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Joanne Ryan, Tipperary Senior Camogie Captain with the All-Ireland trophy.
Diarmuid Fitzgerald, Tipperary U-21 captain lifts the Munster trophy.

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By Killarney's Lakes and Felled!

Something occurred to our self-esteem in hurling this year. We were not as good as we thought. We were only fair! The general verdict was that we were just not good enough. By coincidence, it was at Fitzgerald Stadium in Killarney that we came to the full realisation of our deficiencies. This was ironic since Killarney has always been a happy hunting ground for Tipperary for going on seventy years. July 10th, 2004, ended that sequence at Beauty's Home. Things did not go well from the start. There were problems all along the line, hold ups and traffic jams from Limerick and Mallo on. It was a Saturday afternoon at the height of the tourist season. This resulted in a delayed start. The pitch had been worn in places by concert goers the previous week.

The first-half performance gave grounds for hope to those Tipperary fans lucky enough to be in the grounds on time to see it. But in the second half, Cork proved superior. Lack of power up front on our side was one of the causes. Also Timmy McCarthy, Cork's centre forward, got through for a crucial goal. While Killarney should have been the ideal choice when you are sent on the scenic route in June, most Tipp fans re-echoed the Parthian shot of a tourist who felt she had been ripped off, "the best view of Killarney was in the rear mirror as I drove out of town"!

As usual, we all began the season with high hopes of making amends for the disappointments of the two previous years. Kilkenny were in our sights and Philip Maher was back. First came the clash against Waterford. Tipp lost by a point in an absorbing finish to a very sporting game. Many felt it should have been a draw since a legitimate point by Eoin Kelly was disallowed. But, I think that a draw or better would certainly have been the result, had the team not tired a little towards the end with the result that their shooting was off target. Eoin Kelly, Colin Morrissey and Brendan Cummins "starred" in the idiom of my school days.

Next we saw off Limerick by a point in the qualifier. This was our only victory and the little bit of luck was on Tipp's side for a change. Limerick fans argued heatedly that they should have got a free towards the very end but the referee remained consistent when he gave Limerick the advantage.

The Under 21's, who had won the Munster Championship and had a runaway victory over Down in the semi-final, fell victims to a county who had been recently stung by defeat. They were no match for Kilkenny in the mood they were in after their collapse against Cork in the senior final the previous Sunday. The gale-force wind and the large lead which Kilkenny built up in the first half made a Tipperary come-back impossible.

The Minors were deprived of their fourth Munster victory in a row by a crushing last minute goal by Cork. The Rebels subsequently lost to Galway who were the eventual champions. It often



Arch Bishop Dermot Clifford

happens that more minors graduate to senior level from a losing minor team than from a victorious one.

Once again, it was the women who gave our dark clouds a silver lining, in the shape of the petite O'Duffy cup and the League trophy. These fine exponents of the skills of the camán have been the toast of Tipperary and the whole country for the past six years, winning five All-Irelands in that space of time. They have raised the standard of camogie beyond all recognition and they have given a huge boost to its national profile. They added the League to their victories this time. For good measure, they had the only current player on the Team of the Century, Deirdre Hughes. They always manage to peak at the right time, something Brian Cody's men failed to do this year!

The early departure of the senior hurling team made possible the very punctual and smooth play-off in the thirty three county competitions. Full credit to our County Boards, hurling and football. Toomevara have obviously learned to keep the best wine until last! They struggled somewhat to beat brave Loughmore but they had an easy win over new arrivals, the "Combo" of Anacarty-Golden in the final.

The newly crowned champions went on to demolish Kilmaley of Kerry and to out-class Na Piarasigh of Cork in a tremendous second-half display. But it was the dramatic ending to the Munster Club Championship final at Semple Stadium which will enter the folklore. I will not spoil the story for you.

Certainly, a memory to cherish and the dream goes on to another day at the dogs, not in Shelbourne Park but in Croke Park on St. Patrick's Day, le cúnamh Dé.

The Carrick Swans minor team succeeded this year having narrowly lost in the replay last time. They played sweet hurling to overcome Drom & Inch. The "bubbly" was uncorked at the presentation of the Sean Treacy Cup and a shower of cidona fell on all the bystanders. The dry cleaners got their share of the spoils!

"There is nothing worse that too much harmony". Thus said Ger Loughnane, in his capacity as an analyst on R.T.E's the Sunday Game Live. Tipperary cannot be faulted on Ger's principle. We cannot be

accused of having too much harmony! The past two years have seen one or two disputes within the GAA family. But then, of course, all families have their ups and downs. Many counties have had difficulties about dual players since the qualifiers keep both hurlers and footballers involved much longer than heretofore. I lived my earlier life in Kerry where hurling is the lesser god. Tipperary is a mirror image of Kerry in this respect. I hope that the problems can be resolved amicably so that the footballers, including Declan Browne who represented his County in the International Rules Team, can get back to representing their County again.

The Thurles Sarsfields team Champions of 1974 were honoured at the County Hurling Finals this year. Last year it was the Tipp team of 1958-65. It was interesting to see that Michael O'Muirceartaigh selected that Tipperary hurling team (1958-1965) as the best he saw in the fifty-five years he has been attending the inter-county games. The Kilkenny team of 1969-1975 were runners up.

Loughmore took the football title, beating Moyle Rovers in Cashel in an impressive manner. The new football champions are nearly all dual players as well and they gave Toomevara a very strong challenge in hurling in the later stages of the championship. Arravale beat Moyle in the "battle of the Rovers" for the minor crown. It is good to see the Tipp town club back on the winning stage once again.

Kildangan won the Intermediate Championship and are back in the senior grade for the first time in thirty years. Darragh Egan, their clubman, was selected for the Under 17 Compromise Rules game which Ireland won against the Australians.

So, as the players and supporters to into winter quarters as Caesar's army used to do in Gallic wars long ago, there is much to be happy and hopeful about. Our fortunes on the field of play may have been "only fair" but much enjoyment was had at inter-county and club games throughout the summer and autumn with the added bonus of the Munster Club Championships in the early winter.

As we all know, things always get better in the telling! So, it will be in this most interesting chronicle of the 2004 playing season. I know that in the warmth of the Yuletide log, in the full and plenty of the holy season, you will not dwell too much on the somewhat bare state of the trophy cabinet! Hope springs eternal and there are better things to come in 2005. Two or three new players and a resolve to confound the prophets of gloom in the New Year will do the trick. But I won't blame you if you don't get round to singing Christmas in Killarney this time!

Cuireann sé taithneamh thar cuimse dhom an brollach seo a chur le Bliainiris Thiobraid Árann 2005. Guim Beannachtaí na Nollag ar Mhuintir Uasal Thiobraid Árann agach gar rath san Ath-Bhliain.

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Once again it is my pleasure as Chairman to welcome the Tipperary GAA Yearbook and I would like to convey my sincere appreciation to the yearbook committee for another excellent publication.

The past year was not the most successful on the playing fields, with our senior hurlers loosing out to Cork in the qualifiers after being narrowly defeated by Waterford in the Munster Championship.

It was encouraging the way our under 21 hurlers retained their Munster crown but the gloss was taken off their victory with the defeat by Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final.

Our minor hurlers suffered the disappointment of being defeated by Cork in the final minutes of the Munster final and lost to Kilkenny in the All-Ireland semi-final.

A year that commenced with much promise for our Senior football team ended rather unsatisfactorily when we failed to fulfill the qualifier fixture against Fermanagh.

I hope that all of us can learn from past mistakes and that football will progress in 2005 and make up for the disappointment of 2004.

I was very impressed by the efforts of our minor football panel, and I am confident that with the same organisation and commitment we will reap the rewards in the not too distant future.

I want to thank the managers and selectors of all our hurling and football teams for the past year.

I want to offer my sincere congratulations to the clubs who have captured county titles in 2004. It was indeed wonderful to see some of the winners who had competed for many decades without success, finally having their day in the sun.

To the many sub-committees working under the auspices of the County Board, I want to express my thanks for your help and cooperation over the past year.

We now have a huge fixture list to get through annually and it is a measure of the dedication of our Co. GAC under the chairmanship of John Costigan that all our games have been completed, this wonderful feat has been achieved as a result of the great support and cooperation from the clubs of the county and divisional boards.

Also thanks to the referees and officials who control our games and especially to our hurlers and footballers for a trouble free year.

On behalf of the County Board, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the County Camogie team once again in capturing the O'Duffy Cup. The cooperation of all units of the Association in our County namely GAA, Camogie and Ladies football is to be commended and something all of us should be proud of.

To conclude I would like to take this opportunity to wish all gaeils in the county a happy Christmas and a prosperous and successful new year.

Donal Ó Seanacháin



Officers elected for 2004 at the Tipperary County Convention in the Thurles Sarsfields Centre. Back row (l/r): Denis Floyd, Coaching Officer; Ed Donnelly, PRO; Nicholas Moroney, Youth Officer; Con Hogan, Central Council Rep; Michael Power, Munster Council Rep; John Ryan, Munster Council Rep. Front row: James O'Donnell, Development Officer; John Costigan, Vice-Chairman; Seamus O'Riain, Board President; Donie Shanahan, Chairman; Michael O'Brien, Secretary; Michael Nolan, Treasurer.

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Tipp's lack lustre senior hurling season

By John O'Grady

Before a ball was struck controversy, no placid transition from 2003. A 'palace revolution' so to speak, led to an unscheduled change in management of our hurlers. Some of these apparently were involved in the outward process, which led to the departure of Michael Doyle, plus Liam Sheedy and Kevin Fox. There were other elements hostile to Doyle and ready to say so in print or in letter. Others had sympathy for a manager who lacked half of the winning 2001 backline – Maher, Corcoran and Ormonde for vital games. Even had county administration 'stood by their man', it would have been an uncongenial camp atmosphere for Doyle. Perhaps wisely, he opted to go. Later events on the field hardly had him regretting it.

Into the vacuum came Ken Hogan of long experience and acquaintance with success as a player. Jack Bergin a colleague on Nickey English's title winning cabinet returned. Colm Bonner, from Babs Keating's All Ireland squads of 1989 and 1991 came up from his Waterford post to complete the trio. Knowledgeable and earnest people, they had plenty on their plate. The focus in many sports has become more and more on manager, at times to a ridiculous extent the 'pressure' on managers fills extensive space in the media, a never-ending topic and a gift to the scribes.

In backward and unsatisfying, review, Tipperary played eight League and three championship games. Four of the eleven were lost, two drawn, five won. We failed by a point to reach the League Final – a scoreboard point, too and, more painfully played three times in the championship, one above the absolute minimum under the current system. By July 10th the campaign was over and we could only watch the subsequent fortunes of our two conquerors, Waterford and Cork; each took a title.

CHAMPIONSHIP SLIP

If the league is skirmishing and maneuvering the championship is genuine battle. Even the existence nowadays of the 'back door' takes nothing much from the contests. Especially when we meet Clare. The majority expectation was of another in the sequence. Absolute certainty seemed to arrive when Galway trounced Waterford in the league final at Limerick. A sensation took shape at the Stadium as the Banner hardly got in a bite against Waterford's brilliance, signalled early by John Mullane's exuberance and maintained through the field with Ken McGrath proving a remarkable success at centre back. Tipp minds were being readjusted long before the end.

The mentors came up with a late and unheralded forward, playing Devane at number fourteen. It transpired that the

young Clonoulty player had impressed in camp exercise and prompted the gamble.

Another, lesser, surprise was the choice of Costello over Martin Maher. A third decision that ran against League set-ups was the absence of Fanning. The centre back spot went to Fitzgerald a wing back all along. Add the placing of Paul Kelly at wingback after being automatic at mid-field in the league and the choice of Morrissey to partner Enright and you had quite an extensive re-organisation for the critical day.

It nearly worked, but nearly never kept you out of the qualifiers. We failed or they caught us from a good position. Colin Morrissey's bold foray to the square and kick past Brenner with less than a quarter left was added to by Tommy Dunne for 'three up'. Flynn pointed. Came the lethal episode, Prendergast, hugely influential in winning ball outside when switched to the forty, threaded a low one through. The defence was caught out by its sudden arrival. Paul O'Brien, a reserve not long on, got a touch to it ahead of the advancing Cummins. Four separate chances of escape were missed in the frenzy of the finish – a lengthy free for Tommy Dunne, an O'Leary opening, Butler, crowded out of another, Gleeson, unable to hold on to an Eoin Kelly pass.

We had a disturbing start, 2-3 to 0-2 down in twenty-five minutes. Shanahan goaled twice against a troubled inside defence. Mullane rushed in a third near the break after Eoin Kelly had revived Tipp with 2-1 at the city posts. We rested on a three points deficit 3-5 to 2-5 and changes were obligatory. Butler and Martin Maher replaced O'Brien and Costello. While Waterford had a brigade of scorers, we relied mainly on Eoin Kelly. Later changes brought on Gleeson and O'Leary for Carroll and Benny Dunne a fair index of attacking disappointment from the starting choice. Corbett had been named but was unfit to start.

PAUL O'BRIEN POUNCES

Still Tipp fought on with fine spirit against a moderate deficit. Morrissey's goal appeared a saving contribution at a good time and time was dwindling fast as a visa to the final looked to be Tipp's reward. Not to be. A teetering issue took a hostile turn on O'Briens pounce. A hard defeat to take and a place in the formidable company of other qualifiers. Post mortem reaction pointed to the unprofitable options in the selection, especially in defence, where Decies pace left many stretched.

A day before the Munster final in which Waterford had their epic win over Cork we travelled to Limerick for the qualifier. Not easy travel, going or coming, on the Saturday of Bush's visit to Shannon. Still Tipp had a victory to ease the stress of traffic jams. Only just. Again we endured late and anxious moments near the end.

O'Shaughnessy found the far inner net out of a crowded square for one down and Limerick berated the referee for giving no free to Donie Ryan. So we survived with Morrissey, Carroll and Eoin Kelly to thank for points in the last five minutes.

The team choice reflected the Waterford experience Cummins, M. Maher, P. Maher, Curran, Corcoran, Fanning, Fitzgerald, Morrissey, T. Dunne, P. Kelly, Enright, B. Dunne, Butler, Carroll, E. Kelly. Reserves called in O'Meara, Corbett, Scroope, O'Leary. Fanning was restored to centre back, Martin Maher to right corner. Carroll going further up the field was full forward, Butler got a start. The placings of Tommy Dunne and Paul Kelly seemed reversible and were.

AWAY TO LIMERICK

Limerick urgent at home, opened well for a three points lead, as our attack was slow to settle. Cummins averted worse by saving well from Moran, O'Shaughnessy and Sheehan. The half ended better. Tommy Dunne turned in a ball as he sustained a heavy tackle. Carroll goaled after, Butler robbed defender Cahill. We trailed marginally 1-7 to 2-3, at half way. Those goals disguised a generally sluggish forward show. We lost Enright with a damaged shoulder on 32 minutes. The re-emerging Tipp team did not contain Paul Kelly. Corbett came on. A Carroll pass set up Butler for an immediate and heartening goal. We went four up at the three quarters mark, Morrissey, Butler and Benny Dunne on target. Limerick responded though Moran and O'Grady but the 'cushion' was repaid by Morrissey, Carroll and Kelly. The Mullinahone forward for once had a moderate return. We then suffered the strain of Limerick's last efforts and O'Shaughnessy's worrying goal. Not a great game or a completely hope raising one, but at least a guarantee of another day. The final tallies 2-10 to 2-12. Fanning justified his recall and Fitzgerald was positive on the wing. What would the next draw of fixture turn up? Who but Munster runners up Cork!

THE KILLARNEY FINALE

Tipp would not toss, preferring to oppose Limerick. Cork disliked that location, though they'd won there in the first round. Into the vacuum stepped the alert Kerry element on Council. Killarney got it. Not to great applause from followers in Tipp especially for a Saturday game. There was though, the long lasting history of being unbeaten in the Kerry capital of sport. Not a thing to be relied on forever.

The game was of course, unique. Unimaginable to find Cork and Tipp jointly licking earlier wounds each hoping to avoid a turmoil blow. For this crucial task we fielded Cummins, M. Maher, P. Maher, P. Curran, Corcoran, Fanning, Fitzgerald, Morrissey, T. Dunne, P. Kelly, Gleeson, B. Dunne, Butler, Carroll, E. Kelly. Subs called in Corbett (for Butler) O'Leary (for P



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Kelly) Morris (for Carroll).

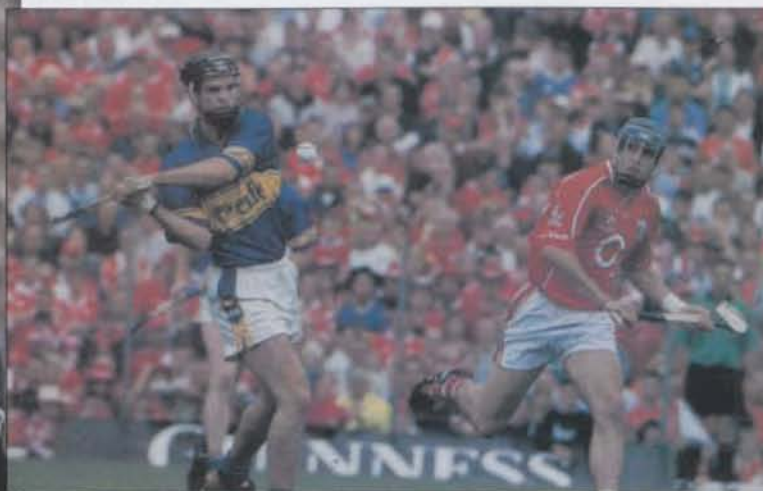
An early foothold was gained with the wind, a heartening seven to two on twelve productive minutes. Five players joined in the scoring. Cork halfbacks rallied their team to eat into the deficit. It took a Paul Kelly goal off Eoins rebounding free to be the basis of our 1-8 to 0-7 half time lead. Not a bad situation, but far from secure. The fact was soon underlined when Timmy McCarthy availed of loose covering to ram one past Cummins on 36 minutes. When Cork had gone two ahead on

50 minutes a good Tipp move gave Eoin Kelly an open blast at Cusacks net. On a day when he registered nine points four from play his searing drive rose just too high. The momentum visibly became Cork's Niall McCarthy on 54 minutes applied a hurtful thrust with their second goal. Four down extended to a final six as Cork got five against our three in the closing spell. O'Connell, Gerry and Ben O'Connor deepened Tipp's despair. The fact that most of our substitutions were in attack did not disguise problems else-

where. The game marked the return of Gleeson and in a reserve role Morris. It was far from a classic contest, more of an anxious one. A couple of first half flare-ups the first when Donal Óg was tackled previous to the free that led to Paul Kelly's goal – were not repeated later on. We had to yield to the smarter, smoother men. Our material after all the experiences changes and revisions and recalls had not been adequate to championship demands. No 'famine' as yet, but we haven't dined properly since 2001.



Dr Peter Munchin attends to the needs of Tommy Dunne in the All-Ireland series.



Colin Morrissey clears his lines against Cork in Kilkenny.

Tipperary full-forward line on the attack in the Minor Hurling Munster Final.



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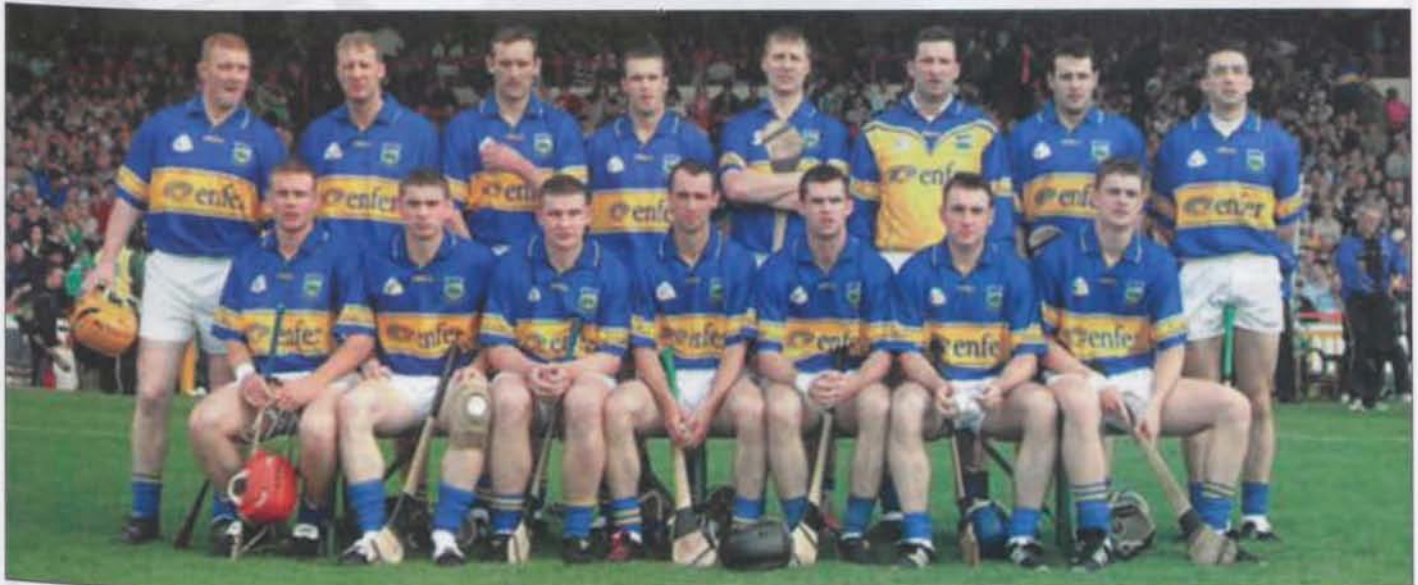
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Tipperary Intermediate Team 2004. Back row (l to r): Enda Everard, Paudie Ryan, Noel Hogan, Dermot Hogan, Tadhg Slevin, Shane McGrath, Pat Buckley, Christy McLoughlin, Brian Hogan, Conor O'Brien, Shane Maher, Damien O'Brien, John Leahy, Cathal Houlihan, Ger Slattery, Liam Cleere. Front row: Ger Griffin, Jacko Doyle, Shane Sweeney, Declan Maher, Brian Gaynor, Brian Lawlor, Michael Phelan, Simon Everard, Evan Hanley, Shane Stapleton, Colm Everard, Ronan O'Brien, Eamon Ryan.



Tipperary Senior Team v Limerick. Back row (l to r): Eamon Corcoran, Eddie Enright, Declan Fanning, Martin Maher, Philip Maher, Brendan Cummins, Paul Kelly, Eoin Kelly. Front row: Diarmuid Fitzgerald, Benny Dunne, John Carroll, Tommy Dunne (captain), Colin Morrissey, Seamus Butler, Paul Curran.



John Leahy on his way to scoring a goal from a free for Tipperary Intermediate Hurling team.



Shane Sweeney set up an attack in the Munster Intermediate final.



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U21 HURLING

All Ireland defeat overshadows Munster win

By: J.J. Kennedy

It was the best of times; it was the worst of times. Tipperary's U21 hurling campaign hit the highs and the lows – one very deep low in particular. Retaining the Munster title was unquestionably the high, but unfortunately that achievement was overshadowed by the catastrophic collapse in the All Ireland final. Despite claiming the county's only Munster crown in 2004, the U21s will nonetheless be more remembered for that deeply depressing day at Nowlan Park when we were cat-mauled to an extent that never happened before. It was traumatic and must surely deflate future prospects.

The U21 grade is seen as the last steppingstone in a player's voyage to senior maturity. It's a grade we look to for future seniors and when a team gets whitewashed it should trigger the alarm bells. Surprisingly that seems not to have happened in Tipperary. The All Ireland defeat to Kilkenny has been taken on the chin and just put aside as another bad day at the office. I'm not so sure it can be dismissed as casually as that.

We haven't won an U21 All Ireland since 1995 when Michael Doyle managed and Brian Horgan captained. Like the minors, the U21s have found Munster a winnable province recently, but beyond the provincial boundary we've been unable to go that extra mile. It's worrying, especially in 2004 because we weren't just defeated, we were crushed by Kilkenny.

Seamus Power was in his second year as manager, aided by Lieutenants Eugene Ryan (Moneygall) and Jackie Bolger (Mullinahone). In 2003 they'd won Munster and been cruelly, and unjustly, piped by Galway in the All Ireland semi. 2004 was to be the year of atonement. They prepared well and set off on a trip that would ultimately end disastrously.

TIPP BLITZ LIMERICK

The Munster draw fell kindly giving Tipperary a bye to the semi-finals where we met Limerick at the Gaelic Grounds on July 7th. With many of the '03 team still available Tipperary began their campaign with the following line-out against Limerick: Patrick McCormack



Francis Devaney and Pat Buckley contesting a dropping ball in the All-Ireland under-21 final.

(Sarsfields); Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rvs.), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Hugh Moloney (Nenagh); David Kennedy (Clonoulty), Diarmaid Fitzgerald (Roscrea), Evan Hanley (Lattin\ Cullen); Joe Caesar (Killenaule) and Shane Sweeney (Ballybacon\ Grange); Pat Buckley (Emly), Francis Devaney (Toomevara), Michael Farrell (Killenaule); Evan Sweeney (Loughmore), Tony Scroope (Burgess), Willie Ryan (Toomevara). Subs used: Ritchie Ruth (Sarsfields) for Evan Sweeney, David Sheppard (Moycarkey) for Willie Ryan, Wayne Cully (Sarsfields) for Pat Buckley, David Morrissey (Galtee Rvs.) for Diarmaid Fitzgerald and Damien O'Brien (Burgess) for Tony Scroope.

'Tipp blitz Limerick in one-sided affair', headlined Eamonn Wynne's report in 'The Nationalist' the following week. The Shannonsiders, recent winners of three-in-a-row in this grade, were simply overwhelmed on a final score line of 5-11 to 1-7. After a slow start Tipperary effectively demolished their opponents with a three-goal burst in a seven-minute spell, Francis Devaney, Tony Scroope and Evan Sweeney the net-finders. Tipperary's forward power was unstoppable. At half time they led Limerick by 3-5 to 0-2. Match over.

Torrential showers marred the second half but failed to dampen Tipperary spirits. Tony Scroope went on to bag a hat trick of goals and Limerick could muster little response. The Tipperary defence was standing firm, led by Diarmaid Fitzgerald at centre back. The all-South midfield pair was working efficiently and the forwards were enjoying a feast of scores. By the end Tipperary could afford the luxury of giving five substitutes a taste of the action.

CORK CONQUERED

With Limerick safely dispatched Tipperary prepared for a Munster final clash with Cork, reviving memories of the epic games between the pair in 2003. This time it was Cork's turn to revisit the Stadium, the game being played on Wednesday August 4th. Tipperary fielded an unchanged team from that which lined out against Limerick but, significantly, Cork were minus senior player, John Gardiner, whose absence would be crucial to the outcome.

The game itself never lived up to classic billing but was close and engaging throughout. Tipperary led by 1-10 to 1-7 at half time. The Tipperary goal came in the twentieth minute and gave them an advantage that was never surrendered. Tony Scroope was the goal-getter with Joe Caesar and Pat Buckley playing key roles in the build up. The goal gave Tipperary a 1-6 to 0-6 lead at that juncture, a margin they still held at the interval.

In the second half the teams traded score for score with Tipperary always that step ahead and Cork playing catch-up. There was a spell midway through the second half when Tipp seemed to go off the boil, but a combination of stout defending and wasteful shooting by the Cork forwards ensured that we were never headed. In a tense finish Tipperary showed grim determination. Three minutes from the end a Pat Buckley point put Tipp four-up but even then there was no respite as Cork again cut the margin to three and it had to be defended to the final blast of Denis Richardson's whistle.

In the end Tipperary prevailed to allow Munster chairman, Sean Fogarty, the pleasure of presenting the trophy to a Tipperary captain, Diarmaid Fitzgerald.

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ald. There may not have been the flashy score-getting witnessed against Limerick but this was a different type of game. It was close and needed concentration and determination to hold to the end. It was a character-driven performance by Tipperary. The result gave the county its only Munster silverware of the season and denied Cork a clean sweep against the blue and gold. For that we are indeed grateful.

For the record Tipperary used four substitutes in the final: David Sheppard (Moycarkey) for Michael Farrell, Ger Griffin (Ballinahinch) for Joe Caesar, Ritchie Ruth (Sarsfields) for Willie Ryan and David Morrissey (Galtee Rvs.) for Ger Griffin.

DOWN AND OUT

With the Munster crown retained Tipperary trained their sights on an All Ireland bid. The semi-final draw fell kindly with a match against Ulster champions, Down. It was part of a double bill with the other semi, Kilkenny v. Galway, at Portlaoise on August 28th. Tipperary cruised through with nonchalant ease, winning in the end by 4-20 to 0-5.

The starting team that day did show a number of changes with injuries becoming a worrying intrusion. Wing-back, David Kennedy, broke his leg while playing with Clonoulty in the West final against Golden/Eire Og. His place on the Tipperary team went to Ballingarry's Darragh Walton. Francis Devaney and Michael Farrell were also ruled out because of injury. Sarsfields' Wayne Cully started at midfield beside Joe Caesar. In a rejigged forward department Shane Sweeney played centre with Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) on his left. Tommy Fitzgerald, Roscrea, was listed full forward with Willie Ryan omitted.

The match itself merits little com-

ment. Down were simply out of their depth and the exercise was of little value to Tipperary. Tony Scroope had an early goal and Tipperary led at half time by 1-12 to 0-3. It was routine stuff after that with Tipperary availing of the puck-around to introduce five substitutes: David Morrissey for Wayne Cully, Ritchie Ruth for Evan Sweeney, Damien O'Brien for Andrew Morrissey, Conor O'Brien (Annacarty) for Joe Caesar and David Sheppard for Evan Hanley.

The second semi was a different affair entirely with Kilkenny turning in a storming second half to dismiss Galway. That outcome meant that the final was headed for Nowlan Park as repayment for Kilkenny's trip to Thurles for the 1995 decider. They'd repay us with interest in another respect too.

MELTDOWN

Injury worries dominated our preparation for the final, though David Kennedy was the only one of the original fifteen to miss out. In defence Darragh Walton played corner back with Hugh Moloney at wing. Otherwise the rearguard was the same as that which won Munster. Wayne Cully again partnered Joe Caesar at midfield. In attack Shane Sweeney once more played centre between wingers, Pat Buckley and Francis Devaney. On the full line Michael Farrell returned to play corner with Tony Scroope at full and Evan Sweeney in the other corner.

There is no doubt the team faced an enormous task that day against a red hot Kilkenny side playing on their own Nowlan Park patch. We were definite underdogs hoping for a huge performance to at least make the Noresiders sweat for their reward. Yet what transpired fell way beneath our modest expectations. What we did to Limerick and Down, Kilkenny did to us. I cringe

at even writing the final score line of 3-21 to 1-6.

Michael Farrell scored a fine individual goal for Tipperary in the first half but otherwise we faced a relentless barrage. We could have packed up and left by half time when the board read 2-12 to 1-1. Nor was there any restoration of pride in the second half as Kilkenny continued to rack up the scores. A sore and sorry day for Tipperary ended with a 21-point drubbing. Not the stuff surely that Tipperary tradition is made of.

Losing we could stomach, but this was utter humiliation. Most worryingly our senior panellists were found wanting on the day and very few players, in fact, could be exempted from criticism. Full back Conor O'Mahony was one to win kudos amidst the debacle – he remained strongly defiant throughout. Evan Hanley at wingback was another to show the attitude and ability that was required and at midfield Joe Caesar won widespread applause for his contribution. That was it.

It was utter meltdown for Tipperary. Having to play in Nowlan Park was undoubtedly no help and opting to face the wind in the first half was surely unwise. As the trend quickly emerged it might have helped if an attacker was drafted back to 'pack' the defence. But these were just symptoms of a general malaise that afflicted the team. For whatever reason they looked out of their depth and were second in every aspect of the game.

For the record we must note the substitutions: Willie Ryan (Toomevara) for Andrew Morrissey, David Morrissey (Galtee Rvs.) for Evan Sweeney, David Sheppard (Moycarkey) for Pat Buckley, Tommy Fitzgerald (Roscrea) for Shane Sweeney and Pat Shortt (Upperchurch) for Wayne Cully. Near the end Tony Scroope was dismissed for a second yellow card.

Perhaps in time this defeat will soften in the memory and the county will move ahead to better days. I hope so. Yet drubbings like this are not easy to dismiss. They leave scars and often hint at a deeper trouble that afflicts the game in the county. For the moment very few seem interested in such probing questions. I hope for everyone's sake it's not a game we'll be forced to revisit in search of answers about the state of Tipperary hurling.

Sadly for the mentors and players their uplifting Munster win will always be overshadowed by an All Ireland defeat that surely ranks among the worst the county has ever endured. They deserve better for their yearlong exertions, but sport can be merciless.



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TIPPERARY Minor Hurling REVIEW 2004

By Michael Dundon, *Tipperary Star*

Not since the team led by Willie Maher beat Galway in a replay in 1996 has the All-Ireland minor hurling trophy come to Tipperary. It is a famine of sorts which has seen the Premier County, winners on sixteen occasions, and once the specialists in this competition, overtaken and surpassed by arch rivals Cork and Kilkenny. Statistics can be misleading and the absence of the ultimate honours in the grade, could give the impression of a crisis at under-age level, but three Munster titles on the trot, '01 to '03, suggest that the game is in a reasonably healthy state at this level. However, an All-Ireland is the prize Tipperary players, mentors and supporters, have their hearts set on, and following an extended run of success at Provincial level, hopes were high that 2004 could produce the first crown of the new millennium in the grade. As always under the management of Paddy McCormack, preparations were thorough and involved a considerable degree of trials and training sessions before the initial outing against Clare arrived. Tipperary felt they had a decent team but a run-away win over The Banner in the first round, 2-24 to 0-8 was not helpful. How bad were Clare? How good were Tipperary? These questions had to await another day and unfortunately, due to the luck of the draw in the revised championship structure, Tipperary were again paired with Clare in the semi-final.

Following their first round drubbing, Clare had regrouped and gained some momentum with wins over Kerry and Waterford but once more, Tipperary were handsome winners, 1-16 to 0-8, although Clare were a bit hard done by in the score line. Darragh Egan, Dara Hickey and Shane Long were lively attackers as Tipp surged into an early lead but Clare got moving and were only two points adrift at half time, 0-8 to 0-6. They continued to battle well in the third quarter but the loss of key defender James McInerney, was a crushing blow to them. Dara Hickey ran in a goal in the 47th minute and Tipperary sailed home to a comprehensive win.

The prize for that win was a Munster final tussle with Cork. It was a game eagerly awaited and despite some slack shooting by the Tipperary attack, they seemed on course for a four-in-a-row as the game ran into its final stages. Goals by Shane Long (2) and Darragh Hickey were key elements of the performance and Tipperary should have been well clear of Cork before the finish. Darragh Egan had blazed over the bar when a goal was likely and some softly conceded frees presented Cork with scores, which kept them in touch.

All of this set the stage for as dramatic a finish as one will ever see. Cork were trailing by a point and Tipperary hanging on doggedly as the game moved into additional time Cork sub Eoin Murphy availed of a handling error in the Tipp defence to race through. Most people expected him to opt for the equalising point. Instead he blasted to the Tipperary net to give Cork a win that for much of the game seemed most unlikely. It was a crushing blow to Tipperary team and management but, thanks to the back-door system, it was not the end of the road. The opportunity to make amends presented itself with an All-Ireland quarter final tussle with Dublin in Carlow. This was an assignment viewed with some trepidation as injuries left Tipperary without Ritchie McGrath, James Heffernan, Sean Ryan and Philip Ivors. There was no knowing either how the defeat by Cork would hit morale.



Tipperary Minor Hurling Selectors, from left, Paddy McCormack, Manager with Jamesie Ivors, Vincent McKenna and Phil Ryan.

However, all the fears were unfounded as the depleted side rose courageously to the challenge to establish a fifteen points lead over the Dubs at the three quarters stage, 2-12 to 0-3, Dara Hickey and Darragh Egan getting the goals. Tipperary took their foot off the pedal, so to speak, in the last quarter, as Dublin scored well but still finished six points adrift, 2-14 to 1-11.

So the stage was set for yet another show-down with Kilkenny who were chasing a third All-Ireland in a row in the grade. After the disappointments of previous years, this was a game Tipperary management dearly wanted to win but in miserable conditions at Croke Park, defeat was again their lot, with a one point decision going against them, 1-8 to 0-10 after a dour struggle. Oddly, the decisive score of the game, a Kilkenny goal by Gavin Nolan, came as early as the 7th minute, and separated the sides for much of the way. Kilkenny led 1-5 to 0-5 at the interval, and Tipperary's best efforts to get their noses in front, failed to produce the goal they needed.

Tipperary did rally towards the finish to cut the lead to a point but time was against them. Kieran Bergin had a fine game scoring three points, and Joey McLoughney, Dara Hickey, Ian Delaney, Ritchie McGrath and sub Niall Bergin were others to catch the eye.

Tipperary's cause was not helped by injury to fullback Sean Ryan who dislocated his shoulder for the third time in the campaign but at the end of the day, the Tipperary squad accepted that while a Tipperary win was possible, the better team had won. After the game, Manager, Paddy McCormack (Sarsfields) and his selectors Vincent McKenna (Borrisokane), Philip Ryan (Sean Treacys) and Jamesie Ivors (Ballingarry) announced their retirement. They had been at the helm for five years and steered Tipperary to three Munster crowns, a considerable achievement by any measure. However, their real legacy may be the establishment of the A.S.H. programme through which a county under 17 hurling development squad was set up. Hopefully, this will identify and groom promising young players who, in the not too distant future and will help bridge that disconcerting gap to the success of the Willie Maher led team of 1996. In any event, it is appropriate to salute the efforts of the outgoing management who gave unselfishly of their time, energy and expertise, and to wish the new management success in 2005.

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Tipperary FOOTBALL 2004

Senior

National League & McGrath Cup

Activities commenced on January 18th when we played Clare in Clonmel in the McGrath Cup semi-final. Clare emerged victorious on a score of 1-14 to 1-10.

Tipperary lined out as follows:

Philly Ryan (Commercials), Sean Collum (J. K. Brackens), Damien Byrne (Fethard), Benny Hahessy (Swan), Patrick Halley (Rockwell Rovers), Tommy Russell (Aherlow), Niall Fitzgerald (Moyle Rovers) (1-0), Kevin Mulryan (J. K. Brackens), Michael Tarrant (Cahir) (Captain), Glen Burke (Fethard) (0-1), Aidan Fitzgerald (Fethard), James Williams (Moyle Rovers) (0-2), Tony Doyle (Killenaule), Declan Browne (Moyle Rovers) (0-7), Damian O'Brien (Eire Og-Annacarty).

Subs: John Paul Looby (Fethard) for Tony Doyle, Robbie Costigan (Cahir) for Patrick Halley, Liam England (Inane Rovers) for Niall Fitzgerald, Eamon Hanrahan (Commercials)

for Michael Tarrant, Cian Maher (Fethard) for Declan Browne, Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard), Liam Cronin (Moyle Rovers), Paul O'Mahoney (Commercials), Niall Sheehan (Arravale Rovers).

The National League campaign proved very successful, gaining 9 points out of 14.

Wins were achieved against Waterford, Louth, Antrim and Derry while we drew with Down in our first game. The loss of this point proved costly as Down finished one point ahead of us in the group and so gained promotion and a place in the semi-finals.

The results were as follows:

01/02/04	Down	Burren	3-11/3-11
08/02/04	Waterford	Clonmel	0-17/1-08
15/02/04	Kildare	Newbridge	0-08/0-13
07/03/04	Louth	Clonmel	0-16/1-10
14/03/04	Wicklow	Clonmel	0-07/0-12
21/03/04	Antrim	Casement Park	2-15/1-11
04/04/04	Derry	Semple Stadium	3-13/1-14

Tipperary lined out as follows in each game:

	DOWN	WATERFORD	KILDARE	LOUTH	WICKLOW	ANTRIM	DERRY
Brian Enright				S	S	1	1
Benny Hahessy	7	2	2	2	2		2
Sean Collum	3 (C)	3	3		3	3	3
Niall Curran					S		4
Patrick Halley		S	S	S	S	4	5
Damien Byrne	2	6	6	3	4	6	6
Robbie Costigan		5 (C)	5 (C)	6 (C)	6 (C)	7 (C)	7 (C)
Liam England	S	S	S	12	12	8	8
Kevin Mulryan	9		9	9	9	9	9
Micheal Webster	S	10	S	10	10	10	10
Declan Browne	14	14	14	14	14		11
John Paul Looby							12
Adrian Walsh							13
Aidan Fitzgerald	8	8	8	11	11	11	14
Damian O'Brien	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Niall Kelly	S	S	S	S	S	2	S
Glen Burke	10	13	10	13	5	5	S
David Byrne					S	12	S
Paul Fitzgerald	S	S	S	1	1	S	S
Paul Cahill	13		13	S	13	S	S
Niall Sheehan	5	7	S	S	S	S	S
Paddy O'Flaherty						S	S
Philly Ryan	1	1	1	S	S		S
Owen Myers							S
Willie Ryan							S
Anthony Moroney							S
Tony Doyle	S	S	S	S	S	13	S
Cian Maher	S	S	S	5	S	S	S
Paul O'Mahoney	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Liam Cronin	4	4	4	4	S		S
Eamon Hanrahan	S	S	S	8	S	14	
Tommy Russell	6	S	S	S	S	S	
Niall Fitzgerald		9	7	7	7		
Fergal O'Callaghan	11	11	11	S	8		
James Williams	12	12	12	S	S	S	
Michael Tarrant		S	S				



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Tipperary SF Panel - Front row (l to r) - David Byrnes, Niall Sheehan, Liam Cronin, James Williams, Paul Cahill, Benny Hahessy, Sean Collum, Brian Enright, Damien Byrne, Glen Burke, Damien O'Brien, Declan Browne, Willie Ryan. Back row (l to r) - John P Looby, Liam England, Paul Fitzgerald, Patrick Hally, Tony Doyle, Fergal O'Callaghan, Aidan Fitzgerald, Kevin Mulryan, Micheal Webster, Robbie Costigan, Niall Curran, Eamon Hanrahan, Cian Maher.



Tipperary U21F Selectors (l to r) - Liam Duggan, Gerry Cahill, Mick O'Loughlin, Liam Molloy, Kevin Byrne.



Tipperary MF Selectors (l to r) - Pat Cremin, Tommy Sheehan, Sean Scully, Peter Creedon, Sean McManus.



Tipperary Senior Football Selectors - Andy Shorthall, Mick Byrnes, Jim Cahill.

The Tipperary Junior Football panel in Munster championship against Limerick in Cork - Back row (l to r) - Gary Morrison, Gary Byrne, Michael Lynagh, Owen Myers, Michael Fitzpatrick, Kyron Maguire, Philip Doherty, Stephen Mason, Paul O'Mahoney, John Hassett, Aaron Devane, Philip Ryan. Front row (l to r) - Peter King, Eoin Costelloe, Keith Madigan, Paddy O'Flaherty, Donnacha Fahy, Padraig Whelan, Aaron Ryan, James McGrath, Tommy Connors. Missing from photo - Tommy Morrissey, Hugh Bannon, Brian Cahill.



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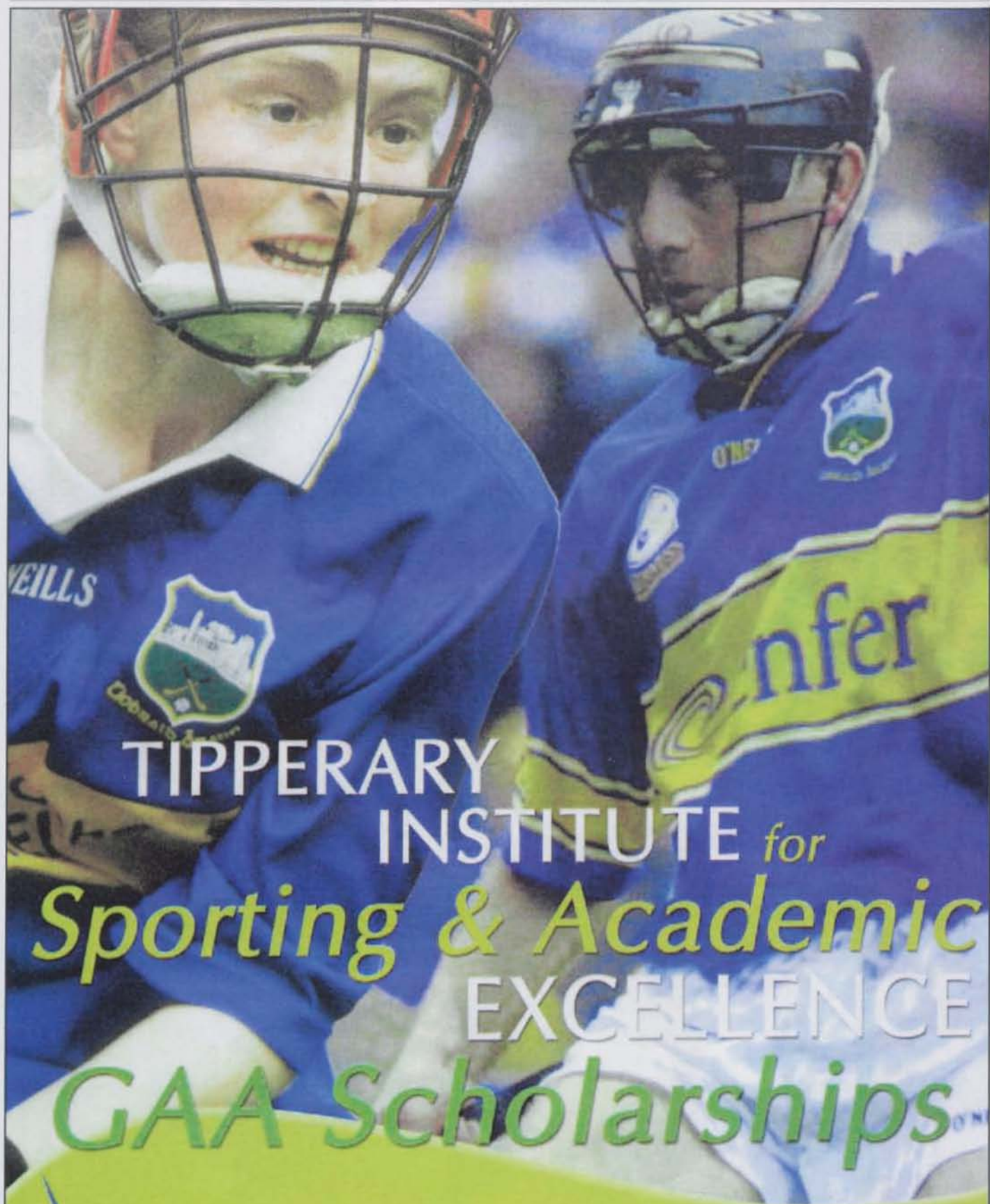
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Subs v Louth: Cian Maher for Liam Cronin; Fergal O'Callaghan for Eamon Hanrahan; James Williams for Liam England.

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Subs v Derry: Glen Burke for Patrick Halley; David Byrne for Micheal Webster; Paul Cahill for Kevin Mulryan; Niall Sheehan for John Paul Looby.

The scorers in each League game were as follows:

	DOWN	WATERFORD	KILDARE	LOUTH	WICKLOW	ANTRIM	DERRY
Declan Browne	1-07	0-12	0-06	0-10	0-06		1-07
Aidan Fitzgerald	0-02			0-01		1-02	1-00
Damian O'Brien		0-02				0-03	1-03
James Williams	1-00	0-01	0-01				
Liam England				0-02	0-01	0-02	
Eamon Hanrahan				0-01		1-01	
Paul Cahill	1-00					0-01	
Kevin Mulryan						0-01	0-02
Glen Burke	0-02					0-01	
Micheal Webster						0-03	
Niall Fitzgerald		0-01	0-01				
Fergal O'Callaghan				0-01			
Paul O'Mahoney				0-01			
Damien Byrne		0-01					
Niall Sheehan						0-01	
Niall Curran							0-01

Senior Championship

We were drawn against Limerick in the Bank of Ireland Munster championship

and the game was played in Pairc Ui Chaoimh on May 16th.

Tipperary played well in the first half and had a two point lead at

half-time. In the second half Limerick got on top and emerged victorious on the score Limerick 0-16 Tipperary 3-04.

TIPPERARY LINEOUT AND SCORERS:

Brian Enright (Cahir), Benny Hahessy (Swan), Sean Collum (J. K. Brackens), Niall Curran (Mullinahone), Robbie Costigan (Cahir) (Captain), Damien Byrne (Fethard), Glen Burke (Fethard) (0-1), Kevin Mulryan (J. K. Brackens), Fergal O'Callaghan (Commercials),

Liam England (Inane Rovers), Aidan Fitzgerald (Fethard) (1-0), Michael Webster (Loughmore/Castleiney), Paul Cahill (Grangemockler) (1-0), Declan Browne (Moyle Rovers) (1-3), Damian O'Brien (Eire Og-Annacarty),

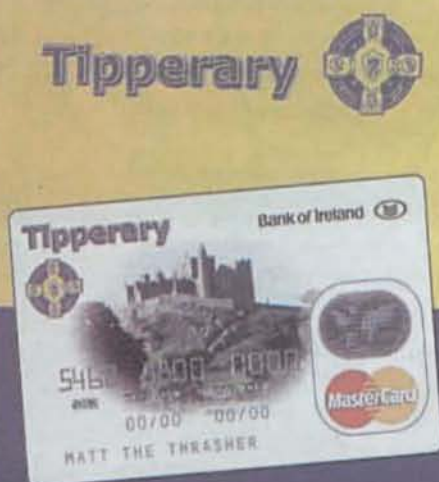
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John Paul Looby (Fethard) for Micheal Webster, Patrick Halley (Rockwell Rovers) for Liam England, Liam Cronin (Moyle Rovers) for Niall Curran, James Williams for Aidan Fitzgerald, David Byrne for Paul Cahill, Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard), Cian Maher (Fethard), Tony Doyle (Killenaule), Willie Ryan (Kilsheelan/Kilcass), Niall Sheehan (Arravale Rovers), Eamon Hanrahan (Commercials),

Following this defeat Tipperary drew

Fermanagh in the All-Ireland Qualifiers. The game was fixed for June 12th at Semple Stadium but did not take place. A request by the team management to have a club fixture which was arranged for June 9th and which involved 2 panel members postponed was refused so they felt that they had no option but to resign as they believed that their players were not getting the chance to be at their best against Fermanagh. Following a meeting with the county chairman and the football board officers on June 9th, the players indicated that they would not be making themselves available for selection. Therefore it was decided to withdraw from the qualifiers. So a season which had shown much promise during the league came to a sudden and disappointing conclusion.

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Junior

Our Junior team played Limerick on May 16th in P áirc Uí Rhinn. The final score was Tipperary 1-07 to Limerick's 0-13

The team was: Owen Myers (Fr. Sheehys), Gary Byrne (Holycross/Ballycahill), Peter King (Ballina), Philip O'Doherty (Solohead), Paddy O'Flaherty (Cahir), Donnacha Fahy (Commercials), Stephen Mason (Sarsfields), Michael Fitzpatrick (Moyle Rovers), Kyran Maguire (Grangemockler) (Captain),

Gary Morrison (Cahir), Paul O'Mahoney (Commercials), Tommy Connors (Kildangan), Pádraig Whelan (Cahir), Michael Lynagh (J. K. Brackens), Eoin Costelloe (Sarsfields).

Subs: Aaron Ryan (Inane Rovers) for Eoin Costelloe, John Hassett (Moyn/Templetuohy) for Philip O'Doherty, Brian Cahill (Grangemockler) for Pádraig Whelan, Aaron Devane (Ballina) for Paul O'Mahoney, Keith Madigan (Clonmel Og), James McGrath (Cahir), Hugh Bannon (Ardfinnan), Philip Ryan (Arravale Rovers), Tommy Morrissey (Commercials).

Under-21

In Under 21 Football we met Limerick in the first round in Fermoy on June 16th and were defeated on the score Limerick 3-12 Tipperary 0-05.

The team was:

Jerry O'Brien (Ballina), John Hassett (Moyn/Templetuohy), Peter King (Ballina) (Captain), Philip O'Doherty (Solohead), Paddy O'Flaherty (Cahir), Hugh Coghlan (Moyn/Templetuohy), Philip Ryan (Arravale Rovers), Michael Dillon (Fethard) (0-2), Patrick Halley (Rockwell Rovers), Ronan Desmond (Moyle Rovers), Gary Moore (Moyle Rovers), Pádraic Kelly (Moyle Rovers), Pádraig Whelan (Cahir), Ian Barnes (Commercials) (0-2), Aaron Ryan (Inane Rovers) (0-1).

Subs: Eoin Doyle (Fethard) for Pádraic Kelly, Danny Madigan (Commercials) for Philip O'Doherty, David Byron (Galtee Rovers) for Pádraig Whelan, Thomas Collins (Ballina) for Aaron Ryan, Anthony Burke (Cahir), Mark Harnett (Rosegreen), Karl Kearney (Clonmel Og), Darragh Lyons (Ballyporeen).

Minor

In Minor Football the Championship the Round Robin system was replaced by a loser's group system. In the first round we defeated Limerick on the score Tipperary 1-12 Limerick 0-06. The match was played on March 30th and Tipperary lined out as follows:

Martin McKeogh (Ballina), Ian Murphy (Killenaule), James Hayes (Golden/Kilfeacle), Conor Morrissey (Clonmel Óg), Daniel Lyne (Moyle Rovers), Shane Walsh (Fethard), Kevin Harney (Commercials), Darragh Egan (Kildangan) (0-3), George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Ciaran McGrath (Loughmore/Castleiney), Shane O'Brien (Ballina), Stephen Murphy (Kilruane McDonagh) (0-1), Timmy Dalton (Arravale Rovers) (1-02), Barry Grogan (Aherlow), Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) (0-4) (Captain).

Subs: Laurence Coskeran (Aherlow) for James Hayes, John Coleman (Gortnahoe/Glengoole) (0-1) for Barry Grogan, Timmy Breen (Inane Rovers) for Conor Morrissey, Brian McCormack (St. Patricks) (0-1) for Stephen Murphy, Ian Browne (Moyle Rovers), Tony Ryan (Ardfinnan), Ryan O'Dwyer (Cashel K. C.), Michael Harding (Golden/Kilfeacle), Nigel Ryan (Newport).

The semi-final against Kerry was played in Limerick on July 1st and resulted in a win for Kerry by 1-13 to 1-05.

The team was:

Martin McKeogh (Ballina), Laurence Coskeran (Aherlow), Ian Murphy (Killenaule), Conor Morrissey (Clonmel Óg), Tommy Barry (Moyle Rovers), Ciaran McGrath (Loughmore/Castleiney), Kevin Harney (Commercials), Darragh Egan (Kildangan), George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Philip Austin (Borrisokane), Shane O'Brien (Ballina), Daniel Lyne (Moyle Rovers), Timmy Dalton (Arravale Rovers) (0-1), Stephen Murphy (Kilruane McDonagh) (0-1), Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) (1-3).

Subs: Ryan O'Dwyer (Cashel K.C.) for Timmy Dalton, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) for Philip Austin, Shane Walsh for Shane O'Brien, Mark Tobin (Commercials), Timmy Breen (Inane Rovers), James Hayes (Golden/Kilfeacle), Brian McCormack (St. Patrick's), John Coleman (Gortnahoe/Glengoole), Nigel Ryan (Newport).



Under 21 Footballers - Back row (l to r) - Domhnaill McKeogh, Mark Harnett, Ronan Desmond, Hugh Coghlan, Eoin Doyle, Michael Dillon, Philip O'Doherty, Patrick Halley, Pádraic Kelly, Gary Moore, David Byron, Thomas Collins, Karl Kearney. Front row (l to r) - Danny Madigan, Philip Ryan, Peter King, John Hassett, Aaron Ryan, Pádraig Whelan, Ian Barnes, Paddy O'Flaherty, Darragh Lyons, Jerry O'Brien, Anthony Burke.



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Intermediate Football
Michael Fitzgerald
(Killenaule)



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Getting to Killarney for the Qualifier

By Vincent Hogan

(This article first appeared in the 'Irish Independent' and is courtesy of the author)

I have a friend who knows the intestinal roads of this country so intimately, he hasn't been in a traffic jam since the Pope's visit.

He's an inveterate snob with maps. Doesn't read them so much as ridicule them. He has the sense of direction of a skylark and just can't fathom those of us whose brains turn to putty on a roundabout.

It goes without saying that he got to Killarney without much drama last Saturday. Mumbled something yesterday about "dipping down through Kilcummin" when I mentioned the agonies of Castleisland. My eyes glaze over when he does that. Every sentence opens with 'Tell me you didn't....'

And, of course, he knows I did. He knows I always do. Because I don't like roads with a ribbon of plant life running down their middle. I hate the sense of rural safari. This column is reassured by certain sights. Like filling stations. Traffic lights. Other cars. People.

At least, we used to be. But Saturday melted a lot of prejudice. The trek into North Kerry was enough to turn a normally peaceable soul into that character Michael Douglas played in the movie, 'Falling Down'.

Remember? The stressed out former defence worker who finally cracks when he's in a traffic jam. Who abandons his car and, gun in hand, journeys on foot through Los Angeles, violently confronting those he holds responsible for his rage?

Put it this way. Think of yourself as a Tipperary supporter last Saturday. You leave Nenagh at 11am. The first trouble you hit is maybe eight miles into the journey. Roadworks just short of Birdhill. Huge tailback. Twenty minutes to get through. You don't know it, but you've just had a preview of your day.

Giddily, you skip around the splendid new Limerick by-pass. Arrive in Adare. Or three miles short, to be precise. Your engine is back idling. No worries, you have time. Another twenty slips away.

And so it goes. Newcastlewest? Twenty. Abbeyfeale? Twenty five. Now you're thinking about Castleisland. About that t-junction with its lights. And the thought is forming that this little town, that Con Houlihan makes sound like Gloccamorra, is looming oppressively now.

You see, you haven't caught sight of a garda all day, save the odd, speed-gun totting parasite who – in this grinding mess – is the most pointless (and antagonizing) individual imaginable.

And, sure enough, soon the brake lights come on again in front of you. And you're still an eternity short of that t-junction and its traffic lights. This time, the delay is 40 minutes. FORTY. You reach the town with

a head full of resentments. There's no garda to be seen.

The lights keep turning red, though there's no traffic coming the other way. Six miles of cars queuing to get through this one junction and they're spitting through maybe fifteen at a time. Every face is a haemorrhoid grimace.

Green at last, you turn the corner. Shoppers try edging into your line of traffic but you are psychotic now. Fulminating, ranting. Then you see him. A garda walking up the footpath. Hands in pockets. And he's walking past the lights. Past the problem. There's foam on your lips.

It's three in the afternoon when, finally, you edge onto Cleeny roundabout, Killarney. You've been on the road for four hours, driven just 95 miles. You've reached the town that nice man from the GAA described during the week as being "eminently suitable" for Cork and Tipp to play a hurling game.

And you're wondering why they do that. Why they treat you and your like so condescendingly. You look at the pitch and, on the O'Connor terrace side, it's badly scarred from the recent concerts. Worse, the grass

is long. It's just not a hurling field.

And that makes you wonder about the GAC and its litany of abject calls. You wonder how many cock-ups it will take before someone holds a hand up and says 'Sorry, I'm just not up to this job.'

You know Tony O'Keeffe, the chairman. He's a Kerryman and a good guy. But doesn't he feel something's not quite working here?

Mind, you're wondering about yourself too. About what you're actually doing down here when the game is live on TV. You think of what you've just endured (and there's still the journey home).

There's a voice in your head that sounds suspiciously like your friend with the maps. It's telling you that the sane way to see this championship is to be guided through it by Michael Lyster and his gang. The voice has got a point too.

You watch Tipp lose and just the thought of the journey home seals a decision in your mind. You won't bother with Kilkenny and Galway in Thurles tomorrow. It's not them, it's the hassle. And there's the TV.

You feel you won't be missed.



Joe Hayes (right) shares a joke with Anne and Nicky English, at the All-Ireland qualifier game in Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney.



Tipperary captain, Tommy Dunne, in possession against Cork at Killarney.

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You've tried the rest, now try the best

Goodbye 2004 and good riddance

By Damian Lawlor, G.A.A. Correspondent, The Star Newspaper

IT WAS THE year that we learned another famine could well be on its way. In hurling terms we were way off the pace, fading at senior level, and flattering to deceive at both minor and under-21 level.

But at least we fielded teams, the mess with the senior footballers is still going on at the time of writing and so as we cast a last glance back on the year, let's just say our eyes are not too misty.

Firstly the senior hurlers. At this stage it seems certain that we will bid farewell to a number of seasoned campaigners, Brian O'Meara and Conor Gleeson, who have given years of service to the blue and gold.

They have both had their ups and downs but they never gave less than 100 per cent. Ken Hogan came under fire for leaving Gleeson on for so long against Cork in Killarney but it must be remembered that the Boherlahan man thrived around the late 90s and start of this decade and on his day was one of the most effective centre forwards in the country.

O'Meara unfortunately missed out on playing the 2001 All-Ireland final after being harshly sent off against Liam Dunne but he too played some of the best stuff of his career under Nicky English and will be remembered for his non-stop work-rate on the wings for the county. He will also be remembered for his increased accuracy in the past few years.

But it's time to move on and we must wait to see whether Tommy Dunne decides to stay on for another year. The thing that Tommy needs most is a rest from winter hurling but the way

Toomevara have played over the last decade means that is unlikely. No man was more disappointed with the team's collapse this year against Cork than Tommy Dunne. But the clock is unkind and if he comes back for 2005 it must be right for him and the county.

Other players like Tomas Costello and a number of squad members are reportedly on their way as well so we are in another period of transition.

It gives us a chance to look back at the last year. The first thing is to say that we are not too far off the mark. Really. We were very close to beating Waterford and that is a useful gauge.

But there are worrying issues and there is no point in blaming the manager because the problem has existed for some time. We seem to be incapable of winning a ball in the air in most key departments throughout our senior, under 21 and minor teams. We are vulnerable down the spine of the senior side.

Look at Cork. Diarmuid O'Sullivan, Niall McCarthy and Brian Corcoran helped ensure that the bone of their team was healthy: we have no such luxury. We find it hard to break a tackle without being pushed back although Diarmuid Fitzgerald and Colin Morrissey rubbished that theory this season.

Another dilemma is that we seem to lose a lead in every game we play. It suggests we lack belief and gives opposing teams a gilt edged chance to take us at the death. Waterford did it this summer, Limerick almost did it and Cork didn't have to.

The minors suffered against Cork in the Munster final and it epitomised all our problems more than any other year.

The cause was not helped by the fact that the county senior team were forced to play their Munster championship games amidst a frantic and hectic county/divisional championship background which didn't help Ken Hogan one bit.

Later in the year, it was obvious that upfront, one player was being depended on way too much. Eoin Kelly is only one man but for a long time it seemed he was our only forward this year.

Questions also have to be asked why so many players have suffered a dip in form since 2001. Fair enough, injuries didn't help but players, managers and officials have to ask themselves if they have the appetite and if they don't they should bow out.

Then we had the football board and the county board pulling in different directions after Andy Shorthall quit and the affair got messy enough at board level.

Fair to say then that it wasn't a year to remember with any pride and the draws for the 2005 Munster senior football and hurling championships are tough: we have to be ready now.

Some suggestions, a wish list even. Wouldn't it be great to see someone like Nicky English working as a full-time Director of Hurling for the county? He could draw up and monitor feeder programmes from grass roots level. And wouldn't it be good for Ken Hogan to get two or three free weeks to prepare for championship games? Listen to the players more without giving them absolute control.

