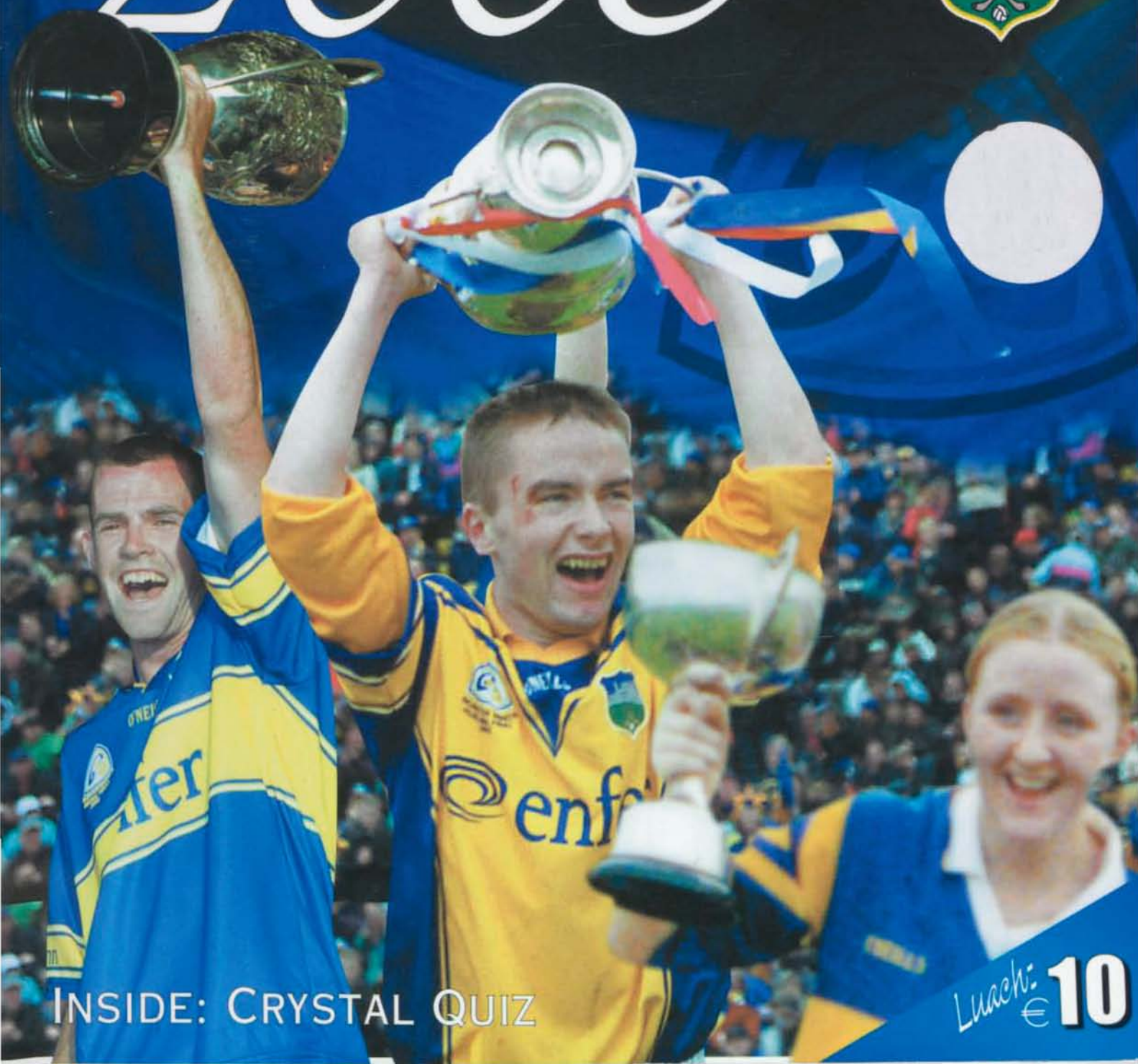


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## All-Ireland Senior Camogie Finalists 2002



### TIPPERARY SENIOR CAMOGIE TEAM THAT PLAYED CORK IN THE ALL-IRELAND FINAL AT CROKE PARK

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## All-Ireland Intermediate Camogie Semi Finalists 2002



### TIPPERARY INTERMEDIATE CAMOGIE TEAM 2002

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**Liam Ó Donnchú, Tipperary Yearbook Secretary, Ballymoreen, Littleton, Dúrlas Éile, Co. Thiobraid Árann**



# COMHAIRLE NA MUMHAN FIXTURES SCHEDULE FOR 2003

## 1. SENIOR HURLING

Sunday 11th May Waterford v Kerry  
Sunday 18th May Clare v Tipperary

### Semi Finals:

Sunday 1st June Limerick v Waterford or Kerry  
Sunday 8th June Cork v Clare or Tipperary  
Sunday 29th June Final

Also, the draw for intermediate hurling is the same as senior.  
All replays on the following weekend if possible.

June 14th Senior Hurling Qualifier Round 1

## 2. SENIOR FOOTBALL

### First Round:

Sunday 25th May Waterford v Tipperary  
Sunday 25th May Cork v Limerick

### Semi-Finals:

Sunday 15th June Kerry v Waterford or Tipperary  
Sunday 15th June Clare v Cork or Limerick  
Sunday 13th July Final

Also the draw for junior football is the same as senior.  
June 7th Senior Football Quarter Round 1.

## 3. U-21 HURLING

### 1st Round:

Kerry v Clare  
Limerick v Waterford

### Semi-finals:

Tipperary v Kerry/Clare  
Cork v Limerick/Waterford

## 4. U-21 FOOTBALL:

Kerry v Limerick  
Waterford v Clare

### Semi-finals:

Tipperary v Kerry/Limerick  
Cork v Clare/Waterford

## 5. MINOR HURLING NEW FORMAT FOR 2003

### 1st Round:

Tipperary v Waterford  
Kerry v Limerick  
Cork v Clare

The three winners in round 1 go into the semi-finals. The three losers in Round 1 play off on a knockout basis, with the winner going into the semi finals, which will be on an open draw system.

## 6. MINOR FOOTBALL

### Round 1 – Round robin series

Kerry v Tipperary  
Cork v Waterford  
Cork v Limerick

The series will continue with every county playing each other once to arrive at the top four for semi finals, which will be on an open draw system.

*Le gach dea-ghuif agus Comhghairdeachas do Coiste Cho. Thiobraid Árann Ó Chomhairle na Mumhan CLG.*

## Brothers in Arms



Bobby (left) and Aidan Ryan, among the brothers that played in All-Ireland finals, honoured on All-Ireland day at Croke Park.



Among the brothers that played in All-Ireland finals, honoured on All-Ireland final day at Croke Park were: Colm, Conal and Cormac Bonner.



# Crowns lost but heads held high

**"**In the day of prosperity, adversity is forgotten and in the day of adversity prosperity is not remembered". This commentary in the trials of Job could be applied to the fortunes of the Irish economy and those of Tipperary GAA in the second half of the current year. Both have taken a severe knock since the glorious autumn of 2001.

However, it was only after the General Election and the Munster hurling final that we came to realise that the good times were coming to an end for the moment at least. Having overcome Clare for the third year in a row and coasting past Limerick, Tipp seemed set fair for back-to-back All-Irelands. We had strength in depth, and ability to strike back when a goal was conceded and we had an extremely astute management team. If anybody had told me in early June that Clare would be in the All-Ireland final and that Tipp would not, I would have smiled at his or her naivety!

On our way to the Munster final in Páirc Uí Caoimh on June 30th the main danger seemed to be the proposed incinerator in South Tipp. No-one forewarned us of the natural disaster which was to overtake us that afternoon! Like Mount Etna, Waterford erupts every thirty or forty years. When they do, how is it that it is always Tipperary who gets roasted? There was 1959 and 1963 and 1998, all of unhappy memory. Now came the latest eruption – in the last twenty minutes of the game Justin McCarthy's men engulfed Tipperary. Ken McGrath was in flying form and Paul Flynn was still there since his minor days to torment us. Dioxins would be harmless in comparison to the red-hot lava, which the Waterford attack rained down on us. The Munster Crown was lost in the fall-out.

Self-confidence had been damaged. But two games, first against Offaly then next against brave Antrim, coached by Dinny Cahill, repaired Tipperary's self-esteem and we faced Kilkenny with courage renewed. Kilkenny had a point to prove since their surprise defeat by

Galway last year. Theirs was an extremely balanced side, superbly fit and fresh from an easy run in Leinster. While Tipp matched them point for point throughout the game and were within a single point of them with five minutes to go, the genius of DJ Carey made all the difference; four points at the end of the best hurling game of the year. The All-Ireland crown was gone but Tipperary could hold their heads high. They had gone down fighting.

Nicky English and coadjutors Ken Hogan, Jack Bergin could retire with the genuine gratitude of all Tipperary Gaels. Who could not fail to be impressed by their gentlemanly and sporting conduct in victory or defeat? They brought prosperity in the hurling sense and we will not forget it. I should like to welcome their successors Michael Doyle, Kevin Fox and Liam Sheedy and wish them every success.

Tipperary footballers surprised everyone, especially Cork, in the Munster final at Semple Stadium. A major shock was on the cards and Cork were lucky to survive, thanks mainly to Colin Corkery. Declan Browne was once again Tipperary's star on the day. The replay was a one-sided, six-substituted affair. The joke, which the Germans love, comes to mind: "There are two main categories of people in the world, those who can count and those who can't". Cork management must have been inadvertently overlooked! In their next game against Mayo, Tipperary showed that they are now a serious force in the football world.

The under-21 hurling team gave us two wonderful games against two-time champions Limerick. It took extra time in the replay to give Limerick their third-in-a-row. We can look forward to further close encounters between these two sets of players in the years ahead.

The Tipperary camogie team went in search of their fourth-in-a-row. They failed to Cork at the last hurdle. But this team, who came from nowhere three years ago, have placed the Premier County among the big hitters. They are far from finished!



*Most Rev Dr Dermot Clifford, GAA Patron*

Mullinahone lifted the Dan Breen Cup for "the credit of the little village". Wouldn't Charles J Kickham have been proud of Knocknagow's present successors to Matt the Thresher as they powered to victory in a hectic replay against Thurles Sarsfields? Veteran John Leahy, was the inspiration and Eoin Kelly the hero of the hour. "Slievenamon" was rarely sung with such pride and passion as it was in Semple Stadium on that afternoon.

Meanwhile, "Les Miserables" was performed later that evening in the Ursuline Hall nearby in sympathy with Sarsfield's defeated warriors. Clonmel Commercial's kept faith with South Tipperary's traditional game defeating Aherlow in the football final.

Even though the only silver which came to the county was won by the minor and intermediate hurling teams, Tipperary fans had a very full and enjoyable year. A roller coaster certainly, but nevertheless a great year on the fields of play.

Now it is the turn of the sports writers and photographers to remind us of the thrills and spills of this very eventful year. I commend the 2003 GAA Yearbook to its faithful readers. It is always an interesting read, a reliable record and a wonderful Christmas present.

When we are fairly beaten on the field of play, we console ourselves with the sean fhocal. "Is mó is fiú an imirt ná an bua". However, the Cats have had the latest laugh so we must make sure they don't have the last! And certainly not the back to back!

Gúim beannachtaí na Nollag ar ár léitheoirí agus ar a gcúram. Agus rath Dé oraibh go léir san Ath-bliain.

†Most Rev Dermot Clifford, DD, Archbishop of Cashel & Emlý, Patron of GAA.



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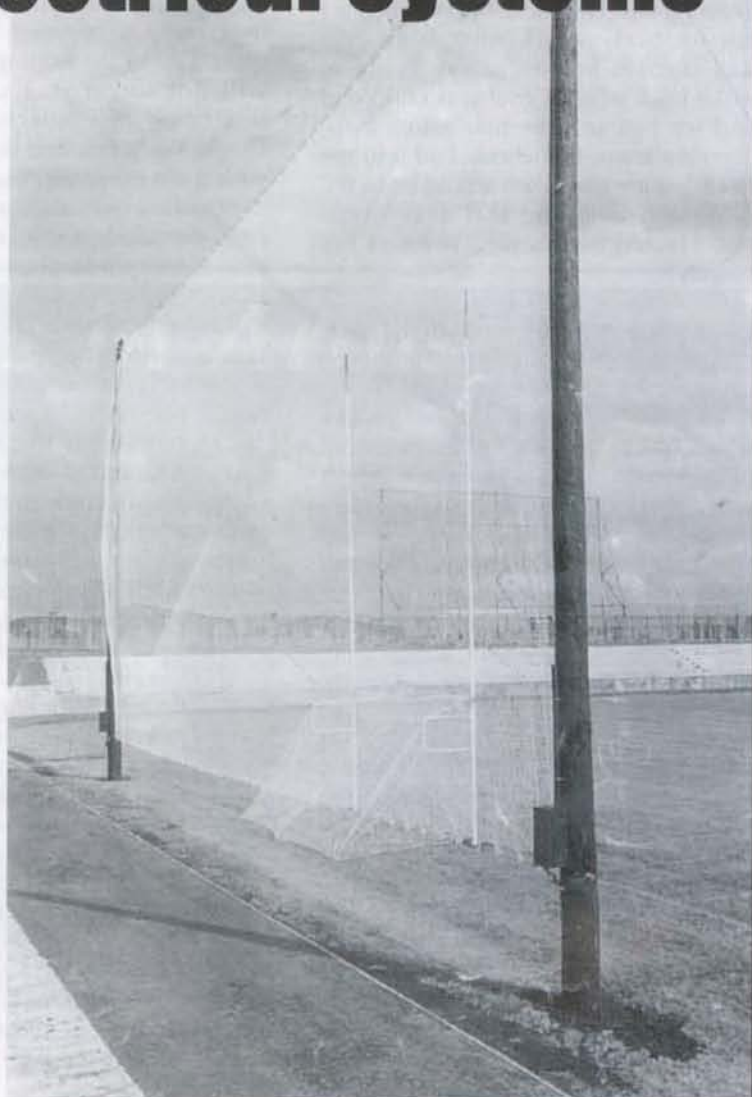
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# Transitions

**C**uirim fáilte arís roimh bliainiris Thiobraid Árann. Gabhaim buíochas leis an gcoiste foilseachain agus molaim é go lucht a léite.

Whoever said that sport is a lottery knew what he was talking about. From the highs of League, Munster and All-Ireland success in 2001, lady luck did not smile as benignly on us in the year gone by. But that is not to understate the achievements of our inter-county teams across the spectrum of hurling and football competitions.

The year 2002 marked the end of an era on the senior hurling front. After four wonderful years, Nicky English, Ken Hogan and Jack Bergin have passed on the torch of management to the new team of Michael Doyle, Liam Sheedy and Kevin Fox. The outgoing trio can be justly proud of their contribution to Tipperary hurling and are assured of an honoured place in its history. Having represented the county with distinction on the field of play, their return to management was no less successful. They led us to the pinnacle of All-Ireland success and, most importantly, left a panel of players with the talent and commitment to scale those heights again. Michael Doyle and his selectors must now be given the support, time and space to put their own stamp on management. We wish them and the players well in 2003 and beyond.

Munster football final day in Thurles will rank as one of our great disappointments but also as one of fine achievement. What a difference a kick of a ball can make! We came so close to being Munster champions and although we were well beaten in the replay, subsequent form in the qualifier series against Mayo showed our true worth. Tom McGlinchey and his selection team have a senior football panel to build on and are deserving of our full support.

We won Munster minor and intermediate hurling honours, failed narrowly and agonisingly in under-21 hurling to Limerick and had an excellent run in minor football. Our honour-laden camogie team finally lost out to Cork, but such is the talent in that side that a return to All-Ireland glory in 2003 should not be ruled out. Camogie and Ladies' football are growing sports in Tipperary and I look forward to a time when they and the GAA can come together under one umbrella, sharing common facilities and offering a full programme of Gaelic games for all the family.

The strength of our Association can best be measured by looking at the under age structures in the county. There is certainly room for improvement, particularly at organisational level, but overall our development structures are vibrant and progressive. We now have four full time Games Development Officers in the county. Coaches are being trained to a high level in each club, officer development programmes are under way for Bord na nÓg club officials, development squads are being trained for both hurling and football and special per-minor programmes are in place for each code. The grant aided school/club liaison programme is proving a particular success and initial reaction to a special post primary schools pilot programme is encouraging.

All of the above initiatives are spearheaded by the very active Coaching and Games Development committee in cooperation with Coiste na nÓg, Coiste Peil, The primary and secondary schools committees and the clubs. The financial assistance we receive from Munster and Central Councils, which sometimes goes unnoticed, is vital to our development efforts and is appreciated.

On the local club scene the annual cycle of dreams dreamed in the springtime. Fluctuating fortunes in the playing season and hopes realised or dashed at the end, continued as



County Board Chairman, Con Hogan, with Marlfield captain, Kevin Murray and supporters, following their first ever County championship success.

always. The great Toomevara team, kingpins of Tipperary hurling for four glorious years, finally gave way to debutantes, Mullinahone and Clonmel Commercials, no strangers to the victory rostrum, came in from the cold to win their fourteenth county football title. There was a sense of history being made in Semple Stadium when the men from Slievenamon stepped up to receive the Dan Breen cup for the first time, having only achieved senior status in 1992. They have set a standard for other aspiring clubs to emulate. Congratulations to all clubs at every level that achieved success in 2002 and thanks to all who participated in hurling, football, camogie, Ladies' football, handball and scor. If you did not achieve success this year, remember... spring is not far off, when everybody must start at the bottom again!

One of the privileges of acting as a county board officer is to witness at first hand the wonderful voluntary effort that so many people give to Gaelic games in Tipperary. To serve the GAA in your parish is to serve the community, to put facilities in place for the future at great cost and effort is visionary and to assist with the development of young people is truly noble work. It is impossible to put a value on time and talent so freely given but 'in giving we receive' and all who work for the GAA are themselves enriched and the better for it.

A special word of commendation to the Yearbook Committee who have once again produced a chapter of real worth in the ongoing story of Cumann Luth Chleas Gael in Tipperary. Accurate recording of the annual games statistics, so important for future research, combined with thoughtful articles and provocative comment, make the Yearbook a required addition to the winder reading list. For some it will provide the stimulus for reminiscence, let us hope that others will find in its pages the inspiration to dream, to hope and to plan for even better times in 2003 and beyond.

Finally, as I complete my term as county chairman I want to thank the clubs of Tipperary for giving me the honour and privilege to lead the Premier County for the last three eventful years. I wish every club well: build on your successes, learn from your failures and above all keep faith with the great community organisation that is Cumann Luth Chleas Gael.

*Conchúir ó hÓgáin*



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# UPS AND DOWNS OF TIPP'S SEASON

by John O'Grady



Captain Thomas Dunne introduces Brian O'Meara to President Mary McAleese prior to the Munster final against Waterford.

**A**n up and down season of 2002. Two ups followed by a down; two more ups and a terminal down. Six outings in all over the three months from May 19th to August 18th. Plenty of exposure on field and in media; prominence without prizes.

Tipperary began on the highest 'up' of all. The All-Ireland throne may be technically vacant from New Year's Day, but some lingering status remains with the holders Tipp the team to beat, the target for the rest. Nobody was heard to dispute our entitlement – at least not audibly – but the challengers were as well aware as our happy selves that no round of the 2001 championship had gone our way without prolonged tension – we needed steady nerves and accurate shooting over the closing stages, and found the composure to achieve the victories.

Before May 19th we had already lost – or to a degree conceded the league title. The long unbeaten run of 2001 had included the league taken very seriously as a term-building process, as befitted our ambition. Now, with the ambition realised, it seemed wise to devote less commitment to the new league – a sort of relaxation of stress and strain on mind and body. Whether, looking back this did any good is very dubious, though such things are rebellious.

In summary, we began the league fortunes with home defeat by Limerick and away loss to Wexford – plan going fine! Would we ever qualify for the knockout stage? Large wins over Derry (home) and Offaly (away) led up to a creditable win against Cork at Pairc Ui Chaoimh. We were, after all, into a quarter-final against Galway at the Stadium.



John Carroll in action during the Munster final against Waterford.

Readily enough won-nobody could see any fierce intensity about that game-we proceeded into a semi-final with Cork. Back again to the Leaside, we didn't come very close to repeating the earlier success. Thus was removed our league trophy – Kilkenny pounced on Cork in the final and so began a year that was to bring them a lot more.

## HURLING PROBATION ACT

The championship about to begin was yet another revision of format – and a further departure from the days of knock outs and of unbeaten champions at the end. A second chance for all – such was the liberal system – a kind of isolation act under which one slip was forgiven. Losers at first round, semi-final and final provincial stages would be restored into a series of Saturday fixtures. Neither Tipp nor Clare would relish being put into that category. For us it would be a quick downfall from All-Ireland prestige; for Clare it would extend the sequence of defeats at our hands that began under English in 2000. The rivalry was strong, though less intense and fractious than in diluting the seriousness of the meeting. Surprisingly, the level of support which the Banner brought to Cork was considerably down on previous years; Tipp's quota held up better in a reduced attendance.





Ken Hogan, Jack Bergin and Nicky English photographed during the Munster final against Waterford.

Champions generally show minimal changes from the fifteen which carried them to the title. Tipp's were far from minimal. Injuries kept out Ormonde, O'Leary, Enright and Carroll. Retirement ruled out Declan Ryan. One third of the team absent from the line-out: Cummins, Costello, Maher, Fahy, Corcoran, Kennedy, Kelly, Dunne, Morris, O'Meara, Gleeson, Corbett, Kelly, O'Brien, O'Neill. Easily the most discussed members were Noel Morris on his promotion and Conor Gleeson on his restoration. The 1997 captain's placing at centreforward took many by surprise. It was to take Clare by surprise too.

First move from Clare – two points ahead at once through Reddan and Griffin, who was to hit six from play ball raise the first queries about our centre-back position – it was to be a recurrent topic. The Tipp response had an explosive boost, though, from a goal by Eoin Kelly – Morris and Gleeson led up to it which he rasped like a rocket across David Fitzgerald at the Blackrock end at the 23rd minute. It answered Forde's earlier goal, which Carmody laid on as Tipp backs were drawn over to right corner, leaving the left side uncovered. We had Cummins to thank for a fine stop from Gilligan. We had led 1-8 to 1-5 at the break, no great lead. It could have been worse as Clare fired nine wides in the half. A grand line out by Morris gave him a point and a great start, Gleeson, whose height and strength were big problems for McMahon, had two valuable ones.

#### HARD FOUGHT VICTORY

It was won the hard way, like so many the previous season. Great concentration was needed and was delivered in

defence, with Philip Maher coming away for heartening clearances, wingers, Corcoran and Kelly shining on the outside. Cummins rescued us from Griffin on 56 minutes. Four up with five left a late blow was sustained as Forde goaled for the second time. The crisis was relieved by a typical touch of Tommy Dunne class and another point from brother Benny off an O'Neill pass. The fourth, though, was missed off a Kelly free and it was O'Connor who maintained the pressure with a successful conversion. Sean McMahon had been less certain than usual off the placed ball now, in the taut atmosphere, he drove wide when we feared a lot to the square. All over at figures of 1-18 to 2-13; the defence of the title off to a good start, character again reasserted in a tight finish. How ironic, in retrospect, to note that Clare were to be still 'alive' when the rest of Munster were gone. We used three subs against Clare. O'Leary, for Corbett; Benny Dunne for O'Brien; Michael Ryan for O'Leary. The emphasis was certainly on the forward formation, which missed the strength, vision and focal target so long supplied by Declan Ryan.

Within a week Cork were out, Justin McCarthy's Waterford gave their imported former Cork star a triumph over his own as Cork justified the fears of those who doubted their calibre. Opinion in general now favoured Tipp more than ever. That favour was strengthened to short odds when we defeated Cregan's team by seven points (1-20 to 1-13) at Cork on June 2nd. One doesn't know the tidal reading on the Lee that day but it was high water mark for Tipp. A chorus of admiring approval greeted the display. We made just one change in personnel. John Carroll was back, so O'Brien

moved from full to left half forward to the exclusion of Lar Corbett. Morris and Gleeson, naturally, retained their positions after the success of those choices.

#### LIMERICK WELL BEATEN

After eighteen minutes Limerick's bright start – an Ollie Moran goal on thirteen minutes the major item – had them two up. A sharp reversal followed – Tipp scored 1-8 in fifteen minutes. O'Meara cheekily chipped over two defenders before laying off to Carroll for one of the goals of the year. It was endorsed with points from Morris, Eoin Kelly and Carroll and the champions were in full spate going into the dressing rooms at 1-12 to 1-6. By the time Limerick got a second half score sixteen minutes into the period, Tipp were nine ahead, and sailing. Butler, Keane and Lawlor did find the target in an inadequate restart. Benny Dunne (for O'Neill) Paddy O'Brien (for John O'Brien) Liam Cahill (for Gleeson) were used as try out reserves. Benny made the best impression. Limerick paid for a string of bad wides that handicapped their bid to recover. One of the notable good features for Tipp was the closeness of defensive work, with the ball repeatedly 'killed' under a knot of players. All in all, the team had looked more champion-like than ever, even if some more cautious observers rated Limerick lower than a year earlier. We came home in cheerful heart, warm favourites with bookies and pundits and general hurling public to get past Waterford in the final.

#### MUNSTER FINAL SETBACK

We didn't! In an upset that recalled 1959 to the older element, the decies handed Tipp a thorough dribbling 2-23 to 3-12. In '59 it had been goals –



a netful of them – now it was a plethora of points that tormented Tipp most of all and reflected the ‘shooting gallery’ enjoyed by the Waterford attack. Beating Cork had after all been of more evidential value than we conceded. Certainly more than a former Tipp manager conceded his dismissive forecast of early departure by their followers was used to stimulate their men on the way to Cork!

Again the attack was our zone for adjustment a ‘half’ line of Benny Dunne, Gleeson, O’Meara; an inside trio of Kelly, Carroll Corbett. The listing of reserves employed tells a tale of wider troubles than anybody could have envisaged. Both Kennedy and Costello were replaced in a ruffled defence while the two ‘finds’ – Morris and Gleeson – also made way. Our seemingly solid fabric had been shattered in all sectors. The subs were Enright, Ormonde, O’Leary and Paddy O’Brien.

Thirty nine years – worse than a famine – stretched back to 1963 and Waterford’s last Munster crown. The start didn’t indicate any bridging of the gap. At six points to two we couldn’t be blamed for thinking in ‘no problem’ terms. Quite likely the Decies people had fears of ‘here we go again’. Their defence seemed readily rounded by Tipp’s next interchanges. Such rounding, began to appear at the other end from the McGraths, Mullane and Flynn for fluent points. The tempo quickened suddenly as Flynn drove a free to the net our lead was turned into minus one. It took Eoin Kelly to steady things with a similar goal nearing half time – we led 1-10 to 1-9. Ideas of smoothness had gone, Waterford’s zest and hunger by now very menacing.

Still, the issue was open until the 13th – fateful figure – of the second half. Tipp still led by that solitary point – 3-12 to 1-17 – after Benny Dunne goaled off a Kelly cross and had his second goal after a string of Waterford points had them three up. It failed to arrest the Decies drive. Goalie Brenner came out to take a free. Tony Browne evaded notice and whipped it past Cummins. After which they seized complete command, even being able to afford numerous wides. They closed with 1-6 to go from one down to the eight which constituted the ultimate state of the board – delightful reading for their followers. Any Tipp effort to break through at the city end was snuffed out by close working and exultant deliveries downfield. They could embroider their forward work, bring on Andy Moloney to join Brian Flannery as Tipp recruits, savour the last passages without worry. They’d given us a right good going over. Fergal Hartley’s trophy taking speech was rich with justified emotion. Nicky and his men took it manfully and honoured the formalities in good grace.

#### THE RECOVERY TRAIL

Second of the three trophies gone, what could we do about the most significant

of all? The ‘qualifiers’ draw set us to meet Offaly. Colm Bonner had been a member of Waterford’s cabinet. Fr Tom Fogarty was head of Offaly’s adding a piquant factor to the Saturday game in Portlaoise. How would we react to the Munster downfall? One consequence was that Nicky, Jack and Ken opted for Ormonde instead of Fahy at left back. They moved Tommy Dunne to the ‘forty’ with Enright and Morris at midfield – Gleesons unavailability was the key to these placings. O’Leary came in for his first start in a line with the two Dunes. O’Meara, unusually took a corner, hardly a vote of confidence in the other forward material already utilised in Munster. Offaly themselves had a curious placing in Brian Whelehan at full forward, just as in our league fixture.

We won by thirteen. Sounds very facile indeed but the figures hide a lead of only five going into the last quarter, the same as at half-time when it was 2-8 to 1-6. An O’Meara goal in combination with Carroll got us off nicely but Offaly’s Brown flashed one past Cummins on eighteen minutes to draw cheers and encourage Offaly. Tommy Dunne and Carroll joined for our second goal to restore order. Offaly had plenty of possession and were giving a good account of themselves, forcing our backs to be alert.

Early in the second half, Offaly got close to worrying us – Murphy and Brown failed, right in front of Cummins. The later stages were a flow of Tipp points from all quarters – O’Leary got four on the day. Cahill and O’Neill joined in as reserves. Other subs were Brian Horgan (for Morris) and Paul Curran (for Maher). Ormonde was extremely active and agile on his come back. The display was acceptable as a vision for the next day.

#### ANTRIM NOT SO EASY

The draw gave us Antrim. Sighs of relief were widespread – we had avoided Galway, who had not avoided Clare. Again the opposition had Tipp aid and know how. Dinny Cahill was in charge, very familiar with all our men and our style. Nobody visualised much difficulty. We got difficulty to the extent of being led at half time (2-6 to 0-10). Our defence had illusions soon dispelled emphatically with goals by Watson and Richmond against the same sextet as played in Portlaoise. Gleeson was back to partner Morris at midfield. Carroll and Tommy Dunne reversed their positions, bringing Dunne to the edge of the square at the start. Laboriously enough we took gradual control, though only three up with five minutes remaining.



Noel Morris in action in the All-Ireland semi-final against Kilkenny at Croke Park.



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Brian O'Meara heads goalwards during the All-Ireland semi-final against Kilkenny.

Not very dignified for exchampions, though Antrim's hurling was brisk and confident. Gleeson had been moved to centre back, Enright on at midfield as Kennedy retired. Costello gave way too with Michael Ryan coming on. O'Neill and Corbett were summoned, too, for O'Leary and Morris. Eugene and Lar produced the necessary goods and had a large role in extending the lead to a reasonable ten (1-25 to 2-12). Paul Kelly was deemed 'man of the match' with two sailing points from play to his name. Dinny Cahill felt that the margin did not do justice to his team's performance. How our mentors felt about Tipp's was probably result fine, manner of it less than satisfactory vis-a-vis Kilkenny for the game that failed to come about in 2001. Clare proved their presence as a genuine threat to all by defeating Galway. Leinster and Munster champions would re enter the race in the semi finals on successive August Sundays.

New Croke Park, the new model pitch in a high canyon under the towering stands. It hosted the old rivalry, closely knit across the provincial border – Urlingford's drapers of black and amber under our Fennor Hill a bright and optimistic display for Tipp travellers to take note of. We hadn't clashed for so serious a cause in eleven years.

#### GAME OF THE YEAR

It was the game of this year, by general consent, its fluency and flair not matched

by a good All-Ireland! It never got clogged into rucking quick release of ball was a feature. The delegation we sent out had its most newsworthy facet in defence – David Kennedy omitted Eamon Corcoran set to mark the artful Henry Shefflin. The fifteen: Cummins, Costello, Maher, Ormonde, Morris, Coscoran, Kelly, Dunne, Enright, O'Leary, Carroll, Benny Dunne, Kelly, O'Neill, O'Meara. The moving of Corcoran led to the choice of Morris for wing back. In retrospect and in after game debate the consequences of these decisions loomed large and loud. Few would have seen Kennedy as a classic centre back and he'd had a chequered year its best day for him against Limerick, its least impressive against the mobility of Griffin for Clare and McGrath for Waterford. Still for the cautious and conservative selectors, this was a tough decision – generally they'd have started a player who was under scrutiny, with the bigger quota of subs now permitted reducing the risks.

When O'Neill hit a high point from far out in the last episode of a grand first half, it was the sixth time the scores stood level. Anyone who thought six weeks without a game would affect Kilkenny was soon proved wrong, even if Tipp led by five to these after a quarter – very grateful to Cummins for a save from Brennan in the 9th minute. Andy Comerford and Shefflin were leaders in

the Cats second quarter surge, already Henry's height, catching and laying off were worrying us even if the menace of DJ Carey had yet to appear. Eoin Kelly and Shefflin were the main workmen of that level half. Midfield had not and did not flourish for Tipp against Comerford and Lyng. Morris was doing well at wing back but was missed where he'd played all year.

Three white flags on the trot signalled Kilkenny intent on resuming they were taking scores more directly and with less effort. Off the supply from such as Peter Barry – a sturdy central figure. Central strength through the team was a crucial factor for them – and a contrast to Tipp. Just when trouble had appeared, a Tipp goal threw all into the melting pot again. O'Meara and O'Neill led up to a close in shot by Conor Gleeson, on for Enright. McGarry's stop was returned to the net by Carroll for a scoreboard of 1-10 to 0-13. Could we go on from there? We never hit the front. Carey was now breaking out of restraint – he fed Carter but Cummins halted the drive. Kilkenny brought in Jimmy Coogan for McEvoy. It was to pay dividends in gold. He soon took a neat point and then took the game's defining score. A pass from DJ deceived the defenders who thought he'd go – or pass – to Carter's corner. With characteristic art and vision he spotted Coogan free to the left. Cummins outward dash failed to put a physical or ashen barrier to Coogan's shot. Four down! Kilkenny to man, woman and child, exalting. Tipp were far from done. Tommy Dunne had a timely and sweet point, followed by O'Meara and O'Brien – the latter on for O'Neill. Shefflin interrupted the response, only for Corcoran to make a defiant run upfield and hit an accurate ball. One down after sixty seven minutes and Croke Park pulsating with tension. Lyng, Shefflin and the inevitable DJ put the seal on it. We'd done our absolute best and been bested. Our attacking was blunted in the second half as Larkin got the key to solving Eoin Kelly – out ahead of him, confidently and frequently.

#### OVER TO NEW CABINET

The title had gone the way of league and Munster, the masters of the close finish all through 2001 beaten at that aspect by a team in best Kilkenny tradition, inexorable and talented under Brian Cody. Regrets were natural but we lost to the eventual champions and in a match of superlative quality and high sportsmanship. At the final whistle Nicky English shook the hands of Jack Bergin and Ken Hogan. New administration about to take over to continue the annual quest – it was into November before Michael Doyle, Kevin Fox and Liam Sheedy filled the vacated posts. Good luck to them.



# GUARDIAN OF GAELDOM'S GATE

## - 'Don't Talk to Me about Abuse!'

If you wanted to get an insight into some of the peculiarities of human nature, all you had to do was to stand inside the famous 'blue door' at the back of the old stand at Semple Stadium, Thurles.

Let us imagine the scene. It is the day of the ticket-only big match. Inside the packed ground there is a high-voltage hum of excitement and anticipation. There is hardly a single seat or vantage point left in the stands and terraces by half-time in the minor match. The very last tickets have been sold.

Outside the blue door certain individuals stand watchfully. This is the most important point of entry to the entire stadium. It is there for anyone who has a special reason to gain entry without paying. Through it pass the teams, along with managers, mentors and selectors, physiotherapists and humble bottle carriers. So also do the important and indeed the self-important, who wear the 'Maor' badge of authority.

The significance of the doorway is emphasised by the fact that above it is a limestone lintel with the words 'Geata 84' carved on it, in commemoration of the founding of the GAA in Thurles in the year 1884.

An extraordinary battle of wits is under way. Outside there are those who really have no special right of entry but are nevertheless determined to get in free of charge. They see it as a challenge. They will resort to any stratagem to achieve that end. In addition, there are some others who simply feel entitled to be admitted without going through the turnstiles like everyone else.

These determined people watch the legitimate being admitted through Geata 84, sometimes with visible resentment. Some move towards the door whenever it opens. They may try to slip in on the heels of a 'Maor', almost holding his coattails as a sign of authenticity. Others knock with all kinds of excuses why they should be allowed to go through.

The man who has the unenviable task of



Kinger Maher

acting as guardian of Geata 84 is a small, robust man with crinkly white hair. He stands on the inside of the door and responds to knocks by opening it cautiously. This is 'Kinger' Maher. To be beside him on the day of a jam-packed big match is to see how one of the unsung heroes of the GAA handles difficult choices with both tact and resolve.

There is an urgent rap. The door is opened to reveal a man in a wheelchair, who obviously cannot gain entrance through the turnstiles. Fair enough. But no less than four faithful colleagues have their hands somewhere on the frame of the wheelchair to denote their concern for the disabled person. 'Kinger' looks at these 'assistants' with less than approval but lets them all in; he is not going to get into an argument with the custodians of the wheelchair.

Now another knock. A man dressed in a business suit is there, carrying what looks like a doctor's black medical case. He mutters something about 'medical officer' and pushes his way past. Later the same man can be seen sitting comfortably at the sideline, tie undone, taking sandwiches and flask from the 'medical' case.

Outside, there are those who would like

nothing better than to be able to boast afterwards at the bar of Hayes's Hotel: "Oh Jaysus, we got in for nothing. We pretended we were the Moycarkey Pipe Band". "Some of those outside have any amount of money," explains 'Kinger'. "Drink, food, hotels, travel - cost is nothing to them. But they won't part with the price of a ticket. Nothing will do them but to get in free".

He says that the most difficult cases of all are former hurlers, who feel they have given so much to the game over past years that they now deserve to get in without paying. The problem is that he knows many of them well and it is embarrassing for both. He lets in persistent ones with a resigned shake of the head.

He knows all the ploys. A fellow knocks at the door, with hurley in hand. This apparently is a favourite hurl of one of the key players, who left it behind on the bus. It must be given to the player personally, in the dressing-room. 'Kinger' is doubtful but he lets him through. "It could be a trick but I can't refuse him - just in case", he says.

For all his tolerance, he will not let in everyone who has an excuse. Inevitably there are unfriendly exchanges. "You have to be able to put up with abuse in this job", he adds in his fast Thurles accent. But he can stand his ground if he is pushed hard enough. He comes from a famous family, the 'Whitehead' Mahers: they hurled with Thurles Sarsfields and were players who were not easily intimidated. More than that, 'Kinger' soldiered in the Korean War, survived shot and shell and the most appalling conditions as a prisoner-of-war. So he is not too bothered by verbal brickbats flung in his direction.

The keeper of Geata 84 passed away on April 11 this year. There was a minute's silence in tribute to him before the quarter-finals of the hurling league on April 14. If there is a heaven, as we all hope, this decent man would not have to resort to any ploys to gain admittance through the Pearly Gates.



Tipperary Senior Hurlers  
— Munster Finalists 1936.

Back row: Jimmy Cooney, Willie Wall, Phil Purcell, Dinny McLoughlin (Portroe), John Maher, Jim Lanigan, Tommy Treacy, Dinny Gorman. Front: Jim Devanney, Jimmy Heeney, Mickey Bourke, Seamus Flanagan (goalie), Jimmy Butler-Coffey, Johnny Regan, Willie O'Donnell.



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*Paul Kelly, left half back, 1st  
award and Eoin Kelly, right corner  
forward, 2nd award.*

*Eoin also won the 'Young Player of  
the Year' award for the second year in a  
row. He was also the only 2001 All-Star to  
get picked again. Tipperary have now  
won 58 hurling awards and 1 football  
award.*

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# Tipperary GAA on the Internet

<http://tipperary.gaa.ie>

by Ed Donnelly - Tipperary GAA Webmaster

**I**nternet / E-mail / Computers / Technology. For a lot of people, these 4 words evoke an emotion of fear. Computers are for the younger generation I hear people say. These same people would have said the same about mobile phones 10 years ago – yet Ireland has more mobile phones per head of population than any country in Europe. Technology is here and here to stay. I hope that after reading this article, you will become aware of the numerous advantages of technology and the Internet in particular.

Listed below are examples of the information you will find on the Official Tipperary GAA web site.

## LATEST NEWS

Using the Internet, information like Results, Team News and Match Reports can be found from the comfort of your own home via the Tipperary GAA web page.

## FIXTURES

Via the Internet, these club fixtures can be found by noon on Tuesday.

## E-MAIL DISCUSSION

In 1998, an e-mail discussion list was set up for supporters of Tipperary GAA. A discussion list involves any person with an e-mail address subscribing for free to send and receive e-mails concerning Tipperary GAA matters. What such a list allows subscribers to do is to discuss the topical GAA issues of the day, e.g. team selections before a big match, post-match reactions after the game, reports on local club matches etc. Such discussions are common in towns and villages around Tipperary every day. However, there are more people from Tipperary or of Tipperary origin living in other counties or indeed in other countries. With the Tipperary GAA discussion list, there is no need to be out of touch anymore. There are over 300 people on the list to date. Details of how to join can be found on the front page of the Tipperary GAA web site.

In 2001, a 2nd e-mail list was set-up called Tipperary GAA News. This is for those who wish to receive e-mails like results, fixtures, match reports and team selections but without the volume of mails that are generated via the discussion list. This has proved to be a



big success with over 250 people subscribed to this list. Details of how to join this list can also be found on the front page of the Tipperary GAA web site.

## CLUBS

Like the GAA in Tipperary, the backbone of the web site concerns the Club. There are 75 clubs in Tipperary and to date, 38 of these clubs have a web site (51% - the highest percentage of clubs with web sites in any county in Ireland). If you wish to get your club on the Internet, contact Ed Donnelly at [edonnelly@gaa.ie](mailto:edonnelly@gaa.ie) or 087-2055642.

## PHOTO GALLERY

A recent addition to the web site is the Photo Gallery. Some excellent action and team photographs can be found from club and county matches in 2002. The photos are provided courtesy of photographer Brendan O'Connor who works with the Tipperary Star newspaper.

## WESTSIDE

Each Wednesday you will find the thoughts of 'Westside' in the Nationalist newspaper. For many people outside of the county or overseas, you can now access the 'Westside' articles each Wednesday on the Tipp GAA web site.

## INTERVIEWS

A new venture for the web site concerns the area of Interviews with

players and coaches alike. In December 2001, an hour long interview was held with Nicky English. The article when printed spanned 14 pages and over 6,000 words. The Internet allows for in-depth analysis such as this where a newspaper article would be limited by space restrictions. It is planned to interview a number of inter-county players in the near future.

## HURLING, FOOTBALL AND CAMOGIE

The 3 main sports of the GAA are detailed. There are up to date player profiles for all 3 codes. Also, a full list of Munster and All-Ireland winning teams in hurling and football can be found. All grades from minor to senior are included for those who wish to research some of the teams of the past. Bearing in mind that in all grades, Tipperary has won 8 All-Ireland football finals and 62 All-Ireland hurling finals, as well as over 140 Munster titles in all grades, you should be able to find information on any of these teams at the press of a button. Also included are the full list of the 18 Tipperary teams that have won the National Hurling League.

## ROLL OF HONOUR

The Roll of Honour section includes the list of year that Tipperary won at provincial and All-Ireland level in all grades in hurling and football. Also included are the Masters, Vocational Schools, All-Ireland Sevens, and All-Ireland Club Championship. The Roll of Honour for the county senior hurling and senior football titles is also included as well as the list of senior hurling winners in all 4 divisions within Tipperary.

## TIPPERARY INSTITUTE

An integral part of the web site is a link to the Tipperary Institute GAA Club web site. Their GAA club was launched in 1999 and since the autumn of 2001, they have a very comprehensive, up to date web site, complete with player profiles, a photo gallery and all fixtures, results and match reports since the foundation of the club.

## LÁR NA PÁIRCE

There is a short section of the web site dedicated to the Lár Na Páirce interpretative centre of Gaelic Games on Slievenamon Road, Thurles. If you have



never been to visit, check out the web site for content and photos of what you can expect to see at Lár Na Páirce. A must for all Tipperary GAA fans.

#### **TIPPERARY GAA MERCHANDISE SHOP**

In June 2000, the Tipperary GAA county board opened a new GAA Merchandising Shop in Lár Na Páirce. Later that year, a facility to purchase items from the shop online was set up and has proved to be very popular, especially with Tipperary Gaels living on foreign soil. From the US, UK, Australia and even Indonesia (one of the more popular destinations for sales), it has enabled the blue and gold of Tipperary to be worn with pride at all corners of the world. What better way to illustrate the effectiveness of technology in making this a very small world?

#### **OTHER INTERNET SITES**

There are a number of excellent GAA sites on the Internet. Examples of some of these sites are as follows:

##### **Premierview**

[www.premierview.pro.ie](http://www.premierview.pro.ie)

##### **GAA web site**

[www.gaa.ie](http://www.gaa.ie)

##### **Munster Council GAA web site**

[www.gaa.ie/munster](http://www.gaa.ie/munster)

##### **Hogan Stand web site**

[www.hoganstand.com](http://www.hoganstand.com)

#### **THE FUTURE**

Like any source of information, there can always be improvement. The areas of Schools, Handball, Ladies Football, and Bord Na nÓg are not covered in much detail on the web site. However, as with any media outlet, e.g. newspapers, magazines, TV / radio, books etc., the reporter / commentator / author etc. is only as good as the information supplied. As Webmaster of the Tipperary GAA web site, I welcome contact from all sources within the GAA to continue to improve the web site and make it the best resource for Tipperary GAA fans worldwide. Contact Ed Donnelly at 087-2055642 or via e-mail at [edonnelly@gaa.ie](mailto:edonnelly@gaa.ie).

#### **OTHER USES OF TECHNOLOGY**

The Internet and e-mail are not the only uses of technology in the GAA. Very soon, all player registrations for each club and county will be submitted in electronic format only. All player records will then be recorded on a central database in Croke Park and locally on a floppy disk. After the first year of electronic registrations, each club will only need to add new members annually instead of writing the names of each member with pen and paper as per the existing process. This will save a lot of time for club secretaries all over the county.

The use of mobile phone technology to notify players of training / matches / fixture changes etc. has already begun. This process requires all mobile numbers

of a team / panel to be entered in a computer. Once all the numbers are stored, text / SMS messages to every panel member can be sent from a PC, e.g. "reminder - training next Thursday at 7:30pm in GAA pitch" or "match tomorrow postponed to due waterlogged pitch".

The obvious advantages of this are speed of delivery and low cost (average of €1 to send 30 text / SMS messages to an entire panel of players). The Tipperary U-21 hurling panel and the Tipperary Institute GAA club are examples of teams already using this technology to good effect.

#### **SUMMARY**

Fixtures, results and match reports can be found daily on the local and national newspapers. You can purchase any number of excellent books to get the information on the Premier county's glorious past. However, only on the Internet can you find all the information mentioned in this article, past and present. The Internet is the single greatest resource for information on Tipperary GAA matters. Computers and the Internet are not only the future; they are the present as well. Do not be afraid of this technology. Rather avail of it in the future to stay in touch with all GAA matters in Tipperary and beyond.

Visit the Official Tipperary GAA web site at <http://tipperary.gaa.ie>

## **Patrick White (1865-1904) MEMORIAL**

**T**he parish of Toomevara honoured the first man ever to referee an All-Ireland senior hurling final at Gortagarry at a special commemorative ceremony on Sunday, April 28.

Patrick White, a native of Blakefield, was the man in the middle for the 1887 final, which was played in Hoare's Field, Birr between Tipperary, represented by Thurles, and Galway, represented by Meelick-Eyrecourt, on Easter Sunday 1888.

The commemorative event included the blessing of White's grave at Annaghmeadle cemetery, the unveiling of a plaque over the grave, a graveside oration, given by former club secretary, Matt O'Meara, and a juvenile hurling game between Meelick-Eyrecourt and Toomevara.

Patrick White was born on February 26, 1865, one of six

children. As a very young man he went to work at Birr as an assistant in a pawnbroker's shop, owned by a Mr E. Treacy. He was actively involved in the sporting life at Birr, with his main interests, GAA, athletics and cycling. When the All-Ireland was fixed for Birr he was chosen to be referee, and was acceptable to the Galway men in spite of the fact he was a native of Tipperary.

The previous year, when the first county board of the GAA was formed in Co Offaly, White was appointed the first secretary. He was later secretary of the sports committee of Birr, a position he held from 1896-1901. At the time of his death on March 24, 1904, he was treasurer of the Commercial Club of Birr.

Patrick White never married and when he died his remains were brought back to Annaghmeadle cemetery for burial.



*A group in attendance at Patrick White Memorial in April.*





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# The Nicky Era

by Liz Howard

**I**n the autumn of 1998, Nicky English, Ken Hogan and Jack Bergin were appointed to manage the fortunes of Tipperary hurling. The process of getting a new manager was carried out quietly but still word leaked out. Journalist, Jackie Cahill, unwittingly saw Nicky chatting to County Chairman Paul O'Neill in the Cashel Palace hotel. Never one to miss out on 'a scoop', Jackie went to print! The news spread quickly.

The appointment of Nicky was greeted positively. One of the greatest players of the modern era, he was respected for his immense talent, skill and intelligence on the field of play. He was also popular, had won two All Ireland senior medals as well as several All-Star Awards. Interestingly, few questioned his lack of managerial experience. Good organisational skills are part of his working life. He had 'people skills' from other aspects of his life. The expectations, as usual in Tipperary, were high. His living outside the county was a plus as he avoided all the unofficial advisors and pub talk. Ken Hogan and Jack Bergin were good lieutenants, like Nicky dedicated to Tipperary, decent men, yet kept their distance and their counsel. The support structures in Tipperary were well established since the "Babs" Keating era. A supportive county board and a superbly efficient and active Supporters Club helped the trio to put their plan into action.

Losing to Clare in the replay of the Munster Championship of 1999 was a major learning point for Nicky. He was devastated after the defeat and analysed every aspect of that experience. He realised the mistakes made after the drawn game. Supporters and perhaps some players got carried away. The non-starting of Declan Ryan was never really explained. Nicky is a smart learner; it would never happen again. Tipp might be beaten but never demolished again. He set about toughening the mental approach of players. He did it very well. We all saw the players develop into a composed and cohesive group. Over the four years a tightly knit group of players represented the county. In 2000 Tipp senior hurlers should have won the All Ireland, luck was not with them. The loss of John Leahy and Eamonn Corcoran in the quarter-final was too much to contend with.

Going to Cork for a Munster championship game was always a lovely experience. The Supporters Club organised the accommodation and after-match dinner. Every detail was perfect. The team stayed in the Carrigaline Court Hotel, where the manager John

O'Flynn and his staff are the essence of professionalism. Archdeacon Michael O'Brien, of Cork hurling fame and close friend of Nicky and his wife Ann, said Mass for the Tipperary party. Flamboyant and pious all in one, he always struck the right note with his homily, usually mixing getting the mix between God and hurling just right! After Mass he would visit the hotel and do the rounds with Nicky. He became very much part of the day. We even joked about donkeys and Derbys!

The after-match visit of journalists to the tiny dressing rooms in Pairc Ui Chaoimh was an event in itself. Yet Nicky managed it with humour and ease. He always had time to stop and talk to supporters on the way out. Cork is an intimate venue and while the dressing rooms are tiny the stewards inside the grounds are ever so friendly and accommodating. Nicky made a point of acknowledging their role. Similarly with the Gardai and anyone else who helped on big match days.

2001 was the best of years, a National League, a Munster Championship and an All-Ireland title. Nicky was single-minded in his quest for an All-Ireland. Losing John Leahy in the Munster championship against Clare was a blow, but Nicky didn't let that distract him. He utilised John Leahy as a shrewd observer against Limerick and later on in Croke Park. The injustice against Brian O'Meara annoyed us all, particularly Nicky. However he had to balance his huge sympathy for Brian and still get ready for the All Ireland final. Brian's own dignity and grace made it easy for everyone to get on with preparations.

All Ireland day 2001 will be etched on all the minds of Tipperary followers as a day to treasure in the memory. Remember the spontaneous 'Mexican Wave' which took place at half time, when both the Tipperary and Galway supporters united in fun. When the final whistle blew, Nicky's was the happiest man alive, maybe Thomas Dunne was equally happy. While he hugged and congratulated his players warmly he still retained his composure. Their reward was his reward. He had achieved his goal. I know that I will never forget the smile on the face of Thomas Dunne when he raised the McCarthy Cup. Joy, sheer joy. Later in the dressing room Nicky gave a very moving speech as well as a very sobering message, pointing out the pitfalls that can go with winning an All-Ireland medal. How easy it was to celebrate



Nicky English

excessively and become dependent on alcohol. He had seen such ravages among his peers. For me it was his finest moment in his four years as manager.

Nicky can drum up financial support like few people I know. He does it with ease.

His contacts are wide ranging, business, sporting and old friends. He worked closely and well with the county board and the Supporters Club. I hope that he will still be actively involved in the Supporters Club. As a player he had a few close friends on the Tipperary team, Bobby Ryan and Donie O'Connell being the main ones. That trio got up to a share of mischief! He didn't always obey the rules set out by "Babs" either! It was only recently that a former teammate reminded me that Nicky was the only Tipp player to wear an Adidas togs in the Munster final of 1987. From his own experience he grew as a person and understood human frailties well. He is most supportive of players and friends when they need it.

On the hurling side, it was all about commitment, skill, fitness and getting the best out of his players. His team played skilful and exciting hurling. He also knew the value of players like David Kennedy and Paul Ormonde,



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*Nicky had a few words of consolation for Philip Maher following the defeat by Waterford in the Munster final at Pairc Uí Chaoimh.*

teak tough and brave. He demanded the best from his players. Then he gave them the best in terms of support and facilities. He has the highest standards and never compromised on them. No GPA issues ever surfaced during his term as manager. He kept in touch, anticipating and dealing with matters before they became issues. Mind you we are fortunate in Tipperary, the players at all levels are genuinely decent people.

Driving from and back to Dublin three times a week, particularly in the winter was demanding physically. Difficult too for his wife, Ann, back in Dublin, she was always so supportive. Semple Stadium can be the coldest place in Ireland in winter. There is little glamour in that side of management or for players either. That is hard graft and drudgery. The glamour of the Munster and All-Ireland championship is but a dream in December, January and February. I never heard Nicky complain. He had the vision and the dream of Croke Park on a September Sunday.

Like every team manager in the country each player will have his own perspective on Nicky. Most admire and are fiercely loyal to him; a few may feel indifferent or angry. That is inevitable. I recall a most interesting article written by David Walsh. He interviewed a number of former Dublin players who played when Kevin Heffernan was manager. Not all those interviewed were complimentary. It goes with the territory. Both Kevin Heffernan and Nicky would have seen that from their own playing days. Nicky brought his own brand of magic, that same buzz he brought as a player. His sense of fun and his ability to laugh at himself is endearing. The players responded well to that. He could be clinically cold and

detached, necessary qualities in management. He could also "rib" the players while getting his message across.

It would be easy to overlook the contribution of Ken Hogan and Jack Bergin. They were part of an effective team. Content to take a back seat in many ways, both are keen judges of hurling. Both are decent people. Their respective wives, Joan and Bernie were equally supportive. We have to recognise the contribution of Jim Kilty, a wonderful trainer with excellent people skills, Pauline Fanning masseuse, John 'Hotpoint' Hayes, Noel Ryan and Tom O'Donnell. Dr Gerry O'Sullivan and Mr Peter Murchen give of their medical expertise and are almost honorary Tipperary men at this stage. Nicky (like all who know him) has huge respect for Jimmy Purcell who does his job in Semple Stadium so well. The same goes for Philly Butler in Morris Park.

When asked to write a tribute to Nicky English, I had some difficulty. Do I opt for a piece that could well end up reading like an obituary! Worse still it could read like a soppy Mills and Boon script, all 'rosy in the garden'. Both would be an insult to the man and a poor reflection on the author. I know Nicky since his minor playing days, watched him develop into a superb hurler, saw him grow as a person, saw his many kindnesses, witnessed his flair, sense of style and imagination, his ability to bring people with him, his commitment to excellence, his love of Tipperary hurling, his loyalty and his great sense of fun. He had the mental toughness and the self-confidence required to be a successful team manager. Few people challenged him he had that aura of

authority and remoteness when required. He was always conscious of projecting the best possible image of Tipperary. He never rushed into an interview, took his time to get his thoughts together, said a lot, and said little! Nicky always found the right words in the dressing room, both in defeat and success.

Hand in hand with those qualities, he had a hard edge at times. When he wanted to, he was capable of giving the 'freeze treatment' and that was pure Artic ice! Being part of Nicky's 'Golden Circle' was a very safe and comfortable place; being on the outside was not so nice. You could judge his humour by the way he walked along the sideline in Thurles. He'd play little mind games at times. The best way to counteract that was to pretend that you didn't notice or occasionally confront him. If he was in the wrong he'd never say sorry but a quick word or joke against himself was his way of re-establishing communication.

His legacy to Tipperary hurling is well documented both as a superb player and as a successful manager. We thank him for the manner in which he conducted his business on and off the field. He leaves behind a good legacy. He leaves behind a panel of players (with a couple of additions) that is capable of winning an All Ireland in 2003. We must now get behind the new team manager Michael Doyle and his selectors Kevin Fox and Liam Sheedy. That is what Nicky, Ken and Jack would ask. I will finish with a text message received from Nicky when he decided to step down as manager, it epitomises his love of Tipperary. It says it all, "Glory Tipp".



# BE CAREFUL HOW YOU SAY IT

## BROADCASTERS/MEDIA

by SEAMUS O'DOHERTY

**W**hy do camogie commentators insist on telling us who the players' fathers are while disregarding their mothers? The two cases which arise regularly in Tipperary are those of Sinead Nealon (daughter of Donie) and Ciara Gaynor (daughter of Len). Could you please note that the mothers are Kitty Nealon and Eileen Gaynor?

Have you noticed the comment "The referee gave out six yellow cards?" Believe it or not it was the same card each time!

RTE news has a strange brace of expressions! Firstly when sport follows an advertising break at the end of the news the reader nearly always says "welcome back". Most of the time I have remained in my seat! Secondly if there is a train mentioned which is going to the match it is considered to be "carrying GAA supporters". GAA is the Association not the game. Could you imagine them referring to IRFU supporters? Or FAI supporters?

Then we have the 'lazy' commentator who takes his cue from the match programme and doesn't realize it is often wrong! One TV Commentator keeps giving us the wrong number of championship games for Brendan Cummins in the Tipperary hurlers goal. The date of Thomas Dunne's senior championship debut is another issue!

Radio commentators who fail to identify where the action is on the pitch in yards or meters might as well turn off their microphone!

The Sunday Game (night programme) on August 11th last carried the caption for the following Sundays action minor hurling semi final 'Cork v Galway'.



Past players: In Cork for the Munster SHC games against Limerick were these well-known GAA personalities: Joe Tynan, Mick Minogue, Roscrea; Kathleen and Liam King, Lorrle.

Nobody seemed to notice that these teams had met in the quarter-final on July 28th!

Presenting a result can have its challenges also. On Sunday March 3rd the RTE 1 six one sport announced the Fitzgibbon Cup final result as UL 2-14, WIT 2-11. Alas the caption read Wexford (not Waterford) IT. Not to worry three hours to correct it but... the nine o'clock report had the right caption UL 2-14, WIT 2-11 but the voice told us the score was UL 2-24, WIT 2-11. Still we know who won!

Still on the academic scene, why do so many reporters had such difficulty with the whereabouts of the Cistercian College, Roscrea? In a report on this years Leinster Colleges hurling league they were referred to in a broadsheet as the Tipperary school! Now come on! (A rugby friend pointed out that the school

had similar problems in the rugby section on the same paper on March 5th when Tony Ward also got his report right but his geography wrong). Perhaps somebody could say CCR is an Offaly school.

Action replays on TV have to be the most annoying feature of watching a hurling game at home. So many replays from so many angles are shown that we regularly miss a piece of the action from puck out to next attack. The solution is simple show the replay when there is a stoppage in play!

Commentators sometimes get mixed up about their roles. It is laughable to hear suggestions made as to what the player will do or should do with the ball. They would do well to adopt M. O'Muircheartaigh's approach of speaking about what they see!

Some of the TV pages of newspapers have not mastered the sporting aspect of their publications. One South East publication dated 8.5.02 told us that Cavan v Down on Network 2 would Kick off at 2.40pm! In the next column they claimed that it would kick off on BBC2 at 2.30pm!

Could sub editors use a little tact when headlining team selectors. The term "A is axed" reads very aggressively and could be easily changed to "B has been selected" or "one change on C team"!

The incorrect identification of players in Monday newspapers continues to be a problem. Why is it not possible to get the names right for the papers' own credibility if nothing else? Most followers know all of the players by sight.

The other problem on Mondays is the inconsistency in match statistics from the game. Details of the Tipp v Offaly



Now there's a line-up! Semple Stadium caretaker, Jimmy Purcell; Co Board PRO, Liz Howard; Semple stadium stewards, Tom O'Connell and Donal Bergin take time out to pose for a photograph prior to one of the county championship matches at the Stadium.





Photograph taken after the annual inter-county U-21 hurling tournament between Tipperary and Kilkenny, organised by the Gortnahoe-Glengooles GAA club in Gortnahoe, shows: Martin Gleeson, chairman Gortnahoe-Glengooles GAA club; Paul Doheny, captain of the Kilkenny team (runners-up); Damien Young, captain of the winning Tipperary team, receiving the Tom O'Hara Trophy from John Doyle, representing Gerry Chawke, sponsor of the tournament. In front are James Cahill and Conor Fogarty, Gortnahoe.

and Tipp v Antrim games this year proved particularly conflicting! Could Guinness sponsor a statistician to provide one set of accurate figures for use by all media personnel?

Cliches of the year have not changed very much. We had "down to the wire", "dug deep", "too close to call", "all on the day", "learning curve", "same hymn sheet", "out of jail", "spilled", "gutted". The word which dominates now is "unreal". The support was 'unreal' (was it not there?). The performance was 'unreal' (did it not happen?). The feeling is 'unreal' (what does it mean?).

In a Monday newspaper review on April 15th a former high profile football manager referred to two teams Cavan and Roscommon going "hammer and thongs" at each other (I can't visualize it myself).

Could TV producers stop getting sideline reporters to interview players immediately after games when they are exhausted and emotional? When the questions are asked could they be more focused and less banal? The RTE man who asked David Fitzgerald "Is this the end for Clare?" just after the All Ireland final was rightly referred to as "a clown".

Why was the 1988 All Ireland semi final meeting of Tipperary and Antrim overlooked in the national media review coverage of this year's clash between the teams? None of the reporters seem to recall it and the weather was so hot not to mention all the trouble Antrim caused that day! A bit like this year really!! One national writer declared when the draw was made that the only previous meeting had been the 1989 final. Enough said.

The howler of the year – and credit

where it is due – appeared in the TV pages of *Ireland on Sunday* on Sunday 28th July. Beside a lovely colour photo of Michael Cleary (in blue & gold) came the news that he would be in action against Antrim on TV today! It should be pointed out that 'Skippy' retired from the inter-county playing scene after the 1997 All-Ireland final!

#### OTHER BUSINESS

What ever happened to good manners? Could we please have the visiting teams names on top of the scoreboard and the home team below?

Declan Ryan should have received an All-Star award for 2001. If you don't believe me look at the videos of those games and see how much control he exerted!

Umpires need to be told not to put a hand in the air before signalling a point. This practice has appeared all over the place in recent years but is the signal for a '65'.

There were some sightings of mentors – including teachers – smoking on the sideline during games. This is not what is intended by health promotion. A man with a 'Dochtuir' bib was guilty during a Munster club championship game at Semple Stadium last winter. Example is so important.

Would old hurlers stop criticising young players of the modern era please? Has the old adage "Mol an Óige agus trioc-faigh si" been forgotten?

Why is it that for over thirty years inter-county hurling only ever has two quarter finals in league or championship? Could we explore the possibility of 'adjustments' in this area to increase the games profile and make the treasurers smile more often? There are four quarters in everything else!

The biggest myth around is that Brian

Flannery's first Munster senior championship game for Waterford was against Tipperary on June 7th 1998. Not so!! His first outing was two weeks earlier against Kerry. The main offenders here are Tipp writers!

Finishing Touches – At the conclusion of the year's championships the *Sunday Times* listed RTE's ten worst sports commentators in order of merit. The GAA men – Mr Ger Canning was at number 4 and Mr Brian Carthy was six places further down – must have impressed the judges over the season to secure such high rankings.

If a goal is scored when the ball hits the back of the net does anybody know where to find the front of the net?

RTE, get yet another bouquet! On the RTE 6.1 news/sport (Sept 29th last) there was a report from Croke Park on the All-Ireland Ladies Football final between Mayo and Monaghan. This was followed by an interview with two Mayo players, one of whom held the cup. Then it was back to the studio where the sports presenter read the scoreline Monaghan 0-12, Mayo 1-8 which appeared on the screen. Is anybody watching or listening?

The *Evening Herald*, dated 20th September 2002, carried a lovely colour camogie photograph under the title 'Pic of the Week'. We recognized Una O Dwyer and Ciara Gaynor instantly but were dismayed when the caption named the Cork players who wore the corresponding numbers in the All-Ireland final. (Acknowledgment to Ray McManus (Sportsfile) who apologized to me when I alerted him to the error).



# Tipperary Supporters Club

by Gerry Ryan PRO

**T**he days when our supporters go to the games expecting to win, are traditionally the days when Tipp are most vulnerable. It is equally important in the context of the Tipperary team itself, to have our fans as prepared as our team. Not my words but those of our former manager, Nicky English, and ironically spoken in an interview with the Tipperary GAA web site back in December 2001.

I really feel these words are prophetic in the context of our defeat in this year's Munster Final. I like to go and see a number of teams training sessions each year and in particular coming up to the big games. If you pardon the analogy with racing, "to see how they are going on the gallops".

Prior to this year's Munster Final I witnessed a full-blooded game and came away saying we are absolutely flying. I fell into the very trap that Nicky was cautioning about complacency and I have no doubt deep down our players must have felt the same. To me that day in Cork when Waterford blew us away had a very detrimental effect on the form of our team. That to me was the day we lost our hopes of retaining our title and I am convinced if we had won that day we would have gone all the way. It happened similarly back in 1990 when Cork caught us on the hop as red hot favourites, that team bounced back to be champions the following year. That is the challenge for our team now who I am sure do not want to be remembered as 'one hit wonders'.

They will face the challenge without Nicky, Ken and Jack who I know every supporter hoped would stay. Travelling from Dublin lately after eventually getting away from Donnybrook to the Naas Road the thought flashed through my mind, how the hell did Nicky English put up with this a few times a week for the last four years. To do it showed the huge love he has for Tipperary it was a massive commitment and while we all pushed him to stay, really Nicky we owe you a huge of thanks. No less thanks to Ken and Jack while they both live in the county both have huge personal commitments and yet they gave it all for Tipp. Three gentlemen to be associated with and it was a privilege to support you.

We often hear of the unsung heroes of the GAA who work away tirelessly as grassroots level

without seeking recognition. Tipperary officialdom have recognised the contribution over the years of three people who have served the county as such Michael Doyle, Liam Sheehy and Kevin Fox and handed them the biggest job of all managing the Tipperary team. We in the Tipperary Supporters Club welcome Michael as manager with Liam and Kevin as his co-selectors. We look forward with the continued goodwill of Tipperary supporters providing them with the necessary finance to win back that All-Ireland title. The support from Tipperary people has been phenomenal since Babs started the ball rolling with the first supporters club in Ireland back in 1986 over €1 million has been raised for Tipperary hurling. It is a matter of great satisfaction to see this support after our All-Ireland victory in 2001 how people contributed to ensure our hurlers would be rewarded with a holiday to remember in South Africa.

We have many future plans within the Supporters Club to continue this very successful financial support for Tipperary hurling which I will briefly outline and also let you know the many ways you can support Tipperary hurling.

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You can apply at any Bank of Ireland branch for a Tipperary Credit Card it will cost you nothing in fact it will save you money. Because Bank of Ireland are offering a lower rate than normal on credit cards. If you have an existing credit card why not transfer to a Tipperary Credit Card you do not have to be a Bank of Ireland customer to apply. The card is available at all branches in Tipperary or on lo call 1890 365 100 or visit the Supporters Club website. Bank of Ireland donate €12 for every credit card to Tipperary GAA.

## ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Every May usually on the Friday prior to our first Championship game our Golf Classic takes place in Dundrum. You could enter or sponsor a team or promote your business through tee sponsorship. It is always a hugely popular day with a great night's entertainment. You can enjoy the best of Tipperary hospitality from our host at Dundrum House the renowned Austin Crowe with Tipp people from all over Ireland coming together.

## ADVERTISE ON OUR NEW WEBSITE

We are in the process of launching our new Tipperary Supporters Club website designed by our two goal All-Ireland hero Mark O'Leary. The site can be viewed on:

[www.tipsupportersclub.com](http://www.tipsupportersclub.com) and advertising space is available for 12 months prices starting at €250. Contact our secretary Ger Ryan on (086) 8149146 for full details.

## SUPPORTERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Membership of our supporters club is just €25 and you will receive a membership card, card sticker and participate in draws for Munster Championship tickets. This year there will be special prizes also for weekends in the Hotel with the team on Championship outings. You will be able to join using your credit card through our website or you can ring me directly on (087) 2569412.

## GIVE YOUR TIME

We would love to hear from people who would help promote some of our events or sell membership. Be you based within the county or anywhere around the country new volunteers would be very welcome.

We are also looking at setting up affiliated supporter's club committees abroad particularly in the United States and the UK. If you are a Tipperary exile abroad we would be delighted if you got in touch with us. We already have people like Ian Conroy in New York, Jim Kehoe in San Francisco both former Tipperary stars who have been very active in giving of their support. In the UK through the efforts of Tom Milna and the London Association have been very supportive not to mention Johnny Barrett a renowned Tipp stalwart supporter in London.

If you would like to become involved email us through our new website:

[www.tipsupportersclub.com](http://www.tipsupportersclub.com)  
or ring me on (087) 2569412.



**Tipperary Supporters Club 2002**

*The Committee of the Tipperary Supporters Club, with members of the County Board, Nicky English and Thomas Dunne.*



# With the Tipperary Senior Hurlers

on holiday in South Africa



On Robin Island... Eoin Kelly, Mark O'Leary, John O'Brien and Sarah Maher



Golf at Stellenbosch, Cape Town... Brendan Cummins, Liam Cahill, Joan O'Brien and Dinny Ryan.



John Leahy, Michael Cleary and Con Hogan relax in South Africa



Michael Cleary and Dinny Ryan enjoying Table Mountain.



Lar Corbett with Eimear Culey

## Best of luck to Tipperary's new senior hurling management team



Tipperary Senior Hurlers Management team. Liam Sheedy, Michael Doyle (manager) and Kevin Fox.



# Tipp Intermediates Reach All-Ireland Final

By Noel Dundon (Tipperary Star)



Tipperary full-back Mark Peters (left) in action against Galway during the intermediate hurling All-Ireland final at Birr.

**T**ipperary's Intermediate hurlers certainly scaled the heights during 2002 and provided a whole range of thrills and spills for the Premier County supporters. Their eventual defeat in the All-Ireland Final replay at the hands of Galway was a disappointing end to a wonderful year's hurling.

The Tipp lads began their campaign under the watchful eye of new boss, Liam Sheedy, and the intermediates prepared like never before for championship fare. Their sharpness and agility played no small part in securing victory over rivals Limerick in the Munster semi-final - the Tipp lads coming out on top on a comprehensive 4-22 to 3-10 scoreline. While the scoreline might well have suggested a cakewalk for the Tipp lads, the reality is that it was only in the closing stages that the team could afford to relax and enjoy the game. They had paved the way to victory with a pulsating third quarter and fashioned their win thanks to some blistering attacking and staunch defending.

The final again played in Pairc Ui Chaoimh was a nail-biting affair and even though Tipp managed to come out on top by 4-8 to 2-7 the Waterford lads made them fight all the way. This was a very significant game indeed for Tipperary. Having fallen at the hands of the Deise in the senior grade a few weeks previously, it was vital that the intermediates got the ball rolling again. And they did.

They reclaimed the Munster crown on a warm evening when a second half three minute goal blitz drowned Waterford's chances of taking a second Munster crown in a few weeks from the Premier County.

The Tipperary players were not bothered that the fare on the night was not from the top drawer, that the play was scrappy and that a lot of ball was fumbled and dropped. The end result was what counted and when captain Colm Morrissey lifted the cup following green flag strikes from Dan Hackett, John Teehan and Gerry Maguire, nobody cared much that the final had been a disappointing hurling spectacle.

Tipperary were gelling more and more with every outing and the midfield pairing of Shane Maher and John Teehan were really excelling. In attack Brendan Hogan, Brian Stritch and Pat Buckley supplied much of the ammunition for the inside forward line of Gerry Maguire, Dan Hackett and Simon Everard. Defensively Tipperary were improving as well. Worried perhaps at conceding 3-10 against Limerick, the backs tightened up and Brian Gaynor, Mark Peters and Ger Griffin offered much protection to Fergal Horgan and were more than capable of backing up Karl Hogan, Colm Morrissey and Colm Everard when necessary.

In the All-Ireland final played in Birr, Tipperary pulled out all the stops to secure a replay against an impressive Galway side following an absorbing and pulsating encounter in St Brendan's Park. With proceedings clattering to a hectic finish in the white hot heat of a blazing summer evening in the heart of Ely Carroll country the casting vote of this hectic encounter tell to Tipperary wing back Colm Ryan. Displaying nerves of steel, the Moycarkey/Borris man stepped up and slotted the sliotar straight between the posts from 45 metres out to guarantee Tipperary another crack at the Tribesmen.

The drawn game finished 2-17 to 1-20 after extra time with Tipperary sub Mark Keeshan banging in 1-3 when introduced.



Selector Michael Grogan and manager Liam Sheedy planning their next move during the intermediate hurling All-Ireland final against Galway in Birr.





The Tipperary team that won the Munster intermediate hurling championship title by defeating Waterford at Pairc Ui Chaoimh. Back row: Dan Hackett, Brian Stritch, Shane Maher, Pat Buckley, Fergal Horgan, Mark Peters, Karl Hogan, Brian Gaynor. Front row: Colm Everard, Ger Maguire, Colin Morrissey (captain), Simon Everard, John Teehan, Ger Griffin, Brendan Hogan.

And so it was back to Birr again for another bid to land the title.

This was the day the wheels came off. Not even the inclusion of former All-Star footballer, Declan Browne could boost the side enough to keep the Tribesmen at bay. The Moyle Rovers man hadn't figured at all in the championship up to that and he was introduced in the closing stages to try and swing the game in Tipperary's favour.

This was Tipperary's last chance saloon of winning an All-Ireland title but Galway produced a power-packed display to scupper the hopes and aspirations. On a perfect day for hurling and with the pitch in immaculate condition, both sides went at it hammer and tongs and it looked as though a rip-roaring contest was in store and that the game would go right to the wire. They were level on four occasions in the first half but a Justin Campbell goal just before half time swung the pendulum in Galway's favour and proved to be the catalyst for the Tribesmen's victory.

Galway were thrilled with their 2-15 to 1-10 victory and who could blame them? They displayed a purposeful style of hurling full of grit and determination – mixed with skill and speed, it was a lethal dose of fare which Tipperary were simply unable to cope with in the second half.

Central to Galway's victory was the display of Kevin Brady at wing forward. He was simply untouchable and was without a shadow of doubt the man of the match.

Tipperary were just unable to make the final push in the replay. The players had given a lot – all that was asked of

them in fact – but they just fell short to a hungry Galway side, who just would not accept defeat.

Credit must go the players and the management team for the manner in which they went about their business. They did Tipperary proud and gave hurling supporters in the Premier County some very entertaining days out.

The replayed final was at Birr on Saturday, September 21.

The Tipperary lineout was as follows: F. Horgan (Kickhams), G. Griffin (Ballinahinch), M. Peters (Galtee Rovers), B. Gaynor (Kilruane MacDonaghs)

C. Ryan (Moycarkey-Borris), C. Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), C. Everard (Moynempletuohy), S. Maher (Burgess), B. Stritch (Ballina), B. Hogan (Gortnahoe-Glengoole), J. Teehan (Gortnahoe-Glengoole), P. Buckley (Emly), G. Maguire (Lattin-Cullen), D. Hackett (Kildangan), S. Everard (Moynempletuohy).

Subs: T. Connors (Kildangan) for Hackett, Sean Maher (Ballingarry) for Teehan, Declan Browne (Moyle Rovers) for Buckley, P. Morrissey (Galtee Rovers) for Hogan.



The Tipperary intermediate hurling selectors that brought the panel to the All-Ireland final only to lose in a replay to Galway. Pictured: Liam Sheedy, Michael Grogan, Toby Moran and Tom O'Donnell.



# The Tipperary Yearbook Awards

by James Holohan

**U**nder its present format, this is the 25th edition of the year book. Our Committee could not let this momentous occasion pass without making a number of awards to some deserving recipients for their endeavours. There are two categories, National and County awards. After many hours of discussion we thought the following were the most deserving. As these awards are very prestigious we decided to award only ten in each category.

## COUNTY AWARDS

- 🏆 **TIPPERARY COUNTY BOARD:** The new six day week calendar, this will create nine extra weekends to run off the Club Championships. With no ball in the fall – beware of withdrawal symptoms.
- 🏆 **THE GOLDEN BOOT:** Goes to Declan Browne for scoring all his sides 1-15 in a South Senior Football match. Give him a hand lads!!!
- 🏆 **THE PATIENCE OF JOB:** Goes to our County and Divisional Secretaries whose best laid match plans are often changed by other forces. The new style calendar might help.
- 🏆 **THE ROCK OF CASHEL:** Goes to the towns Camogie team who hardly know what defeat is like over recent years. Teams can easily avoid you when the new by-pass is built.
- 🏆 **IT'S A LONG WAY TO TIPPERARY:** Goes to Nicky English for his contribution to hurling in Tipperary over the last number of years. Very few perks in this job and no merc to take him on all those trips to the sticks.
- 🏆 **THE HAPPY ARE THE PEACEMAKERS:** Goes to our much maligned referees for their many “wrong decisions” that when examined closely are nearly always proved correct. Give them a break!!!
- 🏆 **THE BOOKER PRIZE:** Goes to Bridget Delaney and the Burgess Club. They were the only Club to publish their history this year. Plenty of photographs here Bridget.
- 🏆 **IF YOU DON'T SUCCEED AT FIRST, TRY, TRY AGAIN:** Goes to the Mullinahone Club who won The County Senior Hurling title for the first time in their history. Say thanks to John who started it all.
- 🏆 **THE GOBSTOPPERS** award goes to those Tipperary supporters who booed DJ Carey when taking frees in the All-Ireland Hurling Semi-Final. Try Fox's (Kevin) mints next year.

- 🏆 **THE DIY:** Goes to those coaches who like to “do it for the little village”. Pass a GAA pitch on a Saturday morning as they coach the juveniles, their motto “Do it Young”.

## NATIONAL AWARDS

- 🏆 **THE ALL SAINTS:** Goes to the many players who received red cards instead of yellow. Next time be sure and count to ten first!!!
- 🏆 **THE EAT HUMBLE PIE:** Goes to Pat Spillane, he played a blinder all year. A word of advice Pat – keep your dessert until after the main course.
- 🏆 **CORK COUNTY BOARD SECRETARY – FRANK MURPHY:** An abacus as it would come in handy on big match days, thus avoiding the use of too many subs.
- 🏆 **THE GRASSROOTS:** Goes to the Armagh fans who danced on the new Croke Park surface on that never to be forgotten day for their County – no chance of a Siege of Ennis here!
- 🏆 **THE GREEN GLENS OF ANTRIM:** Goes to Dinny Cahill for his passion in helping to raise the standard of hurling in Antrim. No grass will grow under his feet.
- 🏆 **THE MISSING FANS:** Is shared jointly by Tipperary and Galway. The latter for their lack of numbers against Limerick in the U-21 Hurling Final in Thurles and the former who turned a blind eye to the efforts of our team in the Munster Football Final and replay. Come on lads – get rid of the armchair.
- 🏆 **THE BEST SUPPORTER:** Goes to John 3.7. He never misses a Munster Championship match and he loves to be seen at Croke Park on big match day.
- 🏆 **THE TOP CAT:** Goes to DJ (you know who) for his scintillating runs through bewildered defences with devastating effects. Now you see him – now you don't.
- 🏆 **THE HAPPY FAMILY:** Goes to the Croke Park authorities for their efforts to put bums on seats at the Canal End with their issue of family tickets. Hey! Who ate all the sandwiches.
- 🏆 **THE UNSUNG HEROES:** Finally this award goes to all those voluntary workers behind the scenes who do so many jobs – much too numerous to mention – they would probably give up these tasks if they were offered payment.

We decided to go away from the norm of award ceremonies and let Santa Claus do the honours. Those lucky enough to be honoured should leave their sock out on Christmas Eve.

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The Tipperary U-21 hurling panel prior to the Munster championship game against Waterford. Back: Stephen Mason, Michael Ahearn, Kevin Mulryan, John Devane, Dermot Gleeson, Lar Corbett, Diarmuid Fitzgerald, Shane Maher, Martin Maher, Donal Shelly, Eoin Brislane, Kevin Cummins, Cathal Houlihan, Mark Peters, MacDara Butler, Eamonn Cahill. Front: Pat Buckley, Darren Gleeson, Owen Shortt, John O'Brien, Eoin Kelly, Ronan O'Brien, Damien Young (captain), Paul Curran, Tom King, Eamonn Ryan, Pa Morrissey, Damian McGrath, Colm Ryan, Gearoid Byrne.

## Tipperary Under-21 Hurling 2002



John O'Brien (Tipperary, left) heads for goal during the Munster under-21 hurling championship final replay at Semple Stadium.



Tipperary defender Tom King in a race for possession during the Munster U-21 hurling championship final at Semple Stadium.



Tipperary full-forward MacDara Butler in a race for possession during the Munster U-21 hurling championship final replay at Semple Stadium.



Tipperary U-21 hurling selectors prior to the Munster championship semi-final against Waterford at Semple Stadium: Ger O'Neill, Paudie Butler and Noel Sheehy (manager).



# Minors Capture Munster two-in-a-row

By JOHN GUITON  
(GAA Correspondent,  
Tipperary Star)

**A**s the Tipperary minors and their mentors stood in gracious acclamation of a splendid Kilkenny, watching the winners' captain, Michael Rice, accept the All-Ireland trophy a packed Croke Park seemed a desolate spot!

Second year at headquarters and their hurling world is shattered. The 3-15 to 1-7 scoreline tells the tale. The feeling of emptiness is unbearable. Not because they've lost the All-Ireland to a much better team. Rather, that they have failed to do themselves justice on the most important day.

Yes, Tipperary minors of 2002 are considerably better than their performance in Croke Park on September 8th suggested. The pity is the beautiful game of hurling has a habit of dealing the best of teams a rough hand now and then – Tipp happened to be on the receiving end this time. Perhaps Tipp would not have beaten a Black and Amber side full of speed, skill, and swagger, in any circumstances, but, it is fair to say that they never really played to their potential that day and looked a pale shadow of the Munster championship and All-Ireland semi-final team.

Mind you, Tipp's dream of capturing the county's 17th All-Ireland crown seemed

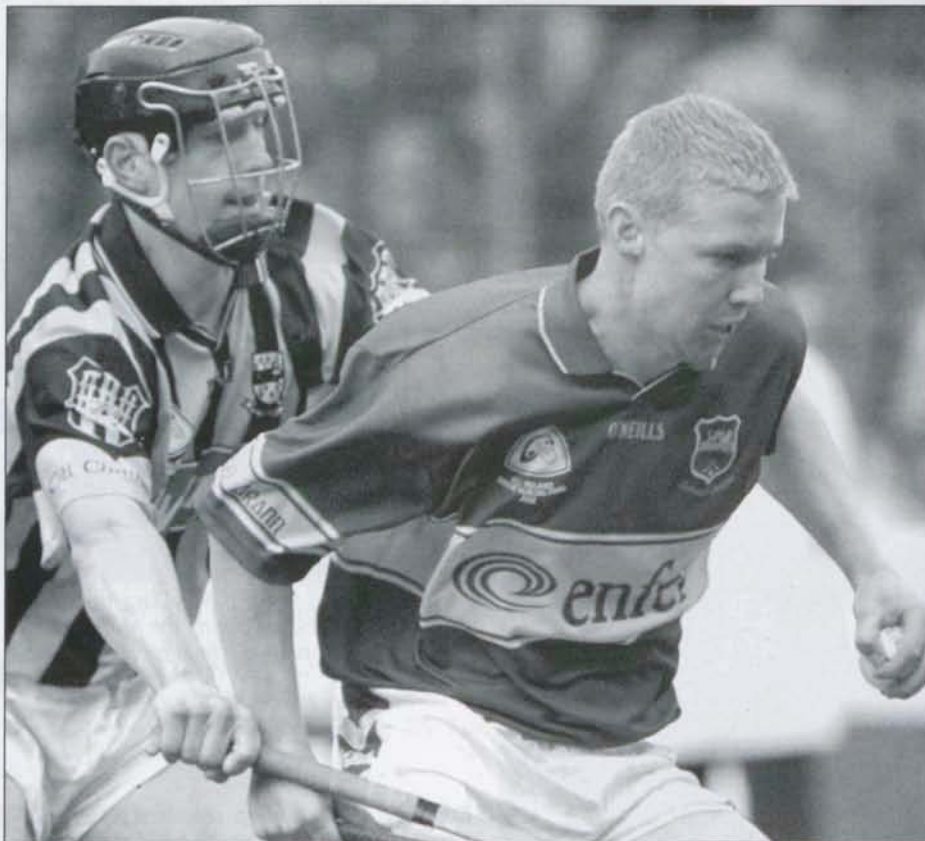


Tipperary minor hurling selectors photographed at Semple Stadium: Paddy McCormack, Vincent McKenna, James Ivors and Philip Ryan.

quite attainable as they stayed with their opponents in the early stages. Francis Devaney gave them a great start with a point and it was nip and tuck for most of the first period. Indeed, they might well have had a goal to give them a cushion but for the alertness of Urlingford's Colin Grant in goal for the 'Cats'. Tipp's able captain, Patrick McCormack, made a splendid save from Willie O'Dwyer, and the sides were deadlocked approaching the end of the first period. Crucially, Kilkenny then hit the Munster champions for two goals in the space of four minutes from Eoin Reid, and James Fitzpatrick, and

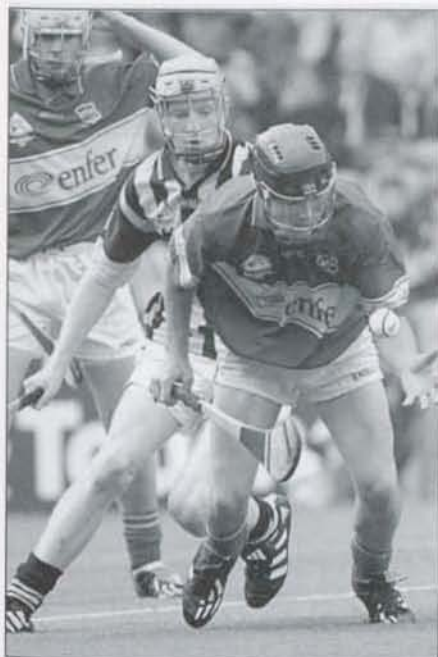
the game turned irreversibly in their favour. Tipp's failure to score for a long period of the second half highlighted their difficulties and by the time David Morrissey struck their goal in 23rd minute the Cats were well and truly in command. Despite their best efforts Tipp were unable to reverse the trend and the outcome was decided long before the final whistle sounded. An awful finality then for a talented side, but, supporters will not forget the enjoyment the side provided throughout the Munster campaign as they clinched the two-in-a-row with some splendid fare. Ironically, while their supply of goals dried up on All-Ireland day they had rammed in a whopping total of thirteen in the championship up to then. From an early stage of the year they had responded so well to the hard work of manager Paddy McCormack, and his selectors, Vincent McKenna, Philip Ryan, and Jamesie Ivors behind the scenes and, despite the All-Ireland failure, they can book back with great pride on clinching the Munster crown. The importance of a county winning minor titles need not be underlined, and, all credit to the 2002 side and all associated with it for keeping the flag flying at provincial level.

