter:

Silvermines.....	1-11
Templederry.....	1-10

### Junior 'A':

Galtee Rovers.....	1-10
Skeheenarinka.....	0-8

### Junior 'B':

Burgess.....	1-7
JK Brackens.....	0-7

### Under-21 'A':

Mullinahone v Cappawhite or North winners.	
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### Under-21 'B':

Kildangan v Moycarkey/Borris.	
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### Minor 'A':

Thurles Sarsfields.....	3-10
Knockavilla-D. Kickhams.....	1-8

### Minor 'B':

Newcastle.....	4-6
Ballina.....	2-10

### Minor 'C':

Clonakenny.....	1-6
Templederry.....	0-8

### Under-16 'A':

Toomevara.....	3-12
Galtee Rovers.....	0-2

### Under-16 'B':

Silvermines.....	5-11
Lattin-Cullen.....	2-5

### Under-16 'C':

Upperchurch-Drombane.....	2-8
Moyle Rovers.....	1-6

### Under-14 'A':

Carrick Swans.....	4-2
J.K. Brackens.....	3-3

### Under-14 'B':

Gortnahoe-Glengoole.....	2-8
Kilsheelan/Kilcash.....	0-4

### Under-14 'C':

Borrisokane.....	0-7
Seán Treacy's.....	1-2

### Under-12 'A':

Drom-Inch.....	3-3
Carrick Swans.....	1-5

### Under-12 'B':

Kilruane McDonaghs.....	2-6
Carrick Davins.....	0-3

### Under-12 'C':

St. Patricks (Drangan/Cloneen).....	1-3
Gortnahoe-Glengoole.....	0-1

## COUNTY FINALS - FOOTBALL

### Senior:

Moyle Rovers.....	2-8
Clonmel Commercials.....	1-10

### Intermediate:

#### Junior 'A':

Emly v Fethard	
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#### Junior 'B':

#### Under-21 'A':

Holycross/Ballycahill.....	2-6
Galtee Rovers.....	1-8

#### Under-21 'B':

Séan Treacy's.....	1-10
Thurles Gaels.....	1-4

#### Minor 'A':

Fethard.....	0-9
Burgess.....	0-8

#### Minor 'B':

Ballina.....	1-9
Loughmore-Castleiney.....	0-9

#### Minor 'C':

Rockwell Rovers.....	2-10
Carrick Davins.....	1-6

#### Under-16 'A':

Roscrea.....	2-10
Cahir.....	0-6

#### Under-16 'B':

Kildangan.....	0-12
Mullinahone.....	1-6
(second replay)	

#### Under-16 'C':

Grangemockler/Ballyneale.....	2-6
Templederry.....	0-9

#### Under-14 'A':

Moyle Rovers.....	1-9
Gortnahoe-Glengoole.....	2-5

#### Under-14 'B':

Kilsheelan/Kilcash.....	3-9
Borrisleigh.....	1-4

#### Under-14 'C':

Borrisokane.....	2-7
Eire Óg/Annacarty.....	1-9

#### Under-12 'A':

Moycarkey/Borris.....	1-6
Clonmel Commercials.....	1-0

#### Under-12 'B':

Silvermines.....	1-4
Rockwell Rovers.....	0-1

#### Under-12 'C':

Kilruane McDonaghs.....	2-8
Eire Óg Annacarty.....	1-2

## INTER-COUNTY C/SHIPS – HURLING

### Senior:

May 22nd at Semple Stadium

Tipperary.....	4-29
Kerry.....	2-6

June 6th at Páirc Uí Chaoimh

Tipperary.....	0-18;
Clare.....	2-12
(draw)	

June 12th at Páirc Uí Chaoimh

Clare.....	1-21
Tipperary.....	1-11
(Replay)	

### Intermediate:

June 6th at Páirc Uí Chaoimh

Tipperary.....	3-24
Clare.....	0-7

July 21st at Fermoy

Cork.....	2-9
Tipperary.....	1-7
(Munster Final)	

### Under-21:

June 23rd at Ballyheigue

Tipperary.....	5-15
Kerry.....	0-8

July 14th at Walsh Park

Tipperary.....	4-11
Waterford.....	2-15

August 28th at Ennis

Tipperary.....	1-18
Clare.....	1-15
(Munster Final)	

Sept 4th at Tullamore

Galway.....	3-12
Tipperary.....	1-16
(All-Ireland Semi Final)	

### Minor:

May 12th at Semple Stadium

Tipperary.....	3-20
Limerick.....	1-14
(Semi-Final)	

July 4th at Semple Stadium

Tipperary.....	1-13
Clare.....	2-7
(Munster Final)	

August 8th at Croke Park

Tipperary.....	3-13
Wexford.....	1-8
(All-Ireland semi-final)	

Sept 12th at Croke Park

Galway.....	0-13
Tipperary.....	0-10
(All-Ireland Final)	

## UNDER-16 MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS:

April 3rd at Páirc Uí Rinn

Cork City.....	2-14
South Tipperary.....	1-13
(after two periods of E.T.)	



<i>April 3rd at Bruff</i>	
South Limerick .....	2-11
West Tipperary .....	0-7
<i>April 10th at Killaloe</i>	
East Clare .....	2-15
Mid-Tipperary .....	0-5
<i>April 10th at Cloughjordan</i>	
Mid-Clare .....	2-13
North Tipperary .....	1-5
(All first round games)	

#### CUMANN NA mBUNSCOIL

<i>May 22nd at Semple Stadium</i>	
Tipperary .....	1-6
Kerry .....	1-3
<i>June 6th at Páirc Uí Chaoimh</i>	
Clare .....	2-4
Tipperary .....	0-5

#### CHURCH & GENERAL N.H.L. '99 Div. 1B

<i>March 7th at Ballycran</i>	
Tipperary .....	4-23
Down .....	0-8
<i>March 21st at Semple Stadium</i>	
Tipperary .....	1-16
Wexford .....	1-8
<i>March 28th at Nowlan Park</i>	
Kilkenny .....	3-14
Tipperary .....	1-13
<i>April 4th at Semple Stadium</i>	
Tipperary .....	1-12
Cork .....	1-11
<i>April 10th at Portlaoise</i>	
Tipperary .....	2-16
Laois .....	1-7
<i>April 18th at Semple Stadium</i>	
Tipperary .....	1-14
Waterford .....	0-14
<i>May 2nd at Limerick</i>	
Tipperary .....	0-19
Clare .....	1-15
(Semi-Final)	
<i>May 16th at Ennis</i>	
Tipperary .....	1-14
Galway .....	1-10
(Final)	

#### INTER COUNTY C'SHIPS – FOOTBALL

##### Senior:

<i>May 23rd at Tralee</i>	
Kerry .....	1-11
Tipperary .....	0-8
(First round)	

##### Junior:

<i>May 23rd at Tralee</i>	
Kerry .....	1-13
Tipperary .....	2-8
(First round)	

##### Under-21:

<i>March 31st at Ardfinnan</i>	
Cork .....	4-12
Tipperary .....	1-7
(Semi-Final)	

##### Minor:

<i>April 15th at Semple Stadium</i>	
Tipperary .....	2-10
Limerick .....	1-8
<i>April 22nd at Kilmallock</i>	
Clare .....	4-9
Tipperary .....	1-5
<i>May 5th at Semple Stadium</i>	
Waterford .....	2-8
Tipperary .....	1-10
(Tipp did not qualify for semi-finals)	

##### All-Ireland Senior Football 'B' C'ships:

<i>October 2nd at Ballymahon</i>	
Tipperary .....	2-10
Longford .....	0-9
<i>November 20th at Templemore</i>	
Fermanagh .....	0-18
Tipperary .....	0-9
(Semi-Final)	

#### CHURCH & GENERAL N.F.L. '98/'99 (Division 2 'B')

<i>February 14th at Dungarvan</i>	
Tipperary .....	4-10
Waterford .....	1-7
<i>February 28th at Clonmel</i>	
Longford .....	3-10
Tipperary .....	2-10
<i>March 14th at Breffni Park</i>	
Cavan .....	0-12
Tipperary .....	0-8
<i>March 28th at Sligo</i>	
Sligo .....	0-12
Tipperary .....	0-7

#### CHURCH & GENERAL N.F.L. '99/2000 (Division 2 'B')

<i>October 31st at Portlaoise</i>	
Laois .....	1-13
Tipperary .....	1-4
<i>November 14th at Ardfinnan</i>	
Tipperary .....	2-11
Carlow .....	0-10
<i>November 28th at New Ross</i>	
Wexford .....	1-11
Tipperary .....	2-6

#### MASTERS' HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

<i>September 19 at Tullamore</i>	
Kilkenny .....	2-17
Tipperary .....	3-9
(All-Ireland Final)	

#### MUNSTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

##### HURLING ('99/00):

<i>October 24th at Limerick</i>	
Toomevara .....	0-12
Ahane (Limerick) .....	1-9
(Draw)	
<i>October 31st at Semple Stadium</i>	
Toomevara .....	1-10
Ahane .....	1-8
(Re-play)	
<i>November 14th at Semple Stadium</i>	
St. Joseph's (Clare) .....	2-11
Toomevara .....	0-12
(Semi-Final)	

#### FOOTBALL ('99/00):

<i>October 24th at Dungarvan:</i>	
Rathgormack (Waterford) .....	1-11
Moyle Rovers .....	1-7

#### MUNSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Clonmel Commercial .....	1-11
Fethard .....	1-6
(Final)	

#### McGRATH CUP SENIOR FOOTBALL

<i>January 31st at Golden</i>	
Tipperary .....	3-9
Waterford .....	0-9
<i>February 20th at Miltown-Malbay</i>	
Clare .....	0-8
Tipperary .....	0-3
(Semi-Final)	

#### SOUTH EAST LEAGUE SENIOR HURLING ('98-'99)

<i>January 24th at Freshford</i>	
Tipperary .....	5-15
Kilkenny .....	3-4
<i>February 7th at Walsh Park</i>	
Tipperary .....	1-16
Waterford .....	2-8
(Final)	

#### SOUTH EAST SPECIAL WINTER LEAGUE ('99/2000)

<i>October 31st at Portlaoise</i>	
Tipperary .....	2-20
Laois .....	2-3
<i>November 14th at Templemore</i>	
Tipperary .....	1-13
Limerick .....	1-11
<i>November 20th at Nenagh</i>	
Tipperary .....	0-24
Dublin .....	1-5
<i>November 27th at Enniscorthy</i>	
Wexford .....	2-11
Tipperary .....	2-10

#### OIREACHTAS CUP SENIOR HURLING (1998/'99)

<i>February 14th at Athenry</i>	
Galway .....	0-17
Tipperary .....	0-15
(Semi-Final)	

#### NENAGH CO-OP U-16 HURLING

<i>October 9th</i>	
Tipperary beat Dublin (Round 1)	
<i>October 9th</i>	
Tipperary .....	1-10
Limerick .....	1-7
(Semi-Final)	

<i>October 16th at Nenagh</i>	
Clare .....	0-17
Tipperary .....	1-10
(Final)	

#### CO. SENIOR HURLING LEAGUE FINALS

<i>Premier:</i>	
Toomevara v Nenagh Eire Óg.	
<i>Division 1</i>	
<i>August 22nd at Nenagh:</i>	
Portroe .....	1-13
Thurles Sarsfields .....	0-7
<i>Division 2</i>	
<i>October 31st at Cloughjordan:</i>	



Borrisokane .....	2-8
Moneygall .....	2-8
<i>Nov. 7th at Cloughjordan:</i>	
Borrisokane .....	1-10
Moneygall .....	0-6
	(Re-play)

### IARNROD EIREANN INTER-PROVINCIALS

#### HURLING:

<i>November 7th at Casement Park</i>	
Munster .....	0-29
Ulster .....	3-14
	(Semi-Final)

#### *November 21st at Semple Stadium*

Connacht .....	2-13
Munster .....	1-15
	(Final)

#### FOOTBALL:

##### *April 4th at Killarney*

Munster .....	1-20
Ulster .....	3-14
	(A.E.T.) Draw (Semi-Final)

##### *April 18th at Omagh*

Munster .....	2-19
Ulster .....	3-13
	(A.E.T. Replay (Semi-Final))

##### *May 2nd at Tuam:*

Munster .....	0-10
Connacht .....	0-7
	(Final)

### FITZGIBBON CUP – HURLING

#### *February 3rd at Templemore:*

Garda College .....	2-14
University of Limerick .....	0-15
	(Preliminary Round)

#### *February 10th at Dangan, Galway:*

Garda College .....	5-9
N.U.I. (Galway) .....	3-9
	(Quarter-Final)

#### *February 27th at Templemore:*

Waterford I.T. ....	1-17
Garda College .....	2-4
	(Semi-Final)

#### *February 27th at Templemore:*

U.C.C. ....	1-11
U.C.D. ....	1-8
	(Semi-Final)

#### *February 28th at Templemore:*

Waterford I.T. ....	4-15
U.C.C. ....	3-12
	(Final)

(Winners were captained by Andy Moloney (Cahir).

### SIGERSON CUP - FOOTBALL

#### *March 5th at Belfast:*

Garda College .....	0-10
St. Mary's .....	0-7
Tralee I.T. ....	0-13
U.C.C. ....	0-7
	(Quarter-Finals)

#### *March 6th at Belfast:*

Garda College .....	2-9
Queens University, Belfast .....	1-10
Tralee I.T. ....	0-14
Sligo I.T. ....	0-11
	(Semi-Finals)

#### *March 7th at Belfast:*

Tralee I.T. ....	1-8
Garda College .....	0-7
	(Final)

### ALL-IRELAND 'ELEVENS' HURLING

#### *May 1st at Carlow:*

Mount Sion (Waterford) .....	2-8
Moneygall .....	0-5
	(Quarter-Finals)

Castletown (Laois) beat Ballingarry  
(Quarter-Finals)

### ALL-IRELAND 'SEVENS' HURLING

#### *September 11th at Kilmacud, Dublin*

Glynn-Barntown (Wexford) .....	1-11
Borrisoleigh .....	1-7
	(Semi-Final) A.E.T.

Portroe .....	4-8
Patrickswell (Limerick) .....	4-6

Portroe .....	3-7
Newtownseandrum (Cork) .....	2-8

Portroe .....	5-13
Liam Mellows (Galway) .....	1-7

Portroe .....	7-8
Garryspillane (Limerick) .....	3-4

Portroe .....	2-11
Clarecastle (Clare) .....	2-5
	(Semi-Final)

Portroe .....	4-10
Glynn/Barntown (Wexford) .....	1-6
	(Final)

### FÉILE NA nGAEL U-14 HURLING

Carrick Swans .....	3-5
Galtee Rovers .....	0-4
	(Semi-Final)

Burgess .....	3-4
Dúrlas Óg .....	2-3
	(Semi-Final – after extra time)

Carrick Swans .....	3-2
Burgess .....	2-2
	(Final)

#### *June 25th at Ferns*

Carrick Swans .....	2-1
Ferns/St. Aidans (Wexford) .....	4-7

#### *June 25th at Coolree*

Carrick Swans .....	0-5
Eire Óg (Clare) .....	7-10

#### *June 25th at Ferns*

Carrick Swans .....	4-6
Duffry Rovers (Wexford) .....	2-1

### PEADAR CUMMINS U-14 HURLING

#### *July 3rd at Borrisoleigh*

Mid Tipp beat North Tipp one 1 point.

#### *July 3rd at The Ragg*

South Tipp .....	4-10
West Tipp .....	3-7

#### *July 3rd at Borrisoleigh*

Mid Tipp .....	2-10
South Tipp .....	2-8
	(Final)

#### *July 3rd at Borrisoleigh*

North Tipperary .....	4-8
West Tipperary .....	3-3
	(Losers' Final)

### TONY FORRISTAL U-14 HURLING

#### *Div 1 –*

##### *August 28th at Waterford:*

Tipperary .....	4-11
Offaly .....	3-3

Tipperary .....	1-10
Laois .....	2-2

Galway .....	4-4
Tipperary .....	0-4
	(Semi-Final)

### GARDA CUP U-16 – HURLING

### FRIENDS OF TIPP U-16 – FOOTBALL

### PEIL NA nÓG U-14 (Coca-Cola)

Roscrea .....	1-9
Gortnahoe-Glengoose .....	3-4

Moyle Rovers .....	3-9
Galtee Rovers .....	3-4
	(Semi-Finals)

Moyle Rovers .....	2-9
Roscrea .....	1-5
	(Final)

### CO. PRIMARY SCHOOLS HURLING FINALS

A. Dromakeenan N.S. ....	0-7
Carrick C.B.S. ....	0-4

B. Knockavilla N.S. ....	7-9
Ballina N.S. ....	0-0

C. St. Oliver's N.S., Clonmel .....	2-5
Templederry N.S. ....	1-5

D. Lisvernane N.S. ....	1-6
Kilruane N.S. ....	0-3

E. Drangan N.S. ....	3-5
Gurtagarry N.S. ....	3-2

F. Ballagh N.S. beat Barnane N.S.

### UNDER-14 MUNSTER FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

#### *July 10 at Cork:*

Tipperary .....	4-16
Cork .....	1-8

Tipperary .....	0-17
Waterford .....	2-3

#### *July 17th at Bruff*

Tipperary .....	2-10
North Kerry .....	1-6
	(Final)



## UNDER-14 JIM POWER FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

November 6th at Kilmacthomas  
 Tipperary ..... 1-14  
 Carlow ..... 1-4  
 (Semi-Final)