And how about the respective boards shaking hands and compromising? I mean, we all have the good of Tipperary GAA at heart.



Chairman of Tipperary Draw Committee Gus Fitzgerald presenting a cheque to Denis Floyd, chairman of Tipperary Games and Coaching Committee.

Picture (l to r): Nicholas Moroney, County Youth Officer; Michael Burke, Coaching Games Development; Aiden O'Leary, Post Primary Schools; Gus Fitzgerald; Denis Floyd; Michael Nolan, County Board Treasurer; Donie Shanahan, County Board Chairman; Donal McCarthy, Cumann na mBunscoil; Tom Collum, Coaching and Games Development.

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MC Micheál O'Meara present Tommy with the Red Book. In the centre is Tommy's son Tommy.



Ann Marie, Billy, Dolores, Sean Fogarty, Tommy, Joe, Tommy and Rose Anne. In front are grandchildren Tommy and Eoghan.



Former GAA President Peter Quinn was present to honour Tommy.



Former Semple Stadium Chairman Michael Lowry and Michael Maher recalls Tommy's vast contribution to the stadium.



Oliver Barrett, Michael Coen, Sean McLoughlin, Michael Small, Tom Barry, Liam Ó Donnchú, Tomás Ó Baróid, John Guiton and Pat Costigan.



Newly elected Munster Council Chairman Seán Fogarty pictured with his wife and family at the Munster Convention in the Anner Hotel.



Donie Nealon receives a presentation from the County Board Chairman Donal Shanahan at a function to honour his retirement as Secretary of the Munster Council. Also in photo are other Board Officers, Michael O'Brien (Secretary), Michael Nolan (Treasurer), John Costigan (Vice-Chairman) and Seamus Ó Riain (President).
(Photo: Bridget Delaney)

Don't rubbish TIPP

By LIZ HOWARD

A summer of discontent in the county has set a tone of negativity among supporters. Everywhere I go loyal Tipperary people are concerned about the state of Tipperary hurling, football and things in general. Others are disillusioned or just fed up to the gills. The image of the Premier county has also suffered. We are perceived as a county that hasn't the ability to run its business in an efficient and professional manner. Time to turn the tide and put our energies into addressing the issues in a professional manner. Focus on the business to be done, not the personalities. Forget about power and control, positive influence is much powerful. Tipperary must be the number one priority at all times, so too our players both at club and county level.

I'm not going to catalogue events. Frankly they have got too much publicity of the wrong type. There are positive aspects to build on. But a lot of hard work is required. Where do we start? Let's look at our senior hurlers. Much maligned by some people in Tipperary and very wrongly so. The majority of the players won an All Ireland in 2001 and were heroes. They are fine decent men, young men our county can be proud of. Decency lasts longer than medals. They want to be winners again. They are not far off the mark. Remember Tipp were well in the game against Cork in Killarney. A few small things went wrong. To quote Nicky, "Good hurlers don't become bad hurlers"

Ken Hogan is an honourable man and wants success for Tipperary hurling. He needs the support of county behind him plus the co-operation of the GAC at county and divisional level. I know the argument re the club player being sacrificed but a middle ground has to be achieved. When votes are taken re "free Sundays" too few think it through before casting their votes. Neither should county players be expected to play on the Tuesday or Wednesday after an intercounty game. Team managers have to have the practical goodwill of the county board. The county board is made up of every club, not just the top table.

The retirement of Declan Ryan after the All Ireland of 2001 has had a huge effect on the poor functioning of the forward line. Declan was one of the most intelligent, powerful and skilful hurlers who ever wore the Blue and Gold. His strength and vision brought



Cumann na mBunscol 2004. Under-11 'B' County Camogie Champions Ballylooby N.S. Captain: Eimear Myles. Presenting the shield: Liz Howard.

others into the game. Think of all the forwards who were "fed" by him. A replacement is hard to find but look at Niall McCarthy in Cork. In 2003 he was cumbersome and not very effective, but he was Man of the Match in the All Ireland final victory 2004. What happened in the year? He was given a vote of confidence and coached by Seanie O Leary and Donal O Grady. They moulded him into an effective centre forward. Coaching of players at intercounty level is as important as coaching juveniles. John Carroll can fill the job provided he is fully fit. He is still one of the most natural hurlers around and is an intelligent distributor of the ball.

Looking at the play of Tipperary forwards I put forward a case for specific coaching by a former top class forward. Backs and forwards are a world apart in their thinking. Our forwards need to be work as a unit, working for each other, not wasting ball with bad wides. An old friend of mine used to say, "combination and you know the rest". Hurling is a team game.

Brendan Cummins is the best goalkeeper in the game but needs to vary his puck-out. Philip Maher, Martin Maher, Paul Ormonde, Paul Curran, Eamonn Corcoran, David Kennedy, Paul Kelly and Dairmuid Fitzgerald are as good a group of backs as you'll find in any county. David Kennedy is a strong and courageous player. He has

had his share of injuries but his confidence also took a bashing. He may not be a fancy player but then neither is Peter Barry. Invest in him and give him time to settle into centre back. Noel Morris had an operation on his knee in early November and is working his way back to fitness. Noel is another player who has a role to play, a great catcher of the ball and he is mobile and strong. As I write, plans for 2005 are under way. Tipperary can be back in the frame next summer. A few changes, confidence building and hard work are all that is required. Thomas Dunne can lead Tipperary to success again in 2005.

The U21 hurling team won the Munster final in great style. Everyone was delighted and full of praise for players and selectors. A short time later it was a different story when Kilkenny annihilated them. It was one of those unfortunate days when everything went wrong. Naturally every Tipp supporter was disappointed. However that can happen to any team. Remember Kerry against Meath a couple of years ago? Think of Kilkenny seniors against Cork this year. I feel that the selectors were hard done by the decision made to replace them. Two Munster Championships in two years is not a bad return. Minors selectors bit the dust too, treble success in Munster stands as their record. This year the minors were a big disappointment, a very talented bunch but the spirit was lacking. The

team management put huge work into the players but that vital ingredient was missing. Vincent Mc Kenna has gone to Laois as coach/manager to the minor hurlers. He is a loss to Tipperary. I have seen Vincent develop into one of the best coaches around.

Our footballers had a fairly idle summer. I can appreciate why they decided not to play Fermanagh but it was counter productive in the long run. It showed a lack of leadership at every level. Frankly I would question our training programme after seeing the game against Limerick. It was as bad a display as I have seen. But then as in any game every team can have a bad day. Declan Fanning, Brendan Cummins, David Kennedy and Paul Ormonde would be a big asset to Tipperary football. However the day of the dual player is almost over. Tipperary football is in transition but the focus must now be on building a team. The selectors may have to cast their nets a little wider, throughout the county. Everyone must look forward and leave

behind the mess of 2004.

Declan Browne was short changed by Tipperary, playing the football final the day before the first International game in Croke Park shows how out of touch we are. Declan deserved better, much better. Tipperary should have united behind him and given him the opportunity of starting in the first International game against Australia. I met Johnny Tobin and Larry Tomkins prior to the first game. Both were surprised that Tipperary GAC did not accommodate a player of his calibre.

The Tipperary camogie team kept the flag flying and won the National League, Munster championship and All-Ireland. They play as a team and excelled in the All-Ireland. It is wonderful to see Una O'Dwyer honoured with a Texaco Award this year, following Emer McDonnell's recognition last year. This is only the fifth time that camogie has been honoured. Earlier in the year Deirdre Hughes was the only Tipperary player and the only current player to be

chosen on the Team of the Century. The first Camogie All-Stars will be announced in December, Tipperary should be well represented.

Tipperary won the Tony Forrestal Tournament, nice to win but sometimes it can mean that one group of players will be automatic choices at U16, minor and so on. I have seen this happen to the exclusion of the late developer or the honest, committed young lad. Every selector should know how players perform at championship level. This applies to all grades. Trials are a waste of time. I have seen players impress on the slow soft sod of winter. Come summer and they are found out.

Confidence and a positive attitude can do much to turn the tide. Let's get on with the work to be done. If we as Tipperary people rubbish our players what do we expect of outsiders? It is time to close ranks, be positive and get behind the county.

Let us earn the title of the Premier County both on and off the field.

Rubbish Tipp at your peril.

Referees HONOUR



Officers and guests at the County Referees Seminar held in the Sarsfields Social Centre Thurles.

Picture (l to r): Willie Robinson, Chairman Tipperary Referees Committee; Mick Curly, Galway; Willie Barrett, Tipperary; Pat Moore, Waterford and John Lonergan Secretary Tipperary Referees Committee.

Presentation by Tipperary County Board to 2003 County Final Referees.

Back row (l to r): Pat Cullen, Loughmore Castleiney; John Ryan, Boherlahan Dualla; Denis Curtis, Kickhams Rahealty; John Collins, Templederry; David Grogan, Aherlow; Philip Ryan, Kickhams; Seamus Roche, Kilsheelan Kilcash. Middle row: Noel Cosgrave, Marfield; Francis Kearney, Clonoulty-Rossmore; John Kelly, Rahealty Kickhams; Brian Tyrell, Clonmel; Sean Bradshaw, Golden-Kilfeacle; Paddy Russell, Emly; Tommy Ryan, Kildangan. Front row: Michael O'Brien, Secretary, Tipperary County Board; John Costigan, Vice-chairman County Board; John Lonergan, Secretary Referees Committee; Donal Shanahan, County Chairman; Willie Robinson, Chairman Referees Committee; Ed Donnelly, County Board PRO; Jimmy Collins, Referees Committee.



Cumann na Sean Ghael – Presentations 2004, Brú Ború



West Tipperary Recipients Sean Gael 2004
Front row (l to r): Tommy Landers Golden, Richard Meagher Arravale Rovers, John Treacy Cappawhite, His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Dermot Clifford Patron GAA, Phillip Maher Clonoulty/R, John Farrell Kickhams, John Moloney Chairman Cumann na Sean Gael.

Back row (l to r): Willie O Grady representing Paddy Cooke Rosegreen, Eileen Ryan representing her father Thady O'Carroll Eire Og, T.J. Caplis, Sean Treacys, County Chairman Donie Shanahan, guest Jack Boothman who made the presentations.

Mid Recipients of Sean Ghael Awards.
Back row (l to r): Phil Burke (Rep. father), Nora Troy, Michael Maher, Donal Shanahan, Philip Ryan, Francis Maher, Jack Boothman.
Front row: John Clarke, Billy Kelly, Dr Dermot Clifford, Michael Shanahan, Tomás Ó Baróid.



North Recipients of Sean Ghaeil Award.
Back row (l to r): Noel Morris, Jack Kennedy, Ciaran McNicholas, Donal Shanahan, Phil Shanahan, Michael O'Leary, Betty O'Brien (Rep. Tommy), James Hogan (Rep. father, Billy).
Front row: Ned Fogarty, Michael O'Meara, Dr Dermot Clifford, Brendan Murnane, Tadhg Foley, Jack Boothman.

South Recipients of Sean Ghaeil Awards.
Back row (l to r): Michael O'Meara, Sean Cleary, Charles Keane (Rep. Tom Keane), Jimmy Prendergast, Donal Shanahan, Dick Butler, Jimmy Ryan, Jack Boothman.
Front: Tom Carroll, Paddy Boland, Dr Dermot Clifford, Theo English, Elsie O'Dwyer, Nora Farrell (Rep. John Farrell).



HANDBALL 2004



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Connie Collins, Coach of the Year Award.



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Jim and Connie with Pat McKenna



'Tipp Tops' - Collins Clan All-Ireland Winners
Cliona - LJBS winner 60x30;

Karen - U17S 40x20 winner, Inter Pro 40x20 winner, Inter Pro 60x30 winner, runner-up Minor doubles 60x30;
Fergal - winner u-14 40x20 singles, Féile na Gael winner, Féile Skills winner.

Tipperary Handball Report 2004

By Ken Conway, Handball Board Secretary.

The Handball Calendar for 2004 was again very busy with Tipperary handballers involved in handball championships almost every month of the year. However All-Ireland successes did not come easy and at the end of a very busy year we have just three All-Ireland Winners. Fergal Collins from Ballina took the All-Ireland Title at U-14 Singles in 40 x 20, Karen Collins, Ballina won the U-17 Singles 40x20 while Cliona Collins also from Ballina took the Ladies Junior B Singles Title in 60 x 30.

40 X 20 CHAMPIONSHIPS

We achieved success in four Munster Championships in 40 x 20 at adult level but unfortunately All-Ireland success did not follow. Our Munster Championship Winners were as follows:-

Grade	Winner
Minor Singles:	Ger Coonan, Ballina
Ladies Junior B Singles:	Cliona Collins, Ballina
Master A Doubles:	Tony Flaherty/Pat Griffin, Youghalarra
Golden Masters B Doubles:	Jim Quinn/Gary Howard, Youghalarra

Ger Coonan again came through his Munster Campaign and beat Gary McRory from Tyrone in the All-Ireland Semi-Final, played in Clarecastle. The All-Ireland Final was played at O'Loughlin's Handball Club in Kilkenny before a packed house. Ger narrowly lost out to Robert McCarthy from Westmeath.

Cliona Collins travelled to Monaghan to play her All-Ireland Semi-Final against Roisin O'Hagan from Derry and was unlucky to lose a hard fought contest.

Jim Quinn and Gary Howard from the Youghalarra Handball Club beat Peter McDermott and Kieran Megahey in the All-Ireland Semi Final but lost out to the Wexford pair of Sonny Shiel and Billy Rossiter in the All-Ireland Final played in Ballymoreeustace. Both Jim and Gary acquitted themselves well in this their first year competing at this level.

Tony Flaherty and Pat Griffin came through Munster for the second year in a row but again lost out at the All-Ireland Semi Final stage which was played in Kingscourt, County Cavan. Their opponents on this occasion were Paddy Gault and Brendan Rainey from Antrim.

Cliona Collins from Ballina again won the Munster Title in the Ladies Junior B Singles but was unsuccessful in the All-Ireland Semi Final played at Monaghan Harps against Roisin O'Hagan from Derry.

60 X 30 CHAMPIONSHIPS

We had a reasonably successful Munster Campaign winning Munster Titles in eight grades as follows: -

Grade	Winner
Junior Singles:	Mark McNerney, Ballina
Intermediate Doubles:	Paul Mullins/Adrian Johnson, Clonmel
Master A Doubles:	Pat Griffin/Jimmy Mullins, Youghalarra/Clonmel
Silver Masters A Doubles:	Tom Morrissey/Seamus Morrissey, Clonmel
Golden Masters A Doubles:	Pakie Mullins/Billy McCarthy, Clonmel
Emerald Masters A Doubles:	Jim Ryan/Connie Collins, Silvermines/Ballina
Ladies Junior B Singles:	Cliona Collins, Ballina
Ladies Minor Doubles:	Karen Collins/Anne Marie Ryan, Ballina

Martin McNerney from the Ballina Handball Club won the Munster Junior Singles Title for the first time but lost out at the All-Ireland Semi Final to James Doyle from Armagh on a very tight score line.

Paul Mullins and Adrian Johnson from Clonmel were a very fancied pair in the Intermediate Doubles. They had accounted for Limerick in the Munster Final and travelled to Loughmacrory in County Tyrone for their All-Ireland Semi Final. However they lost very narrowly to the local pair of Niall Kerr and Ciaran Meenagh on a score line of 21-20, 7-21 and 21-18.

Jimmy Mullins from Clonmel and Pat Griffin from Youghalarra teamed up for the Masters A Doubles and received a bye to the All-Ireland Final against the Kilkenny pair of Billy Burke and Martin Lawlor. This Final was played at Thurles and the Kilkenny pair ran out very easy winners.

The Morrissey Brothers from Clonmel came through as Munster Champions in the Silver Masters A Doubles. They also received a bye to the All-Ireland Final against Meath. Again our players came off second best to the Meath pair of John Molloy and Francis Carroll in the All-Ireland Final played in Garryhill.

Pakie Mullins and Billy McCarthy from Clonmel again teamed up for the All Ireland Semi Final of the Golden Masters A Doubles and travelled to Loughmacrory where they accounted for the Tyrone pair of John McCullagh and Peter O'Brien on a score line of 21-20, 21-15. Their opponents in the All-Ireland Final were the Dublin pair of Eugene Kennedy and Vinny Farrelly and our pair came out second best in the All-Ireland Final played in Garryhill.

Jim Ryan from Silvermines and Connie Collins from Ballina teamed up for the Emerald Masters A Doubles and accounted for the very fancied pair from Cavan, Greg Sheridan and Patsy Hand, in the All-Ireland Semi Final played in Ballina on a score line of 21-16, 21-16. They were unlucky to lose out in the All-Ireland Final against the Kilkenny pair of Paddy Reilly and Seamus Reid, played in Thurles.

Cliona Collins from Ballina added a 60 x 30 Ladies Junior B Singles Title to the 40 x 20 Title won earlier in the year. She overcame the Armagh opposition of Mairead Ní Dhuill in the All-Ireland Semi Final and beat Loretta Murphy from Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Final which was played in Clonmel. This was Cliona's first All-Ireland Title.

Karen Collins and Anne Marie Ryan from Ballina were our representatives in the Ladies Minor Doubles and they beat Lisa McAleer and Nadine Kelly from Tyrone in the All-Ireland Semi Final which went to three games. However they lost out to the Kildare pair of Eimhear Ní Fhalluin and Sinead Gallogly in the All-Ireland Final played in Thurles.

Ger Coonan from Ballina was a noted absentee from the 60 x 30 Championships due to a knee injury. Ger underwent surgery to the knee during the year and is now on the road to recovery and we look forward to having him back playing again in top flight in 2005.

JUVENILE HANDBALL

Ballina Handball Club continued their winning ways in the Munster Championship and were successful in three Juvenile Championships as follows:

Grade	Winner
Boys U.14 Singles 40 x 20	Fergal Collins, Ballina
Girls U.17 Singles 40 x 20	Karen Collins, Ballina
Boys U.14 Singles 60 x 30	Fergal Collins, Ballina.

Fergal Collins achieved a notable double at Munster level by winning the 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 U.14 Singles. In the 40 x 20 Munster Championship, he accounted for Clare's Diarmuid



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Nash in the Munster Final played in Cappagh. He then travelled to Kingscourt to take on Paul Donnelly from Tyrone and emerged victorious after a very tough game. The final was played at O'Loughlin's Handball Club in Kilkenny and the opponent was Gary McConnell from Meath. Fergal won the first game on a very tight score line of 15-14 and went on to take the Title by winning the second game 15-09.

Fergal came through the Munster 60 x 30 campaign with ease and beat Michael O'Leary from Limerick in the Munster Final. He once again defeated Paul Donnelly from Tyrone in the All-Ireland Semi Final, which was played in Ballina on a score line of 15-13, 06-15 and 15-08. Fergal then travelled to Clonmel for his All-Ireland Final against Gary McConnell from Meath who he had defeated in the 40 x 20 Final. McConnell however gained revenge on this occasion and accounted for Fergal by winning two straight games.

Karen Collins received a walkover from Niamh McGlynn from Donegal who retired injured in the All-Ireland Semi Final. Karen travelled to O'Loughlin's, Kilkenny for her All-Ireland Final against Denise Ward from Roscommon and achieved a deserving All-Ireland success on a score line of 21-16, 21-03.

FEILE NA NGAEIL

Feile na nGael was again hosted by Leinster and a team from Ballina represented the County in the Division I of the 60 x 30. The Ballina players were:

Fergal Collins
Darragh Hardy
Owen Kent
Donal Kent
Mark Kennedy

The team were hoping for back-to-back successes as they had won the Division I Title in 2003. They were again successful on this occasion and brought the Steve Casey Perpetual Cup back to Ballina. The games on this occasion were played at the in Kells, County Meath. Fergal Collins went on to win the Skills Competition for the 4th year in a row, which surpassed the record held by Ger Coonan who won it on three occasions. The team was coached and looked after by Connie Collins.

INTER CLUB

The Ballina Club having enjoyed a very successful 60x30 Inter Club campaign in 2003 turned their attention to 40x20 and defeated Ballydesmond from Cork in the Munster Junior Inter Club Final. The team travelled to Kingscourt for the All-Ireland series on the May Bank Holiday Weekend but had to give way to Ulster opposition in the All-Ireland Semi-Final. The Ballina players were:

Paul Coleman
John Lee
John McQuaid
Martin McNerney
Ger Coonan

HARDBALL

John Lee and John McQuaid from Ballina were our representatives in Junior Hardball Championships. John Lee competed in the Singles Championship but lost out at an early stage to Paul Flynn from Mayo in a game played at Roscommon. John was then partnered by John McQuaid for the Doubles Championship and the got off to a good start by beating Gerry McGrath and Tom Flynn from Wicklow in a game played at Ballymoreeustace. They went on to reach the Semi Final stage but again came up against Mayo opposition and were defeated by Paul Flynn and Seamus Maughan.

USHA NATIONALS

Both Fergal Collins and Karen Collins took part in trials to

determine the Irish Team to take part in the USHA Junior Nationals to be held in Des Moines in North America. Fergal took part in the Boys 15 and Under and defeated Gary Donoghue from Coolboy in the 1st round but lost to Nigel O'Dowd from Roscommon by 21-19, 21-11. Karen took part in the Girls 17/19 Category and lost out at Quarter Final stage to Karen Lawlor from Kerry.

However, both Ger Coonan and Fergal Collins are travelling at their own expense to take part in the Junior USHA Nationals, which will take place between December 22nd and December 31st. We extend our best wishes to both players and hope they have a very enjoyable and successful championship.

IRISH NATIONALS

The Irish Nationals were again sponsored by FBD and the final stages were held for the first time at the Kingscourt Handball Complex in County Cavan. Ger Coonan, Paddy Collins, Karen Collins, Fergal Collins all took part in various competitions. Paddy Collins reached the Semi-Final of the Golden Masters B Singles but lost out to Sean Ryan from Carlow in a very exciting game played at Silvermines. Ger Coonan came through the qualifying stages but unfortunately did not take part in the Finals due to a knee injury, while Fergal was beaten at Semi Final stage by Gary McConnell from Meath in a tie-breaker on a score line of 21-05, 19-21, 11-09.

The final stages at Kingscourt proved to be an outstanding success and it is hoped that FBD will continue their sponsorship of this event for the foreseeable future as so many players support it.

GIRLS INTER-PROVINCIAL

Karen Collins from Ballina was our sole representative on the Munster Team, which took part in the Inter Provincial 40 x 20 Team of Ten Championship. The Inter Provincial Finals were held at the Nenagh Centre and the Munster Team were again successful against Connaught opposition. Karen was also a member of the 60 x 30 Inter Provincial Team, which were successful in 2003.

ALL IRELAND COLLEGES

Ger Coonan took part at senior level in the All-Ireland Colleges Championships representing St. Anne's School from Killaloe. The All-Ireland Semi Finals and Finals were staged in Kingscourt, County Cavan. Ger defeated Chris Doolin from Roscommon in the All-Ireland Semi Final 21-19, 21-04 and went on to defeat Stephen Short from St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny in the final on a score line of 21-03, 21-15. Karen Collins from Ballina also represented her school, St. Anne's, Killaloe in the Girls Senior Singles. Karen was defeated in the

All-Ireland Semi Final by Sarah Curley from Ballagh on a score line of 21-20, 16-21, 21-17.

FBD AWARDS

The FBD again sponsored Awards for Handball Players and Mentors in recognition of their contribution to handball for 2003. Connie Collins was awarded with the Coach of the Year for 2003 in recognition of the contribution that he had made to the success achieved by Juvenile Handball Players from his Club during 2003. Connie received his Award at a function, which was held in Cabra Castle Hotel in County Cavan.

HANDBALL PROMOTION ADMINISTRATOR

Lisa Mitchell from County Derry was appointed during the year by the Irish Handball Council as a Promotions Administrator. During her short time in office, Lisa has been very influential in getting publicity for handball at both National and local level and we wish her every success in her new role.

FINANCE

The Tipperary G.A.A. Board has again been supportive of the Handball Organisation and their financial contribution is very much appreciated by the Handball Members. The G.A.A. Board also provided playing shirts, which were used by handball players who were successful at Provincial level.

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League precursor to championship failure

By: J.J. Kennedy

Hindsight is a marvellous facility. Events of the past are unalterable, frozen as in a picture frame. Unlike the shifting, unsure sands of the future, the past is immobilised, static, allowing easier dissection and analysis. Backward review is infinitely easier than forward preview; comments on past events can always be more surefooted than speculation about future possibilities.

And so from our lofty perch on the hill of hindsight we can now look back on the league of 2004 and see therein the genesis of our championship failure. It's no proven theory, but sometimes the league contains all you need to know about your championship potential. It was certainly so with Tipperary in 2004. Anyone who looked deep, and was honest, was unlikely to enrich the bookies by backing our championship bid.

The springtime league of 2004 offered a patchy, spotty picture of our whereabouts in the hurling hierarchy. There were good days and there were bad days - and a few in between. It began poorly and ended without qualification for the final. In between we had wins and draws but through it all there was too much uncertainty about places and personnel. And what we couldn't muster in the league was unlikely to materialise in the championship.

So my brief here is to record rather than celebrate. My job is to plot a league series of ups and downs spanning eight games from February 22nd to April 24th. It's a compact two months of rapid-fire, relentless activity. There were few breathers as the focus switched from game to game with the two-phase system ensuring we played all the top teams, bar Kilkenny.

PRE-LEAGUE FRIENDLIES

But first a brief rewind to the pre-league build-up and its circuit of annual challenges. Our new management team of Ken Hogan, Jack Bergin and Colm Bonnar was installed in the fall of the year and by the New Year they had a programme in place. On January 10th players faced a demanding fitness test at Templemore's Garda College, just ahead of a series of trial games.

The weekend of January 24th/25th saw the first real flurry of activity with challenge games against Portumna and U.C.C. We lost to the Galway champions at Roscrea on the Saturday

and the following day beat the Cork students at Littleton. A week later there was a win over a Garda team at Templemore and a draw with Dinny Cahill's Dunloy at Cloughjordan. The following week a visiting Kerry team provided weak opposition at Dolla and the final warm-up outing of the series featured a tournament game with Waterford at Walsh Park on February 14th.

The Waterford game was the most significant outing of this pre-league series. We were well beaten, 4-18 to 3-14. We'd meet Waterford twice more in the months ahead, in league and championship, and fail to win either bout. Events were already casting a shadow. Benny Dunne, scorer of 2-5 that day in Walsh Park, prevented even deeper blushes. With the preliminaries now over the league was about to kick-off, the first phase providing Tipperary with four 'away' games and just one at home, the imbalance resulting from Limerick's enforced visit to Semple Stadium the previous year as the Gaelic Grounds underwent a major revamp.

A POOR START

The campaign began at Birr on February 22nd with the following selection: Brendan Cummins; Thomas Costello, David Kennedy, Michael Phelan; Eamonn Corcoran, John Carroll, Diarmuid Fitzgerald; Paul Kelly and Eddie Enright; Brian O'Meara, Shane Maher, Benny Dunne; Seamus Butler, Ger O'Grady, Eoin Kelly.

Originally Denis Byrne was chosen at midfield with Paul Kelly in Diarmuid Fitzgerald's place at wingback, but illness kept Byrne out and would ultimately undo his chances for the year. The big move being made by the selectors was to groom John Carroll for that troublesome centre back role. It was a move that wouldn't last. David Kennedy was slotting in at full back with Philip Maher still recuperating from his knee injury. Shane Maher, Burgess, had done well in the pre-league games and was given his chance at centre forward. Ger O'Grady was still in the frame. That too wouldn't last.

Tipperary could point to absentees that day at Birr. Tommy Dunne was still sidelined, Paul Curran was in America and others carried injuries. But it was scant consolation when the final tally read 1-15 to 0-17 in Offaly's favour. We trailed by just a point at the interval, 0-9 to 0-8, after facing the wind. A failure to

take even one of several goal chances would ultimately prove very costly. Gary Hanniffy had the Offaly goal at a crucial juncture in the second half and we fell a point short in a tight finish.

Against the wind it certainly looked promising in the first half. That promise seemed well founded when, on resuming, Tipperary hit four unanswered points. Even when Offaly briefly regained the lead midway through the second half Tipperary responded admirably and went three-up once again. But the Hanniffy goal was a huge item. Offaly finished strongly and in a tight finish we failed to grab even a share of the spoils.

In the second half crisis John Carroll was moved to centre forward after a poor showing at number six; it was a hint that his return to defensive duties wouldn't last. Paul Kelly was substituted with Lar Corbett coming on and Benny Dunne going midfield. By the end Mike McNamara and Offaly were the happier ones. For Tipperary it was a poor start to the league.

RECOVERY

If, according to the old Gaelic proverb, a good start is half the job, then Tipperary faced an extra tough task in the remaining games. Despite the failure to Offaly the selectors refused to be unnerved when picking for the visit to Limerick in round two the following week. Thomas Costello was unavailable and his place at right back went to fellow-Westerner, John Devane. Otherwise the team resumed as against Offaly. It was another chance for David Kennedy at centre back. Paul Kelly was restored to midfield and the entire forward formation remained the same, presumably with a warning that they must do better.

We'd meet Limerick later in the championship and struggle to beat them; this time, however, the Shannonsiders folded alarmingly from their perspective. After a quarter of an hour the board read 0-5 apiece and the game seemed well balanced. The second quarter, though, witnessed an amazing sea change in fortunes. Tipperary went on a point-scoring blitz. Chief architects were the Kelly brothers and Benny Dunne as a procession of points left Limerick eleven behind at the interval (0-16 to 0-5).

Nor was their any local revival after the break. Tommy Dunne came on for Ger O'Grady and got a Tipperary goal. Eoin Kelly added another from a



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'penalty' and Tipp eventually won by 2-21 to 1-12. It was a landslide. The second half did get a tad narky and Paul Kelly was dismissed after a second yellow card. In the first half Brian O'Meara suffered a neck injury and was replaced by Lar Corbett. Late in the game Paddy O'Brien came in for Shane Maher.

Overall the game marked a welcome return to winning ways after the defeat at Birr. Being more critical one could argue that it was an uneven Tipperary display. Eoin Kelly and Benny Dunne did it all in attack – between them they shared a score total of 1-15. Paul Kelly was the dominant personality at midfield, while the defence was competent. In summary it was a useful, stress-free win against poor opposition. From Limerick's perspective Pad Joe Whelehan described it as 'a disaster' and you could appreciate why.

After the Limerick game there was a fortnight break, allowing a window of opportunity, which facilitated a Tipp/Kilkenny tournament match. The meeting was a benefit game for Tullaroan's John Coogan who lost in eye in a club tie the previous year. It was played in Nowlan Park and provided a useful workout for an experimental Tipperary side. For the record we fielded as follows: Justin Cottrell; Thomas Costello, John Devane, Colin Morrissey; Declan Fanning, John Carroll, Shane Sweeney; Denis Byrne and Pat Buckley (Emly); Tony Scroope, Tommy Dunne, Lar Corbett; Paddy O'Brien, Ger O'Grady, John O'Brien. Subs used were: Pat Shortt for Pat Buckley, Paul Kelly for Denis Byrne and Seamus Butler for Shane Sweeney.

The game itself was quite abrasive, despite its 'friendly' nature. Tipperary got away to a flying start, goals by Scroope and O'Grady backboning a lead of 2-5 to 0-2 after twenty minutes. We led by just four at half time and eventually won a high-scoring collision by 5-12 to 3-17. Lar Corbett, with a personal tally of 3-3, was the individual headline-maker. Overall an experimental side had stood up well to the rigours of the occasion.

WEXFORD ROUTED

A week later it was back to the bread-and-butter business of league hurling and a visit to Wexford Park for round three. The selectors finally lost faith with John Carroll at centre back and for the trip to the Southeast the Roscrea man was listed at number eleven. David Kennedy was now at number six with John Devane at full back between Costello and Michael Phelan. Lar Corbett's form at Nowlan Park earned him a place at number ten, while for the third league round in succession the full forward line featured Seamus Butler, Ger O'Grady and Eoin Kelly.

Traditionally we've had difficulties on our trips to Wexford; this time it proved surprisingly easy. The game was over at half time when Tipperary led by 3-12 to



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1-4. Carroll had scored two of the goals with Corbett adding the third. With a storm at their backs Tipperary played Molly Bawn with the Wexford defence.

Would there be a Wexford backlash with the wind in the second half? It never happened. Lar Corbett added another goal on resuming and our defence remained grimly focused throughout in front of an impressive Cummins. Typical of the defiance was John Devane's faultless display on Larry Murphy. By the end we took the spoils on a score line of 4-18 to 1-13 against a woefully inept Wexford team. In the last minute David Kennedy was dismissed for a second bookable offence. It mattered not. John Carroll on his return to the forwards scored 2-2 with Lar Corbett adding an impressive 2-1. On the substitute side Declan Fanning replaced Diarmuid Fitzgerald, Noel Moloney came in for Ger O'Grady and Tommy Dunne deputised for his brother, Benny. It was a day when the selectors could afford to be flexible.

ANTRIM OUTCLASSED

Round four brought Antrim to Thurles on March 21st for our only 'home' fixture in phase one. It was a 'massacre'. Despite facing the wind we still led by five at half time (2-9 to 0-10) but then went to town in the second half. It ended embarrassingly one-sided (5-23 to 0-13) for an Antrim side minus the Dunloy contingent who were preparing for an assault on the All Ireland club title.

The most noteworthy aspect of the game from a Tipperary perspective was the welcome return of Philip Maher to action after his long lay-off. He came on in place of Michael Phelan in the second half and would feature for the remainder of our season. A hamstring kept Lar Corbett out and Eoin Kelly started in his place. It was an unfortunate 'break' for Antrim because Kelly landed 2-8, torturing the Northern defence throughout. Diarmuid Fitzgerald didn't start either with Eamonn Corcoran taking his place at wing back.

There were some interesting substitutions during the match. David Kennedy and Ger O'Grady were withdrawn at half time, Shane Sweeney replacing Kennedy and Tommy Dunne coming in for O'Grady. Dunne scored 2-

2. For O'Grady it was the end of the line. Centre back was still clearly a problem zone too. Denis Byrne replaced Eddie Enright at midfield and Tony Scroope came on for Seamus Butler.

Clearly after four league games, including three big-score wins, the Tipperary lineout was still far from settled. The final game in phase one took us to Cork on 28 March. With the top-three teams going through to phase two there was little at stake because this time the accumulated points weren't being carried forward.

LEESIDE DRAW

For the Cork match the selectors experimented. Cottrell got his day in goal. Colin Morrissey was introduced at number four. Significantly Declan Fanning became our latest recruit to that troublesome spot at number six with Hugh Moloney getting a run at number seven. Denis Byrne would partner Paul Kelly at midfield while Mark O'Leary returned to the attack. Noel Moloney was selected for full forward with Paddy O'Brien on his right.

With nothing but pride at stake the game still managed to produce a cracker between these traditional rivals. Tipperary enjoyed a bright first half with the likes of Paddy O'Brien and Benny Dunne tossing over textbook points. The Cork defence was being stretched as Tipperary raced into a substantial lead. Yet near the break we leaked two bad goals, which undid all the excellent work beforehand. An 'unjust' interval score line saw the teams level at 2-7 to 0-13.

The second half was far closer. Amazingly Tipperary failed to score from play in that period. Instead the free taking of the Kellys – Paul from afar and Eoin from close in – kept us in touch. Eoin 'manufactured' a goal too much to the chagrin of Wayne Sherlock who felt hard done by the free award, which Kelly rattled to the net. In the end either side could have won, so nobody was disappointed when it finished level at 1-20 to 2-17.

On the substitute front Tommy Dunne replaced Noel Moloney, Tony Scroope took Mark O'Leary's spot and Shane Maher was the replacement for Denis Byrne. Declan Fanning produced a solid

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game at centre back and Colin Morrissey did nothing wrong at number four. Both would feature come championship time. On the negative side players like Thomas Costello and Hugh Moloney were in some difficulty in defence and John Carroll was soundly beaten at number eleven. When you added the plus and minus signs one wondered if much real progress was being made, despite the team's qualification for phase two of the league.

SIEGE OF ENNIS

With no semi-finals and just the top two teams qualifying for the final it became a virtual knockout competition in phase two of the league. Tipp began their series with a trip to Ennis to face a Clare side managed by Anthony Daly and enjoying something of a rejuvenation. It was bound to be a stiff test and we failed it quite badly.

Eoin Kelly was unavailable because of injury and Brian O'Meara made a return to the team at full forward sandwiched between Lar Corbett and Paddy O'Brien. Mark O'Leary was given another chance at wing forward with John Carroll retaining centre and Benny Dunne at number twelve. Midfield returned to the Eddie Enright/Paul Kelly combination. After the Cork evidence Declan Fanning was again given the nod at number six in between Eamonn Corcoran and Diarmuid Fitzgerald. Philip Maher started his first game at full back since returning from injury with Thomas Costello and John Devane in the corners.

Of the eight league games that we played this was in many ways the most troubling. It was a crunch tie in the context of the competition and yet we were soundly beaten. It wasn't that we were hammered – the final score was 1-20 to 1-15 – but those bare statistics tend to hide the worrying evidence of the day. Clare dominated us physically and were worth more than a five-point margin.

We started brightly enough with Corbett and Benny Dunne especially prominent in attack. A John Carroll goal added to the encouragement but gradually Clare's resistance stiffened. Their half back line got on top, Diarmuid McMahon was the main influence at midfield and we were soon playing second fiddle. Helped by a Frank Lohan goal, Clare led by five at half time and in truth we never looked like retrieving the situation in the second half. Brendan Cummins, with another sterling display, kept the gap manageable but with Colin Lynch driving on Clare in attack we were always second best.

On the substitute front Seamus Butler replaced Mark O'Leary and scored a useful three points. Tommy Dunne deputised once more, this time for Brian O'Meara. Michael Phelan came on for the injured Thomas Costello and Colin Morrissey replaced John Carroll. Perhaps the most significant substitution, however, was the return of Martin Maher after injury; he replaced John Devane.

Significantly half our starting six forwards were replaced; without Eoin Kelly that sector posed little threat. Defence too was chasing stability, though by now Diarmaid Fitzgerald had established himself at wing back with another impressive display. Overall though the Tipperary fans could hardly be optimistic about the future as they departed Cusack Park on April 11th.

GALWAY BEATEN

Despite that defeat Tipperary could still make the league final if they won their remaining two games and had a healthy enough score difference. The penultimate game of the series brought Galway to Thurles on April 18th. Eoin Kelly was back to replace Brian O'Meara on the full forward line while Tony Scroope got the nod ahead of Mark O'Leary at wing. In defence the most significant line was full back where the selectors opted for Martin Maher, Philip Maher and Paul Curran, recently returned from America.

Galway started best in the game but then Paddy O'Brien tapped in a Tipperary goal. That settled the team and they went on to carve out an interval advantage of three points, 1-8 to 0-8. In the third quarter we doubled the margin and might have buried the issue except for a series of wides, Tommy Dunne and Eoin Kelly among the culprits. A Kevin Broderick goal brought Galway back into the hunt; the lead dwindled to the minimum. Tipperary responded with points by Eoin Kelly and then a Seamus Butler goal.

But Galway came again. Another Broderick goal and a Mark Kerins point had the lead down to just two. In the dying moments our hearts missed a beat. Damien Hayes raided down the right flank and got to within firing range of Cummins. His shot was brilliantly parried by the goalie and the final whistle signalled Tipperary relief after a seesaw game that we deserved to win but could have lost. It ended 2-15 to 2-13.

There were positives and negatives for the Tipperary public to consider. In defence the full line had a championship look about it, though Curran was rusty on his return and the Mahers were still chasing sharpness. The half line was doing nicely with Fanning holding the middle, Fitzgerald looking the part at wing and Corcoran, as ever, looking classy on the right. Midfield, however, was less convincing, though Colin Morrissey made an impression when introduced for Eddie Enright. In attack Carroll played better this time but Kelly remained the main threat. Tommy Dunne was again introduced, replacing Lar Corbett and Seamus Butler came on for Paddy O'Brien.

GOODBYE TO THE LEAGUE

The following Sunday, April 25th, Waterford came to Thurles for the final round of the league. With score

difference set to decide places in the final Tipperary faced an unreachable target. Effectively we needed to beat Waterford by fourteen points to get through and that was never a realistic objective. Yet there was every reason for Tipperary to give it a last on a day with a summery feel to it and with almost ten thousand paying customers in the Stadium.

Tommy Dunne started at full forward in place of Lar Corbett, but otherwise Tipperary fielded as against Galway the previous Sunday. We started brightly and a John Carroll goal was the most significant item in our first quarter lead, 1-5 to 0-2. Colin Morrissey replaced an injured Eddie Enright at midfield and Tipperary retired at the interval leading by 1-12 to 0-10. It had been a promising half with Eoin Kelly sparkling in attack.

Early in the second half Eoin Kelly took a Tommy Dunne delivery behind the Waterford defence and drilled home a goal that put us eight-up. Maybe the target of a fourteen-point win was reachable after all.

It wasn't. John Mullane was bothering Philip Maher and then Paul Flynn sneaked a goal on Cummins. Seamus Butler retaliated with a Tipperary goal to halt the Waterford advance, but only briefly. Waterford kept coming in the second half, helped by a series of inexplicable frees awarded by an Antrim official. By game's end he needed a Garda escort from Semple Stadium, such was the extent of local anger at his performance.

By now Noel Moloney was in for Paul Kelly and Mark O'Leary replaced Tony Scroope. Earlier Seamus Butler substituted for Paddy O'Brien. Eoin Kelly had another goal chance to save the game but Stephen Brenner kept it out. Waterford had the last say with points from Dave Bennett and Paul Flynn to salvage a draw: Tipperary 3-16, Waterford 1-22.

It was a commendable, if uneven, Tipperary display. We hadn't lost, and Waterford hadn't won, but it was enough to send the Decies to a league final date with Galway. They lost.

And so the curtain fell on our league bid. Eight games, five wins, two defeats and a draw. Not a bad record, I suppose, but still indicating enough problems in the team to suggest that they were not ready for championship champagne. Interestingly only eight of the team that played the opening league bout against Offaly were still on board against Waterford. We'd chopped and changed and by the end of it all we were still unsure of our championship formation. The defence in fairness had firmed up but midfield was still iffy and what would the attack do without Eoin Kelly? The solutions that couldn't be found in the league, ultimately eluded us too in the championship.

Solohead CLG 2004

THIS YEAR marked one of the most successful in the history of the club with the honour of two under-21 titles coming to the parish.

In football on a cold and wet evening in Cashel we faced Newcastle from the south division. After a hard hour's football Solohead emerged victorious and there was much celebration when captain Noel Kennedy was presented with the trophy. Final score, Solohead 3-5, Newcastle 0-6.

However, better was to follow on the

May bank holiday weekend. Having triumphed in a very tight game over Clonakenny on the Friday night all roads led to Semple Stadium on the Monday. Our opponents were Skeehanarinky and going into the last minute of injury time it looked like our dreams of a double would be shattered as we trailed by two points.

However, a desperate scramble led to a last gasp Solohead goal and this meant that captain Philip Doherty climbed the steps in the famous stadium to accept the trophy. Final score,

Solohead 3-7, Clonakenny 2-9.

On the back of these successes hopes were high that our adult teams could go on and repeat some of the heroics of the underage teams. In hurling we were unlucky not to qualify from an extremely tough group while in football we reached a west semi-final. However, it was not to be our day in Sean Treacy Park as Cappawhite ran out winners.

Our under-14 hurlers also played in the 'B' competition and against all the odds were victorious taking the 'B' West title.



Donie Nealon being wished well in his retirement by Willie Barrett, Tommy O'Dwyer, Michael O'Brien, Donie Shanahan and John Ryan.

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The County Senior Hurling Championship

By Seamus J. King

TOOMEVARA reaffirmed their status as the dominant force in Tipperary hurling, when they captured their ninth county senior title since 1992 with a deserved six-point victory over the combination of Golden-Kilfeacle and Eire Óg, Anacarty at Thurles on October 10. Even though the game wasn't as one-sided as many of the pundits predicted, with the sides level at half-time, there was never any doubt about the final outcome.

There was a new kind of county championship for 2004. For the past number of years attempts have been made to give players more guaranteed games, and a format was devised this year of having a league-championship. The county Games Development Committee devised a structure, which divided the teams into an A and a B section, with greater privileges for the A teams. This caused a furore among the B teams, sent them into a huddle, and they came up with their own version of a league-championship, which eventually got county board sanction.

The system devised was one of six groups, five containing four teams, and the sixth having five. They played off on a league basis with the top team in each group going forward to meet the winners of the divisional championships. Since this system produced ten teams, two too many for quarter finals, a scheme had to be devised to eliminate two of them. This was done by allowing the team that headed the five-team group into the quarter-finals, plus one of the other five, drawn from 'the hat'.

Before the championship came to be played in May, there was a separate county league of three divisions of eight teams each. (The twenty-fifth senior team in the county, Cashel King Cormac's, declined to participate.) Each group was divided into two sections, giving each team at least three games. The top two teams played off for the winner. The divisions were called the Premier, Division 2 and Division 3, and there was a trophy for every winner. Nenagh Eire Óg won the Johnny Ryan Cup for the Premier Division, Borrisoleigh the Jim Devitt Cup for winning Division 2 and Drom Inch got the Canon Fogarty Cup for winning Division 3.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

The league championship commenced in May, with regular games Sunday after Sunday. It ran reasonably smoothly and by early June had produced winners, through score difference where there were ties on



Paddy O'Brien receives the Dan Breen Cup for County Board Chairman Donie Shanahan. On left is Aoiife Campion, representing the sponsors, Cidona.

points. Mullinahone came through in the five-team group, and the other winners were Holycross-Ballycahill, Toomevara, Moneygall, Drom Inch and Thurles Sarsfields. Holycross-Ballycahill drew the long straw and became the second team to go straight into the quarter-finals. In the draw for the play-offs between the remaining four teams, Toomevara drew Moneygall, and Drom Inch drew Thurles Sarsfields. In the subsequent games Toomevara proved too strong from Moneygall, winning by 1-17 to 1-12 at Cloughjordan on August 29, and an unfancied Drom Inch ousted Thurles Sarsfields by 1-22 to 0-21 at Templemore on the same day, to qualify for the remaining places in the county quarter-finals.

(There was only one hitch in the smooth running of the league. Thurles Sarsfields were deprived of the chance of heading their group with the decision of Newport to withdraw from the league before they played Sarsfields. As a result Portroe, another team in the group, had the better score difference. Sarsfields objected on the grounds that the failure of Newport to play deprived them of the chance of improving their score difference, and appealed to Munster Council. The council upheld the appeal but referred it back to county board for resolution. The board decided on a play-off between the teams, which Sarsfields won.

DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Three of the divisional championships were played on August 22. First off the mark was the North division at Nenagh in the afternoon. In poor weather conditions Roscrea overcame the odds when they beat hot favourites, Borrisoleigh, by the slenderest of margins on a scoreline of 0-13 to 1-9. It was their first victory in twenty-four years.

That evening in the West final at

Dundrum, there was another surprise. The combined forces of Golden-Kilfeacle and Eire Óg, Anacarty, who had performed so poorly in their first round match, overcame favourites, Clonoulty-Rossmore, in an engrossing second-half, with a point from a Conor O'Brien free, well into added time. The final score was 2-12 to 1-14.

On the same evening at Kilsheelan there was no surprise in the South final. Mullinahone confirmed their status as favourites, when they defeated Killenaule by 2-12 to 0-9, to take their third successive title in atrocious weather conditions.

The Mid final, played a week later at the Ragg, ended in a draw when Ger Flanagan pointed a controversial 65, three minutes into injury time to give Boherlahan-Dualla a draw with 1-10 to 0-13 for Loughmore-Castleiney. Loughmore-Castleiney made no mistake in the replay at Semple Stadium on September 5. Much was expected of this game, but Loughmore-Castleiney hit the ground running, were nine points up in ten minutes, 2-8 to 0-6 in front at the interval, and convincing winners by 3-19 to 2-7.

COUNTY QUARTER-FINALS

Because Mullinahone were league winners, as well as divisional champions, they had no quarter-final opponents, and received a bye into the semi-final. Two of the quarter-finals were played on September 5. At Cashel the Combo, as they were now better known than Golden-Eire Óg, continued to surprise when they defeated Drom Inch by 1-15 to 1-14. They led by 1-9 to 1-5 at the interval, but it took an injury-time point by David Fogarty from a fifty yard free to give them their one-point victory.

On the same day at Templemore, Roscrea ousted Holycross-Ballycahill with a convincing 1-18 to 0-13 victory.



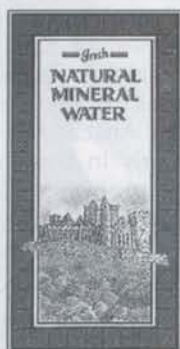
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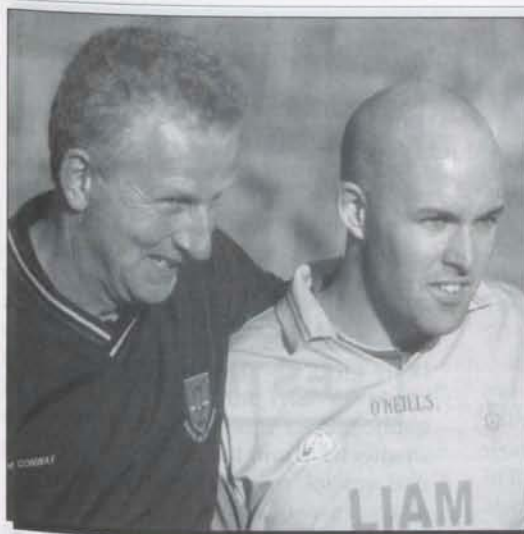
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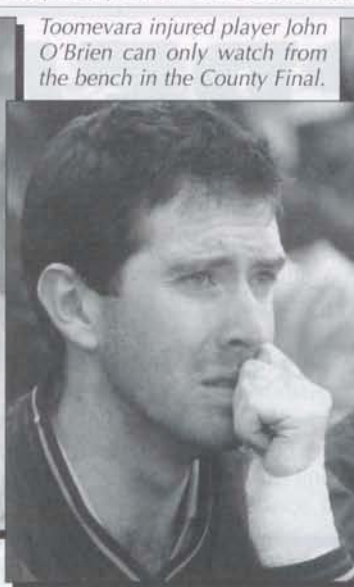
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Toomevara Manager Sean Hehir congratulates Justin Cottrell after County Final win.



Toomevara injured player John O'Brien can only watch from the bench in the County Final.



Eoin Brislane Toomevara examines his option in the Cidona Senior Hurling Final.

The winners held a four-point advantage, 1-9 to 0-8, at the interval.

The third quarter-final was played at Templemore on Tuesday, September 21. (The choice of date was to give the winners five days before the semi-final.) A fine crowd turned up for this eagerly awaited clash, but it turned out to be a tough, dour encounter rather than a classic contest. Although they had the breeze in their favour in the first half, Loughmore-Castleiney led by only three points, 0-8 to 0-5, at the interval. They continued to hold their own for the early part of the second half, but then Toomevara took over and Loughmore went for fifteen minutes without scoring. At the end of this period Toomevara were three points in front, and they held on to win by 1-12 to 0-13.

THE SEMI-FINALS

The semi-finals were played at Semple Stadium on All-Ireland football Sunday, with a midday start. In the first of these the Combo continued to excite their supporters. They won comfortably even though there were only three points between them and Roscrea at the finish. Two late goals put a gloss on the North champions' performance. The Combo led by 2-9 to 0-5 at the interval, and were in front by 2-17 to 4-8 at the final whistle, the two goals coming from veteran, John Quinn.

Toomevara proved too good for a disappointing Mullinahone, who seemed to lack a competitive edge. The game was really wrapped up with two goals from Toomevara, by Francis Devanney and Willie Ryan, on each side of half-time. The first of these gave the winners a 1-13 to 0-6 interval lead, and the second put them thirteen points ahead of the South champions. The latter brought the difference back to five points during the second half, but that

was as good as they did and they finished 2-19 to 2-14 adrift.

FINAL

And so to the final, and the unlikely meeting of regular champions, Toomevara, and the team that were a hundred to one shot after their first round defeat. The Greyhounds were the hottest of favourites and few gave any chance to the Combo, in spite of the fact that they lived up to their West title showing by taking the scalps of Drom Inch and Roscrea on their way to the final.

All the doomsday scenario of the pundits seemed to be justified when the Combo found themselves in arrears of seven points after eight minutes, after the concession of two goals. But, they fought back in heroic fashion to draw level with Toomevara, 2-5 to 1-8 at half-time. However, they were hit by another body blow within thirty seconds of the resumption, when captain, man of the match, and leading scorer, Paddy O'Brien, had the ball in their net. For the remainder of the game the Toomevara men were dominant, confining the Combo to four points and a consolation goal in the third minute of injury time. The final score was 4-12 to 2-12 in favour of a team that were winning a sixth county crown in seven seasons. For the Combo there was only the memory of the fighting first half, and the consolation that they hadn't been disgraced.

The winning team were as follows: Justin Cottrell, John Boland, Tony Delaney, Philip Shanahan, Terry Dunne, Benny Dunne (0-1), David Young, Padraig Hackett, Eoin Brislane (1-2), Ken Dunne (0-2), Francis Devanney (0-1), Tommy Dunne (1-2), Michael Bevens (0-1), Paddy O'Brien (capt.), (2-3), Willie Ryan, Subs: Byron Duff for A. Shanahan, Barry Dunne for Terry Dunne, Denis Kelly for Ryan, Kevin Cummins for

Bevens, Andrew Ryan for Hackett, James McGrath, David Kennedy, Brian McCormack, John Delaney, Paddy Tuohy, Tomás O'Meara, John Kinirons, Stephen O'Meara. Referee: Willie Clohessy (Drom Inch)

Selectors: Sean Hehir (Manager), Bartie Sherlock (Coach), Matt O'Meara, Sean Maxwell, Ned Murphy (Physio), John Tuohy (First Aid). Attendance: 8,300.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

County final, October 10,
Semple Stadium
Toomevara 4-12, Golden-Eire Óg 2-12
Referee: Willie Clohessy (Drom Inch)

SEMI-FINALS, September 26,
Semple Stadium
Golden-Eire Óg: 2-17, Roscrea 4-8
Referee: Seamus Roche (Kilsheelan)
Toomevara 2-19, Mullinahone 2-14
Referee: John Ryan (Cashel)

QUARTER-FINALS
September 21, Templemore:
Toomevara 1-12,
Loughmore-Castleiney 0-13
Referee: Willie Barrett (Ardfinnan)
September 5, Templemore:
Roscrea 1-18,
Holycross-Ballycahill 0-13
Referee: Richie Barry (Cappawhite)

September 5, Cashel:
Golden-Eire Óg 1-15, Drom Inch 1-14
Referee: Noel Cosgrove (Marlfield)

(Because Mullinahone were league and championship winners, they got a bye to the semi-final.)

(The final of the relegation section was played at Nenagh on October 3, with John Ryan (Boherlahan) as referee. The result was Kilruane MacDonaghs 0-13 Newport 1-6. The intermediate final was won by Kildangan, who defeated Moycarkey-Borris in the final. Kildangan will play in senior ranks in 2005.)

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We also wish to thank our referee's, Gate Checkers & programme sellers for their contribution.

Finally a peaceful Christmas & a happy New Year to all

Tipperary supporters club

Gerry Ryan, P.R.O. Tipperary Supporters Club

AS THE WORDS of the well known song goes: 'Where do I begin?' Well, why not with a quote 'Personally I feel that the desire to win is not as great as some years back. Players are not prepared to make sacrifices to make themselves fit and where the extra effort is required they lack the vital 'never say die' attitude required in a championship game. The skills are not practiced either'.

That quote is taken from Tommy Barrett's report to convention 30 years ago. In the previous 30 years Tommy Barrett had seen Tipperary win 11 All-Ireland and 15 Munster titles, plus 12 National League wins. In the 30 years since he uttered those words of warning of what he saw as a serious decline in standards we have won only three All-Ireland and six Munster titles. What a prophetic warning from a man who outside of his remarkable record as an administrator knew what was required to win at the highest level.

Tommy Barrett wore the blue and gold under the guidance of legendary figures Paddy Leahy and Martin Kennedy while playing alongside such as Seamus Bannon, Pat Stakelum, Liam Devaney, Jimmy Finn and John Doyle. Ten years later in the '84 edition of this yearbook John O'Grady, so well known as 'Culbaire' of the Tipperary Star, wrote that Tipperary Supporters were 'bewildered, confused and frustrated'. You could say this is how Tipperary Supporters are right now some 20 years later.

When Tipp are down the National media seem to enjoy our misery. The Sunday Independent described this year as an abject hurling season for Tipperary and reminded us that we had only won one All-Ireland in 13 years and one Munster success in 10 summers. Our Under 21 slump in the final was reported as a salutary lesson in forceful hurling for Tipperary that we won't forget in a long time. The Irish Independent further stressed that it was a timely reminder of the distance that is developing between Kilkenny and Tipperary.

I feel now more than ever our great hurling tradition and the pride and glory which made us without doubt the premier county needs to be constantly put before our hurlers and youth of today. Tipperary need to begin thinking again like winners which was the greatest hallmark of all our great teams. Let it be not forgotten that in 1965 when Jimmy Doyle rose the McCarthy Cup in triumph we were the 1st county ever (hurling or football) to win 21 All-Ireland titles. It was the day John Doyle drew level with Christy Ring at the top of all time All-Ireland medal winners table with eight celtic crosses. It was a win described as Tipperary emphasising their special class in hurling. The wonderful memories of

Sean McLoughlin's two goals setting us on the way to history. The magnificent displays of Mick Burns (Nenagh) at right half back and the wonderful sideline cut by Theo English sent over the bar from all of 50 yards.

It was the previous year that we went top of the All-Ireland championship table with our 20th crown. That final was noteworthy for the fact we only had five wides in the whole game. Our forward line operated with machine like brilliance scoring 5-13 against Kilkenny, who were defending champions. That was a Tipperary team of champions the expert marksman Jimmy Doyle scored 10 points, the magnificent Donie Nealon hit three goals and the irrepressible Babs Keating lashed over scores while bursting through clusters of Kilkenny defenders. The final victory tally was a whopping 14 points. It would be very beneficial to hear the views of these hurling greats on how Tipperary's hurling pride could be restored.

The Tipperary Supporters Club Committee under the guidance of our chairman, Ger Ryan (Templederry), continued the fundraising efforts this year in support of our hurlers. The flagship event was again our 19th Annual Golf Classic which was held over two days at the hugely popular Co Tipperary Golf and Country Club at Dundrum. Our main sponsor for the event was Enfer Scientific and we are indebted to Louis Ronan and his company for their generous support of Tipperary.

This year 60 teams competed and the very popular winners were the team representing Matt Kavanagh Coaches and Kieran Flynn Solicitors both of Tipperary Town. The popularity of the win was due in no small way to the fact that they have been supporters of each and every one of the 19 golf classics to date. The winning team was made up of Matt Kavanagh, a former winner of an intermediate scratch cup at Cahir Golf Club. Matt has for the past 16 years both provided and driven the team bus for the Tipperary hurlers. His son David was the second member, and he has the unique distinction of winning the captain's prize in Ballykisteen in 1997 when Matt was the captain. The third member was 11 handicapper Ray Flynn, son of joint team sponsor Kieran, and the man who completed the winning quartet was Mick Kennedy or popularly refereed to as 'Mad Mick', who played the golf round of his life.

The highlight of their winning round was scoring two birdies and a par on the 16th hole and the inspired golf that amassed 27 points in the final three holes got them home winners by the minimum margin of one point. Runners-up were the team sponsored by well known publican,

Tony Lowry, with fellow publican and captain of this year's county champions runners-up, the Golden-Annacarty combo team, David Fogarty. Their team was completed by Dan and Hazel Quirke from Clonoulty. Many of you will remember Dan for his huge contribution to our All-Ireland Under-21 victory over Offaly in 1989, which completed Tipperary's Triple crown of All-Ireland victories that year, senior, intermediate and Under-21. Dan's wife, Hazel, is sister-in law of Declan Ryan who was captain of that '89 under-21 team.

This year saw our minor hurling selectors bow out and for the Supporters Club it was a pleasure to be associated with them through our sponsorship of the Advanced School of Hurling (ASH). This was a wonderful initiative first suggested to our committee to sponsor by Philip Ryan (Sean Treacy's). Phil is also a member of our committee and a brother of Dinny who scored the clinching goal in Tipperary's 22nd All-Ireland victory of 1971. That final that is best remembered for the tremendous performance of Babs Keating as he in turn discarded his boots and socks to finish with seven crucial and excellent points.

It was personally a privilege for the Supporters Club to be associated with ASH and to see almost 100 young players assessed before the final 45 were selected for the school. It was also wonderful to witness the hugely professional manner it was planned and co-ordinated by Paddy McCormack, the aforementioned Phil Ryan, James Ivors and Vincent McKenna. Through their involvement with ASH and with the Tipperary minor team, they left no stone unturned in terms of preparation, coaching and discipline. I think this year they would have been rewarded with All-Ireland honours but for cruel fate. The switching forward of the semi-final to facilitate Kilkenny by the powers that be in Croke Park I believe was the crucial issue. The Kilkenny minors were handed the huge boost of sharing the day with their seniors and the full and massive support of their followers. It was a major difference in such a tight match and the defeat was a major setback because I believe this team contained players of immense potential, who would have benefited greatly from participating in an All-Ireland final. It would have been a just reward for their mentors four years of dedicated work and it was so disappointing to see our chance ruined on a wet, miserable day as we slipped and slid to the narrowest defeat. The sun shone brightly seven days later the official date set for the game and I thought how much will we live to regret this in the future.

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COUNTY SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Loughmore/Castleiney bridge 12-year gap with victory over Moyle Rovers

By EAMONN WYNNE, *Clonmel Nationalist*

The County Senior Football team's withdrawal from the championship created unwanted headlines for Tipperary during the year, leaving behind a mess from which the reverberations are still being felt.

But another major football story of the past 12 months has been

Loughmore/Castleiney's re-emergence as a force, which they confirmed by winning the county senior championship for the first time in 12 years.

Not only did they regain a title that they had last held in 1992, but they also became the first team from outside of the South division to win the championship since that very same year.

Loughmore's 11th county title was collected after a hard-fought final against Moyle Rovers in Leahy Park, Cashel, on October 16th, which they won by 0-9 to 0-6.

Over the years Loughmore have earned a reputation as being a dogged and determined team that never knows when it's beaten, and those qualities surfaced once more as they got the better of Moyle Rovers, who suffered their first defeat in their sixth appearance in the football showpiece since they made their historic breakthrough in 1995.

However, Loughmore also showed that they were capable of playing free-flowing and stylish football when the need arose, as they embellished their display with no little skill.

Midfielder and captain

Michael Webster led by example in the middle of the field, especially in the tense closing moments as Moyle Rovers pressed hard in search of an equalising goal.

The man-of-the-match award went to Paul Ormonde, who was outstanding in defence, while his brother Tommy also made a major contribution to the victory by scoring three points.

They were also grateful to Declan Laffan, whose excellent performance at full-forward yielded four points as he tormented the Rovers defence all afternoon.

But it was their committed team performance and tireless workrate that eventually saw the O'Dwyer Cup heading to Mid-Tipperary and in the direction of the county's most successful dual club.

Most of Moyle Rovers' hopes rested on the shoulders of Declan Browne, who on a personal level made it another memorable year when he was chosen for the Irish team that beat Australia over two tests in the Compromise Rules series.