The Munster campaign started with a facile win over a weak Kerry in Tralee last April (5-20 to 0-6). Pat Shortt ended the game with 3-7 to his credit. It was quite a different story in May when Tipp had to pull out all the stops to edge past Limerick by a point in Kilmallock (1-13 to 1-12). With Trevor Ivors hammering home 2-3 they produced a fine performance on Munster final day to get the better of Cork in Pairc Uí Chaoimh, on a 3-7 to 2-7 scoreline. For the second year in a row Tipp travelled Leaside and took the title from the grasp of the home county, no mean feat. Tipp had the better of the first half exchanges boosted by an early goal from Francis Devaney, and were nicely positioned with a 2-5 to 1-2 interval lead. They were really up against it when Cork responded quickly thanks to a Michael



Thomas Fitzgerald (right) heads for goal during the All-Ireland MHC final against Kilkenny at Croke Park.





David Morrissey has the ball within his grasp during the All-Ireland MHC final against Kilkenny. In the background William Ryan awaits the outcome.

Naughton goal from a free in the early stages of the second half and it was real tit for tat stuff right through the period. Patrick McCormack made a wonderful save to keep his side in front and in a quick follow up Trevor Ivors ran through for his second goal to send Tipp firmly on their way with a six point lead.

Although the Munster champions might have done with a much stiffer test from Wexford in the semi-final, it was hard to argue with a 4-13 return against the Slaneysiders 0-13. Toomevara's Willie Ryan hit 1-5 in that game. It was always going to be difficult against Kilkenny. After all the Black and Amber demonstrated their prowess in no uncertain fashion in the semi-final when they fought back to erase an early 2-3 to 0-2 deficit against Galway. They were very determined to bridge a nine year gap since the county last won the title. And their determination and craft



Vice-chairman of Munster GAA Council, Sean Fogarty, presenting the trophy to Patrick McCormack, captain of the Tipperary minor hurling team that retained the Munster championship title by defeating Cork in Pair Uí Chaoimh.

carried them to the promised land.

**Tipperary:** Paddy McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields), captain, Martin Treacy (Borrisleigh), Derek Bourke (Loughmore-Castleiney), Michael Bergin (Moneygall), John Boland (Toomevara), David Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), David Kennedy (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Wayne Cully (Thurles Sarsfields), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Pat Shortt (Upperchurch-Drombane), Francis Devanney (Toomevara), Willie Ryan (Toomevara), Evan Sweeney (Loughmore-Castleiney), Tony Scroope

(Burgess), Trevor Ivors (Ballingarry).

**Subs:** David Shepherd (Moycarkey-Borris) for E. Sweeney, Thomas Fitzgerald (Roscrea) for T. Ivors, Brendan O'Sullivan (Thurles Sarsfields) for W. Cully, Diarmuid Corcoran (Templederry) for J. Boland, Pdraig Ryan (Templederry) for D. Morrissey.

**Also:** Joe Ryan (Boherlahan-Dualla), Willie Collins (Thurles Sarsfields), Brendan Healy (Loughmore-Castleiney), Enda Forde (Borrisokane), Paudie Ryan (Sean Treacys).



Disappointed Tipperary players and management watch the presentation of the cup following the All-Ireland MHC final against Kilkenny at Croke Park.



# AWARDS



Pakie Brennan who received the Knocknagrow Award at the Cidona Awards ceremony.



Tipperary received two McNamee awards— Bridget Delaney, club media presentation for the club's history entitled **The Burgess Story** and John Guiton, **Tipperary Star**, for coverage of the All-Ireland series in provincial press. On right is Joe McDonagh, former president of the GAA.



✧ The following received their Cidona Awards at a function promoted by the United Sports Panel. Pictured: Footballer of the year, Willie Morrissey, Fethard; Mrs Brendan McGuinness, managing director of Showerings Ireland Limited; Emily Hayden who accepted the award on behalf of the Tipperary Camogie team and Tony Dunne who accepted the hurling award on behalf of his son Tommy who was touring with the All-Stars in Argentina.

Yearbook 2002 Quiz Winners: Martin ✧ Madden, Carrick-on-Suir; Margaret Quirke, Cahir, sponsor; Kieran Shortall, Littleton; John Quirke, Cahir, sponsor; Seamus Frewen, Aherlow



✧ The South Tipperary awards were presented at a function in the South Tipperary GAA centre. Pictured; Michael Heverin, Nationalist, sponsors; Young Footballer of the Year, Padraig Whelan, Cahir; Footballer of the Year, Willie Morrissey, Fethard; Footballer of the Past, Tony Newport, Fethard; Hurler of the year, Eoin Kelly, Mullinahone; Young Hurler of the Year, Joe Caesar, Killenaule.



# THE GREAT GAME OF HURLING

by John Costigan

**A**s the curtain comes down on another hurling year I wouldn't agree with certain analysts that the game is in decline. I know that hurling is a field game that demands exquisite skill and if coaches and administrators become less than a hundred per cent committed to its perfection at club, school or county level, performances will suffer.

Equating the state of hurling in a particular county with the winning of All-Irelands can be a little misleading. There is no doubt but winning a senior All-Ireland can have an effect of momentous proportion. Currently it is fashionable to argue that not enough money is being spent on coaching and the promotion of hurling, while too much is being put into bricks and mortar. With the implication that throwing money at coaching will in itself address the problem. I for one vehemently disagree with same.

While the aspiration to make hurling a thirty-two county game is excellent in theory, the reality of the situation is different. I am aware of the passion that exists for hurling in Ulster having experienced it first hand during *Feile na nGael 2000*, but it will take years and great planning and coaching if ever any of the Ulster strongholds are to compete meaningfully with teams from traditional areas in the South.

If the Northern counties, and those of similar standard in the South, hope to put hurling on a strong footing in their respective counties a plan of action needs to be put in place to have the youth introduced to hurling at six, seven or eight years of age within homes and clubs. It must follow with action of a skilled nature in the primary schools allied to meaningful enjoyable competitions.

The club action must be continuous with proper coaching being done. This must continue at post primary level with a satisfactory level of competition in place. It is here expense may come into play, as to copperfasten the skills top coaches will have to be deployed. To fine tune those skills meaningful competition with well-tutored teams from the hurling strongholds will have to be obtained and it is here the high expense will come into play. To get immediate results would be miraculous and it can only be obtained by continuous dedicated, unrelenting action over a long period of years.

I don't subscribe to the view that hurling is dying but if it is waning or losing its place of prominence it is vital to see the matter addressed forthwith especially in the so-called stronger counties. Being the skilful game that hurling is, coaching and implementing hurling skills must be done on a fifty two weeks a year basis starting with club through primary, post primary and third level educational institutions and back to club again.

Elite squads are to be recommended at various age groups where I think the acquiring of top coaches should be a priority. Intercounty competitions at any age under minor should be carefully monitored to insure that the elite is not over-indulged in to the detriment of the ordinary club player. One wonders where the club player will find his niche in the hierarchy of arrangement in the years ahead with the over emphasis on intercounty scene in all grades. Forget about them and we can be certain they will drift to other codes providing a regular and planned programme.

To keep the profile of hurling high there can never be grounds for complacency from within any unit of the association trusted with its care. We should keep discussion ongoing with people not alone from within the county but also provincially and nationally as an exchange of ideas benefits all. Personally having served four years on Coiste Iomana na Mumhan I got a tremendous insight into the state of hurling in the various counties within the province. Resulting from our deliberations and representations we succeeded in creating certain initiatives which are impacting greatly on the post primary hurling scene within the province. The first year leagues, the introduction of county and provincial servicing officers, the building on the Clare concept of ground hurling in addition to greater publicity at local and national level, print and audio has improved the image of the post primary scene and has brought back to prominence a unit of our organisation that was in decline. Without the assistance of the provincial council this would not be possible but they are always receptive to properly prepared and presented plans.

When I hear a person of the calibre of Nicky Brennan bemoan the decline in hurling standard I often wonder is he measuring other counties, skill level vis a vis Kilkenny. Nicky must not forget that other counties have different skills

and different style of play which at times can be equally effective. The strength of hurling in Kilkenny is the envy of us all. The set up from primary to post primary to club must be excellent because witnessing teams from that county play at juvenile level is a pleasure in itself. The wrist action, the shoulder action and their command of the basic skills such as hooking, blocking, allied to their tactical sense makes one believe that the "right, work is being done".

Just a few months ago I had the pleasure of watching both semi-finals and final of Rice Cup (U14) post primary hurling competition for old CBS schools from Munster and South Leinster and both those games epitomised everything that 'is good about the great game', Nenagh CBS and Callan CBS played a semi-final and for 60 minutes it was contested with fairness and ferocity before Callan CBS emerged winners by a one point margin 0-9 to 0-8. One would have thought it could not be bettered but alas the final between Callan CBS and Thurles CBS was of a standard that excited this lover of hurling. It was once again non stop action for 60 minutes.

The type of cynicism that we often associate with adult games was absent and the tactical awareness and distribution of the ball to forwards from outfield players belied their tender years. The standard of coaching reflected well on both schools and with twelve minutes to go it looked as if the tenacity and determination of the Tipp boys would survive. Typical of the county they represented the Callan boys rallied in style and with tremendous displays from young players in pivotal positions they came back to take the trophy by a one point margin 1-8 to 1-7. The end of game brought agony and ecstasy to different groupings but it vindicated for me that hurling is vibrant and flourishing in those areas in the respective counties.

From a Tipperary perspective I believe the wonderful success of Tipp at intercounty level in the sixties saw complacency come in with the belief that it will happen again in the continuing decades without proper and planned coaching in hurling. To mention "coaching, at that time in Tipperary made one open to ridicule". It took the famine, from 1971-'89 to bring everyone back to their senses. Currently, I believe as a result of the excellent professional approach to hurling development within all units in the county from Bord na



nÓg upwards the future looks bright. The coming to the forefront of new hurling strongholds in non-traditional areas is a source of great pleasure while the one blackspot is the lack of prominence of some traditional areas, especially urban that made great contributions in the past.

I believe for Tipp to maintain its prominent roll in the hurling world all units involved in its development within the county cannot become complacent. We have our own distinctive style based on tremendous work ethic, traditional fire and brimstone approach and not a little skill. The present Tipp senior team while proud of the exquisite skills of Thomas Dunne, Eoin Kelly just to mention two, finds it a real strength in the fiercely competitive nature of its panel that comprises of players with great engines, and a willingness and commitment to maximise their potential. While that philosophy prevails I think Tipp hurling is safe.

Over the past twelve months there has been many negative vibes as regards the current state of hurling. This always appears to happen when the traditional strongholds come to prominence in the final stages of the respective championships. The showpiece of the year failed to live up to expectations but few could quibble with the all round class of champions Kilkenny. The semi final of the All-Ireland series between

Tipp and Kilkenny would go down as one of the best games played over the past few years. The failure of Cork and Limerick to make an imprint on championship 2002 had more to do with internal conflict rather than all round ability.

The success of Waterford in Munster final was a very positive response to the prophets of doom. Offaly appear to be going through a valley period in their hurling world but few would disagree with me when I rate their progress over the past twenty five years as the success story of that era.

Winning four senior hurling championships and three All-Ireland minor titles between 1981 and 2001 deserves great praise for the leaders in that great little county. Since Clare made the breakthrough in 1995 I think that the self-belief will be there for them to compete for the big prizes more often than heretofore.

Laois is a county with a proud hurling tradition but for whatever reason more effort is expended in domestic affairs than on the provincial or national platform. Wexford always make a huge effort but their hurling skills lends one to believe that the right work is not being done at underage level. Kerry try very hard but the ancient game is in direct conflict with football as they compete for the heart and minds of the Kerry youth and more often than not have to settle for

second place. One of the great enigmas of modern day hurling has to be Dublin.

Hurling needs a strong Dublin and one of greatest uplifts hurling would get if a Dublin team could lift the McCarthy Cup. One has to go back forty one years since Dublin last won a provincial title and that has seriously impacted on the development of the game in the capital.

Galway with a tremendous record of underage successes and with one of the strongest club championships in the country is not reaping the rewards at senior level. As a result of the introduction of the qualified system I think it is time that Galway consider going into Munster or preferably Leinster for all grades of hurling. I have no doubt but it is what the hurling teams need, good meaningful championship action from an early stage of the year.

As the curtain comes down on another championship year, I for one will not join the prophets of doom with regards the state of hurling. There are strengths and weaknesses and many requests to our GAA leaders is to be positive in approach, address the various situations and ensure the greatest field game of them all flourishes in this new millennium.

Let's hope it will continue to enthrall the thousands with its exquisite skill and manliness that has characterised the game since the foundation of the GAA.

## Friends of Ballingarry GAA



"The Co. Tipperary Inter GAA Golf Championship for 2002 was held in the neutral venue of Callan Golf club (by very kind permission of Captain Jim Kirby and his Committee) on the weekend of May 3rd & 4th. It was organised by the "Friends of Ballingarry GAA" and the proceeds went to help with the development of the new playing pitch in Ballingarry Village.

The clubs were competing for the 'Babs' Keating perpetual trophy, the holders of which were Holycross GAA club. A total of 62 teams representing G.A.A. Clubs from all over the county, from the banks of the Shannon to the southern-most banks of the Suir took part. The winners this year were once again Holycross G.A.A. Club represented by John Doyle, Jackie Lanigan, Pat Hassett

and Tony Lanigan. They had a score of 101 points.

Runners-up were Golden Club represented by P.J. Collins, Pat O'Gorman, Liam O'Sullivan and Thomas Moran. Third were Boherlahan club represented by Michael Maher, Billy Maher, Seamus Leahy and John Bracken. The event will be held next year on the same May Bank Holiday week-end in Callan.

The organisers wish to thank most sincerely all those who supported them by taking part and look forward to meeting them all again next year.

Picture shows John Doyle receiving the Babs Keating Trophy from the Main Sponsor, Alan Wright, Celtic Wood Products, The Commons with (from left): Jackie Lanigan, Pat Hassett and Tommy Norton, Chairman, Ballingarry GAA Club.



# a Day in the Life

**T**he Games Promotion Officers are on the road since May 2000. The recent recruitment of a fourth officer is a welcome addition. With a GPO for each division we can give more quality time and access more areas.

The Club Primary School Coaching Scheme is up and running well for 2002/2003. Since its inception the scheme has been a big success. The GPOs monitor the scheme on an on going basis giving assistance where required, always ensuring that the weak areas get adequate attention while keeping the standard up in the strong areas. Record sheets are maintained on a weekly basis to verify the number of sessions taken in each school and are used to ratify each club's entitlement to the county board's annual grant.

There is evidence to suggest that the standard of play is improving. Cumann na mBunscoil finals for 2001/2002 were of a very high standard indeed. The teachers play a huge role in the scheme and without their support the initiative would not be the success that it is. The Primary School Coaching is a big part of the GPOs schedule and is probably the most rewarding. The enthusiasm of the children brightens up many a cloudy day.

The Primary Scheme in Tipperary will be further enhanced with the upcoming National Skill Awards. Skill standards will be developed in each school, the top players go forward to test their skills against the best from other divisions, counties, and provinces, right up to national level. Each competing school will receive a coaching kit bag, sponsored by McDonalds. There will be Awards for both hurling and football. The GPOs will be monitoring this initiative.

To complement the Primary School the work is progressing at Secondary level. First and Second year hurling and football leagues are the main target areas. These leagues give games to a broader spectrum of pupils and are proving to be both successful and enjoyable. Schools can put their own stamp on the games, and set their own conditions, eg. "Ground Hurling/Catch and Kick Football". The GPOs assist the tremendous work of the teachers in these events, while the county board, through the Irish Sports Council and Croke Park, provide funding for gear to each participating school.

Special pilot schemes have been set up by the County Games Development Committee in four secondary schools in the county. These schemes in Nenagh, Clonmel, Cahir and Borrisileigh are overseen by a support committee drawn from the feeder clubs to the schools, Chaired by a representative of the county board, the county board, in association with the clubs and the school, jointly fund this venture, where a coaching assistant is put in place to help the



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gamesmaster develop Gaelic games in the school. The GPOs coordinate and act as secretaries to these support committees, monitoring and reporting on progress. This scheme in its infancy requires more time to develop, and will be a success down the road.

To further assist at second level the GPOs deliver Transition/Foundation courses to pupils in Transition Year. These courses consist of teaching the pupils in the art of coaching the skills of the games, developing technique, and managing groups of young players. These newly trained coaches then help in the running of the internal school leagues as team managers, coaches referees etc. They also get an opportunity to coach in the primary school as well as in their own juvenile clubs.

The GPO also makes himself available, when requested, to help out with school teams and assist on match days.

The recruitment of young referees is another area where we are active. This involves courses and seminars for interested pupils.

As always the development of the skills is uppermost in our minds. Skills competitions are organised internally in the schools.

On the club scene the Games Promotion Officers are available to advise, assist and encourage officers, coaches and players. Foundation and Level One Courses are delivered as required. A typical Foundation Course would be given over three nights from 7.30 to 10.30 each night.

The course covers five modules, namely, developing technique, Enjoyment group management, structure of the coaching session and coaches practical. Theory and practical would be included. The course would be completed by follow up visits by the GPO to the club where the new coaches work with the players.

A minimum of fifteen hours would be devoted to each Foundation Course, not including travel and preparation time.

We encourage clubs to ensure that all

personnel involved in coaching the games have achieved at least a Foundation Certificate.

The Level One Courses are delivered over ten nights and cover ten modules including, technical proficiency, tactical prowess, team play, tactical plays physical fitness, performance analysis, and more. The course would be given on a divisional or regional basis as required. The development of coaches new and old is big on the list of priorities and takes a lot of time and effort. We encourage each club to have at least two Level One coaches.

Summer camps, blitzes, indoor hurling are the other main areas where the GPO and the club work together to develop and improve the games in the county.

Following recommendations from Croke Park, Tipperary GAA is involved in Schools of Excellence/Development Squads at U-14/U-15/U-17 hurling and football.

The GPOs play a major role in the running and organising of these events, notifying clubs, players and coaches.

The U-14/U-15 Squads meet at least four times yearly, at three locations, Nenagh, Thurles and Cahir. They also play squads from other counties as part of the programme. The GPO coordinates venues, coaches and guest players for these sessions. The sessions are very enjoyable for all concerned but take careful planning.

The U-17 squad sessions take place in Thurles in October/December and involve trials and coaching session for selected players over a four to six week period.

At times we are called upon by the Munster Coaching and Games

Development Committee to assist in programmes and initiatives. Over the past twelve months we have been involved in a coaching "Best Practices" drive by the committee. It involves attending meetings and seminars to develop a "Best Practices" programme, delivering the programme, in three stages, to divisions, clubs throughout the province. The travel takes us to places like South Kerry, East Limerick and East Cork. It gives us the opportunity to work with a wide range of clubs and is an education, for both parties. The common theme is a love for Gaelic Games and their development.

Individually we are involved in initiatives of our own making, in our own areas. Examples of these would be "Floodlit Hurling" in Clonmel or the Mid Indoor Hurling Blitz. Such events as these keep young people involved in the off season and are very enjoyable.

Add to all of the above promotional work, various meetings, seminars, forums, not to mention the dreaded administrative issues. The GPO's day is, indeed, full, varied, widespread, but also enjoyable.

On behalf of the two Paddys and myself Johnny, thanks to all concerned for the support and co-operation.



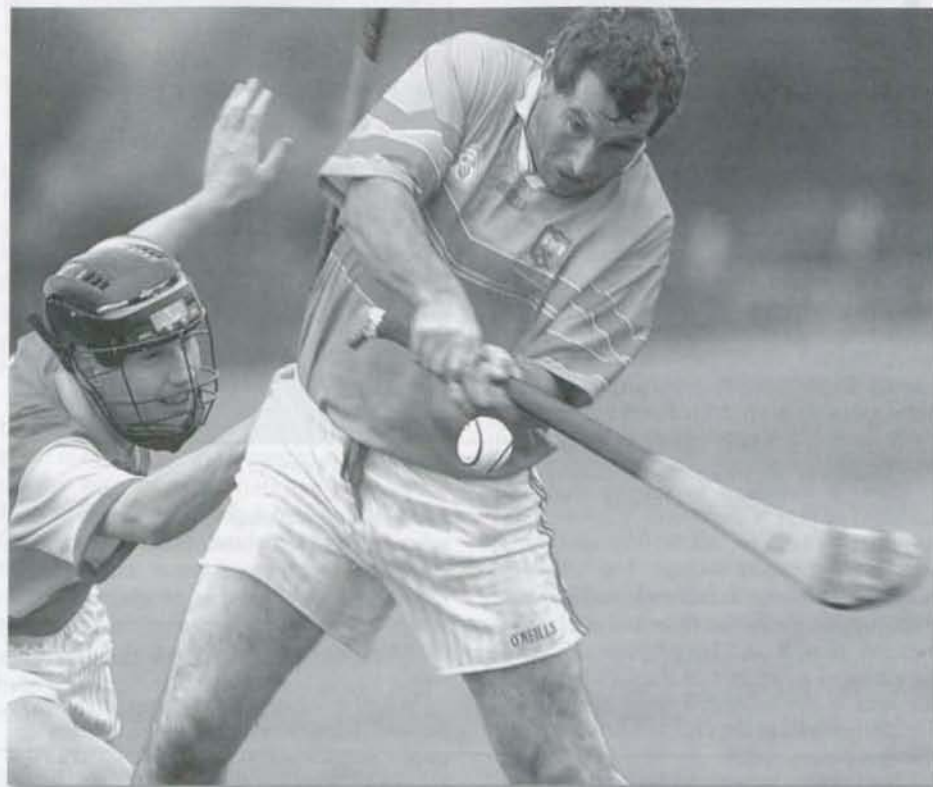
# COUNTY SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP 2002

by Seamus J. King

In his commentary in *The Nationalist* on the county final, 'Westside' referred to John Leahy's 'salmon-leap' over a pair of players for the final ball in the match. It was a wonderfully descriptive and appropriate metaphor to describe the action of the player: Mullinahone had fought long and hard, overcome all kinds of obstacles and difficulties and needed that final leap of defiance to get them to the spawning grounds of success.

And it was equally appropriate that Leahy should be the man to deliver that final act of defiance. He has been the inspiration behind the development and success of hurling in what was a traditional football area. His performances over fifteen years, for club and county, have won more plaudits than any other player. His very presence on the field evokes a special response. One recalls the ovation when he came on against Clare in 2001 and, of course, the belly-deep roar of appreciation when he made that leap in the final. These are only two in a litany of great occasions he has provided for his supporters and admirers down the years.

The county championship had a new format this year. The number of teams taking part doubled in number as all participants in divisional semi-finals qualified, thus increasing the number of teams from eight to sixteen. It was thought that this development might have the effect of downgrading the divisional finals, but such does not appear to have been the case. In general the new format was well received. It may have added one weekend to the fixture crux but it gave teams greater opportunities



Loughmore-Castleiney's Seanie Bohan gets in his shot on goal despite the efforts of Pat Coman (Moycarkey-Borris) during the Mid SHC final at Templemore.

and a longer run in the championship. In the case of Thurles Sarsfields it gave them six extra games they wouldn't have had last year, even if the final one wasn't a happy experience. It brought teams into opposition that normally don't get an opportunity to meet. Cashel and Roscrea hadn't played in championship since 1981. It was good for income, not only for the county board, but for clubs who hosted games as well. It was brought in for one year but the

likelihood is it will continue.

The format of the county championship was as follows. In round one the eight beaten semi-finalists played off to produce four teams. In round two these four teams played the defeated divisional finalists. The four winners played the four divisional winners in the quarter-finals, from which followed the semis and final.

## BEATEN SEMI-FINALISTS

The beaten semi-finalists were drawn against one another on a divisional basis, with the South playing the Mid, and the North playing the West. Each division had a success with Thurles Sarsfields defeating Carrick Swans but Holycross-Ballycahill losing to Ballingarry. In the North-West confrontation Roscrea defeated Cashel King Cormac's but Portroe lost to Galtee Rovers, after a hotly disputed goal by Larry Quinn minutes from the end grabbed victory for the West side.

Interestingly three of the qualifiers survived the next round, Galtee Rovers being the only team to bow out. Killenaule, the beaten South finalists, defeated them at Cashel by 3-6 to 2-7. Thurles Sarsfields defeated the West final runners-up, Kickhams, by 1-16 to 0-14, also at Cashel. Roscrea overcame the



The Thurles Sarsfields team stand together for the National Anthem prior to the county SHC final replay at Semple Stadium.





All eyes on the ball – Cathal McIntyre (Thurles Sarsfields) and Niall Curran (Mullinahone) photographed during the county senior hurling championship final replay at Semple Stadium.

Mid runners-up, Moycarkey-Borris by 2-13 to 3-8 at Templemore, while Ballingarry defeated the North finalists, Moneygall, by 0-16 to 2-9 at the same venue.

#### QUARTER-FINALS

Three of the quarter-finals were played at Semple Stadium on October 13. Toomevara had an unimpressive six-point victory, 1-16 to 0-13, in a game that was always interesting, even when the possibility of a Toomevara defeat never seemed likely. For Ballingarry there was the consolation of having held the county champions to such a margin.

The most interesting of the three games was between Thurles Sarsfields and Clonoulty-Rossmore. The West champions will no doubt consider themselves unlucky to have lost by one point on a scoreline of 2-12 to 1-14. Twice in the second half they opened up a four-point margin and seemed set for victory, but were unable to press home their advantage and were hauled back by a blistering scoring spree from 'Redser O'Grady, who fired over 1-3 in

the final quarter.

Mullinahone swept passed Roscrea in the third game by 3-17 to 0-9. They were in control all the time. Leading by six points at the interval, they had booked their place in the semi-final long before the final whistle sounded.

The last of the quarter-finals was played at Semple Stadium a week later. Two goals up after eight minutes gave Loughmore-Castleiney an advantage they were never to relinquish. Two goals separated the sides at the interval. Ballingarry battled hard to overcome the deficit and were denied a goal on at least three occasions in the second-half. In the end they had to concede to the Mid men on a scoreline of 2-9 to 0-10.

#### SEMI-FINALS

On a most unpleasant day, with the smallish crowd huddled together in the new stand in Semple Stadium – because



John Kennedy (Loughmore-Castleiney) and Rick Quigley (Moycarkey-Borris) photographed during the Mid SHC final at Templemore.

of reconstruction work on the old stand – Mullinahone and Toomevara lined out on October 20 for the first of the semi-finals. The North champions, going for five-in-a-row, were favourites to continue their success. With five minutes to go to the interval they led by four points, and should have been further in front had Tommy Dunne not missed three frees he would normally score. But five minutes is a short time in a hurling game and Pat Croke scored 1-1 during that period to send Mullinahone into the dressingroom happy to be level at 1-6 each.

The good run for the South continued after the interval when Eoin Kelly pointed within twenty seconds to give them the lead for the first time. But that score acted as a spur to Toomevara who followed with four unanswered points. Mullinahone came back but Toomevara responded and put three points between the sides once again. The last quarter was a titanic struggle as the game hung in the balance. With five minutes to go Mullinahone were one behind when Paul Kelly levelled. Then in the 29th minute the same player sent a 65 metre free straight over the bar to give the men from Mullinahone the lead at a vital stage. It was the winner and try as they could Toomevara could not get back on terms and had to concede by 1-15 to 1-14.

The second semi-final, between old Mid rivals, Thurles Sarsfields and Loughmore-Castleiney, was played at Templemore on October 27. Supporters of both teams got a feast of goals, including a hat-trick from Sarsfields full-forward, Eamon Walshe. In a great game Loughmore-Castleiney led by 2-5 to 1-5 at the interval. With five minutes remaining the sides were level, 2-10 to 3-7, but in the remaining time Sarsfields scored 1-3 to put them into the driving seat, which they held despite a goal from a free by Pat McGrath with three minutes remaining. The final goal for Sarsfields was hotly disputed by the

## COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP 2002 RESULTS AT A GLANCE

#### COUNTY FINAL (REPLAY)

Nov 10, Semple Stadium

Mullinahone 2-10, Thurles Sarsfields 1-11

Referee: Johnny McDonnell (Roscrea)

#### COUNTY FINAL

Nov 3, Semple Stadium

Mullinahone 0-14, Thurles Sarsfields 0-14

Referee: Paddy Russell (Emly)

#### SEMI-FINALS

Oct 27, Templemore

Thurles Sarsfields 3-13,  
Loughmore-Castleiney 4-7

Referee: Seamus Roche (Kilsheelan)

Oct 20, Semple Stadium

Mullinahone 1-15, Toomevara 1-14

Referee: John Ryan (Boherlahan-Dualla)

#### QUARTER-FINALS

October 20, Semple Stadium

Loughmore-Castleiney 2-9, Killenaule 0-10

Referee: Michael Cahill (Kilruane-MacDonagh)

October 13, Semple Stadium

Toomevara 1-16, Ballingarry 0-13

Referee: John Ryan (Cashel King Cormacs)

Thurles Sarsfields 2-12,

Clonoulty-Rossmore 1-14

Referee: Johnny McDonnell (Roscrea)

Mullinahone 3-17, Roscrea 0-9

Referee: Johnny Ryan (Boherlahan-Dualla)

#### ROUND 2 QUALIFIERS

October 13, Cashel

Killenaule 3-6, Galtee Rovers 2-7

Referee: Denis Curtis (Thurles)

October 6, Cashel

Thurles Sarsfields 1-16, Kickhams 0-14

Referee: Willie Barrett (Ardfinnan)

October 6, Templemore

Roscrea 2-13, Moycarkey-Borris 3-8

Referee: Paddy Russell (Emly)

October 6, Templemore

Ballingarry 0-16, Moneygall 2-9

Referee: Willie Clohessy (Drom-Inch)

#### ROUND 1 QUALIFIERS

Sept. 29, Cashel

Ballingarry 1-17 Holycross-Ballycahill 2-11

Referee: John Ryan (Cashel King Cormacs)

Sept. 28, The Ragg

Galtee Rovers 2-14 Portroe 2-12

Referee: Willie Barrett (Ardfinnan)

Sept. 14, Templemore

Roscrea 1-15 Cashel King Cormacs 2-8

Referee: Willie Barrett (Ardfinnan)

Sept. 14, Clonmel

Thurles Sarsfields 2-20 Carrick Swans 2-9

Referee: John Ryan (Cashel King Cormacs)



Loughmore backs, who claimed the ball hadn't crossed the goal-line. In the dispute that followed Loughmore corner-back, John Kennedy, was sent off, leaving his side a man short during the vital closing stages.

#### FINAL

So the stage was set for the county final at Semple Stadium on November 3, with Mullinahone going for their first championship and Thurles Sarsfields going for their 28th, even though the latter hadn't won for twenty-eight years. Whereas the South representatives were the popular favourites the smart money was on the traditionalists from the Mid, especially in the light of their having lost the previous two finals.

The first half of this eagerly awaited game was a rugged dour contest. Mullinahone had the breeze in their favour and were ahead by 0-5 to 0-2 at the end of the first quarter. However, it was Thurles Sarsfields who were the happier at half-time, retiring to the dressing-room with only a two-point deficit, 0-9 to 0-7. As well Mullinahone had lost one of their key players, Paul Kelly, who retired in the opening minutes with a pulled hamstring injury.

Although facing the wind it was Mullinahone who made the bigger impact on the resumption. Thurles were first to score but the South champions then went on a scoring spree and opened a six-point margin between the sides by the start of the final quarter. It was at this stage that Thurles played their best hurling. The introduction of Mattie Dowd and Pat Lawlor did the trick. They hit four points in a trot to reduce the arrears to 0-12 to 0-10. By injury time the score was 0-14 to 0-12 in favour of Mullinahone but Thurles got two points, a free from Stephen Mason and a last gasp point from Pat Lawlor ensured that they lived to fight another day.

#### REPLAY

In the replay a week later, Mullinahone's win was carved out in a great third quarter, inspired by Eoin Kelly. During this time they scored 1-5 without reply from Sarsfields, turning an interval deficit of three points into a five point lead. They also grasped the initiative, threatened briefly by a 'Redser' O'Grady goal for Sarsfields in the fifteenth minutes, and held on to it to the end.

It was mostly Sarsfields in the opening half and they led by 0-9 to 0-2 after twenty-three minutes, with great work by Johnny Enright. Two minutes later, however, Eoin Kelly was in like a flash to pounce on a poor Sarsfield's clearance, from a long Leahy delivery, and bury the ball in the net. This score ignited the Mullinahone challenge, they got another point before the interval, and went into the break three points behind, 0-9 to 1-3. The score poorly reflected Sarsfields dominance in the first half.

Worse was to follow for Sarsfields as they failed to score during the third quarter which saw Mullinahone take a five point lead. O'Grady's score in the fifteenth minute gave them some hope, reducing their deficit to two points. In an exciting last quarter there were four scores, two points from frees by Eoin Kelly and Mattie O'Dowd and Johnny Enright replying for Sarsfields.

Mullinahone deserved their victory. They showed wonderful focus and concentration after an inauspicious start. They had a star performer in Eoin Kelly who contributed 2-7 of his side's 2-10. They had a number of other fine displays, from Brian O'Meara, Edward O'Brien and Niall Curran in particular. John Leahy showed flashes of brilliance and his final catch reflected the determination and the do or die spirit of the side. For Thurles Sarsfields it was another huge disappointment. Their display in the first twenty minutes was scintillating

and then, as so often happens with this team, numerous players just went out of the game. Consistency appeared totally lacking.

#### TEAMS

##### MULLINAHONE

Vincent Doheny, Dermot Hackett, Paul Curran, Tony Dalton, Ky Vaughan (capt), Edward O'Brien, Philip O'Shea, Eddie Carey, Niall Curran, Conor Arrigan, John Leahy, Brian O'Meara, Pat Croke, Noel Leahy, Eoin Kelly.

*Subs:* Joey Maher for N. Leahy, Paul Kelly for C. Arrigan, Edwin O'Meara for E. Carey.

*Others:* Alan Curran, Martin Costello, Stephen O'Brien, James Connolly, Bill Tobin, James Comerford, Danny Morrissey, Mark O'Brien, Niall Doheny, Dan Croke, Aidan Hall, Damien Maher.

*Selectors:* John Leahy (manager), Sean O'Regan (trainer), Michael Scott, Sean O'Meara, Sean Brett.

*Physio:* Jill Snell. *Doctor:* John Gilman.

##### THURLES SARSFIELDS

Ciaran Carroll, Seamus O'Shea, Tommy Maher, Gary Mernagh, (capt) John Lawlor, Brendan Carroll, John Lillis, Cathal McIntyre, Eddie Enright, Matty O'Dowd, Lar Corbett, Ger O'Grady, Tony Ruth, Pat Lawlor, Johnny Enright.

*Subs:* Eamonn Walshe for T. Ruth, Eoin Costelloe for J. Lawlor, Stephen Mason for C. McIntyre.

*Others:* Barry O'Dwyer, Tommy Collins, Brian O'Grady, Tony Connolly, Tom Ryan, Lee Shanahan, Wayne Cully, Willie Collins, David O'Dwyer, Colm O'Rourke, Eamon Tuohy, Brendan O'Sullivan, John Connors.

*Selectors:* Paddy Doyle (manager), Paddy McCormack (trainer), Tom Barry, Denis Maher, Br Daithi Fitzgerald.

##### MAN OF THE MATCH

Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone).

## RELEGATION SENIOR HURLING 2002

**T**here was a relegation part in the new county championship system. Any team that didn't reach the semi-final stage in the divisions played for relegation. The following are the results.

#### PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

Upperchurch 2-8, Silvermines 1-11 in Templederry on 3/8.

Upperchurch 1-21, Silvermines 2-9 in The Ragg on 17/8.

Borrisoleigh 5-15, Golden 0-7 in Holycross on 3/8.

JK Brackens Boherlahan in Littleton on 31/8.

#### SECTION 1

Silvermines 3-12, Templederry 0-17 in Toomevara on 24/8.

Boherlahan 2-19, Golden 3-14 in Cachel on 14/9 [aet].

#### FINAL

Templederry 2-17, Golden 1-13 in The Ragg on 21/9 [aet].

#### SECTION 2

Nenagh Eire Og 4-12, Cappawhite 4-7 in Newport on 3/8.

Drom/Inch 2-19, St. Marys 2-17 in Cachel on 24/8.

#### FINAL

Cappawhite 3-15, St. Marys 0-14 in Cachel on 31/8.

Relegated were Golden and St Marys.



# Tipperary GAA Convention

Thurles Sarsfields Clubhouse  
December 16th 2001



Attending the County Convention at Thurles were Lattin-Cullen GAA Club members with their Munster Council Youth Project 'What the GAA Club means in your Community'. Pictured: James Hourigan, James Maguire, Brendan Hanley and Siobhan Leahy.



The men behind the silverware... Michael Nolan, treasurer; Con Hogan, chairman; Michael O'Brien, secretary; photographed behind the Munster and All-Ireland Senior Hurling Cups at the Annual Convention in Thurles.

At the County Convention in Thurles: Dan Kennedy, Roscrea; Frank Devanney, Pat McGrath and Billy Delaney, al Toomevara →



At the County Convention in Thurles: TF Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Martin Condon and John McGrath, Emly.

At the County Convention at Sarsfields Social Centre: John English, Anthony Dillon and Thomas O'Leary (Ballybacon-Grange). →



Officers elected at the GAA Annual Co Convention at Thurles Sarsfields Clubhouse... Seated: Michael Nolan, treasurer; Liz Howard, PRO; Con Hogan, chairman; His Grace Mos Rev Dr Dermot Clifford, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly and Patron of the GAA; Michael O'Brien, secretary; Donal Shanahan, vice-chairman. Standing: James O'Donnell, Co Development officer; Noel Morris, Central Council rep; Tom Collum, secretary Coaching and Games Development Committee; John Halley, Youth officer; Denis Floyd, Co Coaching officer; Michael Power, assistant treasurer and Munster Council rep; John Ryan, Munster Council rep.



Promoting GAA in TL... Seamus Butler speaking on behalf of Thurles Institute at the Co Convention in Sarsfields Centre.





# CREDIT UNIONS OF TIPPERARY NET THREE IN A ROW

**I**t's hard to believe that its over six months now, when on a mild summers evening, Tuesday the 21st of May, the Credit Unions Of Tipperary gathered once again in the nostalgic surrounding of the Sarsfields Centre, Thurles, to mark yet again another truly historic occasion, as for the third year in succession, the credit unions as a joint force in Tipperary committed themselves to the sponsorship of the Tipperary Hurling & Football Championships.

It was perhaps fitting that the Credit Union and GAA movement who have witnessed phenomenal growth and success in recent years, saw fit to continue this marriage for a third successive year. While as the old cliché goes "not exactly a marriage made in heaven" it is without doubt appropriate that the credit unions seized the unique opportunity presented to them to once again become involved in an organisation, which like the credit union champions the growth and development of our schools, our youth and our communities right across the county and country as a whole.

Speaking on the night of the launch, Liz Howard the Tipperary County Board PRO said she was delighted to host such a relaxed and lovely occasion. After welcoming the Credit Union personnel that were present, she then paid tribute to the players from clubs right across the county who had won trophies at various levels last year, for making an appearance on the night and showing their appreciation for the credit unions involvement in what promised to be another wonderful and captivating year on our green fields. How right she was.

Con Hogan, the County Board Chairman spoke next. He too welcomed the credit unions and thanked them one by one for their involvement and support. He talked briefly of both organisations involvement in the community and reminded the very attentive audience, that the GAA too have written in their charter, that part of their ethos and mission is similar to that of the credit unions when it comes to promoting the growth and development of the communities both organisations serve so well.

On this note it is worth pointing out,

that this year really was a huge success for both organisations, not just from a publicity point of view, but from the efficient and effective way both organisations liased with one another. After three years, the synergy seems to be right, and the credit unions were very pleased this year with the respect they received from all GAA personnel at the games.

Brendan Wright the chairperson of the Credit Unions sponsorship committee also took the opportunity to speak on the night. Firstly he spoke fondly of the fantastic year the alliance enjoyed last year, a year that would never be forgotten which was made all the sweeter and even more memorable by the credit union's involvement in the championships.

The always colourful and flamboyant Mr Wright said it was a testimony to the success of the sponsorship over the last two years that we "are gathered here tonight to celebrate the launch of the credit unions third year as proud sponsors of the county championships"

He said that as the two organisations embark upon their third voyage the honeymoon period is well and truly over. Now that both organisations are equipped with they're new found knowledge and understanding of one another, they should seek the opportunity to work with one another even more diligently and productively than before.

Before sitting down, Brendan's last address was words of encouragement, encouragement to everyone gathered in the upstairs room of the Sarsfield Centre to spread the credit union gospel and encourage club members, family members etc to avail of the very impressive, competitive, and extensive range of products and services that credit unions now offer. He said "just as the GAA have developed dramatically on the sporting front in recent years, so too have the credit unions on a financial front". He said it was an honour and a privilege to have been selected as chairperson of the credit unions GAA sponsorship committee. He said it was a busy, time consuming but more importantly rewarding and exciting two years. Brendan expressed his deepest thanks to the Credit Union Sponsorship Committee, and thanked

them all for their hard work and dedication over the last two years, epitomised, rewarded and acknowledged some weeks ago, when the credit unions decided to pursue the championships once again this year. Brendan also paid tribute to the Tipperary County Board, Michael O'Brien, Con Hogan and his reliable lieutenant Tim Floyd who have always made themselves available when required and have played a significant role in helping ensure that the sponsorship continues.

The actual credit union sponsorship committee is made up of representatives from credit unions all over the county. As we have said on numerous occasions, The Credit Unions of Tipperary are delighted to be associated with an organisation that helps promote our national sports and pastimes. The trophy cabinets might not exactly be overflowing at inter-county level this year, but we must give a special mention to the hurlers who fought tooth and nail against Kilkenny, the Camogie players who made it to yet another All-Ireland final, and of course, this year the Credit Unions Of Tipperary would like to pay special tribute to the footballers who came so close to upstaging Cork on Munster final day, and who put up such a brave performance against a fancied Mayo side in the qualifiers.

One hopes as we enter the festive season, that like the last three years, the sponsorship will continue to go from strength to strength and that the trophy cabinets will bear fruit again in what we hope and are pretty sure will be another action packed and enthralling year in 2003, where everyone will once again be winners particularly the communities for whom the GAA and the Credit Union have formed an integral part of everyday life.

Credit Union Sponsorship Committee: Brendan Wright (Roscrea) Brian King (Roscrea) Michael O'Brien (Templemore) Eileen Quirke (Cahir) Paddy Longergan (Cahir) Michael Collins (Mulcair) Richard Sheehan (Mullinahone) Kathleen Halpin (Clonmel) Joseph O Dwyer (Thurles) Anne Reddan (Borrisokane) John O'Neil (Ardfinnan) Carmel O'Donovan (Bansha).



# "He who dares wins"



Mullinahone captain, Ky Vaughan, with the Dan Breen Cup following victory over Thurles Sarsfields in the county SHC final replay at Semple Stadium.

**T**he motto of the SAS. A strange start to any article on Gaelic games but the winning by Mullinahone of the 2002 Credit Unions of Tipperary senior hurling championship proves that all things are possible to any club. In the 1987 Tipperary GAA Yearbook there is an article called "The Hurler's Dream". It was written to celebrate the winning by Mullinahone of their first ever South Tipp U-14 rural hurling title. The article was dismissed as both a dream and a

fairytale. It spoke of county hurling representation and Celtic Crosses and youngsters who had seen a vision beyond their own valley. On that team were Tony Dalton, Brian O'Meara, Pat Croke and a 10 year old sub was Kyran Vaughan. The following year's Yearbook proclaimed that John Leahy was "Magic from Mullinahone".

He was indeed back then in 1987, when he became only the second Mullinahone player ever to play

by Richard Sheehan

championship hurling for Tipperary. No wonder the people of Mullinahone celebrated Leahy's birthday by dancing in the streets. 1987 was the year of the Killarney revival and Mullinahone was thrilled to have an entrance through John Leahy into a glamorous new world. Prior to Leahy the only Mullinahone player to play championship for Tipp was the late Mick Cahill (RIP) in 1941. He was the grand-uncle of Eddie Carey. Foot and Mouth disease and later World War 2 put an abrupt end to Mick Cahill's hurling career. In 1987 Mullinahone's best played in the South Tipp junior hurling championship. They were beaten in the 1st round by Ballingarry's second string. However in 1987 Mullinahone fielded a minor hurling team of it's own for the very first time. They were defeated after a replay by Fethard in the minor 'B' South final.

Next year 1988 Leahy made the Tipp senior team and played in the All Ireland final against Galway days before his 19th birthday. An under-21 'B' hurling panel of 17/18 players won the South title in their first year of entering and went on to win the county final of 1988 (first county hurling ever). Among the heroes that day were three people associated with this year's senior win. Ray Cody and Jim White are respectively chairman and vice-chairman of Mullinahone Co-Op, the club's sponsors for the last number of years. Sean Brett was one of the selectors on the big day. The others were Michael Scott and Sean O'Meara.

1989 was a special year in Mullinahone with 9 championship medals for Leahy and a county hurling double for the parish. The minutes before and after half time decided that junior final. The final score was 2-10 to 1-11. Does history repeat itself? Onward and upward went Mullinahone to become South Tipp senior champions in 1993. During the 1990's only 1995 was a blank year as far as Mullinahone representation on the Tipp minor hurling team was concerned. The Skehan twins Michael and Phillip, Brian O'Meara, Pat Croke and Ky Vaughan led the way. Paul Kelly, Eddie Carey, Eoin Kelly and the Currans Niall and Paul followed. Conor Arrigan made the county junior team in 1995. The cast was almost assembled. 1997 arrived and we reached the county senior final against Clonoulty. The loss still hurt 5 years on but it was a learning experience. So was the semi-final loss to Nenagh in 1999 and the U21 'A' final loss to Cappawhite in February 2000 as well as the quarter-final loss to the same opposition in 2001. In the pain of defeat was fashioned the resolve to succeed. If Leahy had not fallen against Clare in 2001 would 'the catch' against Sarsfield's in 2002 ever have taken place?





Mullinahone full-back Paul Curran goes highest for the ball during the county SHC final against Thurles Sarsfields. Also included are Dermot Hackett (M) and Lar Corbett (TS).

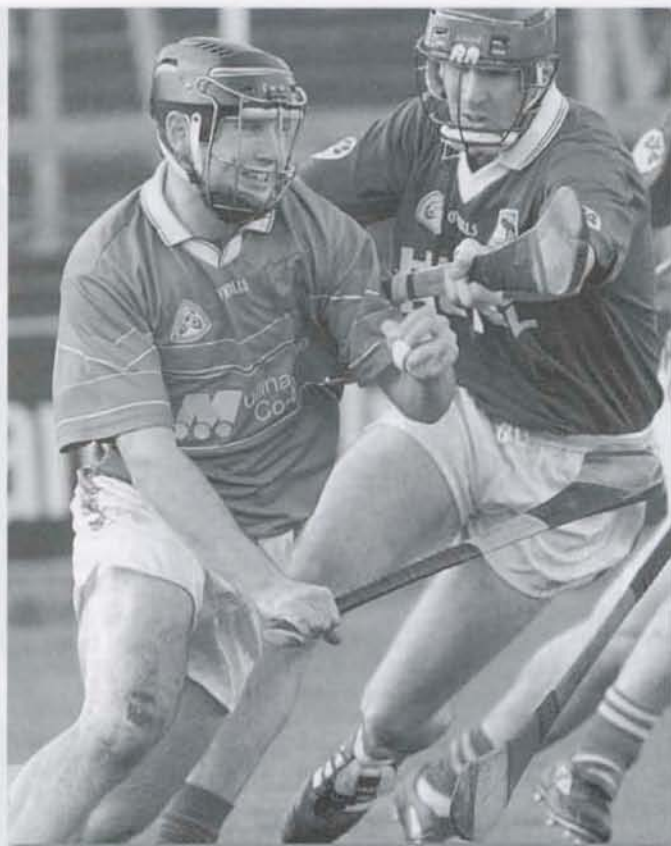
This year's AGM took place against a background of deep gloom. Several recent events had hurt the club badly. Almost in despair we turned to a player manager. This decision of a small club in South Tipperary made on a Sunday afternoon was momentous enough to make the national dailies on Monday. The leak has never been traced. The decision proved to be a watershed one. John Leahy had the moral authority to ask players to make sacrifices. He would never ask a player to do anything, which he himself would not do or had not done for the club. Leahy's leadership would add steel to Mullinahone's undoubted hurling abilities. He didn't find it easy to get the selectors he wanted but eventually he enrolled Sean O'Meara and Michael Scott. Scoil Ruain teacher Sean O'Regan was to prove an inspired choice as trainer and sports psychologist. Later in the season when Leahy resumed on the field, his place on the sideline was taken by Sean Brett.

The campaign was on a match-by-match basis. St. Mary's in Davin Park on a Friday evening in summer was the first test. An experimental team took the field. Some of the experiments worked and some didn't. Damien Maher was injured and he was out for the season. Aidan Hall had been brought into the

side but he too was out after a challenge game against Graigue. Joey Maher came on against St. Mary's. We came good towards the end of the game and advanced to the semi-final on a score line Mullinahone 1-18 St. Mary's 1-10.

Having qualified huge affairs of state kept putting back the semi-final against Ballingarry. Defeat by Kilkenny meant that Mullinahone were able to field a full strength side in the Kilmacud Sevens on All-Ireland eve. At 28 to 1 the team were a good bet. The junior St. Jude's version had been won in 1990. As the day progressed so did Mullinahone's hurling until they met Portroe. A bad start and well down at half time. It was to happen again. An overheard message to base saying "they won't get four goals against us in the second half" but Paul Kelly reverted to being a forward and they did. Mullinahone now had a full head of steam up and not even the best efforts of Galway (Kiltormer) and Clare (Clarecastle) could deny them an All-Ireland Sevens victory. It was to prove a catalyst.

All-Ireland champions they might be but the acid test would be Ballingarry in the South semi-final. Our great nemesis since we had entered senior ranks in 1992 they had defeated us in the last 2 years. Victory was essential, and victory it was eventually in the second half as Eoin



Mullinahone dangerman Eoin Kelly prepares to take on Thurles Sarsfields' Gary Mernagh in the county SHC final at Semple Stadium.

Kelly crashed in the goals. Mullinahone 3-16 Ballingarry 2-15. Killenaule were new opponents in a South final but they had over the years gotten the better of us in under 21 and minor. A new challenge but again it faded away in the second half. Mullinahone 2-19, Killenaule 0-12.

The Mullinahone manager was now a player and had been hugely influential against Ballingarry. The team was getting a settled look. Vincent Doheny was No 1 as Dermot Hackett and Martin Costelloe nailed down the corner back spot. Paul Curran and Edward O'Brien were to man the middle while Paul Kelly would sweep forward from wing back while the captain Ky Vaughan and Eddie Carey were about to exchange positions. Niall Curran was providing strength in mid field and up front 4 of the forward berths were spoken for. Pat Croke was flying and nobody was going to unseat Eoin Kelly Brian O'Meara and John Leahy. Conor Arrigan, Philip O'Shea and Noel Leahy fought out the battle for places with Joey Maher, Stephen O'Brien, Tony Dalton, Edwin O'Meara and James Connolly the only realistic alternatives. Fate and injury were to make the final selections. In the matter of injury we were extremely lucky until the county final and replay.

Roscrea (six titles) barred the way in the county quarter-final. We hurled well that day to emerge with a fine victory 3-17 to 0-09 our first senior championship victory over North opposition. It also helped to banish the sour taste of Semple Stadium against Cappa twice in recent years and against Nenagh in 1999. The semi-final draw with all its permutations was in retrospect kind to us. Toome



were probably more vulnerable at this stage. We knew that only a superhuman effort from everybody would give us a chance of victory. That is just what we got. It was a cold wet winter day as Paul Kelly slotted over the last minute 65 but suddenly for Mullinahone it was summer. The last sideline cut from Leahy back to Paul Kelly was déjà vu. The mind flashed back to 1989 and Leahy striking back to Colm Duggan in the final minutes against Clonoulty for the lead point and ultimate U-21 'A' victory. Toome's dream of five-in-a-row was dead and they remained on seventeen titles. Mullinahone 1-15 Toomevara 1-14.

By defeating Toomevara and because their final opponents were not known for another seven days Mullinahone were installed as the people's champions. This was extremely dangerous and the lessons of 1997 were repeated again and again. Sean O'Regan came into his own as a sports psychologist. There was no fear but a fierce determination to win this time. It was this quality which enabled them to withstand the 5th minute loss of Tipperary 'Hurler of the Year' Paul Kelly. The two last minute points were also body blows. Mullinahone 0-14 Thurles Sarsfields 0-14. A local ballad says:

*"One more hurdle lay before us on a cold November day.*

*The mighty Sarsfields record did not daunt us on our way.*

*To tease them and to taunt them we gave them a replay.*

*They thought they had us beaten before the half time cup of tay."*

Not so. But the support of "the green above the red" fans and their interaction with the team as witnessed after the Toomevara match was hugely important. All were in it together and the Holy Grail was close. The place of over 100 Celtic crosses and 28 county titles was the last hurdle. Just like Holycross in 1989 it was a 2-10 to 1-11 scoreline and the game was decided in a short spell just before and after the break. This time the damage was done by one of the 'Wunder Kinder' of 1994. There are less than 1500 men, women and children in the parish of Mullinahone and all 10,000 of them roared in appreciation as Leahy made 'THE CATCH'.

Everything then becomes a blur. It was the most powerful and emotional rendition of Slievenamon since Killarney in 1987 but this time it was much closer to home. Kickham's own had fought for the credit of the little village and Knocknagow was far from dead. Was John Leahy the reincarnation of Matt the Thrasher? In their 13th Tipperary championship hurling game Mullinahone CJ Kickhams had climbed to the top of the Tipperary hurling tree, defeating along the way the winners between them of fifty-one county championships. It was a far cry from first round defeat in the South Tipp junior championship of 1987 by Ballingarry 2nd string but that was then.



Mullinahone's Brian O'Meara (centre) keeps a tight grip on the ball despite the attention of Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) during the co. SHC final replay at Semple Stadium. On the right is Ger O'Grady (TS).



Unlucky - Injured Mullinahone defender Paul Kelly is helped off the field by Sean O'Regan during the county SHC final against Thurles Sarsfields.

P.S. Mount Sion too soon alas proved a bridge too far. Besides those already mentioned the following also were panelists in the programme on final day: Alan Curran, Bill Tobin, James Comerford, Danny Morrissey, Mark O'Brien, Niall Doheny, and Dan Croke. After adult hurling service to the club in four different decades it is a pity that Jackie Bolger was not there as well. Our medical team was our local doctor John Gilman and

Jill Snell (physio). To the many others who all helped in a hundred different ways to realise the ultimate dream and who are not named we say buiochas. Some even looked down from the great playing field in the sky. Did they too seek to grasp the soaring hand of Leahy as what was once the impossible dream became the new reality. "He who dares wins".

*The Dreamer*



**T**o say there is dissatisfaction with the running of championships within Tipperary is to be guilty of a gross understatement. The 2002 season has once again highlighted the problems, especially for clubs who remained mostly inactive during the summer months and then faced a flurry of activity as the weather deteriorated in the autumn and winter period. The scandal of teams like Fethard, Galtee Rvs. and Aherlow having to face replays twenty four hours after the drawn match further underlined the fact that all is not well with the running of our games.

The Association has always cited the parish-based club unit as the corner stone of its structure. Yet the policy and direction of the Association in recent years has pushed the club into ever-shrinking corners. The club is being squeezed on all sides, victim of the new inter-county system and of team managers under increasing pressure to deliver results. A victim also, it must be said, of inefficient games' management within the county.

But instead of speaking in generalities let's focus on individual players, the ultimate victims of the present system. And let's take case studies of two players at opposite ends of the spectrum, one starved of action, the other under intense pressure to cope with excessive demands.

Kevin Farrell plies his trade with the Kickham club in West Tipperary. He's never worn the county jersey but is nonetheless passionate about the games, hurling especially. In fact he was bred to the games, his father, John, being selected on the West Tipp hurling team of the millennium and his brother, another John, having kept goal for Tipperary for a spell.

Kevin is a farmer and a hurling man. Now thirty years old, he's been playing senior for his club since his underage days and when the 2002 season dawned he set out on the campaign trail with typical enthusiasm. His club struck it lucky when ex-Kilruane and Tipperary hurler, Jim Williams agreed to coach the team.

They began in February – dark weather, squelchy pitches and a chill in the bones. Not much glamour there, but there was the promise of a hurling season ahead. Kickhams haven't threatened to take a county title, but on their better days they'd bother any side and would surely be rated in the top eight teams in the county. You'd expect their regular full back would have much action to look forward to.

# A RAW DEAL FOR THE CLUBS

By: J. J. Kennedy

Wrong. Kevin Farrell's year consisted of four widely-spaced championship games. There was the insignificant issue of three county league matches, rated only marginally better than challenge games because that all-county competition is without status or profile. Who actually won the county league anyway, most people will ask?

But as if the paltry number of games wasn't insult enough to a player who started training in February, the spacing of those matches was nothing short of farcical. Kevin played his first round against Clonoulty on April 28th and his next match was in mid-September against Galtee Rvs. May, June, July and August – prime hurling season – drew a blank. Jim Williams kept travelling from Cloughjordan to Dundrum and there was the odd challenge match to try and maintain some modicum of interest, but otherwise there was nothing. Worse still nobody would, or could, tell the team when they might be playing again.

Of course if Kevin was playing for some other West Tipp sides, like Cappawhite or Golden, he'd have fared even worse – small mercies indeed.

At the other end of the spectrum there's an entirely different set of problems, ones Kevin Farrell would love to have. David Morrissey is Galtee Rvs. brightest prospect. He's young, versatile and highly talented. At seventeen he faces his third year with the Tipperary minors in 2003 and has played more games in the last year than Kevin Farrell will play in an entire decade.

If the paucity of games in Kevin Farrell's case sounds lamentable, then look at David Morrissey's schedule. Up to November 19th – and his year is far from over yet – he played 56 matches and attended 86

training sessions, 42 of them with the county minor hurlers alone. It's a grueling schedule. Admittedly he's at an age where he qualifies for all grades from minor to senior, in both codes, and his talent is such that he plays successfully for school, club and county. But surely such a rate of attrition on a teenage body is unhealthy and may ultimately damage his prospects of developing to his full potential at senior level. But under present structures the GAA lavishes games on David Morrissey while starving the average clubman.

Like society in general, the GAA is an association of haves and have-nots. For Kevin Farrell it's a famine and for David Morrissey it's a feast. Both situations need corrective measures, and need them urgently, but in my view the Kevin Farrell scenario is far more critical. There are a handful of David Morrisseys, the cream of the crop, who are overloaded at that mid-teen stage of their careers, but there are literally hundreds of Kevin Farrells who have nothing to look forward to only a few paltry games whenever they can be squeezed in between county matches.

Of course it is relatively easy to point out the flaws, but what is the solution? Well, not much heed will be taken of my views on the subject – and I have written on this topic to the point of boredom in the past – but when some prominent names start noticing the problem then it's time surely to take heed. In a recent interview with Seamus King on Tipp Mid-West radio, Tommy Dunne argued that all free Sundays for inter-county players should be abolished. No ifs, buts or exceptions. It's a brave stance from an influential player at the coalface of this particular issue.

Colm O'Rourke in his Sunday Independent column also broached the issue recently. He came up with a novel suggestion that one weekend in every month be left free of inter-county activity to facilitate club action. It's an interesting proposal but in a Tipperary context it would probably solve nothing because county managers would still demand that weekend free for their players. But the fact that people like Tommy Dunne and Colm O'Rourke are confronting the problem is indication enough of its seriousness. Clubs are floundering because of the chaotic games structure and solutions are badly needed.

Tommy Dunne might be interested to know that at the 1999 County Convention delegates passed an Aherlow motion stating, 'That Free Sundays be abolished for all inter-county hurling and football teams, except where senior teams have reached provincial final or All Ireland final'. That was a more modest move than Tommy is now suggesting and it was the democratic wish of the clubs in the county that this should be the system. Yet the County Board, and the County GAC in particular, have diligently ignored that motion.

The reality is that games are deferred regularly because of the involvement of players in county teams at all levels. Sometimes games are postponed because of a player so far down the list of a county panel that his name doesn't even appear on the match programme. And all the time there is no will to challenge this absurdity. Given the importance to a county of the All Ireland senior championship there might be a case of some leeway with the players involved there but certainly not for other grades.

So what would the blueprint be for the successful running of competitions? For starters do as Tommy Dunne said, abolish all free Sundays and have the strength and conviction to carry that through when sob stories are presented in June or July. Be rigid and unyielding in adhering to an advance fixture programme. It will hurt individual clubs on occasions but the overall common good is more important and, long term, all clubs will benefit.

On the shortage of games for loyal club players a proper league ahead of the championship must be a priority. Recent changes abolished the divisional leagues, Crosco Cup etc, and put in their place an all-county



substitute that has so far failed to take off. There are times when change for the sake of change does more harm than good.

At present the four divisions run their separate affairs independently of each other. Regularly at meetings you'll

hear that there's no point in completing a particular competition because another division won't be ready for months. Divisions must be streamlined and deadlines set for county semi-finals, which are then adhered to. You cannot leave all grades

until October and November, they must be staggered over the span of the playing season.

In the meantime Kevin Farrell is left wondering about his fate next year. Will he have the appetite once more to face the rigours of winter training in

anticipation of a handful of matches spread far and wide. Eventually enough Kevin Farrells will vote with their feet and we won't need any relegation system because we'll be struggling to keep enough senior teams on board. Time surely for action.

Presentation of Johnny Ryan (w) memorabilia from Eire Óg 1943 to Crosses, Donohill. Front: Jimmy O'Donnell, 1943 team; Peg Coskeran; Kitty Ryan, RIP; Michael Ryan (c), 1943 team. Back: Liam O'Brien, Eire Óg, chair; Fan O'Dwyer, 1943 team; Michael Fitzgerald, chairman, Tipperary SR Co Co; Thomas Ryan, nephew of the late J Ryan (w). ▶



◀ John Doyle with GAA president Sean McCague at unveiling of millennium team photo and eight All-Ireland medals in Holycross.

Munster Council Centenary award winners from Tipperary. Front: Fr Seamus Gardiner PRO; Seamus O'Riain; Ciara Gaynor. Back: Nicky English; Tommy Dunne; Donie Nealon, secretary. ▶





# Croke Park Memories

by Seamus Leahy

**I**wonder sometimes if those who talk so blithely of Croke Park in tones that suggest that it is just a sports stadium have any idea of how much part of the lives of so many of us that piece of acreage in Jones's Road and the sky over it represents. For over a hundred years it has fuelled the hopes of the young and the memory-bank of the aged in every corner of the island. For Irishmen in every corner of the world it has been a unique bond with home.

Countless thousands have carried in the inner recesses of their hearts memories of Hill 16 and the Canal End, of the Hogan and the Cusack, of the Long Stand and the Corner Stand, of September and other days when the world seemed to burst with delirious excitement.

We, children of the 30s and 40s, thanks to Micheal O'Hehir and listening to countless reminiscences on winter nights, had a mental picture of the arena before ever we saw it with our own eyes; and when we finally saw it there was a feeling of tying up the loose ends of something in our past. In dreams we had all sat in the Hogan Stand, soloed past the long stand and taken a bow to the Hill after scoring the point that brought the McCarthy Cup on its journey down Liberty Square. One's first visit to Croke Park invariably produced a feeling of having arrived home.

My first experience of Jones's Road was the result of being in the right place at the right time on a sunny Sunday in the late 40s. Frank McGrath, the old Greyhounds full-back and at the time Tipp's representative on the Central Council, was going to the football league final between Cavan and New York and I found myself travelling with him. Life could hardly have got any better and I'm not sure that I took more notice of what was happening on the field than I did of the well-known landmarks that I had already visited in my imagination.

The Cavan team that day was already the stuff of legend. Five times in the 1940s they had marched behind the Artane Boys, band on the third Sunday in September. Names like Simon Deignan, Peter Donohue and Mick Higgins had already been imprinted on the imagination of a generation by Micheal O'Hehir. Neither was New York short of big names. At a time when all too many of our best took the emigrant boat, the names of such as Bill Carlos of Roscommon and Pat McAndrew of Mayo were already household names.

But it was the stocky army officer who led Cavan who had all my admiration and that of the crowd. John Joe O'Reilly at centre-back was hit as hard and as often as New York could manage but he never lost his cool and he brought his side to within two points of the visitors before the full-time whistle sounded. To this day I cannot listen to the strains of The Gallant John Joe without thinking myself back on the terrace in front of the old Hogan Stand watching the team of exiles prove that life in America did not rob them of their football skills and marvelling at the grace under pressure of the sturdy Cavan captain.

If there were days in Croke park in the decades that followed which have quite disappeared down the drain of lost memories, there were other days and incidents of which we can truly say,

*The land where I shall mind you not*

*Is the land where all's forgot.*

There was a day in 1950 when Tipp lined out against Kilkenny and I watched open-mouthed – in more senses than one – as Sean Kenny pounded up and down the field tormenting his team-mates to greater effort until the final whistle left Tipp winning by 1-9 to 1-8. Next morning I was astonished when I found the papers dismissing the game as unexciting. To me it had been the most exciting game ever played. That there was any connection between my own reaction and the fact that it was my first All-Ireland never occurred to me.

The following year the papers agreed with me that the All-Ireland was out of the very top drawer. Once again I watched in awe as

the Tipp full-back line of Mickey Byrne, Tony Brennan and John Doyle pitted skill and brawn against the greatest full-forward I have ever seen – Nicky Rackard of Wexford. We beat Wexford that day but the picture that has remained most deeply ingrained in my memory was of Paddy Kenny in the second half waving away the ambulance-man who was helping his opponent, Wilkie Thorpe, from the field and insisting on acting as ambulance-man in his place. When they reached the line there was a quick shake-hands between the two opponents whose duel had delighted the crowd. Then the Borrisoleigh man returned to the fray and the Wexfordman was taken away for medical attention.

There was another day against Wexford a few years later which will remain forever etched in the memories of those who saw it. In the first week of May in 1956 we met the All-Ireland champions in the League final and by half-time we were ahead by 2-10 to 0-1. Little wonder that many a Tipp supporter decided to shorten the road home. Those who did missed the most sensational about-turns I have ever seen. By the time the full-time whistle blew we were behind by 2-14 to 5-9. Everything Wexford touched in that devastating second-half had turned to gold and when Pat Stakelum loped out under the Long Stand and, without breaking his stride, rose the ball and, without taking it in his hand, drove it far upfield from his left side, it was poor consolation that we could say to a few Wexford fellows in front of us, "Ye have nobody able to do that!" They hadn't but they had beaten Tipp and were now League and All-Ireland champions.

Through the 50s there were games at Croke Park that will live forever in the memory of those who saw them, not all of them in the All-Ireland series. It was the golden era of the Railway Cup when St. Patrick's Day brought together the cream of hurling and football in the country. A Railway Cup medal was almost as highly prized as an All-Ireland medal and games were contested with all the commitment and abandon of provincial finals. On golden march days we saw unforgettable performances in hurling and football from men who never won an All-Ireland medal.

There were Oireachtas games which brought colour in the shape of massed pipe bands to Croke Park before some of the finest hurling games I have seen. One of the most exciting of these was in 1954 when a last-minute goal by Jimmy Smith earned Clare a replay against Wexford which proved as exciting as the drawn game.

There was a tournament between Glen Rovers, the Cork champions, and St. Vincent's, the Dublin champions, which the Dublin club had sewn up when Christy Ring cut loose in the final ten minutes and with a series of goals and points as skilful as ever I saw put an end to St. Vincent's hopes.

Ringey had taken a lot of stick from the Vincent's supporters but already I had reached the stage of being able to cheer good hurling from whatever source it came and that day I roared myself hoarse for Ringey.

There was an evening when the two All-Ireland finalists, Kerry and Down, on their way back from a London challenge game, played in Croke Park in what, if my memory serves me right, was at the time described as a Grounds Tournament, that is in aid of Croke Park itself. Mick O'Connell was at the height of his wonderful career and in the centre of the field he demonstrated that ability which made a paper of the time describe him as the Kerry Spaceman. But every time the spaceman returned to earth a few earthlings in Down jerseys were waiting to give him very earthy treatment indeed with the result that those who like myself had turned up to see the finer skills of football demonstrated by one of the greatest of all went home disappointed.

Croke Park is part of our being. And that is why I raise my eyes to heaven when I hear people who were until recently unaware of its existence tell us who should play what – and when – on what they call with attempted crude sarcasm its sacred sod.





The camogie team that took part in the fund-raising match at Templemore. Back: Louise Young, Suzanne Kelly, Linda Grogan, Claire Grogan, Joanne Ryan, Jenny O'Halloran, Philly Fogarty, Trisha O'Halloran, Fiona Loughnane. Front: Niamh Connolly, Lena Woods, Emily Hayden, Jovita Delaney, Helen Breen, Paula Ryan.



The 'Masters' team and manager that played a camogie selection in the Challenge of Champions in Templemore to raise funds for the camogie teams holiday fund. Back: Larry Mackey (manager), John Sheedy, Stephen Hennessy, Anthony O'Neill, Liam Duggan, John Stokes, Liam Keogh, John Sherlock. Front: Tom McGrath, Seamus Bourke, Pat Ryan, Pat Dunlea, Pat McLoughney, Martin Bourke, Pat McGrath.



## Remember "The Champions Challenge" MASTER HURLERS V CAMOGIE PLAYERS

Stephen Hennessy in action for the Tipperary 'Masters' team in a duel with Fiona Loughnane during the charity game at Templemore.

Who are they? Liam Keogh, Pat Dunlea and Seamus Bourke sporting fashionable headgear before the start of the Challenge of Champions charity game between the Tipperary 'Masters' team and a camogie selection.



Referee on a bicycle... Sr Timmyéile Floyd sitting pretty on her 'High Nellie' whistle intact in mouth about to throw in the ball in 'The Champions Challenge' last January.



Who's going to win? Commentator Eddie Moroney and Camogie Team Manager 'Sr' Marion Graham photographed at half time in the charity game at Templemore.



Best of friends: Tipperary 'Masters' manager, Larry Mackey, discusses some decisions with referee No. 2 'Sr' Marion Graham following the final whistle in the Challenge of Champions charity game at Templemore between the Tipperary 'Masters' and a Camogie Selection. We still don't know who won!



# County Champions 2001

*These finals were played too late for inclusion in last year's yearbook.*



*The Emly panel that won the county junior 'A' football title (2001) by defeating Borris-Ileagh at Cashel. Back: Seamus Walsh (manager), John Leahy, Adrian Hennessy, Alan O'Brien, Denis Heelan, Richard Byrnes, Michael McEniry, Michael Bourke, Michael O'Donnell, James Ryan, Karl Bourke, Micael Ryan, Tony Hartnett, Thomas White, Donnacha Breen. Front: John Purcell, Eddie Hanley, Donal Condon, Sean Hennessy, Paul Creamer, John O'Meara, Shane McManus, Stephen Bourke, David Hennessy, David Byrnes (capt), Gerard Danson, Roger English, Pa Sheehy.*



*The Fr Sheehy's panel that won the county junior 'A' hurling title (2001) following their defeat of Sean Treacy's in the final at Golden. Back: Toby Moran, Fr Sean Nugent PP (president), Michael Maher, Tom Conway, Pa Fitzgerald, Richie McGrath, Liam O'Connor, Barry Moran, Shane McGrath, John Corbett, Thomas Tierney, James Butler, Michael Fleming, Pa Kelly, Liam Fleming, Frank O'Brien, Owen Hally, Ollie Keaty (manager), Brendan English. Front: Pat Fitzgerald, Declan English, John D Sweeney, Kevin Dowling, PJ Myles, Frank Wyse, Willie Cleary, Emmet O'Brien, Liam Condon, Seamus Murphy, Henry O'Grady, Jim Lynch (coach).*



*The Galtee Rovers intermediate hurling panel that won the county final (2001) by defeating Moyne-Templetoohy at Semple Stadium. Back: Colin Morrissey, John Quirke (manager), Pa Morrissey, Jimmy Butler, Chris Byron, David Byron, Mark Peters, Eamonn O'Connell, Ger Lonergan, Vincent Murphy, Larry Quinn, Brian Shiels (selector), Seamus Moloney, Mat Nugent (selector), Liam Bergin (selector), Pat White (selector). Middle: Patrick Marnane, Andrew Morrissey, Michael Scanlon, Cathal Moloney, David Morrissey, Michael Grace (capt), Mark Peters, Dallan Browne, John Morrissey, Ger O'Neil (coach), Liam Quirke (club treasurer), Pat Bergin (selector). Front: Willie Tarrant, Colin Hayes.*





Eire Óg/Anacarty, county intermediate football champions 2001. Back: Pat Fox, Eugene Carew, Conor O'Brien, Shane O'Dwyer, Liam Mooney, Olly Kelly, Wesley Ryan, Tim Heffernan, Anthony Crosse, Michael Heffernan, Michael McGrath, Liam O'Brien (manager), Thady Carroll (president), Kevin Fox (selector). Front: Micháil O'Dwyer, Pat Ahearn, Brian Ryan, Doncha Horan, Michael O'Dwyer, John Quinn (capt), Ronan O'Brien, Damian O'Brien, Vincent Ryan, Richard Leahy, Philip McGrath.



Eire Óg/Anacarty, county junior 'B' football champions 2001. Back: Liam O'Brien (manager), Patrick Horan, Patrick Ryan, Pat Fox, Garret O'Brien, Raymond Barry, Philip McLoughlin, Philly Keaty, Eugene Carew, Philip Heffernan, Walter Corbett, Shane Hennessy, Olly Kelly (selector). Front: Denis O'Dwyer, Micháil O'Dwyer, Pat Ahearn, Daniel Hogan, Paudie Heffernan, Ger Griffin, John Kelly (capt), Donacha Hughes, Shane Slattery, Liam Gleeson, Kevin Fox.



The Templerry panel that won the county U-21 'B' hurling title (2001) by defeating Golden-Kilfeacle at Holycross. Back: Paddy McLoughney, Tomas Coughlan, Paddy Ryan, Alan Ryan, Daniel Madden (capt), Michael Ryan, Cathal Ryan, Patrick Ryan, John Phelan, Sean McLoughney, Derek Fahy, John Murphy. Front: Seamus O'Leary, Diarmuid Corcoran, John Harkins, John Kennedy, JJ Fahy, Timmy Minogue, Donal Gleeson, Paudie Ryan, Padraig Ryan, Neil Ryan, Michael Fogarty.



The Newport panel and selectors that won the county minor 'A' football title (2001) by defeating Galtee Rovers in Drombane. Back: Margaret Ryan (selector), Richard Shinnors (injured), Conor O'Mahony, Vincent Moloney, Eoin Larkin, Mark Shinnors, Kieran McCabe, Liam Coffey, Diarmuid Sheridan, Joseph Poole, Michael Ahearn, Michael O'Mahony, Shane Ryan, Kieran O'Sullivan, David Hayes, Daniel O'Toole (capt), Michael Ryan, Philip O'Brien, Kevin O'Brien, David Quinn, Andrew Hickey, Shay O'Gorman, Jack Flannery (selector), John Sheridan (club secretary).



# ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE & THE GAA

**S**t. Patrick's College, Thurles was in existence for forty-seven years when the GAA was founded in the town in 1884. The arrival of this new nationalist-minded sporting and cultural organization elicited a ready response within the College. Heretofore cricket had been quite popular among students, as it was throughout the country in general. Soon, however, Gaelic games and, in particular, hurling displaced cricket as the favourite pastime of students. Within a short period students leaving the College had reason to recall "the playing fields where hectic games took place".

## LEAGUES AND FRIENDLIES

Being a residential College up to this year, students played games on an almost daily basis. Only those who have enjoyed (and survived!) the experience will fully appreciate the intensity of competition which surrounded internal College leagues. Generations of students will fondly recall the many battles royal which took place on the College hurling pitch. At times, parish and county rivalries added to the competitive spirit.

For decades prior to 1973, when the College entered the GAA Higher Education League, students had but one annual competitive game with outside opposition. This was the annual friendly game between the first and second year students of St. Patrick's College and their neighbours in the nearby Pallottine College. As so often happens in so-called friendly games, such a level of rivalry and competitiveness was reached that the authorities in both Colleges decided it

was wiser – and safer – to discontinue the event in the 1960s!

## SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

During the two decades following entry into the Higher Education League in 1973 hurling enthusiasts in St. Patrick's College enjoyed the opportunity to compete against third level institutions throughout the country. Generally played in the depths of winter on wet and waterlogged pitches such games are, invariably, a matter of the survival of the fittest. Third level College hurling has a character and sporting robustness all its own. The students of St. Patrick's College greatly enjoyed the competitiveness and camaraderie associated with such games. And while ultimate success eluded them in numerous finals against much larger institutions St. Patrick's College teams made many friends through their participation in such competitions.

St. Patrick's College is grateful for Croke Park, Munster Council and Tipperary County Board officials for their encouragement and support for the promotion of Gaelic games in the College. In particular, we have good reason to be grateful to Donie Nealon, Secretary of the Munster Council, who was especially supportive.

The calibre of St. Patrick's College hurling teams during the 1970s and 1980s was demonstrated through their ability to hold their own in the Mid-Tipperary Cahill Cup league over a number of seasons. In previous decades students of the College joined with their colleagues from other seminaries in



*Peter Brennan with the Centenary Cup won by Tipperary SH team in 1984.*

providing fitting opposition to the leading senior hurling clubs in Tipperary and Limerick in a regular series of summer challenge games.

## PLAYERS OF NOTE

In reviewing a period of over one hundred years of involvement with Gaelic games it is both difficult and invidious to select a few individuals



*St Patrick's College, Hurling Team 1988. Front row (from left) – Michael Ryan, Martin Loughnane, Pat Greed, Tim Brennan, James Foley, Eddie O'Carroll, Joe Egan (coach). Back row – Dan McCarthy, Jimmy Donnelly, Christy O'Dwyer, Tom Fogarty, Aidan Crowley, Peter Brennan, Kevin O'Dea, Liam Holmes, Joe Browne.*





At Dr Croke Centenary – Rev Fr Christy O'Dwyer, President, St Patrick's College, Thurles. Con Hogan, County Chairman, Most Rev Dr D. Clifford, Archbishop Cashel and Emily. Very Rev Dr W. Walsh, Bishop of Killaloe, Sean McCague, President GAA.

who displayed exceptional ability with the camán. No one will complain when special mention is made of Fathers Connie Boyle, Phil Purcell, Seamus Ryan, Tom Fogarty, Pat O'Neill and Peter Brennan.

Connie Boyle of Killimor wore the maroon of Galway with considerable distinction in the early 1940's. Sadly, he died in January 1947, a mere year and a half after ordination. Phil Purcell of Littleton was a panellist on the Tipperary All-Ireland winning team of 1937 before departing for his ministry in New Zealand where is still, happily, alive and well – and interested in the GAA and the fortunes of Tipperary hurling. The long-serving staff member, Seamus Ryan from Cappamore, starred for Limerick in the 1950s and early 1960s, winning a Munster medal with the famous Mackey Greyhounds team in 1955. Tom Fogarty from Moyne won a Tipperary senior hurling championship with his native Moyne-Templetuohy. He played at under-age and senior county levels before serving later as manager of the Tipperary and Offaly hurling teams. Pat O'Neill of Cappawhite was surely on the road to stardom in 1979 when his priestly ministry took him to Middlesbrough, England and a very early retirement from hurling. Peter Brennan played for Tipperary at minor, Under-21 and senior levels. He has the rare distinction of winning Tipperary senior hurling championships with two clubs, his native Loughmore-Castleiney and his adopted Clonoulty-Rossmore.

Besides involvement at senior inter-county level many past students of St. Patrick's College have represented Tipperary and other counties at different grades in both hurling and football. A number won ultimate honours at these levels.

### TRAGEDY

While interest in hurling understandably predominated in St. Patrick's College

over the years Gaelic football was also popular with students. The College had some success in inter-seminary competitions in recent decades. Father Abe Kennedy of Fethard, now ministering in Clonfert diocese, was a fast and stylish exponent of the big ball game with both club and county.

It was on a Bansha football pitch that tragedy struck on 2 August 1959 when Gus Tobin of Knockgraffon, a student within a year of ordination, sustained a serious accidental injury in a junior football game between Rockwell Rovers and Lattin-Cullen. Sadly, Gus died on his way to hospital that afternoon. The trophy for the West Tipperary Junior Football 'A' championship today fittingly bears his name and perpetuates his memory.

### LIFE-LONG INTEREST

The story of its involvement with the GAA extends far beyond the confines of St. Patrick's College. Many past students who have ministered as priests in Ireland have contributed significantly to the

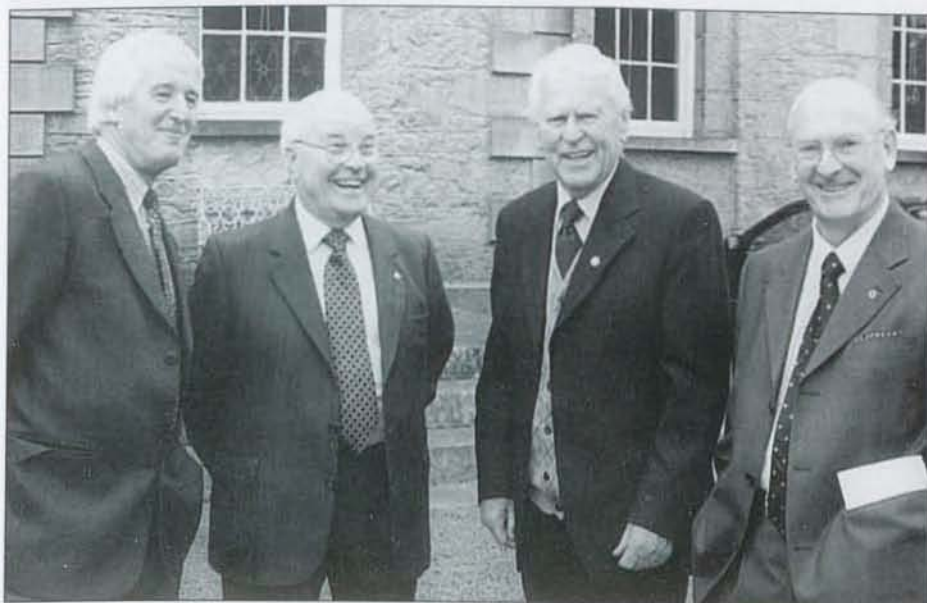
association as players, coaches and administrators. Others who ministered abroad retained a life-long lively interest in Gaelic games. One hears over and over again of past students in Britain, the USA, Australia and New Zealand who regularly telephoned home on Sunday evenings to learn of the fortunes of club or county. In our present age of advanced communications enthusiastic past students in the USA often rise early on Sunday mornings and drive long distances to view championship games via satellite television.

The present writer has observed hurling memorabilia – photographs of teams, hurleys and sliothars – decorating presbytery walls in distant places. It was a particular pleasure some years ago during a visit to a College Reunion to enjoy a few pucks with a Rossmore-born past student on a hard pitch under a blazing Californian sun! Clearly, many past students have retained a life-long love for the game!

The story of hurling in St. Patrick's College is not primarily one about outstanding achievements or trophies won. Instead, it is the story of enjoyment of the game, appreciation of Irish identity and culture and a desire to foster and share that rich legacy with others. I suspect that such were, predominantly, the ideals of Archbishop Croke and the founders of the GAA. St. Patrick's College has promoted that vision of the GAA since its foundation. Hopefully, in the changing circumstances which now face St. Patrick's College its staff and students will continue to enjoy and promote our native games which are such a precious and distinctive feature of Irish identity.

Rath is beannacht i gcónaí ar lucht leanúna na hiománaíochta is ar mhuin-tir Cumann Lúthchleas Gael uile. Nár lige dúinn riamh an oidhreacht maordha sin a chur ar seachrán.

Fr Christy O'Dwyer



At Dr Croke's Centenary at St Patrick's College, Thurles – Willie Nolan, Willie Corbett, Seamus Ó Riain, Eamon De Stafford.



# When Tipp Scored 11-11 against Offaly

by Gerry Slevin, Nenagh Guardian

**O**ffaly were to be Tipperary's opening round opponents in the Allianz NHL last February – but pitch flooding intervened, causing the match to be deferred until Easter Saturday. Later in the year, when following the loss of the Munster crown, Tipp entered the qualifier for the All-Ireland championship, who should their opponents be only Offaly the first ever senior championship clash between these neighbouring counties. These games with Offaly had a special significance for Nenagh Guardian, editor, GERRY SLEVIN because the first match he ever reported on as a journalist was the NHL meeting of Tipperary and Offaly in Roscrea forty years earlier. The match resulted in an 11-11 to 1-2 win for Tipp as Gerry recalls here:

Sunday February 11, 1962, the day my journalistic career began. Forty years ago last February!

An 11-11 to 1-2 score-line hardly suggests a memorable beginning but it is a match that stays in my memory for several reasons.

- My pal from boyhood days and fellow Borrisokane man, "Mackey" McKenna, scored no fewer than FIVE goals.

- Tipp were not at full strength, such regulars as John Doyle, Michael Maher, Matt O'Gara and Tony Wall absent.

- It was a bitterly cold day and some enterprising lads up on the bank decided to start a small fire there to keep warm!

- Back in the Tipp colours after injury for the first time since the previous year's All-Ireland final against Dublin was Jimmy Doyle, the team's new captain.

I had just joined the *Midland Tribune* and received my first assignment from the late Buddy Burke. It was to be at St Cronan's Park, Roscrea for the NHL meeting of Tipp and Offaly, a first taste of match reporting, my first "marking, as a fledgling member of the Fourth Estate".

What a great era in the annals of Tipperary hurling it was, in which a young reporter should be starting out his career. Already that decade had produced two All-Ireland final appearances, defeat by Wexford in '60 followed by victory over Dublin the next year. There would be more victories in '62, '64, and '65, with '67 and '68 final losses to Kilkenny and Wexford. Tipp were in devastating form that cold February day in Roscrea. There were no more than seven hundred people present. Most had come along with an eye towards the performance of Jimmy Doyle after his winter lay off.

No on-field fireworks, alas, to divert attention from the cold, as Tipp eased on to inevitable success. But the spirit of enterprise was not absent from some spectators at least, who managed to get a fire going on the embankment!

