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The Tipperary Masters hurling panel that won the All-Ireland title by defeating Limerick by 6-16 to 5-9 in the final at Semple Stadium on Sunday, 17th September, 2000. Back row (from left): Eamonn Maher, Tim Floyd, John Sullivan, John Sherlock, Tom McGrath, Cecil Ryan, Ger Carey, John Sheedy, Martin Bourke, Pat McLoughney, Mick Stapleton, Patrick Ryan, Liam Keogh, John Hassett, John Stone, Front row (from left): Larry Mackey (manager), Michael McGrath, Seán Ryan, Anthony O'Neill, Stephen Hennessy (captain), Kevin Fox, Pat Looby, Ger Ryan, John Ryan, Seamus Bourke, John Stokes, Liam Sheehy, Eamonn Brennan



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Semi-Finals: A. v B.; C. v D.

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Tipperary: So Far Away?



It was after five o'clock on the first Sunday in July. I was making my way slowly from Semple Stadium to the town. From the Railway Bridge, I could see the colourful procession of red and white mixing with blue and gold moving like a great river. The sun was shining and the mood was pleasant and good-humoured. It was Munster Final Day 2000 A.D. in Thurles and the fifty-five thousand fans were departing.

A stranger would have been hard put to distinguish the winners from the losers. The Tipp and Cork supporters were chatting quietly with each other. Perhaps it was a draw? No, Cork had won by two points in a memorable contest. The second half in particular had been spell binding.

Both sets of supporters were drained emotionally. The Cork fans were relieved to have snatched the game out of the fire. The Tipp people were not too disappointed. A young team had almost got there despite their inexperience. Twelve wides in the first half, two missed penalties but the team had scored three goals. Secretly, they harboured hopes of meeting Cork again in September! The Munster Final is not as final as it used to be!

But the Munster Final is still a marvellous occasion especially when Cork and Tipperary meet in Thurles. This game was well worthy of the great occasions of the past. Fans from both sides were going home happy in the knowledge that they had witnessed a classic game of hurling with all the excellence, skills and sportsmanship which have made this a unique event in the sporting calendar. Daniel Corkery, the writer, was correct when he said, *"If you want to find the real Irish people you will certainly meet them at the Munster Hurling Final in Thurles"*. He was a Corkman of course!

After a salutary lesson from Galway



G.A.A. Patron
Most Rev. Dr. Dermot Clifford

in the League Final, Tipperary faced Waterford in a cautious mood. After an uncertain start, *"a born-again"* John Leahy reproduced the form of the '94 League Final. A great spell in the final ten minutes of the first half sowed the seeds of victory for Tipperary. The tally of wides however was higher than the points scored. 18 wides to 17 points! As General de Gaulle remarked to his wife when he survived a hail of bullets from an Algerian assassination squad; *"What appalling shooting from soldiers trained in the French Army!"* An awkward landing by Ken McGrath caused him to retire early on with a serious ankle injury. We would see similar injuries to our own players in due time.

The next outing took us to Páirc Uí Caoimh again to the scene of our annihilation by Clare a year previously. It was going to be a *"high noon"* scenario. Clare came on to the field like calves let out for grass for the first time! They had been tied in behind closed doors all during the Spring while others played League games. They looked lighter and fitter than ever. Would it be a case of *"Ramilles bloody fields"* all over again with Clare's Dragons in full shout?

This time, however, Tipperary were well able to match them for speed, skill and physical strength. Tipperary's earli-

er League games and the Waterford game stood them in good stead. Above all, their youth and their determination to avenge last year's humiliation were the main factors in their five point victory. Memorable features were Philip Maher's *"hook"*, a classic piece of hurling skill and Declan Ryan's goal from a penalty. We would miss the *"specialist"* when the next penalties came our way. Declan also suffered an ankle injury soon after scoring.

Revenge is sweet and this victory gave enormous satisfaction to Tipperary players and fans. On my walk into the city, a man from Scariff caught up to me, *"You said a few years ago that Clare are better able to cope with losing than with winning"*. *"Clare are now firmly established in the hurling world"*, I said, *"they will meet triumph and disaster and treat those two impostors just the same"*. Kipling is useful for consoling the defeated. Ger Loughnane retired a few weeks later. Like the character in Macbeth, it could be said of him, *"Nothing in his life became him like his leaving it!"* He took defeat with grace and left with dignity. But following the announcement of next year's draw it is a case of *au revoir* rather than goodbye to the Bannermen.

Nine of the Tipp team were playing in their first Munster Final and the occasion was an anxious one, naturally. But as a goalie playing in his first important game admitted, *"I was anxious but if I wasn't anxious I'd have been worried"*. Nerves led to a number of very costly misses in the first half when Tipp had more than their share of possession. In the second half, Cork came at them in waves and the craft, speed and accuracy of Joe Deane, Sean McGrath and Ben O'Connor put Cork five points ahead. A second penalty yielded us nothing. But then Tommy Dunne scored two marvellous goals to give real hope of victory. But Cork had the final say as the contest ended in a welter of excitement.

The draw for the quarter-finals could not have been more unkind. Galway yet again! Croke Park was under construction and the pitch had been shortened. It looked for all the world like a dining room table from which one of the sections had been removed! The old rivals of Joe Rabbitte, Eugene Cloonan and the Gantley brothers were back to torment us. As has happened so often in the past against Galway, Tipperary lost one of their best players when Eamon

Corcoran had to be assisted off after twenty minutes. This led to several positional changes which upset the rhythm of the team.

Nevertheless, Tipp enjoyed a great ten minute spell towards the end of the first half. But coming to half-time, Brendan Cummins was injured. Worse was to come in the second half when John Leahy came down awkwardly on his ankle and had to leave the field. It was a hard year on ankles! His "dummy" over the head of his opponent before scoring a fine point will be remembered whenever hurling skills are debated.

He did not leave the field, however, before shaking hands with his marker. At that moment Tipperary said goodbye to All-Ireland 2000!

Níor dhún Dia doras riamh ní osail sé ceann eile! *"God never closed one door without opening another"*. The intermediate team had come to our attention at the Waterford game. They had come back from an eleven point deficit after eleven minutes to lead at half-time! Declan Browne scored a goal a minute in a dazzling three minute spell and he scored a total of 4-12, enough to have won the game.

The team went on to beat all opposition and to win the All-Ireland final against Galway in a thrilling final at Birr. Declan Browne, though *"a marked man"* after the first match, continued to score points and goals. I should like to congratulate the Intermediate team and their captain, Declan Corcoran. I hope to see a number of them come on the senior panel in the near future.

The *"Masters"* came good this year and won All-Ireland honours once again in Semple Stadium. They proved the truth of the adage that life begins at forty! I should like to congratulate Stephen Hennessy and his trusty veterans. I strongly advise them against any ideas of early retirement!

But the highest accolades for the Jubilee year 2000 must be reserved for the Tipperary camogie team. They had won the last final of the twentieth century and they went on to confirm their true worth by winning the first of the new century. There had been a lingering doubt in other counties particularly, that last year's victory was due more to luck than to hurling ability. Even after they had beaten Wexford and Galway

this year, some people felt that they would not be able to match the *"real champions"* namely Cork who had won three out of the past four finals.

The Cork team themselves were firmly of that view. That was until Deirdre Hughes stunned them with two mighty goals within ten minutes of the throw-in. From then on Cork were struggling. Tipperary produced some of the finest hurling ever seen in Croke Park. Fourteen year old Clare Grogan was the toast of the county. Jovita Delaney played at the captain's part in goal and denied Cork repeatedly. One could not help noticing that the camogie players are much less likely to dispute the referee's decisions or to resort to confrontation than their male counterparts.

The O'Duffy Cup duly arrived to Horse & Jockey on Monday evening. As I passed the memorial to the Horse & Jockey team of 1899 I wondered if the men of that famous team ever envisaged that the women who came after them would prove worthy of a similar honour. The procession went to Cashel for a civic welcome. Just as happened last year it was pouring from the heavens. But this did not dampen the enthusiasm of the crowd. Young and old from the Chairman of UDC down cheered the players, the manager Michael Cleary and the selectors Biddy Philips and Jim Madden to the echo.

According to the *History of Gaile School*, which celebrated its centenary on the day before the final, the boys in the past would play hurling in the school yard until they grew tired. Then they would give the hurleys to the girls so as to have a good laugh. Now who is laughing?

Toomevara retained their county title yet again. They have dominated hurling throughout the nineties and they have a super abundance of hurling talent. Thurles Sarsfields were no match for them in the final. But Sarsfields are young their minors took the Sean Treacy Cup for the second time running. In a year or two they will mount a better challenge to the *"Greyhounds"*.

Moyle Rovers also retained their title beating arch-rivals Clonmel Commercial in the semi-final and Loughmore in a very exciting final. Loughmore looked like they were heading for victory until Declan Browne was *"sprung"* from the bench with only min-

utes remaining. He kicked a beauty from the corner to win the day for Moyle Rovers. On my way into the Stadium for the game, I was behind a man who had a little boy on his shoulders. I overheard him exclaim to the man at the turnstile, *"What, Eight pounds to get into a football match!"* Thereby hangs a tale!

Overall then, it was a good year for our games in the county. The weather over the summer was the best since 1995 although it deteriorated badly in October and November. What is most gratifying however, is the real promise the performance of our players holds for the future. Tipperary are not that far away from All-Ireland honours.

A very worthy centenary celebration took place in Two-Mile-Borris at the end of August. A magnificent memorial was erected for the All-Ireland winners of 1900. The President of the GAA Sean McCague attended the Mass and unveiling. In my homily I reminded the congregation of the close links between the GAA and the Church right from the foundation of the GAA in 1884. This has been well illustrated by the importance which teams and supporters alike attached to attending Mass on their way to matches. After Mass, all went outside and a number of eloquent speeches were given by local and county officials and dignitaries. Then came the big moment. Liam Hennessy, the local chairman, announced *"I now call on Mr. Sean McCague to bless the memorial and Archbishop to unveil it"*. I handed Sean my red biretta. I had obviously made my point. As Euclid was wont to conclude, Q.E.D.!

The yearbook continues to chronicle faithfully the year's events, great and small, on the playing fields and in the boardrooms of the county. This being the account of a very special year it is a 'must' for all followers of the national games. It will make ideal reading around Christmas time when the pitches get a well deserved rest. It will be a welcome Christmas present for relatives and friends away from home. It may not be written in verse form but it still fits in with Wordsworth's definition of poetry as *"emotion recollected in tranquillity"*.

Guím síocháin na Nollag agus grastaf na h-Ath Bhliana len ár leitheoirí annso agus i gcéin thar lear.

Most Rev. Dermot Clifford, DD.

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It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.....

Is mór chúis onóra dom fáilte a chur roimh bliainiris nua Thiobraid Árann agus mo bhuíochas a thabhairt do gach éinne a glac páirt len ár gcluichí agus ár gcuid oibre ins an bhliain 2000.

I often think that the roller-coaster of emotions evoked by each passing GAA year is well described in the words of Charles Dickens, not that he knew too much about hurling or football: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.... it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us..."

During our spring of hope our senior hurlers again won the Waterford Crystal league, we had an excellent run in the league proper and facing into the championship we had everything before us. Solid wins over Waterford and Clare bought us a place in an atmosphere-laden Munster final against Cork in Thurles but defeat, though narrow and honourable, was our lot. Onward through the back door, our next date was with Galway in the All-Ireland quarter-final but the Gods and the Gremlins conspired against us and our senior hurling year ended on that July evening in Croke Park. It was the winter of despair, but then on reflection not so bad. We are steadily building a talented young team who are gaining the experience and the guile to perform and win at the top level. Roll on another spring of hope.

Our footballers did not experience the best of times either when they made an early exit to Clare and our under-age teams in both hurling and football suffered similarly.

Then when it appeared we had nothing before us, enter our glorious camogie team who swept all before them in the championship and defeated Cork to claim their second senior title in a row. In my view they have brought a new level of skill to the game. They were followed closely by the Intermediate hurlers who finally lowered the colours of our tormentors, Galway to bring All-Ireland honours. Last scene of all, sans teeth, sans hair but full of pride in the Blue and Gold, the Masters added their crown to our hurling tally for the year. The success of our handballers is also chronicled in this yearbook and we offer them our congratulations.

At home on the club scene teams all round the county experienced the best of times and the worst of times, bringing thrills and entertainment to our supporters and patrons in the process. Dreams were realised, hopes were dashed and Moyle Rovers and Toomevara emerged once again to take the senior titles. Congratulations to all championship winners at whatever level and to all who took



Newly elected chairman of the Tipperary Co. Board Con Hogan (left) being congratulated by Dick Cummins (Fethard), whose late father, Dick, was the last man from the South division (1901-1904) to hold this prestigious position.

part in our competitions.

The end of the playing season brings time to reflect, to think about the state of our games in the county and to consider what changes are needed to make us great again. On the evidence of the past quarter century our claim to the title Premier County is based more on past glory than sustained performance in the modern era. The debate on our future direction has already begun, I welcome it and am confident and if we set ourselves achievable targets in hurling and football and redirect our resources to achieve them we can return to the premier level where all Tipperary people feel we should be.

I would like to thank the wonderful voluntary workers at club, county and supporter level who once again gave their time so freely to Gaelic Games in Tipperary during the past year. Effort brings reward, planned and directed effort brings greater reward and the more successful the effort the greater is the fulfilment. A special word of thanks to the yearbook publication committee who have once again captured the facts and the flavour of the year for fireside reminiscence and future research. Not for the first time the excellence of their work has been recognised by their peers with McNamee awards.

And so to the spring of hope again, or as the Irishman put it, "Anois teacht an earraigh beidh an lá ag dul chun síneadh...." may I wish you and your clubs every success in the coming year. If you were victorious in 2000 build on it, if the winter of despair was your lot, then what the dickens, there's always next year, to dream, to hope, to plan, to work and to achieve.

**Conchúir Ó hÓgain,
Cathaoirleach.**

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Tipp Fall Short on Biggest Days

by John O'Grady (Culbairé)

"The blossom is blighted, the leaf is withered, the god of day goes down upon the dreary score ...". The gloomy picture painted by Dickens' Mr Micawber was, he said, the consequence of overspending one's annual income by a mere sixpence. Underspending by the same amount would have resulted in happiness!

We Tipperary hurling followers, looking back on another "nearly" year, would certainly get the point – how slender the gap between success and failure. We lost by two to Cork in the Munster final and by precisely as may or as few to Galway in the All-Ireland quarter final. Result frustration at the extension of our county's failure to take the major honour in the game for nine years-in-a-row, or a provincial title for seven seasons. We took a prominent and quite prolonged role in the hurling scene of 2000.

This, in championship terms, lasted from May 28th 'till July 23rd, two exciting, hope-raising and hope-dashing months. For the second time since 1997 we got to Croke Park, not with an honours visa but with a licence to repeat, otherwise known as the "back door". And like '97, we ended up with that downside of the new system, a "CV" that showed two defeats in the same championship. Old-timers at least got away with one reverse, however severe it might have been. But if there were two days of deep disappointment we had as many of pleasure to relieve the retrospective view of the past season. Before a ball was struck in the Munster series there were many who opined that we'd beat nobody – this fear based mainly on a listless League final against Galway. We did beat somebody, multiplied by two – Waterford and Clare. So Tipp proved to be a side to reckon with, an image symbolised individually by the sudden re-emergence of John Leahy as a colourful snatcher of superb long-range scores and a brilliant side-stepper and catcher. That he should hobble off in the quarter final after selling the neatest of dummies to Cathal Moore for a remarkable point was a less cheerful reflection of a year of no great luck.

SECOND YEAR IN CHARGE

The same triumvirate managed affairs as had done the year before. English, Bergin and Hogan had then the torment of leading Clare into the dying seconds in Cork. The foul on Clancy and the upfield trek of David Fitzgerald for the penalty snatched away the results that a fiery display had deserved. Of the



Thomas Dunne in action during the All-Ireland SHC quarter-final at Croke Park.

replay, the less said the better – we sank into immediate trouble and stayed in it. The mentors had every right, moral as well as formal to remain in office. Nicky had shown a fine P.R. touch in his restraint and modesty – some in the media would have preferred him to be that tiresome and unnecessary thing – "controversial" – but he's been around too long to fall for that. The modern tendency to identify any team with its management, especially the top man, and to increase the "pressure" on him, makes such a position a very high-profile one, with success to his credit and

defeat to his discredit in a very simplistic way. The actual handling of a team during a game provides a fairer, if still potentially unfair topic for criticism – we're all better coroners than doctors in diagnosing cause of decease!

CLARE ON HORIZON

In the background of everything the mentors did, through Waterford Crystal and National Leagues, lay the Munster draws made in November. We were set to play Waterford and, hopefully, Clare. Two high hurdles to jump if a Munster final and its in-built "back door" access were to be availed of. Certainly a scenario to concentrate the mind. What, realistically, were Tipp's chances? The hammering at the hands of Clare at the second attempt had left us hardly knowing what our real, or potential, worth was. One obvious query surrounded full-back, as it had since Noel Sheehy retired. It wasn't the only defensive doubt. Nor was there really a settled midfield or an attack that blended enough strength with ballplay. The eternal, or at least long-lasting, question of Leahy was a regular topic of talk among the followers. Some said "forget about him, he'll never be again what he was". Others asked if we really had enough without him, even at less than his best. To which the majority answer would have been a definite "No". On our day perhaps we were as good as any team in the country. Could we be that vital bit better on each day of a multi-game championship?

First came the optional Waterford Crystal League. Low-keyed, played in



Words of consolation from Co. Board chairman, Con Hogan, to senior hurling manager Nicholas English, following Tipperary's defeat by Galway in the SHC quarter-final at Croke Park.



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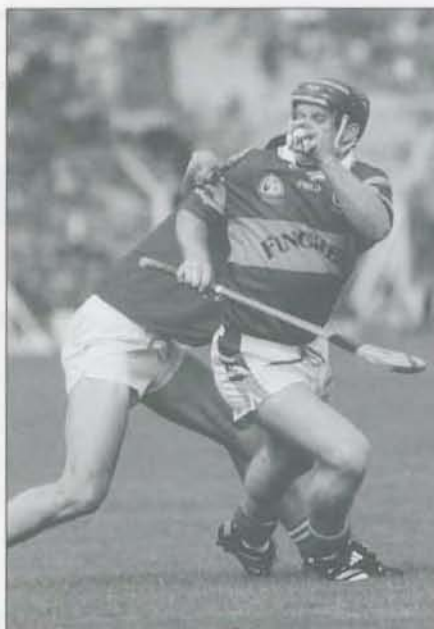
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wintry gloom or an odd flare of winter sun it was created to fill the official vacuum left by the changed National League. It has done it with reasonable success, enabling managers to keep in touch with their men and their job while trying out new prospects in a semi-competitive atmosphere. The public don't flock to it, needing a break themselves but it keeps things simmering. About the only game in it that has some real identity and meaning is the final. This was put back from December to early February. As holders Tipp had an extra reason to be earnest. We'd lost to Wexford in the original series but we beat them soundly in the decider, 4-21 to 2-9. It's of interest to note that we fielded nine who lined out at Croke Park in late July, plus three who came on as reserves against Galway. Those who lost out in the meantime were Sheedy, Heney, Horgan and O'Brien. Also gone was Maguire, scorer of two goals as a sub for Tommy Dunne. The victory was mildly encouraging as a preliminary to the "real" League. This has now become crammed into a couple of early months. It suffers more than the old style one did from the liming shadow of the championship. No memorable League final has been played since the three game decider between Cork and Wexford.

GOOD LEAGUE EFFORT

An overview of the group matches shows the creditable proposition of five victories against one defeat. We were, of course, holders. The knockout stage was less cheerful, one win, one defeat and that at the hands of Galway – we were to suffer again at the hands of the Connacht county. Let's review the competition in sequence, noting how the selection varied and developed towards a championship pick.

Round one – v Derry at the Stadium. Score: 5-20 v 1-12. Team: Cummins,



Who's behind the ball – Eugene O'Neill is first to the ball during the Munster SHC final at Semple Stadium.

Ormonde, Heney, Ryan, Horgan, Kennedy, Maher, Enright, O'Neill, O'Leary, Carroll, Moloney, O'Brien, Shelly, Dunne. It will be seen that the fullback position was still with Heney while John Carroll was being tried as a centreforward. Derry surprised a lethargic home side. Forwards McMonagle and O'Dwyer, a Killenaule native, gave our backs enough trouble to cause the withdrawal of Heney. Corcoran came on, with Maher going fullback. Shelly, O'Leary and sub Paul Ryan were goal scorers in Tipp's eventual easy success.

Round two – v Wexford. Score: 0-20 v 1-15. New faces belonged to Fahy and Morris in defence, where Maher continued at fullback. We had no Cahill, O'Meara or Leahy. It was a good away win over Joachim Kelly's selection at Enniscorthy. A useful lead was threatened late by a Fitzhenry penalty goal, but points at the right time by subs

Maguire and Kelly saw us home with the points. Central defence by Kennedy and Maher was very solid. It will be seen that at this stage the mentors saw O'Neill as a midfield prospect.

Round three – v Kilkenny. Score: 2-14 to 2-9. This was a home defeat but the solitary failure of the half dozen games. An injury to Maher led to the choice of Corcoran at fullback. Again O'Neill was at midfield, Carroll at centreforward. Moloney was at this period a strong candidate for wingforward. Still no sign of Leahy. It was not a good day defensively. Eddie Brennan did a Carey-like job of unsettling our backs from left corner, he hit two cracking goals early on. Fahy and Paul Kelly gave way at the interval to Ormonde and Maguire. Corcoran and Kennedy switched and re-switched between full and centreback, a token of our problems. Down three points at the break we were threatening a good comeback going three ahead when reserve attacker Tucker was sent off, quite unluckily. The game ran away from us as we got no score to the finish while Kilkenny were wrapping it up. We had trouble at halfback and half-forward only Shelly and Dunne contributed anything significant. Of our five reserves, four were forwards – Tucker, Maguire, O'Meara, Kelly.

Round four – v Cork. Score: 2-11 v 1-12. A second defeat would undermine our good start but the team rose to the challenge of visiting Pairc Uí Chaoimh. Maher was fit again for fullback. Morris took over at right halfback in place of Horgan. Among four subs called in were Declan Ryan and Leahy, two big names unseen 'till now and very welcome back. Only Ó hAilpín of Cork's champion fifteen was missing. Two quick goals, from Dunne and Maguire, put Tipp six points up. In a rousing second period, Cork hit back coming level with a Ronan goal. Tipp refused to yield, Philip Maher very much to the fore at the back. Morris had a useful game beside clubmate Kennedy. O'Leary had four points from play. Tipp came home in happy mood, group position strengthened.

Round five – v Laois. Score: 5-25 v 0-18. Fahy and Kearney got places on defence. Declan Ryan was on the "forty". O'Brien was left corner-forward. Working his way back, Leahy again came on as a sub. No tension whatever bothered the home side against an inept Laois, though their tally of eighteen white flags might have given some concern in the dug-out. It was all over within a quarter. An aspect to note was Carroll's placing at centreback in Kennedy's absence.

Round six – v Waterford. Score: 4-15 v 2-15. The Munster draw was in everybody's mind, much more than the League. Waterford were already through, and Tipperary more or less



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certain, also. Again Leahy was a reserve, he came in for Declan Ryan. Sheedy made a re-appearance at right-back, a position considerably varied during the year. Five times scores were level in the first half. With ten minutes left a Kirwan goal levelled again but O'Brien replied. We went five points up but McGrath pulled it back to one with a goal. Paul Ryan got our fourth to leave no doubt after Shelly and Leahy points. It was good to win away and strike an advance blow for the championship. By now Maher had settled in at fullback.

INTO KNOCKOUT

Semi-final – v Limerick. Score 2-18 v 0-17. On the same Stadium bill as Galway and Waterford we got past Cregan's men in a game strangely dead and lifeless. Team: Cummins, Sheedy, Maher, Ryan, Morris, Kennedy, Corcoran, Moloney, Carroll, O'Leary, Leahy, Dunne, Cahill, Shelly, O'Brien. It was Leahy's first start. Original choices Ormonde and Declan Ryan were unable to play. Goals by O'Leary and Leahy were the foundation of a good lead to face the strong wind in the second half. We held on readily enough. Worst aspect was an eye injury for Andy Moloney.

Final – v Galway. Score: 2-18 v 3-13. The counties had shared the two previous Leagues and Galway took the honour from us at Limerick dominating the second half, when Ollie Canning's two goals in a few minutes effectively settled it. It had been level at half-time, 1-9 v 0-12.

We fielded a novel midfield of O'Meara and Carroll. Early difficulties saw Sheedy yield to Fahy. A Shelly goal helped to keep up level. Our performance became more and more insipid – even Leahy on arrival did not appear very excited. The Galway inside forwards – Fahy, Healy, Canning – tormented our backs. Their line-out lacked Cloonan and Broderick. No great mourning was observed for the defeat – some claimed we'd not been dedicated in approach, but it could not be regarded as encouraging for the first round championship game against Waterford.

FIRST ROUND TRIUMPH

No county wants to be out of the Munster pictures in the month of May. It's like a faller at the first at Aintree – you weren't, as they say, at the races. Teams are fired up as much with anxiety as ambition for the initial test. Tipp's approach was not over-confident. After all, the League had ended in limp enough fashion. Waterford had beaten us as recently as 1998. So we just didn't know what to expect.

What did happen was that we shot nineteen wides and won by three points, 0-17 v 0-14. Satisfaction at the success was muted by the prodigality, though this proved that a lot of shooting



Declan Ryan shoots for goal during the NHL final at Limerick.

was going on. The line-out was: Cummins, Ormonde, Maher, Ryan, Carroll, Kennedy, Corcoran, Dunne, Leahy, O'Leary, Ryan, O'Meara, Cahill, Shelly, O'Brien. After various positionings, Carroll took right halfback, where Morris had played a lot of games. Ormonde got the nod for the corner over Fahy and Sheedy. The printed line-up had Leahy and O'Meara in the reverse of where they actually started – it turned out to be mighty beneficial for both. The first passages of play had intricate patterns from the Decies attack stretching our defence quite a bit. Corcoran was at this time our best and steadiest in the rear. We got moving better, an eight-garder from Leahy drawing the loudest roar. Wides increased. Ken McGrath came down wrong on a foot and began to hobble. A string of five Tipp points was the basis of the interim lead – another had come off Leahy's stick. We got little from the inside attack, where our "exile" Flannery was holding Cahill. It wasn't all plain sailing to the finish – Michael Ryan, individually rescued us from a couple of likely goals. Despite the odd slip, Philip Maher's stock rose at full-

back, O'Meara was another to rise to prominence. We used Paul Ryan, Tucker, Enright and Paul Kelly off the bench – mostly forward recruits, reflecting unease about that department. The win was pleasing after pre-game queries. It set up a bigger affair.

A good quota of the hurling records of the '90s is occupied by the way Clare rebounded from the heavy drubbing of 1993 to establish an definite mastery vis-a-vis Tipperary. Victories which in Banner lore will rant as high as their moments of All-Ireland triumph in '95 and '97. Neighbourliness in hurling terms tends to equate with a rivalry flavoured with no great love. The personality and temperament of Ger Loughnane was inextricably linked with the atmosphere created – by contrast our various leaders stayed prudently quiet. Nicky English certainly had no time for anything but the basic element, the hurling. He'd got to the brink of toppling the Banner a year ago. What now? The "word" in the retrospect was that Clare were quite confident of putting Tipp in their place as efficiently as in the 1999 replay. They'd kept a low enough



Eamonn Corcoran and Joe Rabbittee in a race for possession during the NHL final at Pairc na nGael, Limerick.

profile through the League and some doubted that they'd retain full freshness after many hard seasons for the majority. Their attack, apart from Jamesy O'Connor, seemed to lack consistency. The game in Cork raised the tempo of the championship in the advance publicity – here was a rivalry you could nearly feel.

BANNER SEQUENCE ENDED

Our need of victory was crystal clear, more so than Clare's. They were trying to extend a sequence, we to end it. No Munster final since '97 had featured blue-and-gold. We hadn't met Cork in one since faraway '91. The stakes were sky-high. If we won nothing else – and we did win nothing else! – this was one to win, for restoration of pride and credibility, however long these pleasant feelings might last.

When Tipp ran out, to a lot of Tipp-accented wise in an expectant Pairc, only one among them had not started against Waterford. This was O'Neill, preferred to the puzzlingly off-colour Cahill. The Ballingarry man, a youthful All-Star in his time, was to come on for O'Brien and give way to Michael Ryan. In a start better than we'd hoped for it was O'Meara who set the tone of things with positive, confident work that swiftly undermined Doyle, a key figure for many years in the Banner's famed defence. A Forde goal after 25 minutes brought us down to earth – we'd been five up after fifteen and scores were levelled at the break by a McMahon free. Leahy's perfect long frees yielded two of our points. He resumed where he'd left off against Waterford, even if Lynch as doing a fair bit, too, as they evaded rather than marked each other at mid-field.

LEAHY BACK TO FORM

Shelly's treatment was from the start decidedly unkind, but he proceeded to force a penalty foul. In the moment that set the game turning towards Tipp. Declan Ryan's shot got through the line of backmen. It was sandwiched between a pair of O'Neill points that justified the recall of the "Cappa" player. Five up! A bad miss by Forde was well appreciated. Enright replaced veteran Declan on McMahon. Corcoran found Shelly with a long one and the Killenaule forward succeeded in getting it past Fitzgerald. Seven up! By now the applause had taken on a "we've done it" ring of confidence. Markham seemed sure to beat Cummins on a ball that came back off a post. Philip Maher got in a vital block. O'Leary topped it all off with two sailing points. Even the day's last score was from a Tipp man. Ken Ralph of Moycarkey-Borris was the striker! We'd done it by a comprehensive eight points. Happy day, the joy evident on field and off, particularly sweet to for Nicky, Ken and Jack. Again

Leahy was the individual who saw most publicity in the reports, his comeback to Cork and a Munster final of obvious attraction.

The lengthy hiatus in the Tipp-Cork tradition made this a game of remarkable drawing power. The fans were drawn so plentifully as to pack the Stadium with more than the sub-sixty thousand official figure published. They trekked record distances from car to park, on all sides of town. Simply for colour and atmosphere it had no rival during the hurling year. Grand to be part of it – better altogether to have won it!



Paul Shelly in typical pose during the NHL final against Galway at Limerick.

POINTS BEAT GOALS

Basically, Cork points beat Tipperary goals. Their fleet, slick forward play, inventive and adept, racked up 23 points. In retrospect, a lot of our prides was saved by those two late and delightfully finished goals by Tommy Dunne. His first, clinically placed past Cusack in goal, brought us back level on 44 minutes. His second gave us a scent of successful recover, from a string of five skillful Cork points. In between Dunne's strikes Tipp had their second penalty of the day go for nothing. Tommy hadn't converted a first-half award to Shelly for the goalie's crude and desperate drag-down. Now O'Neill's illegal arrest by Ryan set up another. Leahy beat the 'keeper but not a well-placed defender. Two penalties and, at the final count fifteen wides – were to our deficit in a two point loss. No wonder the might have-been tormented us. It had been a fairly ordinary first half, ending level at 1-5 to 0-8, O'Neill swiftly seizing on a defensive error. The second period put the stamp of quality and drama on it. Uncertainty prevailed right to the finish. Paul Kelly, on for Shelly, swung over one from the left that had Tipp the absolute minimum behind. But our defensive troubles, evident from the start, were punished for

the last time by Seanie McGrath. Two down, all over. Tipp's only alteration in line-out from the Clare game had been Enright for Declan Ryan, and Eddie did well on Brian Corcoran. Perhaps in a way the tally of three goals flattered our attacking. The reserves called in Cahill for O'Brien, Michael Ryan for O'Leary, Kelly for Shelly, were all forwards. Dunne in his goal-scoring feats was an arrival from outside. Cork's best was Sherlock at wingback, but their forwards were the real difference, for more accurate than ours whose off-target tendency against Waterford came back again on home ground. Deane, McGrath, O'Connor and Browne, thrived in the Stadium's expanse, leaving backmen stretching and straining. Fifteen points in the second half were a rich return for that forward section.

The "back door" might not have occurred to many while play was fluctuating in the Munster final, but it did come to mind immediately afterwards as a consoling possibility. Win out the All-Ireland – that's "all" we had to do to make the provincial loss very tolerable. It still wouldn't be the ideal All-Ireland, but losers can't be choosers. The draw would offer us Galway, Offaly or Derry in a quarter final. The differential could be vast – a pretty soft touch or the toughest of tests. We got the tough one, a county of high echelon stature, current League and Railway Cup winners, our equals or masters at minor and under-21 over many seasons. Some observers rated them favourites for the biggest prize of all, whatever effect their holiday since the League might have. We had these hard games behind us and by now ought to know our best formation.

CORCORAN, LEAHY INJURIES

In a Croke Park lopsided from exclusion of the side that will be site of the new stand and with the Canal End only partly available – some shortening of the pitch was another consequence – Tipperary lacked a familiar Ryan in Declan and contained a new one in Michael of Templederry. This was a definite surprise, based on camp form and a theory that Dunne should leave midfield and go left corner. His goals late against Cork perhaps persuaded the mentors that he ought to start closer to the target. Those wides by other forwards were a further motivation for the change. For various reasons, it did not work out anywhere close to specification.

We watched the early stages in something close to horror. The Galway tactic of bringing their half-forwards outfield left our inside defence in ample – too ample – space to cope with Cloonan, Fahy and Carrigan. Cummins had to dash out to fail an early breakthrough from left corner – the goalie was to be a saviour very soon again. After a quarter Galway led 1-5 to 0-2, Rory Gantley, a



Tipperary Senior Hurling Team – National League Runners-Up

Back row (l. to r.): Paul Shelly, Mark O'Leary, Brian O'Meara, Philip Maher, Brendan Cummins, Michael Ryan, Liam Sheedy, David Kennedy. Front: Ger Maguire, Paul Ormonde, John Carroll, Thomas Dunne (captain), Declan Ryan, Eamonn Corcoran, Paddy O'Brien.

leading provider from midfield. Veteran Michael Ryan suffered more than most faced with the restored Cloonan. Fahy was brought on, Ormonde moving over on to Eugene. Leahy went to the "forty" on Moore, Enright to midfield. A recovery was signalled by Shelly and Leahy points. A bad blow fell on our cause. Corcoran came off worst in a collision for which his man was less innocent. This accelerated our rapid departure from the initial line-out. Dunne now came out to midfield. Paul Kelly came in at wingforward. O'Leary going to a corner.

Despite the disruption, we had our best period. Leahy led it with the work of artistry that will be admired on video, a classic point. When Enright pointed, the rally had brought Tipp level. The bravery of Cummins then preserved his Canal End net, point blank against Rabbitte and getting the end of Joe's second swing. For a minute or so it seemed he might have to go off and hand a large task to the newly-designated sub goalie-cum-forward Eoin Kelly. He carried on,

bandaged head and all. Galway responded to getting overhauled by hitting Gantley and Kerins points to lead by those scores at the interval all things considered, Tipp had averted worse and were well in the contest.

Better still, we wiped out that deficit through Paul Kelly and O'Leary. Came blow number two. In something like the fashion Ken McGrath had "crooked" an ankle in the first round, Leahy came down wrong from a jump. It was a sad sight to see John struggle slowly off, helped by Brian Horgan and with a nice parting handshake from fullback Feeney. He's spent a brief spell inside. Moloney came on now at centreforward. No sign of Declan Ryan. The pre-game addition of his name to the reserves had many believing it signified some degree of availability.

TIPP EXIT SCENE

Our high-water mark was reached with an O'Meara point for the lead. Galway brought Joe Rabbitte out to centreforward. His height and strength proved vital assets, whether in scoring

himself or winning – or at least getting! – useful frees. The match had never reached old time heights. Now it plunged lower into a scoreless stretch of fourteen minutes. Some later blamed the pitch, at least partially, for the non-vintage play at both. Who would come out of the drought with the precious scores? Not Tipp. Joe Rabbitte and Kevin Broderick were the scorers of the points that made Eoin Kelly's one fatal flag short of rescue. Cahill came close, Cloonan topped it all off with the last one. The ultimate episode saw Cummins come up in faint hopes of a Davy Fitzgerald feat. From over thirty yards, with bodies galore in the way, it wasn't on. We were out. Curiously, neither Cork nor Galway won again after beating Tipp. Most credit individually at Croke Park was won by John Carroll of Roscrea, with Brendan Cummins making himself a likely All-Star in goal. No one could accuse us of undue good fortune in losing Corcoran and Leahy. No success for Tipp in the main competitions but a year of respectable effort.



The Tipperary team that played Galway in the SHC All-Ireland quarter-final at Croke Park.

Standing (l. to r.): Mark O'Leary, Micheál Ryan, Philip Maher, Brendan Cummins, Brian O'Meara, Eddie Enright, John Leahy, Michael Ryan. Seated: Paul Shelly, John Carroll, Paul Ormonde, Thomas Dunne (captain), Eugene O'Neill, David Kennedy, Eamonn Corcoran.

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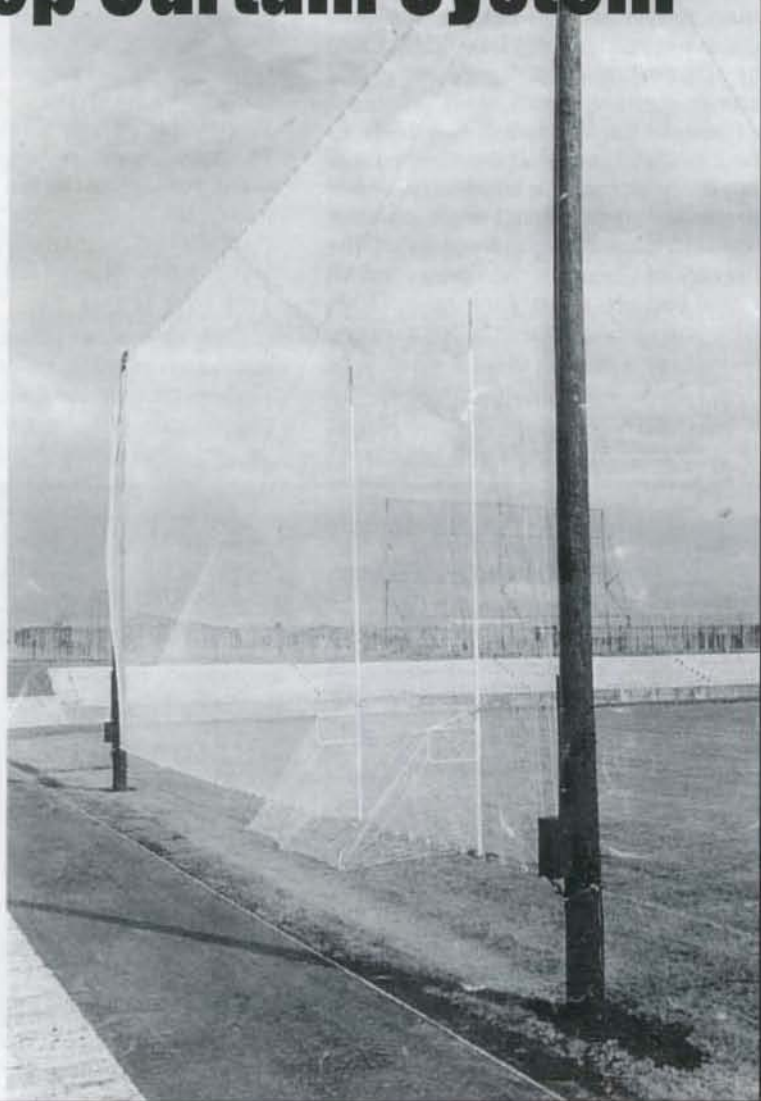
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Millennium Success for Tipperary Intermediates

By Noel Dundon (Tipperary Star)

Tipperary's Intermediate hurlers bridged a nine year gap when they defeated Galway in the All-Ireland Final in Birr to put The Premier County back on the top pedestal in the grade. After a number of seasons trying, Cashel man Brendan Bonnar finally got his just rewards by guiding the Tipperary outfit through the stormy waters of Munster and into the wide open ocean of the All-Ireland championship. After titanic battles, the Tipp ship stayed afloat and sailed on to the tranquil waters of victorious bliss.

While much of the attention during the season was on the senior hurlers, the intermediates were quickly going about their business and had the Munster title in the bag following defeats of Waterford, Clare and Cork. The spotlight was being placed very firmly on Tipp dual star corner forward Declan Browne who was amassing huge totals on the scoring front. He hit 1-10 from 1-19 in the Munster Final to add to his huge tallies against Waterford (4-12) and Clare (0-8) and the big question on everyone's lips was whether or not he would be brought into the senior squad. Lucky for Bonnar and co., the Moyle Rovers man's intermediate status remained intact.

When taking to Semple Stadium for the Munster Final, it was the county's remaining hope of taking any silverware in a special championship year. The victors fulfilled the promise shown in the early rounds of the campaign and fully deserved the title regained after a nine year gap. Known in 1991 as the junior grade, only Pat Maguire of Lattin Cullen and Michael Ryan of Fethard survived from the last victory.

The breakthrough after almost a decade of valiant endeavour on the part of many could hardly have come at a better and more crucial time. Tipperary GAA administration and supporters were not slow to show their appreciation for Brendan Bonnar and his men and there was a palpable sense of satisfaction that after two final defeats in succession Tipperary had reached their Holy Grail. To defeat Cork in any grade is quite an achievement and the victory represented a shot in the arm for Tipperary hurling as supporters turned their attention to launching an attack on the All-Ireland title.

Tipp looked into the unknown as they faced up to Meath in the All-Ireland semi-final. A difficult game; a potential banana skin; the Tipp lads overcame them after battling very hard and the swords were drawn for the Galway encounter. Suddenly everybody was talking about this Tipperary side. The hype was beginning to build and the players were beginning to feel good about themselves. Manager Brendan Bonnar was attempting to keep things low key as he didn't want the players to be distracted from the job in hand – delivering an All-Ireland title.



Intermediate hurling star Declan Browne, complete with All-Ireland trophy, photographed with his parents, Michael and Margaret, following the victory over Galway in the intermediate hurling All-Ireland final at Birr.



Intermediate hurling selectors – Richard Looby (Moyle Rovers), Brendan Bonnar (Cashel King Cormacs) and Gerry McKeogh (Ballina), photographed before the team's first game in the championship, against Waterford, at Pairc Uí Chaoimh.



Three players from the Gortnaoe-Glengooile club celebrate following the Munster IHC victory over Cork at Semple Stadium. Included are (l. to r.): Martin Gleeson, John Teehan, Brendan Hogan.

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In control – Dermot Gleeson (left) heads for goal during the intermediate hurling All-Ireland final at Birr



Ray Killeen (centre) about to gather the ball while watched by two Galway players during the intermediate hurling All-Ireland final at Birr.



Colm Bonnar handpasses to a colleague during the intermediate hurling All-Ireland final against Galway at Birr.



Double celebration – Declan Corcoran, captain of the Tipperary intermediate hurling panel, photographed with his wife, Orla, following the victory over Galway in the intermediate hurling All-Ireland final at Birr. Declan and Orla were married the previous day.

When the job was done the Cashel man proclaimed that any of his men would hold their own in the senior team. It was a bold statement but who could argue with him. Tipp powered impressively to a 2-17 to 1-10 victory over Galway and yes you guessed it, Declan Browne was the leading scorer, just 1-11 this time, enough to beat Galway on his own!

Tipperary supporters left Birr gushing in their praise for the outstanding display of the entire team. Browne showed his consummate skill when it was most needed. Galway enjoying the full benefit of a strong breeze were two points ahead after the first quarter. But Browne struck two accurate frees and one point from play in the space of two and a half minutes. It was an emphatic response which catapulted Tipperary back into a 1-6 to 1-5 lead – and they never trailed again.

Galway clung on desperately and in the minutes that followed managed to come back on level terms on two occasions. But the skillful Moyle Rovers man delivered a mortal blow to the Tribesmen when he struck the net and added a point from a free in the two minutes leading up to the break. It gave Tipperary an unexpected 2-8 to 1-7 advantage against the tough breeze and set them up for a brilliant second half.

Tipperary's fifth title since 1961 was secured and the celebrations began.

Delivering an All-Ireland title is not an easy task and for their achievements Brendan Bonnar and his backroom team can take a well deserved bow. They have stuck with it when times were tough and the victory in Birr made it all worthwhile for them. For the players who received the Celtic crosses, it was one of their proudest moments and one they will cherish for the rest of their lives. It must have been a particularly pleasing one for Colm Bonnar, who made his return to the Tipperary fold. He added to his tally of senior, U-21 and minor All-Ireland medals.

But for one man in particular, the honeymoon was only beginning. Tipp captain Declan Corcoran was married to his bride Orla the day before the All-Ireland Final and the celebrations could begin on the double for the Silvermines man.

Well done to all concerned. Tipp needed an All-Ireland hurling title and you delivered it.

All-Ireland Intermediate hurling final – Birr, September 23rd, 2000.

Tipperary 2-17
Galway 1-10

Tipperary scorers: Declan Browne 1-11 (0-7 frees), 0-1 '65'; Ray Killeen 1-0; Declan Corcoran and Darren O'Connor 0-3 each.

Tipperary: Seamus Butler (Seán Treacy's); Brendan Hogan (Gortnahoe-Glengoose); Michael Ryan (Fethard); Martin Gleeson (Gortnahoe-Glengoose); Dan Hackett (Kildangan); Colm Bonnar (Cashel); Dermot Gleeson (Ballinahinch); Sean Maher (Ballybacon-Grange); John Teehan (Gortnahoe-Glengoose); Darren O'Connor (Cahir); Colin Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Declan Corcoran (Silvermines); Ray Killeen (Knockshewanna); Pat McGuire (Lattin-Cullen); Declan Browne (Moyle Rovers).

Tipperary Millennium Sports Stars

The Tipperary Millennium Sports Stars Awards night was held at Dundrum House Hotel.

Sponsored by Bank of Ireland, in association with the *Tipperary Star*, *The Nationalist* and *The Guardian* newspapers, the stars were chosen from nomination in the three papers.



Hurling Award

Eight All-Ireland medal winner, John Doyle, receives his award from David Kennedy, District Manager, Bank of Ireland.



Football Award

Michael 'Babs' Keating, receives his award from Gerry Reeves, District Manager, Bank of Ireland, South Tipperary.

Eircell – "Player of the Month" Awards



John Leahy with his Award for June 2000.



Jovita Delaney receives the Award for September from Pat Rafferty, Uachtarán, Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael.

Masters Take Pride of Place

by John Gilton (Tipperary Star)

Famous tennis player Billy Jean King once remarked, "Champions keep playing until they get it right!" Tipperary, the mainstay of the Masters (over forties) championship since its inception may have lost the '98 and '99 finals to old rivals Kilkenny, but they certainly got it right on the third attempt when they defeated Limerick on the Millennium crown.

Clinching their fourth title in the grade the 'Masters' most certainly kept the vintage win 'til last notching up from play all but a point of their whopping 6-16 total in a high scoring contest that saw Limerick hit 5-9. In an otherwise undistinguished year on the hurling fields for the Premier County the sprightly boys, affectionately known as the 'Golden Oldies' take pride of place. It may have lashed rain on a chilly evening Sunday, September 17th last, but the 'Masters' were totally oblivious to the elements as they celebrated a historic feat on a special year. Great scenes of emotion among the players their partners and families were witnessed following the presentation of a trophy to team captain Stephen Hennessy from Marlfield. The trojan effort invested by players, mentors and backroom personnel, all through the Spring and Summer had reaped handsome dividends.

It was quite a feat for Tipperary considering that they suffered a big setback in the early stages of the series when they lost to Kilkenny. They picked themselves up to record victories over Laois and Dublin, but, with a number of newcomers facing into their first final and Limerick buoyant following their dismissal of fancied Kilkenny in the semi-final, the Blue and Gold brigade viewed the decider with more than a little trepidation. As matters transpired, the Limerick lads, in the championship for the first time, made life much more difficult than the final scoreline suggests, but nobody could deny the merit of the victory.

With most of the Tipp side having figured in one grade or another for the county in the past their talent laden full forward line were really 'on song'. Former senior player, Seamus Bourke, absolutely tormented the Limerick defence hitting 3-4 (3-3 from play) while former senior goalie John Sheedy and Pat Looby were equally menacing. Indeed, between them, the full line accounted for 5-9 of their sides total, striking all but two points of the teams first half 3-9 tally. That

wonderful servant of Loughmore-Castleiney, Tom McGrath, got in on the scoring act too finishing with 1-4 from play, and substitute Pat Ryan made a big impression when introduced scoring three points.

Scoring exploits aside, the Tipperary victory was secured with considerable determination and steel. After dropping a twelve point lead to four between the 37th and 49th minutes they regrouped to finished with real conviction. Limerick, despite a gallant effort faded in the closing stages but they will very much regret a bad lapse shortly before the interval when John Sheedy and Pat Looby struck for goals that swept the initiative from their grasp. The sides had been level five times in the opening twenty minutes before Limerick surged a head on a 2-6 to 1-8 scoreline. Then Sheedy finished a long range free from Ger Carey to the net, and Looby soloed through a minute later for another goal that helped the side to a comfortable interval position (3-9 to 2-6). Seamus Bourke's goal seven minutes into the second half brought Tipps lead to twelve points, and they seemed set to coast to victory. Ger Mulcahy had Limericks first score in twenty minutes play, a point from a free, and there were no real signs of their dramatic fightback to come. However, the Shannonsiders were made of stern stuff, and helped by goals from Ger Mulcahy, and Fintan Ryan, they reduced the deficit to four points (4-12 to 4-8). A thrilling last ten minutes

beckoned after Seamus Bourke and Ger Mulcahy exchanged goals but Tipp then proved their mettle, and inspired by a Tom McGrath goal two minutes from time they finished like champions.

A wonderful feat then for the side, it's management team of Larry Mackey, (Thurles Fennellys), Pat Dunlea (Silvermines) and John Treacy (Loughmore-Castleiney) and all concerned with the teams participation. Manager Larry Mackey, and his colleagues Dunlea and Treacy put in a huge effort with the side this year in an effort to regain glory, and GAA followers throughout the county were delighted with the outcome. On the strength of this performance, and bearing in mind that some prominent players on the club scene are set to join the panel next season, Tipp should be quite a force in the competition for some time to come.

All-Ireland Final Team - P. McLoughney (Shannon Rovers); J. Stokes (Gortnahoe-Glengooile); C. Ryan (Newport); G. Ryan (Silvermines); M. Stapleton (Templederry); M. Bourke (J.K. Brackens); G. Carey (Newport); A. O'Neill (Cappawhite); K. Fox (Eire Og, Anacarty); T. McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 1-4; J. Sherlock (Lorrha); S. Hennessy (Marlfield), captain; P. Looby (Drom-Inch) 1-2; J. Sheedy (Portroe) 1-3; S. Bourke (J.K. Brackens) 3-4. Subs: J. Stone (Roscrea); P. Ryan (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-3; T. Floyd (Newport); M. McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney); L. Keogh (Silvermines).



All-Ireland mentors - Selectors of the Tipperary Masters (over-40) hurling panel that won the All-Ireland title by defeating Limerick at Semple Stadium in September. Included are (l. to r.): John Treacy, Larry Mackey and Pat Dunlea.

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The Toomevara team that retained the County Senior Hurling Championship title by defeating Thurles Sarsfields at Semple Stadium. BACK ROW (l.-r.): Brendan Dunne, Tomás Dunne, Terry Dunne (Captain), Brian Duff, Tony Delaney, Padraig Hackett, Kevin Cummins, Paul McGrath (unable to play due to injury), Paddy O'Brien. FRONT ROW (l.-r.): Michael Beavans, Ken Dunne, George Frend, Justin Cottrell, Philip Shanahan, John O'Brien, Rory Brislane.

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Tipperary Under-21 Hurling 2000

First round at Thurles, 21st June – Waterford 0-16, Tipperary 1-11.

Tipperary: D. Young (Drom-Inch); C. Everard (Moyne-Templetuohy); S. McDermott (Cappawhite); B. Dunne (Toomevara); D. Maher (Borris-Ileigh); P. Maher (Borris-Ileigh); L. Kearney (Clonoulty-Rossmore); W. Maher (Ballingarry); G. O'Grady (Thurles Sarsfields); P. Kelly (Mullinahone); D. Fahey (St. Mary's); P. O'Brien (Toomevara); S. Butler (Drom-Inch); D. Gleeson (Ballinahinch); P. Ryan (Templederry).

Substitutes – E. Brislane (Toomevara) for W. Maher; A. Kennedy (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for O'Grady; E. Kelly (Mullinahone) for B. Dunne; C. Morrissey (Galtee Rovers) for Everard; P. McGrath (Toomevara) for Butler.



The Tipperary team that failed to Limerick in the Munster under-21 hurling championship at Semple Stadium. Back row (l. to r.) – Paul Kelly, Donnacha Fahey, Philip Maher, Damien Young, Ger O'Grady, Liam Kearney, William Maher, Dermot Gleeson. Front row – Paddy O'Brien, Brendan Dunne, Colm Everard, Declan Maher, Shane McDermott, Seamus Butler, Paul Ryan.



The Tipperary under-21 hurling team that took part in a under-21 tournament game against Kilkenny at Gortnahoe. Back row (l. to r.) – Declan Fanning, William Maher, Ger O'Grady, Shane McDermott, Stephen Mason, John Ferncombe, Niall Curran, Darragh Rabbitte. Front Row – Donal Shelly, Colm Ryan, Richard Leahy, Paul Curran, Declan Maher, Colm Everard, Seamus Butler.



Photograph taken after the under-21 hurling tournament game between Tipperary and Kilkenny at Gortnahoe: to commemorate the memory of the late Tom O'Hara, a former Mid and County chairman. Included are Sean Fogarty, Co. Board Munster Council rep.; Shane McDermott, captain of the winning Tipperary panel; Michael Lowry, former county chairman; Nora O'Hara, wife of the late Tom O'Hara; Robert O'Hara, son of the late Tom O'Hara; John Doyle, who presented the Tom O'Hara trophy to the winning captain; Gerry Chawke, sponsor of the trophies for the tournament; Michael Maguire, former Co. Board Chairman.

Tipperary Under-21 selectors photographed prior to the Munster championship game with Waterford. Included are (l. to r.) – Tom McGrath, Kevin Fox and Dinny Cahill.



Dermot Gleeson (left) in action during the Munster under-21 hurling championship game at Semple Stadium.



Tipperary's William Maher in action during the Munster under-21 hurling championship match at Semple Stadium

Tipperary's 50 All Stars 1971-2000

by Seamus O'Doherty



HURLING

GOALKEEPER.....

P. McLoughney (Shannon Rovers) 1979/80, K. Hogan (Lorrha) 1987, B. Cummins (Ballybacon G) 2000

RIGHT CORNER BACK.....

P. Delaney (Roscrea) 1991, Paul Shelly (Killenaule) 1997

FULL BACK.....

N. Sheehy (Silvermines) 1990/91

LEFT CORNER BACK.....

T. O'Connor (Roscrea) 1979

RIGHT HALF BACK.....

T. O'Connor (Roscrea) 1971/75, Conal Bonnar (Cashel K.C.) 1989/91, J. Carroll (Roscrea) 2000

CENTRE HALF BACK.....

M. Roche (Carrick Davins) 1971, B. Ryan (Borrisoleigh) 1989

LEFT HALF BACK.....

B. Ryan (Borrisoleigh) 1986/88

MIDFIELD.....

Colm Bonnar (Cashel K.C.) 1988, Declan Carr (Holycross.B) 1989, John Leahy (Mullinahone) 1991, Thomas Dunne (Toomevara) 1997/99

RIGHT HALF FORWARD.....

F. Loughnane (Roscrea) 1971/71/73, N. English (Lattin Cullen) 1983/84/85, D. Ryan (Clonoulty R.) 1988, M. Cleary (Nenagh Éire Óg) 1990/91

CENTRE FORWARD.....

M. Keating (Ballybacon Grange) 1971, D. Ryan (Clonoulty, Rossmore) 1997

LEFT HALF FORWARD.....

A. Ryan (Borrisoleigh) 1987, J. Leahy (Mullinahone) 1994/97

RIGHT CORNER FORWARD.....

Pat Fox (Éire Óg) 1987/89/91, Michael Cleary (Nenagh Éire Óg) 1992/93, L. Cahill (Ballingarry) 1996

FULL FORWARD.....

N. English (Lattin Cullen) 1987/88, Cormac Bonnar (Cashel K.C.) 1989/91

LEFT CORNER FORWARD.....

T. Butler (Drom Inch) 1978, N. English (Lattin-Cullen) 1989.

FOOTBALL

The county's only All Star award winner is Declan Browne (Moyle Rovers) in 1998.

Total hurling awards won 49

Highest individual winner, Nicolas English, 6.

Most successful club Roscrea with four winners and eight awards.

Tipperary failed to win any awards on seven occasions (1974, 1976, 1977, 1981, 1982, 1995, 1998).

The only player selected in three different positions was Nicholas English and he shares the honour of being selected in the same position for three consecutive years with Francis Loughnane.

18 clubs have produced players who were honoured as hurling All Stars.



Tipperary Minor Hurlers 2000

APRIL 26th AT WALSH PARK:

Tipperary 1-12
Waterford 1-6

Tipperary: Niall McGrath (Burgess); Diarmuid Fitzgerald (Roscrea); John Devane (Clonoulty-Rossmore); Martin Maher (Borris-ileigh); Kevin Ivers (J.K. Brackens); Eamonn Ryan (Moycarkey); Trevor Connolly (Nenagh Éire Óg); John Lillis (captain) (Thurles Sarsfields); Matthew Ryan (Templederry); Timmy Minogue (Templederry); Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone); Martin Gleeson (Loughmore-Castleiney); Tony Doyle (Killenaule); John O'Brien (Toomevara); Alan Horgan (Knockavilla Kickhams).

Subs: Eamon Buckley (Drom-Inch) for Devane, Ronan O'Brien (Eire Óg, Annacarty) for Horgan, Sean McKeogh (Ballina for Gleeson).

MUNSTER SEMI-FINAL AT BRUFF,
10th MAY:

Tipperary 4-13
Waterford 2-19
(draw)

Tipperary: Niall McGrath (Burgess); Diarmuid Fitzgerald (Roscrea); Martin Maher (Borris-ileigh); Eamonn Buckley (Drom-Inch); Kevin Ivers (J.K. Brackens); Eamonn Ryan (Moycarkey-Borris); Trevor Connolly (Nenagh Éire Óg); Matthew Ryan (Templederry); John Lillis (captain) (Sarsfields); Alan Horgan (Knockavilla Kickhams); Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone); Martin Gleeson (Loughmore-Castleiney); John O'Brien (Toomevara); Tony Doyle (Killenaule); Timmy Minogue (Templederry).

Subs: John Sweeney (Moynempletuohy) for Matthew Ryan, Michael Phelan (Ballybacon-Grange) for Lillis; Ronan O'Brien for Minogue.

REPLAY - MAY 17th AT THURLES:

Limerick 1-12
Tipperary 0-13

Tipperary: N. McGrath (Burgess); M. Phelan (Ballybacon-Grange); D. Fitzgerald (Roscrea); J. Lillis (Thurles Sarsfields); K. Ivers (J.K. Brackens); E. Ryan (Moycarkey-Borris); T. Connolly (Nenagh Éire Óg); M. Maher (Borris-ileigh); D. Kennedy (Toomevara); J. O'Brien, (Toomevara); E. Kelly (Mullinahone); T. Doyle (Killenaule); T. Ruth (Thurles Sarsfields); J. Kennedy (Drom-Inch); S. McKeogh (Ballina).

Substitutes: P. Shortt (Upperchurch - Drombane) for Kennedy; B. Darcy (Nenagh Éire Óg) for T. Doyle; R. O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty) for T. Ruth.



The Tipperary minor hurling panel photographed before their first game in the Munster championship against Waterford, at Walsh Park. Back row (l. to r.): Patrick McCormack, Niall Sweeney, Alan Horgan, Michael Phelan, Martin Maher, Eamonn Ryan, John Devane, Pat Cosgrave, Kevin Ivers, Diarmuid Fitzgerald, Sean McKeogh, Matthew Ryan. Front row: Eoin Kelly, Martin Gleeson, Trevor Connolly, Timmy Minogue, John O'Brien, Tony Doyle, Tony Ruth, Ronan O'Brien, Pat Shortt, Eamonn Buckley, John Lillis (captain).



Tipperary minor hurling selectors photographed prior to the successful Munster minor hurling championship game against Waterford at Walsh park, Waterford. Included are (l. to r.): Noel Russell (Carrick Swans); Vincent McKenna (Borrisokane); Paddy McCormack (manager, Thurles Sarsfields) and Ger O'Neill (Cappawhite).



Kevin Ivers about to grab the ball during the Munster minor hurling championship replay against Limerick at Semple Stadium.



Tipperary full-forward John Kennedy (left) disputes possession with a Limerick defender during the Munster minor hurling championship replay against Limerick in Semple Stadium.



Tony Doyle heads for goal during the Munster minor hurling championship at Semple Stadium.



Tangled up Tipperary and Limerick players in action during the Munster Minor hurling championship game at Semple Stadium.

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HOW TIPP'S SEVENTEEN LEAGUE TITLES WERE WON

By Gerry Stevin (Nenagh Guardian)

While Cork and Kilkenny may have overtaken Tipperary in All-Ireland senior titles won, Tipp remains the Premier County as far as the National League is concerned.

With seventeen titles, they are three ahead of Cork, with Limerick next on eleven, Kilkenny on nine and Galway on seven. Wexford have four titles, Clare three, Dublin two and Offaly and Waterford one each.

Tipp's first title was won in 1927-28 when the competition was based solely on a points system. Tipp played eight games and won seven of them, thus accumulating fourteen points which gave them the title ahead of Galway who were on twelve points.

The '27-28 team was led by Johnny Leahy and lined out as follows against Laois, the game that clinched the title: T. Butler, S. Moloney, J. Leahy (captain), M. Ryan, W. Small, J.J. Hayes, P. Purcell, M. Flanagan, T. Treacy, P. Cahill, P. Leahy, P. Dwyer, J.J. Callanan, M. Kennedy, M. Cronin.

Tipp had to wait another twenty years before entering the winners enclosure. Beaten in the final of '31 - by Galway - and again in '38 by Limerick as well as Cork in '40 and '48, Tipp's return in '49 heralded the start of a glorious era, Pat Stakelum leading his county to a long awaited success over Cork by 3-5 to 3-3. The team was: Tony Reddin, Jim Devitt, Tony Brennan, Flor Coffey, Mickey Byrne, Pat Furlong, Tommy Purcell, Phil Shanahan, Pat Stakelum (capt.), Bob Stakelum, Willie Carroll, Mick Ryan, Mutt Ryan, Sonny Maher, Jim Ryan.

Sub: Tommy Ryan for Mutt Ryan.

TO NEW YORK

The title was retained a year later, Kilkenny on the losing side, with Tipp travelling to New York for the final proper against the home team. It was a transition time in Tipp hurling, and players like John Doyle, the Kennys, Seamus Bannon, Jimmy Finn, Jimmy Kennedy, Ned Ryan and Mick Ryan, as well as the recalled Tommy Doyle, who had been part of Tipp's great All-Ireland final win over Laois in '49, proved too good for Kilkenny (3-8 to 1-10) before crossing the broad Atlantic for a 1-12 to 3-4 win over the exiles.

That winning Tipp team in New York was: Tony Reddin, Mickey Byrne, Tony Brennan, John Doyle, Jimmy Finn, Pat Stakelum, Tommy Doyle, Phil Shanahan, Seamus Bannon, Ned Ryan, Mick Ryan, Sean Kenny (captain), Paddy Kenny, Sonny Maher, Jimmy Kennedy. Earlier in the 'home' final against Kil-



At the National Hurling League Medal Presentation 1999 were front l. to r.: Niall Quinn, Thomas Dunne, Nicky English.

kenny, Tommy Ryan and Jack Ryan had lined out instead of Jimmy Finn and Ned Ryan.

The '52 'home' final saw Tipp pitted against Wexford, their All-Ireland final victims of '51. Victory again went to Tipp (4-7 to 4-6), one that earned them yet another trans-Atlantic trip. This win over New York was more decisive than their previous visit, (6-14 to 2-5) and the captaincy had now moved back to Pat Stakelum leading the following team: Tony Reddin, Michael Maher, Tony Brennan, John Doyle, Jimmy Finn, Pat Stakelum (captain), Tommy Doyle, Phil Shanahan, John Hough, Ned Ryan, Mick Ryan, Paddy Kenny, Jim Ryan, Sonny Maher, Phil Maher.

Sub: Bobby Mockler for Brennan.

Seamus Bannon and Tim Ryan had played against Wexford with Jimmy Finn and Paddy Kenny coming in for the New York match.

Defeat would be Tipp's lot in their next final appearance. That was in the '52 - '53 final against Cork when Tipp were led by Tommy Doyle.

FINN LEADING

But a year later they were back on top again, Jimmy Finn leading them to victory over Kilkenny by 3-10 to 1-4, from the full back berth. On each side of him were Mickey Byrne and John Doyle, Tony Reddin behind him, while Pat Stakelum at centre back was flanked by Mick Kenny and Connie Keane. John Hough and Theo English were midfield partners and the forward line comprised of Ned Ryan, Mick Ryan, Paddy Kenny, Mikey Seymour, Billy Quinn, Seamus Bannon.

It was John Doyle's turn to captain Tipp when the title was retained at Wexford's expense the next season, '54 - '55.

Team: Tony Reddin, Mickey Byrne, Michael Maher, John Doyle (captain), Connie Keane, Jimmy Finn, Johnny McGrath, John Hough, Theo English, Liam Devaney, Pat Stakelum, Gerry Doyle, Seamus Bannon, Larry Keane, Tommy Barrett.

When bidding for three-in-a-row in '55-'56, Wexford put a stop to their gallop (5-9 to 2-14) but Tipp bounced back the following season, defeating Kilkenny 3-11 to 2-7. Mickey Byrne was captain and the lineout was: Blackie Keane, Mickey Byrne (captain), Michael Maher, John Doyle, Jimmy Finn, Pat Stakelum, Tony Wall, John Hough, Theo English, Mick Ryan, Liam Devaney, Jimmy Doyle, Paddy Kenny, Sean O'Meara and Liam Skelly.

What would emerge as probably the greatest Tipp hurling era of all, the sixties, was beginning to show itself when Tipp won three-in-a-row leagues between 1958-'59 and '60-'61. Tony Wall captained the first two, Matt Hassett taking over for the third.

The '58-'59 lineout in the final against Waterford (0-15 to 0-7) was: Terry Moloney, Mickey Byrne, Michael Maher, Kieran Carey, Jimmy Finn, Tony Wall (captain), John Doyle, Theo English, Donie Nealon, Liam Devaney, Jim McDonnell, Jimmy Doyle, Tom Larkin, Martin "Musha" Maher, Liam Connolly.

Sub: Phil Hennessy for Larkin.

ONE CHANGE

There was only one change in defence for the following season's final, Mick Burns replacing the luckless Jimmy Finn at wing back, when Tipp defeated Cork, 2-15 to 3-8. Tom Ryan (Killenaule) was Theo English's midfield partner, Donie Nealon moving to attack which saw Tom Maloughney and Bill



Tipperary Delegates at Millennium Congress. Front L/R: Michael O'Brien, Pdraig Fahy, Noel Morris, Willie Barrett, John Flanagan, Maria Morrissey, Con Hogan, Matty Connolly, Liz Howard, Jerry Ring, Ger McKeogh, Mick Frawley and Seamus O'Riain.

Maloughney there instead of Tom Larkin and "Musha" Maher.

Gerry McCarthy came on as a sub. for his Kilruane club-mate, Tom Maloughney.

On to '60-'61 and Matt Hassett at the helm for a 6-6 to 4-9 win over Waterford.

Donal O'Brien was now between the posts and Matt Hassett had taken over Mickey Byrne's right full back berth. Michael Maher and Kieran Carey completed the line and the half back line comprised, Mick Burns, Tony Wall and John Doyle. Liam Devaney was at midfield with Theo English and the forward division lined up with Jimmy Doyle, Donie Nealon, Tom Ryan, John "Mackey" McKenna, Billy Moloughney, Tom Moloughney.

Tom Shanahan replaced Kieran Carey, Carey in turn replacing the Toomevara man.

The three-in-a-row was achieved by Tipp but the next two seasons would prove barren enough on the league front, with defeat (2-15 to 4-7) in the 'home' final for the Sean McLoughlin led side of '62-'63. It was Waterford who earned the honour and their only league title to date with a 3-10 to 1-10 win over New York in Kilkenny in a replay.

BACK TO THE STATES

But it took only a year for Tipp to make it back to the States again. The 1963-64 campaign saw Wexford defeated in the 'home' final (5-12 to 1-4) captained by Sean McLoughlin and Jimmy Doyle led them to victory in the States over the home side by 4-16 to 6-6.

The team in New York was: John O'Donoghue, John Doyle, Michael Maher, Kieran Carey, Mick Burns, Tony Wall, Michael Murphy, Theo English, Mick Roche, Jimmy Doyle (captain), Larry Kiely, Michael Keating, Donie Nealon, Tom Ryan (Killenaule), Pat Ryan. In the 'home' final Mackey McKenna and Sean McLoughlin lined out, but Tom Ryan and Babs Keating replaced them States-side.

New York beckoned again the following season. At home, Tipp had nine

points to spare over Kilkenny, 3-14 to 2-8. Then in New York they had a 4-10 to 2-11 win in the first leg of a two-legged final, losing the second leg, 2-9 to 3-9 but having sufficient in reserve over the two legs to earn them the title, 6-19 to 5-20. Len Gaynor for Michael Murphy was the only change in the defence from the previous year. The Roche-English midfield partnership was maintained and in attack from where Jimmy Doyle captained the team, Tom Ryan (Toomevara), Liam Devaney, and Sean McLoughlin were there instead of Mackey McKenna, Tom Ryan (Killenaule) and Pat Ryan.

Losing out to Kilkenny 0-7 to 0-9 in the '65-'66 'home' final, Tipp returned two years later to turn the tables on Kilkenny in the 'home' final, 3-9 to 1-13 before setting off for New York once again.

At the end of the first leg, the hosts were a point up, 2-14 to 2-13 but a week later, Tipp won 4-14 to 2-8 to take the title on the aggregate score of 6-27 to 4-22. This team was led by Mick Roche and comprised: John O'Donoghue, John Costigan, Noel O'Gorman, John Gleeson, Mick Burns, Mick Roche (captain), Len Gaynor, John Flanagan, PJ Ryan, Babs Keating, Jimmy Ryan, Jimmy Doyle, Donie Nealon, Phil Lowry, Sean McLoughlin.

Sub: Matt Stapleton for O'Gorman.

Patsy Rowland played in the first leg and Phil Lowry in the second.

Liam Devaney was at full forward for the 'home' final instead of Lowry.

ELEVEN YEAR WAIT

Tipp has to wait eleven years for another NHL title. Limerick defeated them in the '71 final, 3-12 to 3-11 and it was Galway's turn to do likewise in '75.

Then in the '78-'79 campaign, Paddy Williams ascended the steps to accept the trophy again, following a 3-15 to 0-8 win over Galway.

The team was; Pat McLoughney, Paddy Williams (captain), Jim Keogh, Tadhg O'Connor, Kevin O'Connor, Noel O'Dwyer, Pat Fizzle, Michael Doyle, Gerry Stapleton, Eamonn O'Shea, Jim Williams, Peadar Quealy,

Francis Loughnane, Jim Kehoe, Seamus Power.

Sub: Tommy Butler for Power.

The only victory of the 80's came in '88 with Pat O'Neill at the helm and defeat of Offaly by 3-15 to 2-9, gave Tipp its 15th national league title, a figure no other county has yet reached. That team was: Ken Hogan, Conor O'Donovan, Noel Sheehy, Seamus Gibson, Bobby Ryan, John Kennedy, Paul Delaney, Joe Hayes, Colm Bonnar, Declan Ryan, Donie O'Connell, Pat O'Neill (captain), Pat Fox, Nicky English, Aidan Ryan.

Subs: Conor Stakelum for O'Connell, John Leahy for Aidan Ryan, Michael Corcoran for Gibson.

OFFALY'S FIRST

When Offaly won their first and – to date – only title in '91, they accounted for Tipp (1-7 to 0-7) in the semi-final before going on to beat Wexford. A year later Tipp were back in the final, but Limerick on a 0-14 to 0-13 scoreline prevented celebration.

On to the '93-'94 season and George Frend captained Tipp to a long-awaited success over Galway, 2-14 to 0-12.

The team was: Jodie Grace, George Frend (captain), Noel Sheehy, Michael Ryan, Raymie Ryan, Michael O'Meara, Conal Bonnar, Pat King, Joe Hayes, John Leahy, Liam McGrath, Aidan Ryan, Declan Ryan, Anthony Crosse, Michael Cleary.

Sub: Thomas Dunne for Aidan Ryan.

Galway's revenge for that defeat came only two years later (2-10 to 2-8) and it was on May 16th, 1999 that Tipp took their 17th NHL title, led by Thomas Dunne, defeating Galway in Ennis by 1-14 to 1-10.

The team was: Brendan Cummins, Donncha Fahy, Fergal Heney, Liam Sheedy, Brian Horgan, David Kennedy, Eamon Corcoran, Eddie Enright, Declan Carr, Thomas Dunne (captain), Declan Ryan, Brian O'Meara, Liam Cahill, Paul Shelly, John Leahy.

Subs: Conal Bonnar for Horgan, Conor Gleeson for Enright, Ger Maguire for Shelly.

Get on Line

Ed Donnelly (Web Developer)

The official Tipperary GAA web page (<http://tipperary.gaa.ie>), online since July 2000, contains loads of information on many aspects of the GAA in Tipperary. Decked out in the blue and gold of Tipperary, the menu appears on the side of each page to keep navigation easy. The site is stylishly designed with good use of photos and graphics. The web page averages 1,000 visit per week and has had over 27,000 visits to date.

The web page is updated weekly with news from the county and also with important fixtures and results. The fixtures include inter-county, club and post-primary schools games.

The main sports of Tipperary GAA are covered, i.e. Hurling, Gaelic Football and Camogie. Each sport has it's own section with player profiles, listing of All-Ireland winning teams of the past and a list of Tipperary All-Stars. There is a club section on the site which provides an opportunity for all Tipperary GAA clubs to get their club on the Internet. There are 20 clubs on the Internet so far and we are hoping for all clubs to be represented on the Internet shortly.

Also on the site are sections on Lár na Páirce, the Supporters' clubs, a Roll of Honour and lots more. The new Tipperary GAA Merchandise Shop will soon be set up as an e-commerce site via the internet which will allow people from all over the world to order items with their credit card in a secure fashion and get them delivered to their door.

A good feature is the facility to subscribe to the Tipperary GAA mailing list which you can receive over email. You

can subscribe to this mailing list for free via the Tipperary GAA web page. This is an ideal platform for Tipperary people all over the world to discuss the GAA matters of the day. The agenda is yours. **GET YOUR CLUB ON THE INTERNET**

There are 20+ Tipperary GAA clubs with their own website to date on the Internet. Are you interested in getting your club on the Internet? It is quite easy and very affordable.

Sample content for a club web site could include when the club was Founded, Club Colours, GAA Grounds, Famous Past County Players, Current County Players, Current Officer Board 2000 and a Roll of Honour but more info can be added if you wish. There is a nominal fee to get your club on the Internet.

Any photos of your club teams/players/grounds etc. you may have would be welcome also to enhance the site. For more information, please contact Ed. Donnelly at 087-2055642 or e-mail ed-



Tipperary GAA Page

<http://tipperary.gaa.ie>

Moyle Rovers qualify for Munster semi-final and Tipperary Senior Hurlers draw with Clare

Welcome to the Official Tipperary GAA Homepage created specially to give Tipperary GAA a presence on the World Wide Web. It contains loads of information on many aspects of the GAA in Tipperary. It is updated weekly with news from the county and also with important fixtures and results.

It offers people from home and abroad a chance to get in touch with what is happening in the Tipperary GAA scene easily and quickly over the Internet. There is also a Tipperary GAA Mailing list which allows list members to receive all the latest Tipp GAA news via e-mail. Visit the Interactive section for details of how to join.

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Captain Jovita Delaney with the 2000 All-Ireland Camogie Cup



Tipperary Intermediate hurling captain Declan Corcoran receiving the All-Ireland Cup in 2000 from Sean McCague

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They just keep rolling along – The Loughmore-Castleiney team that won the Mid Senior Football Title (1999), their 34th title in 35 years, by defeating J.K. Brackens at Temple ore.

Back row (l.-r.): Ned Ryan, Tommy Ormonde, Tom King, Micheál Webster, Dominic Brennan, David Kennedy, Noel Kennedy, Pat McGrath.
Front row: Tom McGrath (K), Alvy Stapleton, Timmy Cullen (captain), Seamus Bohan, Noel Cahill, Paul Ormonde, Michael Ormonde.



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Tipperary Credit Union and GAA Unite in Hugely Successful Sponsorship Venture

By Brian King (Roscrea Credit Union)

It's almost eight months now, when on a cool, fresh Spring evening, two of the most respected and popular organisations in the county together in the home of hurling, Hayes Hotel, Thurles, to mark a truly historic occasion, with the launch of the biggest sponsorship campaign ever embarked upon by the credit unions as a joint force in the Premier County.

In a deal, which will be recorded in the annals of Credit Union and GAA history, the Credit Unions of Tipperary successfully negotiated exclusive rights with the GAA to the Tipperary Hurling and Football Championships 2000. Since that memorable evening and over the last eight months even the least vigilant amongst us cannot fail to have noticed a Credit Union presence around the sacred hurling and football grounds of Tipperary, including the hallowed turf of one of the most spiritual sports venues in the world, Semple Stadium.

On the night of April 3rd, 2000 the championships in Tipperary for the first year of the millennium were christened "The Credit Union Tipperary Hurling and Football Championships 2000". In an age that has been accused of losing sight of the true meaning of sport by attaching monetary value rather than competitiveness, spirit and prestige to our games, it is perhaps appropriate that a group of non profit organisations who champion the growth of the community should unite under one umbrella and help the GAA through sponsorship funds to develop and promote the games right across the county at both local and youth level.

Both the Credit Union and the GAA movement have witnessed phenomenal growth and success in recent years. It was therefore appropriate that the credit unions should have seized the unique opportunity presented to them, to become involved in an organisation which like the Credit



Photographed at the launch of the Tipperary Credit Unions sponsorship of county championships at Hayes Hotel were (l. to r.): Marie Morrissey, treasurer Co. GAA Board; Richard Sheehan, Mullinahone CU (representing Chapter 8 ILCU, Kilkenny branches); Tony Brosnan, representing Chapter 10 ILCU, (South Tipperary Credit Union branches); Michael O'Brien, secretary Co. GAA Board; Tim Floyd, Co. GAA Board Marketing Co-ordinator; Kay Maher, representing Chapter 14 ILCU (North Tipperary Credit Union branches).

Union promotes the growth and development of our schools, our youth and our communities right across the county and indeed the country as a whole.

The initial sponsorship deal was for a period of one year, after which the Credit Unions will be given the opportunity to review their sponsorship for the following term.

The actual Credit Union sponsorship committee was made up of representatives from all Credit Unions from the county who committed themselves to the deal. However, while the majority of Credit Unions pledged their support for the sponsorship deal, there were just a few, noticeable absentees. While it may be unfortunate that not all the Credit Unions in the county could see fit to become part of this ground-breaking venture, the Credit Union sponsorship committee are confident that they have demonstrated over the last eight months the advantages to be gained from such a deal and that come next year,

should the Credit Unions decide to continue their sponsorship, those Credit Unions not part of the initial deal will see the merits of being involved in such a marvellous opportunity.

At the time of writing it is hoped that the Credit Unions of the county will continue this unique sponsorship venture for at least another year. Whether we are involved or not, the Credit Unions like any other passionate GAA fan look forward to next year and more spectacular and memorable occasions on both a club and county level.

Credit Union Sponsorship Committee: Brendan Wright (Roscrea); Brian King (Roscrea); Michael O'Brien (Templemore); Eileen Quirke (Cahir); Paddy Lonergan (Cahir); Michael Collins (Mulcair); Richard Sheehan (Mullinahone); Kathleen Halpin (Clonmel); Maire Gaynor (Tipperary); Catherine Hogan (Tipperary); Joseph O'Dwyer (Thurles); Anne Reddan (Borrisokane); John O'Neill (Ardfinnan); Tim Mowlan (Cashel); Carmel O'Donovan (Bansha).



Photograph taken at the launch of the sponsorship of the Co. Tipperary hurling and football championships for 200 by Tipperary branches of the Irish League of Credit Unions shows representatives of the Credit Union branches and Co. GAA Board officers. Included are (seated, l. to r.) - Maria Morrissey, Co. GAA Board treasurer; Tony Brosnan, representing Chapter 10 (South Tipperary branches) Irish League of Credit Unions; John Mullen, CEO Thurles Credit Union; Con Hogan, Co. GAA Board chairman; Kay Mahon, representing Chapter 14 (North Tipperary branches) ILCU; Michael O'Brien, Co. GAA Board Secretary; Dominic Morrissey, Tipperary CU. Standing - Pat Shanahan, Tipperary CU; Michael O'Brien, Templemore CU; Brian King, Roscrea CU; Brendan Wright, Roscrea CU; Richard Sheehan, Mullinahone CU, representing Chapter 8 (Kilkenny branches) ILCU; Kathleen Halpin, Clonmel CU; Marie Kennedy, Templemore CU; Breda Manton, Thurles CU; Michael Hickey, Clonmel CU; Michael Frawley, chairman Co. Tipperary Football Board.

TIPPERARY G.A.A. COUNTY CONVENTION

December 19th, 1999 at Árús na Sáirséalach, Dúrlas Éile, Thurles Sarsfields Clubhouse



COUNTY TIPPERARY G.A.A. BOARD OFFICERS 1999-2000

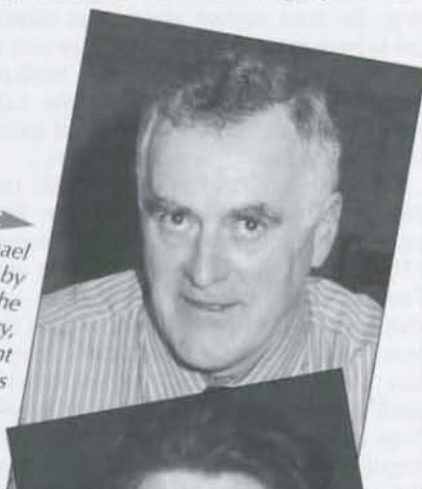
Officers of Tipperary G.A.A. Board elected and re-elected at the Board's annual Convention at Thurles. Seated (l.-r.): Maria Morrissey (Treasurer), Michael O'Brien (Secretary), Seamus Ó Riain (President), Con Hogan (Chairman), Liz Howard (P.R.O.). Standing: Paul O'Neill (Munster Council Rep.), Michael Power (Assistant Treasurer), Noel Morris (Central Council Rep.), John Ryan (Development Officer), Donal Shanahan (Vice-Chairman), Seán Fogarty (Munster Council Rep.).



President of Co. Tipperary G.A.A. Board, Seamus Ó Riain, addresses the delegates at Convention at Thurles Sarsfields Social Centre.



Following his election as chairman, Con Hogan takes up his position at last year's County Convention.



Settling in - Michael O'Brien, elected by convention to fill the position of Secretary, following the retirement of Tommy Barrett, gets down to business.



Smiles all around - Newly elected Co. Board Treasurer, Maria Morrissey, at last year's County Convention after her election.



Newly elected Chairman of Co. Tipperary G.A.A. Board, Con Hogan, photographed with members of his family, following his election. Included are (l.-r.): Matt (son), Josephine Quinlan (mother), Con Hogan, Breda (wife) and Conor (son).

Tipp Inter-County Football

Tipperary Football began the Millennium Championship year with the Under-21 Championship.

They were drawn against Kerry at Limerick on the 18th March, 2000 in the opening match.

The team and substitutes were: Colm McMenamin (Commercials); Willie Ryan (Kilsheelan); Niall Curran (Mullinahone); Dermot Gleeson (Ballinahinch); Shane Maher (Burgess); Shane McDermott (Cappawhite); Dan Hackett (Kildangan); Eoin O'Connor (St. Nicholas); Aidan Fitzgerald (Fethard); Tommy Connors (Kildangan); Kevin Mulryan (J.K. Brackens); Damien

O'Brien (Éire Óg, Anacarty); Kevin Dempsey (Commercials); Aidan Fogarty (Golden-Kilfeacle); John Ferncombe (Cpt.) (Holycross-Ballycahill).

Subs: Niall Fitzgerald (Moyle Rovers) for John Ferncombe; James Tierney (Golden-Kilfeacle) for Tommy Connors; Derek Breen (Knockavilla-D.Kickhams); Mark Peters (Galtee Rovers); Tony Douglas (Inane Rovers); Willie Wallace (Grangemockler); Christy Brennan (Ballinahinch); Shane Stapleton (Golden-Kilfeacle); Fergal Condon (Commercials).

Kerry won on the score 3-8 to 1-7.

Tipperary Junior Football

In Junior football Tipperary played Clare in the semi-final at the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick on the 25th June, 2000.

The Tipperary team was: Seamus Delahunty (Moyle Rovers); Paul Tobin (Arravale Rovers); Michael O'Mahony (Commercials); Peter Gleeson (Arravale Rovers); Kieran Maguire (Swan) Cpt.; Tom Guilfoyle (Moyne/Templetuohy); Willie Morrissey (Fethard); Brian Maguire (Lattin-Cullen); Albert Keating (Ardfinnan); Paul Cullen (Mullinahone);

John Owens (Moyle Rovers); Benny Hickey (Cahir); Tommy Ormonde (Loughmore/Castleiney); Brian Burke (Fethard); Tommy Sheehan (Fethard). Subs: Fergal Clifford (Aherlow) for Peter Gleeson; David Fogarty (Golden-Kilfeacle) for Tom Guilfoyle; Donncadh Horan (Éire Óg-Anacarty); Mark Cummins (Arravale Rovers); Kevin Mulryan (J.K. Brackens); Shane Fogarty (Moyne/Templetuohy).

Clare won 1-13 to 0-09.



The Tipperary Junior football panel that played Clare in the Munster JFC game at Pairc na nGael, Limerick. Back row (l. to r.) – Tommy Ormonde, Brian Burke, Paul Tobin, Kieran Maguire (captain), Benny Hickey, Albert Keating, Michael O'Mahony, John Owens, Peter Gleeson, Kevin Mulryan, Mark Cummins. Front row – David Fogarty, Fergal Clifford, Tom Guilfoyle, Brian Maguire, Willie Morrissey, Seamus Delahunty, Paul Cahill, Tommy Sheehan, Donncadh Horan, Shane Fogarty.



Junior football selectors photographed prior to the Munster JFC match against Clare at Pairc na nGael, Limerick. Included are (l. to r.) – Conor O'Dwyer, D.J. Gleeson, Seamus McCarthy, Pete Savage and Martin Healy.

New Trophies for Tipperary Football



Photograph shows Michael Frawley, chairman of Co. Football Board (left) making a presentation of a new trophy to the Co. GAA Board. The trophy, in memory of Michael's late brother Jim, was presented to Con Hogan, chairman, who accepted the trophy on behalf of the Board. The trophy will be presented annually to the winners of the Co. Under-17 Football League (Section A).



Tom Collum, on behalf of the Friends of Tipperary Football (left) making a presentation of two trophies to the chairman of the Co. GAA Board, Con Hogan, at a meeting of the Board. The trophies will be presented annually to the winners of the Co. Under-17 Football Leagues (Sections B and C).



A new trophy was presented to the Co. GAA Board by the Shelly family, Templemore, recently. The trophy, the Shelly Cup, will be presented annually to the winners of the county under-21 'A' football championship. Photograph taken at a Co. Board meeting shows Gary Byrne, captain of current title holders, Holycross-Ballycahill (left) being presented with the trophy by chairman of Co. Board, Con Hogan.



Paul Cahill gets in his shot on goal during the Munster JFC game against Clare at Limerick.

Tipperary Under-21 Football



Tipperary Under-21 football selectors photographed prior to the Munster championship (1st round) game against Kerry at Pairc na nGael, Limerick. Included are (l. to r.) – Pat Bonar (Nenagh, Éire Óg); P.J. Collins (Golden-Kilfeacle); Walter Moloney, manager/coach (Feathard); Tom Maher (J.K. Brackens).

A determined Tipperary midfielder Eoin O'Connor (right) heads for goal despite the efforts of Kerry midfielder Paul Kennedy during the Munster under-21 football championship (1st round) game at Limerick.



The Tipperary under-21 football panel that played Kerry in the first round of the Munster championship at Pairc na nGael, Limerick. Back row (l. to r.) – Tommy Connors, William Wallace, Eoin O'Connor, Kevin Dempsey, Derek Breen, Kevin Mulryan, Shane Maher, Aidan Fitzgerald, James Tierney, Mark Peters, Christy Brennan, Tony Douglas. Front row – Damien O'Brien, Shane McDermott, Colm McMenamin, William Ryan, Dermot Gleeson, Dan Hackett, John Ferncombe (captain), Niall Curran, Aidan Fogarty, Shane Stapleton, Fergal Condon, Niall Fitzgerald.



Tipperary Minor Football

The Minor team was the next team in the field and this Championship was played on the Round Robin system.

In the first leg Tipperary played Limerick at the Gaelic Grounds on the 12th April.

The Tipperary team was: Brian Enright (Cahir); Niall Sheehan (Arravale Rovers); Thomas Conway (Fr. Sheehys); Michael Phelan (Ardfinnan); John Walsh (Kilsheelan/Kilcash); Damien O'Brien (Burgess); Domhnall McKeogh (Ballina); Gearoid Byrne (Clonakenny); Glen Burke

(Fethard); Tony Doyle (Killenaule); Aidan Dundon (Thurles Sarsfields); Aaron Ryan (Inane Rovers); Sean McKeogh (Ballina); Denis Peters (Galtee Rovers); John Sweeney (Moyne-Templetuohy). Subs: Pdraig Whelan (Cahir); John Dunne (J.K. Brackens); Richard Byrne (Emly); Brian McCarthy (Grangemockler); Philip Taylor (Cashel K.C.); Oliver Douglas (Inane Rovers); Christopher Ryan (Cashel K.C.); Patrick Hennessy (Aherlow).

Limerick won 0-16 to 2-5.

In round two Tipperary played

Waterford at Dungarvan on the 20th April, 2000. The Tipperary team was: Brian Enright (Cahir); Niall Sheehan (Arravale Rovers); Thomas Conway (Fr. Sheehys); Patrick Hennessy (Aherlow); John Walsh (Kilsheelan/Kilcash); Michael Phelan (Ardfinnan); Domhnall McKeogh (Ballina); Damien O'Brien (Burgess); Gearoid Byrne (Clonakenny); Glen Burke (Fethard); Tony Doyle (Killenaule); Darragh Duggan (Holycross/Ballycahill); Declan Peters (Galtee Rovers); Sean McKeogh (Ballina); Ronan O'Brien (Éire

Tipperary Minor Football

Óg-Anacarthu). Subs: Christopher Ryan (Cashel K.C.) for John Walsh; Liam Kelly (Kildangan) for Patrick Hennessy; Philip Taylor (Cashel K.C.) for Declan Peters; Pádraig Whelan (Cahir); John Dunne (J.K. Brackens); Richard Byrne (Emly); Denis Peter (Galtee Rovers).

Waterford won 5-9 to 1-6.

In round 3 of the Minor Tipperary played Clare at the Gaelic grounds on

the 3rd May, 2000. The Tipperary was Brian Enright (Cahir); Niall Sheehan (Arravale Rovers); Thomas Conway (Fr. Sheehys); Liam Kelly (Kildangan); Christopher Ryan (Cashel K.C.); Michael Phelan (Ardfinnan); Domhnall McKeogh (Ballina); Gearoid Byrne (Clonakenny); Damien O'Brien (Burgess); John Dunne (J.K. Brackens); Aaron Ryan (Inane Rovers); Darragh

Duggan (Holycross/Ballycahill); Pádraig Whelan (Cahir); Aidan Dundon (Sarsfields); Philip Taylor (Cashel K.C.). Subs: Ronan O'Brien (Éire Óg-Anacarthu) for Darragh Duggan; Brian McCarthy (Grangemockler) for Philip Taylor; Denis Peters (Galtee Rovers); John Walsh (Kilsheelan/Kilcass). Clare won 1-13 to 2-07.



Tipperary minor football panel (v. Waterford, at Dungarvan). Back row (l. to r.) – Liam Kelly, Aidan Dundon, Christopher Ryan, Damien O'Brien (captain), Gearoid Byrne, Darragh Duggan, John Walshe, Thomas Conway, Glen Burke, Patrick Hennessy, John Dunne, Philip Taylor. Front row – Pádraig Whelan, Richard Byrne, Denis Peters, Donal McKeogh, Michael Phelan, Brian Enright, Niall Sheehan, Ronan O'Brien, Tony Doyle, Sean McKeogh, Declan Peters.



A boot-less Ronan O'Brien in action during the Munster MFC championship (2nd round) game at Dungarvan.

Minor footballers (selectors) photographed prior to the game against Waterford in Dungarvan. Included are (l. to r.) – Michael Power, John Treacy, Tom Kirwan and Tommy Toomey.



Tipperary Senior Football



The Tipperary senior football panel that played Clare in the Munster SFC game at Pairc na nGael, Limerick. Back row (l. to r.) – Kevin Dempsey, Niall Kelly, John Costello, Dermot Gleeson, Seán Maher, Liam England, John Shanahan, Conor O'Dwyer, Eamon Hanrahan, Davy Hogan, P.J. Lanigan, Niall Fitzgerald, Mark Sheahan. Front row – Des Lyons, Shane McDermott, Damien O'Brien, Benny Hahessy, Damien Byrne, Declan Browne, Peter Lambert, Philly Ryan, Liam Cronin (captain), Dan Hackett, Colin Morrissey, Cathal Moloney, Noel Wall.

In Senior football Tipperary played Clare in the Munster semi-final at the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick on the 25th June, 2000. Clare having beaten Waterford in the first round.

The Tipperary team was: Philly Ryan (Commercials); Damien Byrne (Fethard); Conor O'Dwyer (Kilmacud Crokes); Liam Cronin (Moyle Rovers) (Cpt); Benny

Hahessy (Swan); Sean Maher (Ardfinnan); Dan Hackett (Kildangan); Eamon Hanrahan (Commercials); Liam England (Inane Rovers); Peter Lambert (Ardfinnan); Davy Hogan (St. Patrick's); P.J. Lanigan (Ballymum Kickhams); John Shanahan (Moyle Rovers); Colin Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Declan Browne (Moyle Rovers). Subs: Des Lyons (Grangemockler) for P.J. Lanigan; Niall

Fitzgerald (Moyle Rovers) for Colin Morrissey; Damien O'Brien (Éire Óg-Anacarthu) for Davy Hogan; John Costello (Kilmacud Crokes) for John Shanahan; Dermot Gleeson (Ballinahinch) for Damien Byrne; Cathal Moloney (Galtee Rovers); Shane McDermott (Cappawhite); Niall Kelly (Kildangan); Mark Sheahan (St. Sylvesters). Clare won 0-15 to Tipperary 0-10.

Tipperary Senior Football



Senior football selectors photographed prior to the Munster SFC game against Clare at Pairc na nGael, Limerick (l. to r.) – Gerry Cahill, James Maher and Michael Fitzgerald.



At a training session in Cahir, senior football manager Colm O'Flaherty outlines his plans for the game against Kerry in the Munster SFC.



Credit Union representatives and Co. Football Board representatives photographed at the launch of the Tipperary Credit Unions sponsorship of county championships at Hayes' Hotel. Included are (l to r) – Tim Floyd, Co. GAA Board Marketing Co-ordinator; Brendan Wright, Roscrea Credit Union; Kay Maher, representing Chapter 14 ILCU (North Tipperary Credit Union branches); Con Hogan, chairman Co GAA Board; Michael Frawley, chairman Co. Football Board; Colm O'Flaherty, manager Tipperary senior football team.



At the Munster SFC and JFC games against Kerry at Pairc na nGael, Limerick were Christopher, Jodi and Tommy Sheehan, Fethard. Their father, Tommy, was playing in the Junior football game.

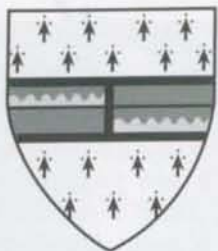


Trainer of the Tipperary senior football team, Tom McGlinchey (left), being consoled by a Clare player following the defeat by Clare in the Munster SHC game at Pairc na nGael, Limerick. Tom is wished well in his management of the senior team in 2001.

The Tipperary G.A.A. Crest

By Tim Floyd

ORIGINAL TIPPERARY G.A.A. CREST



Much interest this year has centred around the Tipperary County Board's decision to introduce a new corporate Crest. The reasons for this are outlined below, but first of all, let us trace the history of the original crest.

The following are extracts from a letter I received this year about the crest from Tipperary County Board President, Seamus Ó Riain, in which he recalls an event that took place during his time as Vice-Chairman when he was acting on behalf of County Chairman, Canon Fogarty:

"Prior to going on a tour to New York in the early sixties, it was considered proper to dress out the team appropriately. I discussed blazers and pants with Moran's of Limerick, who had a branch in Thurles, and they came up with an attractive offer. I discussed a crest with the heraldic suppliers in O'Connell St., Dublin, and they got in touch with the chief herald, who designed the crest for us, based mainly on the coat of arms of the Butler family of great note in Tipperary. I considered getting the crest done in wire, but it proved to be too expensive, so thread was accepted as the next best thing. The team and selectors

looked very smart in their new outfit. Once, in New York, while the group were assembled in a subway station on their way to a function, a respectable looking man approached me and asked "Is this a group of choir boys you have here on tour?"

Seamus sent me the original crest taken from one of those blazers to prove that many of the reproductions of it were not accurate. This crest will continue to be in existence, but because of its many variations, it is impossible for Tipperary County G.A.A. Board to monopolise its control of it. Also, it has a striking resemblance to the Kilkenny Crest because it is also based on the Butler family coat of arms.

THE NEW TIPPERARY G.A.A. CREST



Once Tipperary County G.A.A. Board made a decision to enter into the merchandise arena, a new corporate crest was essential to maintain control. This crest is now the property of Tipperary G.A.A. and it is protected by its application for registration, which is filed with the patents office. Therefore, it cannot be used by anyone else without permission from Tipperary G.A.A. This leads to the whole area of royalties, which may

prove to be a valuable source of income in the future for the board.

The design of the crest took many weeks of trial and debate before eventually producing the present image. Both hurling and gaelic football are represented on a green field background. Tipperary's distinction of hosting the original meeting that marked the foundation of the G.A.A., is also represented, by including the year 1884. The Rock of Cashel is probably the most well known of all Tipperary landmarks and its majestic elevation in the centre of the country leaves no one in any doubt that they are in Tipperary. Whilst it adds an enormous amount of detail to the crest, it is instantly recognisable and gives it a sense of exclusiveness. Tio-braid Árann is written underneath the crest in the old style print to further enhance its authenticity.

This crest now appears on all jerseys worn by Tipperary teams and replicas. A variation of the crest is reproduced on the togs worn by our county players. Nearly all items sold in the new Tipperary G.A.A. Merchandise Shop in Lár na Páirce, Thurles, carry the new crest. Suppliers may also deliver crested items to other retailers once a royalty agreement is reached with Tipperary G.A.A.

Naturally, not everyone agrees with the change, especially the traditionalists who still see the original crest as the real one. Since it first appeared, the new corporate crest has received a very favourable reaction, which is reflected in the success of the Merchandise Shop. But, the original crest is still very much part of Tipperary G.A.A. and will continue to be used in areas not linked to commercial marketing.



Tipperary Group at Munster Council Awards Function – Front (l to r): Liam O'Dwyer, Retiring Member; Noelle Kennedy, Camogie Player of Year; Sean Kelly, Chairman; Tomás Ó Baroid, Administration Award; John Costigan, Award for Service to Schools. Back: Biddy Phillips, Camogie; John Ryan; Donie Nealon; Paul O'Neill; Paddy Russell; John Devane; Sean Fogarty; Fr Seamus Gardiner PRO; Marion Graham, Chairperson Munster Camogie.

JIMMY DOYLE *Celebration Evening*

— ÁRUS NA SÁIRSEALACH

One of Tipperary's greatest ever hurlers was honoured by Thurles Sarsfields in the past year when 'greats' from all over Ireland converged on the Cathedral Town to pay tribute to the great Jimmy Doyle.

A very special evening of celebration, Jimmy was unaware of the event and was speaking on behalf of the Sarsfields County Final team of 1974, whose Golden Jubilee was also being celebrated, when Michael Ó Muircheartaigh of RTE fame appeared out of nowhere much to the amazement of the former ace attacker. Now, in his day Jimmy was well able to slink away from tricky, tight marking defenders, but he found it very difficult indeed to hold off the famous Kerryman who added a real presence to the event in Árus na Sáirsealach.