Browne scored four of his side's six points but even his efforts weren't sufficient to rescue his side from defeat, although he and Moyle Rovers might have benefited more had he received a better supply of the ball.

Moyle Rovers had failed to match Loughmore's more direct and sturdy approach, although players such as goalkeeper Ian Browne, Declan's younger brother; Aidan Foley and Pádraig Foley, tried hard to turn the

tide, as the South's stranglehold on the championship was finally broken.

The Loughmore/Castleiney team that brought the glory days back to the club and the parish was, Dominic Brennan, Gary Sweeney, Ned Ryan, Paul Ormonde, Edward Connolly, David Kennedy, Tom King, Michael Webster, Paul Brennan, Martin Gleeson, Seamie Bohan, Tommy Ormonde, Evan Sweeney, Declan Laffan and Kieran McGrath.

Their one substitution saw Davy McGrath replace Paul Brennan.

The Moyle Rovers team was: Ian Browne, David Conway, Aidan Foley, Noel Wall, Kevin Morrissey, Liam Cronin, Robbie Boland, Niall Fitzgerald, Pádraig Kelly, Declan Browne, Pádraig Foley, James Williams, Ronan Desmond, John McGrath and Brian Mulvihill.

They made three substitutions during the hour, John Shanahan came on for John McGrath, T. J. Wall replaced Pádraig Kelly and Tom Lane was introduced in place of Brian Mulvihill.

Loughmore romped to a 3-12 to 0-2 win over Mullinahone in the first round on May 30th. But their hopes suffered a jolt when Aherlow beat them in the second round by 1-10 to 0-10, Anto Moroney getting the all-important goal.

Loughmore's re-entry to the championship as Mid-champions had an air of inevitability about it, though, and they made their intentions perfectly clear

when they beat Grangemockler by 2-8 to 0-7 in the quarter-final.

Fethard and Moyle Rovers, who between them claimed the seven championships between 1995 and 2001, Moyle Rovers winning five and Fethard two, underlined the 12-year dominance exerted on the championship by the South division.

Something had to give, then, when the clubs clashed in the semi-final in Cashel a fortnight before the final.

Typically, it was a close scrap but the difference between the teams was undoubtedly, that man Declan Browne, who scored all of his team's 1-9, four points of which came from fees, which was enough to beat Fethard's 0-10.

Browne and Moyle Rovers were actually held scoreless for the last quarter of an hour, but his scoring exhibition proved too difficult to claw back for a Fethard outfit that left it too late to play their best football.

John Paul Looby, Cian Maher, P. J. Aherne and Michael Quinlan were to the fore on what was a disappointing day for 'The Blues'.

In the other semi-final, played on the same day, champions Cahir tasted the pain of defeat in the county championship for the first time in two years, when Loughmore ended their first term as supremos in quite emphatic fashion, on a 1-16 to 1-7 scoreline.

Loughmore never looked back after Declan Laffan found the net as early as the

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second minute and Cahir's goal, from Paddy O'Flaherty, was only scored in the final minute of normal time.

Cahir's reign as champions looked to have ended on a sunny, humid day in Ardfinnan at the beginning of September.

Clonmel Commercials led by 1-4 to 0-6 as the county quarter-final entered additional time, but just when it appeared as if the South champions would advance for an assault on the county championship, James Hyland struck a dagger through their hearts when he fisted Benny Hickey's up-and-under to the net for a dramatic winner two minutes and 15 seconds into additional time.

In the course of a poor game the Commercials team was well served by decent performances by captain, Benny Walsh, Fergus O'Callaghan, Paul O'Mahoney, John Harney and substitute Ian Barnes.

But the persistence of Benny Hickey, James McGrath, Damien Lonergan and Mark Costigan paid off for Cahir in the end.

The curtain-raiser to that game in Ardfinnan was the quarter-final between Moyle Rovers and Galtee Rovers. Declan Browne again turned on the style, scoring 11 points, as the southern Rovers enjoyed a 0-18 to 1-9 success.

The sides were level at half-time (1-6 each) and the Bansha team had reasonable hopes of causing an upset



Front row: Mick Pender (Grangemockler), Intermediate/Junior Footballer; Patsy Myles, Footballer of the Past; Brendan Cummins, Hurler of the Year. Back row: James Moran (Ballylooby-Castlegrace), Intermediate/Junior Hurler of the Year; Benny Hickey (Cahir), Footballer of the Year; Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers), Young Footballer; Ritchie McGrath (Carrick Davins), Young Hurler.

with Willie Tarrant, Andrew Morrissey, Seamus Moloney, Mark Peters, Colin Morrissey and goalkeeper, Cathal Moloney all shining.

But their indiscretions were to cost them dearly, as too many fouls committed, allowed Declan Browne to kick eight of his 11 points from frees.

An Aherlow team inspired by Dave Cleary and Barry Grogan put it up to Fethard at the quarter-final stage, with Fethard just managing to scrape home by 0-10 to 0-8.

Before the business end of

the championship was reached, the big shock of the first round was Grangemockler's 1-9 to 0-8 defeat of Commercials, the crucial goal coming from P. J. Lanigan.

That meant that in order to re-enter the championship Commercials needed to win the South championship, which they achieved by beating Fethard in the final on a wet late August evening in Kilsheelan.

Elsewhere in the first round Cahir beat Arravale Rovers by 0-13 to 0-7, Carrick Swan gave Galtee

Rovers a walk-over and Ardfinnan proved too strong for Golden, beating them by 0-16 to 0-6.

But Ardfinnan's bid to win a first county title in 30 years came unstuck in the second round, when they lost to Fethard by 1-9 to 0-6.

The second round also saw Cahir advance at the expense of J. K. Brackens with a 1-19 to 1-5 victory.

Grangemockler beat Éire Óg, Anacarty by 0-10 to 1-9, while in the first of their two meetings Moyle Rovers beat Galtee Rovers by 1-13 to 0-8.



The 1972 NFL Division Two Tipperary team members and officials who attended a reunion in Thurles hosted by The Friends of Tipperary Football earlier this year.

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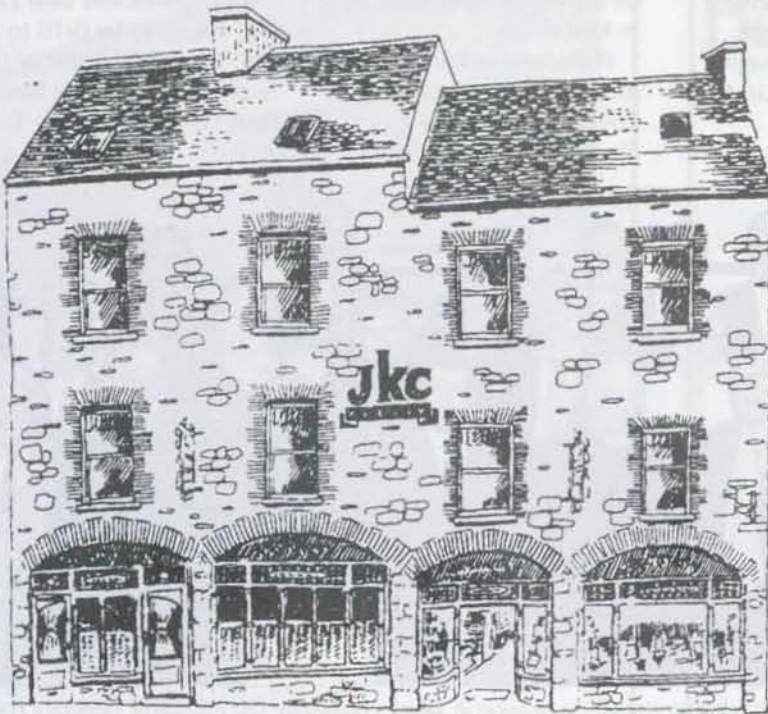
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Aoife Maher (Rúnaí)



Officers and guests at the County Tipperary Bord na nÓg convention.
Back row (l to r):
Nicholas Moroney, County Board Youth Officer;
Ricky Sheehan, PRO;
Donie Shanahan, County Chairman; Sean Creamer, North Board na nÓg Chairman; Jim Lynch, County Senior Board Rep.
Front row: Paddy Nagle, County Secretary;
Anne McGrath, North Bord na nÓg; J.C. Ryan, County Bord na nÓg Chairman;
Catherine Gleeson, North Board Treasurer;
Frank Morris, County Bord na nÓg Treasurer.

ONCE AGAIN the Youth Committee had a very busy year and has been involved in organising many GAA events for the young people of Tipperary both on and off the playing field.

Last November our very successful primary schools table quiz was hotly contested in each of the four divisions with a very high participation rate from the schools of Tipperary. The final of the table quiz took place in a new venue – Loughmore Parish Hall early in December and as in other years it proved to be a very close contest with all participants displaying a high standard of GAA knowledge. In fact the standard was so high that it took five tie-break questions to separate eventual winners Burgess NS from runners-up Scoil Íosagáin, Upperchurch and Borrisoleigh NS who took third place. This year's quiz divisional competitions will take place before the end of November.

In March of this year, it was time for the IT competition that was this year run in conjunction with Co. Tipperary IT Committee and kindly sponsored by Margaret Schlingoff of the Computer Store in Thurles and Tipperary GAA. The task for this year's entrants was to design a website for their school focusing mainly on the GAA within their schools and an increased number of entries were received by the committee. The presentation of the projects took place in Tipperary Institute at Thurles and it was agreed that the standard was extremely high. After much deliberation the judges eventually picked Scoil Ailbhe, Thurles as the winners for the second year running for their excellent presentation. Lismackin National School Roscrea took second place and third place went to Scoil Cholmcille in Templemore.

In the month of April, several members of the Youth Committee travelled to

Croke Park for a training day on the Code of Best Practice for Youth in Sport, which detailed the appropriate measures for involvement with children in our clubs. This was a very interesting and informative day and plans are currently underway for the delivery of this initiative to all clubs within the county.

The Youth Committee organised an U-11 One Hop One Solo Football Blitz in the month of March. This competition took place at a number of venues within the county and brought novel pairings together for the games. Emphasis was placed on enjoyment rather than results and all children, regardless of ability were given equal amounts of playing time. Similarly an U-11 Lift and Strike Hurling Blitz was organised during September. This was run over three weekends at several venues throughout Tipperary. Again novel pairings were grouped together to provide variety for the clubs and each club were given the opportunity to play in Semple Stadium on the final day of the blitz.

Also each club in Tipperary was invited to send forward an U-12 player to take part in a Mini Game at half time in the county senior hurling and football finals, that took place in October. Players lined out in the colours of the senior finalists and provided a guard of honour as the teams came out on the pitch at both venues. At half time in each game, the young players got the opportunity to display their skills in front of the large crowds in attendance in Semple Stadium and Cashel, as they took part in a mini-game.

Another initiative that the Youth Committee was involved in in 2004 was the Tipperary GAA Alcohol Awareness Programme. This initiative was mooted by county chairman, Donal Shanahan, at the 2003 Convention and after much work by the chairman, vice-chairman, John Costigan, Tom Collum and the

chairman and secretary of the Youth Committee, a programme has been put in place. Former Tipperary hurling star and trained addiction counsellor, John Leahy, is spearheading the AIB Bank-sponsored programme. John is currently visiting a number of post-primary schools in Tipperary speaking to Transition Year and Fifth Year students in an attempt to raise awareness among the students of the dangers of alcohol and how it can affect their lives. John has much experience in this field and is holding a captive audience in each of the schools and is receiving a very good response to his presentations. Follow-up sessions are planned for after Christmas. This initiative is proving to be very successful and is receiving much media attention at present.

So as you can see, it has been an eventful year for the County Youth Committee and we look forward to continuing our work into 2005.

The following are the members of the Youth Committee:

CHAIRMAN	Nicholas Moroney (St. Patrick's, Drangan)
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Clubs unite to honour PAT STAKELUM

BY DONAL RYAN

Rivals they may be on the hurling fields of mid Tipperary, but when news filtered through of the burglary of Pat Stakelum's medal collection, the clubmen of Holycross-Ballycahill and Durlas Óg were only too happy to unite in the common cause of seeking replacements. Why wouldn't these clubs make such a gesture for a man who served them both so well in so many ways for over six decades?

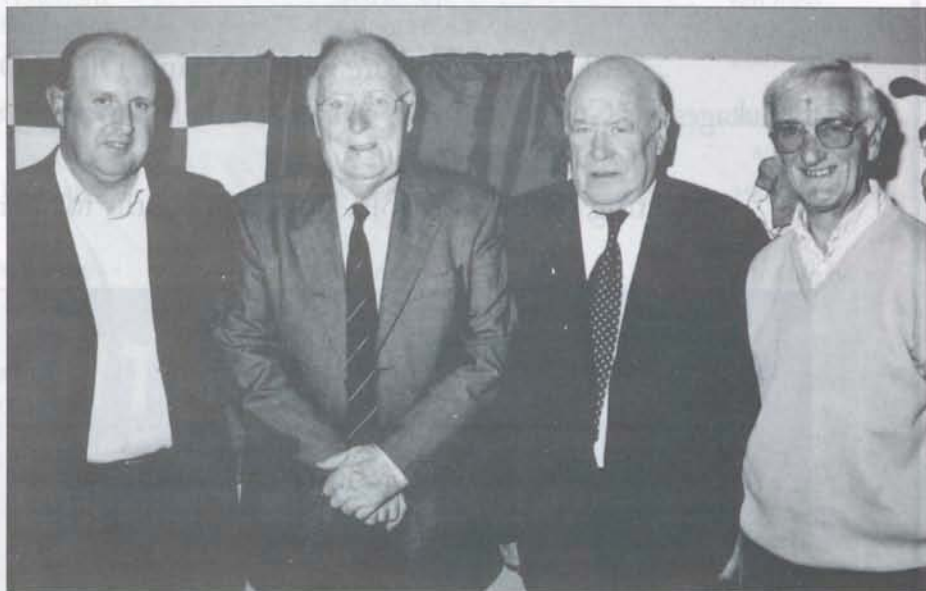
As a hurler, Pat's contribution to his native Holycross-Ballycahill has been immense as he played a central part in the County Senior Championship winning teams of 1948, 1951 and 1954. The 1948 victory giving him the honour of captaining Tipperary in 1949 to the first of three All-Irelands in a row. All throughout his glittering intercounty career, Pat's enduring loyalty to his club remained steadfast and to this day he still follows the fortunes of the green and white clad players of Holycross-Ballycahill.

When Pat's playing days ended and Thurles became his place of residence, his love of hurling had seen him become involved from the very start in the formation and development of Durlas Óg, where his gentle way of imparting wisdom and support was invaluable to young players or seasoned officers alike. Pat takes tremendous pride in seeing the club and its players

flourish and develop, making many great friends along the way.

So, on Friday, 20th August, Durlas Óg and Holycross-Ballycahill combined in Ballycahill Hall to present replacement medals to Pat Stakelum and to remind him of the esteem in which he is held in both clubs. As Pat's wife Nancy and their family and friends looked on, John

Smith, Jimmy Coppinger, Fr. Joe Walsh, Michael Carroll, Eamon Stakelum (Durlas Óg), John Doyle, Michael Ryan, John Ryan, Brendan Bannon and Francis Maher (Holycross-Ballycahill) presented the medals as Bob Stakelum eloquently recounted how each was won. Pat expressed heartfelt thanks to all concerned and after refreshments provided by the local Ladies' Committee the curtain fell on a lovely occasion.



Left to right: John Smith, Pat Stakelum, Bob Stakelum and Paddy Byrne at the presentation of replacement medals to Pat on 20/8/04 in Ballycahill hall.

THE AMERICAN TROPHY (1963-2004)

The American Trophy, which was presented to the county senior football champions annually, was first offered to the county board in 1963. The presentation was made by John Fogarty, President of the Tipperary Association in New York. It was intended by the donors to be an incentive to the efforts at restoring Tipperary football to its previous prominence.

The board decided to present the cup annually to the county senior football champions. As the O'Dwyer Cup was the official trophy for the championship, the American Trophy was usually presented afterwards, occasionally at a county board meeting.

The first club to receive it was Ardfinnan in the year of the presentation. They also received it in 1964, and in 1970 and 1974. Commercials were presented with it in 1965, 1966, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1982, 1986, 1989, 1990 and 2002. Kilsheelan received it once, in 1968. Loughmore-Castleiney, who will go down in history as the last club to receive it in 2004, also received it in 1973, 1977, 1979, 1983, 1987 and 1992. Kilruane-MacDonaghs have also their name inscribed on the trophy for 1975. Galtee Rovers won it in 1976, 1980 and 1981. Fethard were successful in 1978, 1984, 1988, 1991, 1993, 1997 and 2001. Arravale Rovers have a

lone success in 1985. Moyle Rovers have been the success team since the nineties, winning it in 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999 and 2000. The most recent team to get their name inscribed is Cahir in 2003.

In the course of time the trophy has become a bit of an anomaly, with probably not a very high regard for it. The county board has decided to cease presenting it and to place it in Lár na Páirce, where it will be given a permanent home. At the county board meeting on October 19, the chairman, Donie Shanahan, presented it to Seamus King, chairman of Lár na Páirce, for placing in the museum.

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04 Hot Shots

by Seamus O'Doherty

During the year there were some impressive scoring displays by players at different levels in Tipperary hurling and football. The following sample is worthy of note!

Declan Browne Moyle Rovers Tipperary	0-12 v Waterford 1-7 v Down 0-10 v Louth 0-11 v Galtee Rvs 1-9 v Fethard	NFL NFL NFL Co.SF QF Co SF SF	8th February 1st February 7th March 5th September 3rd October
Benny Hickey (Cahir)	1-8 v J.K Brackens	Co SFC	29th June
Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) (LIT) (Tipperary)	1-9 v Limerick 1-8 v UCC 2-8 v Antrim 1-7 v Waterford 1-8 v Templederry 2-8 v Waterford 4-8 v Ballingarry 2-8 v Toomevara	NHL Fitzgibbon Cup NHL NHL Tipp SHC MSHC S/F STippSHCS/F Co SHC S/F	29th February 5th March 21st March 25th April 8th May 6th June 1st August 26th September
Pat Lawlor (Thurles Fennellys)	3-9 v L Rangers	M JHC	1st February
Brian Gaynor (Kilruane MacDonaghs)	3-6 v Tournafulla	M IHC	29th February
Lar Corbett (Thurles Sars) (Tipperary)	3-3 v Kilkenny	Tournament	7th March
Dara Hickey (Boherlahan Dualla)	1-12 v Clare 1-7 v Clare 3-3 v Holycross B 2-4 v JK Brackens	M MHC RI M MHC SF Co SHC Co SHC	27th March 13th May 17th May 30th May
Pat Hally (Rockwell/Rosegreen)	0-12 v Lattin Cullen	WestU21BH	3rd April
Paul Ryan (Templederry)	2-9 v Upperchurch Drom 0-10 v Toomevara	Co SHC Co SHC	2nd May 23rd May
Kevin Tucker (Nenagh Eire Og)	0-11 v Mullinahone	Co SHC	2nd May
John Doughan (Moneygall)	0-10 v Killenaule	Co.SHC	23rd May
Liam Sheedy (Portroe)	0-10 v Newport 0-10 v Cappawhite	Co SHC Co. SHC	2nd May 16th May
Colm Larkin (Tipp VS.)	0-12 v Offaly	All Ireland F	30th April
Peter O'Brien (Cist Coll Roscrea)	1-7 v St. Patricks	AI Coll.B H final	1st May
Ken Dunne (Toomevara)	1-7 v Borrisileigh 1-9 v Kilruane MacD	Co. SHC Co. SHC	2nd May 15th May
John Ferncombe (HolycrossBally)	1-10 v Ballingarry 1-11 v Boherlahan Dualla	Co. SHC Co. SHC	9th May 17th May
Michael Cleary (Nenagh Eire Og)	3-4 v Templederry	Co. SHC	29th May
Paul Kelly (Mullinahone) (Tipperary)	2-7 v Cashel KC	Co. SHC	9th June
Timmy Moloney (Cashel KC)	1-11 v Cappawhite	West SHC	19th June

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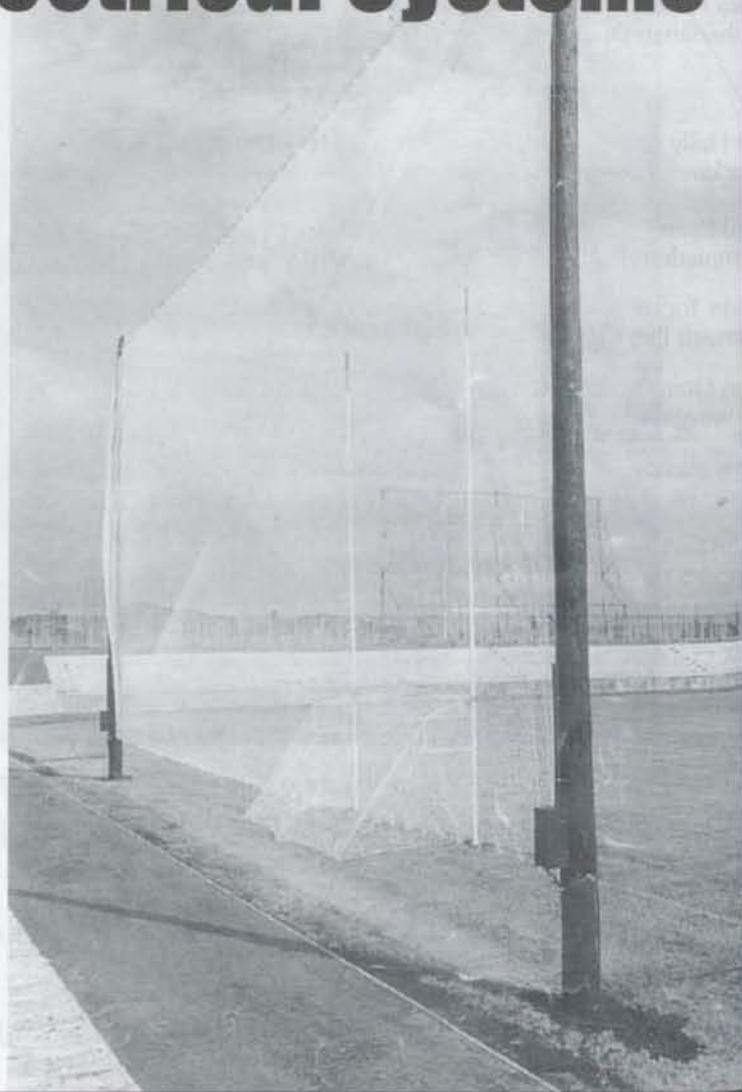
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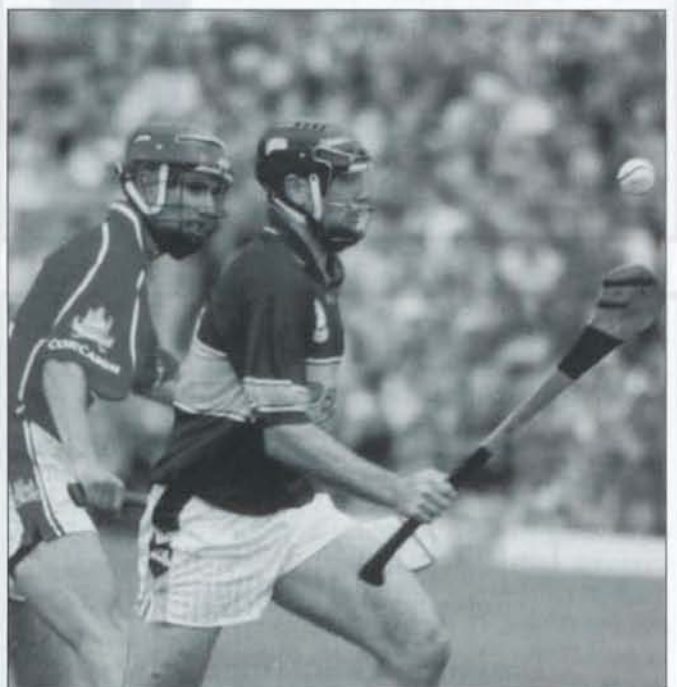
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Mark Burke (Borrislileigh)	1-9 v Toomevara	N.Tipp SHC S/F	8th August
Paul Tobin (Carrick Davins)	3-2 v Skeheenarinky	S.Tipp IHC	13th August
Barry McCormack (Cahir)	2-5 v Borrisokane	Co. MFC 'B' S/F	21st August
Seamus Callanan (Drom Inch)	0-10 v MoycarkeyBorris	Mid MHC Final	31st August
Brian Moran (Moycarkey Borris)	1-7 v Drom Inch 1-6 v Eire Og West	Mid MHC Final Co IHC Q/F	31st August 3rd October
Cathal O'Shea (Aherlow)	1-9 v Golden-K. 0-10 v Éire Óg	West IHC S/Final West IHC Final	29th August 19th September
Seamus Butler (Drom Inch)	1-8 v Golden K.Eire Og A	Co. SHC Q/F	5th September
Shane Scully (J.K.Brackens)	1-12 v Gortnohoe/Glengoole 0-12 v Aherlow	Mid MHC B Final Co. MHC B. S/F	31st August 7th September
Brian Fox (Eire Og Annacarty)	3-2 v. Solohead	West MHC C Final	1st September
Evan Sweeney (Loughmore Castliney)	3-8 v Boherlahan Dualla	Mid SHC Final (replay)	5th September
Barry McCormack (Cahir)	1-6 v Aherlow	Co MF B Final	12th September
Michael O'Gorman (Skeheenarinky)	4-0 v Newcastle	South MHC C Final	12th September
Garret Howard (Burgess)	2-6 v Nenagh E. Og	North JHC A Final (Replay)	11th September
Pat Fox (Eire Og Tipperary)	0-10 v Limerick	All Ireland Masters Hurling Final	25th September
Pat Buckley (Emly)	1-8 v Holycross Ballycahill	CO JHC A Final	3rd October
Mark O'Leary (Kilruane Mac D)	0-9 v Newport	SH Relegation Final	3rd October



Hurling is exhibited by the very, very young at half-time in games at MacDonagh Park, Nenagh. Andrew Dunne and Keith Nealon play their own All-Ireland Final in the 'field of dreams'. (Pic: Bgt. Delaney)



Despite close attention from Brian Murphy, Eoin Kelly moves towards another score for Tipperary.

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Cashel King Cormac's victory in the 1953 county junior hurling final was a major breakthrough for the club. It was the first victory at that level, and it came as a surprise to many.

No Cashel team had won county honours in hurling or football before that year. The nearest a team from the parish came to winning was in 1910. In that year Racecourse won the county senior hurling final, but they had the match taken off them in an objection.

After the match the Racecourse captain, Dan Delaney, was interviewed and said: 'We went in to win. We are proud to be champions of Tipperary and to bring honours to Cashel.'

Toomevara objected, and Racecourse counter-objectioned. The matter was heard at a county board meeting on March 19. Both sides agreed to a replay, and this was fixed for Thurles on April 16. Racecourse decisively defeated Toomevara in the replay by 5-2 to 0-3.

Toomevara objected to the constitution of the Racecourse team. The objection claimed that certain players had lined out with other affiliated teams in the 1910 championship. One of these was Johnny Leahy. Racecourse denied the allegation but the chairman, Tom Kerwick, upheld it and awarded the match to Toomevara.

The verdict didn't go down well in Cashel. The correspondent of the 'Tipperary Star' commented: 'On the last occasion Racecourse won by fourteen points. In the face of this Toomevara will hardly claim to be the champion team of Tipperary. Such a claim would be preposterous, and medals for 'paper champions' would be ridiculous.'

But 'paper champions' or not, Toomevara are listed as the county senior hurling champions for 1910.

THE THIRTIES

Cashel King Cormacs had a great run of victories in the thirties. The club won a West junior title in 1933, and senior in 1934, 1936, 1937, 1939 and 1940. They reached the county final in 1937, 1939 and 1940, losing all three of them.

Their opponents in 1937 were Moycarkey-Borris and the match was played at Thurles on September 19. It was described as the best county final for eight years, with Cashel putting up a



The 1953 Cashel King Cormacs County Junior Hurling Champions, pictured in the old G.A.A. grounds in Tipperary Town prior to their championship game with Solohead. Front L/R. Mick Coady, Jim Ryan, Johnny Murphy, John Murphy, John Eakins, Mickey Murphy, Denis Hickey, Michael Gayson, Paddy O' Brien, Matty Gayson, Jim Devitt. Back L/R. Tom Devitt, Ger Ryan, Peter Looby, Christy Stack, Steedy Morrissey, Billy Hickey, Tom Twomey, Michael Davern, Monto Carrie, Dick Ivors, Tommy Joy, Edger Morrissey, Michael Ryan, Tommy Prendergast.

tremendous bid for the title. Michael Burke was the star and Tommy Parsons scored four goals, but Moycarkey still won by 7-6 to 6-2.

In 1939 Cashel came up against Thurles Sarsfields in the final, having beaten Roscrea in the semi-final. The game was played at Boherlahan on October 8, and again Cashel fell at the final hurdle despite putting up a better than expected performance. The final score was 5-3 to 2-4, and Cashel players, who were prominent, included Michael Burke, Stedie Morrissey, Florrie McCarthy, Jim Barrett, Paddy Maher and Geoff O'Shea.

Moycarkey-Borris were once again Cashel's opponents in the 1940 final, which was played at Thurles on October 13. One report had this to say: 'The game was proof once again – if proof is needed – that the town team is at a big disadvantage when it faces fifteen tillers of the soil. Ball manipulation, quick striking and nippy play, beautiful things in themselves, fail, more often than not, before rugged, sturdy style which has allied to it skill and fieldcraft. One felt on Sunday that all the time the dice were loaded against Cashel, that Moycarkey's natural advantage in weight and strength would prove Cashel's undoing. And so it was.' Cashel were behind by 4-7 to 4-2 at the end. The team was: D. Boland, M. McCarthy, F. McCarthy, P. Holmes, S. Morrissey, P. Maher, D. Ryan, M. Burke, G. O'Shea, J. Barrett, M. Ryan, W. Moynihan, E.

Morrissey, M. Murphy, J. Maher.

Cashel seniors won the West twice during the forties, 1945 and 1948. In the earlier year they lost by 5-7 to 3-3 to Roscrea in the county semi-final at Thurles on October 21. In the latter year they lost to Lorrha, 2-4 to 2-3 in the county semi-final at the same venue on September 19. Cashel got a £10 training grant from the West board for this game.

OTHER GRADES

The junior team, which won the West in 1933, lost the county semi-final to Bawnmore. Abbey Rangers, a team from the parish that came into existence in 1941, and lasted until 1949, won the divisional number 1 junior championship in 1945, but did not advance in the county championship, which wasn't played, as it had been suspended for some of the war years.

Cashel minor teams enjoyed divisional success in 1931, 1940, 1949, and 1952. In 1931 and 1940 divisional teams went forward to the county championship. In 1949 there was no inter-divisional championship. There is no record of advancement beyond the divisional stage in 1952.

By 1953, therefore, Cashel had failed to win a county final in any grade, with the exception of 1910, when a county senior hurling title was taken off Racecourse after winning it twice! There was no reason to believe at the beginning of the year that 1953 was going to change anything. And yet it did, in a dramatic way.

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Following narrow defeats at U12/U14/U16 down along, our minor teams of 2002 set about reversing those disappointments. Both hurling and football championships were run almost on alternative weeks. As the hurling final was achieved first we commence with the breakdown on same. The Mid campaigns commenced, with a 3-14 to 2-5 victory over Moycarkey, next was a thriller with Thurles Sarsfields as we pipped the three times County Champions by 1-12 to 1-11. Gortnahoe were then defeated 4-11 to 1-5. Although qualified for the semi final we played our final group game v Boherlahan in Boherlahan and short a few players were beaten by a one point margin 1-16 to 1-15.

In the semi final we drew champions Thurles Sarsfields and if the first game was good this was one of the best seen for a long time as we again had the slender margins of 3-9 to 2-11 victory. The Mid final was v Boherlahan in the Ragg on Nov 9th and after a hard fought encounter we came out 2-16 to 0-7 winners for Derek Bourke

to collect the Meagher Cup for the first time since 1979.

The County semi final v Killenaule was played in Littleton in dreadful underfoot conditions, after a most hard fought encounter we emerged narrow 0-9 to 1-5 winners and a place in County Final. The Ragg was the venue on Saturday, 8th December, following a postponement from the previous week due to rain. A highly fancied Burgess team were our opponents, this was rated one of the best finals in years with both sides in contention to the finish with some top class displays from our players they ran out 1-12 to 1-9 winners and a first Minor A title since 1979.

FOOTBALL

In the Mid Championships our minor A footballers commenced with a comprehensive 3-19 to 0-4 victory over J.K. Brackens a second round defeat of Thurles Sarsfields 5-10 to 0-2 put us into semi final v Holycross. Once again a fine all round performance gained victory on a 3-12 to 1-8 scoreline and a place in Mid Final.

In this final Gortnahoe was the

opposition for the second year running. This was a fine game of open football with scores hard to come by. However full time saw our side 1-13 to 1-8 ahead and a mid minor double was achieved

The County semi final had us paired with Galtee Rovers at Cashes, in a very good game that was to be our hardest in the campaign we gained victory over a fine Galtee side 1-9 to 2-3.

The County final was played in the Ragg on 15th December with Newport the Co Champions our opponents. Having won the hurling final the previous Sunday a historic double, first won in 1979, was the aim. In a game that proved a huge disappointment for all but us, as the lads put up a fine display to come out dual champions 2-13 to 0-9. The Michael Hogan Cup was presented to Captain Eoin Brennan by football Board Chairman Michael Frawley to the cheers of the large support from the parish on a most historic occasion not too often achieved.



LOUGHMORE CASTLEINEY COUNTY MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2002

Back Row L to R - Stephen Ryan, M. Treacy, Colm Campion, James Egan, Paul Brennan, Derek Bourke, Brendan Healy, Eoin Ryan, John Scully, Brendan Maher, Thomas Maher, Tommy Connolly, Martin Ryan, Diarmuid Brennan, David Moore.
Front Row L to R - Leonard Ryan, Colin Sweeney, Eoin Brennan (Capt), Evan Sweeney, Ronan Stapleton, Edward Connolly, Ciaran McGrath, Andrew Sweeney, David McGrath, Shane Purcell, Enda Hackett, Raymond Webster.



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Crowned U21 (A) Football Co. Champions and regaining County Senior Football Championship after a 12 year lapse.

For our U21 footballers the year commenced on February 28th, with a 0-12 to 1-2 victory over Gortnahoe. Our next opponents were a team that had defeated us over the past four years Moyne Templetuohy finally breaking the sequence, we ran out 1-11 to 1-8 winners and earned a place in the Mid final.

Holycross were the opposition in the Mid Div Final. Following a closely fought first half we put in a fine second half display to run out 2-11 to 0-5 winners to regain the title. In a very good Co. semi final west champions Galtee Rovers were beaten 2-17 to 1-10.

A much fancied Moyle Rovers team were now between us and a County title. Played at Cashel on Saturday, 15th May, we trailed at half time 1-1 to 0-5. Playing a fine second half the lads ran out deservedly 2-5 to 1-6 winners. For Declan Bolger to lift Corn Uí Seilligh as captain of a fine U21 team. It must also be remembered that the U21 hurling was also in progress during this time with the same band of players bringing off a mid double and also reaching Co. Final only to be beaten by Killenaule by a one point margin following a replay. A wonderful achievement by this young panel of players.

SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

The start of the year had the senior footballers without a County title since 1992,

By Pat Healy, Club PRO

not a very long time by any standard except our very own.

A new management team was in place that set about the task of winning a county senior football title. Our opening game in County open draw was in Littleton against Mullinahone, without showing any title credentials they ran out easy winners. A 1-10 to 0-10 defeat at the hands of Aherlow despite missing a number of regulars left us with the task of winning a mid title to stay in Championship contention.

The Mid final was v J.K. Brackens, played at Holycross on Sunday 11th July. A fairly good performance left us winners on the score 0-14 to 0-6 to retain the much loved Ryan Cup for the 35th time over 38 years. The prize was also a Co. Quarter final place against Grangemockler. This game was played in Cashel on 12/0/04 and we came out 2-8 to 0-7 winners with a place in County semi final v County Champions Cahir.

It was back to Cashel sports field on Sunday, 3rd October, 2004, against defending champions Cahir. In the meantime our Senior Hurling team with nearly all the football panel on board lost a county hurling quarter final to Toomevara. However, the bitter disappointment had to be left behind and giving their best performance of the year they completely outran the champions to emerge 1-16 to 1-7 winners.

The County final was fixed for Saturday, 16th October, and a repeat of the 2000 final v Moyle Rovers. The Cashel pitch was in excellent shape with the weather mode in

breezy but dry conditions.

At the end of a hard fought first half we held a 0-6 to 0-3 lead, the second half was equally difficult with Moyle Rovers putting on the pressure but we had some outstanding individual displays that carried the day to run out 0-9 to 0-6 winners and the clubs 11th county title. It was a proud moment when Captain Michael Webster raised the O'Dwyer Cup aloft and his fine acceptance speech covered all aspects of the achievement. The man of the match award must have caused the decision makers problems, with the nod going to man in the No. 4 jersey, Paul Ormond.

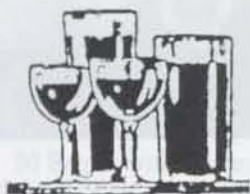
What the winning means to the parishes of Loughmore and Castleiney could be summed up by the large parish support that greeted the team on arrival to both parishes that night, the visit of almost all players to the parish schools on the Monday with the cup brought to mind that those youngsters who have been so successful on the playing fields themselves had never seen their seniors win a county title, but now here was the moment in reality and no doubt their talent in the future will emulate their heroes of to day.

Training resumed quickly for the Munster Club Championship with one and all preparing for a real bash at same. However, our visit to Dungarvan on Sunday, 7th November, ended with huge disappointment as we were pipped by Stradbally 0-11 to 1-7 despite a gallant effort from all.

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TOM KIELY

Star of the Gael

by Sean Nugent

TOM KIELY was born in the townland of Curraghadobbin, Ballyneale in 1869 just 22 years after the famine. His father, William, had married Mary Downey and they farmed 70 acres under a tenancy. 70 acres would have been a considerable farm of land at that time and one can take it that compared to many of their neighbours they would have been reasonably well off.

Tom Kiely was the eldest son and the third child born to William and Mary, and was born in 1869 in the aftermath of the famine years, in which the people were trying to get their lives together. They were a downtrodden and dispirited people still under British rule and oppression. Native games and pastimes were in decline and nearly extinct and sport, what little of it there was, was the preserve of a certain class of people mainly professional people or those of independent means.

EARLY YEARS

Not a lot is known about Tom Kiely's early years but it is safe to assume that he took part in all the activities of a farming family where everyone threw in their lot with heavy manual labour being the order of the day. He attended the local National school where he got a good basic education. He learned to play the fiddle and the fife, which he played fairly well and in later years on his travels he provided entertainment both on and off the field. Tom Kiely was just fifteen years of age when the G.A.A. was founded.

One can only imagine what a massive boost this was to a young man who was developing an interest in sport and being highly motivated by his neighbours the Davins of Deerpark, Maurice, Pat and Tom, who between 1873 and 1882 had won 26 Irish athletic titles. Maurice Davin who was first President of the G.A.A. was more than anyone responsible for the revival of our native sports and he was unstinting in his support and advice for young athletes and at their home in Deerpark the equipment and facilities they used were available to all the local boys and were utilised by the young Tom Kiely.

Very little has been written about Tom Kiely's G.A.A. career in regard to playing football and hurling but it was here under the umbrella of this new



organisation that his athletic career really took off. He played football for Ballyneale and Grangemockler in the early years of the Association and represented Tipperary in later years against Dublin and against Kerry in 1893, when they defeated the home side by 0-6 to 1-2 in Tralee, the same year he won the Poc Fada after an athletic meeting in Kilkenny beating the cream of Kilkenny hurlers in a lift and strike competition. He showed his leadership qualities by captaining Grangemockler and once took his team to Dublin to take on a selection from the capital in a game played in Clontarf.

The story goes that he rose early, milked the cows, had a quick breakfast and walked the eleven miles through Glenbower and Grangemockler to Fethard collecting his team along the way. They boarded a goods train at Fethard and arrived in Dublin to play the game in the afternoon after which they caught the

train home and retraced their steps back to Ballyneale and Grangemockler. Grangemockler were affiliated to the G.A.A. from the very early days of the Association and had one of the strongest football sides in the country during Tom Kiely's era.

His contribution to Gaelic games also included refereeing games for which he was very well respected. While in America in 1906 he was asked to referee a football game between Tipperary and Kilkenny. He declined citing his Tipperary origins. Kilkenny however insisted that he do the game confident of his fairness and they were not disappointed. He also lent his services to train the local teams which he brought to championship success on a number of occasions. Evidence of his prowess at the ancient game of hurling is to be found in his selection for Munster in 1906. Munster played this interprovincial at Stamford Bridge London at the invitation of the London Irish. The team also included John J. Flanagan another noted athlete of Kiely's era, Munster stormed to victory after a tremendous struggle by 5-7 to 2-8 and in the athletic event that followed Flanagan broke two world records with the hammer, while Tom Kiely won the long jump. Also in 1896 Tom Kiely was elevated to the position of Vice-President of the G.A.A. a position he proudly cherished and retained until the political split of 1898.

It is obvious from his contribution to gaelic games that Tom Kiely loved the games of the Gael. he loved the skills involved and the cut and thrust of the local rivalry that goes with it. His love for the games is very much borne out by the fact that he put his athletic career on the line many times to turn out for the parish sides suffering injury at times on the football field that threatened to cut short his athletic career and effect his performances at certain events. Tom Kiely must have been thrilled at how the fledgling Gaelic Athletic Association and its organising of games and athletic events lifted the spirits of the people and gave an opportunity to the ordinary person to take part and to enjoy games and activities that were part and parcel of their heritage, an opportunity that was denied for so long by the ruling classes.

TOM KIELY'S ATHLETIC CAREER

Having followed the athletic careers of his neighbours the Davins, it was Kiely's ambition to emulate them in every way he could. He practiced at a wide range of sports in his teenage years and in his nineteenth year entered in competition for the first time at an athletic event in Magner's field in Clonmel. Just like the Davins he competed in everything, sprints, jumps, weights and hurdles and his career was to follow this pattern throughout his time in athletics. He stood 6 foot 2 inches in height was lithe and sinewy and his weight remained around 13 to 14 stone. His weight was important, being light for his height enabled him to compete with the best in the sprints, hurdles and long jump while he relied on technique rather than on brute force in the weights, hammer throwing events etc.

For the first few years he competed at local events building up a modest reputation for himself. A sample of his success in those early years was winning four runners-up prizes at the All-Ireland championships in Kilkenny in 1889, the year after he won seven first prizes at an athletic event in his home town of Carrick and in 1891 took 33 prizes from eight athletic meetings. Prizes at these events could range from anything, a gold medal, a suit of clothes, jewellery etc. all very valuable prizes to a farmer's son, who would have little or no income.

It was in 1892 that his career really took off. After great success at events in Cork, Carrick and Durrow he propelled himself to the forefront of Irish athletics and as a result put his name forward for the All-Round Championships to take place in Ballsbridge in August. In the nine events in the competition, Tom Kiely won six and amassed 31 points which was more than double that of the second competitor, after that he was never subsequently beaten in an all round event. He finished his season with a magnificent performance in the G.A.A. national championships where in four hours of hard competition at Croke Park, he went on to win an unprecedented seven senior G.A.A. championships on one day, a record never beaten and in the process beating Dan Shanahan the world record holder in the hop step and jump. He was awarded a special gold medal for his overall superlative performance.

In 1893 he cleared the boards at athletic events all over the Country. At Mitchelstown he broke the world record with the 56 lb Weight at 34ft 11 inches. He further extended the record at subsequent meetings in Nenagh, Kilkenny and Clonmel to 35ft

5in. In all in one of his greatest seasons he broke nine records winning 67 prizes in competition. Kiely's reputation now established, he was drawing huge crowds to athletic meetings all over the country with people coming from far and wide in the expectancy and excitement of seeing history being made and world records being broken and they were not to be disappointed as Tom Kiely always gave his best when performing.

Kiely was also beginning to arouse huge interest abroad and countless reports appeared on newspapers regarding his imminent departure to America. Kiely scotched all these rumours. "For Tipperary and Ireland", was his motto and his opinion was that American managers only wanted a good gate out of him knowing of course that the huge Irish emigrant population would flock in their thousands to see Tom Kiely perform.

OLYMPICS

The modern Olympics were revived in 1896 and were held in Athens and were followed in 1900 taking place in Paris. Many questions have been asked as to why Tom Kiely did not attend either of these events as he was in his prime at this time and recognised as a world class athlete. The answer to this question will never be known and one can only speculate as to the reason, which possibly was that he could not compete under his country's banner and had no wish to compete for Great Britain. Whatever the reason what a great pity that he missed out on those occasions where he would undoubtedly have covered himself and his Country in glory.

In the winter of 1903/04 Tom Kiely

suffered serious injury to the muscles of both legs playing football, this should have finished his career in the hurdles and jumping events and after this there was a tendency to concentrate on the weight events. However he still took part in the jumping events with success. For the rest of the century and the early part of the new century he competed at events all over the country and in Scotland and England winning five English championships and becoming the first man in the world to throw the hammer over 160feet.

He was always available during this time to help out small clubs. He mixed well with people and was popular with the other athletes. His talent as a musician was always available for social events, which often went on after athletic events. In 1898 he travelled up to Belfast for the first meeting of the Red Branch Hurling Club. True to form the Orange Order, the Sabbatarians and the Irish Football Association did everything possible to stop the proceedings having the sports proclaimed by the Lord Mayor. Both the hurling and the athletic events were a great success with Kiely putting all his talents on show to a very appreciative audience.

Kiely continued to dominate the athletic scene in the early years of the 20th Century. Coming up to the St Louis Olympics he was approaching 34 years of age and there was speculation as to his retirement. He was approached to represent England in St Louis and sponsorship was available from America. Kiely's motto again came to the fore, "For Tipperary and Ireland", and he decided to go to America under his own steam, raising



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money from different sources and from the sale of medals and awards won over the years. He set sail for America in May of 1904.

THE ST LOUIS OLYMPICS

The St Louis Olympics coincided with the World Fair, held there at the same time. It turned out to be the greatest cultural exhibition the World had ever seen with over 20 million visitors estimated to have attended over a six-month period. The games commenced on the 1st July and involved twelve nations with a total of 687 athletes taking part in fourteen sports.

Americans dominated the participation and the medals table, taking away 87 medals, hardly surprising when 525 of the 687 competitors were Americans or representing America. The St Louis games were a first for many things. They were the first at which gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded.

Competitors were totally amateur, blacks competed for the first time with George Poage from Milwaukee coming third in the 400 metres hurdles final and being the first African-American to win a gold medal. The marathon which was held on a day when temperatures soared into the 90s became something of a farce when the winner Fred Lorz, who had received his medal from President Roosevelt's daughter, was found to have got a lift in a car, which were a new phenomena on the roads of St Louis. He was disqualified and the newly declared winner was an Englishman, Thomas Hicks, running for America. His win was greeted with little enthusiasm as he was seen being helped over the line by 2 of his trainers and it was alleged he had got other assistance along the way. It has also been said that ice cream cones and wafers came into existence for the first time at the games when an enterprising young stallholder who was selling ice cream from paper plates, ran out of them and borrowed waffles from a vendor next door and put his ice cream into them, hence the cones and wafers took off.

On Tom Kiely's arrival in New York he went to the home of William Prendergast, a prominent G.A.A. man who was once secretary of the National Association and had immigrated to America. Tom Kiely had only a month to prepare. He took part in some small meetings with some success and then went into training for the All-Round championship. He again had offers to represent America but made it clear that he would represent Ireland only.

The ten-event, All-Round competition was the forerunner of the



modern decathlon and commenced on July the 4th in appalling conditions. Kiely faced a formidable field, which included Ellery Clarke, reigning world champion, Adam Gunne, champion in 1901, 1902, and also a man from his native county, John J. Holloway, who hailed from Bansha.

Kiely's record in the event was last in the 100 yard sprint, 3rd in the shot put, won the half mile walk, won the hammer event, 3rd in the pole vault, won the 120yards hurdles, won the 56lb weight by 5 feet, second in the long jump and last in the mile. His points total was 6,036 to Adam Gunne's 5,907, a magnificent victory for the Irishman.

The result was greeted with boundless enthusiasm by Irishmen all over the World, and Kiely was feted by Irish people all over America, where he toured all the major cities. He was in constant demand to attend athletic meetings and for newspaper interviews. Tom Kiely by his magnificent achievement had lifted the spirits of Irish people all over the world and restored pride in a nation recovering from famine and oppression.

Tom Kiely was feted in New York before leaving for home and presented by the Irish Association with the Loving Cup, a valuable silver plaited cup. Public receptions were held for him on his return in Cobh, Cork and Dublin and he received an illuminated address from the G.A.A. The Irish people took him to their hearts as an outstanding Irishman and the greatest All-Round Athlete of their time. A huge reception was arranged for him in his home town of Carrick.

Maurice Davin was heavily involved in the preparation and had a band arranged for a parade. He also had barrels of beer laid on at the street corners for the celebration. You can just picture the scene in Carrick! It is said that Kiely, not a man for all this fuss slipped off the train quietly in Carrick and walked home along the line in the dark. We can't be sure of the authenticity of this story as it is alleged that Maurice Davin did a similar disappearing act on coming home to a hero's welcome in his time.

It was many years later before Tom Kiely was credited as an Olympic champion. This was because of an oversight and possibly because there was a lot of confusion in regard to what were Olympic events at the St Louis games. It appears that there were events held at the games, which were not Olympic events, and athletes took part not knowing their status. The All-Round American championship had however been converted to an Olympic event and was authentic. Following representations to the International Olympic Committee, Tom Kiely's status as an Olympic champion was confirmed and his name now appears on the records, as he would have wished. He was the first Irishman representing his country to become an Olympic Champion.

THE CHAMPION KIELY

Following his success the tag the Champion Kiely was put on him by the press and was to stay with him all his life. His star was at its highest at this point and he was mobbed at every event he went to and chaos ensued at some venues such was the desire by people to see their World Champion. Two years after his Olympic success Kiely went back to Boston where he again won the world All-Round event. He was just short of his 37th birthday at this time, when most athletes at that level would be retired. On his return from America he married. He bought a farm near Dungarvan where he settled down with his new bride. He continued to grace the athletic scene until 1908 when he retired from active competition having given exactly 20 years competing at top level. His last big meeting was in Dungarvan, a Gaelic field, when in a contest billed as the greatest individual athletic contest ever held in Ireland, Tom Kiely took on Martin Sheridan of Bohola, Co Mayo, the new American champion. After five events the referee, Frank Dineen, declared the match a draw in a contest which saw Kiely breaking another world record with the hammer. Special trains were run to ferry spectators to the contest such was the interest. An auspicious end to an outstanding sporting career.

A LITTLE CONFUSION

Diarmuid Fitzgerald and his brother Tommy enjoyed an early season visit to Nowlan Park as part of the U.C.D. team, which beat Kilkenny in the Walsh Cup final. Their next visit for the All Ireland under-21 decider in September was not as pleasant!

Good wishes to Diarmuid for a speedy recovery from injury sustained in UCD's Leinster Club championship campaign. The brothers had a good year overall winning Walsh Cup and Dublin county medals with UCD, a North Tipp title with Roscrea and Munster under-21 honours with Tipp - Tommy played in the All Ireland semi final, where he scored 1-2 against Down, and

Diarmuid was Man of the Match and captain.

It wasn't quite so clear with their first cousin Enda Fitzgerald - the Tipperary minor full back in 1997 when

Munster honours were won. He too has served UCD in his time. The problem began when the programme for the North Tipp final in August listed the Roscrea full back as 'Enda England'. These things happen! The Nenagh Guardian preview of the game carried a photograph of the player but captioned it 'Enda Fitzpatrick'.

The Tipp Star match report praised the



Enda Fitzgerald

Roscrea full back 'Enda England' "for marshalling the full back line with military precision" and the Guardian listed 'Enda England' as the full back in the team line out with its match report. The Guardian pulled out the original photo for the preview of the game (same caption 'Enda Fitzpatrick') against Holycross Ballycahill, but the Star had a nice colour photo "Enda Fitzgerald, who starred at full back for Roscrea in their historic win over Borrisoleigh in the North SHC final."

The Star report of that game included Enda Fitzgerald in the 'fine performances' category while the Guardian listed him correctly in the team line out. Thereafter the position became clear for all and sundry.

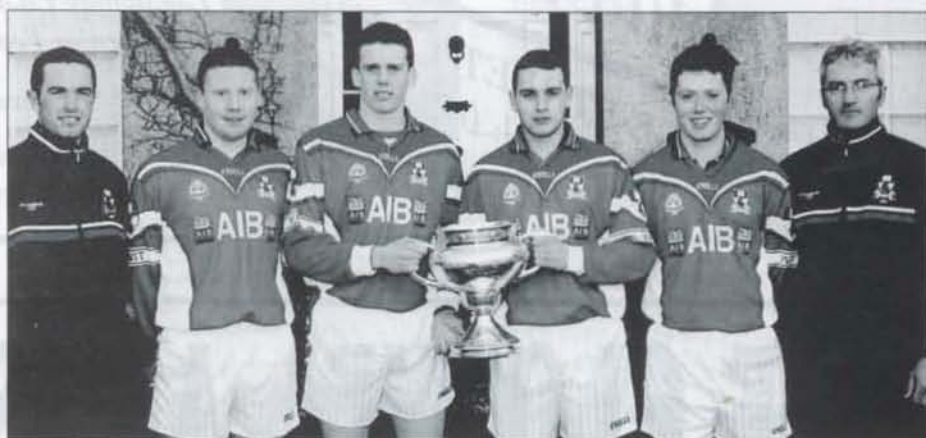
WIT Fitzgibbon Cup Champions 2004

Fielding just four of last years Fitzgibbon Cup starting fifteen, and after a poor league campaign, winning the Fitzgibbon Cup back seemed to be out of our reach this year. The Fitzgibbon draw was made, and we were drawn on the tough side of it; we would have to play first round game against DIT. We approached the game very causally, we knew DIT would have a good team as they reached the fresher hurling final last year, where we happened to beat them on the day. We led 3-7 to 3 points at half time and eventually won out on a score line of 3-21 to 1-4.

Time was short as we now had only a week to prepare for our next game against UL, our biggest rivals over the last few years.

We had most of the play but however this wasn't reflected on the scoreboard and nine wides meant that our 9pts to 6 pts interval lead was significantly less than it should have been. We expected a big fight back, but our backs were outstanding in the second half and any attacks were effectively dealt with. We won easy enough.

We now faced UCD, who had beaten the Garda College in the other quarterfinal. After UL being knocked out UCD under the guidance of Babs Keating were now installed as favourites for the title. Both teams took time to settle into the game, the goals were crucial, and their timing was even more critical. The first came after about 10 minutes when John Phelan acted sharply to get on the end of Anthony Owens' flick to kick the ball to the net. At this stage we were being outplayed but the goal seemed to settle us down. Points from Conor, Garvey and Jacob put us up 1-6 to 6 points. As half time



The Tipp connection on the WIT team (l-r): Damien Young (coach), Derek Bourke, Hugh Maloney, Willie Ryan, Conor O'Brien, Colm Bonnar (Manager).

approached, Conor Phelan put Jacob inside the UCD defence where he made no mistake to score our second goal. We only scored 3 points in the second half, UCD could have been so much closer had they not hit six wides.

UCC were our opponents in the final. They got off to a blistering start, racing into a lead of four points to our single score. Their lead was stretched to five points before Brian Dowling got two crucial scores. Both teams exchanged scores and with about ten minutes to go in the first half the sides were level. Points from Fitzpatrick and Tommy Walsh brought the half time score to 8pts to 6pts. Things weren't going right for us, but it was our second half performance in the previous games that stood to us. Something special happened at half time and this sparked a powerful second half display. Defeat was not an option. Conor Phelan started the comeback with a point, Jacob added another and Dowling's effort from the sideline crept over the bar. The sides were level with eight minutes to go and it seemed if UCC's house was

just about to collapse. Fitzpatrick got UCC's only point of the second half from a free but Garvey and Jacob stepped up with a point each to secure victory.

It was over. Fitzgibbon Cup Champions again! What a feeling. Manager Colm Bonnar described this victory as one of the biggest Fitzgibbon achievements since we made the break through in 1992. WIT has now won the competition six times, four times in the last six years.

A brilliant end to a year that had so many memories. The poor league results to the victories in the championship, from Tramore to Athlone. The many celebrations after Fitzgibbon, from Tramore to WLR "bringing down the house", and jail bird rock, all memories that are sure to last a lifetime. Well done to all involved, the players, management; Colm Bonnar, Conor Power, Damien Young, Shay Fitzpatrick, Tadhg O'Sullivan, James "Sheff" Meagher, and to the ever-reliable Jim Phelan.

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SUZANNE KELLY

Siobhan Ní Cheallaigh



Age: 27
Club: Toomevara
Occupation: Teacher
Camogie Achievements:
ALL-IRELAND – 5 Senior Championship, 1 Intermediate Championship, 1 Junior Championship
PROVINCIAL – 1 Minor Championship, 2 Senior Championship, 1 Senior Club Colleges, 1 Purcell Cup, 1 Ashbourne Shield.



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JOVITA DELANEY

Jovita Ní Dhubhlaine

Age: 30
Club: Cashel
Occupation: Teacher
Camogie Achievements:
ALL-IRELAND – 5 Senior Championship, 1 Intermediate Championship, 1 Junior Championship
PROVINCIAL – 2 Club Championship
COUNTY – 9 Senior Championship, Under-12, Under-14, Under-16.



TEXACO AWARD FOR UNA

UNA O'DWYER

Una Ní Dhubhair



Age: 22.
Club: Cashel.
Occupation: Food technologist.
Camogie Achievements: ALL-Ireland; 5 senior championship; 1 intermediate championship; provincial: 2 senior championship; 2 club championship; 2 under-18 championship. Colleges: 2 Ashbourne Championship. County: 5 senior championship. Under 12, 14 and 16.



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Una O'Dwyer was again the source of defensive power which helped Tipperary to a second successive All-Ireland title and in the process she is elevated to the status of Texaco Award winner.

In an historic year in which camogie celebrated its centenary, full back O'Dwyer played a pivotal role in a Tipperary team which won the National League, the Munster title and clinched the All-Ireland title with victory over Cork. In what was their fifth title in six years, the young Cashel girl rounded off a wonderful season with a brilliant final display that ensured Tipperary cruised to an eight point win. Una joins an elite band from her sport as only the fifth camogie player to win a Texaco award.

JULIE KIRWAN

Síle Ní Chiarbhain

Age: 17
Club: Moneygall
Occupation: Student
Camogie Achievements:
CLUB – 1 junior championship, 1 minor championship, 3 underage championship
Colleges – 3 Munster championship, 2 county championships



SINEAD NEALON

Sinéad Ní Niallain

Age: 30
Club: Burgess
Occupation: Project HR Manager
Camogie Achievements:
ALL-IRELAND – 5 Senior Championship, 1 Intermediate Championship, 1 Minor Championship, 1 Junior Championship.
PROVINCIAL – 2 Munster Minor Championship, 1 Munster Junior Championship, 2 Munster Senior Championship.
COLLEGES – 1 Ashbourne Cup WIT.



CIARA GAYNOR

Ciara Ní Fhionnbhairr



Age: 25
Occupation: Garda
Club: Kilruane MacDonaghs
Camogie Achievements:
ALL-IRELAND – 5 senior championship, 1 intermediate championship
2 minor championship.
PROVINCIAL – 2 senior championship.
COUNTY – 1 junior championship.



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THERESE BROPHY

Treasa Ní Bhroithe



Age: 27
Occupation: Teacher
Club: Burgess
Camogie Achievements:
ALL-IRELAND – 5 senior championship, 1 Intermediate Championship. Provincial – 2 Munster Senior Championship, 1 Munster Minor Championship. COUNTY – 1 Senior Club League, 1 Intermediate Club Championship. OTHER – 1 Feile na nGael, 1 Pan Cheilteach.



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ANGIE

McDERMOTT

Aíneal Nic Dhiarmada

Age: 27
Club: Anacarthy Donohill
Occupation: Accountant
Camogie Achievements:
ALL-IRELAND – 5 Senior Championship
PROVINCIAL – 2 Senior Championship
COUNTY – 1 Junior Club Championship, Under-12, 14.



PHILLY FOGARTY

Philomena Ní Fhogartaigh

Age: 21
Occupation: Student
Club: Cashel
Camogie Achievements:
ALL-IRELAND – 5 senior championship, PROVINCIAL – 2 Senior Championship, 1 Junior Championship, COUNTY – 6 Senior Championship, Under-12, 14, 16.



NOELLE KENNEDY

Nollaig Ní Chinnéide

Age: 29.
Occupation: IT Technician.
Club: Toomevara.
Camogie Achievements:
ALL-IRELAND – 5 Senior Championship. PROVINCIAL – 2 Munster Championship. COUNTY – 1 Senior Championship, Under-10, 12, 14, 16, 18.



JOANNE RYAN

Siobhan Ní Riain *Captaen*

Age: 21
Club: Drom/Inch
Occupation: Student
Camogie Achievements:
ALL-IRELAND – 4, Senior Championship
PROVINCIAL – 2 Munster Championship
COUNTY – 1 Senior Championship, Under-10, 12, 14, 16, 18



CLAIRE GROGAN

Claire
Ní Gruagáin



Age: 18
Club: Cashel
Occupation:
Student
Camogie
Achievements:
ALL-IRELAND –
4 Senior Champi-
onship
PROVINCIAL –
2 Senior Championship Provincial, 2 Senior
Championship, 1 Minor Championship,
2 Senior Club Championship
COUNTY – 2 Senior Championship,
Under-12, 14, 16



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**EIMEAR
McDONNELL**
Eimear Nic
Dhomhnaill

Age: 23
Club: Burgess
Occupation:
Student
Camogie
Achievements:
ALL-IRELAND –
4 Senior Champi-
onship
PROVINCIAL – 2 Senior
Championship
CLUB – Under-12, 14, 16
COLLEGES – 1 All-Ireland Senior
Championship.



DEIDRE HUGHES
Deirdre
Nic Aodha



Age: 30
Club: Toomevara
Occupation:
Sales Assistant
Camogie
Achievements:
ALL-IRELAND –
5, Senior champi-
onship, Member of
the team of the century, 1 intermediate
championship, 1 Junior championship
PROVINCIAL – 3 Senior Championship,
3 Junior Championship 1 Munster Club
Championship COUNTY – 8 Senior Club
Championship Under-14,16,18.



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JILL HORAN
Jill Ní hÓrain

Age: 19
Club:
Clonoulty/Ross-
more
Occupation:
Student
Camogie
Achievements:
PROVINCIAL –
1 minor champi-
onship
COUNTY – 1 Intermediate Club Champi-
onship, 1 Snr
All-Ireland, A1QS1 Munster Senior.



**MEABH
CORCORAN**

Meadhbh Ní
Chaorcoráin

Age: 25
Club:
Moycarkey-Borris
Occupation:
Accountant
Camogie
Achievements:
ALL-IRELAND 2
Senior
Championship
PROVINCIAL: 1 Senior Munster
Championship, 1 Junior Munster
Championship
COUNTY: Under-12, 14,
1 Junior Club
Championship



LOUISE YOUNG
Louise de Siun

Age: 20
Club: Toomevara
Occupation:
Student
Camogie
Achievements:
ALL-IRELAND –
2 Senior champi-
onship, 1 junior
championship
PROVINCIAL – 1 Junior
Championship
COUNTY – 1 Senior championship
Under-14, 16



EMILY HAYDEN
Eimile Ní Eideain

Age: 24
Club: Cashel
Occupation: Sports
Rehabilitator
Camogie
Achievements:
ALL-IRELAND –
5 Senior champi-
onship, 1 Interme-
diate champi-
onship, 1 minor Championship
PROVINCIAL – 2 Senior
Championship,
4 Minor Championship, 4 Munster
Senior Club Championship
COUNTY – 6 Senior Club Under-12,
14, 16.