To describe the game as over by half time is an understatement. The score was 5-9 to 0-0 and Tipp had also sent out ten wides. Donal O'Brien between the Tipp posts might have been regretting he wasn't nearer to that embankment fire, so little was he employed. But Jimmy Doyle took pity on him and during the second half he moved back to the goalkeeping spot, where he had first played for Tipp as a minor, allowing the Knockavilla man to get some exercise outfield!

Scoring hero of the hour was "Mackey" with 5-1, closely followed by his brother-in-law to be, Donie Nealon, on 3-3. Jimmy Doyle's comeback realised 2-2 and Tipp's remaining scores came from Tom Ryan (Killenaule) 1-0, Mick Burns (0-3), Theo English and Billy Maloughney 0-1 each.

Tipp's tally had reached 10-11 before John Joe Healion had a late Offaly goal, Martin Franks and Willie Gorman adding points, before Donie Nealon completed the rout with Tipp's eleventh goal.

## THE TIPP TEAM

Tipp lined out as follows: Donal O'Brien, Matt Hassett, Kieran Carey, Michael Hynes (Nenagh), Mick Burns, Liam Devaney, Michael Murphy, Theo English, Tom Ryan (Toomevara), Jimmy Doyle, Donie Nealon, Tom Ryan (Killenaule), "Mackey" McKenna, Billy Maloughney, Tom Maloughney.

Interestingly, Tipp didn't go on to retain the league. Kilkenny dethroned them in the semi final. However, the All-Ireland was very much in their sights and it was duly won, come September.

But a match like that one in Roscrea did nothing for either side. Offaly were then the 'whipping boys' for all the top teams to borrow a phrase used much later, on a bigger stage by Clare captain Anthony Daly. Offaly had yet to win a provincial title and it would take a further eighteen years before that achievement was theirs.

And yet, it is worth noting that only four years after that Roscrea debacle, Offaly lowered Tipp's colours in the league in Birr. It was a Tipp team that included several of the '62 team, like Kieran Carey, Liam Devaney, "Mackey" McKenna, Theo English, Donie Nealon. Also there

in November '66 were John O'Donoghue, Len Gaynor, "Babs" Keating, Tony Wall and Sean McLoughlin – All-Ireland medal winners all since the '62 league meeting.

Only three of the Offaly '62 squad had survived to rejoice in a 3-13 to 2-7 win over Tipp, Paddy Molloy, John Joe Healion and Willie Gorman. That was a match I covered for the *Offaly Independent*, having by then moved on to Tullamore and the result was greeted in the Faithful County as though it was an All-Ireland title.

## EVENED UP

Of course things have evened up greatly between these neighbouring counties in the intervening years. Following their initial provincial success in 1980, Offaly claimed the Liam McCarthy Cup for the first time a year later against Galway and added three more titles since, against Galway again ('85) and also against Limerick ('94) and Kilkenny ('98). Tipp in turn, had a lean time from the late sixties winning only three titles between 1965 and 2000.

One of the enigmas of the modern hurling era, was that Tipp and Offaly avoided each other in senior championship fare until this year.

We thought they might meet in 1989 and in the All-Ireland final, but Antrim threw a spanner in the works, Tipp earning their final place the same day against Galway. There will be no 11-11 to 1-2 score line ever again, thankfully.

Yes, things changed for Offaly, changed dramatically and they have since entered the pantheon of hurling greats, the 1980s and '90s so filled with cause for great rejoicing. That February 11th day forty years ago in St Cronan's Park, Roscrea, is now but a distant memory, a reminder of days when Tipp were so feared by opponents. Indeed it wasn't good either for Tipp or their opponents, bringing with it an arrogance we have since found very difficult to shake off – in leaner times.

Perhaps at the 2002 league match between Tipp and Offaly, which eventually took place on Easter Saturday, some young journalist made his/her match-reporting debut, just as I did back in 1962.

If (s)he gets only half the enjoyment I have received since, it will be sufficient to fill the memory cells with sheer delight. Countless games, countless hours, and all the friends made into the bargain.

Could one ask for anything more? I don't think so.



# Sounding Off

by Seamus J. King

**I** suppose the year will be remembered for the way Cork GAA officials got away with it. It can be put no other way: Cork senior football management introduced six substitutes in the replayed Munster final and Munster Council let them away with it.

Five months earlier, in a drawn league game against Sligo, Kildare mistakenly introduced a substitute having used their permitted quota of twenty players, including a set of blood substitutes, just as Cork did against Tipperary on July 21.

When Kildare came to defend themselves before the General Activities Committee they claimed that a punishment for using more than the permitted twenty players only applied when a team exceeded the number of ordinary substitutions. GAC disagreed stating it applied to the total number of substitutions, and Kildare were forced to forfeit a league point.

When Cork came to defend themselves at the Munster Council meeting on the Wednesday following the replay they used the same defence as Kildare. They admitted they introduced six subs, John Miskella, Michael Cronin, Colin Crowley, Alan Quirke, Diarmuid O'Sullivan and Noel O'Donovan, but that the first five were ordinary substitutions while the last, Noel O'Donovan, was a blood substitute. The Cork representatives claimed they hadn't broken the rule on substitutions because they hadn't exceeded the number of ordinary substitutions. And, they got away with it and didn't forfeit the game, as the Munster Council said that they found no penalty specified under rule for inadvertently breaching the blood substitute rule.

It was a case of different interpretations of the rule and one would have thought that that of the senior body's, the GAC, ought to have been the definitive one. Admittedly there was the other matter of Tipperary's stance at the Munster Council hearing: the county was against being awarded the title, having been trounced by nineteen points, and didn't want Cork to forfeit the title which, according to the rule, they should have.

However that may be, the rule had been broken and some punishment should have been imposed. Even if Tipperary hadn't wanted to accept the winners medals or trophy, that didn't mean that Cork should have got them. The title could have been left vacant. Tipperary could have qualified for the All-Ireland quarter-finals while Cork could have played Mayo in the fourth round qualifier. Justice would have been done.

Since then the GAC have issued a directive that their interpretation is the correct one and that the Munster Council decision was wrong. Still, until the rule is

tightened up it will remain open to the interpretation of Cork GAA officials. In that event, allowing blood substitutions outside the allotted five substitutions, the flood gates could be opened, allowing teams to introduce as many blood substitutions as they wished. It would be very easy to fake such substitutions in order to get fresh legs on the field at critical moments. Instead of calling on players to lie down, as was done in the days before the number of substitutions was limited, they would be called upon to scratch themselves and start bleeding!

Another example of the what the correct interpretation of the rule is was shown in the suspension of Na Fianna, the reigning Dublin football champions, in October. In their quarter-final clash with Raheny on October 26, they used six substitutes, five regulars and a sixth player, Gerry Gray, as a blood replacement for Stephen McGlinchey. The GAC of the Dublin County Board, after examining the referee's report, disqualified Na Fianna from this year's championship because the penalty for such an offence is automatic forfeiture of the game.

The whole incident confirms the public perception of the absolutely masterful cunning of Cork GAA officials, when it comes to the interpretation of the GAA rule book. One recalls the survival of Diarmuid O'Sullivan in June 2000 after having apparently struck Limerick's Brian Begley off the ball in the Munster hurling semi-final. The other case the same year

was in the All-Ireland minor football semi-final against Derry. Kieran Murphy of Cork was yellow carded twice without receiving the mandatory red. Cork won by a point. In their defence, Cork claimed the referee had initially carded Murphy for his first offence, before reassessing it back to a tick. Their version of events prevailed at the subsequent hearing.

I suppose it could be said Cork have a lot of experience. The three only substitution rule was introduced in the mid-fifties but took some time to be effective. In the Munster semi-final against Cork at Limerick on June 22, 1958, Cork introduced five substitutes. They were: J. Twomey for E. Goulding, E. Goulding for P. Fitzgerald, W. Barry for J. Lyons, J. Lyons for W. Barry, W. Barry for J. Lyons. A bit of chopping and changing alright, but five substitutions nonetheless.

There was much speculation at the time as to what the position would have been if Tipperary had lost (As it was they won by two points). Would an objection have been upheld? Apparently it wouldn't have been as no penalty had been laid down for the breaking of the new substitution rule.

At the time the Tipperary representatives were encouraged to raise the matter at the Munster Council. It was stated that if teams were allowed to do what Cork did in the Munster semi-final then the position as regards substitutes would be worse than previously, when players were able to come off for a breather and go back on again.

Things never really change!



A group of Tipperary football supporters from Ballina in Thurles for the Munster minor and senior football finals.





The Tipperary football team that played Cork in the Munster SFC final at Semple Stadium. Back: Liam England, Bernard Hahessy, Brendan Cummins, Fergal O'Callaghan, Kevin Mulryan, Niall Fitzgerald, Niall Kelly, Damian O'Brien. Front: Peter Lambert, Damien Byrne (captain), Paul Cahill, Philly Ryan, Declan Browne, Sean Collum, Sean Maher.

## Tipperary Senior Football 2002



Tipperary defender Sean Collum finds his path blocked by Fionan Murray during the Munster SFC final at Semple Stadium.



Tipperary's Damian O'Brien gets a helping hand from a Cork player during the Munster SFC final at Semple Stadium.



Kevin Mulryan (left) and Brendan Cummins in the thick of the action during the Munster SFC final at Semple Stadium.





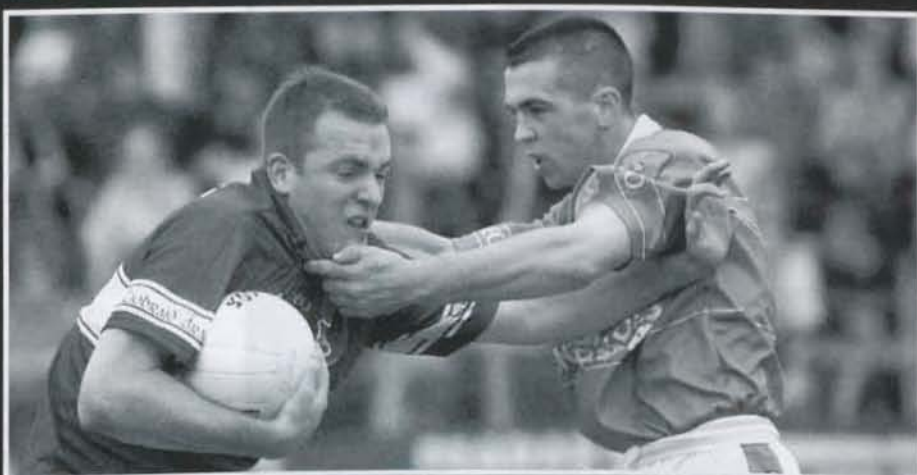
Senior football manager, Tom McGlinchey, urges on his players during the final stages of the Munster final at Semple Stadium.



Senior football manager, Tom McGlinchey, urges on his players during the final stages of the Munster final at Semple Stadium.



A determined Brendan Cummins (left) heads goal-wards during the Munster SFC final against Cork.



Damien O'Brien in trouble during the All-Ireland SFC qualifier against Mayo at Ennis.



Paul Cahill (right) takes on a Mayo defender during the All-Ireland SFC qualifier against Mayo at Ennis.



# After 18 Months Misery — Browne is Back

By Noel Dundon\*



Tormentor-in-chief – Declan Browne is first to the ball during the Munster final against Cork at Semple Stadium.

**D**ecan Browne sat at home watching the 2001 All-Star presentation evening on TV. As Tipperary's six hurlers received their coveted accolades, the Moyle Rovers man's mind was cast back three years in time.

The Burlington Hotel was the setting, the All-Star Awards the occasion. Included in the football line-up was a young man named Declan Browne – Tipperary's first ever and only football All-Star. The title All-Star Declan Browne, rolls off the lips quite easily. Declan Browne was a star in every sense of the word. A man that youngsters looked up to a role model if you will. A player that every hurler and footballer emulated, Declan was a household name in Ireland and a real hero in Tipperary.

## AND THEN IT ALL WENT WRONG

Club and county involvement in both codes began to take its toll. The legs began to give in, muscles began to ache and the bottom began to fall out of the 'Declan Browne' world. He was crippled: suffering pain when he walked, Declan was finding it even harder to do things that he did so naturally. As for kicking a football – forget it.

The prognosis, when it arrived was scary. The remedy was even more frightening. Rest. After 'cruciate ligament' the word 'rest' is probably the most feared word in the vocabulary of a sportsperson. Even 'retirement' doesn't seem to carry the same

sense of doom and gloom. High-flying Declan Browne was grounded.

## SEVERE PAIN

The abductor muscle had torn away from the bone and Declan was feeling severe pain in the groin area. Medical opinion suggested that rest would result in the injury clearing up. Seemed like a fairly reasonable assumption considering the amount of action the Moyle Rovers man was seeing. Hold up and let the storm clouds blow away. Take time out and rest. Trouble is, it's not so easy to do just that.

'It was a very bad time all right. At the start it didn't seem like too much of a big deal. It was in the middle of winter after all and being honest I was looking forward to having a break for a while. I needed it really because I had been on the go constantly between hurling and football, club and county. But when the thing began to drag into the New Year and I was still not making progress I began to get very frustrated. March, April and May drifted by and still I was unable to play. I was missing out on too much and I decided that something had to be done, he said.

He took action, Declan made the necessary medical appointments and soon he was booked into the Mater Hospital in Dublin where the surgeon's scalpel awaited him. By this stage he was no longer going to the training sessions and games. Pain comes in many forms and Declan just found it unbearable to make the short journey to watch his clubmates tog out for training or to go along and watch the games. He knew he should have been out there – he wanted so badly to be out there.

All of this time Declan was watching the Tipperary hurlers go on an amazing unbeaten run throughout 2001. He had been involved in 1999 and won a National League Medal with Nicky English's charges. He delighted in Tipperary's success but never felt robbed or cheated of an All-Ireland medal.

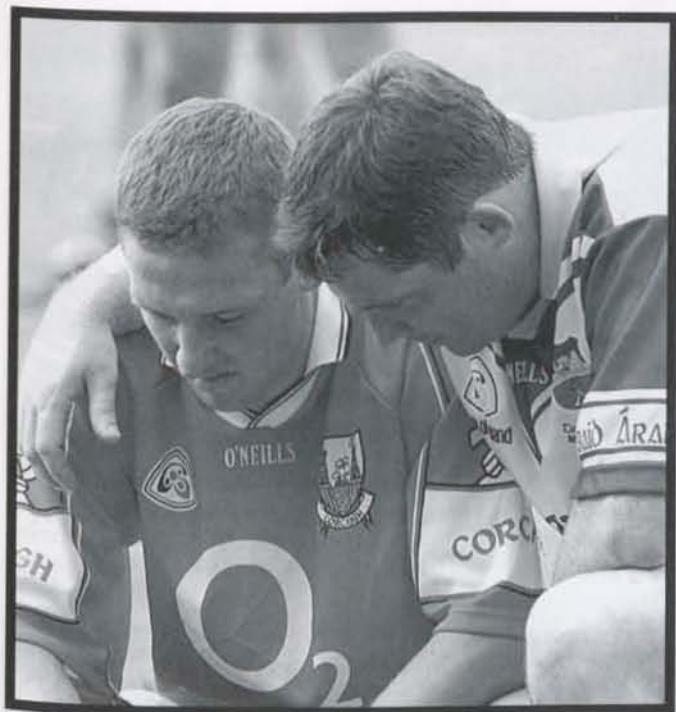
## DON'T LIKE FEELING SORRY FOR MYSELF

"It was great for the Tipperary hurlers and I was delighted for the lads and the management team that they won. It was a real occasion and a great thing for the county. But, I never felt that I should have been there. You can speculate all you like on what might have been, but I'm not into that kind of thing. Sure, at that time things were getting me down because of the injury, but missing out on the All-Ireland with the hurlers was not adding to it, as people might think. I'm not like that. I don't like feeling sorry for myself," he says.

Perhaps not, but Tipperary people would feel sorry for him. And, when Tipperary footballers were in action the opposing managers were certainly not sorry to see that Declan Browne was not in the Premier County line-up. His loss to the footballers was massive. He was the shining light in attack: the one to look for when in possession: the man every defender, from Seamus Moynihan to Darren Fay, dreaded.

Tipperary Manager Tom McGlinchey was forced to line out his charges without the talented Moyle Rovers man in attack. It was a forward line that looked tame without the lion hearted Browne included. The results reflected his absence. Two championship games, two defeats – one of those was a massive beating at the hands of Kerry.





The agony -- Tipperary senior footballers Declan Browne and Philly Ryan console each other following the Munster SFC final replay loss to Cork at Pairc Ui Chaoimh.

### LIGHT IN THE TUNNEL

But, as with every tunnel, light finally appears. The first chink of light Declan Browne saw was when he opened his eyes in the Mater Hospital in Dublin. Feeling the effects of the anaesthetic and the pain in his upper leg, a glimmer of hope finally appeared. The operation had been a success and going under the knife was well worth it. No pain, no gain – Declan felt he must have gained a lot if the old adage were true.

Working with Clonmel Oil, Declan began to move more freely than he had done in over twelve months. His strength began to return and soon the itch for action was back. But, he had to tread slowly – learn to walk before running so to speak.

"I spent many many hours in the gym, doing all sorts of exercises and weights. I used the gym in the Hotel Minella in Clonmel. I think it was the only thing that kept me sane in the final few months before things began to look up. At least I was managing to keep myself in some kind of shape with the gym work. I needed to have a certain amount of fitness to have the operation and when it was completed, it was back again to working towards recovery," he says.

Cut to Dr. Morris Park, Thurles. It's January. It's cold, wet and windy. The Tipperary footballers are being put through their paces. Recognising them proves difficult with the amount of clothing they were wearing. And then, a familiar stride is seen coming from within the body of the group of players. Perhaps a little fuller than usual, but unmistakably, it's Declan Browne. His heart is burning under the strain, but he is still moving. It feels great to be back.

### UNBELIEVABLE FEELING

"Yeah, I've be back in training since January. I had a good bit done before I went back fully because I wouldn't have been able to keep up to them otherwise. I had been out of action for about a year and a half and the feeling of returning was unbelievable. It's just so good to be involved again and to be enjoying the fun and craic, which is mighty. I suppose I was disappointed that I had to have the operation in the first place, but it was the last resort and hopefully now things will look up for me."

So, what are aims for the coming season?

"Well, first of all I want to stay injury free. That's a must for me at this stage. I don't want to be facing the same kind of torrid time again. By the time mid March comes I would hope to be back in full action and I have a real incentive now. We have

avoided the big two in Munster (Kerry and Cork) and we are in with a real chance of making it to the Munster Final Tipp play the winners of Clare and Waterford in the Munster semi final. We have a few older faces back again in the squad and at the same time we have introduced a lot of younger players. That's the way forward in my opinion. At club level we have to concentrate on getting back to where we were. We were on top of our game for seven years on the trot and we need to get back there again. Hurling really suffered in the club last year and we want to rectify that in 2002," he says. On the inter county hurling front, who knows?

Declan Browne has learned a valuable lesson from his time out. Reflecting on that time out he says, "I have learned to make the most of things while I can. I never dreamed that I would be out of action for one and a half years but it has made me realise that you should take nothing for granted. I certainly won't be anymore."

It will be great to see Declan Browne fully back in the blue and gold jersey again.

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Declan Browne did return for Tipperary and what an impact he made. He lined out at corner forward with the senior footballers in the championship and was once again the leader of the attack as he almost single handily gunned down Clare in the drawn and replayed Munster semi-final games.

Brown's rare talent was seen again in the Munster Final drawn game against Cork where he tore the defence apart and against Mayo too he was in top form. All of these stunning displays resulted in Declan receiving another All-star nomination – a fitting accolade for another wonderful season.

On the hurling field he made a surprise return to the Tipperary Intermediate hurling side for the replayed All-Ireland Final against Galway. Browne sent a shiver down the spines of the Galway men when introduced near the end but was unable to swing the game in Tipp's favour.

How's that for a comeback from the Moyle Rovers man?

*\*Original interview appeared in the Tipperary Star on February 2, 2002.*



The ecstasy - Tipperary players Philly Ryan and Declan Browne celebrate the draw against Cork in the Munster SFC final at Semple Stadium.





Despite the heavy rain, manager Seamus McCarthy encourages his charges during the final stages of the Munster junior football championship game against Clare at Killarney.



The Tipperary team that drew Clare at Killarney in the Munster JFC. Back: Eddie Carey, Paul Tobin, Dermot Gleeson, Albert Keating, Paul Fitzgerald, Andrew Lacey, Mark O'Brien, Mark Cummins. Front: David Byrne, Mark O'Shea, Mark Peters, Pa Morrissey, Colin Morrissey, Denis O'Shea, P. J. Lanigan.



Obliging selectors...Tipperary junior football selectors photographed on a miserably wet and windy day in Killarney prior to the Munster JFC game against Clare. Pictured: Conor O'Dwyer, Seamus McCarthy (manager), Pete Savage, D.J. Gleeson and Martin Healy.

## Tipperary Junior Football 2002



Pa Morrissey looks for the posts despite the attention of a Clare defender during the Munster JFC game at Killarney.



Mark O'Brien (Tipperary, right) brings the ball clear of defence during the Munster JFC game against Clare at Killarney.



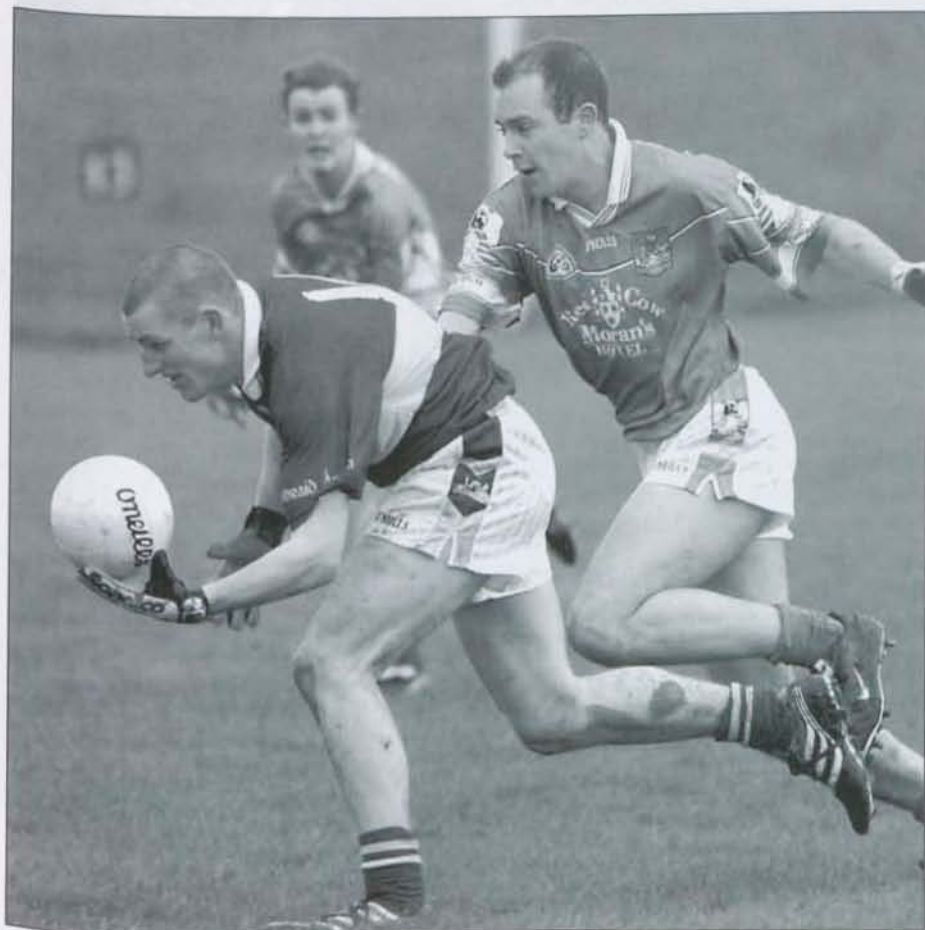
# Tipperary Under-21 Football 2002



The Tipperary under-21 football selectors photographed prior to the game against Limerick at Fermoy: John Shannon, Micheal O'Loughlin (trainer), John Cummins (manager/coach), Sean McManus and Tom Kirwan.



The Tipperary under-21 football panel that played Limerick in the Munster Championship at Fermoy. Back: Niall Cahalan, Shane Maher (capt), Peter King, Eoin Kearney, Mark Peters, Padraig Foley, Kevin Mulryan, Niall Fitzgerald, Robbie Costigan, Barry Hickey, Philip O'Doherty, Thomas Conway, Conor McCarthy. Front: John Dunne, Glen Burke, Tony Doyle, Niall Sheehan, Michael Phelan, Dermot Gleeson, Brian Enright, Eddie O'Brien, Tom Fitzgerald, Pierce Ryan.



Tipperary's Eddie O'Brien in action during the Munster under-21 football championship match against Limerick at Fermoy

Tipperary full-forward Padraig Foley controls the ball as he heads goalwards during the Munster under-21 football championship game between Tipperary and Limerick at Fermoy.



# Tipperary Senior Football CHAMPIONSHIP 2002

*By Eamonn Wynne, Clonmel Nationalist*

**T**his year's county senior football final threw up a real novelty with the appearance of Aherlow, a team that had been beaten twice in the championship but still managed to reach Tipperary football's showpiece of the year. They lost to West neighbours, Galtee Rovers, in the county open draw, and when the same teams qualified for the West final they finished level at the end of normal time.

At that stage the county GAC (Games Administration Committee) ruled that both teams would be allowed to advance to the county championship. When the West replay was played Galtee came out on top again, although by the time of this second defeat Aherlow's place in the county series had already been assured.

Aherlow will argue with some justification, however, that they were well worth their place in the final, having beaten Moyle Rovers and champions Fethard en route.

A large band of supporters travelled to Semple Stadium from West Tipp and the foothills of the Galtees to watch Aherlow grace their third county senior football final in five years. As they prepared to face Clonmel Commercial they were also hoping that it would be third time lucky as they searched for that elusive first crown, with their previous two appearances against Fethard (in 1997 and 2000) having ended in defeat. But for the second year in succession their players were crestfallen at the final whistle, after they had been beaten by 1-14 to 1-5.

The scoreline, however, does scant justice to the gallant efforts of Aherlow, who by no means deserved to lose by three clear goals. Had they taken all their chances in the first half or scored another goal in the second-half, then the O'Dwyer Cup could have been heading West instead of South.

But their ability to soak up Aherlow's pressure, and then produce a storming finish that yielded a goal and three points in the final minutes, meant that Commercial were worthy winners of their 14th title. Their victory represented the awakening of a sleeping giant. Commercial won their first championship in eight years, and it was a success that brought considerable joy and relief to a club that had looked on enviously as their neighbours Moyle Rovers and Fethard dominated the championship in the nineties.

Fergal O'Callaghan's tremendous display at centrefield for Commercial deservedly won him the man of the match award. He had great support from Criostoir McGrath and Eamon Hanrahan, and the physical strength of this midfield axis proved crucial.

Paudie O'Keeffe played a captain's role, leading by example and scoring two points. Corner-forward, Ian Barnes, was always a danger and his late goal, an expertly-taken effort, drove the final nail into Aherlow's coffin. Ian Cleary posed a similar threat in the opposite corner, while Keith Fahy gave them a great springboard for victory when he kicked three points in the opening stages. In defence Benny Walsh, Seanie O'Loughlin, Tommy Galvin and Fergus O'Callaghan, who were marshalled superbly by veteran goalkeeper Philly Ryan, worked hard to restrict Aherlow to six scores, just three of which came from play.

Anthony Moroney, Denis O'Shea, Tommy Russell, Mark O'Shea, Fergal Clifford, Lionel Leonard and Derry Peters all played well in defeat for Aherlow. But their fondest memories will come from the earlier rounds of the campaign. Passion and hunger were the key ingredients as they shocked holders, Fethard, in the semi-final replay at Cashel by 2-6 to 1-4, after the sides had played a 2-5 to 1-8 draw only a day previously at the same venue.

Carl Maher, Michael Dillon, Michael Spillane and substitutes John Paul Looby and Aidan Fitzgerald did their level best to rescue Fethard from the jaws of defeat, but there was no stopping the rampant team from the Glen. In hindsight those two matches must have taken a lot out of the Aherlow legs before they faced another major test against Commercial just seven days later.

Aherlow caused another upset when they shocked Moyle Rovers by 4-6 to 1-10 in the quarter-final. Making the most of the reprieve allowed to them by the county GAC, Aherlow stunned their illustrious opponents with an explosive start that saw them grab two goals from David Cleary and Conor O'Shea inside the opening five minutes. They led by 2-2 to 0-5 at the interval, and with star man, Declan Browne, well policed by the Aherlow defence the Powerstown/Lisronagh outfit never recovered, even with players such as Michael McGrath, John Owens, Padraig Foley and James Williams driving them on.

Moyle Rovers beat Golden/Kilfeacle in the first round before receiving a walkover from Mullinahone, whose hurlers were to create their own piece of history later in the season. But Aherlow proved a bridge too far for them.

Commercial, meanwhile, were busy seeing off a typically dogged challenge by Loughmore/Castleiney in the other semi-final, when they were grateful to a splendid display by Fergal O'Callaghan, who orchestrated their march into the final. In an absorbing battle at a rain-swept Boherlahan,



*Paudie O'Keeffe, Clonmel Commercial Captain following the County Final victory.*



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## Tipperary SENIOR Hurling Champions 2002



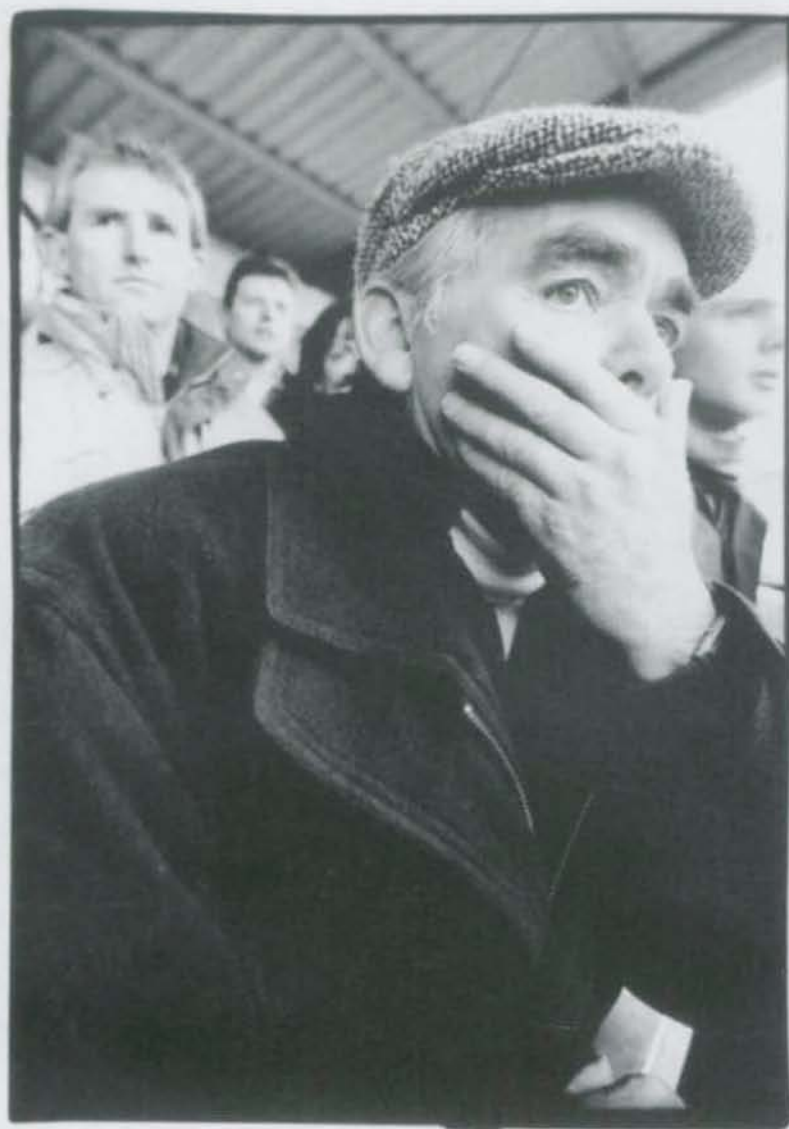
### HISTORY MAKERS . . . THE MULLINAHONE PANEL AND SELECTORS THAT BROUGHT THE DAN BREEN CUP TO THE CLUB FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER

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Front row: Sean O'Meara, Edwin O'Meara, Mark O'Brien, Philip O'Shea, Paul Kelly, Eoin Kelly, Noel Leahy, Pat Croke, Ky Vaughan (captain).

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Maura and Cian Morrissey, Fethard, wife and son of Tipperary senior footballer Willie Morrissey, in Limerick for the Munster senior football semi-final against Clare.

county minor, Ian Barnes, Paudie O'Keeffe and Benny Walsh, among others, showed the necessary determination to steer Commercials to the final courtesy of a 0-15 to 0-11 win.

Not surprisingly Loughmore didn't go down without a fight, with the experienced Pat McGrath, Declan Laffan, David Kennedy and Tommy Ormonde, as well as younger players such as Tom King, Derek Bourke and Evan Sweeney typifying their never-say-die spirit.

Commercials had struggled to overcome a stubborn JK Brackens team in the quarter-final, but they did just enough to win at Boherlahan by 1-10 to 0-8 against a Brackens side for whom Sean Collum, Larry Stapleton and captain, Kevin Mulryan gave inspired performances.

Commercials had started out on the championship trail in early May when they defeated Carrick Swans at Kilsheelan. Few observers gave them a chance at that stage of returning to the top of the pile. But they took heart from their progression through the next round, when they beat Arravale Rovers by 0-15 to 0-6, and as the campaign progressed they improved in leaps and bounds.

In the earlier rounds Ardfinnan offered their supporters hopes of making the breakthrough for their first county championship success since 1974 when they beat Fethard after a replay in the first round. Fethard had to dig deep to earn a draw in the first game, when John Paul Looby's late point proved their saviour. But the escape hatch was shut in their faces in the replay, when they were crushed by 2-10 to 0-6 by an Ardfinnan outfit for whom Brian Lonergan, Albert Keating, Noel Browne, Michael English and goalkeeper Eamon Ryan were in sparkling form.

Fethard re-emerged through the South championship, which they won by beating Moyle Rovers in the final. They saw off Galtee Rovers in the county quarter-final before meeting their Waterloo against Aherlow.

Alas for Ardfinnan, though, they had flattered only to deceive. They went into the quarter-final against Loughmore with



Niall McCarthy, formerly of Thurles, back in town for the Munster senior football final between Tipperary and Cork. Niall is son of former Tipperary manager, Seamus.

understandable optimism but Loughmore (who had beaten Eire Og, Anacarty and Moyne/Templetuohy on their journey to the last eight) made them pay dearly for their second-half collapse. Ardfinnan led by 7 points at half-time before falling apart at the seams in the second period, as they slumped to a 1-12 to 0-12 setback.

Galtee Rovers are another side who must have been wondering where it all went wrong. As well as beating Aherlow on two occasions they also saw off JK Brackens before being downed by Fethard in a tense quarter-final replay by 0-7 to 0-6. That defeat came at the end of another marathon two-day session for Fethard, after the sides had drawn the previous day, again in Cashel. Galtee Rovers were well represented by Michael Grace, Colin Morrissey and Declan and Denis Peters.

Off the field the championship produced its own drama too, when Galtee appealed to the Munster Council on the basis that the championship was irregular,

after Aherlow had been re-admitted as a nominated team to complete the county quarter-final pairings when the West Final had ended level. However the appeal was lost on a technicality.

Next year's championship should be a wide open affair. Commercials will have the incentive of winning back-to-back titles for the first time since their three-in-a-row team of the sixties. But they'll face stiff opposition from Fethard, Loughmore and Moyle Rovers, who will all be anxious to re-establish their dominance.

And what about Galtee Rovers and Aherlow? Galtee Rovers will be encouraged by their ability to have pushed Fethard all the way this year. It's been a case of so near and yet so far for Aherlow for the last two years. All the more credit is due to them because they are a rural club with a small population base, but their young team is sure to make another concerted effort next season to reach the promised land.

The county final teams on November 10 were as follows:

**Commercials:** Philly Ryan, Kevin Kelly, Tommy Galvin, Fergal Condon, Fergus O'Callaghan, Bernard Walsh, Seanie O'Loughlin, Eamonn Hanrahan, Fergal O'Callaghan (0-3), Seamus Landers (0-2), Cristoir McGrath, Paudie O'Keeffe (0-2), capt, Ian Barnes (1-3), Keith Fahy (0-3), Ian Cleary.

**Subs:** Kevin Dempsey and Liam Phelan for Keith Fahy and Cristoir McGrath; John Harney for Kevin Kelly; Tommy Kelly for Bernard Walsh; Declan Pollard for Fergal Condon.

**Aherlow:** Shane Leonard, Leo Leonard, Mark O'Brien, Fergal Clifford, Lionel Leonard (1-0), Anthony Moroney, Cathal O'Shea, Derry Peters, Tommy Russell (0-1), Michael Moroney, Conor O'Shea (0-1), Denis O'Shea, Seanie Peters, David Cleary, Mark O'Shea (0-3).

**Subs:** Timmy Leonard for Seanie Peters; Brian Leonard for Michael Moroney.

Referee: John Kelly (Rahealty/Kickhams)



Photographed at the official launch of the enfer sponsorship of Tipperary inter-county teams at the Anner Hotel, Thurles were: Willie Morrissey, captain of the senior football team; Tom McGlinchey, manager, senior football team; Michael O'Connor, enfer; Nicky English, manager, senior hurling team.



# The NA-BOCK-LISH Trophy

by Seamus J. King

**T**his trophy with the most unusual name used to be presented to the winners of the New York senior football championship. When the championship was organised for the first time in the early 1900s, a trophy was sought. At the time there was a popular cigar on sale in the city known as *Na-Bock-Lish*.

One of the directors of the firm was Peter Quinn, a blunt Irishman with a heart of gold. He was approached by New York GAA.

"What do you want?" he asked,

"We came to see you about a trophy for an organisation which is just established",

"How much would it cost?"

"About three hundred"

"What did you say?"

"Five hundred"

"I'll take the matter up with the other members. But I'll guarantee you a real trophy".

And a real trophy it turned out to be with the name of the cigar inscribed on it. The arrangements were that a team had to win it three years in succession before it became the permanent property of the club.

Tipperary won successive championships in 1926, 1927, 1928 and 1929 (also in 1931) and claimed the cup.

One of the outstanding players on the

team, and captain on a couple of occasions, was Tommy Armitage of Templemore. Before emigrating to New York in 1926 he had played football with Tipperary. He was on the five successful teams mentioned above and he captained the New York football team that travelled to Ireland for the Tailteann Games in 1932. He was given the cup.

On his retirement from work in New York he returned to Templemore, where he lived until his death. His son, Tom, who was born in New York but who lived most of his life in Ireland, recently presented the famous trophy to Lár na Páirce, as well as a framed picture of the great Tipperary team which won it.

Quite an amount of renovation and decoration has been done to the internal structure of building during the past twelve months. The biggest problem with the building has been access, with the museum preventing direct access through the front doors. The fire escape has been providing unsatisfactory access to the offices on the upper floors.

Now, a new entrance has been built with direct access from the carpark at the back. This is a great improvement, safe, secure and easy.

The original GAA office on the second floor has been transformed into three offices. Semple Stadium have now got a separate office. The new entrance



Seamus King, Chairman, Lár na Páirce, receiving the 'Na-Bock-Lish' trophy from Tommy Armitage. On left is Mrs. Armitage.

takes one directly to the GAA office, where the public can carry on their business. The internal stairwell has been plastered and painted. The toilet facilities have been expanded and improved.

All the improvements signify a major county board investment in Lár na Páirce and a commitment to its future. The building is now a more consumer-friendly place and a fitting headquarters for Tipperary GAA.

## SEMPLE STADIUM DEVELOPMENT 2002-03

**C**ontractors moved into Semple Stadium in February 2002 to start work on a major Safety and Development Plan in the Old Stand, Ardán Uí Chuinneain.

The initial phase was fully concerned with safety factors and work partially concluded by the end of April to allow the resumption of games activity.

During the two and a half month period, two new tunnels were excavated and put into place allowing easier and safer entry and exit from the Stand. In addition, widened gangways were put in place through existing terracing and exit under the existing stand. The fence of high poles and barbed wire

separating the Stand from the playing area was removed and replaced by a low, attractive, galvanized iron meshed fence with gates along its full length.

Work resumed in September and the Old Stand now became unavailable to accommodate spectators and such will be the case until work is completed by the end of March. Extra aisles are being put in place to make for easier and safer entry/exit while the exit stairways are also being made more user friendly.

Work to date has been carried out very efficiently by Tom O'Dwyer, Contractor, Blackcastle, Two-Mile-Boris. The same contractor has the responsibility of completing all safety

measures and extending the Stand towards Sarsfield Centre to accommodate fifteen hundred extra patrons giving a total capacity to the new structured stand of 16,000 patrons. O'Dwyer Steel, Dundrum were successful in securing the tender for removing the existing roofed area and erecting a roof extending the full length of the Stand.

A new and enlarged Media Box is included in the new roofed area similarly placed as the present Box, but of a more sophisticated and attractive nature. The full project should be completed by the end of March 2003.



# Tipperary Minor Football 2002



The Tipperary minor football panel photographed prior to their first game against Kerry in the Munster championship. Back: William Coleman, Paul Brennan, Robert Cremin, Paudie Breen, Brendan Healy, Daniel Kelly, Vincent Moloney, Pa Ryan, Alan Rockett, Philip Ryan, Conor O'Brien, Ian Barnes, Philip O'Brien. Front: Michael Heffernan, David Ryan, Desmond Morrissey, Andrew Hickey, Hugh Coughlan, Michael Dillon, Shane Ryan (capt), Stephen Murphy, Evan Sweeney, Michael Lynagh.



Tipperary minor football selectors photographed prior to their opening game against Kerry at Kilmallock. Pictured: John Walsh, Michael Power, Tom O'Connor (manager/coach), Jim Healy, Sean Hennessy.



Tipperary forward Evan Sweeney about to grab the ball as he is chased by Kerry defender John Brosnan during the Munster MFC final at Semple Stadium.



Tipperary's Noel Gleeson gets in his shot on goal despite the efforts of a Kerry player during the Munster MFC final at Semple Stadium.



Tipperary's Paudie Breen gets in his shot on goal as he is about to be challenged by Colin McKenna during the Munster MFC at Semple Stadium.



Tipperary U-15 football panel. Back: Neil Ryan, Holycross B (selector); Jimmy Slattery, Borrisleigh (selector); Shane Slattery, Cashel KC; Martin Coffey, Newport; Vincent Hennessy, Aherlow; Shane Long, Gortnahoe/Glengoose; Ray McLoughney, Kilruane McDonagh's; Seamus Grogan, Aherlow; George Hannigan, Shannon Row; Martin Walsh, Kilruane McDonagh's; Kevin Cahalan, Shannon Row; Jamie O'Leary, Arravale Row; Timmy Dalton, Arravale Row; Thomas Hassett, Moyne/Templetuohy; Conor Quinlan, Moyne Templetuohy; Pdraig Stapleton, Upperchurch Drombane; Tommy Fitzgerald, Sologhead (selector); Tony Doyle, Kilenale (selector). Front: Danny Gleeson, St Patrick's; Darragh Darcy, Shannon Row; Michael Doyle, Killenaule; Cathal Dillon, Aherlow; Conor Morrissey, Clonmel Og; Niall Doyle, Moyne Row; Daniel Lyne, Moyne Row; David Loneran, Ard Finnan; Tony Ryan, Ard Finnan; Andrew O'Halloran, Galtee Row; Robert McNiry, Emly; Tony Egan, Galtee Row.



Michael Dillon has the ball safely in his grasp as he heads goalwards despite the efforts of Kerry's Colin McKenna during the Munster MFC final at Semple Stadium. Lending a helping hand is Tipperary midfielder Patrick Halley.



# Recent Publications

by Seamus J. King

**T**here hasn't been a great amount on the club front. Bridget Delaney's *The Burgess Story: A GAA History*, was mentioned last year but came too late for review. It's a massive tome of over seven hundred pages and is lavishly illustrated, especially in the later period.

Some would say rather too much for a club that isn't far up the ladder of precedence in the county, but that is to forget the role of the GAA in small parishes like Burgess. The GAA is more than a sporting organisation. It is firmly rooted in the life of the parish, giving expression to a people who would otherwise lack it. It touches everyone in the parish.

Bridget Delaney recognises this in her book. As Gerry Slevin states it in his introduction: "Bridget realises the link there is between the parish and the GAA and the end product of her mammoth work provides us with an in-depth look at the life of her native parish, the GAA's influence on it and, in turn, the response of the parish to the way in which the GAA influence has seeped through it".

As well as a writer, Bridget Delaney is a photographer and this is another strength of the book. In the opening chapter which gives an account of the history of the parish, she includes photographs of views and scenes, holy wells and graveyards, churches and historic remains in the parish. This visual account of what is to be found in the parish of Burgess brings the place to life in a way that the written word could not. The pictures continue all through the book.

The book is a credit to the author, who was a worthy recipient of a McNamee Award earlier in the year for the best club history. She was very lucky with her printers, *The Nenagh Guardian*, who did an excellent job on the history. The book is a great record of the games that have been the sporting life of the people of Burgess for well over one hundred years.

It's a great tribute to the commitment and workrate of Bridget Delaney, and the club are greatly indebted to her for a monumental achievement.

(Available from the club at €20 plus postage).

If you want to buy the GAA history of the Moyne-Templetuohy club it's going to cost you €130, and the price does not include two tickets for next year's All-Ireland! The reason for the hefty price is that the history is part of a wider publication,



Seamus Ó'Riain who launched the GAA history *'The Burgess Story'* with author Bridget Delaney at Kilcolman GAA Complex, home of Burgess GAA Club, on November 22nd, 2001.

*Moyne-Templetuohy - A Life of its Own - The Story of a Tipperary Parish*, which was launched at the end of October.

Stretching to three volumes, about 1600 A4 size pages, at least one million words and over 2000 illustrations, the work is a mammoth production, the fruits of ten years of persistence and commitment from a dedicated history committee. It's a credit to the people involved and to the parish.

Included in volume three of the work is a chapter entitled *The Century of Sport* by Willie Butler. The format of the chapter is informed by the sentiments expressed in the opening paragraph: "Long before the Gaelic revival began in the last two decades of the 19th century, the parish of Moyne and Templetuohy enjoyed a great diversity of sporting activity. Not all the sports that were played would have found favour with the founding fathers of the GAA Archbishop Croke had deplored the 'putting on, with England's stuffs and broadcloths, her masher habits and such effeminate follies as she may recommend.' Such 'effeminate follies' as tennis, hockey and cricket existed side by side with the national pastimes of hurling, football and athletics in the parish and centred largely on the Big House at Longorchard. Indeed the clash of civilisations that was in progress nationally appears to have been remote from the sporting life of Moyne and Templetuohy. The Power Lalors made no distinction between specifically 'English' pastimes and the native pastimes of hurling and athletics which, according to leaders of the Gaelic revival, were to be part of the process of de-anglicising Ireland".

The chapter is a lengthy one, one hundred and thirty-two pages, and the history of the GAA is interspersed with other sporting activities, particularly athletics and coursing. Athletics flourished in the parish and an advertisement that appeared in the *Tipperary Star* in the nineteen-twenties includes a verse, which reflects their place in the parish:

*Though Matt the Thrasher's with the blest  
And Knocknagow is gone,  
But with the gallant men of Tipp  
His sport lingers on;  
The manly games your fathers loved,  
The sprint, the lofty bound,  
Come live again, its glory past  
At Moyne's Athletic Ground.*

The tradition continues with Aisling Maher taking a bronze medal in 2001 in the European Games Special Olympics.

Tom Carroll of Moyneard played with Thurles in the first All-Ireland. Jack Quinn and his brother, Michael, were on the Rockwell College team that won the first Harty Cup final in 1918. Tom Butler captained Thurles CBS to victory in the 1950 Harty Cup final.

The club was occasionally in trouble with the Mid and County boards. In the early 1950s both the footballers and the hurlers got into trouble for actions on the field of play. The author quotes from a *Tipperary Star* reporter: "As an exhibition of hurling this game was a thing of 'shreds and patches' devoid of any vestige of merit".

The great county senior hurling final triumph of 1971 gets comprehensive coverage and the account includes the song that was composed in honour of the famous victory: "Then hurrah for Moyne and 'Tuohy/ Our great hurlers one and all".

There were also a number of controversies that tended to drag on. The 'Michael Coen' affair about his eligibility to play with Borrisileigh, and the controversy following the amalgamation of the hurling and football clubs in 1991, dragged on for years.

Willie Butler deals with them all in an impartial manner. In fact his account is eminently readable with the introduction of appropriate quotations from contemporary accounts, which add to the flavour of the work.

Probably the best book of the year, and the best hurling book for a long time, is *Hooked* by Justin McCarthy, which was published by Gill and Macmillan and launched at Cork in April. Written in conjunction with Kieran Shannon, it runs to 246 pages and retails for €14.95.



It is an engrossing autobiography of a man, who is steeped in hurling and has a rich tapestry of hurling experience to draw on, not only in club and in county, but outside Cork as well. Passionately committed to the game and immensely well informed on hurling in all its aspects, it's a wonderful production.

What gives the book its particular attraction is the personal story that is told through its pages with a directness and a total absence of false modesty or any kind of coyness. The whole story is informed with a passion and self belief that in others might appear a case of hubris but in McCarthy's case, is substantiated by his record. McCarthy is an original thinker on the game.

One commentator has described the book thus: "It is a life of achievement and vaulting ambition, of conflicts and controversies and a relationship with the game which borrows something from passion, something from fanaticism. In hurling McCarthy has been all things and it has been all things to him".

What gives zest to the pages is the account of McCarthy's fraught relationship with the Cork county board and its most influential figure, Frank Murphy. Over the years McCarthy has been disliked and distrusted by the establishment in Cork. He was an independent thinker, who was not afraid to speak his mind.

The book reads wonderfully well, Shannon's ghost writing perfectly matching the outpourings of McCarthy's memory, and is divided into thirty chapters, each of which reads as an entity in itself but also contributes to the overall effect of a wonderful book.

A splendid book is *Munster Hurling Legends* by Eamonn Sweeney. Published by the O'Brien Press for €20, this book has to be a winner.

Covering seven decades of the greatest teams, players and games in Munster since the thirties, it has excellent evocative pictures, which capture an era of hurling life in the province that seems a long time past. The book would live for the pictures alone. The very first one of the spectators at the 1934 Munster semi-final at Thurles, a predominantly male body with heads covered in hats, caps, handkerchiefs and newspapers, and not a flag in sight, is totally removed from today's crowd. The book is divided into ten chapters with each chapter highlighted by the greatest player from that period, Mick Mackey, Jack Lynch, John Doyle, Christy Ring, etc. The author writes on the GAA for the *Cork Examiner* and is a broadcaster also.

A number of other books of national interest have hit the shelves for the Christmas market. Many readers may have listened to the RTE radio series, *Hurling's Top 20*, by Colm Keane, who is a senior producer with the station.

Inevitably a book to go with the series has been published, in this case by Mainstream Publishing, Edinburgh.

The book contains profiles of twenty hurlers from Jack Lynch to DJ Carey told through conversations with the players, with linking passages. The highlights of the player's career and an account of his achievements are included. The profiles run to about ten pages each and are written in a lively manner.

Tipperary get a good number of entries, with profiles of Tony Reddin, John Doyle, Jimmy Doyle and Nicky English.

Cork also get four in Jack Lynch, Christy Ring, Ray Cummins and Jimmy Barry-Murphy. Kilkenny have three, Eddie Keher, Noel Skehan and DJ Carey, Wexford two, Billy Rackard and Tony Doran, Waterford two, John Keane and Tom Cheasty, Offaly two, Joe Dooley and Brian Whelahan, and Limerick, Clare and Galway have one each, Mick Mackey, Jimmy Smyth and Joe Cooney, respectively.

The author admits there are no definitive measuring devices for establishing the credentials of legendary hurling stars. He goes on to outline some simple measures for establishing greatness in sport: "exceptional skills, ability to take control and to influence the outcome of events, strength on the playing field, unselfishness, longevity in the game and concern for fellow players all form part of the test". Ultimately, however, he admits that the selection he has made is a subjective one even if it has been informed by hundreds of conversations with former and current players. (*The book costs €12.99*).

Brendan Fullam has been writing interesting hurling books for quite some time and his current one is called *Captains of the Ash*, which was launched in the Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny on November 11. Published by Merlin-Wolfhound Press it retails for €15.

The book, which covers 320 pages includes profiles of seventy-seven personalities, including six from the field of camogie, every one of whom was the captain of a team, mostly of All-Ireland teams. Not every All-Ireland winning captain has been included as some have already been covered in earlier books by Fullam.

The breakdown by county is as follows: Kilkenny have fourteen, including Andy Comerford; Tipperary have thirteen, going back as far as Jim Stapleton: in fact the back dust cover of the book has a fine photograph of Michael Murphy, the 1964 captain, leading out his men against Clare in the 1964 Munster championship; Cork also have thirteen, Limerick eight, Wexford 7, Dublin 5, Waterford, Galway, Offaly and Clare three each, Antrim two, and London and Kerry one each.

As well as text the book includes over eighty photographs. Anyone who is familiar with the quality of Fullam's work will put this book in the 'must buy' category.

Tom Morrisson has written widely on GAA matters, particularly relating to Cork, but has now produced a work that will fill a glaring gap on most GAA shelves. He has produced a history of the National Leagues in hurling and football, 1926-2002, and every Gael will thank him for his research and his effort.

Stretching to 416 pages and published by the Collins Press, Cork in flexi paperback, the book retails at the very reasonable price of €17.95.

In 1926 Cork hurlers and Laois footballers won the first ever national league titles. Since then all thirty-two counties, plus New York, have played in either a league semi-final or final. Starting with the first finals the book gives an account of over 180 games, the line-out of the finalists and, where possible, a photograph of the winning team. This latter point is a tremendous strength of the book and a tribute to the research of the author. Where the photograph of the winning team was not available, the author uses a photograph of the county panel from the year.

The format of the book is good, divided into chapters according to decades. Each final is given two pages which includes an account of the game, the line-outs of the finalists and the photograph of the winning side.

In the early days the league had no final with the top of the table at the end of the series being declared the winner. Tipperary's first league win was in 1927 – they weren't to win again until 1949 – and the team that drew with Dublin at Thurles in their final game was as follows: Tom Butler, Stephen Moloney, John Leahy, Mick Ryan, Billy Small, JJ Hayes, Phil Purcell, Mick darcy, Phil Cahill, Pat O'Dwyer, Martin Kennedy, Tommy Treacy, Pat Leahy, John Joe Callanan, Mick Cronin.

The book concludes with the roll of honour in both leagues. Kerry lead with sixteen victories in football, followed by Mayo with eleven. Interestingly New York have three finals to their credit, 1950, 1964, 1967. In all sixteen, including New York, counties have won football titles. Tipperary head the table in hurling with eighteen victories, followed by Cork with fourteen. Ten counties have won hurling titles. Tipperary's John Doyle, with eleven medals, is the holder of the greatest number of individual titles.

An unusual publication is a short memoir by Alf MacLochlainn entitled *From Tipperary to Joseph's Prairie: the*



story of Joseph Ryan, the Seventh Man in Hayes's Hotel. Containing twenty-four pages it is a limited edition of 150 copies and sells at €5. It is available at Eason's in Clonmel and Lár na Páirce. Not associated much with the GAA after its foundation in 1884, Ryan was a man of two lives: "One of these lives was that of a young professional man, with a practice in Tipperary and vicinity, married and raising a family there; the other is that of a voluble, articulate, life-and-soul of the party in a small town on the Canadian frontier".

His grand-daughter is married to the author of this memoir. Ryan was born at Carrick-on-Suir in 1857 and died at Cranbrook, British Columbia, Canada in 1918.

John Scally, who wrote *Raising the Banner*, has a new publication. *Sporting Foot and Mouth* is a book of sporting quotes, many of them from the world of the GAA. Published by Blackwater Press, it sells for €12.99.

It contains some funny quotes from commentaries from Micheal Ó Muircheartaigh, including the one about Pat Fox and the dog. Some of the quotes are apocryphal but that makes the book all the better.

It's about time somebody wrote about Sean Boylan. *The Boylan Years: One Man, One Team, Twenty Years* is edited by Liam Hayes and looks at the career of Boylan as Meath football manager. It is based on interviews with over fifty players spanning Boylan's long-running tenure. Boylan won more than any other contemporary manager except Mick O'Dwyer.

His haul includes four All-Irelands, three NFL and eight Leinster titles. He was named Manager of the Year in 1999. The book is published by Carr and Hayes, the publishing firm of Liam Hayes and Tommy Carr, and sells for €25.99.

My final book would probably not be used for bedside reading, unless, of course, one were suffering from insomnia. *Strategic Review: Enhancing Community Identity*, published by Costar Association with no price attached, runs to 264 pages.

It is the result of a detailed analysis of the present stage of the GAA and a series of recommendations on how it should face the future. As this is being written the 'Strategic Review' is being discussed and debated in GAA circles up and down the country, and the debate culminated on the weekend of October 25/26. Unfortunately for the future of the organisation virtually every recommendation of substance was thrown out, referred to the implementation committee or just wearily withdrawn by the advocates, who included three of the last four presidents of the Association, Peter Quinn, Joe McDonagh and incumbent, Sean McCague.

## Trustees Honoured at Ballycahill Field

**A** plaque to the memory of John 'Yank' Bourke, Din Bannon and Phil Purcell, the first trustees of the GAA grounds, was unveiled at Ballycahill on September 29.

Chairman of club, Paddy Byrne, welcomed all present and introduced guest-of-honour, Pat Stakelum. In word

and in verse, Pat took his listeners back to 1936 and described the three trustees as leaders of the local community at the time. He spoke of how valuable the field was for the young men of Ballycahill.

After he unveiled the limestone plaque, it was blessed by Parish Priest, Fr Tom Breen. Other speakers included

Mid board chairman, Michael Bourke, and president, Bob Stakelum. The latter, who was present when the field was opened in 1936, recalled the teams and players who played on that historic day. Boherlahan played Upperchurch/Drombane in junior, and Holycross/Ballycahill played Thurles Kickhams in junior Number 2 grade.



All-Ireland winning captains Pat Stakelum (1949) and Declan Carr (1991) share a word at the unveiling of a plaque to honour the first trustees of Ballycahill GAA field.



# THOMAS WILLIAM CROKE: CHRONOLOGY OF HIS LIFE

**19 May 1823**

Born at Castlecór,  
Ballyclough, Co. Cork.

## Education

1834 Pupil at local village school,  
Castlecór.

1834-1839 Attended Endowed School,  
Charleville.

1839-1845 Student for priesthood at  
Irish College, Paris.

Mar-Aug 1845 Temporary teaching  
appointment at diocesan seminary in  
Menin, Belgium.

1845-1847 Student at Irish College,  
Rome.

## Priest

29 May, 1847 Ordained priest.

15 July 1847 Awarded Doctor of  
Divinity degree.

28 Oct 1847 Left Rome to return  
to Ireland

1847-1848 Professor of Rhetoric in  
St. Patrick's College, Carlow.

1848-1849 Professor of Dogmatic  
Theology in Irish College, Paris.

## Ministry in Cloyne Diocese

1849-1853 CC Charleville.

1853-1857 CC Middleton.

1857-1858 CC Mallow.

1858-1866 Founding President of  
St. Colman's College, Fermoy.

1866-1870 PP Doneraile.

18 Jan, 1869 Appointed Vicar  
General of Cloyne diocese.

## Bishop of Auckland, New Zealand

23 June, 1870 Appointed Bishop of  
Auckland.

10 July, 1870 Ordained bishop in

Church of St. Agatha, Rome.

25 June, 1874 Resigned as Bishop  
of Auckland.

## Archbishop of Cashel & Emly

24 June, 1875 Appointed Archbishop  
of Cashel & Emly.

14 July, 1875 Dr. Croke arrives in  
Thurles.

18 July, 1895 Silver Jubilee celebra-  
tion of Episcopal Ordination.

29 Dec, 1900 Announced plan to  
seek Coadjutor bishop.

18 April 1901 Dr. Thomas Fennelly  
appointed Coadjutor.

22 July, 1902 Archbishop Croke dies  
in Thurles.

26 July, 1902 Internment in Croke  
Chapel in Thurles Cathedral.

# CENTENARY COMMEMORATION July 22, 2002



Some of the clubs that took part in the Dr Croke Commemoration Parade in Liberty Square, Thurles.



Dr Clifford and Sean McCague, president of the GAA, lay a wreath at the Croke Memorial in Liberty Square, Thurles, to commemorate the centenary of the death of Dr Croke.

Some of the dignitaries who attended the wreath-laying ceremony at the Croke Memorial in Liberty Square, Thurles, to commemorate the centenary of the death of Dr Croke.



Liam Ó Donnchú, a member of the organising committee, outlines the history of the Croke Memorial at the wreath-laying ceremony to commemorate the centenary of the death of Dr Croke.



# MID TIPPERARY SCÓR

We started the 2001/2002 season with our AGM on Wednesday 10th October, with seven clubs sending delegates. Our first competition night of season, the Scór na nÓg final took place in Drom on Friday 23rd November. A packed hall enjoyed a very good night's entertainment from seven clubs, the winners progressing to county final at Cashel on 7th December, where despite good performances only Rosanne Purcell, Moycarkey/Borris in Aithriseoireacht got the nod on the night. Better luck next year. Roseanne went on to get second in Munster final in Kilkenny end of January 2002, a wonderful feat for such a young competitor.

Our Scór Sinsear final in Clonmore in February was not as good as we had hoped, some clubs let us down at last minute, but it was, nonetheless, a very enjoyable night. The winners went onto county final in Holycross fixed for 22nd February, but it had to be postponed till

March 1st as we had a very tragic death in Loughmore when Tommy O'Brien (RIP) was killed felling a tree, but despite all her trauma his wife Joanne bravely went onto compete in music competition representing Loughmore, and when winners Silvermines were unable to travel to Cappamore, Loughmore was nominated. From there they qualified to go to Munster Final in Killarney, as did the Ballad Group from Moyne/Templetuohy, the JK Brackens, Novelty Act, and Richard Brennan, Loughmore in recitation. All performed well and did us proud but were unlucky on the night.

In Scór na bPáiste we had two semi-finals first in Upperchurch and second in Loughmore. The final was in Templetuohy on March 22nd. A great night where all competitions were hotly contested, all items were winners, but it was a pity some items had to be picked to go to Cashel for county final on 12th April where JK Brackens won Rince Foirne, Catriona Ryan, Moyne/Temple-

tuohy got the not in Amhráníocht Aonair, second in Ceol Uirlise for JK Brackens also second for Carol Hassett, Drom/Inch in Aithriseoireacht, Upperchurch came second in Tráth na gCeist and Nuachleas and JK Brackens got the set.

Many thanks to the host clubs over the season, their help is invaluable on competition nights and where would we be without the ladies in the tea-rooms. Appreciation also to everyone who helped to put the shows on stage especially the parents and teachers of our junior competitors. Also, our sponsors.

Elected Officers for 2002/03 Cathaoirleach, Noel Joyce, JK Brackens. Leas Cathaoirleach, Paddy Cooney, Moycarkey, Runai, Margaret O'Connell Moycarkey. Leas Runai, Paula Quinn, Loughmore/Castleiney, Cisteoir, Nora Troy, Sarsfields and Leas Cisteoir, Mick Troy, Moyne/Templetuohy. Delegates to county scor, Paddy Cooney and Anne O'Meara, Drom-Inch

## WINNERS

	Scór na nÓg	Scór Sinsear	Scór na bPáiste
Rince Foirne	JK Brackens		JK Brackens
Amhráníocht Aonair	Loughmore/C	Loughmore/C	Loughmore/C
Ceol Uirlise	Loughmore/C	Loughmore/C	JK Brackens
Aithriseoireacht	Moycarkey/Borris	Loughmore/C	Drom-Inch
Bailead Grúpa	JK Brackens	Moyne/Templetuohy	Upperchurch
Tráth na gCeist	Boherlahan/Dualla	JK Brackens	Upperchurch
Nuachleas	JK Brackens	JK Brackens	Upperchurch
Rince Seit	JK Brackens	JK Brackens	JK Brackens

Nora Troy, PRO

## SCÓR THIOBRAID ÁRANN

Coiste Scór Thiobraid Árann had a busy season 2001/2002 and while we would like to see more participation from the clubs in the four divisions, we are grateful to those, who compete constantly first for the honour of representing the parish and, if they get a win along the way, that is a bonus. We were delighted to welcome Shannon Rovers after a long absence, it was great to see the club back after the final in Ardcroney with seven items out of eight categories, three of which got to county final. Siobhan Weafer went on to Munster on 23rd March in Killarney, progressed to All Ireland also in Killarney on April 20th, where she was a clear-cut winner of this prestigious competition.

Our thanks to Loughmore/Castleiney Club runner up in music competition despite one of team suffering a tragic bereavement competed in county final on Friday 1st March. Then after winning

Silvermines, were unable to go on to Cappamore for Munster semi-final Loughmore agreed to go the next night March 2nd and got through to Munster final. This tragedy also effected the extended family in JK Brackens Club also competing in County final. Despite having seven items in Munster final, all giving excellent performances, we were only lucky with Siobhan Weafer.

Our Scór na nÓg final in Cashel on 7th December 2001 was a very entertaining competition despite only three divisions being represented. Hopefully the West will be back in Scór na nÓg this coming season. Borrisoleigh 'swept the boards' taking seven of the eight titles, a unique achievement. Roseanna Purcell won the Aithriseoireacht competition. Our representatives travelled to Cappamore on Saturday January 5th 2002 for Munster semi final from which five categories Solo Song, Anne M

Kavanagh, Bailead Grupa, Nuachleas and Rince Seit from Borrisoleigh and Roseanna Purcell went onto Munster Final on January 27th where we only had a number of second places on the night. Well done to all our representatives.

Our county final of Scór na bPáiste was held in Cashel on Friday 12th April 2002. This is a great competition that creates interest in scór all over the county. A crowded hall enjoyed a very varied programme, where the standard was extremely high, hopefully these primary school children will retain their interest in scór as they mature.

We had a wonderful celebration of Siobhan Weaters Solo Song win in All Ireland organized by Tom Gleeson, North scór secretary on behalf of Coiste Scór in Ballinderry. Siobhan is a lovely joyful person with a great voice. She will be a great ambassadoress for our Irish Culture in Europe.



Election of Officers on 16th October 2002: Cathaoirleach, Johnny Delaney, JK Bracken, Leas Cathaoirleach, Seamus McGrath, Newcastle. Runai, Mary Murphy,

Newcastle. Cisteoir Dan Madden, Templederry, Asst Sec. Nora Troy, Sarsfields, Leas Cisteoir, Margaret O'Connell Moycarkey/Borris, OCP Nora Troy, Thurles

Sarsfields. Delegates to Scór na Mumhan, Seamus McGrath and Dan Madden.

Nora Troy PRO

### CO TIPPERARY WINNERS

	Scór na nÓg	Scór Sinsear	Scór na bpáistí
Rince Foirne	Borrisileigh	Borrisileigh	JK Brackens
Amhráinocht Aonair	Borrisileigh	Shannon Rovers	Moyne Templetuohy
Ceol Uirlise	Borrisileigh	Silvermines	Templederry
Aithriseoireacht	Moycarkey/Borris	Loughmore/C	Portroe
Bailead Ghrupa	Borrisileigh	Moyne/Templetuohy	Ballingarry
Tráth na gCeist	Borrisileigh	JK Brackens	Borrisileigh
Nuachleas	Borrisileigh	JK Brackens	Templederry
Rince Seit	Borrisileigh	Cappawhite	JK Brackens

Nora Troy, PRO

## MASTER HURLERS REACH ALL-IRELAND FINAL



The Tipperary Masters panel that played Limerick in the All-Ireland final at Birr. Back row: Seamus Bourke, Jimmy Dunne, Liam Maher, Pat McGrath, John Sherlock, Martin Bourke, John Sheedy, John Hassett, Pat Ryan, Anthony O'Neill, Liam Keogh, Franny Kelly, Pat O'Neill, Frankie McGrath. Front row: Sam Walsh, Kevin Fox, Peter Brennan, Pat Looby, Pat Ivors, Pat Fox, Tom McGrath (captain), Jackie Bolger, John McCormack, Stephen Henessy, Ger Ryan, Larry Mackey (manager). Mascots: Sinead O'Neill, Kate O'Neill and Sarah O'Neill.



Tipperary Masters hurling selectors photographed prior to the All-Ireland final against Limerick at Birr. Pictured: John Treacy, Larry Mackey (manager) and Pat Dunlea.



Tom McGrath (captain of the Tipperary Masters panel); referee J. Guinan (Kilkenny) and Mike Alfred (Limerick captain) photographed prior to the start of the Masters hurling All-Ireland final at Birr.

Sam Walsh controls the ball under pressure from Mike Alfred (Limerick) during the Masters All-Ireland final at Birr.





# County Bord na nÓg Results

by Paddy Nagle, Runai

## GARDA CUP

This competition is run between the our divisions in Tipperary and sponsored by the Garda Síochána of Tipperary. It is a cup and shield competition. The draw was North v Mid and South v West. First round results South 2-15 West 1-7. Played in New Inn. The north and mid drew on the score of 2-12 each. In the replay Mid defeated North 1-7 to 0-6 after a close game. The cup final between South and Mid was played in Killanaule. Mid defeated South by 3-14 to 1-9. In the shield final played in Dr Morris Park, West Tipp defeated North Tipp by 2-7 to 1-8.

## FEILE PEIL NA NÓG

The National finals of Feile Peil Na nÓg 2002 were held in Carlow. Tipperary Bord Na nÓg held a competition to find a Team to represent the County at this festival of Football. Moyle Rovers defeated Arravale Rovers 3-7 to 0-4 in one semi-final. Burgess Gaels overcame Durlas Óg on the score of 3-7 to 1-2. In the second semi-final. In the final Moyle Rovers defeated Burgess Gaels by 2-10 to 0-6.

## FEILE NA nGAEL

The National finals of the Feile Na nGael U-14 hurling competition for 2002 were held in Antrim.

In the first semi-final played in New Inn Killanaule overcame Knockavilla Kickhams. In the second semi-final Toomevara overcame Durlas Óg after a very close game and extra time on the score Toomevara 0-14 Durlas Óg 1-9. In the final Toomevara overcame Killanaule in a one-sided game.

In the national finals Toomevara were defeated by O'Loughlin Gaels of Kilkenny, the eventual runners-up of the competition.

## FEILE SKILLS

Aidan Fogarty of the Cashel King Cormacks Club won the Feile Skills Competition.

## LONG PUCK

Kevin Moran of the Moycarkey Borris Club won the long puck competition.

## U-12 FOOTBALL

### U-12 A

In the first semi-final Arravale Rovers defeated Moyle Rovers 0-7 to 0-2 while Loughmore/Castleiney defeated Kildangan 2-1 to 1-1. In the final played in Semple Stadium, Loughmore/Castleiney defeated Arravale Rovers after a close game by 1-7 to 1-3.



*The Loughmore-Castleiney panel and selectors that won the county U-12 'A' football title by defeating Arravale Rovers in the final at Semple Stadium. Back: Maureen Connolly, Sean Johnston, Donal Leahy (all selectors) and Eamonn Sweeney (chairman). Middle: Tomas McGrath, Damien Sweeney, Henry Maher, Patrick Moynihan, Cian Hennessy, Denis Leahy, Ciaran Hackett, Noel McGrath (capt), Liam McGrath, Ray Moore, Kevin Johnston, Eamonn Connolly, Michael Cummins, Thomas Quinn, Patrick Nolan, Richard Maher. Front: Marty Ryan, Michael Carroll, Liam Treacy, Paul Morris, Aidan McGrath, William Eviston, John McGrath, John Maher, Aaron Sweeney, Niamh McGrath, Patrick Nolan, Kevin O'Connell, Padraic Hennessy, Denis Brerton, Eamonn McGrath.*



*The Loughmore-Castleiney that won the county U-12 'A' hurling title by defeating Clonoulty-Rossmore in the final at Semple Stadium. Back: Maureen Connolly (selector), Eamonn Sweeney (chairman), Sean Johnston and Donal Leahy (selectors). Middle: Tomas McGrath, Padraic Hennessy, Liam Treacy, Damien Sweeney, Cian Hennessy (capt), John Maher, Aaron Sweeney, Eamonn Connolly, Ray Moore, Kevin Johnston, Patrick Moynihan, Ciaran Hackett, Thomas Quinn, Niamh McGrath, Richard Maher, Denis Leahy, Willie Eviston, Noel McGrath. Front: Joseph Nyland, Marty Ryan, Eamonn McGrath, Kevin O'Connell, Patrick Cummins, John McGrath, Liam McGrath, Corry O'Brien, Michael Cummins, Henry Maher, Patrick Nolan, Aidan McGrath, Paul Morris, Patrick Nolan.*



*Divisional participants in the County Bord na nÓg Poc Fada competition (U-14) at Thurles: Paul Fitzgerald, Cappawhite; Joe Moloughney, Toomevara; Jonathan O'Mahoney, Clonmel Óg and Kevin Moran, Moycarkey-Borris, winner.*





Divisional participants in the Co Bord na nÓg Skills competition (U-14) at Thurles: Michael Carr, Holycross-Ballycahill; Aidan Fogarty, Cashel King Cormacks, winner; Paul Deady, Clonmel Óg and Eoin Hogan, Kilruane MacDonaghs.



The Toomevara panel that won the Feile na nGael tournament (U-14 hurling) by defeating Killenaule at Pairc na nÓg, Thurles. Back row: Tomas Hogan, Colm McCarthy, Gary Delaney, Jamie Quigley, Joseph McLoughney, Darren Cuddihy, Robert Duff, Timmie Gleeson, capt; Alan Hughes, Jim Duignan, Conor Brislane, Patrick Grace, Philip Ryan, Darren Delaney, Aidan Cahill, John Coffey. Front: Craig Connolly, Damien O'Meara, Kieran Ryan, David Nolan, Paddy O'Rourke, Kevin Delaney, Niall McCormack, Kieran McGrath, Seamus (Oige) O'Meara, Simon O'Meara, Andy O'Rourke, Liam O'Meara, Patrick Haverty, Stephen Gleeson, Conor O'Meara, Shane Nolan.



Tipperary U-16 panel and mentors pictured after they defeated Galway in the Arrabawn Co-op Inter-County U-16 tournament. Back row: Noel Russell, manager; Noel Browne, selector; Barry Grogan, Joe Dixon, Shane Carroll, Rickie McGrath, Jim Bob McCarthy, Shane O'Brien, Brian McCormack, Darragh Egan, Barry O'Donovan, Eddie Grant, selector; Tom Kennedy, selector; Vincent McKenna, selector. Middle: Ian Murphy, James Woodlock, Colm Campion, John Coleman, Declan Walsh, Pat Dwyer, Colm Larkin, Kieran Bergin, (Killenaule), Kieran Bergin (Golden), Michael Harding. Front: Sean Ryan, Ian Delaney, Tomas Gleeson, Liam Devane, Tom King, David O'Connor, Daniel Kirby.

#### U-12B

In the first semi-final Cashel King Cormacks defeated St Patrick's, Drangan by the narrowest of margins, while Upperchurch/Drombane defeated Kilruane McDonaghs. In the final Upperchurch/Drombane defeated Cashel King Cormacks.

#### U-12C

In the semi-finals Ballyporeen defeated Golden Kilfeacle while Newport defeated Clonakenny.

In the final Newport defeated Ballyporeen 3-5 to 2-2.

### UNDER-14

#### U-14 A

In the first semi-final Durlas Óg and Kilruane McDonaghs drew on the score of 1-5 each. In the replay Durlas Óg won after a close game 3-6 to 2-6. In the second semi-final Clonmel Óg defeated Arravale Rovers 2-8 to 1-6. In the final the sides finished Level. In the replay Clonmel Óg won by 2-15 to 0-13.

#### U-14 B

In the first semi-final Moycarkey Borris overcame Templederry by the narrowest of margins 2-4 to 1-6. While Mullinahone and Cashel King Cormacks drew 1-6 all. In the replay Mullinahone defeated Cashel by 3-7 to 0-6. In the final Mullinahone defeated Moycarkey/Borris.

#### U-14 C

In the first semi-final St Martins/Marlfield defeated Sean Treacys 3-8 to 3-4 in the other semi-final Kildangan defeated Boherlahan-Iualla 3-9 to 1-0. In the final St Martins/Marlfield defeated Kildangan 1-11 to 1-2.

### U-16 FOOTBALL

#### U-16 A

In the first semi-final Moyle Rovers defeated Golden /Kilfeacle 4-8 to 2-6, while Gortnahoe/Glengoole defeated Kilruane McDonaghs 1-10 to 1-4. In the final Moyle Rovers and Gortnahoe drew 3-10 all. In the replay Moyle Rovers won by 2-9 to 0-13.

#### U-16 B

In the first semi-final Drom/Inch defeated Silvermines while Clonoulty/Rossmore and Killenaule drew. In the replay Clonoulty defeated Killenaule after a close game. In the final Drom/Inch defeated Clonoulty/Rossmore.

#### U-16 C

In the first semi-final Ballingarry defeated Eire Óg/Anacarty, while in the second semi-final Clonakenny and Templederry drew 2-9 each. In the replay Templederry defeated Clonakenny 2-11 to 1-4.

### U-12 HURLING

#### U-12 A

In the semi-final Clonoulty/Rossmore and Moyle Rovers drew at Ardfinnan In the replay Clonoulty/Rossmore won. In the second seen-final Loughmore/Castleiney defeated Nenagh Eire Óg after a close game. In the final played in Semple Stadium Loughmore/Castleiney defeated Clonoulty/Rossmore by 1-10 to 1-3.

#### U-12B

The semi-final between Carrick Davins and Rockwell Rovers resulted in a win for Davins by 4-5 to 1-7. In the other semi-final played in Templederry Moneygall defeated Moycarkey/Borris. In the final Moneygall defeated Carrick Davins by 2-7 to 1-3.



## U-12 C

In the semi-final played in Cahir between Clonmel Óg and Lattin-Cullen. Clonmel won while Lorrha/Dorrha accounted for Clonakenny. In the final Lorrha easily defeated Clonmel Óg.

## U-14 HURLING

### U-14 A

In the first semi-final Toomevara defeated Durlas Óg, and in the second semi-final Clonmel Óg defeated Arncliffe Rovers. In the final Toomevara defeated Clonmel Óg by 3-8 to 2-2.

### U-14 B

In the first semi-final Portroe defeated Moycarkey/Borris 4-3 to 1-5, in the second semi-final Killenaule defeated Cashel King Cormacs. In the final Killenaule defeated Portroe by 0-11 to 1-2.

### U-14 C

In the first semi-final Golden-Kilfeacle defeated Newcastle, while Kildangan defeated Durlas Óg (B). In the final Kildangan defeated Golden-Kilfeacle by 6-17 to 0-2.

## U-16 HURLING

### U-16 A

In the first semi-final Durlas Óg defeated Kilruane McDonaghs after a close game by 3-15 to 2-12. In the second semi-final Carrick Swan defeated Kickhams by 3-14 to 3-3. In the final played at Leahy Park, Cashel, Durlas Óg defeated Carrick Swan by 5-10 to 2-9.

### U-16 B

In the first semi-final Shannon Rovers defeated Boherlahan/Dualla after a close game by 2-8 to 0-10. In the other semi-final played in New Inn, Moyle Rovers defeated Cappawhite by 0-12 to 0-10. In the final Moyle Rovers defeated Shannon Rovers to record a famous victory and win their first ever county hurling championship by 1-11 to 1-8.

### U-16 C

In the first semi-final Durlas Óg (B) defeated Portroe after a close game by 1-9 to 1-6. In the second semi-final Clonmel Óg defeated Emly. In the final Durlas Óg (B) defeated Clonmel Óg after a close game by 2-6 to 0-10. In winning the U-16 C hurling championship Durlas Óg became the first club to record the double of winning both the A and C championships in the one year.

## PEADAR CUMMINS U-14 HURLING TOURNAMENT

This tournament is run by the Borrisleigh Club in conjunction with Tipperary Board na nÓg for the purpose of selecting a Tipperary U-14 hurling team to take part in the annual Tony Forristall tournament held in Waterford annually.

This year's tournament between the four divisions was a close affair with the South Division winning the tournament out right, and the West winning the shield.

On behalf of Tipperary Bord Na nÓg



*The Durlas Óg 'A' panel that won the county U-16 'A' hurling title by defeating Carrick Swans at Cashel. Back: Declan Ryan, Justin Cleary, Ian Maher, Brian White, Andrew Fogarty, Owen Russell, Thomas Dorney, Richard O'Gorman, Barry O'Donovan, Tom King (capt), Conor Murphy, Liam Bannon, Muiris O'Sullivan, Ronan Walsh, Barry O'Loughlin, Stephen Fewer, David Morris, Shane Dorney. Front: Morgan Gleeson, Paul Kennedy, Barry Maher, Mark Ruddy, Cian Gleeson, John Maher, Michael Collins, Stephen Lillis, Greg Bowe, Kevin O'Halloran, Paddy Burke, Joseph O'Mahony, Michael Gleeson, Shane Maher, Gareth Foxton. Missing: John Joe Bourke, Paul Connors.*



*The Durlas Óg 'B' panel that won the county U-16 'C' hurling title. Back: Shane Doherty, Declan Ryan, Scott Glen, Morgan Gleeson, Muiris O'Sullivan, Gareth Forton, Ian Maher, Rhonan Walsh, David Morris, Paddy Burke. Front: John Joe Burke, Shane Maher, Shane Maher, Joseph O'Mahony, Justin Cleary, Stephen Fewer, Michael Gleeson.*



*The Drom-Inch panel that won the county U-16 'B' football title by defeating Clonoulty-Rossmore at Drombane. Back: Martin Flynn (joint manager), Matthew Ryan, Martin Butler, James Ryan, Gary Ryan, James Woodlock, Kieran Young, Eric Woodlock, Ciaran Hassett, Donnacha Kennedy, Eamonn O'Doherty (joint selector), Damien Young (coach). Front: Daniel De Burca, Seamus Callanan, Matthew Buckley, Johnie Ryan, Mark Cahill, Edward Costello (captain), Cathal Flynn, Vincent Black, Mark Collins, Enda Walsh, Michael Butler.*

I would to thank the Borrisleigh Club for all their help and assistance in the running of this tournament.

## ARABAWN CO-OP U-16 INTER CO HURLING TOURNAMENT

Tipperary Bord Na nÓg are once more grateful to Arrabawn Co-op for their continued sponsorship of of this

prodigious U-16 inter-county hurling tournament run by Tipperary Bord na nÓg on Saturday August 31st and Sunday September 1st, 2002, at four venues in Tipperary. This was the fifteenth year of the competition and twelve counties took part.

**Round robin games Group (A) venue**



**Borrisileigh:** Offaly 0-8, Laois 0-8; Offaly 1-3, Kilkenny 2-12; Kilkenny 2-15, Laois 1-3. *Group Winner:* Kilkenny.

**Group (B) venue Dr Morris Plc:** Wexford 3-7, Waterford 2-8; Wexford 0-7, Dublin 1-8; Waterford 2-8, Dublin 1-5. *Group Winner:* Waterford.

**Group (C) venue Thurles Sarsfields Grounds:** Cork 2-10, Clare 2-8; Cork 2-8, Galway 2-10; Galway 1-6, Clare 0-6. *Group Winner:* Galway.

**Group (D) venue The Ragg:** Limerick 0-8, Tipperary 3-9; Limerick 1-13, Westmeath 0-5; Tipperary 3-12, Westmeath 0-0. *Group Winner:* Tipperary. *Semi-Final Draw A v D C v B.*

**Semi-Finals:** Tipperary 4-12, Kilkenny 3-11; Galway 0-6, Waterford 0-4. *Arrabawn final* Tipperary 1-12, Galway 1-3. *Plate final* Waterford 1-14 Kilkenny 0-15.

The panel on duty for the victorious Tipperary team were as follows: Barry O'Donovan (Durlas Óg), Darragh Egan (Kildangan), Thomas Gleeson (Arravale Rovers), Ian Delaney (JK Brackens), Sean Ryan (Moneygall), Colum Campion (Loughmore/C), Jim Bob McCarthy (Golden/Kilfeacle), Shane Carroll (Shannon Rovers), Richard McGrath (Carrick Davins), Ian Murphy (Killenaule), Liam Devane (Clonoulty/Rossmore), James Woodlock (Drom/Inch), David O'Connor (Borrisileigh), Kieran Bergin (Killenaule), Shane O'Brien (Ballina), Paul O'Dwyer (Knockavilla/K), Colm Larkin (Borrisokane), John Coleman (Gortnahoe/G) capt. Kieran Bergin (Galtee Rovers), Daniel Kirby (Moycarkey-Borris), Micheal Harding (Golden/Kilfeacle), Brian McCormack (St Patricks/Dranagan), Barry Grogan (Aherlow), Tom King (Durlas Óg), Joe Dixon (Kildangan), Declan Walsh (Arravale Rovers).

#### U-15 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT (CORK CITY)

Tipperary's U-15 footballers acquitted them well when invited into a football tournament in Cork City.

Teams involved were Cork City, Limerick, Clare, and Tipperary. After playing three games they were unlucky to lose the Shield Final to Limerick by 0-7 to 0-4.

**First round games:** Limerick 1-3, Tipperary 1-1; Tipperary 1-4, Cork City 0-3; Tipperary 3-6, Clare 0-1.

#### CARRIGHAUN U-15 HURLING TOURNAMENT

Tipperary U-15 Hurling were pleased with their performance, only to be knocked out by old rivals Cork on score difference.

#### TONY FORRISTAL U-14 HURLING TOURNAMENT

Tipperary went to Waterford with high hopes of retaining the title they won the previous year. They were drawn in the same group as Limerick, Waterford and Wexford.

Defeated by Limerick in the first

game they never recovered, struggled to beat Wexford and were defeated by Waterford.

#### BUIOCHAS

I would like to thank my fellow officers of the board for their co-operation and dedication during the Year. To divisional boards for their tireless efforts in promoting our games during the year I say thank you. I would also like to thank our referees, park committees, gate checkers and supporters, the local newspapers and radio.

#### CO BOARD NA nÓG OFFICERS 2002

*Chairman:* Michael Loneran (Ardfinnan), *Secretary:* Paddy Nagle, (Carrick-on-Suir), *Treasurer:* Frank Morris (JK Brackens), *PRO:* Richard Sheehan, (Mullinahone), *representative to senior board,* Jim Lynch (Cahir).

#### Divisional board representatives on county board:

*Mid:* JC Ryan, Martin Treacy, John Smith, Neil Ryan.

*West:* Liam O'Dwyer, Gerry Beary, Tommy Fitzgerald, Richard O'Connor.

*South:* Jim Hennessy, Dick Egan, Liam Bolger, Christy Aylward.

*North:* Connie Grace, Ann McGrath, Olly Kelly, Garry O'Flynn.

#### COUNTY RESULTS 2002

##### U-12 A FOOTBALL

Loughmore/Castleiney 1-7, Arravale Rovers 1-3.