People travelled from far and near to be with Jimmy, his family and friends and Thurles Sarsfields, for one of the most memorable evenings ever hosted by the club. Former greats such as Ned Wheeler, Pat Henderson,



Jimmy Doyle with Mícheál Ó Muircheartaigh who was M.C. at the celebration in Sarsfields clubhouse.

Jimmy Duggan, John Doyle, Eddie Keher, Jimmy Smyth, Ray Cummins, Babs Keating, Len Gaynor and many, many more made the journey to Thurles to show how much Jimmy meant to them and to the game of hurling.

There were touching words from Brother Seán Ó Duigain, one of Jimmy's former teachers while the whole event was overseen by Sarsfield's chairman Liam Ó Donnchú

and secretary Ger Corbett.

For those players on the Golden Jubilee team too it was a very special occasion. 1974 was the last time Sarsfields won the Dan Breen and it was fitting that they should be honoured. Jimmy was the captain of the side and as usual he led by example. Those players from 1974 were only too delighted to see Jimmy being honoured in such a special way.

Clearly taken aback by the reception and the standing ovation, Jimmy was lost for words when he realised just what was happening. Micheal Ó Muircheartaigh though was the MC extraordinaire and he skillfully teased out the stories from Jimmy and managed to throw in a few of his own as well.

One of the features of the evening was the selection of TV clips of Jimmy in action which were organised by the club through Gerry Hayes, RTE. For those who were too young to see the great Jimmy Doyle in action, they were something very special indeed.

A true 'great' – Jimmy, his family and wide circle of friends enjoyed a truly great evening of celebration in Árus na Sáirsealach.



Jimmy Doyle, hurler supreme, receiving his specially commissioned trophy from Sarsfields chairman Liam Ó Donnchú.



Enjoying the Silver Jubilee of the Sarsfields 1974 Co. Champions Jim Ryan (A), Pat Stakelum, John Cahill, Michael Gleeson and Johnny Bourke.

CIDONA AWARDS

"Tipperary Sports Stars"



1. Thomas Dunne receives "Hurler of the Year" award from Brendan McGuinness (Showerings).
2. Biddu Phillips, Tipperary Camogie Manager, received the "Sports Executive Award" with Meadh Stokes, who was honoured with "Camogie Player of the Year".
3. Knocknagow Award for Tipperary's players on the Hurling Team of the Century: Tony Reddin, Jimmy Doyle, Jimmy Finn and John Doyle.



Tipperary County Juvenile G.A.A. championship (football) winning captains at the County Bord na nÓg Function at Park Avenue Hotel, Thurles. Seated: Thomas Stapleton (U-12 'C' - Templedderry); Liam Gibson (U-12 'B' - Kilruane MacDonaghs); Guest Players - Declan Browne and John Leahy; Martin Dunne (U-14 'A' - Moyle Rovers); John Coleman (U-14 'B' - Gortnahoe/Glengooole). Back row: Michael Lonergan (chairman Bord na nÓg), Enda Hogan (U-14 'C' - Shannon Rovers, Dessie Ryan (U-16 'C' - Cappawhite); John Ryan (U-12 'A' - Arravale Rovers); Paul Hyland (U-16 'B' - Ballyporeen-Skeheenarinky); Pauric Breen (U-16 'A' - Nenagh Eire Óg); Paddy Nagle (County Bord na nÓg secretary).

(Photo: Bridget Delaney)



Juvenile G.A.A. captains of county winning hurling teams at the Bord na nÓg Presentation Function at Park Avenue Hotel, Thurles. Seated: Joseph McLoughney (U-12 'A' - Toomevara); James Stack (U-14 'C' - Shannon Rovers); Declan Browne (guest player); John Leahy (guest player); Shane Quinlan (U-12 'B' - Kilruane MacDonaghs); Simon Kelly (U-12 'C' - Portroe). Back row: Michael Lonergan (County Bord na nÓg chairman); Seán Darcy (U-16 'A' Burgess); Nigel Hayes (U-14 'A' Knockavilla Kickhams); J. J. Fahy (U-16 'C' - Templedderry); Kenneth Hickey (U-14 'B' Gortnahoe/Glengooole); Paddy Nagle (County Bord na nÓg secretary).

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SKIPPY'S CHARGES – TRULY, TRUE CHAMPIONS

By Gerry Selvin



Champions! Champions! Ole! Ole! – members of the senior camogie panel celebrate victory over Cork in the All-Ireland final.

You will always find the doubters. They are there within the county as well as elsewhere and I suppose it is natural that we are inclined to run ourselves down somewhat, failing to give credit where it is due, failing to recognise the good there is, the potential there is for success.

Over the past couple of years, Tipperary camogie has had to live with a strong sense of doubt and when the 1999 season ended with Tipp the proud holders of the O'Duffy Cup for the very first time in the game's history, there were those who could not come to terms with it.

Kilkenny were not seen as the team of yore, the giants of the game for so long. No, beating Kilkenny in '99 didn't amount to much, or so the doubters proclaimed. If ever a team was required to prove itself, this camogie team was. They didn't HAVE to. After all, they were All-Ireland champions, but they had to silence the doubters once and for all and the only way they could do that was by retaining the O'Duffy Cup AND in the process, defeating Cork.

There was the rub!

Kilkenny had taken care of the Rebel County ladies' in '99. Perhaps, they did Tipp a good turn in the process, we will never know. However, 2000 was looming, the start of a new century, a new millennium, and if Tipperary camogie was to gain any respectability at all, it was essential that the title be retained AND Cork beaten along the way.

A year ago, when we looked back on

the catalyst for success in the '99 final, we went no further than the League final of that season in Thurles and Cork's humiliation of the home side. From such a defeat, we said, grew the seeds of All-Ireland success. There was the determination among the girls to show that such a defeat was in no way, a true reflection of the state of camogie in Tipperary.

It worked.

Where does one point to for a discovery of what was the benchmark for All-Ireland success in 2000? I would suggest it was, once more the League final. This time in O'Connor Park, Tullamore, Cork, once more the final opponents, as they sought their 6th league title in a row.

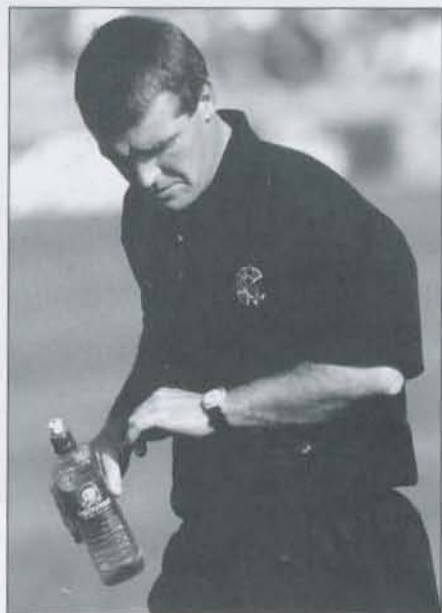
Cork won that game, it was Tipp's first set-back since winning the '99 All-Ireland. But though defeat is invariably hard to swallow at all times, especially in a national decider, at the same time, one could hardly compare a 3-7 to 1-10 scoreline to the 9-19 to 2-7 score of the previous season. More important still, there was no comparison in the Tipp performances. Cork were confined to a mere point in the first half and it was late in the hour that they sneaked home for a narrow win. The league behind them, the championship ahead, and a conviction steadily growing that if Cork came the way, they would be treated with the respect they deserved but no more.

FIRST STEP

A long trip to Ballyholland in Co.

Down on July 8th was the first step to be taken in defence of that All-Ireland title. An awkward one too. Down had ambitions in Parnell Park the previous year against Tipp but fell heavily. On their own turf, they had an opportunity to do something about it and though Tipp were entitled to be hot favourites, there was an element of the unknown as they set off.

Injuries too added to Tipp's apprehension. Maedhbh Stokes, forever to be indelibly linked with Tipperary camogie through her captaincy of the history-making '99 team, was striving so hard to



Senior camogie trainer Michael Cleary checks the time during the senior All-Ireland final against Cork at Croke Park.

overcome hamstring problems that would confine her inter-county activity for the year to a brief spell against Clare. Caitriona Hennessy, that ice-cool lass whose late points had swung the title Tipp's way the previous September, was also out.

But not to worry, a 1-14 to 0-1 victory margin told its own story and along with providing Tipp with a Semple Stadium venue for their next outing, the game also revealed an extremely young and exciting talent in 14 year old Claire Grogan from Templemore and about whom we would hear much more before the season ended.

Clare, managed by David Fitzgerald, came to the Stadium for the quarter-final on July 22nd and if Down had been confined to one point in the previous match, the Banner lassies failed to notch any score in the first half.

Captaincy of the team had transferred to goalkeeper Jovita Delaney and the Boherlahan girl, whose camogie club allegiance lay with Cashel, was to prove an inspiring leader, just as Maedhbh, her predecessor was in '99.

Tipp led 2-6 to 0-0 at half time, a half during which Jovita received a nasty head injury, eventually recovering to keep her goal intact, confining Clare's scoring efforts to five second half points, while a Tipp attack with Caitriona Hennessy back and in scoring form, totted up 4-15 in all.

BRILLIANT PERFORMANCE

This was a brilliant performance from the Tipp girls. Coach Michael Cleary's confidence was very much on target but Galway beckoned in the semi-final and this was the team that Michael feared most of all.

Earlier in the season, it had taken Tipp all of extra time to conquer Galway in the league semi-final in the Ragg. Galway's confidence would surely have risen appreciably in the wake of that performance. They travelled to Parnell Park in Dublin on August 19th buoyed with confidence.

So too did Tipp, both teams giving it everything in a splendidly contested



Tipperary's Eimear McDonnell contemplates her next move as she heads goalwards during the senior camogie All-Ireland final at Croke Park.

game. Tipp were on top for most of the first half, Emer McDonnell's goal eight minutes into the game proving so crucial. Galway made a burst before the interval to breach Jovita's goal for the first time in the campaign and it was 1-7 each at half time.

The turning point came thirteen minutes into the second half when Noelle Kennedy's long free was tipped over the goal line by Galway's luckless 'keeper. Along with providing Tipp with the momentum required, that score seemed to take the heart out of the Galway girls who eventually succumbed to a 2-11 to 1-8 scoreline.

Tipp in another final. Their opponents? At last, Cork!

It was impossible to judge the Cork girls on their semi-final showing against Wexford – played prior to the Tipp-Galway match in Parnell Park – so feeble was Wexford's resistance. But their record spoke for itself and they had travelled to Nowlan Park for an earlier round and cut off Kilkenny's imposing challenge. Cork were Cork, that was enough and Tipp would have to pull out something very special to retain their title.

Sunday, September 3rd in Croke Park, a bad opener for Cork, their junior side defeated by Derry in the final. The Cork supporters weren't long recovering from that disappointment, reaching full voice very quickly, only to discover that when Jovita led her colleagues out, the Tipp support was not to be matched.

Cork settled in quickly and won a free that brought the games opening score. But then came Tipp's and Deirdre Hughes' riposte. Two riveting goals in a three minute spell from the Toomevara lass provided Cork with a situation they could hardly have envisaged. Emily Hayden's line ball set Deirdre up for goal number one and then Claire

Grogan, in her first game to start, since the Down match, provided the hand pass that saw the green flag raised again.

TWO GOALS

An All-Ireland title won twelve months earlier without scoring a goal, now the 2000 final was only minutes old and Tipp had put two past their opponents. And those opponents were Cork, no less!

By half time Tipp had moved to a 2-5 to 0-4 lead and early second half points placed them definitely in the driving seat. But Cork were by no means finished. They plotted, they planned, they switched, everything possible was done to check Tipp's momentum but a solid defence, so ably marshalled from the goal area by team captain Jovita, defied the Cork assault until eventually and too late to be of any practical use, Cork got through for their only goal.

It ended 2-11 to 1-8, no doubt whatever about Tipp's deservedness of the first senior title of the new millennium.

Of equal importance to retaining the O'Duffy Cup had to be the fact that Cork had at last been beaten.

This time there were no grounds for doubts. Michael "Skipper" Cleary's charges were truly, true champions and once more, began a round of celebratory events, highlighted in the Horse and Jockey Hotel – sponsors of the team – where North and South Tipperary Co. Councils took the unusual steps of according a joint Civic Reception.

In last year's Year Book, having taken readers through the '99 season I wrote as follows: "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!"



Senior camogie selector Biddy Phillips (left) congratulates Deirdre Hughes after Tipperary's victory over Cork in the All-Ireland final at Croke Park.

County Camogie Review

By County P.R.O. Rose Mannion



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Every year tells its own story and indeed the year 2000 is no different from any other with its ups and down's throughout but particularly it's up for the senior girls.

In this year of the beginning of the new Millennium, our senior squad had a lot to prove, not just with the championship, but with the league too and for their dedicated followers.

Plagued with injuries throughout the league campaign, the final was not what they wished for, but perhaps it served it's own purpose when one reflects back.

To reach the final the girls were up against old rivals of Kilkenny in the first round of the National League on home ground and in this display, Tipperary served up a mighty display against an understrength Kilkenny side who lacked the determination of past performances and seemed wary of meeting the All-Ireland title holders. The final score here was Tipperary 1-13, Kilkenny 0-5. Tipperary was now on their way with this morale booster.

In their second outing which was also at home, a rather lacklustre Armagh were gone from the contest by half time. While Armagh fought to the end, they were however unable to convert anything worthwhile and really never seemed able to provide a decent challenge, while for the Premier girls it turned out to be merely target practice. Final score here Tipperary 6-17, Armagh 0-1.

Derry was the venue for the third round and here again the girls were to the fore yet again. The long trip up the previous day did not effect their performance. This was a game that was fixed for March, but because of snow in Derry it was left until last which as it happened was April 16th and with heavy cold rain falling as if there was no tomorrow, Tipperary took to the sandy pitch like ducks to water, found their target and claimed victory on a scoreline of 5-11 to 1-4.

The girls lined out without their captain and net minder Jovita Delaney (Cashel) who was out of action through injury, and also reliable centre back Ciara Gaynor (Kilruane) who suffered a fractured wrist in a Garda College's camogie blitz only weeks earlier.

The semi-final against Galway on May 6th took place in the Drom/Inch G.A.A. pitch when in extra time Galway found themselves swept away in a fast moving high scoring game. Both sides have always provided plenty of entertainment, excitement and tension whenever the two meet, and this game provided all three.

Trailing by two points at the interval, the second half turned out to be a real nail biting experience with both sides equalising, pulling ahead and trailing, but it was the Burgess lass Emer McDonnell who kept her side in line for the final when on full time she sent over the equaliser which



Tipperary U/14 panel who won the Annual Connacht tournament which took place in Loughrea. Pictured with panel is Sheila Delaney. The full panel were Roseanne Kenneally (Drom), Elaine Hough (Lorrha), Katie Kennedy (Lorrha), Elaine Burke (Templemore), Nora Kinane (Drom), Claire Grogan (Captain Templemore), Julie Kirwan (Moneygal), Maria Jones (Monegall), Michelle Shortt (Drom), Mary Ryan (Monegall), Michelle Coffey (Toomevara), Ciara O'Dwyer (Shannon Rovers), Emer Ryan (Moneygall), Triona Dunne (Toomevara), Natasha Scott (Gaels), Breda O'Meara (Toomevara), Mary Hassett (Drom), Marilyn Purcell (Templemore), Anne-Marie O'Brien (Burgess).

ensured that extra time would have to be played on a score line of Tipperary 5-7 to Galway 3-13. Ten minutes a-side followed and with the sun beaming down only the fittest could survive this fast and furious pace.

Galway seemed tired while Tipp on the other hand seemed to find extra reserve of

going for the AIB trophy for the first time in thirteen years, while Cork were hungry to make it their sixth successive title which they did.

This was the first blow to the girls since their All-Ireland triumph on September 5th, and confining Cork to a mere point from a free in the first half, while they sent over seven of their own, but it wasn't enough to offset the surge by the Leesiders which began as early as a minute into the second half with the games first goal where a strong wind favoured Tipp. But Cork were determined not to let Tipperary upset their hopes of this sixth league title come what may.

The All-Ireland champions fought back however with an Eimear McDonnell pass to Deirdre Hughes which she blasted to the back of the Cork net to keep her side in touch. Keeping the pressure up to the bitter end trying everything, but alas Cork held on to claim their sixth league title and were mighty pleased to do so against the All-Ireland Champions too. Final score Cork 3-7, Tipperary 1-10.

With the championship looming and Cork to meet again, one wondered what of Tipperary in the future? However, injury was a major problem for them throughout the league campaign and their managerial team knew only too well that a full fit squad could only survive the forthcoming championship. While Ciara Gaynor was back in command, their regular keeper for the league Louise Ryan was now injured which meant that a not fully recovered Jovita Delaney the sides number one keeper, had to take over on the day. Toomevara lass and full back Suzanne Kelly was held up, so Una O'Dwyer moved from wing back. Sinead Nealon swapped sides while Meadhbh Stokes appeared in the half back line up with Angie McDermott taking in mid field.

With such changes happening, clearly



Fourteen-year-old Claire Grogan grabs the dropping ball during the Senior Camogie All-Ireland final against Cork.

energy, confident and ignited enough to put Galway away and claim their place in the National League final on a scoreline of Tipperary 6-13, Galway 3-16. Tipperary were still without their net minder, but sub-goalie Louise Ryan (Holycross) impressed with her fine saves that deprived Galway time and again.

And so to the final, Saturday May 20th. O'Connor Park in Tullamore preceded by Cork and Kildare in the junior final and it was old rivals Cork here too. Tipperary



No stopping Deirdre Hughes as she heads for goal during the Senior Camogie All-Ireland final at Croke Park.

players were unfamiliar with some positions and no doubt it took its toll on the day.

However, the girls went on to make their own piece of history and against old rivals Cork too and we all know the outcome by now.

MANCHESTER TIPS TO HONOUR JOVITA AND CAMOGIE HEROINES.

Captain of the All-Ireland champions Jovita Delaney has been invited to Manchester on February 16th 2001 to be honoured by the Tipperary Association there. Nenagh based coach Michael Cleary is also to be accorded special guest status at the annual dinner-dance of the Association in Manchester.

The Tipperary Association will salute the fine achievements of the team and Jovita the team captain representing the team and Michael Cleary trainer will be feted at the event to be attended by over 300 people.

Jovita Ely of the Association said 'we are looking forward to having Jovita and Michael over here as the achievements of the girls were magnificent'. We know that Jovita and Michael will do us all proud in Manchester, just like they have done us proud here at home. Well done to one and all.

JUNIORS

Another year of mixed fortunes for our junior girls and in their league campaign which got under way in March their first outing was against Offaly. This Offaly side was somewhat feared as they had already won all of their games and were looking good, strong and in command.

However, the premier girls put paid to Offaly's run of luck with fire and determination went on to push Offaly aside on a scoreline of Tipperary 3-9, Offaly 1-3.

Two weeks later and again on home soil, Armagh bit the dust as once again the Premier girls proved too strong for a much less anxious Armagh. Tipperary however didn't get things too easy and found they had to fight to the end as they were slow starting and lacked the determination of two weeks earlier. The final score here was Tipperary 4-13, Armagh Nil.

April 16th brought the girls to Derry and the third round of the league and here too Derry were no match for the Tipp. girls who came home with a win on a score-

line of Tipperary 1-5, Derry 0-3.

And so to the quarter final against Wexford on Easter Sunday April 23rd and on home ground. Wexford however didn't let the venue upset them as they went on to knock the girls out of their quest for semi-final placing. The Wexford keepers long puck outs aided by the breeze in the first half, landed constantly in the Tipp.



Savouring the moment - Len Gaynor, Marion Graham and Ciara Gaynor, photographed following the senior camogie All-Ireland final victory over Cork at Croke Park.

back line but it was Tipp. however who were first to score. It was in the second half of this game that Tipp. ran out of energy while Wexford showed they had the more hunger as they finished the game on a scoreline of Wexford 2-8, Tipperary 1-7. The Premier girls were now out of the league and serious training would have to follow if they wanted to progress in the championship.

JUNIORS REACH MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Waterford gave Tipperary a walkover in the first round of the championship which left them in a semi-final placing against Clare.

Clare never looked threatening and Tipperary failed to hit top gear as they had no need to with their forwards splitting open the Clare defence. Making use of opportunities, Tipperary picked off their points and ran out comfortable winners on a scoreline of Tipperary 1-14, Clare 2-1. And so to the final, extra time and heartbreak.

Cloughduv, Co. Cork was the venue for

the final which took place on July 1st. And with an understrength side, Tipperary forced the game to extra time with their best performance of the entire year.

Holidays claimed three players while injury claimed the fourth at this crucial stage in the championship and while the Leesiders started the better and had registered a goal and a point before the Tipp. side responded, it was however Cork who were trailing at the break by two points.

Despite this, Cork threw Tipp. into confusion in the second half with early scores, and while it took 19 minutes for Tipp to settle, they went on to equalise again. Point swapping followed, until Cork netted towards the end, but it was Tipp's. Lorraine Bourke who equalised to bring her side to extra time as the evening light fell in Cork.

If this game had gone to a re-play the bets are that this Munster title would be in Tipperary to-day, but the powers that be had decided on extra time and extra time it was. Within less than one minute, Tipp's. Norma Coffey had netted and were responded to by two points. Norma finished this extra time with a further point to leave her side with a two point lead at the break.

Cork came back in the last half with an early goal followed by two further points while the Tipp. side found they were unable to respond and just ran clean out of energy to heartbreakingly leave the Munster title to Cork on a final score line of Cork 3-15, Tipperary 4-9.

MINORS

Cork were red hot favourites going into the Munster final which took place on May 1st in the camogie pitch.

Boasting nine members from their '99 all-Ireland success, Cork felt this title was intact, but the Tipperary lassies had other thoughts on their minds as they had three long barren years to put straight to-day.

Dominating the first half, Tipperary had a cushion of nine points going into the last half, but Cork came at them in the second half like a hurricane, pulling down this mighty lead to equalise, Tipp went ahead, but it was short lived as Cork drew level. Tension building now, it was down to minutes when Tipp. free sent them ahead and within seconds of the ball coming out it was sent back over to crown Tipperary

Munster champions on a scoreline of Tipperary 3-9, Cork 3-7.

Happiness as this title almost slipped from their grasp, but a lot of work was needed facing into the next stage which was the all-Ireland semi-final. In an often close and sometimes tense all-Ireland minor semi-final, Tipperary were defeated by the narrowest of margins when Wexford skimmed through by just a mere point on July 15th in Buncloody.

Tipp. started the better side but it remained a close encounter to the end with both sides very evenly matched and with Wexford going ahead to the final on a scoreline of Wexford 2-7, Tipperary 0-12.

U/14

With no competition within our county for the U/14 age group, a panel of girls are picked from trials if and when an invitation should land on the table for Tipperary to enter a tournament, and if a county board meeting agree to enter such a competition which it did this year when an invite arrived to enter a colleges tournament in Cork. The meeting also agreed to pick a coach and two selectors and so Sheila Delaney volunteered her services for coach while Biddy Phillips and Noel Hennessy volunteered to help with selecting.

While the girls didn't win anything in Cork, they did however make an impression and looked good for the future.

Another tournament invitation arrived later in the year and this time from the Connacht Council who hold this U/14 tournament each year. For most years now, Tipperary have entered this event



Tipperary Junior panel, who were defeated by Cork in the Munster final in a game that went to extra time. Final score: Cork 3-15, Tipperary 4-9. The panel who travelled to Cork were Sarah O'Brien, Sharon Ralph, Siobhan Ryan (Captain), Deirdre McDonnell, Maedbh Corcoran, Noelette O'Dwyer, Niamh Connolly, Lorraine Bourke, Paula Bulfin, Joanne Ryan, Jackie O'Connor, Deirdre Delaney, Norma Maher, Louise Young, Norma Coffey, Jane Ryan, Mary Rose Ryan, Joan Ryan, Denise Ryan, Grace Ormonde, Sile Nash (injured), Referee: Bernie O'Dea (Limerick), Coach: Sheila Delaney (Borrisoleigh), Selectors: Bernie O'Dowd (Thurles), Martin Browne (Cashel).

Tipperary were to progress and this game proved far more competitive, yet Tipperary clinched the end result by 0-2 to no score. And so to the final and once again it was Galway's 'A' team which the Tipperary girls made no mistake with this time round going on to claim the final, the lovely set of medals, and the perpetual trophy on a scoreline of Tipperary 3-2, Galway 0-4.

MUNSTER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

In mid June, Tipperary senior team defeated Limerick in the Munster semi-final of the championship. Playing against the wind in the first half, Tipp. were first to register a score yet it was Limerick who went on to take control and clock up an interval lead of 1-5 to Tipp's 0-3 points at the interval.

Starting the second half in a much more positive fashion, Tipperary made

SENIOR CLUB FINAL

Cashel claimed their three in a row senior club championship title in August just two weeks before the All-Ireland, when they beat Toomevara by a mere point on a scoreline of Cashel 1-10, Toomevara 2-6.

Cashel who looked the stronger side and leading by 1-6 to 0-2 at the interval, had their cushion burst somehow when Toomevara made a comeback in the second half and with two points separating the sides with twelve minutes remaining, it was all to play for. However, it was a comeback that was left too late, with much of this work that should have taken place in the first half.

Congratulations to Cashel while commiserations go to Toomevara. Both sides are to be complimented on a fine sporting clean game of camogie.

THANK YOU

In conclusion, I wish to thank the many people who have done trojan work for the promotion of our game throughout the year.

To Paddy Finucane and Mike McCartney of Tipp. FM, Michael and Breda Hennessy and the two Marys in Tipp Mid-West, Gerry Slevin and Bridget Delaney in the Nenagh Guardian, Michael Heverin and Tom Corr in the Nationalist, and Michael Dundon and Brendan O'Connor of the Tipperary Star and lastly in the national media stakes, Joe Dermody of the Irish Examiner.

Your help and co-operation with me as County P.R.O. in the covering of our games and in printing my submissions, has made my work load much easier. I cannot thank each and everyone of you enough.

A special mention to the many wonderful people around our county at club level who have helped me out in the course of my work as P.R.O. and in particular to John Harkin of the Drom/Inch club who has come to my rescue with reports on games when I was unable to be 'on duty' myself.

It was another wonderful year for me to be P.R.O. and I thank all of you who have entrusted me with this position and my wish for you all is that good health remains with you and sporting success to follow.

Thank you



Tipperary Minor panel who were beaten by Wexford in the All-Ireland semi-final. The girls beat Cork in the Munster final on a scoreline of Tipperary 3-9, Cork 3-7. Panel: Lill Horan (Gaels), Orla McLoughlin (Captain Drom/Inch), Helen Breen (Cashel), Caroline Greed (Bournea), Danielle O'Connell (Cashel), Patricia O'Halloran (Portroe), Linda Breen (Knockavilla), Aine Mulcahy (Burgess), Catherine Scanlon (Drom/Inch), Melissa Stapleton (Drom/Inch), Eimear Shelly (Gaels), Claire Grogan (Templemore), Maria Tynan (Toomevara), Moyra Ryan (Clonoulty/Rossmore), Geraldine Kinnane (Drom/Inch), Noelle Bergin (Templemore), Michelle Shortt (Drom/Inch), Helen Ryan (Toomevara), Elizabeth Woods (Toomevara), Rose Kenneally (Drom/Inch), Mairead Walsh (Drom/Inch), Mary Coughlan (Silvermines), Natalie Scott (Gaels), Claire Ryan (Newport), Siobhan Quigley (Drom/Inch), Patricia Ralph (Moycarkey), Mairead Hogan (Burgess).

and so it was agreed to enter the same panel of girls now.

Loughrea was the venue and the girls played against a Galway 'A' and Galway 'B' team as well as Kilkenny.

Galway's 'B' team were first and here Tipperary claimed their first two points when they finished on a scoreline of Tipperary 0-5, Galway Nil. However, Galway's 'A' team proved more difficult in the second game and ran out easy winners on a scoreline of Galway 3-2, Tipperary 0-4.

A win was vital against Kilkenny if

good use of the breeze that aided them while Limerick failed to hold on and to capitalize on their lead leaving Tipperary to go forward to the Munster final on a scoreline of Tipperary 3-13, Limerick 2-3. At time of going to print, it is believed that this Munster final will not take place until March 2001.

U/18 CHAMPIONSHIP

Here to, this competition will not get under way until November 26th when Tipperary will play either Limerick or Cork with the final down from December 3rd. Too late for inclusion in this issue.

CAMOGIE SCOREBOARD

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Competition

U-12 'A' championship
U-12 'B' championship
U-12 'C' championship
U-12 'A' league
U-12 'B' league
U-12 'C' league
U-14 'A' championship
U-14 'B' championship
U-14 'C' championship
U-14 'C' 12-a-side championship
U-14 'A' league
U-14 'B' league
U-14 'C' league
U-16 'A' championship
U-16 'B' championship
U-16 'C' championship
(Liam Mannion shield)
U-18 'A' championship
U-18 'B' championship
Junior 'A' championship
Junior 'B' championship
(Terry Griffin Geaney Cup)
Junior 'A' league
Junior 'B' league
(Tess Maloney Moten Trophy)
Intermediate championship
Intermediate League
(Jimmy Carroll Cup)
Senior championship
Senior league
(Ann Fraser Cup)

Winners

Drom/Inch 3-2
Silvermines 4-2
Cashel 1-2
not completed
not completed
not completed
Templemore 1-8
Silvermines 4-2
Borrisoleigh 4-4
Lorrha 3-4
not completed
not completed
not completed
Drom/Inch 3-7
not completed
Clonoulty 5-4

not completed
not completed
Clonoulty 2-4
Gaels 2-5

Silvermines 5-8
to be re-played.

not completed
not completed

Cashel 1-10
not completed

Runners Up

Templemore 1-3
Borrisoleigh nil
Knockavilla 1-0

Drom/Inch 1-1
Burgess 1-2
Holycross 0-3
Shannon Rovers 1-0

Templemore 1-6
Holycross nil

Silvermines 0-2
Lorrha 1-4

Drom/Inch 4-8

Toomevara 2-6



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Tipperary's Angie McDermott has the situation under control as she heads for goal followed by Cork's Linda Mellerick during the senior camogie All-Ireland final at Croke Park.



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On her way ... Tipperary's Eimear McDonnell heads for goal pursued by Cork's Denise Cronin during the senior camogie All-Ireland final at Croke Park.



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Tipp.'s Eimear McDonnell eyes the goalposts as Cork's Vivian Harris can only follow in her wake during the senior camogie All-Ireland final at Croke Park.



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Two of the senior camogie team's best supporters during the year were the two mascots (l. to r.) - Michaela Graham, daughter of Marion Graham (secretary of the Co. Camogie Board) and Maeve Delaney, niece of Jovita Delaney (captain of the senior camogie panel).

CAMOGIE MEANS Fiona Loughnane (Strawberry Hill and Templemore)

What does it mean to me? It means packing a gearbag, it means getting to the field, it means hopping on the tube to Kilburn or catching a train to Ruislip. It means booking tickets, getting to the airport, checking out, catching the train from Heuston down to Templemore.

It means many hours of pleasurable exercise in the company of interesting people who all enjoy the same game.

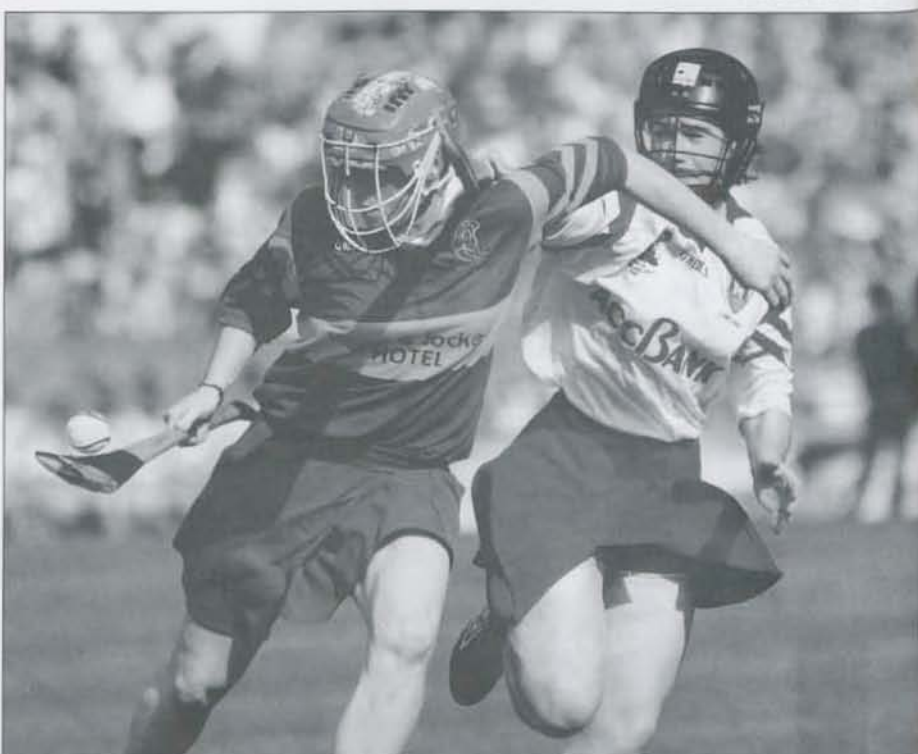
It means missing college for games, staying in on a Friday or Saturday night. It means bruised legs, battered arms, sweaty helmets and filthy boots. It means practising on the rugby pitch 'cos there is no camogie field in Strawberry hill. It means every time you go out for a few pucks on that rugby pitch you have to bring three or four hurleys with you so that all the interested onlookers from other countries can have a go at it! I don't mind.

It means winter nights in the muck and slop. It means smelly gear that you just never seem to get washed on time. It means league matches where your hands and feet are *still* frozen, though you've run the backside off yourself for the last hour! It means championship games. It means getting serious where you have to at least *look* like you know exactly what you're doing at all times! It means training at twelve noon on Sundays when you *did* go out on Saturday night and you're so tired your legs are giving way – it's probably because you were dancing 'til three in the morning and now your toes are red and raw!

Camogie means broken hurleys, wounded hearts, red faces, white faces, smiles, cheers, tears and above all – love, love for the game. This is why I put up with all of the above – for the love, girls, for the love!



The Gaels junior camogie team who beat Lorrha on a scoreline of 2-5 to 1-4 in the junior 'B' final.
(Photo by Rose Mannion)



Tipperary forward Deirdre Hughes shows gret control and balance as she heads for goal despite the efforts of Eithne Duggan (Cork) during the senior camogie All-Ireland final at Croke Park.



Kildangan camogie club was reformed in 1999 at Junior 'B' level. The past year was our first time to compete in both league and championship games. Not having much success in the league and championship games. Not having much success in the league, the championship proved more rewarding as we reached the county semi-final stage. We were beaten by Lorrha by four points. Junior 'B' panel: O. Hogan, C. Foley, C. Connors, M. Seymour, Mgt. Minehan, T. Maher, M. Minehan, G. Maher, S. Hogan, S. Foley, G. Egan, B. Connors, M. Connors, D. Flannery, A. Flannery, M. Clarke, S. O'Meara, K. Coen, L. Nolan, J. Fitzgerald, J. Foley, E. Knight, C. Clifford, C. Powell, R. Hackett, M. Souch, G. Teefy, C. Tiernan, B. Foley. (We hope now to start camogie in our club at juvenile level in 2001).



Clonoulty/Rossmore junior 'A' county champions, 2000 – Back row: (l. to r.): Susan Maher, Fr. Peter Brennan (trainer), Noírin Ryan, Ciara Ryan, Mairéad Heney, Mary Ryan, Carol Ryan, Moira Ryan, Brigid Ryan, Triona Burke, Cathy Doran, Una Ahearne, Bernadette Ryan, Nolett O'Dwyer, Joan Doran. Front row: (l. to r.): Donna Ryan, Cora Hennessy, Elaine O'Dwyer, Aine Meffernan, Alma Heffernan, Cáit Ryan (mascot), Ashling Ryan (captain), Aoife Ryan (mascot), Tammy Cullen, Marie Devane, Michelle Kinelly, Deirdre Brennan, Joe Hayes.



Clonoulty/Rossmore U-16 County Champions, 2000 – Back row (l. to r.): Fr. Peter Brennan, Laura Maher, Elaine Hayes, Deirdre Hickey, Elaine Sadlier, Donna Ryan, Bernadette Ryan, Tammy Cullen, Triona Burke, Aine Heffernan, Patricia Ryan, Eiméar O'Dwyer, Claire Ryan, Nolette O'Dwyer (trainer). Front row: (l. to r.): Aoife Ryan (mascot), Cora Hennessy, Ann-Marie Ryan, Deirdre Brennan, Moira Ryan (captain), Fiona Hayes, Avril Ryan, Irene Ryan, Noírin Ryan, Sandra O'Dwyer, Patricia Ryan.



Singing in "The Jockey". Celebrating the return of the victorious camogie team are: Jovita Delaney, Con Hogan, Liam Ó Donnchú and Archbishop Dermot Clifford.

LORRHA CAMOGIE CLUB

By Rose Mannion



Lorrha U-14 county champions (12-a-side grade) Front row (l. to r.): Muireann Brophy, Máiread Hocht, Katie Kennedy, Jessica Kelly, Catherine O'Meara, Natalie Duane, Tracy Hogan, Aoife Brady, Eimear Hourigan. Back row: Mary Walsh (chairperson), Máiread Cahalan, Anne-Marie Mannion (captain), Claire Hough, Catherine Burke, Martina Houlihan, Emma Kennedy, Elaine Hough, Mary Needham (vice-captain), Mary Walsh, Catherine Power, Rose Mannion (coach and club secretary).

U-14 COUNTY TITLE IN NEW CENTURY YEAR

The newly introduced 15-a-side format meant that for the championship at least we were unable to field a team at U-14 level. However, as we were not the only club in such a situation, the Co. Board agreed to organise a 12-a-side championship for all such clubs.

The O'Connor family from Borrisoleigh presented a perpetual cup to the Co. Board in memory of their late daughter Linda who died suddenly just a few short years ago at the age of sixteen. Linda who played camogie with the Borrisoleigh club had a very promising sporting career ahead of her, but it was not to be. This perpetual cup was now made available for the U-14, 12-a-side championship.

The games got under way in April and Lorrha's first outing was against neighbours Shannon Rovers. Lorrha were on their way up the points ladder when after a struggle they claimed the game on a scoreline of Lorrha 4-2, Shannon Rovers 1-2.

Kilruane succumbed to Lorrha in the second game while in the third and final game Newport put up a fine challenge which the Lorrha girls faced up to fairly and scraped through with two points to spare.

We were now in a position where we faced our neighbours Shannon Rovers once again but this time in the county final.

Confident of a win, Lorrha went on to claim the final, but the Rovers had improved their game serving up a classy performance throughout. There was great scenes of jubilation and excitement as the captain Anne-Marie

Mannion and vice-captain Mary Needham were presented with the O'Connor perpetual cup, by the chairman of the County Board Noel Hennessy.

At time of going to print, we are contesting the U-14 league 15-a-side with five girls on this team under 12 years and our youngest member a mere eight years old.

U-14 COUNTY

Two of our U-14 girls, Elaine Hough and Katie Kennedy, went for U-14 trials with the county and were successful in claiming their place on the team that beat Galway in the annual Connacht U-14 tournament.

We congratulate Elaine and Katie who have a bright camogie career ahead of them without doubt and we hope that one day they will bring back All-Ireland honours to their parish and their club.

JUNIORS

Many changes took place within our junior panel and because of exams etc., they failed to progress to any great heights in the league.

However, the championship brought a different story and out of three games played, two were won which brought the girls into the semi-final which was Kildangan.

Having reached the junior semi-final on three previous occasions in the past, they needed to progress further now and this they did as a second half onslaught overpowered Kildangan.

And so to the final which took place in October against the Gaels. Beaten by Silvermines by just a mere point the previous year, the Gaels were determined not to let this title escape again and were hungry to prove this.

A tremendous start for Lorrha was however clawed down by the Gaels in a fast and real thriller of a game which was played in a real sporting manner, but unfortunately, Lorrha were unable to curtail the Gaels power and eventually succumbed by four points.

Our congratulations to the Gaels and we wish them well in the junior 'A' grade.

Our thanks to all who help in whatever way for the betterment of the club and especially all who give so much time to preparing teams on a totally voluntary capacity. Such people are getting more and more scarce to come by, so their work which is without financial reward, is much valued by our club, as their interests are purely in the betterment of our club and in promoting the game of camogie.

Many thanks to the girls for their



Ciara O'Dwyer, Shannon Rovers, Elaine Hough and Katie Kennedy, Lorrha, holding the Shield after the Tipperary U-14 county team won the Connacht tournament.

(Photo by Rose Mannion)

commitment, as without them there would be no club. We look forward to better things in the new year and my wish for all is to remain healthy.

Moycarkey - Borris 2000

U-12 County Champions Ladies' Football • U-12 'C' County League winners Camogie

2000 was a most successful year bringing two titles to our U-12 girls.

Starting with U-14 football championship and a very young team we suffered defeats by Cappawhite and Moyle Rovers. As we were dependant on too many young players we had to withdraw from U-14 to fulfil our U-12 fixtures. We had easy victories over Brian Boru's, Eire Óg, Ardfinnan, Moyle Rovers and Cappawhite and lost narrowly to Cahir thus qualifying for county semi-final against Cappawhite. The first half was closely fought but we emerged easy winners in the end.

We played Moyle Rovers in the county final. The teams were evenly matched with the narrowest margin separating teams at half-time. Moyle Rovers put on great pressure early in the second half and took the lead by one point. Moycarkey backline equalled the task and when Laura Bannon netted, the team never looked back and emerged easy victors. This was a very impressive team and no doubt but they will do very well if they stay together.

In under-12 camogie championship, Moycarkey had an easy victory in the first match against Annacarthy. This left us with Cashel to play. Due to holidays and clashing fixtures we fielded an understrength team. The girls fought well but Cashel emerged victors by four points thus ending our championship hopes. Training however continued throughout the summer months and the club witnessed the biggest attendance at training with up to 40 girls u-12 attending up to late October.



Moycarkey-Borris U-12 'C' camogie league champions – selectors: Frank O'Regan, Ann Slattery. Back row: Sinéad Costello, Ria Fanning, Emma Darmody, Thérèse Bracken, Laura Kirwan, Maria Bracken, Kerry Costello, Mary-Kate Collins. Middle row: Paula Ralph, Cathriona Bracken, Ann Kirwan, Claire Bryan, Shannon Hayes, Karen Hogan, Christine Telford, Laura Bannon. Front row: Debbie Moore, Karen Mullins, Sinéad O'Hara, Kate Slattery, Margaret Doyle, Maura O'Regan, Marie Purcell, Linda Bryan, Denise Ryan, Jacqui Clohessy.

All the hard work paid off and we qualified for the county semi-final against Shannon Rovers. This was a heart-stopping game with the ball equally up and down the pitch and producing great defence play from both sides. Full-time saw both teams equal and a replay. The replay was in wet heavy conditions and after another very sporting, hard-fought match we emerged the victors. This left us playing our nearest rivals Holycross. The girls trained without complaint in very bad conditions: Such was the dedication of the girls that despite a defeat at the hands of the same Holycross team early in the year and giving away home advantage we travelled with a quiet

confidence. This game gave great entertainment and saw us lead by the narrowest of margins. Holycross started the second half very strongly, equalised but due to great defence work could not take the lead. Moycarkey fitness again showed and in the last ten minutes we emerged winners by 3-1 to 0-1. Great credit is due to these girls. The trophy was presented to Maura O'Regan (captain), in front of a large gathering of Moycarkey supporters. A special thanks to all who helped with training, to the parents and all who helped and supported the team during the year. We look forward to 2000 and hopefully the success will continue up through the club camogie team.



Moycarkey-Borris ladies' football u-12 county champions – back row: Catherine Bracken, Laura Bannon, Bibi McCarthy, Claire Bryan, Maura O'Regan, Maria Purcell, Siobhán Bourke, Jacqui Clohessy, Margaret Doyle, Ashling Kearney, Sarah Hennessy, Felicity Dempsey, Patricia McGrath. Front row: Ann Kirwan, Kerry Costello, Denis Ryan, Kate Slattery (captain), Sharon Meaney, Siobhán McGrath, Shannon Hayes, Karen Mullins, Sinéad O'Hara.

Silvermines Camogie Club

Noreen Timmons (secretary)

During 2000 we had a very active and enjoyable season. We started training on 18th of February and all ages finished in October.

We contested U-12 'B', U-14 'B', U-16 'B' and U-18 'B' also Junior 'A' competitions. Our U-12's won the 'B' championship by defeating Borrisoleigh on June 30th. U-14's won the 'B' championship by defeating Burgess on 4th of June.

Having won the junior 'B' league and championship in 1999 we are now junior 'A' we won the league, beating Drom in the final, but went down to a far stranger Clonoulty in the championship. Three of our players won All-Ireland Colleges titles with St. Mary's (Nenagh) on 1st of April, 2000. Aileen Forde, Siobhán Coughlan played with Tipperary minors during the year.

Silvermines subs on All-Ireland Colleges camogie team: Mary Coughlan, Gráine Gleeson, Orla McDonagh, Siobhán O'Brien, Siobhán O'Doherty, Carmel Ryan.



Silvermines Junior 'A' league winners 2000 – Back row (l. to r.): Liam Keogh (trainer); Marie Forde (coach); Siobhán McCarthy, Mary Coughlan, Dawn Kennedy, Joan Ryan, Mary Sheehan, Niamh Keogh, Aileen Forde, Gráine Gleeson, Maria Keogh, Mary McDonagh (coach), Claire O'Sullivan, Deirdre Keogh, Jack Devaney (chairman). Front row (l. to r.): Carmel Ryan, Emma Dunlea, Siobhán O'Brien, Maura O'Doherty, Orla McDonagh, Teresa Timmons and Noreen Timmons (secretary)/



U-14 'B' Silvermines 2000 – championship winners. Back row (l. to r.): Helena Ryan, Ciara Ryan, Siobhán Egan, Joanne Nolan, Aileen Sheedy, Marian Devaney, Alicia Ryan, Michelle Fahy, Lisa Duignan. Coaches: Aileen Forde and Orla McDonagh. Front row (l. to r.): Margaret McDonnell, Fiona Kennedy, Joanne O'Brien, Tara Chadwick, Rosemary Kennedy, Maria Butler, Mairéad O'Donoghue (captain), Colette Ryan, Denis O'Brien.

Portroe Intermediate Camogie Champions



Front: Marie Sheedy, Lisa Hickey, Elaine Flynn, Jenny O'Halloran, Sinéad Kennedy, Niamh O'Brien, Michelle Conroy, Dawn Ryan, Elaine Ryan, Deirdre Hickey, Corina Lawlor. Back: Claire Madden, Karen O'Brien, Josephine Fennessy, Patricia O'Halloran, Carol Creamer, Geraldine Conroy, Breda Quigley, Nessa O'Driscoll, Patricia Hogan, Niamh Hickey, Gillian Slattery.

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McNamee Awards Presentation: Back Row – (l. to r.) – Michael O'Brien, Michael O'Carroll, Con Hogan, Sean McCague, John McCormack, Liam Ó Donnchú, Seamus Leahy. Front Row – (l. to r.) – Breda Hogan, Margaret King, Mrs. O'Carroll, Catherine Ó Donnchú, Catherine McCormack, Joan O'Brien, Liz Howard.



Seamus Leahy receives his award for Best Article in a County Yearbook from G.A.A. President, Sean McCague.



Best County Final programme – John McCormack, Thurles Sarsfields receives his McNamée award from G.A.A. President Sean McCague.



Michael O'Carroll, R.T.E. Sports (TV) native of Dunkerrin receives his award from G.A.A. President Sean McCague.

Pride in the Jersey

By John Ryan (Tipperary G.A.A. Development Officer)



John Ryan



All ready – Semple Stadium caretaker, Jimmy Purcell (left) putting the final touches to the pitch in preparation for the Munster SHC final between Tipperary and Cork, photographed with Michael Maher, chairman Semple Stadium Management Committee.

How often have we heard that phrase – where is your pride? Do ye know the jerseys ye are wearing? How proud a tailor would be to hear that kind of praise for the jacket or suit he had just made, even from his very best material.

But as the saying goes "The Jersey" is in a different league altogether. Its colour symbolises and distinguishes the team, the county and the club and has done so for over a century. The players who went before, the courage, the skill, the commitment, the self esteem. That tradition is now carried on by today's generation. A tradition of what you might ask? Of winning matches and medals – yes indeed, but much more.

Sunday's win means it is back to the field Tuesday night. It's not just any old

field, it's the club's own ground. There are dressing rooms, clothes hangers, showers and toilets. The pitch is cut bare, there are goal posts and nets, even high nets to catch some of the wides. Someone has spare hurleys and sliotars or footballs. There are others to coach and train the team, someone else has the first aid kit, and these facilities are there for every team. The club field is indeed the "Field of Dreams" for so many.

Sometimes, we take it all for granted and don't realise how far we have come from the days we toggled out by the ditch. Wasn't it Oscar Wilde who once said "There are people who know about everything and put a value on nothing".

We should not underestimate the values that have been nurtured and cultivated over the years with players of all ages and the facilities that have been provided, maintained and improved as well. The comment about putting too much emphasis on bricks and mortar I have often heard, but one to which I do not always subscribe.

In every sphere of life, standards in

housing, means of travel, hygiene etc. have all improved and the Gaelic Athletic Association, through the foresight and efforts of so many fine people have kept pace with the times. In our own county, from Lorrha to Carrick and from Ballingarry to Cappawhite, it is easy to see the results of their toils – well maintained fields, neat dressing rooms, covered accommodation, score boards and toilets.

The rural Post Offices are fewer nowadays. The local Creamery is gone. The old way of threshing the corn is only a memory, but the local G.A.A. field continues to have a unique attraction for young and old and long may it remain. Our youth will always respond to purpose and leadership.

Take Price in your club. Play a part in its future and you will guarantee that our children and grandchildren will carry on a proud tradition that has served the youth of this country so well, and that the wearer of the jerseys will do so with pride and with honour and always understand why.



Job well done – Groundsman Bobby Mockler watches another Munster final on his well-manicured pitch at Semple Stadium.

EOIN KELLY (Mullinahone)

by Leonard Fitzgerald



Leonard Fitzgerald

In this year's All-Ireland minor decider at Croke Park, Galway overwhelmed Cork in a rip-roaring contest with the lead changing hands on different occasions. The Tribesmen had created their own piece of history with back to back minor titles, however the overall prize for the highest individual scoring feat of the season fell to Mullinahone's Eoin Kelly. A young modest individual with a maturity and intelligence amassed well beyond his years. On Wednesday, May 10th last in Bruff against arch-rivals Limerick, Eoin thrilled the enthralled viewers present with an exhibition of free-taking and top-class scoring culminating in an astonishing contribution of the goals and eleven points. A truly phenomenal scoring rate in any code, no doubt.

A light-hearted individual with a good sense of humour, cool-headed under extreme pressure and most of all a man who lives for hurling is a vivid description of the character he portrays. Having just departed St. Kieran's college, Eoin can recollect fond memories of his exploits there. In an institution such as the hurling nursery of St. Kieran's, hurling breeds multiple success and thankfully for Eoin, he was equally rewarded. After leaving Killenaule V.S., success at Kieran's looked altogether brighter with Eoin Kelly at their disposal. Losing the 1999 Colleges final to St. Flannan's at Croke Park was disappointing but gaining exact reprisal this season against their great rivals was expertly executed. An All-Ireland medal with the black and white stripes was small recognition for his efforts but it justified the college's superiority throughout. In any event, it was to prove his second such accolade, having claimed All-Ireland honours

with the county U-16s in the prestigious Nenagh Co-op tournament in 1997. This year ends Kelly's influence of four years in the county minors. An undoubted service that has yielded two Munster medals but that elusive All-Ireland never reaped dividends. Such has the velocity of Kelly's rise that two years ago he was hardly known outside the Mullinahone district but now and in the forthcoming season he will be the most zealously marked of Tipp's attackers. He hails from a region with a label revelling a football stronghold but now it's completing it's hurling resurrection. Eoin is just the latest member of the conveyor belt to make the breakthrough to senior status. After Tipp's venture in this years Munster championship, Nicky English made one final intervention to his already extended panel. Eoin must have been on the back of his mind all year but the time came to release his final trump card at the expense of the most unfortunate Damien Young, installed as sub-goalkeeper but with the option of making an attacking role. Unbelievably only matter of weeks in the Tipp camp and he was given championship action, deputising for the substituted Mark O'Leary late in the Galway game and contributed handsomely when included. Next year should see an extended championship run I suspect.

From humble beginnings at home in Mullinahone, he has matured from strength to strength through his under-age years. In the mid 90s the club claimed the hurling and football U-12 county titles and Eoin was an integral part of that success story. Now at eighteen years of age and the possession of a south minor, U-21 and senior medal, but ironically county honours have



Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone)

eluded him this far. Losing minor and senior finals against Clonoulty-Rossmore in 96 and 97 respectively and an U-21 final against Cappawhite early this year is difficult to recover from, but his overpowering hunger for a breakthrough continues to prevail. While still extremely young, the South Tipp young hurler of the year is playing with tremendous maturity and has projected the eyes of the county on him after a series of rave reviews and high-octane performances. At this time of year in the so-called post season, Tipp remain active with involvement in the south-east league. It's small pickings compared to the heat of championship but the youngest panel member is committed to the cause.

Gaining experience at inter-county level could be invaluable in the coming months ahead. Such a diminutive figure at the highest level is an extreme rarity and his input to club and county in years to come could leave a lasting impression.



1999 Year Book Quiz Winners. Front L/R: Seamus King (Chairman), Seamus Frewen (Aherlow), John Quirke (Sponsors), Mary Lannigan Ryan (Borrisleigh), Jim Morrissey (Ballypatrick), Liam O'Donoghue (Yearbook Secretary).



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Chairman of Mid Tipperary GAA Board Michael Bourke (left) presents the Mid Tipperary Young Hurler of the Year award (1999) to Damien Young (Drom-Inch). Also included on right is Matty Connolly, secretary Mid GAA Board.



Mid Tipperary referees who refereed Mid finals during 1999 photographed at a function in the Park Avenue House, Thurles. Seated (l. to r.): P.J. Hewitt, Willie Clohessy; Michael Bourke, Mid Board chairman; Matty Connolly, Mid Board secretary; P.J. Leahy, Martin Treacy. Standing: Pat Lynch, Gar O'Shea, Roddy Lowry, Michael Jordan, J.P. Stakelum, Pat Cullen, Tom Maher, Denis Curtis, Jimmy Sweeney, Philly Ryan, Michael Greene.



Some of the sponsors of Mid hurling and football competitions photographed with officers of the Mid Board at a function in the Park Avenue House, Thurles. Seated (l. to r.): Dick Corrigan, Roadstone Provinces Ltd; Walter Drohan, 'Supermacs'; Donal Younge, Younge's, The Ragg; Michael Bourke, Chairman Mid Board; Enda Bourke, Bank of Ireland; Bob Stakelum, president Mid Board. Standing: Johnny Doyle, vice-chairman Mid Board; Pat Gleeson, vice-chairman Mid Board; John O'Donovan, treasurer Mid Board; Matty Connolly, secretary Mid Board; John Kelly, Gleeson Quarries.



Newly elected chairman of Mid Tipperary GAA Board Michael Burke (left) presents the 'Young Footballer of the Year' award to Kevin Mulryan (J.K. Brackens) at the Board's Convention in Littleton.



Chairman of Mid Tipperary GAA Board Michael Burke (left) presents the 'Intermediate/Junior Club of the Year' award to John Moloughney, Clonakenny GAA Club (winner of the award) at the Mid Board's annual Convention.



Michael Burke, chairman of Mid GAA Board (left), presents the Footballer of the Year award to Michael Webster (Loughmore-Castleiney) at the Board's Annual Convention in Littleton.

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Chairman of Mid GAA Board, Michael Burke (left) presents the Hurler of the Year award to John Butler (Holycross-Ballycahill) at the Board's Annual Convention in Littleton.

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Chairman of Mid Tipperary GAA Board Michael Bourke (left) making a presentation to former chairman Harry Ryan as a token of the Board's appreciation for his dedicated service as chairman at a function in the Park Avenue House, Thurles. Also included on right is Matty Connolly, secretary of Mid GAA Board.

Mid Tipperary GAA Board photographed following the election of officers at the Convention held in Littleton. Seated (l. to r.) - John O'Donovan (treasurer), Matty Connolly (secretary), Michael Bourke (chairman), Bob Stakelum (president), Pat Cullen (Co. Board trustee). Standing - Mícheál Egan (assistant secretary), Andy O'Gorman (youth officer), Jim Max (Semple Stadium rep), John Doyle (vice-chairman), Mick Curley (gate checker) and Pat Gleeson (vice-chairman).



Mid Tipperary Football Championship Winners



The Thurles Gaels panel that won the Mid Minor B football title by defeating Holycross-Ballycahill at Drombane. Back row (l. to r.): Declan Ryan, Ted O'Connor, Jim Mackey, David Coppinger, Shane Ryan, Pádraig Dunne, Tom Loughnane, Niall Quinlan, Lorcan Burke, David Keane (captain), Joe Duggan. Front row - Gerry Dwyer, Derek Loughnane, Eoin Maher, Stephen Coppinger, Seamus Ó Gradaigh, John Treacy, Vincent Loughnane, T.J. Gleeson, Kenneth Hickey, James Bourke, Alan Shanahan.

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Saturday 9/9	Intermediate Hurling Final (Littleton) Ref. M. Greene Gortnahoe-Glengoole2-16 Thurles Sarsfields3-6	Saturday 21/10	Junior A Football Final(Drombane) Ref. P.J. Leahy J.K. Brackens0-8 Moycarkey-Borris1-5
Saturday 23/9	Junior A Hurling Final(The Ragg) Ref. W. Clohessy Thurles Fennellys1-11 Holycross B1-4	Saturday 11/11	Replay(Drombane) Ref. P.J. Leahy J.K. Brackens1-11 Moycarkey-Borris2-4
Sunday 1/10	Junior B Hurling Final(Holycross) Ref. M. Treacy Rahealty-Kickhams2-8 Killea1-9	Saturday 21/10	Junior B Football Final(Templetuohy) Ref. T. Maher Kickhams-Rahealty3-3 Loughmore-Castleiney0-10
Friday 14/7	Under-21 A Hurling(Semple Stadium) Ref. P.J. Leahy Drom-Inch1-8 Thurles Sarsfields0-9	Saturday 8/4	U-21 A Football Final(Littleton) Ref. P. Ryan Moyne-Templetuohy2-9 J.K. Brackens1-3
Saturday 15/7	Under-21 B Hurling(The Ragg) Ref. P. Cullen Gortnahoe-Glengoole3-11 Clonakenny0-8	Sunday 26/3	U-21 B Football Final (Thurles - Outside field) Ref. P. Cullen Upperchurch-Drombane2-7 Drom-Inch0-11
Sunday 13/12	Under-21 C Hurling(Knock) Minor A Hurling(Templemore) Ref. T. Maher Thurles Sarsfields Loughmore-Castleiney	Friday 18/8	Minor A Football Final(Clonakenny) Ref. P. Lynch J.K. Brackens0-3 Moyne-Templetuohy0-2 (abandoned half time, thunderstorm)
Thursday 7/9	Minor B Hurling(Littleton) Ref. M. Jordan Boherlahan-Dualla3-9 Gortnahoe-Glengoole1-7	Friday 25/8	Replay(Clonakenny) Ref. P. Lynch J.K. Brackens2-3 Moyne-Templetuohy2-2
Sunday 10/12	Cahill Cup 1999 (Holycross-Ballycahill) Ref. J.S. Sweeney Moycarkey-Borris0-13 Moyne-Templetuohy1-10	Friday 11/8	Minor B Football Final(Drombane) Ref. P. Ryan Thurles Gaels2-7 Holycross-Ballycahill0-5
Friday 16/6 Replay	Cahill Cup 1999 (Holycross-Ballycahill) Ref. M. Greene Moycarkey-Borris4-17 Moyne-Templetuohy1-13	Sunday 25/6	Junior Hurling League Div.1 Final (The Ragg) Ref. W. Clohessy Boherlahan-Dualla2-9 Clonakenny1-11
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Sunday 30/1	1999 Senior Football Final(Templemore) Ref. D. Curtis Loughmore-Castleiney0-7 J.K. Brackens0-1	Saturday 17/6	Junior Hurling Div.3 Final(Castleiney) Ref. P. Cullen Knock6-10 Killea2-8
Sunday 26/11	Senior Football Final 2000(Templemore) Ref. Loughmore-Castleiney J.K. Brackens		
Saturday 2/9	Intermediate Football Final(Littleton) Ref. P. Cullen Thurles Sarsfields2-7 Boherlahan-Dualla1-10		



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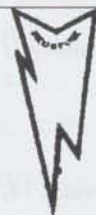
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Mid Tipperary Football Championship Winners



The J.K. Brackens panel that won the Mid Minor A football title played at Clonakenny. Back row (l. to r.) – Stephen Fennell, John Bourke, Gary Revins, Padraic Keely, David Owens, James Farrelly, Eoghan O'Doherty, Eoin O'Shea, Shane Donnelly, Ian Doyle, Daniel Maher, Pat Egan, Billy Prout. Front row – Michael Lynagh, Aidan Farrelly, Peter Maher, Paddy Delahunty, Kevin Ivers, Colin Doyle, David McLoughlin (captain), Ian Kilroy, John Dunne.



The Moyne-Templetuohy panel that won the Mid Tipperary under-21 A Football championship final by defeating J.K. Brackens in the final at Littleton. Back row (l. to r.) – John Paul Kelly, Brendan Gavin, Stephen Everard, Conor Costigan, Shane Fogarty, Michael Esmonde, Declan Long, Jim Tierney, Thomas Egan, Pierce Butler, John Hassett, Declan Kelly, Pat Leahy. Front row – Damien Bergin, John Sweeney, Louis Everard (captain), Alan Leahy, Odhran Lloyd, Colm Everard, Martin Costigan, Simon Everard, Ray Everard, Eddie Kelly, Ger Maher, Richard Fogarty.

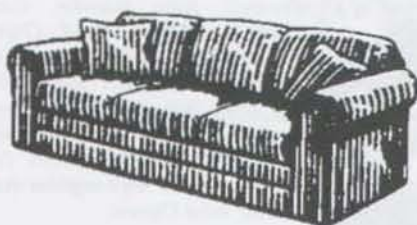
The Upperchurch-Drombane panel that defeated Drom-Inch in the Mid under-21 B football final at Semple Stadium (outside field). Back row (l. to r.) – Eoin Carew, Michael Corcoran, John Quinn, Tom Quinlan, Patrick Ryan, Peter Phelan, Pat Phelan, Brian Ryan (captain), Darren Keane, Alan Tierney, Jody Brennan, Liam Leamy. Front row – John Carey, James Gleeson, J.J. Kinane, Michael Gildee, Pat Shortt, Gerry Quinn, David Carey, Paddy Brennan, Owen Shortt, Paul Gould, Denise Ryan.



Double Winners – The Rahealty-Kickhams panel that won the Mackey Stand, Bar and Lounge (Thurles) Mid Junior B football title by defeating Loughmore-Castleiney in the final at Templetuohy. The team has already won the Junior hurling title. Back row (l. to r.) – Joe Duggan, Kevin Ryan, Stephen Browne, T.J. O'Dwyer, Tomas Campion, Noel Garrahan, William Maher, Niall Quinlan, Liam Mockler, Michael Carew, David Keane, Wayne Keane, Dominic Stapleton, Peter Ryan, Tom O'Dwyer, James Doyle, Front row – Adrian McGinley, Frank Tynan, Aidan Burke, Michael Hackett, John Kelly, Pat Kelly (captain), Pat Hackett, Shane Ryan, William Carroll, Tony Cleary, John O'Connell, Tom Loughnane.

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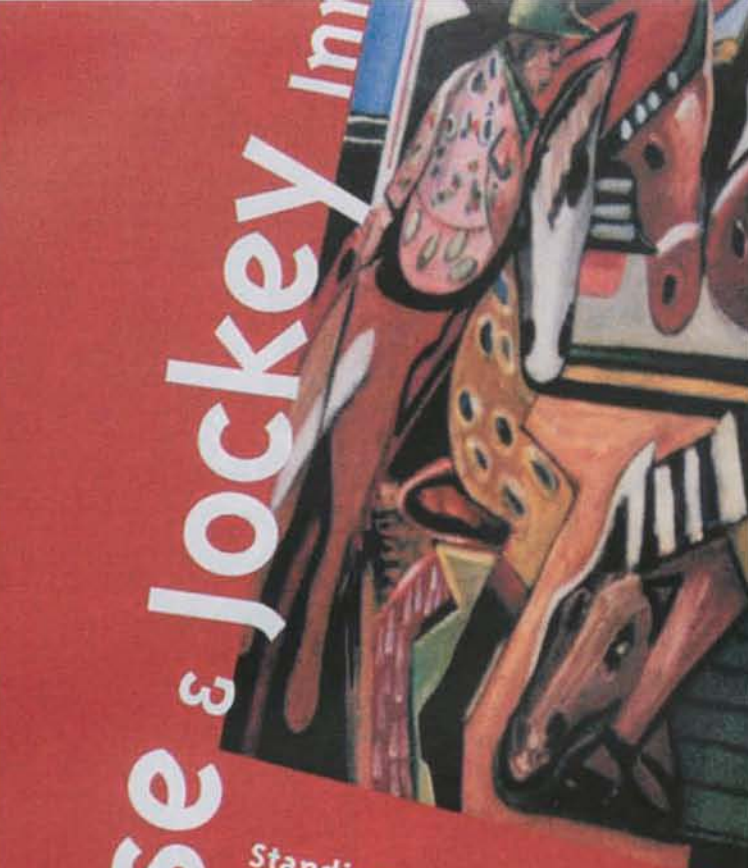
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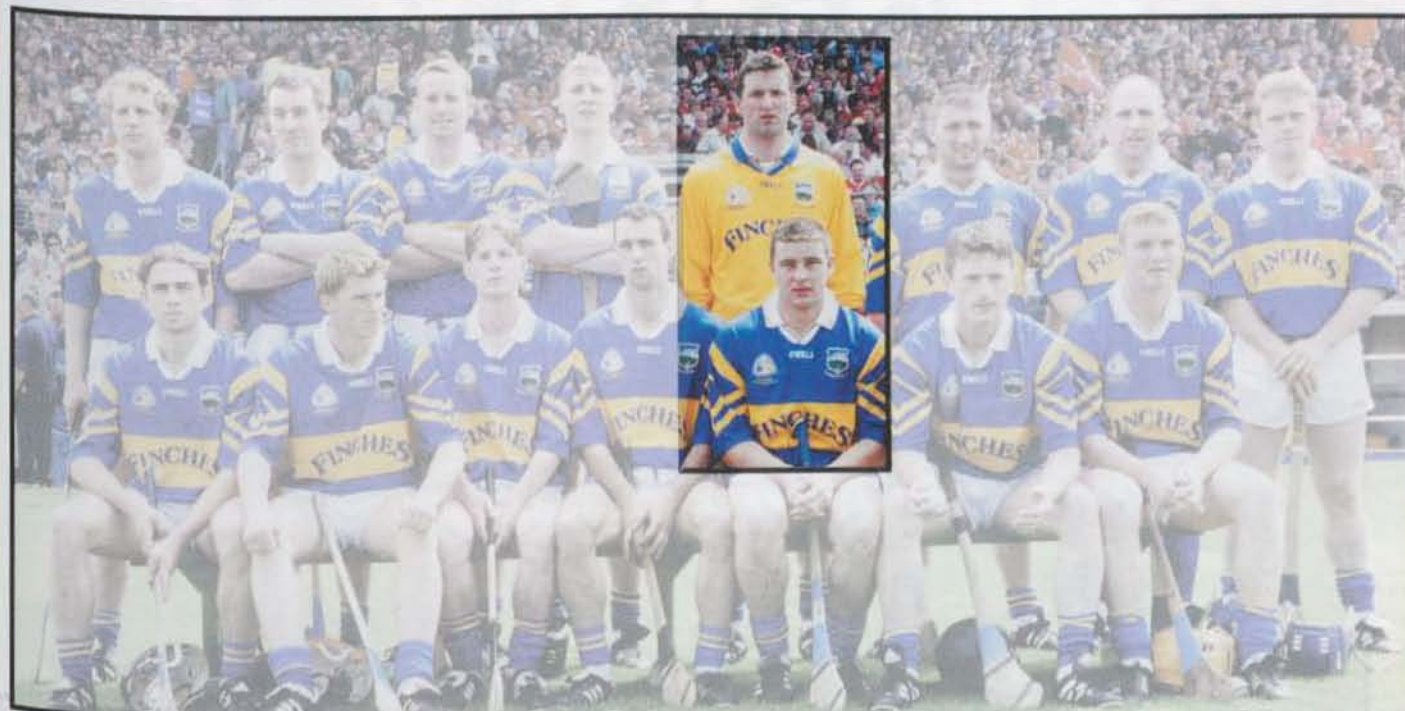
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Mid Tipperary Football Championship Winners



The Thurles Sarsfields panel that retained the Mid Intermediate football championship title by defeating Boherlahan-Dualla in a replay at Boherlahan. Back row (l. to r.) – Connie Maher (captain), Colm O'Rourke, John Hussey, Philip Hayes, Jamie Barrett, Eamon Walshe, Stephen Mason, Tom Kennedy, Eoin Costello, Lar Corbett, Liam Duggan, Mark Wade, Liam O'Dwyer, Trevor Cooke. Front row – Eugene McAree, James O'Riordan, Tony Ruth, Aidan Dundon, Noel Dundon, John Lillis, Thomas Callanan, Michael Callanan, Conor Richardson, Robert Kennedy.

Mid Tipperary Hurling Championship Winners



The Boherlahan-Dualla panel that won the Mid Minor B hurling title by defeating Gortnahoe-Glengooile at Littleton. Back row (l. to r.) – John Tobin, Phil Coman, Michael Kennedy, Darragh Hickey, David Maher (captain), John O'Connor, Kevin Maher, Padraig Hickey, Brendan O'Connor, James Hayes, Paul Ryan, Martin Power, Alan Fitzpatrick, Raymond Shelly. Front row – Michael Mulligan, David Ryan, Brian Creed, Edmund Leamy, Nicky Murphy, Cian McCormack, James McGrath, Tomas Hayes, Derek Patterson, Joe Ryan, Gary Crowe, Jack Maher.

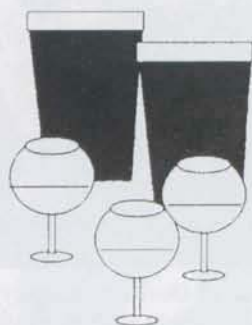
Knock under-21 hurling panel – Mid C champions – John McDermott, John Breen, Damien Fitzpatrick, Wayne Fletcher, Damien Moloney, Adam Feehan, Liam Carroll, Adrian Delaney, Robert Ryan, Pat Lee, J.P. Fitzpatrick, Patrick Carey. Front row – Matthew Delaney, Michael Carney, Paul Kirwan, Fergus Ryan, Aidan O'Keefe, Cathal O'Doherty, Damien Walsh, Stephen Cahill.



The Gortnahoe-Glengooile team that won the Mid under-21 B hurling title by defeating Clonakenny in the final at The Ragg. Back row (l. to r.) – Darren O'Brien, P.J. Campion, Joseph Hogan, Michael Cleary, Darren Kenny, Darren O'Donoghue, Paul Horan, Keith Corbett (captain), Jimmy Meighan (manager). Front row – Andrew Lawlor, Trevor Webster, P.J. McCormack, Jim Ryan, Johnny Guilfoyle, Nigel Kenny, Pat Wall.



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Mid Tipperary Hurling Championship Winners



The Drom-Inch under-21 panel and selectors that won the county under-21 A hurling trophy by defeating Killenale in a replay at Semple Stadium. Back row (l. to r.) – Michael Shanahan (selector), John Hassett (selector), Fergal McLoughlin, Daniel McGrath, John Kennedy, Michael Kennedy, Robert Hicks, Paul Stapleton, Noel Kenehan, Eamonn Ryan, Liam Brett, Paul Kennedy, Shane Kennedy, James Kennedy, Seamus Walsh, John Cahill, MacDara Butler, Dinny Cahill. Front row – Seamus Butler, John McGrath, Michael Long, Liam Kennedy, Paul Collins, Eamonn Buckley, Matty Ryan, Paul Ryan (captain), Damien Young, Alan Ryan, Brian Costello, Brian Boyle, Padraig Butler, Willie Ryan, Paudie Butler.



The Rahealty-Kickhams panel and selectors that won the Mid Junior B hurling title by defeating Killea at Holycross. Back row (l. to r.) – T.J. Maher, Jimmy Breen (selector), Michael Hackett, Patrick Hackett, Thomas Campion, Joe Duggan, Liam Mockler, Tony Cleary, Tom Dwyer, Stephen Browne, Martin Campion, Wayne Keane, Willie Maher, Seamus Doran, James Doyle, Dominic Stapleton, Frank Tynan, Paddy Campion (selector), David O'Toole (trainer). Front row – Kevin Ryan, James Carroll, Colm Ryan (captain), J.J. O'Dwyer, Pat Kelly, Peter Ryan, T.J. Dwyer.



Thurles Fennelly's – Mid Junior A Hurling Champions 2000: Thurles Fennelly's panel and management, Mid Junior A hurling champions 2000 – Back row (l. to r.) – Paddy Maher, Kieran O'Dwyer, Alan McCormack (selector), Paddy O'Mahony, John Murphy, Kieran Kennedy, Pat Lawlor, Michael Brennan, John Callanan, Jim Woodlock (captain), John Connors, John Lawlor, Lar Barrett, John Purcell, Joe Clare, Jim Corbett, Michael Grogan (manager), Michael O'Mahony. Front row – Sean O'Dwyer, Michael O'Dwyer, Larry Mackey (with David O'Mahony), Lar Makey, T.J. Gleeson, Philip Lawlor, Thomas Jordan, Mark Jordan, Raymond Carew, Trevor O'Dwyer, Jim Mackey, Philip Butler, Donal Maher, John Jordan.



The Gortnahoe-Glengoole team that defeated Thurles Sarsfields at Littleton to retain the Mid intermediate hurling championship title. Back row (l. to r.) – Sean McMonagle, Darren Coady, Kevin Laffan, Jim Lanigan, P.J. Gleeson, Michael Cleary, Martin Lanigan, Jimmy Lanigan. Front row – Keith Corbett, Martin Gleeson, John Teehan (captain), Nigel Kenny, Pat Wall, Brendan Hogan, Ronan Stanley.

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Mid Tipperary Hurling Championship Winners



Thurles Sarsfields senior hurling team – Mid champions and county finalists. Back row (l. to r.) – Connie Maher, Thomas Ryan, Seamus O'Shea, Lar Corbett, Brian O'Grady, Matthew O'Dowd, Eddie Enright, Ger O'Grady, Gary Mernagh. Front row – Tommy Maher, John Enright, Cathal McIntyre, Brendan Carroll (captain), Pat Treacy, Ciaran Carroll. Mascots: Graham Maher (left) and Aidan McCormack.



Photographed after the Mid SHC final between Thurles Sarsfields and Loughmore-Castleiney at Semple Stadium were (l. to r.) – Donal Younge, Younge's, The Ragg, sponsor of the competition; Michael Burke, chairman Mid Board; Brendan Carroll, captain of the winning Sarsfields panel; Mattie Connolly, secretary Mid Board.



'Redser' on fire – Thurles Sarsfields Ger 'Redser' O'Grady receives the Man of the Match award (Tom O'Hara trophy) from Donal Younge, representing Younge's, The Ragg, competition sponsor, following the Mid SHC final at Semple Stadium. Ger contributed a total of 0-8 points to Sarsfields victory over Loughmore-Castleiney.

Mid Tipperary League Winners



The Boherlahan-Dualla panel that won the Mid Junior Hurling League (Division 1) by defeating Clonakenny in the final. Back row (l. to r.) – Robert Power, Dermot O'Dwyer, Liam Burke, David Maher, Jason Hassett, Noel O'Connor, Derek Hayes, Joe Ryan, Padraig Hickey, John Tarrant, Edmond O'Dwyer, James Hayes. Front row – Philip O'Dwyer, Eamonn Maher, Garrett McLoughlin, Joe Tobin, Brendan Ferncombe (captain), Declan Donnelly, James Tarrant, T.J. Donnelly, Johnny Ryan, Stephen Patterson, Declan Moylan.

Moycarkey-Borris, winners of the Cahill Cup (Mid SHL) 1999 – Back row (l. to r.) – Paul Dempsey, Tom Kelly, Johnny Flanagan, Jimmy Leahy, Robert Clancy, Eamonn Ryan, Eoghan Butler, Pat Carey, Robert Doran, Michael Healy, Colm Ryan, Austin Cooney, Stephen Coman. Front row – John O'Keefe, Eamonn Donnelly, William Dempsey, John Kelly, Michael Hassett, (Aidan Maher), John Maher (captain), Pat Coman, Tomas Ryan, Donnacha Hennesy, Kevin O'Regan.



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Mid Tipperary League Winners



The Gortnahoe-Glengoole team that won the County Intermediate Hurling League final by defeating Moyne-Templetuohy at Littleton. Back row (l. to r.) – Darren Kenny, Martin Gleeson, Patrick Hickey, Johnny Guilfoyle, P.J. Gleeson, Kevin Laffan, Ronan Stanley. Front row – Vincent Ryan, Pat Wall, Sean McMonagle, John Teehan (captain), Michael Cleary, Martin Lanigan, Jimmy Lanigan.

The Moycarkey-Borris panel that won the Mid Junior Hurling League (Division 2) title by defeating Moyne-Templetuohy at Holycross. Back row (l. to r.) – Donnacha Hennessy, John Paul Leahy, Colm Ryan (captain), Robert Clancy, Michael Healy, Conor Butler, Conor Bannon, Sam Ryall, John Bourke, John Butler, Paul Britton, Gearoid Ryan. Front row – Ray Ralph, Paudie Doran, Nicky Hogan, Ken Ryan, P.J. Flanagan, Tom Ryan, Paul Dempsey, Noel Butler, Danny Meaney, Paddy Shanahan, P.J. Butler.



History makers – The first team from the Knock club to bring a Mid title to the club when they won the Junior Hurling League (Division 3) by defeating Killea at Castleiney. Back row (l. to r.) – John Breen, Paul Kirwan, Adrian Delaney, Pat Lee (captain), Joe Fitzgerald, Enda Ryan, Fergus Ryan, John Nolan, Michael Nolan. Front row – Liam Cahill, Liam Carroll, Coleman Carey, Robert Ryan, Declan Ryan, Tomas Carey, Aidan O'Keefe.

First senior hurling trophy for 'The Church' – The Upperchurch-Drombane panel that won the Cahill Cup 2000 by defeating Boherlahan-Dualla in the final at Holycross. This was the club's first ever senior hurling trophy. Back row (l. to r.) – Dan Griffin, L.T. Ryan, Padraig Hayes, Seamus Griffin, Darren Keane, Alan Tierney, Neil Ryan, Padraig Burke, Seamus Armstrong, Gerry Ryan (R), John Quinn. Front row – Gerry Quinn, Owen Shortt, Brian Phelan, Gerry Ryan, Michael O'Dwyer (captain), Michael Ryan, John Keane, John Ryan (P), Bertie Sherlock (trainer).



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UNDER-12 HURLING

We had many fine games in the under 12 hurling competition. In Section A we had a total of six teams contesting for honours.

Drom-Inch and Dúrlas Óg were finalists after victories over Holycross-Ballycahill and Loughmore-Castleiney in the Semi-Finals. The final saw Drom-Inch take the title after producing some fine hurling.

In Section B Final, Upperchurch-Drombane defeated Gortnahoe-Glengoole after Upperchurch-Drombane had overcome Moyne-Templemohy in the Semi-Final.

Four teams contested Section C J.K. Brackens (B) overcame the challenge of Dúrlas Óg (B) in the first Semi-Final while Boherlahan-Dualla proved too good for Clonakenny in the second Semi-Final. Boherlahan-Dualla proved too strong for J.K. Brackens (B) in the final after a close hard fought game.

UNDER-14 HURLING

(A) Five teams entered the A Section after many fine games in the League Section Moycarkey-B defeated Drom-I in the first Semi-Final while J.K. Brackens had the better Dúrlas Óg in the second Semi-Final. Loughmore-Castleiney were the unlucky team to lose out. The final was one of the best seen in the grade for many years with victory going to Moycarkey-B by a one goal margin.

(B) Section B also had five teams. Again this was a very good competition Gortnahoe-G were too good for Moyne-T in their Semi-Final while Boherlahan-D eventually got the better of Upperchurch-D. In the final victory went to the Gortnahoe-G boys but not without a great fight from the Boherlahan-D boys.

(C) Three teams played in Section C: Dúrlas Óg (B), Clonakenny and Moycarkey-B (B). After a series of home and away games Dúrlas Óg emerged victorious over an unlucky Clonakenny team.

UNDER-16 HURLING

(A) A total of five teams entered this competition. We had many fine games in the League section following which Dúrlas Óg, Drom-I, J.K. Brackens and Loughmore-C qualified for the Semi-Finals. Dúrlas Óg and Loughmore-C qualified for the Final and what a game it turned out to be. Following a great fight back by Loughmore-C the game ended in a draw. The replay was no less exciting and after a game which was a great advertisement for hurling, victory went to Dúrlas Óg by a two point margin.

(B) As in Section A five, teams contested Section B. Gortnahoe-G were surprisingly beaten by Moycarkey-B in one Semi-Final while Boherlahan-D overcame Upperchurch-D in the other Semi-Final. Victory went to Boherlahan-Dualla who proved too strong for their opponents.

(C) With no opposition Clonakenny were declared Section C winners.

UNDER-12 FOOTBALL

(A) With four teams in this section the Semi-Finals saw Loughmore-C defeat J.K. Brackens in the first Semi-Final while Dúrlas Óg had a victory over Moycarkey-B in the second. In the final Loughmore-C ran out winners by the narrowest of margins after a game which ebbed and flowed to an exciting climax.

(B) Upperchurch-D, Moyne-T, Drom-I and Holycross-B entered Section B. After many fine games Drom-I and Holycross-B qualified for the final with victories over Upperchurch-D and Moyne-T respectively in the Semi-Finals. Park na nÓg was the venue for the final and with both teams having their moment of supremacy the result was always going to be close. At the end of a hard fought game. Victory went to the Abbey boys by a narrow margin.

(C) Páirc na nÓg was also the venue for Section C final. Boherlahan-D and Gortnahoe-G were in opposition following their victories over Clonakenny and J.K. Brackens in the Semi-Finals. Gortnahoe-G were victorious over a gallant Boherlahan-D team.

UNDER-14 FOOTBALL

(A) With six teams playing five games each in the League Section we had many exciting games. J.K.

Brackens were winners over Loughmore-C in their Semi-Final and Moycarkey-B qualified for the final with a victory over Dúrlas Óg. We witnessed some brilliant football in the final with honours in the end going to Moycarkey-B.

(B) Gortnahoe-G, Holycross-B, Drom-I and Upperchurch-D battled for honours in Section B. Drom-I and Gortnahoe-G qualified for the final with victory going to a fine Gortnahoe-G team.

(C) Section C saw a straight final between winners Clonakenny and Moycarkey-B (B).

UNDER-16 FOOTBALL

(A) This was always going to be a tough section with five strong teams Dúrlas Óg, Loughmore-C, Gortnahoe-G, J.K. Brackens and Moyne-T entering the competition. Unluckily Dúrlas Óg were the team to miss out on Semi-Final qualification. Moyne-T and J.K. Brackens were opponents in the final and after an exciting game victory went to the Templemore boys.

(B) Five entries in Section B saw Upperchurch-D, Drom-I, Moycarkey-B, Boherlahan-D, and Holycross-B do battle for honours. With each team playing four games in the League Section Moycarkey-B and Holycross-B emerged to qualify for the final. After a well contested game between two ine teams Holycross-B took home the trophy.

(C) Clonakenny did not have opposition in their section and so were declared winners.

As can be seen from the report this was a very busy and exciting year for the clubs in the Mid Division. The Board would like to congratulate all the winners and commiserate with the losers. The people who look after teams deserve special mention as do our referees. The local press and radio also play a huge role in promoting our games. Photographer Brendan O'Connor again attended almost all finals and was assisted by our P.R.O. Neil Ryan. A group of people who greatly help the finances of our board are our sponsors and we could show our appreciation to them by supporting them in their line of business.

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Mid Tipperary Bord na nÓg results 2000

HURLING

	Date	Winner	Runners-Up	Venue	Referee
U-12 A	30/7/00	Drom-Inch 8-3	Dúrlas Óg 2-3	Templemore	J. Crawford
U-12 B	1/8/00	Upperchurch-D 3-2	Gortnahoe-G 1-2	Páirc na nÓg	P.J. Hewitt
U-12 C	29/7/00	Boherlahan-D 2-2	J.K. Brackens 1-1	Páirc na nÓg	MI Jordan
U-14 A	13/8/00	Moycarkey-B 2-8	J.K. Brackens 1-8	Holycross	R. Lowry
U-14 B	11/8/00	Gortnamore-G 2-14	Boherlahan-D 0-4	Morris Park	P.J. Leahy
U-14 C	12/8/00	Dúrlas 3-4	Clonakenny 2-4	Drombane	P. Lynch
U-16 A	11/9/00	Dúrlas Óg 2-8	Loughmore-C 3-5	Holycross	Tom Maher
U-16 B	15/9/00	Dúrlas Óg 2-10	Loughmore-C 2-8	Ragg	R. Lowry
U-16 B	10/9/00	Boherlahan-D 1-1	Moycarkey-B 0-7	Holycross	R. Lowry
U-16 C		Clonakenny winners			

FOOTBALL

	Date	Winner	Runners-Up	Venue	Referee
U-12 A	18/5/00	Loughmore-C 2-2	Dúrlas Óg 1-2	Holycross	M. Treacy
U-12 B	12/5/00	Holycross-B 1-6	Drom-I 0-8	Páirc na nÓg	D. Curtis
U-12 C		Gortnahoe-G 2-4	Boherlahan-D 0-1	Páirc na nÓg	MI Jordan
U-14 A	15/6/00	Moycarkey-B 1-2	J.K. Brackens 1-4	Holycross	D. Curtis
U-14 B		Gortnahoe-G 3-8	Drom-Inch 2-2	Ballycahill	R. Lowry
U-14 C		Clonakenny 5-9	Moycarkey-B (B) 1-3	Castleiney	P.J. Leahy
U-16 A	8/7/00	J.K. Brackens 3-5	Moyne-T 1-3	Templemore	MI Greene
U-16 B	6/7/00	Holycross-B 2-7	Moycarkey-B 0-6	Ragg	P.J. Leahy
U-16 C		Clonakenny winners			

PEIL NE NÓG

Date	Winner	Runners-Up	Venue	Referee
9/4/00	J.K. Brackens 2-7	Loughmore-C 2-4	Templemore	MI Jordan

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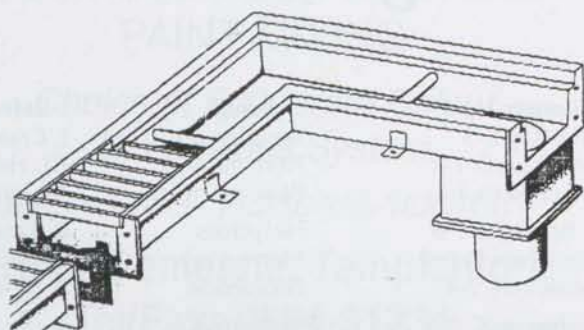
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The Dúrlas Óg team that won the Mid under-16 'A' hurling title by defeating Loughmore-Castleiney in a replay at The Ragg. Back row (l to r) – Declan Ryan, David Kennedy, Willie Collins, Matthew Moloney, Brian Graydon, Shane McKenna, T.J. Gleeson, David Murphy, Paddy Moore (manager). Front row – Wayne Culley, David Callaghan, Richard Ruth, Patrick McCormack, Lee Shanahan, Lorcan Burke, Stiofan Ryan, Shane Ryan.

The Boherlahan-Dualla panel that won the Roskeen Construction Mid Tipperary under-16 'B' hurling title by defeating Moycarkey-Borris in the final at Holycross recently. Back row (l to r) – Michael Kennedy, David Lowry, Jack Maher, Raymond Shelly, Derek Patterson, Cian O'Connor, Tomás Hayes, Paul Ryan, Kevin Leamy, William O'Dwyer, Eoin Howard, Alan Ryan. Front row – James Hayes (captain), Joe Ryan, Michael Mulligan, David Ryan, Alan Fitzpatrick, Gary Crowe, Brian Maher, John Dwyer, A.J. Maher, Darragh Hickey.



Clonakenny – Mid under-16 'C' hurling champions. Back row (l to r) – Peadar Byrne, Liam Costigan, Micheal Coonan, Caroline Greed, Helena Costigan, Gerard Smith, Michael Costigan, Mark Ryan. Front row – Eoin Houlihan (captain), Niall Matthews, Conor Ryan, Thomas Carroll, Edward Byrne, John Costigan, William Moloughney, James Cody. This completed a double for the panel as they had already won the Mid under-16 'C' football title.

Double winners – The Moycarkey-Borris panel and selectors that achieved a double for the club by winning the Mid under-14 'A' hurling title, defeating J.K. Brackens in the final at Holycross. Back row (l to r) – John Carey (selector), David Maher, Pat Coote (selector), Kieran Costello, Brian Moran, Padraig Dixon (selector), George Ryall, Rory Coote, Kieran Shortall, Joseph Dixon, Gerard Carey, Daniel Kirby, Brian Hogan (captain), Christopher Bracken, Joe Moran (manager), Michael O'Gorman, Kevin Moran, Gabriel Gormley (selector). Front row – Liam Healy, Gerry Maguire, Shane Barry, Thomas Quinn, Phil Kelly, Anthony Healy, Eddie Power, Peter O'Brien, David Kinane. The panel has already won the Mid under-14 'A' football title.



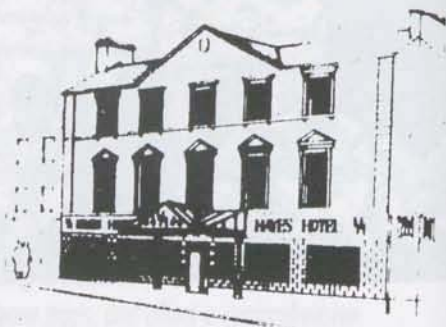
The Drom-Inch under-12 hurling panel that won the Mid 'A' final and were runners-up to Toomevara in the county final at Semple Stadium. Back row (l to r) – Matty Ryan, Tommy Butler, Paudie Butler (selectors). Middle row – Michelle Collins, Stephen Bourke, Michael Everard, Danny Lawlor, Philip Brett, David Collins, Francis Collins, Shane Delaney, Liam Ryan, Antoinette Kennedy, Andy Burke, John Keane. Front row – Diarmuid Long, Daniel De Burca, Cathal Ryan, Enda Walsh, David Butler, Johnny Ryan (captain), Seamus Callanan, Paul Connors, Martin McGrath, Joe Lupton, John Kennedy, Philip Ryan.

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The Upperchurch-Drombane panel that won the Mid under-12 'B' hurling title by defeating Gortnahoe-Glengoolle at Pairc na nÓg, Thurles. Back row (l to r) – Gerard Fogarty, Padraig Greene, Tara Murray, Tommy Keane, Joe Maguire, Matthew Greene, Michael Ryan (captain), Eamonn Fogarty, James Barry, Colm Stapleton, Aidan Brett, Eimear Ryan, Mairead Ralph, Therese Shortt. Front row – Caitriona Shortt, Ella Stapleton, Diarmuid Grant, Philip Crowe, Ailbe O'Donoghue, Paul Ryan, Peter Ryan, Liam Clancy, Sean Harty, Caitriona Lowry, Miriam Ryan, Colm Ryan.

The Boherlahan-Dualla panel that won the Mid under-12 'C' hurling title by defeating J.K. Brackens at Pairc na nÓg, Thurles. Back row (l to r) – Philly Ryan and James Tarrant (selectors); Eoin Sweeney, Brian Quinn, Gerard O'Sullivan, Darragh Kennedy, Paul Dwyer, Michael Murphy (captain), Pat Kavanagh (selector, at back), P.J. Stapleton, Deirdre Ryan, Martin McCullagh (selector, at back), Stephen Ryan, Fergal Ryan. Front row – Kieran Sweeney, David Ferncombe, Stephen Tarrant, Philip Maher, Jamie Crosse, Raymond Ryan, Michael Fogarty, Eugene Sheehy, Seamie Leahy, Mark Kavanagh, Fionn McCullagh, John N. Geehan.



The J.K. Brackens panel that won the Mid under-16 'A' football title by defeating Moyne-Templetuohy at Templemore. Back row (l to r) – Paul Guider, Padraig Maher, Brian Giles, Damien Doran, David Doran, Eoin O'Shea, Paul Burke (captain), Conor Costigan, Neville Morgan, Michael Delahunty, Robert Bourke, John Bourke, Padraig Murphy. Front row – Michael Lynagh, Aidan Farrelly, Tommy Kennedy, Chris Fogarty, Peter Maher, William Buckley, Joe Fitzpatrick, Padraig Greed, Shane Scully.

The Holycross-Ballycahill under-16 football panel that won the Mid under-16 'B' football title by defeating Moycarkey-Borris in the final at The Ragg and went on to contest the county final against Ballyporeen. Back row (l to r) – Michael Hassett, Denis McCullagh (selectors), Stephen Delaney, P.J. Ryan, Donnacha Duggan, Kevin Dwyer, Shane Lanigan, John Byrne, John Carroll, William Dillon, Conor Brady, Thomas Fogarty, Kieran Barrett, Pat Ryan (selector), Martin Treacy (selector). Front row – Frank Tuohy, Liam Dwyer, Gerry Ryan, John Fanning, Tadgh Flanagan, Sean Stakelum, Colm McGrath, Patrick Byrne (captain), Eamonn Lowry, Patrick Stakelum, Thomas Stakelum, Patrick Ryan, Hilton Feehan.



Clonakenny – Mid under-16 'C' champions 2000 – Back row (l to r) – Thomas Carroll, Micheál Coonan, Michael Costigan, Andrew Crampton (captain), Gerard Smith, Mark Ryan, Peadar Byrne, John Costigan. Front row – Padraig McManus, Conor Ryan, Eoin Houlihan, Niall Matthews, William Moloughney, Liam Costigan, Edward Byrne, Philip Crampton.

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The Moycarkey-Borris under-14 panel that won the Mid 'A' football title by defeating J.K. Brackens in the final. Back row (l to r) – Paul Singleton, Kieran Costello, Bobby Bracken, Peter O'Brien, Shane Barry, Brian Moran, Joseph Dixon, Gerard Carey, George Ryall (captain), Kieran Shortall, Rory Coote, Daniel Kirby, Brian Hogan, David Maher. Front row – Anthony Healy, Gerry Maguire, Kevin Moran, Thomas Quinn, Eoin Cantwell, David Kinane, Edward Power, Paul Kelly, Christopher Bracken, Mark Healy, Diarmuid Carroll, Blaine O'Halloran.

J.K. Brackens, winners of the Mid Peil na nÓg (under-14 football) final against neighbours Loughmore-Castleiney. Back row (l to r) – Mark Fennell, Pauric Murphy, Gerry Morrissey (captain), Robert Bourke, John Madden, Claire Grogan, Denis Deegan, William McLoughney, Brendan Leahy, Pauric Bourke, Sean McCormack, Pádraig Greed, Pat Buckley, Paul Murphy. Front row – Michael Kennedy, Darren Russell, Ian Delaney, Michael Doyle, Shane Scully, Eanna Jones, Shane Russell, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Tim Leahy, Gavin Bohan, Walter Doyle, Pauric Meade, Tomas Bowe. Absent from photograph: James Cody.



Captain of this year's Tipperary minor hurling panel Damien Young photographed with captains of Mid Tipperary juvenile championship winning panels in Park Avenue House, Thurles, at a Medals Presentation Function organised by the Mid Tipperary Bord na nÓg. Seated (l to r) – Richard Ruth, Thomas Kennedy, James Ryan, Damien Young, Gerard Connolly, David Maher, John Butler. Middle row – Pádraig Hickey, Derek Patterson, Declan Bolger, Michael Heffernan, James Gleeson, John Carey. Back row – Barry Delahunt, Tomas Hayes, Oliver Ralph, Edward Stokes, Edward Costello, Shane Long.

The Clonakenny panel that won the Mid under-14 'C' football title by defeating Moycarkey-Borris 'B' at Castleiney. Back row (l to r) – Peadar Byrne, Thomas Carroll, Alan Bulfin, Conor Ryan, Conor Quinlan, Philip Crampton, Michéal Coonan (captain), William Moloughney, John Costigan, James Cody, Marie Costigan, Anne Marie Fogarty. Front row – James Maxwell, Brendan Bulfin, Edward Byrne, Caroline Ryan, Nicholas Ryan, Donal Greed, Jonathan Cody, David Cody, Anne Marie Greed, Stephen Carroll.



The Loughmore-Castleiney panel that won the Mid under-12 'A' football title by defeating Dúrlas Óg by the narrowest of margins in the final at Holycross. Back row (l to r) – Sarah Hennessy, Ciara Johnston, Patricia McGrath, Matthew Nesbitt, Denis Leahy, John Campion, Shane Hennessy, David Foy, Siobhan McGrath, Aidan McGrath, Martin Bourke, Noel McGrath, Damien Ely, John Fogarty. Front row – Marie Eviston, Fiona McGrath, Tomás McGrath, Henry Maher, Patrick Moynihan, William Eviston, Cian Hennessy, Shane Purcell (captain), Ciara Hackett, Shane Nolan, Michael Cummins, Kevin Johnston, Liam McGrath, Ray Moore, Patrick Nolan.

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The Holycross-Ballycahill panel that won the Mid under-12 'B' football title by defeating Drom-Inch in the final at Pairc na nÓg, Thurles. Back row (l to r) – Thomas Fitzpatrick, David Fanning, Mark Gorman, Philip Kennedy, James King, Darren Ryan, Stephen Ryan (captain), Michael Carr, Liam Ryan, James Dunne, Conor Morrissey, Pierce Stakelum, James Kennedy. Front row – Shane Carroll, Eoin Burke, James Ruff, Edward Ryan, Seán Comerford, Justin Shelly, Daniel Fennessy, Tomás Comerford, Liam Dwan, Gerard Cronin, Edward Kennedy, Daniel Quirke.



Upperchurch NS 'A' team, 1999 winners of the Mid Tipperary GAA Primary Schools Table Quiz, photographed with sponsors and organisers, after the quiz at Scoil Ailbhe, Thurles. Included are (front l to r) – Winning team members Matt Ryan, Martin Bourke, Colm Ryan and Eamonn Fogarty. At back – Martin Treacy, secretary Mid Bord na nÓg; Patrick and John Lambe who presented the Canon Lambe Trophy to the winning team on behalf of the Lambe family, Thurles; Maria Morrissey, Co. Senior GAA Board Youth Officer.



Officers of Mid Bord na nÓg photographed with representatives of the competition sponsors at a function at the Park Avenue in December (1999). Included are (seated l to r) – Martin Treacy, secretary Mid Board na nÓg; J.C. Ryan, chairman Mid Bord na nÓg; Michael Bowe, Gerry Spain, and Jimmy Coppinger, competition sponsors. Standing – John O'Donovan, treasurer Mid Senior Board; Frank O'Regan, treasurer Mid Bord na nÓg; Damien Young, captain of the minor hurling panel (1999), who presented medals to championship winning teams at the function; Matty Ryan, vice-chairman Mid Bord na nÓg; Joe Moran, vice-chairman Mid Bord na nÓg.



Lismackin NS – winners of the Mid GAA Primary Schools Table Quiz (2000-01) hosted by Dúrlas Óg Juvenile GAA Club at the Park Avenue House Hotel, Thurles. Seated – Jamie Maxwell, Donal Greed, Stephen Carroll and Nicholas Ryan, all team members. Standing – John Smith, chairman Dúrlas Óg; John McLoughney, Clonakenny; John Lambe, representing the Lambe family, Thurles, sponsors of the winners trophy; Eamonn Greed, Clonakenny; Andy O'Gorman, Mid Board Youth Officer; Jimmy Coppinger, Dúrlas Óg; Michael Burke, chairman Mid Senior Board.

Dúrlas Óg 'B' – Mid under-14 'C' champions and county finalists. Back row (l to r) – Conor Murphy, Keith Stapleton, James Molumby, Paul Kennedy, Morgan Gleeson (captain), Greg Fewer, Patrick Skehan, Ronan Walsh, Mark Ruddy, Muiris O'Sullivan, Ian Maher. Front row – John Maher, Kevin O'Halloran, Stephen Fewer, David Russell, Justin Cleary, Gordon Carey, Paul Doyle, Joseph O'Mahony, Michael Gleeson, Patrick Burke.