**GERALDINE
KINANE**

Gearóidín Ní
Choinneáin

Age: 19
Club: Drom/Inch
Occupation:
Student
Camogie
Achievements:
PROVINCIAL –
1 Junior Championship
COUNTY – 1 Junior
Championship,
Under-12, 14, 1 Senior All-Ireland.



PAULA BULFIN
Paula Bhuilfin

Age: 29
Club: Cashel
Occupation:
Teacher
Camogie
Achievements:
ALL-IRELAND –
4 senior champi-
onship
PROVINCIAL –
2 Munster Senior
Club Championship, 1 Munster Minor
Championship, 1 Under-18 Championship
COUNTY – 6 Senior Club
Championship, Under-12,
14, 16, 18



**TRISH
O'HALLORAN**
Padraigín

Ni Allurain
Age: 20
Club: Portroe
Occupation:
Student of Legal
Studies
Camogie
Achievements:
ALL-IRELAND – 1
Senior Championship, 1 Junior
Championship
PROVINCIAL – 1 Senior
Championship, 1 Junior Championship,
1 Minor Championship
COUNTY – 1 Junior Club
Championship, Under-12, 14, 16



HELEN BREEN
Lean Ní Bhraoin

Age: 19
Club: Cashel
Occupation:
Student
Camogie
Achievements:
ALL-IRELAND –
2 Senior Champi-
onship, 1 Junior
Championship
PROVINCIAL – 2
Munster Senior Club Championship,
1 Munster Junior Championship
COUNTY – 2 Senior Club
Championship, Under-12,
14, 16.



**DEIRDRE
McDONNELL**
Deirdre Nic
Domhnaill

Age: 23
Club: Burgess
Occupation:
Civil Engineer
Camogie
Achievements:
ALL-IRELAND –
Junior Champi-
onship
PROVINCIAL – 1 Munster
Junior Championship, 1 Munster
Minor Championship, 1 Under-18
Championship, 1 Junior Gael Linn
COUNTY – 1 Under-16 Club
Championship
COLLEGES – 1 Munster Senior Championship,
1 All-Ireland Senior Championship.



Eimear Ryan
Eimear Ní Riain

Age: 17
Club: Moneygall
Occupation: Student
Camogie
Achievements: COUNTY – 1 Junior, 1 Minor, 1 Underage, 1 Senior All-Ireland



JOANNE NOLAN
Siobhain Ní Nualláin

Age: 17
Club: Silvermines
Occupation: Student
Camogie
Achievements: COUNTY – Under-12, 14, Over 18 Colleges, 1 Senior All-Ireland championship, 1 junior Munster championship, 1 Senior All-Ireland



CLAIRE MADDEN
Clair Ní Mhadáin

Age: 30
Club: Fr. O'Neills, Cork
Occupation: Business Analyst
Camogie
Achievements: ALL-IRELAND 4 Senior championships, 1 Intermediate Championship, 1 Junior Championship County Championship, 1 Senior, 1 Intermediate, 9 Gael Linn Medals



LORRAINE BURKE
Lorraine De Búrca

Age: 21
Club: Templemore
Occupation: Nurse
Camogie
Achievements: ALL-IRELAND – 2 Senior Championships, 1 Junior Championship PROVINCIAL – 2 Senior Championship County Championship, 1 Intermediate, 1 Junior, 2 Minor, Under-12, 14, 16 championship



NIAMH CONNOLLY
Niamh Ní Chonghaile

Age: 24
Occupation: Accountant
Club: Templemore
Camogie
Achievements: All-Ireland – 2 senior championships 1 Junior championship PROVINCIAL – Championship 2 Junior 1 Minor County Championship 1 Junior 2 Intermediate 1 Under-12, 14, 16.



RAMIE RYAN
manager
Reamann Ó Riain

Club: Cashel King Cormacs
Occupation: Electrical Sales Engineer
Playing honours: CLUB – 2 county minor, 2 Under-21, 1 county senior, 1 Munster club medal, COUNTY – 2 Railway Cup, 1 Senior Munster, 2 National league, 1 All-Ireland Under-21
Management experience: 18 months with the Tipperary Senior Camogie team.
Raymie took over from Michael Cleary and has managed Tipperary to All-Ireland, Munster and National League success. He retired from the post of Bainisteoir in the Autumn.



JOHN HAYES
Hurley carrier



KAREN O'DONOGHUE
physio

MARION GRAHAM
selector



CONOR RYAN
selector



NOREEN RYAN
medical



Colourful Tipperary fans at Croke Park on All-Ireland Final Day.

TIPP'S GREATEST EVER YEAR

By Gerry Slevin

There can hardly be any disputing the fact that 2004 was the greatest ever year for Tipperary camogie; the National League, the Munster title and for the fifth time in six years, All Ireland senior champions.

Yes, a clean sweep of national titles with Joanne Ryan from Drom-Inch joyously and triumphantly hoisting the trophies that said it all.

And what a year to make all this possible, the year when Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael celebrated the centenary of its existence, the year when specially commissioned centenary All Ireland medals were struck.

Towards the end of the previous year at a medals presentation ceremony in the Horse and Jockey, team manager Raymie Ryan left no doubt as to the intentions for 2004. One trophy was absent from the display – the National League – and Raymie let it be known that regaining it after such a long time (1977) would be high on their agenda.

To set one's sights on 'the big three', League, provincial and All Ireland titles, might have seemed somewhat presumptuous. It might be seen as placing unnecessary pressure on the players, most of whom had been around for the duration of Tipp's glorious post-1999 reign.

But it is testament to the character of each and every one of the panel that no hurdle was too great to seek to surmount. After all, it was centenary year and to be in the winners enclosure not just once but thrice was an achievement well worth setting one's sights upon.

As plans were set in motion, standing there vividly as keenest rivals and the team most likely to provide the stiffest resistance to any title ambitions was Cork. There's no greater rivalry in the modern game than that between Tipp and Cork.

They met three times in 2004, the first occasion in the league down in Pairc Uí Chaoimh, as curtain raiser to the Tipp/Cork Allianz NHL game. It didn't turn out to be quite as Tipp would have wished. A respectable second half recovery couldn't atone for a somewhat lethargic first half. Cork won. They were better prepared for the time of year and in Tipp's eyes no great damage was done.



Joanne Ryan lifts the O'Duffy Cup on All-Ireland final day.



Jovita Delaney makes a lengthy clearance on All-Ireland final day.

True, no further defeats saw Tipp remaining in contention and the prospects of another Tipp/Cork final encounter loomed.

However, at the semi final stage Wexford threw a spanner in the works when they surprisingly overcame the Rebel girls.

What a coincidence that as Tipp sought to regain the league title after a gap of 27 years, it should be Wexford, their victims in that first ever league final, that would now stand between them and victory.

Kilkenny's Nowlan Park was the venue, Tipp were the favourites. They won but they earned it. While there was rejoicing that this prestigious title had

been claimed after so many seasons of fruitless endeavour, Wexford's performance was such as to eliminate the notion that the championships would have a decided Tipp/Cork look about it.

One up, two to go!

The provincial competition, separate from the All Ireland, was one Tipp were defending, following that great win over Cork the previous season in Portlaoise. Limerick and Clare gave it their best shot but when the final was reached it was Cork's turn to come to Semple Stadium. There, in a wet and cold mid week fixture Tipp retained their title, narrowly, though in truth Cork probably had reason to feel they might have snatched it.

Two up, one to go!

Yes, the big one. The All Ireland championship, the competition that would define the season. The O'Duffy Cup was in Tipp's possession for four of the previous five years. The one year in which it had eluded them was 2002 and it was Cork - who else? - that brought about such heartbreak. 2003 saw that defeat roundly avenged and as centenary year took shape, it was the general view in the camogie world that Tipp and Cork would make it to their third successive final meeting.

Two groups; Tipp, Kilkenny, Galway and Antrim in one, Cork, Galway, Limerick and Derry in the other. A round robin series, two from each group going on to the All Ireland semis.

Tipp got over the Galway hurdle with a fair degree of conviction (4-8 to 0-8) when the championship opened in Ballynasloe's Duggan Park on June 19th. 2003 Texaco award winner Eimear McDonnell helped herself to three goals. Two weeks later on July 3rd the Antrim girls made the long trip to Semple Stadium and returned in rather deflated mood with a 4-27 to 1-4 score line to ponder over.

No match really, as far as Tipp were concerned. Such a difference in class. Indeed to rub salt into Antrim's wounds, later in the season when the same Antrim squad lined out in the Intermediate championship, they were knocked out at the semi final stage by Tipp's second string.

But one performance in particular in that game caused Tipp supporters to sit



Claire Grogan aims for a score against Cork in Croke Park.

up and take notice. At corner forward was Jill Horan from the Clonoulty-Rossmore club, who with a personal contribution of 2-7 and a lot more besides in the shape of drive, skill and a sense of adventure, wrote herself into contention for greater things.

It was quickly back to the real world, however, when a further two weeks on, July 17th, Tipp travelled to Callan for what for Kilkenny was a make or break game since they had already lost to Galway. It was an occasion that saw Tipp's crown in serious danger of being dislodged. It took a Claire Grogan point from a free, two minutes into injury time to give the champions a one-point victory, 3-8 to 2-10. A narrow escape indeed but for all that, a place in the semi final was rightfully Tipp's.

Back to Nowlan Park on August 21st, the scene of the National League success and, as in that final, the opposition to be provided by Wexford. The purple and gold clad lasses had seen Cork avenge their league semi final defeat but were buoyed with confidence in their ability to chasten the champions, after their good league final showing.

Before Tipp and Wexford moved into action, Cork had won a final place, defeating Galway by 3-9 to 1-4. Just another hour would tell whether or not we were facing a third successive Tipp-Cork meeting or if the new kids on the block from Slaney-side, would upset the odds and provide patrons with the 4th Cork-Wexford final pairing, and the first since 1992.

Wexford were prepared, well prepared and by half time they held a two-point advantage. Illness had kept Tipp's captain, Joanne Ryan, out of action for some time but she made a second half appearance and it was vital in shaping the game as Tipp would have wanted it. Deirdre Hughes goaled and a strong semblance of cohesion began to emerge in the Tipp attack. When the sixty minutes had elapsed, Tipp were ahead 1-10 to 1-5. Two minutes into added time Wexford struck for a goal



Deirdre Hughes gets her shot past Wexfords Catherine O'Loughlin in the League final at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny.



Una O'Dwyer goes high to grab the ball on Centenary All-Ireland final day.

from a close-in free and, suddenly, it was all up in the air again. Another close-in free followed and this time the sliotar grazed off the crossbar and back into play. The final whistle sounded, 1-10 to 2-5. Tipp were into their sixth successive All Ireland final, and what a relief!

Sunday September 12th was much more than All Ireland final day. That word CENTENARY was very much part of the occasion in the extensive programme arranged by Liz Howard who headed up the All Ireland Day committee.

The build up to the final was as intense as one expected it to be, especially with Cork all out to dethrone the champions. Raymie Ryan along with Marian Graham and Conor Ryan had their charges in peak condition. Lessons had been learned from the Wexford and Kilkenny games and the mood in the Tipp camp was one of confidence,

matched by a determination to hold on to the O'Duffy Cup in this, camogie's very special year.

Over 23,000 patrons, the highest number in the game's history, saw Joanne Ryan return to starting action in her role as captain. For thirteen of the side, playing in an All Ireland final was nothing new but for corner back Julie Kirwan from Moneygall and Jill Horan it was an occasion to savour. And how each rose to the challenge!

2-11 to 0-9 was the final score and, in truth, Tipp were not in the least flattered by the margin that separated them from their arch rivals. Not only did Cork fail to score as goal – a tribute to a really brilliant Tipp defence marshalled and led by 'Player of the Final' Una O'Dwyer – their scoring contribution from play was confined to a mere four points. Tipp played throughout with the confidence that being champions brings. Goals came at opportune times. The first, eighteen minutes in to the game, came when Jill Horan floated a high ball to the square and following a melee Deirdre Hughes slapped it home.

The second came just before the end of the third quarter when Joanne Ryan was in the right place to accept a neatly flicked ground pass from Eimear McDonnell. The captain soloed on further and unleashed an unstoppable shot to the Cork net. There was no answer to that. It was to be Tipp's day, Tipp's year, with fans going wild as Miriam O'Callaghan, camogie's National President handed the trophy over to Joanne.

Cork had no complaints. The score line said it all. Five All Ireland titles in six years.

Where to now? Back in 2001, Tipp went all out to make it three in a row. They succeeded. A bid to extend that to four came unstuck a year later, but now the scene is set for another three in a row, following the glories of 2003 and 2004. It's an enticing prospect, one made all the more alluring by virtue of the fact that the leadership of the team will come from Toomevara. The prospect of one Deirdre Hughes leading her colleagues up the Hogan Stand steps to accept that O'Duffy Cup, is one that is sure to fire these fantastic ambassadors of the game and of the county with a determination to make it all happen again.

Good luck to them. Indeed, this panel of players deserves everything that comes their way, such is their appetite for the game and the fluency and skill which they apply to their task.

Yes, another three in a row must be considered. It is asking too much? Not at all!

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Delegate to Munster Council	Margaret Skehan	Thurles

RESULTS OF ALL LEAGUE FINALS 2004

U/12 A	Drom/inch	2-1	Toomevara	1-1
U/12 B	Burgess			
U/12 C	Kilruane			
U/14 Féile	Toomevara		Drom/Inch	
U/14 A	Toomevara	4-3	Drom/Inch	0-1
U/14 B	Burgess	3-2	Knockavilla	1-6
U/14 C	Lorrha	3-2	Shannon Rovers	1-0
Junior B	Shannon Rovers	6-11	Lorrha	1-5
Junior A	Toomevara	1-5	Bournea	1-2
Intermediate	Not Completed			
Senior	Not Completed			

RESULTS OF ALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS 2004

U/12 A	Drom/Inch	2-3	Burgess	1-3
U/12 B	Toomevara	3-3	Slievenamon	0-0
U/12 C	Thurles	2-1	Silvermines	1-0
U/14 A	Toomevara		Moneygall	
U/14 B	Slievenamon	5-2	Knockavilla	4-3
U/14 C	Kilruane McDonagh	6-2	New Inn	5-4
U/16 A				
U/16 B	Shannon Rovers	1-7	Silvermines	1-2
U/16 C	Moycarkey /Borris	4-5	St. Cronans	1-3
U/18 A	Not Completed			
U/18 B	Not Completed			
Junior B	Shannon Rovers	1-4	Annacarty	1-2
Junior A	Bournea	3-5	Toomevara	1-4
Intermediate	Holycross /Ballycahill	3-1	Moneygall	0-9
Senior	Toomevara	2-9	Drom/Inch	2-7
Senior B	Moneygall	3-3	Burgess	2-3

All-Ireland Medal Presentation Night in the

Horse & Jockey Hotel



At the presentation of their All-Ireland Senior medals, front row, l-r: Noreen Kelly Ryan (medical), Paul Ryan, Joanne Ryan, Miriam O'Callaghan (president), Emily Hayden, Danielle O'Connell, Michelle Shortt, Marion Graham (selector). Middle row, l-r: Raymie Ryan (manager), Stephen Fitzgerald (chairman), Claire Grogan, Jovita Delaney, Helen Breen, Trisha O'Halloran, Louise Young, Lorraine Bourke, Sheena Howard, John Hayes, Conor Ryan (selector). Back row, l-r: Angie McDermott, Aine Mulcahy, Suzanne Kelly, Noelle Kennedy, Theresa Brophy, Claire Madden, Philly Fogarty, Sinead Nealon, Deirdre Hughes, Eimear McDonnell.



Joanne Ryan, on behalf of the team, making a presentation to mentors Marion Graham (selector), Raymie Ryan (manager, Conor Ryan (selector) and Noreen Kelly Ryan (medical).



Burgess Crew!!! . . . Sinead O'Connor (Croke Park), Sheena Howard, Eimear McDonnell, Liz Howard, Therese Brophy, Deirdre McDonnell, Miriam O'Callaghan (Uachtarán).

Centenary All-Ireland day

By Marion Graham

CENTENARY All Ireland Day arrived! Much planning and soul searching not to talk of sleepless nights had gone into planning the programme for the day to ensure that it was inclusive, exciting and memorable for all followers of our game of camogie. For the players of Tipperary and Cork who contested the Foras Na Gaeilge All Ireland Final and the Down and Cork players who competed for the Junior All Ireland honors this day was extra special in this the Centenary Year. While the O'Duffy and the New Ireland Cup were the ultimate prizes the runners up received specially commissioned centenary medals thanks to the generosity of MMI.

The previous tussles between Tipperary and Cork coupled with the performance of both teams in the semi-finals

ensured that this years final was another exciting and skilful game of camogie. Those who saw the 2003 final were left in no doubt that the camogie final was the Gaelic game of the year. The junior final saw the return of Down who last successfully competed for the New Ireland Cup in 1991 that incidentally defeated Tipperary on that occasion.

Reflecting on past achievements the programme of events honored the players of the Antrim team that took the O'Duffy Cup to the Glens of Antrim in 1979 and again Tipperary were the victim's, times have changed for the Premier County.

The future of our game lies with the young players from the primary schools of Ireland. In recognition to the sterling work done by Cumann Na mBunscol we welcomed the Primary school children who participated in events on the

field. This was a mammoth task and all concerned must be congratulated, the participants, their parents their teachers with Jerry Grogan of Cumann na mBunscol for their work. All thirty-two counties represented the Primary School game. A sixteen a side match took place at half time in the junior final. Five children represented the family of Gaelic games - GAA, Handball, Ladies Football, Rounders and Camogie - participated in the days activities as did the Feile Na Gael Skills winner and the All Ireland Minor A and B captains.

Players from Meath and Dublin clubs had been busy with a torch run from Navan - the venue for the first official game of camogie - to Croke Park.

What an eventful day, a day that will live in the memories of everybody who attended our National Finals in Croke Park on September 19th 2004.

Grand old game puts its best foot forward

By Therese O'Callaghan

THERE WAS an unbelievable buzz in Cork leading up to the All Ireland camogie final after Cork's All-Ireland hurling final victory. Every child seemed to be swinging a hurley and camogie was enjoying the spin off from the lads' game.

Exactly 100 years on from the first women's match, competition from other codes and sports is more intense than ever, but in fairness the Camogie Association has broadened its outlook and buffed up in image as it moves with the times.

Way back then in Páirc Tailteann Navan, bulletproof black stockings were worn under gym-frocks that covered up the knees. Heavy black boots, starch-white blouses and a fitted belt completed the ensemble. There was many a day when the auld suspender would give way and only God himself kept those stockings up. Around 1972 the modern-style uniform (culottes and shirt) was accepted. Kilkenny were the first team to don the new gear and circa this time, too, helmets came into vogue. In the past few years the skirts have become skorts (skirt to the front and back with shorts attached underneath) and the shirt have transformed into a fitted jersey that complements the more curvilinear shape of the female body.

In the build up to the launch of the centenary festivities 12 months ago, a Chicks with Sticks campaign was initiated to gain high profile media attention.

Three Dublin players volunteered to model for a photo-shoot in evening wear while wielding their camogie sticks.

The promotion gathered much attention. Girls suddenly thought it fashionable to be seen carrying a hurling stick. New blood boosted an association that already had up to 100,000 members. But the problem is retaining these girls, particularly those in their late teens.

Camogie apes hurling in that it has a natural popularity in some areas while it is absent in others. In addition to tradition there are more tangible issues. Injuries although extremely rare, can be off-putting.

I once saw a very attractive girl remove three false teeth as she prepared to leave the dressing-room. Later I learnt that her original teeth were blown out during a match. It was a shocking sight and one that stayed with me.

This was before the days of face-grids. Thankfully, these are compulsory in underage games and have been for quite a number of years. To suffer any serious facial injury is exceptional, unlike with the men, many of who like to bare the odd black eye or a few stitches to boost their machismo. Such an injury would be an nightmare for many women going in to work or university; blemish free is the order of the day.

By categorizing camogie a non-contact sport, you might think it would reduce the spectacle but I believe the opposite case. The of-the-ball element seen in hurling has been shut out, allow-

ing a faster, more flowing game.

Along with what happens on the pitch, marketing and sponsorship are fundamental to the promotion of camogie. Sinead O'Connor (not the singer) filled this newly created role at headquarters in 2002 and is working tirelessly, but unlike men, the ladies lack support.

Certainly there is still belief out there in some quarters that camogie is only for thick-ankled harridans and roughneck. The truth is anything but. It is an appealing game for non-professionals athletes who perform to the highest standard. It is a fun game where inter-club rivalries can be intense but fleeting and friendships can last for ever. It can also attract the odd glance from the opposite sex, especially when a woman sporting a healthy, year-round tan is spotted. She can look good after the most torrid training session - and even better when emerging from a steamy changing room in a cloud of sweet-smelling mist.

Camogie has its funny side too, one of the most hilarious moments I can remember was in Croke Park when the great Angela Downey was robbed of her skirt in an All-Ireland Final when her marker tried to pull her back. The Kilkenny girl kept going and not until she had scored did she return to re-dress. The following day that image made the front of The Irish Times. Now, it holds pride of place in Downey's living room and each time she looks at it she laughs. It mustn't be such a bad old game after all.

A Bittersweet Experience

By Eimear Ryan

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Much to my disappointment, stumbling out of bed at 7am on Sunday, September 19 did not feel remotely like the dawn of an All-Ireland final. It was just another early morning, another excuse to be grumpy. The entire panel was in similar mood, and aside from a few stirring games of *I Spy*, the journey from the Horse & Jockey to Dublin passed without incident.

However, any sense of anticlimax I felt was quickly dispersed as we approached Croke. The tension heightened that extra notch as, to get in the right frame of mind, we listened to *My Way* – the uplifting Sinatra version, sadly, not the Sid Vicious cover.

As soon as we arrived, we headed into the dressing room. But this was no ordinary dressing room – it was the Taj Mahal of dressing rooms. I almost felt compelled to remove my shoes and pad about in barefoot reverence.

We warmed up in an indoor area, complete with fake grass. With twenty-eight of us in a small room sending sliotars flying, it felt like being involved in some sort of violent human pinball game. Whether it was the occasion or the claustrophobia, suddenly everyone was shouting. Several players spoke at length. There were frequent references to 2002, with fiery-eyed old hands assuring the young wans that that wasn't something we wanted to experience.

I suddenly realized where Tipp's hunger came from. It wasn't about adding another trophy to an already bulging cabinet; it was about performing to a level that justifies seven months of preparation. As Player of the Match Una O'Dwyer would say on *The Sunday Game*, if a better team beats us, we have no problem with that. It's when we disappoint ourselves that the trouble begins.

At 3:12pm, we were ready to go out. As we stood in the dressing room, arms around each other, the tension reached its summit. With the usually rather calm and stoical Raymie Ryan roaring with mildly scary intensity, Joanne Ryan led us onto the field. There was a shrill, surround-sound blast of feminine screams as we took the field and sprinted across for our photo. Gazing around at the 25,000-strong crowd, one had the distinct feeling of a Cheerio at the bottom of a bowl: one wrong move, and you'd be eaten alive.

As the ball was thrown in, a sort of giddy rush came over me and didn't let up for the duration of the match. Though I wasn't playing, the nerves



Suzanne Kelly affects a long delivery against Cork in Croke Park. Photo: Bridget Delaney

were almost unbearable – possibly because there was nothing I could do. Each of the subs was acting in a similar manner, waving their arms wildly as if to propel the players along.

Halftime was a bit of a comedown. I itched in my seat, longing to puck around on the hallowed sod, but unable because of the various centenary displays on the field – kids wielding pom-poms and whatnot. Of course, the second half more than made up for that. We relived Joanne Ryan's superb goal three or four times on the big screen, as we had with Dee Hughes' first half strike.

When those final blessed whistles sounded, we stormed the pitch, swept up quickly in a crowd of supporters. (Camogie supporters exist! Who knew?) After much lepping about and posturing with the cup, we retired to the dressing room where hijinks ensued. (If Raymie appeared to be sweating profusely during his TV interview, it was as a result of his being doused liberally in water by certain panel members.) We revelled in the live interviews, giving resounding cheers for every other comment. Back at the hotel, Marty Morrissey ushered us into our dinner before conducting some more interviews. (That's me in the background, beaming uncontrollably.) Though jovial and friendly, Marty is

somewhat disappointing in the flesh – I thought he'd be shorter.

The TV coverage turned out to be fascinating – it's not often that you get to relive some of your proudest moments in slow motion. We watched *The Sunday Game* over dinner. My table faced away from the screen, which resulted in a row of us doing a perfect impression of a dysfunctional family by gluing our eyes to the screen, plates resting on knees.

The long night of revelry incorporated many tired and emotional chats, no the least of which I had with the other subs. We agreed on one thing: being a sub is bittersweet. It really is that old cliché about being so near, and yet so far away. There isn't a single sub who feels indifferent about not reaching the first fifteen. Having said that, I'm proud of what the panel has achieved. We concurred that, even though in 'weaker' counties we could be team players, it's better to make the first thirty in Tipperary than the first fifteen anywhere else.

Monday night's homecoming was an experience. As we sat on the lorry in the Horse & Jockey, an endless conveyor belt of jerseys, hurleys and corner shop receipts came up and down the row, waiting to be autographed. At first I considered this to be great fun, but pretty soon I began to hate the sight of my own name. And this after just one day of pseudo-celebrity status! Spare a thought for Tom Cruise ...

The Ragg, where we wound up that night, was terrific. Drom & Inch gave a rapturous homecoming to Joanne, Geraldine and the rest of us. A rather sizeable crowd turned out and, as our open-topped bus drove past the bonfire, fireworks went off overhead. I wasn't around for the last few homecomings, but apparently Drom really raised the bar on this one. The experienced players, used to this adulation, were keen to impress on newcomers just how singular an experience it all is. Consequently I found myself in the middle of the stage, while the real stars lurked in the shadows, grinning away.

So ended my first All-Ireland experience. There are a lot of aspects of the day that will stick in my mind (such as the repeated infliction of certain Bonnie Tyler 'classics' on the bus's passengers) but especially this quote from a sheet of inspiring words we were given on the bus journey up. It's a (possibly paraphrased) line from Al Pacino's character in *Any Given Sunday*: "Life is a game of inches. So is hurling." Amen to that.

Deirdre's Night of Nights

By Gerry Slevin

Working in the sports gear business is much the same as in any business; daily life being one of selling, of meeting people and the like.

The occasional trip to a trade fair undoubtedly helps take the monotony out of the work and a call to or from a rep can add a bit of spice to life.

A trade fair and a meeting with a rep were two important aspects of an event schedule for Thursday night, May 20th last, when it was absolutely essential that a certain lady be not next or near Nenagh!

She had to be out of town, no more, no less.

Why the mystery, you may ask?

Well, out Toomevara way for a couple of months before that, there had been a strong element of walking on shells, a whispering campaign, as an eager and energetic committee from the local camogie club went about its work in organising a special night for one who is special to Toomevara, to Tipperary and the to game of camogie.

Earlier this year DEIRDRE HUGHES was named on camogie's Team of the Century and presented with a special memento to mark that achievement at the camogie centenary banquet in City West Hotel. A great honour, a most deserved honour, but what made it really special was the fact that red haired Toome lass is the only present day player to have been included.

A signal honour indeed.

Understandably, Toomevara and the local camogie club in particular was extremely chuffed with this accolade conferred on such a popular lady and it was immediately decided that Deirdre's selection be suitably recognised by the club.

One snag, though. One big snag!

For all the glory that has been showered on Deirdre Hughes because of her camogie exploits over the past decade and a half, she is a very shy person. If approached and told it was intended to honour her, even in a small way, she would run a mile. No way would she consent to anything of that nature.

But the Toomevara club had no inten-



County GAA Board Honours Deirdre - In recognition for her selection in the Camogie Centenary team. Deirdre received a presentation from County Board chairman Donal Shanahan.



Chairperson Stephen Fitzgerald making a presentation to Deirdre Hughes in recognition of her "Player of the Centenary Team Award."

tion of making the celebration anything other than a big one, a memorable one. Therefore, to do it right, the preparations had to take place totally without Deirdre's knowledge. Not an easy thing when parents and family members, workmates, pals were in on the plans.

But the arrangements went ahead. Emails, phone calls and notes were flying all over the place. It was all hush hush but the work was being done and

the build-up to Thursday May 20th in the Abbey Court Hotel, Nenagh continued all around Deirdre and not a word was leaked.

Who said women can't keep a secret!

There was still another problem remaining. How to get Deirdre there without her suspicions being aroused.

Not easy. Oh no!

Deirdre works in A Sportsman's Dream in Nenagh's Kenyon Street. Everyone there, of course, was in on what was happening and co-operated fully with all the arrangements.

It so happened that the proposed celebration coincided with a trade fair in Cork, so the proprietor of the Nenagh sports gear premises Siobhan Tynan decided to attend the trade fair and to bring Deirdre with her.

A huge problem solved but

Ah yes, but ... how to get Deirdre to the hotel that evening without her smelling a rat.

Not easy. Oh no!

Here, that modern communication vehicle, the mobile phone entered the picture. It was arranged that as Siobhan and Deirdre were travelling home, a telephone message would inform them that a rep awaited their arrival at the Abbey Court Hotel.

Nothing out of the ordinary there. After all, by the time they reached Nenagh, the shops would be closed and a meeting with a rep in the hotel was quite a normal thing.

Meanwhile, people were gathering in the hotel in their hundreds. A nice bright evening it was. Everyone was in good humour. Girls toggled out in the green and gold of Toomevara were all over the place, juveniles and adults. They all had their jobs to do.

Camogie's National President Miriam O'Callaghan chatted with Toomevara man Donie Shanahan, chairman of the county GAA Board. The camogie PRO Maire Ui Scolai came too. Inter-county colleagues all arrived, as did rivals like Cork's Linda Mellerick, Eithne Duggan, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Fiona O'Driscoll and Galway's Olive Broderick. Local politi-

cians came along too, taking time off from their electioneering.

All had answered the call and were delighted to do so.

Deirdre's parents Rodie and Kathleen seemed mesmerized at the whole build up, but at the same time couldn't conceal their pride in their youngest daughter.

As 8pm approached everyone was herded into the main function room. There could be absolutely no sign that anything special was taking place, anything out of the ordinary. Quickly, the vast room was filled and an air of expectation hung around. There was the odd false alarm, 'they're here, they're here'. Eyes kept glancing back at the entrance area and soon the waiting was over.

The door opened, there were a few cheers and a startled Deirdre Hughes stood there, totally bewildered. She glanced to her left and saw the attendance rise amid rapturous applause. A visage of disbelief became visibly pale as she was led up the centre of the packed room. On reaching the stage area, a great friend and camogie colleague Anne Gleeson was there to formally greet her and tell her what was happening.

Deirdre's head shook in disbelief and then came the piece de resistance, when after Anne had given a brief outline of Deirdre's career, she introduced the Fear a Tighe for the evening, RTE match commentator Micheal O'Muircheartaigh.

What had been planned so meticulously over the previous couple of months had now come to fruition. After Deirdre was led to her special seat on the stage, a life and a career unfolded before her, through the wit and charm of Micheal and a host of people who had been part and parcel of the various phases of her life. To accompany them were some photographic stills along with excerpts from games at both club and county level.

Michael jokingly recalled that some months previous he had been asked to do this job to honour someone. When he asked who that person was, the reply he received was that it was the most famous Tipperary person since Kickham.

"I knew immediately it was Deirdre Hughes!" he quipped.

As the pages of Deirdre's life unfolded in a "This Is Your life" format, it was filled with a host of people who had



Deirdre Hughes with family members on her tribute night organised by members of Toomevara Camogie Club. Pictured are her parents Rodie and Kathleen, brother, Enda and sister Marie.



Tipperary only member in the camogie team of the century. Deirdre Hughes (Toomevara) being interviewed by RTE match commentator Micheal O'Muircheartaigh, when surprised with 'This is Your Life' night in Nenagh Abbey Court Hotel.

meant so much to her in so many ways. People like Tommy Conway with whom she began hurling at the age of two and a half! Tom Delaney (vice Principal of Nenagh Vocational school), Liam Hogan, Burgess, Toomevara's 'Mr Camogie' John Kennedy, Biddy Phillips, Claire Madden, the Cork trio of Sandy Fitzgibbon, Linda Mellerick and Eithne Duggan.

(Michael; Tell me. Is it true that the Cork and Tipperary players hate one another!

Eithne; Not at all. We only hate each other's jerseys!)

Michael Cleary. Maedhbh Stokes, Noelle Kennedy, Suzanne Kelly, Nora Dwan, Claire Grogan, Jim 'Rocky' O'Sullivan, Una O'Dwyer, Marion Graham, Roger Mounsey, Miriam O'Callaghan, and Deirdre's mother Kathleen were all part of two fleeting and engrossing hours of interviews and entertainment. Bernadette Ryan, with

the aid of members of the Toome under 14 team sang the famed ballad 'Hurrah for Toomevara' and, of course, no such function would be complete without 'Slievenamon', Bernadette again doing the honours.

Deirdre's great friend and colleague Noelle Kennedy paid tribute to those at the forefront in organising the function – Anne Gleeson, Joan Hughes, Catherine Byrne, Maura Shanahan.

Deirdre's words of gratitude were short but most sincere. She spoke of her own great love for the game, wanting nothing more than to play it and make friends through it. One was only as good as the team around her, she said.

Refreshments followed and plenty of chat, of course, all adding to an occasion that will live long in the memory of those present, especially Deirdre and the Hughes family.



Tipperary Juniors - Back row (l to r) - Caroline Greed, Siobhan Burke, Danielle O'Connell, Rosanna Kennelly, Fiona Loughnane, Annteneh D'arcy, Claire Ryan, Katie Ryan. Front row (l to r) - Maria Harkin, Threase Maxwell, Denise Ryan, Mary Ryan, Maria Jones, Linda Breen, Helena Costigan.



Moycarkey/Borris Under-16 'C' County Camogie Champions.



Tipperary Intermediate camogie team All-Ireland finalists - Back row (l to r) - Meabh Corcoran, Siobhan Ryan, Sarah O'Brien, Helen Breen, Mary Looby, Jackie O'Connor, Geraldine Kinane. Seated (l to r) - Eimear Ryan, Mairead Luttrell, Denise Ryan, Julie Kirwan, Mary Ryan, Michelle Shortt, Julie Delaney, Deirdre McDonnell (captain).



Jackie O'Connor sets up an attack for Tipperary intermediate team against Galway in the All-Ireland final at Semple Stadium.



A little girl from Dolla, Nenagh salutes her heroes at the camogie team home coming in the Ragg.



Amy Kennedy and Aine O'Carroll, Nenagh at the Camogie All-Ireland final in Croke Park.



Johnny Mulcahy, a loyal Tipperary camogie fan at Croke Park on All-Ireland final day with his daughter.



Niamh Connolly and Lorraine Bourke were members of the victorious Tipperary Senior Camogie team, 2003. L to R: Niamh Connolly, Marcus Wilson, Martin Bourke accepted the honour on behalf of Lorraine Bourke.



Representing Una!!!! Martin & Marion O'Dwyer representing Una (captain) who was on a trip 'down under' for the presentation. Also in photo Miriam O'Callaghan (President) and Raymie Ryan (Manager).



Celebrating her 18th birthday on the night Claire Grogan, Jimmy Purcell (with Semple Stadium in cake form), Alice Purcell & Martin Bourke.



Supporting Moycarkey/Borris under-14 team three generations of the Morris family, Littleton, Alice, Sharon & Bernie.



Four Tipperary girls who played for Munster in the Inter-Provincial Colleges Camogie competition played in Naomh Mearóg grounds Dublin in April. Julie Kirwan, Joanne Nolan, Michelle Shortt and Mary Ryan. Eimear Ryan was also selected but was unavailable. In the semi-final, Munster defeated Ulster and in the final they defeated Leinster to become Inter-Provincial champions 2004. Following the Inter-Provincial games, Mary Ryan was selected on the Colleges All-Star team and this team were presented with their awards at a function in Croke Park. In October, this team defeated Scotland in the first Shinty/Camogie International which was played in Rathoath in County Meath.



Tipperary/Limerick Association Presentation. Tom Long, Chairperson of the Tipperary/Limerick Association making a presentation to Paul Bulfin, Angie McDermot and Claire Grogan on behalf of Tipperary senior team towards their holiday fund.

Tipperary Minor Camogie



Tipperary Minor Camogie Team 2004

Back row (l-r): Seán Johnston (Manager/Trainer), Máiread Luttrell (Slievenamon), Michelle Kirwan (Moneygall), Ailish Langton (Slievenamon), Siobhán Bourke (Templemore), Ciara O'Sullivan (Cashel), Deirdre Ryan (Clonoulty/Rossmore), Siobhán McGrath (Drom/Inch), Sara Ryan (Hollycross/Ballycahill), Linda Fanning (Hollycross/Ballycahill), Antoinette Kennedy (Drom/Inch), Ciara Ryan (Silvermines), Marie Ryan (Templemore), Patricia McGrath (Drom/Inch), Lorraine Davies (Shannon Rovers), Roseanne Quirke (Clonoulty/Rossmore), Helena Ryan (Silvermines), Laura Coughlan (Roscrea), Patsy Carroll (Selector). Front row: Catriona Maher (Templemore), Fiona Ryan (Kilruane/Mac Donaghs), Ciara Heffernan (Slievenamon), Ciara Johnston (Drom/Inch), Alison Lonergan (Cashel), Tara Murray (Drom/Inch), Andrea Davies (Shannon Rovers), Catriona Walsh (Moycarkey/Borris), Eileen Harty (Drom/Inch), Sinéad Quinlan (Burgess), Aoife McLoughney (Shannon Rovers), Sara Morrissey (Cashel), Louise O'Brien (Roscrea), Therese Shortt (Drom/Inch), Fiona Kennedy (Silvermines), Sally O'Connor (Roscrea), Tommy Ryan (Selector).

COUNTY trials were held back in late February, and the clubs responded well by sending their best girls forward. Together with fourteen of last year's squad, a panel of thirty-three players was picked.

Training began immediately with almost 100% turnout at each session. Challenge matches were organised to give the selectors a closer look at this talented group of players. We played host to the Kilkenny minor team in Clonakenny on Sunday, 14th March. Thanks to the local G.A.A. club for the use of their grounds. We played Kilkenny again on their home turf on Tuesday, 6th April. On both occasions we used most if not all panel members, and on both occasions we came out on top. Kilkenny incidentally went on to contest the All-Ireland Minor final against Galway.

Munster championship day came on Sunday, 11th April. The venue was the County Camogie Grounds, The Ragg. The opposition was Limerick. Unfortunately for Tipperary, we were on the wrong side of a 3-7 to 2-7 score line.

A late Limerick rally, which yielded two goals, saw them defeat the home side and advance to the Munster minor final after a thrilling encounter in the Ragg. Limerick signalled their intentions right from the start when A. McAulliffe sneaked in for a goal within the first minute. Tipperary soon settled and Ciara Johnston replied with a point. Minutes later Ciara won a free along the sideline which she duly slotted over.

Therese Short was playing a captain's role in midfield, setting up Alison Lonergan who finished with a point to put the sides level. Limerick began to come more into the game and their centre back M. O'Connell was making things difficult for the Tipperary attack. While their attack constantly looked dangerous they were unable to capitalise on all their possession. This wasn't the case for Tipperary's Ciara Johnston, who made the most of her chances scoring a fine goal to put her side back in the lead. Limerick's midfield began to dominate and a brace of points from placed balls by N. Mulcahy saw both sides level once again. Worryingly for the home side, Limerick continued to press forward, however an opportunist goal again by Ciara Johnston nudged Tipperary into the lead once again. Full forward, Aoife Moloughney, then snatched the ball and struck a point to increase Tipperary's lead. However, Limerick displayed their determination and responded once again through the accurate free taking of Niamh Mulcahy, whose three unanswered points meant the sides went in level at half time on a score line of 2-4 to 1-7. Upon the resumption, Ciara Johnston pointed a free to give Tipperary a slender lead again. Limerick continued to threaten but great defending by Siobhán Bourke and Andrea Davis kept them at bay. Aoife Moloughney put Tipperary two points ahead with a nice score while corner forward Caitriona Maher also had her name on the scoreboard with a

point. Then came the Limerick fight back and spurred on by their dedicated followers they fought hard for a goal that came thanks to the stick of Aisling McAulliffe. Then just when it looked like the game was going to finish in a draw, a long range free by Niamh Mulcahy deceived everyone in the Tipperary defence and went all the way to the back of the net to the joy of the opposition.

PANEL

C. Heffernan, A. Davis, C. O'Sullivan, D. Ryan, C. Johnston, S. Bourke, M. Kirwan, L. Davis, M. Luttrell, T. Shortt, A. Lonergan, A. Langton, F. Ryan, A. Moloughney, C. Maher, R. Quirke, S. Quintan, M. Ryan, L. O'Connor, E. Harty, S. McGrath, L. O'Brien, S. Morrissey, T. Murray, P. McGrath, C. Ryan, S. Ryan, L. Fanning, A. Kennedy, H. Ryan, L. Coughlan, E. Kennedy, C. Walsh.

Unfortunately this wasn't to be our day. It's such a pity that this panel of players, who gave such a big commitment in training and who made such a dedicated effort would have just one day out in the Munster Championship. Perhaps the powers that be should have a rethink on how the whole championship is run. Maybe a round robin or a league system would be fairer. After all, it's all about getting more games for the players.

Thanks to all who helped in any way. Thanks to Patsy and Tommy and a special thank you to all the parents of the players.

Champions Challenge - Masters v Camogie



Pat Fox suffering the end of Ciara Gaynor's boot with Meadhb Corcoran, Paula Bulfin, Claire Madden, Pat Looby being supervised by referee Tim Floyd (alias Santa Claus).



Defence force in skirts - Ken Hogan and Ciara Gaynor showing their 'wares' with Pat Fox in skirt looking on in amusement.



Camogie Champions ready for the Champions Challenge - Back row (l to r) - Jovita Delaney, Eimera McDonnell, Claire Grogan, Lorraine Bourke, Niamh Connolly, Joanne Ryan, Raymie Ryan, Michelle Shortt, Danielle O'Connell, Trisha Ryan, Claire Madden. Front row (l to r) - Philly Fogarty, Noelle Kennedy, Ciara Gaynor, Deirdre Hughes, Meadhb Corcoran, Angie McDermott, Emily Hayden, Paula Bulfin, Therese Brophy.



The Masters - Back row (l to r) - Pat Dunlea, John Sheehy, John Sherlock, Paddy Ivors, Anthony O'Neill, Martin Gleeson, Martin Burke, Jimmy Dunne, John McCormack, Pat McGrath, Phil Hennessy, Gerry Ryan. Front row (l to r) - Tom McGrath, Frankie McGrath, Pat O'Neill, Jackie Bolger, Pat Fox, Hot Point, Ken Hogan, Pat Looby, Larry Mackey.

TIPPERARY CAMOGIE SUPPORTERS CLUB



Getting their muscles in order, members of Tipperary Camogie team enjoying a training session under the supervision of Raymie Ryan.

On September 5th 1999 Tipperary senior camogie team won its first ever All Ireland senior title and the euphoria that surrounded this win was evident right around the county and beyond, so much so that a feeling emerged that this group were entitled to a holiday as a reward, just like their male counterparts had previously experienced. After a very successful fundraising effort through the sale of a team photograph the team were rewarded with a much deserved week away in Lanzarote.

In September 2001 Tipperary completed an historic three in a row and this prompted a number of people to provide funds that the team be treated in a different manner than times gone by and this was a major factor in the inaugural meeting of Tipperary Camogie Supporters club held in the Horse and Jockey in January 2002. The main objectives of the committee was to provide a well deserved holiday for the players and management and to

have sufficient funds to provide players with long journeys with travelling expenses, to look after players physio expenses and to provide after match or after training meals. A very successful Dog Night in Thurles Greyhound stadium was held in March and it was a matter of great satisfaction to see the great support and good will to ensure the players got their just reward with a holiday to remember in Gran Canaria.

Tipperary's defeat in the 2002 final gave the players and management the incentive to bounce back and the manner in which they disposed of Cork in the 2003 final was probably the most polished and committed performance from the team since they first made the breakthrough in 1999. The supporters club embarked on very ambitious fundraising ventures to send the team on a week's holiday to Florida, which cost in excess of €80,000. The fundraising got underway with a very successful bucket collection on county senior hurling final day in Semple Stadium and was indicative of the admiration of the

Tipperary sporting public towards the team. Other fundraising activities focused on the sale of team photographs and calendars and the shortfall was met with another very successful Dog Night in Thurles which also provided sufficient funding to look after team expenses for the year of approximately €30,000.

2004 has been a tremendous year with the winning of the Munster championship, the All Ireland and the National League, (won for the first time by Tipperary in 1977). The success of the team will ensure the Tipperary Camogie Supporters club will be kept busy and next year it is planned to hold a golf classic in addition to the race night.

Officers and committee: chairperson-Michael Cleary; secretary-Meadhbh Stokes; treasurers-Jean Hayden, Tom Egan; PRO-Martin Bourke; committee-Kathleen Hughes, Stephen Fitzgerald, Noreen Ryan, Conor Ryan, Ann Moloney, Martin O Dwyer, Sean Fogarty, Timmy Moloney.



To mark her selection on Camogie Team of the Century Deirdre Hughes (through her mother) received a bouquet of flowers from Michael Lowry, TD at 'Night of the Dogs' in Thurles, on behalf of the stadium. Also pictured are Jean Hayden, Camogie Supporters Club and Minister Michael Smith.



Ramie Ryan who managed Tipperary to win the Centenary All-Ireland final, happy with the teams performance.



Tipperary camogie star Suzanne Kelly with her mother Susan at Toomevara Camogie Buffet Dinner Dance.



At the homecoming in the House & Jockey, captain Joanne Ryan with captain of Tipperary 1932. Elsie O'Dwyer (Fethard) also in the picture Marion Graham.



Victorious captains meet after 27 year gap. 1976 captain Mary Barrett congratulates 2003 captain Paul Bulfin when the Munster Senior Cup was brought to the Premier County after a lapse of 26 years.



Tipperary camogie star Jovita Delaney married Thomas Heaphy, Lisnaw, Co Kerry in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Boherlahan with the Tipperary team providing the guard of honour.



Joanne Ryan making a presentation to Tom & Dorothy Egan (Horse & Jockey Hotel) on behalf of team and mentors. Also in picture Therese Brophy



Paddy Prior admiring the O'Duffy Cup with captain Joanne Ryan.

TIPPERARY CAMOGIE CLUBS 2004



Mrs Josie McCormack and her grand-daughter Katie who was on the winning County Under-12 Championship team.



Burgess U-14 Camogie Panel, County League 'B' Champions. Back row (l to r): Teresa Quigley, Sinead Ryan, Amy Kennedy, Eimear Dwan (captain), Fiona Lucey, Catherine Dunne, Aileen Ryan, Eimar Ryan, Meadhbh O'Connell, Hazel O'Brien, Aine Murphy, Ruth Darcy, Laura Seymour, Laura Carroll, Bernadette Darcy, Jemma Gill. Front row: Jenny McGrath, Becky Boyle, Aine O'Carroll, Aine Lucey, Laura Mahony, Catherine Curtin, Laura Reid, Louise Hayes, Emma Hickey.

Burgess U-12 Camogie Team – League County 'B' Champions. Back row (l to r): Aisling Cremin, Niamh O'Donoghue, Niamh Foley, Aisling Bugler, Ruth Darcy, Hannah Kelly, Amy Kennedy, Julia Cahalan, Emma Hickey, Catherine Slattery, Ciara Cleary. Front: Mairead Griffin, Aine O'Halloran, Gemma Grace, Ciara Houlihan, Aine O'Carroll, Louise Hayes (captain), Aine Lucey, Caoimhe Maher, Claire Mahony, Brenda O'Sullivan.



Drom / Inch Camogie Club Winners of Under-12 'A' League and County Final

Bournea Camogie Club Junior A Champions 2004



Thurles Camogie Team Under-12. Back row (l to r): Noel Fogarty, Catherine McCormack, Beatrice McLoughlin, Emma Gray (captain), Katie McCormack, Mary Kate Bourke, Deborah Fogarty, Serena Moloney, Orla Ryan, Claire Ryan, Tessa O'Gorman, Stephanie Steigor, Nicola Sweeney, Emma Butler, Ann-Marie Ralph, Yvonne Hughes, Shauna Brett, Andy Fogarty, Dick Ryan. Front row: Aoife Hickey, Emer Kennedy, Karen Bohen, Laura Barrett, Vanessa O'Dowd, Kate Kerrane, Brid Stapleton, Nicole Steiger, Alice Fogarty, Siobhán Hennessey, Paula Coffey, Louise Maher, Gillian White, Alison Doyle, Meagan Gormley, Clara Bourke, Margi Ryan.

Shannon Rovers Camogie Success

The club enjoyed great success during the year reaching four county finals and winning three of them. The success came in the under-16 B, the junior B championship and the junior B league. The only failure came in the under-14 level, when they were beaten by a stronger Lorrha side, 3-2 to 1-0 in the final, having trailed by 2-2 to nil at the interval. Shannon Rovers goal came from Sinead Cahalan.

Shannon Rovers defeated Silvermines in the under-16 final. The winners dominated the game in the first half and led by 1-5 to 0-0 at the interval. Silvermines came back strongly in the second half and scored 1-3 without reply. However, Shannon Rovers recovered and got two points in the remaining time to win by 1-7 to 1-3.

The juniors made history when they took the centenary county final and bridged an eight year gap to bring the championship back to the parish. They beat Newport, Kildangan, Lorrha, Slievenamon along the way to meet Annacarty in the final. Shannon Rovers led at half-time by 1-5 to 0-1 but Annacarty were transformed in the second half and scored 1-4 to 0-1 for Shannon Rovers. In a hectic final period the Rovers held on to win by 1-6 to 1-4.

Shannon Rovers enjoyed a facile victory over Lorrha in the county junior league final. They led by 3-8 to 1-2 at the interval and were far in front, on a scoreline of 6-11 to 1-5, at the final whistle.



Shannon Rovers U-14 County Finalists

Back row (l-r): R Hogan, J Donnellan, M Slattery, L Kelly, M Ryan, N Carroll, S Heenan Ryan, J Carroll, J Moran, E McLoughney, N Molamphy, P Hannigan, G Fox. Front row: R Donnellan, L Donaghue, G Ryan, A Ryan, J Hannigan, A Carroll, S Cahalan, L Dooley, C Dooley, J Hogan, L Gavin, P Fox, D Gavin.



Shannon Rovers U-16 'B' County Champions

Back row (l-r): S O'Sullivan (coach), A Ryan, L Dooley, S Heenan, N Carroll, M Ryan, S Donoghue, A King, L Davis, A Burke, J Stack, M Ryan, E McLoughney, P McLoughney (coach). Front row: J Hannigan, A Carroll, L Kelly, C Dooley, A Cleary, A Davis, A McLoughney, S Cahalan, V Austin.



Shannon Rovers County Junior 'B' Championship & League Winners

Back row (l-r): M Austin, S Donoghue, S Cahalan, S Larkin, M Ryan, A King, J Stack, M Ryan, M Tierney, G Horan, L Tierney, R Burke, L Brophy, O Guest. Front row: A Cleary, V Austin, B Morris Ryan, T Burke O'Meara, A Davis, A Burke, A McLoughney, L Davis, C Prout. Mascot: T Burke.

Toomevara Camogie club

2004 has been a historic year for the camogie association celebrating its 100th birthday and the Toomevara camogie club in no small way has etched its way into the history books. Senior player Deirdre Hughes was selected as a member of the team of the century, the only current day player to be honoured. Her scoring prowess on the field has seen her receive numerous accolades and all involved in the club salute her achievements.

This year the club fielded teams in all grades from U12 to senior as a reflection of the strength of the club all teams competed in the A division of the competitions. Continuing the marvellous achievements of U12 panels of the last two seasons this year's team captained by Aoife Murphy were determined to maintain the winning record. The county title almost eluded the girls as they drew the final, however the replay saw them put in a flawless performance claiming the title in style. A wonderful bunch of players who will in no doubt grow in confidence and skill as they continue through the ranks of camogie. A special mention must go to Aoife Ryan only 10 years old this year as she had the honour of picking up her third county medal at this grade.

The U14 panel captained by Fiona Young had an early February return to training with the specific intent on representing Tipperary in Féile. This was achieved as we beat Drom & Inch in the final sealing our place in Féile 2004. In late June an enthusiastic travelling party headed for Celbridge, Co. Kildare. Both group games were won with ease and the girls faced their toughest test against previous Féile champions, Oulart in the quarter final. In a match that was played at a lightening pace and ferocious intensity victory eluded us, however, the girls played with such flair and passion that all present were exceptionally proud of their achievements. Féile proved to be a wonderful experience for the girls and was added to in no small way by the hospitality received from our host club Celbridge. Not content with their achievements in Féile the girls applied themselves to winning the county and more recently the league title completing a unique treble in this historic year. Siobhan 'Bonnie' Kennedy won the County Féile Skills competition, unfortunately due to the teams involvement she could not take part in the national competition.

Our U16 team captained by Mary Bradshaw just recently added the clubs seventh title this year. After a thrilling drawn game against old adversaries Drom & Inch, the girls produced a virtuoso performance in the replay claiming the title on a scoreline of 3-8 to 2-5. This has been a panel that has developed over the season into a well balanced unit. Throughout their group games they have displayed determination and commitment.

The junior team of 2004 was captained by Áine Shanahan, also maintained the clubs winning ways this season, thwarted by a focused Bournea side in the county final, the girls exacted their revenge in the recent league final claiming victory over the same opposition.

2004 also saw the club claim one of the most important county titles, for the past number of years the senior county title has eluded us. Although we have a fine record through the early 90s in recent years, narrow defeats were our lot. What can only be described as a colossal effort by players and management was made this year and the rewards were reaped on August 14th in Semple Stadium led by Trisha Ryan, the senior team overcame Drom & Inch in the county final. Subjected the three championship matches in one week the team went into the final as underdogs against the reigning champions. Undeterred by this an inspiring performance was produced to take the title. At this stage we could not afford to revel in our achievements as the Munster club championship followed two weeks later. All-Ireland club champions Granagh Ballingarry

were the opposition and in what was a fiercely contested game, Granaghs experience saw them snatch a two-point victory. Throughout the year the team was expertly guided by Jackie Meagher, Catherine Byrne, Donal Kelly and John Kennedy, a huge amount of gratitude is due to this group for the professional manner in which the team was prepared and in no small way to the confidence that was instilled in the players, we thank you all and look forward to seeing ye guiding the team to further titles.

The club once again played a vital role in Tipperary's Senior Camogie teams League, Munster and All-Ireland success with Louise Young, Noelle Kennedy, Deirdre Hughes and Suzanne Kelly donning the blue and gold. Lizzy Woods and Denise Ryan were part of the Intermediate team, Bonnie Kennedy, Fiona Young, Aine Brislane and Nessa Ryan represented Tipperary at U14. On the international scene, Therese Maxwell had the honour of representing Ireland in the recent competition against the USA and England. The continued coaching of Lena Woods and Nora Dwan of the U10s reflected the clubs commitment to underage development and maintaining the high standards achieved by our players.

Finally we hope that everyone will take the opportunity to join our special celebrations on December 28, in Thurles Greyhound Stadium as we hold a race night to raise funds for the club.



Toomevara senior camogie captain, Trish Ryan, is lifted shoulder high, following Toomevara's win in the county final.



Toomevara U14 Féile, League and Championship winners



Toomevara Under-12 County Final

Back row, l-r: Suzanne Kelly, Miora Ryan, Ruth Shanahan, Niamh Finnegan, Marguerite Cleary, Eimear O'Brien, Niamh Gleeson, Aoife Murphy (capt), Aislinn Shanahan, Kate Duggan, Ciara Murphy, Cheila Ryan, Noreen Fogarty, Elaine Martin, Nora Dwan and Donal Kelly.
Front row, l-r: Rena Minogue, Nora Ryan, Michelle Ryan, Noreen Stableton, Nicola Walsh, Aoife Ryan, Annie Dunne, Evanna Harty, Noelle Hassett, Katie English.



Toomevara's Suzanne Kelly receives the county senior final Player of the Match Award from county camogie board chairman, Stephen Fitzgerald

Slievenamon Camogie Club 2004

Slievenamon Camogie Club was formed in January 2002 and since then the club has achieved many County titles together with the Pan Celtic under-16 All Ireland title.

HOME PITCH

The Club would like to thank most sincerely the 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.

UNDER-16 'B' COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP - 20 03

On 6th December 2003, our under 16 'B' team were victorious against Moneygall in the under-16 'B' County Championship Final on a scoreline of 6-10 to 1-2. Team was Laura Maher, Elaine Kennedy, Michelle Moloney, Mairead Maher, Sinead Shelley, Mairead Luttrell, Bridget Quigley, Deirdre Dunne (Captain), Ciara Heffernan, Eileen Brennan, Patricia Holohan, Mary Gleeson, Ailish Langton, Marie O'Dwyer, Aimee Moloney, Jenny O'Brien, Cliona O'Dwyer, Roisin Meagher, Sharon Hanly, Gemma O'Dwyer, Sharon Shelley, Shauna Hayes, Christine Walsh, Yvonne Slattery and Aoife O'Gorman.

ALL-IRELAND PAN CELTIC UNDER-16 - 2004

On 17th April 2004, we travelled to Tralee and defeated Newcastle West of Limerick, Knockavilla of Tipperary and Blackrock of Cork in the preliminary rounds of the competition. On Sunday 18th April 2004 in atrocious weather conditions of hailstones, wind and rain, our girls defeated Éire Óg of Cork on a scoreline of 1-2 to 1-1. The player of the final was presented to our player Mairead Luttrell by the president of the Camogie Association Miriam O'Callaghan and all team members were presented with beautiful once off commissioned Cups depicting the centenary year of the Camogie Association.

UNDER-14 'B' COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP - 2004

The competition commenced on 6th April 2004, we defeated Moycarkey/Borris, then we defeated Clonoulty on 21st April, then we defeated Holycross on 24th April, then we were beaten by Knockavilla/Kickhams on 1st May. The semi final was played on 13th May and we defeated Burgess to play in the final against Knockavilla / Kickhams. We were victorious



SLIEVENAMON U-14 COUNTY CHAMPIONS 2004

Front Row: (l to r.) - Aine O'Donovan - Drangan, Aimee Moloney - Drangan, Sharon Shelley - Killenaule, Ciara O'Dwyer - Ballinure, Edel O'Dwyer - Ballinure, Caroline Kirwan - Ballinure, Deirdre O'Donovan - Drangan, Bronagh Wilson - Drangan, Roisin Troy - Coalbrook. Second Row: (l. to r.): Gemma O'Dwyer - Killenaule, Niamh Horan - Drangan, Rebecca Meagher - Mullinahone, Michelle Meagher - Drangan, Mary Gleeson - Drangan. Third Row: (l. to r.) - Cliona O'Dwyer - Killenaule, Roisin Horan - Drangan, Michelle Egan - Glengooole, Mairead Maher - Gortnahoe, Shauna Hayes - Killenaule, Yvonne Slattery - Killenaule, Elaine Kennedy - Killenaule, Aoife O'Connor - Coalbrook, Sharon Hanly - Ballynonty, Niamh Maher - Mullinahone, Mary Kate McGabhann - Killenaule. Back Row: Roisin Wilson - Drangan.

against Knockavilla / Kickhams on a scoreline of 5 - 2 to 4 - 3. Team was : Yvonne Slattery, Elaine Kennedy, Michelle Egan, Gemma O'Dwyer, Michelle Meagher, Rebecca Meagher, Aine O'Donovan, Mary Gleeson, Roisin Horan, Aimee Moloney (Captain), Mairead Maher, Cliona O'Dwyer, Niamh Maher, Roisin Wilson, Sharon Shelley, Sharon Hanly, Shauna Hayes, Niamh Horan, Aoife O'Connor, Mary Kate Mc Gabhann, Roisin Troy, Bronagh Wilson, Edel O'Dwyer, Ciara O'Dwyer, Caroline Kirwan and Deirdre O'Donovan.

UNDER-12 'B' COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP - 2004

On 25th September 2004 our under-12 'B' Team were unlucky in the Under- 12 'B' County Championship Final Replay against Toomevara.

UNDER-16 'A' COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP - 2004

On 16th October 2004 our under-16 'A' Team were unlucky in the Under-16 'A' County Championship Semi-Final against Drom-Inch.

UNDER-12 'B' COUNTY LEAGUE - 2004

On 6th November 2004 our under 12 B Team were unlucky in the Under 12 B County League Semi Final Replay against Burgess.

UNDER-14 'A' COUNTY LEAGUE - 2004

On 9th October 2004 our under-14 A Team were unlucky in the under-14 'A' County League Semi-Final against Toomevara.

COUNTY TIPPERARY CAMOGIE TEAM REPRESENTATIVES

In 2004, our club was represented on the County Tipperary Camogie teams -

Under-14 by Mary Gleeson - Drangan.

Minor by Ciara Heffernan - Glengooole, Ailish Langton - Mullinahone and Mairead Luttrell - Mullinahone.

Under-18 by Ciara Heffernan - Glengooole, Ailish Langton - Mullinahone, Mairead Luttrell - Mullinahone, and Deirdre Dunne - Gortnahoe.

Junior by Deirdre Dunne - Gortnahoe.

Intermediate level by Mairead Luttrell and Ailish Langton - Mullinahone.



SLIEVENAMON - ALL-IRELAND U-16 PAN CELTIC CHAMPIONS 2004

First Row (l to r): Sharon Shelley - Killenaule, Yvonne Slattery - Killenaule, Sinead Shelley - Killenaule, Aimee Moloney - Drangan, Patricia Holohan - Glengooole, Mary Gleeson - Drangan, Sharon Hanly - Ballynonty, Elaine Kennedy - Killenaule. Second Row (l to r): Aine O'Donovan - Drangan, Michelle Meagher - Drangan, Mairead Maher - Gortnahoe, Rebecca Meagher - Mullinahone, Niamh Horan - Drangan, Shauna Hayes - Killenaule. Third Row (l to r): Roisin Wilson - Drangan, Jenny O'Brien - Mullinahone, Mairead Luttrell - Mullinahone, Ciara Heffernan - Glengooole, Eileen Brennan - Mullinahone, Ailish Langton - Mullinahone, Roisin Meagher - Killenaule.

Tipperary Ladies Football

The Tipperary Junior team was grouped with Clare, Louth, Cork B, Cavan and Sligo in Division 2a of the Suzuki Ladies National Football League. Before the Christmas break Tipperary were defeated by Cavan at a half way venue. The team got off to a good start in the New Year with a good win over Clare at home in Lisvernane. They suffered significant defeats at the hands of Louth in Ardee and Cork in Donoughmore and their National League campaign concluded when they were beaten by Sligo in Carnmore in March. While Tipp's performance in the league was disappointing overall it did show the panel that there was a lot of work to be done in preparation for the Munster Championship at the end of June and the hard work that ensued from there paid off to a certain extent in the championship.