November 6th at Kilmacthomas  
 Tipperary ..... 4-12  
 Limerick ..... 0-4  
 (Final)

## SCHOOLS/COLLEGES

### Dr. Harty Cup Colleges Senior Hurling (1998/'99):

February 3rd at The Ragg  
 Our Lady's, Templemore ..... 2-14  
 Thurles C.B.S. .... 1-10  
 (Quarter-Final)

February 14th at Kilfinane  
 Our Lady's, Templemore ..... 0-9  
 St. Finbarr's (Farranferries) ..... 1-6  
 (Draw - Semi-Final)

February 21st at Kilfinane  
 St. Finbarr's ..... 2-5  
 Our Lady's ..... 1-6  
 (Replay)

## 1999/2000

October 13th at Limerick  
 Nenagh C.B.S. .... 1-11  
 St. Joseph's (Tulla) ..... 1-11  
 (Draw)

November 5th at Ballina  
 Nenagh CBS ..... 0-13  
 St. Josephs (Tulla) ..... 0-4  
 (Replay)

October 13th at Nenagh  
 Thurles CBS ..... 4-18  
 Limerick CBS ..... 0-9

October 13th at Mitchelstown  
 Our Lady's (Templemore).....5-9  
 Col. Christof Rí (Cork).....1-4

November 10th at Clonmel  
 Our Lady's, Templemore ..... 1-17  
 Coláiste an Phiarsaigh (Glanmire) .. 1-6  
 (Quarter-Final)

November 10th at Mitchelstown  
 Thurles CBS ..... 1-10  
 Midleton CBS ..... 0-6  
 (Quarter-Final)

November 10th at Newport  
 Nenagh CBS ..... 5-11  
 St. Clement's (Limerick) ..... 0-6  
 (Quarter-Finals)

## CORN PADRAIG SENIOR HURLING 'B' 1998/'99

February 12th at Newport  
 St. Caimin's (Shannon) ..... 1-9  
 Nenagh C.B.S. .... 0-8  
 (Semi-Finals)

March 3rd at Buttevant  
 St. Caimin's ..... 1-12  
 St. Joseph's (Borrisoleigh) ..... 0-13  
 (Final)

## CANON FITZGERALD CUP U-17 HURLING

Thurles CBS ..... 3-8  
 Our Lady's (Templemore) ..... 0-8  
 (Semi-Final)

Roscrea C.C. .... 3-10  
 Nenagh CBS ..... 1-5  
 (Semi-Final)

### May 18th at Semple Stadium

Thurles CBS ..... 2-12  
 Roscrea C.C. .... 3-6  
 (Final)

## CANON FITZGERALD SHIELD U-17 'B' HURLING

Clonmel CBS ..... 4-9  
 Carrick-on-Suir ..... 1-4  
 (Semi-Final)

Cistercian College (Roscrea) ..... 3-8  
 Convent of Mercy (Newport) ..... 0-5  
 (Semi-Final)

C.C., Roscrea ..... 6-12  
 Clonmel CBS ..... 1-10  
 (Final)

## DR. KINANE CUP U-16 1/2 HURLING

Nenagh CBS ..... 3-5  
 Cashel C.S. .... 0-7  
 (Final)

## CROKE CUP U-16 'A' HURLING

Thurles CBS ..... 6-12  
 St. Joseph's (Borrisoleigh) ..... 2-9  
 (Semi-Final)

Our Lady's (Templemore) ..... 1-7  
 Cashel C.S. .... 0-8  
 (Semi-Final)

Our Lady's (Templemore) ..... 1-7  
 Thurles CBS ..... 1-3  
 (Final)

## HENNESSY CUP U-16 'B' HURLING

Cist. College (Roscrea).....4-7  
 Pres. (Ballingarry).....4-7  
 (Draw) (Semi-Final)

Cist. College (Roscrea)..... 8-9  
 Pres. (Ballingarry).....2-3  
 (Replay)

Carrick on Suir CBS.....6-8  
 St. Ailbe's Tipp Town .....0-1  
 (Semi Final)

C.C. Roscrea.....4-6  
 Carrick on Suir .....1-7  
 (Final)

## WHITE CUP U-15 'A' HURLING

Our Lady's (Templemore).....2-11  
 St. Flannan's (Ennis) .....1-7  
 (Semi-Final)

St. Colman's (Fermoy) ..... 3-6  
 Thurles CBS ..... 1-9  
 (Semi-Final)

Our Lady's (Templemore) ..... 3-10  
 St. Colman's (Fermoy) ..... 0-10  
 (Final)

## PEARSE CUP U-15 'B' HURLING

Abbey CBS ..... 6-6  
 Charleville CBS ..... 3-3  
 (Quarter-Final)

Abbey CBS ..... 3-14  
 D.L.S. (Waterford) ..... 6-4  
 (Semi-Final)

Abbey CBS ..... 1-12  
 Nenagh CBS ..... 2-6  
 (Final)

## CORN SOLO U-15 'C' HURLING

Cashel C.S. .... 2-8  
 Tulla C.S. .... 0-8  
 (Final)

## CORN UÍ MHUÍRÍ MUNSTER COLLEGES SENIOR FOOTBALL

St. Flannan's College (Ennis) ..... 2-5  
 Abbey CBS ..... 1-4  
 (Semi-Final)

## CORN AN UACHTARÁIN MUNSTER COLLEGES SENIOR FOOTBALL 'B'

High School (Clonmel) ..... 1-10  
 St. Colman's (Fermoy) ..... 1-9  
 (Semi-Final)

St. Augustine's (Dungarvan) ..... 3-11  
 High School (Clonmel) ..... 2-5  
 (Final)

## McGABHANN CUP U-18 FOOTBALL 'A'

Patrician/Presentation (Fethard) ... 3-12  
 Clonmel CBS ..... 2-7  
 (Semi-Final)

Our Lady's (Templemore) ..... 4-10  
 Killenaule V.S. .... 4-5  
 (Semi-Final)

Patrician/Presentation (Fethard) ... 1-13  
 Our Lady's (Templemore) ..... 2-5  
 (Final)

## McGABHANN SHIELD U-18 FOOTBALL 'B'

Carrick-on-Suir CBS ..... 2-11  
 Col. Dun lascaigh ..... 2-5  
 (A.E.T. - Semi-Final)

St. Joseph's (Borrisoleigh) ..... 2-7  
 Carrick-on-Suir V.S. .... 2-4  
 (Semi-Final)

Carrick-on-Suir V.S. .... 1-16  
 St. Joseph's (Borrisoleigh) ..... 1-9  
 (Final)

## CORN NA BANBAN U-15 FOOTBALL

Abbey CBS (Tipperary) ..... 5-8  
 St. Colman's (Fermoy) ..... 2-13  
 (Final)

## VOC. SCHOOLS INTER-COUNTY SENIOR HURLING

May 1st at Templemore  
 Tipperary ..... 3-10  
 Cork ..... 1-10  
 (All-Ireland Semi-Final)

May 16th at Ennis  
 Tipperary ..... 3-12  
 Galway ..... 3-12  
 (Final - Draw)

May 20th at Birr  
 Galway ..... 2-10  
 Tipperary ..... 0-12  
 (Replay)



**VOC. SCHOOLS SENIOR HURLING 'A'**

Scoil Ruain (Killenaule) .....	2-14
Roscrea C.C. ....	1-14

Scoil Ruain (Killenaule) .....	3-15
Coachford Coll. (Cork) .....	0-12
(Munster Final)	

Athenry V.S. ....	2-12
Scoil Ruain .....	2-4
(All-Ireland Semi-Final)	

**MUNSTER INTER-FIRMS HURLING (J.)**

<i>October 23rd at Cashel</i>	
Ranbaxy (Cashel) Ltd. ....	2-8
Kerry Group .....	0-14
(Draw - Final)	

**MUNSTER INTER-FIRMS HURLING (S.)**

<i>November 13th at Puckane</i>	
Suir Engineering (Mooncoin) .....	2-16
Proctor & Gamble (Nenagh) .....	3-6
(Final)	

# OUTSTANDING RESULTS FROM 1998

**COUNTY FINALS - HURLING****Junior 'A':**

Moyle Rovers .....	2-9
JK Brackens .....	3-6
(Draw)	

Moyle Rovers .....	2-7
JK Brackens .....	2-6
(Replay)	