Mid Bord na nÓg officers photographed at their Adjourned Convention last year. Seated (l to r) – Martin Treacy, secretary; Fr J. O'Rourke, president; J.C. Ryan, chairman; Mary Butler, Co. Board rep.; Joe Moran, vice-chairman. Standing – Neil Ryan, PRO; Matty Ryan, vice-chairman; Jimmy Coppinger, Co. Board rep.; Frank O'Regan, treasurer.

Chairman of Mid Bord na nÓg, J.C. Ryan, making a presentation to Fr J. O'Rourke, president of Mid Bord na nÓg, in recognition of his thirty years service to the board. Included are (l to r) – Frank O'Regan, treasurer Mid Bord na nÓg; J.C. Ryan; Fr J. O'Rourke; Martin Treacy, secretary Mid Bord na nÓg.



Gortnahoe-Glengoole Juvenile GAA Club delegates receiving the Club of the Year award at the Mid Bord na nÓg Annual Convention at the Park Avenue House. Included are (l to r) – John Coleman, Gortnahoe-Glengoole Juvenile GAA Club; J.C. Ryan, chairman Mid Bord na nÓg; Sean Hickey, Gortnahoe-Glengoole Juvenile GAA Club; Fr J. O'Rourke, president Mid Bord na nÓg.

Boherlahan-Dualla Juvenile GAA Club delegate John Sweeney being presented with the Most Improved Club award at Mid Bord na nÓg's Annual convention at the Park Avenue House. Included in photograph are (l to r) – Frank Morgan, treasurer Mid Bord na nÓg; J.C. Ryan, chairman Mid Bord na nÓg; John Sweeney, Boherlahan-Dualla Juvenile GAA Club; Matty Ryan, vice-chairman Mid Bord na nÓg.



Photograph taken at a Mid Bord na nÓg Juvenile Medals Presentation function at Park Avenue House, Thurles, shows (l to r) – J.C. Ryan, chairman Mid Bord na nÓg; Ciaran Barrett (Holycross-Ballycahill) winner of the Mid under-14 Hurling Skills Competition; Damien Young, captain of this year's Tipperary minor hurling panel, who presented the awards; Kevin O'Dwyer (Holycross-Ballycahill), winner of the Mid under-14 Long Puck competition; Martin Treacy, secretary Mid Bord na nÓg.

Back to Back ... Sarsfields

COUNTY MINOR HURLING TITLES FOR



The Thurles Sarsfields panel that retained the county MHC 'A' title by defeating Killenaule in this year's final at Semple Stadium. Back row (l. to r.): Philip Ryan, Paul Dwyer-Darcy, Conor Lyons, Sean O'Dwyer, John Lillis, Eamonn Gleeson, Philip Hayes, Eamonn Tuohy, Eoin Costello, Barry O'Dwyer, Tony Connolly (captain), Willie Collins, Tristan O'Gorman, Paulie Duggan. Front: David Kennedy, Matty Ryan, James O'Riordan, Tony Ruth, Lee Shanahan, Peadar Graydon, Patrick McCormack, Thomas Callanan, Aidan Dundon, Liam Hickey, David O'Dwyer, James Kennedy.



Photograph taken after the county MHC 'A' final shows (l. to r.): Brendan Wright, representing Tipperary Credit Unions (competition sponsors); Donal Shanahan, vice-chairman Co. Board, presenting the Sean Treacy Cup to Tony Connolly, captain of the winning Thurles Sarsfields team; Con Hogan, chairman Co. Board. Sarsfields defeated Killenaule in the final at Semple Stadium.



Photographed after the county MHC 'A' final are (l. to r.): Donal Shanahan, vice-chairman Co. Board; Tony Ruth (Thurles Sarsfields), receiving the Man of the Match Award from John Quirke, Jeweller, Cahir (sponsor of the award); Con Hogan, chairman Co. Board. In the background (right) is Tony Connolly, captain of the winning Thurles Sarsfields team.



Thurles Sarsfields minor hurling selectors (l. to r.): Denis Maher, Sean Ryan, Leonard Phillips, Ger Corbett (club secretary) and Johnny Enright.

Tony Forrestal Tournament 2000



Tipperary U-14 hurling panel which was defeated by Cork in the Tony Forrestal Tournament at Waterford. Back row (from left): David Kelly, Paul O'Dwyer, Shane Carroll, James McCarthy, Richard McGrath, Colm Campion, James Cody, Paudie Butler (selector), Ian Delaney, Wayne Murphy, James Woodlock, John Coleman, Michael Harding, Darragh Hickey, Thomas O'Brien (selector), Tony Hogan (selector). Front: Maurice Ryan, Niall Quigley, Owen Ryan, David O'Connor, Shane O'Brien, Darragh Egan, Martin McKeogh, Kevin Daly, Daniel Kirby, Sean Hasset (R.I.P.), Declan Mulqueen, Michael Healon, Philip Ryan (selector).

Two-Mile-Borris

hurling heroes of 1900 honoured in August 2000

One hundred years after their deeds brought All-Ireland glory to their village the men of Two-Mile-Borris have had their names carved in stone. The victory of the hurlers of Two-Mile-Borris over London in the 1900 All-Ireland final has been saluted by the parish of Moycarkey-Borris by the erection of a memorial in the village which was unveiled on Saturday evening, August 26th, 2000, by GAA President, Seán McCague and blessed by GAA Patron, Archbishop Dermot Clifford. A crowd of 1,000 attended. It wasn't just the people of the parish who paid tribute to the heroes of a century ago, who followed in the footsteps of their neighbours in Horse and Jockey, champions of 1899, whose achievement was perpetuated by a monument last year. Officials of the GAA at national, provincial, county, divisional and club level were present for the occasion acknowledging by their presence the special place in the 1900 side has in the hearts of their parish ones.

GAA President Seán McCague and Archbishop Dermot Clifford, Patron, headed an impressive gathering of GAA people that also included Donie Nealon, Secretary of the Munster Council; Con Hogan, Chairman of the County Board, Liz Howard P.R.O., do.; Michael Bourke, Mid Board Chairman, Bob Stakelum, President, do.; Matty Connolly, Secretary, do.; John O'Donovan, Treasurer, do.; Liam Ó Donnchú and Seamus King from the Tipperary Communications committee; Moycarkey-Borris club officials, Joe Moran, Chairman; Jim Leahy, President; Pat Flanagan, secretary, do; and John Hackett, Hon. Treasurer, do.; and a galaxy of former stars such as John Doyle, Jimmy Doyle, Pat Stakelum, Mickey Byrne, John O'Grady, Sean McLoughlin, Michael Maher and Mick Roche.

For many of the Two-Mile-Borris Centenary Committee, a sub-committee of the Moycarkey-Borris Club, organisers of the commemoration, it was all the more special in that they were paying due homage to their own relations who were members of the triumphant 1900 team.

It was truly a special occasion with an appreciable blend of pride, emotion and joy. The village was colourfully bedecked to greet visitors arriving for the Celebrated Mass at which His Grace was joined by current and former priests of the parish. Fr. Tadgh Furlong did the introductory rites and club members and relatives participated in the liturgy. In his homily the Archbishop captured the spirit of the occasion with humorous stories underlining the 'dluth bhaint' or very close association, between the church

By Jim Fogarty (Committee Hon. Secretary)

game down the years. He hoped the deeds of the men of 1900 would inspire the youth of the parish to emulate their feats. It was a theme which was central to the addresses of speakers at the unveiling which followed the Mass. Here, after the Seán Treacy Pipe Band paraded the congregation to the site of the centenary memorial.

Liam Hennessy, chairman of the local centenary committee, welcomed the many visitors, spoke of the contribution of the parish to the GAA down the years and hoped this and future generations would follow in the footsteps of those people. He proudly recalled too that this parish has been well to the forefront of the association since it was founded a few miles down the road in Thurles in 1884 and the Moycarkey and Two-Mile-Borris club is still one of the leading clubs in the county in many respects. Prior to 1900 some famous names adorned the parish scroll such as that of Tom O'Grady, the first captain of the Moycarkey club, Tim Condon who led Horse & Jockey to the 1899 All-Ireland success, commemorated with a fine memorial in that village twelve months previously.

The Two-Mile-Borris win of 1900 saw the culmination of three hurling titles back to back for teams from the parish - Tubberadora (then in the parish) in 1898 and Horse & Jockey in 1899. This parish has contributed generously to Tipperary Gaeldom and the GAA since the foundation. On the first All-Ireland winning hurling team of 1887, the Thurles selection, seven locals played, including Tommy Healy of Coolcroo the goal scorer, thereby creating an immortal niche for himself in Gaelic games lore. He was also the first captain of a Borris hurling side.

He continued "the teams honoured by this memorial, 35 heroes, all listed on the plaque. We have the local team who won the county Tipperary championship, giving them the right to select to select the county side; then the Borris led selection, Munster and National winners. The latter side contained three of the best known captains of that and many an other era. Ned Hayes the Two-Mile-Borris leader brought them to county honours in 1900, 1903 and 1905 and a Mid title in 1910. He captained them to win the Munster and All-Ireland double in 1900 and the winning Cuffe Shield and Railway Shield teams. Mikey Maher captained Tubberadora to three All-Ireland crowns and in all won five All-Ireland medals, an honour he shares with his colleague Johnny Walsh. The third outstanding captain was Tom Semple of the renowned Thurles Blues, a man to captain six county championships and added two more All-Ireland medals when he led Thurles in 1906 and 1908. After his playing days were over he became an administrator at many levels and his name is perpetually remembered when Thurles Sportsfield was renamed Semple Stadium.

The 1900 victory of Two-Mile-Borris set the seeds for more parish success in the following years, although they must have regretted that standing by certain principals, they could possibly have won at least two more All-Ireland titles. But they were men of resolve and principal and we must admire them for that too".

Liam added that on this joyous occasion they remembered and pay tribute to a football team, old allies of the Borris hurlers, the Clonmel Shamrocks who on that same day also defeated a London-Irish selection to win the football title and give Tipperary the hurling - football double for the second time.

When Ned Hayes decided to call it a



G.A.A. President, Seán McCague, unveils the monument watched by Centenary Committee Chairman, Liam Hennessy.

day, another great leader took his mantle that of Jimmy Bourke of Rathcunnikeen, whose career lasted twelve years in which he won All-Ireland medals in 1906 and 1908. He was twice captain of teams that won the Cuffe Shield. Sharing in the successes too was the great Paddy Maher (best) hurler and athlete and the Gleasons of Horse & Jockey.

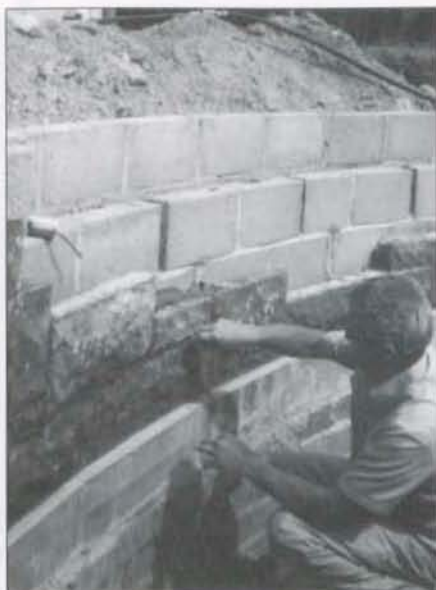
And so a great hurling tradition continued throughout the parish – after Jimmy Bourke another famous name was to make an impact on parish and county hurling, that of John Joe Hayes of Ballyerk, winner of an All-Ireland medal in 1925 and honoured as a member of the Irish team in the Tailteann games the previous year. Then right through the following decades great names, even household names, wherever Gaelic games were discussed, were to adorn our parish's hurling tradition – the Purcells of Littleton, the Ryans of Ballybeg right down to one of our most colourful characters of the recent past John Flanagan, All-Ireland medal winner in 1971. During the period from 1900 to 1971 forty one gold Celtic Crosses came to parish players. The club has the distinct honour of being the only club in Ireland to have won their respective county senior titles in jubilee year of 1934 and centenary year of 1984. A record we are most proud of. Inspired history to motivate any youths of a future generation to try and emulate.

There were tributes too from Centenary Committee President Tommy Cantwell, who spoke of his first hand remembrance of some of the old players including the captain Ned Hayes, a neighbour of his and of their time, and club chairman, Joe Moran, who stressed the key rôle of the GAA in the life of the parish and point led to the challenge of the youth of the parish to draw inspiration from the men of 1900.

Jimmy Fogarty, committee secretary and editor of a highly acclaimed centenary booklet, traced the history of the area and its sportsmen, including its athletes made famous by the Coolcroo club, founded by the Healy and Kennedy families and had special mention for Tomás Coman the parish's first Olympian who competed with the Irish team at the Sydney Olympics.

Other fine tributes were paid by Con Hogan, Co. Chairman, in a wide ranging address and Michael Bourke the Mid Board chairman, both of whom congratulated and praised the local committee.

The GAA President Seán McCague was delighted to be present for the occasion and to hear of the achievements of the Two-Mile-Borris hurlers. He told the youth of the parish that they need look no further than to the men of the period for their heroes and hoped they would be inspired to following their footsteps. The monument was then unveiled by Seán McCague and blessed by Archbishop Clifford and the Seán Treacy Pipe Band played the National Anthem to conclude



Jerome Lennon, Clonmel, stonemason at work on monument.

part one of the celebrations.

A great evening for the village of Two-Mile-Borris concluded with a reception in the school hosted by the committee, many friendships were renewed and tales of hurling gallantly recalled. It was early on Sunday morning when many of the guests got homeward bound.

A number of relatives of the players attended including Ann Ryan, daughter of Tom Healy, the club's first captain and All-Ireland hero of 1887, The Hackett, Gleeson, Bowe, Hayes, Healy, Kennedy, Leahy, Maher, Meaney, O'Keefe, Purcell, Ryan, Semple, Fanning, Treacy and Walsh families.

Also present were John McCann and Tom O'Doherty from Ardahan, Co. Galway, the defeated home finalists of 1900.

The idea of erecting a memorial to this very special team, who with Clonmel Shamrocks (football) brought the All-Ireland double to the county one hundred years ago at the dawn of a new century, started in October 1999 when a sub committee of the Moycarkey-Borris club was formed for the purpose of completing the

The officers and committee elected were: President: Tommy Cantwell; Vice-Presidents: Rev. R. Ryan, P.P.; T. Furlong C.C.; Rev. D. O'Gorman, C.C.; Paddy Bourke; Chairman: Liam Hennessy; Vice-Chairmen: Patsy Henneberry and Paddy Coman; Secretary: Jimmy Fogarty; Assistant Secretary: Billy Lanigan, P.R.O.; Gerry Bowe; Joint Treasurers: Tommy Healy and Liam Hackett. Committee: Joe Moran, Pat Flanagan, John Hackett, Conor Kennedy, John Carey, Tom Kelly, Thomas Cussen, Tim Kelly, Eamonn Power, Harry Ryan, Denis Kennedy, Enda Bourke, Paddy Cussen, Johnny Ryan, John Mullaney, Helena Mullaney, Robert Hayes, Richard Ryan, John Coman, John Egan, John Ryan, Dick O'Connell, Sean Corcoran, T.K. Dwyer, Donal Hayes, John Hayes. It is interesting to note that a number of the committee are direct relatives of the 1900 team.

Meetings were held fortnightly and were well attended which showed the great interest and local pride in the project. The total cost of the monument and other expenses will be £15,000 and so far £12,000 has been collected which includes a grant of £1,000 from the North Tipperary Co. Council Millennium Grants Committee. Fund raising activities included a Christmas raffle, table quiz and race night with the latter the main fundraiser.

The impressive monument in the centre of the village on a site procured from John and Mary Kelly was given out on contract to Stone Development Ltd., Carlow, one of the leading builders of such in the country and the actual work done by well-known stonemason, Mr. Jerome Lennon from Clonmel.

It will act as a lasting memorial to a very special bunch of hurlers led by a famous captain, Ned Hayes of the Turnpike and is all the more important as the event coincides with his millennium year.

A limited number of the souvenir booklets and videos are available from Liam Hackett and Enda Bourke, Two-Mile-Borris, Thurles.



Two-Mile-Borris All-Ireland Centenary Committee 2000

Front row (l. to r.): Billy Lanigan, Enda Bourke, Paddy Coman, Tommy Healy, Liam Hackett, Liam Hennessy, Jimmy Fogarty, Tommy Cantwell, John Coman, Gerry Bowe. Middle: Harry Ryan, Paddy Cussen, Donal Hayes, Thomas Cussen, Richard Ryan, Tom Kelly, Denis Kennedy, Fr. D. O'Gorman, John Carey, Eamon Power, John Hackett, Fr. T. Furlong. Back: John Egan, Paddy Bourke, Conor Kennedy, Seamus Bourke, Patsy Henneberry, Sean Corcoran, Robert Hayes, Tim Kelly.



Durlas Óg come of age 1979 - 2000

By Noel Dundon (Tipperary Star)

Durlas Óg, the juvenile GAA club in Thurles celebrated 21 years in existence in style when a gala dinner dance was held in the Premier Ballroom in February.

Over 350 past players, administrators and their wives and partners attended the function which had a photographic exhibition as one of its main features. Pictures ranging from the late 1970's to the late 1990's were on display in the hall and helped to rekindle memories of incidents, games and colleagues long forgotten about.

Another feature of the evening of celebration was the presentation made to long serving club President Pat Stakelum who has been one of the main driving forces behind Durlas Óg since the club's inception. A Holycross native, Pat took Durlas Óg under his wing and has been one of the men steering the club to where it is today – on top of the pile in the Premier County.

Special guest of honour was former President of the GAA and current President of the Tipperary County GAA Board Seamus Ó Riain, who spoke about the need to promote Gaelic Games amongst the young people.

The Chairman of Durlas Óg, Mr. John Smith, paid tribute to all those players who wore the famous red and white jersey as well as all those



Photograph taken at the function at the Premier Hall, Thurles, to commemorate the 21st Anniversary of Durlas Óg GAA Club shows (l. to r.): Phyllis Kennedy, treasurer, Durlas Óg, making a presentation to Mrs Nancy Stakelum; Pat Stakelum, president of Durlas Óg, receiving a presentation from Seamus Ó Riain, former president of the GAA and current president of Co. Tipperary GAA Board; John Smith, chairman of Durlas Óg. The presentation was made to Pat to commemorate the 50th anniversary of his captaincy of the Tipperary All-Ireland team of 1949.

responsible for training teams and looking after club affairs throughout the two decades of activities.

Durlas Óg has been responsible for nurturing a love of Gaelic Games amongst the young boys of Thurles for twenty-one years now. The work is ongoing, the chairman said, and he encouraged people who were interested in giving a hand out to come along.

MC for the night was Jimmy Duggan, another driving force in the club and a man who scaled the heights with Tipperary as a goalkeep-

er of note. A number of letters of congratulations were read to the attendance from people who could not be present. One such letter came from Brother Lombard, a founding member of the club.

The role of the Christian Brothers in the formation of the club and that of Michael Murphy were also highly commended. Without the work of either, the club would hardly have been formed.

The President Pat Stakelum was surprised to hear that he was being honoured. Durlas Óg was very dear to his heart, he said, and he promised to cherish his presentation forever.

History will recall that Durlas Óg celebrated their 21st anniversary in style in 2000. What it will not recall is how much satisfaction each and every individual present actually received. Nostalgic trips down memory lane, recalling events during games, remembering the Saturday morning leagues and the goals scored with the tennis balls were all part of an evening that was so special for the Durlas Óg club and the people involved.

The whole event was enhanced by the spectacular collection of photographs.

Congrats Durlas Óg on coming of age.



President of Durlas Óg, Pat Stakelum, blows out the candles at the club's 21st anniversary function at the Premier Hall, Thurles.

Gortnahoe Glengoose Juvenile GAA Club

2000 A Historic year

Following the great success of 1999, where our club made history by winning the U-14B hurling Co. Final, for the first time and also for the first time being awarded Mid Club of the Year, we didn't think it possible to repeat it in 2000. But repeat it we did, have a wonderful year by any standards.

Our U-12 Footballers got 2000 off to a winning start by winning the Mid B Final over Boherlahan/Dualla, before going down in the Co. Semi Final to Annacarty in a great game.

After a good mid championship our U-14B hurlers qualified for the Mid Final where their opponents were Boherlahan/Dualla. The Final was played at Dr Morris Park, and on a perfect evening for hurling Gortnahoe/Glengoose claimed their second Mid Final in a row in a score line of 2-14 to 0-6. In the Co. Semi Final Played at Clonoulty, we overcame at strong Golden side in a great game.

The Co. Final was played at Templederry where Ballina, the North Champions provided the opposition. The first half was close and Gortnahoe/Glengoose trailed by one point at half time. Early in the second half a cracking goal by John Coleman brought us back into the game. At the three quarter stage we were well in control thanks to some great points from Mark Dwyer and a Keith Dwyer goal. Ballina rallied late but by this stage Gortnahoe/Glengoose were to far ahead, and ran out winners by 2-12 to 1-6. Amid scenes of jubilation, captain Kenneth Hickey took the trophy back to the Slieveardagh's for the second year making it a historic U-14 back to back Co. Title.

The U-14 B Footballers determined to make up for last year put in some good performances and qualified for the mid final, where their opponents were Drom and Inch. The final played at Ballycahill saw Gortnahoe-Glengoose win by 3-8 to 2-2 in a good game of Football.

The Co Semi Final was not played until October for various reasons, but it was well worth the wait and produced a brilliant game of football. Our opponents Knockavilla-Donaskeigh had a narrow lead at half time, but with the wind at our backs in the second half we eventually overcame the lads from the west by 2-8 to 2-3.

The Co. Final was played in the Ragg in mid October against Kilruane McDonagh's and proved to be a game of 2 halves. The first half belonged to Gortnahoe-Glengoose and we led by 1-3 to 0-1 at half time having missed many chances with the aid of a stiff breeze. Kilruane had by far the best of the second half and two minutes into injury time led by a point, but the never say die attitude of Gortnahoe came to the fore at this stage and Jeff Brennan scored a great equalising point in the dying seconds.

The replay was played in Templederry two weeks later on the 19th November. In the first half Gortnahoe played against a strong breeze, and they were all square at half time 0-2 each. Gortnahoe got off to a good start in the second half with two early points. Then Steven Holohan crashed the ball to the back of the kilruane net from 25 yards, and despite a late rally by Kilruane we won by 1-7 to 0-3. John Coleman who played a captain's part throughout the match accepted the trophy on behalf of his proud team mates, and so brought the curtain down on a historic and proud year for the parish of Gortnahoe-Glengoose.

The future of hurling and football looks bright in the parish of Gortnahoe-Glengoose thanks to the hard work and determination of the officer, selectors, and mentors of this club, and last but not least every player who came to the field from U-10 to U-16 for training, and the support we received from their parents and supporters alike.



The Gortnahoe-Glengoose panel that won the Mid Tipperary under-12 'C' football title by defeating Boherlahan-Dualla in the final at Páirc na nÓg. Back row (l. to r.) – Eamonn Purcell, Ger O'Keeffe, William Coleman (selectors). Middle row – T.J. Lanigan, Noel Guilfoyle, Gareth Stapleton, Jimmy Corcoran, Stuart Hanrahan, John Dunne, Anthony Morris, Thomas O'Keeffe, Declan Curran, Michael Treacy, James Stokes, Brian Purcell, Tony Duggan, Cormac Ryan. Front row – Jamie Walsh, Patricia Houlihan, Damien Treacy, David Dunne, Paul Ryan, Micheál Houlihan, Richard Purcell, Ciara Heffernan (captain), Colm Guilfoyle, Liam Fogarty, Dermot Lahart.



Gortnahoe-Glengoose Mid and County U-14 B champions (football) – James Brennan (selector), Shane Hanrahan, Nigel O'Gorman, Shane Long, John Colman (Capt), Kenneth Hickey, Adrian Kilcourse, Jeff Brennan, Sean Lahart, Ger O'Keeffe (chairman), Noel Guilfoyle, Mark Dwyer, Brendan Corbett, William Colman, Conor Guilfoyle, Nichola Purcell, Tommy Duggan, John Colman (selector), Leonard Stanley (trainer). Front row – Wayne Corbett, Thomas O'Keeffe, Steven Holohan, Michael Burnaville, Brian Purcell, Keith Dwyer, Kevin Maher, James McGary, Michael Treacy, Anthony Morris, James Stokes, Michael Holohan, William Lahart, Michael Phelan, Ciara Heffernan, Deirdre Dunne.



Gortnahoe-Glengoose Mid and County U-14 B champions 2000 (hurling) – Back row – Leonard Stanley (selector), James McGarry, Sean Hickey (selector), Brendan Moriarty, Sean Lahart, Ger O'Keeffe (chairman), Michael Phelan, John Colman, Jeff Brennan, Kevin Maher, Adriann Kilcourse, Shane Long, Kenneth Hickey (capt), Mark Dwyer, Nigel O'Gorman, Nichola Purcell, Shane Hanrahan, Brendan Teehan (selector). Front row – William Lahart, Wayne Corbett, Michael Tracey, Brendan Corbett, Brian Purcell, Steven Holohan, Keith Dwyer, Thomas O'Keeffe, James Stokes, Anthony Morris, Deidre Dunne, Michael Burnaville, Michael Holohan, Kevin Slattery (selector). Front row – Kevin Slattery jr. (mascot).

The Forum for Women in Gaelic Games



President Mary McAleese is greeted by Liz Howard who chaired the 'Forum for Women in Gaelic Games', in the centre is Joe McDonagh, then the President of the G.A.A.

The Increased Participation Workgroup put in place by Joe McDonagh when he assumed office as Uachtarán C.L.G. held a 'Forum for Women in Gaelic Games' in January 2000 in the Burlington Hotel, Dublin. The forum was attended by over 300 delegates from the G.A.A., Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael, Cumann Peil na mBan, Handball and Rounders. There were a number of overseas delegates. The Forum was considered to be an effective method of consultation and discussion to achieve the following objectives:-

- The examination of the particular advantages of the knowledge, skills, and values that women can bring to all areas of operation within Gaelic Games.

- The exploration of options for a strategic approach to increase the involvement of women in Gaelic Games at all levels and in all functions and roles.

- The gathering of information from participants in relation to concerns, difficulties, opportunities and ideas for greater involvement of women.

In order to meet the objectives six specific workshops were held – Coaching, Refereeing, Administration, Youth and Community, Sponsorship and the Alliance of Cumann Camogaíochta and Cumann Peil na mBan with the G.A.A. The feedback was thought provoking and positive, showing that women want to be involved at all levels.

There were a number of eminent

speakers, Joe McDonagh, Sean McCague, Fr. Liam Ryan – Professor of Sociology, N.U.I. Maynooth, who spoke on 'Women in Sport and Society', Debbie Massey – Manager Croke Park, 'Women in the G.A.A.', Sue Slocombe O.B.E., Consultant in Sport, Business and Education, 'Breaking through the Glass Ceiling', Helen O'Rourke Árd Stúirthóir Cumann Peil na mBan who presented the feedback from the workshops. The Forum was chaired by Liz Howard, Chairperson of the Increased Participation Workgroup.

President Mary McAleese attended the Gala Dinner that night where her

interest in and love of Gaelic Games was very evident. Liz Howard said 'I see the Forum for women in Gaelic Games as an exciting and important development. However, it is only a starting point, the follow on from the Forum is vital if women are to increase their active role in all areas of the Association. Society is changing rapidly, young women today rightly expect true equality. The G.A.A. must remove the barriers to allow women to enter all roles within the Association, such as coaching, refereeing, team management as officership at levels. Joe McDonagh has helped light the flame for this initiative and incoming president Sean McCague gave his commitment when he said 'for far too long, we in the G.A.A. have ignored 50% of the population'.

The Increased Participation Committee 1997-2000: Liz Howard, chairperson; Tom Ó Néill, Carlow; John Heaphy, Monaghan; Noreen Doherty, Donegal; Brendan Gilmore, Longford; Sean Feeney, Mayo; Sandra Marsh, Limerick; Noreen Lynch, Limerick, Síle Wallace, Camogie Association; Helen O'Rourke, Ladies Gaelic Football Association; Bridín Ní Mhaolagáin, Ladies Handball; Phil Power, Wicklow; Debbie Massey, G.A.A. Croke Park.



"Maria meets Mary", Maria Morrissey, who facilitated the "Youth Workshop" at "The Forum for Women in Gaelic Games"; in the centre is Phyllis Breslin, the then President of the Camogie Association.

NEW YORK TIPPS RETAIN CROWN

Tipperary 3-16
Limerick 1-17

Tipperary retained their New York hurling crown with a hard fought victory over arch-rivals Limerick, in a high scoring game at Gaelic Park.

In what was an identical final lineup as 1998 and '99, when these two teams faced off, it was stunning Kevin Kennedy hat-trick for Tipperary that, in effect, eventually killed off any hopes Limerick had of claiming revenge over the side that stole their title the previous year.

Kennedy, the former Toomevara star, however, was not the sole star of the show. Indeed, there were phenomenal performances from his clubmates Jimmy Lyons and Liam Cahill.

Throughout the first 35 minutes, the lead changed hands on numerous occasions, with Limerick's scoring machine, Dave Simms, matching Cahill point for point. With further efforts from Tom Simms, James Butler and Callaghan McCarthy, Limerick looked good for a half-time lead. It was Tipp's goalkeeper, Ian Duggan, who made a number of fabulous saves to deny Dave Simms and Butler goals before the break, and approaching the interval, it was Kevin Kennedy's first goal that separated the sides.

SPECIAL K

After the break, both sides battled wearily on through the dreadful weather conditions. As a mixture of snow, rain and sleet fell on the park's surface, the hurlers from both sides seemed barely to notice. The temperatures dropped to Arctic like conditions, but the pace of the game kept momentum. Declan O'Meara, Cahill and veteran John Madden continued scoring for Tipp, but the livewire Dave Simms could not be stopped.

Limerick fought bravely on, coming right back into the game, but it was "Special K", Kevin Kennedy, who once again stole the limelight with two more goals to the delight of the hardy Tipperary support. Limerick continued to press forward, but with time running out it was clearly not to be their day. Tipp marched on to collect their 23rd New York hurling championship.

Tipperary: Ian Duggan, Jimmy Lyons, Tomás Keane, Noel Morris, Owen Cummins, Alan Slattery, John Madden (0-1), Mark Comerford (0-1), Mark O'Leary (0-3), Mike Kennedy, Damien Sheehan, Liam Cahill (0-9), Kevin Kennedy (3-1). *Subs:* Paul Hogan, Donal Cummins, Willie Hackett, Robbie Quinlan, Jack O'Donnell, Ray Duggan, Conor Dorrian, Mike Carey, Declan O'Meara (0-1).



Kevin Kennedy
Tipperary

Limerick: Finbarr Flood, Barry Fitzgerald, Philip Wickham, John Riordan, Ollie Moran, Sean Óg Ó Hailpín, Eamonn Shields, James McSweeney, Tom Simms, James Moran, Dave Simms, James Butler, Tadhg O'Callaghan. *Subs:* Callaghan McCarthy, William Joyce, Tony Burns, James O'Donnell, Mark Landers, Morgan Burns.

Co Tipperary GAA Club Golf Championship

The 2nd GAA Club championship of Tipperary was held in conjunction with the Golf Classic on August 11th and 12th, 2000, in Callan Golf Club.

Once again it was a great success and 50 teams representing GAA clubs from all over the County took part. It was once again organised by The Friends of Ballingarry GAA and the proceeds went to providing playing facilities for the youth of our Parish.

The teams were playing for a magnificent Perpetual trophy presented to the Committee by ESSO teo and is called "The ESSO Babs Keating Trophy".

It was specially commissioned and handcrafted by Tipperary Crystal, Carrick-on-Suir. It is a most appropriate trophy as it contains a caman and a sliotar facing a golf club and a golf ball in glass, mounted on an inverted crystal bowl, inscribed "Babs Keating County Golf championship sponsored by ESSO" and all mounted on a mahogany base.

Many well known hurlers took part in



Photograph shows Bill Martin, Chairman of the "Friends" presenting the Trophy to the winning Captain Colm Duggan with from left John Cahill, Chairman of Ballingarry GAA Club, Richard Kealy, Ambrose Martin and Thomas Duggan.

the competition including Michael Maher, the famous full back, Tommy Dunne, Captain of the Tipperary Senior Team, Michael Cleary, Nenagh of recent Camogie fame, Brian Horgan Knockavilla and Paul Flynn of Waterford plus many others.

The winning Co. Champions of 2000 was a team representing Ballingarry

Gaels, Captained by Colm Duggan, with Thomas Duggan, Ambrose Martin and Richard Kealy. Runners up were the holders, St Patrick's, Drangan/Cloneen.

The Championship will be played in 2001 on August 10th and 11th and the organisers hope that all the GAA clubs in the county will be represented.

Brendan Cummins

..... talking to Liz Howard

Which jersey has the highest sales in the Tipperary G.A.A. Merchandise shop? The gold jersey with No. 1 on the back. The jersey worn by Brendan Cummins. Brendan has a loyal and dedicated following. Youngsters swarm around him at training and after matches. He takes time to chat, sign autographs and have photographs taken.

A dual Tipperary player, Brendan has played at Minor, U/21 and Senior level in both hurling and football. A forward in football, he suffered a serious leg injury in 1998 which has curtailed his participation at inter-county level. In the hurling championship 2000, Brendan Cummins had an outstanding season.

Now a committee member of the G.P.A., I met Brendan to talk about his career hurling in general, football, the G.A.A., the G.P.A. and his recent move to Ark Life. Passionate about his sport, articulate and concerned about the future of hurling, Brendan Cummins is a young man who wants players in every county to be treated well. He is decisive and will not be a pawn for anyone. He respects the G.A.A., but feels that some people at the higher level are not in touch with players. He sees the G.P.A. as a body which has the potential to be a strong, independent and influential force for good. He doesn't want conflict rather consultation, and a better appreciation of where players are at.

A most reasonable and personable man, an excellent role model for any young player, Brendan spoke with passion about the games he plays so well.

Q. The Championship 2000, a case of near and yet so far?

A. We started the year with high expectations. We figured that we would want to do well in the League, with so many young fellows coming in. The championship draw made us focus clearly, Waterford, Clare and then either Limerick or Cork. We knew that the training would be tough. That hardened us before we even started training. We grew together as a team, knowing what was ahead. We had a wicked bad league final, but a meeting after that sorted things out. Personally I thought we'd win an All-Ireland after that. Something of the traditional Tipperary spirit was evident in the

players. We beat Waterford, even though we didn't play well. Against Clare, we performed way above even our own expectations on the day. Having said that, when it came to playing Cork, we seemed to live a lot on the memory of the Clare game. Things which we did well against Clare we didn't do right against Cork. Young players really didn't realise what a Munster Final occasion was really like. The expectations, the tension, maybe it got to the players, even though Nicky had warned us and prepared us very well for the game. A Munster final is always a daunting task for so many of the team. But it's a case of what each player learns from that experience.

Q. Tipperary played more direct hurling against Waterford and Clare. Why the change against Cork?

A. We probably treated the Munster final more like an exhibition game, we were there to entertain. We hurled with Cork, we didn't show the bite, determination or killer instinct which was there against Clare.

Q. Was the 'Back Door' a factor, was it a case of well, we'll have another chance?

A. No, I think it was inexperience. The build up was very pressurised, much worse than it was coming up to the All-Ireland in '97. I remember, in Templemore looking at some of the lads, they were too keyed up. To tell the truth, so was I. It was a new environment, huge expectations against All-Ireland champions. Too many wides, 19 in all, but we also conceded 23 points.

Q. Talk to me about Galway, and the Quarter-Final.

A. No bit of luck at all on the day. I got a belt on the head, Eamonn Corcoran, who was playing well got injured, then Johnny (Leahy) who had come into the game went over on his ankle. The smaller pitch didn't suit us, it was a strange sensation, like playing on a construction site. It was a disappointing end, but that evening we had to start thinking about 2001.

Q. Is the present panel good enough to win an All-Ireland?

A. We have a lot of skilful players but



'Brendan, The Clubman'. Taken prior to Ballybacon-Grange v Newport Intermediate Co. Semi-final.

I think we'll probably have to inject a few big men or tougher men, who will help the small fellows. If the hurling championship was run on a skill only basis, Tipp would do really well, but the way the game is gone now, it's the tough physical presence and big men who make the real impact. Tipp will always produce skilful hurlers, but it's now going on ten years since we won an All-Ireland. We are now way down the line in terms of recent success - Clare, Offaly, Wexford, Cork and Kilkenny are ahead. We have to work our way up, we are nearly there, but that isn't enough.

Q. What do we have to do to get to the top?

A. We have gone for the fellows with skill to the exclusion of hard grafters. Probably the fellows who hold the hurley wrong are left out. If Ollie Baker and Colin Lynch were in Tipperary they'd be lost. In

Tipp, we'll have to look at things differently. The skilful player gets several chances, the slightly awkward, hard grafter gets only one. The type of fellow who was heart and toughness does the spade work for the artist. Donie O'Connell, Bobby Ryan, Big Bonnar did it for Nicky and Pat Fox. Sean Maher in my own club is a case in point, not the fanciest player but a great hard worker.'

Q. What about the Back Door system, is it an attractive element of the Championship?

A. No, my ideal championship would be an open draw, two games series i.e. Tipperary play Clare in Ennis. If Tipp win by two points, they start the second game, two points up on the scoreboard. The winner progresses to the next round. The training now has players at such a level of fitness and yet a team can be gone after 70 minutes. That way, at least a team will have two games.

Q. Has training changed?

A. Yes, in Babs' era the emphasis was on skill and fitness, hurling won out. The Clare changed the trend and the emphasis was on physical fitness and endurance. Everyone had to follow suit. However, players will have a shorter career, no human body can endure that intense physical punishment.

Q. Clare, again in 2001, what do you anticipate?

A. A backlash, a serious one. But I think the playing pitch (no pun intended) will be more level in 2001. In 1997, they beat us twice, in 1999 the draw and then they hammered us. Then this year, we hammered them which was the first they suffered. So, Cyril Lyons won't have to motivate any Clare man, they'll want to get back at us.

Q. You won the All Star?

A. It is a nice recognition, but in the grand scheme of things it's way down the list of priorities. I'd hate to be remembered as the Tipperary goalkeeper who won an All-Star, but no All-Ireland. The All Stars Awards banquet is a lovely occasion, meeting hurlers and footballers from other counties. I wouldn't say no to one, but I think that All Star Awards given too soon can ruin players, give them inflated ideas about their ability.

Q. We'll turn to football, will you play with Tipp again?

A. Yes, I intend to return this coming Spring.

Q. Is there a conflict of interests when you play both at inter-county level?

A. There could be but that hasn't happened to me, football has been



Tipperary goalkeeper, Brendan Cummins (right), about to clear his lines during the Munster senior hurling championship. Also included is Paul Flynn (W).

good to me, but the mentors know that hurling is number one. If you're honest the selectors accept that. Football can survive without Brendan Cummins! At present the team is in process of building from scratch. I wish the new Manager Tom McGlinchey good luck.

Q. Who influenced you in both hurling and football?

A. John Troy in the Minor All-Ireland of 1989, I was on the Canal End and couldn't take my eyes off him. He was so relaxed and so competent. I wanted to be like him. Then watching Ken Hogan and Jodie Grace, I knew I wanted to be the Tipp senior goalkeeper. My father has always been a major positive influence.

Q. Can I come on the G.P.A. - you are a committee member?

A. So they tell me! I was nominated and elected. I went to a couple of meetings, initially out of curiosity.

Q. What is your agenda?

A. Equality for players right across the board. I wasn't aware of the P.A.G. which is a pity until the G.P.A. was formed. The G.P.A. may not have the power to do anything major, but it has cranked the wheels in Croke Park and made them aware that players are important. For instance, I got a questionnaire from Croke Park recently, over 100 questions to be answered. I gave time to filling it out, suddenly I felt that someone in Croke Park was listening. Perhaps that came as a result of the G.P.A. rattling cages. That is good in itself.

Q. Most people want players to be well looked after. What are the priorities?

A. Well, we are well looked after in Tipp, but the same doesn't apply right across the board. The small things like a gear bag, a tracksuit, a meal for partners should be available, however, not all County Boards can afford that. If there was a central fund, this would be possible. Naturally the more successful players will be more attractive to sponsors. The G.P.A. can influence change but realistically there is no point in conflict with the G.A.A., we are part of that family. At the end of the day, the people at the top of the administrative level in the G.A.A. have to be more conscious of the players. Many are out of touch, they didn't listen to players. When I see the people at Congress, I don't recognise any of them (apart from one or two from Tipp). It appears to be the same group of people year in, year out. How many players attend? None, I'd say.

Q. Would you attend Congress?

A. It would be productive to have players attend and have the opportunity to talk to these people. Yes, I would like to go.

Q. Reading an article in which Dessie Farrell was interviewed, I got the impression that he wanted to be paid. Do you?

A. No, but if I was offered a sponsorship deal, I would accept it.

Q. Do you feel that you could be used by the G.P.A.?



Disappointed senior hurlers Paul Kelly (left) and Paddy O'Brien being consoled by Liz Howard following the Munster SHC final against Cork at Semple Stadium.

- A. No way, I have made it very clear and every decision made must be a democratic one. I wouldn't want my name used because I'm a well known player. I've spoken to Donal O'Neill and told him that I am not against G.A.A. but am interested in progressing issues in a mature and calm way.

Q. Many players have told me that after paying £40, there was no further communication. They were unhappy with the G.P.A.

- A. Yes, that would be a valid point – players made this known. Now a regular newsletter is planned.

Q. Would you be prepared to meet with Jarlath Burns, Chairman of the P.A.G. and Sean McCague?

- A. Yes, if it could be arranged then it would be ideal. We are all the G.A.A. at the end of the day. Some of the journalists have hyped it up also. The perception of conflict adds spice to sports columns. It sells papers. There's news in 'Sean McCague versus the G.P.A.' no great interest in Sean McCague shakes hands with G.P.A. I met the President, Sean McCague, at the Shinty match, and was very impressed with his interaction with the players.

Q. Should the G.P.A. and P.A.G. merge?

- A. Not necessarily, an independent body like the G.P.A. makes people

in Headquarters aware that players are important and have to be part of decisions.

Q. We'll leave the G.P.A. – back to hurling and Internationals, what are your views?

- A. The G.A.A. is exporting one game, football, and killing another. Hurling is now down to six or seven top teams and despite a lot of talk, no one seems to be really worried about that. It is hard to know what to do. Really, it is back to basics and putting money into proper coaching. When I see the passion of hurling people in Down, Antrim and Derry they deserve much more support. The solution is all about a real effort to promote, coach and support hurling in weaker counties. Unless something is done, hurling is in real trouble.

Q. Comment on the standard in Tipp.

- A. Toomevara are way ahead of the rest at senior level, and have been for some time. If you amalgamated six of the weaker clubs they wouldn't beat Toomevara or say, Sixmilebridge. The County Board is conscious of the falling standards and I hope that the new coaching system will pay off. Having said that, many clubs are doing great work. It's back to basics, raise the skill, I can't repeat it often enough. You have to hurl everyday to per-

Q. What about the future, will you get involved in coaching, administration or any aspect?

- A. When I finish hurling (not for a long time) I'll take a break, there are other aspects of life which need attention, like relationships. Not every woman wants to spend her time waiting for a fellow to finish training. At present I couldn't see a wife fitting into my life. You have to have a very understanding person to accept the demands of training and playing matches. It definitely gets in the way of romance.

Q. You have changed jobs recently, tell me about that move.

- A. Recently, I moved to Ark Life, which is part of A.I.B. I always wanted to work in banking and sales. I moved there in August and completed an excellent training course. I love what I'm doing, dealing with people and selling them a good product.

Q. Finally, I know that you have an appointment in Clonmel, we better finish off. Give me your last thoughts for now.

- A. I'd like to thank the many great supporters we have in Tipperary, those outside the county too. Nicky, Ken, Jack and all of us players hope that 2001 will be the year for bringing back the McCarthy Cup.

Tipperary Supporters Club

by Gerry Ryan, P.R.O.



At Tipperary Supporters Club Golf Classic – (l. to r.) – Con Hogan, Co. Chairman; Marty Maher, Gerard Dinneen, Paddy Crowe of the winning team; Nicky English, Senior team manager; Jerry Morrissey accepting the winners prize from Pat Barnes of Bulmers, sponsor of the Golf Classic; James Hanrahan, Louis Fitzgerald and Ger Ryan, Supporters Club officers.

Our Supporters Club year began with our 13th Annual General Meeting that was held on Wednesday 22nd March at The Red Cow Hotel.

The financial statement for the year showed the club had an income of £80,542 which was distributed as follows £57,476 to the Senior Hurling panel, £8,296 to Under-21, Minor and Intermediate panel, £1,890 to the Senior Footballers, £1,335 to the Camogie team. There was a further £1,512 in miscellaneous grants with the administration expenses amounting to £3,741 of which printing and postage amounted to £1,311. When everything was accounted for the club had a surplus of £6,092 to carry over to the next year.

There was also a financial summary presented which accounted for the accumulated income and expenditure since the club was set up in 1986 to date. This showed that in that period The Supporters Club had expended £512,924 on the senior hurling panel.

It would be appropriate to outline the objectives of the club so as members can appreciate what they are. The principal object is to operate as a fund raising body for the purpose of providing equipment, services, and such supports and requirements for the Tipperary Senior Hurling panel as deemed necessary with team management and county Board. To assist with the promotion of GAA activities in Tipperary including awarding any grants or other financial assistance deemed appropriate from time to time.

The Supporters Club acknowledge its supporting and subsidiary role in help-

ing the Tipperary Senior Hurling panel, team management and County Board Executive and liaise closely with all concerned in providing the appropriate level of support and facilities. We keep the Executive of the County Board informed of the Club's activities and provide them with accounts for each accounting period and discuss any ideas or proposals put to the club by the County Board executive.

We have enjoyed a wonderful working relationship with the Tipperary County Board since our club was set up and continue to do so, which is very healthy for Tipperary hurling. The treasurer of the Tipperary Supporters Club is automatically the then treasurer of the County Board as we welcome in her first year to that position Maria Morrissey. It is also appropriate to thank the outgoing treasurer Tom O'Donnell and to say how delighted and lucky the club is that Tom decided to stay on committee and continue in his role with fundraising. The other two new County Board officers chairman, Con Hogan and secretary Michael O'Brien have been tremendous in their support for the club.

The officers of the Supporters Club for the year were chairman, Louis Fitzgerald who has been a committee member since the club was founded which is tremendous dedication to Tipperary hurling. Our secretary is Denis Finn who was indisposed this year and we are delighted to see Denis back in full health and thanks to James Hanrahan who deputised for Denis in his absence. Ger Ryan our Assistant Treasurer is another colossus in the club and has unbelievable dedication to

Tipperary.

The membership and public relations are handled by yours truly and both Ger and myself hail from Templederry a small club that has had a memorable 2000. We have a tremendous committee as well as sub committees who run our three main fundraisers namely Greyhound Meeting, Golf Classic and Membership.

Our Golf Classic was another great success held on one of Ireland's finest golf courses Dundrum we were blessed with sunshine on the day. The winning team with 90 points were 'Marty Masher', Gerard Dinneen, Paddy Crowe and Jerry Morrissey from Bansha they had just one point to spare over the runners up representing Beaumont House, Dublin. The other big winner of the year was Jerry Quinlan from Nenagh who won the star prize in our membership draw V.W. Polo. Saloon car.

The night at the dogs at Thurles Greyhound Stadium on Sunday March 26th was again a great event. There was an auction for a sapling from the Pat Dalton kennels which was knocked down to a syndicate including three of our long serving committee members, Don O'Mahony, Kieran O'Meara and Ailbe O'Connell. They named the dog Premier County and it has enhanced its reputation of being bred in the purple with three runs and three wins already.

The year 2001 will bring us new hope and again the Supporters Club will be there to continue our fundraising and support of Tipperary Hurling. We yearn for that 25th All-Ireland Senior title let's hope we will be writing about it in next year's annual.

Credit Unions County Senior Hurling Championship 2000

By Seamus J. King

Results at a glance:

County final: Semple Stadium, October 15, 2000.

Toomevara 2-10

Thurles Sarsfields 0-11

Referee: Willie Barrett (Ardfinnan).

County semi-final replay: Oct. 8, 2000.

Thurles Sarsfields 1-24

Cappawhite 1-13

Referee: Michael Cahill (Kilruane MacDonaghs).

County semi-finals: Semple Stadium, October 1, 2000.

Toomevara 1-17

Kickhams 2-7

Referee: Tom Lonergan (Kilsheelan).

Thurles Sarsfields 1-10

Cappawhite 0-13

Referee: Michael Cahill (Kilruane MacDonaghs).

County quarter-final: Templemore, September 17, 2000.

Thurles Sarsfields 1-19

Moneygall 0-16

Referee: John Ryan (Cashel King Cormacs).

County quarter-final: The Ragg, September 16, 2000.

Toomevara 3-12

Loughmore-Castleiney 2-7

Referee: Willie Barrett (Ardfinnan).

County quarter-finals: Semple Stadium, September 9, 2000.

Cappawhite 2-15

Ballingarry 1-16

Referee: Willie Clohessy (Drom Inch).

Kickhams 5-11

Carrick Swans 2-13

Referee: John Collins (Templederry).

Toomevara won their second hat-trick of county senior hurling titles in eight years when they defeated Thurles Sarsfields in the final at Semple Stadium by 2-10 to 0-11 on October 15. In doing so they added the first title of the new century to the last one of the old to emulate the achievement of the parish of Moycarkey-Borris, who did the same one hundred years earlier albeit with two different clubs, Horse and Jockey in 1899 and Two-Mile-Borris in 1900.

Toomevara's victory was richly deserved and their superiority on the day was much greater than a margin of



Toomevara captain Terry Dunne hold the Dan Breen Cup aloft following the defeat of Thurles Sarsfields in the county SHC final at Semple Stadium. The victory completed a three-in-a-row for the club.

five points. They played with tremendous composure, went about the task in hand with a cool competence and were never at any time significantly threatened. Thurles Sarsfields did not really perform to their potential on the day and came no way near the impressive performance they produced against Cappawhite in the replayed semi-final.

In fact Sarsfields had played spectacular hurling during the year and none more so than in the mid final. In a very impressive display, especially from a forward line which got vintage performances from Ger O'Grady, Eddie Enright and Lar Corbett, the Blues defeated Loughmore-Castleiney by 1-20 to 3-11 in an exciting final at Semple Stadium on August 27.

On the same day at Clonmel Carrick Swans broke a ten year barren spell when defeating Ballingarry by 1-11 to 1-10 in the south final. Down four points eight minutes into the second half they received a heavy blow with the dismissal of defender, John Brophy. However, they regrouped, rose magnificently to the challenge and had a point to spare when the final whistle sounded.

A week earlier the west final between Cappawhite and Kickhams was played at Golden. Kickhams were defending their title and Cappawhite were looking for their first since 1987. They gave a

brilliant display in the first half and led by ten points at the interval. In the second half they withstood the best efforts of Kickhams and ended their thirteen-year famine by the convincing margin of ten points on a scoreline of 3-17 to 1-13.

The north final, between Toomevara and Moneygall, was the last of the four divisional finals and was played at Nenagh on September 9. In a game that failed to live up to its promise, the vastly experienced county champions proved too good for the young emerging hurlers of Moneygall. In the end the margin of victory was nine points on a scoreline of 3-13 to 1-10.

QUARTER-FINALS

Two quarter-finals were played at Semple Stadium on September 9. The Kickhams-Carrick Swans encounter produced a deluge of goals. Kickhams got four of these in a period of eight minutes between the eleventh and the eighteenth minutes. Before this onslaught Carrick led by four points to one against the wind. However, they recovered well and the sides were level, 4-3 to 2-9 at the interval. The game was won and lost in the third quarter. During this period Kickhams scored seven unanswered points from which Carrick never recovered and that was the margin of victory, 5-11 to 2-13, at the final whistle.

On their performance in the second game Cappawhite just about deserved to beat Ballingarry. They dominated the first quarter, leading by 1-7 to 0-2 at the



John O'Brien (Toomevara), scorer of 2-1, receives the Man of the Match Award from John Quirke, Jeweller, Cahir, following the county SHC final in which Toomevara defeated Thurles Sarsfields.

end of it, and although Ballingarry recovered somewhat, were still in front by 1-11 to 0-7 at the interval. Cappawhite then fell asleep for the opening twenty minutes of the second half. During this time Ballingarry drew level and went ahead by a point. In danger of defeat Cappawhite recovered with a goal by substitute, Sean O'Neill, in the twenty-second minute. They followed up with a point to put a goal between the sides. In the remaining minutes Ballingarry scored twice and Cappawhite once to give the relieved west team a two-points margin of victory on a scoreline of 2-15 to 1-16.

The remaining two quarter-finals were played on the weekend of September 16/17. Toomevara and Loughmore-Castleiney clashed in the Ragg on Saturday. The mid runners-up tore into the game and had they got the breaks the result might have been close to scoring goals. Toomevara recovered and a goal by Paddy O'Brien in the twenty-sixth minute set them up for a half-time lead of 1-6 to 0-3. They copper-fastened their lead with a Michael O'Meara goal three minutes into the second-half and by the end of the third quarter they led by 2-8 to 0-5. Loughmore-Castleiney recovered with a Ned Ryan goal followed by two points to reduce the deficit to four points. But then, as if sensing danger, Paddy O'Brien collected about fifty yards out, raced through a static Loughmore-Castleiney defence to score his second goal and set Toomevara up for victory. In the end they won by 3-12 to 2-7.

The last of the quarter-finals was played at Templemore on Sunday, September 17th. Thurles Sarsfields continued to impress with a vigorous performance against Moneygall. The mid champions got off to a flying start and had 1-3 on the board after seven minutes. Moneygall recovered in the second quarter and were only a goal in arrears at the interval. In very wet conditions Thurles dominated the third

quarter and left no doubt as to the eventual outcome. Any time Moneygall scored Thurles responded and at the final whistle they had a six-point margin on a scoreline of 1-19 to 0-16.

SEMI-FINALS

The two semi-finals were played at Thurles on October 1. First into the fray were Toomevara and Kickhams. Toomevara got off to a smooth start against the breeze and were three points in the lead after five minutes. It seemed as if predictions were on their way to fulfilment. But then Kickhams blasted these predictions out the window with a barrage of three goals. The first by Vincent Kelly was disallowed but two by Richard Horgan and Paul Morrissey put Kickhams into a 2-1 to 0-3 lead after twelve minutes. Unfortunately for Kickhams they didn't build on the scores and Paddy O'Brien's accuracy from frees ensured that Toomevara recovered to lead by 0-11 to 2-4 at the interval. The third quarter was crucial. During this period Toomevara scored 1-6 while Kickhams failed to raise a flag. In the final quarter Kickhams tried hard for the goal that never came and Toomevara were comfortably in front by 1-17 to 2-7 at the final whistle.

The second semi-final was a game that Cappawhite should have won but were lucky to draw in the end. It took a Eugene O'Neill point from a free six minutes into injury time to level the match and give them a second chance against Thurles Sarsfields. But, they should never have found themselves in that situation. Playing with a strong breeze in the first half they opened up a 0-10 to 0-4 lead at the interval which seemed substantial enough in poor scoring conditions. The game remained close during the third quarter during which Sarsfields reduced their deficit to four points. The decisive score came in the eighteenth minute when Matty Dowd scored a fortuitous goal as the ball skidded into the Cappawhite net. The goal gave a mighty lift to Thurles and Cappawhite were put very much on the defensive. In the closing minutes Thurles drew level and went a point ahead before O'Neill got the equaliser for Cappawhite. The final score was 1-10 to 0-13.

The replay was a week later at the same venue. While Cappawhite had played out of their skins in the drawn game it was Sarsfields who turned on the style in the replay. In fact they were such a transformed side they made Cappawhite look pedestrian. They weren't in the same class as the Thurles men and struggled all over the field to find any kind of fluency. Sarsfields raced into the lead in the opening half and were twelve points to three in front after twenty-seven minutes. Cappawhite rallied during the remaining minutes to score four points to Sarsfields' one and



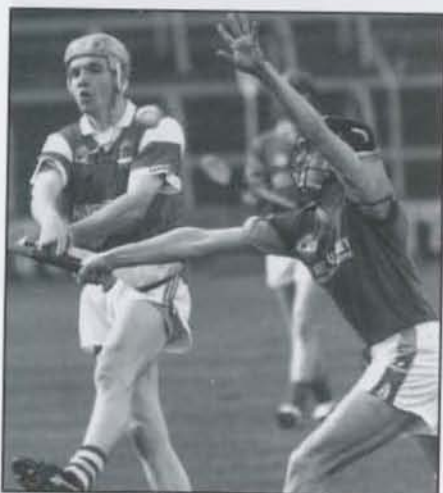
Thurles Sarsfields' Pat Treacy looks on as Brian O'Grady (TS), Michael Bevens (T) and Tommy Maher (TS) tussle for possession during the Co. SHC final at Semple Stadium.

leave the half-time score 0-13 to 0-7. Sarsfields started the second half with three points. Then Cappawhite had a goal from John Ryan after four minutes and there was hope that it might spark a revival. Such was not to be the case. Cappawhite could make no inroads into Sarsfields lead and as the game progressed the chances of a recovery looked less and less possible. In the end Sarsfields went home impressive winners by 1-24 to 1-13 and raised their hopes for the encounter with Toomevara.

CREDIT UNIONS COUNTY FINAL

The final was a very attractive fixture. The sides hadn't met in a final since 1992 when they drew and Toomevara won the replay. In fact during the years 1992 to 1996 Toomevara had won five encounters between the sides. The 1992 victory had set Toomevara on their way to dominating the county championship during the nineties. They were going for their third-in-a-row, their second such achievement during the period. The odds seemed stacked in their favour. In their games to the final they showed a zest and a freshness which indicated that winning hadn't interfered with their hunger for victory. Their side had been strengthened by the introduction of a few fast and skillful forwards like the O'Briens, Bevens, McGrath and Cummins. At the other end they had a very skillful player in Brendan Dunne.

On the Sarsfields side there was hope. Their great performance against Cappawhite in the replayed semi-final was enough to foster such hope. Some of their players, like Gary Mernagh and Brendan Carroll, had stepped up their performances. In the forward line they had players like Larry Corbett, Ger O'Grady and Matty Dowd to match the best of Toomevara. They also had the experience and commitment of Tommy Maher, Cathal McIntyre and the two



Thurles Sarsfields' Lar Corbett gets in his shot on goal despite the efforts of Toomevaras' Ken Dunne during the county SHC final at Semple Stadium.

Enrights. They had a good blend, some fine performances to prove their credentials and a great hunger to break a barren spell stretching back to 1974. On top of everything they had a manager of experience and achievement in Paddy Doyle.

However, it's the day that counts and all the predictions cannot forecast how players and teams perform on the day. In this case Sarsfields did not perform. They struggled during the hour to get the rhythm going. The smart performances they gave on the way to the final were somehow left behind. The individual performances which had been a highlight of their previous games were not delivered. Anything they achieved on the day was done with too much effort and energy. They scored eleven points in the hour, five of these in the last ten minutes when Toomevara were a man short, which contracted with an average of almost twenty points for the seven championship games to the final.

In contrast Toomevara were calm, cool and collected, above all efficient. They came into the game without Eoin Brislane, who was hospitalised on the morning of the match, and Paul McGrath, who was sidelined with a broken thumb. They lost Rory Brislane



Toomevara senior hurling selectors (l to r) - Pa Joe Whelehan, Denis Haverty and Roger Ryan.

second quarter and were in front by 1-6 to 0-2 after twenty-two minutes. Sarsfields were doing a lot of attacking but getting nowhere against a superb Toomevara defence, especially the inner line of George Frend, Rory Brislane and Brendan Dunne. However, in the remaining minutes they came more into the game, scoring three points to one from Toomevara, to leave the half-time score 1-7 to 0-5.

The score did not adequately reflect Toomevara's superiority. They were playing the better hurling, making the more effective moves. They were very good at touching the ball away from

revival in the second half. John O'Brien almost had a Toomevara goal in the third minute but was foiled by an alert Ciaran Carroll. Three minutes later O'Brien scored on his second chance to put Toomevara 2-7 to 0-6 in front. The next ten minutes were scrappy as three players got their marching orders. Sarsfields came more into the game and began to run at the Toomevara backs. With five minutes to go they had reduced the deficit to four points. Try as they might they couldn't get the goal they required. During these final minutes Paddy O'Brien scored a point to give Toomevara their 2-10 to 0-11 victory.

And so Toomevara proved once again that they were the strongest club in the county, with a fine blend of youth and age. They were very well prepared and completely focused on what they were doing. On the other hand Thurles Sarsfields were left to regret their failure to do justice to themselves or to deliver the kind of performance they showed themselves capable of in earlier games.

Scored for Toomevara: John O'Brien 2-1; Paddy O'Brien 0-7; Ken Dunne, Tommy Dunne, 0-1 each. **Scorers for Thurles Sarsfields:** J. Enright 0-4; E. Enright 0-2; Brendan Carroll, Connie Maher, Ger O'Grady, Larry Corbett, Stephen Mason 0-1 each.

Toomevara: John Cottrell, George Frend, Rory Brislane, Brendan Dunne, Philip Shanahan, Tony Delaney, Brian Duff, Terry Dunne (captain), Pádraig Hackett, Ken Dunne, Kevin Cummins, Paddy O'Brien, Mark Bevens, Tommy Dunne, John O'Brien. **Sub:** Michael O'Meara for Kevin Cummins.

Thurles Sarsfields: Ciaran Carroll, Brian O'Grady, Tommy Maher, Gary Mernagh, Pat Treacy, Seamus O'Shea, Cathal McIntyre, Brendan Carroll (captain), Tom Ryan, Larry Corbett, Eddie Enright, Matthew O'Dowd, Ger O'Grady, Johnny Enright, Connie Maher. **Subs:** Stephen Mason for Connie Maher, Tony Ruth for Matty O'Dowd.

Man of the Match Award: John O'Brien (Toomevara).

Referee: Willie Barrett (Ardfinnan).



Thurles Sarsfields senior hurling selectors (l to r) - Tom Barry, Paddy McCormack and Paddy Doyle

and Tommy Dunne in the course of the second half. And yet they had five points to spare at the final whistle. They were, above all else, composed. They were there to do a task and didn't allow the occasion to get to them. They set about winning as they had done in their previous games, doing everything simply, quickly and well. They had all the answers and their victory sets them off at a standard above the rest in the county.

An attendance of 8,500 at Semple Stadium on October 15 were treated to a game which fell far short of expectations. Toomevara opened the scoring with a point but Thurles had a great chance of a goal in the seventh minute. Three minutes later John O'Brien scored a goal for Toomevara from a pass from his brother, Paddy. At the end of the first quarter Toomevara were ahead by 1-3 to 0-2. They continued to dominate the

their opponents, advancing it twenty or third yards with deft touches, when they couldn't get in a full stroke. Overall, they were the more skillful combination.

Whereas the first half was incident free, the second half saw no less than three players get red cards. Referee, Willie Barrett, saw fit to give Tommy Dunne his marching orders ten minutes into the second half as a result of a melee. Five minutes later Sarsfields' Tom Ryan got his red card as a result of a charge on his opponent. And, in the twenty-first minute, Rory Brislane, the Toomevara full-back, got his marching orders as a result of a second yellow card. Three sending-offs might suggest a dirty game but that would be far from the truth. Whereas the game was niggling in spots, the sending-off offences were isolated incidents.

Sarsfields did not continue their

Three-in-a-row for Toomevara

By Niall Williams

The legendary Toomevara Greyhounds, led by the famous Wedger Meagher, won three county Tipperary championships in 1912-13-14. Their feats are recounted in song and story ever since. Their deeds put Toomevara alongside the great hurling clubs in the country, and their renowned speed and dash made the Greyhounds' title very apt.

Although the hurlers of Toomevara won county senior titles subsequently, they never managed to achieve success three years running until the last decade of the millennium – the 90s – when this great feat has been brought off twice – in '92, '93 and '94 and again in the last three years – '98-2000.

Toomevara had lost North Division finals in 1989 and 1990, but the advent of one Pat Joe Whelehan brought about a sea-change in the club's luck and heralded the outstanding achievements of the senior team in the nineties. He, along with Fr. Michael Casey, Jim McDonnell and the late Frankie Ryan, guided the senior to a North title in 1991 and set in train the three-in-a-row county title wins of '92 - '94.

Pat Joe was there at the beginning of the decade and how fitting that he should return again this year, at the end of the decade, to steer, along with Roger Ryan and Dinny Haverty, a new team to another remarkable treble of county senior titles. To win a county senior title in Tipperary is a very difficult painstaking task, but to gain two trebles in ten



Photograph taken after the county S.H.L. final at Templemore shows Tom Ryan, son of the late Johnny Ryan (left), presenting the Johnny Ryan Cup to Terry Dunne, captain of the winning Toomevara team. In centre is Donal Shanahan, vice-chairman of County Board. Toomevara defeated Holycross-Ballycahill in the final.

years is surely an outstanding achievement, indeed, and is a reward for all the effort, dedication, hard work, determination of all the players involved, all the mentors behind the teams, all the people involved in the club committee, both men and women and all the supporters both inside and outside the parish who have contributed in a very large way to this run of success.

The achievements of the '92-'94 team have already been chronicled, so it is only fitting that the present day team have their glories recorded.

The foundations of the present team were laid by the successes of all the under-age teams up to Under-21 level, winning many North and County championships from 1993 onwards. About half of the '92 - '94 team is still there to lend experience for the younger players.

In 1997 Toomevara easily won the North Tipperary senior league and defeated Borris-Ileigh in the North championship final, becoming favourites to annex the county title. Meeting Boherlahan in the county quarter-final and whether through complacency, Boherlahan having been beaten by seventeen points in the Mid final, or the Boherlahan hoodoo, the Greyhounds crashed to an eight points defeat. Toome allowed their rhythm to be upset. However, Toomevara were awarded the Club of the Year title in the North and Tommy Dunne became an All-Star, which helped in some way to soften the huge blow to their pride.

Up to 1998 three county titles, four Divisional titles and six North League titles had been won since 1991. Toome

began the new year of 1998 with the unenviable mantle of hot favourites for the North title hanging over them.

1998

As the league progressed Toome served up some very impressive performances but some questions were posed in their match with Nenagh Éire Óg. They duly won the league again, beating Portroe to win their seventh league title of the decade.

In the first round of the North championship a lacklustre Toome were given a real fright by Borrisokane before a late goal brought victory by two points. Scoreline 2-11 to 1-12.

Short three forwards and hitting eighteen wides might explain the poor display. In the semi-final they crushed Portroe with a commanding display even though short Tommy Dunne and George Frend. A razor sharp attack scored 4-17 to Portroe's 2-6. The North final paired Toome and Nenagh, who produced their best display of the year and toppled the countrymen by 1-11 to 0-11. Toome weren't allowed play with the same sparkle shown in earlier rounds. It was a sweet victory for the townsmen and a psychological blow to the losers ahead of the upcoming county championship.

Spirits had been lowered for the county quarter final against Ballingarry. Toome got a huge fright in the game which provided many anxious moments for them. It was not a vintage performance and the lethargy of the North final was evident at times. They enjoyed most of the play but could not put Ballingarry away.



Bobby O'Dwyer, AIB Nenagh, presents the 'Man of the Match' award to Ken Dunne following his display for Toomevara against Patrickswell in the Munster S.H. Club Championship (2000-01) game at Semple Stadium.



Action from the county S.H.C. final at Semple Stadium between Thurles Sarsfields and Toomevara. Included are (l. to r.): Matthew O'Dowd (Thurles Sarsfields), Rory Brislane (Toomevara), Tony Delaney (Toomevara) and Ger O'Grady (Thurles Sarsfields).

It was time for some hard thinking and the selectors Roger Ryan, Dinny Haverly and Tony Dunne decided to seek outside help and so Tom Ryan, former Limerick manager and All-Ireland medalist with Limerick in 1973, joined the backroom team as manager. His appointment was hailed as a significant boost to Toome's prospects. A further boost was the return of George Frend who had been troubled by injuries all season.

The county semi-final pitted Toomevara against Knockavilla-Kickhams and the scoreline, 4-19 to 0-13 Knockavilla, tells its own story. Kickhams were out-classed as Toome oozed confidence, the defence was resolute and the attack was in sparkling form, the younger players revelling in the vast expanses of Semple Stadium.

The stage was set for a showdown in the county final with Clonoulty-Rossmore – county champions and conquerors of Nenagh Eire Óg, who had overcome Toome in the North final. Would the lighter, faster Northmen be able to stand up to the more physical heavier West side, with no lack of hurling ability, ably led by Declan Ryan.

Fiercely determined to bring the Dan Breen Cup back to Toome, and put an end to the frustration of the previous three years, the Northmen produced the goods on the day and allayed any fears that their youth wouldn't suffice on the day. Resolute defending, midfield industry and some slick forward play inspired Toome to a well deserved victory by 0-16 to 1-10 in a somewhat low key final. It may not have been their best display of the year but there was plenty to admire about their performance which brought the club its fourteenth county title and enabled captain Philip Shanahan to raise aloft the Dan Breen Cup to the resounding cheers of

the many Toome supporters present.

The Greyhounds justified their slight favouritism and were not flattered by their winning margin. They adapted well to the heavy conditions and with their slicker forward play they always looked the more likely to succeed. Clonoulty made a mighty effort but could not match the pace or skill of their rivals. The new-found zest and exuberance of the new champions was a tribute to the inspiring work of Tom Ryan and trainer, Bertie Sherlock.

When the celebrations of victory were over preparations began for the Munster Club semi-final against Blackrock of Cork, which took place in Semple Stadium on Sunday, 22nd November. A two point winning margin – 1-12 to 1-10 in favour of the Greyhounds might suggest a close shave, but in a game that never really took off, and which saw both sides shooting many wides, Toome were always in control and fully entitled to enter the Munster final. The game was redeemed only by the great display of Tommy Dunne, who was the main difference between the sides, scoring 1-6 of his side's total and provoked his colleagues to raise their game and cast off the lethargy which had gripped them earlier.

Toome now looked forward with quiet confidence to their clash with Doora-Barefield of Clare in the Munster Final. They were aiming to regain the crown last won by the club in 1993, but came a cropper to a formidable St. Joseph's side who deserved their four point victory in an absorbing final. As the bonfires blazed in Doora-Barefield, Toome supporters were reflecting on a hard-fought struggle that their side had a chance of winning. Toome supporters agreed that the better team, on the day, had won. The Greyhounds lost no face in defeat but the Clare side were worthy

of their success, for they always maintained a grip on the game and raised their performance when on three occasions the losers came within two points of them. Toome never stopped battling but were always chasing the game after a slow start when they conceded five points without reply. Their fans were hoping that a goal might come at some stage to put the fat in the fire but the Doora defence was rock-solid and the Toome attack lacked the physical strength to pierce it. Another huge factor in their defeat was the absence of top forward, Michael Bevans, before the game, when he damaged a hamstring in training. Every player made a supreme effort but it was not their day when it came to finishing power. Regardless of the defeat, they proved very worthy county champions and representatives of Tipperary.

Scoreline – Doora-Barefield 0-12, Toomevara 0-8.

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Selectors: Roger Ryan, Dinny Haverly, Tony Dunne. **Coach:** Tom Ryan. **Trainer:** Bertie Sherlock. **Masseur:** Ned Murphy.

1999

Having regained the county championship after near misses and unlucky defeats since 1994, the senior hurlers were determined to repeat their success of 1998 and go one better in the Munster Club Championship.

An All-County senior hurling league was inaugurated in 1999 and Toome began their campaign by easily beating Golden. They went on to play Clonoulty-Rossmore, Nenagh Eire Óg, Ballingarry, Boherlahan, Loughmore-Castleiney, Carrick Swans to eventually reach the final with their opponents to be yet again Nenagh. The start of the divisional championships intervened and the league final was deferred.

The North division championship began in May when Toome easily defeated Borrisokane and then accounted for Borris-Ileigh. In the third round a gutsy Kilruane effort resulted in a narrow win for the champions. Kilruane put it up to Toome for most of the game and at one stage looked as if they might snatch a famous victory. Toome weathered the storm and emerged unscathed from a battle they might easily have lost, but in reality always seemed to be one

step ahead of a resilient Kilruane side, who contributed handsomely to an exciting encounter. A worry for Toome was the concession of four goals. Toome progressed further following a hard-fought match with Moneygall, who were in with a chance right up to the closing stages. Moneygall tried their hardest but just could not break down their opponents.

As champions the Toome men were sitting ducks for every team eager to dethrone them and the next team into the fray ready to do their utmost and be the proud conquerors of proud champions was Portroe. What an almighty effort they made – they almost did it – but at the same time it showed how difficult it was to rock the champions from their pedestal.

In the North semi-final a point from a free in the dying minutes gave Portroe equality. A draw was a fitting result to a pulsating game, which had the crowd enthralled, particularly in the second half, when Portroe turned around a six points interval deficit to level without reply from Toome. But the holders, crippled by the loss of seven key players, showed they had no intentions of surrendering their crown and swept back into the lead. Portroe fought back courageously to earn a replay. The result heightened interest and enthusiasm throughout the division and especially in Portroe where confidence was high and at fever pitch. They came within a hairs breadth of dethroning Toome in the replay. Such was their performance and so near did they get in their performance and so near did they get in their quest for a first-ever final place that they deserved the highest praise for their efforts. But Toome, again short many key players, survived because of their commitment and self belief. The standard of hurling may not always have been high but there was no shortage of all-out commitment. With Portroe leading by a point with minutes

left, the Greyhounds secured a somewhat lucky goal and just about survived in a welter of excitement.

Once again the North final would be contested by age-old rivals Toomevara and Nenagh Eire Óg. They had already drawn in the County League but Nenagh were reigning North champions ready and certainly very eager to down the reigning county title-holders. Having escaped against Portroe, Toome were the underdogs but they overpowered the North champions to reverse the '98 result and win their twenty-eighth divisional title. They did it in style, putting on a display of sheer brilliance, complemented with some magnificent scores that contrasted with their performance against Portroe. It was as though the sight of the sky blue jersey was sufficient to raise their hackles, and while playing second fiddle in the first half, they meant business thereafter and left no doubt as to who were the masters even though yet again short several players through injury.

This was considered one of the best finals in many years. It had skill, excellent scores and excellent sportsmanship. This was a victory cherished for many reasons by Toome supporters. Nenagh were installed favourites and Toome had a lot to prove even though they were county champions. Showing no ill-effects from the previous Sunday's North final win, the champions romped to an easy victory over Eire Óg, Annacarty, in a lop-sided county quarter-final game. But they were about to get a rude awakening shortly.

In the county semi-final against Holycross - Ballycahill, Toome looked to be in dire straits as the Mid men held a commanding ten point lead following a disastrous first half for the North standard-bearers. At one stage the deficit was thirteen points, but Toome staged a magnificent second half comeback to pull a game, which looked beyond them, out of the fire in an amazing

recovery. The Toome supporters roared on their team to victory as they blazed past a shell-shocked Holycross side. It was fairy-tale stuff for the challengers in the first half as they raced with a barrage of goals and points. It was an inspiring resurrection for Toome as they finished with their tails up on a score of 2-17 to 4-9.

All roads led to Semple Stadium for a mouth-watering county final and a repeat showdown of the North final between old rivals and neighbours. This would be a repeat of the 1993 county final when Toome snatched the spoils very late in the day from a Nenagh side smelling victory. Over 10,000 people were drawn to what would appear to be a titanic contest but they were disappointed in that the town side failed to match the champions from early on. The champions opened in whirlwind fashion and a Tommy Dunne goal, one of his specials, seemed to knock the heart out of the challengers, who never seemed able to recover from Toome's early surge. It was hard to believe that this was the same Toome team that had struggled a week earlier against Holycross. That scare may well have been the reason for the transformation in their form from near dethronement to county champions again. This was a triumph for composure, for doing the simple things well and for carrying out their game plan. In what was one of their most skilful displays of hurling this young team returned home with the Dan Breen in terrific style. Maybe Nenagh did not do themselves justice on the day, but a scoreline of 1-17 to 0-13 was a decisive result.

It was very fitting that Tommy Dunne should be captain, a man whose leadership was exemplified by his excellent demeanour and his terrific feats of hurling skill, which prompted his teammates to give of their best on the field.

Toome had little time to rest on their laurels as a date with Ahane of Limerick in the Munster Club Championship beckoned. Playing in the Limerick Gaelic Grounds the heavy underfoot conditions did not suit their physique. Toome were lucky to survive but should have had matters wrapped up before half time. The expectations from the attack never materialised. There was a tendency to overplay the ball and not distribute it to better placed colleagues. After a few early let-offs Ahane thundered into the game and Toome knew they had a contest on their hands. If the attack did not live up to their rating, the defence atoned in some measure. It was a tribute to both sides and to their enthusiasm, that on a heavy pitch, they served up some fine hurling with a scoreline of:

Toomevara 0-12
Ahane 1-9

In the replay the Greyhounds suc-



The Toomevara team that won the S.H.L. title by defeating Holycross-Ballycahill at Templemore. Back row (l. to r.): Benny Dunne, Paddy O'Brien, Kevin Cummins, Michael O'Meara, Tony Delaney, Thomas Dunne, Brian Duff. Front row: George Frend, Michael Bevans, John O'Brien, Terry Dunne (captain), Justin Cottrell, Philip Shanahan, Ken Dunne, Rory Brislane.

cessfully made the step they so desired – a meeting with All-Ireland champions, Doora-Barefield, the team that beat them in the '98 Munster Final. Toome seldom looked likely to succumb, though their backs had to hold off late Ahane pressure, before the Tipp men emerged winners by 1-10 to 1-8.

Preparations for the tilt at Doora-Barefield were intense and no stone was left unturned in an effort to avenge the Munster Final defeat of '98. Semple Stadium was the venue but history repeated itself as Toome never seemed to find their rhythm and were outclassed by a superior team. Their best passage of play was in the first quarter when they took an early lead, but it was the concession of two goals at vital times in the game, which led to their downfall. They were chasing the game all the time and were never able to break through. Once again, it was the physical strength of the Clare team which ensured victory. The loss of Michael Bevens early in the game upset the Toome apple-cart. But they made a valiant effort, and went down fighting, scoring 0-12 to their opponents 2-11.

It was another very successful year for the team and Tommy Dunne annexed a second All-Star award.

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The Millennium Year 2000 started activities very early for the county champions with the long delayed League final of '99 being played in Toomevara, with the home side opposing Nenagh Éire Óg. With home advantage Toome were favourites but Nenagh had different ideas and were not afraid of bearding the lion in his own den. On a day of atrocious weather with gale force winds and heavy rain Nenagh overcame the elements and Toome. Overshadowed by Toome in the '99 North and county finals, Nenagh gained some revenge for those defeats. The revenge was all the sweeter as they toppled the Greyhounds on their home patch, being the dominant side throughout. The defeat at home was a dent to Toome's pride and a boost to Nenagh's morale.

But it wasn't long before Toome showed that they meant business. Play-

ing Nenagh again in the 2000 league they had a good win and they went on to beat Knockavilla Kickhams, Mullinahone, Holycross. Surprise of surprises, they lost to Carrick Swans, but badly understrength and barely able to scrape a team together explains the reason for this setback. They had a very easy win the league final against Holycross, but the honours were achieved at a price as Tommy Dunne sustained a broken arm accidentally.

During the year the club decided to purchase an extra playing field. This development was necessary because of the large numbers of juvenile, underage, adult and camogie players using the present pitch and facilities. Because of the large numbers the pitch was overcrowded at times, many days of the weeks. With the acquisition of the new field which adjoins the present pitch and dressing rooms, overcrowding will be alleviated to the benefit of all players.

Roscrea were the first team to attempt to knock Toome from their throne. But, sadly for them, the holders showed why they were reigning champions with a commanding win by 2-26 to 0-5. They sent out early warning signals to any team daring to threaten their dominance. They might have liked a sterner test but were encouraged by the extent of their victory. They won without the services of the injured Tommy Dunne but Paddy O'Brien more than made up for his absence with an outstanding display. In the next game against Silvermines there was a similar imbalance in the scores – 2-26 to 0-8. There were no weak links in a Toome team which was well organised in every department. Old rivals, Kilruane McDonaghs, were next into the fray against the Greyhounds. The score, 1-15 to 1-13, indicates the closeness of the outcome. A tremendous second half display by Kilruane, without a win in the championship, saw them run the champions to two points. Toome were relieved to come away with a win, especially after hitting six wides in the last five minutes.

Toome may have been complacent, they appeared laid-back in approach. In the second half Kilruane fought back into contention but Toome held on in a close finish. Next opponents, Moneygall, appeared to be well motivated and psyched up for a stern battle. From the start Moneygall raced into the lead but they couldn't keep up the hot pace they set. The game began to slip from them as Toome asserted themselves and were in front by half time. Moneygall began the second half in similar fashion to the first but had to give best on a scoreline of 2-14 to 0-12.

About this time the club lost its chairman, Fr. Iggy McCormack, who was about to do further studies in Dublin. His departure was a big blow as he had

shown great leadership and guidance during his term in office. His capacity for hard work was enormous, especially in the work pertaining to the purchase of the new field.

Once again the North semi-final brought together the familiar pairing of Toome and Nenagh Éire Óg. This game provided plenty of good hurling, as all this pairs contests usually do, keeping the crowd on tenderhooks. This was a very keen contest as the losers would end their interest in the championship there and then. Toome were short three key players, but adversity seemed to spur them on. Paddy O'Brien took over the mantle of leadership and showed the way with a tally of eleven points.

Rocked by a Nenagh goal near the finish, which brought the sides level, Toome dug deep into their reserves of spirit to come back with two points, to book a place in the North final against Moneygall. It was felt Nenagh had a great chance to win this game with their opponents being understrength. They had the chances and were unlucky with some scoring attempts. Toome were relieved to have won this being their sternest test so far, but there was plenty to admire about their performance.

Score –

Toomevara 1-15
Nenagh Éire Óg 1-14

Having met earlier in the championship Toome and Moneygall confronted each other again in the North final. This time Moneygall were confident that they could reverse the previous result. They got a good start but wilted when Toome scored the first goal. Again the Greyhounds were understrength but their re-arranged side proved again that adversity was the spur to drive them on to beat Moneygall on a score of 3-13 to 1-10. When Toome moved up a gear in the second half Moneygall could do little to halt them and at the finish deserved the laurels.

In the county quarter-final Loughmore-Castleiney were expected to provide a stiff challenge, but Toome saw off their opposition with surprising ease. Toome carried too much firepower for Loughmore, who, true to tradition, fought to the last, though in vain. Once again, Paddy O'Brien was the big difference between the teams, scoring two magnificent goals.

Toome's superiority was never challenged by a Loughmore side whose shortcomings were exposed once Toome settled into their stride.

The county final all hurling folk had been expecting materialised – Toomevara v Thurles Sarsfields. Sarsfields had made steady progress throughout the year and eventually reached their target and seemed to be improving even though it took them two games to overcome Cappawhite. All the ingredients seemed to be there for a

great final. Toome had halted Sarsfields great run of five in-a-row in 1960, had won again after a replay in 1992 and had beaten the Blues several times since. Sarsfields hadn't won a county final since 1974 and were thirsting for revenge. They left no stone unturned in their bid for the title, and were confident that they would down the titleholders, who were in no mood to yield an inch to their great rivals.

The two teams faced each other before 8,500 expectant fans in Semple Stadium in a final of great promise, but it turned out otherwise. For neutrals in the crowd it was a disappointing game, but for Toome people the ultimate objective had been realised and they were happy that the three-in-a-row had been achieved for the second time in the concluding decade of the nineties and the third time in all. On the day, Sarsfields had no answer to the teamwork and speed of Toome, and failed to do themselves justice on the day, missing some easy chances. Toome were on top for long periods but the Mid men fought to the end and salvaged their pride when they reduced the leeway to four points at a time when the winners were reduced to thirteen players,

Sarsfields having lost one player. The challengers needed a good start to boost them, but it was Toome, through John O'Brien, from a superb pass from Michael Bevens, who took the initiative and never looked back. Toome took their chances to become kingpins for the sixteenth time in Tipperary.

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Selectors: Roger Ryan, Dinny Haverty, Pat Joe Whelehan. *Coach:* Pat Joe Whelehan. *Trainer:* Bertie Sherlock. *Masseur:* Ned Murphy.

The achievements of the past three years are due to many factors but the selectors must take a lot of the credit for their policy of encouraging young players. Their emphasis on letting youth have its fling and their courage in intro-

ducing young players to the big time each season has been vindicated. In this way maturity has come early to some young players and their blending with the experienced has been most productive. Mention of younger players reveals the fact that this team differs much from the '92-'94 team in that it is a much lighter team, relying mainly on very skilful players who make up in their skill what they lack in size and strength.

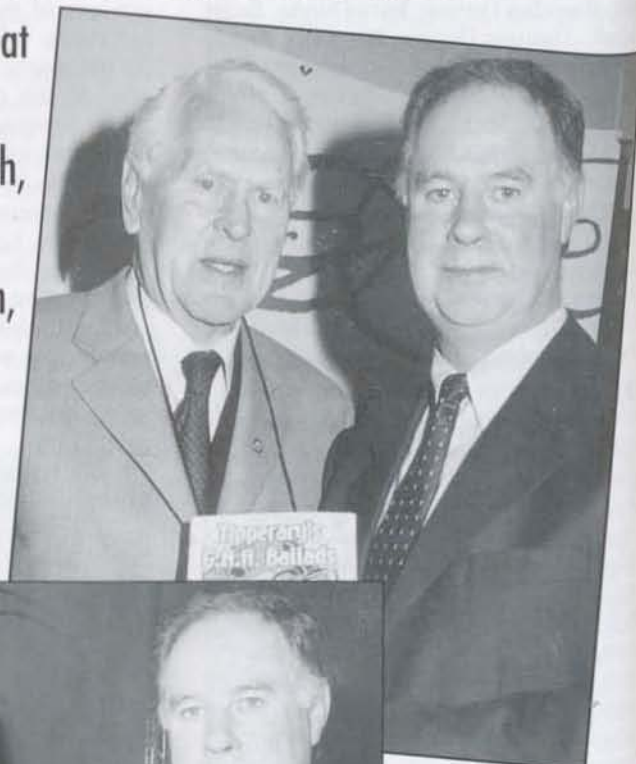
The re-organisation of under-age hurling and the forming of a separate juvenile committee saw the start of Toome's present position in adult hurling. Since 1975 divisional and county titles have been won by the club in all grades. The members of the present senior panel have all won county titles in several grades. This concentration on juvenile hurling has paid off handsomely. The people of the parish have derived great pleasure and enjoyment from the feats of their hurlers and in return are very grateful to, and proud of their heroes for keeping Toomevara to the fore. Dedication, determination and hard work on the part of players, mentors, club officials and club members has borne fruit and many rewards.

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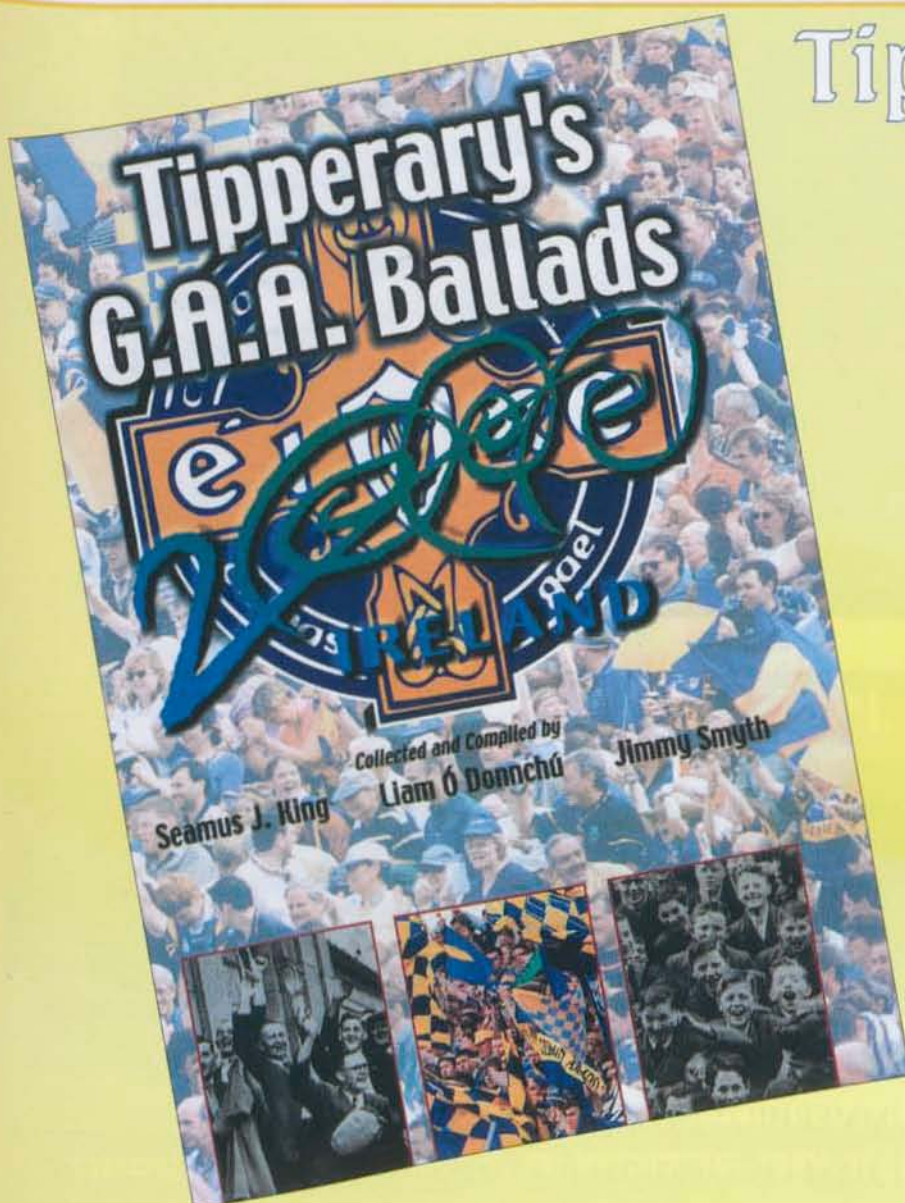
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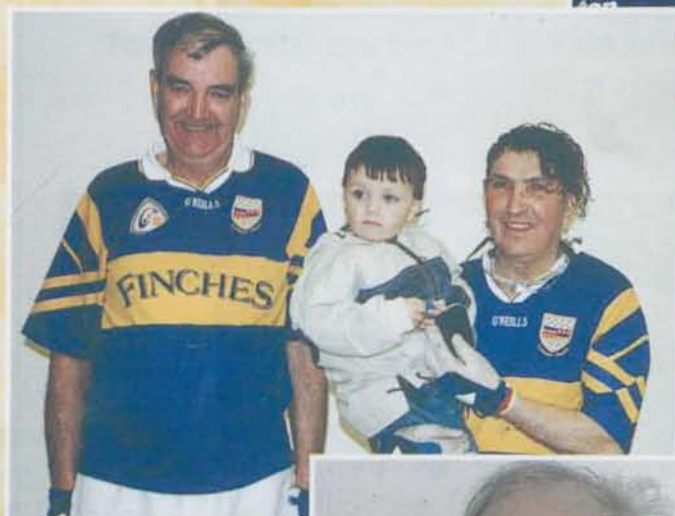


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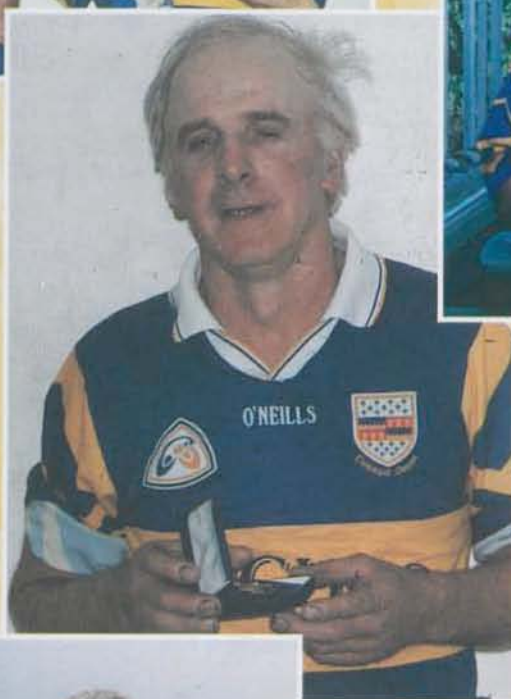
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Review

Toomevara - CO. UNDER-12 HURLING CHAMPIONS

You might think that winning and under-12 County Hurling 'A' Championship is a simple task. Nothing could be further from the truth. It is just as difficult as winning any other title as every juvenile team in each division in the county is committed and dedicated, every boy or girl wants to win a championship at the start of what may be a promising career. Every player, even at that age, wants to make a name for himself or herself, and be recognised in the parish as making a contribution to the history of the G.A.A. club. Competition for places on an under-12 team is very keen as there is usually a large panel of eager players, keen as mustard, all hoping to earn a place on their parish team.

Toomevara club has been fairly successful at juvenile level since the first under-12 North division title was won in 1975. From 1975 onwards the club has won twenty North division and nine County championships. As with the senior team the most prolific period for the under-12 hurlers has been the 'nineties, the last decade of the old millennium. Nine North division titles, eight-in-a-row from 1991 to 1998, and five county titles, three-in-a-row from 1995 to 1997, were annexed, with the icing on the cake being the winning of the North and County championships this year.

Five teams, Roscrea, Éire Óg Nenagh, Burgess, Moneygall and Toomevara competed in the under-12 'A' North division hurling championship this year. The competition was played on a double round, home and away, league system with each team guaranteed at least eight games. Toomevara had rather easy wins in all their eight preliminary games, amassing a total scoreline of 31-56 to 1-21. This was no disparagement of the efforts of their opponents, who fought to the very end in every game, showing the real spirit of hurling endeavour and honest rivalry.

The serious stage of the championship began in the semi-final when Toome played Roscrea in what was a very good game. Roscrea, true to tradition, and much improved from their earlier form, carried the fight to Toome for long periods worried them, and were in with a chance up to the closing



The Toomevara team that won the County Junior 'B' hurling title by defeating Galtee Rovers in the final at The Ragg. Back row (l. to r.): Kieran Delaney, Michilin Delaney, David McGrath, Bernard Hackett, Noel Kenneally, Kevin McCormack, Michael Haverty, David Kennedy, Jackie Maher. Front: Brendan Spillane, Paul Delaney (captain), Alan Coffey, Sean Delaney, Liam Nolan, William O'Brien.

stages. The determination and heart of the Greyhounds prevailed in the end.

Burgess provided the opposition in the North final. They looked to be the team, in the earlier rounds who would match Toome and the game bore this evidence out. Toome were favourites, but Burgess, showing no fears, made all the early running, took the lead early on and showed no signs of relenting in a cracking good game. For whatever reason the young Greyhounds, maybe through complacency, took a back seat and allowed Burgess to dominate. Matters looked serious when Burgess

still held the lead with a short time remaining. It was only then that Toome shook themselves out of their lethargy, returned to their ground hurling and carried the day in a storming finish with a goal to overcome their gallant opponents on a scoreline of 2-4 to 1-5.

Drombane was the venue for the County semi-final against St. Mary's Clonmel. This was a dour hard-fought game as the Clonmel boys didn't allow Toome to display their skills to the same extent as in previous games. Toome looked jaded but fought out a hard battle to defeat honest hard-working oppo-



The Toomevara team that won the North Under-21 'A' hurling title by defeating Borris-Ileagh in an exciting final at Nenagh. Back row (l. to r.): Kevin Cummins, David Kennedy, Anthony O'Neill, Brendan Boland, Andrew Tyan, Paul McGrath, Owen Brislane. Front: James O'Meara, Tomás Ryan, Stephen O'Meara, John O'Brien, Paddy O'Brien (captain), Tomás O'Meara, Barry Dunne, Brendan Dunne.



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nents to reach the County final. A much vaunted Drom-Inch team awaited them as favourites but the Toome youngsters, going in as underdogs, achieved a great victory. It was a great thrill for them to play the final in the hallowed ground of Semple Stadium. The boys rose to the occasion and the challenge magnificently and produced a display of courage, determination and skill, which carried them to victory. It was their display of all the game's skills and especially their reliance on ground hurling which enabled them to beat a very good Drom-Inch team who fought to the end in a nail-biting climax.

From the very start the Toome boys got stuck in and took an early lead, which with a bit of luck they could have extended. They led at half-time by two points, scoring 1-3 to 0-4. On the resumption they increased their lead and always held the whip-hand, mainly due to their ground hurling. To their credit, Drom-Inch kept battling and scored two goals from frees in the dying minutes, but Toome held on for a memorable victory. Score: Toomevara 3-5, Drom-Inch 3-4.

Team - Darren Cuddihy, Alan Hughes, Jamie Quigley, Colm McCarthy, Liam O'Meara, Joe McLoughney (captain), Niall McCormack, Tim Gleeson, Jim

Duignan, Robert Duff, Jamie Bourke, Gary Delaney, Kevin Delaney, Seamus O'Meara, Kieran McGrath. Subs: Gary Ryan, Simon O'Meara, Andy O'Rourke, Paddy O'Rourke, Conor Brislane, John Coffey, David Nolan, Mark O'Dwyer, Kieran Ryan, Stephan Gleeson, Conor O'Meara, Patrick Grace, James McCormack, Patrick Haverty, Daniel Bourke, Stanley Mounsey, Páidí Maxwell, Philip Ryan.

It was a very busy year for those boys as they played twelve games to win the County title and they also took part in the under-12 Ground Hurling Tournament - Féile na nGleann - in Antrim. This entailed eight games, played on similar lines to Féile na nGael, the well-established under-14 All-Ireland Tournament. Sixteen teams from Munster travelled by train to Belfast, to combine with sixteen Antrim teams for the inaugural running of the competition, from 15 June to 19 June. The Toomevara boys and mentors were guests of the Loughgiel Shamrocks club, who were All-Ireland Club Senior Champions in 1983, a club steeped in the richest traditions of the G.A.A. indicated by the fact that they have two very modern well-equipped pitches and two clubhouses. The Loughgiel people treated their visitors and many other Toome supporters royally. The depth of

their hospitality and warmth of their welcome will be forever appreciated by their guests Toome.

The boys played eight games, winning all to become champions. They defeated Loughgiel Shamrocks, Knockainey (Limerick), Creggan, Sixmilebridge (Clare), South Kerry, St. Oliver's (Waterford), Dunloy in the semi-final and Ballybrown (Limerick), conquerors of Glen Rovers (Cork), in the final in a tremendous game of hurling. The final was played in famed Dunloy after a massed band parade of all thirty-two teams through the streets, each team marching behind its own club banner. It was a wonderful competition exhibiting the skills of ground hurling before hugely enthusiastic crowds. The boys were very happy to be winners and many friendships were made among all the clubs who took part. The Toomevara club is rightly proud of those young boys who conducted themselves in exemplary fashion and were wonderful ambassadors for hurling. Joseph McLoughney was a very proud captain and leader and was voted Player of the Tournament. The team arrived home to Toomevara to a rapturous and well-deserved reception from the people of the parish, who were highly appreciative of their great achievements throughout the year.



◁ **Silvermines Under-14 hurling panel with mentors - North 'A' Champions**

Back row: Brendan Timmons (trainer), Gavin Steed, Declan Ryan (s), Michael Hogan, Gerry O'Flynn (manager), Keelan Chadwick, Michael Horan (s), Sean Forde, Johnny Forde (s), Keith Fahy and Danny Hogan (s). Middle: Damien Corcoran, Niall Quinn, Orrie Quirke, Tom Kelly (chairman), Fr. Rodgers, Declan Mulqueen (captain), Maurice Leamy, Keith O'Flynn, Cathal Sherlock. Front: Maurice Leamy, David Boland, William Feehily, David Keogh, Daniel Keogh, Ronan Sherlock, Eoin Grace, John Sherlock.

▷ **Silvermines 1999 North Junior 'B' Football Champions and County Finalists.**

Back row (l. to r.): David Boland (captain), Timmy Kelly, Donal Hogan, Declan Corcoran, David Ryan, Mattie Ryan, Ger Grace, Ger Ryan. Kneeling: Finbarr Ryan, Brendan Timmons, Sean O'Brien, Ger Clifford, Stephen Kennedy, Ger Gleeson, Tom Cunneen.





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KILADANGAN

Under-21 'A' Football

Kiladangan started the year as Under-21 'A' football champions, with most of last year's team still underage. We were drawn to play Nenagh Éire Óg in a preliminary round but received a walkover.

Our first match was against Borrisoleigh in the semi-final, played in Nenagh. Borrisoleigh played with a strong breeze in the first half and had scored 1-2 before we launched our first attack. Dermot Hogan scored our first point followed by another from Mike (Scart) Ryan. Borrisoleigh got another point and a goal before Dermot Hogan and Enda Nolan got points for us, to leave us four points down at half-time.