The Tipperary Junior team's campaign in 2004 commenced with their opening round game in the round robin series of the TG4 Munster Junior championship against Limerick in Mungret at the end of June. The team had commenced training in January under the watchful eyes of team trainer, John Cummins, Manager, Liam Shinnick and selectors Denny Whelan and Jackie Condon.

The team was well prepared for the championship and the hard work, which they had put in over the previous six months paid off with a hard fought victory over Limerick. It was a very evenly contested game throughout but in the end Tipp came out on top with just one point to spare. Their next game was against Waterford, again at an away venue in Bushy Park, Dungarvan in July. While Tipp had a comfortable win over Waterford the previous year in Cahir, this year's encounter was to prove to be a much more difficult task. Tipp trailed Waterford by two points at the break but a spirited second half display saw them take the lead and win on a score line of 3-9 to 1-13 in a thoroughly entertaining game of



Moyle Rover's U-12 panel.

football. Tipp's next outing was against a much fancied Cork side in Donoughmore in Cork on 24th July. Tipp had a number of injuries going into this game, while there were also players out of the country on holidays. However, despite the fact that the team may have looked somewhat under strength on paper, the game proved to be one of Tipp's best displays in the 2004 championship and in the end they were comfortable winners on a score line of 2-10 to 0-5. The team's last outing in the round robin series was against Kerry in Newcastlewest on Saturday 31st July. While they finished their campaign on a winning note, however, it was by the narrowest of margins with the side having just one point to spare over Kerry in the end. Again Tipperary had to line out in this game without a number of their regular starting fifteen and while it was a relatively high scoring game, Tipp just held on to defeat Kerry with the final score reading 3-11 to 3-10.

Tipperary had once again booked their place in the TG4 Munster Junior championship and as reigning Junior champions had the opportunity to defend their Munster crown that they had captured so gallantly in 2003. While they knew that they would have an extremely tough task ahead of them facing Cork in the Final, the team had prepared well and were

looking forward to the contest. It was Cork however who got off to a dream start scoring a goal in the opening minutes of the game. Tipperary however eventually settled and lead by 2-5 to 2-4 at the break. Cork got on top in the second half and started to dominate. Tipperary were finding it hard to score while Cork on the other hand picked off a number of good scores. Cork gradually built up a lead and in the end were worthy winners on a score line of 3-12 to 2-9.

TIPPERARY JUNIOR PANEL 2004:

Helen Kennedy (Cappawhite), Jennifer Grant (Brian Borus), Carmel Condon (Brian Borus), Gráinne Wade (Aherlow), Sarah Jane Coady (Templemore), Maeve Corcoran (Moycarkey/Borris), Ann O'Dwyer (Cappawhite), Claire Carroll (Cahir), Angie McDermott (Cappawhite), Patreece Ryan (Ardfinnan), Libby Grogan (Aherlow), Mairéad Morrissey (Brian Borus), Patricia Hickey (Brian Borus), Edel Hanley (Aherlow), Claire Tobin (Ardfinnan), Claire Lambert (Ardfinnan), Denise Fitzgerald (Brian Borus), Orla Fahey (Brian Borus), Madeleine Ahearne (Sliabh na mBan), Jayne Clancy (Cappawhite), Claire Peters (Cahir), Ashling Hackett (Ardfinnan), Joanne Doherty (Cappawhite), Nancy Ferris (Moyle Rovers), Mary Ryan (Templemore), Siobhán Bourke (Templemore), Triona Hennessy (Cappawhite)

Cahir represented Tipperary at Féile Peil na nÓg, which was hosted by Tyrone this year. Victories over Drumquin (Tyrone), Strabane (Tyrone), St Rynagh's (Offaly) and St Patrick's (Louth) saw Cahir book their place in the Final of their section of Féile Peil na nÓg. Their opponents in the Final were Carnw Emmetts from Wicklow with the game going to extra time in the end. After a hard fought battle Cahir came out on top with just two points to spare over their Wicklow opponents and team captain Aoife Casey accepted the cup on behalf of the Cahir team from Geraldine Giles, President of Cumann Peil Gael na mBan.

Another highlight of 2004 was Templemore reaching the Munster Junior Club Final in October. With victories over Monagea of Limerick and Wolfe Tones of Clare to their credit, Templemore booked



Aherlow - U14 'B' County Champions 2004

Back Row: Natalie Ryan, Sarah McGlinchey, Brid Martin, Ciara Bowes, Elizabeth Cleary, Helena O'Brien, Danielle Cunningham, Holly West, Lorraine Peters, Aine Hennessy, Blathnaid Waters (capt), Claire Mullins.

Front Row: Shannon Fitzgerald, Moya Donovan, Danielle Nevin, Joanne Peters, Laura Ivory, Louise Sweeney, Aisling O'Connor, Ann Maire Fahey, Julie O'Mara, Ciara O'Dwyer, Roisin McGrath, Linda Martin.

their place in the Munster Club Final. Their opponents were Abbeydorney from Kerry and despite a gallant effort by the Tipperary side on the day, in the end it was the girls from the Kingdom who captured the Munster title. Great credit is due to the Templemore players and their mentors who have made such huge strides in just a couple of years. Brian Borus similarly had a very good campaign outside of the County when they defeated the Banner from Clare. Their campaign ended however when they were defeated by a strong Cork side from Beara. Both teams

can feel very proud of their performances in Munster and have shown that Tipperary continues to be a force to be reckoned with in ladies football.

The Tipperary All-Ireland winning teams of 1974 and 1975, together with the Tipperary men's Senior Footballers who won the 1970/1971 National football League were honoured at a reunion organised by the Friends of Tipperary Football in Febru-

ary in the Anner Hotel in Thurles. Sean Kelly, Uachtarán Cumann Luth Chleas Gael was the special guest for the evening and a total of 31 ladies from the 1974 and 1975 teams who captured the first two All-Ireland titles, along with the management team were honored on the night. It was a special night for players to reunite and share memories of the part they played in Gaelic Football history thirty years ago.

Officers of the Tipperary Ladies Football County Board 2004:

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Vice Chairperson:	Enda McDonnell
Secretary:	Biddy Ryan
Treasurer:	Mary Horan
Assistant Treasurer:	Mary Shinnick
Fixtures Secretary:	Enda McDonnell
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PRO:	Patreece Ryan
Referees Coordinator:	Grainne O'Leary
Results Recorder:	Cecilia Walshe

COUNTY CHAMPIONS 2004 IN VARIOUS GRADES

• County Intermediate Champions 2004:	Brian Borus	(defeated Cappawhite in Final)
• County Junior 'A' Champions 2004:	Templemore	(defeated Moyle Rovers in Final)
• County Junior 'B' Champions 2004:	Cahir v Moycarkey/Borris	to be played
• County Junior 'C' Champions 2004:	Upperchurch/Drombane	(defeated Cappawhite in Final)
• County U/12 'A' Champions 2004:	Moyle Rovers	(defeated Moycarkey/Borris in Final)
• County U/12 'B' Champions 2004:	Cappawhite	(defeated St Ailbes in Final)
• County U/12 'C' Champions 2004:	Sliabh na mBan	(defeated Clonmel Commercials in Final)
• County U/14 'A' Champions 2004:	Cahir	(defeated Moycarkey/Borris in Final)
• County U/14 'B' Champions 2004:	Aherlow	(defeated Ballyporeen in Final)
• County U/16 'A' Champions 2004:	Cahir	(defeated Moyle Rovers in replayed Final)
• County U/16 'B' Champions 2004:	Mullinahone	(defeated St Ailbe's in Final)
• County Minor Champions 2004:	Not available	- championship is not completed at time of print
• Peil na nÓg champions 2004:	Cahir	

Tipperary Ladies Football Team 1974 and '75 honoured

Members of the Tipperary Ladies Football team that won the first two All-Ireland Finals in 1974 and '75, at a function in their honour. Included are Archbishop Dermot Clifford and GAA President Seán Ó Ceallaigh. The winning teams were:

1975 TEAM:

Margaret Carroll, Ardfinnan; Anne Croke, Mullinahone; Catherine Keane, Mullinahone; Sally Clohesy, Moycarkey; Tina Flynn, Ardfinnan; Betty Looby, Golden; Lillian Dorey, Killusty/St Bridget's; Eleanor Carroll, Ardfinnan; Josephine Keane, Mullinahone; Mary Power, Mullinahone; Kitty Ryan, Ardfinnan; Mary Burke, Emly; Cáit O'Dwyer, Moycarkey; Chrissie Byrne, Ardfinnan; Katherine Treacy, Loughmore; Josephine Stapleton, Loughmore; Bridie Ryan, St Bridget's; Susan O'Gorman, Ardfinnan; Josephine Murphy, St Bridget's; Breda Webster, Loughmore; Alice Morris, Moycarkey; Jim Kennedy, Chairman; Bridget Ryan, Secretary; Tom Donovan, Selector; Teddy



All Ireland Ladies Football Champions 1974 and 1975 at a reunion earlier this year. In the picture here are a group from Mid Tipperary.

Keane, Selector; Johnny Elymer, Trainer; Derry Shanahan, Trainer; Jim Strappe, Selector.

1974 TEAM:

Margaret Carroll, Ardfinnan; Majella Sweeney, Newcastle; Anne Croke, Mullinahone; Catherine Keane, Mullinahone; Sally Clohesy, Moycarkey; Tina Flynn, Ardfinnan; Ena Hackett, Newcastle; Betty Looby, Golden; Eileen Dudley, Golden;

Lillian Dorey, Killusty/St Bridget's; Eleanor Carroll, Ardfinnan; Josephine Keane, Mullinahone; Mary Power, Mullinahone; Kitty Ryan, Ardfinnan; Mary Burke (Emly); Cáit O'Dwyer, Moycarkey; Ann Brogan, Moycarkey; Mary Lonergan, Emly; Nora Moran, Ardfinnan; Jim Kennedy, Chairman; Bridget Ryan, Secretary; Tom Donovan, Selector; Teddy Keane, Selector; Johnny Elymer, Trainer; Derry Shanahan, Trainer; Jim Strappe, Selector.



County Champions 2003



Ballina 2003 County Junior 'A' football champions - Back row (l to r) - Eamonn O'Sullivan, Pat Kelly, Hughie Molloy, Stephen Stritch, Christopher O'Meara, Aaron Devane (captain), Shane O'Brien, Diarmuid Healy, Domhnaill McKeogh, James McKeogh, Michael Kennedy, Eoin Kennedy. Kneeling - Michael Kennedy, Thomas Collins, Brendan McKeogh, Sean McKeogh, Martin McKeogh, Jerry O'Brien, Pat Cosgrave, David Hickey, Peter King, Roddy Kennedy, Kevin Cosgrave.



The JK Brackens panel that defeated Clonmel Commercials in the 2003 Junior 'B' County football final - Back row (l to r) - Sean Cashman (Selector), Sean Percy (Manager), Michael Henderson, Padraic Murphy, Michael Larkin, Eoghan O'Doherty, Sean Leahy, Paul Guidera, Jim Mullin, Pat O'Connell, Tommy Deegan, James Moore, Robert Bourke, Benny Fogarty, Francis Bourke (Selector), Andy Maher (Selector). Front row (l to r) - Paddy Marnell, Ray Doyle, Shane Cashman, Andrew Maher, Brian Phelan, David Ryan (Spoonster), P.J. Corcoran, Stephen Fennell, Aidan Doyle, Shane Doyle, Shane Scully, Ian Delaney, Tommy Kennedy, Leo Dorrity, Richard Grimes.



Lorrha Junior 'B' panel, 2003 County champions - Back row (l to r) - Pat Kennedy, Richie Bourke, John Sherlock, Kevin Hough, Shane Brophy, Ronan King, Ronan Harding, Adrian Molloy, Michael Cleary, Donal Kennedy, Padraic Deane, Eamonn Maher, Tony Hogan, Martin Young, John Carroll. Kneeling - Dermot Power, Michael Coen, James O'Meara, Kevin Liffey, Patrick Hough, Hubert Hogan (captain), Tadhg Nevin, Eoin Gormley, Kevin Shewbridge, Liam Carroll.

Sarsfields Men of '74 honoured



The Anner Hotel, Tipperary Star' and County Tipperary GAA Board joined forces to honour the Thurles Sarsfields winning side of 30 years ago on county final day. The men of '74 attended a pre-match reception in Thurles Greyhound Stadium hosted by the County Board before making their way to Semple Stadium for the big game. During the interval between the minor and senior games, they were introduced to the attendance where they received a very warm and generous reception indeed. The squad was led by captain Jimmy Doyle and vice-captain Paul Byrne and the selectors, club officials and partners were all present for what was a very special day for the players. Many had not seen each other for over a decade. Later the entourage travelled to the Anner Hotel for a post-match meal where presentations were made to each member

by the 'Tipperary Star'. The evening ended with great tales and tall stories of the days of yore with many a ball being pucked in the bar of the Anner Hotel. The photo shows those who attended on the day and their representatives. Back row: Sean Hayes, Jimmy Doyle, Pat O'Shea (representing Paddy Doyle), Sean Curtis, Tossy Hayes, Francis Murphy, Pat McCormack, Michael Gleeson, Brendan O'Neill (representing his father, Brendan), Sean Hussey, Paddy McCormack. Front row: Joe Connors, Michael Grogan, Johnny Bourke, Jackie Cooke, Johnny Dwyer, Tom Barry, Jimmy Doyle, Paul Byrne, Jimmy Duggan, Kay Ryan (representing P. Leane, R.I.P.), Jim Ryan (A), Eddie Clancy, Michael Dundon. In front: Cathal Dwyer and Cian Treacy.



An interview with Paddy O'Brien

By Liam Hogan

PADDY O'BRIEN, Captain of the Munster Champions Toomevara

HIS CAREER IN BRIEF

Looking back on his early career he was very impressive at juvenile hurling. He won a North Minor medal at the age of 15. In 1996 he won a Munster and All-Ireland Minor hurling medal, coming on against Galway in the replay of the All-Ireland final.

One year later he added another Munster minor, before losing to Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final.

In the U-21 campaign two years later he played against Clare in the infamous Munster U-21 final win at Ennis. Four days later his hopes of winning a second All-Ireland medal came to an abrupt end as Tipp crashed to Galway at Tullamore.

So in 2000 he was brought on to the senior panel and everything was going nicely. Then injury struck. He developed groin trouble and was out of hurling for six months. He returned in August 2001, played against Wexford in the All-Ireland semi final semi final. He came on against Galway in the All-Ireland final for the last ten minutes and scored 0-1.

Paddy was back on track until injury hit again. In his first club game after the Galway game, he strained tendons in his ankle and he had to go for surgery straight away. He missed the remainder of the county championship and the Munster championship when Toome lost to Ballygunner.

Following his recovery, he returned to the county panel in after the Munster championship of 2002, but the injury jinx struck again. He developed back problems. After a period it was decided to go for more surgery. So in 2003 he had a disc removed from his back. He did not play for Tipp until the semi final against Kilkenny.

A BUSY TIME IN HIS YOUNGER DAYS

At a time when the word "Burnout" is very topical, does he think that his injuries were linked to his busy schedule as a young player at minor and U-21 plus college when he played so many game.

"At one stage I was playing with six or seven teams at the same time. I won a scholarship with UCD, so I had to play with the UCD Senior team, their U-21 team and the Fitzgibbon Cup team.

Then there was the U-21 and senior teams with Toomevara and Tipperary. "I won a county senior championship medal with UCD in Dublin, and one week later I won a county championship with Toomevara. I had to play so many games and please so many managers and supporters. When I got an injury, I was always looking for the quick fix. It did not work," he stressed.

"At the time I had to play all of my games with UCD as they were paying for my accommodation for four years at campus. It wasn't easy to say no to anybody."

For Paddy O'Brien 2004 will always be a year to remember. Just last month he led his club to a fantastic win over Mount Sion in the Munster club hurling final. It was a climatic end to a year that saw Paddy O'Brien play for most of the year without any hold ups from injuries, something that has dominated most of his hurling career.

Meeting him after the Munster club final game, the smile on his face clearly illustrated the immense satisfaction he got after completing a year relatively injury free. "This is a really really brilliant day. I am stuck for words. After falling seven points behind we showed great character to come back. We had five or six scoring chances to clinch the game in the end. I think we should have the game buried to be honest," he said.

The win was in direct contrast to his thoughts on the game back in January 2004. At that time he was eagerly looking forward to the commencement of the Allianz National league campaign with Tipperary. It was his first time to play in the beginning of the league for three years.

The All-Ireland medal winner from 1996 came on as a replacement against Offaly and Limerick and played from the start against Wexford, Antrim and Cork. In phase two of the league he played against Clare, was substituted against Galway after colliding with Eamon Corcoran. Thankfully he recovered to play against Waterford in the final game when winning was not enough to help Tipp to the league final.

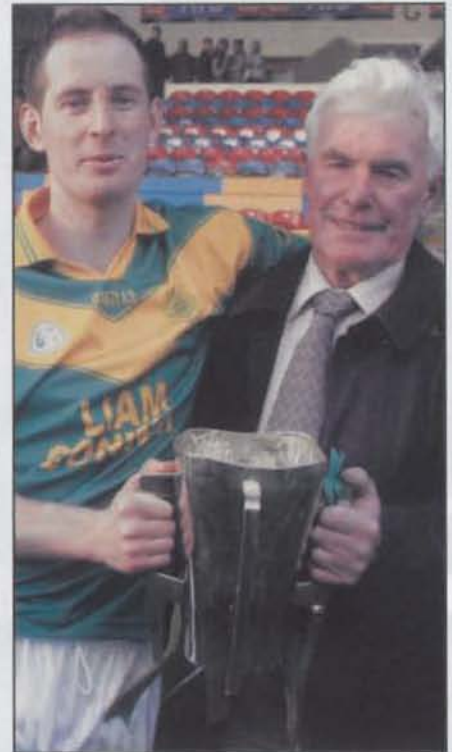
"Every other year I have been coming in June, July or August. It was a disaster. You need a good run in the league, to feel strong enough for the championship. Confidence was something I missed and this year I have played a lot more games," he said.

Everything went as planned until injury caught up with him again in June. He sustained an ankle injury. Unfortunately he had to miss the two All-Ireland qualifiers against Limerick and Cork. In addition he missed his club's win over Borris-Ileagh in the second round of the North championship.

Despite the recurring injuries and the long journeys to Thurles and Toomevara, his enthusiasm never waned. Making him captain for Toome this year made it all the sweeter. That was until his championship game against Waterford when he was substituted. "Being taking off upset my confidence greatly. Then I ruptured my shoulder at training and that ruled me out for the remainder of the games for Tipp," he said.

Earlier in the year, Paddy had been playing well with Toome as they easily overcame Borris-Ileagh, Loughmore Castleiney and Kilruane MacDonaghs in the round robin stage of the county championship.

He played in Toomevara's exciting win



Paddy O'Brien and his uncle Jim McDonnell hold the Dan Breen Cup after the County Final win. Photos: Bridget Delaney



Toomevara defender Terry Dunne with his daughter Eva after the Munster title win.



The move that set up Toomevara's first goal in the Cidona's County SHL semi-final – John Boland bursts past Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) supported by David Young, Philip Shanahan and Tony Delaney.

over Nenagh in the first round of the Permanent TSB North Tipperary senior hurling championship. As injury struck he missed Toome's tilt with Borris-Ileigh in the second round.

They met Borris-Ileigh again this time in the North semi final. Losing to Borris-Ileigh allowed Toome time to concentrate on the county championship.

The got over Moneygall in the play off without being tested. Then came their hardest game when they just overcame Loughmore in the county quarter final.

"We struggled for large parts of the game. Things were not going too good for us and we were suffering from the hang over of being beaten by Borris-Ileigh. The numbers at training were beginning to improve as Tipp were out of the championship and the influence from players like Justin Cottrell plus Tommy and Benny Dunne was going to be a help," Toome needed everybody fit and eager at this stage as they were to meet Mullinahone just five days after the Loughmore game. They rose to the challenge giving an exhibition of hurling which left Mullinahone standing in awe. "For a ten minute period before half time we played our best hurling in years," enthused Paddy.

Then they had some unexpected opposition from the West champions Éire Óg Annacarty/Golden. Once Toome got the measure of the westerners, they produced a strong second half performance, spurred on by two goals from Paddy himself.

In fact he got man of the match, and finished top scorer on the day, before collecting the Dan Breen.

The winning of the man of the match came about in exactly the same way as in 2000. "It's funny the way things go. In 2000 I was taken off against Cork in the Munster final. Later on I went on to win the man of the match award in the county

final that year," said Paddy.

The Munster campaign got off to a flying start against Kilmoyley from Kerry,

Attention turned to Na Piarraigh from Cork in the semi final. With most of the spotlight on the Ó hAilpín brothers Toome were allowed to concentrate on the task at hand. It took Toome a while to get going. "I think a lot of our lads got caught up in the speculation about the Ó hAilpín boys. We were very nervous going out in the game. We were conscious of the fact that we lost to Newtownshandrum last year. The half time speeches changed all that and when we moved out in the second half our game improved."

In that game Paddy played very well especially when he moved out on the wing in a switch with Ken Dunne. The trend continued in the final. Mount Sion were the better team for three quarters of the match. O'Brien produced a point from a line ball.

With three minutes to go Paddy O'Brien hit another superb line ball from 35 metres which led to the Toome goal. Ian O'Regan gained possession. With all avenues blocked he decided to throw up the ball in the small square.

Willie Ryan read the situation to perfection and he expertly tapped the ball to an empty net.

Five minutes later John O'Brien, a brother of Paddy got the winning score.

What better way to end the year?



The Primary Schools of Toomevara had banners on Munster Club Final day at Semple Stadium.



Toomevara supporters show their support to the team at Semple Stadium.



This is the crest or logo of the Central Coast team, one of three GAA clubs based in the city of Sydney.

Gaelic Games in Australia

The games of hurling, football, ladies football and handball are alive and well there. The large numbers of Irish travelling to Australia continue to play their native games and the local GAA field is a must for keeping in touch with home and getting employment.



The team photo is of the Central Coast team who won the Sydney Hurling League in 2004 – Back Row, left to right: Brendan Boylan (Tipperary), Liam Walsh (Kilkenny), Paddy O'Dwyer (Kilkenny), Alan Cummins (Cork), Martin Corcoran (Galway), George Jacob (Wexford), Mick Dunphy (Laois), Eamonn Curley (Dublin), Trevor Sutton (Kilkenny), Steve Carty (Cork – Treasurer), Brendan Dalton (Kilkenny), Aidan Cummins (Kilkenny), Larry Delahunty (Kilkenny – Manager). Front Row, left to right: Barry McGee (Wexford), Danny Fitzsimons (Clare), Stephen O'Keeffe (Kilkenny), Dermot Tierney (Kilkenny), Podge Hennessy (Kilkenny), Brian O'Brien (Tipperary – Captain), Declan McLaren (Antrim), Con Cremin (Kerry), Jack Delahunty (Kilkenny), Will Delahunty (Kilkenny).



This photo shows Brian O'Brien (centre) of Silvermines, Tipperary, collecting his trophy after winning the Australian One Wall Handball Championship. Left to right: Barry McWilliams (Wexford), Brian O'Brien (Tipperary) and Jason Ellwood (Tasmania).

→ The Sydney Shamrocks Club won the New South Wales hurling championship in 2004, defeating Central Coast in the final. Six Tipperary players were involved with the successful Sydney Shamrocks team. Back row: Darren Keane (Upperchurch-Drombane), Dara Rabbitte (Borrisoleigh). Front row: Pa Norton (Ballybacon-Grange), Tom Fitzgerald (Killenaule), John Treacy (Nenagh Éire Óg). Missing from photo: Liam Croke (Ballingarry).



Allianz Cumann na mBunscol

CUMANN na mBunscol is getting busier and busier with each new year. Record numbers of children have participated in our competitions in 2004. More participation could be due to the increased number of divisions, there to cater for all types of school. The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the hurling and camogie county finals, which were held in Semple Stadium over two days. Nineteen finals were played in all, with over 700 children taking part with many of our star hurlers coming to watch and get some tips from the new generation of hurlers. Let's hope 2005 will be another successful year for Cumann na mBunscol and many boys and girls around the county.

HURLING

The hurling championship was played in the glorious conditions of May and June this year. The championship reached it's height on the 17th and 18th of June when 22 hopeful teams arrived in Semple Stadium full of hope and expectations. Each year the standard seems to improve with superb games being played. It is very encouraging to see new teams taking home a county title for the first time and also good to see seasoned schools, where so much work is being done with the children, being rewarded as well. Congratulations to all those who reached the county finals of 2004 and contributed to two magnificent days of hurling. A special word of appreciation to the teachers, referees, umpires, linesmen and especially Semple Stadium staff who helped to organise the two days.

The results were as follows:

- ROINN A: Nenagh C.B.S 3-4, Dromakeenan 2-5
 ROINN B: Tipperary C.B.S. 1-5, Templemore 1-3
 ROINN C: Templederry 6-6, St Mary's, Clonmel 2-4
 ROINN D: Ballylooby 3-6, Burgess 2-7
 ROINN E: Ardcroney 3-6, Two-Mile-Borris 2-5
 ROINN F: Ballinure 2-6, Clerihan 2-3
 ROINN G: Barnane 6-6, Kilkeary 1-0
 U-II A: St Peter & Paul's 2-4, Scoil Ailbhe 2-2
 U-II B: St Mary's, Clonmel 4-3, Cashel 2-3
 U-II C: Boherlahan 4-5, Grange 1-0
 U-II D: Clonoulty 3-2, Ballylooby 2-1

CAMOGIE

2004 has been a fantastic year for primary school camogie. The game is going from strength to strength each year. The standard of camogie played in Semple Stadium on the final days was commented on by all who attended. The next century of camogie in the county is in safe hands!

- ROINN A: St Mary's Nenagh 2-1, Portroe 0-1
 ROINN B: Upperchurch 4-3, Presentation Carrick-on-Suir 1-0
 ROINN C: New Inn 2-1, Ballina 0-0
 ROINN D: Ballylooby 6-1, Loughmore 0-0
 U-II A: Boherlahan 7-4, Our Lady's Cahir 0-0
 U-II B: Ballylooby 8-1, Littleton 0-0

INDOOR HURLING & CAMOGIE

Indoor hurling and camogie have proved to be immensely popular and enjoyable among the schools. This initiative has provided another outlet for the boys and girls of the county to perfect their skills. A huge debt of thanks goes to the organisers of the venues and also to the individual teachers who give up their own time at night or often at the weekends to bring their teams along. Míle bhuíochas. Camogie winners were Littleton N.S. and runners up Ballylooby N.S. Indoor Hurling is being organised at present.

I.N.T.O. MINI-7'S

The mini-7's proved very popular again this year. The hurling and camogie were played in April while the football has just been played at the start of November; these final results are not available at this time. A special word of thanks to the many teachers scattered throughout the county who organised

the blitz days. It's a long day but your help is very much appreciated. The following are the results for the school year 2003/2004

Sevens 2003 / 2004

	WINNERS	RUNNER UP
Peil:	Loughmore	Upperchurch
Peil na mBan:	Ballyporeen	Ballylooby
lomaint:	Burgess	Upperchurch
Camogaíocht:	Dunkerrin	Inch
Camogie:	Dunkerrin - Sarah Kerwin & Edwina King*	
Hurling:	Burgess - Stephen Murray & Jonathan Mulqueen*	
Peil na mBan:	Ballyporeen - Jacinta McCarthy*	
Football:	Loughmore - Liam McGrath*	

*Played in Croke Park during All-Ireland Hurling & Football Series.

FOOTBALL & PEIL NA MBAN

The football and Peil na mBan championship got under way in September, and has had unusually good weather throughout. Again the good news is that the levels of participation are increasing, especially amongst the girls, and many new schools are carving out a name for themselves. Below are the 2003/2004 results which were unavailable for last year's publication.

2003/2004 Results Boys Football

	WINNERS	RUNNERS UP
Roinn A:	Tipperary C.B.S	St Peter & Pauls
Roinn B:	Templemore	Cahir
Roinn C:	Ardfinnan	Gaelscoil, Cluain Meala
Roinn D:	Ballyporeen	Lismackin
Roinn E:	Ballylooby	Clonoulty
Roinn F:	Leugh	Tankerstown
Roinn G:	Cullen	Kilvemnon

U-II Results

	WINNERS	RUNNERS UP
Roinn A	Loughmore	Carrick C.B.S.
Roinn B:	Fethard	Cashel
Roinn C:	Ballylooby	Clerihan
Roinn D:	Clonoulty	New Inn
Roinn E:	Castleiney	Rosegreen

Peil na mBan

	WINNERS	RUNNERS UP
Roinn A:	Ballylooby	Our Lady's Of Mercy, Cahir
Roinn B:	Upperchurch	Grange
Roinn C:	Ballyporeen	Sister of Charity, Clonmel
Roinn D:	Lisronagh	Ballagh

DAIRYGOLD PRIMARY GAME

Tipperary was represented by two Primary Game teams on the Munster stage in 2004. Tipperary took on Waterford in hurling and Limerick in Peil na mBan. All those that were selected for a Primary Game panel were a credit to their families and schools. The turn out for the trials again this year was astounding. It was often overwhelming for those given the onerous task of selecting a panel of just 17. The selectors deserve a special word of thanks for what is often a difficult and time consuming job. Due to 2004 being Centenary Year for camogie a special Primary Game was played on Munster Final day in Thurles. Six girls from each of the counties of Munster were chosen to play in an exhibition game of camogie. It was a memorable day for all the girls and very special to be part of the centenary celebrations. Congratulations to all who donned the Tipperary Primary Game jersey in 2004!

Hurling Primary Game vs. Waterford

Dan McCormack - St Patrick's, Borrisoleigh; Justin Cahill - Ardcroney; David Collins - Barnane; Pio Kennedy - Temple-

erry; John Bergin - Ballinure; Ruairi Gleeson - Puckane; Eoin Fitzpatrick - Templemore; Paddy Grace - Ballinree; M.J. Walsh - C.B.S. Carrick-on-Suir; John O'Dwyer - Killenaule; Cathal Carroll - Holycross; Stephan Murray - Burgess; Michael Ivors - Slieve Ardagh; Tony O'Brien - Cloneen; Michael Rafter - Glen-goole; Padraig Green - Upperchurch; Aidan White - Rossmore.

Cumann na mBunscoil

Hon. Life President:	Paul Brett
President:	Sean Horan
Chairman:	Christy Clancy
Vice-chairmen:	Paudie Butler, Tom Butler
Runai:	Donall Mac Carthaigh
Treasurer:	Jerry McDonnell
P.R.O.s:	Michelle Ryan, Kathleen O'Shea
Co. Board Rep.:	Jerry McDonnell

Peil na mBan Primary Game vs. Limerick

Sarah Fahey - Ballylooby; Sinead Condon - Kilsheelan; Cliona O'Dwyer - Killenaule; Kathleen Martin - Ballyporeen; Aoife Healy - Littleton; Emma Barrett - New Inn; Marguerite Meagher - Cappawhite; Emma English - Anacarty; Clodagh Cummins - Ayle; Roisin Horan - St Patrick's; Michelle Walsh - Ardfinnan; Michelle Brehony - Cappawhite; Jennifer Lewis - Rathcabbinn; Gemma O'Brien - Ballyporeen; Kelly Hackett - Two-Mile Borris; Sarah Dwyer - Gortnahoe; Laura Burke - Lismacken; Centenary Camogie Team Representatives; Aisling Butler - Inch; Olivia McCarthy - Ballylooby; Etna Moran - Littleton; Emma Hickey - Ballina; Mary Ann Hayes - Knockavilla; Amy Kennedy - St Mary's, Nenagh.

A sincere thank you to all those who helped our competitions run so smoothly this year; teachers, co-ordinators, clubs, referees and the management and staff of Semple Stadium. Thanks also to our local newspapers; The Nationalist, Tipperary Star, Nenagh Guardian and South Tipp Today, who give us tremendous support every year.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.



'Scoil Teampall Toinne' Ballyporeen NS Girls' Tipperary County Sevens Champions winners of Cumann na mBunscoil INTO/GAA 2004. Back row (l-r): Joanne Roche, Theresa Murray, Bernadette Sisk, Noreen Roche, Claire Roche, Shauna Maher. Front row: Gemma O'Brien, Jacinta McCarthy, Kathleen Martin, Lasserina Rath.



'Scoil Teampall Toinne' Ballyporeen NS Boys' County Champions team 2004 Roinn 'D' beating Lismackin, Roscrea 4-5 to 2-1. Back row (l-r): Gemma O'Brien, Shane O'Farrell, Jonathan O'Brien, Kevin Carey, Kevin Crotty, Stephen Fitzgibbon, Mark Hennessy, Colm O'Callaghan. Front row: John Carey, Thomas Feeney, Anthony Crotty, Jacinta McCarthy, Paul Quinlan, Kathleen Martin, John Martin, Liam McEniry.



'Scoil Teampall Toinne' Ballyporeen NS Girls' County Champions team 2004 Roinn 'C'. Back row (l-r): Rosie Kiely, Laura Williams, Joanne Roche, Gemma O'Brien, Bernadette Sisk, Noreen Roche, Lasserina Rath, Claire Roche, Shauna Maher. Front row: Sarah Sheehy, Anita Martin, Jacinta McCarthy, Kathleen Martin, Maeve O'Connor, Katie Sheehy.



Scoil Ailbhe Thurles winners of the Primary Schools IT/GAA Competition organised by the County GAA Youth Committee. Front row (l-r): Paul Hughes, Ruairi Dwan, Kevin Dunne, Michael O'Dwyer, Jonathan Loughnane. Back row: Flan Quigney (teacher), Michelle O'Loughlin (teacher).



Lismackin National School runners-up in the Primary Schools IT/GAA Competition organised by County GAA Youth Committee. Front row: Michael John Carroll, Philip Ryan, Paddy Murray, Patrick Ryan. Back row: Marian Carroll (teacher), Bean Ryan (school Principal).



St. Colmcille's Boys' School, Templemore, third in the Primary Schools IT/GAA Competition organised by County GAA Youth Committee. Front row: Thomas Brett, Keith Kennedy, Niamh Kennedy, Patrick Kennedy, Patrick Brett. Back row: Mary Fogarty (teacher), Francis Kennedy, Stephen O'Riordan, George Frend (teacher).



St. Peter and Paul – U-11 'A' Champions.



St. Mary's CBS Clonmel, U-11 'B' Hurling Champions.



Boherlahan U-11 'C' Champions.



Clonoulty U-11 'D' Winners.



Barnane N.S. Roinn 'G' Hurling Champions.



Roinn 'C' Hurling Winners 2004, Templederry N.S. – Paul Butler, Aidan Ryan, Pío Kennedy, Simon Ryan, Donal Kennedy, Bryan Carey, Geraldine Stapleton, Leanne O'Dwyer, Danielle Slattery, Brian Stapleton, Gerald Hogan, Jamie Ryan, Padraig Gleeson, David Butler, Míchéal Walsh, Niamh Slattery, Sarah Corcoran, Éanna Ryan, Joseph Shanahan, Dale Donnelly, Patrick Griffin.



Roinn 'D' Hurling Winners 2004, Ballylooby N.S. Back row (l-r): Laura Cooney, Sean Myles, Míchéal Murphy, Kieran O'Donnell, Donal McCarthy (Principal), John Doyle, Ciaran Maher, Daniel Fahey, Brendan Hunter, Johnny Sweeney, Sarah Fahey. Front row: Caolan O'Gorman, Daniel Morgan, John Cooney, Éanna O'Gorman, Gerard Beary, Luke Murphy, Olivia McCarthy, P.J. Hanrahan, Ian Byrne, Tomás Sampson, Thomas Lonergan.



Roinn 'E' Hurling Winners 2004, Ardcroney N.S. – Justin Cahill, Keith Kelly, Orla Prout, Thomas Cleary, Kieran Holland, P.J. Cleary, Alan Darcy, Ian McSherry, Kieran Cahill, Aidan Boyle, Robbie Oakley, End Mulchay, Patrick Ryan, Anthony Spillane, Cian Comerford.



Calvita Primary Game 2004, representing Tipperary at the Munster Hurling Final, (l-r): Emma Hickey (Ballina), Amy Kennedy (Nenagh), Etna Moran (Littleton), Aisling Butler (Inch), Mary Anne Hayes (Knockavilla), Olivia McCarthy (Ballylooby).



Boherlahan U-11 Roinn 'A' Camogie Champions.



U-11 'B' Camogie Winners 2004, Ballylooby N.S. Back row (l-r): Kate Fitzgerald, Aoife Murray, Mary Claire Murphy, Donal McCarthy (Principal), Ashleigh Whelan, Jenny O'Donnell, Sinéad Kennedy, Hannah Ryan, Sorcha Sweeney, Siadh Sweeney. Front row: Jackie Heffernan, Theresa Bourke, Niamh Myles, Sinéad Tobin, Kelly Maher, Denise Magill, Eimear Myles, Rachel Doyle, Aisling Condon, Aoife O'Gorman, Deborah Kenneally.



Camogie 'A' Winners 2004, St. Mary's Convent Primary School, Nenagh – Amy Kennedy, Aine O'Carroll, Aine O'Halloran, Aine Lucey, Siobhan Walkin, Edel McLoughney, Maria Daly, Jennifer Kelly, Lainey Sheehan, Lisa Maher, Deborah Darcy, Emma O'Connor, Daniella Cummins, Catherine O'Connor, Brendan O'Sullivan, Claire Mahoney, Mary Claire Collins, Emma Kellett.



Camogie 'B' Winners 2004, Upperchurch N.S. Back row (l-r): Mary Kelly Corcoran, Kate Harrington, Lisa Harty, Deirdre Ryan, Ciara Hickey, Irene Carey, Martina Carey, Róisín Ryan, Brigid Keane, Marie Murray, Sinéad Corcoran, Leanne Ryan, Elaine Coffey, Eimear Clancy, Tom Kennedy. Front row: Anna Clancy, Debbie Gleeson, Mairéad Barry, Laura Shanahan, Ciara Corcoran, Ella Stapleton, Caitriona Shortt, Aine Ryan, Emma Ryan, Sarah Clancy, Helena Clancy, Ruth Atkins.



Roinn 'C' Camogie Winners 2004, New Inn G.N.S. Back row (l-r): Jenna Boland, Orla McEniry, Laura Lonergan, Kate English, Anne Brizay, Cliona Doyle, Aine Hickey. Front row: Selina Cummins, Stephanie O'Halloran, Emma Barrett, Emma Graham, Julieann Shanahan, Eimear Byrne, Kayleigh O'Rourke.



Roinn 'D' Camogie Winners 2004, Ballylooby N.S. Back row (l-r): Kelly Maher, Theresa Bourke, Deborah Kenneally, Donal McCarthy (Principal), Sinéad Tobin, Eimear Myles, Sarah Fahey, Niamh Kenneally, Tina Zimman, Lisa Lonergan, Mary Theresa Murphy. Front row: Niamh Myles, Aisling Kenneally, Ellen Ryan, Jackie Heffernan, Laura Cooney, Denise Magill, Olivia McCarthy, Candis Forde, Lisa Lonergan, Aoife O'Gorman, Rachel Doyel, Aisling Condon.



Cloughjordan NS North Tipperary Primary Schools (Section D) Champions.



Prizewinners in the County Final of the McDonalds Lift and Strike GAA Competition for Primary Schools. Front row (l-r): Alex McDwyer (McDonalds), Liam McGrath, Eamon Connolly (Loughmore NS), 2nd place; Will Condon, Eoin Walsh (Ardfinnan NS) 1st place; Mossie Shanahan, Benny Harkin (Borrisoleigh NS), 3rd place. Back row: Denis Floyd (Chairman Tipperary Games & Coaching Development Committee), Paddy McCormack (Games Promotion Officer), John Cummins (Games Promotion Officer), Denis Maher (Games Promotion Officer), Sandra Molloy (Games Promotion Officer).



At the launch of the McDonalds sponsored Lift and Strike Hurling Skills Competition for Primary Schools in the Tipperary Institute, Thurles, (l-r): Denis Floyd, Co. Board Coaching Officer; Alex McDwyer, McDonalds; Gerry McDonnell, Cumann na mBun Scoil; Jimmy O'Gorman, Vice-Chairman Munster Council, who launched the programme and John Landers, Munster Council.



At the launch of the McDonalds sponsored Lift and Strike Hurling Skills Competition for Primary Schools in the Tipperary Institute, Thurles, (l-r): Rickie Sheehan, Mullinahone P.R.O. Co. Board na nÓg; John Cummins, Tipperary Games Promotion Officer; Alex McDwyer, McDonalds; Mick Treacy, Drangan N.S.; Catherine Hogan, Secretary Co. Games Development Committee.



Chairman of Tipperary Draw Committee Gus Fitzgerald presenting a cheque to Gerry McDonnell and Donal McCarthy of Cumann na mBun Scoil, (l-r): Michael Nolan, County Board Treasurer; Gus Fitzgerald, Gerry McDonnell, Donal McCarthy; Donie Shanahan, County Board Chairman.



Prizewinners in the Mid Tipperary McDonalds Lift and Strike GAA Competition for Primary Schools, (l-r): Eamon Connolly, Liam McGrath (Loughmore N.S.) 2nd place; Eoin Bourke, Patrick Delaney (Clonmore N.S.), 1st place; Michael Carroll, Liam Treacy (Castleiney N.S.), 3rd place. Also present Tipperary Senior hurler, Lar Corbett.



At the launch of the McDonalds sponsored Lift and Strike Hurling Skills Competition for Primary Schools in the Tipperary Institute, Thurles, (l-r): Christy Clancy, Littleton N.S., Chairman Cumann na mBun Scoil; Donal McCarthy, Ballylooby N.S., Secretary Cumann na mBun Scoil; Donal Shanahan, Chairman Tipperary Co. Board; Nicholas Moroney, Tipperary Co. Board Youth Officer; John Treacy, teacher, Castleiney.



At the launch of the McDonalds sponsored Lift and Strike Hurling Skills Competition for Primary Schools in the Tipperary Institute, Thurles, (l-r): Lorraine Flannery, NT Borrisokane; Liz Murray, NT Killenaule; Gertie Russell, NT Templederrey; Pat Telford, Monastery NS Tipperary Town; Pat Kennedy, NT Templederrey.

North Tipperary Primary Schools Championships 2003-2004

HURLING:

Section C – The following schools took part: Youghalarra, Templederry, Ballina, Portroe, Dunkerrin, Roscrea, Borrisoleigh, Borrisokane, Puckane.

Results: Templederry defeated Puckane in the final.

Borrisokane defeated Portroe in the plate final.

Section D – The following schools took part: Carrig N.S., Birr, Kilruane, Kilbarron, Nenagh, Ballinree, Moneygall, Rathcabbin, Burgess, Toomevara, Gaeilscoil Aonach, Ballinahinch, Cloughjordan, Lorrha/Redwood.

Results: Burgess defeated Kilruane in the final.

Lorrha/Redwood defeated Rathcabbin in the plate final.

Section E – The following schools took part: Rearchcross, Birdhill, Corville,

Gortagarry, Ardcroney, Silvermines.

Results: Ardcroney defeated Silvermines in the final.

Gortagarry defeated Birdhill in the plate final.

Section F – The following schools took part: Boher, Aglish, Lachamore, Kylepark, Kilkeary, Fantane, Ballinacough, Terryglass, Lissenhall.

Results: Kilkeary defeated Lackamore in the final.

Fantane defeated Aglish in the plate final.

FOOTBALL:

Section B – The following schools took part: Borrisokane, Borrisoleigh, Youghalarra, Ballina, Templederry, Gaeilscoil Aonach, Roscrea, Kildangan, Carrig, Portroe.

Results: Borrisoleigh defeated Templederry in the final (AET).

Gaeilscoil Aonach defeated Ballina in the plate final.

Section C – The following teams took part: Rathcabbin, Toomevara, Ardcroney, Lorrha/Redwood, Gortagarry, Silvermines, Moneygall, Ballinahinch, Kilruane, Ballinree, Cloughjordan, Kilbarron, Burgess.

Results: Cloughjordan defeated Burgess in the final.

Lorrha/Redwood defeated Kilbarron in the plate final.

Section D – The following teams took part: Lissenhall, Kilkeary, Fantane, Lachamore, Rearchcross, Birdhill, Ballinacough.

Results: Lackamore defeated Kilkeary in the final.

Rearchcross defeated Ballina in the plate final.

In the football blitz Terryglass defeated Boher.

Tiobraid Árann 2004

Tony Forristal Tournament Champions



All-Ireland U-14 Champions 2004

The 2004 Tony Forristal tournament will be forever remembered by the players, mentors, parents and supporters of the Tipperary U-14 team. The skill, courage, determination and discipline shown by the players throughout the weekend was admired by all who saw their matches. The display in the final against a very good Waterford team was one of the finest seen in the long history of this wonderful competition. The following players and mentors contributed to this great victory. Back row: Seamus Barry, William Donnelly, Shamie Leahy, Kevin O'Gorman, Ciaran Murphy, Patrick Murphy, James Barry, Gerry Horgan, Cian Hayes, Mark Flannery (capt), Patrick Butler, Gavin Ryan, Thomas O'Keeffe, Rory Ryan, Matt Lillis. Middle row: Maurice Ryan, Philly Ryan, Ciaran Duggan, David Butler, Joseph Gallagher, Noel McGrath, Ciaran Shelly, Bill McCormack, Patrick Coates, Eanna Gleeson, Martin Treacy, Kevin Shelly. Front row: Lorcan O'Riordan, David Nolan, John O'Neill, Sean O'Connor.

TIPPERARY Post Primary Schools COMMITTEE

By John Costigan

On the Post-Primary scene in Tipperary, it was indeed a year of much sadness as our Secretary - the late James O'Donoghue passed away at the young age of thirty-six. His passing left a void in the Post-Primary scene that will not easily be filled. His loss to Thurles C.B.S. will be immense and his loyal colleagues will find it hard to accept the passing of one so young and with so much to give. The loss indeed to parents, sisters and the extended O'Donoghue family is incalculable and I know I speak for everyone as I extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved. Guím solas na bhflaitheas ar a anam uasal.



Chairman of Tipperary Board Draw Committee Gus Fitzgerald presenting a cheque to Aiden O'Leary, Tipperary Post Primary Schools. Picture (l to r): Michael Nolan, County Board Treasurer, Gus Fitzgerald, Aiden O'Leary, Hugh McDonnell, Post Primary Schools, Donie Shanahan, County Board Chairman.



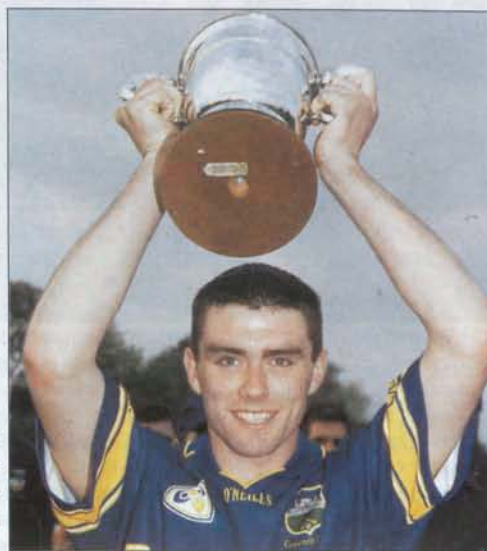
Tipperary players on St Flannan's (Ennis) panel that won Harty Cup medals. Standing: Shane Carroll, Shannon Rovers; Thomas Kennedy, JK Brackens; David McMahon, Burgess. Front: Alan Byrne, Shannon Rovers and Shane O'Brien, Ballina.

Tipperary Vocational Schools' All-Ireland 'B' Champions (Football). Gerard Peters (captain) accepts the cup.



Seamus O'Donoghue, father of the late Jo, presents the Fitzgerald Cup to Thurles CBS Under-17 captain, Tomas Hassett. Also in photo: John Costigan, County Board Vice-Chairman.

Tipperary Vocational Schools captain Richie McGrath lifts the All-Ireland trophy.





'04 Fitzgerald Cup Team Thurles CBS. Back row (l to r): P. Kennedy (M/B); J. Fanning (M/B), P. Stapleton (U/D), B. Moran (M/B), T. Hassett (M/T), E. Power (M/B), T. Ryan (C/R), K. Moran (M/B), C. Murphy (Sars), E. Cantwell (M/B), W. Tobin (Fenians), T. Hammersley (C/R), T. Quinn (M/B). Middle Row: J. Greene (U/D), B. White, captain (Sars), P. O'Brien (M/B), P. Kelly (M/B), P. Bourke (Sars), T. Lowry (H/B), S. Grey (D Óg), D. Kinnane (M/B), D. Shannon (Sars), K. O'Halloran (Sars), D. Patterson (B/D), M. Gleeson (D Óg), P. Ryan (C/R). Front row: J. Maher (Sars), M. Stakelum (JKB), D. Bourke (M/B), M. Cahill (D Óg), C. Stapleton (U/D), J. Maher (Sars), M. Harty (H/B), G. McGuire (M/B), B. Barrett (H/B), P. Stakelum (H/B).



Croke Panel 03/04. Back row (l to r): S. Carroll (Holycross), E. Hade (Emeralds), D. Butler (Drom), K. Healy (Moycarkey), E. Kennedy (Holycross), J. Fogarty (Moyne), J. Slattery (Holycross), P. Quinlan (Moyne), J. O'Neill (Clonoulty), T. Comerford (Holycross), M. Keane (Durlas Óg). Middle row: L. Burke (Durlas Óg), K. Kiely (Loughmore), C. Ryan (Durlas Óg), S. Everard (Moyne), S. Mockler (Moycarkey), B. McCormack (Durlas Óg), C. Dwan (Holycross), A. Brett (Upperchurch), K. O'Gorman (Durlas Óg), J. Barry (Upperchurch), S. Maher (Durlas Óg). Sitting: P. Kearney (Clonoulty), M. Kavanagh (Moycarkey), J. Maguire (Upperchurch), M. McGrath (Durlas Óg), M. Cahill, captain (Durlas Óg), J.J. Burke (Durlas Óg), P. Maher (Durlas Óg), A. O'Gorman (Durlas Óg), D. Quirke (Holycross), S. Dorney (Durlas Óg). Kneeling: B. Stakelum (Durlas Óg), D. Stakelum (Durlas Óg), K. Clancy (Durlas Óg), C. Moloney (Holycross), S. Comerford (Holycross), P. Ryan (Upperchurch), B. McCormack (Durlas Óg), C. O'Shea (Durlas Óg), J. Shortt (Durlas Óg), C. Ryan (Upperchurch).



County First Year Champions 2003/2004. Back row (l to r): A. Ryan (Clonoulty), M. Bracken (Moycarkey), K. Morris (Durlas Óg), P. Ryan (Upperchurch), P. Kearney (Clonoulty), G. Leahy (Moyne), D. O'Neill (Durlas Óg), P. Molloy (Moycarkey), G. Kennedy (Holycross), J. Power (Moycarkey), D. Tynan (Holycross), D. Lowry (Holycross). Middle row: L. Ryan (Holycross), K. Dunne (Moyne), Gary Brady (Holycross), T. Leahy (Holycross), D. Ryan (Durlas Óg), J. Crowe (Gortnahoe), G. Moore (Moyne), M. Roche (Moycarkey), E. O'Shea, (Moycarkey), S. Hearty (Upperchurch), M. Shanahan (Upperchurch), J. O'Neill (Clonoulty). Sitting: M. Doyle (Holycross), J. Shortall (Moycarkey), B. Stakelum (Durlas Óg), K. O'Gorman (Durlas Óg), D. McClean (Moycarkey); D. Butler (Drom), D. Fitzpatrick (Clonoulty), R. Ryan (Moycarkey), M. Greene (Upperchurch), T. Bourke (Upperchurch). Kneeling: L. Clancy (Upperchurch), D. Tobin (Moycarkey), L. Cullen (Durlas Óg), S. Dempsey (Durlas Óg), S. Hackett (Moycarkey), J. Barty, captain (Upperchurch); K. Hammersly (Clonoulty), D. Fogarty (Moyne), A. Meadly (Holycross), J. Morrissey (Durlas Óg), S. Healy (Holycross).

Despite such a great loss, life went on and we had what I would regard as a very successful year at Post-Primary level. I here list the results of our various competitions:

Canon Fitzgerald Cup (U-17) A. Hurling Championship

SEMI-FINALS:

Thurles C.B.S. 4-11, Our Lady's Templemore 0-14

Roscrea C.S. 6-7, Borrisokane C.C. 5-8

FINAL:

Thurles C.B.S. 1-18, Roscrea C.S. 2-3

This was indeed a well-deserved win for a formidable Thurles C.B.S. team. We had two very well contested Semi-Finals but the final saw Thurles emerge as well deserving and emphatic winners.

Canon Fitzgerald Shield (U-17) B. Hurling Championship

SEMI-FINALS:

Killenaule V.S. 3-10, Cistercian College Roscrea 2-8

Thurles C.B.S. (B) 6-12, Thurles V.S. 0-4

FINAL: Killenaule V.S. 3-12, Thurles C.B.S. (B) 0-2

Despite a gallant effort by Thurles C.B.S. (B) in reaching the final, they were no match for Killenaule V.S. in the decider. One wonders would Killenaule be better deployed in a higher grade where their all round ability would have received a greater challenge.

Croke Cup (U-15) A. Hurling Championship

SEMI-FINALS:

Clonmel C.B.S. 4-13, Tipperary C.B.S. 2-7

Thurles C.B.S. 1-11, St Joseph's Borrisoleigh 0-8

FINAL:

Thurles C.B.S. 2-9, Clonmel C.B.S. 1-9

This was indeed a great competition for one of the most prestigious trophies on the Post-Primary scene. It was an excellent final with the result in doubt up to the last whistle. Thurles C.B.S. victory marked their third in a row and a sincere well done to all concerned

Hennessy Cup (U-15) B. Hurling Championship

SEMI-FINALS:

Comeragh College 1-6, Killenaule V.S. 0-8

Roscrea C.S. 3-5, Borrisokane C.C. 3-3

FINAL:

Roscrea C.S. 6-8, Comeragh College 0-2

Despite the fact of having two excellent semi-finals, the decider proved very one-sided, which begs the question why such a potent unit as Roscrea C.S. should be allowed in a B section. Hopefully this matter will be addressed immediately. Well done to Roscrea C.S. on their success.

McGabhann Cup (U-15 1/2) A. Football Championship

SEMI-FINALS:

Rockwell College 2-5, Clonmel C.B.S. 0-6

Cashel C.S. 4-9, Nenagh C.B.S. 0-1

FINAL:

Cashel C.S. 4-11, Rockwell College 0-7

The McGabhann Cup 2004 saw Cashel C.S. once more come out on top and for many members of the team, it represented achieving a clean sweep of all Post-Primary medals available to them. A proud record as they move on from their alma mater.

McGabhann Shield (U-18½) B. Football Championship

SEMI-FINALS:

St. Joseph's Borrisoleigh 3-10, P.B. Fethard 1-6

Nenagh V.S. 2-10, Presentation Ballingarry 0-11

The Final of this competition was not completed despite many efforts to fix the decider. Finally, it was decided at the A.G.M. that the competition be declared void for 2004 - not indeed a satisfactory situation.

Cusack Cup (U-15) A. Football Championship

SEMI-FINALS:

Tipperary C.B.S. 7-7, Rockwell College 2-6

Clonmel C.B.S. 3-15, Our Lady's Templemore 2-5

FINAL:

Clonmel C.B.S. 3-5, Tipperary C.B.S. 2-7

Having lost the U-15 A. Hurling, High School made amends in the Cusack hitting a late winner to deny Tipp C.B.S. two in a row in this competition. This was indeed the most exciting final of the year as two well prepared teams served up some top class football

Cusack Shield (U-15) B. Football Championship

SEMI-FINALS:

Thurles C.B.S. 1-5, Killenale V.S. 0-4

Comeragh College 2-8, St. Joseph's Borrisoleigh 2-7

FINAL:

Comeragh College 2-7, Thurles C.B.S. 1-7

This was indeed a very satisfying win for the Carrick-on-Suir boys and it will provide players and mentors with plenty of encouragement for the future.

Junior Hurling (C) Final:

St. Joseph's College Newport 3-8, P.B. Fethard 0-1

Senior Football (C) Final:

Thurles V.S. 4-10, Newport V.S. 0-10

Junior (C) Football Final:

Clonmel V.S. 4-11, St. Joseph's College Newport 2-3

The U-14 Football Championship at Post Primary level in Tipperary is run in blitz form and was organised as usual by Colm O'Flaherty and played in the excellent surrounds of Rockwell College in May. It was once again a feast of football with Tipperary C.B.S. coming out on top in the A competition defeating Cashel C.S. in an exciting final.

The B Championship was equally exciting and very well contested. It provided us with a great final with Comeragh College emerging narrow winners over a gallant Presentation Ballingarry. "Blitz Day" is an occasion I look forward to in anticipation



Colaiste Phobal Roscrea - Munster Junior Vocational School A Champions and All Ireland Finalists 2003-2004. Front row (l to r): Liam Feighery, Shinrone; Thomas Devereux, Moneygall; Harry Lupton, Roscrea; Darren O'Connor; Paul Stone, Roscrea; Joseph Treacy, Captain, Moneygall; Owen Moloney, Roscrea; John King, Moneygall; Kevin Butler, Borris-in-Ossory; Michael Hogan, Moneygall; Patrick Kieley, Roscrea. Middle row: Mr Gerard O'Brien, Principal; Mr John Haugh, Deputy Principal; John Ryan, Moneygall; Conor Doran, Camross; Darren Coleman, Roscrea; Martin Deane, Moneygall; John Ryan, Roscrea; Ger Delaney, Ballyskenach; Mark Conroy, Camross; Ray Delaney, Camross; Brendan Greaney, Gamesmaster; Willie Smyth, Tramer. Back row: David Buckley, Roscrea; Mark Bevans, Shinrone; Keith Baycott, Roscrea; Sean Stapleton, Roscrea; Adrian Byrne, Roscrea; Keith McMaon, Roscrea; Edward Leamy, Roscrea; Sean Fitzgerald, Roscrea. Munster final: Roscrea CC 3-9; Scoil Ruain 3-7. All Ireland Final: Banagher VS 1-11; Roscrea CC 1-9.



Rice Cup winners 2004. Back (l to r): Toby Morgan, J.K. Brackens; Brian Mullally, Clonakenny; Dean Fairbrother, J.K. Brackens; Shane Delaney, Drom-Inch; Cathal Bourke, Borrisoleigh; Paul Murray, Templederry; David Farrelly, J.K. Brackens; Kevin O'Riordan, J.K. Brackens; Eoin Kinnane, Templederry; Joe Bergin, J.K. Brackens; Adrian Bourke, J.K. Brackens; Ray Moore, Loughmore-Castleiney; Sean McCormack, Borrisoleigh; Cian Hennessy, Loughmore-Castleiney; Liam Butler, Moyne-Templetuohy; Prionsias Matthews, Clonakenny. Front row: Liam Harty, Drom-Inch; J.P. Lanigan, Moyne-Templetuohy; Tadhg McLoughlin, Templederry; David Burke, Moyne-Templetuohy; James Butler, Moyne-Templetuohy; Ciaran Hackett, Borrisoleigh; Tom Ryan, Templederry; Wm Donnelly, Borrisoleigh; Aidan McGrath, Loughmore-Castleiney; Noel McGrath, Loughmore-Castleiney; Henry Maher, Loughmore-Castleiney; John Kennedy, Drom-Inch; Denis Leahy, Loughmore-Castleiney; Eanna Murray, Templederry.



Our Lady's Secondary School Templemore Kinnane Cup Munster Under-16½ Champions 2004. Front (l to r): Joe Lupton, Drom; Matthew McGrath, Drom; Shane Bourke, J.K. Brackens; Pat Ryan, Templederry; Ciaran McGrath, Loughmore-Castleiney; John Ryan, Drom; Shane Purcell, Loughmore-Castleiney; Pad Bourke, J.K. Brackens; Donal Greed, J.K. Brackens; Shane Hennessy, Loughmore-Castleiney; Kevin Fitzpatrick, J.K. Brackens; Cormac Spooner, Borris. Back row: Mr Rory Purcell, Paul Tumelty, J.K. Brackens; William Donnelly, Borris; Daniel De Burca, Drom; John Costigan, Clonakenny; John Coughlan, Moyne-Templetuohy; Jody Ryan, Sean Tracy, Gearoid Ryan, Templederry; James Ryan, Drom; John Campion, Loughmore-Castleiney; David Costigan, Moyne-Templetuohy; Tim Leahy, J.K. Brackens; Michael Doyle, J.K. Brackens; David Foy, Loughmore-Castleiney; Gavin Bohan, J.K. Brackens; Mr Jack Walsh.



Rockwell Blitz winners. Back row (l to r): K. Crotty, Rathgormack; K. Power, St Molleran's; K. Quinlan, Swan; J.J. Butler, Davins; R. Waters, Swan; P. Drohan, Rathgormack; D. Grace, Swan; B. Guiry, Rathgormack; C. Foley, Piltown; A. Drohan, Rathgormack. Front row: E. Fitzgerald, St Mollerans; W. Dunphy, St Mollerans; R. Carroll, Davins; A. Stewart, St Mollerans; E. Burke, St Mollerans; S. Cullen, St Mollerans; J. Lonergan, Swan; S. Bennett, St Mollerans. Missing: J. Dunleavy, Swan.



Comeragh College, Sciath Uí Chatháin. Back row (l to r): K. Cotty, Clonea; K. Power, St Molleran; K. Quinlan, Swan; J.J. Butler, Davins; R. Waters, Swan; E. Burke, St Mollerans; D. Grace, Swan; B. Guiry, Clonea; C. Foley, Piltown; A. Drohan, Clonea. Front row: E. Fitzgerald, St Mollerans; W. Dunphy, St Mollerans; R. Carroll, Davin; A. Stewart, St Mollerans; P. Drohan, Clonea; S. Cullen, St Mollerans; J. Lonergan, Swan.



Comeragh College Cusack Shield winners. Back row (l to r): A. Stewart, St Mollerans; J. Waters, Davins; K. Quinlan, Swan; J.J. Butler, Davins; C. Walsh, Swan; R. Waters, Swan; E. Burke, St Mollerans; B. Guiry, Rathgormack; C. Foley, Piltown; A. Drohan, Rathgormack; J. Lonergan, Swan. Front: J. Walsh, Davins; W. Dunphy, St Mollerans; K. Regan, Swan; R. Carroll, Davins; D. Fogarty, Swan; D. McCarthy, Kilsheelan; J. Keyes, Davins; P. Drohan, Rathgormack; S. Cullen, St Mollerans. Missing: P. Coady, Davins; J. Dunleavy, Swan; W. McCarthy, Swan; P. Dalton, Davins.

each year and I must say we are never disappointed.

The First Year Hurling Championships were once again exciting and interesting.

Corn Uí Chatham (A) First Year Hurling Final

Thurles C.B.S. 3-10, Our Lady's Templemore 3-3

Sciath Uí Chatham (B) First Year Hurling Final

Comeragh College 3-4, Presentation Ballingarry 3-4 (Draw)

Comeragh College 2-10, Presentation Ballingarry 0-4 (Replay)

I want to congratulate St. Joseph's Borrisoleigh, Nenagh C.B.S., Our Lady's Templemore and Colaiste Phobail Roscrea on their provincial successes and above all a sincere well done to the Tipperary Vocational team who were crowned All-Ireland Senior Hurling Champions in 2004.

As we look back on the past year and look forward to 2005, the best indicator of the overall strength of Post Primary games in the county is how we performed at provincial and national level over the past twelve months. We were competing with the best and thankfully many of our schools performed with distinction.

The provincial U-14 hurling championship for the Rice Cup saw Our Lady's, Templemore emerge victorious defeating their great rivals Thurles CBS by 3-20 to 4-6 in a final of high quality.