##### U-12 B FOOTBALL

Upperchurch-Drombane 2-3, Cashel King Cormacs 0-3.

##### U-12 C FOOTBALL

Newport 3-5, Ballyporeen 2-2.

##### U/14 A FOOTBALL

Clonmel Óg 1-3, Durlas Óg 0-6.

Replay: Clonmel Óg 2-15,

Durlas Óg 0-13.

##### U-14 B FOOTBALL

Mullinahone 1-7, Moycarkey/Boris 0-5.

##### U-14 C FOOTBALL

St Martin's, Marlfield 1-11, Kildangan 1-2.

##### U-16 A FOOTBALL

Moyle Rovers 3-10, Gortnahoe/Glengooole 3-10. *Replay:* Moyle Rovers 2-9, Gortnahoe/Glengooole 0-13.

##### U-16 B FOOTBALL

Drom/Inch 4-10, Clonoulty/Rossmore 2-4.

##### U-16 C FOOTBALL

Ballingarry 2-11, Templederry 1-4.

##### U-12 A HURLING

Loughmore/Castleiney 1-10, Clonoulty/Rossmore 1-3.

##### U-12 B HURLING

Moneygall 2-7, Carrick Davins 1-3.

##### U-12 C HURLING

Loroha 6-7, Clonmel Óg 1-1.

##### U-14 A HURLING

Toomevara 3-8, Clonmel Óg 2-2.

##### U-14 B HURLING

Killenaule 0-11, Portroe 1-2.

##### U-14 C HURLING

Kildangan 6-17, Golden/Kilfeacle 0-2.

##### U-16 A HURLING

Durlas Óg 5-10 Carrick Swan 2-9.

##### U-16 B HURLING

Moyle Rovers 1-11, Shannon Rovers 1-8.

##### U-16 C HURLING

Durlas Óg 2-6, Clonmel Óg 0-10.



*Co. Bord na nÓg officers and guests photographed at the board's AGM at the Park Avenue House, Thurles. Seated: Ricky Sheehan, PRO; Paddy Nagle, secretary; Michael Loneran, chairman; Frank Morris, treasurer. Standing: Michael Frawley, Co Football Board chairman; Donie Shanahan, Co Senior Board vice-chairman; Con Hogan, Co Senior Board chairman; Tom Collum, Games Development Committee and Schools Servicing officer.*



# Youth Committee Report 2002

The year started late in May with the ground hurling tournament skills. The small committee of five people proceeded to organise the games throughout the divisions. By October over 90% of clubs had participated in the games.

It has been over two years since it was last run. So we were more than pleased with the success of it.

We must thank the many people who helped us; clubs who supplied fields and many club people who gave their precious time to us in the helping of the running of the games on the days.

Next year a similar project should run involving the football. But that's for another day.

We then proceeded to run a mini game in between the two county finals involving U-12 players from all divisions. Unfortunately some clubs never replied to our letters for a name, with the result

that a couple of clubs had no rep on these teams. Hopefully next year they will be involved.

My thanks to all who helped on both Sundays, especially Tipp Senior Board, Semple Stadium, the parents of the children and those club officers who helped us.

Next it is the quiz, this annual competition takes place on December 13. By the time you read this the winners will be known. Many thanks to all who help to organise this event each year.

We as a committee are now in the process of organising a new competition for primary schools, an IT competition involving both the Tipp Institute and the County Board.

It is hoped that each primary school in Tipperary will, on computer disk, do an item on the GAA in their locality or on what the GAA means to them, as an organisation. The closing date is February 14, 2003.

The dates of the county finals are as follows: South and West, first Saturday in March 2003 on the campus in Clonmel and North and Mid, the second Saturday in March on the college campus in Thurles.

Finally I would like to express my thanks to all who have helped me during the year. The various parents, teachers, coaches, clubs and players. To all County Board officials of both Senior and Bord na nÓg, also to the various committee members who make up the committee: Nicholas Moroney, JC Ryan, Liam Hogan, Daniel Connery, and last but not least Andy O'Gorman. I want to especially thank Andy for his many years hard work for the youth of both Mid and county Tipperary.

With that I wish each and everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas and a very happy New Year.

*John Hally*  
Co Youth Officer



Moycarkey/Borris at the Mid Tipperary U-11 Ground Hurling Tournament in Semple Stadium



Thurles Sarsfields mascots for the county final, Aidan McCormack and Caley Maher.



Health Board officials with County Board officials at the presentation of training bibs to juvenile clubs with the "Be Active, Be Happy, Be Healthy" slogan.



# Schools Table Quiz County Final



Loughmore NS: 2nd place in the county finals of the Primary Schools GAA Table Quiz at Park Avenue House Hotel, Thurles. Seated: Aidan McGrath, Noel McGrath, Shane Nolan and Lorraine McGrath. Standing: Brian Tyrell, Co Board Youth Officer; Stephen Maher, Loughmore NS; Andy O'Gorman, Mid Board Youth Officer.



Upperchurch NS: winners of the county finals of the Primary Schools GAA Table Quiz. Seated: Paul Ryan, Colm Ryan, Joe Maguire and Joseph Lowry (team members). Standing: Brian Tyrell, Co Board Youth Officer; PJ Harrington and Mary Corcoran, Upperchurch NS; Andy O'Gorman, Mid Board Youth Officer.

Kilruane NS: 3rd place in the county finals of the Primary Schools GAA Table Quiz. Seated: Padraig Kelly, Pat Conway, Paula Reddan and Cian Williams (team members). Standing: Brian Tyrell, Co Board Youth Officer; Gilbert Williams, Kilruane NS; Liam Hogan, North Tipperary Youth Officer.

## Mick Prior Memorial Tournament



This tournament is held annually to commemorate Mick Prior, who did a lot of work with Juvenile Hurling and all levels of hurling in Borrisoleigh. He dedicated all his spare time to promoting hurling in the parish and also all over the county. He also held various Bord positions in the North Board.

In the final after a great game Borrisoleigh beat a very gallant Moyne-Templateuhy team by one point. Paddy Prior, brother of the late Mick Prior, presented the trophy to the winning captain, Benny Harkins. Both the winners and runners-up were presented with medals.

Pictured, first photograph: Borrisoleigh U-10 Hurling team, winners of the 2002 Mick Prior Memorial Tournament held in Borrisoleigh last October. Back: Sadie Kavanagh-Prior (niece), Paddy Prior (brother), Carmel Harkins (manager). Middle: John Ryan (F), Brendan Hennessy, Daniel Ryan, Trevor Ryan, Damian Dunne, Dan McCormack, Tommy Mocklar, Jack Bourke, Stephen Shanahan, Denis Ryan. Front: Philip Fahey, Laim Ryan, Seamus Doolan, Benny Harkins (capt), Barry O'Dwyer, Matt Stapleton, Paul Stapleton, Jas McCormack.



Pictured, second photograph: The Moyne Templateuhy team which contested the final.



# PREMIERVIEW

## TIPPERARY ON-LINE GAA FANZINE

**I**t is almost a cliché at this stage to say that the computer age is now well and truly upon us. While the computer has been an integral part of industry and economic activity for decades, it can be fairly said that it is only with the arrival of the Internet as a widely used application that the PC has taken its place as a genuine alternative to the "paper trail". Given the massive increase in the media coverage, and the subsequent upsurge in interest in Gaelic Games, it was inevitable that there would be a crossover between our national games, and the new national interest in the Internet.

This has manifested itself in the sprouting up of a wide variety of GAA related web-sites. For the uninitiated, a web-site is essentially an electronic book that appears on your PC screen, and can be leafed through using the PC mouse. While a web-site will never approach the special aura that a good bookshelf holds for the avid reader, it does offer great flexibility and scope for easily storing and accessing information. Most if not all counties have an official GAA site at this stage, and indeed many clubs also have joined the Internet era with great enthusiasm. For those of us who are desk-bound on a regular basis, and in true Nick Hornby style find our minds drifting – in the words of Bryan MacMahon – to Cork, Killarney, Thurles town or by the Shannon's race – the GAA sites provide a window from the humdrum of everyday industry, into the very special world which captures our interest in a way that the exigencies of business never could.

In the early part of 2000, two Tipperary supporters set about merging their interest in Tipperary GAA with a small degree of computer literacy. The result of this was the creation of a new web-site dedicated to Tipperary GAA, and is called Premierview. This site can be accessed at [www.premierview.pro.ie](http://www.premierview.pro.ie). Premierview has steadily gone from strength to strength over this time and now boasts a variety of features, which compare favourably with any official sites. Brian Corrigan and Martin Ryan – two North Tipperary men – are the people behind Premierview, and their own

particular areas of interest and comparative expertise have dovetailed nicely to benefit the site. Brian takes care of all the technical and administrative side of the site, while Martin does the writing and research for the various features. Brian and Martin have been avid Tipperary supporters for many years, with over four decades of experience of Gaelic Games, both as players and supporters between them.

Perhaps the piece de resistance of the site is a short history of Tipperary hurling titled – with deference to Raymond Smith's great original work – "Decades of Glory". This area covers – in about 10,000 words – over a century of the fortunes of Tipperary hurling teams in different grades and competition. It is meticulously researched, and provides a fast-moving account of the highs and lows that the county has encountered over the years.

There is also a feature of "Tipperary's Hurling Immortals" – which takes a detailed look at some of the many outstanding individual hurlers who have represented the county with distinction, and recognises their contributions. Further emphasis is placed on individual excellence with a feature on Tipperary's "Hurler of the Year" award winners, while comprehensive lists of Tipp's Railway cup medallists, and All-Star award winners are also basic features of the site. Such details undoubtedly will appeal to people who like to have easy access to argument settling information. Another very interesting feature is a detailed list of Tipperary's All-Ireland winning teams, with the players' names and their clubs, which Premierview believes is a genuinely unique feature. Other features include quotes – both well-known and obscure – from various sources relating to Tipperary hurling, plus useful statistics on county final results and county champions across all grades of hurling. The great Tipperary full-forward line of Pat Fox, Cormac Bonnar, and Nicky English is also recalled in a detailed look back at their careers and the era in which they played together.

There are a number of GAA web-sites which essentially are discussion boards and little more than that, but while Premierview has been very careful to establish itself as a "web-site" rather

than a glorified chat site, it does have a chat area where supporters and interested parties can exchange views, discuss matches and players, or even have a good row on the merits or otherwise of a player or a referee's decision! This discussion board now boasts over 450 members and is increasing steadily.

Premierview's discussion area boasts a feature called "Settle a Bet" which must surely be unique among GAA web-sites anywhere. This feature began as the name suggests, purely as a question and answer topic, with the answers being provided by "Mulcair" – one of the site's main contributors. Over time, as users have grown more comfortable with the format, the "Settle a Bet" area has become a forum for discussing the intricacies of pretty much everything from parish boundaries, to the intricacies of the GAA's official guide, to Tipp's unfortunate tendency to lose big leads over the years.

Another feature of Premierview has been a range of articles and match previews. The articles – again written by "Mulcair" have been a surprising source of interest on the site and indeed across the web, as some of the more controversial views expressed have not always found favour with people from other counties. The match previews are done by a contributor called "Knocknagow" who is a regular attendee of games of all grades in Tipperary. Undoubtedly the highlight of the past twelve months for the site was when the then Tipperary manager, Nicky English, kindly agreed to give an interview to Premierview. This interview is still available to be perused on the site.

A huge amount of time and effort has been invested in bringing Premierview to its current position. The fact that it has achieved an accepted status as one of the more dynamic and progressive GAA web-sites despite being run on a part-time basis, and without any outside funding whatsoever, is a tribute to the enthusiasm and interest of the people involved. Premierview claims on its front page that it wishes to become recognised as one of the leading sources of information and opinion on Tipperary GAA. The evidence so far is that the fledgling site is a long towards achieving its goal.



# The Tipperary Association in London Celebrates 50 years

By Gerry Slevin

**O**n Friday March 1st in the London Marriott Hotel in Grosvenor Square, over five hundred exiled Tipperary people and friends gathered to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Tipperary Association in Britain's capital. A gala occasion it was, a great night of celebration and appropriate too that it should coincide with a great season in the Tipp GAA world – the winning of the All Ireland hurling title and two All-Ireland camogie titles.

Over the five decades since it came into being, the Association has been a true friend to the GAA in the Premier County and that was more than adequately recognised through the presence at the Golden Jubilee dinner of Tipp hurling manager, Nicky English, team captain Thomas Dunne, senior camogie captain Emily Hayden, junior counterpart Trish O'Halloran with those important pieces of silverware in their custody to be gazed upon and examined with great delight in the heart of London.

County Board chairman Con Hogan, secretary Michael O'Brien also travelled as did Michael's predecessor, Tommy Barrett and several friends of the Association. One very strong link with the birth of the Association was forged through the presence of John Doyle, Tipperary's most All-Ireland medal-laden player.

As a 22 year old, back in 1952 and with three All-Ireland senior medals then safely tucked away, John attended the function that first saw life breathed into the Association. Recalling that occasion, he told listeners that earlier that day in 1952 he had hurled with Tipp in Mitcham Stadium. He said that in succeeding years the Association had hosted the visit of many Tipp teams and the loyalty always shown to Tipperary people and the concern for their well-being, epitomised the very essence of the Association.

Association chairman Gus Casey from Templemore presided and its President Tom Milne from Ballymacegan, Lorrha was Master of Ceremonies. There too was the Association's Honorary Life President, Michael McCormack from Solohead, secretary and treasurer Des and Maura Hallifax (Templemore), PRO Larry Cooney from Annacarty who produced a special souvenir menu for the occasion, containing several articles on prominent Tipp GAA personnel along with due tribute to the late Dick Butler from Templederry, known as the father of the Association and its chairman from 1956 until his death in 1993.

These people are at the forefront of activity and with committee people Pat McNicholas from Kilcommon, Jim Ryan, Gortnahoe, Richard Fahey, Cahir and many

more, nothing was spared in time or energy in ensuring that the golden jubilee celebration was one that would long live in the memory of those who attended.

Among those who travelled from Ireland was Maureen Mortimer, a native of Newport and now residing in Kinsale, who was secretary of the Association from the late '50s until she returned to Ireland in 1985.

From the Irish Embassy came Colm O'Flynn representing the unavoidably absent Ambassador, Daithi O'Cheallaigh.

Bringing the good wishes of the GAA in Tipperary with him, Con Hogan said that when the Association was founded in 1952, times were not as prosperous as now and there was a need to have an organisation to help people who decided to make their home in London, to provide them with a sense of security, of belonging, of being among their own.

There was also a very strong affinity with the GAA over the years and he was well aware that the success achieved by

the Tipperary hurling and camogie teams the previous September provided a tremendous boost to morale among those exiled.

Many had travelled over to witness those achievements and it was his privilege and delight now to thank them for their support and to assure them how much it meant. The chief guests were the recipients of appropriate tokens in appreciation of their attendance and during the entertainment that followed, there was an Irish dance exhibition from members of the Sage family, formerly from Nenagh.

The Tipperary Association in London continues to thrive and just two weeks after its golden jubilee celebration, it participated in at the St Patrick's Day Parade. Blessed with strong leadership and equally strong membership, it still manages to fill a vacuum in what are now considered to be much more affluent times than those experienced when the Association came into being fifty years ago.

Long may the Association thrive.



*Celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the London Tipps: Con and Breda Hogan, Joan and Michael O'Brien.*



*London Association Golden Jubilee 1952-2002. Nicky English, Tommy Dunne and Kell Ryan.*



# Seanfhilí Thiobraid Árann

**A**ris í mbliana is í an fhilíocht a bheidh faoi chaibidil agam. Ní ar na filí cáiliúla nua-aimseartha a bheidh an bheim, ach ar fhilí a mhair i ndeisceart Thiobraid Árann san ochtú gcead deág. Caithimid a thuiscint go raibh an Ghaeilge á labhairt sa cheantar seo suas go 1850. Cé go raibh an teanga ag dul í léig ann, bhí sí i bhfad níos forleithne ná i dtuaisceart an chontae. Mar sin bhí cuid mhaith de fhilíocht na háite scríofa i nGaeilge. Is ar roinnt de na dánta seo a bheidh mé ag tagairt, san alt seo.

San lá atá inniu ann tá dearmad déanta ag a lán daoine ar na filí seo, ach ag an am sin bhí clú agus cáil orthu i ndeisceart Thiobraid Árann, Cill Chainnigh agus Port Láirge. Táimid faoi chomaoín ag dream beag a bhailigh dánta agus amhráin na dúiche, agus a chaomhnaigh iad dúinn. Murach iad ní bhéadh na seoda filíochta atá thíos luaite again.

Is é A Bhrid, a Stór, an chéad dán a pléfidh mé anseo. Scríobh Liam Ó Meachair an dán álainn seo. Tá cúlra an-suimiúil ag baint leis an saothar seo agus is fiú feachtaint air. Is í Bridget Sweetman, as Caisleán Aoife, Baile an Iarla (Kells), Co Chill Chainnigh, an cailín atá i gceist. Bhí an file, Tabhair-neoir ag Tigh na Naoi Míle leis an teasainm O'Draper, i ndianghrá leis. Dealraíonn sé go raibh fadhbanna ag an leannaín maidir le pósadh agus shocraigh Ó Meachair ar usaíd a chaint as seift a bhí mar nós ag an am. Le cabhair óna chaire í 1700, d'fhuadaigh sé Bridget ón a teach. Leanadh iad transa na tíre agus rugadh orthu. Tógadh an cailín abhaile agus fágadh an file croíbhriste. Tamall ina dhiaidh sin pósadh Bridget le Tomás Ó Cathail as Baile an Mhíle, Cluainín, duine a bhí bacach agus seargtha. Do réir tuairiscí bhí saol suarach aici ag fulaingt ainneise agus easpa saoirse. Ní raibh aon deis aici as sin amach bualadh le Liam agus fuair sí bás deirtear le breiseadh croí sa bhliain 1712 ag aois a triocha bliain. Seo eanas isea cuid de na véarsaí as A Bhrid a Stór agus taispeánann said an paisean agus an t-omás a mhothaigh an file don chailín.

*'A Bhrid, a stór, ná glac comhairle ó aoineach  
Tar agus foir orainn, ó tá mé im, éagmais  
Nó mara dtiocfaidh raghad fí shléibhtibh  
Nó go gleann na nGealt í bhfad óm, ghaolta*

*Raghaidh mé fhéin dhon Charraig amáireach  
Iarrfaidh mo mhuintir cár chaith mé an lá úd  
Déarfaidh mé leo gur í bhfochair mo ghrá gheal  
An cailín suairc des na Saoiteamánaigh.*

*A Bhrid, a stór, ná pós an seandúine  
Pós fear óg a dheánfas leanbh leat  
A shínfeas síos go clúmh ar leaba leat  
Agus a thabharfas póg nó dhó le taitneamh dhuit.*

*Buachaill mín de shíol geal Mheachair mé.  
Le fichid blian tá mé as diaidh na Carraige  
Níor bhailigh mé ór, a stór, ná airgead.  
Agus Cea mba liom an saol go léir do chaithfinn é*

*Thug mé grá dhuit agus tú beag bíogach  
Thug mé grá dhuit agus tú mór crionna  
An grá a bhíonn luath ní buan do bhíonn sé  
Grá na n-óg go deo ní scaoileann.*

Siúd thuas isea roinnt véarsaí a nochtann na mothúcháin ghrá a bhí ag an bhfile agus gan dabht is dán den scoth é.

Ag an am bhí na dánta áitiúla i mbeál an phobail agus bhí baint mhór acu le himeachtaí stairiúla agus soisialta an dúiche. Dán eile a cumadh ag druidim le deireadh an ochtú haois deág ná Cúirt an Fhaoitigh le Tiobóid de Búrca.

Is cur síos é ar thriail a tharla i gCluain Meala sa bhliain 1785. Bhí aighneas nimhneach idir Caitlicigh agus Protastúnaigh na tíre agus níorbh aon eisceacht é Cluain Meala. Seo leanas isea cúlra an dáin.

Óíche amháin bhí dream daoine ag ól i dtéach tabhairne sa bhaile. Tar éis tamaill thit fear darb ainm James Long ina chodladh. Le linn dó a bheith ina chodladh chuir duine, John Penny coineall lasta go feásóg Long agus dódh cuid mhór de. Dhúisigh Long agus bhí gach éinne ag magadh faoi. Nuair a thuig sé cad a bhí tar éis tárúint thosaigh troid mhillteanach. Sa choimhlint mharraigh Long gaol le Perry. Bhí an Perry seo gaolta le beirt den sloinne céanna a bhí ar an ngúire a chiontaigh an t-Athair Mac Sithigh i 1766.

Caitliceach ba ea Long agus mar sin bhí spéis mhór sa triail. Cheap gach duine nach raibh seans ar bith aige agus go gcrochfaí é mar bhí tromlach an ghúire neamhbháil do Chaitleicigh. Iontas na n-iontas áfach fuarthas

neamh-chiontach é. Ba é Tiobóid de Búrca, file a bhí cáiliúil de bharr a chuid veársaíochta, a scríobh an dán seo. Bhí sé i láthair sa chúirt don triail an lá stairiúil sin. Lasmuigh den chúirt bhí na mílte daoine ar na sráideanna, agus nuair a fógraíodh an bhreith, d'eirigh liu buach mór-thimpeall na h-áite. Seo leanas isea cuid do na véarsaí as Cúirt an Fhaoitigh ag comóradh na hócáide.

*Bhí mé i gCluain Meala agus  
chonaic mé aeradh ann*

*Ag an dá chreideamh do bhí ag  
cuir ar a chéile.*

*Dar mo bhasa, fuair mé boladh  
ró-bhreán ann*

*Idir Perry agus cuid eile a ghaolta.*

*Seámas Long, do bheirimse an chraobh duit  
Bráthair an Diúca, agus a phlúr scoth Bhuitéarach  
Is agatsa a bhí an caraid b'fhearr in Éirinn  
Is má chuaigh tú insa mbarra, ar mh'anam níor baol duit.*

*Gorta chughatsa, a Pherry, dén ní is dóigh leat  
Is gur bás ar a chac a fuair d'athair romhatsa  
Má maraíodh do dhailtín, dar Laichtín, ba chóir sin  
'Chionn dul in iomaidh le huaisle chríoch Fódla.*

Tá an dán deireannach atá piochta amach agam ag deileáil le faic-seanaíocht. Ní raibh an seansaol gan thoreigean ach an oiread. Seámas Ó Lanagáin a scríobh an dán seo. Bhí an nós go forleathan ar fud na tíre agus bhí sé ar a huasphointe idir na blianta 1780 - 1850. In ainneoin ráitisí ón gcléir leanadh leis na troideanna ag na haontaí agus áiteanna éile ina mbíodh sluaite bailithe. Níor chríochnaigh an lá gan chath fíochmhar idir na dreamanna éagsúla. Bhíodh bataí speisialta le luaidhe iontu ag na comhraiceoirí chun an damáiste ba mhó a dhéanamh. Ins na troideanna seo goineadh móran go dona agus uaireanta maraíodh daoine freisin. Is as Tiobraid Árann na faicsin atá luaite sa dán seo leis an teideal Amhrán Carabhataí Indeisceart an chontae bhí na Seanaveist agus na Carabhataí i síor iomaíocht lena chéile. Is ag na haontaí i Muileann na h-Uamhan, Baile an Gharra agus Callain is mó a bhíodh na troideanna ar siúl. Chuirfeadh siad deireadh le gnó an aonaigh agus leanfadh an choimhlint go dtí go mbéadh an bua ag taobh amháin. Bhí an file ina bhall do na Carabhataí agus ins an dán seo tá sé ag moladh an dreama seo agus á ghriosaigh chun éachtai eile a dhéanamh. Rugadh Ó Lanagáin gCill Mheanmnan in aice le Muileann na h-Uamhan. Deirtear gurbh amhránaí thar barr é, agus Carabhat dílis.

*Lá aonach na Nollag is ea ba atuirseach brón ár scéal  
Aige Rianaigh á leagan agus treascairtha i meán an lae  
Aige an Hillach nár mheata agus an Codaigh go mb'ard uaidh leim  
Aige h-Allúráin fada agus seafaire de mhuintir Néill.*

*Agus, A Pháid Bháin, mo chara, go mba fada do réim sa tír  
Nára thaise aige Meachair, faraire láidir groi.  
Agus an Muineogach ina n-aice, níorbh ainne an lá úd sa ngníomh.  
Ag rúscadh na mbacach agus á leagan ar lár sa draoibh.*

*Ó cheantar Chluain Meala is ea a tháinig gach sárffhear groi  
Murchú agus Landers agus Hanly ba áille gníomh  
Do shiúlamar Caiseal, Cluain Meala agus bóithre an Rí  
Agus ar casadh dos na Carabhataí is ea a ghlanadh an tsraid seo thíos.*

Ag léamh na ndánta seo, is follasach a fheiceáil go bhfuil athraithe móra tar éis teacht ar litríú na bhfocal agus in usaíd rialacha gramadaí. Mar sin féin tá said éasca a thuiscint. Scríobhadh na dánta seo beagnach trí chéad bliain ó shin. Ach is soiléir nár chaill said a mealltacht. I slí is cur síos iad ar stair shoisialta an ama le léargas ar iomparr ár sinsear. Tá súil agam gur bhain sibh taitneamh as an iardearcadh seo ar shaol atá imithe le sruth agus nach bhfillfidh go deo. Guim beannachtaí na Nollag agus na hathbhliana oraibh go léir.

Conchubhar Ó Riain





# NATIONAL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS

## 1885 – 1922

# GAA RULES

by J.M. Tobin

The recent unveiling of a monument honouring three Olympic champions with Nenagh connections recalls an era when the Gaelic Athletic Association played a prominent role in Irish athletics. Track and field was the most popular spectator sport in the country during the last quarter of the 19th century and GAA athletes such as Tom Kiely, the Olympic champion, were known throughout the English speaking world. Indeed athletics were so highly regarded at this time that Kiely was elected Vice-President of the association in 1896.

Between 1885 and 1922 National track and field championships were organised by the G.A.A. and from 1904 cross-country championships were also promoted.

During those 38 years Tipperary athletes won in excess of 170 Irish titles and if one were to include the silver and bronze medalists the total would run to several hundreds. Sad to relate most of these remarkable men are now forgotten by the organisation they served so well.

The following is an event by event survey of the premier county runners, jumpers and throwers who won Irish championships under GAA rules.



Johnny Hayes, marathon winner, Olympic Games, London 1908.



Bob Tisdall, Olympic champion, 400m hurdles at Los Angeles 1932, honoured at Nenagh.



Nenagh honours Olympic champion Matt McGrath 16.6 Hammer, Stockholm, 1912.

All three photographs include Ronnie Delaney, Olympic Champion 1500m, Melbourne 1956.

### 100 YARDS

1885	P.S. Kenny	Carrick-on-Suir
1902	J.J. Howell	Mullinahone
1910	D.F. Fogarty	Kilfeacle

### 440 YARDS

1918	C.M. Ryan	Hollyford
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### 880 YARDS

1891	M. Ryan	Rockwell, Cashel
1892	M. Ryan	Rockwell, Cashel
1915	J.J. Ryan	Dromline, Tipperary

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1915	J.J. Ryan	Dromline, Tipperary
1916	J.J. Ryan	Dromline, Tipperary
1917	J.J. Ryan	Dromline, Tipperary
1918	J.J. Ryan	Dromline, Tipperary
1920	J.J. Ryan	Dromline, Tipperary

### 2 MILES

1902	J. Morrissey	Dromline, Tipperary
1917	T. Crowe	Bishopswood, Dundrum

### 3 MILES

1917	T. Crowe	Bishopswood, Dundrum
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### 4 MILES

1907	J.C. Hayes	Emmill, Cloughjordan
1910	T. Crowe	Bishopswood, Dundrum
1917	J.J. Ryan	Dromline, Tipperary
1919	T. Crowe	Bishopswood, Dundrum
1920	T. Crowe	Bishopswood, Dundrum

### 5 MILES

1901	J. Morrissey	Dromline, Tipperary
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### STEEPLECHASE

1918	J.J. Ryan	Dromline, Tipperary
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**120 YARDS HURDLES**

1885	P.S. Kenny	Carrick-on-Suir
1892	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1896	P. Harding	Carrick-on-Suir
1897	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1998	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1899	P. Harding	Carrick-on-Suir
1901	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1902	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1903	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1904	L.A. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1905	J.J. Bourke	Cappawhite
1907	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1908	J.J. Bourke	Cappawhite
1909	J.J. Bourke	Cappawhite
1918	W. Britton	Mullinahone
1919	P.J. Kinnane	Upperchurch
1920	W. Britton	Mullinahone

**HIGH JUMP**

1885	P. McGrath	Aherlow
1886	P. McGrath	Aherlow
1895	J.M. Ryan	Ballyslateen, Golden
1908	J.J. Bourke	Cappawhite
1909	J.J. Bourke	Cappawhite
1915	W. Britton	Mullinahone
1918	W.F. Shanahan	Kilcarney, Ballinure, Thurles
1919	W.F. Shanahan	Kilcarney, Ballinure, Thurles
1920	W.F. Shanahan	Kilcarney, Ballinure, Thurles
1921	W.F. Shanahan	Kilcarney, Ballinure, Thurles
1922	W.F. Shanahan	Kilcarney, Ballinure, Thurles

**LONG JUMP**

1885	P. McGrath	Aherlow
1892	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1897	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1918	W. Britton	Mullinahone
1919	D.J. Fogarty	Kilfeacle
1920	W.F. Shanahan	Kilcarney, Ballinure, Thurles
1921	W. Britton	Mullinahone
1922	W. Britton	Mullinahone

**HOP STEP AND JUMP**

1892	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1893	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1897	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1911	J.J. Daly	Ballycurrane, Emly
1912	J.J. Daly	Ballycurrane, Emly
1913	J.J. Daly	Ballycurrane, Emly
1920	W.F. Shanahan	Kilcarney, Ballinure, Thurles
1921	W. Britton	Mullinahone

**THREE JUMPS**

1892	J. Wall	Bansha/Aherlow
1893	J. Wall	Bansha/Aherlow
1895	J. Wall	Bansha/Aherlow

1907	J.J. Fahy	Aherlow/Galbally
1911	J.J. Holloway	Bansha
1912	J.J. Holloway	Bansha
1922	W.F. Shanahan	Kilcarney, Ballinure, Thurles

**STANDING HIGH JUMP**

1922	W.F. Shanahan	Kilcarney, Ballinure, Thurles
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**STANDING LONG JUMP**

1895	J. Wall	Bansha/Aherlow
1922	W.F. Shanahan	Kilcarney, Ballinure, Thurles

**STANDING HOP STEP AND JUMP**

1892	J. Wall	Bansha/Aherlow
1893	J. Wall	Bansha/Aherlow
1895	J. Wall	Bansha/Aherlow
1907	J. Fahy	Aherlow/Galbally

**POLE JUMP**

1889	P. Stokes	Kilsheelan
1892	J. Blackburn	Galbally
1893	J. Blackburn	Galbally
1897	J.J. Holloway	Bansha
1898	M. Ryan	Rockwell, Cashel
1899	J.J. Holloway	Bansha
1906	P. Butler	Marlfield, Clonmel

**PUTTING 16 LBS SHOT**

1885	T. Ryan	Clonmel
1886	J.S. Mitchel	Bartoose, Emly
1887	J.S. Mitchel	Bartoose, Emly
1888	J.S. Mitchel	Bartoose, Emly
1892	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1899	M. O'Connor	Rathcoun, Cashel
1902	J. Barrett	Borrisokane
1917	M.J. Kennedy	Kilcommon
1919	M.J. Kennedy	Kilcommon
1920	M.J. Kennedy	Kilcommon
1921	M.J. Kennedy	Kilcommon
1922	M.J. Kennedy	Kilcommon

**PUTTING 28 LBS**

1885	T. Ryan	Clonmel
1886	T. Ryan	Clonmel
1887	J.S. Mitchel	Bartoose, Emly
1890	J.C. Daly	Dromin, Borrisokane
1892	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1893	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1900	M. O'Connor	Rathcoun, Cashel
1922	M.J. Kennedy	Kilcommon

**THROWING 16 LBS HAMMER (9FT CIRCLE)**

1885	J.S. Mitchel	Bartoose, Emly
1886	J.S. Mitchel	Bartoose, Emly
1887	J.S. Mitchel	Bartoose, Emly
1888	J.S. Mitchel	Bartoose, Emly
1890	J.C. Daly	Dromin, Borrisokane



1892	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1893	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1896	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1897	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1899	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1903	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1919	W. Britton	Mullinahone
1920	W. Britton	Mullinahone
1921	W. Britton	Mullinahone
1922	M.J. Kennedy	Kilcommon

#### THROWING 16 LBS HAMMER

(unlimited run and follow)

1896	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1897	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1900	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir

#### THROWING 14 LBS WEIGHT

1885	J.S. Mitchel	Bartoose, Emly
1886	T. Ryan	Clonmel
1888	J.S. Mitchel	Bartoose, Emly
1895	J. Ryan	Rockwell, Cashel

#### THROWING 7 LBS WEIGHT

1886	J.S. Mitchel	Bartoose, Emly
1887	J.S. Mitchel	Bartoose, Emly
1888	J.S. Mitchel	Bartoose, Emly
1890	J.C. Daly	Dromin, Borrisokane
1892	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1893	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir

#### 56 LBS BETWEEN LEGS (NO FOLLOW)

1899	T. Phelan	Mullinahone
1900	T. Phelan	Mullinahone
1922	M.J. Kennedy	Kilcommon

#### 56 LBS BETWEEN LEGS (WITH FOLLOW)

1904	T. Phelan	Mullinahone
1907	T. Phelan	Mullinahone

#### 56 LBS (UNLIMITED RUN AND FOLLOW)

1885	J.S. Mitchel	Bartoose, Emly
1886	J.S. Mitchel	Bartoose, Emly
1887	J.S. Mitchel	Bartoose, Emly
1888	J.S. Mitchel	Bartoose, Emly
1890	J.C. Daly	Dromin, Borrisokane
1894	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1896	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1897	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir

1898	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1899	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1901	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1902	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1903	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1904	T. Phelan	Mullinahone
1905	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1907	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir

#### PUSHING 56 LBS

1901	M.O'Connor	Rathcoun, Cashel
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1922	M.J. Kennedy	Kilcommon
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#### 3 MLS WALK

1888	T. Carroll	Aherlow
1892	T. Carroll	Aherlow
1893	T. Carroll	Aherlow
1895	T. Carroll	Aherlow
1896	T. Carroll	Aherlow

#### ALL-ROUND CHAMPIONSHIP

1898	T.F. Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir
1920	W.F. Shanahan	Kilcarney, Ballinure, Thurles

#### CROSS-COUNTRY

1908	T. Crowe	Bishopswood, Dundrum
1909	T. Crowe	Bishopswood, Dundrum
1910	T. Crowe	Bishopswood, Dundrum
1911	T. Crowe	Bishopswood, Dundrum
1912	T. Crowe	Bishopswood, Dundrum
1913	T. Crowe	Bishopswood, Dundrum
1914	T. Crowe	Bishopswood, Dundrum
1915	T. Crowe	Bishopswood, Dundrum

#### 5 MLS ROAD RACE

1919	T. Crowe	Bishopswood, Dundrum
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#### 10 MLS ROAD RACE

1919	T. Crowe	Bishopswood, Dundrum
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#### 15 MLS ROAD RACE

1919	T. Crowe	Bishopswood, Dundrum
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#### 20 MLS ROAD RACE

1919	T. Crowe	Bishopswood, Dundrum
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#### RISING AND STRIKING HURLING BALL

1888	J. O'Brien	Moycarkey
1892	M. Ryan	Rockwell, Cashel

#### Authors Note

This article was written against the clock and while I would hope it is reasonably accurate, it is unlikely to be comprehensive. If readers have additional information I can be contacted at Turtulla, Thurles 0504-23495 and perhaps a more complete list can be published in next years journal.

I would particularly like to establish the townsland addresses of the following; Kenny, Carrick-on-Suir. Howell, Mullinahone. Fogarty, Kilfeacle. Ryan, Hollyford. Harding, Carrick-on-Suir. Bourke, Cappawhite. Britton, Mullinahone. Kinnane, Upperchurch. Carroll, Wall, Holloway, Fahy, Blackburn, McGrath, Bansha/Aherlow area. Stokes, Kilsheelan. Ryan, Clonmel. Kennedy, Kilcommon. Phelan, Mullinahone. Daly, Barrett, Borrisokane.



# Ballad Section

## A Camogie visit to Belfast

*The occasion was the visit of the Munster camogie team to play Ulster at Belfast in 1960. There were seven Tipperary players on the team, Terry & Kathleen Griffin, Peg & Tess Moloney, Bridie Scully, Kathleen Downes and Kathleen England, while Catherine Carroll was sub goalkeeper. Their high jinks in the hotel on Saturday night weren't appreciated. However, they did win their match the following day.*

On the fourth of October, being the  
day of the year,  
Seven darling young hurlers in the  
North did appear,  
For the interprovincial in old Belfast  
town,  
And the pride of Robinson's the Tipp  
girls brought down.

It was about twelve o'clock when the  
racket began,  
When back from the ceili came the  
worst of the gang.  
They tore up the stairs and into the  
rooms,  
Where England and Scully were  
having a snooze.

The bould Carroll, Moloney,  
Griffin and Downes  
Pulled England and Scully right on to  
the ground.  
The mattress, the blankets,  
the pillow and all  
Were piled in a heap right up  
by the wall.

Next morning being Sunday we  
arrived home from Mass  
To be told by the porter to get ready  
and pack.  
We went to our rooms and had a  
good laugh,  
But were called to the office by one of  
the staff.

They gave us our bill and told  
us get out  
For the likes of our conduct would not  
be allowed.  
We picked up our gear and went  
out the door  
And down to the Union where  
welcomed we were.

Now all you young hurlers take warn-  
ing from us,  
When going to Belfast the sights for to  
see.  
Don't stay at Robinson's or sorry  
you'll be,  
Go down to the Union where  
welcome you'll be.

## Tommy Treacy

He sat there quietly, resting on his chair,  
The once-strong, well-built, well-known player;  
The kingly head, the shoulders still the same,  
As when we saw him play his last great game.  
Those hands that often grasped the ash camán,  
Were still the same, except their strength had gone;  
There still remained the spirit and the soul,  
That urged him on to strike the winning goal.  
"How's Tipp?" he asked, "and are they still the same",  
As when we played that grand old hurling game?  
Have they got the same old spirit as of old,  
Would they die to wear the county's blue and gold?  
He traced and talked of matches lost and won,  
"The Greats" he met, the friendship and the fun;  
I told him: "Soon again, you'll see Tipperary play,  
For the McCarthy Cup, upon All-Ireland Day."  
I bade goodbye and left him sitting there,  
The old Tipperary hurler, in his upright chair;  
He's happy now for youthful days well-spent,  
A simple, silent symbol of content.  
No medals or no trophies now to gain,  
No glory or no honour to attain;  
Though old and grey and full of years at last,  
his thoughts are those of youthful days – now passed.

*Bro Joseph Perkins*

Football

The stands are full  
The gates are closed  
Deafening cheers of fans aroused  
Artane boys band strikes out a note  
Brings a lump to every throat  
Then sudden, silence from this throng  
It's time to sing our National Song.  
To attention all will stand  
To voice a tribute to our land  
A tribute to our martyr's bold  
We face the 'Flag' green, white and gold.  
The band moves on, with teams stride  
Fifteen men on either side  
Heads held high so proud  
Acknowledgement to the cheering crowd  
Then, swift as panthers, strong of heart  
They take their places on the 'park'.  
The whistle blows, the game is on  
The battle for 'Sam' has just begun.  
For over an hour they give it all  
breathtaking skills of man with ball.  
Thrills and spills to a chanting roar  
To achieve that margin of a winning score  
At last the final whistle blows  
The shake of hands, of football foes  
Winners, losers, there is no shame  
For gaelic Football is the game  
So it has been, and so it will stay  
With every team to have its day  
for a century now it's been the same  
We are proud to have our national Game.

*Harry Mullins  
the Commons  
Thurles  
Co Tipperary*



# The Mighty Men of Mullinahone (2002)

'Twas the 10th day of November  
The year 2002  
That we went to Semple Stadium  
The County Final game to view

Mullinahone were led in Green and Red  
The Sarsfields in Blue and White;  
The Seán Treacy Band again looked grand  
Their music a real delight.

Mullinahone were proud of their great name;  
They were here to show us how  
Those modern Matt the Threshers  
Were the pride of Knocknagow.

Vincent Doheny, an historic name,  
Did man the Bearna Baoil  
Hackett, Paul Curran and Costelloe  
And Tony Dalton did not fail.

Ky Vaughan, Edward O'Brien, Paul Kelly,  
And the dauntless Phil O'Shea –  
While Eddie Carey and Niall Curran  
Played centrefield that day.

Pat Croke, great Brian O'Meara  
And Conor Arrigan,  
With 'Man of the Match' Eoin Kelly,  
And the Leahys playing to plan.

Here's to Joey and Damien Maher,  
Stephen and Mark O'Brien  
Alan Curran, Edwin O'Meara,  
Was quick, those giants to join.

James Connolly and Niall Doheny  
James Comerford, Aidan Hall,  
Dan Croke, Dan Morrissey, Bill Tobin,  
All eager for the Call.

From Kilvemnon and Killaghy,  
Clonagoose and Carrick Street,  
Ballylanigan, Ballydonnell,  
Ballycullen, Ballyvadlea.

Poulacapple and Modeshill,  
Mullinoolly and Rock's Road  
Finnane, Davins and the Village  
'Round Kickham's famed abode.

Mullinahone's great men got 2 (gls.) -10  
Sarsfields 1-11  
When (Johnny) McDonnell blew the final blast  
The cheers went up to heaven.

Ky Vaughan received the Dan Breen Cup  
From Con Hogan on the Stand,  
"Slievenamon" they sang, and the Stadium rang  
To send echoes o'er the land.

We'll ne'er forget that Historic Day,  
And John Leahy's air-borne catch,  
And the 2-7 scored in that final game  
By Eoin Kelly – "Man of the Match".

The bonfires lit up old Slievenamon,  
That night it held no cloud,  
Charles Kickham smiled in heaven above;  
Matt the Thresher is truly proud.

John Leahy was coach and manager;  
Seán O'Regan trained you well  
With Michael Scott, Sean Brett, Seán O'Meara,  
Doctor Gilman and Jill Snell (Physio).

As long as the Suir flows to the South  
And the Anner by Slievenamon,  
The spirit you've shown, brave Mullinahone,  
Will continually live on.  
Then here's to the men of Mullinahone  
Who were never known to bow;  
They played for the credit of the (little) village  
And the honour of Knocknagow.

(J.P.)

Matt the Thresher (2002)



Mullinahone captain Kyran Vaughan accepts the All-Ireland 7's trophy from Seán McCague, Uachtarán C.L.G., after Mullinahone had won the Kilmacud Crokes 7's Tournament. Ky, a former Tipp minor in hurling and football is the third generation of his family to represent Tipperary as both his father Lance Vaughan and his grandfather Bill Vaughan represented Tipperary in football.



The Mullinahone panel which won the All-Ireland 7's Tournament in Kilmacud, all of the panel with the exception of Vincent Doheny have represented Tipperary in championship hurling while the team manager was John Leahy. Back (l. to r.): Conor Arrigan, Niall Curran, Paul Curran, Brian O'Meara, Pat Croke, Paul Kelly. Front: Eoin Kelly, Ky Vaughan (captain), Vincent Doheny, Eddie Carey.



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## ROLL OF HONOUR 2002

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<b>Clonmel Oil Senior Football:</b> Fethard 0-13; Moyle Rovers 0-8	Clonmel	G. O'Riordan
<b>27/10/02 Martins Tiles Inter-Hurling:</b> Fethard 1-15; Cahir 2-6	Clonmel	F. Kearney
<b>27/10/02 Eircom Inter-Football:</b> Grangemockler 1-11; Killenaule 2-3	Clonmel	G. O'Riordan
<b>20/10/02 John Quirke Jeweller Junior Hurling 'A':</b> Newcastle 1-8; Ballylooby-Castlegrace 0-8	Goatenbridge	N. Cosgrove
<b>3/11/02 Garrabridge Lighting Junior Football 'A':</b> Ballylooby-Castlegrace 1-6; Newcastle 0-5	Ardfinnan	C. Boland
<b>26/10/02 I.T.I. Group Junior Hurling 'B':</b> Mullinahone 2-8; Carrick Swan 1-9	Kilsheelan	B. White
<b>McDonalds Clonmel Junior Football 'B':</b> St. Martin's in the Final. Ballyporeen and Mullinahone in the Semi-Final.		
<b>5/9/02 Carew Investments U-21 Hurling 'A':</b> Killenaule 2-17; Mullinahone 1-7	Fethard	J. Ryan
<b>20/7/02 U-21 Hurling 'B':</b> Ballybacon/Grange 2-13; Carrick Swan 2-10	Clonmel	P. Shelley
<b>16/8/02 U-21 Hurling 'C':</b> Father Sheehy's 3-13; Clonmel Óg 2-2	Goatenbridge	P. Sweeney
<b>14/4/02 Dick Cummins U-21 Football 'A':</b> Fethard 0-12; Ardfinnan 0-9	Clonmel	D. Cahill
<b>6/4/02 U-21 Football 'B':</b> Father Sheehy's 3-15; Ballyporeen 3-13	Goatenbridge	A. Maloney
<b>6/4/02 U-21 Football 'C':</b> Grangemockler 2-12; St. Patrick's 0-7	Kilsheelan	C. Aylward
<b>30/8/02 Chadwicks Minor Hurling 'A':</b> Killenaule 3-16; Ballybacon-Grange 0-7	Monroe	E. Browne
<b>15/9/06 MK Sports Minor Hurling 'B':</b> Carrick Davins 3-15; Kilsheelan-Kilcash 2-8	Fethard	R. O'Connor
<b>16/8/02 Minor Hurling 'C':</b> St. Patrick's 4-20; Clonmel Óg 0-4	Monroe	C. Boland
<b>23/8/02 Sureprint Minor Football 'A':</b> Commercials 1-9; Moyle Rovers 1-7	Ardfinnan	R. O'Connor
<b>26/7/02 Minor Football 'B':</b> Carrick Davins 1-14; Cahir 0-8	Kilsheelan	V. Direen
<b>20/7/02 Minor Football 'C':</b> Grangemockler 4-15; Ballylooby-Castlegrace 0-3	Ned Hall Park	S. Quirke.



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In Dublin for Tipperary's SHC quarter-final against Antrim were (l to r) – Michael Flynn, Nenagh, former Tipperary hurler; Theo English and Sean Morris, Borrisokane.



A group from Drangan that travelled to the NHL game against Offaly at Birr.



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Young Footballer of the Year ..... Pádraig Whelan (Cahir)  
Hurler of the Year ..... Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone)  
Young Hurler of the Year ..... Joe Ceaser (Killenaule)

## Killenaule visit Brussels



Killenaule Juvenile and Travelling Party before departure for Brussels.

Recently our Juvenile Club travelled to Brussels at the invitation of the Brussels Gaelic Club, to bring out an u-14 team for some challenge games to prepare them for Féile Peil na nÓg in Carlow in which they were competing. A travelling party of 44 (adults and children) left Killenaule by coach on Thursday 13th June at 1.30 a.m. for a four day stay which was to prove to be a memorable experience. All the children were collected by the host families and after checking in, the adults made for Kitty O'Shea's pub for a night of Craic agus Ceol. On Friday both adults and children were taken to the Six Flags theme park where a tremendous day was had.

Friday night was the turn of 'The Wild Geese' for the craic agus ceoil. On Saturday we travelled to the suburbs of Brussels for a challenge game with the Brussels lads. The Killenaule adults then played the Brussels adults in a friendly game of soccer. Then it was back to the Irish centre for a lavish meal and a nights entertainment hosted by the Brussels Club akin to a state banquet and the Craic agus Ceoil was mighty and breaking up in the small hours of Sunday

morning. After some rest it was back to the playing pitches again for another round of challenges after which we retired to the Irish Club to watch the Ireland v Spain soccer match to be feasted again by our hosts. Then onto evening Mass in St Anthony's parish church where a reading was read by Tom Kelly, one of our travelling party. Then on to a tour of the city led by Bridget McGovern to experience the sights, the highlight of which was the Light Show in the Grand Place. A truly memorable trip and a most sincere thank you to the Brussels Club's Cathal Lynch, European Board Youth

Officer, committee: Mick Nevin, Liam Breslin, Gerry McGovern, Kevin Dunphy, Bridget McGovern (née Bergin, a native of Ballinure). The above committee founded the club in 1999. They have entered a team in Féile Peil na nÓg in 2001 and 2002, when Killenaule hosted them. Again a most sincere 'thank you' to the Brussels club. The club would also like to thank our sponsors: Irish Greyhound Board,

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Gerry McGovern, representing Brussels team, making presentation to Hugo Browne (Killenaule)



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**2**002 has proven to be a very long and busy year for all associated with Newcastle G.A.A. Club. The Under-21 footballers began training in January and the Junior 'A' hurlers are still training well into November. The club fielded four adult teams this year, Junior 'A' and 'B' in both hurling and football.

The Junior 'B' hurlers reached the South semi-final, before losing to a very experienced Carrick Swans team. The Junior 'A' teams in both football and hurling reached their respective South finals - both against Ballylooby/Castlegrace. Unfortunately, the footballers were defeated, but the hurlers were victorious on a very wet and windy day in Goatenbridge. The County Quarter-final was against Holycross/Ballycahill in New Inn. After a very close and exciting game, Newcastle came through by four points. The draw for the County semi-final pitted the team against Clonakenny. This game is still to be played at the time of writing. Progressing this far is a great achievement for all the players involved, for their mentors Terence & Frances Kennedy, John

Joe Nugent and trainer Michael O'Loughlin. All of the players in the club are to be thanked for the efforts they put in over the past year and for all the enjoyment they provided to their many supporters.

The year was also a very special one for the Under-16 Ladies Football team winning the County Under-16 'B' title at the first attempt. Many congratulations to all players and mentors. Let's hope the Junior team will have some success in the near future.

Off the field, the club participated at all levels of Scór, winning nine divisional titles but, unfortunately, no county titles this year. Hopefully, we can improve on that record in the upcoming competitions.

The year began on a high note for clubman Michael Power, when he was elected as a Tipperary delegate to Munster Council at the County Convention. The club, at our Social in Cahir House Hotel, on Saturday, February 23rd, acknowledged Michael's achievement, and Declan Browne presented the medals won last year to the players.

During the year, a lot of development work has been done to the pitch and sur-

rounds. The pitch has been levelled, extended and drained, a car park introduced at the top of the field, retractable netting erected behind the goalposts and a fence put in place between the car park and the field. A boundary wall is due to be built between the G.A.A. field and the adjoining field, which the club has rented for the past year and the coming year.

All of these developments were helped by a grant of €75,000 received from the Department of Sport, Tourism and Recreation. As well as this money, the club has raised a substantial amount of money from fundraising events such as a Fashion Show, Golf Classic and our weekly Lotto, which has been extremely successful. The committee are very grateful for the generosity of the people of Newcastle and surrounding areas for all these events.

A lot has been achieved, in many areas, over the past year - both on and off the field. Let's hope that the successes of 2002 can be built upon and that Newcastle G.A.A. Club will go from strength to strength in the years ahead.

## Town Council honours Theo English

**C**lonmel Town Council marked the achievement of Theo English in winning five senior medals for Tipperary with a civic reception in the Town Hall.

Responding to the glowing tributes in a packed Council chamber he remarked "I was always a Marfield man and always will be - I got a great thrill playing for them". Theo English won All Ireland Senior medals with Tipperary in 1958 - the first for Clonmel, '61, '62, '64 and '65. Present on the night to join the tributes were former members from those halcyon days for Tipp hurling - all of them legends of the game - John Doyle, Jimmy Doyle, Tom Ryan, Larry Kiely, Sean McLoughlin and Michael Murphy, captain of the '64 team and described on the night as the greatest Tipp team ever. Also present were representatives of the Marfield and Commercial Clubs, both of whom benefit from Theo's magical skills in hurling and football.

His family was also there in large numbers including his wife, Maureen and son Theo, who gave an insight into the great man's family attributes. The most stirring endorsement of Theo's accomplishments as a club and county hurler were given in an eloquent eulogy by G.A.A. stalwart Mick Egan who spoke on behalf of the Marfield Club.

He wore the blue and gold and the red and green with honour and distinction. No one gave more to the jersey and sometimes beyond the call of duty. He was not only a father figure for all of us in Marfield but a great friend as well. He was a mould-breaker as he came from a football stronghold that had never produced such a hurler but went

on to become an automatic choice on the Tipperary team. He also won football honours with Old Bridge and Commercial and was always a man that gave as much to the club as the county remarked Mr Egan.

He chronicled Theo's career from his first All-Ireland Junior medal in 1953 to his last Senior medal twelve years later. He played Club hurling with Marfield for twenty-five years, but perhaps the most remarkable achievement was to play mid-field for Tipperary for thirteen consecutive years. Career highlights included winning his first League medal in 1954, another league win in 1957 which was followed by a trip to New York. The first Senior All-Ireland medal in 1958 when thousands turned out in Clonmel to welcome Theo on his return.

At club level he won his first Junior title with Marfield in 1954, with the first Senior

Hurling title in 1960 - winning seven divisional titles with the Club between '54 and '76

As a selector he played a huge role in the famous Munster Final win in Killarney in 1987 and the end of the All-Ireland 'Famine' two years later.

Replying to the tributes, Theo said he had enjoyed every minute of his hurling career and if he could turn back the clock, he would do the same again. He had started hurling as a seven or eight year old, training on his own most of the time and he never dreamed that he would go on to win All-Ireland medals with Tipperary. I was from a Junior Club in South Tipperary but my mother was from Borrisoleigh and she said I got the hurling from her. I was so proud to be part of that team, he told the huge assembly there to honour him.



Theo pictured among former team-mates at the Town Hall. Michael Murphy, Tom Ryan, Jimmy Doyle, Seán McLoughlin, Theo English, John Doyle and Larry Kiely.



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# Paddy Boland

## 42 years as secretary of the Carrick Swan Club

**P**addy Boland will go down in history as the first ever person to be accorded a Mayoral Civic Reception by Carrick-on-Suir Town Council. Paddy was honoured in recognition of his 42 years dedication and commitment as secretary and committee member of the club. The Mayor, Councillor Jim Drohan, said that he was a fellow committee member of the Swan Club for a period of time in the 1960's and he recalled many humorous incidents during the wild days of their youth. He praised Paddy for his input to the annual Grand National Draw when cards were sent not only all over Ireland, but all over the world where Carrick people had emigrated.

Co. Chairman, Con Hogan, said he and other officers had learned much



Pictured (left to right): Johnny Flynn, Joan Boland, Paddy Boland, Mayor Carrick-on-Suir, Cllr. Jim Drohan and Carrick Swan chairman, Jimmy Hogan.

from Paddy. He spoke of the enormous influence he had on Carrick through his involvement in the G.A.A. and he paraded Paddy as an example to others in a time when it is difficult to get people to do voluntary work.

During his reign it was a very successful period for the Swan Club when they won 37 divisional titles in the various grades in both codes while also providing a number of players on county teams.

Many tributes were paid to him. Paddy in turn thanked the Council for the great honour bestowed on him and wished his successor Frankie Power all the best. The mayor presented Paddy with a framed scroll and his wife Joan a bouquet of flowers to mark the occasion. A presentation of a travel voucher and table lamp was made by Club Chairman Jimmy Hogan who went on to wish him well on his retirement.

## Skeheenarinky hurling club celebrate Golden Jubilee

**T**his was a very special year for the club. The 50th anniversary of the founding in 1952. To mark this occasion it was decided to hold special events in which to celebrate the anniversary.

On Sunday, October 6th a unique hurling game between a team selection from 1981, the year our club won its first South title and a 2002 selection. The first game on the day was a match between all the clubs under-10 players. It was a delight to see those young hurlers display their skills which looked good for the future of the club. And how proud they were when they paraded behind the Anglesboro Pipe Band. At around 3 o'clock the big game got underway.

A guard of honour was formed by the 2002 team to welcome out the veterans. Then the photographs and the puck about to get loosened up before the parade. The large crowd were treated to a game of thrills from start to finish. It was one of the best days of the year, weatherwise. The water bottle carriers were in big demand. Some of the rules applied during the game would be hard to find in the rule book such was the enjoyment of the match. After the game it was on to the Parochial Hall, where the ladies of the I.C.A., Ballyporeen, provided refreshments for all. A wonderful display of club photographs and

scrap books were on display which brought back happy memories to the players young and old. Paddy Mahony the club's first chairman, was in attendance at the game and was given a special welcome by all players and recalling the early days of the club with them and remembering the great success the club had in recent years.

### SOCIAL

On Saturday, November 23, a social will be held at Kilcoran Lodge Hotel to honour the first official officers of the club, Paddy Mahony, Michael Casey and William McGrath who are still hale and hearty. A large crowd is expected

and South and County Board officers will be in attendance.

### CLUB OFFICERS 2002:

*President:* John Goff; *Vice-Presidents:* Rev. Fr. Joe Flynn P.P., Rev. Fr. Joseph Bracken; Paddy Mahony, Miceál Casey, William McGrath, *Chairman:* Eddie Maher; *Vice-Chairman:* Edmond Fox; *Secretary:* Breda Fitzgibbon; *Asst. Secretary:* Richard Vaughan; *Treasurer:* Ned Carey; *P.R.O.:* Jimmy O'Donoghue. *Committee:* Conor O'Farrell, John Fox, Jimmy Dinan, Mick Kennedy, Thomas Maher, Tomás Hickey, Sean Kearney, Liam Finn, Johnny McDonnell, Michael McGrath.



Skeheenarinky under-10 team, who took part in the Jubilee Celebrations. Back row (l. to r.): Eddie Maher (trainer), Ethan Macken, Eoin Morrissey, Neil Barrett, David Kennedy, Danny Barrett, Patrick Cole, Eoin O'Callaghan, Liam McEniry, John O'Callaghan, Shane O'Farrell, Shauna Maher, Rebecca Kearney, John Carey. Front row (l. to r.): Charmaine Kiely, Aidan O'Connor, Michael Kearney, Michael Sweeney, Riain O'Callaghan, Aaron Macken, Fionán Ó Súilleabháin, Anthony Crotty, William English, Seamus O'Callaghan, Páidí Ó Súilleabháin, Noel Vaughan, Rosie Kiely, John Martin, Ben Macken.



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The 1981 selection that took part in the club Golden Jubilee celebration game. Back row (l. to r.): Edmond Fox, vice-chairman: John English, Seamus Fitzgibbon, Johnny McDonnell, John Hyland, Liam O'Gorman, John O'Gorman, Eamon Carey, Donie Cahill, Austin McLoughlin, Ned Carey (selector). Front row (l. to r.): John Maher, Eddie Cahill, Michael Peter Hickey, John Donovan, Eddie Maher, John Feeney, Pat Bennett, Seanie Crotty.



Killenale team that won the Intermediate football League, beating Grangemockler in the final at Fethard. Front row: Conor O'Donnell, Martin Shelley, Peter Kennedy, Keith Kennedy, Paul Shelley (captain), (Oisín Fitzgerald and Louise), Tony Doyle, Kenneth Cleary. Back: Tomás Shelley, T. J. Maher, Eddie O'Brien, Declan Fanning, Michael Shelley, Pat Fennelly, Philip Blake, Joe Caesar, Anthony Doyle (selector). (Photo: Breeda Mullally, Cahir)



Skeheenarinky 2002 team that took part in the club's Golden Jubilee celebrations. Back row: (l. to r.) Jimmy O'Donoghue, John O'Brien, Paul Brennan, Johnny Vaughan, Eamon Fitzgerald, Richard Vaughan, Michael O'Farrell. Front row (l. to r.): John Fox, Conor O'Farrell, Michael McGrath, Eamon Maher, Fergal McLoughlin, Thomas Maher, Joe English (captain). Missing from photo: Paul Maher, Ger Fox, Eoin Kearney, Ian O'Donnell, Darragh Lyons.



Grangemockler Intermediate Football South Champions – Back row: J. Wallace, Mick Pender (Jack Pender), Brian McCarthy (Robin Pender), John O'Meara, Brian Dighnam, John Downey, Eamon O'Meara, Barry Hanrahan (Denis Hanrahan), Michael Muldowney, Robert Murphy, Declan Banchfield, Des Lyons, William Wallace, Paul Ryan, John Hanrahan, Jus Lanigan. Front: Kevin Freaney, Mark Cahill, Paul Cahill, Andrew O'Meara, Jim O'Meara, Liam Walsh (captain), P. J. Lanigan (J. Vaughan), Peter Lyons (Colin O'Shea), Kevin O'Shea (Cian O'Shea), Michael Freaney (Jack Lyons), Thomas Cody (John Lyons), (Kate Lyons).



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Liam Brett (captain), St. Patrick's hurling team (Drangan), accepts the cup from Willie Barrett, vice-chairman, South Board, after his team, pictured below, won the Minor 'C' hurling final over Clonmel Óg at Monroe on Friday, 16th August, 2002. (Photo: Breeda Mullally, Cahir)



Fr. Sheehy's – South U-21 Football 'B' Champions: Front row: John O'Donnell, Patrick Sheehan, Patrick Fitzgerald, Owen Myers (captain), Andrew Sweeney, John Sheehan, Emmett O'Brien, John Corbett, Paul Mulcahy, John Denis Sweeney, John Sweeney (selector). Back row: Jimmy Fitzgerald (selector), Seamus Fitzgerald, James Mulcahy, Peter Mulcahy, Richard McGrath, Patrick Ryan, Patrick Kelly, Alan McGrath, Ger Casey, Thomas Conway, Mark English, David Platt, John Fitzpatrick, Patrick M. Fitzgerald, Sean Fitzgerald, John O'Brien (manager).



St. Patrick's (Drangan) South Minor 'C' hurling champions and county finalists against Shannon Rovers. Back row (l. to r.): Danny Gleeson, Simon O'Donovan, Michael Tobin, Sean Horan, Adam Hickey, Brian McCormack, John Paul Harrington, Adrian Britton, Michael Barry, Conor Barry. Front row: Damien McCormack, Tommy McGrath, Dermot Molloy, Brian Hickey, Liam Brett (captain), Stephen Kennedy, Mark McCormack, Liam Horan, Philip Britton.



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**Bottom, left: All-Ireland 60x30 u-16 2002 – Ger Coonan.**

**Bottom, middle: Connaught Open Under-15 Winner, Karen Collins.**

**Bottom, right: Emerald Masters 'A' Singles All-Ireland Champion, Jim Ryan, Silvermines.**



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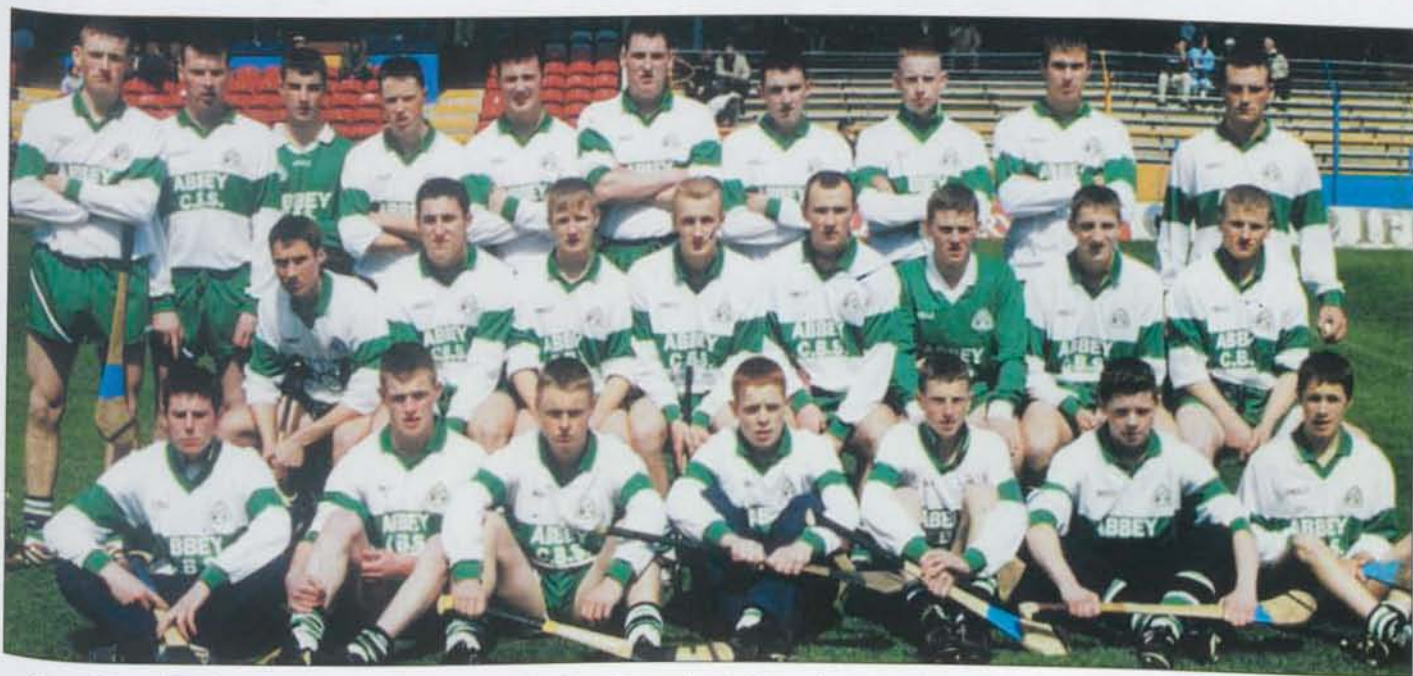


Back row (l to r): Conor Brennan (Éire Óg, Nenagh), Ger Fogarty (Burgess), John Stone (Éire Óg), Noel Gleeson (Burgess), Tony Scroope (Burgess), Andrew Nevin (Éire Óg), Padraig Breen (Éire Óg), Arthur Mitchell (Éire Óg), Eoin Kelly (Kiladangan, capt), Noel McDonnell (Burgess), Tomás Ryan (Éire Óg), Robert Cremin (Burgess), Donal O'Brien (Silvermines), Cormac Ryan (Kilruane), David Gleeson (Burgess).

Front row: Fergal Ryan (Burgess), Diarmuid Cahill (Kilruane), Padraig Ryan (Templederry), Eamonn McCormack (Moneygall), Michael Dunne (Burgess), Mark McKenna (Éire Óg), Jimmy Hynes (Éire Óg), Eoin Fitzgibbon (Éire Óg), Gerard Noonan (Éire Óg), Eddie Kelly (Éire Óg), Sean Starr (Éire Óg), Eddie Kelly (Éire Óg), Sean Starr (Éire Óg), Tom Sheehy and Tom Walsh (coaches).

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Fr. Sheehy's – South Under-21 hurling champions. Front row: Patrick Moran, John O'Connor, Michael Myles, Emmett O'Brien, John Corbett (captain), John Denis Sweeney, Mascot: William English, Thomas Conway. Back row: John Sweeney (manager), Jim Lynch (coach/selector), Robert Browne, John O'Donnell, Patrick Ryan, Seamus Fitzgerald, Patrick Kelly, Patrick M. Fitzgerald, Eoin Halley, James Mulcahy, Owen Myers, Sean Fitzgerald, David Platt, Michael Cuddihy, Alan McGrath, Patrick Fitzgerald, Eamon Kelly (selector), Fr. Seán Nugent (president). Missing from photo: Paul Mulcahy, Andrew Sweeney, John Fitzpatrick.



The Ballyporeen team who won the Junior Football Championship 'B' final sponsored by McDonalds, beating St. Martin's. Front row: James Gubbins, Noel O'Gorman, Richard Vaughan (captain), Mike Meaney, Tom Hickey, Tomás Brislane. Second row: Paul Hyland, Jim O'Donoghue, Kevin Lynch, Conor O'Farrell, Paul McGrath, Harry English. Third row: Tom Maher, Kevin Kenneally, Danny English, John O'Brien (manager), Rory O'Farrell, Pat O'Farrell (secretary), John McDonnell, David Russell, Ian O'Donnell, Eamon O'Brien, Eamon Maher (selector), Fergal McLoughlin (selector). Absent: Michael Guiry.

(Photo: B. Mullally, Cahir)





The Ballylooby Junior 'A' football team pictured after their victorious win over Newcastle in the final at Ardinnan sponsored by Garrabridge Lighting. Front: Ronan O'Dwyer, Derek Coffey, Jamie Myles, Pat Morrissey (captain), Derek Whelan, Michael Whelan, Michael Tobin, Brian Fitzgerald, James Moran, Brian Beary. Back: Eamon Ryan, James English, Colm Flynn, David Fox, Paddy O'Neill, John O'Donnell, Alan Fitzgerald, John Whelan, Brian Reidy, Raymond Fitzgerald, Brendan McGill, Pat Slattery, Tommy White. (Photo: B. Mullally, Cahir)



Newcastle team – winners of the John Quirke Jewellers junior hurling 'A' final (jerseys sponsored by Newcastle Construction), which was held in Goatenbridge on Sunday, October 20th, 2002. Front row (l. to r.): R. Barry-Cullinan, Alan Cullinan, Cormack O'Flynn, Emmet Hallinan, John O'Halloran 'Man of the Match', John McCarra, Kevin Fennessy (captain), Paudie O'Shea, Michael Hally, Eanna O'Flynn. Back: Emmet Prendergast, Denis Hackett, Anthony O'Gorman, Darren Coonan, Eamon Fitzpatrick, Barry Hickey, Daniel Kennedy, Jimmy Hackett, Michael Kennedy, Alan Sweeney, Fr. Sean Nugent. (Photo: Breeda Mullally, Cahir)



Fethard South – Intermediate hurling champions – Jerseys sponsored by Coolmore Stud. Back: (l. to r.) John Hurley (selector), Philly Croke, P.J. Aherne, Cian Maher, Kevin O'Donnell, J.P. Looby, Miceál Spillane, Colin Allen, Shane Walsh, Alan Phelan, Owen Doyle, Jamie McCormack, Sean Kelly, Aiden Fitzgerald, Noel Byrne (selector). Front (l. to r.): Michael Ryan, Philly Prout, Brian Coen, Paul Fitzgerald, Thomas Keane, Shay Ryan, Michael Aherne (captain), Willie Morrissey, Damien Byrne, Michael Dillon, Tommy Gahan (selector). (Photo: Breeda Mullally, Cahir)



Fethard – South senior football champions. Back (l. to r.): Willie O'Meara, John Paul Looby, Aiden Fitzgerald, Paul Fitzgerald, Kenneth Byrne, Micheál Spillane, Cian Maher, Stephen O'Donnell, Michael Quinlan (captain). Front: (l. to r.): Jimmy O'Meara, Damien Byrne, Michael Aherne, Brian Coen, Carl Maher, Willie Morrissey. (Photo: Breeda Mullally, Cahir)



# South Tipperary Bord na nÓg

## Results 2002

James Hennessy (Runaí)

### FOOTBALL

Fé 12 'A'  
Fé 12 'B'  
Fé 12 'C'  
Fé 14 'A'  
Fé 14 'B'  
Fé 14 'C'  
Fé 16 'A'  
Fé 16 'B'  
Fé 16 'C'

### WINNER

Moyle Rovers  
St. Patrick's  
Ballyporeen  
Clonmel Óg  
Mullinahone  
St. Martin's  
Moyle Rovers  
Killenaule  
Ballingarry

### RUNNER-UP

Commercials  
Mullinahone  
St. Sheehy's  
Moyle Rovers  
Cahir  
Ballingarry  
Carrick Swan  
Carrick Davins  
Fr. Sheehy's

### VENUE

Ardfinnan  
Monroe  
Ardfinnan  
Kilsheelan  
Monroe  
Ned Hall Park  
Kilsheelan  
Kilsheelan  
Marlfield

### REFEREE

Paudie Sweeney  
Keith O'Brien  
Derek O'Mahony  
Victor Direen  
Martin Goldsboro  
Christy Aylward  
Brian Tyrell  
Padraic Ryan  
Noel Cosgrave.

### HURLING

Fé 12 'A'  
Fé 12 'B'  
Fé 12 'C'  
Fé 14 'A'  
Fé 14 'B'  
Fé 14 'C'  
Fé 16 'A'  
Fé 16 'B'  
Fé 16 'C'

### WINNER

Moyle Rovers  
Carrick Davins  
Clonmel Óg  
Clonmel Óg  
Killenaule  
Newcastle  
Carrick Swan  
Moyle Rovers  
Clonmel Óg

### RUNNER-UP

St. Mary's  
St. Patrick's  
Fr. Sheehy's  
Moyle Rovers  
Mullinahone  
Marlfield (after replay)  
Killenaule  
Carrick Davins  
Skeheenarinky

### VENUE

Ned Hall Park  
Kilsheelan  
Ardfinnan  
Kilsheelan  
Cloneen  
Ardfinnan  
Ned Hall Park  
Ned Hall Park  
Ardfinnan

### REFEREE

Christy Aylward  
Keith Delahunty  
Andy Moloney  
P.J. Hassett  
Brian Tyrell  
Frank O'Brien  
Keith Delahunty  
Victor Direen  
Andy Moloney.

### Féile na nGael

#### Winner

Killenaule

#### Poc Fada:

Paul Deedy (Clonmel Óg).

#### Skills:

Jonathan O'Mahony (Clonmel Óg).

### Fé 10: Hurling

#### Winners

Clonmel Óg  
Mullinahone  
Kilsheelan/Kilcash  
Skeheenarinky

### Runners-Up

St. Mary's

### Féile Peil na nÓg

#### Winner

Moyle Rovers

### Runner-Up

Clonmel Óg.

### Runner-up

St. Mary's  
Swan  
Ballybacon-Grange  
Newcastle

### Football Finalists

Clonmel Óg v Fethard  
Commercials v Ardfinnan  
Kilsheelan-Kilcash v Swan  
Ballyporeen v Fr. Sheehy's.



Clonmel Óg U-16 South Champions and County Hurling Finalists 2002 – Back (l. to r.): P. Burke (selector), K. Landers, J. Cagney, G. O'Shea, A. Cunningham, Wm. Darmody, P. Hogan, P. Deady, S. Kearney (selector), A. Rouse (captain), J. O'Mahony, P.J. Fahy, E. Ralph. Front (l. to r.): S. Quirke (manager), S. O'Donoghue, J. Delahunty, S. Meaney, C. O'Mahony, D. Kelly, S. Houlihan, B. Burke, D. Burns, S. Shannon.



## Officers 2002:

Chairman: Mick Lonergan (Ardfinnan); vice-chairmen: Dick Egan (Mullinahone), Declan McGrath (Moyle Rovers); secretary: Jim Hennessy (Kilsheelan/Kilcass); treasurer: Liam Bolger (St. Mary's); Co. Bord na nÓg Reps.: Christy Aylward (Clonmel Óg); Liam Bolger (St. Mary's); South Senior Bord Rep.: John Harrington (St. Patrick's); P.R.O.: P. A. Shelly (Killenaule); Registrar: Tony Hogan (Swan); Area Rep.: Johnny O'Brien (Fr. Sheehy's).

## South Tipperary U-14 Hurling Panel 2002:

*Winners of Peadar Cummins Tournament:* Robert Hennebry (Kilsheelan-Kilcass); Aidan Casey (Cahir); Matthew O'Donnell (Killenaule); William O'Dwyer (Davins); Martin Russell (captain) (Swan); Daryl Whitty (Swan); Thomas McGrath (St. Patrick's); Niall Bergin (Killenaule); David Lonergan (Moyle Rovers); Donal Coady (Mullinahone); Lee Mackey (Davins); Damien McCormack (St. Patrick's); Tony Cahill (St. Mary's); Paul Deedy (Clonmel Óg); Enda Fogarty (Ballyneale); James Hickey (Killenaule); Thomas Butler (Ballingarry); Liam Ryan (Fethard); Michael Doyle (Killenaule); Brian McDonald (St. Mary's); Thomas O'Donovan (Ballingarry); Evan Harvey (St. Mary's); Emmett Saunders (Cahir); Dwaine Fogarty (Swan); Thomas Hanrahan (Ballingarry); Ned Tobin (Mullinahone); Liam O'Donoghue (St. Mary's). Selectors: Tony Hogan (Swan); Tony Harvey (St. Mary's); Hugo Browne (Killenaule); John McCormack (St. Patrick's).



Clonmel Óg – Under-10 South Hurling Champions – All Football Champions 2002 – Back row (l. to r.): R. Mullane, J.J. Ferncombe, K. Aylward, C. O'Farrell, D. Morey, J. Cantwell, S. Fagan, A. Barry, J. William. Front: S. O'Connell, A. O'Leary, D. Bennett, P. Smith, M. O'Brien, S. Barrett, S. Hogan (captain), M. Ahearn, D. Morton, D. Kearney.



Killenaule U-14 team who travelled to Brussels.



Killenaule under-14 hurling panel: South champions and county finalists. Back row (l. to r.): Daniel Lahert, Anthony Guinan, Niall Bergin, Kevin Prendergast, James Hickey, Michael Doyle, Matthew O'Donnell, Michael Kelly, Paddy Codd, Kieran Murphy, Stephen Browne (captain), Adam Corbett, Brian Murphy. Front row: William O'Brien, Robert Blake, Pádraig Kennedy, Michael Stephens, Cathal Bergin, Noel Hayes, John O'Dwyer, Michael Webster, Dean Tobin, Liam Peacock, John Stephens, Daniel Murphy.



St Patrick's South Tipperary Under-21 'B' Football Champions 2002. Front row (from left) – Roisin Wilson, Neil Gleeson, Aimee Moloney, Mary Gleeson, Shane Gorey (capt), Paul Horan, John Moroney, Anthony Dempsey, Cathal Morrissey, Fergal Hall. Back row – Michael Broderick (selector), Damian Barry, Eoghan McCormac, Gerry Mullally, Tony O'Brien, Colm Dunne, Stuart Broderick, Darragh Prendergast, Trevor Cunningham, Mark Fitzgerald, Michael Mullally, Paul Tierney, Dan Gleeson (manager). This panel of players were runners up in South Tipperary Under-12 B Hurling 2002.

Selectors: Noel Russell (Swan); Eddie Grant (Killenaule); Tony Harvey (St. Mary's); Tomás McCormack (St. Patrick's); Danny Cahill (Skeheenarinky); Coach: Jim Lynch (Cahir).



# SIX SOUTH TITLES & FIRST EVER COUNTY TITLE FOR CLONMEL ÓG IN 2002

## U-14 'A' DOUBLE

For only the second time in Clonmel Óg's history our U-14 hurlers and footballers swept all before them to win both 'A' South titles and the U-14 co football title. The footballers started off the year with victory over Moyle Rovers in the South final on a scoreline of 2-8 to 1-5. Victory over Arravale Rovers in the county semi-final saw us claim our slot in the decider. Having trailed throughout a last-minute point earned us a replay on a scoreline of 6 points a piece. In the replay we led from start to finish to earn for the club our first ever county. Score Clonmel Óg 2-14 Dúrlas Óg 0-3.

Fresh from their football success this talented bunch were hungry to bring back more silverware to Clonmel Óg. A titanic battle with Moyle Rovers saw us complete the double on a scoreline of 2-3 to 1-3. A win over Arravale Rovers in the county semi final saw us take on Toomevara in our second county final of the year. By half time we were only 2 points behind our famous opponents. With ten minutes to go we were still in with a great chance but a long distance goal seemed to knock the sails out of these battle weary men. Toome tagged on a number of late points to consign this bunch of players to their only defeat of the year in both grades. Score: Toomevara 2-9 Clonmel Óg 1-3. Well done to the players for their dedication and determination throughout the year. A special word of thanks to our selectors Joe Barrett, Sean Dwyer, Eddie O'Mahony, Stephen Aylward and Jockey Landers for a job well done.

## U-12 'C' HURLING

Our u-12 hurlers had a great year with victory over Fr Sheehy's in the South final. A hard-fought win over Lattin Cullen in the county semi-final saw these men book their place in Semple Stadium for the county final against Lorrha. Unfortunately, without one of our most influential players and Lorrha with the guiding hand of Ken Hogan our brave men lost on a scoreline of 7-7 to 1-1. Congratulations to the players on a great achievement and

selectors Martin O'Brien, Kieran Hogan, Tony Hogan, Brian Gentles and Paddy Burke for their time and no small efforts.

## U-16 'C' HURLING

Our under-16 hurlers did their club proud with back to back South titles in 2001 and 2002. A ding-dong battle with Skeheenarinky in the South final saw us eventually succeed on a scoreline of 4-9 to 4-5. Victory over Emly in the county semi final saw us compete in our fourth county final of the year. Dúrlas Óg were our opponents and having raced into a 3 point lead by the first quarter all the hard work was undone after conceding 2 goals by half time. Indeed at the break we trailed by 2 points. Despite having most of the possession in the second period and playing some fine hurling our men could not peg those 2 points and lost on a scoreline of 2-8 to 1-9. Our thanks to the players for their efforts and the selectors of Sean Quirke, Eamon Ralph and Paddy Burke.

## U-10 HURLING & FOOTBALL

Having completed the double in 2001 our under-10's had a hard act to follow. In the

hurling victory over Fethard and Killenaule saw us square up to Mullinahone in the semi final. After a great game our men won on a scoreline of 1-3 to 1-1. The final saw us play against local rivals St. Mary's. After some brilliant hurling from both sides and the lead changing a number of times Clonmel Óg were to retain their title on a scoreline of 2-5 to 2-4. Our footballers equipped themselves equally well with victories over St Pats, Ardfinnan and Killenaule to set up a semi final meeting with Fethard. Two great sides fought valiantly but Fethard took the spoils. In the shield final we beat Ardfinnan to take the A1 title. Well done to these brave men for their hard work and commitment. Thanks to the selectors Brian Gentles, Kieran Hogan, Tony Hogan, Martin O'Brien and Joe Barrett for their time and efforts.

Finally two more South titles to report. Congratulations to Paul Deady on winning the U-14 South Feile hurling skills and to Jonathan O'Mahony on winning the U-14 South Feile Long Puck.



**Clonmel Óg, U-12 'C' South Champions & County Finalists 2002.** Back: F Horgan (capt), R Morrissey, R Mullane, L Kelly, K Burke, C Hogan, G Quinn, J O'Brien, R Carroll. Front: B Smith, A Shannon, M O'Brien, S Barrett, E Smith, D Morton, S Hogan, D Kearney, C Connell. Inset: S O'Reilly.



**Clonmel Óg, U-14 'A' Co Football Champions/U-14 'A' South Hurling Champions 2001.** Back: K Rowe, J Gallagher, D Gardiner, P Long, K McClean, P Deady, C Hahessy, K Lander, J O'Mahony, S Meaney, B Dempsey, G Carroll, H Morrissey, R Kiely, P Hogan. Front: P Landers, B Cronin, A O'Reilly, C Alward, D McGrath, D Burns (capt), J Cagney, R Carroll, N McCormack, R Walsh, J Quigley, Ml Coyne. Inset: G Cunningham, missing: Ml Strickland.



# First Ever County Title for St Martin's, Marlfield



**St Martin's South and County Tipperary U-14 'C' Football Champions.** Front: Noel Cosgrave (manager), Shane Wall, Kevin McGrath, Ross Moroney, David Joyce, Gary Doyle, Kevin Murray, Niall McCarthy, Shane Harris, Michael Burke, Brian O'Hara, Philip Hayde, Brendan Ferris (coach). Back: Jason Coburn, Gino Lonergan, Brendan O'Meara, Ian Mullins, Kevin O'Keefe, Darran Boland, Eoin Burke, Con Sheehan, Colin Burke, Shane Weste, Shane Norris, Colin O'Mahony.

A very successful year for the club was capped off by the U-14 footballers, who brought back the first ever county title to the village of Marlfield, after accounting for Kildangan in the county final played in Thurles. This was a much-deserved reward for the players who had put in great effort all year to win this title and in particular for their manager, Noel Cosgrave, who has worked so hard at juvenile level for the past few years.

The side qualified from the group stages to get to a south final against Ballingarry, which they went on to win thanks to some opportunist goals in the second half. One of the stars of this game was Ian Mullins, who later picked up a foot injury, which kept him out of the next two games. The county semi-final against Sean Treacy's proved to be one of the toughest games of the campaign and but, for some resolute defending from the likes of Jason Coburn and Ross Moroney in goal, the side would have left Clonoulty defeated. In the county final, after recovering from some early nerves, the team ran out comfortable winners on a 1-11 to 1-2 scoreline.

The final whistle was met with scenes of jubilation as Marlfield's county board chairman, Con Hogan, presented captain Kevin Murray with the trophy. It is hoped that these players will go on to greater successes with St. Martin's in the years to come.



**Carrick Swans U-16 'A' South Hurling Champions.** Front: Alan Walsh, Paul Regan, John Murphy, Andrew Walsh, Daryl Kavanagh, David Kelly (capt), Stephen Walsh, Daryl Whitty, Shane McDonnell, Shane Hogan, Keith Ryan, Joseph Walsh. Back: Danny O'Hanlon, Derek O'Dwyer, Shane O'Shea, Stephen Hahessy, Peter White, Kieran Reade, Wayne Murphy, Colm O'Sullivan, Damien Roche, Martin Russell, Kevin Lanigan, James O'Shea, Shane Waters, James Hankins.



**Mullinahone U-14 'B' Football County Champions 2002.** Back: Martin Cody, mentor; Sean Quirke, Michael Cooper, James Mockler, Eoin Egan, Ned Tobin, capt; Kieran Gahan, Michael Lonergan, Thomas Collins, Donal Cody, Niall Mullally, Shane O'Brien, Niall Curran, mentor. Front: Patrick Crowe, Allen Walsh, Richard Morrissey, Patrick Gahan, Mairead Luttrell, Michael Hicks, Ciaran O'Shea, David O'Meara, Kevin Walzer, Niall O'Brien, Joseph O'Meara.



# 2002

## A Memorable Year

# MOYLE ROVERS JUVENILE HURLING AND FOOTBALL CLUB

by PJ Dolan

**A**nother year over and time to reflect on what was a satisfyingly successful year for Moyle Rovers' underage teams. While winning titles is gratifying and a source of great pride within the club, it only partly explains the true meaning of success. Other factors are of equal importance such as the large numbers of young players attending training, the value of which cannot be underestimated at a time when less savoury pursuits are so prevalent. Add to this the enjoyment of participation, the discipline and sportsmanship, and the continuing hard work and dedication of a large number of mentors, and the bigger picture of what constitutes a successful year in our club begins to emerge.

In the minds of many the name Moyle Rovers is synonymous with football while hurling was seen as playing merely a supporting role. However, real progress was made this year in hurling with the U-12s winning the first ever south A championship for the Club, the U-14s reaching the south A final and the U-16's capturing the South and county B hurling titles.

### U-12s

As already mentioned the U-12s made history, defeating St. Mary's in the south A hurling final. They were perhaps a bit unlucky not to progress further, losing out to Clonoulty in the county semi-final after a replay.

In football the South A football championship was won for the third year in a row when we defeated Commercial's in a great game of football played in atrocious weather conditions. With a number of players on holidays, we were defeated by Arravale Rovers in the county semi-final.

### U-14s

This panel of players brought great honour to their club by winning the South and county Peil na nOg competition and earned themselves a trip to Two Mile House, Co Kildare to represent their county.