On the resumption we got five points without reply. Scorers were David Coen, Enda Nolan, Gerry Slattery and Dermot Hogan (2). Borrisoleigh got point to level score. Mike Ryan got a well taken goal and G. Slattery a point to give us four point lead. Borrisoleigh got a goal and two points, but Tony Connors pointed for us to draw level. With little time remaining D. Coen evaded two tackles and scored a great point to give us a one point victory.

The final saw us play Burgess, a repeat of last year's final, it was played in Nenagh on Saturday 8th April. Enda Nolan gave us an early lead but Burgess then got two points,

Dan Hackett put us level. G. Slattery got a point but then Burgess got two more points. Liam Karol Flannery got a point but Burgess hit back with two further points. G. Slattery got a point but Burgess got another to give them a two point lead at half-time. Burgess went further ahead after the interval. We got four points from Denis Slattery, Enda Nolan, Dermot Hogan and Gerry Slattery. With six minutes left to play, Burgess drew level. G. Slattery got a point to give us the lead. A brilliant pass from D. Slattery found Liam K. Flannery bearing down on goal and a blistering shot gave the Burgess goalie no chance. Our backs withstood severe Burgess pressure during the final minutes to give us our second successive under-21 title.

In the County semi-final we were drawn against Moyne Templetohy in The Ragg. We got off to a disastrous start and after 10 minutes we were three goals and a point down. The team showed their true spirit and clawed their way back into contention with points from D. Hogan, T. Connors, D. Slattery and G. Slattery and a goal from T. Connors just on half-time. Score at half-time: Moyne Templetohy 3-1, Killadangan 1-4.

Moyne got a point early in the second half but points from T. Connors (2), G. Slattery and D. Hogan left the sides level with 4 minutes to play.

With less than a minute remaining Moyne got a point. We launched a last major attack and were awarded a free which D. Hogan converted to earn us a replay.

The replay took place in The Ragg on the following Sunday, 30th April. Again Moyne got the best start and led by 1-4 to 2 points after twenty minutes. A goal by M. Connors and points from D. Hogan and M. Ryan left the sides level at half-time. Killadangan took over early in the second half, a goal by M. Ryan and points by D. Coen (2) and D. Hogan gave us a six point lead. Paul Kirwan scored a penalty to give the team an added boost. Moyne fought back to within two points but further points by M. Ryan and D. Coen gave us a four point winning margin.

The Co. final took place on 4th May in Holycross against Fethard. The first-half was very close but our failure to take our chances gave Fethard a two point interval lead. We started the second half with some very good football and with ten minutes remaining it was anyone's game.

The last few minutes saw Fethard pull clear with three well taken points without reply from Killadangan.

While failing to take the Co. title it was a very satisfactory year for our under-21 footballers and augers well for the future.



Kiladangan Under-21 'A' North Champions and Co. Finalists 2000

Back row (l. to r.): Paul Darcy, William White, Michael Connors, David Coen, Enda Nolan, Liam K. Flannery, John Slattery, Brian Lawlor (captain), Michael Ryan, Ger Slattery, Dan Hackett, Graham Finch. Front: Noel McGrath, Tommy Connors, Eric Kirwan, Dermot Hogan, Sean Gleeson, Tomás Clarke, Paul Kirwan, Liam Kelly, Brian Kelly, Paul Hogan, Patrick Lynch.

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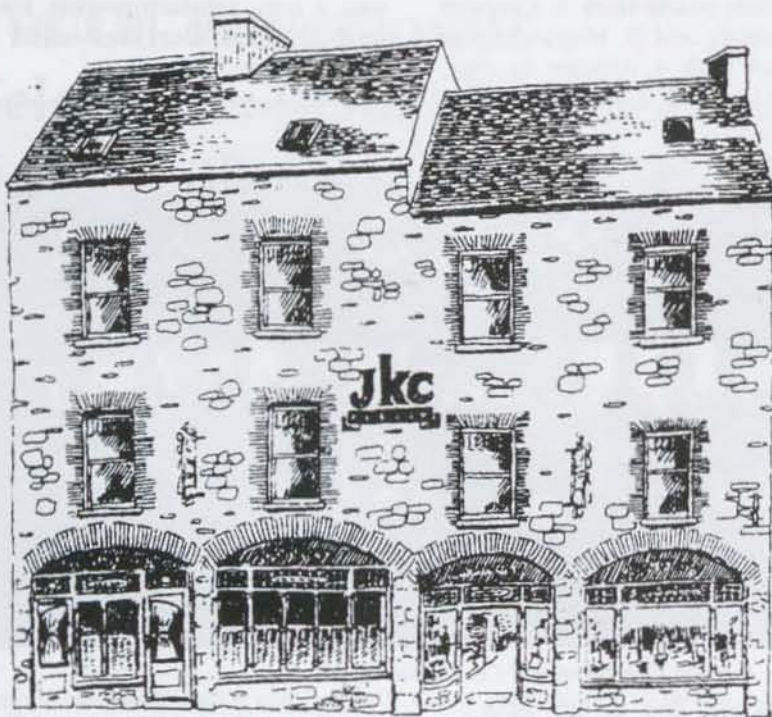
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Now for the championship. Having secured our place against the reigning County Champions Toomevara the scene was set for an epic and the pair duly produced a thriller with Burgess taking the honours, the score being 4-12 to 4-11.

Killenaule provided the opposition in the Co. semi-final and here Burgess had a good win. Confidence was high while the parish looked forward with excitement to the Dúrlas Óg clash. On the day we proved superior and so the title rests in Burgess.

UNDER-12 SUCCESS

Burgess under-12 footballers recorded their third 'a' North title with a decisive win over Roscrea in the final. It is fair to say that lady luck did not smile on us in the Co. semi-final duel with Moyle Rovers. A point in injury time denied us a place in the County final.

Then we got down to hurling. Burgess impressed in their win over Nenagh Éire Óg in the under-12 North hurling semi-final and so the stage was set for a Burgess v Toomevara final. In a game played at a furious pace, a late Toomevara goal thwarted our hopes. Later Toome became County Champions.

Niall Quigley captained North Tipperary hurlers who won the Peadar Cummins Tournament. Tony Scroope captained Tipperary under-16 hurlers who were defeated by Galway in the final of the Nenagh Co-Op Inter-County Tournament. Noel Gleeson and Noel McDonnell played in this tournament also. The same three won Munster medals with Tipperary earlier this year.

We won two events in Scór na bPaistí. Niamh Chadwick won the North Solo Singing and our Question Time team of Alan Reid, Denis Kerrins and Liam O'Donoghue won the North and took second place in the County final.

Ger Fogarty, Robbie Cremin, Tony Scroope and Noel Gleeson were members of the panel of the North Tipperary football team who had success in the Inter divisional under-16 competition. Pat Cremin was manager of this team.



Burgess Under-16 hurlers with mentors and club officials – North and County 'A' Champions
Back row (l. to r.): Matt Fogarty (s), Jonathan Ryan, Cathal McGrath, Robbie Cremin, Eoin Duggan, Noel McDonnell, Michael Seymore, Dinny Darcy (s). Middle: Martin Dunne (chairman), Pat Cremin (s), John Hogan (s), Mick Dunne Thomas Fogarty, Jonathan Maher, Ger Fogarty, Leo Quigley, Patrick Hogan, John Maher (s). Seated: Siobhan McDonnell (PRO), Breda Duggan (treasurer), Noel Gleeson, Tony Scroope, Conor Quigley, Gerry Ryan, Sean Darly (captain), Niall Quigley, Shane Looby, Tadhg Hogan, Mairead Darcy (secretary). Mascots: Eoin Hogan and Damien Maher.



Burgess Under-12 football panel – North 'A' Champions.
Back row (l. to r.): John Hogan, Liam O'Donoghue, Brian Dalee, Donagh Maher, Denis Carroll, William Gleeson, Patrick Ryan, Tony Dunne (captain), Keith Quigley and Michael Hogan. Kneeling: David Seymore, Rory Ryan, John Fogarty, Brian Carroll, Brian Quinn, Cathal Griffin, Brian Shanahan, Donal Fogarty, Patrick Looby, Edward Gleeson.



Burgess Under-16 players which won County 'A' Championship medals with their club, Munster Championship medals with North Tipperary hurling team and played with Tipperary in the Nenagh Co-Op Inter-County Tournament. From left: Noel McDonnell, Tony Scroope and Noel Gleeson.

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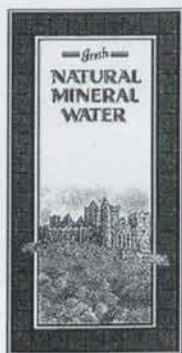
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Burgess Under-21 hurling panel – 1999 North 'A' Champions

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Burgess North Junior 'B' Football Champions and qualified for the County final by defeating Mid Champions Kickhams-Rahealty in the County semi-final at Moneygall. Back row (l. to r.): John Joe Ryan, David Maher, Damien O'Brien, Brian Hogan, Paul Hogan, John Darcy (captain), Shane Maher, Timmy Hogan, Kevin McDonnell, David Quinlan, John Gleeson, Pdraig McDonnell. Front: Peter Carroll, Niall McGrath, David Kyne, Keelan Howard, Pdraig McDonnell, Colm O'Brien, Alan Seymour, Brian Duggan, John Grace.



◀ **Kilruane MacDonaghs**, North Tipperary Under-16 'B' Football Champions.

Front row (l. to r.): Shane Williams, Graham Gahery, Colm Williams, Gary Prout, Ger O'Brien, Ray McLoughney and Paul Farrell. Back: Darren Killackey, Brian Noonan, Kevin Quinlan, Adrian Brown, Willie Darcy, Cormack Ryan, Diarmuid Cahill, Martin Walsh.

▶ **Kilruane MacDonaghs** North and County Under-12 'B' Hurling and Football Champions
Front (l. to r.): Aidan Cahill, Eamonn Murphy, Shane Hodgins, James Williams, Scott Hodgins, Ciarán Boyle, Cian Williams, James Holland. Middle: Ger Feighery, Andrew Hodgins, Pdraig Kelly, Michael Costello, Shane Quinlan, Declan Barrett, Ger Corcoran, Brian O'Meara, Matthew Gleeson, William Cleary. Back: Declan Kennedy, Philip Brennan, Liam Gibson, Jonathan Cahill, Freddie Williams, Eoin Hogan, Luke Williams, Seamus Hennessy, Kevin Ryan, Gairí McAvinchey, Damien Kennedy, David Heffernan, Enda Treacy, Thomas Williams, Jason Darcy.





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BRILLIANT BALLINA

Seán Ó Gleasáin

The year 2000 will go down in history as a very successful year. The club winning five underage North Championships and a County Minor 'a' Football Championship. Club commitment to underage paying dividends at last.

The club started a major project, i.e. erecting new stand, new goal posts, new nets, field improvements, revamping of complex and new lighting, to date 50% of this work is complete.

CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2000

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Secretary: Shane Ryan

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P.R.O.: John Hickey

INTERMEDIATE HURLING

Much was expected of this year, however, they did not qualify for the semi-final of the championship. They did reach the final of the league, their opponents were Templederry, the game was played in Kilcolman on 1st September. Ballina started very well and were well in contention at half-time. In the second half Templederry proved to much stronger and the game went from Ballina. Templederry 3-11, Ballina 0-9.

Panel – J. McKeogh, G. Sheehy, S. Collins, F. Collins, A. Devane, A. McKeogh, P. Cosgrove, M. Riordan, B. Stritch, S. McKeogh, K. Stritch, P. Coleman, D. Hickey, M. Grace, S. McKeogh, D. McKeogh, N. Moroney, S. Larkin, R. Ryan, R. Nolan, J. Ryan, P. Sheehy, E. Sullivan, C. Hurley, J. McGrath, M. King, B. McKeogh.

Selectors – Sarah Devane, Vivian Cahalane, G. McKeogh. **Trainer:** V. McKenna.

JUNIOR 'B' HURLING

Ballina had wins over Ballinahinch, Kilruane and Borrisokane to reach North final, opponents were Toomevara. The game was played in Kilcolman on 30th September. Ballina got off to a good start and were ahead for a while, they were still in contention until Toomevara had a player sent off to the line and then Toomevara raised their game and went on to by 5 points,



Photograph taken following the Co. MFC 'A' final shows (l. to r.): Paddy Lonergan, representing Tipperary Credit Unions (competition sponsors); Michael Frawley, chairman Co. Football Board; Ballina full-forward Sean McKeogh, receiving the Man of the Match award from John Quirke, Jeweller, Cahir, sponsor of the award; Con Hogan, chairman Co. Board; Brendan Wright, representing Tipperary Credit Unions, sponsors of the competition. Ballina beat Cahir by the narrowest of margins in the final played at Semple Stadium.



The Ballina panel that won the Credit Unions County Minor 'A' Football title by defeating Cahir by the narrowest of margins in the final at Semple Stadium. It is the club's first County title in this grade. Back row (l. to r.): Kevin Ryan, Padraig Ryan, Patrick Cosgrave, Noel Morney, Christopher O'Meara, Gerard Sheehy, Sean McKeogh, Robert Nolan, Peter King, Jerry O'Brien, William Gleeson, T.J. O'Connell. Front: Stephen Stritch, Domhnall McKeogh, Thomas Collins, Wayne Cahalane, David Hickey (captain), Seamus Larkin, Cathal O'Connell, Roddy Kennedy, Kevin Cosgrave, James McKeogh.



Ballina – North Tipperary Minor 'A' Hurling Champions
Back row: V. Cahalane (selector), P. Ryan, S. McKeogh, R. Nolan, P. Cosgrove, S. Nash, N. Moroney, C. O'Meara, W. Cahalane, W. Nolan (selector), S. Larkin, P. King, K. Ryan, S. Stritch. Front: V. McKenna (trainer), W. Gleeson, T.J. O'Connell, C. O'Connell, J. McKeogh, D. McKeogh, D. Hickey, T. Collins, G. Sheehy, R. Kennedy, G. O'Brien, B. McKeogh (selector).

Toomevara 1-13, Ballina 1-8.

They then faced Rahealty in Templederry on the 14th October. Ballina played with the wind in the first half and missed numerous scoring chances which they regretted in the end as they

could not get through Rahealty in the second half. Rahealty 0-9, Ballina 0-5.

Panel – M. Sheehy, C. Hurley, D. McKeogh, S. Hannon, M. Sheehy, M. Grace, M. King, P. Sheehy, P. Ryan, M. Moloney, J. Ryan, R. Ryan, E. O'Sulli-

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Selectors - M. Sheehy, N. O'Brien, G. McKeogh. Trainer: V. McKenna.

MINOR 'A' FOOTBALL

Ballina had wins over Éire Óg, Newport and Burgess to reach the North final in which they played Roscrea in Nenagh on Sunday the 12th August. Ballina got off to a great start against what looked like a very strong Roscrea team and went on to win easily on a scoreline of 3-15 to 0-3. Ballina now faced J.K. Bracken's in the County semi-final which was played in Moneygall on the 28th August. This was a hard game of football, both teams were evenly matched but Ballina had a slight edge and eventually won by 0-12 to 1-6. Ballina were now in the County final played in Thurles on Sunday the 8th October and their opposition was Cahir. This was a hard and close low scoring encounter, Ballina led at half-time by 1-1 to 0-2. In the second half Cahir went ahead 1-3 to 1-1, but Ballina fought their way back to level the score at full time. A free was awarded to Ballina in injury time with Sean McKeogh pointing to win a historic victory.

UNDER-16 FOOTBALL

Ballina played Roscrea in the football quarter-final, after a hard fought game Roscrea came out on top.

Panel - M. McKeogh, M. Kennedy, S. Nash, D. Frawley, J. Mooney, T. Collins, G. O'Brien, M. Carroll, T.J. O'Connell, K. Ryan, B. McKeogh, K. Cosgrove, M. O'Sullivan, S. O'Brien, S. Stritch, T. Larkin, M. McKeogh, H. Molloy, P. Hannon, S. Hickey, G. Coonan, E. Sheehy, P. Ryan.

UNDER-16 'B' HURLING

Hopes were high that this team would go a long way in the championship. The team played Nenagh in the semi-final in Kilcolman, but alas, defeat



Ballina Under-14 'B' North Final winners

Back row (l. to r.): Tomás O'Brien (s), Liam Molloy (s), Eoin Sheehy, Hughie Molloy, Kieran Ryan, Diarmuid Healy, Martin McKeogh, Shane O'Brien, Karen McKeogh, Michael Hayes (s), Joanne Dillon, Sarah Hayes, Elaine King, Paddy Hickey (s), Eimear O'Connell. Front: Gerard Coonan, Paddy Hickey, Seamus Kennedy, Adrian Hayes, James Ryan, Thomas Grace, Brian Williams, Maurice Darcy, Billy Molloy (Mascot). Missing from photo Paddy McKeogh (selector).

was their lot. Nenagh running out worthy winners. Nenagh won North title.

The team that played Nenagh - M. McKeogh, D. Frawley, S. Nash, N. Kennedy, G. O'Brien, S. Stritch, P. Ryan, T. Collins, S. O'Brien, K. Ryan, T.J. O'Connell, B. McKeogh, M. O'Sullivan, M. Carroll, J. Mooney, D. Healy.

Selectors - D. McKeogh, L. Molloy, J.J. Larkin, T. O'Brien.

UNDER-14 'A' FOOTBALL

Ballina played four matches, won three and lost one. They reached the North final and lost out by one point to Borrisoleigh after a great game.

Panel - M. McKeogh, P. Hickey, K. Ryan, P. McKeogh, M. Darcy, E. Sheehy, B. O'Shea, S. O'Brien, B. Scanlon, J. Ryan, G. Coonan, T. Grace, A. Hayes, H. Molloy, M. O'Meara, S. Kennedy, B. Williams, A. O'Dea, D. Cassidy, J. Dillon, E. O'Connell, E. King, M. Carroll, D. Healy.

Selectors - T. O'Brien, L. Molloy, P. Hickey, M. Hayes.

UNDER-14 'B' HURLING

It was a great year for our under-14 hurlers defeating Templederry in the North final, played in Kilcolman.

The team played Kilsheelan in the County semi-final in Boherlahan, after a hard fought game Ballina came out on

top.

All roads led to Templederry for the County final which was played against Gortnahoe/Glengooale. Ballina led at half-time by two points, but had to give way in second half to a stronger Gortnahoe team. The parish and parents can be proud of this particular panel of players who gave it their all on the night.

Panel - M. McKeogh, S. Kennedy, K. Ryan, K. McKeogh, S. Hayes, E. Sheehy, M. Darcy, S. O'Brien, G. Coonan, J. Ryan, D. Healy, P. McKeogh, B. Williams, H. Molloy, P. Hickey, A. Hayes, T. Grace, J. Dillon, E. O'Connell, E. King, S. Dillon.

Selectors - L. Molloy, T. O'Brien, M. Hayes, P. Hickey.

CLUB PLAYERS ON COUNTY TEAMS

Thomas Collins and Kevin Ryan played on the County under-16 team.

Jerry O'Brien played on the County under-15 team.

Ballina also had four players on the North under-14 panel that won the Peadar Cummins Tournament played in Borrisoleigh - Martin McKeogh, Gerard Coonan, Shane O'Brien, Eoin Sheehy.

Ballina also had two players, Shane O'Brien and Martin McKeogh on the County under-14 panel that took part in the Tony Forristal Tournament in Water-



Ballina Under-21 Team North Champions Hurling and Football 2000

Back row (l. to r.): P. Sheehy, A. Devane, A. McKeogh, P. Cosgrove, N. Moroney, E. O'Sullivan, D. Morgan, R. Ryan, W. Cahalane, G. Sheehy, J. Ryan, A. Ring, W. Gleeson, S. Hannon. Front: S. Ryan, R. Nolan, D. McKeogh, P. Coleman, C. O'Meara, D. Hickey, T. McKeogh, M. Kennedy, S. McKeogh, S. Larkin, P. King, R. Kennedy.

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ford. Shane O'Brien played centrefield and did himself and the club proud. Tipperary lost out to Cork in the semi-final after extra time.

Thomas O'Brien was a North and County under-14 selector, also a club member. Brendan McKeogh coached the under-14 Waterford team.

Jerry McKeogh was a selector on the Tipperary All-Ireland Intermediate winning team, also Brian Stritch and Jim McGrath were members of the team.

Pat Cosgrove and Sean McKeogh were members of the Tipperary Minor hurling team.

Sean McKeogh and Domhnall McKeogh were members of the Tipperary Minor football team.

Liam Sheehy won an All-Ireland medal with Tipperary Masters.

JUNIOR 'A' FOOTBALL

The team have reached the North final with wins over Borrisokane and Portroe. They were defeated by Borrisoleigh whom they meet again in the North final.

Panel – A. Ring, M. Sheehy, P. Sheehy, D. McKeogh, A. McKeogh, A. Devane, K. Stritch, R. Ryan, E. O'Sullivan, S. Hannon, P. Coleman, M. Shanahan, J. Ryan, D. Morgan, G. McKeogh, S. Ryan, M. Kennedy, N. McNamara, C. O'Connell, C. O'Meara, P. Cosgrove, G. Sheehy, D. McKeogh, S. McKeogh, N. Moroney, D. Hickey, P. Ryan, M. Moloney, W. Gleeson, K. Ryan, T. Collins, R. Kennedy, L. Sheehy, E. Moyles, B. Stritch, P. King, S. Stritch, O. Sheehy, S. Collins, S. Larkin, W. Cahalane, R. Nolan, B. McKeogh.

Selectors – L. Sheehy, J. Healy, V. Cahalane.

UNDER-21 'B' HURLING

Ballina had wins over Shannon Rovers, Borrisokane/Knockshegowna. In the semi-final Ballina played Silvermines in Newport on the 9th July and won 2-6 to 0-8.

In the North final Ballina played Templederry in Nenagh on the 14th July. This was an evenly contested game with both sides missing scorable chances. Ballina were lucky to come home with the honours on a scoreline of 1-8 to 0-8. Ballina now faced Gortnahoe in Bor-

risoleigh on the 30th July. The weather conditions were not suitable for good hurling, however, both teams were evenly matched, score by score, Gortnahoe going on to win by 1-9 to 1-7.

Panel – J. McKeogh, G. Sheehy, P. Cosgrove, C. O'Meara, W. Cahalane, A. McKeogh, E. O'Sullivan, A. Devane, R. Ryan, P. Coleman, N. Moroney, D. McKeogh, D. Hickey, S. McKeogh, S. Larkin, R. Nolan, P. Sheehy, D. Morgan, M. Kennedy, A. Ring, P. Ryan, P. King, S. Hannon, S. Ryan, W. Gleeson, R. Kennedy.

Selectors – Paddy Coleman, Jerry McKeogh, Liam Sheehy.

UNDER-12 FOOTBALL

Ballina had wins over Newport and Kilruane and got a walkover from Silvermines. They defeated Newport in the North final played in Dolla. In the County semi-final they played Uppercchurch in The Ragg on 22nd April. This game was played at a lively pace but Ballina got on top and went on to win by 2-16 to 1-3. Ballina now faced Killenaule in the County final. This game was played in Templemore on 29th April. Both teams were evenly matched up to half-time but in the second half the stronger Killenaule side eventually went ahead to win by 2-11 to 0-10.

Panel – J. McKeogh, G. Sheehy, P. Cosgrove, C. O'Meara, W. Cahalane, A. McKeogh, E. O'Sullivan, A. Devane, R. Ryan, P. Coleman, N. Moroney, D. McKeogh, D. Hickey, S. McKeogh, S. Larkin, R. Nolan, P. Sheehy, D. Morgan, M. Kennedy, A. Ring, P. Ryan, J. Ryan, P. King, S. Hannon, S. Ryan, W. Gleeson, R. Kennedy.

Selectors – Paddy Coleman, Jerry McKeogh, Liam Sheehy.

Minor 'A' Hurling

Ballina had wins over Moneygall and Borrisoleigh but lost to Éire Óg, they defeated Roscrea in the North semi-final. The North final was played in Nenagh against Toomevara. Ballina started very well scoring some brilliant scores. Fifteen minutes into the second half Ballina were leading by five points. Toomevara were rewarded a 21 yard free and scored a goal. At this stage Ballina broke up field to score a brilliant

point. From here on Ballina took control and went on to win 1-19 to 1-9.

Ballina were through to the County semi-final. Opposition was Thurles Sarsfields. The game was played in Nenagh on Sunday 24th September. Thurles Sarsfields started in a lively pace and had scored 1-7 to 0-0 early in the first-half. As the game progressed Ballina came more into it, and after a brilliant second half display Ballina were unlucky to lose by three points.

Panel – J. McKeogh, C. O'Connell, G. Sheehy, C. O'Meara, S. Larkin, P. Cosgrove, W. Cahalane, D. McKeogh, R. Nolan, P. King, N. Moroney, S. Stritch, D. Hickey, S. McKeogh, T. Collins, R. Kennedy, K. Ryan, W. Gleeson, G. O'Brien, P. Ryan, T.J. O'Connell, T. Manly, S. Nash.

Selectors – Vivian Cahalane, Willie Nolan, Brendan McKeogh. Trainer: Vincent McKenna.

This is the club's first Minor 'A' North title and indeed it will be treasured for many a day. Congratulations to all involved, especially to the selectors and trainer.

UNDER-12 HURLING

Ballina defeated Borrisokane and Shannon Rovers and lost to the following: Lorrha, Kildangan, Éire Óg, Newport, Portroe and lost play-off to Éire Óg.

UNDER-12 FOOTBALL

Ballina played two games and lost both to Kilruane and Kildangan. This is a very young panel of players most of them under-10.

Panel – Cathal Reid, Shane Cassidy, Sean Dillon, Sean O'Grady, Michael O'Meara, John Ryan, Moire Kennedy, Brendan Sheehy, Declan Kennedy, Francis Kent, Diarmuid Fitzgerald, Kieran Hurley, Stephen McCarthy, Brian Kelly, Declan Gleeson, Fergal Collins, Pdraigh Ryan, Doire Hardy, Cormack Bradshaw, Shane Byrnes, Brian O'Connor, David Kent, Eoin Ryan, Darragh Kelly, Mark Kennedy, Luke Conroy, Sean Duggan, Donnacha Casey, Eoin Kent, Brian Hurley, Doire King, Robert Cassidy, Michelle O'Brien, Connor Keating.



< **Ballinahinch** Under-21 Panel – North and County Hurling and Football Champions. Back row (from left): Christy Brennan, Kieran Kennedy, Matthew Kennedy, Matthew Fahy, John Doheny, J.P. O'Sullivan, Raphael Ryan, Donnacha Ryan, Eamonn Finn, Liam Shinnors, Eoin O'Sullivan, Martin Clifford. Kneeling: Ger Griffin, Michael Gleeson, Martin Ryan, Dermot Gleeson, with mascot Darren McGrath, Martin Clifford, Shane McGrath, Michael Fitzgerald, Alan Kelly, Daniel Lyons, Paudie Berkery.

Portroe Juvenile Club Historic Breakthrough

The year 2000 will forever be remembered in Portroe's proud history as the year in which their under-12 hurlers won a first ever County title for the club. The small lakeside parish has a long and proud tradition of hurling and it was fitting that the new millennium was heralded in with this historic breakthrough.

On their way to county honours the team remained unbeaten in a twelve match run which culminated in a thrilling victory at Semple Stadium over a gallant Éire Óg Annacarty side. During the campaign they played many exciting games and built up a tremendous following which we saw to great effect in Semple Stadium.

Of course, the famous victory was not achieved overnight and many hours have been put in coaching the boys at under-10 and under-12. Many years of hard work by the committee members, team coaches and selectors at last reaped a rich harvest.

Many successful summer camps run by the club also contributed in no small way to the high skill levels, which the players have attained. It's our foremost wish that this team will continue to wear the green and gold with pride and hopefully some will go on to wear the Tipperary colours with distinction.

The Juvenile Crown

It's of a small little parish surrounded by lake and by slate
And a great hurling team I'm about to relate
We will talk of our under twelve team with pride and renown
Whose great deeds this year won Portroe's first Juvenile County crown

Their record in golden undefeated in twelve games on the trot
Always sporting and skillful giving as good as they got
Green and gold jerseys worn with pride all through the year
They brought joy to our hearts and to some even a tear

Darren Ahern in goal, a keeper so fine
Full back Justin Conroy with corners Mark Gennery and Conor Ryan
Colm Gleeson was centre back his praises we sing
With Shane Reidy and Darragh McLoughlin on left and right wing.

Simon Kelly and Sean Slattery controlled centrefield
Both stout-hearted and brave not once did they yield
Shane Tuohy and Michael Creamer wing forwards so bright
And led from the centre by the great Neville White.

Our full forward line they were both skillful and speedy
At full David Gleeson in the corners Michael and John Sheedy
On the bench we had players of quality and style
Jamie McCloskey, Shane O'Brien and of course Killian Boyle.

Martin Hammond, Adrian Lewis and Cormac Shouldice were in the subs box
As were Fionan Ryan, Ruairi Blaney and the young Thomas Knox
Dessie Brereton, Andrew McCloskey and Padraig Hanly were also togged out
A great young team for years they will be talked about.

So here's to our heroes our under twelve team
We will always remember Semple's great sporting scene
The hard luck tales and nearlys in smoke they went up
As captain Kelly lofted our first county cup.

When we recall the great deeds of our boys
We think of great scores and other great joys
The little village has awoken I can hear you all shout
In future the others they better watch out.



Portroe Under-12 Hurling 'C' County Champions 2000

Back: Tim O'Halloran (manager), Neville White, Shane Reidy, Sean Slattery, John Sheedy, Shane Tuohy, Fionan Ryan, Killian Boyle, Mark Gennery, David Gleeson, Darren Ahern, Conor Ryan, Michael Sheedy, Ruairi Blaney, Darragh McLoughlin, Michael Creamer, Sean Creamer (selector). Front: Padraig Hanly, Cormac Shouldice, Thomas Knox, Dessie Brereton, Jamie McCloskey, Adrian Lewis, Simon Kelly (captain), Colm Gleeson, Justin Conroy, Shane O'Brien, Andrew McCloskey, Martin Hammond.



◁ **Portroe Senior Hurlers County Div. 1 Winners.**

Back row (from left): Patrick Conroy, Michael Delahunty, Pat Sexton, John Hogan, Kenneth Kennedy, Darren Gleeson, Joe Sexton, Dinny Hogan, James Seymour. Kneeling: John Moloney, Noel O'Halloran, John Hogan (captain), Denis Quinn, John Ryan, Barry O'Driscoll, Anthony Kennedy, Padraig Quinn, Martin Mickenna.

▷ **Portroe Under-21 panel, North 'C' Champions.**

Back row (l. to r.): Michael Moloney, Padraig Hickey, Shane Creamer, Pat McGrath, Coleman Shouldice, Darren Gleeson, Joe Quinn, Padraig Conroy, Dermot O'Halloran, Nicky Ryan, Andy Murray. Kneeling: Kevin Shinnons, Charlie Wilford, Adrian Shinnon, Michael Delahunty (captain), Fergal Hayes, Eddie Lawlor, Ger McGrath, Thomas Quinn.



◁ **Portroe Runners-Up at this year's Kilmacud 7-a-side.**

Back row (from left): John Sheedy (manager), Jimmy Sheedy (selector), John Ryan, Noel O'Halloran, Darren Gleeson, Coleman Shouldice, John Hogan (B), Mike Gleeson (selector). Front: Barry O'Driscoll, John Hogan (K), John Moloney, Kenneth Kennedy, Joe Sexton, Liam Sheedy, Pat Sexton.



◁ **Borrisoleigh Minor 'B' Football Team North Tipp and County Champions.**

Back row (from left): John Walsh (selector), Mark Bourke, Brendan Kenny, John Walsh, Vinnie Stapleton, Shane Stapleton, Martin Maher, Mark Bourke, Neil Stapleton, Mattie Stapleton, Michael Delaney, Brendan Ryan, Vinnie O'Connor (selector). Front: Michael Ryan, Matthew Fahey, P.J. Kiely, Paudie Maher, Michael Small, Paul Mason, Andy Spillane, Patrick Tynan, Martin Treacy, Patrick Stapleton, Oliver Delaney, John Stapleton (manager).

▷ **Borrisoleigh Sevens Champions 2000**

Back row (l. to r.): Rory Kinane (snr) (manager), Philip Rabbitte, Philip Maher, Rory Kinane, Martin Maher, Mark Stapleton (captain), Tony Rabbitte (chairman), Noel Maher (secretary). Front: Mark Bourke, Sean Maher, Daragh Rabbitte, Declan Maher, John Keane, John Stapleton. This was Borrisoleigh's 5th victory in the sevens. They now lead the way. Player of the Tournament - Philip Maher.



Newport's under-16s take North & County Hurling Titles



Newport Under-16 'B' Hurling County Champions

Panel – Dermot Ryan, Michael Ryan (B), Shane Ryan, David Quinn, Kieran O'Sullivan, Conor O'Mahony, Joseph Powell, Vincent Moloney, Andrew Hickey (captain), Philip O'Brien, Eoin Larkin, David Moore, Eoin Shinnors, Eoin Murphy, Christy Connors, Kieran McCabe, Christy Joyce, Christy Doyle, Cathal Ryan, Noel Vaughan, Nigel Ryan (B), Leo Collins, Colin Moroney, Michael McNerney, Kevin Conway, Darragh Ryan.

Yes, it was a great year for Newport under-16 'B' hurlers who took the North and County under-16 title this year.

The North championship was run on a league basis with a total of eight teams involved. Our boys won all of their matches, thus heading the group and qualified for the North semi-final. Our opponents were Kilruane McDonaghs who gave us a great game, however, we got through to the final against Nenagh Éire Óg which was played at McDonagh Park, Nenagh. Both teams served

up a great game of hurling in front of a large crowd. A goal for Newport ten minutes from time sealed victory, 3-8 to 1-8.

We then faced the South champions Skeheenrinky in the semi-final. Newport were well on top right throughout and ran out convincing winners.

All roads led to Templederry for the county final against Mid champions, Boherlahan. In miserable weather conditions both teams served up the best game of hurling seen for many a long day. This was a very sporting game despite the horrendous weather condi-

tions and the competitive nature of both teams. Three minutes into injury time Boherlahan were awarded a penalty which was driven over the bar and Newport were crowned County champions minutes later on a scoreline of 3-4 to 2-6. Our great captain, Andrew Hickey, in his speech thanked team manager Sean Shinnors, team coach Mike Ryan (B) and selectors Denis O'Sullivan and Terry O'Brien. He also thanked each member of the panel and the team's very loyal supporters who had supported the team over what was indeed a very long campaign.

Nenagh Éire Óg's year in Under-16 Football

What a year for Nenagh Éire Óg as their under-16 footballers won North and County titles.

In the North division it was evident early in the campaign that they were going to be a strong force. Having defeated Burgess in the semi-final, they went on to win the North title by defeating Roscrea in a close game. Final score: Nenagh Éire Óg 1-8, Roscrea 1-4.

In the County semi-final they defeated Moyle Rovers by four points after a great game of football. In the County final Arravale Rovers provided the opposition. What a game it proved to be. In a nail-biting finish Nenagh Éire Óg came out winners in the score 2-12 to Arravale Rovers 4-4. It was a fitting finish to a great year in which they produced some excellent football.



The Nenagh Éire Óg panel that won the County Junior 'A' hurling title by defeating Thurles Fennelly's in an exciting final at The Ragg. Back row (l. to r.): Paddy Harrington, Martin Donnellan, Ronan Bailey, Joe O'Donoghue, Billy Flannery, Christy McLoughlin, Eamonn Murtagh, John Flannery, John Brennan, Brian Quinn, Conor O'Donovan. Front: Donnacha Ryan, John Heffernan, Declan Bailey, Cormack Galvin, Noel Coffey (capt.), Michael Hackett, Tom Conroy, Gearoid Cleary, David Hackett, Hugh Maloney.



Nenagh Éire Óg North and County Under-16 Football Champions

Back row: John Kissane, Fr. B. Kyne, Tomas Ryan, Enda Parker, Gerry Clifford, Michael Walsh, Gerry Noonan, Martin Slattery, Andy Nevin, Rolly McLoughlin, James Tooher, Paddy Breen, John Toole. Front: Tom Kennedy, Shane McLoughlin, Conor Brennan, Tommy Cahill, Mark McKenna, Jimmy Hynes, Paraic Breen (capt.), Eoin Fitzgibbon, John O'Gorman, Ed Spillane. Inset: Arthur Mitchell.

TMPLDERRY KENYON'S G.A.A.



Templederrey Intermediate Hurling Team 2000

Back row: Noel Carey, Sean Ryan (with Christina), Ben Looby, Maitiu Ryan, Daniel Madden, Damien Quinn, Liam Murray, Cathal Ryan, Timmy Minogue, Patrick Kennedy, Damien Bourke, Matthew Ryan, Ger Ryan, Padraig Ryan, Pat Phelan, Richie Kennedy, Bertie Sherlock (trainer), Michael Kennedy. Front: John Fogarty, Michael Ryan, Dinny Ryan, John Kennedy, John Collins, Jimmy Collins, Tommy Murray (captain), Michael Ryan (with Aibhean), Pat Minogue, Paul Ryan, Seamus Kennedy, Donie Kennedy (with Cathal Kennedy), Patrick Ryan, Diarmuid Corcoran, Paudie Ryan (c), Donie Gleeson, Tom Ryan (coach).

2000 was one of the most outstanding years in the club's history. This was reflected in our Championship performances and titles won.

During the course of our year we participated in Junior and Intermediate hurling league and championship, and also took part in Junior football competition. We also competed in the minor football and hurling championships.

Even with our limited resources we could field teams at Intermediate, Minor and Junior level, good enough to compete with the best.

The Intermediate team won the North Intermediate League, together with the North and County championships thus bringing an historic three Intermediate titles to the club. Winning this county title qualifies us to play Senior Championship hurling in 2001 for the first time since the 1930s.

Our Junior 'B' hurling team had a good run in the league being beaten by Toomevara in the final. Despite some good performances this team were unfortunate not to compete in the knockout stages of the championship. The under-21 team contested the North final and were narrowly defeated by

Ballina. This was an incredible achievement when one considers that this team were initially graded to play in the 'C' section and opted to play in 'B' in an effort to improve the hurling skills of this group of players.

The Minor hurling team have already been victorious in the North Tipperary 'B' championship winning this trophy for the second time in five years. This win argues very well for the future, as the last winning team has contributed the players who from the back bone of our current Intermediate team. This present Minor team has already qualified for this year's County final which was won early in December.

The club provided many players to further the endeavours of the various County teams. Namely: Michael Ryan played with the Tipp Senior hurling team; Paul Ryan played under-21 and Senior Inter County hurling; Maitiu Ryan and Timmy Minogue played Minor Inter County hurling; Gerard Ryan played with the Co. Intermediate hurling team; Michael Stapleton played with the Tipperary Masters.

We continue to compete in all age groups in hurling and football from very small pools of players and in recent

years we have been very successful. Our current successes are a reflection of the work that has been put in, with the juveniles over the last number of years.

Under-12s – won the North and County football and contested the North final in hurling.

Under-14s – Football: reached the North semi-final. Hurling: beaten in North final.

Under-16s – Football: won North final and reached the County final. Hurling: victorious in both North and County championships.

Our schools had a particularly good year winning a county hurling title this year together with a North Tipp hurling and football titles.

In conclusion the club wish to thank all the officers at Divisional and County level, the referees and their officials for their dedication and effort during the year.

Also a word of thanks to our teams, selectors, trainers, coaches, physios, first aid personnel, supporters, hard working committees and our many generous sponsors whose contributions made so many dreams come true, in what has been a truly memorable millennium year for Templederrey.



Templederrey Under-16 team, mentors and officers North Champions in football and North and County Champions in hurling.

Back row (from left): Gerry Ryan (selector), James O'Leary (chairman), Tom McLoughney, David Ryan, Eoin Mulcahy, John Griffin, Billy Corcoran, Padraig Gleeson, Brendan Hayes, Damien Carey, Paddy Ryan (selector). Middle: John Ryan (treasurer), Dan Madden (selector), James Gleeson (selector/PRO), Eoghan Murray, Gerard Kennedy, James Hogan, Michael Ryan, Michael O'Dwyer, Eddie Fahey, Mary Fahey (secretary), John Collins (manager). Front: Donal McGrath, Pat Ryan, Morgan Carey, Paudie Ryan (captain football), Diarmuid Corcoran, J.J. Fahey, (captain hurling), Michéal O'Leary, Matthew Ryan, Andy Ryan, Daniel Shanahan.

Templederry Bord na nÓg 2000

The year just ending was another very successful one for Templederry Juvenile teams.

UNDER-16 TEAMS

Our under-16 hurlers went all the way, winning the North and County Under-16 'C' Championships. Just four teams took part in the 'C' division of the North Tipp Championship – Ballinahinch, Shannon Rovers, Kiladangan and ourselves. After a series of league games, we overcame Shannon Rovers in the semi-final and Ballinahinch in the final. We defeated Ballylooby in the County semi-final and Lattin Cullen in the final which was played in Dr. Morris Park.

Our under-16 footballers defeated Shannon Rovers in the North Tipp semi-final. We got a real scare before disposing of Ballinahinch in the North Tipp final. We emerged victorious after two titantic struggles against Fr. Sheedy's, Clogheen in the county semif-inial. We narrowly lost to Cappawhite in the County final.

UNDER-12 TEAMS

Our under-12 footballers took part in the 'C' championship in North Tipp. They were grouped with Portroe, Borrisokane, Lorrha and Shannon Rovers. After a series of league games we defeated Portroe in a hard fought semi-final. Lorrha provided the opposition in the North final and this was one of the best games of the campaign. Templederry won by a small margin. We defeated Ballyporeen in the County semi-final. The final was played in Semple Stadium where we had a magnificent victory over Éire Óg Annacarty.

In the under-12 hurling championship we defeated Borrisoleigh in the North Tipp semi-final of the 'B' section. In an excellent North final we went down narrowly to Kilruane.

UNDER-14 TEAM

The under-14 team were grouped with Shannon Rovers, Portroe, Lorrha, Ballinahinch and Borrisokane in the 'C' championship. After a series of league games, Borrisokane defeated Templederry in the semi-final.

The under-14 hurling team were grouped with Ballina, Borrisoleigh and Kildangan. We defeated Borrisoleigh in the semi-final against the run of play. Ballina were much too strong for Templederry in the North final.

Schools' football

Templederry N.S. took part in the Section 'B' of the North Tipp Primary Schools Football Championship. They



Templederry N.S. Mini Sevens team beaten in final by Upperchurch. Back row (l. to r.): Thomas Stapleton, Alan Carey, Daniel Fahey, Pat Ryan, Padraig O'Leary. Front: Aidan Ryan, John Fogarty, Paul Murray, Gearoid Ryan, Tommy Hogan.

had victory over the Gaelscoil Ballina (N.S.), (after a replay), Borrisoleigh (again after a replay) and Yougalarra to put two football championships back to back.

In school's hurling Templederry N.S. were in Section 'C' and were grouped with Borrisoleigh N.S., Corville N.S., Moneygall N.S., Puckane N.S., Gaelscoil, Yougalarra N.S., Portroe, Dunlerrin N.S. and Cloughjordan N.S.

This was played on a knockout basis. Templederry had fine wins over Borrisoleigh and Yougalarra before defeating Moneygall in a finely contested final in Nenagh on June 6th. The following

week they defeated Grange N.S., being the only winners from the North to bring a title back to the division.

Templederry N.S. also took part in the I.N.T.O. organised mini sevens and were defeated by Upperchurch N.S. in the regional finals.

Congratulations to Thomas Stapleton (hurling); Padraig O'Leary (football) and Joanne Nolan, Killenaule N.S. (camogie), who played for Tipperary in the Primary Game.

Congratulations also to all those at different age groups who represented North Tipp or Tipperary at hurling or football during the year.



Templederry Under-12 Football 'C' North and County Champions. Back row (l. to r.): T.J. O'Brien, Rory Kennedy, Eoghan Kinane, Brian Stapleton, Gerald Hogan, Noel Ryan, Denis Corcoran, Thomas McCutcheon, Joanne O'Brien, Eimear Shanahan, Mairead O'Leary. Middle: Tadhg McLoughlin, Brian Carey, John Fogarty, Tom Ryan, Ronan Kinane, Eanna Murray, Paul Murray, Christy Coughlan, Pío Kennedy. Front: Alan Carey, Aidan Ryan, Padraig O'Leary, Gearoid Ryan, Stephen Smith, Thomas Stapleton (c), Seamus O'Dwyer, Tommy Hogan, Daniel Fahey.

Who else remembers?

The meeting of Templederry and Newport on 19th November in Nenagh in the Intermediate County hurling final, and the consequent reports of the match on the local papers has prompted me to recall something of the past regarding these two teams.

First of all let me say this. As I was entering the Nenagh field for that said match, I very jokingly said at the gate "Instead of paying my way in here today, ye should be paying me", and why? Because, when Templederry won the North Tipp championship in the 1931 final against Roscrea, I was there again, with what I might now recall many great differences.

The venue then was the Old Showground in Nenagh on the Borrisokane road – the scene of many a hectic encounter in these now far away days – including the replayed Co. Senior hurling final of 1930, in which Toom defeated Boherlahan. There should be no need to mention the greatest difference for me between the two days – it was, of course, the price of admission. In 1931, wearing my school cap and coat of sixth class, I was freely admitted – in November 2000 it cost me £5 – an amount greater than the total 'gate' at many matches in 1931. Mindful of present day values, I am not, for a moment, complaining about the price of admission, I mention it only to show the great differences that have come about over the years. In fact, two weeks before that, I was at the quarter junior final in Borrisoleigh, where the admission was only £4, and when I said to the ticket man "This is cheap today", his reply was "You are the only one that said that today".

You may be wondering what, if any remembrance I have of the Templederry-Roscrea game in '31. Well, being from the country, and mountainy country at that and not far from Templederry, naturally all my hopes was for a Templederry win, and so for once I went home from a match very happy. I may mention too, they wore green jerseys with a red body band, and the following New Year, their team photo came out in a big calender, which made great sale. I can almost recall all their seven goals in that final – a lot better than I can do at games today. Unlike today too, I had no trouble in remembering their names – the Harringtons, the Hogans, the Ryan Seánins of Latteragh, M. Flanagan in goal. A Crótóg, and Jim O'Meara of Garryglass, a man afterwards associated with great coursing greyhounds. Many years later too, I was visiting Nenagh hospital, and whom should I meet in his sick bed only Lar Ryan Seánín. When I recalled to him how I had seen him play that day in '31 at left corner back, complete with his best black Sunday boots – at the mention of it, he nearly got well enough to get up from his bed and walk home. Paddy Harrington too was one who couldn't escape notice, with his left-sided style – not a ciotog, but left hand under like Jimmy Smith (Clare) of later years.

Mention of Clare reminds me to say that a few years after '31 I happened to see Seán Harrington win two Co. finals in Clare – one with Ennis in '34 and another with Feakle in '36, where he was then a teacher and captained Feakle to win.

Mention of the Hogans too, reminds me to say that the very best of them in many people's minds – Fr. Tommy in later life – was missing from that North

final, because he had returned to his college in Maynooth – from where, in those days, there was no thought of release to play a match of any kind.

Lest Newport should think that they are not getting any mention in all this, let me hasten to say that, just as I was present in '31 at the Templederry-Roscrea final, so was I present in Nenagh showground again at the 1930 junior final, when, sadly for me, Newport were defeated by Roscrea 5-2 to 5-0. I well remember in the dying minutes of that game I stood behind the Roscrea goal, fervently hoping the winner could come – but, although there were a few very near misses, it was not to be.

The Newport team of that day were in all blue jerseys, and contained some of their great senior players of later years – including Jimmy Close, who afterwards played with the great Ahane and Limerick teams of the '30s.

Getting back to the Templederry-Newport game for a moment. I have to mention this – hoping that Templederry will not read it – or if they do, that it might give them an even greater incentive for future success. Anyway it is this, when Templederry went senior in 1932 they met Newport in the first round of the championships in Newport, and they led at half-time, 3-2 to 0-2, but unfortunately finished losing 7-5 to 3-2. It was no disgrace, because these were the great days of Newport and they went on to become North Champions that year.

When presenting the cup in Nenagh to Templederry this year, the Co. Chairman said he believed Templederry had a great future in senior ranks in the coming years – that's what we all hope to see – don't disappoint us.



◁ Gerard McKeogh (North Board Runai) presenting the cup to Eoin Sheehy (captain), Ballina Under-14 North Bord na nOg. Also in picture is Ann McGrath, North Bord na nOg.

North Tipperary G.A.A. Review

2000

Grade	Date	Winner	Score	Runner-Up	Score	Venue	Referee
TSB Bank (Nenagh) SHC Final	9 Sept.	Toomevara	3-13	Moneygall	1-10	Nenagh	T.F. Stapleton
Nenagh Guardian IHC final	24 Sept.	Templederry Kenyons	0-16	Newport	2-10	Nenagh	Vincent McKenna
Nenagh Guardian IHC final (r)	8 Oct.	Templederry Kenyons	4-14	Newport	3-12	Nenagh	Vincent McKenna
Watch Centre J 'A' HC final	24 Oct.	Nenagh Éire Óg	1-12	Ballinahinch	2-9	Dolla	Michael Cahill
Watch Centre J 'A' HC final (r)	8 Oct.	Nenagh Éire Óg	0-12	Ballinahinch	1-5	Dolla	Ger Hayes
Watch Centre J 'B' HC final	30. Sept.	Toomevara	1-13	Ballina	1-8	Kilcolman	Martin Griffin
Tom Walsh U-21 'A' HC final	26 July	Toomevara	2-15	Borris-Ileagh	0-16	Nenagh	Johnny McDonnell
Tom Walsh U-21 'B' HC final	14 July	Ballina	1-8	Templederry Kenyons	0-8	Nenagh	John Kissane
Tom Walsh U-21 'C' HC final	26 Nov.	Portroe	1-7	S. Rovers-Knockshe'	0-6	Puckane	John Collins
Tom Walsh U-21 'C' HC Co. semi-final play-off	19 July	Ballinahinch	1-10	Newport	1-10	Newport	Ger Hayes
Tom Walsh U-21 'C' HC Co. semi-final play-off (replay)	4 Aug.	Ballinahinch	2-13	Newport	2-6	Ballina	Ger Hayes
Ger Gavin M 'A' HC final	6 Sept.	Ballina	1-19	Toomevara	1-9	Nenagh	Ger Hayes
Ger Gavin M 'B' HC final	6 Sept.	Templederry Kenyons	4-9	Newport	3-8	Toomevara	Liam Hogan
Ger Gavin M 'C' HC final	30 Aug.	Lorrha	3-12	B'okane-S. Rovers	1-7	Ballingarry	Martin Healy
I.F.C. final	2 Dec.	Kildangan	1-9	Newport	0-7	Puckane	Martin Healy
J 'A' FC final	11 Nov.	Ballina	2-5	Borris-Ileagh	0-9	Dolla	Martin Healy
J 'B' FC final	18 Nov.	Burgess	2-6	Moneygall	0-8	Dolla	V. McKenna
U-21 'A' FC final	8 Apr.	Kildangan	1-8	Burgess	0-8	Nenagh	John Cleary
U-21 'B' FC final	8 Apr.	Ballina	2-12	Newport	2-2	Dolla	John Stapleton
U-21 'C' FC final	8 Apr.	Ballinahinch	1-9	Portroe	1-4	Ballina	Martin Griffin
M 'A' FC final	13 Aug.	Ballina	2-15	Inane Rovers	0-3	Nenagh	John Kissane
M 'B' FC final	14 Aug.	Borris-Ileagh	2-9	Kildangan	2-5	Nenagh	P.J. O'Rourke
M 'C' FC final	23 Aug.	Ballinahinch	3-10	Templederry Kenyons	1-6	Dolla	Tommy Ryan
I.H.L. final	23 Aug.	Templederry Kenyons	3-11	Ballina	0-9	Kilcolman	Michael Cahill
J 'A' HL final	4 Aug.	Nenagh Éire Óg	0-13	Roscrea	2-4	Moneygall	Brian O'Rielly
J 'B' HL final	29 Jun.	Toomevara	2-12	Templederry Kenyons	0-8	Borrisoleigh	Dan D'Arcy

Results from North Tipp Bord na nÓg 2000

HURLING

Grade	Teams	Referee
U-12 'A'	Toomevara2-4	P.J. Cleary
U-12 'B'	Kilruane McD.5-5	Martin Healy
U-12 'C'	Portroe1-4	Bernard Darcy
Replay	Portroe2-3	Bernard Darcy

U-14 'A'	Silvermines1-7	Martin Darcy
U-14 'B'	Ballina2-5	Martin Healy
U-14 'C'	Shannon Rovers1-9	Martin Griffin

U-16 'A'	Burgess4-12	Martin Darcy
U-16 'B'	Newport3-8	Tom Gleeson
U-16 'C'	Templederry3-13	Martin Griffin

FOOTBALL

U-12 'A'	Burgess5-7	John Kisane
U-12 'B'	Kilruane MacD.6-7	Garrett Howard
U-12 'C'	Templederry2-3	Dan Darcy

U-14 'A'	Borris-Ileagh1-7	John Cleary
U-14 'B'	Kilruane MacD.3-8	Tommy Ryan
U-14 'C'	Borrisokane1-5	Des Kelly
Replay	Shannon Rovers2-8	Des Kelly

U-16 'A'	Nenagh Éire Óg1-8	Tommy Ryan
U-16 'B'	Kilruane MacD.3-8	Martin Darcy
U-16 'C'	Templederry1-17	Martin Griffin

SPONSORS

U-12 'C' Hurling – Newsfayre, Nenagh
 U-14 'B' Hurling – Lakeside Hotel, Killaloe
 U-16 'B' Hurling – Mid West Surveys, Newport

North Tipperary Bord na nÓg 2000

North Tipperary Bord na nÓg Officers

Chairman: Connie Grace (Kilruane MacDonaghs)

Vice-Chairmen: John Hogan (Burgess), Tom Gleeson (Portroe).

Secretary: Ann McGrath (Burgess)

P.R.O.: Stephen Egan (Portroe)

GARDA CUP INTER DIVISIONAL U-16 HURLING : NORTH TIPPERARY 2-11; WEST TIPPERARY 1-5

Panel – Tom Kennedy (Nenagh Éire Óg), Michael Bergin (Moneygall), Noel McDonnell (Burgess), Martin Treacy (Borris-Ileigh), Roy Darcy (Shannon Rovers), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Diarmuid Corcoran (Templederrey), Shane Lee (Roscrea), Sean Delaney (Toomevara), Noel Gleeson (Burgess), Francis Devaney (Toomevara), Neil Kelly (Silvermines), Tony Scroope (Burgess), William Ryan (capt.) (Toomevara), Pádraig Berkery (Ballinahinch), Seosamh Cleary (Borrisokane), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch), Marcus Ryan (Ballinahinch), Kevin Ryan (Ballina), Thomas Collins (Ballina), Colm Duggan (Lorrha), James Dunne (Lorrha), Connor Brennan (Nenagh Éire Óg), David Killoran (Roscrea), Denis Maloney (Roscrea), J.J. Fahey (Templederrey), Pádraig Ryan (Templederrey), John Boland (Toomevara), Owen Mannion (Lorrha).

MUNSTER INTER COUNTY U-16 HURLING WINNERS 2000: NORTH TIPPERARY 3-12; EAST CLARE 1-14

Panel – Tom Kennedy (Nenagh Éire Óg), John Boland (Toomevara), Diarmuid Corcoran (Templederrey), Michael

Bergin (Moneygall), Roy Darcy (Shannon Rovers), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Martin Treacy (Borris-Ileigh), Sean Delaney (Toomevara), David Killoran (Roscrea), Neil Kelly (Silvermines), Francis Devaney (Toomevara), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch), Tony Scroope (Burgess), Thomas Collins (Ballina), William Ryan (capt.) (Toomevara), Seosamh Cleary (Borrisokane), Noel Gleeson (Burgess), Denis Maloney (Roscrea), Kevin Ryan (Ballina), Marcus Ryan (Ballinahinch), Pádraig Berkery (Ballinahinch), Noel McDonnell (Burgess), Colm Duggan (Lorrha), James Dunne (Lorrha), Conor Brennan (Nenagh Éire Óg), J.J. Fahey (Templederrey), Pádraig Ryan (Templederrey), Owen Mannion (Lorrha).

PEADAR CUMMINS TOURNAMENT U-14 HURLING: NORTH TIPPERARY 2-9, WEST TIPPERARY 0-2

Panel – Martin McKeogh (Ballina), Martin Walsh (Kilruane MacD.), Shane Carroll (Shannon Rovers), Pat Fitzgerald (Roscrea), Ray McLoughney (Kilruane MacD.), Sean Ryan (Moneygall), David O'Connor (Borris-Ileigh), Shane O'Brien (Ballina), Declan Mulqueen (Silvermines), Owen Ryan (Nenagh Éire Óg), Graham Gohery (Kilruane MacD.), Keith Ryan (Borris-Ileigh), Niall Quigley

(capt.) (Burgess), Darragh Egan (Kildangan), Colm Larkin (Borrisokane), Matthew Ryan (Templederrey), Owen Ryan (Moneygall), Paul Guerin (Roscrea), Terry Delaney (Toomevara), Owen Sheehy (Ballina), Thomas O'Meara (Toomevara), Jack Maher (Lorrha), David Kearns (Nenagh Éire Óg), Gerard Coonan (Ballina), Pádraig Malone (Portroe).

"FRIENDS OF TIPPERARY" INTER DIVISIONAL U-16 FOOTBALL: NORTH TIPPERARY 2-9, WEST TIPPERARY 2-4

Panel – Noel Killackey (Roscrea), Ger Fogarty (Burgess), Thomas Collins (Ballina), Marcus Ryan (Ballinahinch), Roy Darcy (Shannon Rovers), Paudie Breen (capt.) (Nenagh Éire Óg), Andrew Hickey (Newport), Robbie Cremin (Burgess), Shane Ryan (Newport), Kevin Ryan (Ballina), Diarmuid Corcoran (Templederrey), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch), Mark McKenna (Nenagh Éire Óg), David Killoran (Roscrea), Noel Gleeson (Burgess), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Enda Forde (Borrisokane), James Dunne (Lorrha), Eoin Fitzgibbon (Nenagh Éire Óg), Tom Kennedy (Nenagh Éire Óg), Tony Scroope (Burgess), Michael Walsh (Nenagh Éire Óg), Sean Gleeson (Silvermines).



North Tipperary Under-16 Hurling panel, which defeated East Clare in the Divisional Munster final at the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick. Back row (l. to r.): Noel Gleeson, Marcus Ryan, Kevin Ryan, Michael Bergin, Sean Delaney, John Boland, Tom Kennedy, Tony Scroope, Conor O'Mahony, Joseph Cleary, Connor Brennan, Denis Moloney, James Dunne, Colm Duggan, Eoin Mannion. Kneeling: Pádraig Ryan, Roy Darcy, Shane McGrath, Niall Kelly, William Ryan (capt.), Martin Treacy, David Killoran, Francis Delaney, Diarmuid Corcoran, Thomas Collins, Pádraig Berkery, Noel McDonnell.

Roscrea honours SPORTING GREATS

In January, the annual Roscrea and District Sports Star Awards were presented at a gala night in Grant's Hotel.

Former Tipperary hurler Kieran Carey was presented with the Millennium Hall of Fame Award while Séamus Ó Riain was honoured for his contribution to sport.

Guest of honour was Defence Minister Michael Smith.

SEAMUS Ó RIAIN

Seamus, from Moneygall, is a well known national figure who attended his local National School and then went on to Coláiste Eínde and Coláiste Chaoimhín and on to the De La Salle College in Waterford.

While there he had the distinction of winning two Waterford Senior Football Championship and also won a gold medal for best all-rounder during his two years there.

Seamus graduated as a National School teacher and after some time came back to take up duty in his local parish as Principal of Dunkerrin National School.

Though his prowess as both a hurler and footballer, not to mention his distinction as an athlete, were to win him many admirers, it was his administrative abilities that were to surface with marvellous flair from the time he took up the post of Secretary in the Moneygall Club.

He then served as Chairman of his local club. He took on Chairman of the North Tipperary Board from 1957-1965, Chairman of the Munster Council 1965-1967 and President of the G.A.A. from 1967-1970.

He was then elected Chairman of the Tipperary County Board, having completed a most successful three year term as President of the G.A.A., during which the G.A.A. Commission was set up, the Club Development Scheme was launched, and Scór was introduced.

The crowning glory of his career must surely have been the launch of Féile na nGael, which arrived on the scene in 1971.

While now retired from his teaching career, he continues to be involved in promoting the activities of the youth in his local parish and is a familiar figure at all G.A.A. sporting events and currently served as President of both the North and County G.A.A. Boards.



Séamus Ó Riain with Defence Minister Michael Smith. Séamus was honoured for his contribution to sport.

KIERAN CAREY

Kieran, from Knock, Roscrea, played during his early years with Kyle Hurling Club, and then joined Roscrea G.A.A. Club, where he became a member of the minor hurling team while a student of the Vocational School.

Kieran was a member of the successful hurling team that won the North Tipperary Championship in 1950. This was Kieran's first medal in a haul of medals that was impressive.

He is now holder of five All-Ireland medals, which he won representing Tipperary – in 1958, 1961, 1962, 1964 and 1965. He also has numerous other medals including five National League medals, five Oireachtas medals, seven Munster Championship medals, four Railway Cup medals, one All-Ireland Club Championship medal, one All-Ireland Inter-Factory medal, three Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship medals, five North Tipperary Championship medals and one Laois Senior Hurling Championship medal won with his local club (Kyle and Knock) in 1951, three St. Brendan's Cup medals won playing against New York, one Minor Championship medal in 1950.

Kieran was also a selector of the Tipperary team that won the 1971 All-Ireland final. A truly worthy winner of this year's "Millennium Hall of Fame" Award.



Kieran Carey receives the Hall of Fame Award from Defence Minister Michael Smith.

County Underage Final Double for Shannon Rovers

by Liam Hogan



Back row – Sean Darcy (selector), Mtn Cleary, Philip Donnellan, Patrick Donnellan, Shane Carroll, Ml Hallorhan (selector), Ml. Quinlan, George Hannigan, Darran Carroll, Joe Starr (selector). Middle row – Tim Carroll (selector), Eamon Joyce, Robert Gorman, Ml. Bourke, Kevin Hogan, David Hogan, Sean Tiernan, Julian O'Hallorhan, Pat Stack (selector). Front row – Dan O'Halloran, Alan Hannigan, Darryl Darcy, James Stack, Brendan Cummins (All Star), Enda Hogan, Barry Cahalan, Kevin Cahalan, Lee Darcy. New All-Star goalkeeper Brendan Cummins on the night he came to Kilbarron to the Shannon Rovers medal presentation night.

Every club strives to win a county final in either hurling or football. For a club like Toomevara, Thurles Sarsfields or Moyle Rovers a county title becomes second nature. For a club like Shannon Rovers County titles come at a rate of one per decade if they are lucky.

So when Shannon Rovers U-14 Hurling and Football began their quest for glory on March 29th the reality of winning two County finals (one in each code) seemed an impossibility. Win they did, and their feat was accomplished in fine style.

Rovers entered U-12, U-14 and U-16 in Roinn 'C' in both football and hurling and so on March 29th the footballers defeated Portroe in the first round of the U-14 C Football. Being grouped with five teams they reached the semi-final unbeaten after big wins over Lorrha, Borrisokane, Templederry and Ballinahinch.

The top four teams qualified for the semi-final and Lorrha provided the opposition at Puckane. We won by 2-12 to 0-2 and with everything prepared our supporters looked forward to a final clash with neighbours and close rivals, Borrisokane. After an exciting game both sides finished level at 1-5 each. The replay was fixed for Portroe and this time there was no mistake. Team captain Enda Hogan received the winning trophy from North Board Chairman, Connor Grace, after a 2-08 to 0-03 victory.

Now a County semi-final beckoned. We had to travel south to The Ragg to defeat Ballyporeen by 5-13 to 2-1. So one week later (July 3) Rovers returned to The Ragg again for a county final title with West champions, Emly. In a one sided game players like Robert O'Gorman, Lee and Darryl Darcy proved to be a winning combination in the half forward line as they inflicted a 3-14 to 2-1

defeat on Emly.

It was the second county final appearance in football as the Junior Footballers failed at the last hurdle in 1988, to Arravale Rovers.

The historic team lined out as follows:

1 Mick Burke, 2 Danny O'Halloran, 3 Martin Cleary, 4 Patrick Donnellan, 5 George Hannigan, 6 Shane Carroll, 7 Kevin Cahalan, 8 James Stack, 9 Ml James Quinlan, 10 Robert O'Gorman, 11 Lee Darcy, 12 Darryl Darcy, 13 Philip Donnellan, 14 Enda Hogan, capt, 15 Barry Cahalan.

U-14 HURLING

Here, the Rovers were pitted against Portroe, Borrisokane, Ballinahinch and Newport. There were only one group and the top four would qualify for the semi-finals. The question was, would the hurlers match the unbeaten run of the footballers?

The opening round of the hurling was played in June against Newport which resulted in a win. Two days after the County Football final it was back to the hurling as Rovers lost to Borrisokane by one point, followed by two wins on the 6th and 10th against Ballinahinch and Portroe.

It was semi-final time again which saw the team play Newport at Kilcolman. With a win there, the North Final soon followed on August 13 which resulted in a 2-08 to 1-0 win over borrisokane. At Cloughjordan goalkeeper Mike Burke made a number of fine saves but his side were never in danger. Upto now the games were easily won and the County semi-final and final were won in similar fashion. On August 21 the county semi-final resulted in a 3-16 to 0-1 win over Fr Sheedy's at Drombane. So on the first day of September it was County Final time again. Here Rovers won by 5-11 to

0-2 against a young Dúrlas Óg B side at Borrisoleigh. Captain James Stack became the sixth Rovers players to lead the club to a county title. He joins the elusive club of captains like Michael Hogan (Co Jun), in 1939. Jim Burke (U-15) in 1947 and Jim Burke again (Co Jun) in '68. Let's not forget Tom Burke Co Inter in 1986 and, of course, Enda Hogan in U-14 football earlier in the year.

The team that won the Co U-14 H.C. final and completed a historic double for the club were:

1 Mick Burke, Kilbarron; 2 Martin Cleary, Cunnaghmore; 3 George Hannigan, Kilbarron Village; 4 Eamonn Joyce, Carrigahorig; 5 Darryl Darcy, Bellview; 6 Michael James Quinlan, Newlawn; 7 James Stack, Killea, Captain; 8 Shane Carroll, Kilviller; 9 Lee Darcy, Bellview; 10 Robert Gorman, Kilbarron Village; 11 Patrick Donnellan, Luska; 12 Kevin Cahalan, Cloninaha; 13 Philip Donnellan, Luska; 14 Enda Hogan, Lacken; 15 Barry Cahalan, Cloninaha.

Subs – David Hogan, Roran; Sean Tiernan, Carrigagown; Alan Harrigan, Kilbarron Village; Julian O'Halloran, Coolbawn; Danny O'Halloran, Coolbawn; Kevin Hogan, Terryglass; Darren Carroll, Kilviller.

COUNTY PLAYERS

- Shane Carroll played for Tipperary in the U-14 Tony Forrester competitions.

- Ray Darcy played for Tipperary 'B' U-16s in the Nenagh Co-Op and he won a Munster Inter-Divisional winners medal.

- Lee Darcy played for Tipperary in the Munster Primary Hurling game in July before the Tipp and Waterford Munster Senior Hurling Championship.

- George Hannigan played for Tipperary in the Primary Game at football prior to the Tipperary-Clare. Munster Football tie.

It's true that the women are better than the men!

History was made in the Champions Challenge at the Ragg on October 29. The Tipperary Masters, All-Ireland champions of 2000, issued a challenge to the Tipperary senior camogie team, All-Ireland champions of 1999 and 2000, and came out second best!

As commentator, Liam Ó Donnchú described it before the game, it was truly an historic occasion because never before had men challenged women to a hurling match on the field of combat.

The referee was Joe Hayes, who had graced the field of victory for Clonoulty-Rossmore and Tipperary in the course of an illustrious career. For the occasion he was sporting a pair of togs worn by Niall Quinn in an international during the year.

Both teams lined out as selected in their respective All-Irelands with the Masters wearing skirts and the girls wearing togs. An indication of the tension between the sides was the attempt by the Masters to intimidate the girls before the game by performing the Maori war dance, the haka, before them.

The game wasn't long on when it became obvious that the referee was heavily biased in favour of the girls. Recurrent representations and protests from Masters' manager, Larry Mackey only resulted in having himself sin-binned to the stand. The Masters suffered another major blow when full-forward, John Sheedy, frustrated at the continued partisan performance of the referee, tripped him up and was red-carded for his trouble.

During the second half the subs from



Cecil(ia) Ryan, referee Joe Hayes and Tom McGrath (undercover).

both sides joined in the fray until the two panels were on the field. They were soon joined by their respective managers, Larry Mackey, who came in from the cold and Michael Cleary. The arrival of Mackey had an inspirational effect on his players and they scored a number of goals.

However, the referee declared the girls the winners even though he refused to reveal the score. The Masters got their own back as soon as the match was over. They surrounded Joe and dipped him in a pool of water. He walked off the field a sorry sight.

The whole game was played in the best of humour and greatly enjoyed by the crowd who had braved the cold. The funds raised on the occasion went to

fund the trip the girls made to Lanzarote in November, as a reward for winning the All-Ireland.

Tipperary senior camogie: Jovita Delaney, Cashel; Suzanne Kelly, Toomevara; Una O'Dwyer, Cashel; Claire Madden, Portroe; Sinead Nealon, Burgess; Ciara Gaynor, Kilruane MacDonaghs; Theresa Brophy, Burgess; Emily Hayden, Cashel; Angie McDermott, Knockavilla; Philly Fogarty, Cashel; Noelle Kennedy, Toomevara; Cathriona Hennessy, Drom & Inch; Eimear MacDonnell, Burgess; Deirdre Hughes, Toomevara; Claire Grogan, Templemore. Subs: Louise Ryan, Holy-cross; Joanne Ryan, Drom & Inch; Meadh Stokes, Cashel; Grainne Shanahan, Toomevara; Paula Bulfin, Cashel; Helen Kiely, Drom & Inch; Sheena Howard, Burgess; Niamh Harkin, Drom & Inch.

Tipperary Masters: Pat McLoughney, Shannon Rovers; John Stokes, Gortna-hoe-Glengoolie; Cecil Ryan, Newport; Ger Ryan, Silvermines; Michael Stapleton, Templederry; Martin Bourke, J.K. Brackens; Ger Carey, Newport; Anthony O'Neill, Cappawhite; Kevin Fox, Éire Óg; Tom McGrath, Loughmore-Castleiney; Johnny Sherlock, Lorrha; Stephen Hennessy, Marlfield; Pat Looby, Drom & Inch; John Sheedy, Portroe; Seamus Burke, J. K. Brackens. Subs: John Sullivan, Lorrha; Liam Keogh, Silvermines; John Hassett, Drom & Inch; Sean Ryan, Ballinahinch; John Stone, Roscrea; Michael McGrath, Loughmore-Castleiney; Tim Floyd, Newport; Eamon Brennan, Loughmore-Castleiney; Liam Sheedy, Ballina; John Ryan, Toomevara; Pat Ryan, Clonoulty-Rossmore; Eamon Maher, Lorrha.

Referee: Joe Hayes, Clonoulty-Rossmore.



Back Row: Tim Floyd, Cecil Ryan, Pat McLoughney, John (legs) Sheedy.
Front: Ger (aldine) Carey.

Recent G.A.A. Publications

By Seamus J. King



Seamus King, Yearbook Committee, presents a copy of the Tipperary GAA Yearbook 2000 to outgoing Co Board chairman Paul O'Neill during County Convention in Thurles.

Quite a number of books on G.A.A. matters appeared during the year or will be appearing in the near future. Two of the latter, which are scheduled to appear in the Spring, are divisional histories. J.J. Kennedy has been working for some years on the history of the west division and the book is near set to go to the printers.

It will include about 600 pages and there's a preview of it elsewhere in this book. I am completing the history of the north division and it is

hoped to have it published next March. It will also be an extensive work. These will be very valuable works and fill a niche in the county collection of G.A.A. books. The other divisions are partly catered for. Michael Dundon brought out a short history of the mid division in 1984 and Michael O'Meara's south convention handbook last December included an extensive list of previous board officers, scór winners, gate receipts and championship results. Both are important reference sources.

THREE CLUB HISTORIES

On the club front the past year saw the publication of three club histories. In July the history of the G.A.A. in Drangan and Cloneen, 1885-2000 was launched in the Community Hall, Cloneen. Produced by a history committee and written by Eamon Hall, it is an invaluable reference work on the history of the club. Attractively produced in A4 size and containing 240 pages, it is written on good quality paper, has a fine selection of photographs and is great value for £10.

Early in November Emly brought out their club history called "Parish of Emly - History of Gaelic Games and Athletics" edited by Michael O'Dwyer, who published the "History of Emly" some years back. Emly was originally a hurling place and one of its early stalwarts was Jack Raleigh, who played with the famous Greyhounds. An early administrator was Johnny Hennessy, who is reputed to have scored a point from a puckout on one occasion. Another famous Emly man was Jim Mitchel, a great athlete, who held the world record in the hammer event. He remained in the U.S. after the 1888 "Invasion" and travelled to Athens for the Olympics. On his way he hurt his shoulder and couldn't perform so he reported the games for an American newspaper. For more, buy the book, which contains over 300 pages and is in hardback, for £15.

The third club history is called "Inane Rovers Gaelic Football Club - 50th Anniversary" and it was launched by Michael Frawley, Chairman of Football Board at Grant's Hotel, Roscrea on December 1. For half a century Inane have been ploughing a lone football furrow in the north division and this book celebrates their achievements. The book contains 124 pages, includes over 80 photographs, sells at the giveaway price of £5 and is written as a labour of love by Ciaran Mac-Nicolas.



St. Patrick's launch of *The History of the G.A.A. in Drangan and Cloneen* were: Front row (l to r): Tommy O'Connor, Willie Barrett, Con Hogan, Tommy Barrett, Paddy Power, Rev. Fr Tony Lambe P.P., Eamon Hall. Back row: Nicholas Moroney, Ned Barnable, Tomás McCormack, Councillor Tom Wood, John Holohan, Michael Hall, Jim Egan, Joe Brennan and Alan Britton.

Two-Mile-Borris celebrated the All-Ireland hurling winners of 1900 during the year. The club erected a monument to the men in the heart of the village and G.A.A. President, Seán McCague, came to unveil it. In conjunction with the celebrations Jimmy Fogarty produced a souvenir history which gives an account of the lives and times of these heroes from 1885-1920. Containing 76 pages it's available for £5 and is an important complement to the Moy-carkey-Borris club history, which was published in 1984.

TIPPERARY'S G.A.A. BALLADS

In a totally different field is a book called "Tipperary's G.A.A. Ballads" which was launched in the Sarsfields Social Centre, Thurles, on November 25. Containing over 700 pages it includes the ballads, poems and recitations of the G.A.A. in the county since the Association was founded in 1884 and even some from before that date. It was produced by the Millennium Committee as a Millennium project and is chiefly the work of Liam Ó Donnchú, Jimmy Smith, who did the same a few years ago for Clare with "Ballads of the Banner", and myself. I cannot emphasise too much the importance of this publication. Never before has this material been collected and it is now preserved for posterity. Published for £10 it's a steal at the price and should be in every home in Tipperary alongside Knocknagow and other bibles of the county.

An interesting development in programme production this year was the inclusion of players' townlands and town areas in this year's county final program. "No man will love his

land or race, who has no pride in his native place".

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Another major work launched during the year was "A History of Gaelic Football". Written by former Galway All-Ireland football star, Jack Mahon, it traces the history of the game from the beginning up to the present. Mahon has a large number of G.A.A. publications to his credit and this is his *magnus opus*. Published by Gill and MacMillan and retailing at £20, it will long be the main reference book on Gaelic football.

Blackwater Press brought out "Hurling Heroes" by Eddie Keher at a launch in Kilkenny in November. In this book Keher profiles fourteen hurling "greats". His choice is interesting and in some cases unusual. There's a strong Tipperary presence in the book with Jimmy Doyle, Pat Fox and Len Gaynor profiled. Another player and manager profiled with strong Tipperary connections is Michael O'Grady. The other "greats" included are Tom Cheasty, Joe Cooney, Ray Cummins, Tony Doran, Pat Hartigan, Fan Larkin, Ger Loughnane, Paddy Molloy, Noel Skehan and Tom Walsh.

The book sells for £10.

Also from Kilkenny is "The Kilkenny G.A.A. Bible", a comprehensive collection of Kilkenny and National G.A.A. records since 1887. It's a Millennium production of the Kilkenny G.A.A. Yearbook Committee. Almost 200 pages long it is a magnificent reference book and sells for £5.

A similar kind of book but doing the same thing for the province of Leinster is "Comhairle Laighean

1900-2000 - Cead Bliain de Chluichi Gaelacha". Published by the Leinster Council and printed by the *Kilkenny People* it sells for £10 and is the reference for anyone interested in Leinster records.

Finally, the Munster G.A.A. History is being updated. First published in 1984, the updated volume will take the story up to 2000. It will include corrections to the first volume and new material on areas of G.A.A. activity not covered in 1984. It will also include a comprehensive bibliography of G.A.A. books published in Munster. It is due for publication in March and will probably retail at £10.



Timmy Delaney (Borrisoleigh) sang "Lovely Fair Leigh" at the launch of Tipperary's G.A.A. Ballads.

Former County Rúnaí Reflects

Tomás Ó Baróid



Tomás Ó Baróid

In 1963, I was honoured to be elected secretary of the County Board to succeed Pat Stakelum and, over the course of the next thirty-seven years, I was part of the backroom team during a period which saw our county win twenty All-Irelands in all grades, seven National Leagues, six Oireachtas titles, an achievement which would be the envy of most counties.

Of course, the 1960s was one of the 'golden eras' of Tipperary hurling and I had a happy introduction to my new position as, shortly after taking office, we won two All-Ireland senior titles in 1964 and 1965 as well as winning the 1964 under-21 title, the first year it was played. This was followed by the deep disappointment of double defeats in 1967 and 1968 when I felt personally devastated for our captain, Mick Roche, one of our 'greats'. But in typical Tipperary fashion we bounced back to take our 22nd title in 1971 and took part in the first All-Stars tour to San Francisco.

But little did we know that Tipperary was about to enter the now famous or infamous 'famine' period at senior level; although the great work being done at underage level ensured that All-Ireland titles continued to come to the county. We won another minor in 1976 followed by two in 1980 and 1982. The 1970s, however, was one of the barren eras in our history from a senior viewpoint and while this was to run well into the 1980's, Tipperary was alive and healthy in other areas.

With Seamus Ó Riain, I was delighted to be instrumental in the introducing of the Fitzgerald Cup, a competition for all second level schools which has been an outstanding success and is one of the most prestigious competitions today. Probably the most significant events of this period, though we may not have known it at the time, were the foundation of Féile na nGael in 1971 of which I was proud to be a founder member and the winning of three successive under-21 titles from 1979 to 1981. It was from these winning teams that

we formed the backbone of the panel which eventually brought the 'famine' to an end and set up Tipperary for two All-Ireland titles in 1989 and 1991.

The 1980s, too, saw Tipperary well to the fore with the staging of the Centenary All-Ireland hurling final proving a success that silenced even the most vocal of critics. I had taken early retirement from working life the previous year and it was a source of tremendous pride and satisfaction to me personally that I was able to play a full part

in ensuring that this unique occasion reflected nothing but credit on Tipperary, its County Board and its hurling men and women. Ironically, the success of that great event brought its own problems, not least of which was the massive debt incurred by the development of Semple Stadium. But, as the saying has it – cometh the hour, cometh the man – and when there were many who were happy to stand back and do nothing but pray for miracles, Michael Lowry, Michael Maher, with the support of



Tommy Barrett photographed with members of his family at a function organised by the Co. Board to mark his retirement as County Secretary after thirty-seven years service. Included are (seated, l. to r.): Noreen Dolan, sister; Frank Barrett, brother; Anna Maher, sister; Tommy Barrett; Joe McDonagh, president, GAA; Roseanne Barrett, daughter. Standing, Billy Barrett, son; Dolores Barrett, daughter-in-law; Marie Barrett, daughter-in-law; Tommy Barrett jnr, son; Joseph Barrett, son; Anne Marie Barrett, daughter-in-law; John Dolan, brother-in-law; Kitty Barrett, sister-in-law; Albert Maher, brother-in-law.



Some former Tipperary players photographed with Tommy Barrett at his retirement function at Sarsfields Social Centre early in the year. Standing, l. to r.: Tom Moloughney, John Doyle, Bobby Ryan, Len Gaynor, Theo English. Seated, Michael Maher, Matt Hassett, Joe McDonagh (president of the GAA), Tommy Barrett, Mick Ryan.



Photograph taken at the function to mark the retirement of Tommy Barrett from the position of Co. Board Secretary shows Tommy photographed with some of the County Board Chairmen he served with during his term as secretary. Seated, Con Hogan, current Co. Board chairman; Seamus Ó Riain, present Co. Board president; Joe McDonagh, president of the GAA; Tommy Barrett; Michael Maher, former chairman. Standing, Paul O'Neill, Michael Maguire, Michael Lowry, Noel Morris, Sean Fogarty, all former Co. Board Chairmen.

the county chairmen of that period, Mick Maguire and Sean Fogarty, along with a hard-working committee, stood up and were counted. The 'Double Your Money Scheme' the "Five Year Ticket Scheme" and the much maligned Féile or "Trip to Tipp" came to fruition under a hard-working and dedicated committee. What might have been an insurmountable problem to others was merely a challenge to those men who typified the spirit that has made this the Premier County. We owe a debt that can never be repaid.

But it can be argued that one event in that era over-shadowed all others and that is the memory of Killarney in 1987. Who can ever forget the swelling of pride in a great hurling county when Richard Stakelum made his historic speech at the end of a heart-warming Munster final? Although it took two more years before the Liam McCarthy returned once more to the Premier County, that day was one of the highlights of my hurling life.

There are more highlights and they will stay in my memory when other happenings have faded with time. The introduction of the Coaching Scheme at schools level in 1986 was one of the far-reaching decisions taken to secure the future of the game. We have seen the development of Semple Stadium, rightly acknowledged as the best hurling field in the country and, more recently, the purchase and development of Dr. Morris Park. Many of our clubs have brought their pitches to a high standard of playing quality and spectator comfort.

If there is one thing which saddens me in all of this, it is my conviction that club hurling in Tipperary is in a serious state. Recent developments at All-Ireland level, with the much talked about 'back door' system, may well have caught the public and the media fancy but we cannot disguise the fact that the standard of our club hurling is a matter of grave concern and may not be receiving the attention it deserved at County Board level.

In my early years, football was completely under County Board control, subsequently a minor board was formed and



Tommy Barrett receiving a presentation on behalf of the Co. Board at the function to mark his retirement from the position of county secretary at Thurles Sarsfields Social Centre. Included are, l. to r.: Michael O'Brien, Co. Board Secretary; Seán Kelly, Munster Council chairman; Tommy Barrett; Joe McDonagh, president GAA; Con Hogan, Co. Board chairman, who made the presentation; Seamus Ó Riain, Co. Board president; Michael Maher, Semple Stadium committee chairman; Liz Howard, Co. Board PRO.



Presentation by Camogie Board — Chairman Noel Hennessy making a presentation to Tommy Barrett on behalf of Tipperary Camogie Board at the function at Thurles Sarsfields Social Centre. Also included are officers of the Board Biddy Phillips (left) and Marion Graham.

eventually a Football Board under the jurisdiction of the County Board to look after county football teams and related activity. The internal football championships as always are controlled by the County Board.

The minor footballers contested the All-Ireland final in 1984, won a further Munster championship in 1995 and the junior footballers won the All-Ireland in 1998. However, the senior team, despite their many great efforts, find it very hard to make a breakthrough. The proposed new structures for next year's championship in my opinion would have a detrimental effect on

the running of the divisional and county championships in our county.

For the 75th anniversary of Bloody Sunday I was also secretary of the committee set up under the chairmanship of Michael Egan to erect a commemorative plaque in Semple Stadium which will act as a reminder to future generations of Tipperary on that historic occasion.

I was honoured to serve as a Trustee of the Association for three years, to be a member of the Hurling Development Committee since its foundation and a member of the National Safety Committee and many other advisory bodies at national level but never looked to be pushed into the limelight.

On a happier note, I will always cherish the friendship made through our games, the support I have received from countless members of the Association and particularly the support of my late wife, Rose, and my family without whose help and understanding none of it would have been possible.

I will remember the example set for me and for all those who have the good of our games at heart, by those men who guided me along the way in my early days. They loved, as we do, the GAA above all else and it is that love of our great games and a love of Tipperary which has been my motivation over nearly five decades. I have always been happiest when doing what I was elected to do and I always tried to do it to the best of my ability.



Three county secretaries in a row — Among those who attended the Durlas Óg Juvenile GAA Club/Thurles Camogie Club Hurling School of Excellence at Dr. Morris Park, Thurles were three well known GAA personalities in the county, all of whom have held the position of secretary of the County Board (l. to r.): Tommy Barrett, who held the position from 1963 to 1999; Michael O'Brien, current secretary, and Pat Stakelum, who held the position from 1961 to 1963 and is currently president of Durlas Óg.

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Tipperary members of the A.I.B. Touring Side photographed at Auburn Park, Sydney, after defeating New South Wales in a friendly game. Back row (l.-r.): Padraic Dundon, Thurles; Brendan Bane, Templemore; Kevin Nealon, Burgess. Front row (l.-r.): David Ryan, Boherlahan; John Callanan, Thurles; Pat Maguire, Lattin-Cullen; Seamus Quinn, Thurles.



John O'Dwyer – a native of Killenaule, who played corner forward with Derry this year.



Hurling-Shinty International at Croke Park – October 15th. Tipperary players on the Ireland team – Brendan Cummins (above) and John Carroll (below).



Shane Ryan, Newport, member of the Irish Panel Under-17 Compromise Rules Football which will tour Australia in 2001.



Cathal Egan, a native of Kiladangan, played with Éire Óg, Ennis, in the hurling and football county finals 2000. Éire Óg won the football and were defeated by Sixmilebridge in the hurling. Cathal captained the Clare Intermediate team in 2000. He played with Tipp. at Intermediate level in the past.

Greatest Sporting Memories

'Greatest Sporting Memories' edited by Legendary RTE, GAA broadcaster Séan Óg O'Ceallachain, now on sale, features the work of fifty sports writers and commentators. In the glossy 256 page publication, the writers, all close friends for many years of the author, pen their most special sporting memories.

Among the GAA correspondents invited by Séan Óg to contribute to the book is John Guiton (Tipperary Star). He recounts the elation and joy of seeing Tipperary minor footballers win the Munster championship in 1984, and his never to be forgotten memories of his trip to the Skydome in Toronto in 1990 for the Tipperary v All Stars hurling game.

'Greatest Sporting Memories' features the works of many leading sportswriters and broadcasters, such as Paddy Downey, Con Houlihan, Vincent Hogan, Jim O'Sullivan, Michael Ellard, Peadar O'Brien, Mick Dunne, and Michael Ó Murchearthaigh.



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Pictured at the Skydome in Toronto in 1990, (l. to r.) – John Guiton (Tipperary Star), Tipperary hurling manager Michael 'Babs' Keating.

Coping with Astro-Turf in the amazing Skydome

It may seem incredible to many, but, journalists are, after all, human! Sure, we are supposed to be a hardened lot, well accustomed to dealing with varying emotions, in a professional, detached manner. To those of us who love sport, and like to make our living from writing on games, believe me, there are times when the heart melts, and a tear flows. Excitement is one thing, raw emotion is another. My most memorable experience in this respect is of Tipperary's wonderful breakthrough in football, the Munster final success of the minor team in 1984. Tipp bridged a remarkable twenty nine year gap since the county had last taken the title in 1955. And to think it happened in the Centenary Year of the GAA. Who can forget the scoreline, Tipp 2-3, Kerry 0-8?.

When my good friend Séan Óg contacted me with a view to contributing to this publication I had no hesitation in singling out the above mentioned game as my greatest memory in sporting coverage. Tipperary's Senior hurling breakthrough in Munster in 1987 (their first Munster title since 1971), the All-Ireland breakthrough in '89, and the glorious All-Ireland Junior football triumph for the county in '98 provided wonder-



John Guiton
"Tipperary Star" GAA writer

ful memories for this scribe. However, the minor footballers conquest on a special year supersedes all other events in the cavern of my mind. And while the team subsequently lost the All-Ireland final to Dublin the defeat did not detract from the enormity of the provincial achievement for a county tagged a minnow of the code. How we Tipperary hacks demonstrated our joy in the Killarney Press box! Our sense of neutrality as journalists was sent crashing as we

leaped into the air! We were reminded by more seasoned, and sane minded scribes, of the need to display a little more restraint. Sincere, and belated, apologies, lads and lassies, but for some reason we lost our grip on impartiality.

I can recall sitting in the dressing-room after the game trying to conduct an interview with team coach Seamus McCarthy, and barely able to think of questions. It was all too much for us. McCarthy wept openly with joy, and yes, believe it or not, cold calculated Guiton eventually succumbed to his growing emotions and out of the pocket came the tissue. The late and great Raymond Smith once remarked that there are some sporting events you thank God you were alive to see. Killarney '84 fits into the category. The celebrations that followed the big breakthrough for Tipp football have a special place in my memory, right beside Toronto '90. Toronto was the trip of a lifetime, an unforgettable experience of visiting and covering GAA games in the Skydome. My claim to fame is that I hurled on the Skydome astro turf. Well almost! RTE commentator Ger Canning and myself pucked a ball to each other.

While glancing through an outdated copy of the Toronto Star newspaper in the lobby of the Sheraton one morning, I happened to notice a big advertisement that read, "What could be more fun than a domeful of Irishmen", under which some wit, possibly a Tipperary visitor, had pencilled "A domeful of Irish women."

The mighty Dome has given rise to quite an amount of wit and humour since its construction but it was only when the Irish arrived that the wisecracks were out in force. Like for instance a press colleague who on the day of the matches turned to the rest of us poor maligned souls after a hard night on the town and not fully in tune with reality, and asked, "Lads, what way is the wind blowing here?"

Another, brighter spark quipped, "I am not sure. You see the flags are blowing in opposite directions". Not content to leave it so, another opined, "Begod, lads, the sky isn't looking great. We'll get a shower before 'tis over".

Aside of all the fun, however, the dome is just something weird but wonderful when you visit it for the first time. My first visit was on the morning of the first Tipperary training session. If the weather was extraordinary outside, well the humid conditions were something else inside this massive space-age sports stadium designed to meet the requirements of the 21st century. Words fail to deliver the real meaning of what it's like to walk onto the artificial carpet-like astro-turf surface. To my mind it's like hitting a hurling ball on the carpet in your sittingroom and somebody else hitting it back to you.

Without exaggeration, I must say it's a memory to cherish that I went out with friends for a few pucks on the surface. I had spoken to various players about it during the week including the likes of Aidan Fogarty (Offaly), Eamonn Cleary (Wexford), John Commings and Joe Cooney (Galway) and our own captain,

John Kennedy, and all had been fascinated by its 'feel'. John Kennedy remarked to me that it was extremely hard on the legs and from my amateur little effort on it at jogging after a sliotar when only half fit I could readily appreciate what he meant.

Aidan Fogarty pointed out that the ball skidded terribly when coming towards a player and certainly when RTE commentator Ger Canning and myself tried a few 'shots' at each other the ball bounced all over the place illustrating clearly how difficult a situation confronted players during the match.

Taking line balls or hitting the sliotar on the ground did not seem that difficult if the efforts of All-Stars manager Dermot Healy were to be taken for real.

Running towards a ball and trying to lift it up onto the stick was nigh impossible. Players who had the knack of rising a ball quickly came out well from the experiment. Players like, in particular, Joe Hayes who has a knack of being able to rise the ball remarkably fast even in a ruck of players succeeded in doing it on this surface, too, and it was interesting to note Nicholas English being able to tap the ball into his hand from the ground with his hurley, despite the smoothness of the surface.

Standing inside the empty dome during a training session gives one an eerie feeling, yet so much satisfaction and, believe it or not, peace of mind and relaxation. I know I could have stayed there for hours just pucking around. The surface, of course, is sharp, if extremely flat, and several players got burned in falls. The seating area and the layout of the stand is highly impressive and I can tell you a view of the dome fully lighted at night is something special. There is just not anything else in the world to compare with it.

Apart from the retractable roof which is only opened in summer, the sheer size of the dome is breathtaking. It stands thirty-four storeys high. The

brainchild of English-born architect Rod Dobbie, it was constructed over two years and cost a whopping 570 million dollars to build. And you are talking there about only the roof and the arena. Another 160 million dollars was paid out by tenants and sponsors. Over 200 staff are employed full-time at the dome which stands on a massive 10.8 acres. Ten per cent of the funding came from the public, ninety per cent from private concerns.

Every sport imaginable can be played in the dome and one of the most elaborate features of the building is the enormous video screen, the world's largest. As we watched the game from the press benches, many people in the crowd were fascinated by the relay of the match on the giant screen.

It's not only sport, of course, that attracts people to the Skydome. It's also a major venue for concerts, has 15,000 sq. feet of exhibition space, a 350-suite hotel and a 600-seat tiered restaurant with all seats looking directly over the playing area.

For anybody fond of a little drop, there's a 300 foot long bar and incorporated into the dome is a full TV station for the sportsnetwork TSN which provided live coverage of the exhibition games. There are two large press suites with accommodation for over 100 media representatives in each. The press suite (what a lovely word!) offers a different world to that experienced by pressmen at home. At each desk a phone is provided, and at regular intervals officials of the dome come along and leave sheets of paper providing vital statistics of the game on your desk, such as scorers and times of scores, changes in personnel, and positional switches. They spoiled us even more by providing food and drink before, during and after the match.

What a change then to come back home and be drenched to the skin at a local club game. Sure, that's life!



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REFEERING THE ALL-IRELAND

By Willie Barrett



It is Monday, 28th August. I am at work at Cahir Oil when the phone rings. It's Seán Ó Laoire from Croke Park, telling me I'm refereeing the 2000 All-Ireland senior hurling final.

I am delighted with the news so I tell my family and officials immediately. There is not a lot of oil business done that day.

When I think back to when I started refereeing in 1977, I am proud of what I've achieved in my career, but to get the second All-Ireland, my previous being in 1994, is a tremendous honour. Refereeing has been a way of life for me. There have been highs and lows but going to Croke Park to referee is still something special.

The next few days the phone does not stop ringing – good wishes, congratulations etc., and a few reporters looking for a few words. I try to accommodate everyone. One is persistent on discussing the 1998 Munster hurling final – Clare v Waterford replay. I simply tell him that in this game you get criticism, you make mistakes and you've got to move on to your next game but at the same time analysing the game whilst learning from it.

My first senior hurling championship game of 2000 was Dublin v Laois replay and I had refereed three more games prior to the final.

SATURDAY

On Saturday, 9th of Sept., I left home at 10.30 a.m. to travel to Dublin. I am accompanied by my wife Joan, umpires Ritchie Boyle, Sean Barrett and Mickie O'Mahoney, Dinny Whelan, my fourth umpire travels with his wife Kathleen and son Pádraig.

The journey to Dublin seems short. Ritchie is on about some interview he read and disputes my playing career. I tell him my playing career did not turn out as I would have wished. There are other light-hearted moments. Ritchie's wife Kathleen and Mickie's wife Nuala also travel up to Dublin and trail us to Dublin. We are staying for the weekend in the Burlington Hotel.

Ritchie, Mickie and I travel out to Kilmacud seven-a-side, the rest go shopping. We watch the games. They are always interesting. At six p.m. we head back to the Burlington for a meal. Dinny as usual is late for the meal. That night we meet and discuss all aspects of tomorrow's big game. The lads listen as I remind them of their duties and responsibilities. We go through the rules again. It is 10.30 p.m. The meeting concludes. We meet the rest of the group for a brief chat before heading for bed.

SUNDAY:

Morning comes. After breakfast it's off to Mass at 10.30 a.m. Everyone is that bit more serious on Sunday. We return to the hotel and are finalising a few details in the room, when Dickie Murphy arrives. He is in his usual good humour. Tells us he feels no pressure today.

Wishes us good luck and then enquires whether or not there is a meal after the game – for him!

We head out to Croke Park at 12 noon. There is little conversation. I always like to get to a venue in good time. We arrive in Croke Park after passing the usual checkpoints. We are greeted courteously and everyone wishes us well.

We watch the minor match up to 15 minutes into the second half, from the new Cusack Stand. Suddenly it's time to tog off. I meet Michael Wadding and Gerry Devlin (linesmen). We have a brief discussion at 3 p.m. with all officials involved in the game.

It's 3.07. Time to head out onto the field. I get team lists. An acknowledgement from an odd player. We meet President Mary McAleese and Uachtarán Sean McCague as do the players. I have already met the captains and tossed the coin.

Amhrán na bhFiann is sung. I listen. I get the signal. I throw in the ball. The 2000 Millennium All-Ireland senior hurling final is on.



BRIAN WHITE

Wexfordman and Tipperary resident – Brian White – refereed this year's All-Ireland senior football final replay between Kerry and Galway. This was his second time to take charge of a clash for the Sam Maguire Cup. Three years ago he became the first Wexfordman in 42 years to referee an All-Ireland senior final when he took charge of the decider between Kerry and Mayo.

One of the most experienced referees in the game, his assignments earlier this year included the meetings of Derry and Cavan at Breffni Park and Armagh and Tyrone at Clones in the Ulster senior championship and the Kerry-Armagh replay in Croke Park.

White is a former footballer and hurler and his refereeing duties took him to New York in 1997 to take charge of a National League game between Kerry and Cavan to commemorate the All-Ireland senior final of 1947 between those counties.

He has also refereed All-Ireland club, minor and National League finals.

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CLONMEL OIL SENIOR FOOTBALL	Unfinished						
MARTINS TILES INTERMEDIATE HURLING	Ballybacon-Grange	1-15	Fethard	0-11	Clonmel	8/10	S. Mullins
EIRCOM INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL	Mullinahone	3-8	Ballyporeen	1-9	Clonmel	26/11	B. White
JOHN QUIRKE JEWELLERS JUNIOR HURLING (A)	Skeheenarinky	1-13	Cahir	0-0	Clogheen	22/10	T. Lonergan
JUNIOR FOOTBALL (A)	Cahir	1-6	Ardfinnan	0-8	Ned Hall Pk	26/11	D. Cahill
JUNIOR HURLING (B)	Clonmel Óg	2-6	Fethard (replay)	1-3	Marfield	26/11	M. Walsh
O'BRIEN ALUMINIUM JUNIOR FOOTBALL (B)	Kilsheelah	0-	Clonmel Óg	0-4	Clonmel	19/11	V. Dineen
UNDER-21 HURLING (A)	Killenaule	5-8	Mullinahone	1-14	Clonmel	13/5	S. Roche
UNDER-21 FOOTBALL (A)	Ardfinnan	0-11	Fethard	0-11	Clonmel	26/3	S. Roche
REPLAY:	Fethard	3-20	Ardfinnan	3-8	Clonmel	9/4	S. Roche
UNDER-21 HURLING (B)	Cahir	2-17	Swans	1-6	Clonmel	13/5	T.J. Corby
UNDER-21 FOOTBALL (B)	Killenaule	3-13	Mullinahone	1-9	Fethard	25/3	T.J. Corby
UNDER-21 HURLING (C)	Ballyneale	2-15	St. Patrick's	2-9	Kilsheehan	7/5	P. Shelley
UNDER-21 FOOTBALL (C)	Clonmel Óg	2-8	Grangemockler	0-5	Clonmel	26/3	A. Moloney
CHADWICKS MINOR HURLING (A)	Killenaule	2-16	Mullinahone	1-18	Fethard	16/9	T. Lonergan
SUREPRINT MINOR FOOTBALL (A)	Cahir	2-12	Moyle Rovers	0-13	Ardfinnan	25/8	B. Tyrell
MINOR HURLING (B)	Cahir	1-20	Swans	1-7	Kilsheelan	14/10	N. Cosgrave
MINOR FOOTBALL (B)	Mullinahone	2-13	Swans	2-8	Kilsheelan	5/8	C. Boland
MINOR HURLING (C)	Ballylooby Castlegrace	4-13	Ballyneale	1-6	Clonmel	8/9	M. McCormack
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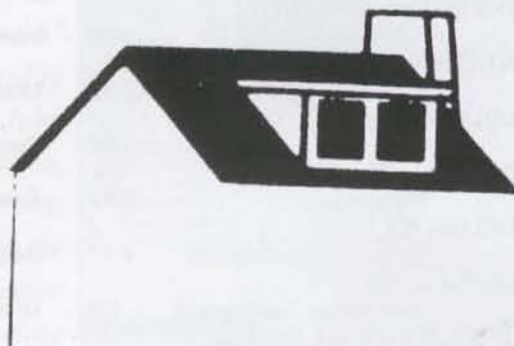
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Fé 14A	Moyle Rovers
Fé 14B	St. Patrick's
Fé 14C	Ballyporeen
Fé 16A	Moyle Rovers
Fé 16B	Ballyporeen
Fé 16C	Fr. Sheehy's

RUNNER-UP	RUNNER-UP
Fethard	
St. Patrick's	
Clonmel Óg (B)	
Cahir	
Carrick Davin's	
Newcastle	
Ardfinnan	
Carrick Swan	
Newcastle	

VENUE	VENUE
Marlfield	
Mullinahone	
Goatenbridge	
Goatenbridge	
Kilsheelan	
Goatenbridge	
Marlfield	
Clonmel	
Cahir	

REFEREE	REFEREE
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Andy Moloney	

HURLING

WINNER	WINNER
Fé 12A	St. Mary's
Fé 12B	Carrick Davins
Fé 12C	Kilsheelan/Kilcash
Fé 14A	Moyle Rovers
Fé 14B	Kilsheelan/Kilcash
Fé 14C	Fr. Sheehy's
Fé 16A	Killenaule
Fé 16B	Skeheenarinky
Fé 16C	Ballylooby/C. Grace

RUNNER-UP	RUNNER-UP
Moyle Rovers	
St. Patrick's	
Clonmel Óg (B)	
Swan	
Carrick Davin's	
Newcastle	
Ballingarry	
Mullinahone	
Fr. Sheehy's (Replay)	

VENUE	VENUE
Marlfield	
Mullinahone	
Marlfield	
Kilsheelan	
Marlfield	
Ardfinnan	
Cloneen	
Marlfield	
Cahir	

REFEREE	REFEREE
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CARRICK SWAN – The Year 2000

The first year of the new millennium has been one which our club can look back on with happy memories. Having been starved of success in Senior hurling championship since 1990, this year was the year we proved many experts wrong with a tremendous success in the South Championship thus securing this title for the 21st time. The scenes that greeted and followed our win over Ballingarry were reminiscent of past glories and will, we are sure, remain fixed in the minds of the many young supporters present on the day. Our senior hurling panel of players and mentors deserve great praise for their dedicated effort throughout the year as we thank them all. We also hope that this years success will be the foundation stone upon which our club can build on for the future.