As I write this report the post primary competitions for 2004-05 are in full swing and I ask all school games masters to continue with enthusiasm to promote Gaelic games in their schools and hopefully in the not too distant future their labours and that of the clubs will be rewarded at inter-county level with success in minor championships in both hurling and football.

In conclusion the post primary committee would like to express their appreciation to the County Board for their wonderful assistance financially and otherwise over the past twelve months.

Chairman:	Donal Shanahan (Toomevara)
Vice-Chairmen:	Francis Kearney (Clonoulty-Rossmore) Joe Moran (Moycarkey-Borris)
Secretary/ Treasurer:	Aidan O'Leary (Burgess)
Committee:	William Smith (Roscrea C.S.), Jerry Ring (Abbey C.B.S.), Kevin Langton (Comeragh College), Kevin Walsh (Nenagh C.B.S.)

Nenagh CBS Panel, Munster 'B' Champions went down to Cistercian College in the Colleges All-Ireland 'B' Semi-final at Templemore. Back (l to r): Cathal Slattery, Sean Ryan (captain); Eoin Ryan, Tomas O'Meara, Timmy Gleeson, Tomás Stapleton, Donal McGrath, Maurice Leamy, Ronan Sherlock, Martin Walsh, Michael Mulcahy, Brian McLoughlin. Kneeling: Padraig Malone, Eoin Murray, Pajo Troy, Gerry Ryan, Sean Flynn, Niall Quigley, James Keogh, Tony Dunne, Tom O'Gara, Sean Flynn.



Co. Tipperary Vocational Schools' All-Ireland Football 'B' Champions 2004. Back row (l to r): Philip Austin, Borrisokane; Ronan O'Meara, Killenaule; Gerard Peters, captain Tipperary; Adrian Fitzgerald, Tipperary; Colm Larkin, Borrisokane; Shane Ahearne, Carrick-on-Suir; Daragh Egan, Borrisokane; Ritchie McGrath, Carrick-on-Suir; Barry McCormack, Cahir; Seamus Lawlor, Clonmel; Donnachadh Barry, Tipperary; Andrew Murphy, Nenagh. Front row: Odhran Quirke, Nenagh; John Coleman, Killenaule; Eric Flannery, Cahir; Kevin Quinlan, Nenagh; Padraic Moriarty, Borrisokane; Declan Walsh, Cahir; Aidan Burke, Cahir; Shane Long, Killenaule; Conor Hayes, Borrisokane; David Hanrahan, Clonmel.

Tipperary Vocational Schools, All-Ireland champions. Back row (l to r): Mary Meara, Shane Long, Odhran Quirke, Niall Madden, Kieran murane, Daniel Hctor, William McLoughney, Kevin Quinlan, Colm Larkin, Richie McGrath (captain), Conor Hayes, Ray McLoughney, Kiearn Reade, Darragh Egan, Pat Fitzgerald. Kneeling: Timmy O'Brien, John Coleman, David Sullivan, Michael Hogan, Sean Cahill, Lee Bevans, Thomas Devereux, Colin O'Meara, Ray Murray, Joey McLoughney, Cathal Parlon, Stephen Kearney, James Doran.



Nenagh Vocational School Under-16 1/2 hurling panel, Munster Vocational Schools Junior Champions. Back row (l to r): Michael Hogan, Jim Duignan, Barry McNulty, Josh Fletcher, Seamus O'Meara, Michael Heffernan, Martin Minihan, Shane McCluskey. Middle row: Deirdre Hughes (guest who presented medals); Noel Ryan (selector), Paddy O'Rourke; Christy McLoughlin (coach), Gary Delaney, Shane Garland, Alan Hughes, Michael Creamer, Ken Holland, Shane Hackett, Liam Gibson, Michael McCarthy, Tom Delaney (vice-principal), Liam Heffernan (selector). Front: Matthew Collins, Michael Sheedy, Jamie Gallagher, Simon Kelly (captain), Jamie Quigley, Joey McLoughney, Noel Quirke, Pearse Morris. Missing: Shane Slattery, Niall McCormack, Damien Ely.



Scoil Ruáin, Killenaule Canon Fitzgerald Shield Winners 2003/04
Back Row (l to r): Tommy Duggan (Gortnahoe-G); James Stokes (Gortnahoe-G); Sam Morrissey (St. Patrick's); Sean Cahill (Ballingarry); Thomas Burke (St. Patrick's); Dermot Molloy (St. Patrick's); Thomas Donovan (Ballingarry); Paddy Codd (Killenaule); Pádraig Kirby (Killenaule); Anthony Morris (Gortnahoe-G). Front Row (l to r): Wayne Corbett (Gortnahoe-G); Joseph O'Meara, (Mullinahone); Michael Doyle (Killenaule); Micheál O'Brien (Mullinahone); Shane Hanrahan (Gortnahoe-G, captain) John Leahy (Fethard); Thomas O'Keefe (Gortnahoe-G); Ian Ivors (Ballingarry); Damien McCormack (St. Patrick's). Absent from Photo: Brian Hickey, (St. Patrick's) Shane Long, (Gortnahoe-G) Adrian Doherty (Mullinahone), George Webster (Killenaule), Shane O'Brien (Mullinahone).



Mc Gabhan Cup Presentation.
Michael Frawley, chairman of Tipperary Football Board presenting the Mc Gabhan Cup to Cashel Community School captain Diarmuid Carr, also in the photo are l/r Tom Collum, Tipperary Service Officer, Peter Creedon, trainer Colm O'Flaherty, coach.

The Committee pictured at recent AGM. Front (l to r): T.J. Egan Outgoing Vice Chairman; John Costigan, County Vice Chairman; John Stokes, Outgoing acting Secretary; Aidan O'Leary, incoming Secretary. Back row: Kevin Walsh, Committee member; Francis Kearney incoming Vice Chairman; Joe Moran, Vice Chairman; Willie Smith and Jerry Ring, Committee Members.



Coláiste Dún Iascaigh, Cahir. First Year Girls County Shield Champions 2004. Back row (l to r): Gemma McGuire, Aisling Condon, Aine O'Donnell, Saoirse O'Flynn, Lisa Dillon, Leanne Barrett, Samantha Lambers, Hannah Guirin, Eithne Lonergan, Damien Byrne (teacher). Front: Patricia Magill, Katie Tobin, Ann Marie Casey, Aoife Lalor, Nicola Armitage, Brona Higgins (captain), Edith Carroll, Amy Ryan, Marie Brennan, Grace Doolan.



Sean Treacy's Annual Social 2004

Top photo: Back row (l-r): Eamonn Buckley (West Tipp Treasurer), Michael Hanley (Club Secretary), Michael Ryan (W), Mary Ryan Mulqueen, Michael Ryan (D), Brendan Carr (Treasurer), Pat Carey. Front row: Pat Stapleton (Chairman), Billy Ryan (West Tipp Chairman), Sean Kennedy, Donie Shanahan (County Chairman), Dinny Ryan (Guest of Honour), Seamus Carey, Fr Christy O'Dwyer (President).

Left photo: Michael Ryan (W) makes a presentation, on behalf of Sean Treacy's Club, to Fr Christy O'Dwyer in recognition of his appointment as Dean of Cashel.



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WEST TIPPERARY FINALS 2004

Grade	Date	Venue	Winner	Runner up	Referee
Tipperary Co-Op Super Valu S.H.C.					
SHC	22.08	Dundrum	Éire/Gold2-12	Clonoulty 1-14	S .Bradshaw
Gleeson Concrete Crosco Cup S.H.L.					
CROSCO	17.10	Cashel	Golden.....2-12	Kickhams1-14	P. Russell
Tipperary Credit Union I.H.C.					
IHC	19.08	Golden	Éire Óg.....3-05	Aherlow.....0-09	J Ryan B
Gleeson Concrete J.H.C. 'A'					
JHC A	19.08	S.T. Park	Emly.....3-15	Cashel1-09	R . Barry
Tipperary Co-Op SuperValu J.H.C. 'B'					
JHC B	6.11	Golden	Rosegreen4-14	Sean Treacy's3-09	John Ryan C
O'Dwyer Steel U-21 H.C. 'A'					
U21HC A	24.04.	Golden	Galtee Rvs.....2-08	Kickhams.....2-06	R . Barry
Lowry's Bar U-21 H.C. 'B'					
U21HC B	25.04	Golden	Arravale Rvs.....3-09	Emly2-11	Phil Ryan
U21HC C		No Championship			
Dundrum House Hotel M.H.C. 'A'					
MHC A	17.08	Golden	Clonoulty1-13	Kickhams.....2-10	D. Grogan
REP.	29.08	Golden	Clonoulty1-06	Kickhams1-05	R . Barry
Matt Kavanagh Coaches M.H.C. 'B'					
MHC B	18.08	Dundrum	Aherlow offRock/Rose	E. Browne	
Refix.	24.08	S.T. Park	Aherlow1-09	Rock/Rose.....1-04	E. Browne
MHC C.	09	Cappawhite	Éire Óg.....7-13	Solohead1-01	M. Fanning
Ballinilard Transport S.F.C.					
SFC	15.08	Golden	Galtee Rvs.....2-05	Aherlow.....0-09	Phil Ryan
Ballinilard Transport S.F.L.					
O'D.CUP	4.12	Golden	Aherlow	Arravale Rovers	P. Russell
Michael O'Brien I.F.C.					
IFC	25.09	S.T. Park	Kickhams1-14	Emly..... 2-08	B Tyrrell
C&C Engineering J.F.C. 'A'					
JFC A	23.10	Golden	Rosegreen1-12	Cappawhite1-09	Phil Ryan
AIB J.F.C. 'B'					
JFC B	25-10	Golden	Galtee0-09	Arravale.....1-04	W. Kennedy
McGrath Oil U-21 F.C. 'A'					
U21FC A	17-03	New Inn	Galtee Rvs0-10	Arravale Rvs.0-09	D. Grogan
McGrath Oil U-21 F.C. 'B'					
	28.03	Dundrum	Aherlow2-07	Cappawhite1-08	Ger Riordan
		No Championship			
Ó Murchú Financial Services M.F.C. 'A'					
MFC A	1.08	Golden	Arravale Rvs.....0-07	Galtee Rvs.0-07	Phil Ryan
Rep.	1.08	Golden	Arravale Rvs.....2-08	Galtee Rvs.1-10	D. Grogan
Pa Sheehy Butchers M.F.C. 'B'					
MFC B	1.08	Golden	Aherlow2-14	Kickhams1-04	Ger Riordan
MFC C	1.09		Golden/Solohead 4-09	Rosegreen.....1-02	W. Kennedy



At Sponsorship presentation to the West Board by Tipperary Co-Op SuperValu are (l-r): Tipperary hurler Martin Maher, West Board Chairman Billy Ryan, Michael Nolan SuperValu manager, Sean Murray Chairman Tipperary Co-Op and Tim Dullea, General Manager Tipperary Co-Op.

West Tipperary Review 2004



Aherlow MFC 'B' Winners. Front row (l-r): Sean Peters, Kieran McDonald, Billy O'Meara, Bob O'Brien, Laurence Coskeran, Thomas Fahy, Michael Brennan, William Og O'Brien. Back row: Cathal Dillon, Barry Grogan, Jos O'Brien, Tadhg O'Donoghue, Vincent Hennessy, Seamus Grogan, John Hennessy, Tommy O'Neill, Sean Mullins, Paul Coughlan, Peter McKnight, Gordon Peters.



Aherlow U21FB 002. Front row (l-r): Frank Leonard, Joe Fahy, Danny Hennessy, Jos O'Brien, Michael Brennan, Tadhg O'Donoghue, Brian Leonard, Cathal Dillon, Seanie Peters. Back row: Toby Peters, Kieran Nash, Seamus Grogan, Tommy O'Neill, Laurence Coskeran, Brian Moroney, Gerard Peters, Vincent Hennessy, John Hennessy, Kevin Dillon.



Aherlow West MHC 'B' Winners 2003. Front row (l-r): Billy O'Meara, Ciaran McDonald, Thomas Fahy, Jos O'Brien, John Hennessy, Barry Grogan, Cathal Dillon, Laurence Coskeran, Joe Fahy, Vincent Hennessy. Back row: Pat Moroney, William Og O'Brien, Sean Mullins, Michael Brennan, Seamus Grogan, Paul Coughlan, Martin Peters, Michael O'Brien, Tommy O'Neill, Gordon Peters, Tadhg O'Donoghue, Peter McKnight, Michael Smith.



Arravale Rovers U21 HCB. Front row (l-r): Damien Quinlan, Stephen Spillane, Tommy O'Dwyer, Timmy Dalton, Ken Hayes, Paul Ryan, Brian Jones, Cormac Moore, James O'Brien, Eric Higgins, James Hogan. Back row: Wayne Rogers, Kevin Franks, James O'Leary, Bernard O'Callaghan, Adrian English, Thomas Gleeson, Frank O'Connor, Joe Power, Barry Quinn, Christy Sutton, Niall Ryan, John O'Brien, Steven Rhatigan, Niall Considine.



Arravale Rovers County MFC A Winners. Front row (l-r): Fergal McNamara, Michael O'Sullivan. Middle row: Tommy Toomey, James O'Leary, Matty Doherty, Steven Spillane, Cormac Molloy, Adrian Fitzgerald, Tommy O'Dwyer, Timmy Dalton, Jack O'Dwyer, Paul Ryan. Back row: Sean Walsh, Willie O'Dwyer, Greg O'Brien, James Mulhair, Thomas Gleeson, Damien Kiely, Alan Kiely, Conor McNamara, Brian Jones, Alan Kenny, Peter Gleeson.



Clonoulty R MH A. Front row (l-r): Stephen Kearney, Paudie White, John O'Keeffe, Jonathan Cullen, Kevin Horan, Tim Hammersley, Joe O'Keeffe, Davy White, Rory Ryan. Back row: Phillip Ryan, Patrick Ryan, Thomas Lyng, James Heffernan, Tadhg Ryan, Donncha Ryan, Thomas Maher, Liam Devane, James Forrester, Tommy Hennessy, Thomas Quinn.



Pictured at Medal Presentation for West SHC and Crosco Cup SHL are: front row (l-r): Liam O'Sullivan, Chairman Golden/K; John Costigan, Vice-Chairman County Board; John Quinn, Eire Og, Vice-Captain of 'Combo'; David Fogarty, Golden/K Captain of 'Combo'; Billy Ryan, Chairman West Board; Liam O'Brien, Chairman Eire Og and Eileen Ryan, Secretary Eire Og/Anacarty. Back row: Rev Fr. Pat Burns, John Currihan, Secretary Golden/K; DJ Carr, Treasurer Golden/K; Pat Heffernan, trainer of the combination SH team; Rev Fr. John Beatty P.P. Anacarty/Donohill; Michael Ryan, Treasurer Eire Og; Rev. Fr. Pat O'Gorman P.P., Golden/K.



County SH Finalists Eire Og/Golden. Front row (l/r): Phillip McLoughlin, Donncha Horan, Conor O'Brien, Billy Lonergan, Brian Fogarty, Jim B. McCarthy, Vinny Ryan, David Fogarty, Shane Stapleton, Mark Bargary, Ronan O'Brien, Richard Leahy, Richard Walsh, Michael Harding. Back row: Anthony Crosse, Ollie Kelly, Brian Ryan, Gerard Fogarty, Stuart Beattie, John Colohan, Damien O'Brien, Paul Fogarty, Aidan Fogarty, Donncha Carr, Kevin McCarthy, John Quinn, James Tierney, Paddy Ivors, Daithi Fogarty, Liam Mooney, Michael Stapleton, Danny Hogan, John Currihan.



Crosco Final Golden. Front row (l-r): Jim Fogarty, Shane Stapleton, John Colohan, David Fogarty, Stuart Beattie, Jim B. McCarthy, Paddy Ivors, Paul Fogarty, Gerard Fogarty, Jim O'Connell, John Curriuan. Back row: Kevin Landy, John Curriuan, Richard Walsh, Brian Fogarty, Daithi Bargary, Billy Lonergan, Kevin McCarthy, Michael Stapleton, Michael Carr, James Tierney, Donncha Carr, P.J. Collins, Liam O'Sullivan.



Eire Og IHC. Front row (l-r): Donncha Horan, Richard Leahy, Michael McGrath, Phillip Heffernan, Pat Ahearn, Dan Hogan, Vinny Ryan, Ronan O'Brien, Brian Ryan, Michael Heffernan, Patrick Horan. Back L/R: Pat Fox, Garreth O'Brien, Damien O'Brien, Anthony Crosse, Liam Mooney, John Quinn, Ollie Kelly, John Kelly, Michael O'Dwyer, Conor O'Brien, Patrick Ryan, Tim Heffernan.



Eire Og MHC C. Front row (l/r): Thomas Coughlan, Dee Ryan, Gearoid Ryan, John O'Dwyer, Brian Fox, Sean Hogan, Danny Hogan, Padraig O'Dwyer, Richard Ryan, Noel Leahy, Carl Grenning. Back row: Liam Horan, Cahal Hayes, Kevin Fox, Peter O'Dwyer, Declan O'Neill, Willie O'Neill, Brian Ryan, Oisin O'Dwyer, Eoin Kennedy, Eoin O'Dwyer, Padraig Ryan, James Ryan, Eddie Ryan, Denis O'Dwyer.



EMLY JHC A. Front row (l/r): Tadhg O'Meara, James Ryan, Paddy Connors, David Byrnes, Donncha Breen, Ger Dawson, Philly Purcell, Sean Hennessy, John Purcell, James Purcell, Adrian Hennessy, Richie Byrnes, Roger English, Denis Heelan, Jimmy Lonergan. Back row: Pat Hennessy, Ailbe Ryan, Stephen Burke, Pat Buckley, David Hennessy, Eoin Buckley, Kieran Lees, Michael Burke, Michael Ryan, Karl Burke, Michael O'Donnell, Paul Creamer, Paudie Heffernan, PJ Connolly, Michael Richardson, Billy Hartigan, Liam Burke.



Galtee Rvs JFC B. Front row (l/r): Mark O'Brien, John Ryan, Adrian Grace, Brendan Healy, Michael Collins, Donal Collins, Kevin Bergin, Johnny Halpin, Jim Phelan. Back row: Edmond Fahy, William Levingstone, Alan Carter, Eamon O'Connell, Stephen Grace, Patrick Ryan, Michael Scanlon, Kieran Bergin, Andrew O'Halloran, Colin Hayes, Dallan Browne, Kieran Marnane.



Group with John Cummins at Galtee Rovers GAA Summer Camp.



GALTEE RVS U21FC A. Front row (l/r): Donal Collins, Seamus Walsh, Adrian Grace, Eoghan Wade, Damien Ryan, Pat Marnane, Kevin Bergin, Christopher Higgins, Andrew Morrissey, Anthony Boles. Back row: Declan Peters, Eamon O'Connell, Tony O'Brien, William Levingstone, Mark O'Brien, David Byron, Patrick Ryan, Andrew O'Halloran, Kieran Bergin, Kieran Marnane, Brendan Murphy, Tony Lonergan.



Galtee Rvs West SFC. Front row (l/r): Chris Coen, Eddie Grace, Eoghan Wade, Adrian Grace, Denis Peters, Mark Peters, Andrew Morrissey, Seamus Moloney, David Morrissey, Brendan Healy, Declan Peters. Back row: Noel Browne, Mark O'Brien, Pat Marnane, Paul McCarthy, Willie Tarrant, Cathal Moloney, David Byron, Vinnie Murphy, Pa Morrissey, Michael Grace, Kieran Bergin, Tony O'Brien, Colin Morrissey, Philly Quirke.



Galtee Rvs West U21HC A. Front row (l-r): Donal Collins, Kevin Bergin, David Morrissey, Andrew Morrissey, Tony O'Brien, Christopher Higgins, Anthony Boles, Brendan Murphy, Pat Marnane, Tony Egan. Back row: Tony Lonergan, Eamon O'Connell, Mark O'Brien, David Byron, Kieran Bergin, William Livingstone, Kieran Marnane, Damien Ryan, Eoghan Wade, Michael Byron.



Monastery School Tipperary U13 Football 'A' Champions. First row (l-r): Mark Cummins, Damien Barry, Johnny Lowry, Peter Mulhair, Micheal Ryan (Capt.), Kieran Lowry, Christopher Ryan, Anthony English, Tony Burns. Second row: Sean Long, Sean McGrath, Eddie O'Meara, Jason Barry, Michael P. Ryan, Kieran Crowe, Killian Ryan, David Farrell, Niall Hassett. Third row: Nicholas Purcell, Joseph O'Connor, Gavin Hogan, Sean Compton, Daniel Jones, Michael Hanley, Jordan Frewen, Cathal Donovan, Daniel Coughlan. Fourth row: Pat Tedford, Dean Kelly, Andrew Pierse, Brian Leahy, Fintan Ryan, Diarmuid O'Donnell, Damien Quinlan, David Power, James Hogan.



Paddy Moloney, Solohead, receives his 1952 All-Ireland MHC medal from Co. Chairman Donie Shanahan at a function in Dundrum recently. On left is Veronica Moloney and Michael O'Brien, Co. Secretary is on right.



Rosegreen JFC 'A'. Front row (l-r): Pakie Hallissey, Fintan Ryan, Trevor Downey, Aidan Lonergan, Eddie Walsh, Trevor Downey, Tom Shelly, Vinny Downey, Michael Corcoran, Stephen O'Brien. Back row: Teddy Gould, Pat Cummins, TJ Phelan, John Walsh, John Hennessy, John O'Grady, David Brennan, Tony Corcoran, Frank Culleton, Ryan Hennessy, Joe Hennessy, Tom Hennessy, Liam Sherlock, Mark Harnett, Robert O'Brien, John Walsh, Pat McCormack, David Hayde, Michael Fanning, Liam McCormack, Gabriel Shelly.



Kickhams West IF Champions 2004. Front row (l-r): Ger Farrell, Conor Ryan, John Butler, Brian Horgan, Kevin Farrell, Aidan Butler, Kevin Farrell, Aidan Butler, Alan Horgan, Eoin Morrissey, Damien McGrath, Paddy Ryan, Aidan Murphy. Back row: Willie Crowe, Gerry Cahill, Killian Heney, Aidan Heney, Davy Horgan, Paul Breen, Derek Breen, Fergal Horgan, Jimmy Farrell, Richard Horgan, Michael Heelan, John McCormack, Tony Farrell, Declan Hogan, Vinny Kelly.



The Monastery Primary School winners of the Schools County Roinn B Hurling competition 2004. Front row (l-r): Niall Donovan, Ian O'Brien, Donagh Leahy, Sean O'Meara (Captain), Micheal Ryan, Barry Collins, Sean Kilcoyne. Second row: John Condon, Gerard O'Dwyer, Bryan Lowry, Shane Leahy, Anthony English, Michael John Ryan. Third row: Ryan Kissane, Aidan Ryan, Michael Hanley, Daniel Jones, Jon Brehony, Christopher Ryan, Diarmuid O'Donnell, Damien Ryan. Back row: Pat Tedford (Coach), Jason Barry, Eddie O'Meara, Gavin Hogan, Dean Kelly, Fintan Ryan, Killian Ryan, Damien Quinlan (Coach).



At Inaugural Presidents Awards were West Tipperary Representatives - (l-r): James O'Donnell, Tipperary Development Officer; Con Ryan, formerly of Golden, Award recipient; Seán Kelly, President C.L.G.; John Moloney, Galtee Rvs recipient; and Jerry Ring, West Board Secretary.



A happy Rosegreen group at presentation of Jamesie O'Donoghue Cup after JHC B Final in Golden. The Group at the presentation are (l-r): Kieran Maguire, Tipperary Co-Op SuperValu; Billy Ryan, West Board Chairman; Michael Corcoran, captain of the victorious Rosegreen side and Matt Quinlan Vice-Chairman of Tipperary Co-Op.



Rosegreen JHC. Front row (l-r): TJ Phelan, Fintan Ryan, Ger Luby, Michael Corcoran, Eddie Walsh, Aidan Lonergan, David Quirke, Tom Shelly, Vinny Downey, Stephen O'Brien. Back row: Pat Cummins, Pat Cormack, Timmy Moloney, John O'Grady, Bob O'Brien, Liam Manton, Pakie Hallissey, Daniel Ryan, Liam Sherlock, Tony Corcoran, Cormac Ryan, Michael Fanning, David Hayde, David Brennan.



West Scór na bPaistí winners in Figure Dancing - Lattin/Cullen. Included are: Caitriona Kenny, Marie Ryan, Anne O'Heney, Eimer Toomey, Ciara Merrigan and Emma Buckley.



Solohead County U21F 'C' Champions. Front row: Ger Riordan, Shane Ryan, Niall Greensmith, Paul Ryan, Jamie Kenefick, Jamie Ryan, Joseph O'Doherty, Colm Riordan, Jerry Dee, Eamon O'Brien, Perry Power, Brian Hartnett. Back row: Michael Ryan, James O'Doherty, Kevin Wallace, Eamon Kenefick, Wally Myers, Neil Collins, Noel Kennedy, Phillip O'Doherty, Tadhg Kiely, Michael Twomey, Pádraig Greensmith, Barry Ryan, Donal Foley, Brendan Whelan, Noel Redigan.



Solohead MFC 'C'. Front row (l-r): Perry Power, Jonathan Ryan, Wally Myers, Paul Ryan, Alan Kiely, John J. O'Brien, Michael Ryan, David Kennedy. Back row: Martin Ryan, Eoin Griffin, Eamon Kenefick, Christopher Hadnett, Tadhg Kiely, Kevin Wallace, Kevin Ryan, John P Riordan, Michael Toomey, Eoin Collins, Liam Ryan.



Solohead U21H 'C'. Front row (l-r): Shane Ryan, Jonathan Ryan, Colm Riordan, Joseph O'Doherty, Paul Ryan, Phillip O'Doherty, Jamie Kenefick, James Ryan, Brendan Whelan, Eamon O'Brien. Back row: Barry Ryan, Wally Myers, Michael O'Connor, Liam Ryan, Tadhg Kiely, Gerry Dee, Brian Hartnett, Niall Collins, Michael Toomey, Noel Kennedy, Niall Greensmith, Perry Power, Kevin Wallace.



Arravale Rovers O'Donoghue Cup Winners 2004 - Front row (l-r): Richie Lohan, Fergal O'Reilly, Brian Jones, Paul Ryan, Timmy Dalton, James O'Leary, Matty Doherty, Phillip Ryan, Mark Lowry, Tommy Toomey, Brian Glasheen. Back row (l-r): Paul Tobin, Eric Higgins, Damien Kiely, Peter Gleeson, John Hayes, Andrew Lacey, Niall Sheehan, Paul Jones, Lee Dudley, Joe Power, Roger O'Connor, Paddy Maher, Damien Lynch, John Martin, Ken Hayes.



Billy Ryan, incoming West Board Chairman with Clubmen, J.J. Kennedy P.R.O., Jimmy Hennessy, President; and former Secretary, Roger Kennedy on right.



West Board Officers after Convention in Bansha 2003 (l-r): Jerry Ring, Secretary; J.J. Kennedy, P.R.O.; Billy Ryan Chairman and Eamon Buckley, Treasurer.

Coiste Thiobraid Árann Thuaidh

Permanent T.S.B. Bank Senior Hurling Championship

ROS CRÉ WINNING CAPTAIN	0-13	1-09	BUIREAS UÍ LUÍOCH JAMES MAHER	AONACH	SUN 22ND AUG	B. WHITE	
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Nenagh Guardian Intermediate Hurling Championship

CILL AN DAINGIN WINNING CAPTAIN	2-13	2-11	BUIRÍOS UÍ CATHAIN GER SLATTERY	AONACH	SUN 3RD OCT	A. MOLONEY	
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Watch Centre Junior "A" Hurling Championship

BUIRGHEAS WINNING CAPTAIN	1-07	0-07	MUINE GALL KEVIN COONEY	AONACH	SUN 3RD OCT	D. DARCY	
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Watch Centre Junior "B" Hurling Championship

CILL RUAIN MHIC DHONNCHADHA	2-11	1-14	BÉAL AN ÁTHA	AONACH	SAT 23RD OCT	T.P. O'SULLIVAN	
CILL RUAIN MHIC DHONNCHADHA WINNING CAPTAIN	2-08	1-09	BÉAL AN ÁTHA COLIN ENGLAND	AONACH	SAT 30TH OCT	J. LEES	(R)

Walsh's of Nenagh Under - 21 "A" Hurling Championship

BUIRGHEAS WINNING CAPTAIN	1-14	0-10	TUAIM UÍ MHEARA DAMIEN O'BRIEN	BUIRÍOS UÍ CATHAIN	THU 29TH APR	M. CAHILL	
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Walsh's of Nenagh Under - 21 "B" Hurling Championship

CILL AN DAINGIN WINNING CAPTAIN	0-13	0-09	BUIREAS UÍ LUÍOCH LIAM KELLY	DOLA	MON 26TH APR	M. CAHILL	
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Walsh's of Nenagh Under - 21 "C" Hurling Championship

PORT RUA PORT RUA WINNING CAPTAIN	2-10 0-08	1-07 0-02	BÉAL AN ÁTHA BÉAL AN ÁTHA CHARLIE WILFORD	BÉAL AN ÁTHA PORT RUA	FRI 9TH APR TUE 20TH APR	T.P. O'SULLIVAN B. DARCY	1st Leg 2nd Leg
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Ger Gavin Minor "A" Hurling Championship

CILL RUAIN MHIC DHONNCHADHA WINNING CAPTAIN	1-12	0-10	ROS CRÉ COLM WILLIAMS	AONACH	SAT 4TH SEP	J. COLLINS	
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Ger Gavin Minor "B" Hurling Championship

BUIREAS UÍ LUÍOCH WINNING CAPTAIN	1-15	1-09	BUIRÍOS UÍ CATHAIN DAVID O'CONNOR	DOLA	SUN 5TH SEP	T. RYAN	
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Intermediate Football Championship

BÉAL AN ÁTHA BÉAL AN ÁTHA WINNING CAPTAIN	1-10 1-05	2-07 0-07	TULACH SHEASTA TULACH SHEASTA AARON DEVANE	AONACH AONACH	SUN 10TH OCT SUN 17TH OCT	J. KISSANE J. CLEARY	(R)
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Junior "A" Football Championship

FINAL BUIREAS UÍ LUÍOCH WINNING CAPTAIN	3-02	1-06	ÉIRE ÓG AN AONAIGH EOIN STAPLETON	DOLA	SAT 30TH OCT	J. CLEARY	
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Junior "B" Football Championship

FINAL Fánaíthe na Sionnaine WINNING CAPTAIN	1-9	0-5	Béal Átha Gabhann Niall Cahalane	CILL CHOLMAIN	SUN 14TH NOV	B. DARCY	
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Under – 21 "A" Football Championship

FINAL BÉAL AN ÁTHA WINNING CAPTAIN	1-10	0-04	BUIRGHEAS RODY KENNEDY	BÉAL AN ÁTHA	SAT 20TH MAR	J. KISSANE	
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Under – 21 "B" Football Championship

FINAL CILL RUAIN MHIC DHONNCHADHA WINNING CAPTAIN	1-08	0-07	BAILE NA HINSE SEAMUS WILLIAMS	AONACH	FRI 9TH APR	T. RYAN	
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Minor "A" Football Championship

FINAL FANAITHÉ EIDHNEAIN WINNING CAPTAIN	2-09	2-02	BÉAL ÁTHA GABHANN TIMMY BREEN	MUINE GALL	THU 12TH AUG	L. HOGAN	
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Minor "B" Football Championship

FINAL BUIRÍOS UÍ CATHAIN WINNING CAPTAIN	2-06	0-05	LOTHRA & DOIRE PHILIP AUSTIN	CLOCH SHUIRDAIN	SUN 15TH AUG	D. DARCY	
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Intermediate Hurling League

FINAL FANAITHÉ NA SIONNAINE WINNING CAPTAIN	2-13	1-13	BÉAL AN ÁTHA SEAN O'MEARA	AONACH	SUN 30TH MAY	J. STAPLETON	
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Junior "A" Hurling League

FINAL MUINE GALL WINNING CAPTAIN	0-19	0-09	TUAIM UÍ MHEARA P.J. HOOLAN	TUAIM UÍ MHEARA	TUE 6TH JUL	M. GRIFFIN	
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Junior "B" Hurling League

FINAL CILL RUAIN MHIC DHONNCHADHA WINNING CAPTAIN	2-11	1-11	CILL AN DAINGIN COLIN ENGLAND	AONACH	SUN 20TH JUN	P.J. CLEARY	
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Players of the Year

HURLER OF THE YEAR 2003		FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR 2003	
Overall:	Hugh Moloney (Nenagh Éire Óg)	Overall:	Peter King (Ballina)
Hurlers of the Year 2004:		Footballers of the Year 2004:	
Senior	Diarmuid Fitzgerald (Roscrea)		
Intermediate:	Darragh Egan (Kildangan)	Intermediate:	David Hickey (Ballina)
Junior:	Paul Hogan (Burgess)	Junior:	Richie Flannery (Nenagh Éire Óg)
Under-21:	Noel Gleeson (Burgess)	Under-21:	Jerry O'Brien (Ballina)
Minor:	Shane O'Brien (Ballina)	Minor:	George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers)
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North Tipperary Review 2004



Éire Óg (Nenagh) 1969 minor hurling team that won North and County championship titles, had a re-union in Nenagh Abbey Court Hotel in October, 2004. Back row (l. to r.): Pat Nolan, Roddy Cawley, Paddy Cooney, Martin O'Morrissey, Liam Heffernan, Denis O'Connor, Willie Condon, Joe Rice, Martin Hogan. Middle row (selectors and officials): Ger Gavin, Billy Flannery, John Lawlor, Seán Slattery, Tommy Mulcahy, Jack White, Liam Coughlan. Seated: Tim Nolan, Martin Moroney, Michael Maguire, Robert Ashman, Eddie Connolly, Matt Sheary (captain), Adrian Grace, John Maguire. (Pic: Bridget Delaney)



Kilruane MacDonagh's team that won the 1978 county intermediate championship were honoured at the club's Dinner Dance in the Western Pass, Ardcrone. Back row: (l. to r.): Pat Spain, Paddy McCarthy (sel.), Michael Cahill, Tom Hutchinson, Dan Darcy, Joe Hogan, Michael Egan, Paddy Mulrooney, Mackey Waters, Gerry Burns, Michael Hutchinson, John Doherty, Phil Reddin, Philip Quinlan, John Quinlan. Seated: Connie Keogh, Gerry Williams, John Cahill, Donnchadha Minogue (capt.), Ned Fogarty (masseur), Michael Hogan, Michael Quinlan, Paddy Quinlan (sel.) (Pic: Bridget Delaney)



Present at the opening of the new dressingrooms in Kilcolman, the home of Burgess G.A.A. Club (l. to r.): John Maher, Michael Scroope (treasurer), Jimmy Minogue (North Board chairman), Josephine Ryan (juvenile club P.R.O.), John O'Donoghue (juvenile club chairman), Fr. E. Kennedy, Paddy McMahon, Rena Maher, T.P. McDonnell (chairman), Tony O'Flaherty, Aidan O'Leary, Kieran Hogan, Aindress MacDomhnaill, Anne McGrath, Fr. T. O'Brien P.P., Donie Nealon, Margaret O'Halloran, Liam Hogan (P.R.O.) and Timmy Maher. (Pic: Bridget Delaney)



Jimmy 'Butler' Coffey (right), who played on the Tipperary senior team that won the 1937 All-Ireland Final in Killarney, presents an U-21 championship medal to Tipperary U-21 star Conor O'Mahony. (Pic: Bridget Delaney)



The O'Leary brothers won county intermediate medals with Kilruane MacDonaghs in 2003 and are pictured at the club's dinner dance in February, 2004. George, Stephen, Mark and Dermot. (Pic: Bridget Delaney)



Roscrea senior hurling captain James Maher holds the Frank McGrath Cup with his girlfriend Ailish Loughnane and her father Francis Loughnane, the last man to lead Roscrea to a North senior hurling title. (Pic: Bridget Delaney)



The decisive moment – Emmet Dunphy, Roscrea goalkeeper, makes a brilliant save from Borris-Ileigh's Martin Maher in the T.S.B. North S.H.C. final. (Pic: Bridget Delaney)



Pictured with the Munster Club of the Year trophy and North Tipperary Club of the Year trophies at the Burgess G.A.A. Dinner Dance (from left): Kieran Hogan, Fergal McDonnell, J. P. McDonnell (chairman), Shane Maher, Aidan O'Leary, Murt Gleeson, Marian Carroll, Michael Carroll, Mortimer Hogan, Liam Hogan, Timmy Maher and Johnny Flynn. (Pic: Bridget Delaney)



A Christmas 2003 visit by Toomevara captain Michael Bevens and his parents visited Walsh's Rest Home, Monaree, Nenagh, with the Dan Breen Cup. Standing: Michael and Julia Bevens, Michael Bevens, Kitty Kennedy, Margaret Walsh. Seated: Sarah Sexton, Tommy Ryan, Margaret Bevens (R.I.P.) (Pic: Bridget Delaney)



Five Newport ladies at the head of affairs in the local G.A.A. club, pictured celebrating Valentine's Day at the club's annual dinner in Nenagh Abbey Court Hotel. From left: Fiona Bonfield, assistant secretary and juvenile club secretary; Margaret Ryan, P.R.O., Cora Moroney, chairperson, Mary Ryan, juvenile club treasurer and Moira Moylan-Hassett (draw co-ordinator)



Ballina G.A.A. officials and victorious captains show the silverware at the club's 37th dinner dance (from left): John Gleeson, secretary, Patsy Nevin, president, Aaron Devane, junior football captain, Majella Grace, P.R.O., Peter King, Under-21 'A' football captain, Gerry McKeogh, chairman, Willie Gleeson, U-21 'C' football captain, Gerard McKeogh, North Board secretary, Sean McKeogh, U-21 hurling captain and Michael Kennedy, treasurer. (Pic: Bridget Delaney)

North Tipperary Hurling Winners



Moneygall – North junior 'A' league champions. Back row (l. to r.): Michael Kirwan, Ger Kirwan, Francis Gleeson, Brian Fanning, Ger Ryan, Enda Gleeson, David Gleeson, P.J. Hoolan, Joe Smyth, Tadhg Kennedy, Conor Troy, Damien Martin, Martin Shelly, Eoghan Ryan, Brian Gleeson. Front: Stephen Maher, Joe Treacy, Billy Hayes, Conor Ryan, Pajo Troy, Eamon Troy, Barry Ryan, Noel Ryan, Eoin Troy, Billy McCormack, Páirc Greene, Michael Dwyer, Tommy Devereux. (Pic.: Bridget Delaney)



Burgess junior 'A' panel – North Tipperary champions. Back row (l. to r.): John Flannery, Johnny Fynn (selector), Brian Tucker, David Kyne, Michael Seymour, Peter Carroll, Kevin Cooney, John Scroope, Donal Hogan, Paddy Hogan, Paul Hogan, Michael Morrissey, Shane Ryan, Paul Seymour, Niall Madden, J.P. McDonnell (selector). Kneeling: Donie Nealon (selector), Jonathan Ryan, Michael McDonnell, Frankie Hogan, Patrick Tucker, Ger Fogarty, Brian Duggan, Fergal McDonnell, Keelan Howard, Kevin McGrath, Cian McDonnell and Gerry Ryan. (Pic.: Bridget Delaney)



Shannon Rovers intermediate panel; North League champions. Back row (l. to r.): Tom Heenan (sel.), Michael Quinlan, Edward Brophy, Damien Burke, Alan Byrne, Martin Burke, Seán O'Meara (capt.), Derek Horan, Pat Quinlan, Pakie Burke, Donal Leenane, Stephen Darcy, Anthony Hogan, Paddy Donnellan, Leo Darcy, Pat Stack (sel.), Dan O'Meara (mascot), Pat O'Meara, Dermot Costello, Conor Deegan, Adrian Whelan, Roy Darcy, Ross Burke, Donal Hourigan, Shane Carroll, James Stack, George Hannigan, Michael Burke, Kevin Cahalan, Michael Hourigan. (Pic.: Bridget Delaney)



Burgess U-21 team – North 'A' champions. Back row (l. to r.): Leo Quigley, Jonathan Maher, Eoin Hogan, Tony Scroope, David Maher, Patrick Tucker, Damien O'Brien (capt.). Kneeling: Robbie Cemin, Ger Fogarty, Jonathan Ryan, Patrick Hogan, Gerry Ryan, Conor Quigley, Niall Quigley, Noel Gleeson. (Pic.: Bridget Delaney)



Nenagh Éire Óg – Co. senior division 1 champions with supporters. Back row (l. to r.): Noel Coffey (sel.), Noel Moloney, John Slattery, David Hackett, Eoghan Murtagh, John Brennan, Cormac Glavin, Eamon Hodgins, John Flannery, Richie Flannery, Brian Darcy, Brian Hackett, Eddie Tucker, Conor O'Donovan, Dave Keane (manager). Front: Shane Maher, Paul Lillis, Cliff Moloney, Michael Hynes, Michael Hackett, Kevin Tucker, Aaron Hogan, Andrew Coffey, Eoin Fitzgibbon, Barry Heffernan, Michael McNamara, Paddy Harrington, John Kennedy, Declan Bailey, Robbie Tomlinson. (Pic.: Bridget Delaney)

North Tipperary Football Winners 2004



Borrisoleigh Junior Football North Champions. Back row (l to r): Timmy O'Connell, Billy Ryan (chairman), Mark Rabitte, Jody Harkin, Mark Bourke, David O'Connor, Mark Stapleton, Tom Stakelum, Henry Groome, Paul Mason, Mattie Stapleton, Seamus Maher, Robbie Stakelum, Brendan Kenny, Vinny Stapleton, Martin Treacy. Kneeling: David Butler, Enda Hackett, Matthew Vahey, Noel Kent, John Valey, Eoin Stapleton (captain), Philip Rabitte with mascot Aaron), Connie Stapleton, Jody Harkin, Sean Maher, Niall Hackett, Don Ryan, Conor Keane.

Ballina Under-21 Football Team North 'A' Champions. Back row (l to r): Domhnaill McKeogh, Hughie Molloy, Thomas Collins, Martin McKeogh, Shane O'Brien, Kevin Cosgrave, Jerry O'Brien. Front: Christopher O'Meara, Peter King, Cathal O'Connell, Kevin Ryan, Gerard Sheehy, Roddy Kennedy (captain), Stephen Stritch, Diarmuid Healy.



Kilruane MacDonaghs U-21 Football Panel - North 'B' champions. Back row (l to r): Cormac Ryan, Kevin Prout, Martin Walsh, Stephen Murphy, Paul Farrell, Willie Darcy, Thomas Hayes, Ray McLoughney, Kevin Quinlan, Pat Foote (selector). Middle row: James Keogh, Tom Killackey (Manager), Cormac Williams, Gary Prout, Shane Williams, Darren Killackey, Paddy Ryan, Dermot Cahill. Front row: Nigel Reddin, Eoin Hogan, Colm Williams, Seamus Williams (captain), Gavin McAvinchey.

Shannon Rovers - North Junior 'B' Football Champions. Back row (l to r): David Ducie, Edward Brophy, Michael Burke, Pakie Burke, Kevin Cahalan, Shane Carroll, Sean O'Meara, Roy Darcy, Alan Byrne, Derek Horan, Pat O'Meara, Michael James Quinlan, Donal Leenane. Front row: Dan O'Meara (mascot), Pat Donnellan, Darrel Darcy, Lee Darcy, Michael Hourigan, Martin Burke, Niall Cahalan (captain), James Stack, George Hannigan, Liam O'Gorman, Dermot Costelloe, Alan Slattery.



Ballinahinch County Minor Football C Champions 2004

EOIN KELLY

(Mullinahone)

2004 Vodaphone All Star Hurler

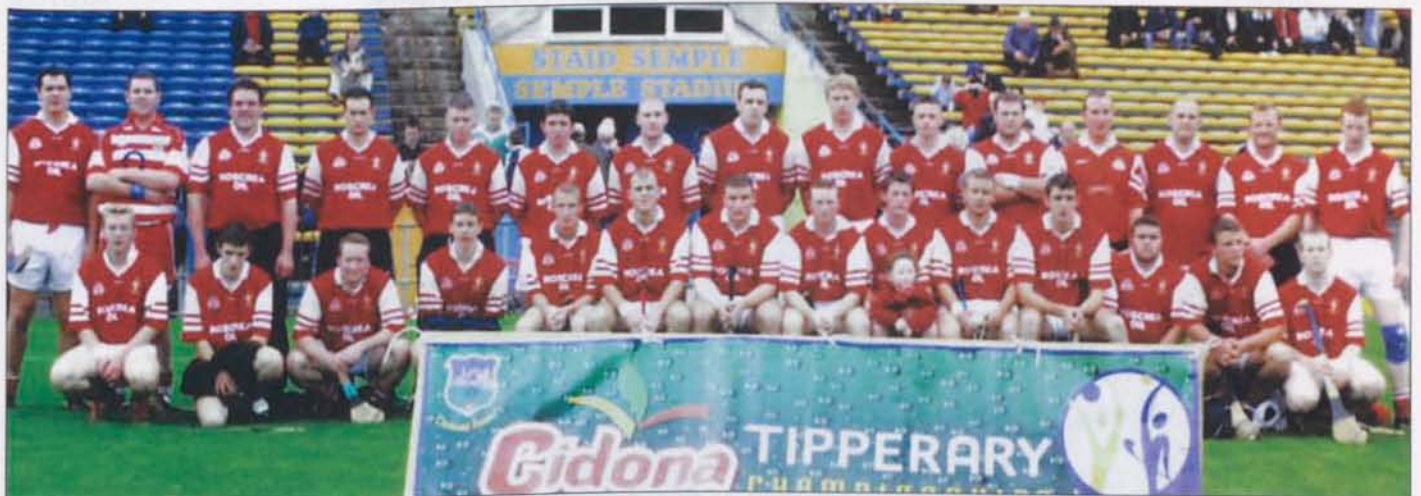
Eoin won his third award this year, again at right corner forward. His championship scoring was especially impressive and it was no surprise that the All Star selectors chose him in their team for 2004. Eoin made his senior championship debut for Tipperary

as a substitute against Galway in the 2000 All-Ireland Quarter Final at Croke Park. He had also represented his county in Minor and Under-21 championship hurling that year. Eoin will be 23 in January and his previous awards were won in 2001 and 2002.



Eoin Kelly All Star 2004

—Roscrea North Tipp Champions—



The Roscrea team that won their first North Tipperary final in 24 years. The panel included the following: Emmet Dunphy, Tadhg O'Connor, Enda Fitzgerald, Aaron Ryan, James Maher (Captain), Diarmuid Fitzgerald, Colm Monaghan, Liam England, Vinny Dooley, Colm Kennedy, Pauraic Carroll, Ruairi O'Connor, Mark Ryan, Tommy Fitzgerald, Donal Hogan. Subs: Pat Fitzgerald, John McDonnell, Shane Lee, John Carroll, Denis Maloney, Jason Ryan, Dinny Kennedy, Prionsias Loughnan, Thomas Lupton, John Dooley, Phil Ryan, Trevor Ryan, Kay Delaney, Brian Brooks.

Miscellaneous

Interesting to see Noel O'Gorman, former Newport and Tipperary stalwart presenting a Man of the Match award on behalf of his employer to Nenagh's rugby player, Ian Ryan, after the club won the Munster Junior Cup in May. The photo appeared in *"The Nenagh Guardian."*

On the other side of the coin former Irish rugby referee Dave McHugh from Cork was a notable attendee at this year's Munster hurling final at Semple Stadium.

Seán Óg Ó Hailpín has been appearing in many photographs recently as he collects the rewards of his year's play. I wasn't prepared for the Dairygold/CMP Dairy advert in the *Irish Examiner* of 14/8/04, which showed the man

dressed in a suit watched by two cows and the advice - Support your local jersey.

In 'The Arena' *Irish Examiner* supplement of 27/10/04 Eamon Sweeney listed his complete wash outs of the year. At No. 4 was Dinny Cahill - 'and if you have any sympathy for Dinny think about the unnecessary way he slagged off Declan Fanning.

'Babs' Keating had a different idea in *'The Sunday Times'* 19/7/04: 'The Tipp back line is good enough to compete at the highest level and with the right training Declan Fanning could make it at centre-back. He has a lot of qualities I like; a good ball player with skill and courage. What he needs is more speed going to the ball and that can be acquired'

'The Sunday Tribune', 14/3/04

G.A.A. NEWS by Kieran Shannon

Clare goalkeeper Davy Fitzgerald has been hit with a two-month suspension after the Games Administration Committee yesterday deemed that his recent criticism of referee, Pat Horan, had brought the game into disrepute. Fitzgerald, who had been picked to play against Galway in today's N.H.L. game in Pearse Stadium, called the Offaly referee 'an absolute disgrace' after his handling of a recent Fitzgibbon Cup semi-final, in which Limerick I.T., coached by Fitzgerald, were narrowly beaten by U.C.C.

Tipperary's Eoin Kelly was a key player in the L.I.T. team: ironic really as he is more often shooting at Fitzgerald.

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*Some of the South Board sponsors pictured at a recent function with Board Officers.
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John Quirke, Quirke Jewellers. Back row, l-r: John Carew, Carew Investments; Mick Campbell and Jim Kavanagh, Europlan;
John O'Flynn, Glanbia; Dick Cummins, Board President; Tom Cusack, Treasurer. Inset: Brian Connolly and Liam Stokes, Clonmel Oil.*



St. Patrick's South Tipperary Under-21 B Hurling Champions 2004
Back row, l-r: Philip Britton, Sean Horan, Liam Brett, Brian McCormack, Brian Hickey, C. J. O'Halloran,
John Sugrue, Adam Hickey, Adrian Britton, John Molloy, Tom McGrath, Kenny Brett, selector.
Front row, l-r: Liam Horan, Danny Gleeson, Damian McCormack, Tom Burke, William McCormack, captain;
Noel Lyons, Patrick Brett, Mark McCormack, Dermot Molloy, Noel Brett, selector.

SOUTH TIPPERARY ROLL OF HONOUR 2004

			VENUE	REFEREE
Glanbia Senior Hurling				
22/8/04	Mullinahone 2-13	Killenaule 0-9	Kilsheelan	J. Ryan
Clonmel Oil Senior Football				
22/8/04	Commercials 2-3	Fethard 1-5	Kilsheelan	P. Russell
Martins Fruit and Veg Intermediate Hurling				
26/9/04	Ballybacon Grange 0-14	St Marys 0-9	Monroe	M. Cahill
Intermediate Football Final				
10/10/04	Killenaule 2-11	Ballyporeen 1-9	Clonmel	J. Kelly
John Quirke Junior Hurling A				
3/10/04	Ballyneale 0-12	Killenaule 1-3	Cloneen	S. Roche
Europian Junior Hurling B				
17/10/04	St Marys 3-13	Cahir 4-7	Ardfinnan	S. Roche
Garrabridge Lighting Junior Football A				
30/10/04	Commercials 1-8	Fethard 1-7	Kilsheelan	D. Cahill
Fitzpatrick Family Newcastle Junior Football B				
14/11/04	Ballyporeen 3-8	Grangemoockler . . 1-8	Ned Hall Park	M. McCormack
Under 21 Football A				
28/3/04	Moyle Rovers 1-13	Cahir 1-9	Goatenbridge	D. O'Mahoney
Under 21 Football B				
4/4/04	Ballyporeen 1-15	Carrick Swan . . 1-12	Ned Hall Park	P. Ryan
Under 21 Football C				
4/4/04	Newcastle 0-10	Ballylooby-Castlegrace 1-6	Clogheen	A. Maloney
John Carew Under 21 Hurling A				
25/4/04	Killenaule 2-15	Carrick Swan . . 4-4	Clonmel	W. Barrett
Pat Cleere Under 21 Hurling B				
25/4/04	St Patricks 0-16	Carrick Davins . . 2-5	Clonmel	P. Shelley
Pat Cleere Under 21 Hurling C				
23/4/04	Skeheenarinka 4-17	Ballylooby C.G . . 3-8	Clogheen	P. Sweeney
Sureprint Minor Football A				
29/7/04	Moyle Rovers 0-13	Carrick Swan . . . 1-7	Kilsheelan	B. Tyrell
Minor Football B				
31/7/04	Cahir 2-15	Fethard 0-5	Monroe	K. Delehunty
Minor Football C				
24/7/04	Fr Sheehys 2-6	Newcastle 0-10	Ardfinnan	P. Ryan
Chadwicks Minor Hurling A				
29/8/04	Carrick Swan 1-11	Ballingarry 1-8	Fethard	N. Cosgrove
M.K Sports Minor Hurling B				
1/9/04	Mullinahone 0-11	Carrick Davins . . 0-10	Monroe	K. O'Brien
Minor Hurling C				
11/9/04	Skeheenarinka . . . 10-10	Newcastle 5-5	Goatenbridge	P.J. Hassett



Kilsheelan, winners of the County Division 11 Football Title

Back row: Johnny Cahill, Jim Healy, Eoin Ryan, Christy Ryan, Sean Nugent, Edward Sweeney, Adrian Walsh, Keith Robinson, Eddie O'Connell, Pierce Larkin, John Roche, Pakie Larkin.
Front row: David Power, Tommy Ryan, Martin Larkin, Noel Ryan, Jimmy Ryan, Anthony Walsh, Michael McHugh, Roger Doyle, Willie Ryan, Aidan Walsh, Oisín Ó Cuinneagáin and Keith O'Brien.

County Glory for Ballyneale Hurlers



Ballyneale captain, Kevin Freaney is presented with the Junior 'A' hurling county trophy by County Board Chairman, Donie Shanahan, with the sponsors representative Aoife Campion, Cidona.



Cathal Houlihan's (Ballyneale) shot is expertly saved by Burgess goalkeeper, Patrick Hogan, in the Cidona Junior Hurling 'A' county final.



Midfield action involving Michael Seymour, Paul Seymour and Paul Hogan (Burgess) and Michael Houlihan (Ballyneale) in the Cidona Junior Hurling 'A' county final.



Newcastle South Under-21 C champions and County Finalists 2004 – Back row, l to r: James Lonergan, Darren Goonan, Alan Sweeney, Johnny Hallinan, John Lonergan, Tom Kennedy, Jordan Corbett, Alan O'Grady, Shane Hickey, Brian Sweeney, David Freaney, Declan O'Halloran, Michael Grant, Paudie Sweeney. Front row, l to r: Emmet Hallinan, Liam Kelly, John T. Egan, Ger O'Donnell, Conor Grant, Will Kennedy, Niall Kennedy, Lorcan McCarra, Denis Hackett.

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Year Book Quiz 2004 winners with Seamus King, Chairman of the Year Book Committee. Left to right: Larry Ryan, Mary Murphy and Michael McGrath. On extreme right is John Quirke (Sponsor).

Mid Tipperary Board



↑ Loughmore Castleiney delegates with the Senior Club of the Year trophy at the Mid Convention in Templemore.
Front row (l to r): Joe O'Grady, Jonathan Cullen, Batt O'Dea. Back row: Pat Cullen, Pat Healy, Eamon Sweeney.



← Thurles Fennelly's delegates with the Junior Intermediate Club of the Year trophy at the Mid Convention in Templemore. Picture (l to r): Sean Russell, Paddy O'Mahony, Larry Mackey, Kieran O'Dwyer.



Officers and guests at the Mid Convention in Templemore. Front row (l to r): Ed Donnelly, County PRO; Bob Stakelum, President Mid Board; Tom Maher, Treasurer Mid Board; John Doyle, Chairman Mid Board; Matty Connolly, Secretary Mid Board; John Costigan, Vice Chairman County Board. Back row: Jonathan Cullen, Mid Youth Officer; Jim Max, Semple Stadium Rep; P.J. Maher, Vice-Chairman Mid Board; P.J. Leahy, PRO Mid Board; Batt O'Dea, Gate Checker; John O'Donovan, Assistant Treasurer Mid Board; Mícheál Egan, Assistant Secretary Mid Board; Pat Cullen, Trustee Mid Board. Missing from photo: Pat Gleeson, Vice-Chairman Mid Board; Dick Maher, Gate Checker.

MID BOARD OFFICERS
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Mid Tipperary Results 2004

SENIOR HURLING FINAL

29th August: Loughmore - C 0-13 Boherlahan - D 1-10
The Ragg. Ref - J. Ryan (B)

REPLAY

5th September: Loughmore - C 3-19 Boherlahan - D 2-7
Semple Stadium. Ref - Ml. Cahill

INTERMEDIATE HURLING FINAL

25th September: Moyne - T 1-15 Moycarkey 0-16
Holycross. Ref - S. Bradshaw

JUNIOR A HURLING FINAL

17th September: Drom-Inch 0-13 Holycross B 0-9
The Ragg. Ref - G. O'Shea

JUNIOR B HURLING FINAL

25th September: Drom-Inch 2-20 Gortnahoe - G 2-10
Holycross. Ref - P. Ralph

U21 A HURLING FINAL

24th April: Loughmore C 2-12 Thurles Sarsfields 0-9
Holycross. Ref - J. Ryan

U21 B HURLING FINAL

12th April: Gortnahoe - G 1-9 Upperchurch 1-7
The Ragg. Ref - P. Lynch

MINOR A HURLING FINAL

31st August: Drom-Inch 6-14 Moycarkey - B 2-14
Boherlahan. Ref - J. Ryan

MINOR B HURLING FINAL

24th August: J.K.Brackens 2-19 Gortnahoe - G 1-7
Drombane. Ref - P.J. Leahy

SENIOR FOOTBALL FINAL

11th July: Loughmore - C 0-14 J.K.Brackens 2-7
Holycross. Ref - B. White

INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL FINAL

19th September: Moyne - T 4-12 J.K.Brackens 2-7
The Ragg. Ref - D.Cahill

JUNIOR A FOOTBALL FINAL

10th October: Drom-Inch 0-12 Moyne - T 0-5
Templemore. Ref - J. Sweeney

JUNIOR B FOOTBALL FINAL

6th November: Thurles Fennellys 3-15 Clonakenny 3-7
The Ragg. Ref - P. Cullen

U21 FOOTBALL FINAL

28th March: Loughmore - C 2-11 Holycross - B 0-5
Morris Park. Ref - D. Curtis

U21 B FOOTBALL FINAL

20th March: Boherlahan - D 1-11 Drom-Inch 2-7
Drombane. Ref - M. Treacy

MINOR A FOOTBALL FINAL

11th August: Drom-Inch 3-7 Loughmore - C 3-5
Templemore. Ref - J. Kelly

MINOR B FOOTBALL FINAL

20th May: Holycross - B 1-8 Moyne 1-8
Templemore. Ref - K. Butler

REPLAY:

28th July: Holycross - B 2-8 Moyne - T 2-4
The Ragg. Ref - P. Cullen

JUNIOR HURLING LEAGUE FINAL (Div 1)

4th July: Holycross - B 0-11 Drom-Inch 1-8
Drombane. Ref - J. Sweeney

REPLAY

7th August: Drom-Inch 1-13 Holycross - B 1-12
Drombane. Ref - J. Kelly

JUNIOR HURLING LEAGUE FINAL (Div 2)

20th August: Drom-Inch 2-9 Loughmore - C 2-6
Killea. Ref - G. O'Shea

JUNIOR HURLING LEAGUE FINAL (Div 3)

1st July: Holycross - B 3-12 Clonakenny 2-9
The Ragg. Ref - G. O'Shea

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Intermediate Hurling Championship	Roadstone Provinces
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U21 B Hurling Championship	John & Breda Kennedy (The County Bar)
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Mid Tipp Hurling Winners 2004



Man of the Match in the Mid Senior Hurling Final Evan Sweeney receiving the Tom O'Hara Trophy from Mid Chairman John Doyle.



The victorious Loughmore Castleiney Captain Declan Laffan receives the trophy from Mid Board Chairman John Doyle after the Mid Tipp Senior Hurling Final Replay.



The Drom & Inch panel that defeated Moycarkey Borris in the Roskeen Construction Mid Tipperary Minor A Hurling final. Back row (l to r): Martin Flynn, Kieran Young, Donnacha Kennedy, Edward Costello, Eric Woodlock, Ciaran Hassett, James Ryan, Micheál Butler (captain), Seamus Callinan, Matthew McGrath, James Woodlock, Martin Butler, Gary Ryan, Eamon Doherty, Diarmuid Long. Front row: Damien Young, Paul Connors, Johnny Ryan, Philip Ryan, Enda Walsh, Matthew Buckley, Daniel De Burca, Matthew Ryan, Cathal Flynn, Liam Ryan, Andy Bourke, Joe Cahill.



Loughmore Castleiney defeated Thurles Sarsfields in the "County Bar Thurles" sponsored Mid Tipperary Under-21 'A' Hurling Final. Back row (l to r): Diarmuid Brennan, Tomas Maher, Stephen Ryan, Eoin Ryan, Declan Bolger, John Scully, James Egan, Brendan Maher, Paul Brennan, Derek Burke, Martin Ryan, David Moore. Front row: Darren Danagher, David McGrath, Ronan Stapleton, Edward Connolly, Ciaran McGrath, Evan Sweeney, Colm Campion, Eoin Brennan, Andrew Sweeney, Kevin Stapleton.



The Gortnahoe Glengoole Panel that defeated Upperchurch Drombane in the Mid Tipperary Under-21 B Hurling Final. Back row (l to r): Paul Hanrahan, Conor Teehan, David Mockler, Ogie Long (captain), Shane McCarthy, Mark Dwyer, Dermot Ryan, Kevin Kenny, Keith Holohan, Niall Teehan, Patrick Phelan, Kevin Kenny. Front row: Matthew Maher, Keith Dwyer, Kevin Maher, Eddie Stokes, Stephen Bourke, Willie Coleman, John Coleman, Shane Long, Michael Heffernan, Patrick Skehan.





The JK Brackens Panel that defeated Gortnahoe Glengoole in the Credit Union sponsored Mid Tipperary Minor B Hurling Final. Back row (l to r): Mark Stakelum, Sean McCormack, Gavin Bohan, Padraic Bourke, Padraic Murphy, Michael Kennedy, Padraic Greed, Robert Bourke, Denis Deegan, John Madden, Pat Buckley, Willie McLoughney. Front row: Eanna Jones, Shane Scully, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Ian Delaney, James Cody, Darren Russell, Shane Bourke, Tim Leahy, Michael Doyle, Cathal Scully, Darragh Bourke.

The Drom Inch Panel that defeated Holycross Ballycahill in the Mackey Stand sponsored Mid Tipperary Junior 'A' Hurling Final. Back row (l to r): Joe McGrath, Eric Woodlock, Liam McLoughlin, Micheál Cahill, Joe Egan, Brian Costelloe, Liam Kennedy, Micky Ryan, Seamus Walsh, Micheál Butler, Tom Cantwell, Kieran Young, Jerome Ryan, Micheál Kiely, Matt Ryan. Front row: Edward Costelloe, Kieran Hassett, Keith Nolan, Declan Ryan, Eamon Kiely, Eamon Ryan, P.J. Nolan, Treavor Hassett, Willie Ryan, John McGrath, James Kennedy, Mark Jordan.



The Loughmore Castleiney Panel that defeated Boherlahan Dualla in the McLaughlins Roadmarkings Mid Tipperary Senior Hurling Final. Back row (l to r): Philip Kennedy, Brendan Healy, James Connolly, Noel Morris, Declan Laffin (captain), John Gleeson, Micheál Webster, David Kennedy, Tom King, David McGrath, Tommy Ormond, Declan Bulger. Front row: Tommy Long, Ronan Stapleton, John Scully, Ger Morris, Albie Stapleton, Ned Ryan, Edward Connolly, Evan Sweeney, Kieran McGrath, Martin Gleeson, Pat McGrath, Noel Cahill, Gary Sweeney.