They drew with St. Mary's in the South final of the Feile na nGael but were beaten by one point in extra time. A busy year for the U-14s saw them reach the South finals of both the A football and hurling championships only to be denied on both occasions by Clonmel Og. The U-14B team were defeated by Ballingarry in the South football semi-final. Well done to all U-14 players and selectors and secretaries Marie Burke and Eileen Boland.

### U-16s

What a year 2002 turned out to be for this panel! First of all success in football – winning the South A football final with a win over Carrick Swans, overcoming Golden-Kilfeacle in the county semi-final,



Moyle Rovers U-16 panel South and County Champions in football and hurling 2002. Back: Charlie Boland (selector), Richard O'Donnell, Thomas Duggan, Daniel Lyne, David Lorrigan, Tommy Barry, Damien Breen, Philip Ryan, Barry Molloy, David Harte, Ian McCormack, Paul Johnson, Brian Mulvihill, Noreen Burke (secretary). Front: Mick Mulvihill (selector), Stephen Kennedy, Stephen McGrath, Eoin Fogarty, Ian Brown (capt), Michael Griffin, Brian Melbourne, Martin Dunne, David Lyons, Michael Mulcahy, Robert Dower, John Lyne, Jimmy Dunne (selector). Missing: Brendan O'Connor, Eoin Grace, PJ Dolan (selector).



Moyle Rovers U-12 panel South hurling and football champions 2002. Back: Darren Gorey, Charlie Purcell, Ethan Ahearn, Kieran Lorrigan, Dean Coffey, Brian Smith, Jack Lonergan, Sean Boland, Sam Riordan, David Hannon. Front: Denis McGrath, Darragh Dwyer, David McGrath, Shane Heffernan, Pater Acheson (capt), Shane Foley, Peter Harrigan, Ewan Moir, Alan Cambell, Liam Carey, Michael Leahy, Robert Ryan. Also included are Eileen Boland (hon sec) Eamon Dwyer, Tom Acheson, Tony Smith, selectors; Paddy Kenrick, manager; Rena Kelly, team secretary.



Feile Peil County winners 2002. Back: Edmund Burke, Liam Redmond, Stephen Melbourne, David Lorrigan, Owen Lennon, Ciaran Wall, David Harte, Barry Molloy, Daniel Lyons, Sean Lonergan. Front: Donal Lyne (team manager), Sean Carey, Sean Martin, Richard Power, David Foley, Sean Keating (capt), Diarmuid Foley, Brendan Boland, John Lyne, Rita McGrath, Tom Lonergan (selector). Missing: Brendan Foley (selector), Marie Burke (U-14 secretary), Barry Whelan, Nicholas Delahunty, Ciaran Lorrigan, Patrick Burke, Brian Smith, David McGrath.

followed by a titanic struggle against Gortnahoe-Glengoole in the county final. It took a replay to separate the teams and thankfully it was the lads from Moyle Rovers who triumphed over gallant Gortnahoe-Glengoole by a single point.

In the U-16C championship we lost out to a strong Fr Sheehy's in the South semi-final.

Attention now turned to hurling and that famous county title in the U16B hurling

championship was achieved with wins over Carrick Davins in the South final, Cappawhite in the county semi-final and Shannon Rovers in the final. Jubilant scenes followed the latter as players, mentors and supporters celebrated a groundbreaking and morale-boosting victory.

Congratulations to all involved with the U-16 panel and a special word of thanks to secretaries Noreen Burke and Anne Breen.

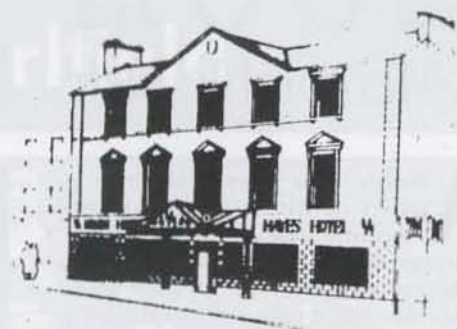


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# Mid Tipperary GAA Convention

Ballycahill, December 2001

Mid Tipperary GAA Senior Board officers making a presentation of a cheque to the TI GAA Club for promoting Gaelic games at the Institute. Pictured: Michael Bourke, chairman, Mid GAA Board; Tom Maher, treasurer, Mid GAA Board; Seamus Butler, player; Fr Jimmy O'Donnell, president TI GAA Club; Derek Breen, player; Michael Hassett, PRO TI GAA Club; Paddy McCormack, TI GAA Club coach; Mattie Connolly, secretary Mid GAA Board.



Delegates from the Moyne-Templetuohy Club, Mid Senior Board Club of the Year, photographed at the Board's Annual Convention held in Ballycahill. Seated: PJ Leahy, Michael Bourke, chairman Mid Board; Willie Butler, chairman Moyne-Templetuohy GAA club; Dominic Everard; Aine Maher. Standing: Tom Flynn, Mick Troy, Tom Guilfoyle, Mid Board Footballer of the Year; Con Costigan, Tom Maher, Lorna Leahy, Sean Fogarty, vice-chairman Munster Council.



Chairman of the Mid Tipperary GAA Board, Michael Bourke (left), presenting the Mid Junior/Intermediate Club of the Year Trophy to Clonakenny delegates, John McLoughney and Brendan Abbott at the Board's Annual Convention.



Catering the convention. Seated: Rita Hayes, Bridget Clowery. Standing: Anne Bourke, Dinny O'Dwyer, Eileen Fogarty.

JC Ryan, chairman of Mid Tipperary Bord na nOg, receiving a sponsorship cheque from Mattie Connolly, secretary of Mid Tipperary Senior GAA Board. The Mid Senior Board sponsored the Mid U-11 indoor hurling tournament. Included are: Denis Maher, games development officer; John Smith, Mid Bord na nOg rep. to Co. Bord na nOg; JC Ryan, chairman, Mid Bord na nOg; Mattie Connolly, secretary Mid Senior Board; Martin Treacy, secretary, Mid Bord na nOg; Jimmy Coppinget, vice-president, Mid Bord na nOg.



Mid Tipperary GAA Senior Board officers following the Annual Convention held in Ballycahill. Seated: Michael Egan, assistant secretary; Bob Stakelum, president; Michael Bourke, chairman; Mattie Connolly, secretary; Tom Maher, treasurer; John O'Donovan, assistant secretary. Standing: Jim Max, Semple Stadium rep; Pat Gleeson, vice-chairman; Pat Cullen, Co Board trustee; Andy O'Gorman, youth officer; Batt O'Dea, gate checker; PJ Leahy, PRO. Absent: Michael Doyle, vice-chairman.





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## Mid Tipperary G.A.A. Board

The Board wishes to thank all followers and sponsors of Gaelic Games in the division for their continued support and encouragement during the year.

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Special guest – Coaches at the Thurles Hurling and Camogie School of Excellence photographed with special guest, Clare senior inter-county player, Jamesie O'Connor. Included are (back, l to r): Tom Meehan, Ger Donnelly, Jamesie O'Connor, Dinny Maher and Paddy Moore. In front: Peter Donnelly and Tom Meehan (jnr).

Photograph taken at the official opening of the Thurles Credit Union sponsored Hurling and Camogie School of Excellence, organised jointly by Dúrlas Óg Juvenile GAA Club and Thurles Camogie club shows (l to r): John Smith (DO), Ann Fogarty (TCC), Bernie O'Dowd (TCC), Jim Ryan (DO), Frank Connolly (TCU), John O'Connell (DO), inter-county senior hurler Eddie Enright (guest and a former Dúrlas Óg player), Ger Donnelly (DO), John Fogarty (TCU), Tom Meehan (DO) and Pat Stakelum (DO).





# Mid Tipperary Championship and League winners and runners-up 2002

29/9/02	Younges, The Ragg Senior Hurling Final	Loughmore/C.	3-12	Moycarkey/B.	3-10	Ref. T. Ryan
6/10/02	MacLochlainn's Road Markings Int. Hurling Final	Moyne-T.	1-14	Gortnahoe-G.	1-13	Ref. J. McDonnell
5/10/02	Roadstone Provinces Junior A Hurling Final	Clonakenny	2-9	Holycross/B.	2-7	The Ragg Ref. M. McKenna
29/9/02	Roskeen Construction Junior 'B' Hurling	Thurles Sars.	3-11	Gortnahoe/G.	3-11	Ref. M. Treacy
12/10/02	Replay	Thurles Sars.	1-10	Drom-Inch	1-9	Ref. M. Healy.
22/9/02	Noel Ryan, Parnell St. U-21 'A' Hurling Final	Thurles Sars.	1-17	Drom-Inch	2-7	P. J. Leahy.
	Noel Ryan, Parnell St. U-21 'B' Hurling Final	Loughmore-C.		J.K. Brackens		(not played)
28/8/02	Noel Ryan, Parnell St. U-21 'C' Hurling Final	Clonakenny	1-18	Moycarkey-B.	2-6	Kickham Park J. Kelly.
9/11/02	Larry Mackey (Sponsor) Minor 'A' Hurling	Loughmore-C.	2-16	Boherlahan-D.	0-17	The Ragg Ref. M. Cahill.
5/10/02	Thurles Credit Union Minor 'B' Hurling Final	Drom-Inch	3-12	JK Brackens	1-11	Drombane Ref. D. Curtis. Winners.
21/9/02	Minor 'C' Hurling Gleesons Concrete Senior Football Final	Clonakenny				
		JK Brackens	2-7	Loughmore-C.	1-3	The Ragg Ref. J. Kelly.
12/10/02	Gerry Chawke Int. Football Final	J.K. Brackens	1-10	Boherlahan-D.	2-6	Drombane Ref. J. Kissane.
	Eddie Joe Junior 'A' Football					Not Played.
2/11/02	Roskeen Construction Junior 'B' Football Final (Replay)	J.K. Brackens	2-4	Gortnahoe/G.	1-7	Castleiney Ref. P. Ralph
6/4/02	U-21 'A' Football Final	Moyne-T.	0-7	Loughmore-C.	0-7	The Ragg D. Curtis
13/4/02	Replay	Moyne-T.	4-4	Loughmore-C.	0-14	The Ragg Ref. R. Lowry.
6/4/02	U-21 'B' Football Final	Moycarkey-B	2-9	Gortnahoe-G	3-3	Boherlahan Ref. P. Cullen. Winners.
	U-21 'C' Football	Kickhams-Rahealty				
14/9/02	Bank of Ireland (Thurles) Minor 'A' Football Final	Loughmore-C.	1-12	Gortnahoe-G.	1-8	Templetuohy
9/5/02	Minor 'B' Football Final	Boherlahan-D.	1-13	Drom-Inch	0-5	Holycross.
7/5/02	Minor 'C' Football Final	Clonakenny	1-10	Gortnahoe-G.	2-5	Kickham Park M. Jordan.

## LEAGUES:

23/6/02	Cahill Cup Final	Holycross-B	1-10	Loughmore-C.	1-10	Holycross.
14/7/02	Replay	Holycross-B.	0-21	Loughmore-C.	0-20	Holycross
15/6/02	Div. 1	Clonakenny	2-9	Moyne/T'tuohy	1-6	Templemore
3/6/02	Div. 2 Final	Upperchurch-D.	4-7	Gortnahoe-G.	1-5	Boherlahan
29/6/02	Div. 3 Final	Holycross-B.	2-12	Clonakenny	1-9	The Ragg





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The Clonakenny panel that won the Mid minor 'C' football title by defeating Gortnahoe-Glengoole 'B' at Kickham Park, Thurles. Back row (l. to r.): Peadar Byrne, James Cody, John Costigan, William McLoughney, Gerard Smith, Michael Coonan, Thomas Carroll, Michael Costigan, Mark Ryan. Front row: Damien Abbott, John Treacy, Conor Ryan, Niall Matthews, Edward Byrne, Philip Crampton, Andrew Crampton (captain).



The Upperchurch-Drombane team that won the Mid junior 'A' football (2000) title by defeating Moycarkey-Borris after a replay. Back row (l. to r.): Dan Griffin, Jody Brennan, Darren Keane, Gerry Ryan, Donal Carey, Alan Tierney, L. T. Ryan (captain), Pdraig Hayes. Front row: Mike Dwyer, Michael Ryan, Seamus Griffin, David Carey, Owen Shortt, Neil Ryan, Brian Phelan.



The Thurles Gaels panel that won the Mid under-21 'C' football title and contested the county semi-final at Gortnahoe. Back row (l. to r.): Stephen Coppinger, James Russell, Justin Loughnane, Kevin Sutton, Stephen Browne, Grant Murtagh, Thomas Campion, David Coppinger (captain), Tom Crone, Joe Duggan, John Cleary. Front row: Thomas Russell, Niall Quinlan, James Bourke, Eoin Maher, David Keane, Wayne McLeish, Patrick Troy, Barry Forristal, Tristan O'Gorman.



The Loughmore-Castleiney minor football panel that won the Mid 'A' title by defeating Gortnahoe/Glengoole at Templetuohy. Back row (l. to r.): David Moore, Diarmuid Brennan, Brendan Maher, Stephen Ryan, James Egan, Thomas Maher, Derek Bourke, Paul Brennan, Brendan Healy, John Scully. Front row: Colin Sweeney, Enda Hackett, Evan Sweeney, Eoin Ryan, Kieran McGrath, David McGrath, Ronan Stapleton, Colin Campion, Edward Connolly, Eoin Brennan (captain).



The Boherlahan-Dualla panel that won the Mid minor 'B' football title by defeating Drom-Inch at Holycross. Back row (l. to r.): Paul Ryan, Brian Maher, Paddy Joe Butler, Tomás Hayes, David Lowry, Raymond Shelly, Gary Crowe, Alan Ryan, Alan Fitzpatrick, John Dwyer, Kevin Wallace, Jack Maher (captain), James Hayes. Front row: Colm Bargary, Derek Patterson, James Mulligan, Joe Ryan, David Ryan, David Patterson, Darragh Hickey, James Ryan, Michael Mulligan, Aidan Maher, A. J. Maher.



The J.K. Brackens panel that won the Mid Tipperary intermediate football championship title by defeating Boherlahan-Dualla by the narrowest of margins at Drombane. Back row (l. to r.): Paul Doyle, James Moore, Michael Henderson, Andrew Maher, Pdraig Keely, James Farrelly, Ronan Loughmore, P. J. Corcoran, David Owens, Declan Fogarty, Willie Collier, Philly Ryan, Gary Revins, Aidan Farrelly, Michael Larkin. Front row: James Maher, Daniel Maher, Killian O'Neill, Davy Russell, Paul O'Brien, John Ivers (captain), Colin Doyle, Pdraig Maher, Anthony Marnell, Davy Bourke.



The Clonakenny panel that won the Mid Tipperary junior 'B' football (2001) title by defeating Loughmore-Castleiney in The Ragg. Back row (l. to r.): Michael Murray, John Stapleton, Leo Crampton, Joe Bourke (captain), Ger Byrne, Gearóid Byrne, Michael Leamy, Michael Smith, Michael Bourke, Peter Jennings, Pat Holland, Eoin Ryan, David Hewson. Front row: Pat Shelly, Jim Costigan, Brendan Murray, Colm Murray, Johnny Madden, Walter Byrne, Seamus Nolan, Donnacha Murray, Alan Abbott, Mark Talbot, Bobby Martin. Mascots: Pádraic and Eoin Bourke.



The Moycarkey-Borris panel that won the Mid Under-21 'B' football title and played Arravale Rovers in the county final at Cashel. Back row (l. to r.): Eamonn Ryan (captain), Daniel Kirby, Liam Flanagan, T. J. Sheppard, Richard Fanning, Paul Dempsey, Pat Carey, Matthew Shortall, Patrick Carroll, Conor Butler, Colm Ryan (L.), John Leahy. Front row: David Sheppard, Stephen Kiely, Martin Darmody, Rick Quigley, Paul Farrell, John Kelly, Sean Healy, William Dempsey, P.J. Flanagan, Eoghan Butler, Michael Healy.



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The J.K. Brackens panel that won the Mid Tipperary senior football championship title for the first time by defeating Loughmore-Castleiney in the final at The Ragg. Back row (l. to r.): Sean Collum, Richard O'Brien, Seamus Delaney, Larry Stapleton, John Dunne, Michael Lynagh, Kevin Mulryan, Mervyn Bradish, James Farrelly, Brendan Guider, Willie Collier, Aidan Ivers, James McCarthy, Seánie Percy. Front row: Fergal McDonnell, John Ivers, Damien McBride, Philly Ryan, Joe Shiels, Eamon Corcoran, Johnny Doran, Michael Cahill, Kevin Ivers, Peter Maher, Ger Mullally.



The Moyne-Templetuohy panel and selectors that won the Mid under-21 'A' football title by defeating neighbours Loughmore-Castleiney in the final at The Ragg. Back row (l. to r.): Timmy Bergin (selector), John Paul Costigan, Conor Campion, Damien Bergin, Ronan Ely, John Hassett, Michael Bourke, Shane Fogarty (captain), Conor Costigan, Ray Everard, Eddie Kelly, Martin Costigan, Patrick Kelly, Declan Leahy, Dominic Everard (selector). Front row: Eoin Dunne, Kieran Walsh, Kevin Quinlan, Gerry Maher, John Sweeney, Declan Kelly, Hugh Coughlan, Kevin Fogarty, Niall Walsh, Colm Everard, John Butler, Tom Guilfoyle (selector).

## Mid Tipperary Hurling champions and runners-up



The Holycross-Ballycahill team that won the Mid Junior Hurling League (Division 3) title by defeating Clonakenny at The Ragg. Back row (l. to r.): Liam Ryan, Pakie Ryan, Conor Doyle, Noel Ryan, James Barrett, John Dwyer, P. J. Ryan, Shane Ryan. Front row: Gerry Ryan, Alan Ryan, Conor Hayes, Eamonn Bourke (captain), Seamus Ryan, William Dillon, Sean Stakeum.



Photograph taken after the Mid S.H.C. final shows (l. to r.): Michael Bourke, chairman Mid Senior Board; Ned Ryan, Loughmore-Castleiney, receiving the Tom O'Hara Trophy as 'Man of the Match' from Donal Younge, sponsor of the competition. Ned received the trophy for his out standing display for his club in the final against Moycarkey-Borris at Templemore.



*Best wishes to Tipperary teams in 2003*

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The Thurles Sarsfields panel and selectors that won the county junior 'B' hurling title by defeating Templederry at Moneygall. Back row (l. to r.): Theo Duggan and Eamonn Stakelum (selectors), Paul Dwyer-Darcy, John Hayes, Kieran O'Connor, Padraic Dundon, Philly Hayes, Jamie Barrett, Conor Stapleton, Colm Duggan, Peter Broderick, Tony Coman, Trevor Cooke, Mark Wade, Tony O'Mara, Jack Griffin, Sean Coffey (selector), Liam Duggan (captain). Front row: Eamonn Gleeson, David Murphy, Paudie Duggan, Peter Maher, Barry McLoughlin, Shane Ryan, Jim Corbett, Noel Skehan, Seamus Quinn, Maurice Nelligan, Andy Rossiter, Stiofan Ryan, Amy Duggan (mascot), Martin McElgunn (selector).



The Clonakenny panel that won the Mid junior 'A' hurling title by defeating Holycross-Ballycahill at The Ragg. Back row (l. to r.): Declan Dwyer, Peter Jennings, Michael Smith, Michael Leamy, Seamus Nolan (captain), Joe Bourke, Michael Bourke, Gearóid Byrne, Gerard Byrne, Bobby Martin, Michael Murray, John Stapleton, Pat Hollan. Front row: David Crampton, Colm Murray, Alan Abbott, Donnacha Murray, Martin Joe Murray, Mark Talbot, Jim Costigan, William McLoughney, Brian Burke, Mark Ryan, Johnny Madden, Leo Crampton, Eoin Ryan.



Clonakenny – Mid U-21 hurling 'C' champions and county finalists. Back row (from left): James Cody, Damien Coonan, Joe Shelly, Walter Byrne, Gearóid Byrne, William Moloughney, Donnacha Murray, Martin Joe Murray, Mark Ryan, Alan Abbott, Peadar Byrne. Kneeling: Brendan Murray, John Costigan, Tomás Carroll, Gerard Smith, Niall Matthews, Mícheál Coonan, David Crampton, Andrew Crampton, Philip Crampton, Edward Byrne.



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The Thurles Sarsfields panel that won the Mid under-21 'A' hurling title by defeating Drom-Inch at Holycross. Back row (l. to r.): Paul Dwyer-Darcy, Sean O'Dwyer, Aidan Dundon, Brian O'Loughlin, Donal Duggan, Colm Duggan, T. J. Gleeson, Philip Hayes, Tony Connolly, Lar Corbett, Colm O'Rourke, Eamonn Tuohy, Eoin Costello, Wayne Cully, Jamie Murphy, Willie Collins, Peadar Greydon. Front row: Kieran O'Connor, Shane Ryan, Brendan O'Sullivan, Brian Graydon, Eamon Gleeson, Richard Ruth, Barry McLoughlin, Stephen Mason, Lee Shanahan, Patrick McCormack, David O'Dwyer, John Lillis, Barry O'Dwyer, Tony Ruth (captain.)



The Clonakenny minor hurling team, Mid champions, that played St. Patrick's, Drangan, in the county minor 'C' hurling semi-final at Littleton. Back row (l. to r.): Tom Carroll, Peadar Byrne, Michael Costigan, Mark Ryan (captain), Andrew Crampton, William Moloughney, Michéal Coonan, John Costigan, Brian Treacy. Front row: James Cody, John Treacy, Philip Crampton, Niall Matthews, Edward Byrne, Ger Smith, Conor Ryan.



Participants in the Mid Tipperary Long Puck Competition at Holycross on Sunday last (l. to r.) William Moloughney (Clonakenny); Martin Gouldsboro (Gortnahoe-Glengoolie), Conor Doyle (Holycross - Ballycahill); Damien Young (Drom - Inch, winner).



Photograph taken following Loughmore-Castleiney's victory over Moycarkey-Borris in the Mid SHC final at Templemore, shows (l. to r.) Chairman of Mid Tipperary G.A.A. Board Michael Bourke; Noel Morris, captain of Loughmore-Castleiney; Donal Young, representing Young's, The Ragg, sponsors of the competition.



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Double winners – The Loughmore-Castleiney panel that won the Mid minor 'A' hurling championship title by defeating Boherlahan-Dualla at The Ragg. This win completed a double for the panel as they had already won the Mid minor 'A' football title earlier in the year. Back row (l. to r.): David Moore, Raymond Webster, Evan Sweeney, Paul Brennan, Derek Bourke (captain), Brendan Healy, John Scully, Brendan Maher, James Egan, David McGrath, Stephen Ryan, Martin Ryan, Thomas Maher, Eoin Ryan. Front row: Michael Treacy, Shane Purcell, Diarmuid Brennan, Colin Sweeney, Edward Connolly, Mascot: Aaron Sweeney, Kieran McGrath, Andrew Sweeney, Colm Campion, Ronan Stapleton, Eoin Brennan, Enda Hackett.



The Holycross-Ballycahill team that won the Cahill Cup (Mid S.H.L.) title by defeating Loughmore-Castleiney in a replay at Holycross. Back row (l. to r.): Declan Carr, Michael Lee, William Ryan, Gary Byrne, Donal Ryan, Phil Dwyer, Brendan Ryan, John Butler. Front row: Adrian O'Keefe, David Burke, John Fogarty, Jacko Doyle, John Ferncombe (captain), Richie Doyle, Tossy Fogarty.



The Clonakenny team that won the Mid Junior hurling league (Division 1) title by defeating Moyne-Templetuohy at Templemore. Back row (l. to r.): Gerard Smith, Joe Bourke, Gearóid Byrne, Michael Bourke, Seamus Nolan (captain), Mark Ryan, Michael Smith, Pat Holland. Front row: Eoin Ryan, Jim Costigan, Donnacha Murray, Martin Joe Murray, Johnny Madden, Mark Talbot, Alan Abbott.



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The Drom-Inch panel that won the Mid Tipperary minor 'B' hurling title by defeating J.K. Brackens at Drombane. Back row (l. to r.): Tommy Butler (manager), Eric Woodlock, Ciaran Hassett, Matthew Ryan, B. Kennedy, Michéal Butler, Paul Collins, M. Sheridan, Kevin Butler, Joe Egan, Martin Butler, Donnacha Kennedy, P. Kennedy, James Woodlock, John Hassett (selector), Paudie Butler (trainer). Front row: Fr. Jim Foley (selector), Mark Cahill, Keith Nolan, D. Ryan, M. Maher, Trevor Hassett (captain), Edward Costello, James Ryan, Cathal Flynn, Kieran Young, Pakie Boyel (selector)



The Moyne-Templetuohy panel that retained the Mid intermediate hurling title by defeating Gortnahoe-Glengoolle at Holycross. Back row (l. to r.): Sean Everard, Jimmy Doyle, Louis Everard, Diarmuid Everard, Martin Costigan, Cathal Ely, Simon Everard (captain), Tom Guilfoyle, Colm Everard, Damien Bergin, Pat Nolan, Jim Tierney, Conor Everard. Front row: John Butler, Michael Ryan, Kevin Fogarty, Tim Bergin, Eddie Kelly, John Sweeney, Daniel Egan, Joe Leahy, John Hassett, Pádraig Costigan, Noel Daly. Missing: Michael Esmonde.



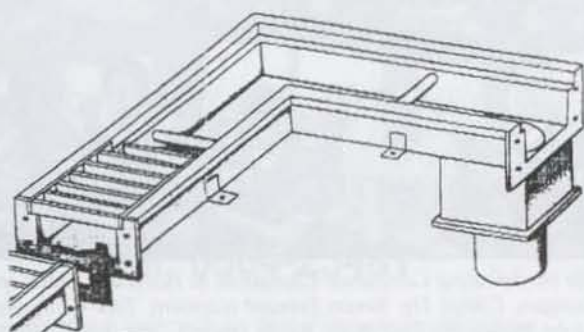
The Upperchurch-Drombane team that won the Mid Junior hurling league (Division 2) final by defeating Gortnahoe-Glengoolle at Boherlahan. Back row (l. to r.): Tony Burke, John Quinn, John Ryan (P), Neil Ryan, Gerry Quinn, Alan Tierney, Tim Ryan, Dan Griffin. Front row: Donal Carey, Donal Leamy, John Ryan (C), Seán Purcell, Seán Slattery, Gerry Ryan, Jim Ryan (captain).



The Loughmore-Castleiney team that regained the Younges, The Ragg, Mid S.H.C. title by defeating Moycarkey-Borris at Templemore. Back row (l. to r.): Mick McGrath (K), Derek Bourke, Tom King, David Kennedy, Michael Webster, Declan Laffan, Tommy Ormond, John Kennedy. Front row: Ned Ryan, Martin Gleeson, Noel Morris (captain), Noel Cahill, Seamie Bohan, John Gleeson, Evan Sweeney. Mascot: Tomás McGrath.



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**O**n Sunday, 29th September, in conjunction with the Mid Tipperary senior hurling final, the J.K. Brackens G.A.A. club officially opened their new extension and recently renovated and refurbished Pavilion. The club are very appreciative of the clubs in the division and the Mid Tipperary G.A.A. Board for affording them this opportunity in conjunction with their showpiece of the year.

This photo shows Christy Cooney, chairman of Munster Council, doing the

honours, also included in photo is Mid Board officers – Michael Bourke and Mattie Connolly, county chairman, Con Hogan, Minister Michael Smith, T.D., Seán Fogarty (vice-chairman Munster Council); Templemore's first citizen, Lily O'Brien, U.D.C., Senator Noel Coonan, Munster Council officer; John Ryan and club members John Costigan, Tom Collum, Seán O'Shea, Michael Keeley, Aoife Maher, Tom Maher, vice-chairman of club Michael Corcoran and John Martin P.R.O., Pat Phelan as well as building contractor Joe Kennedy.



Leading the prayers at the official opening of the J.K. Bracken's development were (l. to r.) Very Rev. Canon Noonan and Rev. Colebaker.



Special guests at the official opening of the J.K. Bracken's development were (l. to r.): Rita Grant, Matty Leahy and Josie Carroll, relatives of All-Ireland senior medallists Bill Grant and Arthur Carroll in 1920 in whose memory the pavilion is dedicated.



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# McLOUGHLIN'S MEDALS REPLACED!

by John Costigan

In modern day coaching terminology great emphasis is put on 'bonding' with teams being taken away for weekends for the purpose of cementing them together with unity of purpose as they prepare for big championship occasions. That bonding, however it was achieved, must have been very strong in the great Tipp team of the sixties. Although forty years have passed since these glory days, there was widespread regret amongst his playing colleagues when word filtered through about twelve months ago that the McLoughlin house was burgled and all of Sean's prized medal collection had been taken. His colleagues were aghast when they heard it and coming together under the direction of Tipperary Central Council delegate, Noel Morris, ably assisted by Nenagh Eire Óg's, Mick Burns, Kilruane MacDonagh's, Tom Moloughney, and Liam Ó Donnchú of Thurles Sarsfields they decided that if at all possible they would make some effort at replacing those prized possessions so sorely missed by Sean and Eileen.

As a result of the initiative of the aforementioned, a gathering of Sean's colleagues from both club and county came together on June 14th at Abbey Court Hotel, Nenagh and presented Sean and Eileen with medals representing all the various championships won by the gangly McLoughlin. Former club and county colleague Mickey 'The Ratler' Byrne presented the co. championship medal. Donie Nealon a fellow forward on Sean's championship winning teams presented the Munster medal. Sterling defender Kieran Carey (Roscrea) presented the National



Sean McLoughlin is pictured with his wife Eileen and sister Anne O'Donovan.

League medal. Theo English from Clonmel passed on the Railway Cup pennant. Ml Murphy, All-Ireland winning captain in 1964, presented the Oireachtas medal and arguably one of Tipperary's greatest ever wielders of the caman, Jimmy Doyle, presented the All Ireland medal to a visibly moved McLoughlin.

Noel Morris was a very able MC on the night and we had great contributions from former colleagues and friends Seamus O Rian, Pat Stakelum, Michael Maher, Donie Nealon and Gerry Quinlan.

They came from the four corners of the County to honour Sean. Theo from Clonmel, Larry Kiely from Gortnahoe, John O'Donoghue from Tipp town, Mick Roche from Carrick, Tommy Barrett from Thurles, Paddy Bourke (Moycarkey), Paul

Byrne (Thurles). North Tipp was strongly represented by Roger Ryan, L4n Gaynor, Mickey McKenna, Christy Hartigan, Roger Mounsey, Billy Donovan as well as those previously mentioned. Both the divisional and county boards were represented and after the speeches and presentations there was a great social night with many games of yesteryear replayed.

As the curtain came down on the great night the general feeling emanating was that whoever took Sean McLoughlin's medals will never be able to take from the hearts and minds of the people of Tipp, and especially his playing colleagues of that era, their love and appreciation of the magnificent contribution that Sean made to both Tipperary and the Sarsfields in the glory days of the fifties and sixties.



Former playing colleagues of Sean McLoughlin at presentation functions on June 14, 2002, in Abbey Court Hotel, Nenagh. Back row (l-r): Christy Hartigan (Silvermines), Billy O'Donovan (Toomevara), Roger Mounsey (Toomevara), Roger Ryan (Toomevara), Mick Burns (Nenagh), Mick Roche (Carrick Davins), John Costigan (J.K. Brackens), John O'Donoghue (Arravale Rovers), Theo English (Marlfield), Kieran Carey (Roscrea), Michael Murphy (Sarsfields), Ml. Maher (Holycross), Pat Stakelum (Holycross), Tom Moloughney (Kilruane MacDonagh's), Len Gaynor (Kilruane MacDonagh's).

Front Row names missing from caption



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**County Board Reps:** John Smith, Dúrlas Óg; Neil Ryan, Holycross/Ballycahill.

### RESULTS

## 2002

#### FOOTBALL

**7/7 U12A:** Loughmore/C 1-10 Gortnahoe/G 0-1, Holycross, Ml. Jordan  
**16/6 U12B:** Upperchurch/D 2-4 Moycarkey/B 0-0 Páirc na nÓg, Jimmy Sweeney  
**21/6 U12C:** Clonakenny 4-6 Moycarkey/B, B 1-0, Ballycahill, Kevin Butler  
**10/6 U14A:** J. K. Brackers 2-1 Dúrlas Óg 1-4, The Ragg, Rody Lowry  
**14/67 Replay:** Dúrlas Óg 3-4 J. K. Brackers 1-7, Castleiney, Rody Lowry  
**10/6 U-14B:** Moycarkey/B 2-6 Drom Inch 1-3, Ballycahill, Jimmy Sweeney  
**14/6 U14C:** Clonakenny 2-4 Boherlahan/D 4-5, Ballycahill, Patsy Ralph  
**24/4 U16A:** Gortnahoe/G 2-9 J. K. Brackers 1-10, Holycross, Pat Culbert  
**29/6 U16B:** Drom Inch 4-8 Boherlahan/D 3-5, Ballycahill, Rody Lowry.

#### HURLING

**26/8 U12A:** Loughmore/C 1-10 Upperchurch/D 1-3, The Ragg, John Ryan  
**24/8 U12B:** Moycarkey/B 3-7 Boherlahan/D 3-3, Holycross, Pat Cullen.

**25/8 U12C:** Clonakenny 7-8 Dúrlas Óg B 1-00, Ballycahill, Patsy Ralph  
**9/8 U14A:** Dúrlas Óg 3-13 Drom Inch 1-4, Boherlahan, Rody Lowry  
**5/8 U14B:** Moycarkey/B 1-10 J. K. Brackers 1-4, Drombane, Patsy Ralph  
**7/8 U14C:** Dúrlas Óg 4-3 Clonakenny 3-4, Drom, Kevin Butler  
**30/9 U16A:** Dúrlas Óg 4-9 Moycarkey/B 2-7, Boherlahan, John Ryan.  
**18/9 U16B:** Boherlahan/D 3-10 Upperchurch/D 0-7, The Ragg, P. J. Leamy  
**19/9 U16C:** Dúrlas Óg B 3-18 Moycarkey/B B 0-3, Holycross, Patsy Ralph

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Mid-Tipperary 3-14 South Tipperary 1-8, Killenaule, 16/7 Mid Tipperary 1-13 Cork City 1-13, Fermoy, Mid Tipperary 0-6 Cork City 2-6, Fermoy, 6/4

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The year was a successful one. Indoor hurling continued at the beginning of the year and we are thankful to the Ursuline Convent for the use of their facilities.

The under-14 hurlers were unsuccessful in the Peadar Cummins tournament.

The under-16 hurlers won the Garda Cup, defeating the South in the final, but lost to a very strong Cork City in a Munster replay.

An under-11 ground tournament was organised. Two sessions were organised and enjoyed by all involved.

The board would like to congratulate all the championship winners. Dúrlas Óg was the most successful club, winning seven Mid titles and the county under-16 A & C titles. Loughmore-Castleiney achieved a double in winning the under-12 county in hurling and football.

The board would like also to thank all those who helped in the running of the games.

Thanks is also due to the Tipperary Star and photographer, Brendan O'Connor for coverage of games. Finally referees and sponsors are greatly appreciated.

*Martin Treacy, Rúnaí.*



Mid Tipperary Bord na nÓg officers photographed with guests following the boards Annual Convention at Park Avenue House, Thurles. Standing: Joe Moran, vice-chairman; John Smith, Mid Rep. to Co. Bord na nÓg; Sean Collum, secretary Games Development Committee; Andy O'Gorman, Mid Senior Board Youth Officer; Mattie Ryan, vice-chairman; Neil Ryan, PRO; Denis Maher, Co. Coaching and Games Development Officer. Seated: Martin Treacy, secretary; Frank O'Regan, treasurer; J.C. Ryan, chairman; Fr. J. O'Rourke, president; Mattie Connolly, secretary Senior Board; Tom Maher, treasurer Mid Senior Board.



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Photograph shows J.C. Ryan (chairman), left and Fr. J. O'Rourke (president), right, making the presentation to Derek on behalf of the board.



Gortnahoe/Glengoole delegates being presented with the Mid Bord na nÓg Club of the Year award at the board's Annual Convention at Park Avenue House, Thurles. Included are (l to r): John Coleman, Gortnahoe/Glengoole GAA club; J.C. Ryan, chairman Mid Bord na nÓg; Ger O'Keeffe, Gortnahoe/Glengoole GAA; Fr. J. O'Rourke, president Mid Bord na nÓg.



Photograph taken at a Mid Bord na nÓg Medal Presentation function at the Park Avenue House, Thurles, shows captains of Mid football championship winning teams photographed with guests, Conor Gleeson and David Kennedy (members of Tipperary All-Ireland senior hurling winning team), and members of the Board.

Seated (l to r): Declan Lynagh (JKB), Fr. J. O'Rourke, president Mid Bord na nÓg; Conor Gleeson, guest; J.C. Ryan, chairman Mid Bord na nÓg; David Kennedy, guest; Jimmy Coppinger, representing competition sponsors; Nicholas Ryan (C'kenny). Standing: David Costigan (M/T); Peter O'Brien (M/B); Thomas Stakelum (H/B); Brian Purcell (G/G); James Treacy (G/G); Stephen Bourke (G/G); Peadar Byrne (C'kenny).

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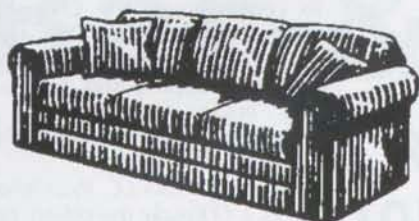
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Gortnahoe/Glengoole panel and selectors that won the Mid Under-16 'A' football title for the second year in succession by defeating J.K. Brackens in the final at Holycross. Back row (l to r): John Coleman (manager), James Brennan (selector), Shane Hanrahan, Stephen Barnaville, Kenneth Hickey, Adrian Kilcourse, John Coleman, Mark Dwyer, Nigel O'Gorman, Keith Dwyer, Shane Long, Sean Hickey (selector), Ger O'Keefe (selector). Front row: Stephen Houlihan, Michael Treacy, Sean Lahart, Jeff Brennan (captain), Brian Purcell, Kevin Maher, Michael Phelan, Tommy Duggan, Thomas O'Keefe.

The Clonakenny panel, Mid U-16 'C' football champions, that played Templederry in the county semi-final at Borrisoleigh. Back row (l to r): Peadar Byrne, Alan Bulfin, James Cody, Conor Ryan, John Costigan, William Moloughney (captain), Edward Byrne, Michael Coonan, Philip Crampton. Front row: Brendan Bulfin, Jamie Maxwell, David Foley, Stephen Carroll, Donal Greed, Jonathan Cody, Nicholas Ryan, Thomas Carroll.



The Durlas Óg panel that won the Ronayne's Mid Under-14 'A' football title by defeating J.K. Brackens in the replayed final at Castleiney. Back row (l to r): John Callanan, John Coman, Sean Moloney, Patrick Bourke, David Morris, Conor Moloney, Shane Meagher, Scott Grey, John Joe Bourke, Liam Phelan (captain), David Collins, Shane Dorney, Eanna Flannery, Conor Ryan. Front row: Padraic Maher, Michael Cahill, Stephen Dorney, Paul Connors, David O'Mahoney, Michael Gleeson, Patrick Leahy, Brian Callanan, Shane Maher, Jonathan Shannon, Sean Smith, Ciaran O'Shea.

Moycarkey/Borris Mid Under-14 'B' football champions and county finalists. Back row (l to r): Joseph Cantwell, Kevin Moran, Tony Flanagan, Noel Kinane (captain), Aidan Ryan, Ciaran Clohessy, Laurence Power, Patrick Shortall, Eoin Ryan, Rory Ryan. Front row: Matthew Kavanagh, William Foley, Jamie Fogarty, Eoin O'Dwyer, Cían Healy, Paul Kennedy, Robert Kearney, Thomas O'Gorman, Eamonn Flanagan.





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The Boherlahan-Dualla panel that won the Mid Under-14 'C' football title by defeating Clonakenny at Ballycahill. Back row (l to r): Fergal Ryan (captain), P.J. Stapleton, Gerald O'Sullivan, Darren Hassett, Deirdre Ryan, Paul O'Dwyer, Michael Murphy, Brian Quinn, David Ferncombe, Eoghan Sweeney, Rachel Clegg. Front row: Stephen Ryan, Seamie Leahy, Mark Kavanagh, Darragh Kennedy, Fionn McCullagh, Stephen Tarrant, Michael Fogarty, Philip Maher, John J. Geehan, Tracey Fitzpatrick.



The Upperchurch/Drombane panel and selectors that won the Mid Under-12 'B' football title by defeating Moycarkey/Borris at Páirc na nÓg. Back row (l to r): Billy Hayes, Michael Greene, Roddy Lowry, Seamus Barry (all selectors), Catherine Shortt. Middle row: Adam O'Malley, Paul Ryan, Joseph Lowry, Gerard Fogarty, Padraig Greene, Padraig Shortt, James Barry, Colm Ryan, Peter Ryan, Miriam Ryan, Michael Kennedy, James Murray. Front row: Caitriona Shortt, William Clancy, Aidan Carey, Diarmuid Grant, Ailbe O'Donoghue, Liam Clancy, Matthew Greene (captain), Eugene Bourke, Ciaran Shortt, David Bourke, Miaread Barry, Ella Stapleton.



The Clonakenny panel that won the Park Avenue House Mid Under-12 'C' football title by defeating Moycarkey/Borris 'B' at Ballycahill. Back row (l to r): Emma Maher, Brian Mullally (captain), William Ryan, Aine Byrne, Patricia Greed, Siobhan Ryan, Luke Keeshan, Laura Bourke, Jody Maher, Mark Mullally, Prionsias Matthews, Thomas Ryan, Mark Kiely. Front row: Patrick Ryan, Michael Crampton, Bobby Bergin, Philip Ryan, Padraic Mullally, Patrick Murray, Liam Mullally, Stephen Russell, Michael John Carroll, Noel O'Meara.



The Durlas Óg panel that won the Mid Tipperary Peil na nÓg Under-14 football title by defeating J.K. Brackens in the final at Páirc na nÓg, Thurles. Back row (l to r): Shane Maher, Conor Ryan, David O'Mahoney, Patrick Bourke, Liam Phelan, Michael Cahill, John Joe Bourke, Patrick Leahy, Paul Connors, Darragh Stakelum, Shane Meagher, Eanna Flannery, Brian Callanan, Laurence Bourke, Sean Moloney. Front row: Peter Donnelly, Jason O'Brien, Padraig Maher, John Coman, Jonathan Shannon, Michael Gleeson, David Morris, Ciaran O'Shea, Conor Moloney (captain), Stephen Dorney, Shane Dorney, Sean Smith, John Callanan.



The Boherlahan-Dualla panel and selectors that won the Mid Under-16 'B' hurling title by defeating Upperchurch/Drombane in the final at The Ragg. Back row (l to r): Philip Bargary and Declan Donnelly (selectors), Derek O'Riordan, Dara Hickey, John O'Dwyer (captain), Mark Fahy, Colin Bargary, Conor Wallace, James Ryan, Christopher Maher, Aidan Maher, Fergal Ryan, John Sweeney and Tom Flanagan (selectors). Front row: Paul Murphy, Paddy Maher, Paul O'Dwyer, William Murphy, Gerald O'Sullivan, Paddy Joe Butler, David Patterson, A.J. Maher, James Mulligan, Brian Maher, Brendan Heney, Austin Maher (manager).



The Durlas Óg panel that won the Mid Under-14 'A' hurling title by defeating Drom/Inch at Boherlahan. Back row (l to r): Sean Smith, Seamus Brennan, Brian Callanan, Paul Connors, Patrick Bourke, Liam Phelan, Shane Dorney, John Joe Bourke, Conor Moloney, David Morris, Padraig Maher, Declan Ryan, Conor Ryan, Shane Meagher, Jonathan Shannon, Rodney Mason, John Callanan. Front row: Michael Keane, Dara Stakelum, Bobby Stakelum, Michael Gleeson (captain), Michael Cahill, Michael McGrath, Patrick Leahy, Stephen Dorney, Kieran O'Shea, Shane Maher, Peter Donnelly, David Collins, Sean Moloney, Laurence Bourke.

The Durlas Óg 'B' panel that won the Mid under-14 'C' title by defeating Clonakenny in the final at Drom. Back row (l to r): Rodney Mason, Lawrence Bourke, Brian Callanan, John Callanan, Shane Meagher, David Collins, Conor Ryan, Sean Moloney. Front row: Sean Smith, Peter Donnelly (captain), Michael Keane, Darragh Stakelum, Jonathan Shannon, Seamus Brennan, Bobby Stakelum.



The Moycarkey/Borris panel that won the Mid under-14 'B' hurling title by defeating J.K. Brackens in Drombane. Back row (l to r): Noel Kinane (captain), Rory Ryan, Kevin Moran, Tony Flanagan, Patrick Shortall, Sean Mockler, Aidan Ryan, Ciaran Clohessy, Lawrence Power, Eoin Ryan, William Foley. Front row: Jack Bergin, Cian Healy, Eamonn Flanagan, Tomas O'Gorman, Robert Kearney, Paul Kennedy, Jamie Fanning, Matthew Kavanagh, Aidan Healy.



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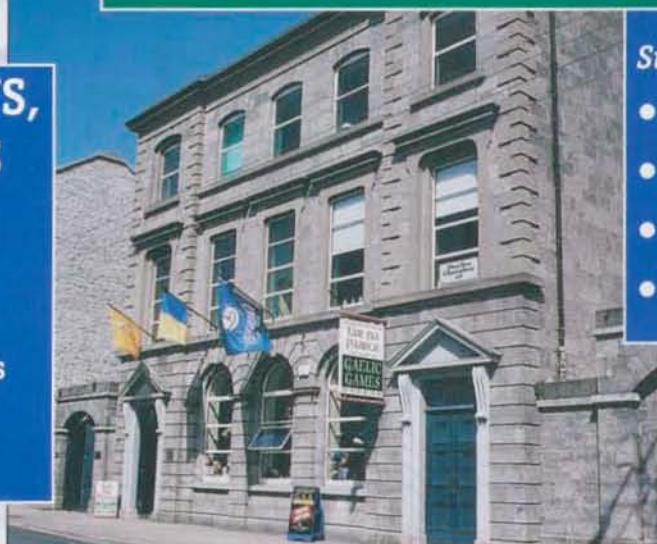
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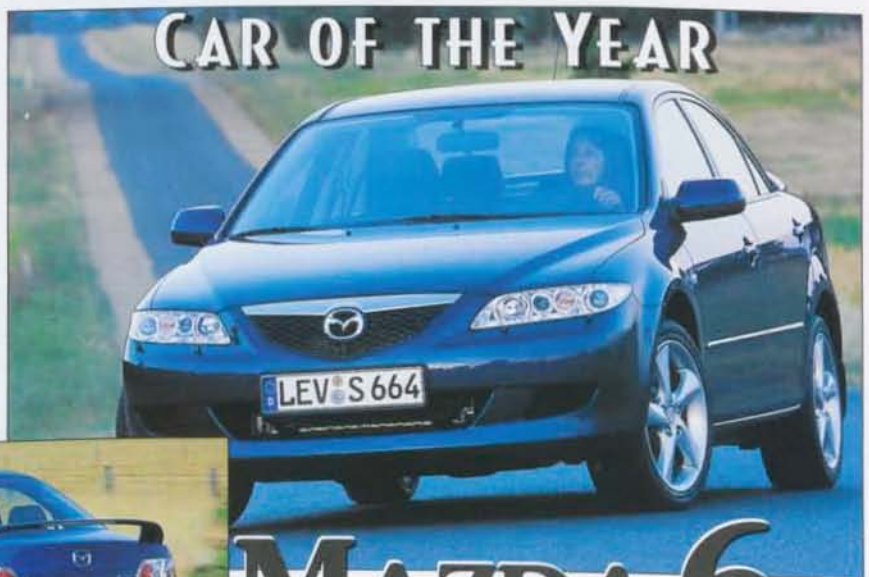
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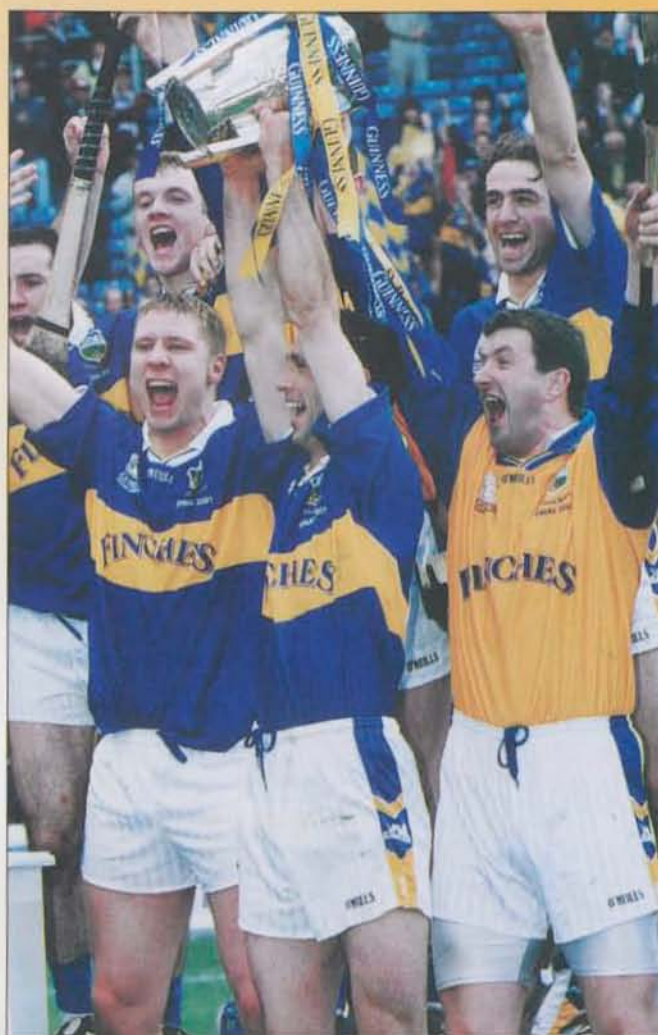


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The Moycarkey/Borris panel that won the Mid under-12 'B' hurling title by defeating Boherlahan/Dualla at Holycross. Back row (l to r): Brian Butler, Jamie Barry, Pat Molloy, Philip Duggan, Rory Ryan (captain), John Shortall, James Doran, Shane Hackett, Colm Skehan, Richard O'Dwyer, Gary O'Connell, Joseph O'Sullivan, Liam Spillane. Front row: Daniel O'Regan, Michael Roche, Pat Ralph, Frank Hayes, James Power, Philip Grace, Peter Kinane, David Tobin, John Bergin, Lorcan O'Hara, Mossy Bracken, Finbarr Hayes, Stephen Kirwan, Alan McCarthy, Donal Bergin, Ailbe Power.

The Clonakenny panel that won the Mid under-12 'C' hurling title by defeating Durlas Óg in Ballycahill recently. Back row (l to r): Luke Keeshan, Thomas Ryan, Prionsias Matthews (captain), Michael Crampton, Mark Mullally, William Ryan, Brian Mullally, Aine Byrne, Siobhan Ryan, Marie Kiely, Bridget Higgins, Liam Mullally, Laura Bourke. Front row: Joseph Maher, Pádraig Mullally, Philip Ryan, Patrick Ryan, Paddy Murray, Stephen Russell, Michael John Carroll, John Paul Hennessy, Bobby Bergin, Pádraig Bourke, Tricia Greed.



The Durlas Óg 'under-14 hurling panel that won the Mid Feile na nGael title by defeating Drom/Inch at Dr. Morris Park. Back row (l to r): Sean Moloney, Conor Ryan, Stephen Dorney, Jonathan Shannon, Pádraic Maher, John Joe Bourke, Shane Dorney (captain), Patrick Bourke, David Morris, Shane Meagher, Rodney Mason, Patrick Leahy, David Collins. Front row: Peter Donnelly, Sean Smith, Darragh Stakelum, Ciaran O'Shea, Conor Moloney, Liam Phelan, Paul Connors, Michael Gleeson, Michael Cahill, Shane Maher.



Loughmore/Castleiney hurling and football star, Noel McGrath, who won the final of the Long Puck competition at the Community Games at Mosney, receives his gold medal from Mary Jo Ryan, Loughmore. Due to a prior engagement Noel had to leave Mosney before the medal presentation ceremony.



# Mid Tipperary U-11 Ground Hurling Tournament



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Dualla



Gortnahoe/Glengoose ▲

Drom/Inch ▶



# North Board Results 2002

	VENUE	DAY / DATE	REFEREE
<b>PERMANENT TSB BANK SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP</b>			
Toomevara 0-19 v Moneygall 1-7	Nenagh	Sat 14-Sep-02	J. Ryan
<b>NENAGH GUARDIAN INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP</b>			
Kildangan 0-10 v Newport 1-7	Nenagh	Sun 13-Oct-02	W. Clohessy
<b>Replay</b> Kildangan 2-13 v Newport 0-2	Nenagh	Sun 20-Oct-02	D. Curtis
<b>WATCH CENTRE JUNIOR 'A' HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP</b>			
Burgess 0-10 v Ballinahinch 0-13	Nenagh	Sat 12-Oct-02	L. Hogan
<b>WATCH CENTRE JUNIOR 'B' HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP</b>			
Ballina 0-8 v Templederry Kenyons 1-7	Nenagh	Sat 26-Oct-02	J. Stapleton
<b>TOM WALSH UNDER-21 'A' HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP</b>			
Ballina 0-9 v Burgess 1-10	Nenagh	Sun 10-Nov-02	M. Healy
<b>TOM WALSH UNDER-21 'B' HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP</b>			
Borris-Ileigh 0-8 v Ballinahinch 2-10	Nenagh	Sat 14-Sep-02	T. Ryan
<b>TOM WALSH UNDER-21 'C' HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP</b>			
Ballina (2) 1-6 v Kilruane Mac Donaghs 1-12	Dolla	Sat 10-Nov-02	M. Griffin
<b>GER GAVIN MINOR 'A' HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP</b>			
Roscrea 0-7 v Burgess 0-10	Nenagh	Sat 02-Nov-02	V. Mc Kenna
<b>GER GAVIN MINOR 'B' HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP</b>			
Borris-Ileigh 2-6 v Moneygall 2-11	Dolla	Sat 28-Sep-02	J. Collins
<b>GER GAVIN MINOR 'C' HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP (13 a side)</b>			
Portroe Scr v Shannon Rovers W/O			
<b>INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP</b>			
Kildangan v Inane Rovers or Newport			
<b>JUNIOR 'A' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP</b>			
Ballina v Burgess or Portroe			
<b>JUNIOR 'B' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP</b>			
Ballinahinch 1-7 v Silvermines 1-4	Templederry	Sat 02-Nov-02	D. D'Arcy
<b>UNDER-21 'A' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP</b>			
Burgess 0-8 v Ballina 1-4	Dolla	Sat 06-Apr-02	J. Stapleton
<b>UNDER-21 'B' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP</b>			
Moneygall 1-13 v Borrisokane 0-4	Cloughjordan	Fri 29-Mar-02	M. Healy
<b>UNDER-21 'C' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP</b>			
Kilruane MacDonaghs 1-13 v Ballina (2) 1-5	Dolla	Sat 06-Apr-02	M. Griffin
<b>MINOR 'A' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP</b>			
Newport 0-10 v Burgess 0-9	Dolla	Sat 28-Sep-02	M. Healy
<b>MINOR 'B' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP</b>			
Ballinahinch 3-12 v Kildangan 0-9	Kilcolman	Wed 26-Jun-02	J. Lees
<b>MINOR 'C' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP</b>			
Lorrha & Dorrha 1-8 v Silvermines 3-8	Borrisokane	Fri 12-Jul-02	D. D'Arcy
<b>INTERMEDIATE HURLING LEAGUE</b>			
Kildangan 0-8 v Kilruane Mac Donaghs 0-13	Nenagh	Sun 09-Jun-02	J. Collins
<b>JUNIOR 'A' HURLING LEAGUE</b>			
Ballinahinch 3-15 v Silvermines 1-10	Nenagh	Sat 29-Jun-02	P.J. Cleary
<b>JUNIOR 'B' HURLING LEAGUE</b>			
Kildangan 1-6 v Templederry Kenyons 1-12	Nenagh	Sat 29-Jun-02	B. O'Reilly





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Burgess minor hurlers that brought the first minor hurling 'A' North title to the parish since 1939. Back: Niall Madden, Michael Seymour, Leo Quigley, Noel Gleeson, Tony Scrope, Jonathan Maher, Ger Fogarty (captain), Robbie Cremin, Noel McDonnell, David McMahon, John Barry, Brian Tucker. Kneeling: Tadhg Hogan, Conor Quigley, Jonathan Ryan, Patrick Hogan, Sean Darcy, Eoin Hogan (mascot), Gerry Ryan, Mick Dunne, Tony Dunne, Cian McDonnell, Thomas Fogarty.

Burgess U-21 North hurling 'A' and football 'A' champions. Back: Liam Hogan (s), Patrick Tucker, Michael Seymour, Kevin McGrath, Noel McDonnell, Noel Gleeson, Robbie Cremin, David Maher, Damien O'Brien, Shane Maher (football captain), Colm O'Brien, Tony Scroope, Martin Fogarty, Leo Quigley, David Kyne (s). Kneeling: J.P. McDonnell (s), Alan Seymour, Ger Fogarty, Frankie Hogan, Donal Hogan, Cathal Hanrahan, Eoin Hogan, Niall McGrath, Patrick Ryan, Pádraig McDonnell, David Quinlan, Shane Cleary, Jonathan Maher, Gerry Ryan, Paddy Hogan. Absent from photo, football panelists Michael Fogarty, Gerard Hogan, John Barry, Jason Seymour.



Kilruane McDonaghs U-21 panel — North and County hurling 'C' champions and North football 'C' champions. Back: Fergal Ryan, Donal Gleeson, Stephen Murphy, Martin Walshe, Kevin Quinlan, Pat Williams, Ray McLoughney, Willie Darcy, Denis Cahill, Bill Dooley, Nigel Reddan. Front: Cormac Williams, Gary Pront, Dermot Cahill, Darren Killackey, Shane Williams, David Lawlor, Kieran Kennedy, Pádraig Doherty (captain), Stephen Starr, James Keogh.

Moneygall minor hurlers, North and County 'B' champions 2002. Back: Denis Dwyer, Ger Moten, Pádraig Doughan, Sean Ryan, Rory Tierney, Pádraig Whyte, Philip Byrne, Ger Kirwan, Joe Treacy, Ruairí Meagher, Darragh Hayes, Conor Troy. Middle: Eugene Ryan, John King, Darren Whyte, Billy Hayes, Bill Whyte, Michael Bergin (capt), Stephen Maher, Phil Fanning, Robert Burns, Pat Bergin. Front: Ger Moten, Pájo Troy, Thomas Devereux, Eoghan Ryan, Brian Delaney.



Moneygall U-21 Football North 'B' champions 2002. Back: Ger Ryan, Neil Doherty, Michael Kirwan, Derek O'Meara, Liam O'Meara (capt), Paddy Fanning, Michael Ryan, Willie Maher, Tom Harney, Damien Martin, Bill Whyte. Front: Paul Smyth, Billy McCormack, Páraic Greene, Willie Greene, Eamon McCormack, Michael Bergin, David Gleeson, Colm Larkin, Ger Kirwan.





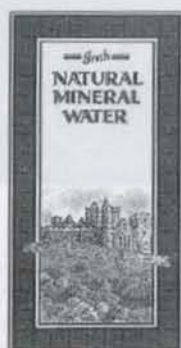
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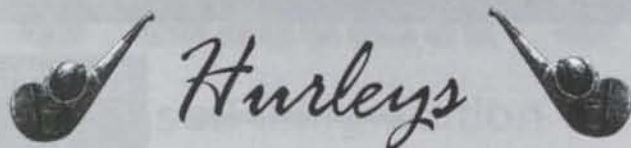


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Moneygall Senior Hurling team, winners of County Senior League Division 3. Back: John Doughan, Michael Ryan, Diarmaid Kennedy, Paddy Whyte, Sean McCormack, Mark Keeshan, Sean Kennedy, Enda Fanning. Front: Willie Greene, Barry Ryan, Eoin Troy (capt), Donall Doughan, Tom Toohey, Michael Bergin, Noel Ryan.



Nenagh Eire Óg winners, County Senior Hurling League (Division 1) title by defeating Borris-Ileigh at Dolla. Back: P.J. Maxwell (selector), Richie Flannery, Declan O'Meara (capt), Michael Hackett, Eddie Tucker, Tom Conroy, Declan Bailey, David Hackett, John Slattery, Michael Doyle (manager). Front: Michael Cleary, Robbie Tomlinson, Michael McNamara, Kevin Tucker, Brian Darcy, Cormac Galvin, John Kennedy.

Kilruane MacDonaghs intermediate team, North League champions. Back: Mark O'Leary, Michael Cleary, Colin England, Edmund Martan, Kevin O'Brien, Brian England, Sean Gaynor, Alan Ryan. Front: Darren Killackey, Paddy Ryan, Diarmuid Cahill, Brendan Ryan, Enda McLoughney, Brian Gaynor (captain), Brian Casey.



**Top Left** — Sponsorship night for North Tipperary GAA championship. Back: Ger Gavin (minor A and B), George McGrath (Permanent TSB SHC), David Ryan (Nenagh Guardians IHC), Gerard McKeogh (North Board Secretary). Seated: Catherine Gleeson (North Board Treasurer), Tom Slattery (North Board Chairman), Roisin Cleary (Watch Centre U-21 A and B).

**Top Right** — Four players from Newport on the Tipperary minor football panel that defeated Kerry in the Munster championship, 1 to 1: Andrew Hickey, Philip O'Brien, Shane Ryan (who captained the team) and Vincent Moloney.

**Right** — North Board Chairman Tom Slattery (right) presents Mícheál Ó Muirceartaigh with a mounted collection of photographs, to mark his visit to the centenary banquet.





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# THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT IN TOOMEVARA

In a year when Toomevara senior hurlers lost their county crown after a four year tenure, at least one county hurling title was brought to the parish. This was a very successful year for the under-14 hurlers of Toomevara who annexed the county championship after a lapse of five years. They also represented Tipperary at the All-Ireland Féile na nGael festival hosted this year by counties Antrim and Down.

The year began with the Féile na nGael competition. Toomevara easily won the North title beating Kilruane MacDonagh, Burgess and their final opponents Nenagh Eire Og by big scores. In the county semi final they were confronted by Dúrlas Óg who had defeated them in their last appearance in a county under-14 final in 1999 with a last minute goal. The teams lined out in Templeberry on a fine May evening, and produced a contest of tremendous hurling of a very high standard, which ended level. After extra time Toome came out on top by 0-15 to 1-9. They won the final against Killenaule and qualified to represent the county at Féile.

The Féile took place on the last weekend in June and Ballycran club, County Down, were Toomevara's host. Toome opened the Féile campaign playing host club, Ballycran, who battled gamely against superior craft and skill, never giving up the fight until the very end, but bowed out as very gracious losers. The second game was against neighbouring club, Portaferry, who also strove manfully but in vain, to get the upperhand. The third game was the crucial one as Toome and O'Loughlin Gaels (Kilkenny) faced each other for the right to play in the semi final. The Toome lads lost out in their bid to be the first team from the parish to win an All-Ireland Féile na nGael title when succumbing to the Kilkenny champions. Played in atrocious weather conditions on the Ards peninsula this very exciting game entertained the large attendance like no other that weekend. O'Loughlins won by 3-3 to 0-5 and the huge attendance applauded both teams off the field in appreciation of their heroic efforts.

A big crowd of Toome supporters made the long journey to County Down and they were regally hosted and entertained by the people of Ballycran, who left no stone unturned to make their vis-

itors very welcome. It was a most enjoyable weekend, even though the boys were unsuccessful in their quest for honours. Later in the year the Toomevara people entertained the Ballycran boys and their many supporters for a weekend in Toomevara, and many firm friendships were reinforced.

The under-14 'A' championship began in June and Toomevara were regarded as favourites. They had impressive victories over Burgess, Nenagh Eire Og Kilruane MacDonagh and Roscrea to reach the North Tipp final where they were opposed by Burgess who were expected to strongly challenge the favourites. Burgess put up a stern fight for a long period but Toome eventually came out on top, winning on a score of 2-13 to 3-2 for Burgess, to qualify for a county semi-final meeting with old opponents Dúrlas Óg. All the signs predicted this would be a hard, tough battle between two teams who had served up a thriller in the county semi final of Féile, which went right down to the wire, with Toome just inching out Dúrlas Óg in a great battle. The repeat never reached the same peak and Toome won rather easily on a scoreline of 2-13 to 0-4.

And so to the county final, played in Borrisoleigh which saw Toome facing Clonmel Óg who were seeking a double, as they had already won the county football title. The game opened at lightning pace and this intensity lasted for most of the hour. Exchanges were keen and hard and Clonmel put it up to Toome in no uncertain fashion. They fought for every ball as if their lives

depended on the outcome. Play flowed from end to end and scores were hard to come by. Toome took the lead early on and held it until half time. The second half saw no let up in concentration from either side and with a short time to go scores were level. The turning point came when Toome secured a goal from a long range free. This score seemed to down hearten the Clonmel boys and Toome went on at the end to win on a score of 3-9 to 2-3.

So the Toome boys had achieved their goal and brought a county title to the club. Hard work, full commitment and determination were the factors, which paid off for this achievement. The people of the parish are rightly proud of these under-14 boys, and they supported them throughout the year, deriving great pleasure and enjoyment from their feats and in return are very grateful. Hard work, dedication and persistence on the part of the players, coaches, club officials and members contributed to the boys success.

**Panel:** Timmy Gleeson (Capt), Colm McCarthy, Darren Cuddihy, Jamie Quigley, Alan Hughes, Liam O'Meara, Niall McCormack, Joseph McLoughney, Jim Duignan, Robert Duff, Jamie Burke, Gary Delaney, Kieran McGrath, Seamus (Ogie) O'Meara, Kevin Delaney, Stephen Gleeson, Simon O'Meara, Philip Ryan, Paddy O'Rourke, Andy O'Rourke, Conor Brislane, Thomas Hogan, John Coffey, David Nolan, Paddy Haverty, Paddy Grace, Kieran Ryan, Aidan Cahill, Darren Delaney, Craig Connolly, Damian O'Meara, Conor O'Meara.



Toomevara U-14 'A' hurling panel, North and County 'A' Champions . . . Back: Patrick O'Rourke, Thomas O'Meara, Stanley Morrissey, Colm McCarthy, Alan Hughes, Jamie Quigley, Robert Duff, Timmy Gleeson (capt), Joey McLoughney, Darren Cuddihy, Gary Delaney, Kevin Delaney, Conor Brislane. Kneeling: Kieran Ryan, Patrick Grail, Andy O'Rourke, David Nolan, Liam O'Meara, Philip Ryan, Seamus O'Meara, Niall McCormack, Jim Duignan, Kieran McGrath, Conor O'Meara, Simon O'Meara.





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# BALLINAHINCH ABÚ IN 2 0 0 2



Ballinahinch junior 'B' footballers 2001 North Champions. Back: Cathal Bourke, Matthew Fahy, Raphael Ryan, Dessie Kelly (capt), John Doheny, Noel Fahy, Alan Kelly, Marcus Ryan. Front: Tommy Kelly, Ger Griffin, Shane McGrath, Adrian Kelly, Michael Fitzgerald, Eoin O'Sullivan, Philip Kelly.

**A**fter our great successful year of 2001, who would have thought that 2002 would have brought even more success? Already we have taken five North Tipperary titles at the time this article was written. We won the North Tipp junior A hurling league & championship and notched up the U-21 'B' hurling championship for good measure. On the football scene we took the junior 'B' title for the second year in a row and our minors defied all the odds by take the 'B' football title. Hopefully when you are reading this article Ballinahinch will be county champions in these competitions as well. Our juveniles were busy during the year having joined with Burgess to form a new juvenile team called Burgess Gaels. Ballinahinch played in the 'A' grade U-21 football for the first time as an individual club. It was a very busy season both on and off the field as success always brings a heavy workload on the club. However, we blossomed to ensure this was without doubt a year we will not forget.

The season started with our under-21 footballers taking part in the 'A' championship. We defeated our near rivals Newport after a replay only to lose to Ballina in the semi final. One title Ballinahinch has not won down through the years was the junior hurling league. Following impressive displays against Borrisoleigh, Moneygall, Burgess, Silvermines and Roscrea, we defeated Silvermines in the final to take our first title. Our under-21 hurlers defeated Borrisokane and Lorrha to deserve the right to meet Borrisoleigh in the final. This game looked like we met our match but we overhauled Borris to take the silverware. In the county semi final, words cannot describe what happened on that evening in Cappawhite when we defeated Lattin-Cullen having been eleven points down twenty minutes into the second half. This was a great uplifting win for the players and let's hope they are county champions when you are reading this. Our minor footballers defeated Borrisokane and Moneygall to set up a meet-

ing with Kiladangan. A great performance by all fifteen players plus the subs introduced caused a major upset in the result as we took another title with a very limited number panel of players. Emly proved too strong for us in the county semi-final. Our minor hurlers put up some good shows during the year. Our junior footballers retained their title also when after breaking down the Newport challenge in the semi, we defeated Silvermines in the final. The Mines got the first goal of the game but we did not let this stop us as we overtook them before the final whistle.

We set about taking back our Junior hurling championship title with a first round battle against Burgess in Ballina. This match was probably the wake up call we needed as we fell away in front of the Burgess challenge to lose by two points. On the evening, we were caught fair and square but we made up for this later in the campaign. Following wins over Roscrea and Moneygall in the group stage, we qualified for the semi final as runners-up. We disposed of the Portroe challenge to set up another meeting with our friends from the main road side of the parish. The final was a close fair again and had it not

been for a great save by John Foley, Burgess could have sneaked a win at the end. Cathal Bourke accepted the cup after the match to great delight. We defeated Knockavilla Kickams in the quarter final to set up a meeting with Emly. The semi-final was played in Drumbane and after a tough first half, we took over in the second to run out easy winners in the end. In the final for the first time since 1994, we were up against new opposition Clonakenny, who were playing in their first county junior final. After a thriller of a game, Clonakenny came back to draw the game. In the replay we were convincing winners by 1-14 to 1-5.

Ger Griffin played excellent with Tipperary to win a Munster intermediate hurling medal and was very unlucky to lose out on the All-Ireland medal, having lost to Galway in the replay. Dermot Gleeson played corner back with Tipperary U-21 Hurlers who lost to the eventual All-Ireland champions, Limerick, after a replay. Dermot was also on Tipperary under-21 & junior football teams. Alan Kelly was also a member of the same junior football panel. Shane McGrath & Marcus Ryan were setting the field alight in minor hurling and football and were unlucky not to make the final cut Jamie Flynn played with Tipperary under 14 football in the Jim Power Memorial Tournament.

Our Club had a tragic loss during the year with the death of our joint President Phil Collins. Phil was one of the stalwarts of our club who won a North junior medal in 1949 with Knockmeal Rangers. He acted as chairman of the club on three different occasions and was also a very able and efficient secretary for the club for a number of years. The high respect of Phil was clearly shown at his funeral with the presence of a high number of GAA officials and supporters.

John Ryan is currently very busy writing our club history. A lot of time and effort has been put into this project over the last ten years researching for the contents of this book. We hope to have the book on the market this year.



Ballinahinch North minor 'B' football champions. Back: Tommy Kelly, Bill Lynch, Liam Murphy, Adrian Gleeson, Liam Benkery, Jamie Kelly, Michael Clifford, John Shinnors, Michael Lynch, John Foley, Sean Sheehy, Stephen Ryan, Paudie Benkery. Front: Shane McGrath, Francis Bourke, Enda Clifford, Donnacha McGrath, Michael O'Brien, Marcus Ryan (capt), Mark Kelly, Shane Fitzgerald, Noel Fahy.



# KILRUANE MacDONAGHS 1977-1979

## Tipperary Star/Anner Hotel Jubilee Team

by Liam Hogan

When the Kilruane MacDonaghs triple crown senior hurling winning team of 1977-1979 stepped out on the hallowed sod of Semple Stadium at half-time of this year's county final to be honoured as the Tipperary Star/Anner Hotel Jubilee team, it was hard to credit that a quarter of a century had elapsed since Dinny Cahill raised the Dan Breen Cup aloft after a memorable win against Borrisoleigh on that famous day in October, 1977. MacDonaghs bridged a 75 year gap by taking the first title since their predecessors De Wets had triumphed in 1902. There to witness that historic victory was Margaret O'Meara, RIP Kyle who had also been present at the county decider in 1902 when De Wets wrote their name in the history books. Mrs O'Meara's grandson Sean lined out at full forward against Borrisoleigh.

Defeats in the county finals of 1944, 1959, 1973 and 1975 had created an insatiable hunger for victory in the parish of Cloughjordan. Three quarters of a century of frustration and disappointment was released in emotional scenes that greeted the final whistle. The dream had become a reality. The hopes of successive generations had been realised and the tireless work of countless club members, players and officials had been rewarded. Victories at minor and under-21 level were favourable omens in the early seventies. The Holy Grail, however, proved as elusive as ever. Reversals in the county finals of 1973 and 1975 strengthened rather than weakened the resolve to make the breakthrough. The experience gained in those defeats was to be an

invaluable asset in the 1977 final. In the drawn game Borrisoleigh made a whirlwind start by displaying tenacity and determination which were to be the hallmarks of this team. MacDonaghs staged a great rally to level the game. Score: MacDonaghs 1-11, Borrisoleigh 2-8. The replay was played in atrocious conditions, which were a test of character and skill. As the game was delicately balanced in the second half, a Seamus Hennessy free was deflected to the net to turn the game in favour of MacDonaghs. The fleet-footed Eamonn O'Shea added two points and the Dan Breen Cup was heading for Cloughjordan on 1-5 to 0-5 scoreline.

The appointment of Len Gaynor to coach the team in 1977 was the spark that lit the fire. He moulded the team in his own image. He demanded and developed discipline and determination. Fitness was improved and skills were honed. All opposition was treated with respect but no team was feared. The selectors, Tom McLoughney, Mick O'Meara and Billy O'Meara RIP patiently blended the team. A good win in the North championship over dual county champions Moneygall held out the prospect of better things to come. In the North final a twelve-year barren spell was ended with a victory over Borrisoleigh on a 1-12 to 2-7 scoreline. Wins over Carrick Swans and Sean Treacy's secured a place in the final against Borrisoleigh. Sean Hyland was the star for MacDonaghs in the draw and the replay. It is unlikely that there was ever a better display from a corner back in a county final. Patrickswell were defeated in the first round of the Munster club championship but a late goal by Sixmilebridge in the

next round brought the season to an end.

1978 was to be a vintage year for the club with county titles won in senior, intermediate and under-14 hurling as well as an under-21 football title. In the North campaign, the senior hurlers came through undefeated to play their great rivals Roscrea in the final. When Roscrea went five points ahead in the second half and had the aid of the wind, Kilruane's crown looked to be in jeopardy. Once again however the team showed its renowned fighting spirit and two goals in three minutes by Jim and Gilbert Williams helped MacDonaghs to a 3-6 to 1-11 victory. Victories over Cappawhite and Holycross saw the North teams contest the county decider. This thrilling final featured remarkable marksmanship from Seamus Hennessy and Roscrea's Francis Loughnane. Hennessy scored 0-12 while Loughnane had a personal tally of 1-11. MacDonaghs once came from behind and a Gilbert Williams goal in the last minute gave them victory on 2-14 to 2-13 scoreline. Jim Williams captained the side to victory. In the Munster club, South Liberties were defeated in a replay in Caherconlish. This performance is generally accepted as the best ever display of hurling given by this team. In the next round a star studded Blackrock team proved too good in Pairc Uí Chaoimh.

In 1979 the team made a stuttering start in the North championship. They suffered two defeats and just qualified for the play-off. Given a second chance, the team regained its form. Moneygall were defeated in the North final on a 1-12 to 1-9 scoreline. Holycross and Cappawhite

were defeated to book a spot in the final against Thurles Sarsfields who had thwarted the clubs ambitions in 1944, 1959 and 1965. This time Liam O'Shea led MacDonaghs to victory on a 2-18 to 3-6 scoreline. In an epic in MacDonagh Park, Blackrock once again ended the team's interest in the Munster club championship. Six years later that particular result would be reversed in a historic Munster club final. In 1980 the team was going for four in a row. In what is generally acknowledged as the best county final in the last 50 years, a late Roger Ryan goal denied MacDonaghs the title. A replica of the 1978 final in reverse.

Five years later many of the three-in-a-row side were to be part of the club's greatest day ever in Croke Park when the All-Ireland club title was captured. That's a story for another day however. The reunion in Semple Stadium on county final day brought back many great memories of thrilling matches, great rivals and gave the players an opportunity to meet former friends and former foes. The Tipperary Star and Anner Hotel are to be commended on their initiative. The panel for the three-in-a-row was:

Tony Sheppard, Sean Hyland, Dinny O'Meara, Enda Hogan, Jim O'Meara, Paddy Williams, Dinny Cahill, Seamus Hennessy, Mackey Keogh, Liam O'Shea, Len Gaynor, Gilbert Williams, Jim Williams, Sean O'Meara, Jim Reddan, Eamonn O'Shea, Mackey Waters, John Quinlan, Michael Quinlan, Philip Quinlan, John Cahill, Michael Cahill, Dinny Whelan, Phil Reddan, Michael Hogan, Joe Hutchinson RIP, Ger Williams, Jim McLoughney and Ger Burns.



Members of the Kilruane MacDonagh's team, county senior hurling champions 1977, '78 and '79, who were honoured by the Tipperary Star/Anner Hotel on county final day. The players received presentations at a function at the Anner Hotel, Thurles, later the players were applauded on the field in Semple Stadium. Seated: Mackey Walters, Jim O'Meara, Seamus Hennessy, Liam O'Shea, Catherine Harrington (rep Anner Hotel), Archbishop Dermot Clifford, who made the presentations; Con Hogan, chairman, Co. Tipperary GAA Board; Jim Williams, Sean O'Meara, Gilbert Williams. Middle: Michael Dundon, editor Tipperary Star; John Cahill, Ger Williams, John Quinlan, Dinny O'Meara, Sean Hyland, Jim McLoughney, Michael Cahill, Enda Hogan, Ned Fogarty. Back: Michael Hogan, Gerry Burns, Mackey Keogh, Eamonn O'Shea, Tony Sheppard, Michael Quinlan, Phil Reddan, Tadgh Whelan (rep brother Sean), Paddy Williams, Philip Quinlan, Len Gaynor, Jim Reddan.



# Great year for Kildangan...



Kildangan Intermediate panel 2002 . . . Back: Rogie Gleeson (selector), James Minehan, Conor Hayes, Art Flannery, Enda Nolan, John Slattery, Ger Slattery, Karl Hogan, Liam Karol Flannery, Darragh Egan, Brian Lawlor (capt), James Flannery, Willie Seymour, Eddie Fogarty, Ml. Ryan, Colm Darcy, Liam Flannery (chairman). Front: Noel Seymour (selector), Eoin Kelly, Ger Quinn, Ml. Connors, Sean Gleeson, Tommy Connors, Brian Kelly, Liam Kelly, Pat Lynch, Dan Hackett, Hugh Flannery, John Maher, Dermot Hogan, Seanie Kelly, Eamonn Kelly (manager), Niall Kelly, Seamus Gleeson (treasurer).



Kildangan North Junior 'B' champions 2001 . . . Back: S. Mulhall, A. Sherlock, A. Ryan, D. Hogan, W. Seymour, L.K. Flannery, Ml. Ryan, P. Lynch, Ml. Slattery, J. Lynch, P. Coen (selector), T. Connors (selector), R. Gleeson (manager). Front: C. McGrath, Eoin Kelly, Eamon Kelly, G. Quinn, B. Delaney, M. Hogan, P. Hogan, E. McGrath, D. Slattery, W. Hayes, C. Hayes, C. Foley, S. Gleeson.



Kildangan Club of the Year 2002 . . . Catherine Gleeson, treasurer, North Board; Seamus Gleeson, treasurer; Caroline Hayes, secretary; Liam Flannery, chairman; Tom Slattery, chairman, North Board.



# Matt Hassett

## Toomevara and Tipperary

Interview by Liam Hogan

**N**o man would have been prouder than Matt Hassett on September 9th last year when he witnessed his fellow club man, Tomas Dunne, go up to receive the Liam McCarthy Cup after Tipp defeated Galway in the All-Ireland senior hurling final.

Forty years earlier Matt Hassett captained Tipperary to win the All-Ireland senior hurling championship when Tipperary defeated Dublin. He played at right corner back but did you know Matt played in the inside forward line for his club Toomevara in the fifties and especially in the 1957 North final when the Greyhounds lost to Nenagh Eire Og?

As is always the case players find themselves moved from position to position in the most unusual circumstances. Take 1958 when Toom travelled to Roscrea to play the home side in a Gold Watch Tournament.

*"We had sixteen players and I was number 16. The next day we were short again and the selectors placed me at wing-back. So I must have done some thing right. We got to the final and we were short a corner back. The selectors played me at corner-back when I marked Martin Loughnane. Martin was near the end of his career at the time. It was a great education. I never played anywhere else after that."*

This was the beginning of a glorious era in Toomevara hurling. From 1957 to 1963 inclusive they went on to win four North finals while playing seven finals in a row. They appeared in three county finals losing two in 1958 and 1961, but winning in 1960. It was the winning of the county final in 1960, which gave Matt the chance to be chosen as captain of the Tipperary senior team the following year. It proved to be a fruitful captaincy as Tipp defeated Dublin by 0-16 to 1-12.

### FIFTY EIGHT COUNTY FINAL

Matt first came to the notice of the Tipp selectors after the 1958 county final when Sarsfields beat them well. However it was not plain sailing though.

*"The following Spring the selectors wanted me to play in a tournament game against Cork at Mallow. A few days before the Mallow game Toom were playing Faughs of Dublin at another tournament game at Borrisoleigh on St Patrick's Day. Unfortunately I broke my finger and that ended my run for 1959. I never got any chance after that except in league or championship. There were a few challenge games alright. Then in 1960 Mickey Byrne of Sarsfields retired*

*and I was called in to play Limerick in the first round of the Munster championship"*

What followed was a win over Cork in the Munster final and of course the win over Dublin. It was only after the All-Ireland when Matt realized he would receive a replica of the Liam McCarthy which incidentally was placed in the real McCarthy Cup without the knowledge of Matt.

*"When I was been carried shoulder high across the field the replica must have fallen out. Two unidentified people must have handed in the replica into the offices of the Irish Times, because the Times contacted me on the Monday and I went to collect it."*

Surprisingly the most memorable game for the former captain, who won a second All-Ireland medal as a reserve in 1962, while playing for his county was not the All-Ireland of 1961.

*"The Munster final of 1960, and 1961 a close second. It was against Cork on both days and it was much closer in 1960, which was a tough game. I was marking Christy Ring for about 20 minutes and I spent the whole hour on him in 1961 and he failed to score off me both days."*

### NORTH BOARD SECRETARY

Administration was a feature of Matt's life. In 1964 He replaced as the North board secretary, Mick Moylan, who had previously held the position for 43 years. He will always remember the day after he was elected secretary when he went to meet Mick Moylan, who worked at Robinsons in Nenagh then. He told Matt:

*"Everybody has their own way of doing things and you (Matt Hassett) will have your own way of doing the job of North secretary, but I will give you one little piece of advice, you look after the small things, there will be lots of important people to look after the big things".*

*"It was a marvellous piece of advice,"* added Matt

Now living in Nenagh, Matt never forgot his roots. Toomevara was and will be his club and with the greyhounds now going through a great era at the moment, Matt was quick to point out as to why this is the case.

*"Niall Williams is the reason for the constant supply of success at juvenile level. The unbelievable success at U-12 and the number of championships at North and county that Toom won over the years. There are always a couple of*

*players coming from those teams. This helped to put a bit of pressure on the fellows that were in possession. Most of the great club teams like Sarsfields lasted ten or eleven years in the fifties and sixties. In the North you have Roscrea, Kilruane, Moneygall, Borris-Ileigh who came and went, but Toom have nearly put two teams back to back which is something exceptional."*

### THE NATIONAL SCENE

On the national scene at present there is a lot of discussion about the splitting of the Dublin GAA Board in to two divisions. Would Matt agree with the split?

*"I could not see a split being a success. I am sure the people who put the report together put a lot of thought in to it and considered all sorts of angles but my own belief is if they want to create more interest in the game in Dublin they will have to start at the bottom with the clubs. It is easy for me to talk down here in Tipperary as I do not know the whole situation in Dublin that well, but there are large pockets in Dublin who would not know the All-Ireland is on and clubs will have to be set up in those areas. Then you will need two or three dedicated people to start a club and there is problem of facilities for them plus the cost and I think there should be money put into those areas. Hopefully you will have more people playing – and the more you have playing the more you have interested."*

The new qualifying system for this year's All-Ireland hurling championship is a subject for most GAA followers and Matt is no exception.

*"It is worth a try. The only thing is I would be concerned about the club scene. Our association hinges on the club and county players will have a terrible problem as they will no rest at all."*

Nearer home the state of the game seems to have pleased Matt. Looking back ten years ago the future of the game seemed anything but good.

*"What amazed me back ten years ago there was grave concern that the volunteers would not come forward in the clubs to continue the work that is necessary to have a reasonable club. If you look around our own county I think we are blessed with the number of people that are still involved and committed. There are more people than there were ten years ago involved. Take Kildangan, Ballina, Portroe, Burgess, Silvermines*



and Templederry. They are committed clubs and their commitment amazes me. I am pleased with relegation. Most clubs will have to start at the bottom."

The payment of players is a subject that crops up now and again. Some time ago Mick O'Dwyer mentioned in the Sunday Independent that many players

who reach an All-Ireland final should receive a cheque of ten thousand pounds each for expenses. Would Matt agree?

"I would not agree with that. I have great respect for Mick O'Dwyer and I know he had great respect for our club team in Toomevara in the sixties. He

knew most of them and he had great regard for them. But I would not agree with him, I do agree that players should be rewarded with a good holiday with all expenses paid and a certain amount of money to spend during the holiday. I would not agree to hand over a cheque to any individual player."

## North Tipp Millennium Team



North Tipperary Centenary Hurling Team (1901-1951). Back row: Paddy Kenny, Liam Hackett (rep. late uncle Stephen), Michael Kennedy (rep. late father Martin), Jimmy Kennedy, John Darcy (rep. late uncle Jack), Dinny Duffy (rep. late father Tom), Jimmy Finn, Seamus O'Riain (who presented the scrolls). Front: Eadaoin Ryan (rep. grandfather Frank McGrath), Sinead Nealon (rep. grandfather Rody), Jimmy 'Butler' Coffey, Claire McLoughrey (rep. late father Mick Cronin), Sean Kenny RIP, Tony Reddin, Phil Shanahan, Mick Ryan.



North Tipperary Centenary Hurling Team (1951-2001). back row: Michael Cleary, Mick Burns, Kieran Carey, Pat McLoughney, Noel Sheehy, John 'Mackey' McKenna, Thomas Dunne, Tadhg O'Connor. Seated: Sean McCague (GAA president), Matt Hassett, Francis Loughnane, Liam Devaney, Tom McLoughrey, Len Gaynor, Donie Nealon, Bridget Haugh (rep. late brother John).