On the juvenile scene our tremendous run of successes over recent years continued with our under-14 (A) hurlers to the forefront throughout the year. This team followed on where they left off last year winning the ground hurling league early in the year. They then were successful in retaining their south Féile title and went on to qualify for county final where they lost out narrowly to old adversaries JK Brackens, Templemore. In the under-14 South Championship we had a relatively trouble free passage to South final where Moyle Rovers provided us with a stern challenge before our team took over in the final quarter to retain this championship. Again we congratulate this fine young team and their mentors.

This year has seen our club commence camogie activities from under-10 to under-16 and the large number of girls participating in our many coaching sessions and challenge matches during the year augurs well for the future and we wish all those involved enjoyment and success in the years to come.

At this time of the year we would like to extend thanks to all who have helped our club in any way during the year. We thank our players, mentors, supporters and our many sponsors and we extend seasons greetings and best wishes to you all for the year to come.



Carrick Swan, South Tipperary Senior Champions – Back row: Benny Hahessy, Derek Hogan, Bobby Ryan, John Grace, Seamus Loneran, John Brophy, Kieran McGuire (capt), Alan P. Ryan, Jackie Whelan (coach). Front: Mark O'Halloran, Tomás Keane, Alan O'Sullivan, Sean Barrett, Ray Dunne, Anthony O'Donnell, Jamie Power.



Carrick Swans, U-14 (A) South Champions – Back, l. to r.: E. Maher, J. Hawkins, W. Murphy, S. Waters, D. O'Hanlon, K. Lanigan, D. Kavanagh, D. Roche, W. Loneran, D. O'Dwyer, K. Reade, S. Walsh, C. O'Sullivan, D. Kelly, K. Ryan. Front: M. Russell, P. Regan, D. Whitty, A. Walsh, P. White, J. Murphy, S. Hogan, S. McDonnell, Alan Walsh, B. Kenny, M. Ryan, M. Fogarty.



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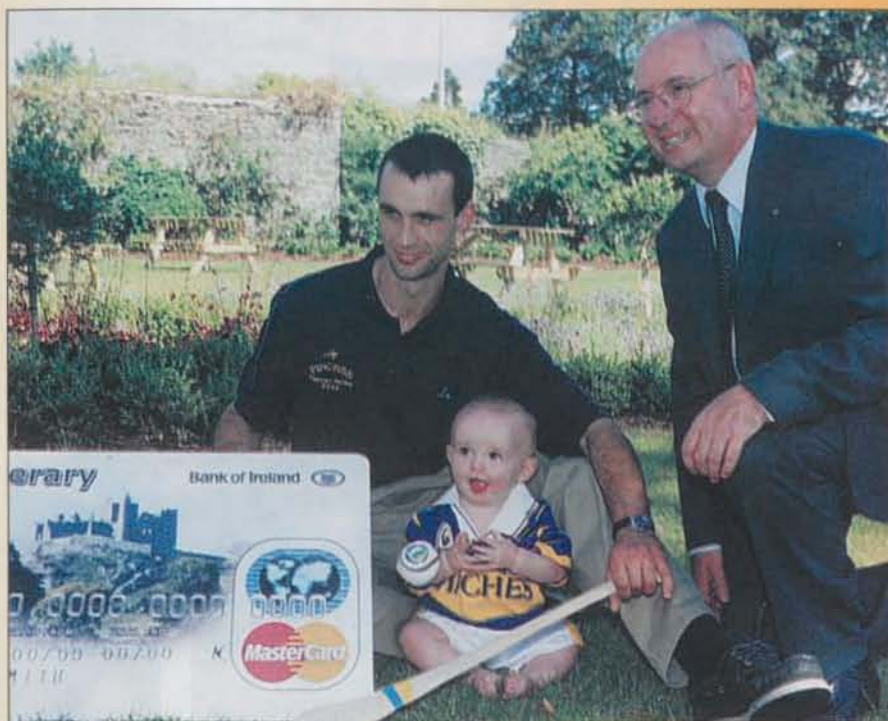
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BALLYPOREEN / SKEHEENARINKY JUVENILE GAA

New Millennium Brings Most Successful Year for the Club

by Dónal Ó Cathail

The year 2000 will be in the memories of many for years to come, but it will have a more significant reason for the folk of the Ballyporeen/Skeheenarinky parish after they achieved County success with their skillful under-16 (B) footballers who swept aside all comers to record a historic win. Capturing Divisional titles in under-12 football, under-14 football and under-16 football, along with exceptional fete our under-16 (B) hurlers recorded their first Divisional title in the grade, thus making this year the most successful to date.

BRIEF LOOK AT THE COUNTY SUCCESS CAMPAIGN

Our under-16s started their long campaign to County success in early February when they got together to prepare for the opening match which was on 27th March. We came away with a hard earned win over Kilsheelan, following on with convincing wins over Ballingarry-Mullinahone, St. Patricks and Carrick Swan qualified us for divisional semi-final against Kilsheelan. In a titanic struggle, our lads came away with the narrowest of wins with a point to spare and qualified to meet Carrick Swan in the South final. Bally were rocked early in the final, conceding scores but they fought back with some brilliant play to win with ease. A long break followed, as exams were on the horizon, however, Bally were eager to continue where they left off, when they travelled to Drombane on 10th July to take on the North champions Kilruane McDonaghs in the County semi. After a slow start Bally settled and recorded a convincing win to reach the final a week later. With interest at fever pitch in the parish, all roads led to Cashel on a beautiful summers evening. The team were in great form brushing aside opponents Holycross, who never gave up. Some wonderful defending and combination play was a pleasure to watch. High fielding at mid-field was of the highest standard while our forwards all made telling contributions over the hour. Scenes of great delight were evident as the local followers applauded when captain Paul Hyland lifted the trophy.

UNDER-16 (B) HURLERS TAKE FIRST DIVISIONAL TITLE

With practically the same panel of players as the football panel, our hurlers opened their campaign against Clonmel Og and own easily. Following on with wins over St. Marys, Moyle Rovers and Cahir, we topped our group and opposed St. Patricks in the semi-final. Skeheen were slow to settle in the opening half, but on the resumption stepped



Ballyporeen U-16 (B) County Champions 2000 – Back row: Willie Lynch (selector), David Russell, John Tobin, Daragh Lyons, Ciaran McGrath, Paul Hyland (capt), Michael J. Meaney, Alan Hanlon, Jamie Cahill, David Hyland, Shane Molan, Ricky Murphy, John O'Callaghan (selector), Donie Cahill (manager/selector). Front: Tom Maher (trainer), Eamon Flannelly, Michael Crotty, Paudie Drislain, Paul Hennessy, Harry English, Kevin Lynch, Sean Sweeney, Danny Englihs, Tomás Drislain, Brendan Finn. Mascots Ciaran Cahill and Michael Finn.



Skeheenarinky, winners of the South Tipperary Junior Hurling Championship for the second successive year at Fr. Sheehy Park, Clogheen – Back row, l. to r.: Ger Fox, Conor O'Farrell, Noel O'Gorman, Michael Kenneally, Paul Maher, Declan Hickey, Michael O'Farrell, Willie Cahill, Ian O'Donnell, John Fox, Eamonn Fitzgerald, Richard Vaughan, Joe English, Michael Geary. Front row: Fergal McLoughlin, Johnny McDonnell, Tomás Hickey, Eamonn Maher, Rory McLoughlin (capt), Rory O'Farrell, Jimmy O'Donoghue, Thomas Maher, Paul Brennan, Pat Farrell, Darrah Lyons.



Skeheenarinky under-16 (B) South Tipp Champions. Back row: Brendan Finn, Michael J. Meaney, Alan Hanlon, Daragh Lyons, Jamie Cahill, Shane Molan, Paul Hyland, Ciaran McGrath, David Russell, John Tobin, Tomas Drislain. Front: Danny English, Sean McGrath, Sean Sweeney, Harry English, Paul Hennessy, James Roche, David Hyland (capt), Paudie Drislain, Michael Crotty, Declan Martin, Kevin Lynch.

up a gear to win with scores to spare. The South Final was fixed for 3 days later, with Mullinahone the opposition. Travelling to Marlfield (September 14th) with conditions very wet and windy, Skeheen were cautious going into the final and conceded an early goal and point, but our lads dug deep and played some quick direct ball which paid off to record a famous victory on the score 6-5 to 1-4. The County semi-final fixture was down for decision 2 days late. With the close proximity of games, and also the long season due to football success, our lads were at a disadvantage to their opponents Newport who had time to

recover after their North success. However, Skeheen never gave up and fought gallantly to achieve success, but unfortunately lost out to a much better balanced side.

UNDER-14 FOOTBALLERS SHOCK NEWCASTLE IN (C) FINAL

Our under-14 side achieved South Tipp honours when they came from behind to defeat Newcastle in a rip roaring final played in Goatenbridge. Our side had a number of great performances going into the final. As we had qualified for a County semi-final we travelled to Clonoulty days later to take on Shannon



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Rovers. Our lads played their hearts out but were defeated by a very strong side from the North Tipp Division.

UNDER-12 (C) FOOTBALLERS TAKE SOUTH TITLE

Our under-12 side qualified for the South Final after some great performances in earlier rounds. Our opponents were Clonmel Óg, the venue was Goatenbridge on a very damp and windy evening. After a very close encounter Bally pulled away in the last quarter to win and set up a county semi-final match against Templederry (North). Played in glorious sunshine in Thurles, our lads never got going, playing against an exceptional team we were well defeated. Well done to all of these young players for their efforts.

The club was formed in 1988, due mainly to the upsurge of interest by the youth, and also to relieve the workload



Ballyporeen U-14 (C) South Tipp Winners 2000 – Back row: Sean Crotty (selector), Bart Slattery, Patrick Ahearne, David Crotty, Patrick Quinlan, Sean McGrath, Michael Crotty, Brian Carey, Hugh O'Brien, Brendan English, Harry English, Daragh O'Sullivan, Cormack Flannelly, Sean Sweeney, Bily Crotty (manager/selector). Front: Danny English (capt), Michael William Hickey, Paudie Drislane, David O'Neill, Paudie Fitzgerald, Tomas Martin, David Hyland.

from the Senior club officials.

Much of the recent success can be attributed to the dedication of officials and mentors over the last decade. School Principal Nicholas Dineen was to the fore in introducing many, if not all, to football and hurling in the Parish. Congrats to all in what has been achieved, and here's hoping we can

continue playing our games with distinction.

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MOYLE ROVERS JUVENILES

2000 – Another Year of Success

by P.J. Dolan

The sudden passing of Mick McCarthy R.I.P. cast a long shadow over proceedings at Monroe just as serious training was getting under way for all age groups. It was soon realised, however, that what this great man would expect would be that all concerned would get on with the work to which he had dedicated so much of his own life. And so all Moyle Rovers teams, inspired by Mick's memory, resolved to do well in 2000 and unprecedented success on the fields of play was the happy outcome.

To win a South Football Championship in the A grade in one age group is immensely satisfying for any club, but to do so at U-12, U-14 and U-16 as achieved by Moyle Rovers Juveniles this year is indeed the stuff of dreams. Add in a County Championship for the aforementioned U-14s you will understand why Millennium year will be remembered as a very special one for the club.

U-12s

The U-12s, having lost the South Final last year, were determined to make amends this year and this they did, beating a gallant Fethard team at Marlfield. A win against Burgess in the county semi-final meant a trip to Semple Stadium for the county final where our opponents Arravale Rovers proved just too strong on the day. The U-12 'B' team did well to reach the south semi-final of the 'C' Championship where they lost out to Clonmel Óg at Marlfield. Nonetheless, this fine panel of young players and their hard-working



Moyle Rovers panel that won the County Under-14 Football title by defeating Moycarkey-Borris at Cashel – Back row, l. to r.: Aidan Myres, Alan McCormack (vice-captain) Gavin Smyth, Paul Johnson, Shane Gazely, Ian Browne, Stephen Kennedy, Tommy Barry, Daniel Lyne, Owen Grace, Lorraine Power. Front: Darragh Boland, Neill Doyle, David Lyons, Robert Dower, Ian McCormack, Michael Griffin, Michael Mulcahy, Philip Ryan, Stephen McGrath, Brian Mulvihill, Eoin Fogarty, Richard O'Donnell. Inset: Martin Dunne, captain of the panel, who was unavoidably absent on the evening of the final.

mentors can be well pleased with their achievements.

U14s

Our U-14 'A' team were reigning county champions and it was always going to be difficult for them to retain their title, losing as they did many of their stornger players to the U-16 panel. This, however, they managed to do, using skill and determination to compensate for the physical advantage they had to concede to many of their opponents.

They beat Cahir with relative ease at a rain-sodden Goatenbridge in the south final before progressing to the

county semi-final against Borrisoleigh. This turned out to be a very close encounter and it took a dramatic last minute goal by Daniel Lyne to defeat our talented opponents.

Cashel was the venue for a keenly contested county final where the elusive two-in-a-row was achieved against a sporting Moycarkey-Borris.

The U-14 'B' team eventually lost out to a strong Newcastle in the south semi-final. Following their success at club level, four members of the U-14 panel – Tommy Barry, Alan McCormack, Martin Dunne and Brian Mulvihill were honoured with selection on the county team.

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U-16s

And so to the U-16s who must have been feeling a little pressure to try and emulate their younger clubmates. They managed to do so with some considerable style, overcoming Ardfinnan at Marlfield to take the U-16 'A' South Championship. Though they battled hard in the county semi-final at Littleton, they came out sec-

ond best against a physically stronger Nenagh Éire Óg.

Two members of this team, Kieran Lyons and Shane Dolan, were selected to represent their county at U-15 level, Kieran again having the distinction of captaining another successful underage Tipperary team. Another member of the team, Paul Shanahan, was called up to the Tipperary U-16 county panel.



Moyle Rovers U-12A Football South Champions – Back row: Seán Martin, Edmonde Burke, David Lorigan, Eoin Lennon, Richard Power, Seán Lonergan, Ciarán Lorigan, David Harte, Seán Keating, Daniel Lyons, Stephen Melbourne. Front: Donal Lyne (selector), John Paul O'Donovan, Brian Smith, Liam Redmonde, Diarmuid Foley, John Lyne (captain), Kieran Kenrick, Seán Carey, Brendan Boland, Barry Whelan, Rita McGrath. Selectors: Eamon Power, Ann Breen, Rena Kelly.



Moyle Rovers U-16A Football South Champions – Back row: Charlie Boland (selector), Paraic Kelly, Andrew Burke, Aiden Foley, Kevin Harte, Pádraig Hartigan, Ian Browne, Ronan Crosse, Keith Fortune, Aaron Curran, Joseph Fitzgerald, Kieran Lyons, Noel Walshe (John McGrath, Donal Foley, selectors). Front: Brian Boland (selector), Aaran Kelly, Brian Mulvihill, Shane Dolan, Anthony Keane, Paul Shanahan (capt), David Conway, Morgan Lyons, Morgan Ryan, Conor Cooney, Paddy McDonnell. Children: Shane Foley, Donal McGrath, Pádraig Keating. Missing from photo: Keith Delahunty, selector and Neville and Mark Melbourne, players.

While underage hurling titles proved beyond our reach this year, nonetheless much good hurling was played and progress was made. The U-12 'A' team reached the south final, put on a great display but eventually lost to St. Mary's. The U-14s also reached the south final at 'A' level but were defeated by Carrick Swans at Kilsheelin. Mullinahone ended our interest in the U-16 'B' competition at the south semi-final stage at Ned Hall Park in Clonmel.

If all the above wasn't enough to keep players and mentors alike busy, there were also the Peil na nÓg and Féile na nGael competitions for U-14 football and hurling respectively. Martin Dunne did his club proud, winning the hurling skills competition in the south and county and representing Tipp with great distinction in the Féile skills competition in Belfast.

Meanwhile the seeds of success have to be sown in a fresh crop and so the U-10s had a busy year too. They participated in Football and hurling competitions run by the South Board and actually won out the football competition. From little acorns . . . !!!

Success at sport does not happen by magic or fluke. It is actually the result of extraordinary dedication and commitment on the part of players and mentors alike. A review of the year's achievements at Juvenile level such as this must take special mention of all those who in their roles as trainers, selectors, secretaries, administrators and supporters, help to make Moyle Rovers what it is – a very special club.

Mick – rest easy! The work continues . . .

FR. SHEEHY'S A Busy Year

U-15 HURLING AND U-16 FOOTBALL TEAMS WIN SOUTH TITLES

Under-12C footballers played six championship matches, won two and lost four, near neighbours Ballyporeen beat Clonmel Óg B in the South Final. Under-12C hurlers played four championship matches, lost all 4 games, Kilsheelan beat Clonmel Óg B in the South Final.

Under 14B footballers played six championship matches, won 3, drew 1 and lost 2, qualified for the South Semi Final against Carrick Davins. Fr. Sheehy's lost to Davins

on a score of 4-6 to 1-3, but were very unlucky on the day, St. Patrick's beat Davins in the South Final.

Under 14C hurlers topped the table and qualified to play Skeheenarinky in the South Semi Final in Cahir on the 12th August, after a shaky start in the first half Fr. Sheehy's ran out comfortable winners on a score of 4-5 to 1-4. They played Newcastle in the South Final in Ardfinnan on 17th August, Fr. Sheehy's were on to from the throw in and won easily on a final score of 8-

7 to 0-4. They lost the County Semi Final to a very strong Shannon Rovers team, well done to the lads for bringing home the South title for the fourth time in five years. Thanks to selectors Dave Hyland, James Mulcahy and Arthur Browne for all their time and effort.

Under 16C hurlers were very unlucky this year as they won all their championship matches and qualified for the South Semi Final against Newcastle which they won on a score of 4-10 to 0-6. Fr. Sheehy's played Ballylooby in the South

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Final in Cahir 11th September and were 0-9 to 0-6 up with time almost up when Ballylooby scored a goal from a soft free to force a replay. Ballylooby won the replay in Cahir, 14th September, on a score of 2-2 to 1-0, Sheehy's had plenty of possession on the night but missed chance after chance. Some players had to play with the minor team two nights previous and this was also a factor to Fr. Sheehy's downfall. Well done lads, better luck next year.

Under-16C footballers did us proud this year with some tremendous performances. They qualified for the South Semi Final against Ballylooby in Ballyporeen, 26th June and won comfortable on a score of 4-14 to 2-4. They played Newcastle in the South Final in Cahir, 3rd July, and won on a final score of 2-14 to 0-3. They played Templederry in Holycross, 10th July, in the County Semi Final, this was a fantastic game of football which Fr. Sheehy's probably deserved to win if they took either chances early on, but both teams had to be happy with a draw 0-10 to 0-10. The replay was played in Holycross, 17th July, it was very hard to separate these two sides as it was 2-8 to 2-8 at full time. Templederry won on a final score of 2-14 to 2-11 after extra time. Fr. Sheehy's were devastated after a long campaign but we had some excellent displays through out the year, particularly from our goal keeper Michael Myles, Paul Condon, Patrick Ryan and John O'Connor were outstanding in the back line while Richard McGrath played a captain's role at midfield and was ably assisted by Jer Norris and John O'Connor throughout the year. John Sheehan and Andrew Sweeney were superb up front and were well assisted by Damien Flynn and John Fitzpatrick. Well done to the lads for giving us such great entertaining through out the year, thanks to the selectors John Sweeney, Pat Sheehan and Dave McGrath and also to the selectors of all underage teams for their time and effort during the year.

Under-11 took part in the county ground hurling tournament again this year. They played Moyle Rovers and Arravale Rovers in Tipperary Town on Saturday, 26th August.



Fr. Sheehy's Under-16C Football South Tipperary Champions – Back row: Dave McGrath, selector, Patrick Moran, Anthony Holden, John O'Connor, Jer Norris, Paul Condon, Damien Flynn, Kevin Fitzgerald, Patrick Ryan, James Mulcahy, Killian Casey, Peter Mulcahy, John Fitzpatrick, Pat Sheehan, selector. Front row: Christopher Smith, Thomas O'Donnell, Michael Myles, Terence O'Brien, Richard McGrath, captain, Andrew Sweeney, Pat Mulcahy, John Sheehan, John Sweeney, manager. Missing from photo Sean Fitzgerald.



Fr. Sheehy's Under-14C Hurling South Tipperary Champions – Back row: Shane Gleeson, Shane Smith, Christopher Smith, Terence O'Brien, Kevin Fitzgerald, Michael Myles, Pat Mulcahy, Bobby Platt, Steven Fitzpatrick, Sam Hayes, James Mulcahy, selector, Arthur Browne, coach, Dave Hyland, manager, Scot Platt, mascot. Front row: Paddy Platt, mascot, Kevin Fennessy, Aidan Hyland, Peter Walsh, Brendan Walsh, Patrick Moran, captain, Christopher Platt (Alias Jimmy Doyle), Brian O'Brien, Shaun Creed. Missing from photo: Patricia Hickey, Samantha Mullins and Brian Mulcahy.

They played Moyle Rovers, Clonmel Oga nd St. Patrick's in Cloneen on Saturday, 2nd September. They enjoyed the ground hurling on both occasions and will receive their medals for taking part in Clogheen on Friday, 17th November when Fr. Sheehy's are honouring the under-14 hurlers and under-16 footballers who won South Tipp titles in 2000.

Under-11 ground hurling panel – Billy Mulcahy, Kevin Fennessy, Stephen Condon, Joe Blake, Chris Platt, Colum Quirke, Damien Longergan, Rachel O'Donnell, Eoin

Flynn, Cian O'Brien, Paul McGrath, Shane Fox, Scott Platt, Darragh Costelloe, Martin Slattery, Robert Sweeney, Paddy Platt, Shane Ryan, Eimear Fynn, Sean Flynn.

Well done to Michael Myles and Patrick Moran who played with South Tipp under14 hurlers in the Peadar Cummins tournament. Well done to John Sheehan who played with the South Tipp under-16 hurlers in the Garda Cup and who made the County under-16 hurling and football panels, Richard is a very dedicated player and is a name to take note of in the future.



Kilsheelan, winners of the South Junior B Football Title – Back row: Brian Connolly, Jim Ryan, Liam Robinson, Martin Ormond (captain), Seamus Roche, Richard McMahon, Sean Nugent. Front: Liam Geoghegan, Nicky Coughlan, Michael Dempsey, Edmond Walsh, Christian Healy, Aidan Walsh, Derek Kennedy, Graham Loughman.

Kilsheelan/Kilcash U-12C – Back row: Leanna Corcoran, Noelle Maguire, Tracey Hanrahan, Lorcan Ryan, Paul Denn, Frank Strong, Matthew Harts, Donnacha Loneran, James Geraghty, Richie Doyle. Front row: Michael Geraghty, Graham Bysouth, Sinéad Condon, Micheál Corcoran, Paraic Hickey, Donnacha Corcoran, Ross Larkin, Robert Hennebry, David Guiry, Colin Sweeney.



Kilsheelan U-14B South Hurling Champions – Back row: Tracey Hanrahan, Laura Healy, Michael O'Reilly, William Walsh, Stephen Cloona, Patrick Walsh, Thomas Ryan, Shane Prendergast, Michael McHugh, Ciaran White, Owen Ryan, Conor Horgan, Darragh Corcoran. Front row: Robert Hennebry, Aaron Burns, Ross Larkin, George Stewart, Ian Coughlan, Stephen O'Brien, Barry Cloona, Eoin Twohig, Ciaran Gibbs.

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During the year, Tom Keane of Cloneen was honoured by the South Tipperary Board

when he was selected for the Hall of Fame award as footballer of the past.

Tom was a member of St. Patrick's football teams for over a decade winning South and County senior football championships in 1947 and 1953 and also the Tipperary mens cup in 1947.

Tom was a prominent member of Tipperary Senior football teams for several years and was honoured by the Munster selectors from 1949 to 1952 winning a Railway Cup medal in 1949.



St. Patrick's (Drangan/Cloneen) South Tipperary Under-14B Football Champions 2000 – Front row, l. to r.: Tom Burke, Robert McCormack, Damian McCormack, Patrick Moroney, Brian Hickey, Tom McGrath, Conor Barry, Dermot Molloy. Back row: William Phelan, Simon O'Donovan, Brian McCormack, John Molloy (captain), Colin Murphy, Aidan O'Brien, Danny Gleeson, Emma Horan. Missing from photo: Philip Britton, Kevin Dempsey. Team manager Dan Gleeson, selectors Michael Horan and Eugene McCormack.

GRANGEMOCKLER/BALLYNEALE GAA CLUB

Historic First Hurling U-21 Title

The Centenary Year of 2000 will live long in the memories of the people of Grangemockler and Ballyneale due mainly to the exploits for our U-21 Hurlers. Having won our first ever U-21C South title in impressive fashion from a determined St. Patrick's team on the score Ballyneale 2-15, St. Patrick's 2-9. This team went on to record a marvellous victory over Latin Cullen in the County Semi Final at Clonmel. This game was played at a furious pace packed with uncompromising tackles and some fine hurling sprinkled with some excellently taken scores. While every Ballyneale player was a hero on the day Cathal Houlihan's performance in scoring 1-6 was of vital importance. At the final whistle Ballyneale had triumphed by 2-11 too2-8 and there were jubilant scenes as players, mentors and supporters celebrated a famous victory putting us into our first ever Hurling County Final in any grade.

The County Final was a huge occasion for the parish particularly so since it was played on the best hurling pitch in Ireland and the County Board deserve great credit for staging both the B and C U-21 finals at Semple Stadium.

In the final against North Champions Ballinahinch Ballyneale were in no way overawed by the occasion and roared on by a huge following from all over the South, they tore into the game from the first whistle. The standard of hurling was well above 'C' grade and the exchanges were fair and tough all the way.

Great goalkeeping by Brian Dignam and excellent play by the full back line repelled many Ballinahinch attacks and with the half back line holding danger

man Dermot Gleeson, Ballyneale grew in confidence as the first half progressed. Our midfield were on top at this stage and our forwards profited from the regular supply to notch up some fine scores, with Cathal Houlihan scoring impressively and a gem of a goal by Richard Downey put Ballyneale in front by 2-4 to 0-5 at the interval.

However, the second half was an uphill battle for Ballyneale with Ballinahinch gaining control of the central areas and they gradually chipped away at the lead. Despite a mighty effort by our players who never gave up and fought right to the final whistle, Ballinahinch were overall that little bit stronger in the last quarter and led by a point with a minute remaining. Still Ballyneale did not surrender and fought hard to win a free right at the death. An attempted short free did not work out and the final whistle sounded

with Ballyneale trailing by a single point. Final score Ballinahinch 0-13, Ballyneale 2-6.

While bitterly disappointed at the end result, these players can be rightly proud of their efforts and our parish is most certainly proud of every member of this squad of players and mentors who gave us marvellous memories of the year 2000.

The team was: Brian Dignam, Liam Murray, Robert Murphy, Billy Lyons, Michael Munnelly, Brian McCarthy, Barry Hanrahan, Shane Murray (captain), Willie Wallace, Martin Keating, Richard Downey, Paul Ryan, Theo English, Cathal Houlihan, Pat O'Toole. Subs: Finbar Hickey, John McAndrew, Richard John Tobin, Edmund Hearne, Paul McAndrew, Ted Lyons, Thomas Keating, Johnny Delaney, Raymond Phelan, Thomas Cody (on holidays).



Ballyneale 2000 South Tipperary U21 (C) Hurling Champions – Back row, l. to r.: Jonathan Downey, selector, Edmund Hearn, Richard John Tobin, Robert Murphy, John McAndrew, Paul Ryan, Richard Downey, Michael Munnelly, Barry Hanrahan, Brian Dignam, Billy Lyons, Willie Wallace, Al Murray, secretary, Jimmy Bolger, chairman. Front row: Thomas Keating, Thomas Cody, Finbar Hickey, Theo English, Martin Keating, Shane Murray, Cathal Houlihan, Brian McCarthy, Pat O'Toole, Michael Houlihan, selector.

FETHARD

U21(A) Football Title

Fethard on the 9th May secured their 6th title in this grade. Winning first in 1966, 1967, 1968, 1987, 1988 and 2000, the nucleus of this team was the Minor Champions of 1999. From the 1st of January to the final a most committed bunch of 25 were guided to success by Tommy Sheehan. Assisted by Pat Sheehan and Thomas Anglim co-selectors. The players commitment must be acknowledged from 1st round beat Cahir on 5/2 2-11 to 2-6 to semi-final accounting for Moyle Rovers by 5-18 to 0-8 and in South Final v Ardfinnan after a draw 0-11 each. The first day on 8/4 replay Fethard won convincingly by 3-20 to 3-8. IN the county semi-final 22/4 Fethard 4-10, Galtee Rovers 1-15 advanced to the final on 9th May in Holycross when we beat Kildangan by 0-14 to 1-6.

Team: Tommy Gahan, Michael Carroll, captain, Michael Ahearne, Nicky Murphy, Alan Phelan, Liam Maher, Keith Woodlock, Kenneth Byrne, Aiden Fitzgerald, Conor



Fethard U21A Football South and County Champions 2000 – Back row: Jason Nevin, Cian Maher, John P. Lobby, Tommy Gahan, Keith Woodcock, Kenneth Byrne, Carl Maher. Front: Nicky Murphy, Alan Phelan, Glen Burke, Michael Carroll (capt), Conor McCarthy, Michael Ahearne, Kenneth O'Donnell. Missing from photo: Aiden Fitzgerald, David Morrissey, Brian Coen, Conor O'Donnell, Garreth Byrne, Philip Crosse, M. Teehan and all other subs.

McCarthy (0-7, 6 free), David Morrissey (0-1), Brian Iven (0-2), Kenneth O'Donnell (0-2), John Paul Looby, Carl Maher (0-2, 1f). Subs: Glen Burke, Inj, Conor O'Donnell, Jarleth Byrne, Philip Croke, Michael Teehan, Jason Nevin, Michael Costello, Kevin O'Donnell, Peter Nolan, Ciaran Treacy, Alan O'Meara.

U-17 COUNTY LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Having lost one league game to Cahir and JK Brackens in the semi-final on 6/2 we avenged Cahir 1-10, Fethard 1-11 in Newcastle to reach the final vs JK Brackens on 20 February in New Inn. Winning Fethard 1-12, JK Brackens 1-9. Team that did us proud were; Ronan Maher, Alan Burke, John O'Meara,

Patrick Looby, Paul Hackett, Diarmuid Burke, Ian Kendrick, Johnny Needham (0-1), Glen Burke (0-6, 3f), John Hanrahan (0-1), Owen Doyle, Brian Coen (0-2), Nicky Noonan (0-1), Ronan Allen (0-1), John Noonan (1-0). Subs Paul Morrissey, David Kelly, Patrick Ahearne, Paddy Cooney, Peter Carroll and Val Dwyer.

Well done to selectors and trainer John Hurley and co-selectors Austy Godfrey and Tommy Graham.

Congratulations to Michael Ryan and Micheál Spillane in bringing All-Ireland and Munster honours to Fethard in intermediate hurling with Tipp 2000.

BALLYBACON GRANGE

Events of the Past Year

by Jackie Walsh and Anthony Dillon

As another year draws to a close it is time to reflect on the events of the past year, to rejoice in the good things and to learn from disappointments.

The year began with annual social on 12th February 2000, where medals were presented to panel of players who won the South Tipperary Intermediate Hurling Championships in 1999 for 2nd year. The recently elected county chairman Con Hogan was present along with new South chairman Willie Barrett. Training began in Goatenbridge on Thursday night, 9th March 2000 for all players and continued to last training session on Thursday night, 2nd November 2000 under coach John Cummins. The highlight of year was winning of 3rd South Intermediate hurling title in a row for the Club. We defeated Moyle Rovers, Fethard, Kilsheelan and Cahir to qualify for South final in Clonmel on 8/10/2000 and were victorious on final score of 1-15 to 0-11. The County quarter final saw us defeated Arravle Rovers by one point on final score of 1-13 to 1-12. The county semi-final played in Drombane on 4/11/2000 against Newport saw us defeated in finish on score 2-10 to 1-10 in a very exciting hard-fought game.

Our junior 'B' hurling team took part in junior hurling league and played Skeheenarinky, Ballycooby, Castlegrace and Cahir. In the junior 'B' championship we played St. Mary's and won the replay after two great games to meet Fethard in South semi-final. In a very high scoring game we were defeated on final score of 4-10 to 3-12. In U21 hurling we were defeated by Carrick Swans in Clonmel. Our minor hurlers competed very well in 2000 and defeated St. Mary's, Fethard, Cahir and Fr. Sheehy's to reach semi-final and only lost out to Carrick Swans in replay. Many of these players are again eligible for minor grade for coming year. The U16 hurlers were defeated by Killenaule after a good win over Swans and the U14 team lost out to Cahir. The U12 team were defeated by Ballingarry early in the season but training continued for these young players and a big improvement was evident when U12 hurlers defeated Cahir in the Goatenbridge tournament and Pat Kirwan and Liam O'Sullivan must be complimented on all the work put in with these lads. Our U14 hurlers were defeated in Féile na nGael by Carrick Swans. Grange N.S. U13 hurlers won the county final in Semple Stadium in a close match and Tomás Ó Slatara deserves this victory for the time spent training these young players. Club players involved with County teams during year were Brendan Cummins in goal for Senior hurlers, Sean Maher won All-Ireland Intermediate medal at centre-field for Tipperary in their victory over Galway, Albert Keating who played at centre-field for Tipperary junior footballers, Michael Phelan who lined out with Tipperary minor hurlers and Shane Sweeney also on the minor hurling panel. Barry O'Gorman and Neil White played in Nenagh Co-op tournament and Tony Ryan played for Tipperary Prima-

ry Schools team. The Tipperary County Board GAA draw is the back-bone of our fund-raising and success in this draw this year so far includes (1) Juvenile trip to National Hurling league fixture in Thurles (2) £500 prize winner (3) 2 Carribean holiday winners and success in winning car in November for Brian Cleere, Grange. To conclude we thank all our supporters and players and mentors for their effort in past year and look forward to coming year.



Ballybacon Grange, South Tipperary Intermediate Hurling Champions – Back row, James Maher, Kieran Walsh, Nigel Carrigan, Kenneth O'Shea, Shane Sweeney, Brendan Cummins, Gerry Ryan, Johnny English, Brian Condon, Keith Scanlon, Ritchie Walsh, Barry O'Gorman, Gavin O'Mahony. Front: Paul Kennedy, Michael English, Alan O'Gorman, James Hackett, Michael O'Sullivan, captain, Pa Norton, Liam Butler, Michael Phelan, Thomas Maher. Missing from photo: Albert Keating, Sean Maher and Declan Ryan.



Cahir panel that played Gortnahoe-Glengoole in the county under-21 'B' hurling final at Semple Stadium. Back row, l. to r.: Paddy O'Flaherty, Tom O'Gorman, Stephen Flannery, James Cantwell, James Looby, David Williams, Benny Hickey, James Swords, Johnny Moloney, Joey Moloney, Robbie Costigan, Diarmuid Tarrant. Front: Liam Cantwell, Andrew Hyland, Pdraig Whelan, Brian Enright, Paul Kearney, Derek Davis, Garvan Queeney, Liam Kiely (captain), James McGrath.



Killenaule panel that won the Credit Union county U21B football title by defeating Ballina at Templemore – Back row: John Paul Hayes, Declan Fanning, Patrick Lawlor, Darragh Blake, Joseph Caesar, Patrick Kerwick, Eddie O'Brien, Jason Walsh, captain, Martin Shelly, Adrian Tobin. Front: Martin Taylor, Tony Doyle, Alan Dorney, Peter Kennedy, Keith Kennedy, Thomas Shelly, Declan Ryan, Paul O'Dwyer, Damien Gleeson.



Killenaule's victory over Ballina in the county U21B football final at Templemore shows, l. to r.: Larry Walsh and his grandson Jason Walsh; Neddy Croke and his grandson Paul O'Dwyer. Jason and Paul were members of the winning team.



Killenaule South U16A Hurling Champions – Back: Jonathan Gleeson, Cian Murphy, Thomas Blake, Loussie Grace, Brian Hanrahan, Michael O'Connor, Aidan Walsh, Stephen Brennan, Brendan Fanning, Barry Murphy, David McGuire. Front: Mark Murphy, Niall Berry, Kieran Bergin, Larry Kennedy, Jonathan O'Dwyer, Richard Maher, captain, Niall Bergin, Vinnie Wannigan, Eddie Fanning, Brendan Bergin. Selectors Dick Maher, Dick O'Dwyer and Hugo Browne.

Killenaule South Tipp U12B Football Champs – Back: Paddy Codd, Sean Casset, Denis Healy, Tom Kennedy, Matthew O'Donnell, Kieran Murphy, Brian Murphy, Michael Kelly, Stephen Browne, Anthony Stapleton, Anthony Guinan, James Kelly, David Teehan, James Hickey, Niall Bergin, Aotín Corbet, Shane Hasset. Front: Patrick Kennedy, Sean Kennedy, Dian Tobin, Richie Hanigan, Daniel Murphy, Joe O'Dwyer, Joseph Kelly, Michael Doyle, captain, John (Bubbles) O'Dwyer, Noel Hayes, Michael Webster, Tony Clear, Liam Peacock, Colm Blackmore, Lemmia O'Dwyer, Laura Fitzgerald. Selectors were Jim Tobin and Hugo Browne.



MOYLE ROVERS "3-in-a-row"

By Anthony Lonergan

September 1995 was a historic year for our club when at last after many years of effort we won our first ever county senior football title. I can still recall the great joy that this victory brought to our club and parish.

Little did I realise then that I would be writing in the year 2000 about "3-in-a-row" and reflecting on five championship victories in a six year period.

Our community is very fortunate to have witnessed and feel part of these glory years. Fellow parishioners and indeed many people whom I grew up with, that now reside outside our parish, travelled in great numbers to all our games showing a unity, a togetherness that I never thought possible. I remember reading an article some years ago in which it was stated that the G.A.A. club in previous years was considered to be the social focus of the rival community. This statement was very true in our community over recent years. The deeds of our teams have had a bonding



Old friends... Munster Council representatives Liam O'Dwyer (left) and Michael McCarthy R.I.P. relaxing before entering Croke Park for the All-Ireland Hurling Club Championship final between Toomevara and Sarsfields (Galway) in 1994.



Moyle Rovers Captain Liam Cronin with their Coach Jim Cahill, following presentation of the County Football Cup by Football Board Chairman Mick Frawley.

effect on our parish community. It was as if everyone had a common interest during the playing season. "Are you travelling on Sunday? there and others were often repeated phrases. Following the team, going to training, watching the men who carried our expectations so well on their sturdy shoulders brought a pride, contentment, a fulfilment to our rural community.

While all our victories were special, the winning of this year's championship was extra special. The first championship of the new millennium and history being made by being one of the new

clubs to achieve the coveted "3 in a row". When great deeds within our club are discussed in future years, this deed will always have special significance.

I have often pondered recently as to what makes this group of men so special and when I refer to the group, I include all panel members, the selectors, physio and all associated with the team. The same answer arises each time. Dedication, discipline, comradery, will to win and determination to get the best out of themselves and each other. These are the answers that

arise.

As we come to the end of another year, we say thank you to these men for giving us so much enjoyment and we also say thank you to those men for setting standards within our club that all young players must now aspire to.

Long may it continue.



Mick McCarthy (R.I.P.) with John Burke, President of Moyle Rovers (taken in 1995).

ARDFINNAN HONOURS BABS



Ardfinnan players of the 'Babs' era – Players from Ardfinnan who played with 'Babs' Keating in the late fifties, the sixties and early seventies who came together to honour 'Babs' on Saturday, 19th Nov. in Cahir. The function was hosted by the Ardfinnan club.

In November Ardfinnan G.A.A. club hosted a gala night in honour of Michael 'Babs' Keating. The following is the citation delivered by Mícheál Ó Meara on the occasion.

Muintir Ard Fhionáin agus a chairde Gael. Tá sé mar phríobhléid agam bheith anseo libh ar an ócáid speisialta seo chun an maolaoise a ceiliuradh agus go mór mhor chun omós a thabhairt don fear sár cháiliúil sin Míceál (Babs) Céitinn a bhain amach clú agus cáil ar a shon féin ar son Ard Fhionain agus Baile Beagan Grainseach agus ar son ar chontae – treasna na blianta.

Tá sé fíor nach mbeidh a leithéid arís ann ar pháirceanna na h-imeartha as seo amach.

Tonight the Ardfinnan club is honouring its most famous son – 'Babs' – in recognition of his selection as Tipperary Footballer of the Millennium. All will agree that there was only one 'Babs' and tonight the club has given us the opportunity to say – 'Babs', thanks for the memories.

Memories that began for me and for others here tonight back in the High School field in Clonmel in the late fifties when the future star first burst upon the Tipperary G.A.A. scene. It soon became apparent that we were witnessing something special and before his minor days had ended 'Babs' had played in three All-Ireland minor hurling finals without success and had also figured prominently on the county minor football side. He became one of the first and the best of the dual players who have caused such headaches for fixture planners down the years. Again 'Babs' was different, he thought nothing of playing three games

on the one day and to his eternal credit he continued throughout his entire career to give on hundred per cent to both codes.

Long serving Co. Board secretary Tommy Barrett has described him as the best dual player ever in Tipperary whilst the Kerry and Kildare supremo Mick O'Dwyer said that he was one of the best he ever played with. Suffice to say that his achievements as a footballer, as a hurler and as a manager were unique and made him a legend in his own time.

'Babs' won his first All-Ireland medal with the intermediate team in 1963 and the following year he began an illustrious senior hurling career with a brilliant performance in the All-Ireland final success over Kilkenny. A few weeks later an Under-21 medal followed in the inaugural final in the grade.

He had to sit out the '65 All-Ireland final due to injury and he then went on to figure prominently on defeated final teams in '67 and '68.

1971 has been described as Keating's year and not surprisingly as his influence in League and Championship proved remarkable.

Who will ever forget that marvellous Munster Final against Limerick in the rain of Killarney and the controversy surrounding the famous dry ball or that "barefoot in the park" display in Croke Park in September when 'Babs' knocked over seven points as Kilkenny were toppled.

To crown that wonderful year 'Babs' was awarded the No. 11 spot on the inaugural Carrolls All-Star team and he went on to capture the Texaco Award as the Hurler of 1971.

The following years brought little joy

to Tipperary hurling followers as the famine set in and 'Babs' played his last inter county hurling championship game against Limerick in the Munster Semi-final replay of '74.

Coaching and team management beckoned and he went on to coach the Galway teams beaten in the All-Ireland semi-final of '77 and the final of '79.

As the lean years continued for the Premier County and the public grew ever more restless for success Michael Lowry phoned a friend in 1986. That friend was 'Babs' and the rest is history as 'Babs' not alone brought an end to the famine, he gave a whole new dimension to team preparation and management including the formation of the Tipperary Supporters Club.

In his eight years at the helm the county won five Munster titles, two All-Irelands; two National Leagues and an Oireachtas. A rich reward indeed for a county that had been in the doldrums since 1971.

At club level the 'Babs' inspired Ballybacon-Grange had taken the South under-21 hurling title in 1961 and this heralded a golden era in which junior was won in 1962, intermediate in 1966 culminating in a never-to-be-forgotten senior success in 1968.

That very briefly was the hurling life of 'Babs' Keating but it is only half of the whole story. From the time of his first appearance with the county minor footballers, 'Babs' continued to revel in the big ball game and he himself has stated that despite his status as a hurler many South Tipperary people were only interested in him as a footballer.

Few would contradict this view as

football was on an all-time high in Tipperary in the sixties with the clashes of Ardfinnan and Commercials in particular attracting huge attendances including many from outside counties.

Following the county minor football debut as a sixteen year old in 1960 when he scored three goals and five points 'Babs' graduated to the senior team the following year and thus began a senior inter-county career that spanned twenty years up to and including 1980. The fact that he soldiered away for so many years with a team that invariably struggled to put a few good performances back to back speaks volumes for 'Babs' commitment to Tipperary football. The rewards were few but there were some encouraging performances and some near misses. In particular the NFL Division 2 success in 1971 when 'Babs' was captain was sweet as were the Bloody Sunday successes over Dublin whilst the biggest disappointment was possibly the defeat at the hands of Cork in Clonmel in 1970 when 'Babs' scored three goals and a point but Cork triumphed by scoring three points in the last two minutes.

Club level however did reap rich dividends for 'Babs' and his Ardfinnan team-mates. In what could be termed the golden age of Ardfinnan football South and County minor titles were won in 1961 and 62, four in-a-row under-21 crowns were annexed from '62 to '65 as well as county under-21 in '63. The senior county title was the one that mattered in Ardfinnan however as a small famine had set in since their last victory back in 1939. The breakthrough was achieved in 1961 when Commercials were defeated in the South Final but dis-

appointingly the county semi-final was lost against St. Flannan's. The following years however provided adequate compensation as Ardfinnan took three in-a-row South and County crowns – a magnificent achievement by any standard. The years 1970 and 1974 yielded further county senior titles and it can be truly said that in all those successes 'Babs' invariably played a leading rôle.

The rivalry between Ardfinnan and Commercials is part of the folklore of the game at that time. The pity of it was that we did not live then in the age of video but then again if we did matters may have been different. The late Willie Boland did however capture much of the excitement with his candid camera and many famous pictures come to mind not least a few beauties involving 'Babs' and Tom Pollard. There were many great games, there were tough games, sendings-off, pitch invasions and even abandonments but there was never a lack of excitement and the crowds loved it. Whilst the exchanges could often be bitter there existed however a deep seated respect for each other among the players and officials and they were able to look back in enjoyment and laugh off the incidents.

Apart from 'Babs' many other Ardfinnan footballers became household names at that time. However, Ardfinnan's golden era and in particular 'Babs' contribution to their impressive run of successes is best reflected in the United Sports panels choice of Tipperary's Footballer of the Year – as the unprecedented number of six Cidona Awards have been bestowed on him in 1961, 1962, 1963, 1966, 1970 and 1971. In addition he was also named

'Hurler of the Year' in 1971 – a truly unique honour.

The footballing exploits of 'Babs' Keating did not go unnoticed outside the Premier County and he became a regular on the Munster Railway Cup teams from as early as 1963. In March 1972 he achieved a personal ambition when together with Cork's Ray Cummins he joined Des Foley and Pat Dunne as the only players to have won Railway Cup medals in both codes.

All that I have said briefly sketches the career of 'Babs' Keating – Footballer, Hurler and Manager. But he was much more than that and I like Tommy Barrett's description of 'Babs' as a judge of horses and donkeys, always wearing a smile.

It would be remiss of me to conclude without acknowledging the huge support and contribution made to 'Babs' career by the family behind the man – Nancy, Michael and Orla – all deserve our sincere thanks and admiration.

Finally, 'Babs', in a foreword to your book, you said that you never felt comfortable with the name – 'Babs'.

I think that after all the years you may be about to lose it, as should a certain young man continue to chalk up Derby winners and Group 1 successes in the racing world you are in serious danger of becoming more popularly known simply as Johnny Murtagh's father-in-law.

Ladies and Gentlemen I ask you to please rise and salute Ardfinnan Football Club's 'Man of the Millennium' – Michael (Babs) Keating.



Presentation to 'Babs' Keating by Ardfinnan G.A.A. club to honour his selection as Tipperary Footballer of the Millennium. Front (l. to r.) Willie Barrett (South Chairman); 'Babs' Keating, Aidan McNamara (Ardfinnan Chairman); Michael O'Meara (South Secretary). Back (l. to r.); Seamus McCarthy (former S.F. Manager); Mick Maguire (former County Chairman); Peter Savage (President Ardfinnan G.A.A. Club).

Mick McCarthy R.I.P.

"His name will live on in the shadow of Slievenamon and his legacy will inspire future generations". (M. O'M.)

Mick McCarthy's name has always been a household word in the parish of Powerstown and Lisronagh. He was and always will be "Mr. Moyle Rovers". On Tuesday 25th April, 2000, Mick slipped away into the next room and his parting left a void in our hearts. No words can contain the depth of what Mick's life meant to so many people. The key words in the many tributes and farewells paid at the time of his death were as follows:

"Warm and gentle" – "respected" – "beloved" – "devoted" – "meticulous" – "humble" – "involved" – "aware" – "never condescending" – "an excellent administrator" – "he nurtured and encouraged young people" – "popular" – "a joy to encounter" – "a reluctant hero" – "an accomplished hurler and footballer in his day" – "a long standing administrator of South, county and Munster G.A.A." – "a true Gael sportsman" – "never one for the limelight" – "a dear friend" – "a lifetime service of hard work" – "an example to us all" – "a committed family man" – "he had a quiet strong faith" – "Moyle Rovers was his true love" – "a father figure to everyone" – "dedicated" – "a talented and gifted writer" – "what will Moyle Rovers do without Mick (aged 10) – made newcomers welcome to the parish" – "concerned for the safety and well being of every child" – "cared enough to tell you when you stepped out of line" – "his care and devotion for his mother" – "he wasn't afraid to shed a few tears".

We know you are there Mick, that nothing is past, nothing is lost, but it is not the same just now. Give us time and we will play, smile and speak your name without effort. For now, your name brings tears to the eyes of young and old because dear friend you brought us so much joy.

Farewell our 'gentle giant with a heart of gold'. We see you in sunshine and in rain. Each year as the primroses bloom we will come together in your honour to ask how's things?

Our thanks to Mick's brothers and sisters. Jimmy, Paddy, Hughie, John, Alice, Nora, Betty and Mary and families for sharing him with us over the years. "When the one great Scorer comes to call. He asks not if you've won or lost but how you played the game."

Mick McCarthy played the game of life with strength, courage and dignity showing kindness to one and to all. Ní



bheidh a leithead ann arís.

P.S.: Mick, there is a rumour going round that Moyle Rovers are now playing 16 men on the field. This is true as you are with us at every game encouraging us with each step we take. Slán go fóill a chara.

Moyle Rovers

MICK MCCARTHY R.I.P.

On Monday evening, 25th April last, the shock news of the unexpected death of Mick McCarthy united the entire county G.A.A. scene in a deep sense of loss and grief.

Described by one official as "the only G.A.A. man I couldn't have a fight with", Mick McCarthy had a unique personality that endeared him to all whom he came in contact with and the extent to which he was loved, admired and respected was reflected in the huge cortege at the removal of his remains from his beloved Moyle Park, at the Requiem Mass in Lisronagh and at the burial in Powerstown Cemetery.

I was honoured and proud to have known Mick as a close friend and colleague for forty years and I regard him as the finest G.A.A. man that I have known.

He was a big man in every sense of the word. Many will remember him from his playing days as a big, strong player who delighted in close tussles and hard fought action. He was equally big as a family man epitomised by his care and devotion for his mother when his father died as well as the great support and encouragement he had for his brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews.

In the matter of friendship the word big is also appropriate and my family and I will forever remember the many happy outings we had with Mick to games all over the country. It was Mick McCarthy who first encouraged me to seek the position of South Board secretary on the retirement of Jerry O'Keefe in 1970 and the fact that I was elected to the position was due in

no small measure to Mick. It is a testament to the calibre of the man that he with greater credentials than I to the senior position, went on to succeed me as Bord na nÓg secretary.

If you needed advice, encouragement or a listener to share your thoughts or ideas Mick McCarthy was the ideal man. He was also generous to a fault. He gave his time freely, his car was readily available and he was a second Santa Claus at Christmas time, as many can testify.

In the G.A.A. world Mick McCarthy was more than qualified to be called big. He filled many positions at various levels in an unobtrusive but totally committed manner and he won the respect of his fellow Gaels wherever he served, be it as secretary of South Tipp Bord na nÓg, as a long standing County Senior Board member, as chairman of the South Senior Board, as a Munster Council delegate for an unbroken span of nineteen years, as chairman of Munster Council's Development Committee, as a Co. Development Committee member, as chairman of the County Yearbook Committee, or as first ever President of the South Board.

Above all else however, Mick McCarthy was widely known and respected as "Mr. Moyle Rovers". He made a huge contribution to the club's transformation from a small rural junior team without a field to a leading senior club catering for a variety of teams from under-10 up, fully equipped with highly impressive playing facilities and amenities.

For me and for many the 1999 county senior football final presentation, in a spontaneous and unique manner underlined the huge esteem in which Mick McCarthy was held within the club by affording him the opportunity of accepting the championship trophy from county football chairman Mick Frawley.

It was an unprecedented gesture that speaks volumes for Mick's immense contribution down the years and the challenge now facing Moyle Rovers is to see that the work of Mick McCarthy will continue. I have no doubt but that his name will live on in the shadow of Slievenamon and that his legacy will inspire future generations to continue to serve club and county and remain loyal to the Gaelic Athletic Association which Mick McCarthy loved and to which he gave so much.

Go deimhim Ní bheidh do leitheid arís ann a Mhichil. Slán a chara dílis.

Mícheál Ó Meara

Tipperary G.A.A. Merchandise Shop

— A Millennium Success

THE BACKGROUND

At County Convention in January 1988, a motion from Moneygall Club was passed as follows:

"That a committee be set up to organise Tipperary Merchandise to help in promoting our games among the youth of the county."

The seeds were sown for Tipperary G.A.A. to prove it was a modern, forward thinking organisation. In January 2000, the new County Board under Chairman, Con Hogan, was faced with solving a major financial dilemma. New sources of revenue were required to bridge the ever expanding gap between income and expenditure. Commercial income was targeted as an area for possible growth with County team sponsorship – the only existing breadwinner. Thus grew the idea for a Merchandise shop and our own corporate branding.

LÁR NA PÁIRCE BUILDING

A new Tipperary G.A.A. Crest was designed, to be used on all our products and team jerseys. Negotiations commenced with the Lár na Páirce committee to set up shop on the ground floor of their magnificent building at Slievenamon Road, Thurles. The County G.A.A. Board were already long term tenants in the building with an office on the first floor in return for cash investments made during the setting up of the Lár na Páirce Museum and Interpretive Centre in 1994.

The Lár Committee were very enthu-



Bubbly time . . . Tim Floyd, Marketing Co-ordinator, marks the official opening of the Tipperary G.A.A. Merchandise Shop in Thurles with a bottle of champagne. Also included are Martina Ryan-Oakley, Marion Graham, Nicky English (who officially opened the shop) and Con Hogan, Co. Board Chairman.

siastic with our plan for a G.A.A. Merchandise Shop, as naturally, it would enhance their own Museum, which was experiencing difficulty in surviving as a viable venture on its own. The siting of the shop at ground floor also involved the moving of our office from upstairs, which in itself is a big advantage to our visiting public.

With Tipp's opening championship game against Waterford on May 28th, we had a deadline to meet, which is a

vital incentive for any venture. Renovations were carried out and products were sourced in desperation. The doors were "unofficially" opened on Saturday, May 21st to ensure our supporters were toggled out for the Waterford game one week later. Having cleared the first hurdle, we now had two weeks to build up for the Clare game on June 11th. An official opening was required to expose our new venture to a curious public who really had not come to terms with what we were at.

THE OFFICIAL OPENING

Saturday, June 3rd was a red-letter day for Tipperary G.A.A., as we became the first County Board to open a High Street G.A.A. Merchandise Shop. Amidst a carnival atmosphere and before a large audience, the tape was cut by Senior Hurling Manager, Nicky English. The valued contacts of County P.R.O., Liz Howard, ensured the presence of R.T.E. who later that day transmitted the opening of their evening news spot. Tipp FM were present to catch the action live, along with members of the local press. Irish Multi-channel were on hand to record for their weekly gaelic games programme.

It was chaos, as the crowds piled in through the newly opened door, but the sheer excitement of the occasion overcame it all. The Lár na Páirce Museum was open free to the public, which helped to carry the overflow. County



Thomas Dunne (left) and Eamonn Corcoran, both members of the senior hurling team, pose for a photograph with some Tipperary supporters at the opening of the Tipperary G.A.A. Merchandise Shop in Thurles.

Board officers smiled through it all, as the cameras and microphones lined them up for interview. Naturally, they were thrilled with the reaction to their first big commercial venture, and after all, we were the first to try it, an every day shop on the side of the street.

MUNSTER FINAL IN THURLES

Having overcome the Clare hurdle, the Shop braced itself for a Tipp/Cork Munster Final in Thurles. The demand for a Tipperary identity grew and we were glad to provide it, in the form of polo shirts, rugby shirts, T-shirts, baseball caps and flags. Individuals were prepared to spend up to £100 on supporters gear just to be associated with this Tipp. team on Munster Final Day.

As the red and white brigade invaded Thurles on Sunday, July 2nd, we were

proud we played our part in matching them in the colour stakes. Defeat did not dampen spirits, as business was still brisk in the three weeks build up to the All-Ireland Quarter Final in Croke Park against Galway.

AFTER THE STORM

The Shop still remains open Monday to Friday as it is built into our office structure and the versatility of the staff ensures its viability. The year has been a learning process and the success of our county teams is a vital ingredient for the shop's success. Tipperary senior hurlers five live T.V. games in 2000 and this type of exposure ensures demand for associated merchandise.

THE FUTURE

A new sponsorship contract for our county teams will give a minimum two-

year safeguard for purchasing related goods. Top fashion designer, Louise Kennedy, a Tipperary native, has been linked to the design of a new county jersey. This could bring a whole new dimension to demand for replicas.

The new Tipperary web-site (<http://tipperary.gaa.ie>) will carry new opportunities for purchasing our merchandise on the internet. This should be of particular interest to our supporters outside the county and all over the globe. Naturally, the most important factor to excite purchasing power of Tipperary supporters is a successful county team in an All-Ireland final. The new Merchandise Shop has served its apprenticeship in 2000. We are now up and running and ready for "The Big One in 2001".

Tim Floyd



In Dublin for the SHC All-Ireland quarter-final were cousins Brian McDonnell (Clonmel), Shane McDonnell (Carrick-on-Suir) and John McDonnell (Clonmel).

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL DIVISIONAL AND COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

We also wish to acknowledge the generous sponsorship support received for all our competitions – which are listed below. We ask you also to support our sponsors.

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West Tipperary Championship and League Winners / Runners-up 2000

TIPPERARY CO-OP - SUPERVALU SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP					
20/8	Golden	Cappawhite	3-17;	Kickhams	1-13 P. Russell
ROYAL HOTEL - INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP					
8/10	Galde	Galtee RVS	1-11;	Arravale RVS	1-4 W. Morrissey
GLEESON CONCRETE JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP 'A'					
30/9	Golden	Sean Treacy's	2-14	Clonoulty / R	5-3 J. Ryan
TIPPERARY CO-OP - SUPERVALU JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP 'B'					
30/9	Golden	Galtee RVS	1-15	Rockwell RVS	1-11 D. Grogan
O'DWYER'S STEEL - U21 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP 'A'					
1/7	S.T. Park	Clonoulty / R	3-13	Galtee Rvs	3-11 E. Browne
PORTERHOUSE - U21 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP 'B'					
21/4	Cappawhite	Eire Og	3-15	Sean Treacy's	2-7 T. Walsh
PORTERHOUSE - U21 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP 'C'					
15/4	S.T. Park	Lattin / C	2-4	Emly	0-4 F. Kearney
DUNDRUM HOUSE HOTEL - MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP 'C'					
16/9	Dundrum	Cashel	2-13	Cappawhite	1-7 E. Browne
KAVANAGH COACHES - MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP 'B'					
27/8	Cappawhite	Lattin / C	0-9	Emly	1-5 F. Kearney
A.I.B. - MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP 'C'					
2/9	Bansha	Rockwell RVS	2-12	Solohead	3-6 S. Toomey
GLEESON CONCRETE - CROSCO CUP SENIOR HURLING LEAGUE					
NOT PLAYED					
BALLINILARD TRANSPORT - SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP					
13/8	S.T. Park	Aherlow	1-7	Galtee RVS	1-7 J. Ryan
26/11	Replay	Aherlow		Galtee RVS	J. Ryan
NOEL RYAN - INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP					
22/10	Bansha	Eire Og	3-10	Cappawhite	0-6 G. Riordan
C+C ENGINEERING - JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 'A'					
8/10	Golden	Clonoulty / R	2-3	Emly	0-3 D. Grogan
A.I.B. - JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 'B'					
18/11	Clonoulty	Semi	Sean Treacy's	Galtee RVS	F. Quinn
25/11		Final	Eire Og	Galtee/Treacy's	
MCGRATH OIL - U21 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP					
1/4	Golden	U21 F. 'A'	Galtee RVS	1-11	Arravale RVS 0-3 G. Riordan
26/3	S.T. Park	U21 F. 'B'	Aherlow	2-10	Eire Og 3-5 P. Russell
1/4	Golden	U21 F. 'C'	Lattin / C	3-5	Emly 1-9 S. Toomey
BRIDGE HOUSE 0 MINOR FOOTBALL 'A'					
18/5	Golden	Cashel	1-8	Galtee RVS	0-9 F. Kearney
SHEEHY BUTCHERS MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 'B'					
5/7	Golden	Rosegreen	3-6	Lattin / C	1-4 D. Grogan
A.I.B. - MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 'C'					
7/5	Sean Treacy Park	Solohead	3-6	Aherlow	1-7 T. Walsh
BALLINILARD TRANSPORT - O'DONOGHUE CUP SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE					
NOT PLAYED					



Tipperary Co-op - Super Valu hands over sponsorship to West Board G.A.A.
From left: Paul Madden (Co-op Trading Manager), Sean Murray (Chairman Tipp. Co-op), Denis Ryan (West Chairman), Michael Nolan (Super Valu Manager), Declan Ryan.

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Bord na nÓg Review

West Tipperary Bord na nÓg once again enjoyed another good year with plenty of good games. This year saw the John Flannagan Memorial Trophy come to the West for the first time, by Kickham's winning the U14 'A' title. The first 'A' title for a number of years.

Arravale RVS and Cappawhite returned with football titles at U12 and U16 respectively.

The board is grateful to our loyal sponsors for their kind sponsorship of our games. A year that saw our U16 hurlers contest the Munster U16 'B' final V Avondue of Cork. A game we were very unfortunate to lose.

It was not our year in Divisional finals going down to North Tipperary in the Garda Cup U16 'H' Friends of Tipperary football U16 (football and the Peadar Cummins Tournament U14 hurling.) Still lots of experience for our players.

The board is grateful to Michael Gleeson of Gleeson Concrete for sponsoring a set of Jersey's for our team's.



PRESENTATION OF JERSEYS

Presentation of Jerseys by Gleeson Concrete to West Tipperary Bord Na nÓg. From left Gerry Beary, Bord na nÓg Runai; Michael Gleeson, Gleeson Concrete; Liam O'Dwyer, Bord na nÓg Chairman; Tom Gleeson, Gleeson Concrete.



WEST TIPPERARY DIVISIONAL U16 B TEAM

Front (l.-r.): David Morrissey, Brendan Hanley, Michael Coleman, Brian Ryan, Michael Burke, Daniel Kelly, Anthony Boles, Paudie Ryan, Noel Kennedy, James Maguire, Roger O'Connor, Phillip Purcell, Owen O'Dwyer, Kevin Fox (Trainer). Back (l.-r.): Noel Browne (Selector), Joseph O'Doherty, Pat Murnane, Barry Ryan, Michael O'Dwyer, Gerry Beary, Gerard Ryan, Pat Hally, David Ryan, Conor O'Brien, Gerry Beary, Donal Condon, Owen Buckley, Bernard O'Callaghan, John O'Brien, Brian Slattery, Denis Ryan, John Ryan, Raymie Knight

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Arravale RVS3-7
Aherlow0-4

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Cappawhite2-3
Golden/K2-2

IRISH PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETY TIPPERARY U12 C FOOTBALL

Eire Óg4-7
Lattin0-3

CORRIB MINERAL U14 A FOOTBALL

Aherlow1-8
Golden/K0-9

SERGEANT PEPPER'S U14 B FOOTBALL

Kickham's4-12
Rockwell RVS2-4

WHELAN SPORT'S U14 C FOOTBALL

Emly4-6
Solohead2-2

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Arravale RVS3-5
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QUIRKE JEWELLER'S CAHIR U16 B FOOTBALL

Rockwell RVS1-12
Clonoulty / R3-5

CASHEL CREDIT UNION U16 C FOOTBALL

Cappawhite2-6
Kickham's2-2

COCA COLA U14 PEIL NA NOG (FEILE)

Aherlow3-7
Galtee RVS1-4

FRIEND'S OF TIPPERARY U12 FOOTBALL SHIELD

Lattin / C0-4
Solohead0-1

GLEESON CONCRETE U12 A HURLING

Arravale RVS2-4
Clonoulty / R1-5

TIPPERARY CO-OP U12 B HURLING

Aherlow2-5
Cappawhite0-1

NOEL BROWNE BUS HIRE U12 C HURLING

Eire Óg4-0
Rockwell RVS1-3

KELLY SOFT DRINKS U14 A HURLING

Kickham's3-7
Clonoulty / R0-7

FRIAR ST. FRYER U14 B HURLING

Golden / K2-9
Cappawhite1-4

HANLEY TYRE CENTRE U14 C HURLING

Sean Treacy's4-3
Emly1-2

TIPPERARY CREDIT UNION U16 A HURLING

Cashel K.C.4-12
Arravale RVS1-6

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Officers of the County Football Board photographed at the Convention at the Thurles Sarsfields Social Centre. Included are (l. to r.) – Hugh Kennedy, PRO; Eddie Lonergan, secretary; Michael Frawley, chairman; Michael Power, Friends of Tipperary football; Pete Savage, vice-chairman and J.J. Crowley, Friends of Tipperary football.

AHERLOW

A Year to Remember



Front L/R: Joe McDonagh in Aherlow, Tommy Barrett (Former County Secretary), Jerry Ring (West Secretary), Joe McDonagh, Mick Maguire (Former County Chairman).

Joe McDonagh in Aherlow Presentation to President. Front L/R: Tom Leonard (Secretary), Larry Nash (Treasurer), Joe Donovan (Chairman), Joe McDonagh, Thomas Peters, Tom O'Shea.



Aherlow U21 F.C. B West Winners 2000. Front L/R: Peter Leonard, Declan Kiely, Brian Moroney, Brian Leonard, Kieran Nash, Cahal O'Shea, Shane Leonard, Patrick Hennessy. Back L/R: Danny Hennessy, Robert Hennessy, Sean Hennessy, Alan O'Neill, Liam O'Brien, Leo Leonard, Tommy Russell, John Ryan.

Aherlow S.F. West Finalists. Front L/R: Jackie Bourke, Cahal O'Shea, Paddy O'Shea, Anthony Moroney, Timmy Leonard, Peter Leonard, Fergal Clifford, Derry Peters, Denis O'Shea, Conor O'Shea, Shane Leonard, Patrick Hennessy, Luke Leonard. Back L/R: Sean Peters, Ciaran Moroney, Sean Hennessy, Mark O'Shea, Liam (Lewis) Lewis, John Frenen, Lionel Leonard, Mark Leonard, Michael Moroney, Thomas Russell, Leo Leonard, Declan Riordan, Mark O'Brien, Paul Kiely, Kieran O'Mahony.



Aherlow U12 B Hurling. Front L/R: William Hennessy, Anne Marie Fahy, Ciaran McDonald, Bernard O'Brien, William Óg O'Brien, Thomas Frewen, Sean Dillon, Simon Smith, William White, Damien Peters, Peter McKnight. Back L/R: Mark Hanley, Mark Grogan, Tommy O'Neill, Seamus Grogan, Gary Frewen, Sean Mullins, Cahal Dillon, Thomas Fahy, Thomas Hanley, Gordon Peters, Michael McEniry.

Aherlow U14 B Football. Front L/R: Jos O'Brien, Chris McDonald, Sean Mullins, Gary Frewen, Bernard O'Brien, Vincent Hennessy, Gordon Peters, Ciaran McDonald, Thomas Fahy, William Óg O'Brien, Tadhg O'Donoghue. Back L/R: Michael Brennan, Martin Peters, Paul Coughlan, Joe Fahy, Lawrence Coskeran, Seamus Grogan, Sean Peters (Sel.), John Hennessy, Peter McKnight, Cahal Dillon, Tom Peters (Sel.), Barry Grogan, Michael O'Brien.



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Clonoulty / Rossmore U12 H A 2000. Front L/R: Kieran Ryan (C), Cait Devane, Joseph Slattery, Shane O'Dwyer, Marty Ryan (M), Shane Ryan (M), Jamie Moloney, Kieran Hammersley, David White, Jim Ryan (R), John O'Neill, Sean O'Connor, Daniel O'Dwyer, Richard Coffey. Selectors: John Coffey & Joe Hammersley. Back L/R: Martin Sudler, Brian Carroll, Donncha Ryan, Aidan Ryan (S), Padraig Heffernan, Thomas Butler, John O'Keefe, Padraig White, Diarmuid Cullen, Patrick Ryan, Sean Maher, Rory Ryan (R), Jamie Ryan (B), Shane Fryday.



Clonoulty / Rossmore J.F.C. A Winners 2000. Front L/R: Michael Ryan, Liam Dwyer, Kevin Lanigan-Ryan, Kevin Ryan, Kenny Ryan, Alan Kennedy, Liam Kearney, Dan Quirke, Declan Ryan, Paddy Sadler, Michael Heffernan, Richard Martin. Back L/R: James Ryan (H), Phillip Quirke, Nollaig Heffernan, Roddy Aherne, Andrew Fryday, Conor Devane, David Kennedy, John Devane, Maurice Quirke, John Heffernan, Michael Brennan, Michael Coen, Martin Coffey.



Cashel King Cormacs Captain P.J. Mooney receives the West Tipp Minor Football Cup and from West Tipperary Chairman Denis Ryan.



Cashel K.C. West M.H.C. A Winners 2000. Front L/R: Pat Donoghue, Christopher Ryan, John Paul Peters, Brian Minogue, David Ryan, Robert White, David Delahunty, Mickie Coleman, Roger O'Dwyer, P.J. Mooney, Daniel Slattery, Jonathan Kennedy, Christy Taylor. Back L/R: Michael Doyle, Sean McCarthy, Lorcan Hickey, Michael O'Connor, Mark Ryan, Ciaran Farrell, Ross Doyle, Marcus McCarthy, Richard Ryan, Stuart Hickey, Phillip Taylor, Brian Pattwell, Ger Slattery, Sammy Burke.



Cashel K.C. U16 A H. Winners 2000. Front L/R: Jimmy Hickey, Edmond O'Dwyer, Damien Ryan, Ryan O'Dwyer, Aidan O'Dwyer, Jonathan Fitzgerald, T.J. Hickey, Tony Hewitt, Mickie Coleman, Johnny O'Dwyer, Ailbe Ryan. Back L/R: David Slattery, Seanie Fitzgerald, Owen Davern, Darren McGrath, Jonathan Kennedy, Alan O'Meara, Owen Lonergan, David Ryan, Martin Browne, Mark Moloney, Daniel McCarthy, Michael Gallahue, Stephen O'Keefe.

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Cappawhite U16 C.F. County Champions. Front L/R: Tony Breheny (Selector), Shane O'Neill, Richard Barry, Ciaran McGrath, John Fitzgerald, Ciaran Ryan (P), Desmond Ryan (P Captain), James McGrath, Kevin Mullins, Gerry Renehan, Timmy Cranley, Tomas Crowe, Michael O'Dwyer, Richard Barry. Back L/R: Franky Kelly, Joseph Harding, Maurice Fitzgerald, Ross Dunne, Elaine Renehan, Jane-Anne O'Neill, David Bourke, Richard Fahey, Gerard Beary, Gerard Ryan (P), Colm O'Keefe, Daniel Kelly, Tom Carr, John Ryan (A Selector), Seanie O'Neill (Selector).



At Cappawhite celebrations 1999. Front L/R: Denis Ryan (West Chair), John Ryan (Cappawhite Chair), Thomas Costelloe (Capt U21 H County Champions), Con Hogan (Co. Chair), Eugene O'Neill.



Eugene O'Neill pictured with the Man of the match award and the O'Dwyer Cup following Cappawhite's victory over Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams in the West SHC final at Golden.



Cappawhite U12 F.C. B. Front L/R: Donagh Heffernan, Daragh Heffernan, Aidan Ryan (M), Anthony Cummins, James Carr, Gerry O'Neill, James McCarthy, Mark Buckley, Shane Coughlan, Conor Ryan, John McGrath. Back L/R: Martin Connors, Keith Ryan, Colin Andrews, Anton Dargan, Colm White, Thomas Crowe, John Fitzgerald, Mark Quinlain, Patrick Macgurie, Matthew Ryan (W), John Hourigan.



Cappawhite S.H. West Champions 2000. Front L/R: Tom Julian, William O'Neill, Gary Quinlan, Pat O'Neill, Eugene O'Neill, Thomas Costelloe, Cian Creedon, Brian O'Neill, Shane McDermott, Frannie Quinn, Richard Barry, Paddy Julian, Finbar O'Neill. Back L/R: John Hickey, Nial Creedon, Martin Ryan (B), Pa O'Neill, Sean Ryan, Ger Ryan (B), John Ryan (P), Eoin O'Keefe, Declan Costelloe, Anthony O'Neill, Leonard Fitzgerald, Damien O'Neill, John Ryan (A), Seanie O'Neill, John Tierney.



Rosegreen M.F.C. B West Winners 2000. Front L/R: Nigel Martin, David Quirke, John Ryan (Captain), Frank Culleton, Vincent Downey, Adain Lonergan, Sean Cormac, Eoin McGrath, Kristian Cahill. Back L/R: Thomas McGeer, Robert O'Brien, Dennis Fogarty, Nicholas Maher, Gary Martin, Michael Golden, Michael Lowney, Ryan Hennessey, Trevor Downey, Mark Harnett, Stephen O'Brien.



Rockwell RVS West M.H.C. C Winners 2000. Front L/R: J.J. Cooney, P. Pendergast, S. Moloney, John O'Gorman, G. Moloney, J. Dudley, Stephen Byrne, Stephen Phelan, David Hally, J. Hally. Missing from photo: R. O'Halloran, S. Byrne, Liam Hearty (Selector). Back L/R: Jack Cooney (Selector), Paul Hally, W. Pendergast, C. O'Gorman, J. O'Donnell, P. Hally, James O'Halloran, P. Nugent, James Heffernan (Captain), Wally O'Donnell (Selector).



Golden / Kilfeacle West U14 B H Winners. Front L/R: Michael Doyle, Shane Ryan, Ronan Hayes, Rhodie O'Dwyer, James McCarthy (Capt), Niall Kennedy, Daithi Bargary, David Ivers, Jamie Currihan. Back L/R: John English, Michael Fitzgerald, Jonathan Corcoran, Phillip Long, Kevin Griffin, Paddy Ivers, Dermot Ryan, Michael Harding, James Hayes, Ciara O'Sullivan, Sean Walsh, Damien Ryan.



Rockwell Rovers U16 West B Football Winners. Back row L/R: Sean Moloney (Selector), James Dudley, Paul Hally, Shane Moloney, Owen Shine Fintan McGuirk, David Byrnes, Evan Moore, David Hally, Pat Pendergast, Ger Moloney (Selector). Front row L/R: Michael O'Halloran, Noel Barrett, Gearoid Moloney, Pat Boland, Stephen Quirke, Steven Byrnes, Pat Hally (Captain), Robbie O'Halloran, Michael Pendergast, Pat Cummins, Joe O'Rourke.

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Éire Óg celebrations 1999. Front L/R: Fr. Tony Ryan (Chair), Con Hogan (Co. Chair), Donncha Hogan (Capt. I.F.), Phillip McLoughlin (Capt U21 HC B), Denis Ryan (West Chair), Liam O'Brien (Vice Chair), Pat English (Sec.).



Éire Óg West U21 HC B Winners 2000. Front L/R: Shane Barry, Michael O'Dwyer, Damien O'Brien, Phillip McLoughlin, Richard Leahy, Patrick Ryan, Ronan O'Brien, Phillip McGrath, Conor O'Brien. Back L/R: Raymond Barry, Damien Leahy, Brian Ryan, Stephen Quinn, Eugene Caren, Garret O'Brien, Michael Ryan, Wesley Ryan, Patrick Horan, Pat Ahearne, Nigel Quinn.



Éire Óg U12 F.C. County Finalists. Front L/R: Sara O'Dwyer, Denise O'Dwyer, Richard Doherty, Conor Ryan, Kevin Dawson, Jeremy Furlong, Cian O'Reilly, Kevin Fox, Dara Mooney, Diarmuid Ryan, Gearóid Ryan, James Ryan. Back L/R: Eddie Ryan, Eileen Ryan, Denis O'Dwyer, Padraig O'Dwyer, Ciaran Ryan, Seamus Heffernan, Peter O'Dwyer, Noel Leahy, Oisín O'Dwyer, Declan O'Neill, William O'Neill, Owen Kennedy, Brian Fox.



Éire Óg West U12 C H County Finalists. Front L/R: Eileen Ryan, Sarah O'Dwyer, Richard O'Doherty, Denise O'Dwyer, Conor Ryan, Jeremy Furlong, Dara Mooney, Brian Fox, Gearóid Ryan, Diarmuid Ryan, Kevin Dawson. Back L/R: Eddie Ryan, Seamus Heffernan, Liam Horan, Kevin Fox, Ciaran Ryan, Noel Leahy, Padraig O'Dwyer, Denis O'Dwyer, Peter O'Dwyer, Owen Kennedy, William O'Neill, Oisín O'Dwyer, Declan O'Neill.



Éire Óg West I.F.C. Champions. Front L/R: Damien O'Brien, Phillip Keaty, Donncha Horan, Ronan O'Brien, Phillip McGrath, Tim Heffernan, Vincent Ryan, Pat Fox, Pat Ahearne, Michael O'Dwyer. Back L/R: Phillip Heffernan, Donncha Hughes, Oliver Kelly, John Quinn, Shane O'Dwyer, Anthony Crosse, Wesley Ryan, Brian Ryan, Michael Heffernan, Liam Mooney, Liam Gleeson, Michael McGrath, Richard Leahy.



Éire Óg Historic First J.F.C. B West Title. Front L/R: Walter Corbett, Finbar Bradshaw, Ger Griffin, Shane Hennessy, Michael O'Dwyer, Kevin Fox, Pat Fox (Capt), Conor Ryan, Patrick Ryan, Paudie Heffernan. Back L/R: Raymond Barry, Liam Gleeson, Eugene Carew, Garret O'Brien, Donncha Hughes, Phillip Heffernan, Michael Ryan, Michael McGrath, Patrick Horan, Paul Keane, Michael O'Dwyer.



Solohead U12 F. Front L/R: Aine Riordan, Mikie Ryan, Aidan Coffey, Christopher O'Connor, Kieran Griffin, John Joe O'Brien, Mark Kiely, James English, Brendan Collins. Back L/R: Christopher Corby, Kevin Ryan, Pat O'Connor (Sel), Christopher Hadnett, David Kennedy, Sean Riordan (Sel), Declan Byrnes, Michelle O'Mahony, Oliver Coffey (Sel), John Paul Riordan, Damien Ryan, Tom Lynch.



Solohead West M.F.C. C County Finalists. Front L/R: Wally Myers, Padraig Greensmith, Eamon O'Brien, Colm Riordan, Gerry Dee, David Ryan, Joseph O'Doherty, James Ryan, Pat O'Brien, Shane Ryan, Brian Hartnett, Willie Dee (Sel). Back L/R: Jack Riordan, Phillip O'Doherty (Sel), Barry Hartnett, Noel Kennedy, Michael O'Connor, Mark Cosgrave, David O'Brien, Michael Ryan (Sel), Barry Ryan, Mike Brien, Kieran Dwyer, Brendan Whelan, Phillip O'Doherty, Eamon O'Doherty, Lar Keeffe (Chairman).

ARRAVALLE ROVERS.....

Juvenile Club

The Millennium year has been one of the most successful for the Arravale Rovers Juvenile Club since its inception back in 1985 not only in terms of success on the playing fields but more importantly in terms of the amount of worthwhile activity engaged in. However at all times the main concentration continued to be the vital work of coaching our young hurlers and footballers at weekends and providing them with the opportunity of learning the skills of the games in a friendly enjoyable



Arravale Rovers Camp 2000. Front L/R: Eaven Ryan, Pat Finnan, Declan Ryan, Jack Kiely, Fergal McNamara, Nicholas Cummins, Damien O'Donnell, Robert Moloney, Maria Dalton, Laura Moloney, Sarah Moloney. Back L/R: Luke O'Callaghan, Thomas Greene, David Halpin, James Ryan, John McCahill, Owen McCarthy, Donal Noonan, Anthony Ryan, John O'Brien, Ian Richardson, Sean Spillane, Brian O'Doherty.



Arravale Rovers Camp 2000. Front L/R: Stephen Quinn, James Rhatigan (Visitor), Gerard Tuohy, Michael O'Dwyer, Jamie O'Callaghan, Michael O'Sullivan, Pat Noonan, Padraig Lyons, Darren Lowry. Back L/R: John O'Doherty, David Jones, Jonathan Ryan, Brian Jones, Zac Honan, Kevin Ryan, Brian O'Brien, Paul Ryan, Michael Crowe, Timothy Dalton.

yet closely supervised environment. In this regard one cannot over emphasise the role played by a loyal and dedicated bunch of adults who devote so much of their time to the care and welfare of those young people. They come to us from the age of seven and the Senior Club would like to place on record its sincere gratitude to those very willing volunteers.

The club is also very fortunate in being able to acquire the use of Canon Hayes Sports Complex for much of its Winter activity. Over the past four years our 7-11 age group have been able to go indoor from mid-October to mid-March, and the opportunity to play indoor hurling over that period has been invaluable when they return outdoor in the Spring. Coupled with this very extensive indoor programme the year also saw us involved in a series of lively street leagues against other clubs both inside and outside the county while our Summer Camp in early July proved an outstanding success yet again.

For the panel of twenty U12 hurlers selected on the basis of attendance at training, skills level and general behaviour the trip to Antrim in mid-June to take part in the ground hurling tournament organised in conjunction with the 'Festival of the Glens' turned out to be the trip of a lifetime. Quite apart from the many games played all of which were eminently enjoyable, the warmth of the welcome and the level of the hospitality shown to us by



Camp Tipperary 2000. Front L/R: Ciara Gleeson, Elizabeth Rafferty, Jennifer McCahill, Kieran Crowe, Liam Conway, Mark Cummins, Eddie O'Meara, Conor Deegan, John Crowe, Brendan O'Sullivan, Alan Ryan, Dylan Nugent. Back L/R: Michelle Nolan, Ciara Nolan, Fionnuala Devlin, Michelle Quirke, Elaine Ryan, Matty Ryan, Cillian Ryan, Jason Barry, Fintan Ryan, Phillip Ryan, Tom Hayes, Emmet Fitzpatrick, Fr. Liam Everard, Joseph O'Connor, Kieran Leahy, John Gleeson, Dean Lewis.



Camp Tipperary 2000 Arravale RVS. Front L/R: Craig Quinlan, Sen Compton, Aidan Ryan, Neil Hassett, Donough Leahy, Mark Crowe, James Kennedy, Tim Rafferty, Shane Leahy, David Heffernan, Gerard O'Dwyer, Brian Lowry, Michael J. Ryan. Back row L/R: Elaine McCahill, Joseph Whelan, John Wrafter, Stephen Halpin, Michael Kennedy, Rory Rafferty, Barry Quinn, Morgan O'Brien, Sean Whelan, John McCahill, Kelvin O'Brien, Brian Kissane, Niall Donovan, Sean O'Meara, Jamie Ryan, Kieran Byrne, Jim Rhatigan (Chairman).

our hosts in the Glenarm Club had to be experienced to be believed. As an exercise in 'hands across the Border' co-operation this trip was invaluable and all of us adults and juveniles alike lucky enough to have been selected to travel arrived home with many happy memories to relate and with greatly changed views of the North and its people.

Later that same month we ourselves played host to a group of juveniles and adults from St. Gabriel's G.A.A., London, a club with several close ties in the Tipperary area. The club would like to thank the many parents of our juveniles who turned up trumps when it came to organising accommodation, a sight-seeing tour, a hugely enjoyable barbecue evening despite the weather and a visit to the Munster final which came courtesy of the Munster Council and Tipperary County Board all of which helped to make the visit by our London friends an occasion to remember.

While success on the playing field isn't everything it is nevertheless welcome when it comes along, and for the Arravle Juveniles the year 2000 A.D. was easily the most successful for more than a decade. Pride of place has to go to the U12 footballers who captured the first county title at this grade since 1985 having tasted defeat to Burgess in 1996 and to Ardfinnan in 1989 after a replay. Annexing the title at Semple Stadium against the Kingpins of football Moyle Rovers after an excellent game really was the icing on the cake. Not to be outdone the U12 hurlers made a valiant effort to match their footballing counterparts eventually capturing a west title after a thrilling contest with Clonoulty giving the club their first U12 West double since 1985.

The season was crowned when our U16 footballers, who included many of those who at U12 had suffered defeat in the county final of 1996, captured west honours after a nailbiting encounter against Cashel before going under to Nenagh in the county final in a game where the result was in doubt right up to the end.

Our juveniles enjoyed two major outings during the year when our U12's travelled to Athenry where the host club had a full day of activity laid on for us and later still our U14's and U16's journeyed to Croke Park for the Ireland / Australia compromise rules game.



Arravale Rovers B U12 team. Front L/R: Jack Maher, Rory Rafferty, Ian Richardson, Michael Coleman, Declan Ryan, Fergal McNamara, Pat Noonan, Conor McNamara, Michael O'Dwyer, Elaine McCahill, Maria Dalton, Nicholas Cummins. Back L/R: James Ryan, Jonathan Madden, Pat Finnan, Sean Spillane, Michael Crowe, John McCahill, Robert Coleman, Seán Carew, Brian O'Brien, Eaven Ryan, Finbar Kingston, David Halpin, Damien O'Donnell.



Arravale Rovers U12 County Football Champions. Front L/R: Timmy Dalton, Stephen Quinn, Michael O'Dwyer, Michael O'Sullivan, Jack Kiely, Patrick O'Dwyer, Jonathan Ryan (C), Brian Jones, Darren Lowry, James Rhatigan, Ned Lowry, John O'Brien, Michael Crowe. Back row L/R: John D. McCahill (Manager), Sarah Moloney, Luke O'Callaghan, Gavin Ryan, David McCormack, Sean Walsh, Jamie O'Callaghan, Paul Ryan, Kevin Ryan, Paddy Noonan, James Mulhair, Eoin McCarthy, Tom Fitzgerlad (Manager).



Arravale Rovers U16 Football County Finalists. Front L/R: Karl Lowry, Eamon Crowe, Phillip Ryan, Adrian Fitzgerald, Wayne Rogers, Lee Dudley, Barry Quinn, James O'Dwyer, Cormac Moore. Back L/R: Denis O'Brien, David Whelan, Peter Thornton, James O'Brien, Bernard O'Callaghan, Thomas Gleeson, Padraic Ryan, Barry O'Reilly, Roger O'Connor, Anthony Glasheen, John O'Brien.



Arravale Rovers West U12 A Hurling. Front L/R: Patrick O'Dwyer, James Hogan (Selector), Sean Spillane, Sean Walsh, Paul Ryan, Jamie O'Callaghan, Timmy Dalton, Brian Jones, Bill Donovan, Shane Crowe, Michael Crowe, Pat Noonan, Richie Lohan (Selector). Back L/R: Stephen Quinn, Michael O'Sullivan, Padraig Lyons, Darren Lowry, Ned Lowry, Martin Coffey, Michael O'Dwyer, Jack Kiely, James Rhatigan.

GALTEE ROVERS

A Great Year



A successful year 1999 for Galtee RVS. Front L/R: Michael Crowe (Sel), Patrick Murnane (Captain U14F), Christopher Higgins (Captain U16H), David Morrissey (Captain U14H), Pat White (Chair), Con Hogan (Co. Chair). Back L/R: John Lonergan (Guest), Pa Morrissey (Captain M.H.C. B), Michael Grace (Captain J.H.C. A), Seamus Moloney (Captain S.F.), Cahal Moloney (Captain U21F), Alan Carter (Captain J.F.C. B), Denis Ryan (West Chair). Galtee Rovers won 8 West titles and one County in J.H.C. A.

Galtee RVS J.H.C. B County Finalists 2000.

Front L/R: Michael White, Jimmy Butler, Johnny Hayes, Anthony Boles, Padraig O'Halloran, Derek Noonan, John Peters, Mike Bergin. Back L/R: Padraig Moloney, Anthony O'Donoghue, Dallan Browne, Brian Shiels, Denis Peters, Eamon O'Connell, Michael Scanlon, Kevin Roche, Lar Roche, Kevin Peters.



Galtee RVS U21 F.C. A West Champions. Front L/R: Brendan Murphy, Colin Hayes, Christopher Higgins, James Russell, Stephen Grace, Denis Peters, Vincent Murphy, Pa Morrissey, Andrew Morrissey, John Morrissey. Back L/R: Clement Quirke, Andrew Underhill, Andrew Hogg, Niall O'Shea, David Byron, Eddie Grace, Colin Morrissey, Mark Peters, Paul McCarthy, Michael Peters, Padraig O'Halloran, Michael Ryan, Declan Peters.

Galtee RVS S.F. West Finalists. Front L/R: Pat Spollen, Brendan Healy, Andrew Morrissey, Colin Hayes, Mark Peters, Willie Tarrant, Pa Morrissey, John Halpin, Declan Peters. Back L/R: Colin Morrissey, Jim Phelan, Sean O'Neill, Seamus Moloney, Michael Grace, Denis Peters, Padraig O'Halloran, John Morrissey.



Galtee RVS I.H.C. West Winners 2000. Front L/R: Jim Butler, Colin Morrissey, Andrew Morrissey, David Morrissey, Colin Hayes, Willie Tarrant, Pa Morrissey, Michael Collins, Vincent Murphy. Back L/R: Pat Bergin, Chris Byron, Mark Peters, Cahal Moloney, Seamus Moloney, Paul Maher, Ger Lonergan, Larry Quinn, Dallan Browne, John Morrissey.

LATTIN CULLEN GAA CLUB

CELEBRATE *Golden Jubilee*

The Golden Thatch in Emly was the place to be on the 4th of December for the celebrations of the GAA club's Golden Jubilee. Approximately 330 guest and patrons were there to enjoy one of the best nights of the year. A special organising committee, chaired by George Ryan, pulled out all the stops to ensure that the night's celebrations would be worthy of the occasion.

On entering the Thatch it was plain to see that the scene was set for something special. The Lattin Cullen GAA banner was draped behind the top table and the club colours were represented in the green and white serviettes. A welcoming committee saw the guests to their reserved places with time for a chat and to peruse the menu for the 5 course meal and lavish servings of wine. A beautifully presented souvenir programme in the Club colours included a welcome from the Chairman, some slices of history, the menu, the Golden Jubilee Honours list, Roll of Honour, All Ireland medal holders and high achievers.

The master of ceremonies for the night was Rev. Derry Quirke C.C. He directed the nights programme with ease, efficiency and some professionalism. The formalities commenced with the MC calling on the club chairman John Slattery to address the gathering. He welcomed everyone to the very splendid occasion of the club's Golden Jubilee especially the invited and honoured guests. He introduced the invited guests - County Board Treasurer Tom O'Donnell, West Board Chairman Denis Ryan and his wife Ann, West Board Secretary Gerry Ring and his wife Theresa, and the West Board Treasurer the club's own Eamonn Buckley and his wife Rosemary. The County Board Chairman Paul O'Neill was detained at another function but joined the celebrations later in the night. County Board Secretary Tommy Barrett was unable to attend but sent best wishes to the club.

The Honoured guests were the 1957 Junior football team and the 1958 Senior football team that brought the club to their first senior status, also the surviving members of the 1952 and 1955 winning Junior hurling teams and a surviving founding member. The Special guest on the night was the club's own Nicholas English and his wife Ann. The Chairman said Nicholas brought every honour to the club and county and he wished him every success in bringing a millennium All Ireland hurling title to Tipperary.

The Chairman said as he looked back on the club's history, the committees and members can be very proud of its achievements. He said the club served the parish and its youth well and it can stand shoulder to shoulder with any club in the Country. The club has won many championships, has All Ireland medal winners, an



Lattin / Cullen Jubilee celebrations. Front L/R: Mick Byrnes, Mary Byrnes, Terry Byrnes, Jimmy Hannon, Morty Carroll, John Ryan, Mick Hourigan, Paul Merrigan, Gerald Hourigan and Helen Breen.

All Ireland Referee and provided many administrators to the West and County Boards. The club owe a deep depth of gratitude to the founding members and former officers and members who handed down an invaluable record of achievements over the past 50 years and he hoped the youth of today will appreciate their inheritance.

There were two cups on display that the club won during this special year in the West Intermediate hurling and West U16 Hurling champions. The U16 hurling team made history by being the clubs first under age team to reach a County final.

Nicky English was in jovial mood as he went to the podium to say a few words. He showed his captive audience a few notes on the back of a cigarette box but he had many amusing and amazing stories to reveal from his club playing days. A spe-

made their way to the podium. The MC read a number of congratulatory cards as well as some of regret from players who were unable to be present. One such letter that made a big impression was from Tom Ryan (G) who was recovering after an operation in Birmingham, England. Tom played in goal in 1952 and said it was the greatest day of his life to have helped his club win the West Championship.

Brother Jim O'Donoghue accepted the scroll on behalf of his late father Paddy O'Donoghue who contributed so much to the training of teams. Speaking in Irish and English he also thanked the club for presenting the O'Donoghue cup to the West board to commemorate the memory of his father.

Jackie Hannon speaking on behalf of the quests of honour, congratulated the club on their Golden Jubilee and had a



Lattin / Cullen GAA Club Summer Hurling Camp 2000. Front L/R: Annie Ryan, Ailish Cooney, Michael J. Morrissey, Shane Enright, Arthur Dunne, Mark Russell, Gerard Ryan, Cathal Martin, David Cooney, Jason Ryan, Michael Ryan, Padraig Lynch, Liam Lynch. Back L/R: Mary Ryan, Leonard Leahy, Gerry Maguire, Aaron Kenny, Martin Kirby, John O'Heney, Michael Martin, Michael Kirby, John Breen, Stephen Martin, David Enright, Tadgh Hennessy, Shane Russell, Darren McCarthy, Michael Hanley, Declan Browne, Shane Kirby, Billy Heffernan, Ger Maher, T.J. Heffernan.

cial guest of honour he was afforded a tremendous welcome.

The high point of the night was the presentation by Nicky of beautiful scrolls to those on the honours list. The Club secretary, Catherine Hogan, read very apt profiles of all those being honoured as they

special word of praise for the organisers of the nights celebrations. He recalled the club being reformed in 1949 having emerged from the ashes and the fallout from the 1944 era. It now holds a position of honour and respect not alone in the parish but throughout the county also. It



Lattin / Cullen U14 F.C. Front L/R: James Ryan, Shane Kirby, Darren McGrath, Tadhg Hennessy, Stephen Martin, David Enright, Leonard Leahy, Ger Maher, Liam O'Dwyer. Back L/R: Willie Condon, Jack O'Brien, Tom O'Brien, Diarmuid O'Dwyer, Pat Power, Eamon Condon, Thomas Byrnes, Siobhan Leahy, Kevin Hourigan.



Lattin / Cullen West U12 Football & Hurling Shield Winners 2000. Front row L/R: John O'Henehy, Ailbe Byrnes, Darren McCarthy, David Enright, Tadhg Hennessy, John Cooney, Gerard Ryan, Shane Enright, TJ Heffernan, Leonard Leahy, John Breen. Back row L/R: Ger Maher, Billy Heffernan, Jason Ryan, Cathal Martin, Martin Kirby, Stephen Martin, Shane Russell, Michael Kirby, Timmie Heffernan, Arthur Dunne. Selectors: Mike Martin, Martin Kirby, Rev. Derry Quirke.



Lattin / Cullen M.H.C. B West Champions. Front L/R: Thomas Leahy (Sel), Michael Kenny, Brendan Hanley, Ailbe Power, James Maguire, Pat O'Grady, Bernard Leahy, Michael Hanley, James Breen, Dermot Leahy, Pat Maguire, Eaven Hanley. Back L/R: Eamon Buckley (Sel), Michael Byrnes, Jamie Morrissey, Adrian Moloney, Donncha O'Grady, Thomas Condon, Joseph McCarthy, Damien Morrissey, Paul Ryan, Richard Byrnes, James O'Dwyer, Tim Butler, Daniel Connery, Joseph O'Dwyer, Karl O'Donnell, Mick Hanley (Sel), Arthur Barlow (Sel).



Lattin / Cullen West U16 H.C. County Finalists. Front row L/R: Thomas O'Dwyer, James Maguire, Thomas Byrnes, William Condon, Eamon Condon, Donncha O'Grady, Michael Byrnes, Thomas Condon, Timmy Byrnes, Diarmuid Dwyer, James Ryan. Back L/R: John Butler (Selector), Brendan Hanley, Peter Hennessy, Damien Morrissey, Joseph McCarthy, Karl O'Donnell, Michael Kenny, Dermot Leahy, Patrick Power, Joe Buckley (Selector).



Lattin / Cullen U21 F.C. West Champions. Front L/R: Dermot Leahy, Richard Leahy, P.J. O'Brien, James Breen, Ailbe Power, Bernard Leahy, Pat Maguire, Devon Greene, Timmy Byrnes, James Maguire, Diarmuid O'Halloran. Back L/R: James Power, Michael Byrnes, Joseph Dwyer, Pat O'Dwyer, Paul Ryan, Mark Morrissey, James O'Dwyer, Eaven Hanley, Michael Leahy, David Byrnes, Jamie Morrissey, Adrian Moloney.

plays a major part in the community life of the parish as well as providing sporting and recreational facilities for the young and not so young. He said the night is a memorable one for the guests to renew acquaintances - for some it is tinged with regret because their loved ones are not here, but they hold a special place in our memory. To conclude he thanked all the guests for their attendance especially those who travelled long distances and on their behalf he thanked the chairman and the organisers for the invitation, the presentation of scrolls and for the manner in which they were honoured.

The West board Chairman Denis Ryan paid tribute to the club on their achievements over the 50 years. He presented the medals to the victorious Intermediate hurling team who were called to the podium by team captain Gerry Maguire. Presentations were also made to the selectors John Slattery and Michael Maguire as well as team trainer John Kiely.

The best wine was yet to come in the surprise of the night with one more function for the Chairman to perform. He said it was the desired wish of the club to



Lattin / Cullen Jubilee Committee 1999. Front L/R: Michael Martin, Mick Maguire, Catherine Hogan, Jackie Hannon, Eamon Buckley, George Ryan. Back L/R: Sean Crowe, Fr. Quirke, Christy Matthews, John Slattery, John Quirke, John Kiely, Thomas Leahy.

recognise in a fitting manner the contribution and dedication on one special man and he called on Jimmy Hannon to come forward for a special presentation. The closely guarded secret was now out in the open and all present were on their feet to show their approval. Jimmy was presented with a Tipperary Crystal bowl which was inscribed with the words "In appreciation to Jimmy Hannon for the single biggest

contribution to club activities as a player, mentor and administrator since its foundation".

To say Jimmy was surprised would be an understatement, he was shell shocked. He said he greatly appreciated the club's generosity and wished them every success in the future. The night concluded with dancing to Stephan Grace until the early hours.