**Under-21 'A':**

Golden - Kilfeacle .....	1-9
Toomevara .....	1-7

**Under-21 'B':**

Burgess .....	0-13
Loughmore-Castleiney .....	0-8

**COUNTY FINALS - FOOTBALL:****Junior 'A':**

Moyle Rovers .....	1-11
Solohead .....	1-2

**Junior 'B':**

Fethard .....	1-10
Sean Treacy's .....	1-6

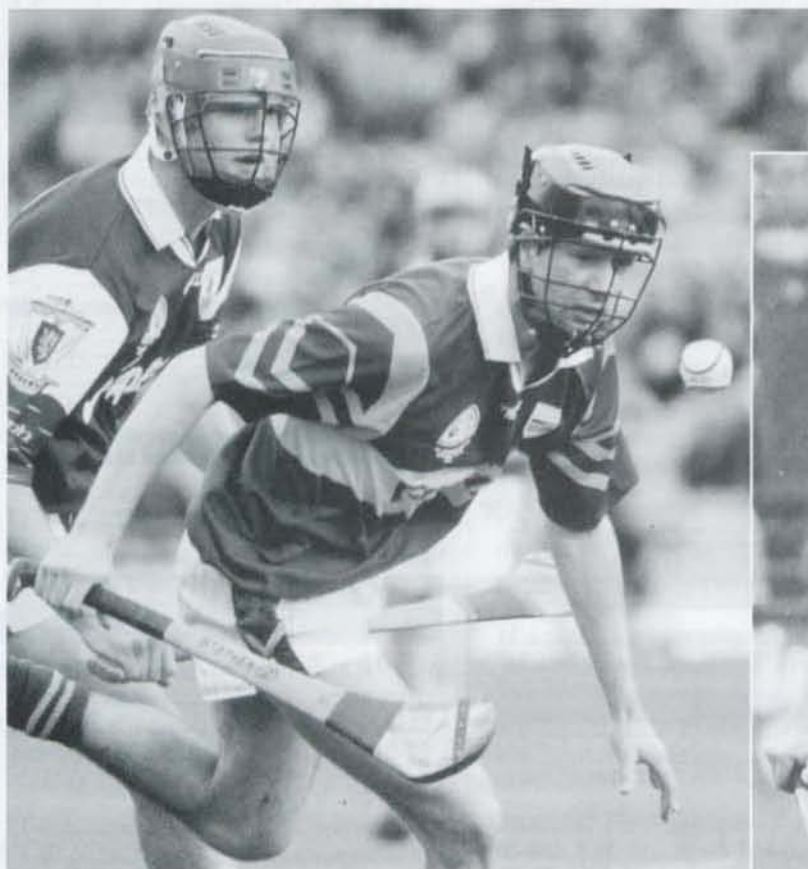
**MUNSTER CLUB FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP (FINAL)**

Moyle Rovers .....	2-5
Doonbeg (Clare) .....	1-8
(Draw)	

Doonbeg .....	0-7
Moyle Rovers .....	0-4
(Replay)	

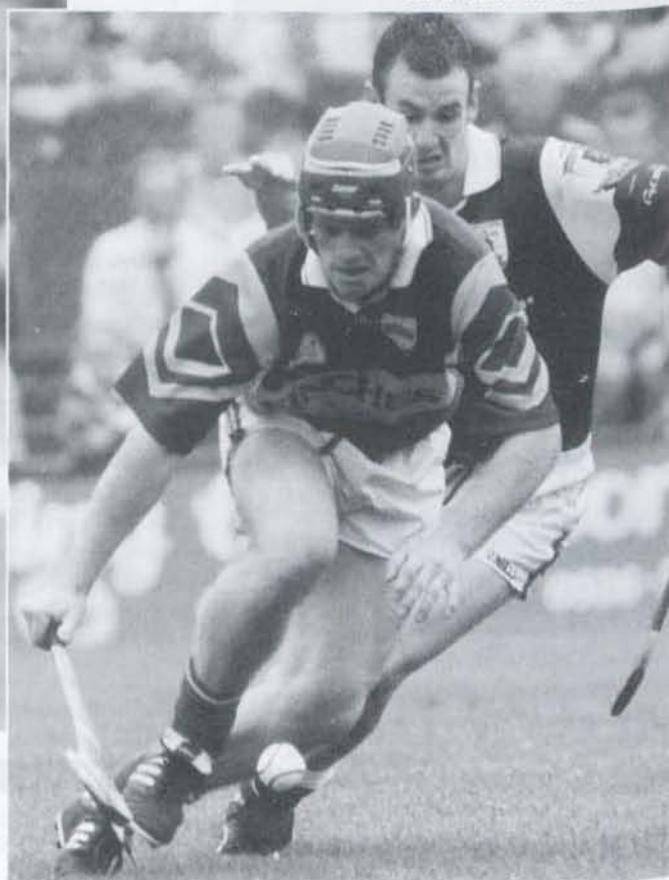
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**ABOVE** - Tipperary midfielder Stephen Mason in action during the All-Ireland minor final against Galway at Croke Park in September.

**BELOW** - Eugene O'Neill gathers the ball as he is challenged by a Galway player during the Under-21 All-Ireland semi-final at Tullamore.





## Tom Anglim

(St. Patrick's)

**I**N April of this year St. Patrick's GAA club lost one of its most faithful and hard-working members with the death of Tom Anglim of Ballinard, Clonee.

In his younger days Tom won both south and county junior football medals with Drangan in 1953 and was a member of the Drangan team defeated in the south final of 1954.

However it was as an administrator and back room worker that Tom made such a great contribution to the GAA in his native Drangan and Clonee. Tom served as chairman of St. Patrick's GAA club for three years in the mid 1970's and was honoured as president of the club a position he held until his untimely death.

Tom's greatest legacy to the GAA in Clonee and Drangan can be seen in the adult teams of the 1980's and early 1990's. Many of these players learned the skills of football as young juveniles under the watchful eye of Tom who spent several evenings and Sunday mornings coaching and organising local leagues for the juveniles of the area. Tom wanted no reward for the long hours he gave to these young players. Tom's reward was the satisfaction and joy he got from seeing his juveniles progress at the games he loved. Perhaps his greatest reward was to see his own son Thomas travel to Croke Park as member of the Tipperary minor football panel for the All-Ireland Final of 1984. Later Thomas became a regular on the Tipperary senior team and was also honoured by the Munster football selectors on a number of occasions.

GAA colleagues formed a guard of honour at the removal of Tom's remains and as the rain poured down on Clonee his last stop at Anner Park was on the shoulders of his GAA comrades as they bore him to his final resting place nearby.

To his wife Annie, daughter Geraldine and sons Paul and Thomas we extend our deepest sympathy.

## Timothy (Thady) Byrnes

(Lattin Cullen)

**T**HE Lattin Cullen GAA Club were saddened by the death of Thady Byrnes in May 1999. Thady was a great supporter of the club and parish and a true GAA man. He won numerous titles with the club from 1952 on.

# Friends we lost in 1999

He as a committee member in 1956 and 1957 and again from 1963 to 1982. He was assistant secretary from 1966 to 1969 and also 1971. He was made vice-chairman in 1973 and was elected chairman in 1976 and 1977. Thadg was also well known as a great card player. To his family and relatives we extend our deepest sympathy.

## Andrew J. Callinan



(Thurles Sarsfields)

**T**he tragic death of Sergeant AJ Callinan of Thurles and Bray stunned the entire country in July of this year when his life was taken in an arson attack on Tallaght Garda Station. AJ died in the line of duty as he saved the life of another man.

A member of the well known and highly esteemed Callinan family in Thurles, AJ played with Thurles Sarsfields and was a great supporter of the club right up to the time of his death. He played minor football for the club and was quite an accomplished hurler.

Upon joining the Garda Síochána, AJ moved from the Cathedral Town but his interest in the GAA and hurling in particular did not leave him. He played with Kilmacud Crokes from 1984 until 1990 when a motorcycling accident curtailed his career.

AJ was a regular visitor to Thurles and was instantly recognisable in and around the area.

AJ Callinan always had a big smile on his face and this was something he carried with him into the line of duty. A fine member of the Gardai, a great GAA man, a dedicated father and husband, AJ Callinan will be sadly missed.

To his wife Yvonne, children Stephen, Sophie and Jennifer, his father Denis and his sisters, sincerest sympathy is tendered.

*May he rest in the peace of Heaven.*



## Dermot Cleary (Eire Óg)

**O**N the 29th of September the sad news spread that Dermot Cleary had passed to his eternal reward.

Even though he had been in failing health for a number of years the news of his passing was a shock to all who knew him. A keen GAA and Eire Óg man, Dermot was involved in the running of juvenile street leagues with Br. O'Connell of the CBS during the 60's & 70's and was a selector and a committee member during that period.

His son Gearóid was one of the stars at both hurling and football in that era when many titles were won by Eire Óg.

Dermot will be sadly missed by those who were fortunate to have known him but most of all his devoted family.

To his wife Teresa, his son Gearóid, daughters Brid, Aileen and Regina sincere sympathy is extended.

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.*

## Dick Corcoran

(1925-1999)

**T**HE untimely death of Richard (Dick) Corcoran took place on August 12th at Our Lady's Hospital Cashel. The news of his death spread quickly through the community and was received with shock and disbelief. His passing removes from Tipperary, one of its best known and most dynamic figures of his time.