The victorious Moyne Templetuohy Panel that defeated Moycarkey Borris in the Roadstone Provinces, Mid Tipperary Intermediate Hurling Final. Back row (l to r): Jack Walsh (trainer), Declan Kelly, Tomas Hassett, Damien Bergin, Padraig Costigan, John Hassett, Hughie Coghlan, Joe Leahy, Tim Bergin, Cathal Ely, Martin Costigan, Diarmuid Everard, Enda Everard, Tomas Costigan, Tom Guilfoyle. Front row: Toddy Sweeney, Ronan Ely, Conor Everard, Sean Everard, Daniel Egan, Michael Esmonde, Kevin Fogarty, Simon Everard, Colm Everard, Edward Kelly, Louis Everard, Dominic Everard.

Mid Tipp Football Winners 2004



The Moyne Templetoohy Panel that defeated J.K. Brackens in the Eddie Joe's, Templemore sponsored Mid Tipperary Intermediate Football Final. Back row (l to r): Simon Everard, Thomas Costigan, Enda Everard, Tomas Hassett, Damien Bergin, Martin Costigan, Cathal Ely, Joe Leahy, Hugh Coughlan, Padraic Costigan, Diarmuid Everard, Toddy Sweeney (manager). Front row: Daniel Egan, Ronan Ely, Colm Everard, Sean Everard, Michael Esmond, John Hassett, Kevin Fogarty, Tim Bergin, Tom Guilfoyle, Louis Everard.



Drom Inch Mid Tipperary Junior A Football Champions. Back row (l to r): Liam McLoughlin, Frankie McGrath, Paddy Kennedy, Thomas Cantwell, Eamon Buckley, Paul Ryan, Kevin Butler, Matthew, Cahill, James Kennedy, Seamus Kennedy. Front row: Willie Ryan, Seamus Butler, Mark Cahill, Liam Kennedy, Mark Jordan, Declan Ryan, Paul Collins.

The Thurles Fennelly's Panel that defeated Clonakenny in the Mid Tipperary Junior 'B' Football Final. Back row (l to r): John Dooley, Jim Mackey, Morgan Lannigan, Micksie Mahony, Jamsie Bourke, T.J. Gleeson (captain), Willie Lalor, William Carroll, John Callinan, Colm Maher, Sean O'Connor, Mickey Kennedy, Sean O'Dwyer, Ray Molumby, Ted O'Connor, Jim Gooney, Derek Loughnane, Liam Dorney, Noel Connors. Front row: Larry Mackey, James O'Grady, Lar Mackey, Robbie Jordan, Lar Barrett, Paul Shelly, Pat Lalor, Philip Butler, Padraig Fogarty, Raymond Carew, Sam Walsh, Tommy Woodlock, Sean O'Dwyer.



The Loughmore Castleiney Team that defeated Holycross Ballycahill in the Mid Tipperary Under-21 A Football Final. Back row (l to r): Colm Campion, Martin Ryan, Eoin Ryan, Declan Bolger (captain), Brendan Healy, James Egan, Thomas Maher, Derek Bourke, Paul Brennan, Brendan Maher, Denis Higgins, David Moore. Front row: Stephen Ryan, John Scully, Eoin Brennan, Ronan Stapleton, Edward Connolly, Kieran McGrath, Evan Sweeney, Darren Danagher, David McGrath, Diarmuid Brennan, Andrew Sweeney, Kevin Stapleton.



The Boherlahan Dualla Panel that defeated Kilruane MacDonaghs in the County Under-21 B Football Final. Back row (l to r): Padraig Hickey, Alan Ryan, David Lowry, John O'Dwyer, Nicky Murphy, Kevin Leamy, Tomas Hayes, Edmund Leamy, Garry Crowe, Kevin Maher, Jack Maher, James Hayes, Paul Ryan. Front row: Brian Maher, A.J. Maher, David Ryan, Derek Patterson, David Patterson, Alan Fitzpatrick, Darragh Hickey, Joe Ryan (captain), James McGrath, James Ryan, Colin Bargary.





The Holycross Ballycahill Panel that defeated Moyne Templetuohy in the Mid Tipperary Minor 'B' Football Final. Back row (l to r): Cathal Delahunty, James Kennedy, Conor Morrissey, Liam Ryan, Michael King (captain), Pierce Stakelum, Stephen Ryan, Jamie Lowry, Liam Dwan, Thomas Lowry, Patrick Stakelum, Joe Butler, Darren Ryan, John Butler, Hilton Feehan. Front row: David English, Paudie Comerford, Brian Barrett, Michael Harty, James King, Michael Kennedy, Philip Kennedy, Thomas Fitzpatrick, James Dunne, Jamie Purcell, Kyle Denny, Sean Comerford.

The Drom & Inch Panel that defeated Loughmore Castleiney in the Bank of Ireland Mid Tipperary Minor A Football Final. Back row (l to r): Martin Flynn, Matthew McGrath, Johnny Ryan, Gary Ryan, Seamus Callinan, James Ryan, Edward Costello, James Woodlock, Kieran Young, Martin Butler, Donnacha Kennedy, Diarmuid Long, Eric Woodlock, Paul Connors, Joe Cahill. Front row: Andy Bourke, Philip Ryan, Cathal Flynn, Matthew Ryan, Daniel De Burca, Micheál Butler, Liam Ryan, Enda Walsh, Matthew Buckley, Damien Young.



Mid Board Delegates pictured at the final meeting of the Mid Board in the Park Avenue House Hotel, Thurles. Front row (l to r): Conor Kennedy, Moycarkey; Dick Buckley, Killea; Micheál Egan, Gortnahoe, Asst. Secretary; P.J. Leahy, Moyne Templetuohy, PRO; Tom Flynn, Moyne Templetuohy; Kevin Bourke, Drom/Inch; Larry Mackey, Thurles Fennellys. Back row: Matty Connolly, Boherlahan Dualla, secretary; J.C. Ryan, Upperchurch Drombane, Bord na nÓg; John Martin, J.K. Brackens; P.J. Maher, Boherlahan Dualla, vice-chairman; Jim Max, Thurles Sarsfields; Michael Ryan, Holycross Ballycahill; Andy O'Gorman, Gortnahoe Glengoole; Tom Maher, Moyne Templetuohy, treasurer.

At the opening of the new extension to the Drom & Inch Dressing Rooms at The Ragg. Picture (l to r): Fr Murphy, PP Drom & Inch; Sean Fogarty, Munster Council Chairman; Mattie Ryan, Chairman Drom & Inch; Michael Smith TD, Minister for Defence; Austin Broderick, committee; Donal Shanahan, County Board Chairman; John Doyle, Mid Board Chairman; Sean Hicks, Committee; John Ryan, Munster Council. Front: Willie Clohessy, FÁS Supervisor; Alice Costello, Secretary Drom & Inch; James O'Donnell, County Development Officer.



Competitors in the Mid Tipperary Long Puck Final. Picture (l to r): Damien Young, Drom & Inch; Willie Dempsey, Moycarkey Borris; Martin Goldsboro, Gortnahoe Glengoole, winner; Michael Ferncombe, Holycross Ballycahill; Paddy McCormack, Thurles Sarsfields.



John Doyle, Chairman of Mid Tipperary GAA Board presenting a set of Kit bags to Willie Clohessy, Chairman of Mid Tipperary Referees Committee at their AGM in Park Avenue House Hotel.

CO TIPPERARY 2004 Bord na nÓg



County Bord na nÓg Championship winning captains 2003 at the Presentation Night in the Park Avenue House Hotel.

Back row, l-r: Paul Egan, Borrisokane U16 C hurling; Mark Kelly, Ballinahinch U16 C football; Robbie Cunningham Cahir U14 B football; Dermot Molloy, St Pats U16 B hurling; Daniel Byrne, Moyle Rovers U16 A football; Matthew O'Donnell, Killenaule U16 B football; Thomas Butler, Clonoulty U12 A hurling; Kenneth English, Ballyporeen U14 football; Padraic Maher, Durlas Óg Féile na nGael hurling; Stephen Dorney, Durlas Óg U14 A football; Damien Roche, Carrick Swans U16 A hurling. Front row, l-r: Roger Peters, Cahir U12 A football; Joe Bergin, J.K. Brackens U14 B hurling; Patrick Hickey, Newport U14 C hurling; J.C. Ryan, county Bord na nÓg chairman; guest of honour Ken Hogan, Tipperary Senior Hurling Manager; Peter O'Sullivan, Newport U12 B football; Niall Gleeson, St Pat's U12 C hurling; Shane O'Carroll, Nenagh Éire Óg U14 A hurling; Dwayne Power for Gearóid Kent, Borrisoleigh, U14 B football.



The Clonoulty Rossmore panel that defeated Loughmore Castleiney in the County Tipperary U12 A hurling final.

Back row, l-r: Gerry Ryan, Timothy Ryan, Shane Croke, Sean Hayes, Kevin Maher, Seamus Carew, Aaron Ryan, Kieran Carroll, Martin Saddler, Kieran Quirke, Cathal Ryan, Andrew Purcell, Paul Hayes. Middle row, l-r: Ian Kelly, Darren Corcoran, Shane Fryday, Philip Ryan (c), Conor Hammersley, Cait Devane, Sean Maher, Eoin Breen. Front row, l-r: Jamie Kerins, Kieran Roft, Jack Spillane, Nickey Cullen, James Maher, Brian Armstrong, James Coffey, Sean Coffey.



Moyle Rovers U14 County Peil na nÓg winners

Front row, l-r: Aiden Flannery, Peter Hannigan, Denis McGrath, Darragh Dwyer, Shane Foley, David McGrath, Peter Acheson (capt), Shane Heffernan, Alan Campbell, Jack Lonergan. Back row, l-r: Michael Leahy, Charlie Purcell, Thomas Hill, Sean Boland, Ciarán Lorigan, Brian Smith, Ewan Moir, Dean Coffey. Selectors: Tony Smith, Tom Acheson, Eamon Dwyer.



The South Tipperary U14 panel that won the Peadar Cummins Shield in Borrisoleigh.

Billy Horan, Ian Ivors, Eoin McCormack, Conor Devaney, David Webster, Christopher Sheehan, Ian O'Dwyer, Kieran Murphy, Ciarán Lorigan, Finbar Horgan, Ciarán Shelly (capt), J.J. Butler, Andrew Fitzpatrick, Ross Morrissey, Brian Smith, John Moroney, Shane Ryan, James Waters, Darragh Ryan, Shane Gorey, M.J. Walsh, Luke Murphy, Sean Curran, Peter Acheson, Stephen Buckley, Paul McGrath, Alex Kirwan.



Lorrha panel that defeated Gortnahoe/Glengoole in the County U14 B football final

Back row, l-r: Sid Houlihan, Oliver Duggan, Aoife Brady, Jennifer Lewis, Ciarán Duggan, Liam Hogan, Andrew Hocht, Eoghan O'Meara, Des Hough, Ciarán Hough, James Hocht, James Duggan, Shaun Smith, Aidan Hough. Front row, l-r: Donie O'Meara, Catherine O'Meara, Graham Houlihan, William Maher, Brendan O'Brien, Noel Lane, Conor Hough, David Fogarty, Sean Cleary, Conor Glynn, Declan O'Meara.



The Ballylooby Castlegrace panel that defeated Ballina in the Tipperary Bord na nÓg County U12 C football final in Semple Stadium.

Back row, l-r: Denise McGill, Emer Myles, Deborah Kennelly, Johnny Cooney, Michael Murphy, Tommy Flanagan, Thomas Lonergan, Niamh Kennelly, Kyle Buckley. Front row, l-r: Aisling Condon, Niamh Myles, Eamon Gleeson, Seamus Burke, Ian Burns, TJ Hanrahan, Mark Doyle, Danny Morgan, Thomas Sampson, Mikey Burke, Brendan Walsh.



Tipperary U-15 Football Team, Winners of the Examiner Cup at the County Bord na nÓg Medal Presentation Night in the Park Avenue House Hotel. Back row, l-r: Fergal Ryan, Boherlahan, Dualla; Tony Dunne, Burgess; Keith Quigley, Burgess; Justin Conroy, Portroe; Shane Tuohy, Portroe; Colm Gleeson, Portroe; Robert Harrington, Newport; Thomas Grace, Ballinahinch; Brian O'Sullivan, Newport; Paul Fitzgerald, Cappawhite; Cathal Dillon, Aherlow; Roddy O'Dwyer, Golden; Liam Ryan, Holycross, Ballycahill; Joe Fletcher, Kileadangen; Timmy Dalton, Arravale Rovers; Brian Jones, Arravale Rovers; Brendan Walsh, Ardinnan. Front row, l-r: Thomas Stapleton, Templederry; Matthew O'Donnell, Killenaule; Jamie Flynn, Ballinahinch; J.C. Ryan, County Bord na nÓg, Chairman; Chris Aylward, Clonmel Óg (captain); guest of honour Tipperary All-Star footballer Declan Brown, Seamie Ryan, Sean Treacy's; Paul Ryan, Arravale Rovers; Barry Molloy, Moyle Rovers.

CO TIPPERARY 2004 Bord na nÓg



North Tipperary team that defeated Mid Tipperary in the final of the Peadar Cummins tournament in Borrisoleigh.

Back row, l-r: Patrick Murphy, Lorcan Ó Riordan, Mark Flannery, Martin Kennedy, John Sheedy, Keith Maher, William Donnelly, Sean McCormack, Joseph Gallagher. Front row, l-r: Kieran Duggan, David Nolan, Pat Conway, Kieran Hough, Michael Sheedy, Tom Ryan.



Pictured at the launch of the Arrabawn Co-op All-Ireland U16 hurling championship organised by Tipperary Bord na nÓg in Hayes Hotel, Thurles. Back row, l-r: Paddy Nagle, secretary Tipperary Bord na nÓg; Donie Shanahan, chairman Tipperary County Board; John Keane, manager of Galway U16 team holders of competition; Jackie Bolger, manager Tipperary U16 team; Gerry Ryan, Tipperary Supporters Club. Front row, l-r: Noreen Shiel, Galway; Tom Joyce, Arrabawn Co-op sponsors; J.C. Ryan, chairman Tipperary County Bord na nÓg; Jimmy O'Gorman, Waterford vice-chairman Munster Council who launched the competition.



Members of the Tipperary U16 football team, winners of the Munster U16 Shield at the County Bord na nÓg Presentation Night in the Park Avenue House Hotel. Back row, l-r: Timmy Dalton, William O'Dwyer, Bobby Ryan, Roddy O'Dwyer, Mark Tobin, Conor Morrissey, John Hennessy. Front row, l-r: David Maher, J.C. Ryan, chairman County Bord na nÓg, Daniel Lyne; guest of honour Tipperary All-Star footballer Declan Brown, Tony Ryan, Tom O'Donnell.



Burgess National School Winners of the County Tipperary GAA Primary Schools Quiz

Back row, l-r: Liam Hogan, youth committee; Jonathan Cullen, youth committee; Aoife Maher, youth committee; Nicholas Moroney, newly elected county youth officer. Front row, l-r: Damien Maher, Declan O'Donoghue, John Hally, outgoing county youth officer; Eoin Hogan, William Ryan.



Tipperary U16 Hurling Team winners of the Arrabawn Shield at Medal Presentation function in the Park Avenue House Hotel, Thurles.

Back row, l-r: Martin Walsh, Kilruane McDonaghs; Eddie Costelloe, Drom-Inch; Kevin Lanigan, Carrick Swans; Joey Moloughney, Templederry; Ray Moloughney, Kilruane McDonaghs; Jack Maher, Lorrha; Daniel Lyne, Moyle Rovers; Eoin Barrett, Rockwell Rovers; James Heffernan, Clonoulty Rossmore; Thomas Hassett, Moyne Templetuohy; Kieran McGrath, Galtee Rovers; James Dudley, Rockwell Rovers. Middle row, l-r: Jodie Ryan, Sean Treacy's; Padraic Hayes, Knockavilla Kickhams; Matthew Ryan, Templederry; Brian Moran, Moycarkey Borris; Lar Corbett (special guest), Michael Heelan, Knockavilla Kickhams; Danny O'Hanlon, Carrick Swans; Kieran Riede, Carrick Swans; Sean Cahill, Ballingarry. Front row, l-r: Kevin Cahalan, Shannon Rovers; Donal McGrath, Templederry; Kieran Marnane, Galtee Rovers; Paraic Stapleton, Borrisoleigh.



Board Officers and Selectors of the Presentation of Shield and medals after the Arrabawn U16 Shield final.

L-r: Tom Kennedy (selector), Hugo Browne (selector), Noel Browne (selector), J.C. Ryan (chairman Tipperary County Bord na nÓg), Tom Joyce (Arrabawn Co-op sponsors of competition), Damien McCormack (captain Tipperary), Frank Morris (treasurer Tipperary County Bord na nÓg), Jackie Bolger (team manager), Ken Dunne (selector), Ricky Sheehan (PRO Tipperary County Bord na nÓg).

North Tipperary Bord Na nÓg 04

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LIST OF CHAMPIONSHIP WINNING CAPTAINS FOR 2004

U-12 A Football	Burgess	J.P.Grace
U-12 B Football	Borrisokane	Peter McSherry
U-12 C Football	Ballina	Daire King
U-14 A Football	Kildangan	Oisín Ingleback
U-14 B Football	Lorrha	Noel Lane
U-16 A Football	Burgess Gaels	Denis Carroll
U-16 B Football	Portroe	Conor Ryan
U-12 A Hurling	Burgess	Eoin Hogan
U-12 B Hurling	Silvermines	Padraig Bourke
U-12 C Hurling	Nenagh Eire Og	Donnacha Heffernan
U-14 A Hurling	Kildangan	Joseph Gallagher
U-14 B Hurling	Newport	Ciaran Doherty
U-16 A Hurling	Kilruane Mac Donaghs	Michael Costello
U-16 B Hurling	Borris-Ileigh	Rory Ryan
U-16 C hurling	Silvermines	Daragh Walsh

FOOTBALL

U-12 A

Semi-final	Burgess	0-5	Nenagh Eire Og	0-2
	Kilruane MacD	1-4	Newport	1-4
Final	Burgess	2-8	Kilruane MacD	0-3

U-12 B

Semi-final	Borrisokane	1-4	Kildangan	2-1
Replay	Borrisokane	6-7	Kildangan	1-2
	Lorrha	2-7	Templederry	1-6
Final	Borrisokane	1-3	Lorrha	0-5

U-12 C

Semi-final	Silvermines	5-3	Portroe	2-3
Final	Ballina	1-4	Silvermines	0-4

U-14 A

Semi-final	Kildangan	1-8	Burgess	1-2
	Newport	2-5	Nenagh Eire Óg	0-5
Final	Kildangan	4-11	Newport	0-4

U-14 B

Semi-final	Lorrha	2-12	Templederry	0-0
	S-Rovers Gaels	0-10	Portroe	2-2
Final	Lorrha	5-6	S-Rovers Gaels	0-3

U-16 A

Semi-final	Burgess Gaels	1-7	Kilruane MacD	0-7
	Inane Rovers	3-5	Nenagh Eire Og	2-5
Final	Burgess Gaels	1-10	Inane Rovers	1-7

U-16 B

Semi-final	Portroe	2-9	Silvermines	2-6
	Lorrha	2-6	Kildangan	2-6
Replay	Lorrha	1-9	Kildangan	2-5
Final	Portroe	1-7	Lorrha	0-8

HURLING

U-12 A

Semi-final	Burgess Gaels	1-3	Nenagh Eire Og	1-3
Replay	Burgess Gaels	1-4	Nenagh Eire Og	1-2
	Roscrea	4-1	Kilruane MacD	2-5
Final	Burgess Gaels	3-1	Roscrea	1-1



Kildangan U-14 panel – North football 'A' and hurling 'A' champions. County Féile na nGael winners. Back row (l. to r.): Paddy Hayes (s), Connie Whelan (s), Eanna Gleeson, Seanie Hackett, Cian Hayes, Ruairi Gleeson, Sarah Gleeson, Pauric Kelly, Jim Moloughney (s). Middle row: Adrian Whelan, Jason McGahey, Jack Fahy, James Moloughney, Rory Whelan, Stephen James Gleeson, Oisín Ingleback, Eamonn Kelly (s), Roger Gleeson (s). Front: Michaela Cooley, Patrick Gallagher, Michael Quinn, Cathal Dullea, Joseph Gallagher (capt.), Fergal Hayes, Shane Seymour, Michael Gearey, Liam Madden, Emma Mulqueen.



North Tipperary U-16 hurling team: Munster championship winners. Back row (l. to r.): David Gleeson, Gearóid Ryan, Eoin Hogan, Brendan Maher, Justin Conroy, Joseph Moloughney, Seamus Hennessy, David Minogue, Timmy Gleeson, Tom Stapleton, Darren O'Carroll, Ken Dunne. Second row: Gavin McAvinchey, Seamus Gleeson (selector with daughter), Ger Corcoran, Donagh Maher, Robert Duff, Colm Gleeson, John King, Brian Maxwell, Eoin Gleeson, Simon Kelly, Paul Maher, Vincent McKenna (manager). Front: Barry Hogan (boy), Barry Cahalan, Michael Heffernan, Michael O'Meara, Tony Dunne.

(Pic: Bridget Delaney)



Burgess Gaels (Burgess/Ballinahinch) U-16 football 'A' champions. Back row (l. to r.): Jamie Flynn, Willie Gleeson, Donagh Maher, Brian Delee, Michael Hogan, Keith Quigley, John Hogan, Brian Quinn, Liam O'Donoghue, John Fogarty, Timmy Ryan, Shane Healy, Tony Dunne. Kneeling: Paddy Ryan, Thomas Grace, James Young, Rory Ryan, Denis Carroll (capt.), Sean Berkery, Donal Fogarty, Brian Mulcahy, Paddy Ryan and Willie Gleeson.

(Pic: Bridget Delaney)



Kilruane MacDonagh's U-16 hurling team—North 'A' champions. Back row (l. to r.): Pat Conway, Eoin Hogan, Patrick Lawlor, Thomas Williams, Jonathan Cahill, Gavin McAvinchey, Freddie Williams, Gier Corcoran, Declan Barrett, Kevin Ryan. Front: Timmy Walsh, Kieran Boyle, Padraig Kelly, Shane Hodgins, Shane Quinlan, Michael Costello (captain), Liam Gibson, Seamus Hennessy, Cian Williams.

(Pic: Bridget Delaney)

U-12 B

Semi-final	Silvermines	3-0	Kildangan	0-7
	S-Rovers Gaels	2-3	Borrisokane	1-4
Final	Silvermines	1-2	S-Rovers Gaels	0-1

U-12 C

Final Best of three

Nenagh Eire Og	6-1	Ballinahinch	4-1
Nenagh Eire Og	6-2	Ballinahinch	0-2
Nenagh Eire Og	0-5	Ballinahinch	2-6
Nenagh Eire Og won two games to one			

U-14 A

Semi-final	Kildangan	3-6	Templederry	0-2
	Lorrha	1-7	Nenagh Eire Og	1-6
Final	Kildangan	0-5	Lorrha	0-5
Replay	Kildangan	1-9	Lorrha	1-6

U-14 B

Semi-final	Newport	2-6	Portroe	0-3
	S-Rovers Gaels	5-5	Ballina	1-6
Final	Newport	3-2	S-Rovers Gaels	2-2

U-16 A

Semi-final	Kilruane MacD	2-8	Roscrea	0-6
	Toomevara	5-17	Nenagh Eire Og	2-7
Final	Kilruane MacD	2-10	Toomevara	0-10

U-16 B

Semi-final	Borris-Ileigh	2-12	S-Rovers Gaels	0-7
	Kildangan	3-9	Lorrha	2-9
Final	Borris-Ileigh	3-11	Kildangan	0-5

U-16 C

Final	Silvermines	6-12	Ballina	1-3
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Plate Competitions commenced to give all teams that did not reach the Roinn A semi finals, plus winners of the U-14 B championship, some extra hurling. They were an outstanding success.

U-12 HURLING PLATE

Final	Toomevara	3-2	Newport	1-4
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U-14 HURLING PLATE

Final	Toomevara	3-11	Roscrea	1-6
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PEIL NA N'OG

Final	Nenagh Eire Og	4-4	Kildangan	3-6
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FEILE NA GAEL

Final	Kildangan	2-5	Nenagh Eire Og	1-3
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POC FADA WINNER Keith Maher Moneygall

FEILE SKILLS WINNER Alan Hogan Shannon Rovers

HURLING TOURNAMENTS

U-16 HURLING GARDA CUP

	North Tipperary	3-12	West Tipp	0-10
Final	North Tipperary	1-12	Mid Tipp	1-12
Replay	North Tipperary	0-12	Mid Tipp	1-10

MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIP

U-16 HURLING

Rd 1	North Tipperary	2-19	Mid Clare	2-17
Semi-Final	North Tipperary	1-11	East Clare	1-11 a.e.t.
Replay	North Tipperary	3-11	East Clare	2-8
Final	North Tipperary	2-15	S/E Limerick	2-11



The Nenagh Eire Og panel that defeated Durlas Og in the County Bord na nOg under-12 'C' county hurling final. Pictured, back: (l to r.): Paul Slattery, Donnacha Heffernan, Barry Heffernan, Gary Power, Paul Gleeson, Mark Higginbottom, Conor Kennedy, Ian Hogan, Matthew Corrigan. Front row (l. to r.): Adam Grattan, Dwayne Kenneally, Brendan O'Brien, Stephen Nagle, Tommy McLoughlin, Andrew Weinman, Christopher Tinkler, Donnacha Quinn. (Pic: John McLoughlin)



Burgess U-12 footballers – North 'A' champions. Back row (l. to r.): Ryan Cooney, Ciaran Ryan, Kevin Seymour, Damien Maher, Michael O'Flaherty, Eoin Hogan, Darren Garland, Brian Sherlock, Kevin O'Flaherty, Anthony Collins, Michael Vincent Mulqueen. Middle row: Aine O'Halloran, Tadhg O'Halloran, Thomas Walsh, William Ryan, Tony Hogan, J.P. Grace (capt.), Daniel Ryan, Peter Gill, John O'Dwyer, Jack O'Flaherty. Front: Robbie Reidy, Brian McGarry, Robert Mulqueen, Patrick Alanso, Luke Hogan. (Pic: Bridget Delaney)



Connie Grace received a presentation from Seán Creamer, North Bord na nOg chairman, for his outstanding service to Bord na nOg, while his wife Kathleen received a bouquet of flowers from North Bord na nOg secretary Anne McGrath. (Pic: Bridget Delaney)



Peadar Cummins/Tony Forrestal: Front row (l. to r.): Shane Maher, Cliff Maloney, Billy Heffernan (Peadar Cummins). Back row (l. to r.): Mark Flannery (capt. Tony Forrestal), Mattie Lillis (selector), Paddy Murphy. (Pic: Bridget Delaney)

MUNSTER U-16 CHAMPIONSHIP

Well done to panel, selectors, and all involved in this magnificent display. There were some excellent displays in this competition. North Tipp showed great character in the semi final, the replay and the final. Well done to the selectors Vincent, Ken and Seamus. A special thanks, to Proctor and Gamble for their generous sponsorship, and Kathy Tynan who looked after all the injuries throughout the campaign.

The winning North Tipp U-16 team and panel that defeated South East Limerick in the Munster Final are as follows.

They full team and panel: John King, Moneygall, David Minogue, Nenagh Éire Óg, Timmy Gleeson, Toomevara, Justin Conroy, Portroe, Tomas Stapleton, Templederry, Eoin Hogan, Kilruane MacDonaghs, Barry Cahalan, Shannon Rovers, Tony Dunne, Burgess, Simon Kelly, Portroe, Gearóid Ryan, Templederry, Seamus Hennessy, Kilruane MacDonaghs, Eoin Gleeson, Kildangan, Brendan Maher, Borris-Ileigh, Joseph McLoughney, Toomevara (capt.), Michael O'Meara, Lorrha, Ger Corcoran, Kilruane MacDonagh, Brian Maxwell, Nenagh, Michael Heffernan, do, Robert Duff, Toome, Paul Maher, Borris-Ileigh, Donagh Maher, do, David Gleeson, Portroe, Darren Carroll, Shannon Rovers, Colm Gleeson, Portroe, Gavin McAvinchy, Kilruane MacDonagh.



Portroe U-10 hurlers – winners of the Killaloe Hurling U-10 Tournament 2004. Back row: Donnacha Keating (manager), and Anthony O'Connor (selector). Middle row: Nigel Flood, Michael Malone, Conor Byrne, Ian O'Donnell, Niall Gleeson, Shane Ryan and Shane Cody. Front row: Ciarán Quilligan, Greg O'Brien, Conor Leo, Michael O'Connor (capt.), Kevin O'Halloran, Jack Keating and Joseph Knight.



Left to right: Cian Tucker (captain of U-15 Tipperary Carrigdhown Shield winners), Mike Heffernan.



Left to right: David Minnoge, Brian Maxwell, Mikie Heffernan, Members of the Victorious North Tipperary U-16 team.

U-16 FRIENDS OF TIPPERARY FOOTBALL

North Tipp were drawn against West Tipperary in the semi final and were beaten by, 2-11 to 2-8 after extra time. North Tipp played Mid Tipp in the Shield final.

Panel: Stephen Nevin, Shannon, Rovers; Michael Hctor, Lorrha, Brian Maxwell, Nenagh Éire Óg, Jos Fletcher, Kildangan; Philip Donnellan, Shannon Rovers, Keith Quigley, Burgess, Justin Conroy, (capt.) Portroe; Tony Dunne, Burgess, Padraic O'Leary, Templederry; Colm Gleeson, Portroe, Thomas Grace, Ballinahinch, Simon Kelly, Portroe; Jamie Flynn, Ballinahinch, David Hogan, Shannon Rovers, Michael O'Meara, Lorrha.

Subs: Brian O'Sullivan, Newport; David Ahern Portroe; Jeff McDonnell, Kildangan; Rob Harrington Newport; Shane Tuohy, Portroe; David Murray, Newport; Shane Healy, Ballinahinch; Donnacha Hassey, Kildangan; Patrick Maher, Lorrha; Thomas Stapleton, Templederry.

PEADAR CUMMINS PANEL

Earlier in the year North Tipperary won the Annual Peadar Cummins tournament which was hosted by the Borris-Ileigh Juvenile club.

The full panel is as follows.

John Sheedy Portroe, Martin Kennedy Moneygall, Mark Flannery Nenagh Éire Óg (capt), Seán McCormack Borris-Ileigh, Lorcan O'Riordan Roscrea, Joseph Gallagher Kildangan, Ciaran Duggan Lorrha, Keith Maher Moneygall, Ciaran Hough Lorrha, David Nolan Toomevara, William Donnelly Borris-Ileigh, Michael Sheedy Portroe, Pat Conway Kilruane MacD, Patrick Murphy Nenagh Éire Óg, Tom Ryan Templederry, Cian Hayes, Ruairi Gleeson and Pairic Kelly Kildangan, Shane Maher Nenagh Éire Óg, Shane Garland Burgess, Kieran Doheny Newport, Alan Hannigan Shannon Rovers, Tadgh McLoughlin Templederry, Owen O'Meara Lorrha, Cliff Moloney Nenagh Éire Óg, Billy Heffernan Nenagh Éire Óg, Cian Williams Kilruane MacD, Jody Troy Moneygall, Noel Quirke Silvermines, Brian O'Meara Knockshegowna, plus Brendan O'Brien and Conor Hough Lorrha.

NORTH TIPPERARY BORD NA NÓG



Successful hurling captains at juvenile level who received medals on behalf of their respective teams at North Bord na nÓg Presentation Function. Back row (l to r): Kieran Donnolly, Newport; Darragh Walsh, Silvermines; Michael Costelloe, Kilruan McDonaghs; Joey McLoughney, Toomevara; Rory Ryan, Borrisoleigh; Joseph Gallagher, Kildangan. Seated: Padraig Bourke, Silvermines; Donnacha Heffernan, Nenagh Éire Óg; Eoin Hogan, Burgess; Deirdre Hughes (guest player), Benny Dunne (guest player) David Nolan, Toomevara. Missing from photo: Andrew Ryan, Silvermines.

North Tipperary Under-16 hurlers won the Divisional Munster Championship, pictured at the North Tipperary Bord na nÓg presentation function. Back row (l to r): Paul Maher, Robert Duff, Gearoid Ryan, Eoin Hogan, Ger Corcoran, Tom Stapleton, Timmy Gleeson, Conor Gleeson, Simon Kelly, Justin Cottrell, Brian Maxwell, David Gleeson, Darren Carroll, Barry Cahalan. Front: Michael Heffernan, Brendan Maher, John King, Deirdre Hughes (guest player), Benny Dunne (guest player), Joey McLoughney (captain), Eoin Gleeson, Gavin McAvinchey. Absent from photo includes Tony Dunne.



Successful football captains at juvenile level who received medals on behalf of their respective team at the North Tipperary Bord na nÓg Presentation Function.

Back row (l to r): J.P. Grace, Burgess; Denis Carroll, Burgess Gaels; Tommy Dunne, Lorrha; Oisín Ingelbach, Kildangan; Conor Ryan, Portroe. Seated: Darragh King, Ballina; Deirdre Hughes (guest player); Benny Dunne (guest player); Peter McSherry, Borrisokane.



Orla Hogan, Ballycommon, Nenagh, won three silver medals and one bronze medal in the European Transplant and Dialysis Games with her parents Seamus and Nora Hogan. Seamus won an All-Ireland senior hurling medal with Tipperary in 1971.



ABOVE – The game is analysed by hurling purists at the interval of an important game in Dolla (from left): Dinny Carroll, Michael Kearns and Michael McDonnell.

(Photo: Bridget Delaney)



Toomevara U-12 Panel 2004.
North Tipperary Plate
Champions. Back row (l to r):
Conor Delaney, Donal Troy,
Willie Ryan, Martin O'Meara,
Paric Shanahan, Michéal
Hogan, Brian Delaney, Andrew
Ryan (captain), Brian Dunne,
Colm Canning, Michael Ryan,
Padi Burke, Keith O'Neill,
Roger Hanlon, Aoife Murphy.
Front row: Mark McCarthy,
Ashley Bentley, Kieran
Meagher, Colin Hall, Shane
Nolan, Mark Harty, James
McCormack, Michael Ryan,
Eric Campbell, Jason Ryan,
Niamh Gleeson.

Silvermines Under-12 North
Tipperary 'B' Champions 2004.
Back row (l to r): Roisin Stanley,
Laura O'Keefe, Maria Fogarty,
Laura Collins, Brid Quinn, Rachel
Greene, Padraig Burke (captain),
Chloe Fahy, Laura Power, Shane
Kennedy, Thomas Clarke, T.J. Ryan,
Niall Kennedy, Niall Kenny. Middle
row: Jonathan Hayes, Kieran
Kennedy, Emmet O'Brien, Seamus
Hogan, Brian Daniels, Will Power,
Jason Forde, Graham Curtin, Conor
Heyward, Brian O'Flynn, T.J.
Timmons. Front row: Bruce Hayes,
Niall Kennedy, Oisín Fitzpatrick,
Graham Clifford, Padraig Fogarty.



Newport U-14 Hurlers -
North 'B' Champions
Back row (l to r): Darren
Moroney, Darren Moore,
Aiden Ryan, Conor Keating,
Patrick Floyd, Steven Carroll,
Declan Hayes, Stephen
O'Connor, Ann Marie Ryan,
Kieran Doherty, Kevin
McGlynchy, Anthony
Clifford.
Front row (l to r): Frankie
Foley, Paul Ryan, Sean
O'Brien, Michael McKeogh,
Blane Lenihen, Kevin
O'Brien, Peter O'Sullivan,
Sean Harte, Bobby Carroll,
Odhran Floyd.



Silvermines Under-16 panel, North and County 'C' champions.
Back row (l to r): Fergal Timmons, Liam Keogh, John Butler, David
Keogh, Denis Fahy, William Corcoran, Kieran Walsh, Andrew Kelly,
Ger Grace. Middle row: Joseph Ryan, Paddy Ryan, Aaron Stanley,
Kenneth Holland, Daniel Keogh, Noel Quirke, William Feehily, Kevin
Walsh. Front row: Joseph O'Connell, Matthew Collins, Michael Abbott,
Oran Chadwick, Darragh Walsh (captain), Kieran Fogarty, Gary
Toohey, Adrian Young.



Burgess Under-12 hurlers - North 'A' Champions. Back row (l to r):
Ryan Cooney, Kieran Ryan, Damien Maher, Kevin O'Flaherty, J.P.
Grace, Kevin Seymour, Michael O'Flaherty, Tony Hogan, Thomas
Walsh.
Middle row: Aine O'Halloran, Tadhg O'Halloran, John O'Dwyer,
Daniel Ryan, Michael Vincent Mulqueen, Eoin Hogan (captain), Brian
Sherlock, Peter Gill, Jack O'Flaherty.
Front: Robert Mulqueen, Jack Donovan, Patrick Alanso, Brian McGarry,
Christopher Armitage, William Ryan, Robert Reidy.

West BORD NA NÓG Report

RESULTS

FOOTBALL

Fitzpatricks Printers Tipperary U/12(A) Football

Semi Finals: Arravale Rovers: 1-7 Galtee Rovers: 1-4
Kickhams: 1-2 Clonoulty Rossmore: 0-5
(Replay): Clonoulty Rossmore: 1-7 Kickhams: 1-4
Final: Arravale Rovers: 2-6 Clonoulty Rossmore: 1-2
County Final: Arravale Rovers: 2-6 Clonmel Comm.: 1-7

P.P. O'Dwyer Hardware, Dundrum U/12(B) Football

Semi Finals: Rockwell Rovers: 6-11 Lattin Cullen: 3-9
Emly: 2-6 Eire Óg: 3-3 (Draw)
(Replay): Emly: 5-4 Eire Óg: 2-4
Final: Rockwell Rovers: 3-6 Emly: 2-5

U/12(B) Shield Final

Final: Aherlow: 2-3 Golden-Kilfeacle: 1-3

U/12(C) Final

Final: Sologhead: 1-5 Sean Treacys: 0-4

Hanley Tyre Centre Tipperary U/14(A) Football

Semi Finals: Arravale Rovers: 2-10 Clonoulty Rossmore: 1-4
Cashel KC: 1-5 Rockwell Rovers: 0-7
Final: Arravale Rovers: 1-9 Cashel KC: 1-3
Co. Final: Arravale Rovers: 1-7 Moyle Rovers: 0-9

Sergeant Peppers Tipperary U/14(B) Football

Semi Finals: Galtee Rovers: 0-14 Emly: 2-4
Golden-Kilfeacle: 0-6 Cappawhite: 0-2
Final: Galtee Rovers: 4-7 Golden Kilfeacle: 2-6

Kala Electrical Tipperary U/14(C) Football

Final: Lattin Cullen: 3-8 Sologhead: 2-6

AIB Tipperary U/16(A) Football

Semi Finals: Aherlow: 5-6 Cappawhite: 1-2
Arravale Rovers: 2-15 Cashel KC: 1-8
Final: Arravale Rovers: 3-9 Aherlow: 2-7
Co. Final: Arravale Rovers: 1-8 Durlas Óg: 1-8 (draw)
Replay: Arravale Rovers: 3-8 Durlas Óg: 1-7

Quirke Jewellers Tipperary U/16(B) Football

Semi Finals: Golden Kilfeacle: 4-13 Eire Óg: 1-11
Clonoulty Rossmore: 0-9 Kickhams: 2-2
Final: Clonoulty Rossmore: 5-12 Golden Kilfeacle: 2-9

Cashel Credit Union U/16(C) Football

Semi Finals: Lattin Cullen: 5-10 Sologhead: 2-2
Emly: 1-4 Rockwell Rovers: 5-5
Final: Lattin Cullen -vs- Rockwell Rovers

Friends of Tipperary U/16 Inter-Divisional Football

Semi Final: West Tipp: 4-14 North Tipp: 3-14
Final: South Tipp: 2-12 West Tipp: 3-6

2004 WEST BORD NA NÓG COMMITTEE

Chairman: Richard O'Connor (Arravale Rovers)

Vice Chairmen: Phil Ryan (Kickhams)

Gerry Beary (Cappawhite)

Secretary: John Hally (Rockwell Rovers)

Asst. Secretary: Liam O'Dwyer (Eire Óg)

Treasurer: D.J. Carr (Golden-Kilfeacle)

P.R.O.: Tommy Fitzgerald (Sologhead)

Registrar: Rodger Ryan (Cashel KC)

HURLING

Gleeson Concrete U/12(A) Hurling

Semi Finals: Clonoulty Rossmore: 4-8 Arravale Rovers: 0-1
Kickhams: 1-6 Eire Óg: 2-5
Final: Clonoulty Rossmore: 4-8 Eire Óg: 1-1

Tipp Co-Op U/12(B) Hurling

Semi Finals: Emly: 0-5 Golden Kilfeacle: 0-3
Galtee Rovers: 5-7 Lattin Cullen: 3-9 (Replay)
Final: Galtee Rovers: 2-3 Emly: 0-4

Noel Browne Bus Hire U/12(C) Hurling

Final: Aherlow: 3-5 Sean Treacys: 2-3

Kelly Soft Drinks Tipperary U/14(A) Hurling

Semi Finals: Kickhams: 1-6 Cashel KC: 2-2
Arravale Rovers: 2-6 Clonoulty Rossmore: 2-5
Final: Kickhams: 4-8 Arravale Rovers: 4-7

Caulfields Super Valu Tipperary U/14(B) Hurling

Semi Finals: Lattin Cullen: 2-4 Eire Óg: 1-1
Sologhead: 3-5 Golden Kilfeacle: 2-4
Final: Sologhead: 2-4 Lattin Cullen: 2-2

Amber Oil Tipperary U/14(C) Hurling

Semi Finals: Emly: 4-6 Galtee Rovers: 2-0
Sean Treacys: (W.O.) Aherlow: (SCR)
Final: Emly: 6-11 Sean Treacys: 0-3

Tipperary Credit Union U/16(A) Hurling

Semi Finals: Kickhams: 7-14 Aherlow: 0-6
Arravale Rovers: 2-10 Clonoulty Rossmore: 1-3 (Replay)
Final: Kickhams: 2-10 Arravale Rovers: 2-8

Centenary Co-Op U/16(B) Hurling

Semi Finals: Eire Óg: 2-17 Golden Kilfeacle: 1-3 (Replay)
Cappawhite: (W.O.) Sean Treacys: (SCR)
Final: Cappawhite: 4-11 Eire Óg: 2-8

U/16(C) Hurling

Final: Rockwell Rovers: 3-5 Lattin Cullen: 0-9

U/12 Shield Final

Final: Cashel KC: 3-7 Cappawhite: 1-5

Coca Cola (Feile Na Gael) U/14 Hurling

Final: Clonoulty Rossmore: 1-6 Kickhams: 0-7

Garda Cup (U/16 Hurling) Inter-Divisional

Semi Final: North Tipp: 3-14 West Tipp: 0-11
Shield Final: West Tipp: 2-11 South Tipp: 1-14 (Draw)
Munster U/16(B) Championship
Quarter Final: West Tipp: 2-19 Muskerry (Cork): 0-6
Semi Final: West Tipp: 3-15 Kerry: 1-6
Munster Final: West Tipp: 2-12 Carraighdhoun (Cork): 0-12
Coke Cola Skills Star: Christopher O'Connor (Sologhead)
Coke Cola Poc Fada: Gerry Horgan (Kickhams)

U/12 (A) County Final

Final: Clonoulty Rossmore: 1-5 Loughmore Castleiney: 1-2

REPRESENTATIVES TO COUNTY BORD na NÓG

Liam O'Dwyer (Eire Óg) Tommy Fitzgerald (Sologhead)

REPRESENTATIVES TO SENIOR BOARD

D.J. Carr (Golden-Kilfeacle)





Bord na nOg Medal Presentation - Front L/R - Liam O'Dwyer, Chairman West Referees; Tommy Fitzgerald, West PRO.; Richard O'Connor, West Chairman; Sean Fogarty, Chairman Munster Council; Billy Ryan, Chairman West Senior Board. Middle L/R - Ciaran McAuley, Emly; Declan Burns, Solohead; Patrick Ryan, Clonoulty/R; Diarmuid Cullen, Clonoulty/R; Paul Ryan, Arravale Rovers; Jason Loughman, Kickhams; Barry O'Donnell, Rockwell Rovers; Matthew Ryan, Cappawhite; Jason Collins, Galtee Rovers; Declan Ryan, Arravale Rovers; Gerry Horgan, Kickhams. Back L/R - Shane Leahy, Arravale Rovers; Robert Breedy, Rockwell Rovers; John Breen, Lattin/C; Eoin Quirke, Cashel; Ian O'Brien, Galtee Rovers; Joseph O'Riordan, Solohead; Phillip Ryan, Clonoulty/R; John Scanlon, Rockwell Rovers.



LATTIN U14 FC - Front L/R - Agnes Mc Cahill, Arthur Dunne, Maurice Leahy, Jason Ryan, Michael Kirby, John Breen, Jerry Mc Cahill, Timmie Heffernan, Alan Hayes, Eoin Ryan, Cathal Martin. Back L/R - Michael Ryan, Martin Kirby, Matthew O'Donoghue, Billy Heffernan, Michael Martin, Michael Hanley, John Condon, Gerard Ryan, John O'Heeney, Shane Russell, Pat Ryan, Shane Enright, Leonard Leahy.



Seen here at medal presentation with Declan Browne after historic achievement in winning all the underage County Football 'A' titles in 2004. L/R - Declan Ryan U14F Captain, Shane Leahy U12F A Captain and Paul Ryan U16F A Captain. Arravale Rovers also captured the U18F A County title.



Kickhams U16 HA - Front row (l to r) - Thomas Horgan, Pakie Farrell, Pdraig Morrissey, John Fryday, Jason Loughman, Tommy Hewitt, Shane Morrissey, Sean Keogh, Jack Ryan, Stephen Griffey, Sean Hanley. Back row (l to r) - Kevin Griffin, Jason White, John Slattery, Eoin Butler, Killian Heney, Gerry Horgan, Stephen Buckley, Billy Bourke, Dara Browne, Gerry O'Brien, Patrick O'Brien.



Colin Morrissey and Seamus Butler at the AHERLOW GAA Summer Camp 2004.



Kickhams U14AH Team and Supporters - Team front row (l to r) - Shane M. Ryan, Shane Heelan, Eoin Carew, Thomas Ryan, John Griffey, Rory Heffernan, Pdraig Slattery, Dannie Carbery, Cathal Morrissey, Noel Ryan, Patrick Ryan, Niall O'Brien. Back row (l to r) - T.J. Freaney, Jerry O'Brien, Phillip Ryan, Davy Butler, Stephen Griffey, Gerry Horgan, Kenneth Horgan, Mark Ryan, Sheena Ryan, Daniel Kennedy, Patrick O'Brien, Willie Barry, Avril Fryday.



Rockwell Rovers U12 FB - Front L/R: Owen Ryan, Gerry O'Rourke, Joe Doherty, Patrick Keating, TJ Ryan, Phillip Hickey, Robert O'Donnell, Michael Barron, Shane Hally, Jamie Kennedy, Joshua Keane, Anna Brizay. Back L/R - Aaron Gallagher, Mark O'Brien, James Maxwell, Anne Maxwell, Evan Maher, Stephanie O'Halloran, Jack Moloney, JJ Cooney, Padraig Ryan, Eamon Barron, Eoin O'Brien, Eoin Sheehy, Gary Meehan, Tony Kennedy, Aidan Barron, Kayleigh O'Rourke, Robert Breedy.



Solohead U12 FC - Front L/R - Elaine Franklin, Seamus Burns, Ross Ryan, Paula Burns, Joseph Dawson, Kevin Burns, Dean O'Dwyer, Christopher Ryan, Declan Ryan. Back L/R - Catherine Sheridan, Christopher Barry, Eamon Quirke, Fintan Griffin, Joseph Riordan, Thomas Quinlan, Joan Ryan, Alice O'Connor, Sam Monaghan, Thomas Sheridan, Cliona Quirke, Eoin Riordan, Noreen Ryan, Ger Riordan.



Cappawhite U16HB - Front L/R - Paul Fitzgerald, John Mc Grath, Anthony Cummins, Paul Crowe, Matthew Ryan, Gerry O'Neill, Donagh Heffernan, Jim Carr, Paddy Barry, Martin O'Connor, Shane Coughlan. Back L/R - John O'Neill, Daragh Buckley, John Hourigan, Keith Ryan, Colin Andrews, Mark Quinlan, Mitch Barry, Vincent Barry, Matthew Ralph, Paddy Maguire.



West U-16 panel - Back row, l to r: Paul Ryan (Arravale Rovers), John O'Keefe (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Patrick Ryan (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Diarmuid Cullen (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Paul Fitzgerald (Cappawhite), Aidan Fogarty (Cashel K C), Gavin Browne (Cashel K C), Daithi Ivors (Golden-Kilfeacle), Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers), Seamus Grogan (Aherlow), Noel Leahy (Eire Og Annacathry), Eoin Kennedy (Eire Og Annacathry), Sean Spillane (Arravale Rovers). Front row, l to r: Michael Fitzgerald (Golden-Kilfeacle), Brian Fox (Eire Og Annacathry), Ned Lowry (Arravale Rovers), Kevin Fox (Eire Og Annacathry), Darragh O'Brien (Cashel K C), Timmy Dalton (Arravale Rovers), Padraig White (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Roddy O'Dwyer (Golden-Kilfeacle), Stephen Martin (Lattin-Cullen), Padraig O'Dwyer (Eire Og Annacathry), John Ryan (Cashel K C), Cathal Dillon (Aherlow).



Solohead U14H C - Front (l to r) - Averley Quirke, Danny Collins, Christopher Ryan, Aidan Coffey, Declan Burns, Thomas Sheridan, Joseph Riordan, Cliona Quirke, Aidan Ryan. Back row (l to r) - Sean Riordan, Ciara O'Dwyer, Damien Ryan, Stephen O'Hora, Eoin Ryan, Brendan Collins, Ciaran Griffin, Jason Lynch, Christopher O'Connor, Declan Riordan, Alice O'Connor, Thomas Sheridan.



West Tipperary Munster U16B Champions - Front L/R - Maurice Ryan, Padraig O'Dwyer, Michael Fitzgerald, Brian Jones, Paul Ryan, Padraig White, Seamus Grogan, Daithi Ivors, Diarmuid Cullen, Stephen Martin, Timothy Dalton, Gavin Browne, Darragh O'Brien, Ned Lowry, Brian Fox, Rhodie O'Dwyer, Kevin Fox, Eamon Fogarty, Kevin Fox(Snr.). Back L/R - Gerry Beary, Tom O'Donnell, John O'Keefe, Cathal Dillon, Paul Fitzgerald, Patrick Ryan, Noel Leahy, Eoin Kennedy, Sean Spillane, John Ryan(B), Noel Browne.

Mid Bord na nÓg Results 2004

GRADE	DATE	RESULT	VENUE	REFEERE
Morans U-12 'A' Football	17 th May	Loughmore-Castleiney.3-07 Durlas Óg.....4-00	Holycross	Kevin Butler
Home Heat Providers U-12 'B' Football	31 st May	Gortnahoe-Glengoole..1-03 Moycarkey-Borris.....0-04	Holycross	Pat Cullen
Denis Kinnane Motors U-14 'A' Football	16 th June	Loughmore-Castleiney.1-06 J.K. Brackens.....2-01	Drombane	Willie Kennedy
John J. Ronayne Ltd. U-14 'B' Football	10 th June	Gortnahoe-Glengoole...4-08 Moyne-Templemouhy....2-01	Holycross	Michael Jordan
Lisheen Mines U-16 'A' Football	17 th May	Durlas Óg.....2-14 Moycarkey-Borris.....0-07	Sarsfield Pitch	Kevin Butler
A.I.B. (Thurles/Templemore) U-16 'B' Football	15 th May	Drom-Inch.....2-07 Holycross-Ballycahill...1-09	Drombane	Gary O'Shea
Peil na nÓg (sponsor Jimmy Coppinger)	04 th March	Loughmore-Castleiney.3-07 Upperchurch-Drombane.0-01	Templemore	Aodan Wrenn
Centenary Co-Op U-12 'A' Hurling (Replay)	17 th Aug. 20 th Aug.	Loughmore-Castleiney.2-08 Durlas Óg.....3-05 Loughmore-Castleiney.2-02 Durlas Óg.....1-02	The Ragg Littleton	Eamon Buckley Willie Clohessy
Home Heat Providers U-12 'B' Hurling	09 th Aug.	Gortnahoe-Glengoole..2-02 Boherlahan-Dualla.....1-02	Pairc na nÓg	Michael Jordan
U-14 'A' Hurling (sponsor Spain Family) (Replay)	10 th Sept. 17 th Sept.	Loughmore-Castleiney.2-02 Moycarkey-Borris.....2-02 Loughmore-Castleiney.1-11 Moycarkey-Borris.....0-07	Drombane Pairc na nÓg	Kevin Butler Martin Treacy
Stakelums Hardware U-14 'B' Hurling	03 rd Sept.	Holycross-Ballycahill...0-06 J.K. Brackens.....0-03	Pairc na nÓg	Eamon Buckley
Thurles Credit Union U-16 'A' Hurling	09 th Oct.	Durlas Óg.....0-20 Moycarkey-Borris.....0-03	The Ragg	Pat Cullen
Kevin Darmody Ltd. U-16 'B' Hurling	23 rd Oct.	J.K. Brackens.....4-06 Loughmore-Castleiney.3-04	The Ragg	Martin Goldsboro
Feile na nGael (sponsor Jimmy Coppinger)	17 th May	Durlas Óg.....2-02 Loughmore-Castleiney....0-04	Sarsfield Pitch	Eamon Buckley

MID TIPPERARY BORD NA NÓG OFFICERS 2004

President:	Jimmy Coppinger	Dúrlas Óg	commitments after nine years loyal service. We were very sorry at his departure but his replacement Lua Fitzpatrick of J.K. Brackens is doing brilliant work in her new role.		
Vice-President:	Andy O'Gorman	Gortnahoe/Glengoole			
Chairman:	Joe Moran	Moycarkey/Borris			
Vice-Chairman:	J. C. Ryan	Upperchurch/Drombane	P.R.O.:	John Smith	Dúrlas Óg
	Martin Treacy	Holycross/Ballycahill	Senior Bord Rep:	J. C. Ryan	Upperchurch/Drombane
Secretary:	Neil Ryan	Holycross/Ballycahill	County Board Rep:	John Smith	Dúrlas Óg
Treasurer:	Frank O'Regan	Moycarkey/Borris		Martin Treacy	Holycross/Ballycahill

Frank Regan stepped down as treasurer in March due to work



Mid Tipperary Bord na nÓg 2004



The Durlas Óg panel that defeated Moycarkey-Borris in the Thurles Credit Union Ltd. U-16 A hurling final. Back row (l. to r.): S. Callinan, R. Mason, D. Ryan, C. Moloney, D. Morris (capt.), P. Leahy, E. O'Dwyer, J.J. Bourke, S. Maher, S. Maher, M. McGrath, S. Dorney, P. Maher, S. Grey, J. Lennon, J. Coppinger (sec.), C. Ryan, S. Smith. Front row: (l. to r.): D. Mahony, D. Stakelum, P. Bourke, M. Cahill, K. O'Gorman, P. Connors, M. Gleeson, L. Phelan, M. Keane, B. McCormack, C. O'Shea, J. Short, P. Donnelly, R. Stakelum. This team went on to win the county final.



Aidan McGrath, Loughmore-Castleiney, winner of the Mid-Tipperary Peil na nÓg competition, held in Páirc na nÓg. Also in picture is Neil Ryan, Mid Bord na nÓg secretary and Joe Moran, Mid Bord na nÓg chairman.



Thomas O'Keefe, Gortnahoe/Glengoole, winner of the Mid Tipperary Féile Long Puck, held in Páirc na nÓg. Also in picture is Neil Ryan, Mid Bord na nÓg secretary and Joe Moran, Mid Bord na nÓg chairman.



James Barry, Upperchurch/Drombane, winner of the Mid Tipperary Féile hurling skills competition, held in Páirc na nÓg. Also in picture is Neil Ryan, Mid Bord na nÓg secretary, and Joe Moran, Mid Bord na nÓg chairman.



Scoil Iosagáin, Upperchurch, second place in Loughmore National, second team, who were third Mid Tipperary Primary Schools Quiz. Front row: in the Mid Tipperary Primary Schools Quiz. Front (l. to r.): Seamus Armstrong, Paul Ryan, Gerard row (l. to r.): Niamh Ryan, Eamon Connolly, Liam Fogarty, Joseph Lowry. Back row (l. to r.): Eileen McGrath, Padraic Hennessy. Back row (l. to r.): Armstrong, Jonathan Cullen, Mid Youth Officer, Martin Ryan, Jonathan Cullen, Mid Youth Officer, John Doyle, Mid Board chairman.



John Smith, Chairman of Durlas Óg, receiving the Mid 'Club of the Year' trophy, from Mid Bord na nÓg Chairman, Joe Moran. Picture (l. to r.): Frank O'Regan, Jimmy Copinger, John Smith, Joe Moran, Neil Ryan.



The Durlas Óg panel that defeated Moycarkey-Borris in the Mid Tipperary Bord na nÓg A.I.B. (Thurles/Templemore) sponsored U-16 'A' football final. Back row (l. to r.): D. Collins, L. Burke, J. Callinan, E. Ryan, S. Maher, D. Ryan, P. Maher, D. Morris, S. Grey, S. Moloney, J.J. Maher, S. Dorney, P. Leahy, S. Dorney, B. Callinan, S. Maher, M. McGrath, R. Mason. Front row (l. to r.): B. Stakelum, D. Stakelum, P. Donnelly, C. Ryan, C. Moloney, A. O'Gorman, L. Phelan, P. Connors (capt.), D. Mahony, C. O'Shea, M. Gleeson, M. Cahill, S. Smith, M. Keane and J. Shanahan.



The Loughmore-Castleiney panel that defeated Durlas Óg in the Centenary Co-op sponsored Mid Tipperary Bord na nÓg U-12 'A' hurling final. Back row (l. to r.): Liam McGrath, Liam Treacy, Paul Morris, Darragh Butler, John McGrath, Lorcan Egan, Aron Sweeney, Tomás McGrath, John Maher, Noel O'Connell, Eamon McGrath, Andrew Cummins, Padraic Egan, Orla Hennessy, Trisha McGrath, Doireann Fogarty, Patrick Nolan. Front row (l. to r.): Richard Maher, Niamh Ryan, Joseph Nyland, Padraic Hennessy, Joseph Hennessy, Patrick Nolan (capt.), Denis Breton, Kevin O'Connell, Tomás Maher, Keith Manton, Craig Cleary, Martin Maher, Brian McGrath.



Mid Bord na nÓg officers and guests at the Mid Bord na nÓg Convention in the Park Avenue House Hotel, Thurles. Back row (l. to r.): Tom Maher, Mid Board Treasurer, J.C. Ryan, County Bord na nÓg Chairman, John Doyle, Mid Board Chairman, Jonathon Cullen, Mid Board Youth Officer, Andy O'Gorman, Vice-President, Mid Bord na nÓg; John Smith, Mid Bord na nÓg P.R.O., Tom Collum, Games Development. Front row (l. to r.): Martin Treacy, Vice-Chairman, Mid Bord na nÓg, Frank O'Regan, Treasurer of Mid Board na nÓg, Joe Moran, Chairman, Mid Bord na nÓg, Neil Ryan, Secretary, Mid Bord na nÓg, Jimmy Copinger, President Mid Bord na nÓg.



Winning football captains at the Mid Bord na nÓg medal presentation. Back row (l. to r.): Peadar Byrne (Clonakenny); Phil Kelly (Moycarkey); Stephen Dorney (Durlas Óg); Seán Moloney (Durlas Óg); Joe McGuire (Upperchurch-Drombane); Rory O'Connor (Boherlahan-Dualla). Front row (l. to r.): Patrick Ryan (Clonakenny); Jamie Maxwell (Clonakenny); Eoin Kelly (Special Guest); Kevin Johnston (Loughmore); Cathal Carroll (Hollycross-Ballycahill); Jonathan Shannon (Durlas Óg).



Loughmore National School – winners of Mid Tipperary Primary Schools Quiz. Front row (l. to r.): Marty Ryan, Patrick Healy-Nolan, Willie Eviston, Tomás McGrath. Back row (l. to r.): Jim Ryan, representing the Lambe family – trophy sponsors; Martin Ryan; Jonathan Cullen, Mid Youth Officer; John Doyle, Mid Board Chairman.



Gortnahoe Mid U-12 'B' football winners. Back row (l. to r.): Willie Fogarty (sel.), Michael Maher, Robbie Dooley, Kevin Slattery, Jackie Moriarty, Sara Jane Dwyer, Mark Butler, Kyle Spellacy, Aidan Guilfoyle, Killian Duggan, Michael Rafter (capt.), Aidan Dooley (sel.), Liam Lannigan, Colm Scott, James Walsh, Richard Power, John Coleman. Front row (l. to r.): Conor Fogarty, T.J. Mockler, James Cahill, Michael Kilcourse, Shane Harding, Martin Barnaville, Peter Cleary, David Dunne, Pascal Norton, Stephen McGarry, Tim Dunne, Ciaran Lahart, James O'Meara, Tomás Lannigan.



Loughmore-Castleiney panel that won the Mid Tipperary U-12 'A' football final. Back row (l. to r.): Keith Manton, Doireann Fogarty, Dan Tormey, Richard Maher, Patrick Nolan, Denis O'Brien, Padraic Egan, John McGrath, Aaron Sweeney, Liam Treacy, Pauric Hennessy, Tomás McGrath, Paul Morris, Corey O'Brien, Darragh Butler. Front row (l. to r.): Joseph Nyland, Andrew Cummins, Martin Meagher, Eamon McGrath, John Meagher, Noel O'Connell, Kevin O'Connell, Patrick Nolan, Craig Cleary, Liam McGrath, Tommy Maher, Denis Breton, Lorcan Egan, Joseph Hennessy, Trisha McGrath.



Winning hurling captains at the Mid Bord na nÓg medal presentation. Back row (l. to r.): Philip Crampton (Clonakenny); Brian White (Durlas Óg); Eoin Butler (Moyle-Templetuohy); John Joe Burke (Durlas Óg). Front (l. to r.): Bobby Stakelum (Durlas Óg); Henry Maher (Loughmore-Castleiney); Eoin Kelly (Special Guest); Frank Hayes (Moycarkey-Borris); Mark Cavanagh (Boherlahan - Dualla); Joe Bergin (J.K. Brackens).



The Loughmore-Castleiney panel that defeated J.K. Brackens in the Mid Tipp Bord na nÓg – Denis Kinane Motors sponsored, U-14 'A' football final. Back row (l. to r.): Liam McGrath, Ray Moore, Damien Sweeney, Cian Hennessy, Naimh McGrath, Eamon Connolly, Thomas Quinn, Pádraig Egan, Aaron Sweeney, Kevin Johnston. Front row (l. to r.): John Meagher, Michael Ryan, Ciaran Hackett, Willie Eviston, Noel McGrath, Denis Leahy, Tomás McGrath, Aidan McGrath, Henry Maher, Liam Treacy, Pádraig Hennessy, Corey O'Brien.