WEST TIPP.

G.A.A. - A HISTORY

By J.J. Kennedy

There was a time when the West Division was regarded as the poor relation within the county. It was the baby division, founded in 1930 despite strong opposition from Mid and South, and it struggled in the early years to establish its *raison d'être*. With rare exceptions West hurling champions were regarded as whipping boys for the traditional strongholds of Mid and North and West players were scarce on county selections.

But the world changes, and after fifty years a-growing the West finally established a pedigree that none could doubt. The great Tipperary revival of the 1980s was West inspired and West Driven. When the upsurge in the county's hurling fortunes culminated in All-Ireland glory in 1989 - the county's first since 1971 - the West was the dominant division supplying six of the first fifteen. The Fox-Bonnar-English full forward line has now assumed legendary status; Declan Ryan was pivotal at centre forward and the Bonnars manned the wings of defence. Add in the luckless John Kennedy and subs on the day, Joe Hayes and Ger O'Neill, and it completes an unprecedented West presence on an All-Ireland winning side.

When the gaisce was repeated two years later Western influence had, if anything, strengthened. Seven of the first fifteen who beat Kilkenny in 1991 were West men while Joe Hayes came on as a substitute and John Leamy was deputy *culbaire*. This was unprecedented for the West division and was underpinned by the emergence of Western clubs to successfully challenge for county senior hurling honours. Cappawhite led the posse with their first ever county win in 1987. It was an example readily taken up by others. Clonoulty followed in 1989 and it was Cashel's turn in 1991. Since then Clonoulty have come again with a win in 1997.

To the present generation of Westerners this may all be taken for granted like some sort of birth right. Those with older memories know different. From the founding of the West in 1930 until Cappawhite's crowning moment in 1987 only Eire Óg Annacarty in 1943 broke the pattern of Western failure. There was a great Western tradition of goalies, including All-Ireland medalists such as John O'Donoghue, Terry



West Tipperary - Referees Presentation. Front l to r - Michael O'Dwyer, John Moloney, Paddy Russell, Denis Ryan, Paddy Russell, Denis Ryan, Paul Fortune (Tipp Co-op Sponsors), Eamon Browne. Back l to r - Sean Toomey, Franny Quinn, John Ryan, Tom Fitzgerald, Richard O'Connor, Tommy Walsh, Francis Kearney, John Ryan.



West Bord na Nog Presentation Night. Captains - U14: Front L/R James McCarthy - Golden; U14 B Hurling - Patrick Stapleton, Sean Treacys; U14 C Hurling - Joe Breen (Feile); Nigel Hayes (Kickhams); U14A Hurling - Cahal Hayes (Emly); U14C Football - Lawrence Coskeran (Aherlow); U14A Football - Paul O'Dwyer (Kickhams); U14B Football - Michael Harding (Golden) Skills Star. Sponsors: Back L/R Denis Ryan (West Chair); Liam O'Dwyer (Bord na Nog) Chair; Eugene O'Neill (Guest); Declan Browne (Guest); Paddy Russell (Referee) Chair; Seamus Hanley (Hanley) Tyre Centre.

Moloney, Donal O'Brien and Peter O'Sullivan as well as other individuals of renown such as Bill O'Donnell, Paddy Furlong, Jim Devitt, John Kelly and Dinny Ryan. But these were individuals, all the more remarkable because of the fact that so few of their Western colleagues made the grade. In the past twenty years it has been altogether different. Truly it can be said that the eighties and nineties have been the Golden Age of West Tipp hurling.

Interestingly the Golden Age of West Tipp football pre-dates the founding of the division, going way back to the early years of the Association. In 1889 Bohercrowe won for Tipperary its first every All-Ireland football title defeating Laois (Maryboro) by 3-6 to nil. Six years later, 1895, Arravale rvs. repeated the deed with a 0-4 to 0-3 win over Meath (Pierce O'Mahony's). Tipperary town and its surrounding area was then the

heartland of football. Since the founding of the West Galtee RVS. have rivalled, and in terms of county wins, surpassed, Arravale in football prowess.

For the first three to four decades of the West division's existence a certain element of stagnation set in. It was the era of long-serving officers, change was minimal, and on the playing fields there was little progress to report. The odd team emerged to take a county title here or there but they were isolated and not part of a discernible pattern. The West remained the Cinderella division.

The winds of change, I would suggest, began to blow somewhat around the late sixties and early seventies. Like all change it evolved gradually. John Moloney had arrived as a referee of national fame and a Referees' Association was set up in the division. Others followed his lead to the top, most notably George Ryan and latterly Paddy



West Bord na nÓg Presentation Night. Captains - U16: Front L/R - James O'Dwyer (Arravale Rus.), U16A Football - Desmond Ryan (Cappawhite); U16C Football - Harry Horgan (Kickhams); U16B Hurling - Karl O'Donnell (Lattin/C); U16C Hurling - Pat Hally (Rockwell RVS); U16B Football - Mark Moloney (Cashel); U16A Hurling - George Allis (Doon); U13H Garda Cup. Sponsors: Back L/R Gerry Beary (Secretary); Michael Hanley (Gardai); Liam O'Dwyer (Chairman); Eugene O'Neill (Guest); Declan Browne (Guest); Dornic Morrissey (Credit Unions); David Byrnes; Tom Fitzgerald (P.R.O.).



West Bord na nÓg Presentation Night. Captains - U12: Front L/R - Noel Leahy (Eire Og); U12B Football - Stephen Martin (Lattin/C); U12 H. Shield - Shane Kirby (Lattin/C); U12F. Shield - Brian Fox (Eire Og); U12C Hurling - Jonathan Ryan (Arravale RVS); U12A Football - Brian Jones (Arravale RVS); U12A Hurling - Seamus Grogan (Aherlon); U12B Hurling. Sponsors: Back L/R - Noel Horgan (Tipp. Co-op); John Quirke (Jewellers); Liam O'Dwyer (Chairman); Eugene O'Neill (Guest); Declan Browne (Guest); Noel Browne (Bus Hire); Joe O'Dwyer (Treasurer); Michael Lonergan (Co. Chairman).

Russell. This refereeing tradition was invaluable in establishing new standards of discipline, a necessary prerequisite if the division was to progress.

But referees alone would have a lonely job if there was no solid boardroom

backing and it is in this area of administration that a new era of change also took root. Michael Frawley was an undoubted leader in this respect. It led to stormy times in the boardroom but eventually standards of discipline were

improved. There will always be sporadic deviations but overall the atmosphere on the playing fields of West Tipperary had been transformed by the eighties decade and this, in turn, facilitated the emergence of the West as hurling power in particular.

Michael Frawley was the first of a new breed of administrator who sought and achieved promotion beyond the boundaries of West Tipperary. He became the first man from the new division to become Munster Council chairman before serving as county chairman in the early eighties. His progress was unusual in that it was a reversal of the normal progression from division to county and then province. Other followed his lead. Michael Maguire served as central council representative and then as county chairman. Paul O'Neill was another in a line of West men to chair the County Board and Tom O'Donnell as treasurer continued the new trend of Westerners in high profile positions in the county. Western prominence on the playing fields was certainly reflected in the boardroom.

It has been a long road from the time the founding fathers met in the Golden Vale Dundrum in January 1930 to set in motion a new beginning. They did so with the blessing and active assistance of County Secretary, Johnny Leahy. Within a few years of formation every parish in the division was fielding teams in championships and that, ultimately, was the justification for the initiative that gave life to the new division. It was eight years before a team from the West took a county title. In 1938 Emly won county junior football followed quickly by Solohead adding the junior hurling. The West was awake.

West Tipp G.A.A. - A History, printed by Litho Press, Middleton, will be published early in the New Year.



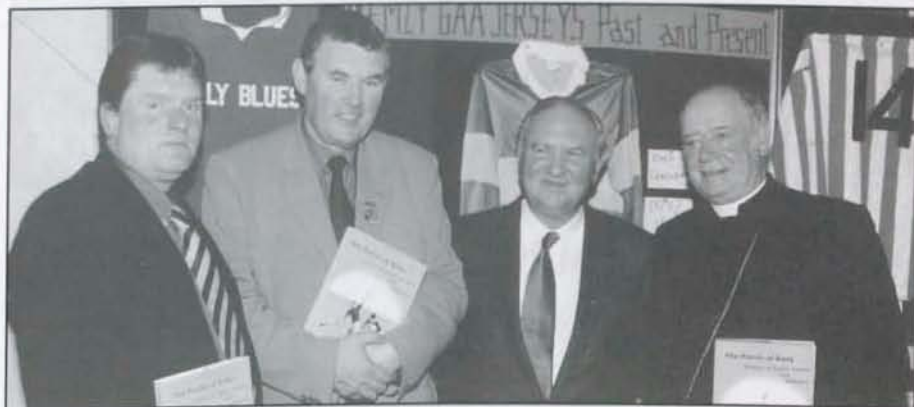
Tipperary players Sean Maher (left) and Dermot Gleeson try to prevent a Galway player making progress during the intermediate hurling All-Ireland final at Birr.

EMLY G.A.A. HISTORY LAUNCH

By Michael Hennessy & Paddy Clancy

November 10th in the Millennium Year 2000 will be remembered and cherished by the people of the little town and parish of Emly well into the twenty-first century. History was made by the athletes, footballers and hurlers both male and female ever since the Emly GAA Club was founded in 1886.

The parish of Emly has always produced people of vision with plenty of initiative and this was patently obvious once again when the club's officers and committee members, in their wisdom, decided that 'The Parish of Emly History of Gaelic Games and Athletics' should be researched, written, pub-



The Parish of Emly Book Launch - Front L/R: John McGrath, Club Chairman; Sean McCague, President G.A.A.; Michael O'Dwyer, Editor of Book; Most Rev. Dr. D. Clifford, Patron G.A.A.



The Parish of Emly Book Launch - Front L/R: Sean McCague, President of GAA who launched the book; Tobias Burke, 105 YEARS OF AGE who was presented with the book by the President; Michael O'Dwyer, Editor of the book. Back L/R: Paddy Clancy; John McGrath, Club Chairman; Fr. Timmy Bourke; Mick Frawley.

Sean's first function was to visit the home of Tobias Burke who celebrated his 105th birthday in August 2000. On arrival at the house, Sean was warmly greeted by Tobias, his daughter Mary and other family members and friends. Tobias was then formally presented with his copy of the history. This was the book he had longed to possess for many years. His association with the local club dates back to the time of his famous hurling heroes and contemporaries, namely 'The Emly Blues', who were a formidable hurling force during the 1910-1930 era. After taking some photographs with Tobias the President and his entourage headed for The Golden Thatch where guests were being seated for the pre-launch dinner.

Many former players had arrived. Fr. Tim Burke from West Brom, Ailbe Houlihan from Coventry, Connie O'Leary from Cork, Michael O'Dwyer from Virginia, Co. Cavan, Gus Donovan and John Hennessy from Dublin, Fr. Pat O'Gorman P.P., Knockainey, Mickey Dawson, Patsy Dawson, John Carroll,

lished and launched before the end of the year 2000.

After months of meticulous preparations during which sponsors were contacted, formal invitations written, guests of honour invited, everything was finally ready to launch our story. The scene was set with the banquet room of The Golden Thatch so tastefully decorated for this historic occasion. The majestic Emly GAA Club Banner adorned the wall behind the guest speakers. The remaining walls were covered with numerous displays of trophies, former club jerseys, an array of photographs, personal tributes and newspaper reports charting the course of the club's history since 1886.

The evening's festivities got off to an early start at 7p.m. with the arrival of Sean McCague, President of the GAA.



The Parish of Emly Book Launch - Front L/R: Fr. Pat O'Gorman, Paddy Russell, M. Condon and the ladies at back Brigid Sheehy & Jacinta Coman.



Emly U12 Footballers 2000 - Front L/R: Jamie Leahy, Denise Connolly, Julie O'Meara, Billy O'Meara, Declan McGrath, David Cleary, Ciaran McAuley, Declan McEniry, Ed O'Meara, Conor Quish. Back L/R: Ned O'Meara, Niall Quinn, Liam McCormack, John Hennessy, Aisling O'Donnell, Brid Condon, J.P. Walsh, Thomas Dawson, Mark Davern, Eanna Quish, Jack Donovan, Steven Vance, Rickie Bailey, Kevin White.



Emly Summer Camp 2000 - Front L/R: Robert McGrath, James Condon, Ed O'Meara, Tiernan Moriarty, Patrick McGrath, Declan Moriarty, Christopher Hennessy. Back L/R: Eoin Buckley (Coach), Con Ryan, Amy Ryan, Rachael Hanly, Denise Sheehy, Jayne Creegan, Maria Byrnes, Ellen Quinn, Siobhan Condon (Coach).



Emly Summer Camp 2000 - Front L/R: Ciaran McAuley, Declan McEniry, Conor Quish, Paul McSweeney, David Cleary, James Cleary, Nicholas Ryan-Purcell. Back L/R: Sean O'Meara, Jack Donovan, Peter Keogh, J.P. Walsh, Billy O'Meara, John Hennessy, Mark Davern, Joey Lonergan, Liam O'Donnell, Michael O'Neill, Tom Ryan (Coach).



Emly Summer Camp 2000 - Front L/R: Tina Burke, Christina Buckley, Sarah Ryan, Julie O'Meara, Marie Ring, Rachael Cleary, Denise Connolly, Ruth Ryan, Stephanie Slattery, Sarah McGrath. Back L/R: Kerry McAuley, Brid Condon, Ciara McCarthy, Aisling O'Donnell, Tracey Russell, Lisa Lonergan, Julia Creamer, Aisling McGrath, Amanda Hanrahan, Ciara Donnelly, Niamh Ryan, Sean O'Neill (Coach), along with Mary Condon (Club Sec.), Seamus Walsh (Club Chairman).

Paddy Russell our esteemed referee and many more Emly people and supporters from neighbouring counties and parishes.

Special guests were Seán McCague GAA President, His Grace Dr. Dermot Clifford Archbishop of Cashel & Emly and Patron of the GAA, Séamus Ó Riain former GAA President, Con Hogan Chairman of Tipperary GAA Co. Board, Denis Ryan Chairman of West Tipperary GAA Board, Michael Frawley, Chairman of Co. Tipperary Football Board, Munster Council Reps. Paul O'Neill, and Seán Fogarty, Michael O'Brien Sec. Tipperary GAA County Board, Eddie Lonergan Co. Football Sec., Michael O'Dwyer Editor of our Club History, Nicholas English Tipperary S.H. Manager and Jerry Ring West Tipperary GAA Sec. Jerry, in fact supplied the history committee with important team photographs and information during their exhaustive research.

At approximately 10p.m., Our Hon. Club Secretary and eloquent M.C. for the evening, Antoinette Cunningham called for attention and introduced the respective speakers: Emly GAA Club Chairman John McGrath, Fr. Seamus Rochford P.P., Hon. President of Emly GAA, Séamus Ó Riain, Con Hogan, Denis Ryan, Most Rev. Dr. Dermot Clifford, Michael O'Dwyer and Sean McCague. Speaker after speaker congratulated the Emly GAA Club and all associated with the production of this extremely detailed and attractively presented history. Complimented in particular were, the Editor Michael O'Dwyer, its 'chief architect' Paddy Clancy and his loyal history committee, Sean McManus, Michael Frawley, Liam O'Dwyer, Eamon O'Meara, John Hennessy and Michael Hennessy.

The History was officially launched at approximately 11.30p.m. What was for so long a 'dream', was finally a 'reality'. Books were immediately in demand from our 'sales department'. There was wonderful excitement as patrons bustled about asking celebrities and friends to autograph their very own copy of 'The Parish of Emly History of Gaelic Games and Athletics'.

As everybody began to relax after mid-night, acquaintances were renewed, games were replayed, goals and points were scored in abundance and of course the occasional off-the-ball incident was recalled. This was a night to reminisce, to meet former players and friends from the past, reunited after so many years under the Black & Amber Banner, the colours they so proudly wore when they competed against the best in the West. Some staunch revellers were still in full voice at 05.30 as Sean McCague was leaving Emly for an early morning engagement in Dublin.

Ní dhéanfaimid dearmad ar an oíche stairiúil sin go deo!

SEAN TREACY'S JUVENILE CLUB

The Sean Treacy's Juvenile Club had another successful sporting year culminating in a second successive U-14 West Hurling title. Pride of place must go to our U-14s who captured this distinguished West title once again.

This team faced stiff opposition against Solohead, Eire Óg and Lattin Cullen but with great spirit and determination qualified for the West Final in Cappawhite against Emly on August 17th. A huge Sean Treacy following was present at this game and each player played his heart out in a tense closely contested game. It was a proud captain, Pat Stapleton who accepted the cup and ensured this team a place in the County Semi Final against Durlas Óg on Sunday August 20th. Despite a great display on the day Sean Treacys were unsuccessful in their bid for a County Final place.

Great praise and thanks is due to the U-14 girls - Tara Carey, Tracy Ryan, Danielle O'Connell, Michelle Hickey and Sinead Allis for their contribution to our Juvenile Club. The selectors of the U-12s/U-14s/U-16s-Pat Carey, J.J. Ryan, John Hickey and Jimmy Nolan deserve much gratitude for their continuous enthusiasm, commitment and hard work in maintaining our Juvenile Club. The Sean Treacy Juvenile Club are all looking forward to yet another successful season in the forthcoming year.

Siobhán Ryan
(Juvenile Secretary)



Sean Treacy's West Tipp. J.H. A Champions. Front L/R: John Ryan (Trainer), Sean O'Dwyer, Paul Shiels, Emmet Steed, Sean Quigley, Liam Nolan, Judy Mulqueen-Ryan (Mascot), John Butler (Gurth), Vincent Carr, Eamonn Ryan, Sean Kennedy, Ollie Carr, Ger O'Toole. Back L/R: Pat Carey (Selector), John Ryan, Martin McCormack, Brendan Carr, Francis Carr, Michael Ryan (Selector), Kevin Ryan, John Quigley (Selector), John Butler, Paul Shanahan, Seamus Butler, Philip O'Connell, Rory Ryan, John McCormack, Val Kennedy, James Nolan, William Ryan, Michael Hanly, Paul Quigley, Philip Ryan (Manager).

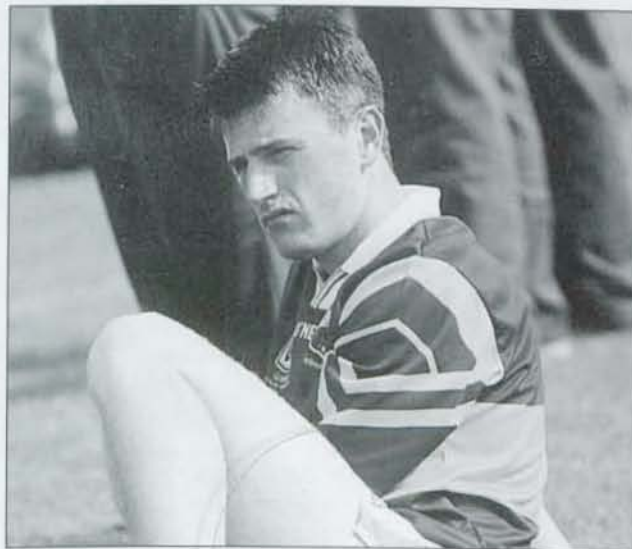


Pictured are the Sean Treacy Under 14 West Tipp. Hurling Champions. This victory was their second successive U14 title. Back L/R: Pat Stapleton (Captain), Jody Ryan, Danielle O'Connell, Paudie Carey, Denis Stapleton, Eamon Wade, Tracey Ryan, Tara Carey, Declan Hickey, Eamon Devitt, Gerard Nolan, Simon Kennedy, Sinead Allis, Michelle Hickey. Front L/R: Martin Nolan (Mascot), Jimmy Nolan (Selector), James Gough, Damien Nolan, Derek Nolan, Jamie Ryan, Vincent Carey, Jamie O'Toole, Tom Hickey, T.J. Quigley, David O'Toole, Matthew Carey, Paul Hogan.

Thuas seal agus Thíos seal



Thumbs up . . . David Kennedy salutes the supporters following Tipperary's victory over Clare in the Munster S.H.C. at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.



All alone with his thoughts . . . defender David Kennedy watches the presentation of the trophy following defeat by Cork in the Munster S.H.C. final at Semple Stadium.

KICKHAMS JUVENILES

will remember the MILLENNIUM

The juveniles from the parish of Knockavilla-Donaskeigh will long remember the year 2000, the year they brought 6 trophies back to our club. Pride of place must go to our U14s who were successful in 4 competitions, culminating on the first Friday night in September at Drombane, where we won the U14 "A" title by defeating a gallant Silvermines team.

A scoreline of Kickhams 5-4, Silvermines 3-2 does not reflect the closeness of the exchanges although Kickhams were deserving winners in the end. Indeed Drombane proved to be a lucky venue as two weeks earlier we had defeated Moycarkey in the semi-final after a titanic struggle by a single point. A characteristic of both matches was our ability to come from behind, maintain our discipline and wait for the vital scores to come at crucial stages. This confidence had been learned through many months of hard work on the training field and a belief in their own ability after successful challenge matches and tournaments against teams from Limerick, Kilkenny, Waterford and Wexford. At the final whistle there were great scenes of jubilation from the Kickhams team and their supporters as Nigel Hayes accepted the cup, presented in the memory of that great Tipperary hurler John Flanagan, from County Bord na nOg Chairman Mick Lonergan. Celebrations continued in Dundrum for both players



Kickhams players with Croke Cup. Front L/R: Tommy Comerford, Darren Hayes, Padraig Hayes, Paul O'Dwyer. Back L/R: Nigel Hayes, Michael Heelan (Captain), Thomas Keane, James Keane.

and supporters long after the match ended.

A further Highlight was a trip to Croke Park to the All-Ireland Hurling Final for all the panel, selectors and officers. Many thanks to everybody who helped in getting the extra tickets.

This was a real team effort and the players improved with every match. Thomas Keane was very solid in goals and made some crucial saves. David Ryan caught some great balls and delivered long clearances. In the other corner Conor Horan, though small in stature, was determined that nothing was going to pass him. At full back Padraig Hayes was as solid as the Rock of Cashel, his timely interceptions saved many a dangerous situation. At wing back Tommy Comerford with his eco-



Kickhams U16 B West Hurling Champions. Back row L/R: Pat Ryan (Selector), Adrian Burke, Donal Comerford, Linda Breen, Eoin O'Brien, Conor Ryan, Thomas Keane, John Heffernan, James Keane, Michael Heelan, James Shanahan, Nigel Hayes, Seanie O'Brien (Selector), Ciaran Slattery (Selector). Front row L/R: Tommy Comerford, Padraig Hayes, Patrick Ryan, Harry Horgan (Captain), Darren Hayes, Paul O'Dwyer, Trevor O'Brien, Michael Shanahan.



Kickhams U11 H - Winners of Cashel Tournament. Back Adults L/R: Phil Ryan, Pat Carroll, Eamon Browne, Ciaran Slattery (All Selectors). Back players L/R: John Fryday, Jack Ryan, David Butler, Gerry O'Brien, Shane Morrissey, Jason Duncan, Daniel Kennedy, John Slattery, Mark Ryan, Patrick O'Brien, Gerry Horgan, Darragh Browne, Sean Hanley, Kevin Griffey, Gary Heelin. Front L/R: Andrew Ryan, Paddy Burke, Shane Heelin, Sean Carroll, Rory Heffernan, Kenneth Horgan, Sean Kehoe (Captain), Sheenan Ryan, Beth Ryan, Darren Loughman, Niall O'Brien, John Griffey.

nomical style and quick delivery turned defence into attack on many occasions. The other wing back Joe Breen is a strong and tenacious defender and a good man marker. The switch of Michael Heelan to centre back proved decisive. From this position he dominated the game, with his catching striking and quick delivery. His free taking was also excellent, remember his goal in the semi-final from the 21 yard free when we were 4 points down. At centrefield Nigel Hayes played a captain's part with his strong tackling and his overall physical presence in the middle of the field broke up many dangerous situations. One point he scored from out on the sideline will long live in the memo-

ry. His partner Michael Shanahan covered every blade of grass in the field and was crucial team players throughout the campaign. At wing forward Pakie Farrell, one of the youngest and smallest players on the field, was a joy to watch, as he chased and harried opponents much taller and stronger than him. On the other wing Trevor O'Brien worked very hard and set up a lot of scores for his team-mates. At centre forward Paul O'Dwyer was the leader of the attack, his incisive runs through the middle caused problems for all defences. His physical strength and his direct style led to many scores, typical of which would have been his 2 goals in the first 5 minutes of the west final against Clonoulty. At corner forward Darren Hayes was a threat, scoring some important goals during the campaign. Full forward James Keane had a strong presence on the edge of the square, having transferred from the full back line. Mark Ryan improved with every match and scored a goal in the last minute of the county final. He is one of many players under age for next year. The team was made up of about 15 subs, which led to healthy competition for places. The backroom team is made up of five selectors, Con Ryan, David Heelin, Sean Breen, Tom Keane and Raymond Heney who have worked hard for a long time to realise this ambition.

Danny Morrissey principal of Knockavilla N.S. has promoted hurling down through the years and his advice and help has proved invaluable. Indeed he predicted a great future for this team as far back as five years ago. Many of the team had further success as members of the successful Cashel Community School team who brought the Croke Cup to the school for the first time in many years.

The U16's under the direction of Ciaran Slattery, Pat Ryan and Seanie O'Brien also had a successful year winning an U16B West Championship in hurling and narrowly losing out to Cappawhite in the football final. The following is a full list of honours for the year 2000.

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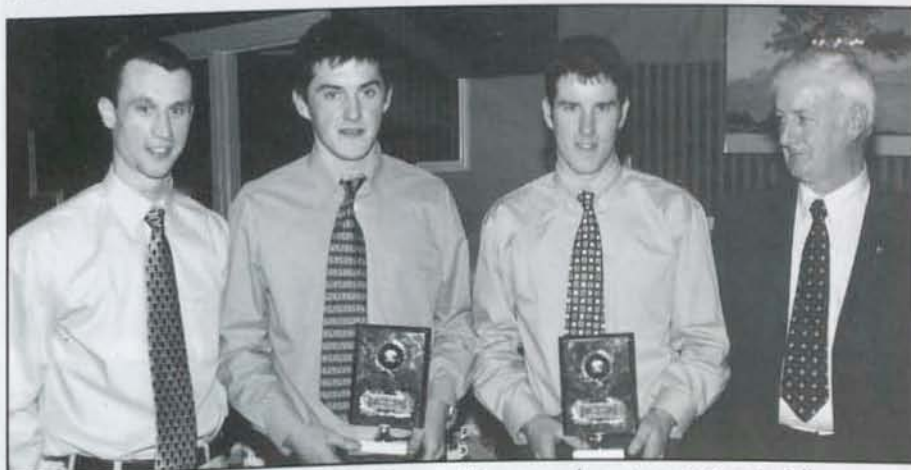
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U16. B Hurling Champions

COUNTY

U14. A Hurling Champions.



Kickhams U14 H & F Panels 2000. Front L/R: Pakie Farrell, Paul Kennedy, Conor Horan, Thomas Hewitt, Mike Morrissey, Joe Breen, Darren Hayes. Middle L/R: David Heelan (Selector), Trevor O'Brien, Michael Breen, Paddy Hayes, Tommy Comerford, Marguerite Fryday, Marie Ryan, Martin O'Brien, Richard O'Brien, Michael Shanahan, Sean Breen (Selector). Back L/R: Conor Ryan (Inset), David Ryan, Mark Ryan, Anthoney Ryan, James Keane, Michael Heelan, Charles Higgins, Paul O'Dwyer, Nigel Hayes, Seamus O'Dwyer (Secretary).



At Kickhams Social 1999. Front L/R: Tommy Dunne made a presentation to fellow county players Fergal Heney, Brian Horgan, Billy Heney (Club Chairman).



Kickhams players with Croke Cup

Front (l to r): Tommy Comerford, Darren Hayes, Padraig Hayes, Paul O'Dwyer. Back: Nigel Hayes, Michael Heelan (capt), Thomas Keane, James Keane.

Kickhams U-14 H & F Panels – 2000

Front (l to r) – Pakie Farrell, Paul Kennedy, Conor Horan, Thomas Hewitt, Mike Morrissey, Donal Morrissey, Joe Breen, Darren Hayes. Middle – David Heelan (sel), Trevor O'Brien, Michael Breen, Paddy Hayes, Tommy Comerford, Marguerite Fryday, Marie Ryan, Martin O'Brien, Richard O'Brien, Michael Shanahan, Sean Breen (sel). Back – David Ryan, Mark Ryan, Anthony Ryan, James Keane, Thomas Keane, Michael Heelan, Charles Higgins, Paul O'Dwyer, Nigel Hayes, Seamus O'Dwyer (secretary). Inset – Conor Ryan.



Kickhams U-16 B West Hurling Champions

Back row (l to r) – Pat Ryan (selector), Adrian Burke, Donal Comerford, Linda Breen, Eoin O'Brien, Conor Ryan, Thomas Keane, John Heffernan, James Keane, Michael Heelin, James Shanahan, Nigel Hayes, Seanie O'Brien (selector), Ciaran Slattery (selector). Front row (Tommy Comerford, Padraig Hayes, Patrick Ryan, Harry Horgan (capt), Darren Hayes, Paul O'Dwyer, Trevor O'Brien, Michael Shanahan).

Kickhams U-11 H – Winners of Cashel Tournament

Back (adults l to r) – Selectors: Phil Ryan, Pat Carroll, Eamon, Ciaran Slattery. Back: John Fryday, Jack Ryan, David Butler, Gerry O'Brien, Shane Morrissey, Jason Duncan, Daniel Kennedy, John Slattery, Mark Ryan, Patrick O'Brien, Gerry Horgan, Darragh Browne, Hanley, Kevin Griffey, Gary Heelin. Front – Andrew Ryan, Paddy Burke, Shane Heelin, Sean Carroll, Rory Heffernan, Kenneth Horgan, Sean Kehoe (capt), Sheena Ryan, Beth Ryan, Darren Loughman, Niall O'Brien, John Griffey.



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COACHING

an emerging strategy

Hurling and Gaelic Football are very skillful games. These unique skills have to be learnt and practiced regularly to receive greater enjoyment from playing and in order to be successful. Audiences derive immense pleasure from the artistry of the very skillful players.

In these rapidly changing times the G.A.A. as an organisation within the county has to constantly review, refocus and adapt its support structures to compete with the growing number of and attractions of other sporting bodies. Over the past two decades the coaches employed by the County Board and through FAS provided a great coaching service throughout the county especially at Primary School level and at Summer Camps.

The year 2000 has seen the emergence of a revised strategy for the implementation of an effective Games Development/Coaching Plan for the county. The strategy can be explained by adapting the ancient proverb "Give a person a fish and he/she has food for today. Teach a person to fish and he/she has food for life". The aim is to develop properly trained coached in each club.



Paddy Williams
Games Promotion
Officer

Clubs will select suitable members committed to improving the skill level of its players by acquiring qualifications and training in coaching. This should eventually lead to improved playing standards throughout the county.

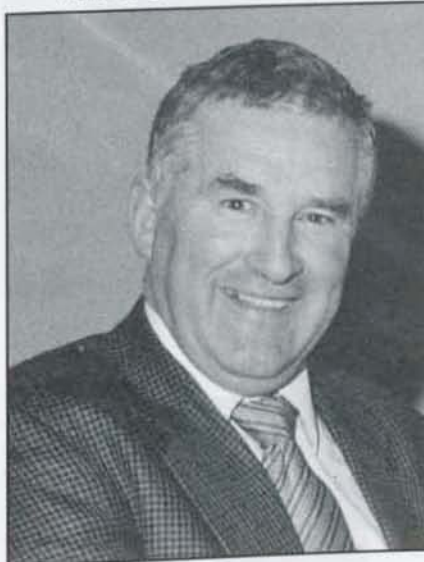
Improved performances will mean more attractive games and greater enjoyment for everybody, leading to larger attendances and support for clubs.

The first step of this strategy was the employment of three Games Promotions Officers. The county was fortunate in securing the services of three high quality, committed, dynamic and respected officers, John Cummins (Ardfinnan), Denis Maher (Thurles) and Paddy Williams (Kilruane). Each Games Promotions Officer will service one third of the clubs of the county approximately.

THE RÔLE OF THE GAMES PROMOTIONS OFFICERS

Among their duties and functions will be:

1. An assessment of the functioning of clubs in their area.
2. The identification of clubs which need a development programme and which have the potential to benefit from this special programme.
3. Securing a commitment from a number of clubs to take part in this



Pat Moroney

programme having regard to the assessment of clubs with the greatest need.

The Games Promotions officers however can only work beneficially with those clubs who have the motivation and commitment to put an effort into re-establishing the club structures necessary to bring about an improvement.

4. Put in place a Coaching Development Programme with the objective of training club coaches at Foundation and Level 1 in Hurling and Football.

5. Assist in the encouragement of clubs having proper liaison with schools in their parish.

Among their other duties are, assisting in the coaching of u-14, u-16 and u-17 Divisional and County Development Squads, publicise and develop a profile for county coaching and games development, overseeing the distribution of promotional material, etc. They provide a monthly report to the Games Development Committee.

Responsibility for the process of engagement with the Games Promotions Officers rests with the County Coaching and Games Development Committee. Under the new strategy more responsibility is being placed on clubs in respect of coaching under the new School-Club Liaison Coaching as well as engaging with the Games Promotion Officers in the provision of personnel for club coaching in general.

Those clubs that will show initiative and take responsibility will receive the support and training leading to a more vibrant club, better performances and higher standards.



Johnny Cummins,
Games Promotion
Officer

Pat Moroney



At a presentation ceremony to national school principals in Thurles parish were (back row - l. to r.) Ger Corbett (Sarsfields), Flan Quigney (Scoil Ailbhe), Michael Quinlan (Rathealy N.S.), Sean Ryan (Sarsfields), Denis Maher (Games Promotion Officer), Jimmy Duggan (Gael Scoil), John Cahill (Leugh N.S.)

There's nothing gets me down so much as in the middle of summer somebody ringing me with the welcome of the world for themselves and telling me that they'll call to see me next Sunday – as though we have nothing to do on a Sunday but sit looking out the window waiting for visitors.

But I suppose it's easy to forget that there is a great wide world out there that doesn't even know that Sundays are for matches. Some of them think that God made Sunday for visiting. But thanks be to God we still have the right values in this country and we know that what the Man Above had in mind for the seventh day was a day when you could forget your worries and your relations and concentrate on beating Cork and beating Clare and beating Kilkenny and beating Galway and anyone else who happens to be between you and the McCarthy cup.

Did I say beating Galway? Now that reminds me of the Yank and the fatal day when we bit the dust at Croke Park. Out of the blue he rang me the Tuesday before we played Galway in the back-door match. Hi cousin! says he, guess where I am? Don't tell me, said I, you're in Ireland. Right first time, says he.

Now the Yank isn't my cousin at all, he's only a namesake but one night many years ago he came into the GAA Centre to hear a bit of Irish music and we got talking and we discovered we were namesakes. He was searching for his roots and not enjoying much success and we became the best of friends. And even though we couldn't find that there was any relationship between us, we agreed that we would regard ourselves as kind of honorary cousins and over the years he visited me a number of times and we kept in touch at Christmas and St. Patrick's Day. And to tell you the truth, if I had to make an outsider a cousin of mine I would pick the Yank because there was a real familiarity about him like you get among your own family and in a funny way I always felt that even though his forbears seemed to have been from Cork and to have left there about 150 years ago, there was a strange link between us.

Anyway when he rang me on the Tuesday and said that he would see us by the weekend I suddenly got a cold feeling in my stomach. Did he mean he would come on Sunday? Bang on, he said, that's just what he had in mind. But Tipp are playing Galway on Sunday and I'll be in Dublin myself, I said in panic – visualising myself sitting at home entertaining visitors and trying to sneak an occasional look at the television to see how the lads were doing in Croke Park. And then inspiration struck me. Would he like to see a hurling match and he could travel back with me to Tipperary after it? Gee, he said, Midge and he would like nothing more.

Why God made Sunday



Seamus Leahy

Well, I said, as I left down the phone, thinking of the prospect of getting tickets for the couple and then watching the company of people who would understand nothing of what was going on and would have no feel for it anyway, it's better than not being at the match at all.

But I needn't have worried. A friend of a friend who knew a friend who had a pair of tickets came up trumps and except for the result of the match the day turned out to be one of the most enjoyable days of the summer. From the moment I spotted the tall figure of the Yank outside the Gresham in the middle of the crowd of Tipp supporters I knew that I needn't have worried about his being short of enthusiasm for the game. "Hi!" he shouted to me as soon as he recognised me, "you never told me that our cousin is the star of the Tipp team". But John Leahy is not my cousin, said I, and he certainly is not yours. Well, I'm adopting him as my cousin right now,

he shouted, and we're rooting for Tipp. With that he called above the pre-match noise of O'Connell Street, "Let's go, Midge?" and from inside the Gresham his wife emerged, already wearing the Tipp colours. With not a drop of Irish blood in her, but every inch a Celt – a mixture of Hebridean and Cornish ancestry – Midge had been the faithful companion of the Yank through forty years of attendance at baseball and American football games and she was already a fan of hurling, having spent the previous few days reading every conceivable item of information on the game by way of preparation for the Tipp-Galway encounter.

So we made our way up to Croke Park and all the way the Yank was as excited as a schoolboy, yelling every time we met a group with Galway colours, "Go Tipp!" I explained to him that the lingo in this part of the world is actually "Come on Tippi!" but have tried it for a while he told me he liked the Californian way better. So he reverted to "Go Tipp!" and, much to my embarrassment tried to get everybody around him at the match to join his chant.

The Derry-Offaly game was not long on when he identified Johnny Dooley as his hero and he could not understand why the Tipp crowd around us did not join him in his enthusiasm. But the skills of the game were not lost on him. Every high catch and every solo run was greeted by him with a mighty roar and a "did you see that, Midge! did you just see that!" By the time the game was over his enthusiasm had left me exhausted – but not him.

And then Tipp took the field and all around us erupted in a frenzy of excitement. This was the kind of reaction he liked and as the sun shone and all promise of rain disappeared he roared as if all belonging to him were from Tipp. As soon as it was noticed that Declan Ryan was toggled out like a man who was on the first fifteen he demanded to be filled in on Declan's CV. In the meantime both Midge and he had noticed that the Tipp supporters all knew their entire team by their first names and he kept marvelling at this. Midge whispered to me, "This is lovely. Back home the crowd only know the big stars – and only by their second name. Here it all sounds so intimate."

By the time the game was ten minutes old the Yank was on his feet directing Brendan Cummins with the puck-out: "Brendan, puck it to John!" and then, "Go, John, go!" until I felt that everybody within a puck of our seats was aware that all that was needed for a Tipp victory was to give enough of the ball to John Leahy. And maybe he was right.

Then he remembered that Declan Ryan had not been brought into the

game and overhearing someone behind us say it was time to bring him in, he jumped to his feet and roared, "Nicky, bring in Declan!" Well if he's like this at his first match, said I to myself, what will he be like after he has seen a few games?

By half-time he was an expert on the rules and explained to everyone around him, "back home when we get a bum as referee, we point our finger at him like this (poking his finger in the general direction of the ref) and shout "you, you, you". What constituted a bum as a referee was a fellow who gave frees against your own side, so throughout the second half he was often on his feet showing in the time-honoured American fashion his disapproval of the unfortunate Dicky Murphy.

But mainly he was on his feet shouting encouragement to Tipp and admiring the finer touches of the game with the eye of a man capable of recognising skill in any game. At one point he hit me on the shoulder and said, "I've seen every kind of ballgame under the sun but I've never seen anything like the skill of these guys. And you tell me they're all amateurs". Well, me life on you, said I to myself, you may stand up too much and you may shout the wrong things from time to time but your enthusiasm is refreshing.

Not even John Leahy's going off injured could dampen that enthusiasm and when the final whistle sounded he assured everyone around him that there was no doubt but that if his namesake had been able to complete the hour Tipp would have won. Everything about the event commanded his admiration and all the way back to the car he discussed the match with whoever he was walking beside. Nothing escaped his



Brian O'Meara takes on the Galway defence during the All-Ireland SHC quarter-final at Croke Park.

notice – the face that rival supporters chatted away together, that there was no hostility between rival supporters, that there was no pushing among the crowd on the way out, that everyone discussed the game as if everyone knew everyone else – and that everyone seemed to know not alone the players on their own side but the opposing players as well. By the time we reached Clonmel that night his enthusiasm had in no way abated and his last words before retiring after watching *The Sunday Game* were, "you guys don't really know what a treasure you have in the game of hurling". Some of us do, I assured him.

I was still recovering from his departure when I received an e-mail from California. He had discovered that he could link up with matches on the internet and he was following closely the progress of the championship. He had heard the Offaly-Cork game on radio and he couldn't wait to see how Offaly would do against Kilkenny. "Midge and I are rooting for Offaly", he said. His genealogical excavations had turned up an Offaly ancestor.

And he issued a warning: "Tell John Leahy to take it easy over the winter. Midge and I want to see him in the Final next September".

I'll tell John, I answered.



The J.K. Brackens panel that won the Gleeson Concrete Mid Junior 'A' Football title by beating Moycarkey-Borris in the final replay at Drombane.

BACK ROW (l.-r.): Michael Corcoran (selector), Sean Leahy, Pat Fogarty, Paul Doyle, Martin Bourke, Eamonn Corcoran, Ruadhan Morris, William Cahill, P. J. Corcoran, Thomas Maher, Paul O'Brien, James Maher, Michael Cahill. FRONT ROW: Tadgh Sheedy (selector), Sean Collum, Jim Fogarty, Aidan Ivers, James McCarthy, James Cahill (captain), Sean Cashman, Sean Percy, Ronan Loughnane, Kevin Ivers.

Scór: Eagraíocht Iontach

Ag an am seo den bhliain, le deireadh ag teacht leis na cluichí páirce, tá sé tráthúil dúinn aghaidh a thabhairt ar imeachtaí an Gheimhridh. Leis na hoícheanta fada dorchá beagnach buailte linn casann smaointe mhórán daoine ar chomórtas atá-dírthe ar chultúr na tíre freisin, sé sin scór. I mí dheireadh Fomhair téann an glaoch amach do mhuintir Scór an Pharóiste – bígí ullamh! Tá an scairt sin ligthe amach anois suas le tríocha bliain agus gach uair ar a cloisint tiomsáconn na treibheanna. Gabhann siad seilbh ar an halla áitiúil agus tosaíonn siad ag ullmhú don chéad oíche mhór, Scór an Pharóiste.

Mar a dúradh, téann scéal Scóir ar ais thart ar bhreis is tríocha bliain anois. Is é Derry Gowran as Corcaigh a thosaigh an ghluaiseacht i 1969, agus ó shin ar aghaidh d'fhorbair Scór. I dtús an chomórtais is Scór Sinsear amháin a bhí ann ach bunaíodh Scór na nÓg sa bhliain 1972. Thug an comórtas nua deis do haosóg na tíre chun a bheith páirteach in imeachtaí cultúrtha, agus ghlac siad go fonnmar leis. Is comórtas den scoth é i láthair na huaire. Nuair a bhíonn óige na hÉireann in iomaíocht lena céile ar an stáitse cuireann siad aobhneas agus lúcháir ar an lucht féachana. Is ins na comórtais seo a dhéanann na hiomaitheoirí a gcoiridhícheall an bua a fháil, ar mhaithe leo féin agus d'onóir an pharóiste bhig. Nach minic a bhaineann club gan iomrá, club nár bhain morán clú amach riamh ar an bpáirc imeartha, cáil shíoraí de bharr bua oiric i gComórtas Scóir. Seo an spor, seo an spreagadh a dhíríonn daoine ar an gcuspóir deiridh – Craobh na hÉireann a ghnóthú.

Tá bunbhrí an Ghaelachais le sonrú go soiléir ins na comórtais uile. Sníonn



Conchubhar Ó Riain

sé go láidir tríd an gclár go léir, go dtí go n-oscáitear na comhláí agus brúchtann sí amach i dtuille thochtach le linn na Seiteanna. Seo cuisle na nGael ag preabadh le fuinneamh, le mothúcháin ársa ár dtreibheanna. Seo é anam Scóir.

Ní gan tréan iarracht a shroistear Craobh an Chomórtais seo. Ní go héasca a bhuaítear an chéad áit in Éirinn. Níl áit anseo don dream lagmheasártha nó fannchroíoch. I dtosach bíonn ar an rannpháirtí an chraobh áitiúil a ghnóthú. Ar aghaidh ansin go Craobh an Chontae. Má bhíonn an lá leo ann tá an bealach oscailte do Chraobh an Chúige. Tá gach rud thar a bheith i ndáiríre faoin am seo agus déantar neart ullmhúcháin di. Níl ach constaic amháin fágtha sa tslí agus caithfear é a ghlanadh. An t-iomaitheoir a dhéanann é seo, tá an bealach gearrtha go cuspóir na bliana – Craobh na hÉireann.

Is aobhinn agus is eirimiúil ar rud é na laochra seo a fheiscint in iomaíocht ins na comórtais difriúla, agus is cúis bhróid í an mhaorgacht lena nglactar le

breith an réiteora ag an deireadh. Gan dabht bíonn díomáchroí searbh ar lucht caillte an chomórtais ach in ainneoir sin déanann siad comhgháirdeas leis an mbuaiteoir, le rún daingean ina gcroíthe nach mbeidh cliseadh ann sa bhliain ina dhiaidh sin.

Tugann muintir Scóir na Tíre seo dóchas mór dúinn, dóchas go leanfar le forbairt aidhmeana na ndaoine a bhuanaigh Scór i dtosach. Níl ach slí amháin ann agus sin an tslí fhorchéimnitheach. Tá foirse an chultúir le feiscint go gléineach in eagrú mar seo, agus tá sé de dhualgas orainn a dheimhniú nach dtiocfaidh meath air.

Le sin ráite áfach, go ró mhinic fágfar riarachán an chomórtais leis na daoine céanna sa pharóiste bliain i ndiaidh bliana. Ba cheart do bhaill an chlub níos mó suime, a bheith acu sa chomórtas seo agus tacaíocht a thabhairt do na pearsana atá ag déanamh togha oibre as son an chultúir Ghaeligh. Murach na hoibrithe seo ins na clubanna éagsúla ní bhéadh an corradh iontach atá i Scór san lá atá inniu ann. Tá gach buíochas tuillte acu agus ba chóir d'Oifigeigh agus coiste na gclubanna cabhrú leo. Tá oidhreacht le tiolacadh don ghliún atá le teacht agus tá an fhreagracht de sin orainn go léir. Má chailltear an cultúr Gaelach is orainne atá an locht. I láthair na huaire tá cultúir iasachta de chuile short ag brú go teann orainn, ag bagairt ar ár n-ionnas Gaelach. Caithimid an fód a sheasamh agus ár nGaelachas a chaomhnú i gcónaí. Is mithid dúinn go léir seasamh le chéile agus an culúr atá inbheirithe ionainn a chosaint ar mhaitheas na nglúine nach bhfuil saolaithe fós. Go raibh gach rath ar Scór.

Conchubhar Ó Riain
Oifigeach na Gaeilge



Patrick White

The First Referee

Patrick White, a native of Blakefield, Toomevara, refereed the first All-Ireland Senior Hurling Final, played at Birr, on April 1st 1888, when Thurles, representing Tipperary defeated Meelick of Galway.

Patrick was employed in a shop in Birr (probably Treacy's). When the first Offaly County GAA Board was formed in 1888, he was elected Honorary Secretary.

He was also Honorary Secretary of the Sports Committee of Birr from 1896 until 1901.

In recognition of his services to the sports committee, he was presented with a gold watch (see photo), when he retired from his secretarial duties on

September 5th, 1901. Patrick White is buried in Annamedale graveyard.



Gold watch which was presented to Patrick White on his retirement in 1901.

Bord na nÓg County Review

Pádraig de Nógla, Rúnaí

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2000

The Garda Cup Under-16 Inter Divisional Hurling competition was commenced in early March to help Divisions get ready for the Under-16 Hurling Munster Championship

In the first round North Tipp beat South Tipp at Drombane and West Tipp beat Mid Tipp in New Inn.

In the Cup final played in Drombane, North Tipp overcame West Tipp, the final score, North Tipp 3-10 to West Tipp 1-8, after a fine sporting game.

For the first time the Garda Shield was played for between Mid Tipp and South Tipp, Mid Tipp were victorious after a close game. The final score, Mid Tipp 3-3 to South Tipp 0-8.

We are grateful to the Garda of Tipperary for their sponsorship of this competition over the years.

PEIL NA NÓG

In the first semi-final played in Páirc na nÓg, Thurles, Kilsheelan/Kilcash beat Roscrea 2-7 to 1-4. In the second semi-final played in New Inn, J.K. Bracken's beat Aherlow 2-4 to 1-6.

The final between Kilsheelan/Kilcash and J.K. Bracken's was played in New Inn. It was a fine sporting game which J.K. Bracken's won by 3-12 to 2-6 after extra time.

This was Kilsheelan/Kilcash's first appearance in a Peil na nÓg final.

PEIL NA NÓG 2001

For a brief fortnight at the end of June and early July, Tipperary will be the centre of the whole underage football world in Ireland.

Féile Peil na nÓg, the football equivalent of the hurling Féile na nGael, will be taking place in Tipperary.

Ever since the Co. Senior Board accepted Féile Peil, long term preparations have been in hand to make the event an outstanding success.

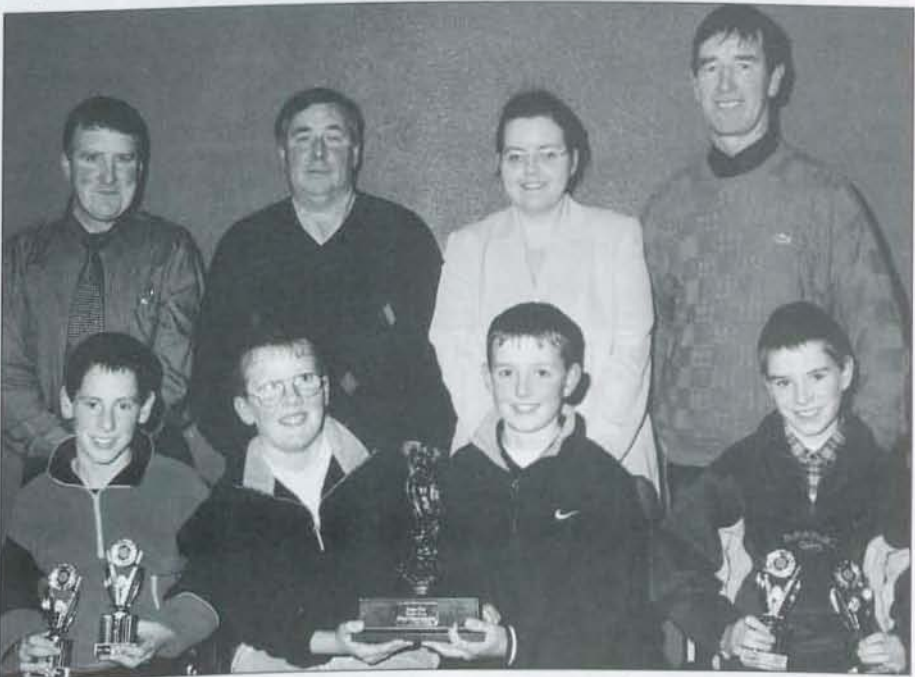
Every club in the County will be taking part in this festival of football. The best under-14 club football teams from every county in Ireland and indeed, from overseas, will be visiting our club teams. Girls under-14 football teams will also be coming to take part.

A committee to organise Féile Peil within the county on behalf of the County Board has been formed. Board na nÓg is well represented on this committee.

This is only proper as the onus for the success of Féile Peil will fall on the



County Bord na nÓg officers photographed with guests at their Annual Convention at Park Avenue House, Thurles. Seated: Paddy Nagle, Co. Board na nÓg Secretary; Michael Lonergan, elected Chairman Co. Bord na nÓg at the convention; Frank Morris, Secretary Co. Bord na nÓg. Standing: Noel Morris, Central Council Rep.; Maria Morrissey, Co. Bord na nÓg Youth Officer; Rickie Sheehan, Co. Bord na nÓg P.R.O.; Connie Grace, former Chairman Bord na nÓg.



Winners of the Co. Tipperary G.A.A. Table Quiz for National Schools, Knockavilla N.S., photographed with their prizes after the final at Park Avenue House, Thurles. Included are (seated l. to r.): Timothy Dalton, Paul Kennedy, Mike Morrissey and Donal Morrissey, winning team members. Standing: Willie Kennedy, parent; Martin Treacy, secretary Mid Bord na nÓg; Maria Morrissey, Co. Bord na nÓg Youth Officer; Danny Morrissey, Principal Knockavilla N.S.

underage clubs of the county, as well as presenting a challenge to our clubs, Féile Peil provides us with a unique opportunity to develop football within the county this year and for years to come.

Don't let us be found wanting. Christy Ring (R.I.P.) once said "Without Tipperary the G.A.A. is only half dressed".

Let us all throw off our coats and put our shoulders to the wheel and prove that there is still a welcome in Tipperary for the G.A.A. in the homes of Tipperary.

FÉILE NA NGAEL

In the first semi-final played in Páirc na nÓg, Thurles, Carrick Swan beat Roscrea in the second semi-final. J.K. Bracken's of Templemore beat Knock-

avilla Kickhams.

In the final, J.K. Bracken's beat Carrick Swan. J.K. Bracken's went on to represent Tipperary in the Féile finals which were held this year in Antrim.

FÉILE SKILLS

The Féile Skills final was won by Martin Dunne of the Moyle Rovers club. He also went on to represent Tipperary in the Skills finals, which are held annually in conjunction with the Féile na nGael tournament. The finals were held in Casement Park, Belfast.

PUCK FADA

The Puck Fada competition was won by Barry O'Donovan, Durlas Óg.

UNDER-12 'A' FOOTBALL

In the first semi-final played in Páirc na nÓg Thurles, Moyle Rovers beat Burgess. In the second semi-final, Arravale Rovers beat Loughmore/Castleiney.

The Co. final was played a week later in Semple Stadium. Arravale Rovers overcame Moyle Rovers after a close game on a final score: Arravale Rovers 2-3, Moyle Rovers 1-2.

UNDER-12 'B' FOOTBALL

In the first semi-final, Kilruane MacDonaghs beat Killenaule 1-6 to 0-7, while Cappawhite and Holycross/Ballycahill drew 1-3 each. In the replay Holycross overcame Cappawhite. In the Co. final, Kilruane beat Holycross by 3-1 to 1-0.

UNDER-12 'C' FOOTBALL

In the first semi-final, Templederry beat Ballyporeen while Éire Óg/Anacarty beat Gortnahoe/Glengoole. In the Co. final Templederry beat Éire Óg/Anacarty by 2-8 to 0-4.

UNDER-14 'A' FOOTBALL

In the first semi-final, Moycarkey-Borris beat Aherlow, while in the second semi-final, Moyle Rovers beat Borrisoleigh, after a close game.

In the final, played in Leahy Park, Cashel, Moyle Rovers defeated Moycarkey-Borris. Final score, Moyle Rovers 2-7, Moycarkey-Borris 1-5.

UNDER-14 'B' FOOTBALL

In the first semi-final, Kilruane McDonaghs beat St. Patrick's (Drangan). The other semi-final between Kickham's and Gortnahoe/Glengoole was won by Gortnahoe. The latter won the final by 1-7 to 0-3.

UNDER-14 'C' FOOTBALL

In the first semi-final, Shannon Rovers beat Ballyporeen and Emly beat Clonakenny. In the final Shannon Rovers beat Emly 3-12 to 2-1. This was Shannon Rovers first Co. football win.

UNDER-16 'A' FOOTBALL

In the first semi-final, Nenagh Éire Óg beat Moyle Rovers, while Arravale Rovers beat J.K. Bracken's. In the final,



Co. Bord na nÓg officers photographed at the launch of the Nenagh Co-Op Under-16 Inter-County Tournament at Park Avenue House, Thurles, with the Clare representative (l. to r.): Paddy Nagle, secretary Co. Tipperary Bord na nÓg; Tom Joyce, Nenagh Co-Op, sponsor; Sean O'Halloran, chairman Clare Co. Bord na nÓg (lomaini); Michael Lonergan, chairman Co. Tipperary Bord na nÓg.



Co. Bord na nÓg officers photographed at the launch of the Nenagh Co-Op Under-16 Inter-County Tournament at Park Avenue House, Thurles, with the Limerick representatives (l. to r.): Owen Hayes, chairman Limerick Co. Bord na nÓg; Pat O'Connor, Nenagh Co-Op, sponsor; Jack Daly, secretary Limerick Co. Bord na nÓg; Michael Lonergan, chairman Tipperary Co. Bord na nÓg.



Co. Bord na nÓg officers photographed at the launch of the Nenagh Co-Op Under-16 Inter-County Tournament at Park Avenue House, Thurles, (l. to r.): Paddy Nagle, secretary Co. Tipperary Bord na nÓg; John Mulcahy, Nenagh Co-Op, sponsor; Connie Grace, Nenagh Co-Op; Frank Morris, treasurer, Co. Tipperary Bord na nÓg; Michael Lonergan, chairman Co. Tipperary Bord na nÓg.

Nenagh Éire Óg beat Arravale Rovers on the score of 2-12 to 4-4.

UNDER-16 'B' FOOTBALL

In the first semi-final, Ballyporeen beat Kilruane McDonagh's while Holycross beat Rockwell Rovers. In the final, played in Leahy Park, Cashel Ballyporeen beat Holycross by 6-14 to 1-3 to win their first ever Co. final at juvenile level.

UNDER-16 'C' FOOTBALL

In the first semi-final, Cappawhite beat Clonakenny, while Templederry and Fr. Sheehy's played a draw at Holycross, 0-10 each. In the replay, played again at Holycross, Templederry beat a gallant Fr. Sheehy's, 2-14 to 2-11, after extra time.

In the final Cappawhite beat Templederry by 2-10 to 2-9. This was the second year that Templederry had lost the final having lost last year to Grange-mockler.

UNDER-12 'A' HURLING

In the first semi-final, Toomevara beat St. Mary's (Clonmel), while Drom/Inch beat Arravale Rovers. The final, played in Semple Stadium, was one of the best seen for many years with Toomevara winning by the narrowest of margins, Toomevara 3-5, Drom/Inch 3-4.

UNDER-12 'B' HURLING

In the first semi-final, Upperchurch / Drombane beat Aherlow 1-7 to 2-3.

The second semi-final, between Kilruane MacDonagh's and Carrick Davins, drew 1-7 to 2-4.

In the replay, Carrick Davins lost by the narrowest of margins after extra time.

In the final, Kilruane MacDonagh's beat Upperchurch/Drombane by 1-10 to 0-2. This was the second year in succession that Kilruane had won the Co. final in this grade. The previous year they beat Carrick Davins in the final.

UNDER-12 'C' HURLING

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In the replay, Carrick Davins lost by the narrowest of margins after extra time.

In the final Kilruane MacDonagh's beat Upperchurch/Drombane. This was the second year in succession that Kilruane had won the Co. final in this grade. The previous year they beat Carrick Davins in the final.

UNDER-12 'C' HURLING

In the first semi-final, Portroe beat Kilsheelan/Kilcash while Éire Óg/Anacarty beat Boherlahan/Dualla.

The final, which was also played in Semple Stadium, was won by Portroe, the final score, Portroe 3-6 to Éire Óg/Anacarty 3-0. This was the first ever Co. final win for Portroe in any grade.



Co. Bord na nÓg officers photographed at the launch of the Nenagh Co-Op Under-16 Inter-County Tournament at Park Avenue House, Thurles, with the Laois representative (l. to r.): Paddy Nagle, secretary Tipperary Co. Bord na nÓg; Martin Linnane, Nenagh Co-Op, sponsor; Pat Delaey, Hurling Officer, Co. Laois Bord na nÓg; Frank Morris, treasurer Co. Tipperary Bord na nÓg; Michael Lonergan, chairman Co. Tipperary Bord na nÓg.



Previous chairman of Co. Bord na nÓg, Connie Grace (left), receiving a presentation from newly elected chairman Michael Lonergan at a meeting of the Board in the Park Avenue House, Thurles. The presentation was made by the Board in recognition of his dedicated service to the Board as chairman.



James Gleeson, Templederry (left), receiving a presentation from Co. Bord na nÓg at a meeting in the Park Avenue House, Thurles. The presentation was made on behalf of the Board by Michael Lonergan, chairman, in recognition of James' long number of year's service to the Board following his retirement as Co. Bord na nÓg Representative to the County Senior Board.



The Gortnahoe/Glengoole panel that won the county under-14 'B' hurling title by defeating Ballina in the final at Templederry. Back row (l. to r.): Leonard Stanley (selector), James McGarry, Sean Hickey (selector), Brendan Moriarty, Sean Lahart, Ger O'Keefe (chairman juvenile club), Michael Phelan, John Coleman, Jeff Breenan, Kevin Maher, Adrian Kilcourse, Shane Long, Kenneth Hickey (captain), Mark Dwyer, Nigel O'Gorman, Nicola Purcell, Shane Hanrahan, Brendan Teehan (selector). Front: William Lahart, Wayne Corbett, Michael Treacy, Brendan Corbett, Brian Purcell, Stephen Houlihan, Keith Dwyer, Thomas O'Keefe, James Stokes, Anthony Morris, Deirdre Dunne, Michael Barnaville, Michael Houlihan, Kevin Slattery (selector). In front is Kevin Slattery (jnr.).

UNDER-14 'A' HURLING

In the first semi-final, Silvermines beat Carrick Swan, while Knockavilla Kickham's overcame Moycarkey-Borris. In the final, Knockavilla Kickham's beat Silvermines by 5-4 to 3-2 after a fine sporting game.

UNDER-14 'B' HURLING

In the first semi-final, Gortnahoe / Glengoole beat Golden Kilfeakle and Ballina overcame Kilsheelan/Kilcash. The former won the final by 2-12 to 1-6.

UNDER-14 'C' HURLING

In the first semi-final, Shannon Rovers beat Fr. Sheehy's and Durlas Óg beat Sean Treacy's. In the final, Shannon Rovers beat Durlas Óg by 5-11 to 0-2 to complete the double by winning both football and hurling in this grade.

UNDER-16 'A' HURLING

In the first of the semi-finals, Burgess beat Killenaule, while in the second semi-final Durlas Óg beat Cashel King Cormacs. In the Co. final Burgess overcame Durlas Óg to win their first final for

many years. The final score, Burgess 0-10 to Durlas Óg 0-4.

UNDER-16 'B' HURLING

In the first of the semi-finals, Boherlahan/Dualla beat Knockavilla Kickham's, while in the other semi-final, Newport beat Skeheenarinka.

In the final, Newport overcame Boherlahan/Dualla after a close game on the score, Newport 3-4 to Boherlahan/Dualla 2-6.

UNDER-16 'C' HURLING

In the first semi-final, Latten/Cullen beat Clonakenny, while in the second semi-final, Templederry beat Ballylooby/Castlegrace.

In the final, Templederry beat Latten/Cullen by 2-6 to 0-1.

TOURNAMENTS

UNDER-14 FOOTBALL

With a lot of last year's panel still available, hopes were high that we would do well in this competition. In the first round against Waterford we

were defeated by a goal in injury time after a close game.

UNDER-16 FOOTBALL.

Defeated in the Munster under-16 football Shield final by North Kerry.

TONY FORRISTAL UNDER-14 HURLING TOURNAMENT

The Tipperary under-14 hurlers made many friends when they contested the annual Tony Forristal Inter Co. Hurling Tournament held in Waterford at the end of August.

After two great games while overcoming Kilkenny and Galway they had to give second best to old rivals Cork in the semi-final.

In one of the best games seen for years at this level, we were defeated by two points after extra time.

It is good news to hear that the Tony Forristal Tournament will be held again next year. I would appeal to everyone involved both at national and provincial level not to discontinue this Inter County Tournament at a time when we are under severe pressure to hold on to our



The Templederry under-12 football panel that won the county 'C' title by defeating Éire Óg Annacarty in the final at Semple Stadium. Back row (l. to r.): Ronan Kinane, Paul Murray, Eanna Murray, Tommy Hogan, Aidan Ryan, Seamus O'Dwyer, John Fogarty, Thomas Stapleton, Tom Ryan, Gearóid Ryan, Alan Carey, Dan Fahey, Pdraig O'Leary, Stephen Smith. Middle: Mairead O'Leary, Joanne O'Brien, Elisha Slattery, Eimear Shanahan, Rory Kennedy, Thomas McCutcheon, Denis Corcoran, Tadhg McLoughlin, Brian Stapleton, Gerard Hogan, Noel O'Connell, Noel Ryan, Christopher Couhglan. Front: T.J. O'Brien, David Butler, Brian Stapleton, Pdraig Gleeson, Paul Butler, Pío Delaney, Eoghan Kinane, Aidan Ryan.



Double winners 2000 – The Kilruane MacDonagh's under-12 hurling and football panels that won the North and County titles for the club this year. Back row (l. to r.): Ger Feighery, Eamonn Murphy, Ger Corcoran, Scott Hodgins, Declan Kennedy, Jason Darcy, Freddie Williams, Luke Williams, Thomas Williams, Liam Gibson (football captain), Seamus Hennessy, Kevin Ryan, Brian O'Meara, Gavin McAvinchey, Eoin Hogan, Damien Kennedy, David Heffernan. Front: Aidan Cahill, David Banaghan, James Holland, Sean Hayes, Declan Barrett, Michael Costello, Shane Quinaln (hurling captain), Padraig Kelly, Cian Williams, James Williams, Ciaran Boyle, William Cleary, Matthew Gleeson, Shane Hodgins, Jonathan Cahill. Kilruane defeated Holycross/Ballycahill in the County Football 'B' final at Pairc na nÓg, Thurles, and defeated Upperchurch-Drombane in the County 'B' hurling final at Borrisoleigh.

youth in the age groups of under-14, under-15 and under-16 years from other codes who have an international arm at this level.

The attraction of wearing an international jersey representing Ireland, either at home or on the continent or in Britain has no comparison with playing in a development squad within the county where it is envisaged that there would be no competitive competition.

CARRIGADHAUN UNDER-15 HURLING TOURNAMENT

Our under-15 hurlers suffered a similar fate in the Carrigadhaun Tournament having won their group games, were defeated at the semi-final stage.

NENAGH CO-OP INTER CO. UNDER-16 HURLING TOURNAMENT

Tipperary Board na nÓg is grateful once more to Nenagh Co-Op for their continued sponsorship of the under-16 Inter County hurling tournament.

This year twelve teams entered once more with Carlow entering for the first time. Tipperary entered a second team when Cork withdrew due to other commitments.

Saturday October 14th, saw the 2000 Nenagh Co-Op Tournament get underway in brilliant weather conditions.

ROUND ROBIN GAMES

Dr. Morris Park – Galway 2-10, Kilkenny 1-7, Galway 4-8, Laois 0-3, Kilkenny 4-6, Laois 1-4, Galway were group winners with Kilkenny in runners-up spots.

The Ragg – Tipperary (A) 1-9, Clare 2-6, Tipperary (A) 4-8, Carlow 0-3, Clare 2-8, Carlow 2-4, Tipperary (A) were group winners with Clare in runners-up spot.

Sarsfields Grounds – Limerick 4-8, Offaly 0-2, Limerick 3-6, Tipperary (B) 1-6, Tipperary (B) 1-6, Offaly 1-6. Limerick were group winners with Tipperary (B) runners-up on score difference.

Dundrum – Dublin 0-7, Waterford 0-5, Wexford 2-6, Waterford 3-6, Dublin 0-9, Wexford 0-5. The quarter-final results were as follows: Limerick 1-4, Clare 0-4, Tipperary (A) 1-10, Kilkenny 2-5, Galway 3-8, Waterford 0-2, Tipperary (B) 3-12, Wexford 0-5.

The semi-final resulted as follows: Tipperary (A) v Limerick; Galway v Tipperary (B), all games were played on

Saturday 21st October at 11.00 a.m.

The result of these games were Tipperary (A) 0-12, Limerick 1-2, Galway 2-11, Tipperary (B) 0-7. In the Shield final, Limerick 2-11, Tipperary (B) 1-4.

In the Nenagh Co-Op final, Galway won by the narrowest of margins after Tipperary put up a spirited display in the second half. The final score was Galway 1-10 to Tipperary (A) 2-6.

We are indebted once more to Nenagh Co-Op for their sponsorship, without whose help the tournament would not take place.

To the management and staff of the Western Pass Restaurant we extend a special "thank you" for providing the meal.

BUÍOCHAS

I would like to thank my fellow officers and members of the Board for their co-operation and dedication to their work during the year.

To divisional Boards for their tireless efforts in promoting our games, I say thank you.

We are all lucky in this County to have such a dedicated and loyal group of referees in my dealings with them



The Arravale Rovers panel that won the County Under-12 'A' football title by defeating Moyle Rovers in the final at Semple Stadium. Back row (l. to r.): John D. McCahill (selector), Sarah Moloney, Luke O'Callaghan, Gavin Ryan, David McCormack, Sean Walsh, Jamie O'Callaghan, Paul Ryan, Kevin Ryan, Paddy Noonan, James Mulhaire, Eoin McCarthy, Tom Fitzgerald (selector). Front: Timmy Dalton, Stephen Quinn, Michael O'Dwyer, Michael O'Sullivan, Jack Kiely, Patrick O'Dwyer, Jonathan Ryan (captain), Brian Jones, Darren Lowry, James Rhatigan, Ned Lowry, John O'Brien, Michael Crowe.



The Toomevara panel that defeated Drom-Inch in an exciting County Under-12 'A' Hurling final at Semple Stadium. Back row (l. to r.): Niall McCormack, Colm McCarthy, Kieran McGrath, Seamus O'Meara, Alan Hughes, Jim Duignan, Robert Duff, Joseph McLoughney, Darren Cuddihy, Timmy Gleeson, Jamie Bourke, Jamie Quigley, Conor Brislane, Gary Ryan, Paddy O'Rourke. Front: Conor O'Meara, John Coffey, Mark O'Dwyer, Simon O'Meara, David Nolan, James McCormack, Stephen Gleeson, Daniel Bourke, Stan Mounsey, Andy O'Rourke, Gary Delaney, Kevin Delaney, Liam O'Meara, Patrick Grace, Ciaran Ryan.

throughout the year, I found them to be most reliable and more than willing to go out of their way to oblige.

I would like to thank the gate checkers for their work during the year and also the Senior Board for their continued support.

We are deeply indebted to all our park committees, who lend us their fields, sometimes at short notice. A special word of thanks to all the supporters both old and young who give much needed support to their Clubs and Board.

Sincere gratitude is also extended to the players themselves without whose efforts and dedication our work would be largely redundant.

A special word of thanks to the Tipperary Star, Nenagh Guardian and the Clonmel Nationalist and also to the local radios for their excellent coverage of our games.

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CO. BOARD NA NÓG RESULTS AT A GLANCE 2000

Grade	Result	Venue	Referee
Under-12 'A' Football	Arravale Rovers 2-3 Moyle Rovers 1-2	Semple Stadium	Paddy Cullen
Under-12 'B' Football	Kilruane 3-1 Holycross 1-0	Páirc na nÓg	Michael McCormack
Under-12 'C' Football	Templederry 2-8 Éire Óg/Anacarty 0-4	Semple Stadium	Rody Lowry
Under-14 'A' Football	Moyle Rovers 2-7 Moycarkey/Borris 1-5	Leahy Park Cashel	Tommy Walsh
Under-14 'B' Football	Replay: Gortnahoe/Glengoole 1-7 Kilruane MacDonaghs 0-3	Templederry	Christy Aylward
Under-14 'C' Football	Shannon Rovers 3-12 Emly 2-1	The Ragg	Michael Jordan
Under-16 'A' Football	Nenagh Éire Óg 2-12 Arravale Rovers 4-4	The Ragg	Denis Curtis
Under-16 'B' Football	Ballyporeen 6-14 Holycross 1-3	Leahy Park Cashel	Eamon Browne
Under-16 'C' Football	Cappawhite 2-10 Templederry 2-9	Dr. Morris Park	Pat Lynch
Under-12 'A' Hurling	Toomevara 3-5 Drom/Inch 3-4	Semple Stadium	Tommy Walsh
Under-12 'B' Hurling	Kilruane 1-10 Upperchurch/Drombane 0-2	Borrisoleigh	Richard O'Connor
Under-12 'C' Hurling	Portroe 3-6 Éire Óg/Anacarty 3-0	Semple Stadium	Victor O'Deereen
Under-14 'A' Hurling	Cumann Baire Ciocaim 5-4 Silvermines 3-2	Drombane	Brian White
Under-14 'B' Hurling	Gortnahoe/Glengoole 2-12 Ballina 1-6	Templederry	Tommy Fitzgerald
Under-14 'C' Hurling	Shannon Rovers 5-11 Durlas Óg 'B' 0-2	Borrisoleigh	David Grogan
Under-16 'A' Hurling	Burgess 0-10 Durlas Óg 0-5	Borrisoleigh	Paddy Russell
Under-16 'B' Hurling	Newport 3-4 Boherlahan/Dualla 2-5	Templederry	Brian Tyrell
Under-16 'C' Hurling	Templederry 2-6 Latten/Cullen 0-1	Dr. Morris Park	Martin Treacy



Nenagh COOP

2000

By Richard Sheehan

Tipperary, Galway and Limerick the big winners. Whatever their religious or political beliefs the organisers of the Nenagh Co-op must be in league with the devil or "The Man Above".

Beset with problems from the start this year's Nenagh Co-op u-16 intercounty tournament turned out to be, to change the infamous phrase of the late Paddy Donegan, "a thundering success".

It is said that "the devil looks after his own" and some would say that it is this rather than careful planning and minute attention to detail which was the cause of Nenagh Co-op turning out so well. However, lest the finger be pointed it should be said that the hard work of Tipperary Bord na nÓg and especially that of its Runáí Paddy Nagle deserved the ultimate success which the inter-county tournament deserved. This year marked the 13th running of this prestigious tournament and for those who believe in omens, well to be honest, the omens were like the winter weather, not good.

It was planned to hold Nenagh Co-op 2000 over 3/4 Saturdays but Croke Park acting on "information received" decreed that two Saturdays only would have to do. Plans were revised and a new two-day programme was drawn up. Cork withdrew from the tournament for the second year in a row. There was no panic. The world didn't end and a second Tipperary team "Tipperary B" was collected to fill their place just like in the Bible where Mathias was chosen to take the place of the fallen apostle. The twelve apostles were then divided into four groups of three to play a round robin on Saturday, Oct. 7th. The Man Above played a blinder and produced an ideal day for hurling, straight from summer. One could only conclude that it was a miracle of the first order. Games in the round robin were of forty minutes duration and each county was guaranteed two games with points, scoring difference and finally scores for to decide league positions.

At the Ragg - Tipp "A" were winners with Clare runners-up and Carlow going home. At Sarsfields ground Limerick were best and Tipp "B" edged out Offaly for the right to remain in contention. Up the road in Dr. Morris Park, Galway were first over the line followed by Kilkenny with Laois unable to produce the heroics of 1999. Down in Dundrum, Wexford produced a late run to edge out Waterford with Dublin taking "the rocky road". The quarter finals produced exciting stuff. Limerick and the referee upset Clare. Tipp "A" were coasting and were nearly caught by a late Kilkenny rally when Iosaf Cleary (Borrisokane) the Tipp 'keeper' was injured.



Tipperary Nenagh Co-Op Tournament (under-16 inter-county hurling) 'B' selectors photographed prior to the first round at Thurles Sarsfields pitch. Included are (l. to r.): Ger Beary, Tommy Hogan, Joe Greed and Noel Russell. The team, having performed very well to get to the Shield final, was defeated by Limerick.

Galway who had been lightly coursed pulled away from Waterford while the "collected ones" Tipp "B" surprised Wexford to make the final day. Referee Pat Mac had put a spanner in the works when he manufactured a draw in the All-Ireland football final and produced a replay on the proposed final day. Finals Day was put back a week and once again the Man Above played a blinder with sunshine the order of the day.

THE FINALS

Tipp "B" took on Galway in Kilcolman while Tipp "A" crossed sticks with Limerick in Cloughjordan. Our thanks to both sets of ladies for refreshments. Tipp "B" looked capable of a shock when they led at half time but an early Galway goal changed the trend of play. Over in "Clough" the A team pulled away from Limerick in the second half. The action for the afternoon moved to McDonagh Park, Nenagh, with Tipp "B" and Limerick playing the "Plate" final where Limerick won their first Nenagh Co-op of any kind. In the final proper Tipp "A", when they woke up, played the better hurling and shot many more wides to lose to Galway by the minimum margin. The presentation

dinner took place in the Western Pass later that evening with representatives of the sponsors Nenagh Co-op 2000. The big winners are Galway and Limerick with Tipperary the biggest winners of all. Tipp managed to run a first class inter-county hurling tournament. They produced not one but two panels of 25 players of inter-county standard. They finished runners-up to Galway in the competition as they did to Clare in the 1999 final. With a panel of 50 players and at least another dozen out there the raw material for assaults on the Munster minor hurling titles of 2001 and 2002 is certainly there. Hopefully the powers that be know or will quickly learn the calibre of the lads well prepared for minor ranks. Let us remember the names of the two Tipp teams of 2000.

Tiobraid Arann A: Paddy McCormack (Durlas Óg); John Boland (Toomevara); David Corcoran (Templederrey); Michael Bergin (Moneygall); Pat Hally (Rockwell Rovers); Conor Mahoney (Newport); Derek Burke (Loughmore C); David Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Pat Shortt (Upperchurch); Tony Scroope (Burgess); Francis Devanney (Toomevara); Patrick Collins (Drom/Inch); William Ryan (Toomevara);



Tipperary Nenagh Co-Op Tournament (under-16 inter-county hurling) 'A' selectors photographed prior to the first round games at The Ragg. Included are (l. to r.): Noel Browne, Kevin Fox, Tim Kennedy, Vincent McKenna and Hugh Browne. The team was eventually beaten by Galway by the narrowest of margins in the final.



The Tipperary 'B' panel that played in the Nenagh Co-Op (under-16 inter-county hurling) Tournament at Thurles Sarsfields' field and contested the Shield final against Limerick. Back row (l. to r.): Niall Teehan, Colm Campion, Martin Treacy, Michael Ryan, Joe Meagher, Niall Kelly, Paudie Ryan, Eoin Buckley, Niall Whyte, Ger Beary, Kevin Butler, Marcus Ryan, Joe Ryan, Noel McDonnell. Front: Brendan Hanley, James Maguire, Gerard Ryan, Roy Darcy, Eoin Mannion, Conor O'Brien, David Cashin, James Maher, Shane McGrath, Stephen O'Brien, Noel Gleeson, David McGrath.

Eddie Kelly (Moyne T.); Thomas Collins (Ballina); Joseph Cleary (Borrisokane); James Hayes (Boherlahan); Barry O'Gorman (Ballybacon G.); Dermot Condon (Emly); Roger O'Connor (Arravale Rovers); David Killoran (Roscrea); Michael Coleman (Cashel); Trevor Ivors (Ballingarry); Darragh Lyons (Skeheenarinky); Gerry Kennedy (Killenaule).

Tiobraid Árann 'B': Joe Ryan (Boherlahan); Eoin Mannion (Lorrha); Marcus Ryan (Ballinahinch); Gerard Ryan (Cappawhite); Michael Ryan (Carrick Davins); Joey Maher (Mullinahone); Martin Treacy (Borris Ileigh); Ray Darcy (Shannon Rovers); Paudie Ryan (Sean Treacys); Noel Gleeson (Burgess); David McGrath (Loughmore C.); Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch); Conor O'Brien (Éire Óg West); Niall Kelly (Silvermines); James Maguire

(Lattin Cullen); Eoin Buckley (Emly); Colm Campion (Loughmore C.); Stephen O'Brien (Mullinahone); Brendan Hanly (Lattin Cullen); Peter Maher (JK Brackens); Noel McDonnell (Burgess); Gerard Beary (Cappawhite); Neil White (Ballybacon G.); Niall Teehan (Gortnahoe G.); David Cashin (Ballingarry); Kevin Butler (Drom/Inch).

Nenagh Co-op 2000 Results:

Group A:

Galway 2-10; Kilkenny 1-7.

Galway 4-8; Laois 0-3.

Kilkenny 4-6; Laois 1-4.

Group B:

Tipp "A" 1-9; Clare 2-6.

Tipp "A" 4-8; Carlow 0-3.

Clare 2-8; Carlow 2-4.

Group C:

Limerick 4-8; Offaly 0-2.

Limerick 3-6; Tipp "B" 1-6.

Tipp "B" 1-6; Offaly 1-6.

Group D:

Dublin 0-7; Waterford 0-5.

Waterford 0-15; Wexford 0-13.

Wexford 0-9; Dublin 0-5.

Quarter Finals:

Limerick 1-4; Clare 0-4.

Tipp "A" 1-10; Kilkenny 2-5.

Galway 3-8; Waterford 0-2.

Tipp "B" 3-12; Wexford 0-5.

Semi-Finals:

Tipperary "A" 0-12; Limerick 1-2.

Galway 2-11; Tipp "B" 0-7.

Plater Final:

Limerick 2-11; Tipp "B" 1-4.

Shield Final:

Galway 1-10; Tipp "A" 2-6.



The Tipperary 'A' panel that played in the Nenagh Co-Op (under-16 inter-county hurling) Tournament at The Ragg and contested the final against Galway. Back row (l. to r.): Donal Condon, Trevor Ivors, Eddie Kelly, Paul Collins, Derek Bourke, Pat Hally, James Hayes, Joseph Carey, Tony Scroope, Barry O'Gorman, Thomas Collins, David Killoran, Patrick McCormack. Front: Michael Coleman, Conor O'Mahony, John Boland, Michael Bergin, Darragh Lyons, Pat Shortt, Francis Killoran, William Ryan, Roger O'Connor, Diarmuid Corcoran, David Morrissey.



Six-year-old Jake Ryan from Knockavilla, photographed on his way to Croke Park for the senior camogie All-Ireland final against Cork.

Lunch time in Cork – Jimmy Dignam, from Faugheen, Carrick-on-Suir, getting ready to dine out prior to one of this year's Munster M.H.C. games at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.



G.A.A. YEARBOOK CRYSTAL QUIZ

Sponsored by John Quirke Jeweller, Castle Street, Cahir

1. Name the Tipperary S.H. manager who brought Paul Shelley on to the Tipperary panel for the first time.
2. Who captained the Offaly S.H. team in the 1985 All-Ireland?
3. How many years, before 2000, since Derry won the Ulster S.H. championship?
4. Name the two sets of brothers on the Galway S.H. team in the All-Ireland quarter-final.
5. In what city did Sean McCague take over as President of the GAA in 2000?
6. What was Cormac McAnallen's claim to fame in 2000?
7. Who captained Cork to the All-Ireland minor football title in 2000?
8. What was Roscommon's distinction in the 2000 senior football championship?
9. Who led Kilkenny to their last (before 2000) All-Ireland senior hurling title triumph?
10. Who won the Eircell Player of the Month Award in July for his performance in the Leinster final?
11. How many counties have won senior All-Ireland hurling titles?
12. In what years did Willie Barrett referee All-Ireland senior hurling finals?
13. Name the Tipperary G.A.A. book recently compiled by Seamus J. King, Liam Ó Donnchú and Jimmy Smyth.
14. Name the Tipperary referee who was in charge of the All-Ireland minor hurling quarter-final between Antrim and Dublin.
15. Why were Richie Boyle, Sean Barrett, Denny Whelan and Michael O'Mahony in the news on the second Sunday of September?
16. Name the captain of the Killenaule minor hurling team in the county final.
17. Name the Thurles minor hurler who came on as a sub in the county senior hurling final.
18. When did Thurles Sarsfields last defeated Toomevara in the senior hurling championship?
19. In what year was the last drawn senior hurling final?
20. How many Dunnes were on the Toomevara senior hurling panel for this year's county final?



John Quirke presents the 'Man of the Match' award to John O'Brien, Toomevara, following the Senior Hurling County Final.

QUIZ RULES

- (1) Official entry form from Tipperary GAA Yearbook must be used (not a photocopy).
- (2) Closing date for entries is Monday, January 8th, 2001.
- (3) Winners will be announced in January.
- (4) The judges' decision will be final.
- (5) Send your entry in an envelope marked "Quiz" to:
Liam Ó Donnchú, Tipperary Yearbook Secretary, Ballymoreen, Littleton, Thurles, Co. Tipperary.

Name:

Address:

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Memories to Cherish

FÉILE NA nGAEL 2000 I mBÉAL FEIRISTE

John Costigan

Since Féile na nGael was founded in 1971 on the initiative of former president of the Gaelic Athletic Association, Seamus Ó Riain (Moneygall), assisted by county secretary Tomás Ó Baróid, there have been many marvellous renewals of this famous festival of hurling and camogie, but the millennium Féile which was held in Ulster during the weekend of (23-25) June will go down in history as one of the greatest yet. All the traditional hurling counties have been honoured with hosting this great festival, but despite numerous requests by the Ulster hurling and camogie enthusiasts, the political climate was not deemed suitable to ensure the safety of such a large number of children as would descend on the Ulster counties for such an occasion. Thanks to the marvellous work of the much maligned politicians on both sides of the border, they have been fostered to such an extent that the G.A.A. authorities relented and decided to mark the beginning of the new millennium by staging the "Féile 2000" in the "Wee Six".

By virtue of the fact that my club J.K. Brackens qualified to represent Tipperary in the final stages in Ulster, it was my privilege and honour to travel North for the weekend. As a life long supporter of every facet of the Gaelic Athletic Association, I have experience many highs and lows that is part and parcel of such involvement but my experience over that weekend left me with memories and feelings of satisfaction that the passing of time will not erase from my memory.

From the time we left Templemore on Thursday morning until our arrival back on Sunday evening there was not one dull moment. Having crossed the border at about 5.30 we were caught up in the usual traffic chaos that typifies the Dundalk Newry region but having survived we reached St. Coleman's College Newry which was the meeting place for all clubs travelling North to Derry, Down and Antrim. We were met here by a welcoming party that included former president of the GAA Paddy McFlynn, Danny Murphy, chairman of Ulster Council and organiser in chief Pat Guthrie. Here the J.K. Brackens club, Garda College sports club, McCarthy "Spar", met up with friends from Cork whom they visited



John Costigan

during the year, in Glanmire. From a personal point of view, I had the pleasure of renewing acquaintances with Nicky Barry (Sarsfields) and North man Tadhg Óg Murphy (Sarsfields), and Michael Cormack (Templetuohy) a former pupil who was travelling North with the Freshford camogie team. Having been refreshed with tea and goodies by the good people of St. Coleman's College, Newry, we met Denis Lynch, secretary of Banagher G.A.C., who were our hosts for the weekend and having exchanged greetings, he guided us through South Armagh, Dungannon, Cookstown and over the famous Glenshelane Pass into the little village of Feeney where the above mentioned club has its base. On arrival at their club complex which is situated beside the village it appeared as if the whole parish had turned out to welcome their southern visitors. Their club house was adorned with the maroon and white buntings that their players proudly wear when they go into combat. It immediately was impressed on us the importance of flags in this part of our country as the Black and White of J.K. Brackens was hoisted on a flagpole at the other side of the tricolour, with the maroon and white holding a prominent position at the other side.

After initial greetings, the players and mentors were entertained in their excellent club house where the photos of their two "All Stars" Gerry McChinney and Sean Marty Lockhart hold prominent positions. By nine o'clock all the travelling party, players and mentors had been assigned to their houses. Friendship, courtesy and generosity was the hallmark of their every move thus the atmosphere was creat-

ed for a memorable weekend. It was an early rise on Friday morning with first round game v home club that featured Mark Lynch at midfield son of former Derry great Mickey Lynch. Brackens won here and also accounted that afternoon for Ballinascreen. Loughreen of Galway were also successful in their two games and the battle for semi-final place in Division I (A) rested between the Tipp and Galway representatives. This game was scheduled for 8 p.m. on Friday evening in Ballinascreen, so it was on to the bus again and another trip across the Glenshane Pass to this famous venue. Despite Brackens best efforts they had to give best to Loughrea. After this game famous commentator Michael Ó Muircheartaigh addressed both teams in the middle of the field as only he can do and it was once again into the Ballinascreen clubhouse where all youngsters were lavishly entertained. The photo of 1993 All-Ireland hero with Derry, Tony Scullion holds a prominent position on their clubhouse wall. The defeat by Loughrea ended Brackens interest in the tournament but the genuine words of encouragement and praise from such an eminent official as former chairman of the National Coiste Iomána Frank Bourke helped to soothe their disappointment. In this situation, Frank was proudly wearing his club 'cap' Loughrea.

At this stage thanks to the mobile phone word filtered through that fellow travellers Templemore Camogie club had qualified for semi-final of Division II and seeing our wagon had been derailed we decided to hitch our wagon to their star, thus it was home to an early bed in readiness for an 8.30 a.m. trip to Belfast for Camogie semi-final. Having made the seventy miles trip via scenic North Derry and down the Falls road we arrived in time to see a Marlyn Purcell goal in the last minute send Templemore into Division II final on score 3-2 to 2-4. It was then on to assembly point on the Anderstown road for the highlight of the week the massive parade down the three mile stretch to famous Casement Park. The less mobile amongst us took up our positions near the review stand close to Casement Park and even though we were many miles from home in seeing Sean MacCague, Seamus Ó Riain, Jack Bootman, Mun-

ster Council Chairman Sean Kelly and Nicky Brennan from Kilkenny ascend the steps of the podium it reassured us that this indeed was an occasion of National importance in the GAA calendar. Across from the review stand Michael Ó Muirheartaigh was perched high up as the parade made its way down the Anderstown road towards the review stand led by the famous Artane Boys Band. We stood in awe for two hours as over one hundred and twenty juvenile teams toggled out in their club colours marched with pride and bright eyed innocence behind their club banners with their history being narrated by Michael Ó Muirheartaigh. Close to the review stand were men of the calibre of Derry's Mickey Lynch and former Cork great Teddy McCarthy who seemed more moved by the occasion than ever he showed on the many occasions he adorned Croke Park on All-Ireland days both in hurling and football. I craned my neck to catch a glimpse of our own teams and in seeing the Templemore camogie club pass by led by Martin Bourke and Seanie Johnson with Mary Maher carrying the Tipp flag I am not ashamed to admit a number of tears trickled down my cheeks. Similar feelings were present as the J.K. Bracken banner appeared in view carried with pride by Joe Greed and Sean Scully with John Delaney carrying the blue

and gold of our beloved Tpp as was done by brother Paul on many an occasion. As they passed the review stand Michael Ó Muirheartaigh mentioned how on July 2nd the Brackens banner would be carried by Eamon Corcoran in the Munster showpiece of hurling. As the parade finished and the dignitaries alighted from the stand one could not but be impressed by how times have changed in the North over the past few years as Gerry Adams mingled freely amongst the crowd exchanging handshakes with all and sundry. Lets hope the evolving process continues and that never again will any part of our county have to experience what our Northern brethren had to over the past thirty years.

At 4.30, the Templemore team returned to Corrigan Park for the Division II camogie final and with eight minutes to go led by eight points. An exceptional rally by the "Harps" from Laois saw them snatch the title in the dying minutes much to the delight of their very sporting mentors and supporters. While defeat was the lot of Templemore the manner in which they battled right through the campaign will go down in the annals of Templemore as one of their greatest ever performances since the club was formed just a few years ago.

It was then back to our base in North Derry for our last few hours. A disco was organised for the young

players while some of the adults went to Dungiven to offer their congratulations to the "Harps". Here Pat Delaney of Kinnity and Offaly fame whose daughters participated in the millennium Féile with Kinnity camogie club, enthralled his adoring audience with the "Offaly Rover" as he did on the podium in Croke Park in 1981 as Pádraig Horan lifted the McCarthy Cup for the Faithful's first. For the Brackens before they left Banagher on Sunday they accepted a challenge from the local club to an (U-14) football game that ended all square.

As we spent the last hour with our hosts, while speaking to former club secretary Sean McCloskey, he told me how he played in the first Féile with Dungiven who were guests then of Moneygall. He mentioned the hospitality of his hosts at that time, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Douglas who, I told him, are still hale and hearty in Moneygall parish. A final poignant note was struck when he told me how their captain on that winning Dungiven team in 1971 was one Kevin Lynch who died so unnecessarily in the Maze hunger strike in 1981.

Finally, at 1.00 p.m. on Sunday it was handshakes all round and we boarded our bus and made our way back with many new friendships having been made and a wealth of memories that we will cherish for the rest of our lives.



J.J. Brackens, winners of the county Féile na nGael title, defeating Carrick Swan in the final at New Inn. Back row, l. to r.: John Coleman, Frank McGrath, James Cody, Pauric Greed, Claire Grogan, Robert Bourke (captain), Michael Kennedy, Pádraig Murphy, Gerry Morrissey, Brendan Leahy, William McLoughney, Sean McCormack, Pádraig Bourke. Front row, Tim Leahy, Shane Bourke, Pádraig Meade, Shane Russell, Eanna Jones, Darren Russell, Ian Delaney, Shane Scully, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Gavin Bohan, Michael Doyle.

Peadar Cummins Tournament 2000



Selectors of the Mid under-14 Peadar Cummins Tournament panel photographed at the final of the tournament at Borrisoleigh. Included are (l. to r.) – Joe Moran (Moycarkey-Borris); John O'Gorman (Durlas Og); Paudie Butler (Drom-Inch); Tim Leahy (J.K. Brackens); Sean Hickey (Gortnahoe-Glenagoole).

The South Tipperary panel that contested the Peadar Cummins Tournament (under-14 inter-divisional hurling) at Borrisoleigh.



The West Tipperary panel that took part in the Peadar Cummins Tournament (under-14 inter-divisional hurling) in Borrisoleigh. Back row (l. to r.) – James Heffernan (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Thomas Byrne (Lattin-Cullen), Denis Stapleton (Sean Treacy's), Michael Harding (Golden-Kilfeacle), Kevin Griffin (Golden-Kilfeacle), Nigel Hayes (Knockavilla-D.Kickhams), Paudie Heffernan (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Daniel Hogan (Éire Óg Anacarty), James Hayes (Golden-Kilfeacle), Paul O'Dwyer (Knockavilla-D.Kickhams), Kieran Bergin (Galtee Rovers). Front Row – Thomas Gleeson (Arravale Rovers), Padraig Hayes (Knockavilla-D.Kickham), Jamie O'Toole (Sean Treacy's), Tony O'Brien (Galtee Rovers), Ryan O'Dwyer (Cashel King Cormacs), Pat Power (Lattin-Cullen), Diarmuid Ryan (Golden-Kilfeacle), Michael Heelan (Knockavilla-D.Kickhams), Michael Shanahan (Knockavilla-D.Kickhams), Thomas Keane (Knockavilla-D.Kickhams).

The North Tipperary panel that won the Peadar Cummins Tournament (under-16 inter-divisional hurling) at Borrisoleigh. Back row (l. to r.) – John Hogan (Burgess, selector), David O'Connor (Borris-Ileigh), Tomas O'Meara (Toomevara), David Kearns (Nenagh Éire Óg), Darragh Egan (Kildangan), Eoin Ryan (Nenagh Éire Óg), Sean Ryan (Moneygall), Matthew Ryan (Templederry), Martin McKeogh (Ballina), Shane Carroll (Shannon Rovers), Shane O'Brien (Ballina), Martin Walsh (Kilruane MacDonagh's), Paul Guerin (Roscrea), Tom Gleeson (Portroe, selector), Pa Fitzgerald (Roscrea), Tomas O'Brien (Ballina, selector). Front row – Eoin Ryan (Moneygall), Padraig Malone (Portroe), Terry Delaney (Toomevara), Keith Ryan (Borris-Ileigh), Jack Maher (Lorrha), Colm Larkin (Borrisokane), Niall Quigley (Burgess, captain), Ray McLoughney (Kilruane MacDonagh's), Declan Mulqueen (Silvermines), Graham Gohery (Kilruane MacDonagh's), Ger Coonan (Ballina), Owen Sheehy (Ballina).



The Mid under-14 hurling panel that took part in the Peadar Cummins Tournament at Borrisoleigh. Back row (l. to r.) – Robert Bourke (captain), Patrick Stakelum, John Coleman, Darragh Hickey, Mark Cahill, Kenneth Hickey, Colm Campion, James Woodlock, Padraig Greed, Donncha Kennedy, Daniel Kirby, Padraig Murphy, Richard O'Gorman, John Ryan. Front row – Kieran Young, Andrew Sweeney, Greg Bowe, Michael Ryan, Stephen Lillis, Shane Scully, Gerry Morrissey, Mark Healy, Martin Butler, Kieran Shortall.

Féile Peil na nÓg 2001

FOR TIPPERARY

Risteard Ó Síocháin (P.R.O.)

During his inaugural address in January, 1961, John F. Kennedy introduced to the English language the phrase "handing on the torch to a new generation". In September, 2000, the theme was reinforced with that wonderful spectacle of the aborigine Kathy Freeman lighting the Olympic flame. Handing on the torch invokes powerful symbolism even in G.A.A. circles. The symbolism is even more relevant when it involves passing on the ideals of the association to young people. Gaelic games have always been more to the Irish than mere games. Perhaps the physical contact of the games liberates the Celt in us. In an increasingly bland and anti-septic society perhaps this is no bad thing.

The ancient Celtic pursuits were revived by Cusack and the founding fathers to revive the spirit of the Irish nation almost one hundred and twenty years ago. In modern times "the medium has become the message" and the power of spectacle has become paramount. Féile Peil na nÓg is just such a spectacle. It is a week when the fourteen year old boy and girl champions at football in every Irish county and from beyond our shores gather in some county to engage in friendly competition with their peers. In June/July 2000 the gathering took place in Dublin. J.K. Brackens (Templemore) were the boys who represented Tipperary while the girls came from "the lovely village" Cappawhite, and its environs. To attend the festival was an uplifting experience, to take part an undoubted privilege. On the last day of Féile 2000 during the finals in Croke Park the Féile Flag was handed to Tipperary as they will be the hosts of Féile Peil na nÓg 2001.

The Féile Flag was handed over by Báile Átha Cliath Féile chairman Paddy Walsh to Michael Ryan Féile chairman Tiobráid Árann in the presence of Seán McCague, Uachtarán C.L.G. Féile Peil was first hosted in Cavan in 1982 following in the footsteps of hurling's Féile na Gael which began of course in Tipperary in 1971 and returned again in 1990 and 1991. Now Féile Peil returns to its spiritual home. A hundred years ago the footballers of Bohercrowe ruled the football earth. How fitting that one from that hallowed sport should lead the Tipperary committee. County Board



Photo shows Paddy Walsh (Dublin) handing over the Féile flag to Michael Ryan (Tipperary) at Croke Park in the presence of Seán McCague.

invited Féile Peil to Tipperary and theirs is the ultimate responsibility within the county for running the festival. They have put a committee in charge of organisation under Michael Ryan and it is unlikely that these will let the county down if they get the co-operation of all the Gaelic clubs of our county. Michael's rúnaí is the County Boards assistant treasurer Michael Power, a highly respected figure in Tipperary football circles and a gentleman to boot. The connection with youth is provided by the committees treasurer Frank Morris who performs the same function for Bord na nÓg within the county. The rest of the committee consists of a fine cross-section of lesser lummaries who will be busy in their different spheres once the new year dawns, getting the county ready to face the challenge posed by Féile Peil 2001.

The first challenge to be faced by the homes of Tipperary is that of "Fáilte" or "Welcome". All the visiting teams will have to be hosted by the clubs of Tipperary. The bringing of strange children into our homes invokes memories of the old Gaelic custom of fosterage when the children of one family were reared in the homes of other families to promote unity among the clans. Another challenge will be posed by the game of football. Our players will be mixing

with the champions of the different counties and seeking to match them. The skills will need to be specially sharpened in the early year but the challenge also presents a unique opportunity because with the eighty or so clubs (girls and boys) in the county improving their skills to a new level this represents a pool of almost two thousand youngsters who can be developed into minor and other teams in 2/3 years time. This is the football challenge posed by Féile. Did Tipperary ever shirk a challenge? The greatest spectacle of Féile is the Féile parade or parades. The old G.A.A. were very fond of parades when teams marched from railway stations etc, toggled out for the fray with bands leading them.

Such events put a little colour into the drab lives of the common people of the time. We are of the people. Does anything change? We will be on show before the country. Our grounds, our referees, our ability to organise will be tested to the limit, but "cometh the hour, cometh the man", Tipperary will not fail. Féile Peil na nÓg 2001 will be a marvellous festival of football fun and thousands will leave "the homes of Tipperary" with a feeling of well being and delighted to have been present. Ar aghaidh le Tiobraid Árann.

CATERING FOR OUR YOUTH

Ground Hurling Tournament

In the year 2000 a new youth committee was formed under the chairmanship of Brian Tyrrell the new Youth Officer. A lot of good work has happened and with the County Board getting involved in the commercial area this has been beneficial also. The opening of the G.A.A. shop in Thurles is a great venture with jerseys, track-suits etc., now available and our children should wear the colours with pride.