North Tipperary Football team of the century. Back row: Diarmuid Collison (rep. late father Jack), Sean Delaney (rep. late father Joe), Noel O'Shea, Philip Fanning, Ned Ryan (Og), Pat Shinnors, Niall Kelly, Mark Sheahan. Front: Michael Cahill (rep. Tony Sheppard), Terry McNulty, Ian Conroy, Kieran McNicholas (rep. Leo Dooley), Jim Williams, Jack Ryan, Kevin Coonan.



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## NORTH TIPP SEMI-FINALS AND FINAL RESULTS

### — FOOTBALL

U-21 'A'	Semi's	Kildangan	1-9	Inane	1-1
		Nenagh Éire Óg	3-6	Burgess Gaels	1-3
	Final	Nenagh Éire Óg	1-0	Kildangan	0-3
	Replay	Kildangan	1-7	Nenagh Éire Óg	1-2
U-12 'B'	Semi's	Kilruane McDonaghs	3-5	Templederry	1-3
		Ballina	4-4	Silvermines	1-3
	Final	Kilruane McDonaghs	...	Ballina	...
U-12 'C'	Semi's	Shannon Rovers	1-9	Portroe	2-4
		Newport	4-4	Lorrha	1-4
	Final	Newport	4-8	Shannon Rovers	2-4
U-14 'A'	Semi's	Kilruane McDonaghs	3-2	Nenagh Éire Óg	1-3
		Burgess Gaels	2-12	Inane Rovers	0-1
	Final	Kilruane McDonaghs	1-8	Burgess Gaels	1-4
U-14 'B'	Semi's	Templederry	2-9	Ballina	0-3
		Borris-Ileagh	...	Silvermines	...
	Final	Templederry	...	Borris-Ileagh	...
U-14 'C'	Semi's	Lorrha	0-6	Shannon Rovers	0-5
		Portroe	1-4	Kildangan	1-4
	Replay	Kildangan	0-9	Portroe	0-8
	Final	Kildangan	1-4	Lorrha	1-3
U-16 'A'	Semi's	Inane Rovers	7-4	Borris-Ileagh	2-4
		Kilruane McDonaghs	1-5	Ballina	0-7
	Final	Kilruane McDonaghs	1-12	Inane Rovers	2-6
U-16 'B'	Semi's	Silvermines	3-8	Kildangan	2-6
		Borrisokane	4-5	Shannon Rovers	0-4
	Final	Silvermines	5-5	Borrisokane	3-7
U-16 'C'	Semi's	Templederry	4-9	Lorrha	3-3
		Ballinahinch	0-14	Portroe	1-4
	Final	Templederry	5-9	Ballinahinch	0-7

## Munster Championship North Tipp Panel v Cork City

No. 1	Matthew Ryan	Templederry
No. 2	Jack Maher	Lorrha
No. 3	Sean Ryan	Moneygall
No. 4	Martin Walsh	Kilruane McDonaghs
No. 5	Ray McLoughney	Kilruane McDonaghs
No. 6	Shane Carroll	Shannon Rovers
No. 7	David O'Connor	Borris-Ileagh
No. 8	Shane O'Brien	Ballina
No. 9	David Kearns	Nenagh Éire Óg
No. 10	Mark O'Meara	Roscrea
No. 11	Stephen Murphy	Kilruane McDonaghs
No. 12	Keith Ryan	Borris-Ileagh
No. 13	Colm Larkin	Borrisokane
No. 14	Darragh Egan	Kildangan
No. 15	Joseph McLoughney	Toomevara

Sub Goalie	Martin McKeogh	Ballina
No. 16	Joe Gleeson	Borrisokane
No. 17	Owen Sheehy	Ballina
No. 18	Brian McGloughlin	Kildangan
No. 19	James Keogh	Kilruane McDonaghs
No. 20	Graham Gohery	Knockshegowna
No. 21	Owen Ryan	Moneygall
No. 22	Jimmy Creamer	Portroe
No. 23	Pat Fitzgerald	Roscrea
No. 24	Declan Mulqueen	Silvermines
No. 25	Lee Darcy	Shannon Rovers
No. 26	George Hannigan	Shannon Rovers

## NORTH TIPP SEMI-FINALS AND FINAL RESULTS

### — HURLING

U-12 'A'	Semi's	Kildangan	1-10	Templederry	2-7
	Replay	Kildangan	2-6	Templederry	1-3
		Nenagh Éire Óg	3-7	Toomevara	1-2
	Final	Nenagh Éire Óg	3-7	Kildangan	2-3
U-12 'B'	Semi's	Kilruane McDonaghs	1-2	Borris-Ileagh	0-2
		Moneygall	1-5	Burgess Gaels	0-4
	Final	Kilruane McDonaghs	0-3	Moneygall	0-3
	Replay	Moneygall	1-6	Kilruane McDonaghs	1-3
U-12 'C'	Semi's	Lorrha	...	Ballina	...
		Newport	...	Shannon Rovers	...
	Final	Lorrha	3-4	Shannon Rovers	3-2
U-14 'A'	Semi's	Burgess Gaels	3-8	Kilruane McDonaghs	2-10
		Toomevara	1-11	Nenagh Éire Óg	0-4
	Final	Toomevara	1-11	Burgess Gaels	3-2
U-14 'B'	Semi's	Templederry	0-9	Lorrha	0-2
		Portroe	1-10	Moneygall	1-7
	Final	Portroe	2-4	Templederry	0-9
U-14 'C'	Semi's	Kildangan	3-12	Ballina	0-4
		Newport	5-8	Borrisokane	3-5
	Final	Kildangan	1-7	Newport	2-2
U-16 'A'	Semi's	Kilruane McDonaghs	2-11	Ballina	1-4
		Roscrea	5-13	Toomevara	0-5
	Final	Kilruane McDonaghs	3-9	Roscrea	1-12
U-16 'B'	Semi's	Shannon Rovers	2-10	Moneygall	2-4
		Borris-Ileagh	1-10	Templederry	0-12
	Final	Shannon Rovers	3-7	Borris-Ileagh	1-7
U-16 'C'	Final	Portroe	5-6	Kildangan	4-7

## Score: North Tipp 3-17 Cork City 1-3

Scorers: Colm Larkin 0-8 (6 frees), Mark O'Meara 1-2, Joey McLoughney 1-1, Owen Ryan 1-0, Darragh Egan 0-2, Stephen Murphy 0-1, Keith Ryan 0-1, Shane Carroll '65, George Hannigan 0-1.

## ARRABAWN CO-OP TOURNAMENT

Tipperary	3-9;	Limerick	0-8
Tipperary	3-14;	Westmeath	0-0
Tipperary	4-12;	Kilkenny	3-11

## Final:

Tipperary	1-14;	Galway	1-3
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Shannon Rovers Under-16 'B' North winners. Back row: Patrick Donnellan, Julian O'Halloran, Robert O'Gorman, Lee Darcy, George Hannigan, Michael Quinlan, Darren Carroll, Martin Cleary, Philip Donnellan, Michael Harding. Front row: Darrel Darcy, James Stack, Kevin Cahalan, David Hogan, Shane Carroll, Barry Cahalan, Michael Burke, Sean Tiernan, Dan O'Halloran.





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North Tipp players, goals Darragh Egan, Kildangan, full-back Sean Ryan, Moneygall, Centre-back Shane Carroll, Shannon Rovers, Centrefield Shane O'Brien, Ballina, Full-forward Colm Larkin, Borrisokane, Colm Larkin 1-8 (6 frees).

#### NTH. TIPP v IMOKILLY – MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIP 20-4-02

No. 1	Matthew Ryan	Templederry
No. 2	Jack Maher	Lorrha
No. 3	Sean Ryan	Moneygall
No. 4	Martin Walsh	Kilruane McDonaghs
No. 5	Ray McLoughney	Kilruane McDonaghs
No. 6	Shane Carroll	Shannon Rovers
No. 7	David O'Connor	Borris-Ileagh
No. 8	Shane O'Brien	Ballina
No. 9	David Kearns	Nenagh Éire Óg
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No. 24	Declan Mulqueen	Silvermines
No. 25	Lee Darcy	Shannon Rovers
No. 26	George Hannigan	Shannon Rovers

#### Score: North Tipp 2-16; Imokilly 3-11.

Scorers: Colm Larkin 1-9; Stephen Murphy 1-1, Darragh Egan 0-2, Shane Carroll 0-2, Keith Ryan 0-1, Shane O'Brien 0-1.



Kilruane McDonaghs – North Tipperary U-14 'A' football champions. Back row: (from left): Pat Conway, Michael Rafferty, Andrew Hodgins, Kevin Ryan, Patrick Lawlor, John Cahill, Michael Dowling, James Cavanagh. Middle row: Declan Kennedy, Fredrick Williams, Pádraig Kelly, Diarmuid Murphy, Eoin Hogan, Richard King, Liam Gibson, Luke Williams, Kieran Boyle. Front: William Cleary, Shane Hodgins, Jason Darcy, Seamus Hennessy, Shane Quinlan, Gavin McAvinchey (captain), Michael Costelloe, Gerard Corcoran, Declan Barrett, Thomas Williams, Brian O'Meara.



Kilruane McDonaghs – North U-16 'A' hurling and football champions. Front row: (l. to r.): Liam Gibson, Shane Quinlan, Seamus Hennessy, Michael Costello, Gavin McAvinchey, Eoin Hogan, Stephen Smith and Jim Conway. Back row: Stephen Murphy, Martin Walsh, Colm Williams, Graham Gohery, James Keogh, Liam O'Meara, Ray McLoughney, Thomas Hayes, Kevin Prout, Mark O'Meara and Paul Farrell



The Newport panel and selectors that won the county under-12 'C' football title by defeating Ballyporeen at Semple Stadium. Back row (l. to r.): Con Keating, Pa O'Connor, John O'Brien (selectors). Middle row: Paul Ryan, Darren Moroney, Greg Moroney, Stephen O'Neill, Kevin O'Brien, Conor Keating, Tommy Conway, Kieran Doherty, Peter O'Sullivan, Sean O'Brien, Patrick Floyd. Front row: Martin Carey, Michael Ryan, Brendan Ryan, Anthony Clifford, Kevin McGlynchy (captain), Aidan Ryan, Frankie Foley, Michael McKeogh, Eoin Lees. Missing from photo: Declan Hayes.



Templederry – North under-16 'C' football champions. Back row (l. to r.): Micheál Dwyer, Donal McGrath, Andy Ryan, Eoin Murray (captain), Matthew Ryan, Thomas Stapleton, Pádraig O'Leary, Dan Fahy, Alan Carey, Eoghan Ryan. Front row: Tomás Hogan, Aidan Ryan (Rue), Michael Ryan, Morgan Carey, Stephen Smyth, Eoin Mulcahy, Pat Ryan, Ger Kennedy, Gerard Ryan.



Nenagh Éire Óg hurling panel – North U-12 'A' champions. Back row: Willie O'Connor, Aaron Savage, Brian Duffy, Eoin Slattery, Patrick Murphy, Willie Bolger, Shane Maher, Patrick Flynn, Mark Flannery, Niall Madden, Billy Heffernan, Kevin O'Gorman, David Cleary. Front: John Minogue, Conor Curack, Cliff Moloney, Karl Mackey, Paul Cleary, Tommy Heffernan, Edward Darcy, Sean Byrne, Conor Geaney, Brian Armitage, Joshua Bourke.



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Templederry U-14 'B' football North winners. Back row: (l. to r.): Alan Carey, Tommy Hogan, Pádraig O'Leary, James O'Leary (manager), Gearóid Ryan, Stephen Smith (captain), John Collins (selector), Aidan Ryan, Danny McGrath (selector), Thomas Stapleton, Daniel Fahey, John Fogarty, Eoghan Kinane. Front row: (l. to r.) Noel Ryan, Denis Corcoran, Christy Coughlan, Paul Murray, Eanna Murray, Tom Ryan, Tadhg McLoughlin, Ronan Kinane, Thomas McAutcheon.



Kilruane McDonaghs – North U-12 'B' football champions. Front row (l. to r.): Colin Browne, Timothy Walsh, David Reddan, Kieran Holland, Justin Cahill, Ronan Boyle, Niall O'Meara, James Williams, Cian Williams, James Holland and Con Williams. Back row: Niall Murphy, Michael Rafferty, Scot Hodgins, William Gleeson, Eamonn Murphy, Brian O'Meara, Matthew Gleeson, Sean Hayes, Pat Conway, Morgan Conway and Keith Kelly



Moneygall Under-12 hurlers. North and County 'B' Champions 2002. Back row: Liam Byrne, Martin Doughan, Michael Kennedy, Liam Doughan, Keith Maher (captain), Jane O'Meara, Seamus Treacy, Joseph Maher, Martin Kennedy. Front row: Gary Powell, Cathal Kennedy, Jody Troy, Tony O'Connor, Damien Hogan, Margaret Kirwan, Michelle Moten, Sarah Kirwan, Brendan Toohet. Seated: Michael Whyte, Barry Treacy.



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Back row, l to r: Shane Maher, Pearse Morris, Kevin O'Gorman, William O'Connor, Damien Ely, Michael Heffernan (captain), Mark Grace, Mark Flannery, Sean Healy, Brian Duffy, Thomas O'Brien. Front: Paul Carey, Niall Madden, Edward Darcy, Tommy Heffernan, Eoghan Slattery, John Minogue, Billy Heffernan, David Cleary, Patrick Flynn. Missing from photo: Alan Kelly, Cliff Moloney, Patrick Murphy, William O'Connor.



The Lorrha panel and selectors that won the county under-12 'C' hurling title by defeating Clonmel Óg in Semple Stadium. Front row (l. to r.): Niall O'Meara, Michael Lambe, Brian Hogan, Christopher Fogarty, Pádraig Reddan. Second row: Sean Duggan, Aaron Hogan, Gavin Younge, Brian Bugler, Philip Hogan (kneeling forward), Sean O'Meara, Ciaran Duggan (captain), Ciaran Hough, William Maher, Darren Kennedy, John O'Meara (partly hidden), Paul Brady, Neill Houlihan, Daniel Smith, David Cleary. Third row: Brendan Kelly, James Hocht, Graham Houlihan, Eoghan O'Meara, Bebhinn Kennedy, Cian Hogan, Andrew Hocht, Conor Hough, Declan O'Meara, Brendan O'Brien, David Fogarty, Sean Cleary, James Duggan, Diarmuid Sherlock, Noel Lane, Aidan Hough, Sean Hogan, Conor Glynn. Fourth row: Sid Houlihan (selector), Ken Hogan (coach/selector), Donie O'Meara (selector), Oliver Duggan (manager).



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## **Éire Óg – Officers and Captains 2001 with West and County Trophies.**

Front (from left) – Liam O'Brien, chairman; Fr John Beatty, PP, Eileen Ryan, secretary; Michael Ryan, treasurer; Fr Jim O'Donnell. Back row – Shane O'Dwyer; Garret O'Brien, captain West U-21 HC 'A'; John Quinn, captain Co. I.F. Champions; John Kelly, captain Co JFC 'B' Champions; Sheila Carew, captain U-16 Co Camogie Champions; Kevin Fox.



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Officers of West Tipperary GAA Board making a presentation to Cashel Community School for the promotion of GAA games at the school. Included are, from left: John Scully, CCS; Jerry Ring, secretary, West Board; Mattie Finnerty; James O'Donnell, chairman, West Board; Eddie Morrissey, principal, CCS; Colm O'Flaherty and Peter Creedon, CCS.

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Back row – Thomas Hanley, Seamus Grogan, Paul Coughlan, Gerard Peters, Barry Grogan, Joe Fahy, Tadhg O'Donoghue, Kevin Dillon, Vincent Hennessy, Brian Leonard.

#### **Arravale Rovers – U-21 'B' Football Champions**

The Arravale Rovers panel that won the county under-21 'B' football title by defeating Moycarkey-Borris in Cashel. Back row (from left) – Brian Glasheen (captain), David O'Sullivan, David Kihinan, John Hayes, Patrick Heffernan, Shane Flynn, Tommy Greene, Paul Jones, Roger O'Connor, Philip Ryan, Peter O'Carroll, Liam O'Reilly, Tadhg Duggan. Front row – Anthony Glasheen, James O'Dwyer, Damien Grisewood, Michael Maguire, Eric Higgins, Wayne Rogers, Niall Sheehan, Kenneth Hayes, Lee Dudley, Bernard O'Callaghan, Brian O'Mahony.



#### **Arravale Rovers – MFCA West Champions**

Front row (from left) – James O'Leary, Wayne Rogers, James O'Dwyer (capt), Cormac Moore, John O'Brien, Phillip Ryan, Denis O'Brien, Lee Dudley, Pauric Ryan.

Back row – Peter Gleeson (coach), Cormac Molloy, James O'Brien, Bernard O'Callaghan, Roger O'Connor, Joe Power (chairman), Anthony Glasheen, Thomas Gleeson, Barry O'Reilly, Tommy Toomey (coach).

#### **Clonoulty – SHC West Champions**

Back row (from left) – James Ryan (H), T.J. O'Dwyer, Brian Lyons, T.J. Maher, Aidan Butler, John Devane, Declan Ryan, Liam Kearney, Andrew Fryday, Michael Heffernan, Michael Brennan, Maurice Quirke, Conor Ryan (C).

Front row – Daithi Maher, Brian Ryan, Patrick O'Brien, Michael Coen, Kevin Ryan, Trevor Dwyer, Bonny Kennedy, Alan Kennedy, David Kennedy, Tom Butler, John Heffernan, Con O'Keefe, Conor Lyons, Richard Martin.



#### **Clonoulty – MHCH West Champions**

Front row (from left) – Timothy Hammersley, Fiachra O'Keefe, Tommy Lyng, Pdraig Ryan (R), David Kennedy, Brian Slattery, Daithi Maher, Brian Ryan, Kevin Horan.

Back row – Tommy Maher, Liam Devane, Stephen Kearney, James Heffernan, Patrick Ryan (L), Thomas Ryan (R), Jason Forrestal, Tommy Hennessy, Donncha Ryan (R), Tommy Quinn.





#### **Emly – JHCA West Champions**

Front row (from left) – Roger English, Eddie Hanley, Donal Condon, David Byrnes, John Purcell, Sean Hennessy (captain), James Condon, Stephen Bourke, Richard Byrnes, John O'Meara, Adrian Hennessy, Jimmy Lonergan, Fran Cunningham (manager), Danny Cunningham.

Back row – Martin Condon (selector), Philip Purcell, Shane McManus, Michael Ring, Liam Bourke, David Hennessy, Paul Creamer, Donnacha Breen, Pat Buckley, Eoin Buckley, Michael Bourke, P.J. Connolly, Ger Dawson, Mike Ryan, Denis Heelan, Joe Heelan (selector).

#### **Emly – MF 'B' West Champions**

Front row (from left) – Michael Noonan, Michael Bourke, Michael McNery, Theo Butler, Alan Sheehy, Donal Condon, James Purcell, Bob McNery, Michael McGrath, Cathal Hayes.

Back row – Patrick and John McGrath, Derek Murphy, Philip Shanahan, Vincent Murphy, Noel McCarthy, Alan Leahy, Jimmy O'Dea, Philip Purcell, William Hennessy, Stephen Lonergan, Eoin Buckley, Joseph O'Brien, David Byrnes (Manager), Patrick McGrath.



#### **Galtee Rovers – SFC West Champions**

Front row (from left) – Pat Murnane, Paul McCarthy, Pa Morrissey, Eddie Grace, Willie Tarrant, Declan Peters, Mark Peters, Andrew Morrissey, Vincent Murphy.

Back row – David Byron, Denis Peters, Colin Morrissey, Cathal Moloney, Seamus Moloney, David Morrissey, Michael Grace, Eamon O'Connell, Anthony Boles, Jim Phelan, John Morrissey.

#### **Galtee Rovers – West JFC 'B' Winners 2002**

Front row (from left) – Alan Carter, John Ryan, Tony Egan, Kieran Bergin, James Galvin, Mark O'Brien, Colin Hayes, Chris Byron, Ger Lonergan, Patrick Ryan, David Browne.

Back row – John Quinlan, Michael White, Michael Scanlon, James Tobin, Dallan Browne, Larry Quinn, John Halpin, Brendan Healy, Padraig O'Halloran, William Levingtone.



#### **Galtee Rovers – West U-21 FA Champions**

Front row (from left) – Declan Peters, Pa Morrissey, Andrew Morrissey, Mark Peters, Eamon O'Connell, David Morrissey, Pat Murnane, Anthony Boles, Christopher Higgins, Kevin Bergin.

Back row – John Paul Lonergan, Michael Peters, Stephen Grace, Brendan Murphy, Paul McCarthy, Denis Peters, David Byron, Ciarán Shiels, Robert Doyle, Ciaran Bergin, Shane Ferris, Owen Wade.





**Galtee Rovers – U-21 HC 'A' West Champions**

Front row (from left) – Eoin Wade, Andrew Morrissey, Tony Lonergan, Tony O'Brien, Pa Morrissey, Pat Murnane, Kevin Bergin, David Byron, Andrew O'Halloran.

Back row – Michael Byron, Anthony Boles, David Morrissey, Eamon O'Connell, Mark O'Brien, Brendan Murphy, Mark Peters, Denis Peters, Ciaran Bergin, Kieran Murnane, Raymond O'Dwyer.

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**Kickhams, MHCA – West Champions.**

Front row (from left) – Pat Ryan, Mark Ryan, Owen O'Brien, Tommy Comerford, Patrick Ryan, James Shanahan, Paul O'Dwyer, Pdraig Hayes, Michael Shanahan, Darren Hayes, Trevor O'Brien, Kieran Slattery.

Back row – Donal Comerford, Anthony Ryan, Seamus Hickey, Conor Ryan, Martin O'Brien, James Keane, Nigel Hayes, Joe Breen, John Heffernan, Harry Horgan, Conor Ryan, Michael Heelan, John Taylor, Adrian Burke, David Ryan, Darren Crowe, John Keane.



**Lattin/Cullen – U-21 HC 'B' West Champions**

Front row (from left) – Daniel Connery, Donncha O'Grady, Pat Maguire, James Breen, Paul Ryan, Pat O'Grady, Ailbe Power, James O'Dwyer, James Maguire. Back row – Brendan Hanley, Thomas Condon, Jimmy O'Dwyer, Billy Condon, Pat Power, Michael Kenny, Timmy Butler, Richard Byrnes, Bernard Leahy, Eaven Hanley, Dermot Leahy.



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Back row – Jim Joe Dudley, Alan Moloney, Cyril O'Gorman, Thomas Buckley, Patrick Prendergast, P.J. Moloney, James Halloran, Eoin O'Gorman, Dinny Browne, William Prendergast, Thomas Buckley, John Fitzgerald, Martin Boland.

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This victory was hard earned, with a tough first round game v South Limerick and a tougher semi final v West Limerick with only 1 point to spare. This set up a meeting with South Tipperary in the final, who had easily beaten us in the Garda Cup inter-divisional earlier in the year. This final lived up to all expectations before extra time separated the sides and giving the West their first title. Preparations for this competition was ideal, with the running of the Garda Cup. Losing to South Tipp, matched us with North Tipp in the Shield final. This was a cracker of a game and for once we came out on top, to give us the Shield for the first time.

This panel of players put a great effort and commitment for their win. Our U-14 hurlers were also successful in the Peadar Cummins Shield for the first time again a great effort was put into this panel of players who also deserved their win.

On the club scene there was many a good game we thank our sponsors for their loyal support and sponsorship of our juvenile games.

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## U-16 PANEL

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Arravale Rovers, West U-12 'A' football champions and county finalists. Back: Nick McCarthy (selector), Tommy Fitzgerald (selector). Middle: Patrick Finnan, Darren Lowry, Daniel Heffernan, Nicholas Cummins, Diarmuid O'Donnell, Darragh Fitzpatrick, Eoin McCarthy, Craig Quinlan, Niall Donovan, James Ryan, Mark Crowe, Barry Collins, Niall Quin, Brian Kissana, Michael John Ryan. Front: Sean O'Meara, Gerard Mulhair, Donough Leahy, Patrick Dalton, David Heffernan, Michael O'Dwyer (capt), Kelvin O'Brien, Shane Leahy, Brian Lowry, Elaine McCahill, Marie Kavanagh, Gerard O'Dwyer, Michael Kennedy.



Clonoulty/Rossmore U-12 'A' hurling west champions and county finalists and U-12 'B' football west finalists. Back: Jack Spillane, Seamus Carew, Darren Corcoran, Joe Hammersley (mentor), Philip Quirke, Daniel O'Dwyer, Andrew Quirke, Brian Carroll, Shane Ryan, Pádraig Heffernan, Joseph Slattery, Aidan White, Donnacha Ryan, Jamie Moloney, Thomas Butler, Tom Ryan (mentor), Seán O'Connor, Seán Maher, Kieran Ryan. Front: James Hammersley, James Coffey, Richard Coffey, Kieran Carroll, Michael Quinn, Jamie Ryan, Philip Kearney, John O'Neill, Kieran Hammersley, David Fitzpatrick, Philip Ryan, Conor Hammersley, Martin Sadlier, Sean Coffey, Philip Fitzpatrick, Aoran Wright.



Clonoulty/Rossmore U-16 'A' hurling west finalists and U-16 'B' football west champions and county finalists. Back: Liam Kearney (mentor), Paudie Heffernan, Eamon Egan (mentor), Stephen Kearney, Timothy Hammersley, Tommy Maher, Patrick Ryan, Liam Devane, James Heffernan, Denis Ryan, Tadhg Ryan, Tommy Hennessy, Thomas Lyng, Paddy Heffernan (mentor). Front: Thomas Quinn, John O'Keefe, Pádraig White, Joe O'Keefe, Kevin Horan, Jason Forrestal, Diarmuid Cullen, Philip Ryan, Anthony Kearney, James Stapleton, James Manton, Philip Kearney (sponsor).

(Clonoulty/Rossmore), Tommy Lyng (Clonoulty/Rossmore), Kiernan McCarthy (Cappawhite), Ryan O'Dwyer (Cashel King Cormacs), Kiernan Murnane (Galtee Rovers), Tommy Comerford (Kickhams),

Michael Harding (Golden/ Kilfearacle).

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Cashel U-13 Garda Cup team winners 2002. Back: Joseph Murphy, Darragh O'Brien, Pat Coates, Daniel Murphy, Michael Crosse, Brian Silhe, Sean Walsh, Owen Laffan, Patrick Butler. Middle: David Shields, Owen Quirke, Gavin Browne, JP Morrissey, Kevin O'Leary, Jonathon Grogan, Declan Horan, John Darmody. Front: Aidan Butler, Raymie O'Leary.



Rockwell Rovers U-12 'B' west hurling. Back: D Lonergan, B Shanahan, JJ Cooney, G Ryan, M Barrett, A Moloney (capt), M O'Donnell, L Lonergan, T Byrnes, D MacCarthy, E Barrett. Front: J Kennedy, J Moloney, C O'Donnell, M Barron, S O'Halloran, A Barron, W Hickey, E Sheehy, S Brizay, S Boland, E Byrne.



Seann Treacy's summer camp group with coaches, club officials and guests.



Cashel King Cormacs, west U-14 'B' hurling champions and county finalists. Back: Laim Gleeson (selector), Thomas O'Neill, John Flynn, Ian Prendergast, Derek Ryan, John Darmody, Gavin Gleeson, Robert Doherty, Christopher Hickey, Patrick Coates, Patrick Butler, Seann Walsh, Lee Burke, Daniel Carrie, Owen Laffan, Michael O'Dwyer, Paddy Butler (selector). Front: Michael Butler (selector), Garry Ryan, Jonathan Grogan, Kevin Gleeson, Kevin O'Leary, Ian Shanahan, David Shiels, Stephen Campion, John Moloney, James Hickey, Leone Purcell, Thomas O'Riordan, James Fitzell, Adrian Cummins, Joe O'Leary (selector). Mascot: Ramie O'Leary.

#### U14 HURLING PANEL

Diarmuid Cullen, Clonoulty/Rossmore, Billy Bourke Kickhams, Paul Ryan, Arravale Rovers, Jim Carr, Cappawhite, MI Fitzgerald Golden Kilfeacle, Patrick Ryan, Clonoulty/Rossmore, Owen Butler, Kickhams, John O'Keefe, Clonoulty/Rossmore, Damian Ryan, Galtee, Killian

Heaney, Kickhams, Brian Jones, Arravale Rovers, Padraig O'Dwyer, Eire Og, Niall Kennedy, Golden/Kilfeacle, Seamus Grogan, Aherlow, Jason Lukeman, Kickhams, Niall Sullivan, Galtee Rovers, Paul Fitzgerald, Cappawhite, Brian Foy, Eire Og, Timmy Dalton, Arravale Rovers, Noel Leamy Eire Og, Aidain Fogarty,

Cashel King Cormacs, Matthew Ryan, Cappawhite, Pakie Farrell, Kickhams, Stephen Martin Lattin/C, Padraig White Clonoulty/Rossmore, Cathal Dillon, Aherlow.

**Selectors:** Phil Ryan Kickhams, Damian Quinlan, Arravale Rovers, Michael Crowe, Galtee Rovers. Michael O'Carroll, Golden/Kilfeacle. (Maurice Ryan First Aid)

#### RESULTS

##### Gleeson Concrete U-12 A hurling:

Clonoulty/Rossmore 1-5,  
Cashel King Cormacs 0-5.

##### Tipperary Co-Op U-12 B (H):

Rockwell Rovers 5-1, Eire Og 1-0.

##### Noel Browne Bus Hire U-12 (H):

Lattin/C 2-6, Golden/Kilfeacle 0-2.

##### U-12 (H) Shield Quirke Jewellers Cahir:

Kickhams 2-4, Arravale Rovers 2-3.

##### U-14 A (H) Kelly Soft Drinks:

Arravale Rovers 2-11, Aherlow 0-3.

##### U-14 B (H) Caulfields Super Value:

Cashel King Cormacs 2-14,  
Cappawhite 3-3.

##### U-14 C H Amber Oil Tipperary:

Golden/Kilfeacle 0-6, Sean Treacys 1-2

##### U-16 A H Tipperary Credit Union:

Kickhams 2-10, Clonoulty/Rossmore 1-4.

##### U-16 B H Centenary Co Op:

Cappawhite 2-10, Aherlow 2-4.

##### U-16 C H P.J. Burns Plumbing Tipperary:

Emly 5-6, Solohead 3-4.

##### U-12 A Football Fitzpatricks Printers:

Arravale Rovers 2-3, Aherlow 1-4.

##### U-12 B F. O'Dwyer Hardware Dundrum:

Clonoulty/Rossmore 1-1, Cashel KC 1-2.

##### U-12 C Football Irish PBS, Tipperary:

Golden/Kilfeacle 4-4, Sean Treacys 1-1.

##### U-12 F. Shield:

Galtee Rovers 3-5, Emly 1-4.

##### U-14 A Football Hanly, Tyre Centre,

Tipperary: Arravale Rovers 7-6,  
Aherlow 2-6.

##### U-14 B Football Sergeant Peppers

Tipperary: Cashel KC 1-8,  
Golden/Kilfeacle 0-1.

##### U-14 C F Whealan Sports:

Sean Treacys 1-3, Lattin/C 0-5.

##### U-16 A Football AIB Tipperary:

Golden/ Kilfeacle 0-11,  
Galtee Rovers 0-6.

##### U-16 B F. Quirke Jewellers Cahir:

Clonoulty/Rossmore 3-4,  
Cappawhite 1-5.

##### U-16 C. F Cashel Credit Union:

Eire Og 6-12, Solohead 1-5.

##### Coca cola Feile na nGeal:

Kickhams 5-6, Arravale Rovers 1-2.

##### Coca Cola Peil na nOg:

Arravale Rovers 6-6, Kickhams 0-2.

##### Coca Cola Skillstar Aidan Fogarty:

Cashel King Cormacs.

##### Coca Cola Poc Fada:

Paul Fitzgerald, Cappawhite.



# West Bord na nÓg



West Tipperary – Munster U-16 'B' Inter-Divisional Champions – Front: (l. to r.): Tommy Lyng, Pat Power, Tommy Quinn, Tommy Comerford, Paul O'Dwyer, Tony O'Brien, Kieran Bergin, Michael Heelan, Ross Dunne, Pádraig Hayes, James Dudley, Back row (l. to r.): Kieran McCarthy, Daniel Hogan, Tom Hennessy, James Hefferan, Nigel Hayes, Barry Grogan, Thomas Gleeson, Ryan O'Dwyer, Liam Devane, James McCarthy, Paddy Ivors, Michael Harding, Kieran Murnane, Joe Ryan.



U-16 hurling – West Champions – Cappawhite. (left to right): Gerry O'Neill, Matthew Ryan, Joe Clancy, Patrick Maguire, Damien Barry, John Fitzgerald, Ross Dunne, Timmy Cranley, Jim Carr, Michael O'Neill, John McGrath. Back (l. to r.): P. Buckley, Michael P. Buckley, Martin O'Connor, Tomás Crowe, Michael Ryan, Declan O'Meara, Frank Kelly, Kieran McCarthy, Vincent Barry, Michael R. Buckley, Gerry Renehan, Paul Fitzgerald, Colm O'Keefe.



U-16 'B' hurling – West champions – Emly. Front (l. to r.): Niall Quinn, Mark Davern, Thomas Dawson, Ned O'Meara, Joey Lonergan, Stephen Lonergan, Declan McEniry, James Purcell. Back (l. to r.): William Hennessy, Patrick Hennessy, John Hennessy, J.P. Walsh, Patrick McGrath, Theo Butler, Eanna Quish, Cathal Hayes, Robert McEniry, Joseph O'Brien, Timmy Hartigan.





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U-14 'A' hurling – West champions – Arravale Rovers. (Front row – l. to r.): Mikie O'Dwyer, James Rhatigan, Martin Coffey, Pat Noonan, Michael O'Sullivan, Padraig Lyons, Timothy Dalton, Stephen Quinn, Fergal McNamara, James Ryan, Conor McNamara, John McCahill, Ian Richardson. Back row: Jamesie Hogan, Damien O'Donnell, James Mulhair, David McCormack, Paddy Noonan, Paul Ryan, Sean Spillane, Shane Crowe, Bill Donovan, Ned Lowry, Brian Jones, Sean Walsh, Jamie O'Callaghan, Michael Crowe, Robert Moloney, Richie Lohan.



U-14 'C' hurling – West champions – Golden-Kilfeacle: Front (l. to r.): Matty Ryan, Mark Hally, Shane Looby, Brendan Moloney, Diarmuid Morrissey, Dean Ryan, Michael Fitzgerald. Back row (l. to r.): Niall Kennedy, Michael Fitzgerald, Liam Burns, Rhodie O'Dwyer, Daithi Bargary, John Ryan, Danny Peters, Jamie Currivan. Absent: Cathal Ryan.



U-12 'C' hurling – West champions – Lattin-Cullen. Front row (l. to r.): Mark Russell, Arthur Dunne, Michael Kirby, Alan Hayes, Michael Hanley, Shane Enright, Cathal Martin, Billy Heffernan. Back row (l. to r.): Timmy Heffernan, Gerard Ryan, Ailbe Burns, Leonard Leahy, Martin Kirby, Shane Russell, John Heney, Michael Martin, Martin Kirby, Jason Ryan, T.J. Heffernan.



U-11 Ground Hurling winners – Solohead. Front row (l. to r.): Eoin Riordan, Stephen O'Hora, Kevin Byrne, Christopher Ryan, Mark Kiely, Joseph Riordan. Back row (l. to r.): Damien Ryan, Declan Burns, Oliver Coffey, Aidan Ryan, Aidan Coffey, Seán Riordan, Eamon Quirke, Averley Quirke, Brian Lynch.





U-12 Football championship 'B' – West Champions – Arravale Rovers. Front (left to right): Elaine McCahill, Daniel Heffernan, David Crowe, Niall Donovan, Shane Leahy, Brian Lowry, Patrick Dalton, Mikey O'Dwyer (captain), Gerard Mulhaire, David Heffernan, Tim Rafferty, Diarmuid O'Donnell, Barry Collins, Gerard O'Dwyer, Donogh Leahy. Back row (l. to r.): Seán O'Meara, Darragh Fitzpatrick, Craig Quinlan, Michael J. Ryan, John Brehony, Sean Compton, Brian Nugent, Eoin McCarthy, Pat Finnan, Declan Ryan, Darren Lowry, Nicholas Cummins, James Ryan, Neil Quinn, Michéal Ryan, John Crowe.



Aherlow – Summer Camp – July 2002. Photo shows the participants and coaches in Aherlow G.A.A. Summer Camp, July 2nd - 5th, 2002. Adults included are (left to right): Tom O'Shea, Alice Ryan, Mary Barry, Tim Moloney, David Watters, Bertie Barry, Margaret McGrath, Pat Moroney, Mary Donovan and Joe Fahey.



U-14 Football 'B' – West champions – Cashel. Front row (l. to r.): Declan Taylor, Leon Purcell, Brian Silke, Lee Burke, Thomas Gayson, J.P. Morrissey, Dean Kinnane, Kieran Gleeson, Darragh O'Brien. Middle row (l. to r.): Murty Browne, Philip Holmes, Gavin Browne, Ian Keating, Conor Burns, James Hickey. Back (l. to r.): James Fitzgerald, Andrew O'Reilly, Aidan Fogarty, John Ryan, Shane Looby, Michael Cross, Patrick Butler, James Ryan.



Indoor hurling – Arravale Rovers Group. Front: (l. to r.): Kevin Browne, Paul O'Connor, Tony Burns, Conor Deegan, Cathal Devlin, Shane Hogan, Eoin English. Back: (l. to r.): James Kinane, Deane Hickey, Cathal Burns, Thomas English, Ronan Fogarty, Kieran O'Halloran, Ted Lowry, Cian Lonergan, David Kiely, Cian Ryan, Liam Kinane.



# All-Ireland Camogie Final

By Gerry Slevin

**B**etween July 10th 1999 and September 15th 2002, Tipperary were unbeaten in senior championship camogie. A total of fifteen successive matches saw victories achieved over Kilkenny (four times), Cork (three), Clare, Wexford and Down (two each), Galway and Dublin (one each). But the 16th hurdle proved to be one too many and on September 15th, the curtain finally fell on a glorious reign, when Cork exacted revenge for those three defeats, in the All Ireland final.

Maybe in hindsight, too much was made of the four-in-a-row goal, with an extra burden placed on the girls, whose chief ambition for that September afternoon was to defeat Cork and win the O'Duffy Cup.

At the same time, it was a motivating factor for a team that had won three-in-a-row and a team requires some extra incentive in order to keep up the momentum. But it didn't come off and there can be no excuses offered. Indeed none were, Cork's entitlement to the trophy after three years of Tipp dominance, being freely acknowledged. A sad ending nonetheless, but nothing to be ashamed of or indeed to be too cut up over, because in the past three years these magnificent hurlers have provided us with such exquisite performances, such great memories, through which they succeeded in raising the whole image of camogie to a height never previously experienced.

Two early rounds in Semple Stadium against both Dublin and Wexford, saw very easy victories, that against Wexford especially so, when Tipp were geared up for quite a tussle having had to play very well a year earlier in order to beat them. Tipp were in the All-Ireland semi final before they realised it and after



Senior camogie player, Ciara Gaynor, photographed with young Tipperary fan, Orla Prout from Ardcroney, following Tipperary's victory over Kilkenny in the All-Ireland semi-final at Limerick.

Cork had brushed aside Galway's challenge in Limerick's Gaelic Grounds, Tipp went into action against a Kilkenny side that relied on the physical in their bid to atone for that huge All Ireland final loss of the previous year.

Tipp were ready for them and held them scoreless in the second half, having defended so well when playing into a strong first half wind. The final pairing was the one everyone wanted, Tipp and Cork, and as soon as that final whistle sounded at the end of the Tipp-Kilkenny game, the preparations were under way in both camps. This was a game not to



Tipperary Mascots . . . Michaela Graham and Meadhb Delaney captured in a happy mood prior to the Tipperary Dublin championship game.

be missed, one not to be taken lightly, and nothing was left to chance by way of preparation.

Una O'Dwyer was honoured with the captaincy this year, the fourth successive Cashel player in that role, and like her predecessors Maedhbh Stokes, Jovita Delaney and Emily Hayden, she took to it splendidly, a model in terms of leadership qualities. Michael Cleary at the helm in the off-field deliberations, spared neither himself nor the girls in ensuring that everyone was in peak condition, both mentally and physically. There was a confidence in the camp that the Cork challenge would be successfully met.



Final Thoughts . . . Michael Cleary, Biddy Philips and Jim Madden prior to the All-Ireland final.



Senior camogie player Claire Grogan meets President Mary McAleese prior to the All-Ireland final against Cork. Also included is Deirdre Hughes and Emer McDonnell.



Their opponents were analysed in as far as it was possible to do so, with a huge respect for the quality of the opposition voiced both by Michael (and his commentators Bidy Phillips and Jim Madden) and the players themselves.

In several instances there was an intimate knowledge of the quality of opponents, through friendships built up in third level academies and when it all came together in the throes of an All-Ireland final, the occasion was expected to explode into one of sheer camogie splendour.

The first half saw Tipp go on top early, Eimear McDonnell's goal providing the inspiration in what was an exciting and well-contested match. Cork began to come more into it in the second quarter and the first of Fiona O'Driscoll's three goals shortly before halftime, placed some question marks over the Tipp defence, a sector that didn't look as comfortable as in previous matches.

Half time saw Tipp with a one point lead, 1-6 to 1-5 and two early second half points seemed to suggest that the champions were on their way again. Not so.

The Cork surge emerged, and between the second and the twenty second minutes of the half, Tipp's fate was sealed beyond redemption. Three Cork goals in a seven minute period broke the hearts of the gallant Tipp lassies and while the Tipp challenge remained sustained and invigorating, we were never going to experience the come-back we saw a year earlier in that amazing semi final replay against the same opposition in Limerick. Now, it would be Cork's turn to claim the spoils and no one could deny their entitlement to them.

We thought that this hunger about



*Horse & Jockey Hotel once again sponsor Tipperary Senior Camogie Team . . . Tom Egan presents a cheque to the captain of Tipperary Senior Camogie Team, Una O'Dwyer, prior to the All-Ireland semi-final. Also in picture is Margaret Skehan, chairperson of Tipperary Camogie Board and Rose Mannion (right), Treasurer of Tipperary Camogie Board.*

which we hear so much nowadays in every sport, was still present in the Tipp system in abundance. It was there but, unfortunately for Tipp, it was in even greater abundance in the Cork girls and no blame to them for that. Over the past two years, Cork had suffered badly at the hands of Tipp and it goes without saying that there comes a time when the Cork system kicks back and with a vengeance. That September afternoon was the time chosen and the O'Duffy Cup was theirs for the twentieth time.

Tipp tears were profuse, understandably so. The loser takes a back seat on All-Ireland final day and players can only slink away while the victors gain the plaudits. Such it is with sport.

Tipp had their days in the sun in 1999, 2000 and 2001 and will have them again. They have given us so many memorable outings in that time, and probably the highest tribute that

can be paid to them is that, they have been chiefly instrumental in giving the game a higher and more widespread profile because of the way in which the skill elements have been addressed and presented.

Last year in the Year Book we claimed that hurling was a beautiful game when played by women. Nothing has happened to change that view and we look forward eagerly to Tipp's return to the top of the ladder.

It was Christy Ring who said hurling was only half dressed without Tipperary. In truth it can now be said that such has been the impression made by Tipperary on the camogie scene over the past four years, the game needs Tipperary for its future well-being.

For the record Tipperary were beaten by 4-9 to 1-9, having led by 1-6 to 1-5 at the interval.

The teams were as follows:

**Cork:** Ger Casey, Joanne O'Callaghan, Eithne Duggan, Stephanie Dunlea, Paula O'Connor, Mary O'Connor, Gemma O'Connor, Vivienne Harris, Elaine Burke, Linda Mellerick, Emer Dillon, Jennifer O'Leary, Una O'Donoghue, Caoimhe Harrington, Fiona O'Driscoll.

**Subs:** Rachel Moloney for Burke, Orla O'Sullivan for Harrington. Also: Aoife Murray, Sarah Hayes, Denise Cronin, Catherine Corkery, Ciara Healy, Rosarie Holland, Sinead Buckley, Cora Keohane.

**Tipperary:** Jovita Delaney, Paula Bulfin, Una O'Dwyer, Claire Madden, Sinead Nealon, Ciara Gaynor, Therese Brophy, Suzanne Kelly, Angie McDermott, Philly Fogarty, Noelle Kennedy, Joanne Ryan, Emer McDonnell, Deirdre Hughes, Claire Grogan.

**Subs:** Emily Hayden for McDermott, Louise Young for Nealon. Also: Louise Ryan, Sheena Howard, Trish O'Halloran, Helen Breen, Niamh Connolly, Lena Woods, Anna Woods, Lorraine Bourke.

**Referee:** Eileen Lawlor, Westmeath.



*I'm Innocent . . . Jean Hayden pleading her innocence as she is being escorted from the bus on the arrival of the Tipperary team to the Horse & Jockey by Garda Henry Delaney (Thurles Branch).*



# Tipperary Camogie Review 2002

by Marion Graham

## INTER COUNTY SCENE

### JUNIOR AND SENIOR NATIONAL LEAGUE CAMPAIGN

**B**oth the senior and junior county teams unfortunately did not do so well in their respective National League games in 2002. Their first games were on February 24th against Galway played in the county camogie grounds.

In atrocious weather conditions the juniors went down to Galway by 5-8 to 1-3.

In the senior game Tipperary were without the services of Deirdre Hughes, Ciara Gaynor, Teresa Brophy, Jovita Delaney and Sinead Nealon, but nevertheless the players available gave a good performance, but Galway took the points by 1-10 to 2-4.

On March 10th Tipperary junior team suffered a huge defeat by Cork on the scoreline of Cork 2-16 Tipperary 0-4. This game was played in Ballincollig, Cork.

On March 24th both the senior and junior teams travelled to the Monageer/Boolavogue GAA Grounds to play Wexford. Here Tipperary had mixed luck with the juniors going down by 3-6 to 0-2 and the seniors having their first win by 4-7 to 2-6. This was the junior's last game in the series and with no points secured it was a disappointing start to the season.

On April 14th Tipperary seniors suffered another defeat at the hands of Cork in Ballincollig Cork. This was a real cracker of a game as one would expect from those two rivals and sides were level with just minutes remaining. However, three unanswered points from Cork saw them advance to the National Senior League semi-final with full points in their section by defeating Tipperary on the score-line Cork 0-14, Tipperary 1-9.

On April 21st a disappointing performance by Tipperary's senior squad on home ground against Kilkenny saw them bow out of the National League competition. The final score of 2-11 to 0-3 tells its own story and they now realised that to defend their All-Ireland title an input greater than the previous year was required. This was Tipperary's last game in the league and with just points from the Wexford game Tipperary made their exit from the league campaign.

*Tipperary Team:* Jovita Delaney, Paula Bulfin, Úna O'Dwyer, Julie Delaney, Sinead Nealon, Ciara Gaynor, Theresa Brophy, Suzanne Kelly, Angie McDermott, Noelle Kennedy, Emily Hayden, Joanne Ryan, Lena Woods, Eimear McDonnell, Trisha O'Halloran, Claire Madden, Niamh Connolly, Fiona Loughnane, Sheena Howard.



*St Patrick's Camogie Club Reunion . . . Front: Annie Langton, Monica Butler, Margaret McBride, Alice Perry, Sally Kelly, Statia Dunne, Rita Scott, Ann Carroll, Margaret Heffernan. Back: Ann Ralph, Catherine Brennan, Mai Brennan, Joan Ryan, Mary Barrett, Eileen Concagh, Judy Fitzpatrick, Alice Morris, Joyce Kiely, Maura Fitzpatrick, Lucy Scott, Christine Lanigan, Peggy Slattery, Margaret Gleeson, Maura Maher.*



*Bournea U-18 'B' 2001 County Champions . . . Back: Dan Greed (coach), Caroline Ryan, Sara Jane Cody, Nicola Shanahan, Marie Costigan, Caroline Greed, Caroline Ryan, Mairead Byrne, Catherine Greed, Yvonne Mullally, Anne Marie Nolan, Muireann O'Dwyer (selector). Front: Ann-Marie Greed, Mary Dunne, Linda Crampton, Cora Costigan, Bernadette Byrne (capt), Ann Murray, Geraldine Byrne, Helena Costigan, Margo Greed (selector).*



*Bournea Junior 'B' League winners . . . Back: Tricia McNamara, Mary Ryan, Sara Jane Cody, Catherine Greed, Geraldine Byrne, Helena Costigan, Caroline Greed, Mairead Byrne, Marie Costigan, Yvonne Mullally, Catherine Byrne, Lorna Byrne. Front: Dan Greed (coach), Gemma Moloughney, Nicola Shanahan, Caroline Ryan, Ann-Marie Nolan, Muireann O'Dwyer (capt), Cora Costigan, Bernadette Byrne, Ann Murray, Linda Crampton.*



*Moycarkey Borris U-14 Camogie 2002 . . . Back: Jacqui Clohessy, Karen Hogan, Linda Bryan, Paula Ralph, Kerri Costello, Karen Mullins, Maire O'Regan, Ann Kirwan, Catherine Bracken, Kate Slattery, Sharon Morris, Margaret Doyle, Georgine Flynn, Claire Bryan. Front: Sinead O'Hara, Sinead Costello, Maria Purcell, Emma Loughnane, Fiona Rice, Catriona Walsh, Jane Kennedy, Fiona Bourke, Laura Kirwan, Mary Quinlan, Stephanie Ryan, Christina O'Gorman.*



## MUNSTER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

In a very low scoring Munster senior championship semi-final Tipperary once again suffered at the hands of Cork in the first round of the Munster senior championship played in Bishopstown, Cork on Saturday June 8th by 1-7 to 0-8. This competition is confined to teams in Munster and does not have any impact on the All-Ireland senior championship.

**Tipperary Team:** Jovita Delaney, Paula Bulfin, Úna O'Dwyer, Claire Madden, Sinead Nealon, Ciara Gaynor, Theresa Brophy, Emily Hayden, Angie McDermott, Suzanne Kelly, Noelle Kennedy, Joanne Ryan, Eimear McDonnell, Philly Fogarty, Claire Grogan, Sheena Howard, Deirdre Hughes.

## MUNSTER INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

This game was played as a curtain raiser to the senior game in Bishopstown on June 8th. Here again Tipperary went down to Cork by 3-4 to 1-9. Tipperary looked good at the interval and lead by 0-7 to 0-1. Playing with a strong breeze in the second half Cork took full advantage of this, but credit to Tipperary they battled all the way and it was only in injury time that Cork took the lead and finished with one point to spare. Again this competition like the senior does not interfere with the All-Ireland competition.

**Tipperary Team:** Sarah O'Brien, Sharon Ralph, Mary Rose Ryan, Patricia Ryan, Niamh Connolly, Triona Bonnar, Linda Breen, Jenny O'Halloran, Mairead Morrissey, Mary Ryan, Fiona Loughnane, Lena Woods, Libby Twomey, Linda Grogan, Deirdre Quigley, Sarah Gleeson, Jill Horan, Derbhla Maher.

## ALL-IRELAND INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Last year's All-Ireland junior champions elevated to intermediate ranks travelled to Clonduff, Co. Down on September 1st to compete in the first round of the intermediate All-Ireland championship series. We played Down, who had competed in the senior championship but failed to secure points, and were allowed to take part in the intermediate championship.

Tipperary mastered the poor conditions better than Down and used the strong breeze to their advantage much more productively by fighting hard at all times and thus laid the foundation for their victory in the first half.

Once they got the early scores in the second half, their confidence soared while in contrast Down's dropped and Tipperary ran out clear winners by 2-10 to 0-5.

**Tipperary Team:** Paula Ryan, Trisha Ryan, Mary Rose Ryan, Deirdre McDonnell, Triona Bonnar, Helen Breen, Niamh Connolly, Melissa Stapleton, Áine Mulcahy, Trisha O'Halloran, Moira Ryan, Helen Grogan, (0-1) Michelle Shortt, Mary Looby, (0-3), Linda Grogan (1-1), Geraldine Kinnane (0-1), Fiona Lough-



*Kilruane McDonagh U-14 'C' County champions 2002 . . . Back: Kathleen Ryan, Orla Williams, Fiona Ryan, Ann Dwan, Marie Ryan, Karen Seymour. Middle: Orla Darcy, Noreen Maher, Paula Reddan, Lorna Walsh, Gráinne Kelly, Ann-Marie Quinlan, Niamh Williams, Aisling Enright, Lisa Reddan. Front: Eimear Darcy, Ciara Darcy, Patricia Hogan, Mary Walsh, Niamh Enright, Evelyn Enright (mascot), Louise Hogan, Louise Fleming, Laura Farrell, Michelle Dunne.*



*Moneygall Intermediate Championship Finalists . . . Back: Geraldine Cahill, Deirdre Kirwan, Maeve Kennedy, Sandra Guilfoyle, Helen Maher, Aisling Kennedy, Ann Marie Callahan, Caroline Kirwan, Sarah Doherty, Amanda Moten, Aileen Moten, Annette Maher. Front: Michelle Kirwan, Catriona Jones, Eimear Guilfoyle, Brid Byrne (capt), Eileen Ryan, Mary Ryan, Marie Jones, Maura Kirwan, Eimear Ryan, Julie Kirwan, Fiona Kennedy.*



*Toomevara U-12 'A' Champions 2002 . . . Back: Suzanne Kelly (coach), Michelle Harty, Cheryl Bentley, Aine Brislane, Fiona Young, Nessa Ryan, Siobhan Kennedy, Laura McCormack, Emma Louise Coffey, Anne Marie Quigley, Aoife Murphy, Eithne Canning, Aisling Whelan, Connie Grace, Paula Ryan (coach). Front: Sandra Dunne, Aoife Ryan, Niamh Kelly, Aisling Shanahan, Orlaith Maher, Aoife Grace, Katie Duignan, Annie Ryan, Hazel Harty, Niamh Gleeson, Aoife Shanahan.*



*Moneygall County U-18 'B' Champions 2002 . . . Back: Aileen Moten, Geraldine Cahill, Marguerite Sutton, Sarah Doherty, Michelle Moten, Eimear O'Connor, Margaret Carroll, Niamh Greene, Maire Kirwan, Deirdre Kirwan, Julie Kirwan, Maeve Kennedy. Front: Annette Maher, Eimear Ryan, Mary Ryan, Fiona Kennedy, Catriona Jones (capt), Maria Jones, Margaret Kirwan, Deirdre Quinlan.*



nane (1-1), Sarah O'Brien, Sharon Ralph, Marie Morrissey, Linda Breen, Una O'Rourke, Marie Gerard O'Dwyer, Jenny O'Halloran.

In a very competitive All-Ireland intermediate semi-final played in the county camogie grounds on Sunday September 29th, Tipperary and Antrim were all square at the final whistle by Tipperary 3-7 to Antrim's 2-10. The replay was at Dunloy on October 20. Tipperary were without the services of Triona Bonnar, Meadhbh Corcoran and Helen Grogan and with the long journey to Antrim facing them Tipperary had a mighty hill to climb. Tipperary led at the interval by a point. In the second half Antrim went three points in the lead but Tipperary came back to draw level. A last minute free to Antrim gave them the point which sent them into the All-Ireland final on a scoreline of 0-11 to 2-4.

**Tipperary Team:** Paula Ryan, Tricia Ryan, Helen Breen, Mary Rose Ryan, Deirdre McDonnell, Trisha O'Halloran, Niamh Connolly, Lorraine Bourke, Áine Mulcahy, Michelle Shortt, Moira Ryan, Melissa Stapleton, Geraldine Kinnane, (0-2), Linda Grogan (0-1), Mary Looby (0-1), Sarah O'Brien, Sharon Ralph, Mairead Morrissey, Fiona Loughnane (1-0), Linda Grogan, Una O'Rourke, Jenny O'Halloran, Jill Horan (1-0).

#### MUNSTER JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

After Tipperary's All-Ireland Junior victory in 2001, a complete new squad had to be found and they commenced their journey in defence of this title on Monday May 6th in Roanmore, Waterford against Waterford. After a poor performance in the league campaign a lot of work had gone into this unit in the meantime and it was proof of the pudding on the May Bank Holiday Monday with a convincing victory over Waterford by 3-13 to 0-3.

**Tipperary Team:** J. Horan (Clonoulty/Rossmore), I. Spillane (Fethard), G. Greed (Bournea), T. Ryan (Toomevara), L. Breen (Drom/Inch), H. Costigan (Bournea), U. O'Rourke (Kilruane McDonagh), A. Mulcahy (Burgess), M. Ryan (Clonoulty/Rossmore), A. Deane (Kilruane McDonagh), M. Stapleton (0-4) (Drom/Inch), S. Gleeson (Moycarkey/Borris), T. Maxwell (Toomevara), F. Loughnane (1-6) (Templemore), G. Kinnane (1-3) (Drom/Inch), A. Heffernan (Clonoulty/Rossmore) B. Bourke (Gaels), C. Doran (1-0) (Clonoulty/Rossmore), C. Cantwell (Moycarkey/Borris), C. Ryan (Clonoulty/Rossmore), C. Kirwan (Moneygall), L. Gleeson (Burgess), E. Ryan (Moneygall), J. Kirwan (Moneygall).

On Saturday June 29th in the county camogie grounds, the team made a brave attempt to retain the Munster junior title. Tipperary led by 1-3 to 1-2 at the interval. Cork went into a three-point lead in the second half but a fine goal by Geraldine Kinnane brought Tipperary level. However instead of Tipperary getting inspiration from this score it was Cork who charged ahead and added five unanswered points from Tipperary to leave Cork Munster



Templemore U-14 Camogie Champions 2002 . . . Back: Elaine Bourke, Alison Donnelly, Sarah Nolan, Marie Ryan, Michelle Lawlor, Kate Lyons, Deirdre Kiely, Yvonne Geary, Emma Taylor, Siobhan Murphy, Ailish Egan. Front: Deirdre Brennan, Maria Eviston, Siobhan Bourke, Shonagh Bourke, Catriona Maher, Ciara Johnston (capt), Eimear Scully, Ailish O'Connell, Nora Costigan, Sarah Hennessy, Sean Johnston (manager/trainer).



Gaels County Junior 'B' champions . . . Back: William Maher, Natasha Ivors, Breda O'Neill (capt), Emma Williams, Emma Maher, Ruth Maher, Mairead Britton, Mary Connolly, Ann Noonan, Eimear Shelley, Natalie Scott, Ann Williams. Front: Nigel Cleere (coach), Ann-Marie O'Neill, Cathy Watters, Breda Burke, Stacey Cleere, Mairead Maher, Sharon Holohan, Joe Williams. Missing: Natasha Scott, Sandra Molloy.

### Tipp girls shine in U.S.A. 2002

Congratulations to Muireann O'Donoghue (left) and Catherine Burke (right) who won North American camogie medals with San Francisco Shamrocks in September.



Junior Champions by 1-12 to Tipperary 2-4.

**Tipperary Team:** Jill Horan, Imelda Spillane, Caroline Greed, Trisha Ryan, Una O'Rourke, Helena Costigan, Linda Breen, Mary Ryan, Áine Mulcahy, Fiona Loughnane (1-2), Melissa Stapleton, Sarah Gleeson (0-2), Alice Deane, Libby Twomey, Geraldine Kinnane (1-0), Julie Kirwan, Alma Heffernan, Breda Bourke, Caroline Kirwan, Cathy Doran, Eimear Ryan, Eileen Ryan, Cathriona Cantwell, Marie G. O'Dwyer, Theresa Maxwell.

#### TIPPERARY MINOR TEAM

Unfortunately another year has passed by without success at minor level. This is one of the most important competitions in our camogie calendar, but since 1996

with the exception of one Munster title in 2000 Tipperary have failed miserably in this grade. To keep up the momentum at adult grades we must be achieving success at underage level.

The Munster and All-Ireland Minor Championship have got two grades 'A' and 'B'. Tipperary are graded in the 'A' section in Munster along side Cork while the 'B' teams in Munster comprise of Clare, Limerick and Waterford. The 'A' and 'B' teams all take part in the 'A' Championship in Munster separating Tipperary and Cork until the Munster 'A' final should they reach this stage, the other counties if they are not successful against Tipperary or Cork at this stage they compete in the 'B' Munster Championship.

On April 13th Tipperary had a compre-



hensive victory over Clare. This game was played in Whitegate, Clare. Right from the start Tipperary were in command throughout the field and ran out easy winners by 10-13 with Clare failing to raise a flag.

In the Munster final played in Dr. Manix Park, Charleville on May 4th Tipperary went down badly to a far superior Cork unit. Cork who were in complete control throughout the game went away convincing winners by 8-16 to 2-11.

**Tipperary Team:** Joanne Nolan (Silvermines), Elaine Bourke (Templemore), Danielle O'Connell (Cashel), Fiona O'Dwyer (Cashel), Ciara Johnson (Templemore), Noelle Greene (Drom/Inch), Noreen Ryan (Clonoulty/Rossmore), Julie Kirwan (Moneygall), Katie Kennedy (Lorrha), Michelle Shortt (0-2) (Drom/Inch), Claire Grogan (0-6) (Cashel), Noreen Flanagan (0-1) (Holycross/Ballycahill), Eimear Ryan (1-1) (Moneygall), Cora Hennessey (Clonoulty/Rossmore), Mary Ryan (1-1) (Moneygall), Roseanne Kenneally (Drom/Inch), Triona Dunne (Toomevara), Marie Jones (Moneygall), Mairead O'Donoghue (Silvermines), Nora Kinnane (Drom/Inch), Margaret Fryday (Knockavilla/Donaskeigh), Marie Costigan (Bournea), Marian Devaney (Silvermines),

Michelle Coffey (Toomevara), Elaine Hough (Lorrha).

#### U-14 COUNTY TEAM

Tipperary U-14 county team travelled to Inniscarra, Cork on Saturday May 25th for a blitz tournament hosted by Cork countyboard. This was Tipperary's third consecutive year taking part in this tournament and they had mixed luck on all occasions. Cork, Galway, Kilkenny, Limerick and Wexford were the other participants. As there are no competitive competitions for U-14 teams in Munster this is a great initiative by the Cork camogie board and it is also good preparation for our future U-16 teams. Tipperary were under the management of Biddy Phillips, Sheila Delaney and John Langton.

**Tipperary Team:** Ciara Johnston, Siobhan Bourke (Templemore), Ailish Langton, Mairead Lutrell, Ciara Heffernan (Slievenamon), Mary Bradshaw, Elaine Young, Michelle Dunne, Christine Dunne, Aoife McLoughney, Deirdre Grace (Toomevara), Fiona Ryan (Shannon Rovers), Roseanne Quirke, Deirdre Ryan, Ciara O'Sullivan, Alison Lonergan (Cashel), Michelle Kirwan, Louise

O'Brien (St. Cronan's/Roscrea), Linda Fanning (Holycross/Ballycahill), Maura O'Regan (Moycarkey/Borris), Theresa Shortt, Siobhan McGrath, Eileen Harty, Tara Murray (Drom/Inch), Tracy Hanrahan (Kilsheelan).

On Saturday June the Tipperary U-14 team travelled to Carrigaline to take part in the Colleges camogie blitz.

In the first game against hosts Cork, Tipperary were defeated by two points, they then faced Kilkenny, who were strongly fancied and the Tipperary girls gave a creditable performance scoring 1-1 to Kilkenny's 2-3. The third game was against a very strong and skilful Galway side. Galway emerged winners by 2-10 to Tipperary 1-2. The final game saw them pitted against Limerick. In a closely fought encounter Limerick emerged winners by one goal.

**Tipperary Team:** Roseanne Quirke, Sarah Morrissey, Eileen Harty, Ciara O'Sullivan, Ailish Langton, Elaine Young, Ciara Heffernan, Siobhan Bourke, Patricia McGrath, Ciara Johnston (Capt), Theresa Shortt, Tracy Hanrahan, Siobhan McGrath, Alison Lonergan, Louise O'Brien, Deirdre Ryan, Fiona Ryan, Aoife McLoughney, Christine Dunne, Linda Fanning, Deirdre Grace, Niamh Enright, Fiona Kennedy, Emma McLoughney, Tara Chadwick, Michelle Kirwan, Helena Ryan.

#### FÉILE NA nGAEL NATIONAL FINALS

Once again Templemore U-14 'A' county champions represented Tipperary in the Féile Na nGael championship. Templemore travelled to South Armagh club Ballymacnabb on the week-end of June 20th /23rd.

While Templemore accounted well for themselves and reached the semi-finals they had to encounter the Galway champions Davitt's and were unfortunately defeated by 1-3 to 0-2.

#### CLUB AFFILIATION

Twenty nine clubs affiliated to the county board in 2002. Tipperary were pleased to welcome the two new clubs New Inn and Ballybacon / Grange who affiliated to the County. The following are the clubs who affiliated in 2002.

Cashel, Toomevara, Burgess, Templemore, Drom / Inch, Moneygall, Moycarkey / Borris, Slievenamon, Shannon Rovers, Kilsheelan, Holycross/Ballycahill, Gaels, Bournea, Clonoulty/Rossmore, Annacarty, St. Rita's/Fethard, St. Cronan's / Roscrea, Knockavilla / Donaskeigh, Portroe, New Inn, Ballybacon/Grange, Newport, Kilruane McDonagh, Silvermines, Carrick Swans, Kildangan, Cahir, Lorrha, Thurles.

The following is a list of winners and runners-up for championship and leagues during 2002 camogie season.



Portroe Intermediate League winners 2002 . . . Front: Marie Sheedy, Dawn Ryan, Elaine Ryan, Jenny O'Halloran, Carol Creamer (capt), Sinead Kennedy, Karen O'Brien, Patricia Hogan, Sabrina White, Elaine Flynn. Back: Pat O'Connor (trainer), Sheena Richardson, Breda Slattery, Geraldine Conroy, Patricia O'Halloran, Niamh O'Brien, Josephine Fennessy, Corina Lawlor, Breda Quigley, Claire Madden, Michelle Conroy, Nessa O'Driscoll, Brendan Kennedy(selector). Missing: Tracey McLoughlin, Darren Gleeson (selector).



Clonoulty Rossmore Intermediate Champions . . . Back: Fr Peter Brennan (coach), Nolette O'Dwyer, Cara Ryan, Cora Hennessey, Noreen Ryan, Una Ahearn, Susan Maher, Cathy Doran, Mary Ryan, Moira Ryan, Bernadette Ryan, Elaine Sadlier, Joan Doran (selector). Front: Bridget Ryan, Helen Campion, Marie Devane, Alma Heffernan (capt), Trioina Burke, Ann-Marie Ryan, Aine Heffernan, Catriona Fitzgerald, Jill Horan, Donna Ryan, Mairead Heaney.



## RESULTS

### U-12 'A' CHAMPIONSHIP

Drom/Inch 5-5, Templemore 1-0  
Toomevara 5-6, Clonoulty/Rossmore 1-1

### COUNTY FINAL

Toomevara beat Drom/Inch

### U-12 'B' CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Moneygall 3-3, Slievenamon 0-0

### U-12 'C' CHAMPIONSHIP

Lorrha 1-0, Bournea 0-1  
Portroe 3-0, Newport 0-0  
Moycarkey 1-0, Knockavilla/Donaskeigh 0-1  
New Inn 4-1, Drom/Inch 1-0

### COUNTY FINAL

Moycarkey/Borris beat Portroe

### U-12 'A' LEAGUE FINAL

Toomevara 4-4, Drom/Inch 1-1

### U-12 'B' LEAGUE FINAL

Slievenamon 1-1, Burgess 0-2

### U-12 'D' LEAGUE SEMI FINAL

New Inn 1-2, Thurles 1-0

### U-14 'A' CHAMPIONSHIP

Drom/Inch 11-5, Portroe 0-0  
Templemore 4-6, Silvermines 1-1

### COUNTY FINAL

Templemore 4-1, Toomevara 1-1

### U-14 'B' CHAMPIONSHIP

Slievenamon 3-4, Burgess 3-1  
St. Cronan's/Roscrea 3-3, Slievenamon 2-0  
Clonoulty/Rossmore 4-5, Moneygall 2-0  
Burgess 3-2, Cashel 1-0  
St. Cronan's/Roscrea 2-6, Cashel 0-2  
Burgess 8-7, Moneygall 1-0  
Slievenamon 3-1, Clonoulty/Rossmore 0-3

### COUNTY FINAL

Slievenamon 5-3,  
St. Cronan's/Roscrea 3-3

### U-14 'C' CHAMPIONSHIP

Kilsheelan 3-3, Annacarty 0-0

Knockavilla/Donaskeigh 3-2, Carrick Swans 0-0  
Holycross/Ballycahill 3-3, Newport 0-0  
Moycarkey/Borris 3-2, Holycross/Ballycahill 0-2

### COUNTY FINAL

Shannon Rovers 4-9, Moycarkey/Borris 1-0

### U-16 'C' LEAGUE FINAL

Kilruane McDonagh 3-4,  
Knockavilla/Donaskeigh 1-1

### U-16 'A' SEMI FINALS

Drom/Inch 5-9, Silvermines 0-3  
Cashel 6-9, Templemore 2-7

### U-16 'B' COUNTY

CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL  
Clonoulty/Rossmore 3-7, Burgess 1-5

### U-16 'C' COUNTY

CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL  
Holycross/Ballycahill 5-11,  
Shannon Rovers 4-4

### U-18 'A' CHAMPIONSHIP

Drom/Inch 3-8, Bournea 2-4  
Cashel 0-10, Bournea 2-4  
Drom/Inch 0-13, Toomevara 1-3

### U-18 'B' CHAMPIONSHIP

SEMI FINALS  
Burgess 4-4, Slievenamon 1-3  
Moneygall 4-4, Holycross/Ballycahill 1-1

### COUNTY FINAL

Moneygall 1-5, Burgess 1-3

### JUNIOR 'A' LEAGUE

Kildangan 5-8, Lorrha 2-14  
Annacarty 4-2, Ballybacon/Grange 0-0  
Bournea 11-12, Slievenamon 0-0

### JUNIOR 'A' LEAGUE FINAL

Holycross/Ballycahill 1-9, Drom/Inch 1-6

### JUNIOR 'B' LEAGUE

Gaels 4-8, Annacarty 1-1  
Kildangan 10-5, Newport 1-2  
Burgess 3-6, Lorrha 1-1  
Ballybacon/Grange 3-1, Kilsheelan 1-1  
Bournea 4-5, Burgess 1-9

### JUNIOR 'A' CHAMPIONSHIP

Holycross/Ballycahill 5-7,  
St. Cronan's/Roscrea 1-0  
St. Cronan's/Roscrea 4-1,  
Drom/Inch 3-4

### JUNIOR 'B' CHAMPIONSHIP

#### SEMI FINALS

Gaels 4-12, Bournea 2-11  
Annacarty 4-4, Lorrha 0-5

### COUNTY FINAL

Gaels 0-10, Annacarty 1-4

### INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

Portroe 5-7, Moneygall 2-1  
Silvermines 4-13, Kilruane 0-3  
Fethard 5-13, Knockavilla/Donaskeigh 0-1  
Moycarkey/Borris 5-7, Clonoulty/Rossmore 6-6  
Silvermines 5-2, Moneygall 1-9  
Portroe 2-7, Kilruane McDonagh 1-5  
St. Rita's/Fethard 4-4, Moycarkey/Borris 1-2

### INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE FINAL

Portroe, St. Rita's/Fethard

### INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Portroe 2-3, Silvermines 0-4

### INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI FINALS

Moneygall 3-13, Kilruane McDonagh 2-2  
Clonoulty/Rossmore 3-7, Portroe 0-4

### INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Clonoulty/Rossmore 4-9, Moneygall 1-9

### SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Cashel 3-11, Toomevara 2-6  
Drom/Inch 2-11, Burgess 3-5  
Toomevara 10-10, Burgess 0-4  
Drom/Inch 5-12, Templemore 3-7  
Toomevara 3-10, Drom/Inch 2-13

### COUNTY FINAL

Cashel 1-11, Toomevara 0-12

### U-18 COUNTY FINAL 2001

Cashel 3-13, Toomevara 1-3



Shannon Rovers U-14 team who won co championship 2002. Back: V Austin, L Davis, M Ryan, E McLoughrey, A Burke, S Cahalan, J Stack, M Ryan, A Cleary. Front: A King, G Donoghue, A McLoughrey, A Davis, N Carroll, L Kelly, A Hogan, L Keeshan, A Ryan.



Kilruane U-14 co championship winners. Back: Kathleen Ryan, Orla Williams, Fiona Ryan, Ann Dwan, Marie Ryan, Karen Seymour. Middle: Orla Darcy, Noreen Maher, Paula Reddan, Lorna Walsh, Grainne Kelly, Ann-Marie Quinlan, Niamh Williams, Aishling Enright, Lisa Reddan. Front: Eimear Darcy, Ciara Darcy, Patricia Hogan, Mary Walsh, Niamh Enright (capt), Evelyn Enright (mascot), Louise Hogan, Louise Fleming, Laura Farrell, Michelle Dunne.



U-12 parish league group with Patricia Halloran and mentors. J Donnellan, A Carroll, S Cahalan, J Hogan, K Walsh, P Hannigan, J Hannigan, A Hogan, N Carroll, S Heenan, R Hogan, P Fox, A Austin, E Cahalan, G Ryan, N Molamphy, A Ryan, S Kelly, L Donoghue, G Fox, M Costello.



COMPETITION	WINNERS	RUNNERS-UP
U/12 'A' Championship	Toomevara	Drom/Inch
U/12 'B' Championship	Moneygall	Slievenamon
U/12 'C' Championship	Moycarkey/Borris	Portroe
U/12 'A' League	Toomevara	Drom/Inch
U/12 'B' League	Slievenamon	Burgess
U/12 'C' League	Not completed	
U/12 'D' League	Not completed	
U/14 'A' Championship	Templemore	Toomevara
U/14 'B' Championship	Slievenamon	St. Cronan's
U/14 'C' Championship	Shannon Rovers	Moycarkey/Borris
U/14 'A' League	Not completed	
U/14 'B' League	Shannon Rovers	St. Cronan's
U/14 'C' League	Kilruane McDonagh	Knockavilla/Don
U/16 'A' Championship	Not completed	
U/16 'B' Championship	Clonoulty/Rossmore	Burgess
U/16 'C' Championship	Holycross/Ballycahill	Shannon Rovers
U/18 'A' Championship	Not completed	
U/18 'B' Championship	Moneygall	Burgess
Junior 'A' Championship	Not completed	
Junior 'B' Championship	Gaels	Annacarty
Junior 'A' League (John Hogan Cup)	Holycross/Ballycahill	Drom/Inch
Junior 'B' League (Terry Griffin/Geaney Cup)	Bournea	Burgess
Intermediate Championship	Clonoulty/Rossmore	Moneygall
Intermediate League (Jimmy Carroll Cup)	Portroe	St. Rita's/Fethard
Senior Championship	Cashel	Toomevara
Senior League (Ann Fraser Cup)	Not completed	

# BOURNEA CAMOGIE CLUB

**O**ur first game was played on January 27th 2002 when we played the U-18 'B' Championship 2001 semi-final against Silvermines in Ballycahill. On a wet and windy day, a very exciting game by two committed teams was seen. Bournea won this game by 4-6 to 4-3.

Our next game was U-18 'B' County Championship Final 2001, this game was played on February 3rd and Holycross/Ballycahill were the opposition.

Played in atrocious condition on a waterlogged pitch, the half time score was Bournea 1-1, Holycross/Ballycahill 0-1. Early in the second half scores for Bournea settled the team and we ran out easy winner by 5-4 to 0-1.

Great excitement greeted the final whistle and Captain Bernadette Byrne received the trophy from County chairperson Margaret Skehan.

*Bournea Team:* Cora Costigan, Bernadette Byrne (Capt), Mairead Byrne, Yvonne Mullally, Geraldine Byrne, Helena Costigan, Sara Jane Cody, Caroline Greed, Ann-Marie Nolan, Catherine Greed, Marie Costigan, Nicola Shanahan, Mary Dunne, Anne Murray, Cathriona Ryan, Subs: Linda Crampton, Ann-Marie Greed, Caroline Ryan.

## JUNIOR 'B' LEAGUE

Our first game was on April 20th against Slievenamon in Killenale this game we won very easily.

On April 24th we played Toomevara in Clonakenny again we had a very comfortable win.

On July 9th we played the Junior 'B' League semi-final against Gaels in The County Camogie Pitch. This was a very hard fought game, and with a great second half display, we emerged victorious

by 6-11 to 3-2.

The League Final was against a much fancied Burgess team on July 14th. This proved to be a very historic game for Bournea Camogie Club as they won their first ever adult camogie competition. This was a great victory and the girls showed great skill and determination to win on a score of Bournea 4-4 Burgess 1-8.

*Bournea Team:* Cora Costigan, Bernadette Byrne, Mairead Byrne, Mary Ryan, Geraldine Byrne, Helena Costigan, Sara Jane Cody, Caroline Greed, Ann-Marie Nolan, Muireann O'Dwyer (Capt), Marie Costigan, Catherine Greed, Caroline Ryan, Gemma Moloughney, Ann Murray. Subs: Tricia McNamara, Nicola Shanahan, Lorna Byrne, Catherine Byrne, Yvonne Mullally, Linda Crampton.



# Cashel Camogie Club 2002

By Ann Moloney

**C**ashel Camogie Club won their fifth senior camogie title in-a-row by defeating Toomevara. Cashel's defence of the title began with an away fixture to Drom/Inch who had always been a hard team to beat. However, on this day Cashel ran out convincing winners and never let Drom/Inch get into their rhythm. After receiving a walk over from Templemore our next fixture was against Toomevara in Cashel. Toomevara started this game the better and led by two points at half time. The second half got under way and in this half Cashel dominated to run out seven points winners.

Our next game was due against Burgess and again we received a walk over. This walk over ensured us full points and set up a County Final appearance against Toomevara.

Played in the County Camogie Grounds, Toomevara came out with guns blazing. Cashel backs were defending well and cut their scores to a minimum. However, our forwards were finding it hard to get on top. This half was score for score and at half time the sides left the field on level terms. The second half was more of the same with both sets of backs giving little away. With two minutes to go Toomevara led by a point, however a long delivery by Jovita Delaney landed on Marie O'Dwyer's stick to give Cashel a well earned victory.

## DEFENCE OF MUNSTER TITLE

Cashel's defence of their Munster title was a home venue against previous bogey team Grannagh/Ballingarry in a Munster



*Cashel Senior County and Provincial Champions – Back row (left to right): Ann Moloney (club secretary), Michael J. O'Dwyer (selector), John Grogan (coach), Helen Grogan, Claire Grogan, Helen Breen, Danielle O'Connell, Libby Twomey, Orla Fahy, Mairéad Morrissey, Philly Fogarty, Meadh Stokes, Derbhla Maher, Claire Marie Fogarty, Linda Grogan, Ann Horan, Martin O'Dwyer (manager), Timmy Moloney (selector), Geraldine Hickey. Front row: left to right: Martin Browne (club chairman), Julie O'Dwyer (club treasurer), Julie McGrath, Una O'Dwyer, Claire Ryan, Emily Hayden, Paula Bulfin (captain), Marie G. O'Dwyer, Kaiffee Moloney, Jovita Delaney, Fiona O'Dwyer, Triona Bonnar, Jillian Bulfin, Mary Jane Maher.*

quarter final. Both teams knew how hard a game this was going to be and Cashel set out with a never say die attitude. After only ten minutes Claire Grogan had two goals in the Grannagh net. This was the start we needed. However, Grannagh had other ideas and with Eileen O'Brien in fine form and was on top of her game from play and placed balls. Despite this, Cashel went into the break with a three point lead. The second half started and both sides gave it everything. Midway through the first quarter Grannagh had brought the Cashel lead back to a point. However, Cashel's backs were giving nothing away and with Triona Hennessy and Paula Bulfin and Helen Breen on top aided by Emily Hayden at midfield Cashel were holding their own. With three minutes to go Cashel led by two points due to some inspirational play by Libby Twomey and Linda Grogan, then disaster struck, Grannagh took the lead through a goal from Vera Sheehan. However, quick thinking from Cashel's goalie Danielle O'Connell spotted Philly Fogarty on her own half-back line and she took the ball the length of the field to level the game again. Tense moments and from the Grannagh puck-out Cashel came on the attack again to take the lead through a Claire Grogan point. Once again Grannagh came back again to level the game, Cashel still dug deep and a succession of points from Libby Twomey and Jovita Delaney put Cashel on the way to victory on one of the best games played this season.

Cashel's next game was away to Newmarket-on-Fergus in a Munster semi-final. In this game Cashel ran out convincing winners to set up a Munster Final at home against Cloughduv, Cork Champions. This game was played in super conditions with many of Cork's All-Ireland winning squad on view. This would have given Cork slight favouritism. However, the Cashel girls were not giving up this title and with super performances all round with back Kaiffee

O'Connell, Meadh Stokes, Una O'Dwyer, Mairéad Morrissey, Triona Hennessy and Denis Fitzgerald hounding the Cork forwards Cloughduv had only one point to show at half-time. At midfield Emily Hayden and Paula Bulfin were awesome while in the forwards Helen Grogan, Jovita Delaney, Linda Grogan, Philly Fogarty, Libby Twomey and Claire Grogan really clicked as a unit and fought hard for one another. Our subs on the day could do little wrong either when introduced. Irene Dwan, Claire Marie Fogarty, Fiona O'Dwyer, Marie O'Dwyer and Claire Ryan all did their bit for us to run out convincing winners and set up an All-Ireland semi-final appearance against Pearses of Galway.

The All-Ireland semi-final was played in Cashel, we started the better side and after ten minutes we had a two point lead. Then a couple of decisions went against us, one was a score by Claire Grogan which was waved wide and second was a wide ball for Pearses which was given as a score. This seemed to set us back on our stride and at half time we trailed by three points.

The second half was much the same and with Claire Grogan in scoring form we reduced the lead to a point when disaster struck against the run of play. Resulting from this, Pearses scored to put four points between us again. Cashel were starting to find their rhythm and threw everything at the champions but couldn't find a way to the back of the net. In the end Cashel were defeated by a fine team who went on to lift the title with a comprehensive victory over Wexford Champions, St Ibars. Cashel can be proud of themselves, they represented their Club, County and Province with pride and gave it their best shot. A small thing could have won it for them but it was not to be. Each player from one to thirty can be thanked for their efforts and be proud of their performance and dedication to Cashel Camogie Club.



*Paula Bulfin, captain, Cashel's Senior Camogie team, celebrates receiving the Munster Senior Cup.*



# Slievenamon Camogie Club



**COUNTY LEAGUE 2002 - UNDER-12 'B'**

Front row (l. to r.): Niamh Horan (Drangan), Roisin Wilson (Drangan), Lucy Brennan (Glengoole), Orlaith St. John (Drangan), Mary Gleeson (captain, Drangan), Michelle Egan (Glengoole), Sharon Shelley (Killenaule), Elaine Kennedy (Moyglass), Sharon Hanly (Ballynonty). Middle row (l. to r.): Roisin Troy (Coalbrook), Michelle Meagher (Drangan), Mary Kate McGabhann (Killenaule), Aimee Moloney (Drangan), Maeve Fitzgerald (Coalbrook), Cliona O'Dwyer (Killenaule). Back row (l. to r.): Lesley Looby (Fethard), Niamh Fanning (Fethard), Niamh O'Connor (Killenaule), Aine O'Donovan (Drangan), Mairead Maher (Gortnahoe), Rachel McCormack (Drangan), Rebecca Meagher (Mullinahone), Bronagh Wilson (Drangan). (Inset: Edel O'Dwyer, Ciara O'Dwyer, Aine Stakelum (Ballinure).



**COUNTY CHAMPIONS 2002 - UNDER-14 'B'**

Front Row - Left to right, Michelle Meagher (Drangan), Sharon Shelley (Killenaule), Aoife O'Gorman (Killenaule), Rachel Burke (Glengoole), Mairead Maher (Gortnahoe), Sinead Shelley Killenaule, Michelle Egan (Glengoole), Elaine Kennedy (Moyglass), Cliona O'Dwyer (Killenaule), Mary Gleeson (Drangan), Sharon Hanly (Ballynonty), Ciara Heffernan (Glengoole), Eileen Brennan (Mullinahone), Aimee Moloney (Drangan), Josephine Shelley (Secretary, Killenaule). Back Row - Left to Right, Dan Gleeson (Trainer, Drangan), Michael Heffernan (Trainer, Glengoole), Orlaith St. John (Drangan), Dawn Slanery (Drangan), Niamh O'Connor (Killenaule), Mary Kate McGabhann (Killenaule), Emma Horan (Drangan), Rebecca Meagher (Mullinahone), Aine O'Donovan (Drangan), Roisin Wilson (Drangan), Patricia Holohan (Glengoole), Ailish Langton (Lismolin), Mairead Luttrell (captain, Mullinahone), Laura Maher (Ballingarry), Bridget Quigley (Ballingarry), Christine Walsh (Killenaule), Geraldine Moriarty (Gortnahoe), John Langton (Trainer, Lismolin/Glengoole).



# Slievenamon Camogie Club

## NEWLY FORMED 2002

In January 2002, a meeting was held in Ardagh House, Killenaule re the setting up of a new camogie club. As various parish's surrounding Killenaule were involved, it was decided to name the new club "SLIEVENAMON CAMOGIE CLUB" with club colours of "BLACK WITH RED SASH".

## CLUB OFFICERS ELECTED AS FOLLOWS:

Chairman: John Langton, Lismolin/Glengoole.  
Vice Chairperson: Mary Telford, Littleton.  
Secretary & PRO: Josephine Shelley, Killenaule.  
Treasurer: Breda Moloney, Drangan.  
Assistant Treasurer: Helen Heffernan, Glengoole.  
Committee: Dan Gleeson, Drangan; Pa Shelley, Killenaule; Michael Heffernan, Glengoole; P.J. Moloney, Drangan.

## HOME PITCH

The Club would like to thank most sincerely Mr. Hasseff, Principal of Scoil Ruain, Killenaule, who generously gave the Club the use of the School Pitch and Dressing Rooms to use as a home venue for games and training.

The club commenced training in February 2002, for all ages from Under 12's to Junior level under the guidance of John Langton, Josephine Shelley, Dan Gleeson, Breda Moloney and Michael Heffernan.

## SPONSORS

Many thanks to our wonderful sponsors, Michael McCormack, Ardagh House, Killenaule (Set of senior jerseys), Peter Gleeson, Gleeson Quarries, Laffansbridge (Set of coulottes), Anthony Purcell, Trinity Packaging, Laffansbridge/Limerick (Set of juvenile jerseys) and various others who contributed so generously.

## UNDER 14 'B' CO. CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

On Wednesday 3rd July 2002, history was made by our Under 14 'B' team who defeated St. Cronin's of Roscrea in the "Under 14 'B' County Championship Final", played at The Ragg, on a scoreline of 5-3 to 3-3.

A magnificent display of camogie by Mairead Luttrell (Captain) and all players who showed tremendous courage and skills in their first major competition by defeating Burgess, Clonoulty, and Cashel before meeting St. Cronin's in the final.