Born in Ballincor, Lisronagh in 1925, Dick was the second son in a family of five, born to Matthew and Aileen Corcoran. His early childhood was spent on the family farm from where he pursued his studies at the local National School. He completed his primary education by winning a scholarship and went on to attend Ballyfinn College and later Rockwell College. It was while in Rockwell that Dick excelled both academically and on the sports field. A former classmate of his, Fr. Norman Fitzgerald (founder and Director of Refugee Trust) recalled him with fond and affectionate memories describing his academic brilliance as legendary. His strengths were Latin Greek and English Literature. He could quote the poets Wordsworth, Shelly and Keats and reel off Spencer's Fairy Queen. He enjoyed a happy time at Rockwell and went on to UCD where he studied medicine for four years.

Dick was a great sportsman and athlete. He partook in a wide variety of different games. However, he concentrated his attention to the sports field, playing hurling, football and rugby, excelling in all codes with equal distinction.

He played hurling and football with Rockwell College under the direction of Fr. Tim O'Driscoll. Later, while at UCD he played hurling and football and was honoured to win Siger-Son Cup in 1947.

Due to the relocation of the Corcoran family from Lisronagh to "The Ward" Co. Dublin, Dick had the honour of playing with and captaining a Dublin football team in senior code. Later in his life he concentrated on rugby.

He is survived by his wife Pauline, son Noel, daughters Geraldine, Caroline, Yvonne, Sandra and Adrienne.

*May he rest in peace.*



## Willie Collins

(Youghalarra & Duharra)



**O**N Tuesday January 12th last, Willie Collins, Ballycahill and formerly Youghalarra, passed away, just one day after his great friend and former Duharra colleague Dinny Maher was laid to rest. Willie lined out with Youghalarra adult teams from 1936 to 1942. He played on the Youghalarra team defeated by Shannon Rovers in the 1939 North Tipperary hurling final. This gifted hurler and true gentleman got his just reward on October 25th 1942 when Youghalarra accounted for Eire Óg (Nenagh) by 5-3 to 1-1 in the North Tipperary hurling final at the New Park, Nenagh. Willie shook the net a couple of times that day and by witnessing the sheer craft of this great forward, patrons got full value for the 6d admission fee.

Willie Collins spent some time in England. When he returned he played with Duharra in 1946 and 1947. A goal poacher supreme, this intelligent player was noted for his exceptional pace and sporting nature. A Duharra jersey and a hurley medal in the 1942 North Tipperary hurling county final was presented in the offertory of gifts at the funeral mass. The club formed a guard of honour, the majority of which were his team mates of the famed Duhanna team.

*Rest in peace.*

## Mikey Delaney

(Toomevara)

**O**N Thursday Sept. 23rd shock waves flowed throughout the parish with the sudden death of Michael Delaney.



He had a great passion for the game of hurling and had many successes during a long career. He won honours with Nenagh CBS North Tipp Vocational Schools and an All-Ireland Medal with Tipperary U-21 Hurlers in 1967. His last success was with Toomevara Junior Hurlers when they won the 'B' Championship in 1968 and also captained Toomevara Inter Firms Team. He was also a skillful Footballer winning a County Medal with Toomevara/Moneygall combination in 1967. Michael was a lovable character with a great sense of humour.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Elizabeth his daughters, Aileen and Janette, his sons, Michilin, Tony, Sean and Terry.

*May he rest in peace.*



## Willie Devereux

(Ardfinnan)

**T**HE death this year of Willie Devereux of Vee Hotel, Clogheen saw one of the few remaining links with the great Ardfinnan team of 1930-1940. Willie won his first county medal with Ardfinnan when they won the championship in 1934. He went on to win 2 county senior medals in 1935 and 1939. He also won 3 Tipperary Cup medals.

He also played for Tipperary at all levels. The first year that Tipperary football board honoured old players at Boru Boru in Cashel, Willie was honoured along with the late Phil O'leary and the late Paddy O'Neill.

He was a quiet and friendly man who never forgot his roots in Ardfinnan. After taking over the Vee Hotel in Clogheen he helped Fr. Sheehy's GAA club in Clogheen and was also involved with the athletic club. He was also an outstanding athlete and was a prominent member of the Ballybacon/Grange hurling club in the 1930's and 1940's. He will be sadly missed by Mae and his family.

*May he rest in peace.*

## Michael Fitzpatrick

(Newcastle)



**T**HE village of Newcastle and surrounding areas were saddened on Saturday evening 13th November at the news of the unexpected death of Michael Fitzpatrick. Michael had been attending the U-21 South Final at Clonmel between his native Newcastle and Moyle Rovers when he suffered a collapse which proved fatal.

He was involved with the club from an early age. Playing on the hurling and football teams. Winning a south Junior Hurling and Football title with them in the 60's. He served as club secretary from 1955 to 1971. During that time he served the club well attending board meetings and conventions as well as organising many fund raising events. He was involved in the starting up of football in the club in 1958. The Pierce McCanns a Senior Hurling combination of Newcastle and St. Marys Clonmel. When he married he took up residence in Clogheen where he was welcomed by the Community and helped out on parish work. But he was still in touch with his native Newcastle where he was employed as branch manager of the local Avonmore stores. A company he served for almost 40 years. He retired in 1996 from Avonmore, but Michael returned again from his retirement party to the clubs complex where many tributes and presentations were made to him. Now that he had retired it gave him more time to attend matches, along with his two friends Fr. Sean Nugent and Fr. Tom Morrissey. It was great that he had been present to witness Newcastle Minor hurlers win their first title for the club on Sat 9th October in Tipp town.

But on Sat 13th Nov at Clonmel when he was attending the U-21 Final as the final whistle was blown the final whistle had also blown for Michael, he had collapsed and with all the medical attention that he could have received from doctors and nurses he was pronounced dead on arriving at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Newcastle club the South Board, his workmates the farming community accorded him due honours at his funeral with the final tribute coming at the end of the mass from Seamus McGrath Chairman of the Newcastle club.

Our sympathy to his wife Noreen and family. Burial took place at Shanrahan.

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam*

## Anthony Flynn

& Billy Aird

(Newcastle)

**I**N 1999 the village of Newcastle was saddened by the death of two very young men in the community, on the 10th March Anthony O'Flynn died at a very young age. Anthony played hurling and football with Newcastle and was a member of the club committee. He also took part in the Scór Competition.

On the 2nd September Billy Aird was taken from us, also at a very young age.

Billy played hurling with Newcastle and was always a great supporter, especially at juvenile matches.

To their wives and family our sympathy is extended.

## Ambrose Fogarty

(Shannon Rovers)



**O**N Sept. 26th the parish of Terryglass and Kilbarron were saddened to hear of the death of a young and much loved parishioner. Young Ambrose Fogarty at the age of 27 died in a car accident while on garda duty in Wexford.

He was a keen follower of Tipperary hurling, rarely missing a championship game. The love of his parish and its hurling fortunes was unrivalled. He attended as many games as possible.

Last Christmas he took part in a club funday when a hurling blitz was held to raise money for the Omagh fund.

In his earlier years Ambrose was an accomplished hurler and footballer. He played with the club at right back when Shannon Rovers won both the U-14 'B' and Football double. He was undoubtedly a better footballer than hurler. He later won a Minor Football 'B' medal in 1989 plus an U-21 Football 'B' medal in 1991.

*Go ndéanaí Dia trócaire ar anam.*



## Pat Hackett (Two-Mile-Borris)



**T**HE deaths of Pat and Ciss Hackett of Gawn, Two-Mile-Borris within three weeks of each other last spring evoked great sadness in the local community and further afield. Both were much respected members in the neighbourhood and had always had a hearty welcome in their homestead for many visitors over the years. Members of the farming community they went about their everyday tasks with great dedication and were practical and successful members of that profession.

Pat was a well known hurler in his youth and hurled with Two-Mile-Borris and Moycarkey-Borris junior and senior teams of the early and late 1940's and was on the county and mid championship winning teams of those years. In 1947 he was selected at full back on the Tipperary junior hurling team which played Clare in the Munster championship and had the honour of captaining that team. A feat which showed his ability on the playing fields. He inherited his great love for the game from his father, John who was on the Two-Mile-Borris All-Ireland senior winning team of 1900 and from the Leahy family of Tobberadora on his mother's side. He was also associated with the local successful team of 1957 as a committeeman. His brothers Tom and John also were prominent hurlers.

He was a great follower of hurling and seldom missed a Mid County or Inter County game and was a familiar figure at venues far and near. He took special pride in the success of his sons, John, Liam, Michael and PJ who won many honours with local and parish teams. John and Liam were members of the successful Moycarkey-Borris teams of the 1980's.

*Peace to their souls.*

## Kevin Hassett (Toomevara)



**O**N the morning of September 9th, death ruthlessly entered the life of 1961 Tipperary All-Ireland winning captain, Matt Hassett, his wife Ann and their family. 29 year old Kevin was travelling to his work in Clonmel when his car veered out of control and struck a tree at Kilkeary on the Thurles road. Kevin died almost immediately.