Over the year an Internet site has also been set up and our children can now connect up to this and get the latest news on activities in the county. The Ground Hurling Tournament took place again over the county and it proved a success amongst the children. The children had a chance to play one of their games in the main pitch in Semple Stadium, Thurles. I hope this tournament will continue as this is an important skill in our children's development.

Throughout the year posters and tickets were distributed to our primary schools, more of these will be available from the shop in Thurles. At the time of writing the primary schools table quiz is about to take place in Thurles. It amazes me the knowledge of the boys and girls in our county on G.A.A. and they should be commended as should their schools.

As the year 2000 comes to a close the new year brings us new ventures, the playing of Peil na nÓg will be a help in the promotion of football in this county and hopefully the playing of the mini-games before our county finals will give our children greater exposure to our games and a chance to play in front of bigger crowds.

Brian Tyrrell
Youth officer



Co. Board Youth Officer, Brian Tyrrell, organiser of the Ground Hurling Tournament, photographed at the tournament in Semple Stadium.



Ground Hurling Tournament at Semple Stadium. Newport - Back row (l to r) - Joe Floyd, Aoife Shinnars, Aidan Ryan, Stephen O'Connor, Sean O'Brien, Aidan Ryan, Conor Keating, Cathal Keating, Peter O'Sullivan, Patrick Floyd, Darren Moroney, Anthony Clifford, Stephen Houlihan, Connie Keating. Front row - Meave O'Connor, Matthew Duggan, Odhran Floyd, John Ryan, Carol Houlihan, Ann Marie Ryan, Bobby Carroll, Nicholas O'Connell, Michael McKeogh, Kevin O'Brien, Martin Carey, Patrick Ryan.



Ground Hurling Tournament at Semple Stadium. Clonakenny - Back row (l to r) - Patrick Ryan, Laura Fogarty, Patricia Greed, Cora Costigan, Jonathan Cody, Mark Mullally, David Cody. Front row - Laura Bourke, Michael John Carroll, Patrick Murray, Brian Mullally, Nicholas Ryan, William Ryan.



Ground Hurling Tournament at Semple Stadium. Ballingarry - Back row (l to r) - Daniel Fennelly, Kevin Croke, Kevin Fitzgerald, James Logue, Billy Horan, Ciaran Shelly, David Fitzgerald, Brendan Ivors, Brendan Kelly, David Phelan. Front row - Jonathan Ivors, Adrian Cleere, Michael Ivors, Michael Ivors, Wayne Scott, Gerard Corbett, Jonathan Ivors, Gerard Fitzgerald, Michael Teehan.



Ground Hurling Tournament at Semple Stadium. Durlas Og - Back row (l to r) - Jonathan Ryan, Michael Cahill, Conor Ryan, Conor Moloney, John Joe Bourke, Stephen Dorney, Rodney Mason, Laurence Bourke, Bobby Stakelum, John Dorney (manager). Front row - Seamus Brennan, Michael McGrath, Michael Keane, Kieran O'Shea, Darragh Stakelum, Sean Smith, Brian Callaghan, Shane Maher, Padraig Maher.



Ground Hurling Tournament at Semple Stadium. Borrisokane - Back row (l to r) - John Darcy, Enda Brennan, Shane Aherne, Ronan Moran, Niall Reddan, Jamie Brennan, Niall Kennedy, Damien Cahill, Eoin Moran. Front row - David Nevin, Gary Power, Denis Hassett, Bob Sullivan, Pierce Ryan, Michael Fox, Liam Kennedy, William Brooks, David Kennedy, Barry Aherne.



Ground Hurling Tournament at Semple Stadium. Silvermines - Back row (l to r) - Aaron Stanley, Joseph O'Connell, Denis Fahy, Gary Toohey, Patrick Ryan, Tristan O'Rourke, Noel Quirke, Gearoid Quinn, William Feely, Andrew Kelly. Front row - Kieran Fogarty, Cathal Ryan, T.J. Ryan, Jake Callanan, Matthew Collins, Jason Forde, Odhran Chadwick, Liam Hayes, Kevin Troy.



Ground Hurling Tournament at Semple Stadium. Durlas Og - Back row (l to r) - Bill McCormack, John Shortt, Kieran Morrissey, Michael Bourke, Brian Stakelum, Kevin O'Gorman, Barry McCormack, Darren O'Neill, Michael Russell. Front row - Brian Keane, Shane Dempsey, Damien Grimes, Liam Cullen, James Morrissey, Ryan Hayes, Jason Jordan.



Upperchurch-Drombane goalkeeper Padraig Greene watches his team-mates in action in the Ground Hurling Tournament in Semple Stadium.



Minor adjustments - Well known Mid referee Michael Green makes some final preparations prior to the start of the Ground Hurling Tournament in Semple Stadium.



Aine Greed, Clonakenny, photographed at the Ground Hurling tournament in Semple Stadium.



Watching the opposition - Durlas Og's (l to r) Bill McCormack, Brian Stakelum and Barry McCormack, all from Thurles.

Michael Ryan Remembers.....

by J.J. Kennedy

Last summer's defeat by Galway in the All-Ireland quarter-final did more than just end Tipperary's championship bid – it also closed the last chapter on the inter-county career of corner back, Michael Ryan. Being called ashore early in the action that day marked the end of the line for the man from Upperchurch, a nineties man, whose career began at the start of the decade.

Speaking to him now as he surveys a decade of inter-county hurling one is struck by the honesty and forthrightness. He lives no illusions about his own career, aware too of how others saw him during a career that reached the pinnacle in 1991 and had many fine distinctions to boast. As well as that All-Ireland medal from 1991 there are two Munsters, two leagues and three Railway Cups on the sideboard at Ballyboy, Upperchurch.

It all began inauspiciously. On June 9th, 1991 Tipperary launched their Munster campaign against Limerick at Thurles, hoping to banish the memory of the 1990 Munster final – donkeys for derbies and all that guff. Conal Bonnar was out with a broken hand and during the game John Kennedy limped off with yet another of those career-dogging injuries. Replacements were scarce so Donie Nealon ordered Michael Ryan to get ready. 'Babs' arrived, saw what was happening and blurted out, "Oh Jesus no, not Mick Ryan. Is there anybody else?" The incident remained a long-running joke among the players.

He played wing back that day and, in his words, did fine. Now as Bonnar recuperated there was a problem for the selectors facing the final against Cork. The players themselves joked and jibed about who'd get the nod. "You haven't a hope of getting on with me around", claimed Bonnar. "Why not" you've a broken hand", retorted Ryan. "Even with a broken hand, I'd keep you out". Typical Bonnar.

But he did keep the 'Church man among the subs that famous day at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Not for long, though. Goals were leaked, there were problems on the full back line and at half time Conor Donovan was withdrawn, Noel Sheehy went to number three and Mick Ryan was introduced at number four. Thus began a championship journey that would win Michael Ryan his place in the history books as a corner back of undoubted mettle – and an All-Ireland winner.

The drawn Munster final of '91 will be recalled for Nicky's kicked 'point', the one that wasn't. Recalled too for

Michael's Senior Hurling Championship Record

Since making his championship debut as a first half substitute for the injured John Kennedy in the 1991 Munster semi-final, Michael has played in twenty-four games for Tipperary. He was never sent off and substituted only once. His record of success is fourteen wins, two draws and eight losses. The details are:

1991

June 9 – beat Limerick 2-18 to 0-10. Munster semi-final at Semple Stadium (replaced John Kennedy) (injured).

July 7 – drew with Cork – 2-16 to 4-10. Munster Final at Páirc Uí Chaoimh (replaced Conor O'Donovan) (injured).

July 21 – beat Cork – 4-19 to 4-15. Munster Final at Semple Stadium (played left corner back).

Aug. 4 – beat Galway – 3-13 to 1-9. All-Ireland semi-final at Croke Park (played left corner back). Sept. 1 – beat Kilkenny – 1-16 to 0-15. All-Ireland Final at Croke Park (played at left corner back).

1992

Injured and unavailable for selection.

1993

June 6 – beat Kerry 4-21 to 2-9. Munster semi-final at Semple Stadium (played at left corner back). July 4 – beat Clare 3-27 to 2-12. Munster Final at Limerick (played at left corner back). August 9 – lost to Galway 1-16 to 1-14. All-Ireland semi-final at Croke Park (played at left corner back).

1994

May 29 – lost to Clare – 2-11 to 0-13. Munster first round at Limerick (played at left corner back).

1995

May 21 – beat Waterford 4-23 to 1-11. Munster first round at Páirc Uí Chaoimh (played at left corner back). Unavailable for the semi-final v Limerick.

1996

June 2 – beat Waterford 1-14 to 1-11. Munster first round at Walsh Park (played at left corner back). June 15 – beat Kerry 4-19 to 2-11. Munster semi-final at Tralee (played at left corner back). July 7 – drew with Limerick 1-16 to 0-19. Munster Final at Limerick (played at left corner back). July 14 lost to Limerick 4-7 to 0-16. Munster Final at Páirc Uí Chaoimh (played at left corner back).

1997

June 16 – beat Limerick 1-20 to 0-13. Munster semi-final at Semple Stadium (played at left corner back). July 6 – lost to Clare 1-18 to 0-18. Munster Final at Páirc Uí Chaoimh (played at left corner back). July 26 – beat Down 3-24 to 3-8. All-Ireland Quarter Final at Clones (played at left corner back). August 17 – beat Wexford 2-16 to 0-15. All-Ireland Semi-Final at Croke Park (played at left corner back). Sept. 14 – lost to Clare 0-20 to 2-13. All-Ireland Final at Croke Park (played at left corner back).

1998

June 7 – lost to Waterford 0-21 to 2-12. Munster Semi-Final at Páirc Uí Chaoimh (played full-back).

1999

Panel member but did not play against Kerry or Clare.

2000

May 28 – beat Waterford 0-17 to 0-14. Munster first round at Páirc Uí Chaoimh (played at left corner back). June 11 – beat Clare 2-19 to 1-14. Munster Semi-Final at Páirc Uí Chaoimh (played at left corner back). July 2 – lost to Cork 0-23 to 3-12. Munster Final at Semple Stadium (played at left corner back). July 23 lost to Galway 1-14 to 0-15. All-Ireland Quarter-Final at Croke Park (played at left corner back – replaced).

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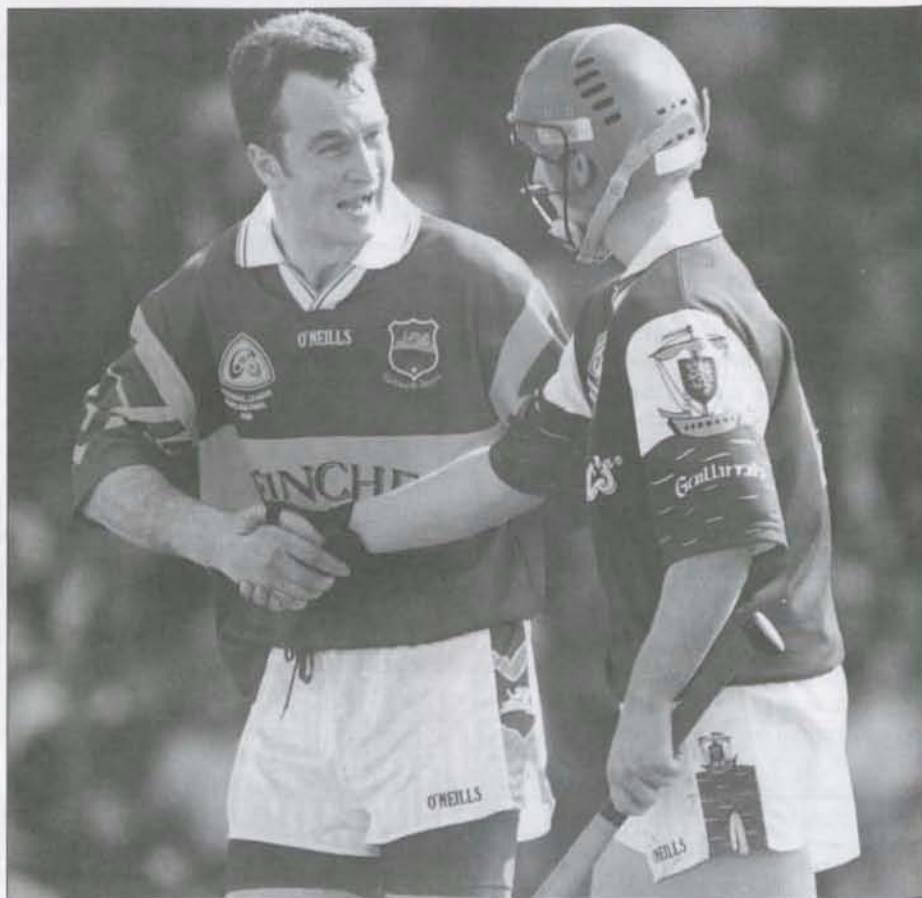
one surging dash from Mick Ryan out of defence with a raking clearance that Fox latched onto inside the Cork rear-guard and goaled to set up that hectic finish. A crunching tackle from Michael Ryan that left Tomas Mulcahy on his rear end is another readily recalled item from that famous, eventful day.

Not surprisingly Michael Ryan retained the number four jersey for the replay, back in Thurles. It was another epic but the Upperchurch man recalls modest satisfaction from the day: "I was marking Ger Fitzgerald and started badly. I conceded a soft goal to 'Fitz' early on and I contributed nothing in the first half. In the second half I did get in a few good tackles". Interestingly he nominates Ger Fitzgerald as the first of his most difficult opponents: "He was incredibly strong and deceptively fast". Other opponents to win high regard were Ger O'Loughlin ("even though I rarely marked him"), Niall Gilligan, Seanie McGrath ("mightn't always go for the ball but when he did he was very dangerous"), Eamonn Morrissey ("although I had a good record against him") and Barry Foley ("low gravity, I always seemed to be leaning overhead as if fouling and he tended to change the grip, like Gary Kirby, which made him awkward to handle").

It was on then to the All-Ireland semi-final of 1991 versus Galway. By now Michael Ryan was the established number four but still not earning universal approval. "O yeah!, the media, national media especially, had me singled out as a glaring weak link in the team. I was marking 'Hopper' McGrath that day, who was probably beyond his best by then. I felt comfortable and felt I contributed to the win". Which raises a question: Was it upsetting being singled out as a weakness by the media? "No, not at all. In fact, that's the way I liked it. It gave me focus, added grit to your game. I'd much prefer that than being written up for a match. If your opponent is written up in the media, he might ignore a lot of it, but some will seep through and that will be to your advantage".

What of the final then versus Kilkenny? "I was marking Eamonn Morrissey who was very highly rated. He was very strong and pacey. I had a quiet first half but the second half was probably my finest thirty minutes for Tipperary. It was one of those days when the ball just seemed glued to my hand. I recall an incident in the second half when a ball dropped between us. I put on my hurley, one-handed over his head, and the ball came off it down into the other hand. I felt, Jesus this is unreal. It was one of those days".

After the glory of '91, the corner back missed the '92 season, such as it was, Cork unseating the All-Ireland champions at the first hurdle. Michael Ryan



Michael Ryan, the sportsman, congratulates Galway's Ollie Canning, following the N.H.L. final at Páirc na nGael, Limerick.

had torn ankle ligaments from the league game versus Galway. George Frend came in but was himself out injured for '93 when Michael Ryan returned. That was the year of the runaway Munster final win over Clare when everyone did well and then Galway ended our ambitions in the All-Ireland semi-final. It was a luckless day: Declan Ryan injured, Colm Bonnar substituted and Raymie Ryan and Paul Delaney colliding like two express trains. Michael Ryan recalls having another good game on 'Hopper'.

Ask Michael Ryan about 1994 and he has a one-word summary – desperate. It was a brutal, lack-lustre game in which Tipp lost narrowly to Clare. Skip it. Fr. Tom Fogarty was there in 1995 – "A total gentleman, a friend to everyone", says Michael Ryan. Tipp met Waterford in the first round, a day Michael Ryan labels 'the most embarrassing moment of my life'. He takes up the story: "We were cruising in the game when an incident happened near our goal. It began between Paul Flynn and Noel Sheedy and quickly developed out of nothing really. All I recall is Peter Queally rushing in and having a swing at George Frend and that was it for me. You can have the best intentions in the world beforehand but when something like that happens it's difficult to stay out of it".

Pictures of the unseemly skirmish became a news feature on television and Munster Council took action.

Michael Ryan was suspended for two months and Paul Delaney for three. The referee, Terence Murray, had sent nobody off and he reacted now by retiring. "He was a huge loss to the G.A.A., easily the best referee around and miles ahead of smily Dickie Murphy who seemed to get all the matches after that".

With the left flank of Tipp's defence suspended, it proved too much against Limerick in the next game. Michael Ryan's view: "Too many changes were made to fill vacant positions – Colm Bonnar, for example, going from mid-field to corner back – it left the team out of shape". '96 brought a replay defeat by Limerick. "Eoin O'Neill rain riot on us. He scored one goal off me and then two others. Nicky, I felt, should have been full forward that day. Our team was poorly lined out".

'97 was Len Gaynor's first year. "He brought a totally different style of play, more physical with a lot of first-time hurling. We beat Limerick but lost to Clare in the Munster final and again in the All-Ireland. David Forde ran me ragged in the Munster final. I felt the first chinks in my game that day although I trained really hard afterwards, with plenty of sprinting, and I feel I had improved a ton by the time of the All-Ireland. In the final I remember going to the line a few times to ask could I follow my man outfield but I was told to stay back. I felt the extra man was murdering our halfback line.

In hindsight I think it was a mistake to stay back but it's easy to be wise afterwards".

After the near miss of 1997 the year after should have held out great hopes but, unfortunately, '98 was a troubled season for Tipperary with internal wrangling within the panel. "It was a fiasco. Discipline was not what it should be and morale was very low. There was a lot of resentment towards Len Gaynor. While he may not have been the best man-manager, I feel he was unfairly treated. His approach was very direct and he had no time for people opting out with twinges. Tell me if it's broken, was one of his favourite phrases. Our preparation was not good – I remember marking Michael Doyle in training sessions which might have been good practice some years earlier but not then. I was drafted in full back a few weeks before the Waterford game and we lost narrowly".

What of '99? "The most frustrating year of my life. Nicky and the lads, I knew, had doubts about me. I needed to lose weight and I was kept out of corner back. Then the policy was that the players in possession were on the team until they played themselves off. The subs had to wait for someone to slip up and then hope to take their chance. I found this very frustrating. It's okay if you're twenty and coming onto the scene, you can bide your time but I was 29 and couldn't afford to wait. I think there's something selfish in all players – well in me anyway – which hates being on the subs and wants to be out there on the field. I needed games and yet I wasn't even on the panel for some matches. It was a terrible time and I eventually opted out entirely".

"I thought that was the end of it but then the phonecalls started in September last year and I suppose the bottom line is that I love hurling – it's a drug. I came back, but with lower expectations this time. I trained hard and concentrated on getting into good shape. I played every match I could to get into shape. I made the championship team and did okay against Waterford, got in some good tackles. (We were lucky Ken McGrath went off that day – he'd have beaten anyone he was on). The match with Clare was pure hurling but the Munster final against Cork was a terrible day. Deane and company stretched us apart. After the Munster final, my form dipped and I knew the selectors were on my case. Against Galway Cloonan scored two points on me early in the match, though he was getting in very good ball. I remember going out front for a ball and missing it with my hand. Normally I'd have put a hurley to that and when I was taken off I was disappointed with myself more than anything".

There's no doubt it was an untidy manner for a fine career to end by Michael Ryan remains philosophical. "Corner backs nowadays need to be seriously fast and a combination of niggly injuries and the passing years will deprive you of that bit of pace that is so essential. I suppose Willie O'Connor is the exception that he can read the game so well it compensates".

Amazingly, Michael Ryan won't celebrate his thirty first birthday until February next. He's younger than Declan Ryan or John Leahy but shared a fabulous under-21 All-Ireland with them in 1989. That was the crowd-chaotic final against Offaly at Portlaoise where

Michael Ryan played full back. And therein hangs an interesting story. In the first round of the under-21 championship that year Tipp travelled to Páirc Uí Chaoimh and Michael Ryan was number 25 on the panel. Tipp had defensive problems with goals being leaked in the match, which was a draw, and when it came to the replay Mick Minogue and his selectors made some sweeping changes. Among these was the promotion of Michael Ryan to full back. It was the first time he ever played on the full back line, for club or county. A prescient move, surely, by the mentors.

In fact versatility is an aspect of Michael Ryan's career that is not immediately recognised. He played wing back on the minor team that lost the 1987 All-Ireland final and the year after was midfield on a minor team that lost a Munster final to Cork. Midfield is his club position where he was hugely influential in Upperchurch's county intermediate success in 1998. Indeed one of his earliest introductions to the senior county side was a full forward in a league semi-final against Offaly in 1991. His senior inter-county debut was against Clare on October 28th 1990. And then there's the little known business of football. He played minor football or two years with Tipperary and under-21 football for three campaigns, the last one as captain of the side, a reward for longevity of service. Inevitably he progressed to the senior football side where he played for two seasons and won a McGrath cup medal. Upperchurch is hardly a home of football but Michael Ryan's all round ability found expression in both games. "Some people still claim I was a better footballer than a hurler but when I joined the hurling panel I dropped the football".

Nicky English has no doubts about Michael Ryan's contribution. "He was in the best tradition of Tipperary backmen, strong and direct. As a team member he was invaluable, totally honest, totally committed with a great attitude and always giving it everything. As one of the senior members of the team in latter years he was particularly valuable as a leader and inspiration for the younger players who, undoubtedly, looked up to him. He was a manager's dream. He'll be missed".

He now works with ACC, Thurles, after previous terms with AIB and BOI. The man from "The Line" will, one suspects, give many more years of faithful service to his native Upperchurch as they strive to sustain senior status. He particularly enjoys his hurling with his club. By accident of birth he missed Tipperary's great comeback years of the late eighties but was there heroically for the crowning season of '91 and that is how he will surely be best remembered.



Michael Ryan in full flight, bursts from his corner and clears against Kilkenny.

Tipperary Handball Board - Report 2000

Tipperary Handballers enjoyed considerable success during 2000 taking six All-Ireland titles in both 40x20 and 60x30. On the juvenile front Ballina club had by their very own high standards their most successful year to date, winning the boys 60x30 Division I of Féile na nGael and Ger Coonan won the All-Ireland u-14 60x30 singles title.

The year started off quite well with our players taking seven Munster titles in 40x20 as follows:

Master B singles: Pat Ryan (Ballyporeen).

Master B doubles: Tony Flaherty/Pat Griffin (Youghalarra).

Golden Masters A singles: Jim Ryan, Silvermines.

Golden Masters A doubles: Jim Ryan, Silvermines/Vincent O'Shea (Lahorna).

Emerald Masters B doubles: Eddie Sheeran/David Slattery (Lahorna).

Diamond Masters B singles: Michael Hogan (Nenagh).

Diamond Masters B doubles: Michael Hogan (Nenagh); Pat Cleary (Lahorna).

Pat Griffin and Tony Flaherty for Youghalarra, competed in the Masters B doubles and defeated Pat Ryan and Michael Gleeson also from Tipperary in the Munster Final. Pat and Tony went on to beat Dublin's John Ward and Seamus Ahern in the semi-final and Thomas McGuire and Ambrose Tohill from Antrim in the All-Ireland final played in Ballymore Eustace in April.

Our Diamond Masters B doubles pairing of Pat Cleary, Lahorna and Michael Hogan from Nenagh followed up with a well deserved victory in their All-Ireland final played at Nenagh. On their way to the final they defeated Phil Dowd and Seán Moore from Dublin in the semi-final and accounted for Frank Vaughan and Brian Kilcummins from Roscommon in a terrific final.

We were unsuccessful in the All-Ireland semi-final stages of the Golden Masters A singles (Jim Ryan from Silvermines); Golden Masters A doubles (Jim Ryan from Silvermines and Vincent O'Shea from Lahorna) and the Masters B singles (Pat Ryan from Ballyporeen). Michael Hogan from Nenagh also competed in the Diamond Masters B singles and accounted for Johnny O'Meara from Kilkenny in the All-Ireland semi-final but had to give way to Seán McEntee from Antrim in the All-Ireland finals played in Loughlinstown, County Kilkenny. Eddie Sheeran and David Slattery from Lahorna reached the All-Ireland Final of the Emerald Masters B doubles but lost out to Cathal Early and Peter Cassidy from Monaghan in the final played at Croke Park.

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All-Ireland 60x30 semi-final - Michael 'Duxie' Walsh (Kilkenny); Paddy Collins (Tipperary); Referee Kenneth Kane.



Girls All-Ireland Semi-finalists 60x30 Bronze Medal Winners - Tracy Coonan and Marion Coleman (U-16D); Cliona Collins (U-17S); Hannah Simons and Karen Collins (U-14D).

juvenile finals with Ger Coonan from Ballina winning the boys u-14 singles. However, Ger was unsuccessful to Brian Carroll from Meath in the All-Ireland semi-final. Ger's sister Tracy, also won the u-16 singles provincial title but had to give way to the eventual winner, Patricia Doyle from Wicklow in the All-Ireland semi-final. Marian Coleman from Ballina and Danielle O'Connell from Hollyford teamed up to take the u-15 doubles title and having won their All-Ireland semi-final in Loughlinstown, County Kilkenny, by beating Tanya O'Toole and Katie Rafferty from Wexford were unlucky to lose out in the final to Aideen Ní Dhonncha and Karen Hynes, Roscommon. The u-13 singles title went to Karen Collins from Ballina but All-Ireland championships are not held for this age group.

Our 60x30 season looked very promising, winning 11 Munster titles in the following grades:

Junior singles: Paul Mullins (Clonmel).

Junior doubles: Paul Mullins and Jimmy Mullins (Clonmel).

Masters B singles: Pat Griffin, Youghalarra.

Silvermasters A singles: Willie Fitzgib-

bon (Tipperary Town).

Silvermasters A doubles: Willie Fitzgibbon, Tipperary Town / Gerry Spillane (Clonmel).

Golden Masters 'B' singles: Tom Kinnane (Tipperary Town).

Golden Masters 'A' singles: Pakie Mullins (Clonmel).

Golden Masters 'A' doubles: Pakie Mullins and Sean Doyle (Clonmel).

Emerald Masters 'B' singles: Eddie Sheeran, Lahorna.

Diamond Masters 'B' singles: Michael Hogan (Nenagh).

Diamond Masters 'B' doubles: Michael Hogan (Nenagh); Willie Maher (Lahorna).

We were unsuccessful at the All-Ireland semi-final stages with the exception of the junior doubles, golden masters 'A' doubles, Emerald Masters 'B' singles and the Diamond Masters 'B' doubles.

Michael Hogan and Willie Maher beat Kildare's Seamus O'Brien and Billy Gobbett in the All-Ireland semi-finals but they lost to Seamus O'Donnell and Pádraig Maye of Sligo in the All-Ireland final.

Eddie Sheeran from Lahorna achieved All-Ireland success in the Emerald Masters 'B' singles by defeating Billy King from

Carlow in the semi-final and Brendan Carey from Sligo in the All-Ireland final played at Croke Park. Pakie Mullins and Seán Doyle were going for two in a row in the Golden Masters 'A' doubles and achieved their goal by beating Tom Derrig and Matt Coady from Mayo in the All-Ireland final. This game was played in Mullingar and it was a family affair for the Mullins with Pakie's son, Paul, partnered by his uncle Jimmy beating the Mayo pairing of Paul Flynn and Pádraig Gaffney in the junior doubles final. This was the third occasion that a junior doubles cup was brought back to Clonmel, the previous occasions being 1978 with Tom Morrissey and Noel O'Brien and in 1982 with Eddie Farrell and Billy Mullins.

Ger Coonan from Ballina went all the way in the u-14 singles 60x30 by defeating Chris Doolin from Roscommon in the All-Ireland final. Ger had earlier beaten Brian Carroll from Meath in the All-Ireland semi-final and this was sweet revenge for Ger as Brian had beaten him in the 40x20 semi-final. This was due reward for Ger who despite his youth is a seasoned campaigner in handball circles as the following achievements in his handball career to date outlines:

1995

Co. Champion u-10 singles 40x20.
Co. Champion u-10 singles 60x30.

1996

Co. Champion u-10 singles 40x20.
Co. Champion u-11 singles 60x30.
Munster champion u-12 singles 40x20.
Munster champion u-12 singles 60x30.
Member of u-12/u-13 40x20 & 60x30 Munster winning team.

1997

Co. champion u-11 singles 60x30.
Munster champion u-12 singles 60x30.
Co. champion u-11 singles 40x20.
Munster champion u-12 singles 40x20.
Member of u-12/13 40x20 All-Ireland winning team.

Cumann na Bhunscoil u-11 singles All-Ireland.

Silver Medal at Mosney in Community Games.

Runner-up in Féile na nGael.

1998

Co. champion u-12 singles 60x30.
Munster champion u-12 singles 60x30.
Co. champion u-12 singles 40x20.
Munster champion u-12 singles 40x20.
Skills Winner at Féile.
Schools champion u-13 singles.

1999

Co. champion u-14 singles 60x30.
Munster champion u-14 singles 60x30.
Co. champion u-13 singles 40x20.
Member of Irish winning team in European One Wall.
Skills winner Féile in Wexford.
Gold medal at Mosney in Community Games.

We also achieved Munster success in the All-Ireland juvenile girls with the following:

U-14 doubles: Hanna Simons and Karen Collins.

U-16 doubles: Marian Coleman and Tracy Coonan.

U-17 singles: Cliona Collins.

However the girls were unsuccessful at All-Ireland semi-final stages.

FÉILE NA nGAEL

One of the highlights of the year was the success of the Ballina team in the Boys 60x30 Division one of Féile na nGael.

The Ballina team consisted of:

Ger Coonan.
Thomas Grace.
Declan Kennedy.
Fergal Collins.
Anthony Kennedy.

They defeated a strong team from Mothel, Co. Kilkenny, in the final. Ger Coonan was also the Skills Winner in Féile and it was the third successive year for Ger to achieve this honour and in doing so made a little bit of history as this had never been achieved before. Well done Ger.

Ballina had reached the final of Féile in previous years but had to be content with a runners-up place. However, they persevered and this year the club has been rewarded for the efforts put in by the members in promoting juvenile handball for both boys and girls.

The girls team, also from Ballina, consisting of Eva McKeogh, Hannah Simons, Ciara McCarthy, Anne Marie Ryan and Stephanie Hogan reached the final stages of Féile.

INTER-CLUB

The county took all three Inter-Club 60x30 provincial championships with Clonmel taking the Junior 'B', Youghalarra being successful in the junior while Ballyporeen retained their open title.

The Clonmel team consisted of:

Adrian Johnston,
Anthony Moynihan,
Dessie Gunne,
Pádraig Kavanagh,



Willie Maher, R.I.P., Michael Hogan, Diamond Masters B All-Ireland Runner-up.

Joe Hill.

They lost out in the All-Ireland semi-final to the eventual winners – New Ross. This was the first year that some of the team took part in inter-county competitions and will be back next year to go a step further.

The Ballyporeen team consisted of:

Pat Ryan,
Billy McCarthy,
Eddie Corbett,
John Corbett.

They had to give second best to St. Mary's of Wexford in the open final played at Garryhill.

The Youghalarra team consisted of:

Tony Flaherty,
Pat Flaherty,
Pat Griffin,
Paul Griffin.

They beat Coolboy from Wicklow in the All-Ireland semi-final but were unable to fulfil the All-Ireland final against Brackey of Tyrone due to holiday commitments. The game was awarded to Brackey and despite an appeal by the County Board, the decision of the handball council stood and Youghalarra had to be content with a runners-up medal without actually having played in the final. This was a huge disappointment to the team members. I hope that next year will bring them better fortune in this competition.

IRISH NATIONALS

Waterford Crystal again continued their sponsorship for the 40x20 Irish Nationals and the following Tipperary Players supported this prestigious event:

Tony Flaherty (Youghalarra),
Pat Ryan (Ballyporeen),
Desmond Kelly (Ballinahinch),
Michael Carroll (Ballinahinch),
Danielle O'Connell (Hollyford),
John Ryan (Hollyford),
John Lee (Roscrea),
James Kennedy (Silvermines),
Ger Coonan (Ballina).

Our most successful competitors were: Tony Flaherty and Pat Ryan in the Masters 'B' singles. Pat reached the semi-finals of the competition but had to give way to Gerry Guiney from Cork, but Tony gained sweet revenge by beating Gerry in the



Karen Collins, silver medalist in Féile Skills with Handball President Peter Carter

final.

The Irish Nationals is now our number 1 tournament and I hope that the players will continue to support this which is being sponsored again in 2001 by Waterford Crystal.

HARDBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

We had three entrants in the junior hardball singles championship with Martin Maher from Silvermines, John Lee from Roscrea and Pat Ryan from Ballyporeen. These players were joined by Michael Gleeson, Ballina; John McQuaid from Roscrea and John Corbett from Ballyporeen in the junior hardball doubles. Martin Maher and Michael Gleeson reached the quarter-final stages but lost out to Dominic and Anthony Lynch from Kerry and our other players lost out at the earlier stages of the championship.

WATERFORD CRYSTAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The World Handball championships sponsored by Waterford Crystal were held in Chicago in October. Four players from the county took part in the championships.

Eddie Corbett from Ballyporeen took part in the open singles but lost out to Bob Pearse from Tennessee in a very exciting game. Eddie teams up with John O'Donoghue from Cashel in the open doubles and lost out at the quarter final stages to the eventual winners, David Chapman (California) and Danny Bell

(Canada), when John had to retire through injury. Earlier in the week John contested the over-35 singles and reached the semi-final stages only to lose out to the eventual winner Danny Armijo (New Mexico) on a score line of 21-8, 21-9.

Jim Ryan from Silvermines took part in the Golden Masters Singles and beat Art Grey from Illinois in the first round but lost out to Rick Jackiw from Canada on a score line of 21-15, 21-7. Jim teamed up with Noel Rafferty from Roscommon in the Golden Masters Doubles but came out second best to Bran Wells and David

Wells from the United States.

Michael John Meaney from Ballyporeen was our representative in the boys 17 and under singles and accounted well for himself in a field of 64 competitors.

Michael John reached the quarter-final stages of the championships and was defeated by Frank Dominguez on a score-line of 21-11, 21-11. Michael then teamed up with Seamus Lavin from Waterford in the one wall doubles and reached the semi-final stages but again they were defeated by Frank Dominguez and his partner Emmet Peixoto from California.



Girls Féile Team 2000 – Back, Hannah Simons, Paddy Collins (coach), Ciara McCarthy, Ann Marie Ryan. Front: Eva McKeogh, Karen Collins, Stephanie Hogan.



A group of Kilruane MacDonagh's supporters predict John Leahy's contribution to the Munster SHC final against Cork at Thurles.

Tipperary County Champions

(NOT IN LAST YEAR'S YEARBOOK)

The Boherlahan-Dualla team that won the County Junior 'B' Football Title (1999) by defeating Silvermines in the final at Templeuohy.

Back row (l.-r.): Ger Flanagan, David Maher, Denis Leamy, Jason Cunningham, Conor Gleeson, Karl Walsh, Albert Maher.
Front row: David Bourke, Robert Power (captain), David Maher, J. P. Ferncombe, Laurence Hickey, Joseph Tobin, Tony Lacey, William Hickey.



Cappawhite – County Under-21 H.C. 'A' Champions 1999

Front row (l.-r.): Matthew Kennedy, Cian Creedon, Denis Tierney, Paddy Julian, Shane McDermott, Stephen Grisewood, Thomas Costelloe, Richard Barry, Niall Riail, William O'Neill, John Paul Burke, Eugene O'Neill, Robert Fitzgerald.
Back row (l.-r.): Pat O'Neill (selector), Finbar O'Neill, Ger Ryan (P), Jason Maguire, Pat Fahy, John Ryan (P), John Coyle, George Furlong, James McCarthy, Sean Ryan, Damien O'Neill, Anthony O'Neill (selector), John O'Neill (selector).

Fethard – County Junior Football Championship 'A' Winners 1999

Front row (l.-r.): Paul Hackett, Brendan Brett, Alan Phelan, John Hurley, Michael Ryan, Mikie Aherne, Glen Burke, Keith Woodlock, Michael Fitzgerald.
Back row (l.-r.): P. J. Aherne, Bobby Ryan, Kenny Hackett, Michael McCormack, Paddy Cooney, Michael Carroll, Kenneth Byrnes, Shay Ryan, John Kelly, Karl Maher, Ian Kenrick.



Golden/Kilfeacle – County Under-21 Hurling 'A' Champions 1998

Front row (l.-r.): Jim Fogarty (chairman), Ivor Hanrahan, Aidan Fogarty, Kevin McCarthy, Shane Stapleton, Michael Carr, Ned Ryan, Michael Stapleton, Jason Collins, Mark Bargary, Seamus Carr.
Back row (l.-r.): John Ryan (selector), Con Cash, Richard Walsh, Michael Sherlock, Aidan O'Sullivan, Damien Fogarty, James Tierney, Anthony Ryan, David Fogarty, John Colohan, Ger Looby (Capt.), Gerard Fogarty, P. J. Collins, Sean Carr, - Stapleton.

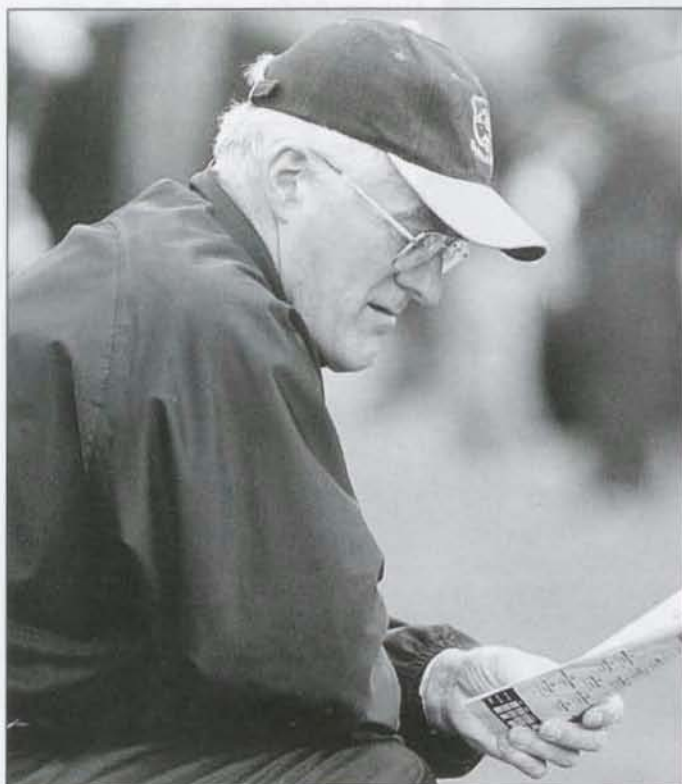


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The Moycarkey-Borris panel that won the County Under-21 'B' Hurling Final (1999) at Nenagh, beating Kildangan.

Back row (l.-r.): Eamonn Ryan, Francis Ryall, Rick Quigley, Michael Healy, Robert Doran, Tom Kelly, Donncha Hennessy, John Butler, Conor Bannon, Matthew Shortall, Nicholas Hogan, Paudie Doran, Kevin O'Regan.
Front row: Pat Carey, Colm Ryan, Ken Ryan, John Kelly, William Dempsey, Eoin Butler, Michael Hassett (capt.), Paul Dempsey, Colm Ryan, Conor Butler.

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Carrick Swan – County Intermediate Football Champions 1999

Back row: Alan P. Ryan, Jim Bourke, Adrian Walsh, William Barrett, Kieran McGuire, James Walsh, Michael Walsh, Mark O'Halloran.
Front row: Kevin O'Shea, Gerry Walsh, Brian Barry, Willie Murphy, Martin Harrigan, James Connolly, Benny Hahessey.



Checking out the opposition – county secretary Michael O'Brien checks the Galway line-out for familiar names prior to the intermediate hurling All-Ireland final at Birr.



Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Kickhams supporters (l. to r.): Kenneth Horgan, A. N. Other and Daniel Kennedy photographed prior to the West S.H.C. final at Golden in which Kickhams played Cappawhite. Kenneth is a nephew of Brian Horgan, a member of the Kickham's team.

Nollaig Shona dár léitheoirí

Any Chance of a Ticket?

By James Holohan

Since the foundation of the G.A.A. the games have been an integral part of our parish. Often a man's rating would be gauged on how he was able to swing the caman. When Pat O'Leary started out with the juveniles, many shrewd observers felt that he had "the makings". During the intervening years he often played in grades beyond his tender age. He played Minor and U-21 for the county but unfortunately they were lean times.

In this Millennium year Pat got a few runs in the National League and acquitted himself well. It was a proud moment for our Club when he was handed the Number 10 jersey for the first round of the Munster Championship. Like all big matches it was all ticket. This meant a busy time for the Secretary Tom Maher as demand for tickets was unprecedented. Pat's exploits were making headlines and each match the team won increased the demand for tickets and caused further headaches for Tom. The All-Ireland final now beckoned. Pat's achievements brought great joy to the Club and it captured the imagination of the Parish and surrounding area. Blue and Gold flags were everywhere. The business community and most houses were also to the fore with many ideas complemented in the county colours. Everybody said they were going to Croke Park for the Final come hell or high water. Each time Tom heard those comments it sent a shiver down his spine.

Some ten days before the Final Tom put up the usual notices reminding members to put in their names for tickets before the deadline. Immediately his phone started to hop, some demands were excessive, families were coming home from the USA. Tom's Bank Manager was trying to win over a prospective client and told him that a ticket would likely do the trick. Councillor John Ryan was quick to remind him of a favour he had done for him last year and it was now pay back time. Tom swears that he never saw him at a hurling match in his life. Each time he returned home his wife Helen was after adding further names to the list.

The first Monday of each month was reserved for Club meetings. The usual card went out for the September meeting. A hastily arranged away fixture delayed proceedings. Chairman, Mick Connolly called order at 9.45 with a near full attendance. The minutes were read and most items on the agenda were disposed of with the minimum of fuss – the only contentious issue was the request for the use of the pitch for a rock



No problem with tickets! In Dublin for the SHC All-Ireland quarter-final between Tipperary and Galway were (l. to r.), Maeve Kennedy, Pauline Hctor, Noelle Killeen, Michelle Kennedy and Eimear Kennedy, all from Lorrha.

concert next May – it was decided to leave the matter over to the next meeting.

The last item on the agenda was the issuing of tickets for next Sunday's Big Match. Secretary Tom informed the meeting that we received only 65 tickets. The meagre number came in for severe criticism – the general view was that our allocation was a disgrace. The Secretary said that he received demands for 250 tickets from 160 people. It was noted that only one third of those are members while only half the players were paid up. Mick said that we would stick rigidly to the rule that only members would be considered and that he was sick and tired of players who would not pay their membership. Ned Healy said the Secretary should get two tickets as his wife washes the jerseys, organises the tea and sandwiches when the occasion arises, types the annual report and regularly writes up the list of players for games while Tom lines the field, puts up the nets and flags and on Saturday mornings can be found in the field coaching the U-14 team who have just reached the County Final.

Tom said it would be a nice gesture to give two tickets to Eamon Dillon, a former player, who is returning home after two years of duty with the United Nations. What the cute Tom conveniently omitted to say was that he wanted the two tickets for Matt Keating who recently did an extension to his (Tom's) house – a show of hands decided against it.

Treasurer, Tony Nagle declined his

ticket. His pub is a mecca for all G.A.A. followers and he said that with the demise of the holy hour, there would be a big crowd staying to watch the match on the big screen and anyway most of his staff would be gone to Dublin.

Next was a request from Fr. Denis Murphy, who was home on holidays from the African Missions. The Chairman said that he would love to do so but on this occasion he would have to let his head rule his heart. A nod here and a wink there suggested that Mick would look after him. It should be pointed out that Mick is quite a popular figure. He is on good terms with the County Chairman and it is believed that he gets a few tickets for his own use. The parish priest, Fr. Duggan is thought to be one of the benefactors. Each year he goes to Dublin on the eve of the Final, stays with his sister and then goes on to the match. The local sergeant, Billy Hickey is likely to be another recipient. Some years ago Mick was "bagged" coming home after a game – nobody recalls any court case taking place and nobody was surprised that nothing happened.

All were unanimous when it was proposed to give a ticket to each of the Managers of the hurling and football teams as they were doing an excellent job. The chairman said Jerry Butler should also get a ticket as he did not miss an All-Ireland for 42 years and had every intention of being there on this very unique occasion despite a hip replacement some months previous. Some of the younger brigade mindful of

the dwindling allocation queried his entitlement. Mick pointed out that Jerry was a trusted and loyal servant of the club. He was secretary for 10 years in the 60's and never missed a Convention or a County Board meeting in that period.

Discontent was now setting in and to add fuel to the fire Mick's mobile rang. It was local hotelier and club sponsor Andy Brophy wanting to collect his tickets in the morning as he was going to Dublin on business and would be staying over for the match Mick checked his watch which showed that it was midnight and decided to adjourn the meeting and reconvene tomorrow night at 8 p.m. and tickets would be issued afterwards.

On the way out, Mick told Tom to be there at 7.45 p.m. for a briefing – which turned out to be a futile exercise. Next morning, word spread quickly about the number of tickets available. When the officers and committee arrived next evening, they were accosted by a large gathering at the Clubhouse. Mick appealed for calm and said that they would deal with the matter as fair as possible.

Pat O'Leary received a number of tickets from the County Board. Coming from a large family there wasn't enough to go around and his father pleaded for just two more. Mick said the family was synonymous with Club for many decades and all agreed he should get them. There was general agreement that the remaining tickets should be raffled among the members and they were distributed accordingly.

If the Secretary thought it was mission accomplished – far from it. At lunch time on Friday Helen and himself were discussing what they would do when they reached Dublin on Saturday, when the door bell rang. Helen opened the door and on seeing Frank Roche the local School Master remembered his request for the usual two tickets on Monday but knows she forgot to write his name on the list. He had to be



Where's my ticket? Fiona Gleeson from Holycross, in Dublin for the SHC All-Ireland quarter-final against Galway, keeps in touch.

accommodated for his promotion of hurling in the school. Tom wondered would he tell him the truth but felt he had little option but to hand over his own two. When Frank was gone an apologetic Helen looked at an ashen faced Tom and said she would stay at home and watch the match on T.V. and that he might succeed in picking up a ticket in Dublin. Later in the evening, Matt Keating rang about his request. A disconsolate Tom told him that there was little hope but that he was "still looking".

After a sleepless night Tom got a call from the County Secretary early on Saturday morning stating that a number of tickets had been returned from the North. With a spring in his step Tom duly collected four tickets from the Secretary's home. On his way out he was

spotted by an eagle eyed club member who was unsuccessful in the draw – the word was out and his phone started to ring. Cunningly, Tom put a message on his phone stating that Helen and himself were away until Monday and with a sigh of relief turned the key in the door and headed for Dublin. On Saturday night they headed for a pub where the Tipperary people usually meet.

Lo and Behold, the first person he met was the ticketless Matt Keating. The bould Matt, by now a little inebriated put his arms around Tom and said "Ye never let me down yet". Tom was a happy man and he duly handed over the two precious bits of paper and felt he was the most popular man in town.

On Sunday morning the village woke up to a carnival atmosphere. The bright autumn sunshine added to the occasion. There was a surge of Blue and Gold favours as the coach pulled up outside Tony Nagle's pub. Many of those travelling had no tickets but were going on the off-chance of getting a ticket in Dublin. A big cheer went up on the arrival of the lads with the banner which read – "Do it for the little village Pat". As Tony closed his door – Hey where is Sergeant Billy now?? the coach rolled out to a crescendo of cheers in unison with the blaring of horns of the early morning Mass-goers.

On arrival in Dublin, there was a great air of excitement. The sight of Pat running on to the pitch was so special for all in his parish. He was having a fine game and scored two points. With a few minutes to go, the teams were level. Tom got this horrible feeling – what if it's a draw – more tickets. At that moment, Pat showing fierce determination as if he had seen the banner in the stand, gathered the ball and put it sailing over the bar. The final whistle sounded and the never ending celebrations were about to begin while thoughts of tickets were banished for another year.



G.A.A. president Joe McDonagh with Ter O'Neill who is the last surviving founder member of the Newcastle Club

Newcastle honour Frank Hallinan

In January 2000, G.A.A. President, Joe McDonagh, unveiled a plaque in honour of the late Frank Hallinan, who was a founder member and life-long president of the club.

Also honoured were the surviving members of the 1949 junior hurling team

that won the first South championship for the club. They were: Fr. Sean Nugent, Billy Mulcahy, Bill O'Keeffe, Con O'Dwyer, John Loneragan, Ned Fitzpatrick, Christy O'Neill, Paddy Shortis, Mattie Nugent and Pat O'Dwyer. They each received a presentation from the club.

County Tipperary Scór

Nora Troy (P.R.O.)

Coiste Scór Thiobraid Árann had a good season in 1999/2000 with very good participation in the three competitions especially in Scór na bPaiste. It is wonderful to see the talent displayed by our Primary School children, we hope their enthusiasm and talent will carry over to Scór na nÓg and Sinséar.

County final of Scór na nÓg in Cashel on 10th December was a very enjoyable night, the programme ran smoothly in capable hands of Fear a Tí, Michael Corcoran, Seán Treacys. There was a fairly even spread of clubs from the four divisions. The winners went into Munster and three representatives going onto All-Ireland in Athlone on 26th February, where they did us proud. Anna M. Kavanagh and Borrisoleigh Set were unlucky but the Upperchurch Novelty Act emerged victorious on the day.

The final of Scór Sinséar in February should have been better supported by the clubs as the hall is big, there was plenty of room. It was a good enjoyable show especially the Novelty Acts, very professionally run off by Bean a Tí Joan Ryan, Upperchurch.

The jewel in the crown the Scór na bPaiste final in Cashel at end of March, all categories being hotly contested, there was talent in abundance on stage that night, it was unbelievable that the competitors were so young.

While winning is a bonus really it is the participation that matters and the socialising and friends you make over the years.

Two buses of supporters travelled to Belfast on April 29th for All-Ireland Scór Sinséar with Golden Novelty Act and Cappawhite Set Dancers, who performed brilliantly, on another night they could easily have succeeded, better luck next season. After the initial disappointment, there was great fun in the hotels overnight where the ceol agus craic went on to early hours.

On 12th May Coiste Scór Thiobraid Árann held a celebratory meal for the All-Ireland winners of Novelty Act – Upperchurch/Drombane in Donal Younge's, The Ragg, where they were presented with a special plaque. We thank members of Golden Novelty Act, Cappawhite Set Dancers and the Borrisoleigh Club for their support at this event, which was much appreciated, also the Greenes who are always on hand when we need them for which we are very grateful.

At our annual general meeting on Tuesday, 17th October in Park Ave., it was with disappointment we learned that Jim Keane, cathaoirleach and Maira Morrissey, runaf, were not seeking re-election, due to other commitments, Jim Keane praised Maria as a very efficient secretary over the last five years who made his job

County Winners	Scór na nÓg	Scór Sinséar	Scór na bPaiste
Rince Foirne	Borrisoleigh	Borrisoleigh	Borrisoleigh
Amhránaíocht Aonair	Borrisoleigh	Borrisoleigh	JK Brackens
Ceol Uirlise	Silvermines	Seán Treacy's	Clonoulty/Rossmore
Nuachleas	Upperchurch/ Drombane	Golden	Newport
Trath na gCeist	Sean Treacys	Moycarkey/Borris	Drom/Inch
Aithriseoireacht	Silvermines	Loughmore/C'iney	Moycarkey
Bailéad Ghrúpa	Portroe	Moyle Rovers	Boherlahan
Rince Set	Borrisoleigh	Cappawhite	Borrisoleigh
Munster Winners		Munster Winners	
Solo Song, Borrisoleigh		Nuachleas Golden	
Nuachleas, Upperchurch		Rince Set Cappawhite	
Rince Set, Borrisoleigh			
All-Ireland			
Nuachleas Upperchurch.			



Burgess quiz team – Scór na bPaiste, North Champions and placed 2nd in county final. From left: Denis Kearns, Alan Reid and Liam O'Donoghue



Moycarkey Borris – winners Mid & County Scór Sinséar Tráth na gCeist (from left): P. Cooney, Chairman Mid Scór; Sean Ryan, Joe Moran and John Flanagan.

so easy, wished her good luck, especially in her current position as cisteoir of County Board. Seamus McGrath, Newcastle, our delegate to Munster, paid tribute to Jim, who brought a flair of his own to Scór, all our meetings were so enjoyable, sorry he had to leave, wished him all the best in his business, Seamus then welcomed the cathaoirleach, Johnny Delaney, wished him luck in his new position.

Elected officers for 2001 – Cathaoirleach John Delaney, (JK Brackens); leasathaoirleach, Paudie Quirke (outgoing) (Golden); runaí, left over till next meeting; asst. secretary, Nuala O’Gorman (Sean Treacy’s); cisteoir, Dan Madden (outgoing) (Templeberry); P.R.O., Nora Troy (Thurles Sarsfields); delegates to Munster, Joan Ryan (Upperchurch) and Seamus McGrath (Newcastle).

On Friday 21st July Scór na Mumhan honoured all munster winners in Kilcoran Lodge Hotel, Cahir, which included Scór na nÓg Novelty Act All Ireland winners in 1999/2000 season, also Scór Sinsear Munster winners Novelty Act from Golden and Cappawhite Set team. A very enjoyable night with presentations to everyone. The Greenes also attended this function.

Best wishes to Mary Murphy (Newcastle) who is the new Scór secretary in the county.

MID TIPPERARY SCÓR

Nora Troy (P.R.O.)

We had a very busy 1999/2000 season. Scór na nÓg and Scór na bPaistí were well supported, but we were disappointed that the same enthusiasm does not extend to Scór Sinsear.

We had a good Scór na nÓg competition with a great final in Templetuohy on 5th December with Gortnahoe/Glengoole – Rince Foirme, JK Brackens – Question Time and Rince Set – Moyne/Templetuohy – Solo Song and Ballad Group – Loughmore in Ceoil Uirlise, Upperchurch in Novelty Act and Boherlahan in Recitation, going to Cashel on 10th Dec. to represent the division in county final, but despite good performances on the night only the Novelty Act from Upperchurch went on to Munster. We were thrilled when this young group won the All-Ireland in Athlone R.T.C. in February. Later in the season County Scór had a celebration party in Younge’s (The Ragg) presenting them with a special plaque.

Seven clubs were represented in one night Mid Final of Scór Sinsear in Clonmore on 11th February, the Mid Scór Committee welcomed the return of Thurles Sarsfields after an absence of some years, we hope they will continue to participate. The following clubs represented us in the county final in Premier Hall on 25th February – Rince Foirme, Upperchurch; Solo Song, Instrumental

	Scór na nÓg	Scór sinsear	Scór na bPaistí
Rince Foirme	Gortnahoe/ Glengoole	Upperchurch/ Drombane	Drom/Inch
Amhranaoicht Aonair	Moyne/ Templetuohy	JK Brackens	JK Brackens
Ceol Uirlise	Loughmore	JK Brackens	Durlas Óg
Nuachleas	Upperchurch/ Drombane	Moyne/ Templetuohy	Loughmore/ Castleiney
Aithriseoireacht	Boherlahan/ Duala	Loughmore	Moycarkey
Bailéad Ghrúpa	Moyne/ Templetuohy	JK Brackens	Boherlahan/ Duala
Rince Seit	JK Brackens	JK Brackens	JK Brackens



Roseanna Purcell, Moycarkey-Borris, winner Mid & County Scór na bPaistí Aithriseoireacht.



Niamh Chadwick (Burgess), who was Solo Song Section, in the North Tipperary Scór na bPaistí final.

Music, Ballad Group and Rince Set – J.K. Brackens; Trath na gCeist – Moycarkey/Borris, who just pipped Sarsfields; Recitation – Loughmore; Nuachleas – Moyne/Templetuohy. The Moycarkey Question Time team went to Munster semi-final in Sixmilebridge, but were unlucky on the night. Richard Brennan, Loughmore, went to Munster Final in Clonmel on 1st of April, where despite a great performance was unlucky not to get to the All-Ireland.

We had three good nights of Scór na bPaistí with a very enjoyable Mid final in Drom on the 16th of March from the following clubs, who went on to the county final in Cashel on 31st March. Drom/Inch – Rince Foirme; Question Time – JK Brackens, Solo Song and Rince Set, Durlas Óg; Ceol Uirlise – Loughmore-Castleiney; Nuachleas – Moycarkey; Recitation – Boherlahan; Ballad Group; where they did their clubs and division proud. Drom/Inch took county honours in Question Time and were second in Rince Foirme. Nicole Joyce, JK Brackens won the Solo Song; Roseanne Purcell, Moycarkey, got the nod in the Recitation and Boherlahan – Baile Grúpa won also.

We would like to thank the host clubs over the season and their helpers on competition nights. We are grateful to everyone who helped to put the shows on stage, especially the parents and teachers in the junior competitions.

Thanks to our sponsors – Mid Board, Thurles Credit Union, Donal Younge, The Ragg, Thurles A.C.C., Tivoli Cleaners, Grants and Kinanes, Publicans, Upperchurch, Moycarkey Club, Lycon Auto Spares.

A word of appreciation to Michael Dundon, Editor and staff of local paper “The Tipperary Star” for their courtesy and help.

Elected officers for 2000/01. Cathaoirleach Paddy Cooney, Moycarkey; Leas Cathaoirleach, Martin Kennedy, Drom; Runaí, Margaret O’Connell, Moycarkey; Asst. Secretary, Noel Joyce, JK Brackens; Cisteoir and O.C.P. Nora Troy, Sarsfields; Asst. Treasurer, Mick Troy, Moyne.

Our Secretary, Breda Corcoran for past eight years had to retire due to personal commitments. Paddy Cooney praised Breda as a very efficient secretary, thanked her for her work over the years and wished her luck, we are all very sorry Breda had to leave us.

SCÓR



Upperchurch-Drombane All-Ireland Scór na nÓg Champions 2000 Novelty Act – Back row – Mary Harrington, Eamonn Fogarty, Martin Bourke, Pádraig Stapleton, Joe McDonagh. Front row – Colm Stapleton, Deirdre Grant, Patricia Clancy, Paul Ryan, Mairead Ralph.



Borrisoleigh Scór na bPaiste Ballad Group North Winners. L. to r. – Emma Treacy, Mary Bradshaw, Marie Ryan, Elaine Stapleton, Elaine Maher.



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Borrisoleigh Senior Scór Solo Singer Co. North Winners.
Back (l. to r.) – Declan Maher, Pierce Ryan, Martin Maher, Thomas Walsh.
Front (l. to r.) – Helen Carroll, Julie Ryan, Michelle Maher, Sinéad Stapleton.



Borrisoleigh Scór na nÓg Solo Singer All-Ireland finalist Ann-Marie Kavanagh.



Borrisoleigh Senior Scór Solo Singer Co. Winner Marie Ryan.



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Portroe North and County Ballad Group Winners 2000 in Scór na nÓg.
Sheena Richardson, Corina Lawlor, Lisa Hickey, Lynn Slattery, Elaine Ryan, Pamala Madden (coach).

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All-Ireland finalists, Borrisoleigh Scór na nÓg Set Dancers: Philip Ryan (coach), Martin Treacy, Pauric Maher, Mick Fahy, Peter Ryan. Front – Ann Ryan, Deirdre Bradshaw, Mairead Maher, Elaine Stapleton.



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Borrisoleigh Senior Scór Figure Dancers Co. Winners: L. to r.: Aileen Óg Groomes, Thomas Walsh, Helen Carroll, Declan Maher, Carol Bradshaw, Martin Maher, Margeurite Ryan, Seamus Farrell.



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Borrisoleigh Scór na nÓg Figure Dancers. Back (l. to r.) – Philip Ryan (coach), Mick Fahy, Brendan Maher, Jody Harkin, Peter Ryan, Mary Maher (club chairperson). Front: Pauline O'Brien, Emma Treacy, Maura Bradshaw, Bríd Harty.



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Borrisoleigh Senior Scór Ballad Group North Winners. L. to r.: Noel Maher, Tony Madden, Dave Carter, John Kelly, Michael Lynch.



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Borrisoleigh Scór na bPaiste Figure Dancers Co. Winners: Back (l. to r.): Deirdre Bradshaw (coach), Elaine Stapleton, Mary Bradshaw, Deirbhile O'Mahony, Gemma Ryan. Front (l. to r.): Maria Ryan, Jill Chadwick, Catherine Bradshaw, Gemma Mockler.



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Borrisoleigh Scór na bPaiste Set Dancers County Winners. Philip Ryan (coach). Back Row (l. to r.): Brendan Maher, Mary Bradshaw, Toby Kavanagh, Bríd Harty. Front (l. to r.): Catherine Bradshaw, Jill Chadwick, Pauline O'Brien, Marie Ryan.

Tipperary players on the Munster and National Millennium teams

by Seamus J. King

JIMMY FINN

Jimmy Finn was chosen at right half-back on the Munster Millennium hurling team. An outstanding player from the Borrisoleigh club he first revealed his talents when playing for Thurles CBS with whom he won Croke Cup and Dean Ryan Cup medals before losing out to Flannan's in the 1948 Harty Cup final. In the same year he played county minor, beaten by a superb Waterford team in the Munster final. A year later he really came to the notice of hurling followers when he mastered the Kilkenny ace, Dick O'Neill, in the All-Ireland minor final.

Graduating to senior ranks in the 1949-50 National League, he won his first medal in that competition, as well as a trip to New York. Further medals were won in 1952, 1954, 1955, 1957 and 1959. Railway Cup medals were won in 1957 and 1958.

On the panel for the 1950 senior championship he was promoted to right half-back for the All-Ireland against Kilkenny. He won a second medal against Wexford in 1951 when, at nineteen years and captain of the team, he received the McCarthy Cup in the old Hogan Stand. This brilliant success was to be followed by frustrating defeat and it wasn't until 1958 that he won his third medal against Galway.

During these years he also gave sterling service to his club. He made his senior debut in 1948 when Borrisoleigh lost the north final to Lorrha. County success came in 1949 against Kickhams and further finals were won in 1950 and 1953.

He played most of his hurling at wing-back and was selected in that position on the *Sunday Independent/Irish Nationwide/G.A.A. Hurling 'Team of the Century'* in 1984. He was regarded as the closest of makers, described as adhesive as glue. He dogged the footsteps of a forward with fierce concentration, waiting to time his baulk or his pull. 'Quicker than most in reaction from a clash, he was onto the 'break' like a hawk prancing on his prey, and his burst through to clear was a regularly thrilling sight in the fifties'.

In June 1959 his career came to an end in a match between Borrisoleigh and Roscrea. By an unlucky accident he was struck in the eye by the corner of an opponent's hurley. Fortunately the injury wasn't as serious as it might have been but it ended the career of a player who had given over a decade's service



Munster Millennium team presentations, Silversprings Hotel, Cork, September 15, 2000. Back row (l. to r.): Con Hogan, Michael O'Brien, John Ryan, Liam O'Donnchú, Seamus McCarthy, Anne Myles, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly, Dr. Dermot Clifford, Breda Longergan, Nellie Frawley, Michael Frawley. Front: Patsy Myles, Peter Savage, Packie Brennan, Millennium team; Peggy Brennan, Aidan McNamara, John James Longergan.

to Borrisoleigh and Tipperary. He was still but twenty-eight years of age.

TONY REDDIN

Tony Reddin was arguably the greatest goalkeeper of the twentieth century. There is no scientific way in which it can be proven but it is the opinion of many who saw him play and who saw the other contenders for the title of the greats. There are no independent criteria by which his ability to stop a sliothar can be compared with that of other goalkeepers but his catching and clearing ability, his agility on either side, his lightning reflexes, his sensitive touch which enabled him to kill even the fastest ball dead and the sharpness of his eyesight, all combined to make him a joy to watch, a saviour to his team and a source of frustration to his opponents.

Born in Mullagh in 1919 he played with the club and county before crossing the Shannon in 1947 to work in Lorrha. He soon made his presence felt and his advent to the parish helped Lorrha to win their first divisional senior title in 1948 after a lapse of twenty-four years. He was to win a second medal in 1956.

As a result of his exploits with Lorrha he was picked for the county in the 1948-1949 National League. He won his first league medal in the spring of 1949 and was to win five further medals in 1950, 1952, 1954, 1955 and 1957. He got two trips to the U.S., in 1950 and 1957.

His first championship appearance was against Limerick in May 1949. He was then over thirty years of age and was to be a regular on the team until

1956. During this time he won three Munster and three All-Ireland medals, in 1949, 1950 and 1951. He was picked for Ireland, the equivalent of the All-Stars, on five occasions and won four cups, in 1952, 1953, 1954 and 1956.

His other achievements included eight Monaghan Cup titles between 1949-1956, and five Railway Cup medals in 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953 and 1955. He was picked on the Team of the Century in 1984, the Millennium team in 2000 and the Munster and Tipperary Millennium teams. He won Knockagow Awards in 1996 and 2000.

Tony Reddin has gained an unassailable place in the pantheon of great hurlers. His natural ability allied with his dedication to training and preparation made him unique among his peers.

JOHN DOYLE

It is little wonder that John Doyle received a decisive vote for the left corner-back position on the *Sunday Independent/Irish Nationwide/G.A.A. Hurling Team of the Century*. If for nothing else he was surely deserving of it for the sheer longevity of his career with the Tipperary senior hurling team. This career lasted nineteen seasons from 1949 when he came on the team as a nineteen and a half-year old until 1967 when he walked off the field for the last time after the All-Ireland against Kilkenny.

But there was much more than longevity attached to Doyle. He held his place on the Tipperary team at a time when the county was on the crest

of a hurling wave and was the dominant team in the hurling world. He won outstanding honours in the game. He achieved records that have never been equalled. His level of fitness and his commitment to training were such that he never failed to be picked during that period and he was never replaced during a game. It can truly be said of him he was a colossus in an age of gigantic men.

He played for three years as a county minor before graduating to senior ranks. He lost an All-Ireland minor final to Dublin in 1946, won a medal against Galway in 1947 and was beaten by a great Waterford team in the Munster final of 1948.

Once he got his place on the senior team he was to last longer than any of his contemporaries. He won All-Irelands with the three-in-a-row team in 1949, 1950 and 1951, a further one in 1958 and was a stalwart on the great team of the sixties which won four titles in 1961, 1962, 1964 and 1965. His record of eight All-Ireland senior medals, shared with Christy Ring, is testimony of greatness for the Holycross man. During the same period he lost two All-Ireland finals, in 1960 and 1967.

During the same period he set a record for National League medals, winning eleven in all. These were won in 1949, 1950, 1952, 1954, 1955 when he captained the side, 1957, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1964 and 1965. During this time he also won a half a dozen Railway Cup medals. He won a county senior hurling final with Holycross-Ballycahill in 1954 and captained Tipperary in the following year. He won the Texaco Hurler of the Year award in 1964. He won Oireachtas medals in 1949, 1960, 1961, 1963, 1964 and 1965. He won a Thomond Feis medal in 1951 and numerous Monaghan Cup medals. It's a record that will never be equalled.

JIMMY DOYLE

According to the *Culbaire*, Jimmy Doyle was an interesting technical study. To watch him was to see an artist at work. His light, sensitive grip on the stick enabled him to stop the fast ball dead, hold it a split second on the blade and double it away. To do that under the stress of serious issues at stake and the likelihood of a heavy charge or merciless blockdown took extreme coolness and courage. Not for him the slow laborious pick-up that gave defences scope to get in; a turn of the wrist had the ball on the way. Nobody passed the ball better. With precise 'weight' he slipped the ball ahead of the receiver, giving that player every advantage to continue to complete the movement. One rare refinement he occasionally introduced was to apply 'side' to the ball to make it stay in the proper area. Elusiveness was

another powerful talent of his. 'You think you have him in reach of a tackle but he just fades away and leaves you', was how Mick Cashman described him.

Jimmy Doyle is unique in the number of All-Irelands he played. Between 1954 and 1971, a period of eighteen seasons, he played in thirteen All-Irelands. He started as a brilliant minor in 1954 playing in goals and losing the All-Ireland to Dublin. He followed up with three victories in 1955, 1956 and 1957.

In the latter year he made his debut with the senior side and won the first of his six senior All-Irelands in 1958. The others were to follow in 1961, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1971. All-Irelands were lost in 1960, 1967 and 1968.

National League medals were won in 1959, 1960, 1961, 1964, 1965, 1968. Railway Cup medals came his way in 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1963, 1966, 1968, 1969, 1970. He won Oireachtas medals in 1960, 1961, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1968, 1970 and 1972.

His record with the Sarsfields was equally impressive. Brought in as a sub in the mid final of 1956 he went on to win the county and was part of that great Sarsfields era which won all the finals up to 1965 with the exception of 1960. Jimmy made up for the loss by winning a county football title with the Crokes in the same year. He was to make it eleven senior hurling championships when the Sarsfields won once again in 1974.

In spite of all his achievements Jimmy remains a very modest person, inclined to state he was lucky to have so many good hurlers around him. But those that knew him are only too well aware that his own contribution was immense and that many victories at club and county level during his career would never have been achieved without him.

PACKIE BRENNAN by Hugh Kennedy

Packie Brennan was born in Ardfinnan in 1927, the younger of a family of 2 boys.

When Packie was in primary school, organised school games were non-existent, and games were confined to challenge or friendly games. At that time there was no organisation of juvenile games at club or parish level. Nonetheless Packie learned and perfected the skills of football on the local "Green" a playing field wedged in between the village and the river Suir and most houses in the village looked out on the grounds.

When he completed primary schools Packie continued his studies in the Cistercian College, Mount Melleray which then had a residential secondary school. The school did not pay in inter-school competitions but played an amount of hurling and football within the college. During summer holidays from school Packie played minor foot-

ball at club level and in 1945 the Ardfinnan players played with Cahir minor football team. In that year also Packie played with the Tipperary minor team beaten by Cork in Dungarvan in the Munster championship.

He played hurling with Ballybacon/Grange and won a junior championship with them. He played senior football with Ardfinnan in 1944, 1945 and 1946 and won a Tipperary man's cup during that period.

He went to live in Dublin at that time where he took up employment with the E.S.B. He joined the Geraldine's Football Club where he teamed up with some of the greatest players of the era including Paddy Kennedy, Batt Garvey and Murt Kelly of Kerry a county that had a big connection with the club. The club colours were black and white and they were known as the Jackdaws.

In spite of the galaxy of stars their successes were few in that period. He played with Geraldines up to 1957/58. At that time also he played hurling with Civil Service and won an intermediate hurling medal with them.

He studied for a Commerce and Arts degree and H.Dip. at Trinity College and won the P.J. Duke cup with Trinity in 1951/52 when his team mates included Kevin Heffernan and Pat Market (Louth). That trophy commemorated Phil Duke the Cavan footballer who died at a young age when a student at U.C.D. and was competed for by the Universities. Packie played inter-county senior football for Tipperary from 1948 to 1954 mainly at corner forward though his preferred position was centre-forward. He also played for the Munster railway cup team from 1949 to 1954 at corner forward and was on the 1949 team which was successful. Mick Cahill and Tom Keane, both Tipperary players, were with him in that year. He was selected on the Munster Railway cup football team of all time which was selected and honoured this year. He also received a Millennium award from the E.S.B. for his sporting achievements.

He played right half forward for the Combined Universities against the Rest of Ireland, marking Jackie Lyne (Kerry) in that game.

In addition to the sporting activities outlined, Packie was a keen golfer. He has travelled widely throughout the world as far afield as Mexico and China and can speak German, Spanish, Russian and French.

He is still fit and active and is a regular attender at games which Tipperary play. He lives in Dublin with his wife Peggy whom he married in 1968 and we wish them both many years of happiness.

Church and General Cumann na mBunscol

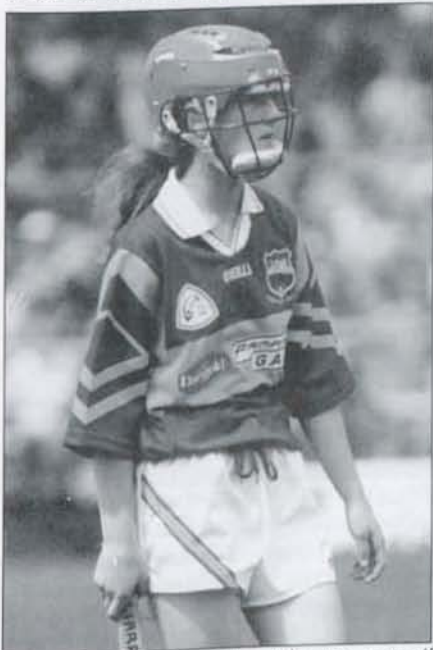


Church & General Cumann na mBunscol

The year 2000 will be remembered as a great year for Cumann na mBunscol. Our championships in both hurling and football produced some great games and the standard of games at primary level seems to be rising. The year began with our A.G.M. which saw the familiar figure of Paul Brett retire completely from all the offices he held with Cumann na mBunscol. Paul was a founder member of Cumann na mBunscol and has held every office in the organisation at one time or another. Paul was declared an Hon. Life President of Cumann na mBunscol in recognition of his tremendous contribution over the years. Changes were also made in regard to the officers, Paudie Butler took over the Chairman's seat and Jerry McDonnell took on the job of Treasurer.

HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

The hurling championship was played with fierce determination and skill illustrating the regard the competition is held in by each school. The



First for Leugh N.S. - Ciara Johnston, a pupil at Leugh N.S. (Thurles) takes part in the Primary Camogie Game at Semple Stadium prior to the Munster SHC game between Tipperary and Cork. Ciara is the first pupil to represent the school in the Primary Game at a Munster final.



The Primary School panel that played Waterford on Sunday at Páirc Uí Chaoimh, Cork. Back Row (l. to r.): Liam Bergin, P.J. Harrinton (mentors), Brian Jones, Patrick Burke, Sean Cahill, Liam O'Meara, Darrel Darcy, Matthew McGrath, Paul Egan, Tony Dunne, Brian McDonnell, Donal McCarthy, Vivian Dooley (mentors). Front Row: Michael Hogan, Niall Bergin, Joseph McLoughney, Shane Hogan, Eanna Jones, John Lambe, Johnny Ryan, Padraig White, Donacha McGrath.

county finals were held in Semple Stadium over two days and were very well supported by the schools involved. The finals provided some very tight encounters, terrific scores and individual displays. The winners on the day: Roinn A: Carrick C.B.S. 2-8, Nenagh C.B.S. 1-6; Roinn B: Upperchurch 7-2, Toomevara 0-2; Roinn C: Templederry 2-8, Grange 0-3; Roinn D: Ballingarry 1-10, Ballinree 0-3; Roinn E: Clonmore 3-4, Ballinacloy 1-2; Roinn F: Ayle 6-7, Lisnamrock 7-3; U-11 A: Carrick C.B.S. 3-5, Scoil Ailbhe 1-2; U-11 B: Inch 2-5, Upperchurch 3-1; U-11 C: Grange 3-2, Ardfinnan 1-1.

CAMOGIE

The camogie championship was well supported by schools this year with more and more schools getting involved on the back of last year's All-Ireland victory. There were three divisions in this year's games and the results were as follows: Roinn A: Portroe 5-0, Knockavilla 1-1; Roinn B: Ballylooby 2-1, Anacarty 0-0; Roinn C: St. Oliver's 1-1, Rosegreen 0-0.

THE PRIMARY GAME

The primary children in Tipperary represented their schools and county four times during the 2000 Munster Championships in both codes. On all four occasions they received fantastic support from the large attendances and the games were most entertaining. One boy chose to stay at home from his family holiday to Euro-Disney, Paris in order to play football for Tipperary in the Primary Game. The children involved view it as a great honour to play for their county, as this boy's actions revealed. The teams that lined out were:

HURLING: TIPPERARY V WATERFORD:

Michael Hogan (Silvermines); Eanna Jones (Templemore); Joseph Moloughney (Ballinree); Donnacha McGrath (Ballinahinch); John Lambe (Rathcabbin); Brian McDonnell (St. Oliver's); Mattie McGrath (Inch); Sean Cahill (Ballingarry); Sean Hogan (Carrick-on-Suir); Padraig White (Rossmore);



The Primary Game Camogie team that played their Cork counterparts on Munster SHC final day at Semple Stadium. Back Row (l. to r.): Sinead Cross (selector), Natasha Scott, Ciara O'Sullivan, Aine Shanahan, Marie Sheehy, Tara Murray, Paudie Butler (selector), Claire Bryan, Ciara Johnston, Mary Keane, Katie Kennedy, Donal McCarthy (selector). Front row: Laura Maher, Fiona Kennedy, Elaine Whelan, Mary Ryan, Olivia Holloway (mascot), Joanne Nolan, Rosanna Kenneally, Marie Ryan.

Patrick Burke (Thurles); Daryl Darcy (Kilbarron); Liam O'Meara (Kilruane); Johnny Ryan (Drom); Tony Dunne (Youghalarra); Paul Egan (Borrisokane).

HURLING: TIPPERARY V CLARE

Kevin O'Halloran (Thurles); David Patterson (Boherlahan); Kieran McGrath (Loughmore); Tommy O'Donnell (Grange); Stephen Maher (Moneygall); Martin Slattery (Carrick); Tony Cahill (St. Mary's Clonmel); Tom McGrath (Drangan); Enda Walsh (Inch); Diarmaid Cullen (Clonoulty); Ronan Sherlock (Nenagh); Tom Kennedy (Newcastle); Thomas Stapleton (Templederry); Matt Ryan (Upperchurch); Mark Ryan (Knockavilla); Michael Doyle (Clonmore); Owen Gleeson (Kiladangan).

FOOTBALL: TIPPERARY V CLARE

David Shannon, Kieran Reade, Philip Ivors, Tony Ryan, George Hannigan, Darragh Burke, Paul Ryan, Barry Cloona, Michael Doyle, Padraig O'Leary, John Condon, Johnny Cagney, Declan Rix, Neil Doyle, Donal Collins, Keith Lawrence, Daniel Keogh, Stephen Morgan.

CAMOGIE: TIPPERARY V CORK



The Tipperary panel and mentors that defeated Clare in the Primary Game football match at Pairc na nGael, Limerick. Back row (l. to r.) – Michelle Ryan (selector), David Shannon, Kieran Reade, Philip Ivors, Tony Ryan, George Hannigan, Darragh Burke, Paul Ryan, Barry Cloona, Michael Doyle, Liam O'Sullivan (selector), Fergal O'Reilly (selector). Front Row – Padraig O'Leary, John Condon, Johnny Cagney, Declan Rix, Neil Doyle, Donal Collins, Keith Lawrence, Daniel Keogh, Stephen Morgan.

Fiona Kennedy (Dunkerrin); Joanne Nolan (Cill na Naomh); Marie Ryan (Knockavilla); Ciara Johnson (Leaugh); Katie Kennedy (Rathcabbin); Natasia Scott (Ballingarry); Laura Maher (Lisnamrock); Ciara O'Sullivan (Golden); Tara Murray (Upperchurch); Elaine Whealan (Ballylooby); Marie Sheedy (Portroe); Marie Keane (Anacarty); Roseanne Kenneally (Drom); Mary

Ryan (Moneygall); Aine Shanahan (Toomevara); Clare Bryan (Littleton).

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The football championship has been hampered with bad weather since it's start. Despite this the games played have been played in good spirit. At the time of writing the games are at semi-final stages so there are no results available.

PEIL NA MBAN

The ladies championship is getting more and more popular by the year showing a welcome trend of more girls getting involved in gaelic games. The bad weather has also disrupted the fixtures and therefore there are no results available at the time of writing.

MINI-SEVENS

One of the most popular events of the year is the Mini-Sevens competition run in conjunction with the I.N.T.O. As it's only seven-a-side many of the small schools get their shot at the big time. The preliminary rounds are played off on a regional basis in a location. The following teams were pronounced county champions in 2000: Football: Lisvernane; Peil na mBan: Ballylooby; Hurling: Upperchurch; Camogie: Moneygall.

INDOOR HURLING

Indoor hurling has been added to the calendar for the past three years. A small, but steadily growing, number of schools take part in four venues across the county. The games are played indoors on Saturdays in a central location, e.g. High School Sports Hall, Clonmel. The games are not based on competition but on the fun in taking part. Cumann na mBunscol Cork hosted an Indoor Hurling competition in Cork with teams participating from the counties of Munster, Ardfinnan represented Tipperary. This is an avenue that Cumann na mBunscol are keen to pursue and expand in the years to come.



Upperchurch N.S. 7-a-side Champions – Back Row: James Greene, Padraig Stapleton, Matthew Carey, Martin Bourke, Matt Ryan. Front Row: James Barry, Patrick Lowry, Peter Ryan, Colm Ryan, Colm Stapleton.



Upperchurch N.S. under-11 Football County Champions – Back (l. to r.): Aiden Brett, Walter Hickey, Michael Ryan, Colm Ryan, Matthew Greene, Eamon Fogarty, Thomas Keane, James Barry, Michael Carew, Thomas Bourke, Emer Ryan. Front (l. to r.): Padraig Greene, Catriona Lowry, Gerard Fogarty, Paul Ryan, Liam Clancy, Joe Maguire (C), Philip Crowe, Peter Ryan, Sean Harty, Aiden Carey.



The Tipperary Primary Schools panel and mentors that played Clare in the Primary Game at Pairc Uí Chaoimh. Back row (l. to r.): Vivian Dooley and Liam Bergin (mentors), Kevin O'Halloran, Mark Ryan, Eoin Gleeson, Matt Ryan, Stephen Maher, Thomas Stapleton, Enda Walsh, Ronan Sherlock, Tom Kennedy; Donal McCarthy and P.J. Harrington (mentor). Front row: Tommy O'Donnell, Tony Cahill, Diarmuid Cullen, Tom McGrath, Ciarán McGrath, David Patterson, Brendan Maher, Martin Slattery, Michael Doyle.

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Cumann na mBunscol would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved throughout the year, teachers,

parents and our local clubs. A special thanks to those teachers who took on the jobs of looking after the Primary game teams, your efforts are very much appreciated. Thanks also to The Nationalist, Tipperary Star and South Tipp Today who continue to support us. Go raibh míle maith againn go léir. Michelle Ryan, P.R.O.



Loughmore NS – Cumann na mBunscol County Champions 2000

The Loughmore NS panel that won the Cumann na mBunscol county football (Roinn C) final. Front row (l to r) – Maria Eviston, Elaine Bourke, Sarah Nolan, Ailish O'Connell, Lorraine O'Connell, Liam McGrath, William Eviston, Cian Hennessy, Patrick Nolan, Tomas McGrath, Eamonn Connolly, Pauraic Hennessy. Back row – Matthew Nesbitt, Deirdre Kiely, Aidan McGrath, Martin Bourke, Patricia McGrath, David Foy, Siobhan McGrath, Shane Purcell (captain), Sarah Hennessy, Shane Hennessy, Noel McGrath, Shane Nolan, Padraig Heffernan, Patrick Moynihan, Thomas Quinn, John Heffernan, William Egan. At back: Stephen Maher NT (school principal).

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North Tipp Primary Schools Championships – 1999-2000



Templederry N.S. – Schools hurling – North and County Champions – Back row (l. to r.): Ronan Ryan, Daniel Fahey, Ronan Russell, John Fogarty, Pat Ryan, Matthew Ryan, Gearóid Ryan, Thomas Stapleton, Eoghan Ryan, Aidan Ryan, Padraig O'Leary, Donal McGrath, James Fahey. Front row (l. to r.): Kevin O'Brien, Shane Fogarty, Seamus O'Dwyer, Mairead O'Leary, Noel Ryan, Tommy Hogan (captain), Alan Carey, Stephen Smith, Paul Murray, Ronan Kinane, Denis Corcoran.

FOOTBALL (Section 'B')

This competition began before Christmas and was concluded in the second term of the school year.

The draws for the first round were as follows: Carrig N.S. v Borrisokane N.S.; Portroe N.S. v Ballina N.S.; Cloughjordan N.S. v Youghalarrá N.S.; Gaelscoil v Templederry N.S.; Borrisoleigh N.S. v Puckane N.S.

Youghalarrá; Carrig; Ballina; Templederry and Borrisoleigh progressed to the second round.

It took Templederry two games to defeat Ballina N.S. / Youghalarrá N.S. had an easy win over Carrig while Borrisoleigh had the benefit of a bye in the next round. In an open draw Borrisoleigh and Templederry met in one semi-final with Youghalarrá waiting to meet the winners in the finals. It took two thrilling encounters to determine the outcome of the Borrisoleigh-Templederry game. Templederry emerged victorious and easily accounted for Youghalarrá in the final to maintain their dominance in the section 'B' grade of football.

SECTION 'B' PLATE

The Plate competition is held for schools beaten in the first round of the championship proper. Cloughjordan are the Plate winners for 1999-2000. They defeated Borrisokane N.S. in the semi-final and were extremely lucky to beat Puckane N.S. against the run of play in the final.

SECTION 'C'

The section 'C' football championship was played on a knockout basis. Teams beaten in the first round then entered the Plate competition.

Kilruane N.S. defeated Silvermines N.S. in a preliminary game to leave eight teams available for four quarter-final games.

Kilruane N.S., Kilbarron N.S., Burgess N.S. and Rathcabbin N.S. defeated Ballinahinch/Moneygall N.S., Lorrha N.S., Redwood N.S. and Ballinree N.S. respectively.

In the semi-finals Kilruane were too strong for Kilbarron while Rathcabbin defeated Burgess. In an eagerly awaited final Kilruane had a little in reserve over a tenacious Rathcabbin side.

SECTION 'C' PLATE

The Plate competition began shortly after the first rounds of the championship proper were played.

Ballinahinch defeated Moneygall in one semi-final while Ballinree N.S. accounted for Lorrha/Redwood. In the final Ballinahinch were too strong for Ballinree N.S.

SECTION 'D'

The N. Tipp section 'D' football championship started before Christmas and was completed before Easter.

In the first round games Aglish defeated Rearcross N.S.; Lackamore beat Boher N.S.

Kilkeary were too strong for Fantane N.S. Ballinacloy had plenty to spare over Gortagarry. Kyle Park easily

accounted for Terryglass. Ardcroney had an easy win over Birdhill N.S.

In the second round a very polished Ballinacloy outfit had an easy win over Kilkeary. Kyle Park had the better of fellow parishioners Aglish. Lackamore were too strong for Ardcroney.

At this stage Kyle Park got a bye into the final, while Ballinacloy overcame Lackamore in a thrilling encounter for the right to meet Kyle Park. The final was one-sided with Ballinacloy emerging victorious for the second year in-a-row.

SECTION 'D' PLATE

In the Plate competition Gortagarry beat Fantane in the first round. Rearcross accounted for Terryglass and Birdhill had no opposition for Boher. Gortagarry defeated Birdhill in the semi-final. This left the way open for a Gortagarry - Rearcross final and Gortagarry emerged victorious, winning the football Plate for the first time.

NORTH TIPP PRIMARY SCHOOL HURLING (Section 'B')

Just four teams took part in the section B championship. Roscrea N.S. defeated Borrisokane N.S. in one semi-final. Toomevara defeated Ballina N.S. in the other semi-final. The final, played with all the other finals, was a one-sided affair, with Roscrea N.S. having no answer to rampant Upperchurch N.S.

In the Plate final Ballina had too much in reserve for Borrisokane.

SECTION 'C'

This competition began immediately



Templederry Schools Football – North Champions – Back row (l. to r.): Alan Carey, Tommy Hogan, Eoghan Ryan, Gearóid Ryan, Pdraig O'Leary, Ronan Russell, Donal McGrath (captain), Matthew Ryan, Thomas Stapleton, Pat Ryan, James Fahey, Daniel Fahey. Front (l. to r.): John Fogarty, Seamus O'Dwyer, Ronan Ryan, Shane Fogarty, Kevin O'Brien, Noel Ryan, Ronan Kinane, Paul Murray, Aidan Ryan, Stephen Smith, Mairéad O'Leary.

after the Easter holidays as a deadline of June 6 had to be met for the N. Tipp schools finals.

The first round draws were as follows:

Borrisoleigh N.S. v Corville N.S.

Moneygall N.S. v Puckane N.S.

Gaelscoil v Youghalarra N.S.

Templederry N.S. v Portroe.

Dunkerrin N.S. v Cloughjordan.

Templederry N.S. overcame Borrisoleigh N.S. in a second round game to determine the semi-finals. The semi-finals were as follows: Moneygall N.S. v Cloughjordan N.S. and Templederry N.S. v Youghalarra N.S. Templederry and Moneygall emerged victorious to contest the final on June 6 at Nenagh. After a keenly contested game Templederry proved to be that much stronger. In the county schools final Templederry N.S. had an easy win over Grange N.S. and were the only school from the North division to win a county title.

SECTION 'C' PLATE

The Plate competition is held for schools defeated in the first round of the championship proper. The final took place between Portroe N.S. and Puckane N.S. with Portroe proving superior.

SECTION 'D'

The 'D' championship began immediately after Easter and was concluded on the 6th June in McDonagh Park, Nenagh. In the first round Kilruane, Ballinree, Ballinahinch, Kilbarron and Rathcabbin had victories over Lorrha/Redwood, Carrig (Birr), Carrig (Nenagh), Burgess N.S. and Silvermines N.S. respectively.

In the second round Rathcabbin N.S. defeated Ballinahinch N.S. The championship was now reduced to four teams. In one semi-final Rathcabbin N.S. overcame a fancied Kilbarron N.S.

side while in the other semi-final Ballinree N.S. defeated Kilruane N.S. In the final Ballinree beat Rathcabbin by four points in a hard fought game. In the section 'D' Plate final, Lorrha/Redwood defeated Silvermines N.S. in the final.

SECTION 'E'

The section 'E' hurling championship began just after the Easter holidays and was completed on June 6. The quarter-final draws were as follows:

Rearcross N.S. v Kilkeary N.S.

Lackamore N.S. v Ballinacloyh N.S.

Kyle Park v Gortnagarry N.S.

Fantane N.S. v Ardcroney N.S.

Kilkeary, Ballinacloyh, Gortnagarry and Ardcroney progressed to the semi-finals. Ballinacloyh had to fight all the way to overcome Kilkeary in one semi-final. Ardcroney had to go to extra time to overcome Gortnagarry in a thrilling encounter. Ardcroney had no answer to Ballinacloyh in the final.

SECTION 'E' PLATE

In the Plate competition Fantane were victorious over Kyle Park in the semi-final. The final between Fantane and Rearcross was played in Templederry with the Borrisoleigh side emerging victorious.

BLITZ COMPETITION

A blitz competition was introduced for small schools playing 7-a-side. Lisnahall N.S., Birdhill N.S., Terryglass N.S. and Aglish N.S. took part. After a series of games played on a league basis Lisnahall defeated Aglish in the final which was played on June 6, with all the other finals.

Finally the W. Tipp Primary Schools Board would like to commiserate with the Hasset family, Gortnagarry, on the sudden death of their beloved Sean, who graced the Primary Schools playing fields for many of his national school years.



Christy Cooney, Vice-Chairman, Munster Council, presents the Munster trophy to North Tipperary U-16 hurling captain, Willie Ryan.

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Tipperary Post-Primary Schools Scene (1999-2000)

Seán Ó Costagáin

It was once again an excellent year at post-primary level for our schools with some excellent domestic competitions and also a big number of schools within the county acquitted themselves with distinction on the provincial scene. Hardly had the A.G.M. been completed when we started off with the first year hurling competitions that is one of our real success stories.

It is now in full swing for three years and we have great interest and enthusiasm within our schools for it. Last May Our Lady's Secondary School (Templemore) presented a cup for the 'A' competition "Corn Uí Chatháin" perpetuating the memory of a former principal at Templemore C.B.S. and as a result, the first year 'A' competition will be known henceforth as the "Corn Uí Chatháin" competition. Seeing the vacuum for the first year 'B' competition, the Schools Servicing Officer, Tom Collum, presented a trophy for the first year 'B' which will be known as the "Sciath Uí Chatháin".

The 1999-2000 first year 'A' competition had ten affiliations divided into two sections with each team guaranteed four games. The two teams to emerge to contest final were Our Lady's (Templemore) and Nenagh C.B.S. After an excellent game played in Templederry, Our Lady's (Templemore) were winners.

FINAL FIRST YEAR 'A' HURLING:

Our Lady's (Templemore) 6-8
Nenagh C.B.S. 6-3

The first year 'B' competition had nine affiliations with two divisions. Following some very well contested games, the winners to emerge were Carrick-on-Suir V.S.

FINAL FIRST YEAR 'B' HURLING:

Carrick-on-Suir V.S. 4-8
Thurles V.S. 3-1

FITZGERALD CUP (U-17) 'A' HURLING:

Semi-finals:

Our Lady's (Templemore) 2-12
Cashel C.S. 0-12

Roscrea C.S. 3-11
Cistercian (Roscrea) 2-9

Final:

Carrick-on-Suir 5-9
Clonmel C.B.S. 2-9



Our Lady's (Templemore) (Corn Uí Chatháin) first year 'A' champions (1999-2000). Back row (l. to r.): Garret Foxton (Durlas Óg); Tim Hennessy (Ballyskenagh); Thomas Carroll (Clonakenny); Kieran Hassett (Drom); Gerry Morrissey (Brackens); Michael Coonan (Clonakenny); Niall Russell (Moyne-Templetuohy); Jody Harkin (Borrisoleigh); Noel Fogarty (coach and manager); Jody Ryan (Sean Treacys); Daithí O'Neill (Durlas Óg); Sean McCormack (Brackens); John Scully (Loughmore); Peadar Byrne (Clonakenny); Pádraig Murphy (Brackens). Front row (l. to r.): Stephen Fewer (Durlas Óg); Colm Keane (Errill); Michael Ryan (Upperchurch - Drombane); Brian O'Dwyer (Durlas Óg); Colm Keane (Errill); Michel Ryan (Upperchurch - Drombane); Brian O'Dwyer (Durlas Óg); Shane Scully (Brackens); Darren Russell (Brackens); Tommy Kennedy (captain) (Brackens); Diarmuid Brennan (Loughmore-Castleiney); Eoin Butler (Moyne-Templetuohy); Jamie O'Toole (Sean Treacys); Johnny Purcell (Errill); Morgan Lawlor (Ballyskenagh).



Vocational School, Carrick-on-Suir - first year 'B' hurling champions - Tipperary post-primary (Sciath Uí Chatháin 2000). Back row: Patrick Walsh, Gerard Crowe, William Walsh, Stephen Mulcaire, Thomas Fleming, Ben Galvin, Kevin Walsh, Owen O'Sullivan, William Sheehan. Front row: Wayne Murphy, Alan Walsh, Colin Smith, Daryl Kavanagh, Ross O'Hanlon, James Hawkins, Declan Long. In front: Mark Fogarty, Thomas Cronin, Dean Gates, Jim O'Shea. (Missing from photograph): Richard McGrath (captain), Paul Regan, Aidan Stuart.



Our Lady's, Templemore - Fitzgerald Cup (Tipp U-17 'A') hurling champions (1999 - 2000). Back row (l. to r.): John Costigan, Lorcan Madden (Errill); James Moore (Brackens); Kieran O'Toole (Sean Treacys); Eddie Kelly (Moyne-Templetuohy); Damien Bergin (Moyne-Templetuohy); Paul Brennan (Loughmore-Castleiney); Derek Bourke (Loughmore-Castleiney); Paddy Kelly (Toomevara); Walter Byrne (Clonakenny); Pádraig Keeley (Brackens); Declan Bolger (Loughmore-Castleiney); Brendan Healy (Loughmore-Castleiney); Dr. Jim O'Shea, Jack Walshe. Front row (l. to r.): Pádraig Maher (Brackens); Peter Maher (Brackens); Owen Houlihan (Clonakenny); Declan Ryan (Drom-Inch); Pat Shortt (Upperchurch - Drombane); David Owens (Brackens); Evan Sweeney (Loughmore - Castleiney); Martin Costigan (captain) (Moyne-Templetuohy); John Hassett (Moyne-Templetuohy); John Butler (Moyne-Templetuohy); Daniel Maher (Brackens); Kevin Fogarty (Moyne-Templetuohy); Pat Egan (Brackens); Darren Danagher (Loughmore-Castleiney).

The Fitzgerald Shield as usual provided us with some fine games before Carrick C.B.S. emerged deserving winners. A special word of thanks to Fintan Lowry for his excellent work for hurling in that neck of the woods.

CROKE CUP (U-16) 'A' HURLING

Semi-Finals:

Our Lady's (Templemore) 8-7
Roscrea C.S. 0-10

Cashel C.S. 2-3
Tipperary C.B.S. 0-9
(draw)

Final:

Our Lady's (Templemore) 3-7
Cashel C.S. 1-12

In what was one of the most exciting finals of the year, Templemore stole this year's 'Croke' with a last minute point over great rivals Cashel C.S. It was a cracking contest and seeing both schools have been paired in the Harty in October, another great contest is in prospect which will be a must for every hurling follower in the mid-west.

HENNESSY CUP (U-16) 'B' HURLING

Semi-finals:

Nenagh V.S. 2-8
Borrisokane C.C. 2-3

Convent of Mercy (Newport) .. 1-4
Coláiste Dún Iascaigh 0-6

Final:

Convent of Mercy 0-8
Nenagh V.S. 0-8
(draw)

Convent of Mercy (Newport) . 1-12
Nenagh V.S. 2-7
(replay)

We had ten affiliations for this years Hennessy and in the end very deserving winners in Convent of Mercy, Newport. Their final v Nenagh V.S. went to a replay and in the end they got through by a two point margin – great reward for the marvellous work being done by Liam Dillon "by the Mulcair Banks" for Tipperary hurling.

CORN MHIC GABHANN (U-18) 'A' FOOTBALL

Semi-Finals:

Cashel C.S. 1-8
Coláiste Dún Iascaigh 1-6

Clonmel C.B.S. 0-14
Carrick-on-Suir C.B.S. 0-4

Final:

Cashel C.S. 1-15
Clonmel C.B.S. 3-4



Carrick C.B.S. – Fitzgerald Shield winners 1999-'00.



Our Lady's (Templemore) Croke Cup – Tipperary (U-16) 'A' Post-Primary champions (1999-2000). Back row: Rory Purcell, Paul Guider (Brackens); Colm Campion (Loughmore-Castleiney); Lorcan Egan (Brackens); Padraig Maher (Brackens); Eoin Houlihan (Clonakenny); Lorcan Madden (Errill); Derek Bourke (Loughmore-Castleiney); Hugh Coughlan (Moynemtempuohy); Brendan Healy (Loughmore-Castleiney); Ger McGuinness (Moynemtempuohy); David Kennedy (Durlas Ogi); Sean O Costagain. Front row (l. to r.): Ollie Delaney (Borrisoleigh); Ian Delaney (Brackens); Trevor Hassett (Drom-Inch); Peter Maher (Brackens); Eddie Kelly (Moynemtempuohy); Paul Brennan (captain) (Loughmore-Castleiney); Evan Sweeney (Loughmore-Castleiney); Kevin Fogarty (Moynemtempuohy); Pat Shortt (Upperchurch-Drombane); Declan Ryan (Drom-Inch); David McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney).



Convent of Mercy, Newport – Hennessy Cup (Tipperary U-16 'B') hurling champions (1999-2000). Back row: Shane Ryan (Newport); Joseph Ryan (Sean Treacys); Edward Chadwick (Ballinahinch); David Moore (Newport); Kieran McCabe (Newport); Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch); Niall Collins (Ahane); James Ryan (Murroe-Boher); Joseph Powell (Newport); Philip Condon (Ahane); Eoin Larkin (Newport). Front row: James Linnane (Murroe-Boher); John Foley (Ballinahinch); John Neylon (Ahane); John O'Connell (Ahane); Philip O'Brien (Newport); Ciaran Mooney (Ahane); Padraig Berkery (Ballinahinch); Andrew Hickey (Newport); Conor O'Mahony (Newport); Declan Kett (Murroe-Boher).



MacGabhann Cup winners – Tipp. Colleges U-18 Football 'A' – Cashel Community School – 1999-2000. – Back row (l. to r.): James Hayes (Boherlahan); Richie Ryan (Cashel); Trevor Downey (Rosegreen); Mark Ryan (Cashel); Paul Breen (Knockavilla); Ross Doyle (Cashel); Robbie Costigan (Cahir); Brian Pattwell (Cashel); David Kennedy (Clonoulty); Billy Lonergan (Golden); Daniel Carrie (Cashel). Middle row (l. to r.): Donnacdh Carr (Golden); Philip Taylor (Cashel); Paddy O'Flaherty (Cahir); Christopher Ryan (Cashel); Diarmuid O'Connor (captain) (Boherlahan); Kieran Farrell (Cashel); Roger O'Dwyer (Cashel); Mark Harnett (Rosegreen); Padraig Whelan (Cahir); Martin Hickey (Cashel). Front row (l. to r.): David Delahunty (Cashel); Mr. Colm O'Flaherty (manager); P. J. Mooney (Cashel).