Team: Michelle Meagher (Drangan), Sharon Shelley (Killenaule), Aoife O'Gorman (Killenaule), Rachel Burke (Glengoole), Mairead Maher (Gortnahoe), Sinead Shelley (Killenaule), Michelle Egan (Glengoole), Elaine Kennedy (Moyglass), Cliona O'Dwyer (Killenaule), Mary Gleeson (Drangan), Sharon Hanly (Ballynonty), Ciara Heffernan (Glengoole), Eileen Brennan (Mullinahone), Aimee Moloney

(Drangan), Orlaith St. John (Drangan), Dawn Slattery (Drangan), Niamh O'Connor (Killenaule), Mary Kate McGabhann (Killenaule), Emma Horan (Drangan), Rebecca Meagher (Mullinahone), Aine O'Donovan (Drangan), Roisin Wilson (Drangan), Patricia Holohan (Glengoole), Ailish Langton (Lismolin), Mairead Luttrell (captain), Mullinahone), Laura Maher (Ballingarry), Bridget Quigley (Ballingarry), Christine Walsh (Killenaule), Geraldine Moriarty (Gortnahoe), John Langton (Trainer, Lismolin/Glengoole).

## UNDER 14 A - COUNTY LEAGUE

Best of luck to Ciara Heffernan (captain) and the Under 14 team in the upcoming Under-14 'A' County League due to be played in November.

## UNDER 12 'B' CO. LEAGUE WINNERS

On Saturday, 21st September, 2002, our Under 12 'B' team were victorious in the "Under 12 'B' County League Final" against Burgess on a scoreline of 1-1 to 0-2. Great credit is due to this team after the disappointment of losing the Under 12 'B' County Championship final to Moneygall on 23rd July.

Team: Niamh Horan (Drangan), Roisin Wilson (Drangan), Lucy Brennan (Glengoole), Orlaith St. John (Drangan), Mary Gleeson (Captain, Drangan), Michelle Egan (Glengoole), Sharon Shelley (Killenaule), Elaine Kennedy (Moyglass), Sharon Hanly (Ballynonty), Roisin Troy (Coalbrook), Michelle Meagher (Drangan), Mary-Kate McGabhann (Killenaule), Aimee Moloney (Drangan), Maeve Fitzgerald (Coalbrook), Cliona O'Dwyer (Killenaule), Lesley Looby (Fethard), Niamh Fanning (Fethard), Niamh O'Connor (Killenaule), Aine O'Donovan (Drangan), Mairead Maher (Gortnahoe), Rachel McCormack (Drangan), Rebecca Meagher (Mullinahone), Bronagh Wilson (Drangan), Edel O'Dwyer (Ballinure), Ciara O'Dwyer (Ballinure), Aine Stakelum - (Ballinure).

## UNDER 16 'B' CO. CHAMPIONSHIP

In August 2002, our Under 16 'B' team were defeated by Burgess in the "Under 16 'B' County Championship Semi Final".

Team: Ciara Heffernan, Marie Treacy, Sarah Gleeson (captain), Sharon O'Keefe, Helen O'Gorman, Michelle Moloney, Sinead Shelley, Mairead Luttrell, Deirdre Dunne, Ailish Langton, Nicola Purcell, Mary Gleeson, Eileen Brennan, Laura Maher, Emma Hogan, Sarah Costelloe, Bridget Campion, Bridget Quigley, Christine Walsh, Aoife O'Gorman, Aimee Moloney, Sharon Shelley, Maria Quigley.

## UNDER 18 'B' CO. CHAMPIONSHIP

Our Under 18 team were defeated by Burgess in the "Under 18 'B' County Championship Semi Final".

Team: Treacy Hanly (Captain), Sharon O'Keefe, Sarah Gleeson, Emma Hogan, Helen O'Gorman, Michelle Moloney, Deirdre Dunne, Bridget Campion, Nicola Purcell, Sarah Costelloe, Marie Treacy, Maria Quigley, Natellie Kenny, Lorraine Purcell, Marie Dunne, Ciara Heffernan, Ailish Langton, Sinead Shelley, Bridget Quigley, Laura Maher, Mairead Luttrell, Patricia Holohan, Eileen Brennan, Geraldine Moriarty, Aoife O'Gorman.

## UNDER 14 TOURNAMENT - SPONSORED BY COUNCILLOR SUSAN MEAGHER (BALLINGARRY).

Once again, our Under 14 team were victorious against Burgess in the tournament which was sponsored by Councillor Susan Meagher, Sinead Shelley (captain) and the club, would like to thank Susan most sincerely for the beautiful set of medals presented.

## KILLENAULE JUVENILE GAA - JUNIOR CAMOGIE TOURNAMENT

Our Junior team defeated Ballybacon/Grange in the tournament which was played in Killenaule on 5th August 2002. Medals and a Cup was presented to the winning team.

Team: Ciara Heffernan, Avril Mc Grath, Pamela Burke, Prescilla Doyle, Michelle Moloney, Melia Noonan (captain), Helen Brennan, Deirdre Dunne, Aoife O'Dwyer, Ailish Langton, Nicola Purcell, Jenny Hassett, Triona Maher, Treacy Hanly, Catherine Ryan, Breda Tierney, Sinead Shelley and Sharon Shelley.

## VARIOUS OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS BY CLUB MEMBERS

During the year 2002, many of our club players were victorious with various other clubs:-

Sinead Shelley, Killenaule - Munster Junior B Plate Cup Medal with Ursuline Secondary School, Thurles.

Mairead Luttrell, Mullinahone - Under 14 'B' County Hurling & Football Championship with Mullinahone.

Ciara Heffernan, Glengoole - Football Under 14 'A' County Championship & League Medals with Moycarkey Club.

Mary Gleeson, Roisin Wilson, Aimee Moloney, of Drangan: Under 12 South Football Championship with St. Patrick's, Drangan.

Mary Gleeson, Drangan - Hurling Primary Game - Munster Final.

## ST. PATRICK'S CAMOGIE CLUB REUNION

On Friday 27th September, 2002, in the Social & Sports Club, Cloneen, our club hosted a re-union for the former St. Patrick's Camogie Club players, many of whom never met since playing together.



# 2002 TIPPERARY LADIES FOOTBALL

PATREECE RYAN PRO



*Tipperary Junior Team, National League, Division 3 Champions 2002: Back: Jennifer Grant, Grainne O'Leary, Barbara Moran, Claire Lambert, Mary Connolly, Denise Fitzgerald, Mary Gaskin, Mairead Morrissey, Margaret McGrath, Martina Peters, Rebecca Walsh, Aine Staunton, Angela McDermott, Helen Kennedy, Orlaith McDonnell. Front: Karen Barry, Katie Sweeney, Claire Tobin, Orla Fahey, Maeve Corcoran, Mairead Crowe, Libby Grogan, Patreece Ryan, Carmel Condon, Siobhan Costello, Triona Hennessy, Claire Peters, Sinead Heffernan.*



*Angela McDermott (Cappawhite) being presented with the Player of the Match award by the president of Cumann Peil na mBan, in the National League Final against Sligo at Cusack Park, Ennis.*

**G**iven the fact that Ladies Football is one of the fastest growing sports in the country at present, it comes as no surprise to us that new clubs are springing up all over the county. In 2002, Upperchurch/Drombane, Moyne/Templetuohy and Clonakenny set up new clubs while Templemore re-established its club at the start of the year.

While there were marvellous achievements by many clubs throughout the county during the year, without a doubt the highlights of the year were the county junior team capturing the National League, Division 3 title in June 2002, Cappawhite qualifying for the All-Ireland junior club final and Brian Borus reaching the Munster intermediate club final.

## TIPPERARY JUNIOR TEAM

### NATIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION 3 CHAMPIONS 2002

The work that has been put into Ladies Football in the county over the past number of years finally paid dividends when Tipperary were crowned National League, Division 3, junior champions in 2002. The campaign began back on a wet Sunday in February with their first game away to Carlow. This was a closely contested game for much of the time but Tipp had 5 points to spare at the final whistle. Their second round game was played at a half-way venue in Ballinasloe, and their opponents on this occasion were Sligo, who were somewhat of an unknown quantity. Tipp had a very impressive win on this occasion securing their second league in a row overcoming Sligo by a margin of 11 points.

Tipp's winning streak continued when they overcame Derry in the third round of the league played in Carrigallen, Co Leitrim in April. This was despite the fact that Tipp were without the services of four of their regular starting line-up. Their win this time was quite comprehensive with the final scoring reading Tipperary 3-15, Derry 0-8.

Their next outing proved to be a far more difficult task. This time Tipp travelled to Mullingar to take on Westmeath, who defeated Tipp by just a single point in the league last year. They therefore had a score to settle this year. However, after a keenly contested game and a nailbiting final five minutes, Tipp came out on top winning by just two points. The victory over Westmeath earned them a place in the quarter finals of the league.

Their opponents were Wexford and this game was played in Enniscorthy in May. Tipp went into this game knowing very little about Wexford, however expectations were high and the opportunity of a place in a league semi-final was more than enough of an incentive for Tipp. Aherlow's, Edel Hanley, had a terrific individual display in this game and notched up a total of nine points, which was a magnificent achievement by any standards. The final score read Tipperary 1-16, Wexford 2-1.

Tipp's semi-final opponents were Westmeath, a team that they had the most difficulty in overcoming earlier in the league. This was Tipp's only home venue in the entire league and the task at the outset looked difficult, especially since Tipp were without the services of the regular mid-fielder, Orla Fleming,

and full forward, Edel Hanley, who had been their top scorer in the league to date. Despite the fact that Tipp did not play well in the opening half, the sides were level at the break. Tipp came out firing on all cylinders in the second half and a terrific team display resulted in them having 12 points to spare at the final whistle and a place in the final was secured.

Tipp played Sligo in the final in Cusack Park, Ennis on Saturday 29th June. This was a game which Tipp had eagerly awaited. The win, was a hard fought one in a game, which went right down to the wire. It was Sligo who seemed to settle first and Tipp looked nervous in the opening half although they missed a lot of scoring chances in the first half and Tipp were lucky to trail by just a single point at half-time. Tipp never gave up however and battled hard all over the field. The end proved to be a real cliff-hanger and Tipp captured their first ever National League title at junior level, winning by a single point. The final whistle was greeted with tremendous celebrations in the Tipp camp and the victory was a richly deserved one for the panel and their mentors and the culmination of hard work over the previous three or four years.

## MUNSTER U-14 CHAMPIONSHIP 2002

The Tipperary U-14 team had a terrific victory over Clare in the first round of the Munster championship, played in Cahir in March. Tipp were always in control in this game, with some fine individual displays of football on the day from Alison Lonergan, Claire Carroll, Kate Slattery, Claire Bryan and Gemma





Cahir Ladies Football team who won the U-16 'A' final over Brian Boru's at Ardfinnan. Team front: Grainne Wade, Thelma Lonergan, Mairead Hickey, Alison Lonergan, Emer Hally, Stephanie Elliot, Claire Carroll, Aisling O'Donnell, Noreen O'Gorman, Ailish Meehan, (Edel Ryan) and Mary Shinnick, County Treasurer. Back: Gemma Maguire, Orla Casey, Mary Hyland, Claire O'Gorman, Tracey Hearn, Triona Bourke, Laura Simpson, Lorraine O'Donnell, Michelle Martin, Eadaoin Lonergan. Back: selectors and mentors, Betty Casey, Lena Lonergan, Derek Higgins, Eamonn Elliot, Liam Shinnick, Manager, Sean O'Gorman, Patrick Hyland, Chairman, Cahir GAA, Dinny Whelan, and Jimmy Lonergan. Front: Tomas Ryan, Aoife Nugent, Roisin Costelloe, Geraldine O'Donnell, and Avril Hearne.

Photo: Breeda Mullally, Cahir.

Maguire. Following their great win over Clare, Tipp were quite confident taking on Waterford in the second round. Tipp, while winning a lot of possession in this game, found it very difficult to score and had a lot of wides in the first half. Waterford were a physically stronger side and it was this strength that stood to them in the end. Tipp, however, still managed to qualify for the Munster semi-final thanks to their first round victory over Clare. Unfortunately, they were defeated by last year's All Ireland Champions Cork, who gave a terrific display of football in this game.

#### TIPPERARY U-14 PANEL 2002:

Laura Simpson (Cahir), Ciara Heffernan (Moycarkey/Borris), Ciara O'Sullivan (Golden), Linda Williams (Brian Borus), Aisling O'Donnell (Cahir), Margaret Doyle (Moycarkey/Borris), Kate Slattery (Moycarkey/Borris), Claire Bryan (Moycarkey/Borris), Gemma Maguire (Cahir), Claire Carroll (Cahir), Orla Casey (Cahir), Ciara Johnson (Moycarkey/Borris), Alison Lonergan (Cahir), Eadaoin Lonergan (Cahir), Rita McGrath (Moyle Rovers), Mairead Lutteral, Lorraine O'Donnell, Una Halley, Una Hanrahan, Nicola Gilmore, Ann Marie McGrath, Siobhan Burke, Kathy McGrath, Sinead O'Hara, Sarah Hennessy, Lisa Cleary, Mary Claire Ryan, Siobhan McGrath, Brid Condon.

#### MUNSTER U-16 CHAMPIONSHIP 2002

Tipperary did not have an U-16 team participating in the Munster Championship in 2002.

#### MUNSTER MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP 2002

The Tipperary Minor team played Cork in the first round of the Munster Championship but unfortunately were well beaten. Tipp's best players in this game were Mairead Morrissey, Orla Fahey

and Jennifer Grant from Brian Borus Club while Noreen O'Gorman from Cahir had a great game in the Tipp back-line.

#### TIPPERARY MINOR PANEL 2002:

Helen Kennedy (Cappawhite), Samantha Mullins (Brian Borus), Karen Barry (Brian Borus), Orlaith McDonnell (Templemore), Katie Sweeney (Brian Borus), Claire Peters (Golden), Noreen O'Gorman (Cahir), Mairead Morrissey (Brian Borus), Jennifer Grant (Brian Borus), Rebecca Walsh (Aherlow), Nancy Ferris (Moyle Rovers), Stephanie Effiott (Cahir), Barbara Moran (Ardfinnan), Orla Fahey (Brian Borus), Mairead Hickey (Cahir), Roisin Kennedy (Newcastle), Siobhan Dempsey (Moyle Rovers), Eimear Hally (Cahir), Doreen Melbourne (Moyle Rovers), Cait McCarra (Newcastle), Triona Burke (Cahir), Grainne O'Connor (Brian Borus), Catriona White (Cappawhite), Triona McGrath (Newcastle).

#### MUNSTER JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP 2002

Given the fact that Tipperary were crowned National League Division 3 champions in 2002, hopes were high of this being Tipp's year in the Munster Championship. The timing of the first round of the championship however was not in Tipp's favour as their first game against Waterford was played just one week after their National League win. Tipp were also without the services of Aine Staunton and Edel Hanley for this game, both of whom had played such vital roles for Tipp during the league campaign. The Waterford game, which was played in Bushy Park, Dungarvan, started at a blistering pace and Tipp were leading by five points at half-time. Waterford came out firing on all cylinders in the second half and this was



Management and selectors of Tipperary Junior Team 2002. Back: Denny Whelan, Liam Shinnick (manager), Michael Hearne (trainer), Enda McDonnell. Front: Grainne O'Leary (nurse), Biddy Ryan and Mary Fahey.



a game that they had to win to stay in the championship, as Clare had already beaten them in their first round game. They managed to claw back Tipp's lead and win by just one point in the end. It was the second year in a row that Waterford had defeated Tipp by a point in the Munster Championship. Tipp were extremely disappointed after their defeat and would have deserved a draw at the very least on the day. They could not afford to be down for very long however as they had to play Clare the following weekend in Cahir, as the Munster Championship is run on a round robin system.

Clare had the advantage of being able to field a number of their senior players on their junior team as the Munster senior championship had not commenced. Tipp would therefore need to produce one of their biggest performances to date to pull off a victory on this occasion. Tipp got off to a great start in this game and applied a lot of pressure on Clare. They notched up a number of scores but Clare soon settled and picked off a number of scores. Tipp trailed by 5 points at halftime on a scoreline of 2-5 to 1-3. The first quarter of the second half saw the midfield pairing of Triona Hennessy and Mairead Morrissey dominate proceedings. The pace of the game intensified even more and the Tipp forwards were winning a lot of ball. Clare however always looked dangerous in front of the Tipp goalmouth. A goal from Denise Fitzgerald at the opposite end of the field saw Tipp take the lead by a point. Clare responded with a goal while Tipp managed to get another point before the final whistle but it was too little, too late. It was the third Munster Championship game in succession that Tipp had lost by just a single point. Even though it was a great team display, Triona Hennessy, Denise Fitzgerald, Siobhán Costello and Mairead Morrissey stood out from the rest and played very well for Tipp that day.

#### **TIPPERARY JUNIOR PANEL 2002:**

Margaret McGrath (Aherlow), Mairead Crowe (Cappawhite), Libby Grogan (Aherlow), Carmel Condon (Brian Borus), Maeve Corcoran (Moycarkey/Borris), Angela McDermott (Cappawhite), Mairead Morrissey (Brian Borus), Orla Fleming (Brian Borus), Triona Hennessy (Cappawhite), Siobhán Costello (Cappawhite), Denise Fitzgerald (Brian Borus), Rebecca Walsh (Aherlow), Patreece Ryan (Ardfinnan), Edel Hanley (Aherlow), Mary Gaskin (Moyle Rovers), Aine Staunton (Aherlow), Mary Connolly (Sliabh na mBan), Claire Peters (Golden), Helen Kennedy (Cappawhite), Moira Ryan (Aherlow), Claire Tobin (Ardfinnan), Barbara Moran (Ardfinnan), Orla Fahey (Brian Borus), Karen Barry (Brian Borus), Claire Lambert (Barbara Moran), Jennifer Grant (Brian Borus), Katie Sweeney (Brian Borus), Orlaith McDonnell (Templemore), Grainne O'Leary (Ardfinnan), Sinead Heffernan (Moyle Rovers).



*Moyle Rovers Ladies. Back: Noel Wall, Cheryl Moore, Imelda Spillane, Louise Wade, Niamh Lonergan, Sarah Lonergan, Joan O'Donnell, Mary Gaskin, Doreen Melbourne, Nancy Ferris, Laura Boland, Lucy Gubbins, Catherine Kenny, Catherine Delahunty, Keith Delahunty. Front: Sharon O'Connor, Coaimhe Roche, Rita McGrath, Sandra Spillane, Jean O'Connor, Marie Mulcahy, Katie Lyne (capt), Lorraine Power, Sinead Heffernan, Marie O'Connor, Una O'Brien.*

#### **U-12 CHAMPIONSHIP 2002**

The first county finals of 2002 were played in Clogheen on Wednesday, 19th June. Reigning U-12 champions, Moyle Rovers went head to head with Cahir in the A final while Ardfinnan and Moycarkey/Borris competed in the B final. Hannah Gearon from Ardfinnan was player of the match in the B final and she played a big part in securing a victory for Ardfinnan. The final score in this game was Ardfinnan 2-2, Moycarkey/Borris 1-3. The standard of football in the A final was excellent and Moyle Rovers had no intention of giving up their A title easily.

While there were stars all over the field in this game, player of the match went to Julie Irwin who saved the day for Moyle Rovers with some outstanding clearances. Moyle Rovers were crowned U-12 A Champions for the second year in a row; with the final score Moyle Rovers 2-1, Cahir 1-2.

#### **U-14 CHAMPIONSHIP 2002**

Moycarkey were crowned U-14 A Champions defeating old rivals Cahir in the Final, while Cappawhite overcame Mullinahone in the U-14 B Final. These were two thoroughly entertaining games played in New Inn.

#### **U-16 CHAMPIONSHIP 2002**

Brian Borus and Cahir went head to head in the U-16 A final on the 5th of September in Ardfinnan. Brian Borus having piled on the pressure in the first half, led at the break. Cahir however, started the second half with newfound energy and took the lead early on in the half Brian Borus seemed to have no response to Cahir's dominance as the second half progressed and Cahir deserved their victory in the end.

Newcastle, a newly formed club in 2001, captured their first ever title in ladies football in Tipperary when they overcame Emly in a thrilling U-16 B Final played at Ardfinnan. There were jubilant scenes after the game as players, mentors and supporters celebrated this famous victory.

#### **MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP 2002**

The Minor championship, which is running late this year, is at the semi-final stage. Ardfinnan are set to take on Brian Borus in one semi-final while Cahir meet Cappawhite in the second semi-final. All four remaining clubs in the minor championship have very experienced sides and whoever comes out on top in the end will have thoroughly deserved their victory.

#### **INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP 2002**

2002 was the first year in which an intermediate championship was run in the county. This would give two clubs from Tipperary the opportunity of competing in the Munster club championship. Brian Borus, Cappawhite, Ardfinnan and Aherlow competed at intermediate level. In the end it was Brian Borus and Cappawhite who battled it out in the intermediate final played in Golden. Brian Borus had suffered a narrow defeat at the hands of Aherlow in last year's junior final, while Cappawhite had been showing terrific form as the year progressed. Cappawhite, having been eight points down at half-time, came back fighting in the second half with the result that at the end of normal time the sides were level. Brian Borus went seven points ahead in the first half of extra time but again Cappawhite clawed their way back. Only in the last ten minutes of extra time did Brian Borus finally manage to pull clear of Cappawhite to capture the title.

#### **JUNIOR A**

Due to the fact that a number of new clubs were set up in 2002 it was decided to run an A, B and C championship at junior level. The A final between Cappawhite and Ardfinnan was a great game of football. Both sides gave it their all in this game and it could have gone either way, however in the end Cappawhite captured the title on a scoreline of 1-16 to 2-10. This moves them up to the intermediate championship next year. The win put them through to represent Tipperary in the Munster junior club championship. (See Munster club championship section).



## JUNIOR B

New Inn was the venue for the county junior B semi-finals. The first semi-final saw Golden overcome Sliabh na mBan, while Moyle Rovers defeated last year's champions, Newport, in the second semi-final. In the final, Moyle Rovers dominated proceedings in the first half and built up a significant lead over their opponents Golden by halftime. They proved much too strong for Golden in the end. Mary Gaskin, Una Brien, Joan O'Donnell and Marie O'Connor all played influential roles in capturing this title for Moyle Rovers, while Claire Peters, Ciara O'Sullivan and goal-keeper, Donna Ivors, gave good displays for Golden. The win now moves Moyle Rovers up into the A competition next year.

## JUNIOR C

Templemore overcome Cappawhite's second team in one semi-final while Cahir defeated championship newcomers, Moyne/Templeuohy, in the second semi-final. The final between Templemore and Cahir was a closely contested game and one in which Cahir led for most of the hour. However, it was Templemore's physical strength versus Cahir's young side that ensured the Mid Tipp team held out in the end to claim the title with three points to spare.

## MUNSTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Who would have envisaged at the start of the year that Tipperary would have been represented by two clubs in the Munster junior and intermediate club finals. Cappawhite travelled to Mungret, Co Limerick to take on The Banner from Clare in the first round of the Munster junior club championship. Although a lot of their scoring came in the latter stages of the game the result was all that counted in the end. Their semi-final outing was against Dr Crokes of Kerry. This was another close encounter but one in which Cappawhite thoroughly deserved their victory. Their next venue was Nemo Rangers GAA Club in Cork city for the Munster junior club final and their opponents were the Cork junior champions, Beara. This was to prove an historic day for Tipperary ladies football when Cappawhite were crowned Munster junior club champions 2002. This was a magnificent game from start to finish and certainly not one for the faint hearted. Triona Hennessy had a great game at centre field, Siobhan Costello, Jane Ann O'Neill and Jayne Clancy were lethal in attack while Ann O'Dwyer and Angela McDermott had solid performances in defense. It was also great to see such a large Cappawhite following present on the day. Their opponents in the All-Ireland semi-final was Dublin side Lucan Sarsfields. Cappawhite were always in control in this game and never let Lucan gain the upper hand.

Even though their shooting on the day was not up to its usual high standard they had 6 points to spare at the final whistle. There were jubilant scenes once again after the game and the Cappawhite train just keeps on going. At time of print there are just one game away from capturing an All-Ireland title and what an achievement that would be for this Tipperary side.

Brian Borus travelled to Limerick to take on the Clare champions, Liscannor in the semi-final of the Munster intermediate club championship. After getting off to somewhat of a slow start Brian Borus's soon got into gear. This game went right down to the wire and Brian Borus were victorious in the end with just one point to spare. It was enough however to earn them a place in the Munster club final against Rockbawn from Cork. Rockbawn's experience, having being crowned All-Ireland junior club champions in 2001, stood to them and they proved slightly too strong for the Tipperary side in the final. It was a tremendous achievement for Brian Borus's to have reached the Munster final and they will certainly be back to fight another day before too long.

## ALL IRELAND CLUB SEVEN-A-SIDE COMPETITION

Tipperary was well represented both at junior and intermediate level in the All-Ireland Club seven-a-side competition in Portmarnock on Saturday, 28th September. Ardfinnan, Brian Borus's, Cahir, Cappawhite, Newport and Upperchurch/Drombane all took part. Brian Borus's were very unlucky to have been beaten in the semi-final of the intermediate competition while Cahir were defeated in the junior semi-final. Despite the fact that we did not bring home any silverware in 2002, all clubs had a thoroughly enjoyable and valuable weekend of football.

## U-12 & U-14 CLUB BLITZ COMPETITIONS

Moyle Rovers Club hosted an U-12 blitz on Saturday, 7th September. Moyle Rovers defeated Cahir in the A final while Moycarkey/Borris defeated Mullinahone in the B final. Moycarkey/Borris Club hosted an U-14 Blitz on the October Bank Holiday weekend with teams from Cahir, Moyle Rovers, Ballyporeen and two from Moycarkey/Borris taking part. Cahir and Moycarkey contested the A final with the host club coming out winners, while Ballyporeen captured the B title.

At National level the County U-14 team travelled to Mullingar to take part in the All-Ireland blitz. Tipp had a very strong panel on the day and were grouped with Longford, Fermanagh, Westmeath and Clare. They got off to a great start with victories over Westmeath, Longford and Clare. They played Roscommon in the semi-final but unfortunately were defeated.

Ladies Football in Tipperary has made great advances in the last number of years. At inter-county level Tipperary has now proven that they are a force to be reckoned with, while at club level Cappawhite, Brian Borus's and of course Aherlow last year, have shown that they are among the best clubs in the country at present. If this momentum can be maintained who knows what the future will hold for the game in Tipperary. Well done to all clubs who participated in 2002 and especially to all those who captured titles. A special thanks to everyone who promoted and developed Ladies Football throughout the county.

On behalf of the Tipperary Ladies Football County Board I would like to congratulate anyone who celebrated happy occasions during the year and to extend sincere sympathy to those who suffered bereavements.

Anyone interested in setting up a new Club or promoting Ladies Football in the county should contact Liam Shinnick, County Chairperson at (052) 42195 or Biddy Ryan, county secretary at (052) 66146.



The Brian Borus's Ladies Football Team who won the Intermediate Championship over Cappawhite at Golden. Pictured front: Marie O'Brien, Grainne O'Connor, Orla Fleming, Patricia Hickey, Karen Barry, Suzanne Wall, Captain, Orla Fahey, Katie Sweeney, Jennifer Grant, Samantha Mullins. Back: Aoife Dwyer, Ellen Hanrahan, Geraldine Barry, Catherine Tobin, Fiona Fahey, Helen Norris, Carmel Condon, Denise Fitzgerald, Emer Morrissey, Mairead Morrissey, Aine Dwyer, Eileen Myles.



# Cappawhite Ladies Football Club, the story so far...

2002 will be remembered as a great year for ladies football in the parish of Cappawhite. With no less than five teams competing in the championship and five National League medals coming to the club, from Triona Hennessy, Siobhan Costello, Helen Kennedy, Mairead Crowe and (player of the match in the National League final), Angela McDermot.

## JUVENILE CLUB

Having been beaten in the county semi-final of the U-12 competition by Moyle Rovers much of the panel turned their attention to the U-14 championship. With two wins out of four in the group stages of the competition, they qualified for a semi-final against Ardfinnan in the plate. They won this convincingly with a score line of 4-5 to 2-1. Our opponents in the county final were Mullinahone. This was a very exciting match played on a beautiful summers evening on the 8th of August in New Inn. Cappawhite were victorious on a scoreline of 1-9 to 1-6 with many young heroes on the day.

The U-16 team were beaten by a strong Brian Borus team in the county semi-final in July. At time of printing the U-18 team are awaiting to play Cahir in the minor county semi final. This is a very strong team having beaten Clonakenny, Ardfinnan, and Moycarkey-Borris on the way. Many of the panel won Munster Senior schools medal with Convent of Mercy, Doon this year and county and Munster junior club medals. This experience should stand to the girls in the semi-final and we are looking forward to this match.

With an enormous junior panel this year it was decided to enter a junior C team also in this year's championship. Although beaten in the semi-final by Templemore, we thoroughly enjoyed this competition and gained valuable match practice.

## JUNIOR COUNTY, MUNSTER CHAMPIONS & ALL-IRELAND FINALISTS

Pride of place goes to our junior A team. This dedicated panel of players began training early in the year with Jo Bradshaw. From then on their commitment and enthusiasm for the game has seen them to a place in the Junior League final against Brian Boru's (awaiting to be played). They took part in the intermediate championship and defeated Brian Boru's and Ardfinnan in the group stages. The final was played in Golden on the 8th of September in severe condi-



*Cappawhite Ladies Football Panel, Junior County Munster Club Champions and All Ireland Finalists 2002. Front row – Cathy O'Neill, Jayne Clancy, Elaine Renehan, Marie O'Neill (Capt), Tracy Maguire, Siobhan Costello, Deirdre Ryan, Angela McDermott, Anne O'Dwyer, Triona Hennessy. Middle row – Mary Horan, Michelle Ryan, Tanya Guerin, Noreen O'Doherty, Mairead Crowe, Helen Kennedy, Joanne O'Doherty, Sandra Barry, Faustina Renehan. Back row – Martin McDermott (Coach), Seanie O'Neill (Trainer), Mary O'Dwyer, Jane Ann O'Neill, Antoinette O'Doherty, Fiona Fox, Antoinette Murnane, Marion Ryan, Sheelagh Carew, Tony Breheny (Selector), Cecilia Walshe, Anne Costello (Selector).*

tions but we were beaten by Brian Boru's, after extra time by 6-14 to 4-7.

This disappointing defeat hardened the resolve of the girls to go one better in the junior final and this they did when defeating Ardfinnan in Cahir on a wonderful scoreline of 1-17 to 2-10. Next stop the Munster championship, our first match was against The Banner of Clare in Mungret on the 5th of October. This was a tough physical game but the Cappawhite forwards were awesome and ran out eventual winners on a score line of 3-14 to 1-10. Jayne Clancy, Ann O'Dwyer, Siobhan Costello, Fiona Fox, Sheelagh Carew and Jane-Ann O'Neill were all outstanding on the day.

The Munster semi-final was played on one of the wettest days in living memory in Newcastlewest. Having been beaten by Dr Crokes, the Kerry county champions in the seven-a-side competition in September we were well aware of their speed and goal-scoring ability. Cappawhite had a terrible start and were nine points adrift at one stage in the first half. But they showed their never say die attitude and after some brilliant defending from all six backs and two marvellous saves by goal keeper, Helen Kennedy, we weathered the storm and were just one point down at half time. Once on top the Cappawhite girls held strong and by sheer grit and determination would not be denied. They won their place in the semi-final on a scoreline of 2-15 to 4-6.

Our opponents in the Munster final, Beara from Cork, were hot favourites having beaten Old Mill of Limerick in their semi-final on a score line of 6-17 to

0-1. The match was played in very windy conditions on the 3rd of November in Nemo Rangers in Cork. Cappawhite had wonderful start with early points from Siobhan Costello and Jane Ann O'Neill and a great goal from Mary Horan. Angela McDermot was giving a solid performance at full back and Triona Hennessy was playing with her usual class. Despite applying severe pressure we were leading by just one point at half time.

Beara were now playing with the wind and despite some fierce defending Cappawhite found themselves trailing by one point with just ten minutes remaining. After a good spell of pressure Siobhan Costello slotted home a marvellous goal and the Cappawhite defence stood firm under enormous pressure. The final minutes of this game were breathtaking with the ball being cleared off the Cappawhite goalmouth on three occasions. At the final whistle, on a score of 4-7 to 4-5, there was absolute jubilation. Captain Marie O'Neill was presented with the Munster Cup on behalf of her heroic squad and their management.

With only one week to prepare for the All-Ireland semi-final, this was a very daunting fixture. On the 10th of November, a large contingent of supporters travelled to Dublin to Lucan Sarsfields for the match. The home venue did not intimidate our girls and from the whistle the contested every ball. Elaine Renehan, Mairead Crowe, Jane Ann O'Neill and Siobhan Costello were outstanding on the day. We were leading by three points at half time but in the first minute after the resumption Lucans scored a



goal to level the sides. The teams swapped points but Fiona Fox rattled the Lucans net and for the last ten minutes it was all Cappawhite. Triona Hennessy, Tracy McGuire, Sandra Barry and Marie O'Neill defended courageously and Helen Kennedy again came to the rescue and brought off a tremendous save in the dying stages of the game. The final score was 1-10 to 1-4. Lucan Sarsfields, although bitterly disappointed, showed great hospitality and wished us well in the final. Much credit is due to the Cappawhite management team Martin McDermot, Seanie O'Neill, Tony Breheny, Ann Costello and Cecilia Walsh.

An All-Ireland final, at any level, comes to only a few. The girls and their management have made tremendous sacrifices during the year and this is no less than they deserve. Our opponents Tyholland, the Monaghan and Ulster champions, proved to be too strong in the final on November 24, and defeated us by 6-7 to 1-9.



Captain Marie O'Neill receives Munster Cup from Secretary of the Munster Council, Marie Halvey.



Cappawhite Ladies Football U-14 County (B) Champions 2002. Front row (from left) – Siobhan O'Neill, Aisling Barry, Dearbhla Ryan, Amanda Beary, Michelle Breheny, Mary Claire Ryan (Capt), Anita Barry, Marguerite Meagher, Ena Meagher, Mary Kelly. Back row – Helen Kennedy, (Manager), Clare Mullins, Valerie O'Neill, Laura Mullins, Sarah Ryan, Rebecca Cummins, Marie T. McCarthy, Bgt. Barry, Martina Buckley, Donna Quinlan, Jenni O'Dwyer, Mary O'Meara, John Minogue (Trainer). Missing from Photo – Katya Renehan, Orlagh Eicholz, Mgt. Hogan, Catherine Kelly.



U-14 A County Champions, Peile na nÓg League Champions, Moycarkey Borris Ladies Football U-14. Back row – Irene Fitzgerald, Karen Hogan, Sally Duggan (selector), Ann Kirwan, Maire O'Regan, Siobhan McGrath, Siobhan Bourke, Sarah Hennessy, Patricia McGrath, Ann Slattery, Georgina Flynn, Jacque Clohessy, Sandra Purcell. Middle row – Catheriona Bracken, Laura Bannon, Margaret Doyle, Kate Slattery, Una Walsh, Stephanie Ryan, Mary Quinlan, Ciara Heffernan, Kerri Costello. Front – Sharon Meaney, Catheriona Walsh, Maria Purcell, Karen Mullins, Ciara Johnstown, Sinead O'Hara.



# TIPPERARY HANDBALL REPORT 2002

*2002 was once again a busy year for all Tipperary handballers and All-Ireland successes were achieved at both adult and juvenile level in 40 x 20 and 60 x 30.*

## 40 X 20 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Five Munster Titles came to the county in 40 x 20 and we succeeded in winning All-Ireland medals in three of those. The Munster championship successes were as follows:

Grade	Winners
Silvermasters B Doubles	Jeddie McKeogh and Michael Gleeson, Ballina
Emeraldmasters A Singles	Jim Ryan, Silvermines
Diamondmasters B Singles	Eddie Sheeran, Lahorna
Diamondmasters B Doubles	Eddie Sheeran and David Slattery, Lahorna
Ladies Junior B Singles	Cliona Collins, Ballina

Jeddie McKeogh and Michael Gleeson came through a tough Munster campaign and went on to beat the Mayo pairing of Patrick Geraghty and John Renaghan in the All-Ireland semi-final on a score line of 21-16, 18-21, 21-17, but lost narrowly to Kildare in the All-Ireland final played at Garryhill. Kildare were represented by Pat Coffey and Ollie Deegan.

Jim Ryan from Silvermines Handball Club beat John Kirby of Clare in the Munster final played in Shannon. He then travelled to Curraghboy and beat Sean Healy of Mayo in the All-Ireland semi-final by 21-06, 21-16. He went on to take the All-Ireland title by defeating Hughie Duff from Tyrone in Mullingar by 2 straight games.

Eddie Sheeran from Lahorna Handball Club succeeded in two Munster finals in Diamondmasters B Singles and partnered by David Slattery in the Diamondmasters B Doubles. Eddie beat Brian Kilcummins of Roscommon in the All-Ireland semi-final and overcame Sean Curran from Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final, played in Nenagh. Kilkenny were again the opposition in the Diamondmasters B Doubles final played in Garryhill but Eddie and David proved to be too strong a partnership on the day by 2 straight games.

Cliona Collins from Ballina Handball Club won the Munster title of Ladies Junior B singles and was narrowly beaten in the All-Ireland final by Treacy Brennan from Laois, which was played in Nenagh.

## JUVENILE 40 X 20

Ballina Handball Club were again to the fore in the Juvenile 40 x 20 and had four successes in the Munster championship.

Grade	Winner
U.13 Doubles	Declan Gleeson and Brian Kelly
U.16 Singles	Gerard Coonan
U.16 Doubles	Karen Collins and Anne-Marie Ryan
U.17 Singles	Marian Coleman

The U.13 Doubles is confined to provincial level only but both Declan and Brian are showing great promise as they have already won the U.12 Doubles in 2001.

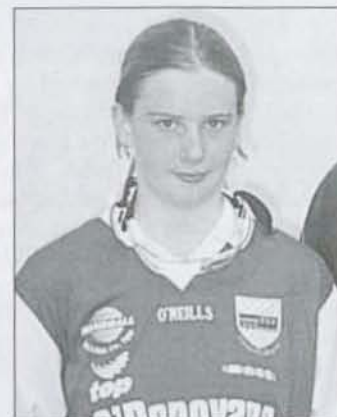
Ger Coonan took the Munster title at U.16 Singles for the second year in a row.

Ger had a tough passage to the All-Ireland final but accounted for Chris Doolan of Roscommon in the semi-final and went on to take the All-Ireland title by defeating Gary McRory from Tyrone on a scoreline of 21-12, 19-21, 11-06 which was

played at Clarecastle.

Karen Collins and Anne Marie Ryan again came through Munster but were unlucky to be beaten in the All-Ireland semi-final by Galway's Kerry McNulty and Nicola Lambe (13-21, 21-06, 11-09).

Marian Coleman, Ballina took the U.17 Munster title for the second year in a row and beat Noelle Ruddy from Mayo in the All-Ireland semi-final but was unlucky in the All-Ireland final to be beaten by Mary Murphy from Kilkenny.



Karen Collins,  
Munster Open U-15 winner

## 60 X 30 CHAMPIONSHIPS

We achieved considerable success in the 60 x 30 Munster Campaign winning 9 Munster Titles in the following grades:-

Grade	Winners
Junior B Singles	Adrian Johnson, Clonmel
Masters A Singles	Jimmy Mullins, Clonmel
Masters A Doubles	Seamus Morrissey and Jimmy Mullins, Clonmel
Silvermasters A Doubles	Gerry Spillane, Clonmel and Connie Collins, Ballina
Goldenmasters A Singles	Pakie Mullins, Clonmel
Goldenmasters A Doubles	Pakie Mullins, Clonmel and Billy McCarthy, Ballyporeen
Diamondmasters B Singles	Paddy Maher, Clonmel
Diamondmasters B Doubles	Paddy Maher, Clonmel and Michael Hogan, Nenagh
Ladies Junior B Singles	Cliona Collins, Ballina

Despite the fact that we had 9 successes in the Munster championship we succeeded at All-Ireland level in two grades only with Paddy Maher from Clonmel winning the Diamondmasters B singles and the partnership of Pakie Mullins and Billy McCarthy winning the Silvermasters A doubles.

Adrian Johnson from Clonmel beat Bernie McDonagh from Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final but lost out narrowly to Pat O'Donnell, Wicklow on a score line of 21-10, 21-20. Pat O'Donnell also went on to take the Junior B doubles title.

Jimmy Mullins from Clonmel lost out at semi-final stage in the Masters A singles to Michael Porter from Sligo. Jimmy partnered by Seamus Morrissey also came out second best to the Sligo partnership Francis McCann and Michael Porter in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Gerry Spillane from Clonmel and Connie Collins from Ballina again teamed up for the Silvermasters A Doubles and reached the All-Ireland final but were beaten by the Wexford pairing of Tony Breen and Jimmy Goggins.

Pakie Mullins from Clonmel had mixed fortune in the Goldenmasters A championship as he lost his singles semi-final to Martin Cronin from Mayo but partnered by Billy McCarthy,



Ballyporeen defeated Mayo in the All-Ireland semi-final and then went on to beat the Dublin partnership of Eugene Kennedy and Vinnie Farrell in the All-Ireland final. This was Pakie's third All-Ireland title at that grade.

Paddy "Musha" Maher from Clonmel achieved a lifetime ambition by winning the Diamondmasters B Singles All-Ireland title. He beat Brian Kilcummins from Roscommon in the All-Ireland semi-final on a score line of 21-16, 10-21, 21-14. His All-Ireland final against Seamus O'Brien from Kildare again went to three games but Paddy achieved All-Ireland success by taking the third game on a score line of 21-14.

Brian Kilcummins avenged his singles defeat when he and his partner Donny Dowd beat Paddy Maher and Michael Hogan in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Cliona Collins from Ballina came through Munster in the Ladies Junior B singles but had to give second best to Treacy Floyd from Donegal in the All-Ireland final.

## JUVENILE 60 X 30

Ballina continued their great run of success in the 60 x 30 Juvenile Championships and took three Munster Titles as follows:

Grade	Winners
U.14 Doubles	Fergal Collins and Declan Kennedy
U.16 Singles	Ger Coonan
U.16 Doubles	Karen Collins and Anne Marie Ryan

Fergal and Declan beat the Galway partnership of David Connaughton and Stephen Ryan in the All-Ireland semi-final but were defeated by the strong partnership of Paddy Berry and Jimmy Goggins from Wexford in the All-Ireland final.

Karen and Anne Marie reached their All-Ireland final by beating Galway but were unlucky to lose to the Carlow partnership of Amanda Kanavan and Edel Jordan by of 13-21, 21-18, 11-06.

Ger Coonan again continued on his winning ways by beating Thomas McDonagh from Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final and accounted for David Kennedy from Wexford in the All-Ireland final. Ger is the proud holder of All-Ireland medals at U.16 level in both 40 x 20 and 60 x 30, which is a very rare achievement.

## FEILE NA NGAEL

Feile na nGael was hosted by Ulster Counties and we were represented by a team from Ballina with Declan Kennedy, Michael O'Meara, Fergal Collins, Brian Kelly and Brian O'Connor. He boys reached the final of the 60 x 30 Division I but were beaten by New Ross of Wexford. There was some consolation for Fergal Collins however when he won the Skills competition for the second year in a row following in the footsteps of Ger Coonan who had won on the three previous occasions. Fergal is still eligible to take part in this prestigious competition next year and we wish him the best in equaling Ger's record.

## ALL-IRELAND COLLEGES

Marian Coleman and Treacy Coonan representing St. Anne's College reached the 60 x 30 Senior Doubles semi-final but were beaten by Emer Coyle and Rachel Casey representing Mercy Convent, Roscommon who went on to take the All-Ireland title by defeating St. Bridget's from Goresbridge.

Ger Coonan who also represented St. Anne's College took the intermediate 40 x 20 Colleges title by defeating his old rival Brian Carroll from Kells by two games to one. Ger won the 60 x 30 Colleges title but lost to Cormac Smith from St. Peter's College, Wexford in the All-Ireland semi-final.

## USHA JUNIORS

The Ballina Handball Club supported by Tipperary Handball Board, Tipperary GAA Board and other sponsors sent Ger Coonan to take part in the USHA Junior Handball Championships held in Phoenix, Arizona in late December of 2001. Ger duly repaid the faith in him by the club and reached the singles final of the boys 15 and under. Ger overcame four different opponents on his way to the final but was beaten by Robert McCarthy from Westmeath in a hard fought game. Ger recovered quickly from this defeat however and partnered by Jerome Willoughby from Wicklow went all the way to take the boys 15 and under doubles title back to Ballina. This was the first occasion that Ger had taken part in competition outside of Ireland and his performances augur well for the future.

## GIRLS INTER PROVINCIAL

The girls Inter Provincial Tournament Team of 10 was again staged this year. The Munster Team was again to the fore in the 60 x 30 and won the competition for the second year running defeating Leinster in the final. The Tipperary representatives on the winning team were Karen Collins, Anne Marie Ryan and Marian Coleman, who all had the distinction of being on the successful team in 2001.

## INTER CLUB

The Clonmel Handball Club took the Munster Junior B Inter Club 60 x 30 championship. They went on to defeat Ballymoe from Roscommon in the All-Ireland semi-final and took the All-Ireland title by defeating Clogh from Kilkenny on a score line of 103-96, which was played in Thurles. The Clonmel representatives were Adrian Johnson, Anthony Moynahan, Billy Dempsey, Paul Maher and Dessie Gunne. Paul Maher and his father Paddy Maher achieved All-Ireland success in the same year.

The Ballina team also reached the All-Ireland Final in the Junior Inter-Club but were beaten by St. Coman's from Roscommon on a score line of 121-103. The Ballina players were John McQuaid, John Lee, Paddy Collins and Connie Collins.

Ballina were also Munster Champions in the U.16 Girls Team of 4 and were beaten by Garryhill in the All-Ireland semi-final. The Ballina team consisted of Karen Collins, Anne Marie Ryan, Ciara McCarthy, Eva McKeogh and Natasha Moroney.

## HARDBALL

John Lee from the Ballina Handball Club was our sole representative in the All-Ireland Hardball championships. John reached the quarter-final of the Junior Singles but was beaten by Seamus Maughan from Mayo by 2 games to 1.

## OPEN TOURNAMENTS

The Provincial Tournaments in 40 x 20, 60 x 30 and One Wall continue to be hugely popular with our players. The One Wall Tournament was again hosted by Sligo with the 40 x 20 Tournaments hosted by Munster and Leinster and the 60 x 30 Tournament hosted by Munster and Connaught. The Golden Gloves 40 x 20 Tournament was again hosted by St. Paul's Handball Club from Belfast and the Irish Nationals were hosted by Dublin and surrounding counties.

The Munster 40 x 20 Tournament was played at Clare venues in early January and Tipperary were represented by Eddie Corbett, Des Kelly, John Ryan, Karen Collins, Ger Coonan and Marian Coleman. Ger Coonan got his year off to a great start by taking the Boys U.15 final by defeating Gary McRory from Tyrone. Karen Collins and Marian Coleman reached their respective semi-finals but both were narrowly beaten. Jim Ryan, Karen Collins, Ger Coonan, Paul Coleman and Paddy Collins all took part in the Irish Nationals. Ger Coonan was again the most successful of our competitors but was



beaten by Robert McCarthy from Westmeath in the semi-final.

The Munster 60 x 30 Open was hosted by Limerick and success on this occasion came to Karen Collins who defeated Karen Lawlor from Kerry in the Girls U.15 Competition on a score line 21-09,21-15. Karen also took part in the Connaught 60 x 30 Open and completed a double when she defeated Lisa Falvey from Kerry in the Girls U.15 Competition. Ger Coonan was again to the fore in the Connaught Open and defeated Gerry Kane from Carlow in the Boys U.17 final on a score line 21-09,21-17. Ger travelled to Belfast for the Golden Gloves and succeeded in adding the Boys U.17 Title to his collection of trophies for the year.

#### US TRIALS

Ger Coonan and Karen Collins were the county's representatives in the USHA Junior Trials. As always the prize for the winner was the right to represent Ireland in the USHA Junior championships to be played in Chicago over the Christmas period. Ger was pitted in a very tough group with Gary McRory from Tyrone and Gerry Kane from Carlow. McRory came through the group with 79 points with Ger second on 78 and Gerry Kane on 75. Karen reached the final of the Girls 15 and Under defeating Catriona Casey and Lisa Falvey from Kerry on her way but was narrowly defeated by Aisling Reilly from Antrim in the final.

#### GER COONAN

Ger Coonan from Ballina Handball Club though not yet 16 years

of age had a remarkable year with the following achievements:

- All Ireland Champion U.16 Singles 40 x 20
- All Ireland Champion U.16 Singles 60 x 30
- U.15 Singles Munster Open 40 x 20
- U.17 Singles Connaught Open 60 x 30
- U.17 Singles Golden Gloves 40 x 20
- Intermediate Colleges Singles 40 x 20
- Runner Up U.17 Singles Leinster Open 40 x 20
- Winner USHA 15 Doubles 40 x 20
- Runner Up USHA Singles 40 x 20

#### CLUB OF THE YEAR

Ballina Handball Club were honoured to receive the Club of the Year Award for their outstanding contribution to the development and promotion of handball for the year 2001. The presentation was made to the Club at a ceremony held in Croke Park in March and was attended by the Club Officers and County Board Representatives. It was an honour fully deserving of the club for their work and commitment to the promotion of juvenile handball for boys and girls over a long number of years.

**Ken Conway**  
Secretary,

Tipperary Handball Board

December 2002

## Tipperary Minor Hurlers 2001 Honoured



Tipperary minor hurling panel and selectors (Munster final winners 2001), together with County Board Officers at a medal presentation function at the Park Avenue House, Thurles.



At a function to honour the 2001 Tipperary minor hurling panel and selectors that won the Munster final. Paddy McCormack (manager), Michael O'Brien (Co. Board secretary), Philip Ryan (selector), Diarmuid Fitzgerald (2001 captain with TWA Cup), Con Hogan (Co. Board chairman), Vincent McKenna and James Ivors (selectors).

## Tipperary Star — Anner Leisure Scholarships



Tipperary senior inter-county hurler Eddie Enright (second from left) presenting the Tipperary Star/Anner Leisure Club Hurling Scholarship to Pat Shortt, Upperchurch-Drombane and Tipperary hurler, at the Anner hotel. On left is Noel Dundon, representing Tipperary Star, award sponsor, and Jarlath Sweeney (right), representing Anner Leisure Club, Anner Hotel, Thurles, award sponsor.



Inaugural presentation of the Tipperary Star/Anner Leisure Club Sports Scholarship shows, Noel Dundon, representing Tipperary Star, award sponsor; Tipperary senior All-Ireland winning hurler Eddie Enright, presenting the camogie scholarship to Siobhan Ryan, Tipperary camogie player; Jarlath Sweeney, manager, Anner Leisure Club, Anner Hotel, Thurles, award sponsor.



# Quiz

## Tipperary GAA 2003 Yearbook



*John Quirke, Jeweller, Cahir, presents the Man of the Match award to Mullinahone forward Eoin Kelly following his display in the county SHC final replay against Thurles Sarsfields in Semple Stadium.*

**1** Name the Cork camogie player who scored 3-2 against Tipperary in the All-Ireland final?

**2** Name the manager of the successful Limerick under-21 hurling team?

**3** Name the player who scored ten points from frees and one from a 65, in this year's under-21 inter-county hurling championship.

**4** What was the score in the drawn Munster senior football final?

**5** Why are the following names famous: J. Miskella, M. Cronin, C. Crowley, N. O'Donovan, A. Quirke, D. O'Sullivan?

**6** Who is the odd man out: Brendan McLoughlin, Philip Brennan, Kevin Flynn, Shane Martin?

**7** Name the captain of this year's Offaly senior hurling team.

**8** With what club does Kilkenny player, John Power, play?

**9** How many Ulster counties have won the NEW Sam Maguire Cup?

**10** Who captained Armagh in the 1953 All-Ireland SF final against Kerry?

**11** How many goals were scored in the 2001 All-Ireland senior football final?

**12** Meath and Derry met on only one occasion in minor football before this year's All-Ireland minor football final. What year?

**13** Who scored Tipperary's opening goal in this year's Munster senior hurling final?

**14** Kilkenny won the league/championship double this year. What was the last team to do so?

**15** What two counties contested this year's Ulster under-21 hurling final?

**16** When did Kilkenny last lose a Leinster senior hurling final?

**17** Who scored Clare's only goal in the 1995 All-Ireland SH final?

**18** Who refereed the 2002 Tipperary-Wexford All-Ireland MH semi-final?

**19** Who played right half-back for Tipperary minors in the 2002 All-Ireland final?

**20** Who captained the Kilkenny minor hurling team in the 2002 All-Ireland final?

## Quiz Rules

- 1 Official entry form from Tipperary GAA yearbook must be used (not a photocopy)
- 2 Closing date for entries is Friday, January 10th, 2003
- 3 Winners will be announced at Tipperary County Convention 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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# Cumann na mBunscol

## – THIOBRAID ARÁNN –

**F**or the past year Cumann na mBunscol has been kept very busy. It's programme of events included football and hurling championships in 10 grades, camogie and peil na mban championships in 7 grades, indoor hurling, handball, mini - 7's in all codes and of course the glamorous Primary Game series. 2002 has been a hectic yet very enjoyable year for children and teachers in over 100 schools throughout the county.

### HURLING & CAMOGIE

Our hurling and camogie championships took place in the summer term and had the highest number of participating schools than any of our other competitions. The finals from Roinn A-F, U-11 A-D and camogie Roinn A-D were staged in Semple Stadium over two exciting days in June that drew large crowds from the schools lucky to have made the finals. Over 500 children got the chance to play on the best hurling surfaces in the country, an experience that they will never forget.

### RESULTS:

Roinn A – Nenagh 3-10, Carrick 0-3  
 Roinn B – Templederry 3-9, Loughmore 3-7  
 Roinn C – Templemore 2-4, Dunkerrin 2-3  
 Roinn D – Cloughjordan 3-5, Mullinahone 0-7  
 Roinn E – Kilsheelan 9-7, Ardcroney 0-4  
 Roinn F – Ballysloe 6-1, Lackamore 3-1

U-11 A – Scoil Ailbhe 1-4, St. Peter & Paul's 2-1  
 U-11 B – Upperchurch 0-3, Inch 0-0  
 U-11 C – Ardfinnan 4-6, Grange 2-4  
 U-11 D – Ballagh 2-04, Clonoulty 0-0

### CAMOGIE

Roinn A – Knockavilla 2-3, Upperchurch 0-2  
 Roinn B – Littleton 3-0, St. Oliver's 0-0  
 Roinn C – Clonoulty 6-1, Ardfinnan 0-1  
 Roinn D – Thomastown 5-2, New Inn 0-0



**UPPERCHURCH N.S. COUNTY CHAMPIONS  
7-A-SIDE HURLING**

Back row (l to r): Peter Ryan, Matthew Greene, James Barry, Colm Ryan, Sean Harty, Thomas Bourke. Front row: Eugene Bourke, Ger Fogarty, Pdraig Greene, Liam Clancy, Paul Ryan.



**PRIMARY GAME – CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL BOYS FOOTBALL – TIPPERARY V CLARE**

Back row, from left: Liam O'Sullivan (Ardfinnan), Brendan Horan (Cahir), Jeffrey Brophy (Carrick-on-Suir), Patrick Murphy (Gaelscoil Nenagh), Joseph Maguire (Upperchurch), Antonio Barbato (Ballylooby), Keith Landers (St. Oliver's), Declan Lynagh (Clonmore), Paul McEvoy (Cahir), Michelle Ryan (Kilsheelan).  
 Front row: Paul Denn (Kilsheelan), Donal Fogarty (Burgess), Chris Sheehan (Fethard), Shane Everard (Templetuohy), Josh Fletcher (Carrig), Alan Moloney (New Inn), Cian Hayes (Puckane), Diarmuid O'Sullivan (Grange), Michael Fogarty (Boherlahan), Jason Darcy (Cloughjordan).





#### **BALLYSLOE N.S. – ROINN F HURLING WINNERS**

*Back, l to r: Adrian Maher, Richard Purcell, Thomas O'Keeffe, James Stokes (capt.), T.J. Lanigan. Front: Kieran Tobin, Liam Lanigan, Killian Duggan, Enda McCarthy. (Missing: Michael Holohan).*



*Colm Ryan, Upperchurch N.S., who took part in the GAA/INTO Mini-Sevens in Croke Park on All-Ireland final day.*



#### **CLONOULTY ROINN C CAMOGIE WINNERS**

*Back, l to r: Catherine Shine, Emma Mahoney, Amy Maher, C  it Hennessy, sinead Hayes,   adaoin Ryan, Fiona Stapleton, Tracy Forrestal. Front: Fiona Hayes, Rebecca Maher, Fiona O'Connor, Aine Ryan, Teresa Burke, Chloe Ryan.*



#### **PRIMARY GAME HURLING QUARTER FINAL – TIPPERARY V CLARE**

*Back, l to r: V. Dooley, P.J. Harrington, K. Fox, D. Byrne, M. Heffernan, S. Healy, L. Williams, J. O'Mahoney, S. Hennessy, P. O'Dwyer, P. Kelly, D. McCarthy. Front: Ml. McGrath, L. Ryan, C. Hough, G. Houlihan, C. Ryan, D. Fogarty, S. Keogh, J. Fogarty.*





#### PRIMARY GAME MUNSTER HURLING SEMI FINAL – TIPPERARY V LIMERICK

Back, l to r: Vivian Dooley, P.J. Harrington, James Barry, Darren Waters, Thomas Williams, Noel McGrath, Bill McCormack, Ciarán Lorigan, Brian Murphy, Pearse Morris, Thomas O'Keefe, Donal McCarthy. Front: Martin Minehan, Liam O'Donoghue, David Nolan, Daniel Harvey, Eanna Gleeson, Jody Troy, Patrick Butler, Kieran McGrath.

#### FOOTBALL & PEIL NA MBAN

Our football championships were played in the autumn term. The standard of football which is coming through from the schools is steadily rising each year. The number of girls taking part in the peil na mban championship is also increasing, bringing more and more girls into the sport and forging a lifelong interest. At present the competition is in full swing, with games being played in the following levels; Roinn A-F, Under-11 A-D and Roinn A-D for the girls. There are no results available at this time.

#### HANDBALL

Only a handful of schools take part in the Cumann na mBunscol handball championships. The schools, about three in total, are in North Tipperary and continue to represent the county at Munster level each year. Ballina represented Tipp in Munster this year. However the uptake in the rest of the county is very poor and the chances of this ancient game being lost to other interests is quite possible. The Munster Council hope to revive the game by running a beginners competition at U-11 and U-13 level before Christmas.

#### MINI-SEVENS

The Mini-sevens championship, sponsored by the I.N.T.O., is always awaited with baited breath by children up and down the county each year. This competition puts all the schools on a level playing pitch and it is often the small school with no other county title that is triumphant on the day. The teams are divided into four regional groups where the games are played off in a blitz. The successful teams then meet in the final, again a blitz format. The winners from the four different codes go on to represent Tipperary at Munster level.



#### PRIMARY GAME LADIES MUNSTER FINAL FOOTBALL – TIPPERARY V CORK

Back, l to r: Michelle Ryan (Kilsheelan), Claire Mullins (Lisvernane), Leanne Barrett (Cahir), Valerie O'Neill (Cappawhite), Catherine Kelly (Cappawhite), Miriam Ryan (Upperchurch), Hannah Gearon (Ardfinnan), Rebecca Cummins (Ayle), Lisa Cleary (St. Oliver's), Ann-Marie Fahey (Lisernane), Mary Ryan (Upperchurch), Mary Horan (Ballylooby). Front: Patricia O'Mahoney (Ardfinnan), Siobhan Crotty (Ballyporeen), Susan Flannery (Carrig), Sheena Ryan (Knockavilla), Brid Dwyer (Ballylooby), Nicola Gilmore (Ballylooby), Sarah Nolan (Loughmore), Patrice Ryan (Thomastown).





### PRIMARY GAME MUNSTER FINAL 2002

*Back, l to r: Paudie Butler, Michelle Collins, Amy Flynn, Marie Ryan, Theresa Burke, Therese Shorte, Eimear Shanahan, Marion Ryan, Ailish O'Connell, Donal McCarthy, Mary Corcoran. Front: Niamh Kinnane, Beth Ryan, Ruth Barry, Margaret Kirwin, Moira Ryan, Fiona Young, Siobhan Kennedy, Mary Gleeson and Ann Dwan.*

and maybe get chosen to play in Croke Park during the All-Ireland series. This year Cumann na mBunscol have decided to play the football games at Halloween to coincide with the football championship.

#### 2002 Winners:

Football – New Inn.  
Peil na mBan – Ardfinnan  
Hurling – Dunkerrin.  
Camogie – Clonoulty

#### INDOOR HURLING

Over the past 5 years Cumann na mBunscol have been promoting the

playing of indoor hurling during the winter months in the primary school. There are three centres in operation in the county; Clonmel, Cahir and Thurles, and an increasing number of schools are taking part. Participation is out of school hours, at night or on Saturdays. This action is being mirrored by many juvenile clubs and the results are clear to see when these children take to the fields in April.

#### PRIMARY GAME

In 2002 Cumann na mBunscol Thio-braid Árann prepared 5 teams for participation in the Primary Game series,

that was played before Munster Championship games. This has proved to be our flagship competition where the general public can see the talent emerging from our primary schools throughout the county. It always proves to be very popular on the day, receiving great cheers and support from the crowd. Hundreds of children attended the trials held in April & May, all anxious to wear the blue and gold. The success of the scheme is due in no small part to the managerial teams that select and prepare the teams in their own time. The following are the teams that represented Tipperary this year.



### ST. COLMCHILLE'S B.N.S., TEMPLEMORE ROINN C WINNERS – HURLING

*Back, l to r: George Frend, William Donnelly, Stefan Leahy, Kevin O'Riordan, Daragh Bourke, Stuart Cummins, Michael Maher, William Donoghue, Ray Moore, Conor Murphy, Daryl Comerford, Thomas Clohosey, Peter Jennings. Front: David Farrelly, Thomas McInerney, Jason Morrissey, Thomas Morrissey, Francis Kennedy, Eoin Fitzpatrick, Ciarain Hackett, Nicholas Madden, Aidan Fogarty, Sean Fogarty, Keith Kirwan.*





### UPPERCHURCH N.S. COUNTY CHAMPIONS U-11 'B' HURLING

Back, l to r: P.J. Harrington, William Clancy, Joseph Lowry, Ml. Kennedy, Pdraig Greene, Thomas Bourke, Matthew Greene, Gerard Fogarty, Pdraig Shortt, Seamus Armstrong, Tom Kennedy.  
Front: Adam O'Malley, James Murray, Paul Ryan, Ailbe O'Donoghue, David Bourke, Donncha O'Brien, Liam Clancy, Eugene Bourke, Diarmuid Grant, Ptk. O'Malley.

#### 2002 GAMES:

**Hurling: Tipperary v Clare:** Sean Healy, Gaelscoil Nenagh, Pdraic Kelly; Kilruane, Jonathan O'Mahoney; St Peter & Paul's, Graham Houlihan; Lorrha, Colm Ryan; Upperchurch, Luke Williams; Ardcroney, Michael McGrath; Scoil Ailbhe, Ciaran Hough; Rathcabbin, Dwaine Byrne; St Oliver's, Kevin Fox; Anacarty, Michael Heffernan; Nenagh, Seamus Hennessy; Cloughjordan, Liam Ryan; Inch, Dwaine Fogarty; Newtown, Sean Kehoe; Knockavilla, Jack Fogarty; Moyne, Pdraig Dwyer; Tipperary C.B.S.

**Tipperary v Limerick:** Bill McCormack; Scoil Ailbhe, Martin Minehan; Carrig, Patrick Butler; Cashel, Liam O'Donoghue; St Peter & Paul's, Pierce Morris; Nenagh, Brian Murphy; Kilsheela, James Barry; Upperchurch, Niall McGrath; Loughmore, Thomas Williams; Cloughjordan, Daniel Harvey; St Mary's, Ciaran Lorig; Powerstown, Thomas O'Keeffe; Ballysloe, Eanna Gleeson; Puckane, Kieran McGrath; Ballinree, Jody Troy; Monegall, Darren Waters; Carrick, David Nolan; Toomevara.

**Selectors:** Donal McCarthy, P.J. Harrington, Vivian Dooley.

#### **Camogie: Tipperary v Waterford:**

Michelle Collins; Barnane, Teresa Burke; Clonoulty, Niamh Kinane; Toomevara, Fiona Young; Kilkeary, Marie Ryan; Cloughjordan, Eimear Shanahan; Templederry, Ann Dwan; Kilruane, Therese Shortt; Upperchurch, Beth Ryan; Knockavilla, Ailish O'Connell; Loughmore, Margaret Kirwan; Dunkerrin, Siobhan Kennedy; Ballinree, Marion Ryan; Aglish, Moira Ryan; Rossmore, Mary Gleeson; Drangan, Amy

Flynn; Carrig, Ruth Barry; Youghalarra.

**Selectors:** Paudie Butler, Donal McCarthy, Mary Corcoran.

**Football: Tipperary v Clare:** Antonio Barbato; Ballylooby, Cian Hayes; Pukane, Chris Sheehan; Fethard, Declan Lynagh; Clonmore, Diarmuid O'Sullivan; Grange, Paul McEvoy; Cahir, Donal Fogarty; Burgess, Joseph Maguire; Upperchurch, Paul Denn; Kilsheelan, Jason Darcy; Cloughjordan, Michael Fogarty; Boherlahan, Shane Everard; Templetohy, Patrick Murphy; Gaelscoil Nenagh, Keith Landers; St Oliver's, Alan Moloney; New Inn, Josh Fletcher; Carrig, Jeffrey Brophy; Carrick.

**Selectors:** Liam O'Sullivan, Brendan Horan, Michelle Ryan.

**Peil na mBan: Tipperary v Cork:** Brid Dwyer; Ballylooby, Valerie O'Neil; Cappawhite, Sarah Nolan; Loughmore, Rebecca Cummins; Ayle, Catherine Kelly; Cappawhite, Patrice Ryan; Thomastown, Susan Flannery; Carrig, Hannah Gearon; Ardfinnan, Leanne Barrett; Cahir, Siobhan Crotty; Ballyporeen, Nicola Gilmore; Ballylooby, Claire Mullins; Lisverne, Ann-Marie Fahey; Lisverne, Lisa Cleary; St. Oliver's, Patricia O'Mahoney; Ardfinnan, Miriam Ryan; Upperchurch, Sheena Ryan; Knockavilla.

**Selectors:** Michelle Ryan, Mary Ryan, Mary Horan.

#### COACHING SCHEME

The primary school coaching scheme, brain child of County Chairman Con Hogan, is working well throughout the county. The scheme, where the club and county board com-

bine to put a trained coach into each primary school in the county, is the envy of many of our neighbouring counties. The majority of schools in the county are being reached by this scheme. As with all schemes in the early stages it needs some adjustments to perfect it. However with such forward thinking in Tipperary we will soon be reaping the rewards of this innovation. "A good start is half the work."

Cumann na mBunscol would like to sincerely thank all those who took part in our competitions over the past year; children, teachers, parents, clubs, referees and grounds men. Thanks also to The Nationalist, Tipperary Star, Guardian and South Tipp Today, whose support in promoting our games is very much appreciated. On behalf of Cumann na mBunscol I would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

#### OFFICERS

Hon. President - Jerry Daly, Monadreen, Thurles; Paul Brett, St. Oliver's.  
President - Sean Horan Clonmel.  
Chairman - Paudie Butler, Inch.  
Secretary - Donal MacCarthy, Ballylooby.  
Treasurer - Jerry McDonnell, St. Oliver's.

P.R.O. - Michelle Ryan, Kilsheelan.  
Delegates to Coiste na Mumhan: Donal MacCarthy, Paudie Butler, Michelle Ryan.  
Delegates to Coiste Naisiúnta: Donal MacCarthy, Paudie Butler, Jerry McDonnell.

Coiste na Mumhan - Rúnaí - Jerry McDonnell.





#### UPPERCHURCH N.S. COUNTY CHAMPIONS LADIES FOOTBALL 2001

*Back, l to r: Emma Griffin, Hannah Carey, Ailish Ryan, Michelle Ryan, Stephanie Ryan, Debbie Gleeson, Emma Ryan.  
Centre: Sinead Corcoran, Casey Ryan, Miriam Ryan, Orlagh Ryan, Geraldine Fahy, Aoife Purcell, Denise Armstrong, Róisín Ryan.  
Front: Áine Ryan, Ella Stapleton, Nicola Delaney, Aileen O'Dwyer, Therese Shortt (captain), Marie Murray,  
Helena Carey, Róisín Ryan, Martina Carey.*



#### LITTLETON ROINN B CAMOGIE WINNERS

*Back, l to r: Sarah Louise Patterson, Karyn Clohessy, Brigid Farrell, Michelle Ryan PRO, Cumann na mBunscoil; Claire Clohessy, Emma Loughnane (capt.), Maria Bracken, Aoife Healy, Alison Quinn, Róisín Ryan, Jessica Kelly, Pamela O'Reilly, Niamh O'Brien, Enya O'Sullivan, Elaine Corcoran, Shauna Clohessy, Maria Lahart.  
Front: Eithne Moran, Amy Graham, Linda Bryan, Dymrna O'Sullivan, Catherina Crowe.*



*James Barry, Upperchurch NS, who took part in the GAA/INTO Mini-Sevens in Croke Park on All-Ireland semi-final day.*



# NORTH TIPPERARY PRIMARY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

by James Gleeson

## FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2001-2002

### SECTION B

Ten schools took part in the 'B' Championships. In the first round Roscrea, Ballina, Portroe, Templederry and Carrig (Nenagh) had wins over Youghalarra, Puckane, Borrisoleigh, Toomevara and Gaelscoil respectively.

One preliminary quarter-final was now played and Carrig defeated Portroe in this game. In the semi finals Roscrea were too strong for Ballina and Carrig proved too much for Templederry. Roscrea became winners of this championship after a final victory over Carrig.

### SECTION 'B' PLATE

The losers of the first round championship proper went into the plate. In a preliminary quarter-final game Gaelscoil defeated Borrisoleigh. In the semi finals Puckane defeated Youghalarra and Gaelscoil overcame Toomevara. In the final Gaelscoil defeated Puckane to take their first trophy at schools level in the N. Tipp GAA Championships.

### SECTION 'C'

Ten teams took part in the 'C' football championships. Rathcabbin, Burgess, Kilbarron, Ballinahinch and Cloughjordan progressed to the second round at the expense of Kilruane, Moneygall, Silvermines, Lorrha and Ballinree respectively.

One preliminary quarter-final was played and in this game Cloughjordan proved too strong for Kilbarron. In the semi finals Rathcabbin accounted for Burgess while Cloughjordan defeated Rathcabbin in the final to win the first leg of the schools double this year.

### SECTION 'C' PLATE

Losers of the first round went into the plate competition. There were a couple of defections here. Lorrha defeated Ballinree in one semi final. Kilruane were their opponents in the final and the Lorrha pupils emerged victorious in this game.

### SECTION D PLATE

Nine schools took part in the 'D' football championship. Ballinacloagh had a bye in one quarter final. Rearcross defection Kilkeary, Ardcrone defeated Fantane and Lackamore defeated Gortagarry in the other three quarter-final games. In the semi finals Ballinacloagh were too strong for Rearcross while Lackamore had too much craft and strength for Ardcrone. The final was a thriller with Lackamore claiming their first championship proper after an excellent win over Ballinacloagh.



Roinn 'D' winners Cloughjordan hurling

Back row (l-r): Seamus Hennessy, Kevin Ryan, Jason Darcy, Declan Barrett, Scott Hodgins, Viv Dooley (trainer). Front: Patrick Lawlor, Andrew Hodgins, James Williams, Thomas Williams (captain), Seán Hayes and David Banaghan.



Winners of the North Schools Final Section E, Ardcrone National School

Back row (l-r): Ciara Darcy, Eimear Darcy, Kevin Burke, Luke Williams, Keith Kelly, William Cleary, Thomas Cleary. Front row: Stephen Oakley, Orla Prout, Kieran Holland, Ronan Boyle, James Holland, Kieran Cahill, Justin Cahill.



Templederry N.S. North & County Champions

Back row (l-r): T. McLoughlin, D. Martin, M. Russell, E. Kinane, R. Kinane (captain), P. Butler, T. McCutcheon, D. Corcoran, N. Ryan, T. Hynes. Front: T. Ryan, T. Gleeson, B. Stapleton, G. Stapleton, E. Shanahan, E. Murray, A. Ryan, P. Kennedy, P. Murray, N. O'Connell.





Liz Howard presenting Winners' 'A' trophy to Nenagh C.B.S.

Back row: Patrick Flynn, Liam O'Donoghue, James McGrath, Pearse Morris, Eoghan Slattery, Liz Howard, Michael Heffernan, Jamie Gallagher, Mark Flannery. Second row: Tommy Heffernan, Cliff Moloney, Edward Darcy, Shane Maher, Damien Ely, Michael Hynes. Front: Ciarán Toohey, Paul Casey, Darren Delaney.

### SECTION B PLATE

Just two schools took part in the plate competition. Kilkeary and Gortagarry. They drew the first day in a thrilling game played in Toomevara. Gortagarry had too much in reserve in the replay and emerged victorious by a few points.

### BLITZ FOOTBALL

The 2002 football blitz for small schools was held on Friday 18th October in McDonagh Park, Nenagh. Six schools took part. Birdhill, Killinaive and Aglish were grouped together. Terryglass, Fantane and Kyle Park made up the second group in the former group Birdhill had a narrow victory over Killinaive while their victory over Aglish was a little more comprehensive. Killinaive also defeated Aglish. In the second grouping Terryglass had victories over Fantane and Kyle Park. Fantane also defeated Kyle Park. Birdhill and Terryglass met in the final and after some very skillful football and great scores the Newport pupils emerged victorious to take the Blitz Shield for 2002.

## HURLING 2002

In Section 'A' the two North schools Dromakeenan and Nenagh CBS took part directly in the County championships. Nenagh CBS won the County final proper after beating Carrick on Suir CBS. They defeated Dromakeenan along the way.

### SECTION 'B'

Four schools took part in the Section 'B' Championship. Templederry, Toomevara, Roscrea and Ballina. Preliminary games were played on a league basis with the top two schools earning a place in the final. This was played on North Final Day 7th June and Templederry emerged victorious over Ballina by 3-8 to 1-2. They went on to win the County final after a thrilling 3-9 to 3-7 win over Loughmore.

### SECTION 'C'

Just six schools took part in the 'C' championships. Dunkerrin, Puckane and Portroe had first round victories over Borrisoleigh, Youghalarra and Borrisokane respectively.

Dunkerrin easily accounted for Puckane in the semi final. Dunkerrin had one goal to spare over Portroe in the N. Final played in Nenagh on Friday June 7th in the County final they went down to Templemore by one point.

### SECTION 'D'

Thirteen schools took part in where is probably the most competitive of all the N. Tipp schools championships. Cloughjordan got a bye into the second round. In the other first round games Lorrha, Moneygall, Rathcabbin, Gaelscoil, Carrig and Kilruane had wins over Kilbarron, Carrig (Birr), Corville, Ballinree, Burgess and Ballinahinch respectively. Three quarter finals were now played. Cloughjordan proved too strong for Lorrha, Kilruane had the edge on Moneygall and Rathcabbin accounted for Gaelscoil. In the semi finals Cloughjordan defeated fellow parishioners Kilruane while Rathcabbin had a bit to spare over Carrig. Cloughjordan were crowned North Schools champions after a deserving victory over Rathcabbin. They easily defeated Mullinahone in the county final.

### SECTION 'D' PLATE

Losers of the first round proper entered the plate competition to ensure that each school would play at least two games. Ballinree reached the final by virtue of victories over Corville and Burgess. Kilbarron also made it through to the final by virtue of a semi final victory Ballinahinch. Kilbarron were victorious after a 6-7 to 4-1 victory over Ballinree.

### SECTION 'E'

Just four teams took part in the Section 'E' championships, Ardcroney, Rearcross, Gortagarry and Silvermines. It was played on a knockout basis. Ardcroney defeated Rearcross in one semi-final while Gortagarry accounted for Silvermines in the other. Ardcroney defeated Gortagarry in the final on North final day, 7th June in Nenagh. Silvermines defeated Rearcross in the plate final. Ardcroney were well beaten by Kilsheelan in the county final.

### SECTION 'F' 7-A-SIDE

This competition was introduced strictly

for two teacher schools. Ten schools took part. Lissenhall Terryglass, Kilkeary, Ballinacough and Lackamore had first round victories over Fantane, Kyle Park, Boher, Birdhill and Aglish respectively. Lackamore had further victories over Ballinacough and Terryglass to reach the final. Kilkeary defeated Lissenhall to reach the final. The final was played on North final day, 7th June in Nenagh. Lackamore had far more in reserve and emerged comprehensive winners over old rivals Kilkeary. They failed to Ballysloe in the county final in Semple Stadium. The first round losers took part in the blitz competition which was won by Birdhill.

### THANKS

The North Tipp Primary Schools committee would like to extend a sincere word of thanks to all the teachers, parents and coaches who made possible the running of our games. They are indebted to the field committees and referees for the smooth running of the competitions. They are eternally grateful to the N. Tipp board for sponsoring the championships. Finally, they are thankful for the players themselves for providing us with so much entertainment.



The four girls holding the North Tipp U-12 trophy following Moneygall's victory over Kilruane. Back: Michelle Moten, Jane O'Meara. Front: Sarah Kirwan, Margaret Kirwan.

Dunkerrin's memorable year 2002 was a really memorable year for four young camogie players/hurlers from Dunkerrin School, pictured above, back (l-r): Michelle Moten, Jane O'Meara; front: Sarah Kirwan, Margaret Kirwan. They all featured on five championship winning teams. In May they played on Dunkerrin School Camogie team which won the County Mini Sevens title. In June they lined out on their school hurling team which won the North Tipp schools' title. Shortly after this they were members of the Moneygall U-12 camogie team which won the County championship. In August they played on the Moneygall U-12 hurling team which won the North Tipp title and two weeks later went on to be victorious in the County U-12 hurling final.



# Post Primary Games Review (2001-2002)

by Sean Ó Costagáin

**A**s the evenings become shorter it falls on me once more the look back on the post-primary activities in our county over the past year. The buzz generated by our All-Ireland senior hurling victory at the beginning of the school year, Sept 2001 permeated the years activities with great interest in our competitions not alone in hurling but also in football. The enthusiasm and efficiency of our Servicing Officer, Tom Collum, added to the enjoyment of all and the excellent sporting approach of our games masters made for a year to remember. The following is the list of winners of the various competitions.

## CANON FITZGERALD CUP U-17 'A' HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

**Semi-finals:** St. Joseph's Borrisoleigh 3-7, Thurles CBS 0-10; Cashel CS 2-10, Our Lady's Templemore 1-8.

**Final:** St. Joseph's Borrisoleigh 2-19, Cashel CS 2-9.

## AET CANON FITZGERALD SHIELD U-17 'B' HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

**Semi-finals:** Killenaule VS 2-11, Colaiste Dún Iascaigh 1-2;

**Replay:** Clonmel CBS 2-9, Presentation Ballingarry 2-5.

**Final:** Killenaule VS 2-11, Clonmel CBS 1-11.

## CROKE CUP U-15 'A' HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

**Semi-finals:** Thurles CBS 2-14, Our Lady's Templemore 1-2; St Joseph's Borrisoleigh 3-5, Roscrea CC 1-1.

**Final:** Thurles CBS 0-12, St. Josephs Borrisoleigh 0-3.

## HENNESSY CUP U-15 'B' HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

**Semi-finals:** Carrick on Suir CBS 4-9, Cistercian Roscrea 0-6; Killenaule VS 2-8, Presentation Ballingarry 1-8.

**Final:** Killenaule VS 3-15, Carrick-on-Suir CBS 1-3 replay.

## MCGABHANN CUP TIPPERARY U-18 'A' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**Semi-finals:** Our Lady's Templemore 1-10, Tipperary CBS 0-7; Cashel Cs 1-12, Colaiste Dun Iascaigh 1-2.

**Final:** Cashel Cs 3-11, Our Lady's Templemore 1-7.

## MCGABHANN SHIELD TIPP U-18 'B' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**Semi-finals:** Nenagh CBS w/o Carrick-on-Suir CBS; Killenaule VS 3-4, St. Joseph's Borrisoleigh 1-8.

**Final:** Killenaule 5-6, Nenagh CBS 2-12.



Nenagh U.S. senior hurling panel and management, county champions. Back: Michael Seymour, Sean Forde, Brian Tucker, all Burgess; Francis Devaney, Kevin Quinlan, Jimmy Creamer, Tom Kennedy. Middle: Liam Heffernan (manager), Kevin Cunneen, Andrew Murphy, Paddy Tuohy, Eddie O'Meara, Jason Kennedy, Adrian McCarthy, Michael Holland, Noel Ryan, Marjorie Moloney (principal). Front: Danien Boland, Kelvin Byrne, Joe McLoughrey, Enda Hackett, Stephen Ryan (capt), Gerry Wilford, Brian McCormack, Gavin Steed, Donal Carr. Missing: Ciaran Fitzpatrick, Terry Delaney.



Our Lady's Templemore, Harty finalists 2002. Front: John Butler, Tommy Kennedy, Colin Doyle, Eddie Kelly, Evan Sweeney, Pat Sherrtt, David McGrath, Ian Delaney, Pat Egan, Kieran McGrath, Trevor Hassett, Lorcan Egan, Eoin O'Meara. Back: Paraic Maher, David Kennedy, Christopher Carroll, Brian Kennedy, Paul Guidera, Eoin Franks, Michael Lynagh, Hugh Coughlan, Colm Campion, John Hassett, Brendan Healy, Derek Bourke, Paul Brennan, Maher, Padraig Murphy.



Nenagh CBS senior football team captain, Eoin Kelly, pictured with his brother, Tipperary footballer, Niall and their niece Caoimhe, following Nenagh's win in the colleges All-Ireland 'C' final.





St Joseph's College, Borrisoleigh, U-17 Fitzgerald Cup winners 2002. Back: Kevin McCarthy (coach); Daniel Shanahan, Templemore; Martin Burke, Upperchurch/Drombane; John Callanan, Thurles; David Kerns, Thurles; David Young, Toomevara; Grey Bowe, Thurles; Eoin Russell, Thurles; Matty Ryan, Silvermines; Michael Ryan, Templemore; John Maher, Burgess; Michael Harly, Upperchurch; Brendan Duggan, Thurles; John Mulcahy (coach); Thomas Gleeson, Toomevara; Eric Woodlock, Drom/Inch; James Hogan, Templemore. Front: Brendan O'Sullivan, Thurles; Philby Bourke, Upperchurch; James Woodlock (capt) Drom/Inch; Edward Costello, Drom/Inch; Martin Butler, Drom/Inch; Donnacha Kennedy, Drom/Inch; Kieran Young, Drom/Inch; Kieran Brisbane, Toomevara; Brian Graydon, Thurles.



Scoil Ruáin, Killenaule, Hennessy Cup winners 2002. Back: Gerry Maguire, coach; Jason Lawlor, George Webster, Dermot Molloy, Seán Cahill, Shane Long, Adrian Doherty, James McGarry, David Hennessy, Pádraig Kirby, Shane Hanrahan, Bryan Hickey. Front: Patrick Codd, Wayne Corbett, Damien McCormack, Thomas Donovan, Stephen Holohan, Shane O'Brien, Brian Purcell, Micheál O'Brien, Michael Doyle.



Clonmel CBS Sciath Uí Chatháin, 2001, first year hurling champions 2002. Peter Heffernan, St Mary's; James Geraghty, Kilsheelan; Shane West, Marlfield; David Harte, Moyle Rovers; Brendan Walsh, Ballybacon/Grange; Johnny Lagny, Clonmel Og; Ken Hogan, Kilsheelan; Gerard Bannon, Ballybacon/Grange; Evan Harvey, St Mary's; Eoin Lonergan, St Mary's; Steven Melbourne, Moyle Rovers; Richard Power, Moyle Rovers; Richard Fenlon, Fourmilewater; Buan Dillin, Ballybacon/Grange; Steven Browne, Killenaule; Brendan Cronin, Clonmel Og; David Lorigan, Moyle Rovers; Alan O'Reilly, Clonmel Og; John Lyne, Moyle Rovers; Liam Redmond, Moyle Rovers; Christy Alward, Clonmel Og; Shane Gleeson, Fourmilewater; Declan Coffey, Fourmilewater; Patrick Burke, Moyle Rovers. Missing: Michael Feeney, St Mary's.



Clonmel CBS, Cusack Cup Tipp (U-15) 'A' football champions 2002. Back: Conor Slattery, Ardfinnan; Kevin O'Callaghan, Commercial; Conor Morrissey, Clonmel Og; Jordan Corbett, Newcastle; Brian Melbourne, Moyle Rovers; Conor O'Hara, Marlfield; Stephen Kennedy, Moyle Rovers; Killian Rouse, Clonmel Og; Robert Dower, Moyle Rovers. Middle: Geoghegan (coach), Mark Philips, Marlfield; Ian Fraher, Commercial; Sean Keating, Moyle Rovers; Daniel Lyne, Moyle Rovers; David Lonergan, Ardfinnan; Liam Pollard, Ardfinnan; Aidan Myers, Moyle Rovers; Mr Conway (coach). Front: Owen Twohig, Kilsheelan; Darren Nolan, Moyle Rovers; David O'Gorman, Nire; Kevin Harney, Commercial (capt); Tony Ryan, Ardfinnan; Neil Doyle, Moyle Rovers; Sean Ward, Commercial; Derek Moore, Commercial.

## CUSACK CUP U-15 'A' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**Semi-finals:** Clonmel CBS 3-20, Our Lady's, Templemore 1-4; Killenaule VS beat Colaiste Dún Lascaigh.

**Final:** Clonmel CBS 1-12, Killenaule VS 3-4.

## CUSACK SHIELD TIPP U-15 'B' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**Semi-finals:** Carrick on Suir CBS 4-14, Nenagh CBS 1-7 replay.

Nenagh VS 2-7, Carrick on Suir VS 1-3.

**Final:** Carrick on Suir CBS 5-14, Nenagh VS 1-4.

## SENIOR 'C' HURLING FINAL

St. Joseph's, Newport 4-12, Clonmel Vs 3-5.

## SENIOR 'C' FOOTBALL FINAL

St. Joseph's, Newport 5-6, Clonmel VS 2-3.

## JUNIOR 'C' FOOTBALL FINAL

St. Joseph's, Newport 5-5, Clonmel VS 0-5.

## CORN UI CHATHAIN FIRST YEAR 'A' CHAMPIONSHIP

**Final:** Nenagh CBS 2-11, St. Joseph's Borrisoleigh 2-3.

## SCIATH UC CHATHAIN FIRST YEAR 'B' CHAMPIONSHIP

**Final:** Clonmel CBS 4-8, Cistercian Roscrea 0-6.

## U-14 'A' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP (BLITZ)

**Final:** Tipperary CBS 7-3, Clonmel CBS 3-2.

## U-14 'B' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP (BLITZ)

**Final:** Rockwell College 2-2, Clonmel CBS B 1-0.

The year commenced in Tipperary with the first year championships. Teams are seeded into two divisions and each school is guaranteed at least three games. The aim of the committee is to get the new entrants into our schools into the hurling scene at post primary level at once and it has been a huge success. Nenagh CBS won the 'A' competition in 2002 and Clonmel CBS captured the B championship. This is the fifth year of the above competitions.