The incident led to a huge outpouring of grief in the district with GAA personnel particularly prominent in the extension of sympathy to Kevin's bereaved family. His young wife Edel (nee O'Domhnaill) is daughter of Tomas O'Domhnaill, Shannon Developments manager in North Tipperary and is grand daughter of the late Pdraig O'Meara, famed Irish teacher and author, well known for his collection "The Spirit of Tipperary".

Matt Hassett, though living in Nenagh for many years, remains an inveterate Toomevara man and his Honorary President of the famed 'Greyhounds' club. To him, to Ann, to Edel and to Kevin's brothers Mark and Paul as well as to their many other relatives, the sympathy to all is tendered.

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.*



## Tom Hensey (Ardcroney)

**T**HE untimely death of Tom Hensey shocked us all in the Cloughjordan parish. He was a staunch supporter of

all that was good in the area, but hurling was his greatest love. He played Senior Hurling for Kilruane McDonagh's for seventeen years. His steady play on the full-back line was always an influence on his team mates. Tom was as tough as they come, but played the game fairly at all times. He went on to win two North Tipperary Senior Hurling titles in 1959 and 1965.

After his retirement in 1966, he served as a selector on different teams, but was most interested in under-age players with whom he had a great rapport. Tom was closely involved in club activities, serving on the Kilruane McDonagh Club Committee for several years.

Tom's absence will be sorely felt, but we remember with fondness his great contribution.  
*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anam dilis.*

## Phippi Kenny (Borrisoleigh)



**T**HE death of well known GAA personality Philip Kenny, Borrisoleigh came as a big shock to many in the sporting world of the Premier County and further afield as one of the great characters of the game has passed to his eternal reward.

"Phippi" was a member of the well known kenny family and along with his two brothers Sean and Paddy he backboned the great Borrisoleigh hurling teams of the fifties. His prowess on the field of play for Borrisoleigh hurling teams of the fifties was recognised and soon Phippi was called into the Tipperary squad and won an All-Ireland medal in 1950.

The Kenny brothers were famous throughout the county and the fame spread further into County Dublin when Phippi went to play for Faughs during his career, winning a number of championships. He also won a Kerry championship medal.

In later years, Phippi was well known for his hurley making skill, a skill that was acknowledged as being the finest in Ireland.

His knowledge of the game, combined with his skill as a craftsman resulted in some of

the finest camans in the county being produced in Borrisoleigh. Phippi also had a big interest in greyhounds, an interest that remained with him throughout life. His popularity and esteem stretched into the greyhound circles and he was highly regarded in a sport in which he had many notable successes.

There was a huge turnout at the funeral in Borris with former hurling and "doggy" colleagues joining the throng to pay their final respects to a great character.

Sincere sympathy is extended to his wife Imelda, son Philip, daughter Martina, their families and all the kennys on their great loss. Phippi was aged 73.

## Stephen Madden (Arravale)



**S**TEPHEN madden, Glenview Square, Tipperary Town passed away peacefully on Friday May 29th at 81 years of age.

A native of Mullinahone, a club he served as a player, Stephen came to town as a young man where he continued his great passion of promoting Gaelic Games at every level by serving his adopted club, Arravale Rovers as a player, committee member and groundsman. But probably as an umpire that Stephen Madden is best remembered. Back in 1968 he joined a team of officials with one of the GAA's best known referees, John Moloney of Galtee Rovers and became a loyal and trusted friend for the next quarter of a century. At his funeral John Moloney referred in glowing terms to the man who had served so faithfully. Over a span of 25 years and had the distinction of acting as umpire for 5 All-Ireland Finals. "He was a highly honourable man, a true friend and a person of immense character" said Mr. Moloney as he remembered the dependable official at the 1969 football final between Offaly and Kerry, the 1973 football final between Cork and Galway, the 1974 hurling final between Limerick and Kilkenny, the 1975 football final between Dublin and Armagh.





**Dinny Maher**  
(Burgess)

**D**INNY Maher was a hurler of note. He possessed all the skills of the game and was powerful in the execution of them.

Dinny won a North M.H.C. medal with Youghalarra in 1939. While still a teenager he lined out at midfield on October 19th 1941, when Burgess won their first ever North I.H.C. title. He lined out at midfield again, when the parish team Duharra were defeated by Kilruane McDonaghs in the 1944 North S.H.C. final. In 1949, Dinny transferred to blackrock (Cork) as he was now residing and working in the rebel county. He transferred back to Burgess in 1952 and helped his native club win the North I.H.C. that year. Dinny collected two more North I.H.C. medals in 1953 and 1956 playing at corner back on both occasions. Dinny played his last match in the club colours on march 20th 1960 when he lined out at full forward for the Burgess team which lost to Solohead in the 1959 county junior semi-final.

Dinny Maher was always available to help the Burgess cause as was his wife Patsy and both were prepared to put their shoulder to the wheel for Burgess GAA club fundraising ventures. A shrewd judge if hurling, Dinny was a valued selector of club teams.

Dinny Maher as given the honour of Burgess GAA President at the clubs AGM on January 24th 1992. An active member of the Burgess field committee, he trimmed Pairc na ngael, Kilcolman an attractive style.

It was a frosty January day that Dinny was laid to rest, but the air was pure for a pure gentleman. Maher - we cherished your memories and immense contribution to the club.

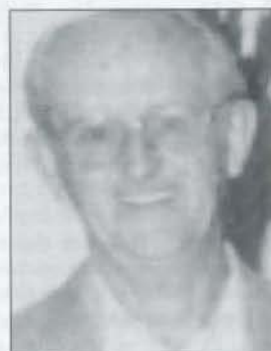


**Sean Gleeson**  
(Burgess)

**T**WO of Nenagh's Eire Óg's stalwarts died during the month of October 1999.

Both men, Paddy Maher, late of Summerhill and Sean Gleeson late of Summerhill had enjoyed many years of good health and happy married life and were in their mid seventy's when they departed to meet many club mates in the light blue skies.

Paddy Maher played junior football and hurling with the old Eire Óg and then St. Mary's in the forties and early fifties. He was a great club man and very accomplished player and shortly after retiring from the game he acted as Secretary both to his club and subsequently he acted as secretary to McDonagh park for a number of years. Paddy then took to the golf and his smooth fluid swing was the envy of many club mates both young and old in Beechwood.



**Paddy Maher**  
(Burgess)

Paddy was a man of quiet disposition, he loved his 'fag', he reared a lovely family and ran a very successful grocery business at Summerhill where his services allowed him to build up a great band of loyal customers in the competitive days of growing supermarkets. Paddy will be sadly missed by his wife Teresa and family and also his long standing club mates in his four-ball for many years at Nenagh Golf Club.

Sean Gleeson also played with Old Eire Óg and with St. Mary's both in the both in the late forties and fifties. He played

senior with Eire Óg in 1948 and subsequently won a North junior title with Eire Óg in 1953. He was also a member of the County Tipperary minor hurling panel in the late forties.

Sean was a very accomplished centre back and matched with the very best both at hurling and football and was recognised by many of the clubs as being in the very 'top drawer'. Sean was a shy retiring man and subsequent to his hurling days became a very keen walker and indeed was a very athletic type of man throughout most of his active career. To his wife Teresa and family we express our deepest sympathies.

**Jack Maher**  
(Burgess)



**J**ACK Maher was called to his eternal reward at his home on Sunday May 16th, just hours after Tipperary's win in the NHL final and just four months after his twin brothers death. Jack and Dinny Maher were part and parcel of everything positive in the little parish of Burgess and Youghalarra. He won his first medal in 1939 when Youghalarra defeated Toomevara in the 1941 Intermediate Final.

He played with Duharra senior team from 1943 to 1948. Jack won Millar Shield medals with North Tipperary in 1943 and 1944. He also donned the county jersey and played on the Tipperary team defeated by Limerick in the 1947 Munster Final played at Cork Athletic Grounds. He lined out with Tipperary junior team in 1952, but they were defeated by Clare in Nenagh.

In 1949, Jack transferred from Duharra to Knockmeal Rangers, as he was now living in Greenhall, Ballinahinch. He captained Knockmeal to win their first ever North junior title. Jack came back to Burgess in 1952 and he was to win another North intermediate medal in 1953. In the mid 50's Jack opted out of the playing field but helped the club in every way he could. He was a selector of various teams, served as Chairman in the 70's and was also very involved with the juvenile club.

Jack was bestowed with the honour of been elected Burgess GAA President at the Club AGM on Dec 19th 1980. Jack his late wife Lil and family has always given their services freely to the club. Jack loved the excitement generated by the clash of the ash. In terms of commitment and workrate to the club, there was no equal to Jack Maher.