This competition as usual provided us with some nail-biting contests, especially in the first rounds before Cashel C.S. and Clonmel C.B.S. emerged to contest the millennium final. Cashel coached expertly by county senior football coach, Colm O'Flaherty, were deserving winners and to them we extend our sincere congratulations. No doubt the new educational establishment in Cashel is beginning to make a big imprint on the colleges scene and I believe we have seen nothing yet.

MCGABHANN SHIELD (U-18) 'B' FOOTBALL

Thurles C.B.S.	0-15
Killenaule V.S.	1-10
St. Joseph's, Borrisoleigh	2-4
Thurles V.S.	2-4
	(draw)
St. Joseph's (Borrisoleigh)	1-16
Thurles V.S.	1-5
	(replay)
Final:	
St. Joseph's (Borrisoleigh)	4-12
Thurles C.B.S.	4-4

Again a very well contested competition in which we saw Thurles C.B.S. make a big imprint on the football scene for the first time in a long number of years. Their participation and progress has been noted and is very much appreciated in football circles. With continued commitment, their day in the sun cannot be far away, but for the moment our sincere congratulations to St. Joseph's, Borrisoleigh, for another success in our domestic competitions.

CUSACK CUP (U-15) 'A' FOOTBALL

Semi-Finals:

Clonmel C.B.S.	2-7
Tipperary C.B.S.	1-9
Cashel C.S.	3-9
Nenagh C.B.S.	2-2

Final:

Clonmel C.B.S.	3-11
Cashel C.S.	3-9
	(a.e.t.)

Ten teams affiliated, but the failure of such a huge establishment as Rockwell to field a team was a source of great disappointment. Clonmel High School, under the guidance of a great servant to the Colleges scene Michael Forristal, with narrow victories over Abbey C.B.S. in semi-final and Cashel C.S. after extra time in the final were deserving victors of a marvellous competition.



St. Joseph's College, Borrisoleigh – senior football 'B' – panel – winners of the MacGabhann Shield in 2000 – Back row (l. to r.): Mr. Pádraig O'Shea (principal); Eamon Gleeson (Thurles); Jody Brennan (Upperchurch); Declan Leahy (Moyne-Templetuohy); Martin Maher (Borrisoleigh); John Kennedy (Drom-Inch); Stephen Phelan (Clonmel); Thomas Campion (Thurles); P.J. Kiely (Borrisoleigh); Paul Dempsey (Moycarkey-Borris); Eamon Buckley (Drom-Inch); Ray Everard (Moyne-Templetuohy); Paul Hogan (Kiladangan); Conor Doyle (Holycross/Ballycahill); David Culleton (Roscrea); Mr. Pat Crowley (manager). Front row (l. to r.): Michael Small (Borrisoleigh); James O'Riordan (Thurles); Barry McLoughlin (Thurles); Pauric Maher (Borrisoleigh); David McLoughlin (JK Brackens); Michael Costello (Drom-Inch); Conor Butler (Moycarkey-Borris); Tristan O'Gorman (Thurles).



Clonmel High School – Cusack Cup – Tipperary (U-15) 'A' champions – Back row: Mr. M. Forristal, Aidan Rousse, Neville Melbourne, Sean Coyne, Lorcan Bannon, Paddy McDonnell, Ronan Crosse, Peter Halley, Pádraig Kelly, Liam Lawlor, Eoin Ryan, Mr. B. Granville. Front row: Aidan Foley, Des Morrissey, Sean Phelan, Shane Dolan, Kevin Harte, Travis Ryan (captain), Oisín Ó Cuinneagáin, Kevin Dempsey, David Conway, Thomas O'Gorman. (Missing from photo: Keith Fortune). (Photo: John D. Kelly)



Borrisokane Community College – Cusack Shield winners U-15 'B' Football, 2000 – Front row: Michael Quinlan, Joe Gleeson, Alan Byrne, Pádraig Moriarty, Darragh Egan (captain), Mark Comerford, Robert O'Halloran, Raymond Harding. Back row: Tom Moriarty (trainer), John Tully, Daniel Hctor, Colm O'Meara, Colm Larkin, Darren Killackey, Tommy Hogan, Colm Williams, Shane Carroll, Grahán Gohery, Conor Hayes, Ray McLoughney, Seamus Kennedy, Matthew Carr (school principal). (Missing from photograph Seosamh Cleary).



Cashel Community School – Tipperary Colleges U-14 Football 'A' winners – Back row (l. to r.): Brian Maher (Boherlahan); Pádraig Hayes (Golden); Liam O'Brien (Cashel); Pádraig Heffernan (Clonoulty); Jason Campion (Cashel); Kevin Griffin (Golden); Michael Harding (Golden); Eoin Shine (New Inn). Front row (l. to r.): Ryan O'Dwyer (Cashel); Michael Heelan (Knockavilla); Paul O'Dwyer (Knockavilla); James McCarthy (captain) (Golden); Paddy Ivors (Golden); David Slattery (Cashel); Sean Walsh (Golden). (Missing from photo: Darragh Hickey (Boherlahan)).

CUSACK SHIELD (U-15) 'B' FOOTBALL

Semi-Finals:

Carrick-on-Suir V.S.	2-7
St. Joseph's (Borrisoleigh)	2-6
Borrisokane C.C.	1-6
Thurles C.B.S.	2-1

Final:

Borrisokane C.C.	2-5
Carrick-on-Suir V.S.	1-6

This competition gave us a series of very close, well contested games before Borrisokane C.C. emerged as deserving winners, striking another blow for football in the Lower Ormond area. Well done again to Tom Moriarty and company for a richly deserved success.

The annual U-14 football blitz was again staged in Rockwell on Wednesday, 24th May. As Colm O'Flaherty with his expert organisational ability left nothing to chance, a great days football was enjoyed by all. Cashel C.S. were deserving winners of the U-14 'A' title – their third in four years and Our Lady's (Templemore) tasted their first blitz success when they emerged winners of the U-14 'B' title.

Once again, we staged 4 'C' competitions and the schools participating appear quite satisfied with them. They are giving meaningful competition to boys in schools where lack of numbers would militate against them being competitive with the larger establishments. I thank them again for their participation and co-operation.

The senior 'C' hurling title went to St. Joseph's (Newport) as did the senior 'C' and junior 'C' football titles. St. Shilean's College (Templemore) were successful in the junior 'C' hurling championship. I wish at this stage to thank all schools for their co-operation over the past year in organising and completing our sixteen competitions. My sincere congratulations to the winners and to the losers, I say regroup, organise and come bouncing back as that is what our great organisation and competitions is about. To Tom Collum, I want to express our sincere thanks. Your contribution and organisational ability have changed the whole post-primary scene in the county and it makes us wonder how we managed before you came on the scene. We don't always agree with your insisting on games being played on specific days, but we respect your interest, hard work, fairness and above all your love of the games of the Gael.

Looking back over the past twelve months it gives me great pleasure to say that we have had a very active participation by our post-primary schools, both in the domestic and provincial competitions. Many Tipp schools were involved in the final



Our Lady's, Templemore U-14 'B' Football Blitz winners (1999-2000) – Back row (l. to r.): Rory Purcell (coach and manager), Mark Ruddy (Durlas Og); Gerry Morrissey (Brackens); Robert Bourke (Brackens); Colm Campion (Loughmore - Castleiney); David O'Connor (Borrisoleigh); Pádraig Murphy (Brackens); John Madden (Brackens); James Cody (Brackens). Front row (l. to r.): James Egan (Moyne-Templetuohy); Mark Kiely (Loughmore-Castleiney); Shane Scully (captain) (Brackens); Ian Delaney (Brackens); Pádraig Green (Brackens); Niall Russell (Moyne-Templetuohy); Kevin Davy (Moyne-Templetuohy).



Corn Iognáid Rís – Munster (U-16/1) 'C' champions – Presentation Secondary School, Ballingarry, under-16's; Corn Iognáid Rís Munster Colleges – winners 2000 – Back row (l. to r.): Thomas Kennedy (Emeralds); Richard Maher (Killenaule); James Comerford (Mullinahone); Dara Walton (Ballingarry); Martin Shelly (Killenaule); Liam Brett (St. Patrick's); David Cashin (Ballingarry); James Doherty (Emeralds). Middle row (l. to r.): Mr. Aidan O'Leary (trainer); Thomas Moran (St. Patrick's); Kieran Bergin (Killenaule); Trevor Ivors (Ballingarry); Alan Curran (Mullinahone); Patrick Skehan (Gortnahee); Stephen Burke (Gortnahee); Brian Stokes (Gortnahee); Mr. Joe Moran (coach). Front row: John Paul Dalton (Ballingarry); William McCormack (St. Patrick's); Brian Cooney (captain) (Ballingarry); Sean Moran (St. Patrick's); Eddie Fanning (Killenaule); John Mangan (Ballingarry); Paul Vines (Ballingarry).



Kinnane Cup Winners, 1999 – Munster U-16's; H.B. – Cashel Community School – Back row (l. to r.): Thomas Hayes (Boherlahan); Pádraig Whelan (Cahir); Pádraig Hickey (Boherlahan); David Coffey (Cahir); Brian Slattery (Clonoulty); James Hayes (Boherlahan); Patrick Hally (New Inn); James McGrath (Boherlahan). Middle row (l. to r.): Michael Coleman (Cashel); Kevin Maher (Boherlahan); David Quirke (Rosegreen); Joe Ryan (Boherlahan); David Kennedy (Clonoulty); Martin Hickey (Cashel); Harry Horgan (Knockavilla); Daniel Carrie (Cashel). Front row (l. to r.): Mr. John Scully (trainer); Paul Ryan (Boherlahan); Robert O'Brien (Rosegreen); Christopher Keane (captain), (Knockavilla); Mark Harnett (Rosegreen); Paddy O'Flaherty (Cahir); Mr. Colm O'Flaherty (manager). (Missing from photo: Nickey Murphy (Boherlahan) and Eoghan O'Brien (Knockavilla)).



Our Lady's, Templemore (Rice Cup) Under-14 'A' hurling champions (1999-2000) – Back row (l. to r.): Dr. Jim O'Shea; Jody Harkin (Borrisoleigh); Diarmuid Brennan (Loughmore-Castleiney); William Moloughney (Brackens); Kieran Hassett (Drom-Inch); James Cody (Brackens); Gerry Morrissey (Brackens); Seamus Bourke, Colm Campion (Loughmore-Castleiney); Martin Ryan (Loughmore-Castleiney); Michael Kennedy (Brackens); Padraig Murphy (Brackens); Robert Bourke (Brackens); Michael Coonan (Clonakenny); James Egan (Moyn-templetuohy); Morgan Lawlor (Ballyskenagh); Ivan Kelly (Borrisoleigh); Mr. Noel Fogarty. Front row (l. to r.): Tim Hennessy (Ballyskenagh); Eoin Butler (Moyn-templetuohy); Padraig Green (Brackens); Shane Scully (Brackens); Kevin Davy (Moyn-templetuohy); Ian Delaney (captain), (Brackens); Michael Ryan (Upperchurch-Drombane); Brian O'Dwyer (Durlas Óg); Johnny Purcell (Errill); Darren Russell (Brackens); Matty Ryan (Drom-Inch); Niall Russell (Moyn-templetuohy). (Missing from photo: Jody Ryan (Sean Treacys).

stages of many of the Premier competitions and we also had our success. A sincere well done to Cashel C.S. who were winners of Kinnane Cup Munster (U-16½) 'B' hurling championship. Our congratulations also to Presentation, Ballingarry, who captured the Corn Iognáid (U-16½) 'C' hurling championship defeating another Tipp school, Convent of Mercy (Newport), in their final. The U-14 'A' Rice Cup championship was won by Our Lady's (Templemore), who defeated

Ennis C.B.S. in the final.

But pride of place must go to Cistercian College (Roscrea), who over the past number of years have participated in the Tipp post-primary hurling competitions, on their great achievement in capturing the All-Ireland senior 'B' hurling championship. It was indeed a fitting reward to the great hurling men in that college for their persistence in the promotion of hurling over the years and it was indeed great to have their labours

rewarded. The foremost in that group would be Hugh McDonnell and Pat Sheedy.

As I conclude I want to request all post primary schools to keep up the very important rôle of promoting Gaelic games in our second level schools. Their rôle in the overall development of our future players at both club and county level cannot be over-emphasised.

"Nolláig faoi shean is faoi shona oraibh go léir".



Proud grandfather – photographed with the Croke Cup after the final at Semple Stadium were Michael McGrath (centre), with his grandsons David McGrath (left) and Pat Shortt, both members of the Our Lady's (Templemore) team that won the Cup by defeating Cashel Community School in the final at Semple Stadium.



John Sweeney in action for Our Lady's, Templemore, in the Dr. Harty Cup final against St. Flannan's, Ennis, at Nenagh.



Miriam O'Callaghan, President, Camogie Post Primary Schools Board, presents the All-Ireland trophy to St. Mary's, Nenagh captain, Mary Rose Ryan, after the All-Ireland final in Ballinasloe. On left is the new President of the Camogie Association, Pat Rafferty.

Tipperary students win Fitzgibbon with W.I.T.



Fitzgibbon Cup and Division 1 League Champions 2000 – Front Row (l. to r.) – Leigh O'Brien, Alan Geoghegan, Declan Browne, Damien Young, Andy Moloney (Capt), Michael Bevens, David Dowling, Niall McCormack. Middle row (l. to r.) – John O'Neill, Kevin Power, David Burke, Paraic Fanning, Paul Shefflin, Cathal Murray, John Morgan, Michael Kavanagh, Damien Joyce, Michael Jacob, Brian Forde. Back row – (l. to r.) – Eamonn Corcoran, Adrian Gaffey, Willie Maher, Henry Shefflin, Paul Curran, Aidan Cummins, Jesse Foley, Kevin McCarthy. Tipperary players on W.I.T. panel: Andy Moloney (capt, Cahir), Michael Bevens (Toomevara), Declan Browne (Moyle Rovers), Damien Young (Drom-Inch), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Eamonn Corcoran (J.K. Brackens), Willie Maher (Ballingarry), Kevin McCarthy (Golden-Kilfeacle).



“Man of the Match”

Eamonn Corcoran (J.K. Brackens) receives his “Man of the Match” award from Paddy Dunphy, Waterford Crystal and Waterford P.R.O.

Fitzgibbon Cup

Joe McDonagh, President of the G.A.A. presents the Fitzgibbon Cup to W.I.T. Captain Andy Moloney.



Dawn of a new dimension to Tipperary hurling



T.R.B.D.I. 1st A.G.M. May 2000 – (l. to r.) – D. Duggan, Borrisokane; S. Lydon, Sligo; T.J. Keane, Drangan; S. Butler, Drom & Inch; D. Kenny, Birr; M. Harding, Birr; B. Stakelum, Holycross; J. Kennedy, Templederry; D. Breen, Knockavilla; W. Carroll, Thurles; E. Ryan, Moyne; J.J. Delaney, Offaly; M. Guilfoyle, Gortnahoe; N. Dunne, Gortnahoe; P. Maher, Dublin; K. Keane, Borrisoleigh. Front row – Maura Maher, Croke Park; Fr. Jimmy O'Donnell, chairman; Paddy McCormack, coach; Padraig Culbert, C.E.O.; Rev. Christy O'Dwyer; Philip Brady; Rita Clohessy (Secretary); Tomás Dunne (Director of Hurling); Paul Fennessy; Michael Ryan.

The formation of a new club is a rare event in the GAA calendar. Another rarity is the establishment of a new third-level institution. Yet, these two rare events occurred in Tipperary during the last year. It is all the more appropriate that these two rare events occurred in Thurles, the birthplace of the GAA.

In September 1999, the new Tipperary Rural and Business Development Institute opened its doors to students at its Thurles and Clonmel Campuses. One of the early provisions to be made was for the sport and recreation needs of its students. Foremost among all the various activities was the game of hurling.

There was a great sense of history when the first Annual General Meeting of the TRBDI GAA club took place on Tuesday the 7th March 2000. All present were conscious of the importance of the occasion. The formation of the club involved much behind-the-scenes work and the support of the Tipperary County Board, Thurles Sarsfields Club and the Munster Council was very much appreciated.

The first step following the formation of the club was to become affiliated to Croke Park and we were accepted to play in the Third Level Colleges competition. The enthusiasm of all concerned was boosted greatly by the energetic involvement of Tommy Dunne as Direc-

tor of Hurling and Paddy McCormack as coach. Tommy's status as Tipperary Captain and All-Star was a great confidence boost for the players. Also, Paddy's great experience as Manager of the Tipperary Minor team was invaluable to this fledgling team. Throughout the year the hurling team fulfilled many fixtures in the Freshers competition, including against such well-established institutions as Waterford Institute of Technology, the University of Limerick and Cork Institute of Technology. The team also took part in the Mícheál Ó Hehir Perpetual Freshers Cup at Dublin City University and got to the semi-final only to be beaten by a very strong Maynooth side. In its first year TRBDI

was indebted to the player and support it received from St. Patrick's College who amalgamated with us and were delighted to play in the Blue and Gold, the chosen colours of the new Institute.

The Institute is working to establish itself as a centre of excellence in hurling and has secured a number of scholarships for talented young players contemplating third-level education. Also, discussions are underway with Dr. Tony Ryan about the development of an indoor hurling facility as part of a proposed TRBDI Sports Complex at the Thurles campus. The future of hurling in TRBDI looks bright and we look forward to playing our part in the promotion of the great game of hurling.



All eyes on the ball - Cahir's David Williams and Joseph Hogan (Gortnahoe-Glengoose) in action during the county under-21 'B' hurling final at Semple Stadium.

LADIES GAELIC FOOTBALL

In the early days of Ladies' Gaelic football, Tipperary was a force, winning the first two All-Irelands in 1974-75.

It went into decline until the early 90's. Cappawhite regrouped in 1992, winning u-12, u-14, u-16 and senior titles since. The club has taken part in Féile Peil na nÓg for the past year and were narrowly defeated in the u-14 county championship this year. Kevin O'Keeffe, Cecilia Walsh and Marion Crowe are the club officers:

The Cahir club was formed in 1997 and focussed very much on the development at under-age. The panel which won the u-14 county championship this year trained since last October. They played a number of challenge games in Waterford, Cork and Limerick. Under the guidance of Liam Shinnick their skills were fine tuned. Liam and Mary Shinnick and Brendan Horan are the club officers. Liam is chairman of the county board.

Are you interested in starting a team? If so - contact Liam or Mary Shinnick. Tel. 052-42195 or Biddy Ryan. 052-66146.

"Who said it was just a man's game".

AHERLOW LADIES' FOOTBALL CLUB

Ladies Football was revived in County Tipperary in the Spring of 1993 under the chairmanship of Tommy O'Dwyer of Ballylooby.

In March 1993 a meeting was held in the Community Centre, Lisvernane, to form the Aherlow Ladies' football club. The meeting was chaired by Tom O'Shea - the local schoolmaster. The girls of Lisvernane school took part in the coaching scheme at school. Then Lisvernane school entered the I.N.T.O./G.A.A. Skills 7-a-side county competition in 1992. They reached the final that year and went on to win that competition in '93, '94 and '95. This meant that Anita O'Brien and Marie Hayes represented Tipperary in Croke Park on All-Ireland Sunday in 1993 playing at the half time interval. It was a proud occasion for Aherlow and for ladies' football. Mary Donovan and Edel Hanley represented Tipperary there in 1994 and Siobhán Hayes and Margaret McGrath in 1995.

Their first elected officers were: Creena O'Brien (chairperson), Pauline Russell (secretary) and Peggy Moroney (treasurer). With Tom O'Shea, Thomas Peters and John Ryan helping with the training, Aherlow went forward to win u-12 and u-14 county champions 1993. In 1994 and 1995 they were u-12, u-14



Cappawhite u-16 county champions 2000 - Front row (l. to r.): Grace Furlong, Michelle Grant, Catriona White, Antoinette Murnane, Jayne Clancy, Helen Kennedy (captain), Noreen O'Doherty, Antoinette O'Doherty, Anne O'Dwyer, Mary O'Dwyer, Jane A. O'Neill, Michelle O'Neill. Back row (l. to r.): Declan Costello (trainer), Joanne O'Doherty, Eimear Quinn, Sheelagh Carew, Elaine Renehan, Sinéad Buckley, Marie O'Neill, Cathy O'Neill, Audrey Dargan, Marion Ryan, Denise Renehan, Marion Ryan, Denise Renehan, Marion Renehan, Catherine Cranley, Kathleen O'Connor. Cecilia Walsh (selector).

and u-16 county champions. The under-14s coached by Pat Moroney, were county champions in 1996. U-14 and u-16 champions again in 1997. In 1998 we won the junior league. In 1999 our greatest achievement yet, we won the junior county championship and were honoured to have out medals presented to us by the National President of the G.A.A., Joe McDonagh on his visit to our G.A.A. club. This year 2000, we have retained our junior title and were beaten by Gerald Griffiths in the Munster junior club championship semi-final. Thomas Peters has trained these players since 1993 and it is his dedication that has brought the girls to this level. Thomas has also trained u-16 county ladies' football.

In 1994, Marie Donovan, Anita O'Brien, Tracey O'Brien, Marie and Siobhán Hayes. Mairéad Ryan and Marion Reardon were involved in the county under-14 team that was very unlucky to be beaten by Kerry in the Munster final having beaten Waterford and Cork on the way. Again in 1997, Pat Moroney brought the county u-14s to a Munster final and the Aherlow girls Martina Peters, Siobhán Hayes, Martina Brennan. Marie Devane, Moira Ryan and Donna Crowe played a big part in that team.

Siobhán and Deirdre Moroney, Libby and Triona Grogan, Edel Hanley, Louise and Caroline Grogan, Bríd Russell and Margaret Moroney, Lisa Halligan have played for Tipperary at different times.

Our local G.A.A. has been part of our success story with their expertise, facilities and support, without which we could not continue,

Present officers: Chairperson: Deirdre Moroney; secretary: Tess Brennan; treasurer: Peggy Moroney.

CAPPAWHITE LADIES' FOOTBALL CLUB

Cappawhite ladies' football club had a very busy year. The club entered teams at u-12, u-14 and u-16, minor and junior level. In u-12 Cappa played 7 matches, winning 3 against, Ardfinnan, Eire Óg (Clonmel) and Brian Borus and losing 4 against Cahir, Moyle Rovers and twice to Moycarkey, one of which was the county semi-final. Moycarkey beat Moyle Rovers in the final u-12 panel.

Martina Buckley, Mary T. Meehan, Niamh Buckley, Valerie O'Neill, Rebecca Cummins, Claire Mullins, Mary O'Meara, Laura Mullins, Catherine Kelly (captain), Marie T. McCarthy, Jenni O'Dwyer, Mary C. Ryan, Sarah Ryan, Denise O'Dwyer, Laura Heffernan, Aisling Barry, Orlagh Eichholz, Siobhán O'Neill, Donna Quinlan, Ena Meagher, Jessica Hayes, Amanda Beary, Anita Barry, Marguerite Meagher, Eighlin Ryan, Bridget Barry, Ann Ita Ryan, Alison McHugh and Doireann O'Meara.

U-14 CHAMPIONSHIP

In the u-14 championship Cappa were defeated by eventual champions Cahir in the county semi-final by 0-5 to 0-4 Cappa had qualified for the semi-final with victories over Moycarkey, Moyle Rovers and Ardfinnan. In the Féile Peil na nÓg they drew with Confey of Kildare, beat Castleknock of Dublin and were defeated by Beara of Cork.

Fiona Fox took part in the Skills Competition.

UNDER-14 PANEL

Patricia English, Catherine Cranley, Anne M. Ryan, Orla Ryan, Anne O'D-

wyer, Marion Renehan (captain), Emma Kennedy, Fiona Fox, Jayne Clancy, Noreen Doherty, Antoinette O'Doherty, Grace Furlong, Claire O'Neill, Mary Keane, Elaine Ryan, Laura Mullins, Michelle Grant, Mary O'Dwyer, Audrey Dargin, Marie T. McCarthy, Carmel Beary, Claire Mullins, Kate Bourke, Michelle O'Neill.

UNDER-16

Cappawhite u-16's were crowned champions in Cahir with a 3-4 to 0-7 victory over Brian Boru's u-16's.

In the semi-final Cappa had defeated Ardfinnan by 4-5 to 1-3.

MINORS

Cappa won their second county title of the year with a 3-5 to 2-6 victory in the minor championship over Aherlow. Cappa defeated Cahir 3-5 to 1-0 and received a walk-over from Moyle Rovers.

This was the first time that the club had won this championship.

JUNIORS

In the Junior Championship played on a league basis Cappa had victories over Cahir twice, Aherlow and Moyle Rovers. They drew with Brian Boru's, but lost to Aherlow, Brian Boru and Ardfinnan. Cappa finished in third place with Aherlow and Brian Boru qualifying for the final which Aherlow won.

JUNIOR PANEL

Helen Kennedy, Aileen O'Keeffe, Michelle Ryan, Lorraine Barry, Sandra Barry, Marie O'Neill (captain); Sinead Buckley, Angela McDermott, Mairead Crowe, Jane Anne O'Neill, Triona Hennessey, Siobhan Costello, Deirdre Ryan, Mary Horan, Tracy Maguire, Anne Breheeny, Elaine Renehan, Margo Horan, Joanne O'Doherty, Faustina Renehan, Fiona Barry, Anne Costello. Cappa also entered in All-Ireland junior 7-a-side competition in Dublin.

Cappa won the four matches in their section. With victories over St. Valentine's (Cork), St. Theresa's (Tyrone), Moate (Westmeath) and Strabane (Tyrone). In the quarter final O'Curry's of Clare were defeated in a very tough match. Cappa beat Gabriel Rangers of Cork in the semi-final.

Having qualified for the final Cappa were hoping to do well but having lost Deirdre Ryan through injury in the second game, they were very tired, it showed in the end and they were beaten by Donaghmoyle of Monaghan. Still they can be very proud of their achievement in being the first Tipperary side to reach the All-Ireland Final.

JUNIOR 7-A-SIDE PANEL

Helen Kennedy, Michelle Ryan, Mairead Crowe, Marie O'Neill (captain), Angela McDermott, Joanne O'Doherty, Siobhán Costello, Sinead Buckley, Jane Anne O'Neill, Deirdre Ryan, Sandra Barry and Tracy Maguire.



Aherlow - County junior champions 2000 - Back row (l. to r.): Thomas Peters (trainer); Caitriona Grogan, Brid O'Neill, Martina Brennan, Donna Crowe, Margaret Moroney, Marie Devane, Moira Ryan, Margaret McGrath, Sharon Kielh, Emma Noonan, Louise Grogan. Front row: (l. to r.): Patricia Hennessey, Marie Donovan, Martina Peters, Edel Hanly (captain), Joanne Peters, Libby Grogan, Aine Staunton, Damien Peters (mascot).



Cahir under-14 county champions: included in this photograph are: Triona Burke, Cathleen Carey, Claire O'Gorman, Eimear Hally, Aisling O'Donnell, Orla Casey, Noreen O'Gorman, Thelma Lonergan, Allish Meehan, Elaine Devereaux, Caroline O'Donnell (captain), Stephanie Elliot, Claire Carroll, Alison Lonergan, Mairead Hickey, Tracy Aherne, Aodain Lonergan, Gemma Maguire, Kate O'Reilly, Lorraine O'Donnell, Kate O'Brien, Lorraine Meagher, Jean Maher. Included also is Liam Shinnock. Team manager and chairman of Tipperary ladies' football county board.



Cappawhite minor county champions 2000. Front row (l. to r.): Sandra Barry, Joanne O'Doherty, Mairead Crowe (captain), Siobhan Costello, Jane A. O'Neill, Caitriona White, Noreen O'Doherty, Antoinette O'Doherty, Deirdre Ryan, Jayne Clancy. Back row (l. to r.): Marion Ryan, Sinead Buckley, Tracy Maguire, Marie O'Neill, Helen Kennedy, Sheelagh Carew, Elaine Renehan, Faustina Renehan, Eimear Quinn, Aileen Crowe, Margo Horan. Missing from photo: Cathy O'Neill, Marian Renehan, Michelle O'Neill, Teresa White, Aisling Barry.

Moneygall, North and County Champions 1975

It is hard to believe that a quarter of a century has passed since 1975 – the greatest year in the history of Moneygall Club – when the senior hurling team won the North and County titles.

These victories ended many years of disappointment, since Moneygall during the previous ten years, had experienced so many heart-breaking defeats in semi-finals and finals.

Moneygall had returned to senior ranks in 1963 having won the North Intermediate title in 1962. A new group of young determined and skillful hurlers arrived on the scene brimming with confidence. They believed they were as good as anyone else and they were certain they could win a North title. As training commenced each new year they were of the opinion that this year would be theirs.

In his book "Moneygall Hurling Story" Séamus Ó Riain sums up the period 1963-1975.

"Popular opinion regarded Moneygall as potential title winners during this period. As the years passed by without making the break-through many well-wishers came to the conclusion that the chance had been lost, especially as many outstanding players who had been bulwarks of the team began to retire. But faith in their ability to succeed never wavered and each year saw a new determination to put forward a fresh effort. What greater example can be found in the sphere of sport, of faith and perseverance in spite of so many disappointments. They had confidence in themselves and eventually it was justified as they reached the top in 1975 – the greatest year of the club".

The year began just the same as any other year. Players turned out in big numbers for training; they trained as enthusiastically as ever; they talked of the near misses of recent years and of how 1975 might be their year. It is worth remembering that the dressing room of the time was the little green shed beside the main road and the only showers were the natural ones which fell from the sky.

The early rounds of the championship were won as usual and the team eased itself towards the semi-finals of both North and County championship. There were two separate championships in those days with the county run on an open-draw system and the North just like today with the top two teams in two groups, qualifying for the semi-finals.

As July came to a close, confidence was growing and some significant

developments were taking place. The same panel of players as in previous years was available but some positional changes were proving very successful. Seán Doughan had been moved from defence and was proving a very capable centre-forward. Philip Fanning was moved out of the forward line and was forming an unbeatable midfield partnership with Jack Ryan. Eugene Ryan having attempted to make it as a forward was converted very successfully to wing back. Billy Fanning was moved into a problem position of centre-back and all our centre back problems were over. Finally former Roscrea star Mick Minogue was recruited as trainer and he brought Paddy Cleary with him as masseur.

All these changes turned the team into a confident smooth running unit. The glorious summer weather of 1975 added to the enjoyment and the performance of the team. The semi-finals of both championships were won with confidence and style and we faced two finals which were to fulfil all our dreams.

On Sunday the 21st of September we faced the reigning North champions Silvermines in Cloughjordan in the North Final. At the end of the hour the scoreboard read Moneygall 2-10, Silvermines 1-11. Celebrations commenced as Pat Sheedy was presented with the Frank McGrath Cup and all the disappointments of former years were well and truly forgotten. As the celebrations ended the team began to concentrate on our second big hurdle – the county final against Kilruane. Consternation spread through the parish as several team members fell victims to food poisoning. Despite an appeal by our club, the Co. Board insisted that the county final would not be postponed. We strug-

gled against Kilruane and an exciting game ended level at 3-9 each. In the replay we gave our best performance of the year. The Guardian reported "Moneygall were in rampant mood. Their superior fitness showed as they passed the ball around using the open expanses of Semple Stadium to maximum effect. For Moneygall the decades of frustration were over".

The great efforts of many years paid off and Dan Breen joined Frank McGrath in Moneygall. The team and selectors had achieved the ultimate and earned their place in history. The memories of those great days still bring joy to the heart. The team added a second county title in 1976 but the club have not achieved a senior title since.

The present Moneygall senior team have had many disappointments in recent years and have come close to winning a North title. They have skill and youth on their side and if they persevere and believe in themselves they can emulate their predecessors and bring back a North title in the near future.

North Final Line-out: Noel Whyte; Joe McCormack, John Gleeson, Mick Doherty; Mick Nolan, Billy Fanning, Eugene Ryan; Jack Ryan, Philip Fanning; Donal Kennedy, Sean Doughan, Seamus Ryan; Pat Sheedy, Philip Ryan, Billy McLeish.

County Final Line-out: Noel Whyte; Joe McCormack, John Gleeson, Mick Doherty; Dan Guilfoyle, Billy Fanning, Eugene Ryan; Jack Ryan, Philip Fanning; Donal Kennedy, Sean Doughan, Seamus Ryan; Pat Sheedy, Philip Ryan, Billy McLeish.

Other members of the panel: Seamus Doherty, Bobby Jones, John Joe Comerford, Jim Guilfoyle, Phil Sheedy, Jimmy Treacy, Donal Fanning.



Moneygall senior hurling team 1975 – North and County Champions – Back: Philip Ryan, Pat Cleary (masseur), Jimmy Treacy, Dan Guilfoyle, Pat Sheedy, Donal Kennedy, Sean Doughan, Phil Sheedy, Michael 'Spike' Nolan, Philip Fanning, Mick Minogue (trainer). Middle: Seamus Doherty, Seamus Ryan, Joe McCormack, Billy Fanning, John Gleeson, Jack Ryan, Bobby Jones. Front: John Joe Comerford, Jim Guilfoyle, Donal Fanning, Billy McLeish, Mick Doherty, Noel Whyte., Eugene Ryan.

SCOREBOARD 2000

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COUNTY FINALS – HURLING

Senior:

Toomevara	2-10
Thurles Sarsfields	0-11

Inter:

Templederry Kenyons	1-9
Newport	0-11

Junior 'A':

Nenagh Éire Óg	2-12
Thurles Fennelly's	1-12

Junior 'B':

Toomevara	3-14
Galtee Rovers	1-3

Under-21 'A':

Drom Inch	2-14
Killenaule	1-13
(replay) (2-13 each draw)	

Under-21 'B':

Cahir	3-16
Gortnahoe/Glengoole	2-9

Under-21 'C':

Ballinahinch	0-13
Ballyneale	2-6

Minor 'A':

Thurles Sarsfields	2-16
Killenaule	1-5

Minor 'B':

Templederry	1-12
Lattin Cullen	0-3

Minor 'C':

Lorrha	3-12
Ballylooby Castlegrace	4-7

Under-16 'A':

Burgess	0-10
Dúrlas Óg	0-5

Under-16 'B':

Newport	3-4
Boherlahan Dualla	2-5

Under-16 'C':

Templederry	2-6
Lattin Cullen	0-1

Under-14 'A':

Kickhams	5-4
Silvermines	3-2

Under-14 'B':

Gortnahoe-Glengoole	2-12
Ballina	1-6

Under-14 'C':

Shannon Rovers	5-11
Dúrlas Óg 'B'	0-2

Under-12 'A':

Toomevara	3-5
Drom Inch	3-4

Under-12 'B':

Kilruane McDonaghs	1-10
Upperchurch/Drombane	0-2

Under-12 'C':

Portroe	3-6
Éire Óg Annacarty	3-0

COUNTY FINALS - FOOTBALL

Senior:

Moyle Rovers	0-10
Loughmore C.	0-9

Intermediate:

Mullinahone v Kildangan or Thurles S.

Junior 'A':

Ballina v Cahir or Clonoulty Rossmore.

Junior 'B':

Burgess v Kilsheelan or Éire Óg (A)

Under-21 'A':

Fethard	0-14
Kildangan	1-6

Under-21 'B':

Killenaule	2-11
Ballina	0-10

Under-21 'C':

Ballinahinch	4-8
Lattin Cullen	1-12

Minor 'A':

Ballina	1-5
Cahir	1-4

Minor 'B':

Borrisoleigh	1-14
Mullinahone	1-8

Minor 'C':

Ballinahinch	1-7
Solohead	0-6

Under-16 'A':

Nenagh Éire Óg	2-12
Arravale Rovers	4-4

Under-16 'B':

Ballyporeen	6-14
Holycross/Ballycahill	1-3

Under-16 'C':

Cappawhite	2-10
Templederry	2-9

Under-14 'A':

Moyle Rovers	2-7
Moycarkey/Borris	1-5

Under-14 'B':

Gortnahoe/Glengoole	1-7
Kilruane McDonaghs	0-3

(Draw 1-6 each)

Under-14 'C':

Shannon Rovers	3-12
Emly	2-1

Under-12 'A':

Arravale Rovers	2-3
Moyle Rovers	1-2

Under-12 'B':

Kilruane McDonaghs	3-1
Holycross B	1-0

Under-12 'C':

Templederry	2-8
Éire Óg Annacarty	0-4

INTER-COUNTY C/SHIPS – HURLING

Senior:

May 28th at Páirc Uí Chaoimh

Tipperary	0-17
Waterford	0-14

June 11th at Páirc Uí Chaoimh

Tipperary	2-19;
Clare	1-14

July 2nd at Semple Stadium

Cork	0-23
Tipperary	3-12
(Munster Final)	

July 23rd at Croke Park

Galway	1-14
Tipperary	0-15
(All-Ireland Q. Final)	

Intermediate:

May 28th at Páirc Uí Chaoimh

Tipperary	4-17
Waterford	3-9

June 11th at Páirc Uí Chaoimh

Tipperary	3-12
Clare	2-5

August 2nd at Semple Stadium

Tipperary	1-19
Cork	0-15
(Munster Final)	

August 27th at Portlaoise

Tipperary	1-14
Meath	2-9
(All-Ireland Semi-Final)	

September 23rd at Birr

Tipperary	2-17
Galway	1-10
(All-Ireland Final)	

Under-21:

June 21st at Semple Stadium

Waterford	0-16
Tipperary	1-11

Minor:

April 26th at Walsh Park

Tipperary	1-12
Waterford	1-6

May 10th at Bruff

Tipperary	4-13
Limerick	2-19
(Draw)	

May 17th at Semple Stadium

Limerick	1-12
Tipperary	0-13
(Replay)	

Under-16 (Nenagh Co-op):*Oct. 14th at The Ragg*

Tipperary 'A'	1-9
Clare	2-6

Tipperary 'A'	4-8
Carlow	0-3

Tipperary 'A'	1-10
Kilkenny	2-5

(Quarter Final)

Oct. 14th at Thurles Sarsfields

Tipperary 'B'	1-6
Limerick	3-6

Tipperary 'B'	1-6
Offaly	1-6

October 14th at Dr. Morris Park

Tipperary 'B'	3-12
Wexford	0-5

(Quarter Final)

October 21st at Kilcolman

Tipperary 'B'	0-7
Galway	2-11

(Semi Finals)

October 21st at Cloughjordan

Tipperary 'A'	0-12
Limerick	1-2

(Semi-Final)

October 21st at Nenagh

Galway	1-10
Tipperary 'A'	2-6

(Final)

October 21st at Nenagh

Limerick	2-11
Tipperary 'B'	1-4

(Shield Final)

MUNSTER UNDER-16*'B' April 24th at Dungarvan*

West Tipperary	2-7
East Waterford	3-2

West Tipperary	5-12
East Limerick	0-1

West Tipperary	4-11
Muskerry (Cork)	1-4

'B' May 1st at Rathkeale

West Tipperary	1-15
Kerry	1-11

(Semi-Final)

May 6th at Limerick

West Tipperary	1-13
Avondhu (Cork)	3-10

(Final)

'A' April 24th at Thurles

North Tipperary beat East Clare
 North Tipperary beat Cork City
 North Tipperary beat Mid Tipperary.

May 1st

North Tipperary	2-18
Mid Clare	5-4

(Semi-Final)

May 6th at Limerick

North Tipperary	3-12
East Clare	1-14

(Final)

Under-14 Tony Forristal*August 27th at Waterford*

Tipperary	1-9
Kilkenny	0-6

Tipperary	2-7
Galway	1-4

Cork	3-6
Tipperary	2-5

(A.E.T.) (Semi-Final)

MASTERS (OVER 40)*July 17th at St. John's Park, Kilkenny*

Kilkenny	4-14
Tipperary	1-10

July 31st at Rathdowney

Tipperary	2-16
Laois	1-10

August 26th at The Ragg

Tipperary	4-15
Dublin	0-9

(Semi-Final)

September 17th at Semple Stadium

Tipperary	6-16
Limerick	5-9

(Final)

CHURCH & GENERAL N.H.L. 2000**(DIVISION. 1 'B')***February 27th at Semple Stadium*

Tipperary	5-20
Derry	1-12

March 12th at Enniscorthy

Tipperary	0-20
Wexford	1-15

March 26th at Semple Stadium

Kilkenny	2-14
Tipperary	2-9

April 2nd at Páirc Uí Chaoimh

Tipperary	2-11
Cork	1-12

April 8th at Semple Stadium

Tipperary	5-25
Laois	0-18

April 16th at Walsh Park

Tipperary	4-15
Waterford	2-15

April 30th at Semple Stadium

Tipperary	2-18
Limerick	0-17

(Semi-Final)

May 14th at Limerick

Galway	2-18
Tipperary	2-13

(Final)

**WATERFORD CRYSTAL HURLING
LEAGUE 2000***October 22nd at Ennis*

Tipperary	1-15
Clare	1-15

November 19th at Semple Stadium

Limerick	0-15
Tipperary	0-11

November 26th at Templemore

Cork	4-19
Tipperary	0-14

**MUNSTER CLUB HURLING
CHAMPIONSHIP***October 30th at Semple Stadium*

Toomevara	0-11
Patrick's Well (Limerick)	0-11

(Draw)

November 12th at Limerick

Patrick's Well	1-13
Toomevara	1-11

(Re-play)

COUNTY INTER H. LEAGUE FINAL

Gortnahoe/Glengoole	2-11
Moynce-Templetuohy	0-11

COUNTY SENIOR H. LEAGUE FINALS*Premier:*

Toomevara	3-19
Holycross/Ballycahill	1-7

Division 1:

Portroe	1-17
Moneygall	0-15

Division 2

Boherlahan	2-12
Borrisoleigh	1-11

FITZGIBBON CUP (UNIV. HURLING)*March 4th at Waterford*

U.C.D.	1-15
U.C.C.	0-17

(Semi-Final)

March 4th at Waterford:

Waterford I.T.	4-20
Limerick I.T.	0-6

(Semi-Final)

March 5th at Waterford:

Waterford I.T.	2-10
U.C.D.	1-6

(Final)

(Winning captain Andy Moloney (Cahir))

IARNRÓD ÉIREANN INTER-PROV. (H)*November 11th at Freshford:*

Munster	1-19
Connacht	3-7

(Semi-Final)

November 12th at Nowlan Park:

Munster	3-15
Leinster	2-15

(Final)

GARDA CUP U-16 HURLING*March 4th:*

North beat South	
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(Semi-Final)

March 5th:

West	2-8
Mid.	1-8

(Semi-Final)

March 18th:

North	3-10
West	1-8

(Final)

Mid	3-3
South	0-8
(Shield Final)	

PEADAR CUMMINS U-14 HURLING

July 8th at Borrisoleigh:

North Tipp beat South Tipp
(Semi-Final)

July 8th at The Ragg:

West Tipperary beat Mid Tipperary
(Semi-Final)

July 8th at Borrisoleigh:

Mid beat South
(Losers' Final)

July 8th at Borrisoleigh:

North 2-10
West 1-2
(Final)

ALL-IRELAND "SEVENS" HURLING

September 9th, (Kilmacud Crokes) Dublin:

Borrisoleigh 5-7
Ballyboden/St. Enda's 2-5

Borrisoleigh 3-13
Meelick-Eyrecourt 0-7

Borrisoleigh 6-10
Ballygalget 2-7

Borrisoleigh 3-9
O'Toole's 1-6

Borrisoleigh 3-7
Carnew Emmets 1-3
(Semi-Final)

Portroe beat Cuala C
Portroe beat Kinnitty
Portroe beat Turloughmore

Portroe 6-8
Garryspillane 2-4

Portroe 4-9
Mullinahone 2-11
(Semi-Final)

Borrisoleigh 2-13
Portroe 1-6
(Final)

SENIOR HURLING REL. FINAL

October 21st at the Ragg:

St. Mary's (Clonmel) 3-10
Kilruane McDonaghs 1-14

UNDER 13½ COMMUNITY GAMES HURLING COUNTY FINAL

June 5th at Littleton:

Thurles 3-10
Mullinahone 0-2
(Lost to Clare by 6 pts. in Munster
Semi-Final on July 8th at Ballyduff, Co.
Kerry)

INTER. CO. F. CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior:

June 25th at Limerick:

Clare 0-15
Tipperary 0-10
(Munster Semi-Final)

Junior:

June 25th at Limerick:

Clare 1-13
Tipperary 0-9

Under-21:

March 18th at Limerick:

Kerry 3-8
Tipperary 1-7

Minor:

April 12th at Limerick:

Limerick 2-16
Tipperary 2-5

April 20th at Dungarvan:

Waterford 5-9
Tipperary 1-6

May 3rd at Limerick:

Clare 1-13
Tipperary 2-7

CHURCH & GENERAL N.F.L.

1999/2000 DIV. 2 'B'

February 13th at Clonmel:

Tipperary 1-9
Waterford 0-11

March 5th at Longford:

Longford 0-12
Tipperary 1-7

March 26th at Templemore:

Cavan 0-15
Tipperary 1-4

April 9th at Tipperary:

Monaghan 1-11
Tipperary 2-6

ALLIANZ. N.F.L. 2000/2001 DIV. 2 'B'

October 29th at Clonmel:

Kildare 1-18
Tipperary 0-6

November 12th at Carlow:

Carlow 1-17
Tipperary 1-12

November 26th at Kilsheelan:

Wexford 3-13
Tipperary 0-8

ALL-IRELAND 'B' S.F. CHAMP.

September 9th,

Tipperary w.o. Leitrim (scr.)

September 30th at Clonmel

Fermanagh 3-23
Tipperary 0-3

MCGRATH CUP S.F.

March 11th at Dungarvan:

Waterford 2-8
Tipperary 2-7

IARNRÓD EIREANN INTER PRO.

January 30th, at Castlebar:

Connacht 2-10
Munster 1-3
(Semi-Final)

MUNSTER CLUB F. CHAMPIONSHIP

October 22nd at Ardfinnan:

Moyle Rovers 2-2
The Nire (Waterford) 0-7

November 19th at Ardfinnan:

Glen Flesk (Kerry) 1-9
Moyle Rovers 0-8

HASTINGS CUP U-12 FOOTBALL

December 2nd at Thurles:

Monaghan 0-16
Tipperary 0-10

MUNSTER U-20 MILLENNIUM TOURNAMENT

October 30th at Ardmore:

Waterford 5-9
Tipperary 2-8

FRIENDS OF TIPP FOOTBALL U-16

July 7th at Drombane:

West Tipperary 4-10
Mid Tipperary 3-4
(Semi-Final)

July 7th:

North Tipperary beat South Tipperary
(Semi-Final)

July 28th at Drombane:

North 1-6
West 0-9
(Draw - Final)

October 29th at Templetuohy:

North 2-9
West 2-4
(Re-play)

SIGERSON CUP UNIV. FOOTBALL

February 26th at Galway:

Q.U., Belfast 0-13
U.C., Cork 1-7
(Semi-Final)

February 26th at Galway:

U.C.D. 0-9
N.U.I., Galway 0-8
(Semi-Final) (After Extra Time)

February 27th at Galway:

Q.U.B. 1-8
U.C.D. 0-8
(After Extra Time - Final)

CO. SENIOR F. LEAGUE FINALS

Division 1 'A':

Aherlow 1-12
Fethard 1-11
(Replay)

(A) 1-15 to 2-12 (F) (Draw).

Division 1 'B':

Galtee Rovers 1-10
Golden/Kilfeacle 1-7

SENIOR FOOTBALL REL. FINAL

Lattin-Cullen v Moyne-Templetuohy

U-15 MUNSTER TOURNAMENT

July 15th at Cork:

Tipperary 1-4
Cork City 0-1

Limerick 1-6
Tipperary 1-5

Tipperary 3-9
Clare 2-2

Tipperary 2-5
Limerick 1-3
(Final)

FÉILE PEIL na nÓG U-14

Kilsheelan/Kilcash	2-7
Roscrea	1-4
	(Semi-Final)
JK Brackens.....	2-4
Aherlow.....	1-6
	(Semi-Final)

April 29th at New Inn:

JK Brackens	3-12
Kilsheelan/Kilcash	2-6
	(Final – after extra time).

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES 1999/2000**CAREER DECISIONS:****Hurling: Dr. Harty Cup S.H.**

February 13th at The Ragg:

Our Lady's (Templemore)	1-12
Nenagh CBS	1-12
	(Draw – Semi-Final).

February 20th at The Ragg:

Our Lady's (Templemore).....	1-13
Nenagh CBS	2-9
	(Replay).

February 12th at Kilmallock:

St. Flannan's (Ennis)	1-10
Thurles CBS	1-8
	(Semi-Final).

March 12th at Nenagh:

St. Flannan's (Ennis)	3-14
Our Lady's (Templemore)	2-8
	(Final).

ALL-IRELAND COLLEGES S.H. 'B'

March 9th at Carlow:

Cist. College, Roscrea	5-16
Col Éanna, Dublin	0-2
	(Semi-Final).

March 24th at Portlaoise:

Cist. College, Roscrea	2-22
Castlecomer C.S.	4-3
	(Leinster Final).

April 2nd at Nenagh:

Cist. College, Roscrea	2-17
Garbally College	3-10

April 16th at Clonmel:

Cist. College, Roscrea	3-14
St. Declan's, Kilmac.	4-6
	(All-Ireland Final).

DEAN RYAN U-16¹/₂ 'A'

November 17th at Ballygiblin:

Our Lady's (Templemore).....	1-9
Col. Christof Rí	1-3
	(Semi-Final).

December 1st at Clonmel:

St. Colman's (Fermoy)	1-14
Our Lady's (Templemore)	2-8
	(Final).

DR. KINANE CUP U-16¹/₂ 'B'

November 10th at Goatenbridge:

Cashel C.S.	3-11
Charleville CBS	1-9
	(Semi-Final).

November 24th at Tipp Town:

Cashel C.S.	2-15
Doon CBS	0-2
	(Final)

CORN IOGNAID RÍS U-16¹/₂ 'C'

November 24th at Templemore:

Presentation (Ballingarry)	2-8
St. Mary's (Newport)	0-9
	(Final).

CROKE CUP U-16

Our Lady's (Templemore).....	8-7
Roscrea Com. College	0-10
	(Semi-Final).

Cashel C.S.	3-10
Abbey CBS	1-9
	(Replay – Semi-Final).

May 12th at Semple Stadium:

Our Lady's (Templemore)	3-7
Cshel C.S.	1-12
	(Final).

FITZGERALD CUP U-17 'A'

May 19th at Semple Stadium:

Our Lady's (Templemore)	1-19
Roscrea Com. College	3-4
	(Final).

FITZGERALD SHIELD U-17

February 11th at Fethard:

Carrick CBS	5-9
High School (Clonmel)	2-9
	(Final).

CORN AN PHIARSAIGH U-15

March 31st at New Inn:

Cashel C.S.	3-7
H.S., Clonmel	3-5
	(Final).

CORN SOLO U-15

April 24th at Tipperary Town:

St. Anne's (Killaloe)	5-2
Lismore C.B.S.	3-7
	(Final).

RICE CUP U-14

May 30th at Newport:

Our Lady's (Templemore)	5-10
Rice College (Ennis)	1-7
	(Final).

S. TIPP VOC. SCHOOLS S.H. FINAL

May 12th at Killenaule:

Scoil Ruain	2-18
Carrick-on-Suir	2-2
	(Re-Play).

McGABHANN CUP S. FOOTBALL

March 30th at Cahir:

Cashel C.S.	1-8
H.S., Clonmel	3-4
	(Final).

April 13th at Cahir:

Cashel C.S.	1-15
H.S., Clonmel	3-4
	(Final).

McGABHANN SHIELD S. FOOTBALL

March 23rd at The Ragg:

St. Joseph's (Borrisoleigh)	4-12
Thurles C.B.S.	4-4
	(Final).

**TIPPERARY COLLEGES J.F.C.
CUSACK CUP U-15**

May 9th at New Inn:

Clonmel H.S.	3-11
Cashel C.S.	3-9
	(Final – after extra time).

S. TIPP V.S. JUNIOR FOOTBALL

May 23rd :

Scoil Ruain (Killenaule)	2-12
Carrick-on-Suir	0-5
	(Final).

2000/2001 SEASON**CAREER DECISIONS:****Hurling: Dr. Harty Cup S.H. 'A'**

October 11th:

Our Lady's (Templemore)	2-12
Cashel C.S.	1-12
	(Round 1).

October 18th at Feenagh

St. Finbarr's (Farranferris)	2-13
Nenagh C.B.S.	2-4

October 25th at Mitchelstown:

Thurles C.B.S.	3-5
Co. Christof Rí	0-10

November 15th at Nenagh:

St. Flannan's (Ennis)	2-14
Our Lady's (Templemore)	1-8

November 17th at Fermoy:

Thurles C.B.S.	1-12
North Mon. (Cork)	0-7

MUNSTER S.H. 'B'

October 17th at Ardfinnan:

Abbey C.B.S.	2-18
St. Augustine's (Dungarvan)	1-12

DEAN RYAN U-16¹/₂ 'A'

October 4th at Cashel:

Thurles C.B.S.	6-16
Abbey C.B.S.	1-3

October 4th:

Our Lady's (Templemore)	4-13
North Monastery	1-8

October 20th at Fermoy:

Thurles C.B.S.	4-12
Col. Christof Rí (Cork)	1-4
	(Quarter-Final).

November 28th at Nenagh:

St. Flannan's	2-16
Our Lady's (Templemore).....	1-6
	(Semi-Final)

November 25th at Ardfinnan:

St. Colman's (Fermoy)	6-12
Thurles C.B.S.	2-7
	(Semi-Final)

CROKE CUP UNDER-15

October 27th at The Ragg:

Cashel C.S.	6-14
Our Lady's (Templemore)	1-9

MUNSTER V.S. S.H.C.

November 15th at New Inn:

Roscrea	4-11
Midleton	0-5
(Semi-Final).	

HENNESSY CUP U-15 'B'

November 22nd at Templemore:

Presentation (Ballingarry)	1-10
Nenagh V.S.	0-2
(Final)	

CO. PRIMARY SCHOOLS H. FINALS

A:	
Carrick-on-Suir	2-7
Nenagh	1-6
B:	
Upperchurch	7-2
Toomevara	0-7
C:	
Templederry	2-8
Grange	0-3
D:	
Ballingarry	1-10
Ballinure	0-3

E:	
Clonmore	3-4
Ballinacloy	1-2
F:	
Ayle	6-7
Lisnarock	7-3

OUTSTANDING RESULTS 1999

COUNTY FINALS (HURLING)

Under-21 'A'	
Cappawhite	2-12
Mullinahone	2-11

Under-21 'B'	
Moycarkey-Borris	1-12
Kildangan	3-4

Football - Intermediate:	
Carrick Swans	0-7
Eire Og (Annacarty)	0-6

Junior 'A':	
Fethard	0-10
Emly	0-9

Junior 'B':	
Boherlahan	1-6
Silvermines	0-1

SENIOR HURLING LEAGUE FINAL:

Premier Division:	
Nenagh Eire Og	3-5
Toomevara	0-10

WATERFORD CRYSTAL SENIOR HURLING LEAGUE FINAL (1999)

Tipperary	3-10
Waterford	2-11

13-2-2000 at Walsh Park, Tipperary:

Tipperary	4-21
Wexford	2-9
(Final)	

Note to all Public Relations Officers:

Always include the
full-time score, date, venue
and competition in your
Match Reports.

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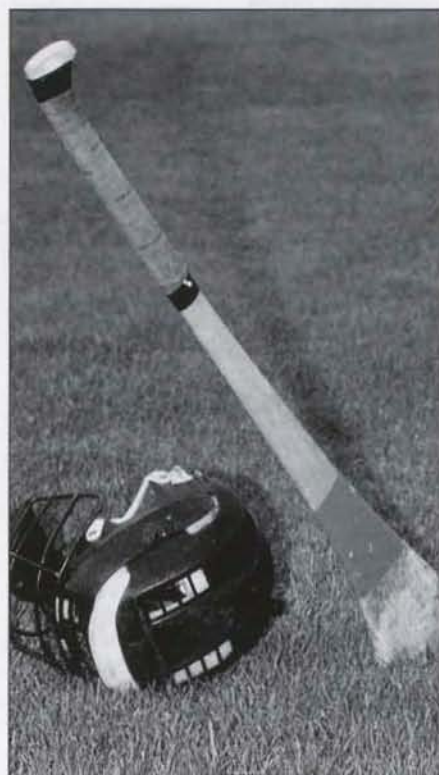
Chairman of Mid Tipperary GAA Board, Michael Burke (left) presents the Cahill Cup 2000 (Mid SHL) to Michael O'Dwyer, captain of the Upperchurch-Drombane panel that won the trophy by defeating Boherlahan-Dualla in the final at Holycross.



Opposing Captains

Thurles Sarsfields' captain Brendan Carroll and Toomevara captain Terry Dunne during the county SHC final at Sempie Stadium.

It's all over for another year!



Paddy Ahearne
(Fethard)



The death of Paddy Ahearne came as a great shock to all in Fethard, Coolmoynce and Killybeg.

Having played both football and hurling in his illustrious career, he won county medals in hurling: 1932 (South Junior Selection), South Junior (1932 Fethard), South and County (Senior) 1938, 1942, also South Senior 1943. His playing career spanned over 20 years.

To his wife Kitty and family, Fethard GAA club extends its sympathy. Go ndeanaf Dia trocaire ar a anam.

Bernie Bannon



When Bernie Bannon passed away last Spring, Holycross-Ballycahill lost one of its outstanding parishioners. He was a gentleman, a man of great integrity and a wonderful historian.

For almost sixty years he was involved in our club as a player, selector, club officer, committee member and trustee of Ballycahill hurling field. Bernie never made the senior team but played for many years with the junior sides. His greatest thrill as a hurler was to play against Thurles Kickhams in the curtain raiser to the drawn 1944 Munster senior final – a game won by Holycross-Ballycahill. Despite his long service the only trophy won by him as a player was a 1946 junior Mid football medal.

Though he never sought the limelight, he was always ready to help in club affairs. He assisted in fund-raising, was involved in developing Ballycahill field,

Friends we lost in 2000

helped with the club history and on two memorable occasions was a member of the Question Time team that won Mid Scór titles.

His favourite hurler was Ballycahill man, Joe Bannon, who won Leinster and All-Ireland senior hurling medals with Dublin in 1924 and 1927. One of his favourite memories was of the Ballycahill point-to-point meeting in 1929 on a course through Ballycahill, Lisaroon and Ballinahow.

Perhaps his proudest moment came on the Wednesday after our 1990 County senior final victory when, as bonfires burned on the Rock, the Moycarkey Band led the victory parade to the village. Bernie, as the acknowledged leader of the Ballycahill end of the parish, welcomed the champions with an eloquent speech.

Sadly, his brother Willie, another gracious gentleman, died recently. We know that both are sharing the heavenly happiness they desired.

Pearse Bonner

(1917-2000)

(Cashel King Cormacs)



The death of Pearse Bonner occurred on Tuesday 1st February 2000, six weeks short of his 83rd birthday. His popularity amongst his own community and GAA followers throughout the county and surroundings was very much in evidence by the large crowd who

attended the removal on his remains and burial at St. Cormac's Cemetery Cashel.

A gentleman at all times and a man who evoked admiration from all who knew him, Pearse was born in Donegal on 17th March 1917. He had a lifelong association with the GAA both in Donegal, winning a co intermediate football championship with Killygordan in 1946, and his adopted county of Tipperary where he moved to in 1956.

Although his first love was football, his initial contribution to sport in Cashel was in setting up a camogie club and later training the team which brought it first county title to the town in 1966. Later he took up the position of First Aid officer of the juvenile teams in Cashel King Cormac's club and ending up as medic with the senior team. He will well be remembered for his many sojourns on to the playing field to administer aid to some injured player.

A source of great pride for Pearse was for him watching his family (all 13) achieve success in their various fields, some in the academic area and other on the playing fields either as mentors or players. Most members of his family achieved success at All-Ireland level, his daughters at Presentation Convent, Cashel and his sons while playing with Tipperary.

At the age of 74 Pearse made his own piece of history when he lined out for the King Cormac's to make up a selection of 15, to compete in an O'Donoghue Cup football game, and save the day for the club.

He was full of enthusiasm for the Cashel King Cormac's club. He rarely missed a game and spent many a long evening at Leahy Park helping out at training and keeping a watchful eye over injured players. In recognition to his huge contribution he was made Honorary Life President of the King Cormac's Club,

a position he held with honour. There can be no doubting the immense contribution that Pearse Bonner made to the community in which he lived and in particular to the promotion of Gaelic games. It was good fortune of Tipperary to have this native son of Killygordan, Co. Donegal live in the City of the Kings.

Go ndearna Dia trocaire ar a anam uasal.

Jim Cahill

(Thurles Sarsfields)



It was with great regret that we learned of the passing of our Vice-President and long-time member Jim Cahill in September.

Rarely do men of Jim's enthusiasm, energy and stature come along and we in Thurles Sarsfields were fortunate and indeed privileged that Jim decided to plough his considerable talents into our club. Jim led a very full life and his interests were very wide ranging. He rarely missed a match that Sarsfields were involved in and yet he worked his farm at Leugh, maintained his interest in Muintir na Tire and kept abreast of the political scene and Fine Gael all at once. Add to this, his dedication to his wife Peggy and their family and you have the very complete life of a special man.

Jim will be remembered by all in Sarsfields as the man who worked so hard on big match days in Thurles. He was an institution in the new stand where he was involved in the selling of the programmes for many years. To this day people still recall Jim standing at the table, selling programmes and overseeing the whole operation.

Jim was a member of the club committee for many years where he brought his experience to bear on many occasions. His contributions were always noteworthy and Jim had a subtle wit which was second to none.

Following his illness, Jim maintained his interest in the club and it never waned until the day he died. He was a regular visitor to Arus na Sáirséalach

with Peggy, and was always on hand to offer words of encouragement to players, mentors and club officials alike – encouragement that everyone needs to hear from time to time. Jim was at home in our clubhouse and he valued his time there very highly indeed. His firm and warm handshake epitomised the man – it was extended freely to all who knew him.

Perhaps the greatest expression of Jim's love for the club came after we had won the Mid senior hurling final this year. From his hospital bed he phoned one of our officials to pass on his congratulations to all concerned. That was testimony to Jim's regard for Sarsfields.

He is sadly missed. Solas na bhFlaithead dá anam.

Peter Doyle
(Nenagh Éire Óg)



It was with great sadness that we heard on November 2nd of the passing of one of the club's staunchest members, Peter Doyle. Peter was a familiar figure at all GAA matches throughout the county and never missed an Éire óg match or training session.

Peter served the club as a committee member and selector and in his early years was a valued player with the club.

To his wife Mary and family we offer our sincere sympathy on their great loss.

Christy English



When Christy English, Burncourt passed to his eternal reward earlier this year following an illness borne with courage and fortitude we lost

one of our long serving servants of our community. Christy took a great interest in local activities.

He was a prominent playing member of the 1948 Barncourt team to win the junior county football final. His fitness and skill played no small part in that great victory. He took a deep interest in GAA affairs and Fr Sheehy club where his support and help at all levels from bringing juveniles to games to encouraging his own sons in their GAA activities was most appreciated.

Our club and parish have lost one of its most loyal sons. To his wife, Kitty sons daughters, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, brother James, also a member of the 1948 winning team, sisters, cousins, relatives and friends we tender our sympathy.

His interment in Burncourt cemetery say the biggest funeral for many years. May his gentle soul rest in peace.

Paddy Flannery



Paddy Flannery, Kildangan passed to his eternal reward on September 2nd, 2000. Born on 5th May 1920, himself and his twin brother Seamus celebrated their 80th birthdays last May.

He was a lifelong member and supporter of Killadangan GAA club. As a young man he played with underage teams. While still a teenager he suffered a serious knee injury which curtailed his participation in games. His commitment and perseverance saw him back playing in a few years. In 1942 he won a Junior hurling championship medal with Ballycommon. (This was at a time when the parish had three junior teams, Ballycommon, Loughourna, Cloghprior). In 1944 Ballycommon and Loughourna both amalgamated with Kildangan. Kildangan won the Junior championship and Paddy collected his second medal. Paddy was an avid follower of our games and for many years, himself and his great friends Martin Kennedy

(the hurler) were to be seen at most matches.

In later years he got great satisfaction from watching his grandchildren take part in our games.

His esteem in the community was reflected in the large attendance at his funeral and the impressive guard of honour from the club. We extend our sympathies to his family and friends.

Eamon (Ned) Geary
(Ballyporeen)



In August widespread sympathy and a great sense of loss was felt in the parish of Ballyporeen and especially among GAA followers when we heard of the sad news of the death of Ned Geary in hospital in Dublin after a short illness.

A man of many interests Ned's greatest love was the GAA and all types of Gaelic Games and in particular football.

He was a playing member of the Ballyporeen football team of the forties and fifties and enjoyed many happy years with the club. He saw Ballyporeen football teams go from Junior to Intermediate and from Intermediate to Senior with his sons John and Michael being playing members of the teams.

Ned also took a very keen interest in all Juvenile games and the teams from the parish and even up to a very short time before his death he travelled to see all the games.

To his wife Bridget, sons John, Michael, Liam, daughter Siobhan, brother and sisters and his many relatives and friends we, the Ballyporeen football club extend our deepest sympathy.

Go ndeaná Dia trócaire ar a anam.

Bridget Gleeson
(Ballina)

Bridget Gleeson (nee Shanahan) was originally from Drombane, Upperchurch where her family would be known as great supporters of Tipperary hurling. For the last 22 years however, Bridget lived in Balli-

na where as wife and best friend to John and loving mother to Sean, Gerard and William, she was a highly respected member of her parish.

Bridget was always a homemaker renowned for the care of her family and for her daily baking.

Bridget had a generous nature and gave freely of her time to the parish. Her involvement with the Altar Society, her work for the GAA and parish lottery, her work in Boher school was always much appreciated.

Bridget was always a family person and through John and her sons and her nephews and nieces she became involved in the Ballina Handball Club and the GAA Club. Bridget loved going to matches but she worked tirelessly for the Club behind the scenes too – there are lovely memories of her at the GAA Summer Camps keeping a watchful eye on the youngsters.

In John's work, first for the Juvenile Club and lately for the Intermediate Club and North Board Bridget was a constant support.

Bridget Gleeson's popularity and the friends she made extended well beyond her own parish boundaries. Her sudden death on April 15th last left many relatives, neighbours and friends deeply saddened, but her loss to John, Sean, Gerard and William was inestimable. She is sadly missed.

I gcónaí in ár smaointe.

Paddy Gleeson
(St. Patrick's, Drangan)



St. Patrick's GAA club in Drangan and Cloneen lost one of its greatest footballers with the death of the great Paddy Gleeson on 2nd November 2000. Although Paddy had been in failing health for some years he always kept the best side out and maintained a high level of fitness up to recently.

Paddy first came to prominence with the Drangan school team of 1944 who won the South Tipperary schools title with victories over Fethard and Ardinnan.

Paddy played Inter County minor football for 3 years in a

row 1947, 1948 with Tipperary and 1949 with Clare. In 1950 Paddy was a member of the Drangan Junior football team defeated by Kilsheelan in the South Tipperary final. In 1953 Paddy won South and county Junior football titles with Drangan and won South and County Senior football titles with St Patricks.

In 1963 Paddy helped St Patrick's to South Tipperary titles in Junior football and Junior hurling. In 1965 Paddy helped his adopted club Newport to victory in the County Tipperary Junior football final. In 1967 Paddy was back with his native St Patricks winning a South Tipperary Intermediate football championships and a County Tipperary Junior football championship. In 1971 Paddy played at full forward for St Patricks in the South Tipperary Junior football final where he was flanked by players who had not even been born when Paddy won senior honours in 1953. In 1947 Paddy was a member of the South Tipperary Minor football team that won the Millar Shield for Inter Divisional football.

Paddy's Inter County football career spanned 20 years from 1947 when he first played minor with Tipperary to 1967 when he played corner back for the Junior footballers. For most of the intervening years Paddy had been corner back for the County senior footballers.

In 1954 Paddy was honoured by the Munster Football selectors for the Railway Cup semi final against Connacht.

When his playing days were over Paddy continued to serve St Patricks as trainer to many club teams. These were often embarrassing training sessions for the players many of whom could not match the fitness of their trainer the great Paddy Gleeson. Up to a few years ago Paddy carried a few hurleys in the back of the car and would always grasp the opportunity for a puck around when a suitable companion was available. On one such occasion Paddy's companion for such a puck around on a Co Kerry beach was former Kerry football star, the great Mick O'Connell. Paddy's father the late Jim Gleeson served for many years as chairman of the South Tipperary Board and his brother Jimmy served for several years as secretary of St Patricks club. To his wife Kitty, brother Jimmy, sisters Josephine Wilson and Bridget McCarthy we extend the sympathy of all Gaels both near and far. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Sean Hassett



The parish of Toomevara and surrounding areas were shocked when the news broke of the untimely death of Sean Hassett at the tender age of 14 years. For Sean's family the grief and sense of loss must be unbearable.

I am privileged to have been asked to put a few words together – and express for the community our appreciation of Sean's life and what he meant to many of us.

As a person we remember Sean for his involvement in games, the friendships he formed and the respect he showed at all times.

Sean was passionate about hurling, he always considered it a huge honour to represent his club and his achievements at club level included success at under-12 level, at North and County, under-14 County Feile and All-Ireland Feile na Gael runners-up. He also had success at under-16 and minor teams, all which contested divisional finals.

At County level he won the Poc Fada competition in 1999, he was a member of the Tipperary Primary School team and many of us present at Pairc Uí Caoimh, two years ago will long remember his outstanding display that day.

Sean played for his county for the past two years. At school level, Sean captained Gurtagarry to success in the primary school competition, an achievement he was very proud of.

In secondary school Sean was a great influence in the Nenagh Vocational school team which qualified for two finals in recent weeks. Indeed his display against Rathkeale – just a week before his death – was rated as one of the best individual displays witnessed on any school team.

The one feature running throughout all Sean's hurling was total commitment, either as a member of the minor team or as the most seasoned player on the under-14 team, he took great pride in wearing the green and gold of his beloved Toomevara

and the blue and gold of Tipperary.

While Sean's achievements on the hurling field were tremendous, his real legacy, I believe, lies in his outstanding sportsmanship, his self control and his total respect for team mentors and match officials.

These outstanding qualities established Sean as an ideal "role model" for any aspiring young hurler.

His under-14 team mates always felt secure when Sean was around – they loved him and admired him.

Many of us have memories of Sean after a match sitting on a window sill in the village, sipping a tin of coke and chatting to many up and coming hurlers.

It could be said that Sean represented the real GAA person in that his best friends in the Vocational school were in fact members of clubs that opposed him on the hurling field throughout the year.

This has been a devastating time for the Hassett and O'Dwyer families and we express our deepest sympathy. We earnestly hope that in time John and Teresa will gain some consolation from the fact that they gave Sean every support and opportunity to develop his talents both on and off the field.

Sean – for such a young man you have touched many lives and those of us fortunate enough to have known you are certainly the better for it.

To Claire, Noelle and Thomas, you had a wonderful brother.

To John and Teresa, you had a noble son.

At dheis Dé to raibh a dilis.

Seamus Hayes



It was with great regret that we learned of the sudden death of Seamus Hayes, Gorthacolla, Drombane, at the age of 61 years.

Down through the years Seamus took a great interest in the local Upperchurch-Drombane club. He was chairman and selector of the Juvenile

Club for 14 years 1979 – 1993.

He was also a great Scór supporter and a very committed worker having been a steward at all levels from Mid Scór to National Scór.

Go ndeanfaidh Dia thócaire ar a anam.

Paddy Hodgins



The people of knockshegowna and the surrounding areas were shocked and saddened at the death of the late Paddy Hodgins which occurred on January 6th last at the early age of 68.

Paddy was out and out a GAA fanatic. In his earlier years he played with Kilruane McDonaghs, his employment brought him to Ballingarry area and he transferred to Knockshegowna in 1956. Paddy played on many a successful team with Knockshe he won 4 junior titles in 1957, '69, '72, '74. A county junior title in 1969. A North Tipp intermediate championship in 1960. Paddy had the unique distinction of playing with his son Michael in the North Tipp Junior final in 1976, only to lose to Borrisoleigh. His other son James was also on the panel.

Off the field of play Paddy was a colourful character, his wit and humour were enjoyed and it was a pleasure to be part of.

After his playing days Paddy officiated as umpire in many important games throughout the length and breadth of Ireland with referees Gerry Long and Michael Cahill. This dedication to the GAA continued even up to six weeks before he died, when he officiated at a Colleges game in Cloughjordan. His popularity was evident at his funeral where there was a large attendance of colleagues and friends, his coffin was carried to the grave side by his team mates in Knockshegowna.

To his wife Evelyn, sons Michael and James. Daughters Patricia, Catherine, Sinead, Michelle and Claire. Sisters Betty and Peg, his immediate family, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

John Hogan



John Hogan who died in June this year spent most of his life living at 21 Knockanpierce, Nenagh and working at CIE, Nenagh. John's nickname was "Gutney" derived from a famous hurler called "Gutney" Gleeson.

John was an Éire Óg stalwart for many years but his most famous day came in the North Senior hurling final of 1957 when Éire Óg won the title for the first time ever. John was an inspiration to the team scoring 3 goals against no less a team than Toomevara.

After he finished hurling John became an avid follower of both Nenagh and Tipperary hurling. He took particular pride in his sons Martin and John hurling. Even in his later years John travelled from his Kerry home to watch Éire Óg and Tipperary. He will be sadly missed by his wife Bridie and family.

Patrick (Pakie) Horan

The Lattin Cullen GAA club were saddened to hear of the death of Pakie Horan on the 25th August 2000.

Pakie was a keen cyclist and was interested in all sports and he played his part in many football teams for the club in the 1960s. Pakie also served on the Lattin Cullen GAA Committee. His father Jim Horan was a founding member of the West Tipperary GAA Board.

Deepest sympathy is extended to his brother Fr Sean Horan and his relatives and friends.

Noel Lane

(Lorrha, 1943-2000)



There was widespread sadness and shock in the parish of Lorrha on the death of Noel Lane on October 11. A former member of the Garda Síochána he lived in Ennistymon, where he was married with two children.

One of the most talented hurlers from the parish, Noel had height, weight, the necessary speed and, above all, a plentiful supply of skill. He played some outstanding matches for Lorrha and Tipperary.

Noel won two juvenile county finals in 1957 and 1958. He played centreback and centrefield and, in 1958, was the dominant force on the team. Some would say he was the outstanding juvenile in the county in 1958. An indication of his ability is his achievement the following year; he played minor, under-21 and junior for the club in 1959.

His talent was recognised at county minor level in 1961 when he starred on the Tipperary team beaten by Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final. In the same year he won a divisional junior hurling medal with his club.

The following year he captained St Molaisse's of Portumna to their first-ever Connacht colleges senior hurling final. He played on the county intermediate team beaten by Cork in the Munster final. He also played under-21 and senior hurling, as well as junior football, for Lorrha.

Two years later he won an All-Ireland under-21 medal with Tipperary, the first championship at that level. In October 1964 he won an Oireachtas medal with the county. Taking up residence in Ennistymon in 1965 may have prevented him establishing himself on the county senior team. He came back to county reckoning in 1969 when he played in the Grounds Tournament and the league. For four years he was on the county senior panel and was a member of the All-Ireland squad in 1971.

He captained Lorrha to a divisional senior title in 1966 and continued to play with the club until 1979. He was the most distinctive and familiar figure on every Lorrha senior team during that period making no bones of travelling the long trek from Ennistymon to Lorrha for training and matches.

He was laid to rest in Bonohum cemetery in the parish on October 13. In a graveside oration, club chairman and former team mate, Michael Liffey, spoke glowingly of Noel's years as a hurler, his love for the game and his commitment to his parish.

Val Lanigan



On February the 6th, upon hearing of the sudden death of one of our nobelist

sons, Val Lanigan, Grangemockler was rocked to its foundation. His passing was a timely reminder to us all, how life can be taken so quickly, Val went to Dublin with friends on that day and died suddenly there.

Although a very successful hard working farmer, he devoted lots of his time to the GAA, both as a player, selector and supporter. As a player he touched on three decades. He won a South Junior title in 1957, under-21 title in '61 and County title in 1962.

He upheld the tradition of a powerful football family, I doubt if there was ever a more loyal supporter of club or county. Sadly his light footsteps will never again tread the sidewalks to the turn-styles.

To his wife Elizabeth and family, our heartfelt sympathy.

Go ndeana Dia Trócaire ar a anam.

Pat Leane

(Thurles Sarsfields)



The death of former senior full-back Pat Leane (Wrensboro) came as a huge shock to all involved and associated with Thurles Sarsfields.

A tough as teak defender, Pat was the kind of man you could rely on when the going got tough and he had many excellent games protecting the goalies from his full-back berth. An uncompromising backman, Pat Leane epitomised the win at all costs attitude and was an inspiration to many players around him.

Pat played hurling for the club and loved to be involved in the whole set-up. He was a committed team player who lived hard and played hard. He won many honours in the blue jersey and represented Tipperary at minor and U-21 level, while he played at all levels for Sarsfields.

Pat's finest hour was perhaps the county final of 1974 when he played an authoritative rôle and won various other titles with the club, including his captaincy of the inaugural Cahill Cup success of 1978.

When people remember Pat Leane they inevitably remember the clashes with Moycarkey/Borris star John Flanagan. When they clashed in full flight even the Gods shuddered. Iron-

ically, both were called to their eternal reward in a sudden fashion by the great referee.

Sarsfields men of six decades walked in silence in a Guard of Honour beside the hearse conveying Pat's remains on his final journey. His coffin was draped in the famous blue and white flag as memories of Leane in full flight were conjured up.

We express sympathy to the Leane family and all Pat's friends.

Rest in Peace Pat. Síocháin dá anam.

Noel Lonergan

(Ballyneale)



On Saturday, 8th of July after a brief illness Noel Lonergan passed to his eternal reward.

A noted centre-forward in both hurling and football. As a footballer he won a South medal in 1946 and junior hurling in 1948. Member of the Ballyneale / Grangemockler club formed a guard of honour with his team-mates, his coffin was draped in Ballyneale colours (black and amber).

We tender our sincere sympathy to his sister Tess and brothers Ted, Larry, Paschal.

Go ndeana Dia trócaire ar a anam.

Con Maher

(1917-2000)

(Thurles)

Con Maher, Furze, Thurles, was a very talented young hurler. He played senior hurling for Thurles Kickhams, but a serious injury forced him to retire at an early age.

In 1933, he won a Harty Cup medal with Thurles C.B.S. He was a substitute on the Tipperary minor hurling team when they won the All-Ireland in 1932. He came on as a substitute in the 1933 final and was captain of the victorious minor team in 1934. He was again captain in 1935 when Tipperary were narrowly defeated by Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final. He won four Munster final minor medals

and three All-Ireland minor medals.

He always retained his interest in Tipperary hurling and in his young days he knew some of the Thurles hurlers who had won Tipperary's first All-Ireland in 1887.

Peace to his soul.

Dr. Paddy Leahy

(1917-2000)

(Thurles)

Paddy Leahy was another young promising Thurles hurler, who never graduated to the Tipperary senior team.

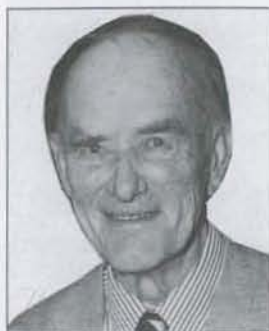
In 1932, he played on the Tipperary minor team. He was "hero of the game" against Waterford and he won an All-Ireland minor medal in the final against Kilkenny. He then spent some time in a boarding school in Leinster, where he concentrated on rugby, a game that was then considered "banned" by the G.A.A. He was full-forward in the minor All-Ireland of 1935. Kilkenny narrowly won, but in this game Paddy's lack of match practice was obvious. He had been expected to play another great game for Tipperary.

After the All-Ireland, Dr. Paddy, always controversial, drifted away from hurling and eventually settled down in Dublin.

May he rest in peace.

Phil Maher

(Borrisoleigh)



On June 18th Borrisoleigh lost another of her illustrious hurlers when Phil Maher, honourary vice-president of Borrisoleigh G.A.A. club, was called to his eternal reward.

Phil was part of the "Golden Era" of Borrisoleigh hurling. He won North S.H.C. medals in 1947, '50, '51, '52 and '53 and a Mid S.H.C. in 1949. He also played in five county finals being successful in 1949, '50 and '53.

Phil also represented Tipperary in the National Hurling League, Oireachtas and Monaghan Cup competitions. Phil loved the park in Borrisoleigh

and, indeed, rarely missed a training session.

He loved to see the young players coming through and always had a word of encouragement for them.

To his family and relations we extend our sympathies.

May his gentle Gaelic soul rest in peace.

Eddie McCarthy

(1925-2000)

(Bansha)



On February 15, 2000, Galtee-Rovers - St. Pekaun's, lost one of its greatest servants when the late Eddie McCarthy passed away peacefully at his residence in Main Street, Bansha, after a long illness borne with great courage.

Born in Bansha in the year 1925 Eddie had a great love for the G.A.A. and an abiding passion for its games which he retained until the very day he passed to is eternal reward.

He began his official playing days for the famous Cahir Slashers, winning south minor football and hurling medals in the year 1943.

He returned to his native parish of Bansha-Kilmoyler in the mid-forties and participated in many of that clubs subsequent successes. In 1946 he won county and west junior football medals. With the exception of 1948 he won West senior football medals in 1947-49-50-51-52-53-54, he won county senior football medals in 1949 and 1950. During this wonderful period Eddie's displays at wing-back were nothing short of magnificent, standing 6 feet tall, a life long Pioneer, he feared nothing and took no prisoners.

He was also a member of the Tipp junior football team and to prove his versatility won three West junior hurling medals.

He worked with the department of Post and Telegraphs from 1940 to 1986 and was very proud of the fact that he won an All-Ireland senior football championship with the Tipperary county P&T team in 1955.

With the growing up of his

four sons he passed on to them the Gaelic tradition and it was a source of pride and joy to him to see them involved in the games he so dearly loved.

His playing career having come to an end it was only natural for him to become involved in the administration side of the club and probably here lies his greatest legacy. He was one of the prime movers in acquiring the beautiful pitch and club rooms. He was hon. sec. for nearly ten years and also hon. treasurer for eight years. He also acted as senior football selector for many years.

Another chapter in his marvellous and fulfilling life were the years spent umpiring with his fellow club-mate and life-long friend John Moloney, they travelled the length and breadth of the country in the company of Larry Quinn, Jim O'Connor, Billy O'Donoghue and McDuff, the crack must have been mighty, what one wouldn't give to have been a fly on the wall of Moloney's old Granada.

Our deepest sympathy is tendered to his widow Kathleen, his sons Paudie, Seamus, Eamonn and Micheál, daughter Kay and all his relatives and many friends.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis.

Pat (Nobby) McCormack

(Powerstown/Lisronagh)



Widespread grief and sadness greeted the news of Nobby's passing on November 24th, 2000. Nobby, a Kilkennyman, came to the parish of Powerstown and Lisronagh in the early 80's, married Marion, a local girl and became a full-blooded Moyle Rovers man.

Having played on the Kilkenny minor hurling team that lost the 1969 All-Ireland final to Cork, it wasn't surprising that Nobby's first sport's love would be hurling. He captained a Moyle Rovers junior hurling team to win a South championship in 1988 and went on to win a second in 1993. He also played on the junior football team that won a South champi-

onship in 1989.

While nobody will ever forget Nobby's love of sport or his active playing of the games having recovered from serious illness in the 70's or his shout from between the post's while playing in goal of 'dead ball' it was his love of life, his good humour, his eternal optimism and his joie de vivre that endeared him to young and old alike.

Moyle Rovers and Powerstown and Lisronagh will be less for his passing but be sure Nobby that you will never be forgotten.

To his wife Marion, daughter Susan, sons Alan and Shane we extend our deepest sympathies. Nobby was laid to rest on November 26th in Lisronagh to the strains of 'the Rose of Mooncoin' the anthem of his beloved Kilkenny in the heartland of Moyle Rovers, the club he came to love.

Slán Nobby.

John and Geraldine McGrath

(Bansha)



A tragic car crash in Bansha on January 1st resulted in the deaths of John and Geraldine McGrath, a young couple in their early forties.

The devastating loss to their children, Sandra and Aidan, their extended families, the entire community of Bansha and Kilmoyler, was also particularly felt among their friends in Galtee Rovers G.A.A. club. At the time John was Galtee Rovers chairman and Geraldine was a prominent committee member. They gave their time generously to the club. Since the

opening of our hall nine years ago they acted as caretakers and the way this task was carried out bears testimony to their efficiency and dedication. They were also the top promoters in both our club draw and the County Board draw. They will be a hard act to follow but hopefully the deeds of their short lives can still be an inspiration to which others can aspire.

Liam McKenna

(Nenagh Eire Óg)



Liam McKenna was called to his eternal reward on Christmas Day, 1999. His death brought sadness and shock not only to his wife and family but also to his many friends who had spoken to him just a few hours earlier at the Christmas Vigil Mass.

Liam was involved with hurling all his life. When Rev. Joe Hayes C.C., healed the breach between the two Nenagh clubs, Liam was the chosen one to become the first chairman of the new St. Mary's in 1947. This club later adopted the name Eire Óg, that of one of its predecessors.

The new club met with immediate success. In its first year it captured the North Tipp intermediate hurling title and the same team later went on to win the county junior final. Under his chairmanship Eire Óg won minor honours in 1947, '48, '49 and '51 as well as a minor football title in 1951. With Liam still at the helm, the club won its first North senior hurling championship in forty-one years, in 1957.

He was a selector on the Tipperary intermediate team of 1963 when it won the All-Ireland title.

Liam's passion for the game of hurling never left him even though he left the pitch for the athletics track where he served as hon. treasurer and chairman of Nenagh Olympic A.A. successively – proud of the accomplishments of his family.

Liam McKenna will be sadly missed by those who were fortunate to have known him, but most of all by his devoted wife Maura and family, Breda, Alice, Oonagh, Mary, Anne, Margaret and John.

Martin Moloney

(Newport)



On Friday, June 9th people from Newport and surrounding parishes throughout North Tipperary were shocked and saddened at the sudden death of Martin Moloney, White Walls, Newport. With his death Newport lost one of its best known and most respected members of the community.

Martin gave his life to Newport G.A.A. club as a player over four decades and later as an administrator in many capacities. He first came to prominence as a player in 1968 when figuring as a goalkeeper on the Newport Under-15 football team which reached the county final. Two years later he was between the posts when the junior footballers brought the county crown back.

He made his debut on the adult hurling teams in 1970.

He made an early impact on the administration scene appointed to the committee in 1971 and taking over as club secretary the following year. His commitment to the administration of the club continued over the following three decades.

In all Martin spent 29 years playing on adult Newport teams. At the start of the present millennium Martin toggled out for the annual charity game on New Year's Day. Alas no one could have guessed that the final whistle would have blown for Martin within a few short months.

Martin will be remembered fondly as one of nature's true gentlemen. His gentle nature, sincerity of character and approachable manner endeared him to all.

Martin will be missed as a loyal friend and colleague by many but particularly by his family who were the centre of his life. To his wife Mary, his daughters Laura and Edel and his son Tomás, we extend our sympathy.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anam dílis.

Michael Morrissey

(Kilsheelan/Kilcass)



Another link with the past was broken with the death of Michael Morrissey on the 27th of January in his 92nd year. Mick, as he was better known, hailed from Kilcass. Although small in stature his footballing skills were quickly recognised when he was selected along with a number of Kilsheelan players for the county minor team in 1930.

Senior status followed quickly in 1933, they were again beaten by Kerry in the Munster Final. He captained Tipperary in 1934 but they were again beaten by Kerry. He helped Tipperary to Munster honours in 1935 where he gave an outstanding display at wing back. He continued to represent his county for a number of years and also played in the Railway Cup.

His versatility meant he was at home in any defensive position and indeed at midfield also.

On retirement from the game he took up refereeing. His use of the whistle was best exemplified by the fact that he was in great demand.

Go nDeana Dia Trocair Air.

John Mulcahy

(Burgess)



John Mulcahy, a noted hurler with Burgess teams in the 1940's, passed away peacefully at his Gortmore residence on Tuesday, February 29th last. He won his first hurling medal in 1936, when the parish team Youghalarra defeated Toomevara in the North minor final.

Burgess lost out to Shannon

Rovers in the 1939 intermediate final. Soon after, a group of Gaels from the Ballywilliam side of the parish (which included John and Paddy Mulcahy) decided to form a G.A.A. club, which they called Gortmore. In 1941, this club's name was changed to Burgess, and they went on to achieve a North intermediate title by defeating Toomevara at the Showgrounds, Nenagh, on October 19th, 1941. John played with Duharra senior hurling team from 1943 to 1948, and he played in the 1944 North senior final. John was great to anticipate a move. This speedy wing-forward specialised in ground hurling and the overhead flick. His wrist-work ensured a rasping shot.

His theory was to let the ball do the work and a half-forwards job was to feed the full-forward line. He would often move from the wing over to accompany his centre-forward before Pat Murray would puck out the ball, in the hope that the wing-back would follow him. Murray would then puck the ball out to the vacated position. In those days, hurleys were made at Mulcahy's boiling house. John also gave the Burgess G.A.A. club the use of his fields for many years. He followed the fortunes of Burgess through thick and thin. John had a musical ear as does his eight children. John was above anything else a great family man. His four sons donned the Burgess colours with pride.

Paddy O'Meara

(Drangan/Cloneen)



In October 2000, former St. Patrick's footballer Paddy O'Meara, passed away in Scotland. Paddy's football skills first came under notice as a member of the famous Drangan school team of 1944, who won the South final with victories over Fethard and Ardinnan.

The County Tipperary minor football selectors also recognised Paddy's talent and selected him at midfield in 1947. Earlier that same year Paddy was one of three St. Patrick's players on the South Tipperary minor

football team who won the Millar Shield for inter-divisional minor football.

Also in 1947 Paddy was a member of the St. Patrick's minor football team that defeated Kilcass and Fethard before losing to Clonmel Commercials in the South Tipperary final.

In 1949 Paddy was a member of the St. Patrick's team that reached the final of the Tipperarymen's Cup. Shortly after this, emigration stole Paddy's talent from his native parish, but St. Patrick's loss was Scotland's gain and Paddy became a very prominent full-forward with the Glasgow Gaelic football team who participated in the Ulster junior football championships of the early 1950's. When Paddy returned home on holidays he lined out in several games for St. Patrick's teams.

Before emigrating to Scotland Paddy was a very prominent athlete with Killenaule athletic club, winning several cross-country medals in his bare feet. When Paddy was laid to rest in Scotland his coffin was draped with the St. Patrick's flag and bore wreaths of flowers in the Tipperary colours. To his brother Jimmy, Tullocussane, his sister, Mrs. Maisie O'Keeffe, Milestown and his wife and family, we extend the sympathy of the Gaels of Drangan, Clonkeen and Tipperary.

Patrick Ormond (Kilsheelan)



On the 9th of April last, Pat Ormond lined out in the Kilsheelan attack when they played a draw with Fr. Sheehy's in the first round of the minor football championship. Sadly he received fatal injuries in a road accident the following week.

The shock of his death numbed the whole community and his heart-broken family. Having attended Kilsheelan N.S. it was natural that he should be attracted to Gaelic games. He played for the juvenile club at all levels. The highlight of his all-too-short career was in 1998 when he played in goal for the U-16 football team that narrowly lost the county 'B' title.

Pat was following the family tradition of lining out for the club on the G.A.A. fields, this happy go lucky player will always be remembered,

Go ndeana Dia Trocaire ar an anam.

Ann Ryan (Clonoulty)



The new millennium was still young when Ann Ryan, Doorish, Rossmore, passed away after a long and brave battle against illness.

Ann (née Kennedy), wife of West Board chairman, Denis, came from a family steeped in G.A.A. tradition and it was, therefore, no surprise that the Association should play such a central rôle in her relatively short life. In her younger, robust days she played camogie with his native Clonoulty and alter was actively involved with Scór, both as organiser and participant. She took part in successful Novelty Acts and was frequently involved in preparing dance groups.

Inevitably she had a huge interest in the hurling fortunes of her native parish, especially when her sons started playing juvenile for Clonoulty/Rossmore. Even in latter years, when her illness began to take its toll, she was still ever present at games and other functions, greeting her many friends with typical good humour.

For over five years Ann battled cancer and did it with a fortitude that astonished all who knew her. The courage and dignity with which she faced her illness was truly inspirational. Even at the worst moments her concern was always for others.

She is gone, but certainly not forgotten by her legion of friends. May she rest in peace.

Mick Ryan (Moneygall - 1922-2000)



The death took place in February of Mick Ryan, Moneygall, following a long illness. From an early age Mick displayed his talent

in the local field and it was no surprise when he was picked on the North Tipperary minor hurling team which won the county final in 1939.

In 1943 he won a North Tipperary intermediate medal with Moneygall and six years later he was captain when Moneygall regained the North title and went on to win the county final. Mick was also a footballer of note and won North junior football medals in 1949, '50 and '51. For a number of years in the 40's while a member of the Armed Forces he won Clare championship medals with the army selection.

Also during the 40's he was a dedicated cross-country runner and won many county medals with Moneygall A.A. On retiring from playing, he acted as referee and officiated at many senior hurling championship games in North Tipperary and won much admiration for his fair treatment of all players. From the late 50's to the early 70's he was selector on the Moneygall senior hurling and football teams and was recognised as 'manager' long before the term became popular in modern times. He led the club to success in the county junior football championship in 1964 and was also the chief mentor when they lost the county senior football final in 1964 and 1965. In hurling he helped Moneygall reach a high standard in the 60's only to lose two North finals in 1967 and 1970 as well as going close to success on a number of other occasions. It can safely be said that the work done throughout the 60's was the foundation for the successes gained by Moneygall in the 70's.

In recent years his failing health prevented him from attending games. His commitment to Moneygall and the G.A.A. from the 30's to the 90's is an example to all. He never looked for praise for his efforts but got great satisfaction from seeing his players perform in the Moneygall colours.

Solas na bhFlaitheas dá anam.

Paddy Ryan (Upperchurch)



The sudden death of Paddy Ryan (D), Ballyboy, Upperchurch, on the 25th of Sept., 2000, left the local community stunned. He was aged 58.

Paddy was part and parcel of

the juvenile club and served as treasurer during the 70's and 80's. He was deeply involved on many committees and new ventures within the parish and his attendance at meetings was well noted. He was always to the fore when work needed to be done or organised.

He will be sadly missed by all.

May he rest in peace.

Thomas (Toddy) Shoer (Nenagh)



Toddy died on August 18th, 2000, he was a keen sports follower who had a particular grá for Gaelic games.

In his youth he played hurling and handball. He followed the fortunes of Nenagh Eire Óg with great interest and was a proud man when his sons Noel and Thomas represented the club on the Tipperary minor teams of 1966 and 1973 respectively.

Jim Treacy (Knockshewowna)



The death took place on October 14th of Jim Treacy, Knockshewowna, at a great age of 85.

In her earlier years before the formation of the club Jim played with Shinrone in Co. Offaly. He was one of the founder members of the Knockshewowna G.A.A. club in 1934 who were successful in winning the North Tipperary junior championship in the first year in the junior ranks. This was a very important year in the G.A.A. calendar as it was the Silver Jubilee Year.

Knockshe had to go senior after that and could hold its own with many senior teams at that time. Sadly, Jim is the last playing member of that winning

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team. This team trained constantly at the foot of Knockshgowna under the guidance of Jack Killeen and Dan Cunningham. This team consisted of four Treacy's four Carrolls, three Waters and two Donoghues, all of these families lived within 100 yards of each other so training was easily arranged at that time. Jim took an active interest in Knockshgowna and more so in 1965 when Knockshe U-15 won the North Tipp juvenile special championship in which two of his sons took part and Jim himself was a selector.

His wife, Ciss, predeceased Jim, in 1965, when his family was at a young age. Sadly his son Noel in 1988 also predeceased Jim. To his son Oliver, daughters Kathleen, Frances and Mary, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Canon Edward Whyte (Kilruane MacDonaghs)



On September 25th the death took place of Canon Edward Whyte, retired parish priest of Cloughjordan. Born in Kilfadda, Borrisokane on November 13th, 1920, he was ordained to the priesthood in St. Patrick's College, Carlow in 1945.

On June 2nd, 1995, he celebrated the golden jubilee of his ordination. Having been a curate in such hurling strongholds as Ahane and Clarecastle, he found a ready outlet for his passionate interest in the G.A.A., when he was appointed administrator to Cloughjordan parish on July 15th, 1975.

His ministry in the parish coincided with the golden era for Kilruane MacDonaghs with numerous county and divisional titles won in a variety of grades. On his arrival in Cloughjordan he was elected vice-president of the club and in 1982 he was elected president in succession to Fr. Joe Hayes P.P. In the same year he was one of a large group of club members which accompanied the senior team on its memorable Transatlantic trip to New York. Canon Whyte was highly respected as a historian and was co-author of a number

of books on parish history. Utilising his skills as a historian he wrote the club history of Kilruane MacDonaghs and Lahorna De Wets in 1985.

Canon Whyte was a priest of the people and his popularity was universal. He was a staunch club supporter and liked to keep closely in touch with the day to day happenings in the club. He rarely missed a club meeting where his witty, incisive and timely contributions never failed to enliven proceedings. The Canon as he was affectionately known by one and all was a regular attendee at training sessions, always remaining on for the cup of tea and the chat. His passing marks the end of an era in the history of Kilruane MacDonaghs but Canon Whyte who was an optimist by nature would rather view it as the beginning of a new one.

Leaba i measc na Naomh dó.

Phil O'Mara (Thurles)

When the news of the death of Phil O'Meara, Castle Park broke, there was great sadness at the passing of a man who had contributed so much to life in his adopted home.

A retired Garda Sergeant, Phil, native of Waterford, had given sterling service in the Thurles area. However, his work with young people singled him out as a man apart. This manifested itself in particular through his involvement with Durlas Óg which he served as treasurer from the foundation until last year. He was actively involved in the training of teams and contributed handsomely to the growth and development of the club.

He had a life-long interest in gaelic games, particularly hurling. While in Tipperary he played with Roscrea and Knockshgowna before his move to Thurles. Even at the age of 57, he lined out with the Garda team and he enjoyed nothing better than a few pucks in the field.

His passage at the age of 69 is a great loss to Thurles but to his wife Helen, sons Tony and Sean, daughter-in-law, Eleanor; grandchild; brother and sister it is a devastating blow.

A graveside oration was delivered by Pat Stakelum, president of Durlas Óg.

Sincere sympathy is extended to his family and relatives on their great loss.

Síocháin dá anam.

A Hurler's Wish

by Jack Ryan, Greystones, Limerick
(formerly Newport)

Oh God! Please grant that when this life I'll yield
That in heaven you'll have a hurling field;
With goalposts white and a green field grand
And sunny days and a grand pipe band.
And maybe, God, a singer or two
To lilt a ballad for me and you.
Then all I'd wish is to spend each day
Watching all the great hurlers play.
With Ring and Mackey and Rackard too
And Semple and Lory to name a few.
To watch Scanlan or Daly mind the net.
You'll promise too it won't be wet.
Ten year tickets, they will not be.
Your ones will be for eternity.
No corporate funding you'll require
For who was it said, "God loves a trier".
Where every one is the same to you
In red or white or gold or blue.
Your field, dear Lord will have a mighty stand
To hold the people from every land:
Jew and Gentile, Pole and Moor,
For the kings and queens and the humble poor.
Put St. Patrick on the gate
For the new arrivals might be late.
So line the field and cut the grass,
I know some day it will come to pass
When all will go to the final game
Where rich and poor will be the same.

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Tiobraid Árann

All-Ireland Intermediate
Hurling Champions 2000



The Tipperary panel that won the intermediate hurling All-Ireland title by defeating Galway at Birt. Back row (from left): Ger Ryan, Sean O'Meara, Brian Stritch, Kevin Nealon, Pat Maguire, Michael Ryan, Sean Maher, Darren O'Connor, Brendan Hogan, John Teehan, Dermot Gleeson, Michael Spillane, Donal Keogh, Philip Rabbitte. Front row (from left): Eamonn Ryan, Brian Enright, Colin Morrissey, Declan Browne, Seamus Butler, Declan Corcoran (captain), Colm Bonnar, Martin Gleeson, Dan Hackett, Ray Killeen, Philip O'Dwyer, Tommy Hogan.

Tiobraid Árann

All-Ireland Camogie Champions 2000



The Tipperary team that retained the Senior Camogie All-Ireland title by defeating old rivals Cork at Croke Park. Back row (from left): Paula Bulfin, Joanne Ryan, Therese Brophy, Philly Fogarty, Claire Madden, Noelle Kennedy, Suzanne Kelly, Claire Grogan, Angie McDermott, Helen Kiely, Sheena Howard, Noamh Harkin. Front row (from left): Meadhbh Stokes, Louise Ryan, Deirdre Hughes, Sinead Nealon, Catriona Hennessy, Jovita Delaney (captain), Emily Hayden, Eimear McDonnell, Una O'Dwyer, Ciara Gaynor,

Grainne Shanahan. Mascots: Michaela Graham and Meabh Delaney