Corn MhicGabhann is the senior 'A' football championship and it was won by Cashel Cs who defeated Our Lady's Templemore in final. Incidentally, Cashel CS also won the Munster senior 'B' Corn an Uachtarain championship. The Sciath Mhic Gabhann is the U-18 'B' championship and 2002 saw Scoil Ryan, Killenaule capture the trophy in a great final with All-Ireland 'C' football champions Nenagh CBS on a score of 5-6 to 2-12. It further indicates the potential of football within the Premier County.

Corn Mhic Gearailt U-17 'A' is the premier hurling championship and this year saw St. Josephs College, Borrisoleigh capture the trophy for the first time. In final they defeated Cashel CS by 2-19 to 2-9 after extra time in a splendid final. The Sciath Mhic Gearailt U-17 'B' was won by Scoil Ruan Killenaule who defeated Clonmel CBS by 2-11 to 1-11 in final.



One of the oldest competitions on the Tipp post-primary calendar is the Croke Cup, a very valuable trophy similar in make to the Ardagh Chalice, and it commenced back in 1935. It is an U-15 'A' hurling competition and 2002 saw Thurles CBS as winners. The 'B' version of this competition for the Hennessy Cup saw, Scoil Ruan Killenale capture their third trophy of the year.

In the U-15 'A' football championship Clonmel CBS captured Cusack Cup and Carrick-on-Suir won the Cusack Shield for U-15 'B'. Newport VS made a clean sweep of 'C' competition's winning U-18 hurling and football competitions as well as adding the U-16 'C' football title.

Finally, to complete the year at post primary level the annual U-14 Football blitz so expertly organised by former Tipp football manager Colm O'Flaherty took place at Rockwell College. This has become one of the highlights of the year at Post Primary level and a feast of football was enjoyed by one and all. Tipperary CBS won the U-14 'A' trophy and hosts Rockwell College captured the Shield.

A source of tremendous pride to all involved in the promotion of Gaelic games at post primary level was the success of Tipperary CBS in All-Ireland 'B' championship and Nenagh CBS in the C football scene. At Vocational level the dramatic defeat of the county team in All-Ireland final was a source of great disappointment to us all but just the same it indicated the high standard of hurling in the schools. The victory of Borrisokane CS in the Junior 'A' championship was indeed great compensation. Cashel CS victory in 'Dean Ryan' Munster U-16 championship was a milestone in schools proud record. Taking a general overview of the post-primary scene in Tipperary one would have to be relatively happy with the hurling scene. The consensus is that the post-primary sector in unison with primary, Bord na nÓg and the clubs are doing well in the promotion of hurling. While there is no grounds for complacency the ability of our clubs and county teams to compete meaningfully at all levels reflects that.

The success of Cashel CS in Munster Senior 'B' Colleges championship and Nenagh CBS in the Munster 'C' and All-Ireland series indicates that post-primary football in our County is at a respectable level. It should give all of the other schools at post primary level an amount of inspiration to work harder at the 'big ball' and if they do they will reap the rewards and Tipperary football can prosper as a result.

Our county's inability to bring back the prestigious 'Harty Cup' is a source of concern to us all. Despite an amount of hard work by many schools we have to go back twenty-five years for the last Premier County victory. Many schools gave of their best in 2001-2002 but in the end they came up short. All that we all can do is renew our enthusiasm for the 2002-2003 campaign and hope eventually to bridge that gap. Cashel CS win in Dean Ryan Cup in 2001-2002 could be an indicator of better things to come in the near future.



CBS Thurles, Croke Park Champions 2002. Back: James Greene, Upperchurch; Brian White, Durlas Óg; William Tobin, Fenians; James Power, Moycarkey; Pádraig Shehan, Durlas Óg; Conor Murphy, Durlas Óg; Pádraig Stapleton, Upperchurch; Tadhg Ryan, Clonoulty; Edward Power, Moycarkey; Kevin Moran, Moycarkey; Thomas Quinn, Moycarkey; Conor Bourke, Moycarkey. Middle: Joe O'Mahony, Durlas Óg; Tony Hanagan, Moycarkey; Pat Lowry, Upperchurch; Timmy Hammersley, Clonoulty; Kevin O'Halloran, Durlas Óg; Brian Barrett, Holycross; Diarmuid Cullen, Clonoulty; Brian Moran (capt) Moycarkey; Thomas Lowry, Holycross; Eoin Cantwell, Moycarkey; David Patterson, Boherlahan; Phil Kelly, Moycarkey; John Maher, Durlas Óg; Ian Maher, Durlas Óg; Philip Ryan, Clonoulty; Pat Bourke, Durlas Óg. Front: Ciarán Clohessy, Moycarkey; Michael Cahill, Durlas Óg; Pierce Stakelum, Holycross; Michael Harty, Holycross; Jamie Fanning, Moycarkey; Paul Kennedy, Moycarkey; James King, Holycross; Mark Stakelum, Holycross; Anthony Healy, Moycarkey; Peter O'Brien, Moycarkey; Gerry McGuire, Moycarkey; David Shannon, Durlas Óg; Aidan Ryan, Moycarkey; Michael Carr, Holycross. Missing: Thomas Hassett, Moyné; Adrian O'Mahony, Durlas Óg.



Corn Mí Chathain winners 2001-2002, Nenagh CBS. Front: T Brophy, acting principal; Shane Quinlan, Kilruane; Neville White, Portroe; Liann O'Meara, Toomevara; Darren Aherne, Portroe; Brian Quinn, Burgess; Robert Duff, Toomevara; Donagh Maher, Burgess; K Walsh, P Dolan, selectors. Second row: Colm Gleeson, Portroe; Peter O'Connor, Nenagh; Justin Conroy, Portroe; Michael Hogan, Burgess; Darragh Walsh, Silvermines; Shane O'Carroll, Nenagh. Third row: Patrick Ryan, Burgess; Gavin McAviney, Kilruane; David Gleeson, Portroe; Eoin Hogan, Kilruane. Fourth row: Tony Dunne, Burgess; Liam O'Donoghue, Burgess; Keith Quigley, Burgess; Michael O'Gorman, Nenagh. Back: Conor Brislane, Toomevara; Brian Maxwell, Nenagh; Timmy Gleeson, Toomevara; Cian Tucker (capt), Nenagh; Jonathan Cahill, Kilruane.



St Joseph's Collehe, Newport, Tipperary senior 'C' hurling champions 2002-2002, with Brendan Cumming McCarthy Cup.

To end my review I wish to express my sincere thanks to county board for their ongoing support financial and otherwise to the post primary sector. A special thanks this year to outgoing chairman Con Hogan for his input and interest in

our affairs during his term in office. It is my pleasure to say thank you for your contribution and I hope when you stand down from the chair at Christmas you will not be lost to GAA in our county.





Abbey CBS county U-14 champions 2002. Front: Conor Reale, Stephen Martin, John O'Kelly, Damien Ryan, Brian Jones, Cathal Dillon, Eoin Hickey, John O'Dwyer. Back: Sean Mullins, Daniel Quirke, Ian Bourke, Noel Leahy, Seamus Grogan, Rhodie O'Dwyer, Timmy Dalton, Paul Ryan, Pakie Farrell.



Abbey CBS, Rice Shield, Westcourt Cup winners 2002. Front: Pat Quirke, Daniel Quirke, Stephen Martin, Damien Ryan, Brian Jones, John O'Kelly, Cathal Dillon, Eoin Hickey, Shane Kirby, John Paul Riordan. Middle: Sean Walsh, Declan O'Neill, Ian Bourke, Noel Leahy, Seamus Grogan, Jamie O'Callaghan, Tadhg Hennessy, Paul Ryan, Tommy O'Neill, Paddy O'Kelly. Back: John McCahill, Frank Cussen, Sean Crowe, Damien O'Donnell, Pakie Farrell, Denis O'Dwyer, James Mulhair, Timmy Dalton, Shane Whelan, Michael O'Sullivan, Peter O'Dwyer.



Abbey CBS captains at recent presentation. Front: Fonsie Condon, 1959 Harty Cup; Peter Leonard, 1998 All-Ireland SFCB; Nicky English, manager Tipperary SH team; Andrew Morrissey, 2001 All-Ireland SHCB; Brian Lacey, 1992 All-Ireland SHCB.

Abbey CBS captains. Damien Ryan, Co U-15 football; John O'Kelly, U-14 H; Andrew Morrissey, All-Ireland SHC 'B'.





# CASHEL WIN DEAN RYAN FOR TIPP

**O**cht mbliana ag fás – eight years a growing – might well summarise the story of Gaelic games in Cashel Community School. Just before Christmas 2001, the school marked its eight birthday by capturing its first every Munster 'A' hurling championship, winning the Dean Ryan Cup. This trophy, donated by a one-time parish priest of Cashel, is competed for at under-16 level and is second in prestige only to the Harty Cup.

The route to the final was relatively smooth for the Cashel boys. In the opening round they recorded a facile win over St. Michael's CBS, Limerick. A much sterner test was anticipated when they met Thurles CBS in the quarter-final. The standard of play was much higher all round but, in a game played in excellent conditions in Holycross, Cashel ran out comprehensive victors on a scoreline, 7-8 to 3-10.

In the semi-final played in late November at McDonagh Park, Nenagh, the lads from near the Rock were confronted by St. Anne's Killaloe. Both schools were new to the Dean Ryan Cup competition and their meeting at the semi-final stage augured well for the emergence of new hurling forces among Munster's hurling schools. The Killaloe school was drawing its players from clubs on both banks of the Shannon, including Ballina and neighbouring clubs that have come to hurling prominence in North Tipperary in recent times. For its part, the Cashel school was drawing heavily on Knockavilla Kickhams and Golden-Kilfeacle clubs, with strong support from Boherlahan-Dualla and Cashel King Cormacs.

In the first half of the semi final, the Shannon side lads more than matched the Suir-siders, and held a two point advantage when the sides changed over. However, in the second half the Cashel lads exerted their strength and superior skills, finishing the hour in top gear and winning by a nine-point margin, 2-15 to 1-9.

Cashel's opponents in the final were St. Flannans. The Ennis school had won the Dean Ryan Cup nine times and was going all out to earn a tenth title and so join their arch rivals St. Colmans, Fermoy, and Thurles CBS at the top of the honours list. Played in early December on a well-managed pitch at McDonagh Park, Nenagh, this contest sparkled from start to finish. Flannans got off to a bright start but once the Community School team got into their stride they proved the masters of the opening half, reaching the break three goals ahead, 3-6 to 0-6.

This thirty minutes of high class hurling will be remembered for the three goal opportunism of the Cashel full forward and for the brilliance of the side's goalkeeper. His brilliance shone again early in the second half when Flannans threw down a mighty challenge. Victory for Cashel in this hectic contest was sealed when their fourth goal was rifled to the net. Their ability to score long range points was another crucial factor in their success, gained on a double scores margin of 4-10 to 0-11. It was a truly magnificent team performance by the lads wearing the blue and gold hoops. This panel of players look to the future with high hopes, holding the Harty Cup in their sights.



Cashel Community School, Corn an Uachtaráin (Munster S.F.B.) Champions 2001-2002, McGabhann Cup Tipp (U-18/2) Champions . . . Back: Eoin Shine, New Inn; Brian Slattery, Clonoulty; Paddy Ivers, Golden; Vinny Donney, Rosegreen; James Hayes, Boherlahan; Patrick Halley, New Inn; David Kennedy, Clonoulty; Tomas Hayes, Boherlahan; James McCarthy, Golden; Paul Breen, Knockavilla; Paul Ryan, Boherlahan; David Byrne, New Inn; Pádraig Hickey, Boherlahan. Front: Diarmuid O'Carr, Golden; Paul O'Dwyer, Knockavilla; Michael Coleman, Cashel; Paddy O'Flaherty, Cahir; Davy Ryan, Cashel; David Quirke, Rosegreen; Christopher Keane, Knockavilla; Joe Ryan, Boherlahan; Pádraig Whelan, capt, Cahir; Emmet Hallinan, Newcastle; Nicholas Maher, Rosegreen, Michael Harding, Golden.



Cashel Community School, (U-16/2) Munster 'A' Champions, Dean Ryan Cup winners 2001 . . . Front: A.J. Maher, Edmond O'Dwyer, Michael Coleman, James McCarthy, Michael Heelan, Pádraig Hayes, William Fitzell. Centre: Fr. Bernie Moloney, George Ryall, Paul O'dwyer, Damien Ryan, Ger Luby, Paddy Ryan, Thomas Keane, Paddy Ivers, Tony Hewitt, James Hayes, Mr T.J. Quinn. Back: Conor Ryan, Ryan O'Dwyer, Darragh Hickey, Kevin Griffin, Tommy Maher, Nigel Hayes, James Heffernan, Michael Harding, John Dwyer, Eoin Shine. Missing from photo: Fiachra O'Keefe.



Cashel Community School panel that won the MacGabhann Cup (Tipperary Post-primary Schools senior football) competition by defeating Our Lady's, Templemore, at Dr Morris Park, Thurles. Back: Brian Slattery, Naoise Holmes, Pádraig Whelan, Stephen Byrne, James Hayes, James McCarthy, Paul Breen (capt), Pádraig Hickey, David Byrne, David Ryan. Front: Michael Coleman, David Quirke, Emmet Hallinan, Paddy O'Flaherty, Patrick Halley, Joe Ryan, Vincent Downey, Chris Keane, David Kennedy, Nicholas Maher. Unavoidably absent: David Coffey.



Cashel Community School panel that won the Munster Senior 'B' football competition by defeating Abbey CBS (Tipperary Town) in the final at Golden. Back: Peter Creedon, Pádraig Hickey, Brian Slattery, Paul Ryan, Tomas Hayes, Paul Breen, James Hayes, James McCarthy, Patrick Halley, Eoin Shine, Michael Harding, Paddy Ivers, Davy Byrne, Colm O'Flaherty, John Scully. Front: Paul O'Dwyer, David Kennedy, Paddy O'Flaherty, David Ryan, Christopher Keane, Michael Coleman, Joe Ryan, Pádraig Whelan (capt), David Quirke, Emmet Hallinan, Vincent Downey, Diarmuid Carr, Nicholas Maher, Fiachra O'Keefe.



# SCOREBOARD 2002

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## COUNTY FINALS – HURLING

### Senior:

Mullinahone .....	2-10
Thurles Sarsfields .....	1-11
(Replay) (draw 0-14 each)	

### Inter:

Kildangan .....	
Newport .....	

### Junior 'A':

Ballinahinch .....	1-17
Clonakenny .....	3-11
(draw)	

Ballinahinch .....	1-14
Clonakenny .....	1-5
(replay)	

### Junior 'B':

Thurles Sarsfields .....	3-5
Templederry .....	0-11

### Under-21 'A':

Thurles Sarsfields .....	
Burgess .....	

### Under-21 'B':

### Under-21 'C':

Kilruane McDonaghs .....	2-13
Clonakenny .....	2-8
(Replay)	

Clonakenny .....	2-5
Kilruane McDonaghs .....	1-8
(Draw)	

### Minor 'A':

Burgess .....	
Loughmore/Castleiney .....	

### Minor 'B':

Moneygall .....	2-9
Carrick Davins .....	2-6

### Minor 'C':

Shannon Rovers .....	2-7
St. Patrick's .....	1-7

### Under-16 'A':

Dúrlas Óg 'A' .....	5-10
Carrick Swans .....	2-9

### Under-16 'B':

Moyle Rovers .....	1-11
Shannon Rovers .....	1-8

### Under-16 'C':

Dúrlas Óg 'B' .....	2-6
Clonmel Óg .....	0-10

### Under-14 'A':

Tomevara .....	3-8
Clonmel Óg .....	2-2

### Under-14 'B':

Killenaule .....	0-11
Portroe .....	1-4

### Under-14 'C':

Kildangan .....	6-17
Golden/Kilfeacle .....	0-2

### Under-12 'A':

Loughmore/Castleiney .....	1-10
Clonoulty-Rossmore .....	1-3

### Under-12 'B':

Moneygall .....	2-7
Carrick Davins .....	1-3

### Under-12 'C':

Lorrha .....	6-7
Clonmel Óg 'B' .....	1-1

## COUNTY FINALS - FOOTBALL

### Senior:

Clonmel Commercial .....	1-14
Aherlow .....	1-5

### Inter:

### Junior 'A':

### Junior 'B':

### Under-21 'A':

Fethard .....	1-13
Galtee Rovers .....	0-5

### Under-21 'B':

Arravale Rovers .....	1-13
Moycarkey-Borris .....	1-8

### Under-21 'C':

Grangemockler .....	2-9
Kilruane McDonaghs .....	0-6

### Minor 'A':

Loughmore-Castleiney .....	
Burgess .....	

### Minor 'B':

Carrick Davins .....	1-14
Emly .....	2-7

### Minor 'C':

Aherlow .....	4-9
Clonakenny .....	0-3

### Under-16 'A':

Moyle Rovers .....	2-9
Gortnahoe-Glengoele .....	0-13
(Replay) (draw – 3-10 each)	

### Under-16 'B':

Drom-Inch .....	4-10
Clonoulty/Rossmore .....	2-4

### Under-16 'C':

Ballingarry .....	2-11
Templederry .....	1-4

### Under-14 'A':

Clonmel Óg .....	2-15
Dúrlas Óg .....	0-13
(Replay)	

Dúrlas Óg .....	0-6
Clonmel Óg .....	1-3
(Draw)	

### Under-14 'B':

Mullinahone .....	1-7
Moycarkey-Borris .....	0-5

### Under-14 'C':

St. Martin's (Marlfield) .....	1-11
Kildangan .....	1-2

### Under-12 'A':

Loughmore-Castleiney .....	1-7
Arravale Rovers .....	1-3

### Under-12 'B':

Upperchurch/Drombane .....	2-3
Cashel King Cormacs .....	0-3

### Under-12 'C':

Newport .....	3-5
Ballyporeen .....	2-2

## INTER-COUNTY C/SHIPS – HURLING

### Senior:

May 19th at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Tipperary .....	1-18
Clare .....	2-13

June 2nd at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Tipperary .....	1-20
Limerick .....	1-13

June 30th at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Waterford .....	2-23
Tipperary .....	3-12
(Munster Final)	

July 13th at Portlaoise:

Tipperary .....	2-19
Offaly .....	1-9
(Qualifier)	

July 28th at Croke Park:

Tipperary .....	1-25
Antrim .....	2-12
(All-Ireland quarter final)	

August 18th at Croke Park:

Kilkenny .....	1-20
Tipperary .....	1-16
(All-Ireland Semi-Final)	

### Intermediate:

May 19th at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Tipperary .....	2-13
Clare .....	1-10

June 2nd at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Tipperary .....	4-22
Limerick .....	3-10

July 17th at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Tipperary .....	4-8
Waterford .....	2-7
(Munster Final)	

August 31st at Birr:

Tipperary .....	2-17
Galway .....	1-20
(All-Ireland Final) (Draw A.E.T.)	



September 21st at Birr:	
Galway .....	2-15
Tipperary .....	1-10
	(Replay)

#### Under-21:

July 10th at Semple Stadium:	
Tipperary .....	2-14
Waterford .....	1-11
	(Munster Semi-Final)

August 8th at Semple Stadium:	
Tipperary .....	2-12
Limerick .....	3-9
	(Munster Final) (Draw)

August 21st at Semple Stadium:	
Limerick .....	1-20
Tipperary .....	2-14
	(Replay - A.E.T.)

#### Minor:

April 24th at Tralee:	
Tipperary .....	5-20
Kerry .....	0-6

May 8th, at Kilmallock:	
Tipperary .....	1-13
Limerick .....	1-12

June 30th at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:	
Tipperary .....	3-7
Cork .....	2-7
	(Munster Final)

August 11th, at Croke Park:	
Tipperary .....	4-13
Wexford .....	0-13
	(All-Ireland Semi-Final)

September 8th, at Croke Park:	
Kilkenny .....	3-15
Tipperary .....	1-7
	(All-Ireland Final)

#### U-16 ARRABAWN TOURNAMENT

August 13th at The Ragg:	
Tipperary .....	3-9
Limerick .....	0-8
Tipperary .....	3-12
Westmeath .....	0-0
Tipperary .....	4-12
Kilkenny .....	3-11
	(Semi-Final)

September 1st at Nenagh:	
Tipperary .....	1-12
Galway .....	1-3
	(Final)

#### MASTERS (OVER-40):

August 19th at The Ragg:	
Tipperary .....	5-19
Kildare .....	3-3
	(Semi-Final)

August 31st at Birr:	
Limerick .....	3-9
Tipperary .....	1-10
	(All-Ireland Final)

#### ALLIANZ N.H.L. - DIV. 1 'B'

March 10th at Semple Stadium:	
Limerick .....	2-13
Tipperary .....	1-12

March 18th at Wexford Park:	
Wexford .....	3-13
Tipperary .....	1-10

March 24th at Nenagh:	
Tipperary .....	5-23
Derry .....	0-3

March 30th at Birr:	
Tipperary .....	2-21
Offaly .....	3-8

April 7th at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:	
Tipperary .....	1-17
Cork .....	1-14

April 14th at Semple Stadium:	
Tipperary .....	4-13
Galway .....	1-17
	(Quarter-Final)

April 21st at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:	
Cork .....	0-21
Tipperary .....	1-10
	(Semi-Final)

#### TONY FORRISTAL U-14 TOURNAMENT DIV. I

August 30th at Waterford:	
Limerick .....	2-13
Tipperary .....	2-4
Tipperary .....	2-9
Wexford .....	3-5

Waterford .....	2-11
Tipperary .....	2-3
	(Tipp. did not qualify for Semi-Final)

#### MUNSTER CLUB HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

November 17th at Walsh Park:	
Mount Sion (Waterford) .....	2-12
Mullinahone .....	0-15

#### COUNTY HURLING LEAGUES

Div. 1:	
Nenagh Éire Óg .....	1-12
Borrisoleigh .....	2-4
	(Final)

Div. 2:	
Holycross-Ballycahill .....	1-13
Killenaule .....	0-10
	(Final)

Div. 3:	
Moneygall .....	3-12
Moycarkey-Borris .....	1-9
	(Final)

Intermediate:	
Éire Óg Annacarty .....	2-20
Ballybacon-Grange .....	1-13
	(Final)

#### RELEGATION DECIDERS (senior)

August 31st at Cashel:	
Cappawhite .....	3-15
St. Mary's (Clonmel) .....	0-14

September 21st at The Ragg:	
Templederry-K. ....	2-17
Golden-Kilfeacle .....	1-13
	(A.E.T.)

St. Mary's and Golden-Kilfeacle  
relegated to Intermediate

#### SENIOR CHALLENGES

Tipperary .....	1-10
Garda College .....	0-10

Clarinbridge (Galway) .....	1-19
Tipperary .....	1-10
Tipperary .....	1-10
U.C.C. ....	0-11
Tipperary .....	1-9
Waterford .....	2-6
Tipperary .....	3-16
Birr (Offaly) .....	1-11
Kilkenny .....	2-24
Tipperary .....	2-15

#### MUNSTER U-16 (H) CHAMPIONSHIP

April 13th at Bruff ('A'):	
North Tipp .....	3-17
Cork City .....	1-5
	(S/F)

April 20th at Bruff:	
North Tipp .....	2-16
Imokilly (Cork) .....	3-11
	(Final)

April 6th at Charleville ('B'):	
West Tipp .....	2-9
West Limerick .....	0-14
	(S/F)

April 6th  
South Tipp beat West Waterford.

April 20th at Bruff:	
West Tipp .....	2-15
South Tipp .....	2-12
	(Final A.E.T.)

#### COMMUNITY GAMES - HURLING

July 13th at Limerick:	
Nenagh .....	2-5
Lismore .....	1-1
	(Munster S/F)

Nenagh .....	3-8
Sixmilebridge .....	1-3
	(Munster Final)

August 24th at Mosney:  
Nenagh beat Shinrone (Offaly) by ten  
points (All-Ireland S/F).

August 25th at Mosney:	
Claregalway (Galway) .....	3-4
Nenagh .....	1-7
	(All-Ireland Final)

#### FITZGIBBON CUP

March 2nd at Dangan (Galway):	
Waterford I.T. ....	2-17
Limerick I.T. ....	0-9
	(S/F)

March 2nd at Castlegar (Galway):	
University of Limerick .....	2-11
U.C.C. ....	0-9
	(S/F)

March 3rd at Castlegar (Galway):	
University of Limerick .....	2-14
Waterford I.T. ....	2-11
	(Final)

#### RYAN CUP

February 14th at Tralee:	
Tralee I.T. ....	1-12
Tipp Institute .....	1-6
	(Quarter-Final)



## IARNRÓD ÉIREANN INTER-PROV.

### November 2nd at Nowlan Park:

Munster .....	5-18
Ulster .....	0-10

### November 3rd at Nowlan Park:

Leinster .....	4-15
Munster .....	3-17
(Final)	

## FÉILE NA gGAEL U-14:

### June 21st at Co. Down:

Toomevara .....	3-4
Ballycran (Down) .....	0-1

Toomevara .....	3-15
Portaferry .....	0-2

O'Loughlin Gaels (Kilkenny) .....	3-3
Toomevara .....	0-5

(Toomevara did not qualify for the next stage).

## GARDA CUP UNDER-16

### March 2nd at Templederry:

North Tipp .....	2-12
Mid Tipp .....	2-12
(S/F) (Draw)	

### March 9th at Templederry:

Mid Tipp .....	1-7
North Tipp .....	0-6
(Replay)	

### March 2nd at New Inn:

South Tipp .....	2-15
West Tipp .....	1-7
(S/F)	

### March 16th at Dr. Morris Park:

West Tipp .....	2-7
North Tipp .....	1-8
(Shield Final)	

### March 23rd at Killenaule:

Mid Tipp .....	3-14
South Tipp .....	1-9
(Final).	

## PEADAR CUMMINS U-14

### July 27th at Borrisoleigh:

North beat Mid.

### At the Ragg:

South beat West.

### At Borrisoleigh:

West beat Mid (Shield)

### At Borrisoleigh:

South beat North (Final).

## ALL-IRELAND 'SEVENS'

### September 7th at Kilmacud Crokes:

Mullinahone bt Portaferry (Down)	
Mullinahone bt Liam Mellows (Galway)	
Mullinahone bt Kileedy (Limerick)	
Mullinahone bt Portumna (Galway)	

Mullinahone .....	4-6
Portroe (Tipperary) .....	3-8
(Q/F)	

Mullinahone .....	4-3
Kiltormer (Galway) .....	4-2
(S/F)	

Mullinahone .....	7-11
Clarecastle (Clare) .....	5-3
(Final)	

## Inter-County Championships (Football):

### Senior:

#### June 9th at Killarney:

Tipperary .....	3-7
Clare .....	1-13
(Draw)	

#### June 16th at Limerick:

Tipperary .....	1-8
Clare .....	0-8
(Replay)	

#### July 14th at Semple Stadium:

Tipperary .....	1-14
Cork .....	2-11
(Munster Final) (Draw)	

#### July 21st at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Cork .....	1-23
Tipperary .....	0-7
(Replay)	

#### July 27th at Ennis:

Mayo .....	0-21
Tipperary .....	1-14
(Qualifier) (A.E.T.)	

### Junior:

#### June 9th at Killarney:

Tipperary .....	0-7
Clare .....	1-4
(Draw)	

#### June 26th at Kilmallock:

Tipperary .....	0-11
Clare .....	0-7
(Replay)	

#### July 2nd at Páirc Uí Rinn:

Kerry .....	2-14
Tipperary .....	0-15
(Munster Final)	

## UNDER-21:

### March 9th at Fermoy:

Limerick .....	0-8
Tipperary .....	0-6
(1st Round)	

## MINOR: (Round Robin Games)

### March 2nd at Kilmallock:

Tipperary .....	2-11
Kerry .....	2-9

### March 16th at Kilmallock:

Tipperary .....	0-13
Cork .....	0-13

### March 30th at Fermoy:

Tipperary .....	0-10
Limerick .....	0-7

### April 4th at Bruff:

Clare .....	3-9
Tipperary .....	1-12

### April 17th at Fermoy:

Tipperary .....	3-14
Waterford .....	2-6

### July 4th at Fermoy:

Tipperary .....	1-8
Limerick .....	2-4
(Semi-Final)	

### July 14th at Semple Stadium:

Kerry .....	3-16
Tipperary .....	2-6
(Munster Final)	

### August 3rd at Navan:

Derry .....	5-13
Tipperary .....	1-3
(All-Ireland Q/F)	

## ALLIANZ N.F.L.

### February 3rd at Portarlington:

Tipperary .....	1-7
Laois .....	0-10

### February 10th at Ardfinnan:

Tipperary .....	1-17
Waterford .....	1-10

### February 17th at Ardfinnan:

Meath .....	0-14
Tipperary .....	1-7

### March 3rd at Carlow:

Tipperary .....	1-11
Carlow .....	0-12

### March 10th at Ardfinnan:

Wexford .....	3-10
Tipperary .....	0-3

### March 24th at Longford:

Tipperary .....	1-12
Longford .....	1-11

### March 31st at Ardfinnan:

Tipperary .....	2-18
Monaghan .....	1-13

## McGRATH CUP

### January 20th at Dungarvan:

Waterford .....	2-9
Tipperary .....	0-9

## IARNRÓD ÉIREANN INTER-PRO

### November 2nd at Ballindereen:

Ulster .....	0-17
Munster .....	0-15
(S/F)	

## MUNSTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

### November 24th at Limerick:

Monaleen (Limerick) .....	1-10
Clonmel Commercials .....	1-5

## SIGERSON CUP

### February 22nd at Sligo I.T.:

U.C.C. ....	1-9
U.U.J. ....	1-8
(A.E.T.) (S/F)	

### February 22nd at Kent Park:

Sligo I.T. ....	2-4
Athlone I.T. ....	1-6
(S/F)	



February 23rd at Markievicz Park:	
Sligo I.T. ....	0-6
U.C.C. ....	0-5
	(Final)

### MASTERS (OVER-40)

July 6th at Longford:	
Donegal .....	1-14
Tipperary .....	0-11
	(S/F)

### COUNTY LEAGUES

#### Adult:

##### Div. 1:

Ardfinnan v Aherlow

##### Div. 2:

Grangemockler v

##### Div. 3:

Rosegreen .....	0-13
Ballylooby .....	1-7
	(Final)

##### Div. 4:

### Senior Football Relegation Final:

Arravale Rovers v Moyne or Éire Óg (A)

#### MINOR:

##### Div. 1:

Gortnahoe-Glengoole .....	5-8
Clonmel Commercials .....	4-7

##### Div. 2:

Rockwell Rovers .....	1-13
Kilsheelan/Kilcass .....	2-3

### UNDER-15 TOURNAMENT (F.)

July 6th at St. Finbarr's (Cork):

Limerick .....	1-3
Tipperary .....	1-1
Tipperary .....	1-4
Cork City .....	0-3
Tipperary .....	3-6
Clare .....	0-1
Limerick .....	0-7
Tipperary .....	0-4
	(Final)

### Jim Power Tournament U-14 Football

November 15th at Lemybrien:

Limerick .....	3-4
Tipperary .....	1-7
	(Semi-Final)

November 16th at Kilmacthomas:

Tipperary .....	2-11
Waterford .....	0-8
	(Shield Final)

### 2001/'02 SCHOOLS/COLLEGES DR. HARTY CUP (H)

February 24th at Clonmel:

Our Lady's (Templemore) .....	2-17
Midleton C.B.S. ....	1-5
	(S/F)

February 24th at Mitchelstown:

St. Colman's (Fermoy) .....	4-5
Cashel Com. School .....	0-3
	(S/F)

March 24th at Clonmel:

St. Colman's (Fermoy) .....	2-18
Our Lady's (Templemore) .....	0-6
	(Final)

### ALL-IRELAND V.E.C. (H)

April 21st at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Tipperary .....	3-12
Cork .....	3-6
	(Semi-Final)

May 5th at Semple Stadium:

Galway .....	3-15
Tipperary .....	4-10
	(All-Ireland Final)

### ALL-IRELAND COLLEGES 'B' (H)

February 13th at Cashel:

Abbey C.B.S. ....	2-8
St. Joseph's (Borrisoleigh) .....	0-7
	(Munster S/F)

March 1st at Ard Finnan:

Abbey C.B.S. ....	2-7
Dungarvan C.B.S. ....	0-4
	(Munster Final)

April 14th at Birr:

Abbey C.B.S. ....	3-11
Garbally College (Galway) .....	0-9
	(All-Ireland S/F)

April 28th at Semple Stadium:

Abbey C.B.S. ....	3-11
Castlecomer C.S. ....	1-13
	(All-Ireland Final)

### Munster S. Football (Corn an Uachtarán)

February 13th at Feenagh:

Cashel C.S. ....	2-7
De La Salle (Macroom) .....	1-4
	(S/F)

February 20th at New Inn:

Abbey C.B.S. ....	1-11
High School (Clonmel) .....	1-7
	(S/F)

March 17th at Golden:

Cashel Com. School .....	1-11
Abbey C.B.S. ....	0-9
	(Final)

April 14th at Athlone:

Ballyhaunis .....	2-9
Cashel C.S. ....	2-8
	(All-Ireland S/F)

### LEINSTER COLLEGES SENIOR HURLING

March 10th at Athy:

Cistercian College (Roscrea) .....	0-9
Dublin Colleges .....	0-9
	(Draw) (Quarter Final)

March 14th at Carlow:

Dublin Colleges .....	1-10
C.C. (Roscrea) .....	1-6
	(Replay)

### MUNSTER VOC. SCHOOLS 'B' HURLING

March 6th at Dr. Morris Park:

Nenagh C.S. ....	0-8
Coláiste an Craoibhín (Fermoy) .....	0-4
	(S/F) (Replay)

April 10th at Kilmallock:

Kinsale C.S. ....	2-12
Nenagh C.S. ....	0-3
	(Munster Final)

### MUNSTER U-16½ VEC. SCHOOL HURLING

March 13th at Borrisokane:

Borrisokane C.S. ....	2-10
Mannix College (Charleville) .....	1-5
	(Semi-Final)

April 17th at Banagher:

Borrisokane .....	5-10
Athenry .....	1-6
	(All-Ireland S/F)

April 28th at Ballinasloe:

Borrisokane .....	0-12
Kilcormac V.S. ....	1-2
	(Final)

### CROKE CUP U-15 HURLING 'A'

March 25th at Borrisoleigh:

Thurles C.B.S. ....	0-12
St. Joseph's (Borrisoleigh) .....	0-3
	(Final)

### ALL-IRELAND COLLEGES S.F. 'C'

April 14th at Athlone:

Nenagh C.B.S. ....	2-11
Ballinamore P.P. ....	1-11
	(All-Ireland S/F)

April 28th at Tullamore:

Nenagh C.B.S. ....	2-11
Pres. D.L.S., Bagenalstown .....	1-8
	(All-Ireland F.)

### TIPPERARY VOC. SCHOOLS SENIOR HURLING

April 17th at Nenagh:

Nenagh V.S. ....	2-10
Cahir Com. School .....	1-4
	(Final)

### All-Ireland Vocational Schools Football 'B'

November 24th at Portarlington:

Longford .....	3-14
Tipperary .....	3-10
	(A.E.T.) (Semi-Final)

### TIPPERARY COL. U-15 FOOTBALL

April 22nd at Fethard:

High School (Clonmel) .....	1-12
Killenaule .....	3-4
	(Final)

### TIPPERARY COL. U-15 FOOTBALL

April 22 at Fethard:

High School (Clonmel) .....	1-12
Killenaule .....	3-4
	(Final)

### CANON FITZGERALD CUP U-17 HURLING

May 7th at Templemore:

St. Joseph's (Borrisoleigh) .....	2-19
Cashel C.S. ....	2-9
	(A.E.T.) (Final)

### PRIMARY SCHOOLS HURLING FINALS

June 27/28: at Semple Stadium:

A.	
Nenagh .....	3-10
Carrick-on-Suir .....	0-3

#### B.

Templederry .....	3-9
Loughmore .....	3-7

#### C.

Templemore .....	2-4
Dunkerrin .....	2-3



<b>D.</b>	
Cloughjordan .....	3-5
Mullinahone .....	0-7
<b>E.</b>	
Kilsheelan .....	9-7
Ardcroney .....	0-4
<b>F.</b>	
Ballysloe .....	6-1
Lackamore .....	3-1

#### OUTSTANDING RESULTS 2001

#### COUNTY FINALS – HURLING

<b>Inter:</b>	
Galtee Rovers .....	1-8
Moyneltempuohy .....	0-10

<b>Junior 'A':</b>	
Fr. Sheehy's .....	1-11
Sean Treacy's .....	2-6

<b>Under-21 'B':</b>	
Templederry .....	1-8
Golden-Kilfeacle .....	0-8

#### FOOTBALL

<b>Inter:</b>	
Éire Óg Annacarty .....	2-11
Newport .....	0-7

<b>Junior 'A':</b>	
Emly .....	4-5
Borrisoleigh .....	0-4

<b>Junior 'B':</b>	
Éire Óg Annacarty .....	2-7
Clonmel C. ....	1-7

<b>Under-21 'A':</b>	
Fethard .....	2-6
Galtee Rovers .....	0-7
(Replay)	

<b>Minor 'A':</b>	
Newport .....	1-9
Galtee Rovers .....	0-8

#### CO. SENIOR HURLING LEAGUE FINAL

Toomevara .....	1-20
Thurles Sarsfields .....	0-7

#### CO. SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE FINAL

Fethard .....	2-14
Aherlow .....	2-7

#### HASTINGS CUP U-21 FOOTBALL

Laois .....	4-17
Tipperary .....	0-3
Clare .....	2-7
Tipperary .....	1-5

#### Munster Junior Club Hurling Championship Final

Nenagh Éire Óg .....	0-10
St. Joseph's (Doora-Barefield) .....	0-8
(Replay)	

Nenagh Éire Óg .....	0-13
St. Joseph's (Doora-Barefield) .....	2-7
(Draw)	

#### CO. VOC. SCHOOLS HURLING FINAL

Cólaiste Phobal (Ros Cré) .....	2-17
Scoil Ruain .....	2-9

#### Leinster Colleges Senior hurling league final

Cist. College (Roscrea) .....	2-8
St. Kieran's College (Kilkenny) .....	0-11

#### MacGabhann Cup senior football Final

Cashel Com. School .....	3-11
Our Lady's (Templemore) .....	1-7

#### Dean Ryan U-16½ hurling Final

Cashel C.S. ....	4-10
St. Flannan's College .....	0-11

#### 2003/03 Croke Cup Under-15 Hurling Final:

19th November at The Ragg:

Thurles C.B.S. ....	4-18
St. Joseph's (Borrisoleigh) .....	3-3
(S/F.)	

#### Corn Uí Chatháin Co. 1st yr. h. Champ.

11th November at Dr. Morris Park:

High School (Clonmel) .....	7-8
Borrisokane C.C. ....	2-6

#### NOTES

- Outstanding results will be published in next year's edition.
- Public Relations Officers are reminded to always give the final score of the game in their reports.



Kevin Ryan, captain Clonoulty/Rossmore 2002 meets members of 1951 team who won the SHC 51 years ago.

L/r: P.P. Quirke, Jack Gleeson, Kevin Ryan, Jimmy Davern, Michael O'Dwyer.



Captain of the Moycarkey/Borris under-12 hurling panel, Rory Ryan, being carried on a lap of honour by his team mates around Holycross field following victory in the Mid final.



County Board Secretary, Michael O'Brien, retired as principal of Lissenhall N.S. and is pictured cutting the cake with his wife, Joan. In the foreground is the McCarthy Cup.



**Frankie Berkery**  
Sean Treacy's & Kilcoole



Frankie (Pat) Berkery's death was sudden and untimely. His hurling career spanned two decades and coincided with the great Sean Treacy's team of the seventies and early eighties. He is remembered by his fellow players as a player of great strength and an effective forward.

He trained as a forester in Co. Wicklow and while there played with the local club, Gleenally. He won a junior All-Ireland with Wicklow in 1971 and a National League, Division 2 title the same year. He then returned to play with his native Sean Treacy's club with whom he played in seven West senior hurling finals, winning five of them.

After this he returned to Wicklow, winning another National League, Division 2 title in 1981. He played in two senior hurling championships with Kilcoole in 1983 and 1985, and was captain in the latter year. It was a great regret of his not to have won a county championship.

He is remembered with much fondness and affection in Tipperary and Wicklow, and this was reflected in the large turnout at his funeral in Kilcoole.

Sincere sympathy is extended to his wife, Margaret, son, John, daughters, Máiread and Mary, and all the Berkery family.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

### Con Boland

St. Patrick's (Drangan-Cloneen)



The late Con Boland, better known as Son, first appeared on the football scene as a member of the famous Drangan minor team of 1935 that were beaten in the South Final by a

# FRIENDS WE LOST IN 2002

strong Clonmel Commercial team. Son was a member of the Cloneen panel that won the 1938 South junior football title. Son played all through the early 'forties which was a lean period for the club. He next appeared for the Drangan junior team of the early 'fifties, who appeared in four South finals in five years.

Though in the veteran stage of his career he played a prominent part as goalkeeper in 1953 when Drangan won the South and County junior football titles. His playing career ended at that stage but he never lost touch as he lived across the road from the field known as Rawthea and he always kept the field in good order for training and games. He made sure that the goalposts were well maintained, lined the field for all matches and provided flags which was all done on a voluntary basis at the time. Very few did more for the local club than Son and may he rest in peace.

### Michael Burke

1915-2002  
Cashel King Cormac's



The Cashel King Cormac's club would like to extend sincerest sympathy to the Burke family, Main Street, Cashel, on the death of Michael, an outstanding hurler and one of the most distinguished members of the Cashel King Cormacs, who died on September 1 at the fine age of 87 years. His hurling career commenced at Rockwell College, where he played Harty Cup for three years, winning a medal in 1931. Picked with Munster Colleges in 1932 and 1933, he won two interprovincial medals, and in the same

years, won All-Ireland minor medals with Tipperary. His career with Cashel began in 1931, when he won a West minor hurling medal, which was never presented as the board didn't have the funds to purchase it. His next success came with a West junior medal in 1933. He went on to win six West senior medals, in 1934, 1936, 1937, 1939, 1940 and 1945. His last turnout for the club was in 1948, when he was recalled for the county semi-final. He was on and off the Tipperary senior team from 1935 to 1942 and was unfortunate not to have won an All-Ireland. He was dropped in 1937, when Tipperary won and was on the following year when Tipperary's chances were destroyed in the famous 'Cooney Affair'. A skillful hurler, he played wing-forward and was a prolific scorer for both club and county. In recognition of his achievements, Cashel King Cormac's made him an Honorary Life President of the club at their AGM in 1991.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

### Mick Caplis

Sean Treacy's



There was widespread sadness at the death of Mick Caplis in September. One of the most lion-hearted players to don the blue and gold of Sean Treacy's, he had the proud distinction of being the first man from the parish to captain a team to county final glory.

That famous victory was in April 1967 when Sean Treacy's defeated Kildangan in the 1966 junior hurling final. This victory brought the club to senior status

and on to a first West senior hurling title against Eire Og. Mick continued to play at senior level for many years afterwards.

On the field of play Mick was a fearless and skilful hurler, a loyal colleague, an inspirational captain and a man who took great pride in the achievements of his beloved Sean Treacy's.

Club members provided a guard of honour at his funeral. His coffin was draped in the club colours and he was laid to rest in Kilnerath cemetery.

In iothlann De a tá sé gan dabht agus ní bheidh a leithéid arís ann.

### Neddy Cooke

Killenaule



Ní bheidh a leithéid arís ann.

A deep gloom descended over the whole Killenaule area when the word spread that Neddy Cooke was dead. Although we knew for some time that he wasn't well, his going nevertheless was a shock.

Among G.A.A. followers Neddy was a giant of a man. He was indeed Killenaule's Mr. Hurling. He played on Killenaule senior hurling teams from the late 1930's until the early 1960's, winning an unprecedented nine South senior medals. He played on the Tipperary minor team, beaten by Cork in the Munster final of 1936, later on he was also to play senior hurling with Tipperary.

When Killenaule briefly transferred to the Mid, Neddy won a Mid junior football medal with them. Much later on he also won a South junior football medal. He was, of course, one of the leading lights on the Killenaule team that won South



and County junior medals in 1951. The South Tipp Bord honoured him some years ago by naming him their 'Player of the Past'. He was selected as full forward and captain of the Killenaule Millennium team.

The proud Cooke tradition was carried on by Neddy's son Jack who won a county senior medal with Thurles Sarsfields. His grandson John O'Dwyer won All-Ireland 'B' championships in hurling and football with Derry and Tipperary.

Neddy's last years were spent in the loving care of the nurses and staff of Bailey Nursing Home. What a pleasure it was to chat and reminisce with him! How delighted he was when Killenaule or Tipperary were victorious! How he loved to place his few bets every day and watch the racing on Saturdays!

To his loving family Biddy, Tom, Jack and Neddy, our deepest sympathy.

"Go maire tú go deo sna flaitheas", Neddy.

### Carl Cregan

1946-2002

Cashel King Cormac's



Carl Cregan, who died in St Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny on January 24, was secretary of the Cashel King Cormac's for three years, 1983-85. During these years he proved himself a most efficient officer. A man of great integrity and honesty, the affairs of the club were in excellent hands during his years in office.

Born in Tipperary Town in 1946, where his father was a Dairy Inspector, and from a very distinguished Limerick hurling family, Carl followed the fortunes of the green and white with passion and enthusiasm. He was willing to argue about their merits and defend them against the most fanatical of Tipperary supporters. But it was all done in a nice way, in line with his innate decency and good heart and, when Limerick were beaten, there was no greater supporter of the Blue and Gold.

His family had moved to Kilkenny in 1958 and Carl was educated in St. Kieran's College. Afterwards he did hotel management at Shannon, where a

contemporary was Liam Griffin. His job in the hotel industry took him to Galway, where he played club hurling, and later to Wales, where he spent a number of years. He came to Cashel in 1979 to manage his brother's pub.

The pub soon became a Mecca for Cashel King Cormac's supporters, not only because of the talk of hurling and football but also because Carl filled the greatest pint of Guinness it was possible to get.

He remained in Cashel until 1988, when the pub was sold. After that he moved back to Kilkenny, where he worked in Brennan's Bar in Friary Street. He retained his interest in the fortunes of Cashel King Cormac's.

Carl's passing is deeply regretted by his brothers Richard and Michael, and sisters Mary, Elsie, Noreen, Maeve and Cora. It is also regretted by the members of the Cashel King Cormac's and especially by those of us who were close to him when a member of the club.

A guard of honour was provided by the members on both days of the funeral and the coffin was draped in the club colours. He was buried in St. Kieran's Cemetery, Kilkenny after midday Mass on Sunday, January 27. May he rest in peace.

### Eamon Cunningham

St. Patrick's (Drangan/Cloneen)



The late Eamon Cunningham first came to notice as a minor footballer in the early 'forties and progressed to junior in the mid 'forties. Eamon was a valued member of the senior penal that won the Tipperary Mens' Cup and South and County senior football championships in 1947. With a little more commitment Eamon could have gone on to better things but in or around that time the Ballylusky Harriers were coming to prominence. Each household kept a couple of harriers at that time and Eamon was to the forefront in that regard, keeping more than most others. From then on this became Eamon's number one priority in

sport as this was also a Sunday afternoon activity. He continued his involvement with the Harriers right up to a short time before his death and one of his proudest occasions was when his son Conor, formed his own pack, the Slievenamon Harriers, who are going strong up to the present day.

May he rest in peace.

### Richie Delahunty

1928-2002

Cashel King Cormac's



Richie Delahunty, more associated with horses than hurleys, passed away unexpectedly in September. But, he was a hurler in his earlier days and played with three clubs during his hurling career. Starting with the Knocknagow club, which was based in Mocklershill, he moved to Cashel King Cormac's with whom he won a county junior medal in 1953, and finished up with Rosegreen. He was a handy and effective forward. The club provided a guard of honour at his funeral and extended sympathy to his wife, Julie and his family, Joe, Seamus, Ann (Moloney), Liam and Michael, his relations and friends.

### Liam Farrelly

Templemore



A sense of numbness, shock, real sadness and deep regret descended on the parish of Templemore on Thursday, June 20th, when news filtered through of the untimely passing of Liam Farrelly, at the all too young age of forty two.

Liam, the fourth youngest in a family of six boys, born to Elizabeth and the late Seamus, was by profession a member of the Garda Síochána stationed in Kilkenny.

He was an active member of the Tipperary Association in Kilkenny and whether it was a

fund-raising venture or vocal support on the day of an inter-county game, his absolute commitment and loyalty to the blue and gold of his beloved county was total.

He had a successful campaign on the playing fields at Templemore CBS, winning a Rice Cup medal in 1974, a Corn Phiarasigh medal in 1975, and he was a vital cog in the team that won the Harty Cup and All-Ireland title in 1978. His most telling contribution in the '78 campaign was against North Monastery of Cork in the semi-final and his two goals that day ensured Templemore advanced to the final.

At club level he won two Mid-Tipperary intermediate hurling medals, in 1978 and 1979 with Clonmore and a Mid-Tipperary football medal in 1982 with Templemore Éire Óg. He was a member of the Tipperary minor football team in 1978.

His coffin, draped in the tricolour, as met on arrival in Templemore from Kilkenny by a guard of honour of his Harty Cup colleagues and the local GAA club. His passing has left a void in our community that can never be filled.

To his wife Alice, children Shane and Becky, mother Elizabeth, brothers Jim, Gerard, Paul, Noel and Kevin and their extended families, our deepest sympathy.

I measc na h-aingeal go raibh anam uasal, Liam.

M. de B.

### Seamus (Sonny) Fogarty

1941-2000

Borrisokane



The death took place in October 2000 of Sonny Fogarty of Ballylina, Borrisokane. He worked for the North Tipperary County Council from 1961 until his retirement in 1998.

His name is bound up with the great surge in Borrisokane hurling in the 50s and early 60s. Victories included the Conway Cup in 1954 and a North minor title three years later. In 1960 and under-21 title was annexed and the following year there was a draw with the famous Sarsfields in the county senior semi-final. Sonny was was Bor-



risokane's finest player on that day.

He continued to give sterling service to his club in later years. His playing colleagues provided a guard of honour at the funeral and he was interred in St. Cronan's Cemetery, Roscrea. He is survived by his wife, Bríd, son, Michael, daughter, Marion, daughter-in-law, Bláithín, and grandson, Aidan.

### Larry Forrester

1938-2002  
Golden-Killeacle



Larry Forrester died on March 28 at his residence in England, after a short illness. He played all his juvenile hurling with Golden-Killeacle as a defender. The highlight of this period was winning an u-15 hurling title in 1953. He continued to play as a minor before emigrating to England. However, he never lost touch with the local hurling scene and returned regularly to watch Golden-Killeacle, and Tipperary, play.

To his wife, family, brothers, sisters the club extends its sincerest sympathy.

### Jimmy Hickey

1938-2002  
Cashel King Cormac's



Jimmy Hickey, who died in September, played on the successful Cashel minor hurling team, which captured the divisional championship in 1956, beating Clonoulty-Rossmore in the final. The side went down to Thurles Sarsfields in the county semi-final. Jimmy went on from there to play junior with the club for a number of years. He took a keen interest in grandson, Christopher's, contribution to Cashel's progress to the county under-12 football final earlier this year. The club

would like to extend its sincerest sympathy to his wife, Tess, sons, Michael, Liam and Seamus, daughters, Catherine, Ann and Carmel, and grandchildren.

### Billy Hickey

Drangan and Cloneen



The people of Drangan and Cloneen were just getting over the Christmas celebrations when the sad news broke that Billy Hickey, R.I.P. had passed away.

Billy first made the minor teams in 1938 and 1939. In the early 1940s he joined his brother on the Tipperary senior panel, a position he held for a good number of years.

The first big break-through was when they beat the famous Carlow Hanrahans in a tournament at Callan. In 1947 with Billy as one of St. Patrick's most prominent players they swept all before them to win the Tipperaryman's Cup and the South and County Senior Football Championships.

In the late 'forties there were so many players in the parish that Drangan and Cloneen decided to go their separate ways. Billy was made captain of the Drangan junior team, a position he held while that team existed. They had great success reaching four South Junior football finals in five years.

1953 was to be that team's most successful year when captained by Billy. They took the South and County titles. Billy got up from his sick bed to lead his team to win the South title, suffering from facial tetters that left their mark.

He continued to play on for a number of years until around 1960 when he was close on his fortieth year.

The Hickey family were probably the first to have three generations represent the county in senior championship hurling or football. What an achievement. Billy sleeps peacefully in the Old Churchyard in Drangan, just down the street from where the Fenian Michael Cusack still stands guard.

### Michael 'Blackie' Keane

1933 - 2002

Thurles Sarsfields/Crokes



Michael 'Blackie' Keane passed away suddenly but peacefully on Wednesday January 9th 2002 following a number of years of poor health.

Blackie made his first appearance in adult competition in the late 1940's when he lined out beside his father Con on the Fennellys junior team. This was no ordinary junior side however as Keane senior had been good enough to play Railway Cup hurling and football for Munster on the same day in 1929. A breakdown in communication saw a lost opportunity with the minors of 1950 and along with it evaporated the chance of emulating the achievement of brothers Connie and Larry who wore the blue and gold at this level for a total of four seasons.

1951 brought better fortune however with Blackie playing in goal for the minors and Connie a member of the senior team which won the All Ireland. By this stage Blackie had established himself as the Sarsfields senior, goal-keeper and in 1952 at 19 yrs of age won the first of a remarkable total of 12 county senior medals - 11 hurling 1952, 1955, '56, '57, '58, '59, '61, '62, '63, '64, '65 and one football title with Thurles Crokes in 1960.

Success at club level lead to the inevitable call up to the county squad as an understudy to his idol and friend Tony Reddin. When Reddin was injured towards the end of the Munster semi-final of 1955 he was replaced by Blackie, who joined his brothers Connie and Larry on the field of play. Following Tipperary's defeat by Wexford in the 1956 League final the Sarsfield's man replaced Reddin for the Monaghan Cup at Woolwich Stadium, London where Tipperary beat Wexford by 6-4 to 2-5. With the great Reddin out of favour with the selectors, Blackie was retained for the championship and played well on a team beaten somewhat controversially by one point in the Munster semi-final against Cork.

1957 proved to be a year of mixed fortunes for the new county 'keeper, in May he played an outstanding game in the League final when Tipperary beat Kilkenny 3-11 to 2-7, but a month later he was replaced rather harshly at half-time in the Munster semi-final against Cork. Cork had scored three goals in the first half but the experts were of the opinion that Keane couldn't be faulted for the first two. The mentors' dubious judgement was underlined by their failure to include Tony Reddin even on the subs bench.

By September Blackie was back again in the headlines for the right reasons and following a great display in the county final at Cashel was regarded by many as the county's best goal-keeper. Alas, it was not to be and in 1958 the selectors opted for the outstanding minor 'keeper of the 1940's - John O'Grady who had played with the two elder Keanes, Connie and Larry, on the successful teams of 1947, '48 and '49. From a family view point Blackie's disappointment was balanced by Larry's recall to the county side which went on to win the Munster and All-Ireland championship.

By the late sixties 'the times they were a changing', the 'Rattler' and many others had retired, flower power and long hair had reached Thurles! But Blackie with his short back and sides and his old fashioned narrow bossed stick made no concessions to these quirks of popular culture. Fast approaching his forties the hand and eye were as good as ever. He soldiered on into the early 1970's for his fourth decade of adult competition but a spell in hospital following a goalmouth exchange of pleasantries convinced him that the time to hang up the boots had finally arrived.

Always reluctant to discuss his own career he loved to reminisce about colleagues and great matches hurled. The classic encounters with Moycarkey and Toomevara were often remembered, as were the silken skills of his friend and neighbour Jimmy Doyle, the military like precision of Wall's defensive work, the 'Rattlers' fire and brimstone around the square, Connie's craft with a ground ball and the tenacity of Michael McElgunn, Bobby Mockler and Patsy Dorney to mention but a few. But it wasn't only the stars he liked to recall, good junior players were also held in high esteem. The club's famed trainer John Lanigan was always singled out for special praise - his strict discipline, methodical



approach to training and insistence on teamwork was considered to be the difference between success and failure.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

### Sean Kenny

1924-2002

Borrislileigh



Every year the hurling landscape alters, and the rising and setting of the sun salutes the arrival of new stars and exits the departure of others. Such is the nature of the great cycle of sporting endeavour. Achievements and participation create the moments of glory, and these moments soon become the memories, and so the stories and legends of hurling can live on forever.

Sean Kenny took his leave of us in Borris on April 24, 2002. We always expected him to be there among us at all times. His presence in Borris was taken for granted.

His being on the streets of Borris formed the fabric of discussion on hurling, dogs, horses, devilment, generosity of spirit. There was much more to 'Kenny' than immediately met the eye. Behind the outgoing, uplifting, carefree flamboyance was a spirit of parochial loyalty, immeasurable generosity, kindness and understanding humanity.

All followers of hurling either knew Sean Kenny or heard of his deeds. He was exceptional. He led from the front. He asked a lot of the men he played with, but never asked what he wouldn't do himself. He shouldered the heaviest load. He 'took-on' the most fearsome opponent. He laid the plots, the schemes and the strategies that often brought the victories. He feared no man. His challenge was like the roar of the lion. His bravery and daring on the field was beyond what was normally witnessed. He was indestructible, and he knew it, and Sunday after Sunday he gave all this to Borris and Tipperary hurling.

When he passed from among us an Oak Tree fell in the forest, and Borris and Tipperary lost one of its legendary sons.

Despite the unfortunate fact that Sean's senior hurling career

was short (a serious knee injury bringing it to a premature conclusion) his impact was undoubtedly great. Raymond Smith after the 1949 replay against Cork reported: "The display of the Iron Man from Borrislileigh, playing instead of Phil Shanahan, will never be forgotten by those who were there. He had such courage he would have gone through an iron gate."

He led Tipperary to All-Ireland honours in 1950 and brought the McCarthy Cup to Borris for the first time ever. He won every honour in the game, county titles for Borris, All-Irelands in 1949, 1950 and 1951, league titles, Monaghan Cup and Thomond Feis, Railway Cup honours – 'Sports Star of the Week' – after his display in the 1950 All-Ireland – the list is endless.

He was a great strategist and motivator when in charge of a team. When the All-Ireland 7-a-side competitions of 1976 and 1978 brought victory to Borris, Sean was in charge and hurling followers from every county in Ireland witnessed the uplifting leadership qualities that were unique to him alone.

Mischievous by nature, his wit and humour touched the hearts of all who encountered him in Borris. His 'devilment' very often turned tears to laughter, brought sunshine through the darkest clouds, and lightened the burden of life on the streets of Borris. His light-hearted banter was infectious – his light shone like a beacon on and off the field.

His legacy will long survive, his memory in Borris and Tipperary will linger and remain with us for many a day.

At dheis lámh Dé go raibh Seán.

### William Landers

1923-2002

Golden-Kilfeacle



William Landers died suddenly in England on September 28. Billy, as he was known, played hurling and football with the club, usually in defence. He played impressively on goals on one occasion. He won a junior hurling medal in 1947 and was on the senior panel until he went to England.

Billy never lost contact with home, returning for many All-Irelands when Tipperary were involved, and keeping up with all the local news, through the Tipperary Star which he purchased every Sunday in Northampton.

To his wife, family, brothers, sister and many friends, the club extends its deepest sympathy.

### Fr. Billy Leenane

(1932 - 2001)



Fr Billy Leenane passed away in October of last year, too late for inclusion in last year's edition of this book, but too early by all other criteria. Even though he spent most of his priestly life in the western half of our diocese, in Co. Clare, his spirit was never far from his native parish of Kilbarron, the homeland of Shannon Rovers. In his later years he was appointed as Parish Priest in Puckane, among the "arch rivals" Kildangan.

In his early years growing up in Ballinderry and later as a student at St. Flannan's College, Ennis, he proved to be "no mean wielder of the caman". Even though a gentle man "to the marrow", they say that as a hurler he took "no prisoners". At the time of his ordination, in the 50's, priests were not allowed to play on teams and so ended the opportunity of an extended playing career.

However, it is not as a player that Fr. Billy will be best remembered, but as a saintly man who epitomised everything good about his vocation, his love for and his empathy with all aspects of life in rural Ireland. High in his estimation were those who played sport, especially hurling, football and camogie, and of equal status were those who looked after teams, especially teams of young people. He was always present to lend his support in whatever way he could, and hardly a week went by without encouragement, support and acknowledgement being voiced "from the altar" for those involved in our games as well as in others. Having worked briefly

with the Irish chaplaincy in London he also had a deep interest in emigration and related issues.

Fr. Billy was unique as a person and as priest. We can only imagine the contributions that he made and the legacy that he has bequeathed in his capacity as a priest in the diocese of Killaloe. Age was not a barrier in relating to people, social status was not a factor, male or female did not matter, their beliefs, their practises, their questioning of faith, their lack of faith, those of a different faith, all were equally welcomed into his company. He spoke with and he visited their homes and he was welcomed by all.

His strengths were many and great, without always being obvious. I consider the late Fr. Leenane to be the greatest communicator that I have ever known. I don't say that lightly. It was not by accident that our national radio station, for many years, honed in on his Masses on Sunday mornings. Our Lord used parables a lot to get the Christian message across. Fr. Leenane used the very same technique. We all remember the stories and anecdotes that we brought home with us on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings. He always had a story, either for real or with tongue in cheek to get his message across. We all have our favourites.

One of my favourites was his description of the card game forty-five in this part of the diocese, with ten for "best trump". He was playing a nine, three sets of three partners. You will also need to appreciate that the "post mortem" is a very important part of the game. Himself and his two partners were thirty. He decided to be "bold" and he led the five. He proceeded to take the knave from one partner and the ace of hearts from the other. They lost the game. 'Twas time for the post mortem. "Fr," one of the partners said, "you must be one of the worst card player ever to walk through this door". There was a pause. The hand was raised to the side of his head as he was won't do. Then he said to us, "you know he was probably right, but he needn't have said it".

The number of messages that we got from that anecdote could probably cover the whole Christian story. We got community, we got looking after the neighbours, we were reminded about being conscious of each others feelings, we got calumny, we got detraction, we got the whole lot in one short story. In another situation he could have added in a meal during the evening and that would prob-



ably have introduced gluttony, envy and sloth. He had a unique talent.

But also, and of equal importance in his story, once the pack of cards were introduced those of us whose minds might have been wandering, were immediately brought back to where we should be. He would always hold your attention. I can visualise, and almost put names on two lads towards the back of the church, one nudging the other and saying "sure a child wouldn't play the five in that situation". But they would also have got the real messages. He was gifted.

He was in Puckane parish for just over four years, but talk to anybody around here and they will tell it seemed more like forty four. If you only met him for five minutes he had the ability to leave a lifelong impression with you. He succeeded the late Fr. Joe O'Brien as P.P. who has since passed to his eternal reward. It is interesting to note that as a young man Fr. Joe crossed the Shannon on a number of occasions, by boat, to play Kildangan in practise matches with his native parish Tuamgraney. Tribute is being paid to Fr. Joe by a scribe from another North Tipperary parish, with which he also had a long association.

There was no "good time" of the year for Fr. Leenane to pass from us. I think that the Autumn was most inappropriate. He loved the environment and nature. We saw him almost on a daily basis going for his walk, appreciating all that surrounded him and usually with a bag to hold any pieces of litter or debris that he would encounter. He wasn't doing this to be seen, nor did he expect any accolade. He just saw it as a way of expressing his appreciation to God for the beauty of his surroundings. He did not blame the ones responsible for scattering the litter.

One of his great traits was that he never "blamed" anybody for anything. He never judged people no matter what the circumstance. He always felt that judgement was for a "far greater" Person. It was one of the qualities that endeared him to people and made them feel safe and secure in his presence.

I mentioned the inappropriateness on his leaving us at this time of the year. He would have been very conscious of the mass of colour in the countryside at this time, leaves changing colour and falling, the autumnal flowers. He would have appre-

ciated the "stubble fields" as having done their work for the year and were now resting. He knew what the farming community were doing at this time. He could empathise with them.

When I think of Fr. Billy and his love of nature I often think of that poem that we all learned or encountered at some stage. You will remember Pearse's poem that described the "leaping squirrel on the tree, the red ladybird upon a stalk, the little rabbits in the field at evening lit by the slanting sun" He would have been in his element in that situation. To use his own phrase "wouldn't it be a lovely to waste a bit of time" in that scenario. However in paying tribute to Fr. Leenane it's the opening lines of that same poem that I think are appropriate, appropriate in an ironic kind of way - "The beauty of the world hath made me sad, this beauty that will pass"

Ar dheis De' raibh a anam naofa, dilis.

**Patsy Maher**  
*Burgess*



**P**atsy Maher was one of the best loved and respected members of our community and her passing created a void that cannot be replaced. Patsy and her late husband Dinny made an enormous contribution to the Burgess G.A.A. club. Patsy as an active member of the ladies committee and was always available to throw in her lot with fund raising ventures.

In her youth, Patsy played camogie with a Ballywilliam-Boher selection. She was also an active member of the local drama group, where she played leading rôles. The Christmas Party at Maher's was a great social event. Patsy loved dancing and singing, with her party piece "One Day At a Time" often brought the house down. Her family is well respected and will miss the presence of this colourful and vibrant character. We cherish her memories and winning smile. R.I.P.

**Eileen Maher**  
*Fr Sheehy's*



**E**ileen Maher passed away, after a short illness. Eileen had already lost two brothers, Seamus and Michael, who were prominent members of the club, Seamus who was a county U-21 selector at the time of his death. It was with extreme sadness that the news broke around the parish of the death of Eileen. She was a gracious lady who adored her precious Fr Sheehy's. Eileen worked tirelessly behind the scenes. People never knew the amount of work that she got through. Better known as Eily and long time partner of Bertie Sweeney, she was meticulous in everything she did. From selling tickets to washing jerseys, it all had to be completed with military type efficiency. Her family, friends and colleagues within the club will sadly miss Eily.

**T.J. Maher**  
1922-2002  
*Boherlahan-Dualla*



**T**J Maher of Castlemoyle, Boherlahan died in St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin on April 19, 2002 after a short illness. He was a former MEP and IFA leader, and one of the most prominent Irishmen of his generation.

Apart from his national importance he had a life-long love of hurling and his best moments of respite and relaxation from a busy schedule was to follow the fortunes of his club and county. Though not a master of the game he nonetheless played with Boherlahan-Dualla on many occasions in his quieter days back in the forties. He used his good influence to help with the development of the

club sportsfield and complex, and had one of his happiest moments when Boherlahan-Dualla won the Dan Breen cup in 1996, after an absence of over fifty years.

TJ Maher was President of the Irish Farming Association from 1967-1976. He was elected a Member of the European Parliament for Munster in 1979 and was one of the brightest stars in Europe for fifteen years, until his retirement in 1994.

After his retirement he was a regular attender at hurling games up and down the county, never seeking the limelight but always happy mingling with the general body of genuine Tipperary Gaels.

Tugaimid có-bhrón dá bhean cheile is d'a chlann agus guímid rath Dé agus solas na bhflaith-eas ar a anam.

**Paddy 'Kinger' Maher**  
1930-2002  
*Thurles Sarsfields*



**P**addy 'Kinger' Maher, who died in Nenagh Hospital in April was born in Inisfallen Avenue, Thurles, the eldest of a family of twelve, seventy two years ago.

Son of Paddy Maher 'Whitehead', a stalwart of the Sarsfields team in the late 30s and 40s, young Paddy continued in the footsteps of his late father, and with his better-known brothers, Martin (Musha), Benny and Noel, wore the blue jersey with distinction.

He was a member of the county minor hurling team defeated in the 1948 Munster final. A year or so later he emigrated to England, where he joined the British Army. Later he participated in the Korean War, during which he took part in the infamous 'Death March' in the company of the late Bishop Quinlan, Borrisileigh, and was held a prisoner of war for over two years, his whereabouts unknown to his family at home.

Eventually he was released and returned home, rejoined his old club and went on to win a county junior championship in 1958. On his retirement from the playing fields, he took up duty as a gateman with the Mid



and county boards, and will be remembered by the many players and officials entering Semple Stadium through the official gate for his courtesy. The gate was always known as 'Kinger's gate'.

A man of deep conviction in his own quiet way, he will be remembered dearly for the service he gave to the GAA in Tipperary almost unnoticed. We offer our sympathy to his family and many friends.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

#### **Rev. Prior Lance Meskill**

1929-2002

*Golden-Kilfeacle*

The death of Prior Lance Meskill became known in Golden on October 22, 2002. He died in Villanova College, Australia.

He was the son of Garda Tom Meskill, who came to Golden in the 1930s, and Lance played under-age hurling with the club. He was described as a stylish forward and received a trial for the county minors. He was a member of the victorious junior hurling team of 1946 and was a member of the senior panel the following year. He later went to England and won a junior hurling medal with Warwickshire. After a short stay in England he returned to Ireland and worked in Dungarvan, before going to Dublin to study for the priesthood.

Sincere sympathy is extended to his family.

#### **Mick Murray**

*Burgess*



On May 12th last, one of the greatest contributors to these lands passed away after a long illness, borne with steadfast bravery and dignity. Mick Murray, Carrigal, was one of nature's greatest gentlemen. He could turn his hand to anything and a man who could bridge the generation gap. Mick was an active member of Muintir na Tire, where the local hall adjoining the school was a hive of activity. The plays took place during Lent and his early productions included the "Rugged Path", "Jailbird" and "The Country Boy". Mick was again involved in the 1970s, when

Ballywilliam Macra na Feirme group, participated in light entertainment and drama activities. What few realise is that Mick was a former secretary of Burgess G.A.A. club and indeed officiated in this rôle when Burgess won their first ever North intermediate hurling title in 1941. Mick's brother Paddy, was goalie of the Burgess team and treasurer of the club. Mick always followed the fortunes of Burgess club and would be delighted with their progress on the hurling field this year. His son Brendan, hurled for the club. His wife Kay is an avid Galway fan and a cousin of one of the greatest, Joe Cooney. Kay looked after Mick when in declining health, ably assisted by daughters Deirdre and Carmel, and son Brendan. Our community is all the better off by Mick's enormous contribution.

He will keep a close eye on us from above. If we follow his footsteps, life will be fulfilling. R.I.P.

#### **Matt Nugent**

1927-2002

*Galtee Rovers*



The parish of Bansha-Kilmoyler was stunned to hear of the death of Matt Nugent in August. He loved nothing better than the game of hurling and it was perhaps fitting that he should die wathching a game, the under-21 Munster final replay against Limerick at Semple Stadium.

Matt lived his life in Kilmoyler and was a talented member of the local team before becoming a pivotal member of the Galtee Rovers junior football team of 1959. He captained the hurling team to a West title the following year. Over the years lots of promising juveniles from Kilmoyler depended on Matt for a lift top training or a match and at the time of his death he was juvenile treasurer, as well as a selector on the senior hurling team.

As an umpire with John Moloney, Matt travelled the country, watching the top players. There is no doubt it thrilled him to see Galtee Rovers

assume senior status as a result of a fantastic win in the intermediate county final at Semple Stadium last winter.

To his wife and family we extend our deepest sympathy.

#### **Michael O'Brien**

*Cappawhite*



Michael O'Brien's death on 12th April, after a long illness, removed from our club and the community of Cappawhite one of its most respected and hard working members. Haulie, as he was affectionately known, was a life president of the club, an honour he richly deserved.

He served as chairman of Cappawhite Recreation Centre from 1975 to 1983. This committee was responsible for the purchase and development of the present GAA club facilities. Indeed, it was through their foresight that a recommendation was made to the GAA club, that the peripheral area would be made available to the community for any further recreational facilities. This area is now the site of the Resource Centre, which is under construction at the present time. Cappawhite Community Council, of which Michael was a valued member until his illness, is responsible for this development.

In addition to his parish involvement, Michael was also chairman of Tipperary Co-Op Society.

To his sisters, Breda and Sr. Francis, we extend our sincere sympathy.

May he rest in peace.

#### **Vincent O'Donnell**

1951-2002

*Galtee Rovers*



In September the Galtee Rovers club was rocked to hear of the untimely death of Vincent

O'Donnell of Ballydrehid. From an early age Vincent impressed all who saw him as a prodigious talent with a particular flair for football, hurling and athletics. He played a prominent part in the club's county under-15 rural football success of 1965.

Around this time Vincent was also making a name for himself at athletics meetings in the county where his speciality was the high jump. Vincent's talent with the caman earned him a place on the junior hurling team of 1969 and 1970, which recorded two West titles, and it was obvious to all that he was equally comfortable in either code.

In the golden era of the seventies and early eighties Vincent was a fixture on the club senior football team, which brought an unprecedented three county titles to Bansha in six years. His talent was recognised at county level with a National League Div II medal in 1976. A brilliant fielder of the ball, it was fitting he was nominated as midfielder in the West Tipperary Team of the Millennium.

To the O'Donnell family we extend our deepest sympathy.

#### **Mick Joe O'Dwyer**

1917-2002

*Borrisileigh*



Mick Joe O'Dwyer, a joint honorary president of Borrisileigh club, passed to his eternal reward on October 20 at the age of eighty-six years. He had been in failing health for some time and had been lovingly cared for by his devoted wife and family.

In his younger years he enjoyed great success on the hurling field. Lining out in the full-back position he helped Borrisileigh to six North titles, 1947, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1955, one Mid title, 1949, and three county titles, 1949, 1950, 1953. He had the distinction of captaining the team in 1955.

In the latter year he married Brigid Kennedy from Reacross and the couple raised a large family of six sons and eight daughters in Currabaha. Many of the family emigrated but all



returned to take Mick Joe on his final journey. He was laid to rest in the old graveyard, Templederry, on October 23.

Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh a anam uasal.

**William (Bill) O'Keeffe**  
Newcastle



In August the Newcastle club lost one of its older players with the passing of Bill O'Keeffe. He was a member of the junior hurling panel that won the first South junior hurling championship for the club in 1999.

A quiet and easy-going person, Bill always had an interest in the club and was so delighted when the minor hurlers made the historic breakthrough in winning the county B championship in 1999.

His funeral took place to St. Mary's Church, Newcastle, and burial was to Tullaghmeelan cemetery, where a guard of honour was provided by members of the club.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

**Michael Pyne**  
Fr Sheehy's



Michael Pyne passed away earlier this year after a short illness. He was a member of the Fr Sheehy club from the early years and represented the club in both football and hurling, his greatest achievement came in 1984 when both he at corner back, and his son, John, played on the intermediate football team that won the county

championship. All three of Michael's sons wore the Fr Sheehy jersey beside their father. Mick, as he was affectionately known, had hurling in his blood and strived to keep hurling alive in the club. His proudest day was last December when he witnessed our junior hurlers winning the county final, many of whom he had coached from U-12. Mick's memory will live on within the club and will always be in the thoughts of his family and many friends.

**Gearoid Quinn**  
1989 - 2002



It was with deep sadness that the Silvermines community learned of the death of Gearoid on the 13th May, 2002. Gearoid was an avid GAA supporter and participant in all sporting activities within the Silvermines GAA Club.

Within the juvenile club Gearoid had claimed a special place in all our hearts through his display of skill and commitment but most of all for his courage in not letting his illness deflect him from playing the games he loved, especially hurling, football and handball. And as the record shows that when it came to sport Gearoid had an immense talent. It is worth noting Gearoid's list of achievements which reflected his many talents and gifts:

Hurling U-12, 1997 & 1998 North Title

Football U-12, 1998 & 1999 County Title

Handball U-10, 1998 & 1999 North & County Single Titles.

While we are left with many memories of Gearoid both on and off the sporting field, he also gave us something precious to carry with us for the rest of our lives. Gearoid gave us a glimpse of what true courage is and what sport is really about.

**Gerry Ryan**  
1931-2002  
Golden-Kilfeacle



Gerry Ryan of Main Street, Golden died on August 19 after a short illness. He was one of Golden-Kilfeacle's most prominent hurlers during the forties and fifties, winning a minor hurling medal in 1948 and a junior hurling in 1954. He went on to give some fine performances at senior level and was known as a solid defender. He also played football.

To his wife, Mary, sons, daughters, brothers and sisters, the club extends sincerest sympathy.

**Matthew Ryan**  
Knockavilla/Donaskeigh  
Kickhams



On 16th July, 2002, Matthew (Mattie) Ryan of Clonaspoe, Dundrum, passed away unexpectedly. In his youth Mattie played hurling for his beloved Knockavilla/Donaskeigh Kickhams, winning a West minor medal in the process. In recent years he took great pride in watching his grandchildren wear the Black and Amber.

He will be sadly missed by all who knew him, especially his wife Mary and family. May he rest in peace.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis.

**Philly Ryan**  
St. Patrick's (Drangan/Cloneen)



The late Philly Ryan of Clonran, Cloneen, first came to prominence as a member of the successful 1938 Cloneen team that won the South Tipperary junior football title. He continued to play through the early 'forties but the club had little success. The big breakthrough came in 1947 when St. Patrick's won the Tipperarymen's Cup, as well as the South and County senior football championships. Philly partnered the late Pat Sugrue at centrefield on this team and they were rated as one of the finest pairings of their time. Philly was one of the few players to hold his own with the late Mick Cahill of Mullinahone. Around that time Philly was a regular member of the Tipperary junior football team.

When Drangan and Cloneen went their separate ways in 1950, Philly played a prominent part with the Cloneen St. Patrick's junior team that won the South Tipp junior football title in 1951. A serious knee injury interrupted his career but he returned to action in 1953 when it must have been his proudest moment to captain his team to South and County senior honours.

Like a lot of his companions of that time Philly emigrated to England in the middle 'fifties and so his playing career ended.

However, he never lost touch with the locality and always returned two or three times a year for a holiday. He loved to chat about old times with his former comrades and passed away while home on one such holiday.

May the green sod of his native Cloneen rest lightly on Philly.



**T.J. Ryan**  
1981-2002



*Clonoulty-Rossmore*

The untimely death of TJ Ryan was received with widespread shock and sadness by the people of Clonoulty-Rossmore. He represented his club from an early age and won divisional honours in hurling at under-12, under-14, under-16, minor and under-21 levels. The highlight of his career was playing corner-forward and the successful team that won the county minor title in 1996.

A popular young man he touched the lives of all who knew him during his short life. His remains, draped in the club colours, were met by a guard of honour of team-mates and club officers on arrival at Clonoulty Church.

The club would like to express sincerest sympathies to his parents, PJ and Kathleen, and his sisters Sinead, Joanne, Catriona and Ann Maria (Ria).

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

**Biddy Stapleton**  
1924-2002



*Borrisileigh*

It was with great sadness that on Monday, October 14 we heard of the passing of one of our club's staunchest supporters, Biddy Stapleton. Biddy had been ill but her death was unexpected and the news of her passing was met with disbelief.

Biddy loved everything about the GAA, and was a familiar figure at club and county matches. She took great pride in the Maroon and White of Bor-

risileigh and the Blue and Gold of Tipperary. What pride she would have taken in seeing her son-in-law, Michael Doyle, manage the Tipperary team!

She also had a great love of our traditional music, song and dance, and travelled throughout the country to support her native parish in Scór competitions. Biddy and Scór went hand in hand and she was noticeably absent from the parish Scór, which was held recently.

She will be sadly missed, by none more so than her family of three sons and four daughters, her many grandchildren and her great-grandchild, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy. She was predeceased by her husband, Connie, fifteen years ago.

Leaba I measc na Naomh di.

**Harry Tobin**

*Grainseachamockleir/  
Baile Uí Néill*



*Glenbower (1917/2002)*

On February 9th, 2002, Harry Tobin of Glenbower, passed to his eternal reward, following a prolonged illness, which he bore with great fortitude.

Harry was a multi-talented man who could turn his gifted hands to any task with ease. His talents were not restricted to his work alone, and he played football with distinction for Ballyneale and Grangemockler. His career spanned two decades where he won a South junior football title with Ballyneale in 1946 and in 1957 he played midfield on the victorious Grangemockler/Ballyneale team.

His gentle manner and well informed conversation will be missed by not only his close family but by his large circle of friends in the parish.

To his son Peter, daughters Ann, Marie and Bernadette and

his extended family our club wishes to extend our deepest sympathy.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

**Richard (Rick) Tobin**



*Kilsheelan and Clonmel*

The death of Richard Tobin (Rick as he was better known) came as a shock to all in Kilsheelan G.A.A. club. In his youth he was a promising footballer and in 1950 he was selected on the Tipperary minor football team.

The highlight of career was in 1950 when he lined out with his club in the junior football championship along with his brothers Jeb and Paddy. In the South final they defeated Drangan. In the County final he played his part in their 1-5 to 1-4 victory over Loughmore/Castleiney at Cashel. Rick usually played in attack and he was always good for a score. In later years he played with Kileash when they affiliated on their own.

We extend our sympathy to his wife and family.

**Hugh (Johnny) Tynan**



*Templederry*

It was with profound shock and sadness that the people of Templederry and surrounding areas and indeed all Gaels throughout the division learned of the sudden death of Hugh (Johnny) Tynan on Wednesday, 13th November, 2002.

He had a lifelong involvement with juvenile teams in the parish. He acted as selector for various under-age teams in the 70's and 80's. This included 1979 when the club won its first ever North Tipperary juvenile title in the U-12 'B' hurling championship. he was still selector in 1983 when that same team won the North Tipperary U-16 'B' hurling championship. This love and interest of juvenile affairs led him to being honoured with the position of 'life president' of Templederry Bord na nÓg. Johnny had a tremendous rapport with young players. His support manifested itself by his presence at juvenile games involving his native parish. Indeed the games that he missed were few and far between. In his younger days Johnny was a keen hurler and represented his club at various grades including junior and intermediate level. He also served a number of terms as intermediate hurling selector, including 1990 when the club won the Ulster Bank Cup by beating Portroe in the final. He played a big part in the building of the Community Centre in 1980. He had a life-long love of his native parish and all things Irish. He was a devoted church-goer and family man. Johnny was happy knowing that he passed on to his family a deep love of Gaelic games. Sympathy is extended to his wife Sally, sons John and Michael, daughters Helen, Kathleen and Majella.

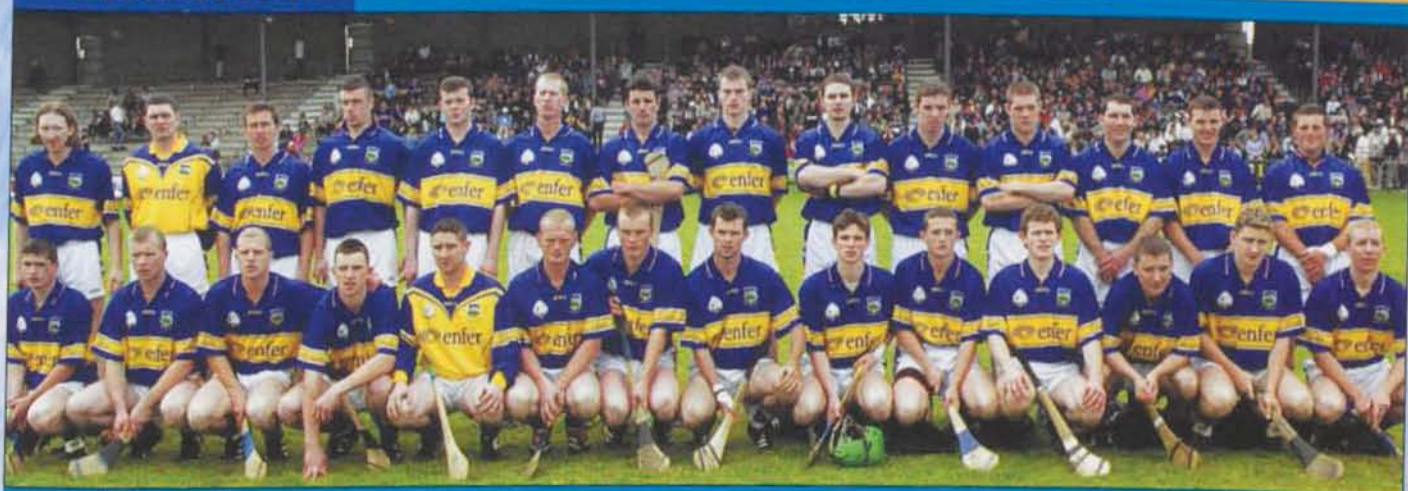
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# TIOBRAID ÁRANN

## Munster Intermediate Hurling Champions and All-Ireland Finalists 2002



### TIPPERARY PANEL THAT PLAYED GALWAY IN THE INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP ALL-IRELAND FINAL AT BIRR

Back row (l-r): Karl Hogan, Kevin O'Brien, Brian Gaynor, Brian Stritch, Colm Ryan, Shane Maher, John Teehan, Pat Buckley, Mark Keeshan, Pat Cosgrave, David Haughton, Martin McCabe, Tommy Connors, Brian Kelly.  
Front row: Ger Griffin, Brendan Hogan, Ger Maguire, Mark Peters, Fergal Horgan, Dan Hackett, Colm Everard, Colin Morrissey (captain), Simon Everard, Pa Morrissey, Alan Ryan, Cathal O'Shea, Shane Sweeney, Mark Cummins.

# BORRISOKANE C.C.

## All-Ireland Vocational Junior A Champions 2002



Front row: Lee Darcy (S. Rovers), R. O'Gorman (S. Rovers), C. Larkin (Borrisokane), A. Byrne (S. Rovers), P. Moriarty (Borrisokane), S. Cleary (Borrisokane) capt., G. Gahery (Kilruane), C. O'Meara (Shinrone), M. Quinlan (S. Rovers), K. Cahalan (S. Rovers), J. Stack (S. Rovers), D. O'Meara (Shinrone).  
Back row: T. Moriarty (coach), P. Donnellan (S. Rovers), W. Daly (Borrisokane), D. Hctor (Shinrone), P. Austin (Borrisokane), S. Carroll (S. Rovers), B. Reddan (Borrisokane), C. Hayes (Kiladangan), D. Egan (Kiladangan), R. McLoughney (Kilruane), M. Comerford (Borrisokane), G. Byrne (Kiladangan), J. Gleeson (Borrisokane), R. O'Halloran (S. Rovers).



# TIOBRAID ARANN — MUNSTER MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONS AND ALL-IRELAND FINALISTS 2002



TIPPERARY MINOR HURLING PANEL THAT RETAINED THE MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE BY DEFEATING CORK AT PÁIRC UÍ CHAOIMH

Back row (l to r): Thomas Fitzgerald, William Collins, Paudie Ryan, Wayne Cully, Trevor Ivors, Martin Treacy, Tony Scroope, Conor O'Mahoney, Francis Devaney, Derek Bourke, David Morrissey, David Kennedy, Seosamh Cleary, Brendan Healy, Tommy Collins.

Front row: Padraig Ryan, William Ryan, Michael Bergin, John Boland, Diarmuid Corcoran, Patrick McCormack (captain), Lee Shanahan, Pat Shortt, Conor O'Brien, Evan Sweeney, Joe Ryan.