*Rest in peace*

**Jimmy Maher**  
(Borris-Ileigh)

**T**HE passing of Jimmy Maher severed another link with the great Borris-Ileigh team of 1949/50/ 53. Jimmy was a member of a noted GAA family. His brother Phil was also on the team of 49/50/53. Jimmy like so many other young players he then emigrated to England.

We tender our heartfelt sympathy to his brother and sisters, relatives and friends.

**Martin**  
**'Sonny' Maher**  
(Boherlahan-Dulla)



**O**N February 11th 1999 the death took place after a short illness of Sonny Maher, Gaile. His death brought grief and shock not only to his wife and family and the local community but to a far wider section of Gaels throughout Tipp and even beyond.

Sonny hailed from one of the best known sporting families in Tipperary, the Mahers of Nodstown, his Uncle Mikie Maher was captain of the famed Tubberadora team which won the All-Ireland honours way back in 1895-96 and 98 and his father Jack Maher was also a member of the 1898 team.

Sonny Maher's hurling career began in 1934 when, as a member of Ballytarsna school hurling team and he and his brother Billy were members of the team that won the Harty Shield in its inaugural year. That year saw the birth of juvenile hurling in Tipperary. Seven years later



Sonny was with his brother Jackie on the Boherlahan county championship winning team but his most successful period began with the 1948-49 league winning side. In subsequent years Sonny added two further league successes and he also toured USA with the Tipp players in the Autumn of 1950. Sonny's name will best be remembered however as a member of the Tipperary All-Ireland three in a row champions of 1949-50 and '51 an achievement accomplished only once by the premier county.

Sonny Maher's wife Bee also hailed from a well known Gaelic sporting family. Her father Bill Dwyer Lisloran won a n All-Ireland senior medal with Tipperary in 1916 and he later became the first chairman of West Tipperary GAA Board at its foundation in 1930. Sonny's family John, Billy and Gerard all played successfully with Boherlahan Dulla club and John was author of a club history published in 1987. His cousin Mike Maher, Glenbane, Holycross won five All-Ireland medals with Tipp in the sixties.

Though Sonny Maher's county career ended in the early fifties he continued to serve the local club until 1956 and was on the mid senior winning side in 1953.

We express our heartfelt sympathy to his wife and family.

*Ar dheis láimh Dé gor raibh a anam.*



**John Joe McCormack**  
(Toomevara)

**J**OHN Joe McCormack died on 3rd of January 1999 and during his time with us he made a vast contribution to the life of the parish in his work and in his past times and was involved in many organisations

in the parish. But above all he had a special interest in the game of hurling and the welfare of Toomevara Hurling Club.

In his hurling days he was a staunch defender for Toomevara hurling Club and gave many outstanding displays at full back during a historic period for the club. The winning of the County Finals in 1960 was his crowning glory and such was his love for the game he continued to play up to 1966 and when he retired shortly after his fortieth birthday.

He was a long time member of the club committee and was always to the fore in all of the clubs fundraising activities. He played a major part in the development of St. Michaels Park and re-organising of juvenile hurling in the early seventies and he held the position of Vice-President of the club up until the time of his death.

To his wife Bridget, daughters, Mary and Noreen, sons, Tim, Michael, Frank, Patrick and Kevin and all other family members we extend our deepest sympathy.

*May he rest in peace*

## John Mullins (Grallagh)

**T**HE passing of John Mullins, Grallagh broke the last links with the Moycarkey-Borris junior teams of 1929 and the senior teams of 1932 and 33. John was a very capable hurler and it was a time when there were many class hurlers in the parish and despite his youth he helped in many victories. His father, Danny, won an All-Ireland medal with the Horse & Jockey team of 1899.

On the ploughing scene he won numerous trophies all over Ireland and helped Tipperary South to many successes at All-Ireland level. He was father of Tom Mullins who was Chairman Horse & Jockey Centenary committee.

At the time of his death John Mullins was President of the Moycarkey-Borris GAA club and over the years always played his part in both administration and playing activities.

*May he rest in peace.*

## Canon Gus O'Donnell 1927-1999



**V**ERY Rev. Canon Augustine O'Donnell died suddenly in Templemore on September 15, 1999 at the age of 71 years. He was a former president of St. Patrick's College and Seminary, Thurles and a hurling enthusiast, a member of a distinguished G.A.A. family from Athassel Abbey, Golden. One of a family of ten, he had four sisters and five brothers.

After national school in Golden, he attended Cashel C.B.S. for his secondary education. After leaving certificate he went on to St. Patrick's Thurles and then Maynooth, where he graduated with honour degrees in arts and theology. Following ordination to the priesthood in June 1953, Fr. O'Donnell pursued post-graduate studies in theology in Maynooth and subsequently in church history at the Gregorian University, Rome, where he was awarded a Licentiate in Ecclesiastical History in 1957. The same year he joined the staff of St. Patrick's College, Thurles. For the next thirty years he lectured both in Ecclesiastical History and English Language and Literature to generations of students.

In an appreciation on the occasion of his death, Fr. Christy O'Dwyer, his successor in St. Patrick's, had this to say about Canon O'Donnell's approach: 'Adopting an enlightened and holistic approach to priestly formation, he particularly emphasised the human development element which heretofore had not figured too prominently on the seminary agenda. He had a broad understanding of what was needed for priesthood and priestly ministry today. Above all, he wanted students to be balanced, rounded human beings with wide interests, necessary competence and the ability to be adaptable in any company or situation'.

For the twelve years after his retirement from the college, he was parish priest of Templemore, Clonmore and Killea. He was in poor health for much of that time.

After his work as a priest, Canon O'Donnell's great passion was hurling. An accomplished exponent of the game, he was a member of the county minor panel which contested the 1945 All-Ireland final. His brother, Bill, played on the team which won the senior All-Ireland in 1937. He was a distinguished member of the Golden-Kilfeacle G.A.A club and gave it outstanding service both on the field and later both as coach and supporter. The interest in the game and especially in the fortunes of his native club and county proved lifelong. He was a familiar figure at all great G.A.A. occasions for decades.

For many years Canon O'Donnell was an Honorary President of the West Board G.A.A. He was added to the list at the convention in Knockavilla in 1982 and showed his appreciation of the honour by attending annual conventions when he could. In the course of his remarks to the delegates at convention in 1983, he said that the G.A.A. had a precious corner in the soul of Ireland and that the delegates and club officers and also the board officers were inheritors of a precious heritage, built up over one hundred years, when the challenges were faced and met. Now the problems were more varied and complex and the challenge of the present would have to be faced. Men from the past had provided us with inspiration and we should emulate these. In the times we lived we also needed men who would lead the organisation into its bi-centennial and thus secure the position of our great national association.

A gregarious person, friendly and hospitable by nature, Canon O'Donnell was laid to rest in the grounds of Templemore Church on a wet and windy September day.

*Leaba i measc na naomh dó.*

## James O'Meara (Boherlahan-Dualla)



**O**N April 14th 1999 the death took place of Mr. James O'Meara, Kyle, Thurles. James hailed from Tipperary G.A.A. Yearbook - 1995



Ballytarsna, Boherlahan and was a prominent member of the local GAA club fifty years ago. He first came to prominence as senior player in 1949 and was a leading member of the team which won mid honours in 1953.

Because of the rigid parish rule of the time, James' playing career was cut short when he went to reside in Thurles but he will be remembered as one of the leading club members of his time.

James O'Meara's family had long associations with the Boherlahan club. His father Jack played on the team in 1912 the year of the club's foundation, helped the team to its first mid final in 1913 and to its first county final in 1915. His uncles Thady, Arthur and James O'Donnell were also on those early teams and won a number of county finals. Arthur, the best known of the trio won All-Ireland medals in 1916 and 1925 and was rated one of the finest hurlers of his era. In 1926 on an American tour the newspapers in the States at the time referred to him as "the Babe Ruth" of hurling.

We express our deepest sympathy to his wife Mary, to his son and daughters, to his brother, sisters and many relatives. Go ndéanaí Dia trócaire ar anam.

## Marty O'Meara



**I**N March one of the best loved figures of Shannon Rovers Hurling and Football Club passed away after a long illness. He was a club president (one of four) and a former mentor, player and a great club supporter. Rarely did he miss a game. Along with his wife Bridie both travelled together and their green Polo car was a recognisable fixture on the bank at McDonagh Park, Cloughjordan and Nenagh.

Marty was loved by many. His quick wit and fine story telling were often quoted in many conversations. In latter years he would be present in the dressing rooms both before and after the game. He would collect all the jerseys which Bridie would wash and have them

spick and span for the club reset game.

Both of his sons Jean and Gerry played with Rovers. One of Marty's proudest moments was when Sean became a regular on the Tipperary Intermediate team in '98. I am sure the winning of the 1986 County Intermediate Final provided an equally proud moment as both Sean and Gerry played on that team. Daughter Geanette Seymour was club secretary in 1992-1998. Marty also played with Knockshegowna when he took up employment in the parish of Ballingarry for some years. Marty was team selector in 1967 & 68 when Rovers won 2 in a row North Tipperary Intermediate titles plus a County Junior in 1968.

Along with seeing his club pay, Marty attended all of Tipperary Senior Inter County Championship games. He attended the All-Ireland Final every year, right up to his last one in 1998 since 1962 except 1984.

The season of 1999 is drawing to a close. Marty never visited the dressingrooms, he was and will be sadly missed sitting in the corner with words of encouragement for players and words of wit for those who were privileged to hear them.

Go ndéanaí dtí trocaire ar.  
L.H.

## Malachy Ryan

(Shannon Rovers)

**M**ALACHY Ryan who died this year hurled with Shannon Rovers in the late thirties and early 1940's. He also won a County Junior in 1939.

As his remains arrived in Borrisokane church the club provided a guard of honour for him.

May he rest in peace.

## Johnny Tobin



(Ardfinnan)

**W**ITH the passing of Johnny Tobin of Ballyneety, Ardfinnan GAA lost one of its staunchest members. Johnny had played for Ardfinnan from 1944 up

until 1960. He won County U-16 in 1945, County Junior in 1954 and Tipperary Cup Medals in 1958. He also played in goal for Burncourt in the early 1950's when Ardfinnan had only a Junior team. Johnny who owned a thriving pig farm had great love of the GAA.

He was very much of the old tradition in his thinking. He showed this through worth when Ardfinnan decided to buy their own field in the mid 1980's. He was one of the top people in the club to collect money and with the other members collected in the region of £120,000.00 which paid for the field and the dressing rooms. He also had a great love of Tipperary hurling and all his life following the blue and gold. In later years he travelled with his friends Paddy Noonan and Richie O'Mahoney. Johnny who had very poor health over the last four or five years still got to the 1997 All-Ireland final. He also went each year to the Soloheadbeg Commemorations.

He will be sadly missed by Josie and his family.

May he rest in peace.

## Sean Toomey

(Arravale Rovers)



**S**ean Toomey, Fr. Matthew Street, Tipperary, a lifelong Gael, was laid to rest on Saturday, August 28th.

A hurler of note, he first came to prominence with his local club, Arravale Rovers, a fact quickly recognised by the Tipperary selectors when he was chosen on the 1947 Tipperary Minor hurling team alongside such notables as John Doyle, Paddy Kenny, John O'Grady, Bobby Mockler, John Farrell and John Joe McCormack on what was regarded as one of the finest minor sides ever to represent the county. He lined out on the Tipperary Junior hurling side of 1954 and also found time to serve the club as an energetic and dedicated committee member during the 1950s, play a pivotal role in the securing of the Old Military Barracks which in 1962 became the Sean Treacy Memorial Park, the home of

Arravale Rovers.

With his playing days behind him he took up refereeing for a number of years, quickly showing an excellent understanding of the rules which he always applied in a fair and even handed manner, making him a much sought after and highly respected official. Later still Sean showed that he was just as adept with the pen, as he had ever been with the whistle or the hurley when under the pseudonym 'Araside', he penned a weekly Gaelic games column for the Nationalist newspaper displaying the same fair and balanced approach which had distinguished his years as a referee.

His many years of service to the games he loved so well were marked at a function in the Royal Hotel in early '98 when he was the recipient of a special presentation from the Arravale Rovers Club.

## Jack Quirke



**J**ack Quirke died in June '98, a few days short of his 71st birthday.

He was born in 1927, the year a parish team, Dolla, took the first step in putting two Intermediate championships, back to back, a feat only repeated in the last year of his life. He first played as goalkeeper on the Silvermines senior hurling team 1946. In 1948 he was a stalwart defender on the Silvermines Intermediate team that won the North championship of that year. In 1949 he played his best ever game in the North senior semi-final against Roscrea, keeping the great Martin Loughnane scoreless. He played on Silvermines teams into the early sixties and was a selector of the Junior team that won North and County championships in 1979.

As a player he always gave total commitment and as a selector expected no less. To Nonie and family the sympathy of the club.

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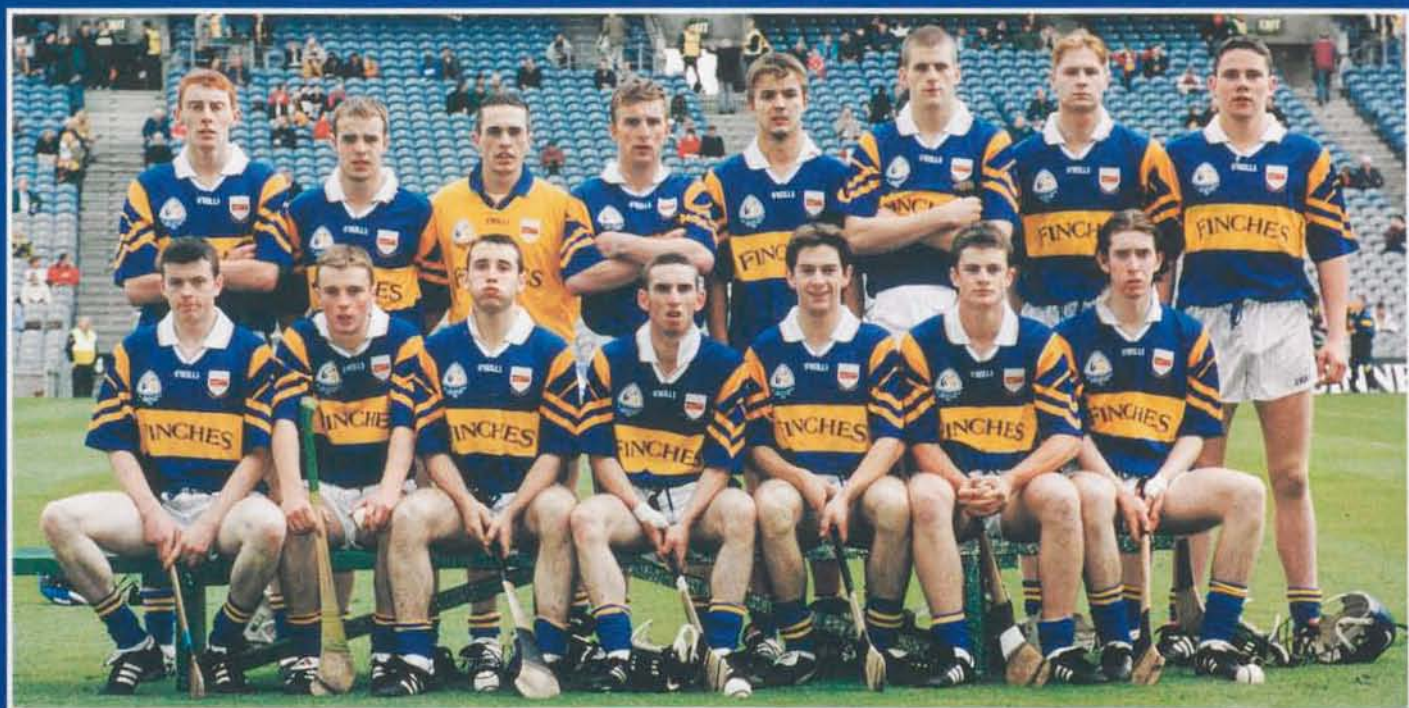


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# Tiobraid Árann

All-Ireland Minor Hurling Finalists 1999



The Tipperary team which played Galway in the All-Ireland minor hurling final at Croke Park in September. Back row (from left): Tom King, Don Maher, Damien Young (captain), Dermot Gleeson, Liam Kearney, Kevin Mulryan, Kevin Cummins, Eoin Brislane. Front row (from left): Colm Ryan, Colm Everard, Eoin Kelly, Donal Shelly, Stephen Mason, Paul Curran, John O'Brien.

# Tiobraid Árann

Munster Under-21 Hurling Champions 1999



Munster Champions and All-Ireland semi-finalists. The Tipperary team that played Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final at Tullamore. Back row (left to right): Paul Kelly, William Maher, Richie Flannery, Philip Maher, Michael Ryan, Donncha Fahy, Eugene O'Neill, Paddy O'Brien, Thomas Costello. Front row (from left): John Ferncombe, Michael Kennedy, Damien Young, William Hickey (captain), Declan Browne, John Carroll



# Tiobraid Árann

## Church and General National Hurling League Champions 1999



The Tipperary team that regained the National Hurling title by defeating Galway at Cusack Park, Ennis, in May. Back row (from left): Brian Horgan, Donncha Fahy, Eddie Enright, Brendan Cummins, Declan Carr, Brian O'Meara, Liam Sheedy, John Leahy. Front row (from left): Fergal Heney, Declan Ryan, Paul Shelly, Thomas Dunne (captain), Eamonn Corcoran, David Kennedy, Liam Cahill.