The J.K. Brackens panel that defeated Loughmore-Castleiney in the Kevin Darmody Ltd. sponsored Mid Tipperary Bord na nÓg U-16 'B' hurling final. Back row (l. to r.): Declan Lynagh, Adrian Bourke, Darragh Bourke, Stuart Cummins, Kevin O'Riordan, Willie Donohue, Gavin Bohan, Paul Tumelty, Daniel Bergin, Pádraig Stapleton, Tim Leahy, Cathal Scully. Front row (l. to r.): Cathal Leahy, Eoin Fitzpatrick, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Catriona Maher, Stefan Leahy, David Farrelly, Dean Fairbrother, Shane Bourke, Aidan Fogarty, Nicky Madden.



The Gortnahoe-Glengoole panel that defeated Moyne-Templetuohy in the Mid Tipperary Bord na nÓg – John J. Ronayne Ltd. U-14 'B' football final. Back row (l. to r.): Michael Brophy, Adam Norton, Adrian Maher, Thomas O'Keefe, Dermot Lahert, Shay Butler, Declan Curran (capt.), Stuart Hanrahan, Colm Guilfoyle, T.J. Lanigan, Eoin O'Reilly. Front row (l. to r.): Aidan Guilfoyle, Kieran Tobin, Kyle Spellacy, Peter Cleary, David Strat, Michael Rafter, Richie Power, Ian O'Dwyer, Liam Lanigan, Enda McCarthy, John Cleary.



The Loughmore-Castleiney panel that defeated Moycarkey-Borris in the Mid Tipperary U-14 'A' hurling final. Tipperary U-14 'A' hurling final replay. Back row (l. to r.): Corey O'Brien, Maureen Connolly, Marty Ryan, Seanie Johnston, Niamh McGrath, John Meagher, Kevin Johnston, Ray Moore, Eamon Connolly, Tomás Quinn, Willie Eviston, Cian Hennessy, Tom Connolly, Aaron Sweeney. Front row (l. to r.): Liam Treacy, Liam McGrath, Ciaran Hackett, John McGrath, Aidan McGrath, Henry Maher, Noel McGrath, Tomás McGrath, Michael Ryan, Pádraig Hennessy, Patrick Nolan.



The Durlas Óg panel that defeated Loughmore-Castleiney in the Mid Tipperary Féile na nGael final. Back row (l. to r.): G. Butler, R. O'Shea, J.P. Dwan, J. Shortt (capt.), R. Murphy, P. Cullen, B. Stakelum, D. Maher, M. Russell, S. Maher, K. O'Gorman, B. McCormack, B. Keane. Middle row (l. to r.): J. Morrissey, D. Maher, R. Kealy, S. Butler, L. Cullen, D. Grimes, D. O'Neill, D. Ryan, B. McCormack, T. Doyle. Front row (l. to r.): A. Barrett, D. O'Gorman, C. Treacy, M. Bohan.



The Drom-Inch panel and selectors that defeated Holycross-Ballycahill in the Mid Tipperary Bord na nÓg Lisheen Mines sponsored U-16 'B' football final. Back row (l. to r.): Martin Flynn, Liam Kennedy, Joe Lupton, Seamus Callanan, Paul Connors, Johnny Ryan, Daniel De Burca (capt.), Diarmuid Long, Cathal Ryan, Enda Walsh, Martin McGrath, Eamon O'Doherty. Front row (l. to r.): Andy Bourke, Philip Ryan, Philip Brett, Liam Harty, Michael Everard, John Kennedy, Liam Ryan, David Butler, Ciaran Bergin, Michael Ryan, Shane Delaney.



Scoil Ailbe, Thurles, who were fourth in the Mid Tipperary Primary Schools Quiz. Front row (l. to r.): Cian Treacy, Mark Shanahan, Tommy Doyle, David Corbett. Back row (l. to r.): Siobhán Power, Jonathan Cullen (Mid Youth Officer), John Doyle (Mid Board chairman).



The Gortnahoe-Glengoole panel that defeated Boherlahan-Dualla in the Home Heat Providers sponsored Mid Tipperary Bord na nÓg U-12 'B' hurling final. Back row (l. to r.): Michael Kilcourse, Mark Butler, Mark Tobin, Pascal Norton, Liam Lannigan, Jackie Moriarty, Aidan Guilfoyle, Aidan Dooley, Kyle Spellacy, Michael Rafter, Kevin Slattery, Richie Kenny, Richard Power, Colm Scott, Robbie Dooley, Kevin Slattery. Front row (l. to r.): Willie Fogarty, Liam Treacy, Stephen McGarry, Eddie Bournville, Shane Harding, Peter Cleary (capt.), David Dunne, Tim Dunne, Martin Bournville, Tomás Lannigan, Michael Maher, Ciarán Lahert, Daniel Rafter.

South Bord na nÓg Results 2004

FOOTBALL

	Winner	Runner up	Venue	Referee	Sponsor
Fé 12A	Commercials	Fethard	Ardfinnan	D. O'Mahoney	J. Quirke Jewellers
Fé 12B	Killenaule	Ballyporeen	Ardfinnan	M. Doyle	Clancy Construction
Fé 12C	Ballylooby	Moyle Rovers b	Ardfinnan	F. O'Brien	Barry O'Brien Windows
Fé 14A	Moyle Rovers	Fethard	Sportsfield	S. Roche	McCarthy Family
Fé 14B	Swan	Mullinahone	Sportsfield	P. Sweeney	Clonmel Oil
Fé 14C	Fr. Sheehy's	Newcastle	Ardfinnan	M. Doyle	Big Sycamore Garage
Fé 16A	Moyle Rovers	Clonmel Óg	Ardfinnan	D. O'Mahoney	Boland Family
Fé 16B	Davins	St. Martin's	Kilsheelan	J. McCormack	Liam Gahan Meats
Fé 16C	Ballingarry	Newcastle	Marlfield	K. Delahunty	Noel O'Keeffe Car Sales
Peil na nÓg	Moyle Rovers	Cahir	Cloneen	J. McCormack	
County Champions:					
	Ballylooby	12C			
	Fr. Sheehy's	14C			
	Carrick Davins	16B			
	Ballingarry	16C			
	Moyle Rovers Peil na nÓg				

HURLING

	Winner	Runner up	Venue	Referee	Sponsor
Fé 12A	St. Mary's	Clonmel Óg	Ardfinnan	W. Barrett	Nightclub Security
Fé 12B	Killenaule	Fethard	Ardfinnan	B. Tyrrell	Damien Brennan
Fé 12C	Skeheenarinky	Newcastle	Goatenbridge	F. O'Brien	Mick O'Dwyer Fencing
Fé 14A	Moyle Rovers	Ballingarry	Fethard	V. Direen	Star Fuels
	Replay		Fethard	P. Shelley	
Fé 14B	Fethard	Killenaule	Ballingarry	V. Direen	O'Gorman Construction
Fé 14C	Ballylooby	Fr. Sheehy's	Goatenbridge	M. Doyle	Anon
Fé 16A	Moyle Rovers	Killenaule	Fethard	A. Moloney	Clonmel Credit Union
Fé 16B	Mullinahone	Ballybacon	Monroe	P. Ivors	Mullinahone Oil
Fé 16C	Marlfield	Skeheenarinky	Ned Hall Park	M. Doyle	
Feile na nGael	Moyle Rovers	Ballingarry	Monroe	C. Aylward	
Poc Fada: Ross Morrissey Clonmel Óg					
Skills: Cierán Lorrigan, Moyle Rovers					
County Champions:					
	Killenaule	12 B			
	Skeheenarinky	12 C			
	Moyle Rovers	14 A			
	Ballylooby	14 C			
	Cierán Lorrigan Skills	and All Ireland Champion			

South **BORD NA NÓG** Report

CARRICK DAVINS 2004

A busy year for the club, on and off the field. In February at our social, we honoured three of our clubmen, Nick Power and Sean Organ for dedication and service over the years and Richie McGrath as our player of the year.

The South Board honoured Richie McGrath as the young hurler of the year for 2003. Richie was also chosen as Tipperary minor captain for 2004. Our club congratulates him for his achievements.

On the playing field, our under 21 and minor hurlers reached the South final, but failed to win any silverware. Our intermediate hurlers had also a good run in the championship. During the summer we ran a hurling tournament, in which we defeated Windgap of Kilkenny in the final. Wattie O'Keefe of the Tannery Bar kindly sponsored this event.

July 4th saw members of our club joining with the two other clubs, Swans and St Mollerans, to form a team to play Ballyneale/Grangemockler in the Davin Park to honour "The Champion Kiely". It was a great occasion and was enjoyed by all present.

Congratulations to our under 16 B footballers and their mentors, South and County champions for 2004. Thanks to all our selectors, trainers, parents, supporters and sponsors and our hard working committee and all those who donned the Dearg agus Bán in 2004.



Carrick Davin Presentation by Chairman John O'Neill to (l to r) Sean Organ, Richie McGrath and Nick Power, Club President.



Carrick Davins U16 'B' Football team, South and County Champions for 2004 - Back row l to r - Steven Kerwick, Patrick Harris, Ian O'Dwyer, William O'Dwyer, William Russell, Steven Harris, Michael Cody, J.J. Butler, William O'Gorman. Front row l to r - Jonathon Coady, Jim Walsh, Ian Mullins, Richard Carroll, Lee Mackey (capt), John Keyes, Philip Dalton, Kieran Flanagan.

The Skeheenarinky U10 team that won their division and contested the final of Group 3 in the South Tipperary Bord na nÓg blitz competition held recently. Back (l to r) - Mikey Kearney, Eoin Morrissey, John Martin, Mikey Sweeney, Bobby Breedy, Tommy Sweeney, Ben Macken, Sean O'Reilly, Seamus O'Callaghan and Noel Vaughan. Front (l to r) - Adam King, Riain O'Callaghan, Blaine McCormack, Mikey Maher, Ciaran Cahill, James Hannon, Jason Cahill, Adam Finn, William English and Aaron Macken. Missing from picture Fionan O Suilleabháin. Mentors - Eddie Maher, Noel O'Callaghan, Enda Maher.



Mullinahone U16 'B' South Hurling champions - Back row (l to r) - Richard Morrissey, Ciarán O'Shea, David O'Meara, Michael Hicks, Niall Cronin, Kevin Walzer, Niall O'Brien. Middle row (l to r) - Martin Cody (Manager), Michael Lonergan, Patrick Crowe, Joseph O'Meara, Alan Walsh, Niall Mullally, David Carroll, Liam Whelan (Selector). Front row (l to r) - Sean Quirke, Eoin Egan, Ned Tobin, David Webster, James Mockler, Shane O'Brien, Donal Cody (capt).

CARRICK Swans

The year 2004 will go down in the annals of history in our club as the year our minor hurlers won the county (A) Championship for the first time. This time last year our club was lamenting the loss of this same championship, when we were defeated by Moycarkey-Borris in a replayed final. That was a game we felt we could have won and all those concerned vowed to be back this year for another shot at this much coveted title. The south championship was played on a league basis and after the series of games we qualified for the final, where we played old adversaries Ballingarry. After a tough uncompromising final played in very poor weather conditions we ran our winners 1-11 to 1-08.

Our county semi-final opponents were Kilruane MacDonaghs and again it was close fought affair with a final score of 0-10 to 0-07. This win qualified us for county final where our opponents were the very impressive mid-championship winners Drom & Inch. Most observers who had seen Drom's mid final win over Moycarkey

felt that they would prove too strong for our team who had not shown their best form before county final. However our team had a good four week break before final which enabled them to prepare and arrive 100% focused and injury free for our Semple Stadium showdown. The final itself saw our team produce their best hurling of the year and they were on top throughout, lead a half time 0-10 to 0-04 and ran out winners in the end 0-15 to 1-08. This win completed a unique set of county hurling titles for our club, under 12, 14, 16, minor, under 21 and senior and we congratulate all concerned.

Other titles to come the way of our club this year were the South under 14 (B) football, South under 10 football plate and South under 10 hurling championship. All members of these teams and their mentors deserve great praise.

Our senior hurlers while not achieving success are to be commended on their efforts which secured their senior status for next year. In a four team group in the county championship

they defeated Boherlahan, drew with Ballingarry and lost to Holycross. Killenaule proved too good for us in south semi-final. Our senior footballers also remain in senior championship next year having defeated Mullinahone in a relegation battle, while our under 21 and junior hurlers also performed well in their respective championships. We also compliment those involved in the camogie section of club and the numbers of young girls now enjoying this wonderful game is most encouraging.

During the year Carrick Swan lost one of its favourites, Willie Wall. Willie who captained our 1947 county winning team and won nine south Tipperary hurling championships was one of the most determined, dedicated and disciplined players ever to wear the black and white jersey and he proudly played in 1937 All-Ireland victory over Kilkenny. Willie will be sadly missed and we extend our sympathy to his family and indeed to all those families associated with our club who suffered bereavements during the year.

Sean McDonnell P.R.O.



Carrick Swan Minor 'A' County Champions 2004. Back row (l to r): William Lonergan, Daryl Whitty, Stephen Kearns, Dany O'Hanlon, Wayne Murphy, Stephen Hahessy, Martin Russell, Colm O'Sullivan, Kieran Ready, John Kirby, Andrew Walsh, Damien Roche, Kevin Lanigan. Front row: David Walsh, Barry Walsh, Dean Clery, Dwane Fogarty, Stephen Walsh (captain), Daryl Kavanagh, Peter White, Darren Waters, Shane Hogan, David Kelly, Alan Walsh.



Carrick Swan Under-10 Hurling South Champions '04. Back row (l to r): Warren Roche, Adam Keyes, Kieran Lonergan, Ben Donovan, Adam Fleming, Eric O'Dwyer, Derek Hogan, Dale O'Hanlon, Danielle Roche, Bill Barrett, Gavin O'Halloran, Mickey Morrissey. Front row: James O'Hanlon, Sean Bates, Lauren Murphy, Dean Waters, Tomas Roche, Evan Hogan, Colin Waters (captain), John Paul Roche, Aurnyn Souness, Colin Loughman, Darragh Gibbs, Jack Doherty, Aaron O'Halloran, Martin Griffin.

Carrick Swan Under-14 'B' Football South Champions '04. Back row (l to r): Keith O'Dwyer, James Barrett, Craig Walsh, Aaran Murphy, Kevin Quinlan, Stephen White, Ethan White, Ethan Doyle, Paul Walsh, Nicholas Barrett, Dale Grace. Front row: M.J. Walsh, Jason Lonergan, Jonathan Ryan, Anthony Grace, Jamie Dunleavy (captain), Robert Waters, Aaron Walsh, Jack Rockett, Jamie Kennedy, Eoin Nolan, Danny Donovan.



Friends of Ballingarry GAA.



The Co Tipperary Inter GAA Golf Championship for 2003 was held in Callan Golf Club, by kind permission of the Captain and the Committee on the weekend of April 30th and May 1st. It was organised by the "Friends of Ballingarry GAA Club", and the proceeds went to help clear the debt on the new pitch development in Ballingarry Village. The Clubs were competing for the Babs Keating, Tipperary Crystal Trophy, the holders of which were the Holycross/Ballycahill GAA Club. A total of 62 teams representing clubs for all over the county took part, from the banks of the Shannon to the southernmost banks of the Suir, with a further 20 teams taking part in the classic. The winners this year were a team representing the Eire Og - Annacurthy Club, captained by the Tipperary Great, Pat Fox with Pat Linneen, Vincent O'Brien and Paddy Butler. 2nd were a team representing Ballingarry Gaels (Drangan/Ballingarry) of Colm Duggan, Brian Duggan, Eamon Murphy and Richard Kealy. Third were a team representing the Ballingarry Camogie Club, Mary Norton, Eileen Cormack, Mary Croke and Betty McGrath. The event will be held next year on the same weekend April 29th and 30th in Callan and the organisers look forward to meeting all their supporters and friends again. They wish to thank all who took part, Callan Golf Club, the sponsors and the media for their support. Pictured (l to r): Donal Kealy, organiser; Murt Duggan, Chairman of "Friends"; Richard Kealy, Committee; Pat Fox; Maureen Wall, Chief Sponsorship Organiser; Pat Lineen; Michael Cooney, Secretary GAA Club; Tommy Norton, Chairman GAA Club and Pat Lineen Jnr.

Success for Arravale Rovers

THE NAME OF Arravale Rovers first appeared in the Gaelic annals way back in 1886 and since that time it was had a long and honoured connection with the G.A.A. Juvenile affairs have always had a high priority and in 1985, through the vision and foresight of such stalwart club members such as Brother Moloughney, Jim O'Donoghue and Michael Gleeson, it was decided to add a juvenile section to the club, the dual aim being to reduce the workload on the senior club and ensure a steady supply of young players through the ranks.

The intervening years have underlined the benefits of that decision with many West Tipperary titles being captured in hurling and football at under-12, under-14 and under-16, with a number of county titles thrown in for good measure.

However with the dedication and commitment of a loyal band of adults acting in a voluntary capacity as managers and helpers, the year 2004 has proved to be our most successful to date.

The support and hard work of such voluntary help has seen us contest two county football titles with success coming in both. Our under-12s won a thrilling final against Clonmel Commercials in the month of June when we had the honour of playing in Semple Stadium, while our under-14s took county honours in a memorable tilt with Moyle Rovers in July. Our under-16s have also qualified for a county final in their grade where they will meet Dúrlas Óg during November. Many of these 16s have supplied the nucleus of the minor football side, which also captured a county title at the expense of Moyle Rovers.

Our hurlers too have also featured with honour this year, with our under-14s and under-16s failing by one point and two points respectively to capture West honours.

For many years we have organised a Summer Camp and this year we had probably our most successful to date when we entertained some 130 juveniles at Sean Treacy Park from Monday June 28th-Friday July 2, where boys and girls were given the opportunity to learn and develop the skills of hurling and football in a friendly, caring and well supervised atmosphere.

The groundwork for all of this endeavour and success is laid every weekend when we cater for large numbers from six years of age upwards. Coaching in hurling goes ahead every Saturday with the equivalent in football on Sundays. During the winter months our younger juveniles enjoy indoor hurling in the pleasant confines of the Canon Hayes Recreation Centre.

During the year we also took the opportunity of bringing various age groups to visit other clubs across the county and beyond and competed in several blitzes.

It was our pleasure to host many of these clubs when they came to play us at Sean Treacy Park. Our most recent outing was on Sunday October 24th when we



The Arravale Rovers panel that defeated Clonmel Commercials in the Tipperary Bord na nÓg County U-12 'A' Football final. Pictured back row (l to r) - Sean McGrath, Joe O'Connor, Barry Collins, Jon Breheny, Sean Compton, Michael Ryan, Killian Ryan, Fintan Ryan, Gavin Hogan, Daniel Jones, Kieran Crowe, Diarmuid O'Donnell, David Power. Front row (l to r) - James Hogan, Cathal Devlin, Seamus Kinane, Mark Cummins, Peter Mulhair, Anthony English, Shane Leahy, Dean Kelly, Patrick Dalton, Eddie O'Meara, David Farrell, John Lowry, Donough Leahy.



Arravale Rovers U-14 Football. Front row (l to r) - Patrick Dalton, Robert Kiely, (Missing Gerard Mulhaire-Injured). Second row (l to r) - Darren Lowry, Michael O'Dwyer, Brian Lowry, Mark Crowe, Barry Collins, Daniel Heffernan, Donagh Leahy, William Gilsenan, Declan Ryan, Shane Leahy, Gerard O'Dwyer. Back row (l to r) - Jim Rhatigan, Darragh O'Donoghue, Sean O'Meara, Nicky Cummins, Eoin McCarthy, Steven Redfern, Michael J Ryan, Patrick Finnan, Niall Donovan, Darragh Fitzpatrick, David Heffernan, James Ryan, Paddy O'Connor, Fergal O'Reilly.



The Arravale Rovers panel that drew with Dúrlas Óg in the Co. Bord na nÓg under-16 'A' Football final. Back row (l to r) - James Rhatigan, Stephen Quinn, Sean Spillane, Sean Egan, Gavin Ryan, James Ryan, Alan Kiely, Sean Walsh, Fergal McNamara, Brian Jones, David McCormack, James Mulhair, Joseph Costelloe. Front row (l to r) - Jason Sutton, Michael O'Sullivan, Michael O'Dwyer, Timothy Dalton, Conor McNamara, Paul Ryan, Ned Lowry, Robert Kiely, Michael Crowe, Ian Richardson. They won the replay.

took a bus load of 12s and 14s to Croke Park to see Ireland play Australia.

It was a great pleasure to see our efforts recognised by divisional and county selectors during the year. In the All-Ireland Arrabawn U-16 Tournament our club was represented on the county hurling side by Paul Ryan, Timmy Dalton, and Brian Jones while the same trio, together with Ned Lowry, represented us on the west Tipperary team which captured a Munster title also at under-16.

Paul Ryan, Brian Jones and Ned Lowry were further involved with the county under-16 football side, while Timmy Dalton lined out on the minor football side in

the Munster championship. At under-15 we were proud to see the McNamara twins, Conor and Fergal, together with Michael O'Sullivan play pivotal roles on the county football side.

The present development programme at Sean Treacy Park is welcomed by young and old alike in our juvenile club. To date our members have taken an active role in the fundraising and manual work attached to this major overhaul of our facilities.

We look forward to its completion in about two years time and the additional members that it will attract to our club.

It is a challenge that our club will undertake with relish.

County Bord na nÓg 2004

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Garda Cup U16 inter divisional hurling competition was commenced in early March to help divisions get ready for the U16 hurling Munster Championships. In the first round North defeated West and Mid defeated South. In the final North and Mid drew with a score of 2-12 each. In the replay Mid defeated North 1-10 to 0-12. North Tipperary went on to win the Munster championship. In the shield competition South and West played a draw 1-14 to 2-11.

FÉILE PEIL NA NÓG

In the first semi final Moyle Rovers defeated Loughmore/C and Arravale Rovers defeated Nenagh Éire Óg. In the final Kildangan defeated Moyle Rovers 2-4 to 1-4. Kildangan went on to represent Tipperary in the national finals of Feile na nGael which were held in Meath, Westmeath and Kildare.

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FÉILE SKILLS

For the second year Kieran Lorigan of the Moyle Rovers club won the Feile Skills competition and went on to win the national skills final which were held in conjunction with the Feile na nGael U/14 hurling finals, in Cusack Park, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath

POC FADA

The Poc Fada competition was won by Thomas O'Keefe (Gortnahoe/Glen-goole).

U/12 A FOOTBALL

In the semi finals Arravale Rovers defeated Burgess and Clonmel Commercials defeated Loughmore / Castleiney. In the final played in Semple Stadium. Arravale Rovers defeated Clonmel Commercials in one of the best finals in years. Final score was Arravale Rovers 2-6, Clonmel Commercials 1-7.

U/12 B FOOTBALL

In the semi finals, Rockwell Rovers defeated Borrisokane and Gortnahoe / Glengoole defeated Killenaule. In the final played in Semple Stadium, Gortnahoe defeated Rockwell Rovers. Final score was Gortnahoe/G 3-3, Rockwell 0-6.

CO. BORD NA nÓG RESULTS 2004

FOOTBALL

U/12A	Arravale Rovers 2-6, Na Trachtaláí 1-7	Semple Stadium, J. Kissane
U/12B	Gortnahoe/G 3-3, Rockwell Rvs 0-6	Semple Stadium, K. Delahunty
U/12C	Ballylooby/C/G 2-5, Ballina 1-1	Semple Stadium, P. Cullen
U/14A	Arravale Rvs 1-7, Moyle Rovers 0-9	New Inn, J. Sweeney
U/14B	Lorrha/Dorrha 1-5, Gortnahoe/G 0-7	Templemore, W. Kennedy
U/16A	Arravale Rovers 3-8, Durlas Óg 1-7 (Replay)	Cashel, N. Cosgrove
U/16B	Carrick Davins 1-10, Portroe 1-8	Kickham Park, J. Sweeney

HURLING

U/12A	Clonoulty/R 1-5, Loughmore/C. 1-2	Semple Stadium, P. Shelly
U/12B	Killenaule 4-8, Silvermines 0-2	Semple Stadium, E. Buckley
U/12C	Nenagh Éire Óg B, 2-4 Durlas Óg B 1-2	Templemore, R. O'Connor
U/14A	Moyle Rovers 1-9, Kildangan 0-9	Holycross, P. Cullen
U/14B	Holycross 2-7, Newport 1-3	Borrisoleigh, W. Kennedy
U/16A	Durlas Óg 4-16, Kilruane MacDonaghs 1-5	The Ragg, P. Russell
U/16B	Borrisoleigh 2-9, Mullinahone 2-7	Cashel, E. Browne
U/16C	Silvermines 2-18, Marlfield 0-3	Kickham Park, T. Fitzgerald

FEILE PEIL

Moyle Rovers beat Arravale Rovers	New Inn, P. Cullen
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FÉILE NA nGAEL

Kildangan 2-4, Moyle Rovers 1-4	Parc na nÓg, J. Sweeney
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U/16 HURLING

Arrabawn Co-Op All-Ireland Shield:

Tipperary 1-10, Limerick 1-10	Semple Stadium, J. Hunt (Waterford)
REPLAY: Tipperary 4-11, Limerick 0-8	Semple Stadium J. Murphy (Waterford)

U/16 Hurling Arrabawn Co-op All Ireland Cup final:

Galway Holders 0-13, Cork 1-10	Semple Stadium, P. Shelly (Tipperary)
Galway 2-15; Cork 0-7 (Replay)	McDonagh Park, Nenagh. M. Cahill (Tipp.)

Arrabawn Co-Op All Ireland U/16 Hurling tournament 2004

GROUP A, DR. MORRIS PARK, THURLES

Tipperary, Laois, Clare – Laois failed to field a team which left Tipperary and Clare. As there were only the two teams left in the group they both agreed to play a full game which went to extra time.

Final score: Tipperary 0-18, Clare 2-11 AET

Group A Qualifier: Tipperary

GROUP B, LITTLETON

Kilkenny, Offaly, Limerick:

Kilkenny 2-7 Offaly 0-5; Limerick 3-15 Kilkenny 2-4; Limerick 6-15 Offaly 0-5

Group B: Qualifier Limerick.

GROUP C, THURLES SARSFIELDS GROUND

Cork, Dublin, Wexford:

Cork 1-17 Dublin 0-5; Cork 1-11 Wexford 0-7; Wexford 3-4 Dublin 0-6

Group C Qualifier: Cork

GROUP D, BORRISOLEIGH

Galway, Antrim, Waterford:

Galway 6-17 Antrim 0-5; Galway 3-12 Waterford 3-2; Waterford defeated Antrim

Group D Qualifier: Galway

SEMI-FINALS:

Cork 5-17 Tipperary 0-8; Galway 2-12 Limerick 1-6.

U/12 C FOOTBALL

One semi-final between Durlas Óg B and Ballylooby/Castlegrace. Ballylooby were successful and went on to defeat Ballina, who got a bye to the final as there was no C Competition in the West. Final score Ballylooby/CG 2-5, Ballina 1-1. This was Ballylooby/Castlegrace's first ever county final success.

U14 A FOOTBALL

In the semi finals, Arravale Rovers defeated Kildangan, and Moyle Rovers defeated Loughmore/C. in the final. Arravale Rovers defeated Moyle Rovers after a close game. Arravale Rovers 1-7, Moyle Rovers 0-9.

U14 B FOOTBALL

In the semi finals Gortnahoe defeated Carrick Swan at New Inn and Lorrha/Dorrha defeated Galtee Rovers.

In the final Lorrha defeated Gortnahoe after a close game. Final score was Lorrha 1-5, Gortnahoe 0-7.

U/16 A FOOTBALL

In the first semi-final, Durlas Óg defeated Moyle Rovers and Arravale Rovers defeated Burgess Gaels. In the final Durlas Óg and Arravale Rovers met twice before the title went to the Rovers.

U/16 B FOOTBALL

In the first semi final Portroe defeated Clonoulty/Rossmore and Carrick Davins defeated Drom/Inch. In the final Carrick Davins defeated Portroe after a close game. Final score was Carrick Davins 1-10, Portroe 1-8. This was Carrick Davins first ever C Final in this grade.

U/12 A HURLING

In the first semi final, Clonoulty/Rossmore defeated Burgess, while Loughmore/Castleiney defeated St. Mary's, Clonmel. In the final played in Semple Stadium, Clonoulty/Rossmore defeated Loughmore/Castleiney to win back to back finals. Final score was Clonoulty 1-5, Loughmore 1-2.

U/12 B HURLING

In the first semi-final, Killenaule defeated Gortnahoe/Glengoole after a close game, while Silvermines defeated Galtee Rovers. In the final, played in Semple Stadium, Killenaule defeated Silvermines. Final Score was Killenaule 4-8, Silvermines 0-2.

U/12 C HURLING

Only one semi final, Durlas Óg B defeated Skeheenarinka/Ballyporeen. Nenagh Éire Óg received a bye as there was no C Championship in West Tipperary. In the final, Nenagh Éire Óg 'B' defeated Durlas Óg B, 2-4 to 1-2.

U/14 A HURLING

In the first semi-final, Kildangan defeated Knockavilla/Donaskeigh Kickhams, and Moyle Rovers defeated Loughmore/Castleiney. In the final, played in Holycross, Moyle Rovers went on to capture their first John Flanagan U/14 A Hurling Co. title. After a terrific game of hurling, Kildangan made them battle all the way. Final score was Moyle Rovers 1-9, Kildangan 0-9.

U/14 B HURLING

In the first semi-final, Newport defeated Solohead who were appearing in their first Co. semi final, while Fethard drew with Holycross, 0-8 to 1-5. In the replay Holycross overcame Fethard 0-9 to 0-6 and then beat Newport in the final.

U/16 A HURLING

Durlas Óg defeated Moyle Rovers and Kilruane MacDonaghs defeated Knockavilla/Kickhams. In the final, Durlas Óg beat Kilruane MacDonaghs at the Ragg.

U/16 B HURLING

Borrisleigh defeated Cappawhite and Mullinahone defeated J.K Brackens. In the final Borrisoleigh beat Mullinahone by two points.

TONY FORRISTAL U/14 HURLING TOURNAMENT 2004

Tipperary travelled to Waterford to take part in the annual Tony Forristal U/14 Hurling Tournament and came away with the County's eight win in the twenty-year history of the tournament defeating Wexford, Offaly in the group stage, Clare in the semi-final and Waterford in the final. They were also awarded player of the tournament namely Patrick Butler, Cashel K.C. Mentors: were Philly Ryan (Knockavilla), Ken

Dunne (Toomevara), Seamus Barry (Upperchurch), Kevin Shelly (Ballingarry), Martin Treacy (Holycross), coach.

U/15 Hurling Carrighdhoun Tournament (Cork)

Tipperary contested the Carrighdhoun intercounty U/15 hurling tournament 2004 played in Carrigaline, Co. Cork also taking part were Clare, Cork, Limerick and Waterford.

In a round robin series Tipperary were defeated by Limerick and Cork drew with Clare and had an easy victory over Waterford thus qualifying for the plate final.

Limerick having beaten Cork and Waterford were their opponents. Tipperary led at half time by 5 points to 2 having played with a strong wind and despite losing one of their best players due to injury The second half was evenly contested to the final whistle with Tipperary emerging victorious on the score line Tipperary 1-7 Limerick 1-6.

Mentors Martin MacCullagh (Boherlahan/Dualla), Tom O'Donnell (GoldenKilfeacle), John Ryan (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Jimmy Slattery (Borrisleigh), Physio/First Aid, Michael MacCormack (Fethard).

U15/FOOTBALL

Tipperary defeated Cork and Clare but were defeated by Limerick in the final. Mentors: N. Ryan (Holycross), Tom Fitzgerald (Solohead), M. Cody (Mullinahone), L. Kelly (Kildangan).

U/16 Football Munster Championship 2004

In the quarter-final they defeated Waterford 2-13 to 3-8 in the semi final their opponents South Kerry denied Tipperary a final appearance with two unanswered injury time points to win 1-12 to Tipperary's 2-7. Mentors: Tom Fitzgerald (Solohead), Neil Ryan (Holycross), Christy Aylward (Clonmel Óg), P. Kelly (Ballinahinch).

CO. BORD NA nÓG OFFICERS 2004

Chairman:	J.C. Ryan (Upperchurch/Drombane)
Secretary:	Paddy Nagle (Carrick-on-Suir Davins)
Treasurer:	Frank Morris (J.K.Brackens)
PRO:	Rickie Sheehan (Mullinahone)
Rep. to Senior Bord:	Jim Lynch (Cahir)

CO. BOARD DIVISIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

North:	Sean Creamer (Portroe), Ann McGrath (Burgess), Sheila Delaney (Borrisleigh), G. O'Flynn (Silvermines)
South:	Dick Egan (Mullinahone), Liam Bolger (St. Marys), Martin Cody (Mullinahone), Michael Lonergan (Ardfinnan)
West:	Richard O'Connor (Arravale Rovers), John Hally (Rockwell Rovers), Gerry Beary (Capawhite), Tom Fitzgerald (Solohead)
Mid:	Joe Moran (Moycarkey/B), Neil Ryan (Holycross), John Smith (Durlas Óg), Martin Treacy (Holycross).

Cill An Daingean GAA Club 2004 "A Historic Year"

By Liam Kelly

REFLECTING back on what was a wonderful year for the club, it achieved its main objective to be back at the top table of hurling in Tipperary in 2005. For a small rural club on the shores of Lough Derg 2004 was a busy year. The club completed the floodlighting of its facilities in Puckane, now the envy of most, organised a trip to New York, officially opened its grounds and collected no less than seven trophies on the playing fields.

TRIP TO NEW YORK

In February of this year the club organised a major trip to New York for 74 of its members. It was the highlight of a lifetime for a number of people whom were never outside Ireland before. The club played a New York selection in a hurling match refereed by club member, Tommy Ryan, and afterwards presented them with our jerseys and huris at a function. It was a lovely gesture and a wonderful evening for all Tipperary people who came and welcomed us. Great credit has to go to the Slattery family and Sean Fay in New York and our committee at home for the adventure.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CLUB FACILITIES

On Sunday May 23rd Sean Fogarty, Chairman of the Munster Council officially opened our club facilities. The opening and blessing of the grounds was followed by a Senior Hurling Challenge Match: Tipp v Laois and an Intermediate Hurling Challenge Match: Tipp v Kilkenny.

The entire project was arranged in 13 days from the permission received to allow Tipperary senior hurlers to play. The Band providing the music was our own School Band in Puckane. The plaques, presented to all teams, team managers, Sean Fogarty and all past officers of the club, were made locally by Puckane Craft. Both matches were refereed by our own club member, Tommy Ryan, and his team of officials. On a sad note, club member, Mike Fahy R.I.P. passed away and the family kindly put back the funeral by a day to facilitate the opening. Our Club President, Timmy Ryan, who was present on the day died in July.

INTERMEDIATE HURLERS - NORTH AND COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Our intermediate hurlers won the North championship for the third time in four years and then brought further glory to the club when winning the county final for the first time in 33 years. Rodger Gleeson described it as "being in heaven" for the parish and its people during the celebrations that are still going on. The win meant so much for many of those, who were there in 1971, when Paddy Kelly lifted the cup. In the dressing room after the match

a tear of joy was shed even by Mike "Spike" Nolan. It is amazing what your local club means and October 30th will never be forgotten in Kildangan. The county intermediate team included club members, Eamon Kelly as manager, Brian Lawlor, Dermot Hogan and Gerry Slattery as part of the team panel.

UNDER 21 HURLERS - NORTH AND COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Our under 21 hurlers won both the North and county B titles for the first time ever last May. A wonderful achievement considering that not even one player on our under 21 team was booked throughout the entire championship in matches involving the club.

DARRAGH EGAN

Achievements on the field of play cannot pass without mentioning Darragh Egan. This wonderful club ambassador represented Ireland in the Compromise Rules in Australia as vice-captain. It was his second year to be chosen for his country. He played an integral part in Tipperary's Munster minor hurling title and he also was a key player with Tipperary minor footballers in the championship.

UNDER 14 A HURLERS - NORTH AND FÉILE CHAMPIONS

Our under 14 hurlers wrote themselves into the history of the parish GAA by win-

ning the Féile competition. They went on to represent Tipperary in the All Ireland Féile competition in County Meath. They were also the first ever team in this small parish to win a North under 14A hurling title. They also captured the North under 14A football title. Joseph Gallagher, Cian Hayes and Eanna Gleeson represented the winning Tipperary team in the Tony Forrester competition. Eoin Gleeson represented the North Tipperary divisional under 16A team that won the Munster championship and he was also part of the Arrabawn Shield winning team.

DEVELOPMENT, MAINTENANCE AND PREPARATION OF CLUB GROUNDS

Our facilities in Puckane have undergone under enormous change over the last five years or so. A new stand was completed in early 2002. Floodlighting the pitch to the highest standard in North Tipperary if not the entire county was switched on in November 2003. April 2004 saw the car parking facilities laid and marked out with tarmacadam. The total cost of the development works to date is €49,000. The next stage of development, a community hall with hurling walls is in the drawing up stage. The grounds are always available to the North and county boards for fixtures, coaching courses and the training of county teams. The pitch is in perfect condition and



Kildangan GAA officials at the opening of their pitch - Standing: Paul Hogan (treasurer), Liam Kelly (chairman), Paddy Kelly, Catherine Gleeson (North Board, treasurer), Margaret Hayes, Michael 'Spike' Nolan (County Board treasurer), Celine Connors (secretary), Martin Hogan (juvenile club chairman). Seated: Liam Flannery, Margaret Gallagher, Ailish McGee, Timmy Ryan (life-president), Fr. John Slattery (president), Seamus Flannery (president).



Kildangan U-21 hurlers - North & County 'B' Champions

Back row, l-r: Thomas Seymour, Patrick Coen, Liam Kelly (capt), Enda McGrath, Colm Darcy, Darragh Egan, Michael Slattery, Brian Forde, Conor Hayes, Patrick Lynch, Eoin Kelly. Kneeling: Brian McLoughlin, Brian Freeman, Eoin Gleeson, John Hayes, Andrew Murphy, Ciaran Madden, Martin Slattery, Donnacha Mulcahy, Liam Ryan.

marked and flags in place for all fixtures. Indeed this year the junior B football championship has the distinction of been the first to be played under lighting. Last February we hosted Duagh GAA Club from Kerry over a weekend for football matches under floodlights and a social evening in Puckane.

Considering all of the usual activities such as fundraising, the dinner dance and summer camps that take place each year 2004 has been truly "an historic year" for Cill An Daingean.



Kildangan GAA club embark on a trip to New York, pictured before departure from Puckane.



Kildangan Intermediate selector, Roger Gleeson, checks with the linesman as to how much time was left in the Cidona Intermediate county final.



Kildangan U-15 hurling teams of 1966 and 1967, who brought the first two county titles to the club were honoured at the clubs annual dinner dance in Nenagh Abbey Court Hotel. Standing, l-r: Ollie Killeen, Paddy Coen, Josh Hogan, John Darcy, Johnny Gleeson, Terry Moloney, Andy Flynn, Ger Flannery, Seamus Hogan, Stephen Darcy, John Grace, Michael Darcy, Tommy Connors, Martin Kennedy, Martin Kelly, Johnny Killeen, John Kelly, Christy Moloney. Seated: Pat Kelly, Eillie McGrath, Pat Gleeson, Tom Moloney, Tony Kelly (1966 captain), Nicky Flannery (1967 captain), Margaret Hayes (rep. late husband, Seamus Hayes RIP), Tommy Collins, Martin Maher. Absent from photo: John Buckley.



A great Gael – Kildangan club president, Paddy Morrissey had a busy year supporting the cause.



Kildangan's captain, Ger Slattery, receives the County Intermediate Trophy from County Board Chairman, Donie Shanahan, with Aoife Campion representing the sponsors, Cidona.



Kildangan Intermediate Panel and Mentors

Back row, l-r: James Minihan, Aidan Ryan, Liam Kelly, Denis Slattery, Darragh Egan, John Maher, Liam Karl Flannery, Karl Flannery, Karl Hogan, Conor Hayes, James Flannery, Eoin Kelly, Paddy Coen, Enda Nolan, Eddie Fogarty, Seamus Hogan (selector), Willie Seymour, Tom Freeman (selector). Seanie Kelly. Front, l-r: John Slattery, Dermot Hogan, Art Flannery, Dan Hackett, Colm McGrath, Brian Kelly, Ger Slattery (capt), Brian Lawlor, Michael Ryan, Hugh Flannery, Sean Gleeson, Patrick Lynch, Brian McLoughlin, Roger Gleeson (selector), Eamonn Kelly (manager), Tommy Connors. Mascots: Ciaran Kelly and Kevin Foley.

Mid Tipperary League winners 2004



The Moycarkey Borris Team that defeated Gortnahoe Glengoele in the Tipperary County Intermediate Hurling League Final. Back row (l to r): Robert Doran, Brian Moran, Patrick Carey, Paul Dempsey, William Dempsey, Robert Clancy, Donnacha Hennessy, Cathal Ryan. Front row: Kieran Shorthall, Pat Coman, David Sheppard, Johnny Flanagan, Eamon Donnelly, Colm Ryan, Austin Cooney (captain).



The victorious Drom-Inch Team after the County Senior Hurling League Division 3 Final where they defeated J.K. Brackens. Back row (l to r): Paudie Butler, Donnacha Kennedy, James Kennedy, James Woodlock, Micheál Butler, Robert Hicks, Seamus Cahill, Paul Stapleton, Eamon Buckley, Paul Ryan, Patrick Kennedy, Eddie Kinnane, Kevin Butler, Seamus Walsh, Joseph Egan, Jonathan O'Connor, Mac Dara Butler. Front row: Jimmy Darcy, Trevor O'Connor, John McGrath, Matthew Ryan, Mervyn Hicks, Paul Collins, Damien Young (captain), Frank McGrath, Michael Costelloe, Martin Butler, Willie Ryan, Eddie Costelloe, Pdraig Butler. Missing from photo: Seamus Butler.

The Holycross Ballycahill Panel that defeated Clonakenny in the Mid Tipperary Division 3 Hurling League Final. Back row (l to r): Donnacha Duggan, Colm McGrath, Conor Doyle, Pa Doyle, Robert Quinlan, William Dillon, Conor Ryan, Noel Ryan, Liam Ryan (captain), Packie Ryan, John Tierney, Frank Dwan, Jim Long, Stephen Delaney. Front row: Eamon Connolly, Kevin O'Riordan, Liam McGrath, James Barrett, Kevin Dwyer, Mark Fogarty, Kevin Dwyer, Mark Fogarty, Kevin Callinan, Alan Ryan, Jamie Lowry, Martin Ford, Tadgh Flanagan, Paddy O'Gorman.



The Drom Inch Panel that defeated Loughmore Castleiney in the Mid JHL (Division 2) Final. Back row (l to r): Michael Kennedy, John Egan, Michael Sheridan, Michael Cahill, John McGrath, Kevin Butler, Pdraig Ryan, Eamon Kiely, Jerome Ryan, Michael Long, Joe Egan. Front row: Andy Bourke, Seamus Hassett, James Ryan, Kevin Nolan, Ollie Dwan, Trevor Hassett, Declan Ryan, Seamus Kennedy. Missing from photo: Liam McLoughlin, Pat Looby, Paul Ryan.

The Drom Inch Panel that defeated Holycross Ballycahill in the Mid Tipperary Division 1 Junior Hurling Final Replay. Back row (l to r): Micheál Cahill, Joe McGrath, Eamon Kiely, Seamus Walsh, Nicky Ryan, P.J. Nolan, Thomas Cantwell, Eddie Kinnane, Eamon Ryan, Kevin Butler, Brian Costelloe, Matthew Cahill, Kieran Young, Jerome Ryan, Mark Jordan, Matty Ryan. Front row: Pat Looby, Eddie Costelloe, Declan Ryan, Willie Ryan, Liam Kennedy, John McGrath, James Kennedy, Trevor Hassett, Micheál Butler, Keith Nolan, Joe Egan, Micheál Kiely.



Cahir GAA 2004

MINOR 'B' CHAMPIONSHIP 2004

THIS TURNED out to be a thrilling championship, one the Cahir Minor panel and Cahir G.A.A. Club thoroughly enjoyed winning. Selectors Jim Doolan and Tom O'Donnell, Coach, Benny Hickey and manager, Larry Queeney were delighted this team finally won a title having threatened to do so for the previous 8 years. From the beginning of the year players showed a determination and commitment over and above that of other years. Their showing in the County League was a portent of things to come and valuable lessons were learned especially when losing a league final that all knew should have been won.

In the South semi final against The Davins with four minutes to go and reduced to 14 men Cahir refused to panic and kicked four wonderful points to force a replay. They won the replay, which earned them a place in the South final against Fethard. Cahir minors were well up for this game and stormed to victory

and a South title. Not content with this the panel resolved to go and win the County and gave notice of their intention by defeating Borrisokane with some style in the County Semi-final.

Aherlow were our opponents in the final and worthy opponents they proved to be. They had the ball in our net within the first minute. By half time Cahir were seven points down having missed a penalty. The start of the second half saw Aher-

low still dominating with Cahir struggling to keep in touch. Despite this Cahir refused to surrender and kept on trying to prise open the seemingly impenetrable Aherlow defence. With eight minutes remaining and trailing by eight points Cahir suddenly found their rhythm, breached the Aherlow defence, totally dominated the last eight minutes of the game, and scored 2-04 to win a memorable County final victory.



Cahir, County Tipperary Minor B Football Champions 2004

Good year for Ballybacon-Grange



Ballybacon-Grange - South Intermediate Hurling Champions 2004

Back row, l-r: Tomas Maher, Sean Phelan, Albert Keating, Liam Pollard, Nigel Carrigan, John R. Murphy, James Maher, Peter Hally, Brendan Cummins (captain), Jerry Ryan, Brian Condon, Barry O'Gorman, James Nugent.

Front row, l-r: Sean Maher, Alan O'Gorman, James Hackett, Martin Ryan, Michael English, Michael Phelan, Johnny English, Declan Walsh, Shane Sweeney.



Ballybacon-Grange - All-Ireland Junior Sevens Champions 2004

Back row, l-r: Jackie Walsh (selector), Michael English, Albert Keating, James Hackett, Brendan Cummins (captain), Shane Mason (manager), James Nugent, Martin Ryan, John Cummins (trainer).

Front row, l-r: Peter Hally, Johnny English, Michael Phelan, Barry O'Gorman, James English (selector).

A LIFETIME WAIT FOR BALLYNEALE'S FIRST COUNTY JUNIOR "A" TITLE



Ballyneale Junior Hurling team – Back Row (l-r): Eamonn Hanlon, Michael Fleming, Mark Cahill, Barry Hanrahan, Paul Ryan, Enda Fogarty, Robbie Ryan, Jonathan Downey, Darren O'Connell, James Wallace, Thomas Kennedy, Brian McCarthy, Michael Munnelly, Robert Murphy, Shane Murray, Edmond Hearn, Eamonn Phelan, Liam O' Shea, Edwina Murphy (physio). Front row: Joe Brennan, Thomas Cody, Peter Downey, Kieran McGuire, Cathal Houlihan, Paul Cahill, Keven Freaney (Captain), Brian Dignam, Michael Houlihan, William Lambe, Peter Lyons, James St. John

Ballyneale won their first county junior 'A' hurling title in Templemore against Burgess on a cool November's morning. This was a huge achievement for such a small club. Ballyneale had to wait 17 years for the club to regain the south title which they had only won three times. Reaching the county final was no 'walk in the park', the team competed in some epic battles since June, most notably the game against Moneygall which went to extra time.

Ballyneale started their road to the county final against Ballingarry in the first week of June. On this night, the Ballyneale forward line were in flying form putting up a nice score of 2-10 against Ballingarry's 0-8. Even this early in the season, full-forward and youngster Peter Downey showed he meant business for the upcoming season as he scored some superb scores. Downey was more than ably assisted by Cathal Houlihan and Robert Murphy on the night. Mike Houlihan and Kevin Freaney were the steadying pair in the backline whenever Ballingarry threatened upon the Ballyneale goal.

In the second round of the South Championship, Newcastle were Ballyneale's opponents. In the past few years, both teams have battled out fiercely contested games, and this was no different. The game started slowly with

numerous wides from each side and no score was recorded before the 12th minute. Newcastle got a dream start as they scored 1-3 without reply. The Ballyneale defence were under severe pressure throughout the first half as they were playing against a strong breeze. The half-time score was deadlocked at 1-4 apiece, but Ballyneale can thank Michael Houlihan, Kieran McGuire, Kevin Freaney and James Wallace in the defence for keeping the score so close, as they absorbed some serious pressure against the wind.

Newcastle opened the scoring in the second half and both teams pointed tit-for-tat until the 50th minute of the game when Peter Downey went on a three minute scoring rampage scoring 1-2. Willie Lambe, Michael Houlihan and Kevin Freaney were rock solid at the back and Cathal Houlihan and Peter Downey wreaked havoc on the Newcastle defence.

A week later, with two victories under their belts Ballyneale travelled to Mullinahone to play neighbours, St. Patrick's. Ballyneale were on a high but were soon brought back down to earth when St. Patrick's ran Ballyneale ragged with an awesome second half performance. Ironically enough, Ballyneale probably played their best hurling all year in the first half of this game. The game started at electric pace with both sides scoring

some wonderful points. Both sets of forwards were on top. At half time, the score was 1-5 to 0-8. As Ballyneale seemed to be hurling so well defeat was the last thing on players minds. The second half started as the first half finished, the St. Pat's attack was causing terrible bother to the Ballyneale defence. Unlike the first half, the Ballyneale attack was not responding with scores because the St. Pat's defence and midfield were winning the majority of exchanges. As the second half continued Ballyneale had no response to the endless pressure their goal was being put under by a much livelier and fitter side. When the final whistle was blown, St. Pat's were victorious 0-17 to 1-8. As a result, this meant that Ballyneale could not afford to lose another match for the rest of the year, or their hurling year would be over.

In the last game in Ballyneale's group, old rivals Ballylooby who had beaten Ballyneale in last year's final would the opposition. Due to injury and players on vacation, Ballyneale were forced to start with a depleted side, but this was the first sign that Ballyneale had strength in depth. Ballyneale had a point to prove that they were not out of the running for glory not by a long shot. Ballyneale came out 'with all guns blazing' and with Cathal Houlihan, Peter Downey, Peter Lyons and Paul Cahill on song, they seemed out of Ballylooby's

reach at half time with a lead of 2-5 to 0-4. Ballylooby have never gone down without a fight and they through everything at Ballyneale from the throw-in of the second half. Within ten minutes after scoring 1-2 without response Ballylooby 'had their tails up' but youngsters Robert Ryan and Enda Fogarty had other things on their minds when they started to tear the Ballylooby defence apart with great speed, skill and agility. Old reliable Peter Downey finished his hat-trick five minutes from the end of the game and this was the fatal blow to Ballylooby. The final score had Ballyneale 4-11 to 1-11 winners.

Ballyneale then had a two month wait to play their next game, which was to be Mullinahone in the South semi-final. With such a long break Ballyneale entered this game very cautiously. Mullinahone got the ultimate start when they scored a goal within two minutes of the throw-in, but as usual Ballyneale never dropped their heads and fought back well and even pulled away before half-time with Peter Downey on fire at full-forward. At half time, Ballyneale were five points clear of Mullinahone. What won this game was Ballyneale's awesome start to the second half as they scored a goal and four points unanswered in the first ten minutes. Mullinahone put up a brave battle, but good performances from Kieran McGuire, Peter Lyons, Paul Cahill and an outstanding Peter Downey scoring 2-8 out of 2-16, made sure that Ballyneale would enter their second south final in two years. The final score was 2-16 to 2-8.

In the south final, Killenaule were the opposition. As Ballyneale suffered heartbreak in the south final last year, Killenaule were unfortunate to receive this backlash from the Ballyneale team. On the day, Ballyneale's team spirit and determination could only be described as fantastic, and from the throw in Ballyneale never looked like they were ever going to be beaten. Underfoot conditions were terrible and there was a gale force wind blowing but nothing was going to prevent the Ballyneale team from ending the seventeen year wait to retain the South title. Kieran McGuire, with a man of the match performance at centre back was the driving force behind so many other influential players such as Paul Cahill, Jonathan Downey and Robbie Ryan. When Sheamus Roche blew the final whistle there was great celebrations between players and supporters. When South Board chairman, Barry O'Brien presented Kevin Freaney with the South Cup, there was a cheer from all Ballyneale supporters and players that could be heard the whole way back to Ballyneale.

When all celebrations were finished after the South Final, Ballyneale had to

travel to Gortnahoe to play Monegall. This game will probably be talked about in Ballyneale and Moneygall for years to come. It started with Moneygall tearing the Ballyneale defence apart with score after score. Moneygall were all over Ballyneale and it looked at half time, with a lead of 2-6 to 0-5 over Ballyneale, Moneygall were on their way to the county semi-final, how wrong this was to be. Whatever the Ballyneale mentors did in the dressing-room during the half time break was to raise Ballyneale's team performance, ensuring that during the second half, "sparks were going to fly". For the first twenty minutes both sides went point for point, but Ballyneale seemed to be getting on top. With only minutes remaining Ballyneale were six points behind, but one of the greatest come-backs of all times, Ballyneale managed to force the game into extra time, with a last gasp goal from Cathal Houlihan, that all in attendance were stunned, including everyone from Ballyneale. During extra time Ballyneale took the difficult route by coming from behind three times. In the final minute of extra time, hero Brian McCarthy broke all Monegall hearts with a stroke that filled the whole parish of Ballyneale with joy.

The final score was:

Ballyneale 2-15; Moneygall 2-14.

Ballyneale's opponents for the county semi-final were Emly. This Emly team had defeated Ballyneale last year in the county quarter-final very convincingly, Ballyneale players felt they had not done themselves justice last year and once again their team spirit and determination were at its peak on the day. From the throw-in Ballyneale put down a marker when they scored in the first minute. They were never to go behind, even though Emly equalised twice in the early stages. Ballyneale had a handsome lead of five points playing with wind advantage in the first half. Emly returned after the break determined to cut into the lead but the Ballyneale defence stood firm and it took Emly ten minutes to record their first score. Brian Dignam in goal played like a man possessed for Ballyneale and was truly outstanding on the day. In front of him, full-back and captain, Kevin Freaney, centre-back Kieran McGuire and flankers James Wallace, Willie Lambe, Mickey Munnely and Mike Houlihan all played a major role in this victory. In attack full-forward Peter Downey was inspirational for Ballyneale turning the screw at every opportunity with his pin point accuracy from frees. Ballyneale's performance on the day made them worthy winners and they well deserved their chance to compete in this years county A' junior hurling final. The final score on this occasion was:

Ballyneale 0-13; Emly 0-9.

On Sunday, 7th of November, 'D

Day' arrived for Ballyneale hurlers. It was their first ever appearance in a county junior 'A' hurling final. The venue was Templemore and the opponents were Burgess. Both teams looked nervous as *Amhráin na Fhiain* was played over the public address. There was a huge roar from the crowd as the ball was thrown in.

In the first minute of play, tragedy struck for Ballyneale as their goalie was blocked down in their own square and the ball ended up in the back of the net. Within seconds Burgess scored a point. Burgess were on a high but the Ballyneale boys had not started to hurl yet. After the shaky start Ballyneale settled into the game and every player in their beloved green and white worked tirelessly to reverse the trend. The tide started to change in Ballyneale's favour in the seventh minute when they were awarded a penalty. Cathal Houlihan was the man to step up and no better man for the job. The roof of the Burgess net was lifted along with the Ballyneale spirit. Confidence in the Ballyneale players grew immeasurably after Houlihan's strike and when super full-forward Peter Downey pointed, followed by another Houlihan point, Ballyneale were back on track and seemed to be dominating man-for-man around the field. Both heroes, Downey and Houlihan, added a goal each and there was no turning back from here. Burgess added four points, but Ballyneale's midfielder Paul Cahill increased the lead to four points with a super strike on the stroke of half time.

When the second half started Ballyneale were four points to the good but Burgess showed great character to cut this deficit to a mere two points. After this early pressure the Ballyneale defence 'locked up shop'. Burgess started to find scoring difficult and Ballyneale forwards, Peter Downey, Robert Murphy, Mark Cahill and wing-back Mickey Munnely, were able to extend their teams lead to six points with only five minutes remaining. Burgess fought back bravely with a goal and a point but it was too little too late, Ballyneale were to be crowned county junior 'A' hurling champions, for the first time in the history of the club. When the final whistle was blown, the pitch was flooded with a sea of green and white supporters. It was a great day for the parish of Ballyneale and even a better day for the promotion of hurling.

As the Ballyneale players and all involved with the team gathered in front of hoards of Ballyneale supporters and media a rousing rendition of *Slievenamon* was sung by the players and this brought tears to eyes both young and old.

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Centenary of the death of JK Bracken

On Sunday, May 2nd, 2004 J.K. Brackens GAA Club celebrated the centenary of the death of J.K. with a wreath laying ceremony at his grave in Tankardstown Cemetery Killmallock and the unveiling of a plaque in the GAA pavilion Templemore. Early in the year the club decided that May 2nd be set aside to commemorate the occasion and a subcommittee of GAA club members and Urban Council members was put in place to plan and to prepare for the event. After a few meetings the plan began to take shape and three weeks prior to the event a research project in 'The Life and Times of J.K. Bracken' was undertaken by the primary schools of the parish.

On May 2nd, the exact date of the centenary of the death, the event got underway with a fifty mile trip to Tankardstown Cemetery, Killmallock, where he had moved to two years prior to his death. Prayers were recited by Fr. William Slattery and a wreath was laid on his grave by Mick Delaney who had a long involvement with the GAA in the parish. Afterwards we returned to the GAA pavilion in Templemore for 6pm Mass, celebrated by Dr. Dermot Clifford Archbishop of Cashel and Emly and patron the the GAA. After Mass, the unveiling proceedings got underway with the Tomas MacDonagh pipe band Templemore, playing the National Anthem. Tom Collum acted as MC and introduced the various speakers - Munster Council Chairman Sean Fogarty, County Chairman Donie Shanahan, Mayor of Templemore Marcus Wilson, Dr. Dermot Clifford, Martin Bourke, Brendan Bracken grandson and former GAA President Seamus Ó Riain who

unveiled the plaque. Others in attendance included Tipperary GAA secretary Michael O'Brien, Mid Board Chairman John Doyle, Mid Board Secretary Matty Connolly, Treasurer Tom Maher, Munster Council Delegate Michael Power and Con Hogan Central Council Delegate. To mark the occasion, a 56 A4 page souvenir programme was produced for the occasion.

Joseph Kevin (JK) was born on February 29th 1852, and was the second eldest in a family of ten. His interesting and turbulent career in the GAA, the Fenians and local government has been overshadowed by the fact he was the father of Brendan Bracken (1901-1958) founder of the modern Financial Times and Churchill's wartime Minister for Information and close confidant.

His chief claim to fame, and one that has assured him of a place in the history of Irish nationalism is as one of the seven founders of the GAA in Hayes Hotel on November 1st, 1884. And in the early years was actively involved being Vice President for 1885, 1886 and 1887. As Vice President, he presided at the meeting of the GAA's executive which excluded members of the Royal Irish Constabulary and was one of the main proponents of the 'Ban,' prohibiting members from playing or watching games such as rugby, soccer, hockey or cricket, which were associated with the British garrison in Ireland. He was the first president of the Tipperary GAA board set up in 1887. The GAA experienced its darkest days in the late eighties early nineties with only 220 clubs affiliated to the Central Council in 1902. County organisation was negligible and County championships in hurling and football were rarely com-



J.K. Bracken

pleted. The situation was so serious that calls were issued for a closing of ranks with an invitation to a number of prominent Gaels to attend a meeting in Dobyns Hotel, Tipperary town with a view to re-organising the association in the county. Bracken attended at the meeting in February 27th, 1893 and was part of a provisional committee set up to reorganise clubs and manage challenge games. This led to the formation of a new county committee in 1894 and Bracken was defeated by D.H. Ryan for President by one vote.

Of Bracken's membership of the IRB - the revolutionary organisation committed to winning political independence by physical force - there is no doubt, there being ample evidence in the Crime Branch Special files where he is returned as an advanced member of that organisation. A monumental sculpturer by trade, the business expanded under his management to include building and road contract work. The centenary celebrations of the 1798 rising; allied to his high standing as a nationalist, helped him secure many contracts. As a member of the Templemore Trade and Labour league, he headed the list of 32 candidates in the first urban council election of 1899 and later became its first Chairman. He was actively involved in the Templemore branch of the United Irish league and was elected President in November 1899. Involved in the Amnesty Movement campaigning for the release of long term Fenian prisoners, he spoke at a massive Amnesty demonstration in 1896 in Tipperary town alongside the influential John Redmond, John Dillon and John Daly.

Just turned 50 he moved to Killmallock in 1904, but died of cancer on May 2nd, 1904 and was buried in the nearby cemetery of Tankardstown where a Celtic Cross marks his grave.



Martin Bourke and Mick Delaney at the grave of J.K. Bracken in Tankardstown, Killmallock, on Sunday May 2nd on the 100th anniversary of his death.

FIRST TIME PULLING

Occasionally, something or other strikes me as I ponder Tipperary hurling, a subject dear to your own heart, as much as to mine.

What strikes me now is that I haven't seen 'first time pulling' as a variant of Tipperary hurling for a long while. In saying this I don't wish to imply that 'first time pulling' is a cure for all the ills of our county's hurling men or to criticise that beautiful first-touch mastery of recent teams of Tiobraid Árann. Some few years ago I remember using the phrase 'first touch' in a Dublin shopping centre and the unknown woman customer nearby automatically added the phrase 'like the Tipperary hurlers'. It was a style admired by neutrals far and wide. It was a beauty to behold and for it one must be extremely grateful.

What I have in mind, however, are the less successful Tipperary teams, of all grades and age-groups, who may have to wait some time to again achieve the mas-

tery the Kellys, Pat Fox, the Ryans, the Bonnars, Brian O'Meara, Nioclás Inglis etc. inspired, both as players and bainisteoirí. How could I have omitted the Dunnes (especially Tomás) or John Leahy?

Perhaps that last name is closest to what I have in mind, is closest to the 'traditional' Tipperary hurler!

In the past, I always felt that there was this 'Tipperariness' that somehow came to the surface, even when things weren't going all that well. It was the initiative, the ability to change tactics or to emphasise a certain type of play, which was effective and varied and intelligent. Tom Ryan of Cill Náile, is another such player with the ability to take a situation by the scruff of the neck, as he did in a certain minor All-Ireland final around 1960. Has that capacity been lost to Tipperary hurling? In the past it often came to the fore when playing against a team like Kilkenny – and Kilkenny have not changed their

traditional style of play at all. My suspicion is that Tiobraid Árann now play teams such as Cill Chainnigh in the Kilkenny style. I suggest that only the best of Tipperary teams are capable of beating Cill Chainnigh at their own game – and have done so recently! – using the Kilkenny style! But I don't think we should expect them to do so as a rule. They need all their traditional armaments, even if they are sometimes only held in reserve!

Perhaps, all this is nonsense. If it is, the sensible people of Tiobraid Árann will regard it as such. But, perhaps there is just one little point to what I say.

In the meantime here's to *Mná Thioibraid Árann* who have been keeping the Tipperary flag flying!

Go mbeimid beo bríomhar ar an am seo arís!

Tiobraid Árann abú!

Le gach dea-ghuí do mhuintir Thioibraid Árann.

Liam Prút

Awards



Winners All – United Sports Panel Cidona Award Winners: Football: Cahir Club accepted by Club Chairman Paddy Hyland, Camogie: Eimear McDonnell, Burgess, Hurling: Brendan Cummins, Ballybacon/Grange, Knocknagow. Award: Theo English, Marlfield, and Handball: Fergal Collins, Ballina.



Munster Council Award Winners 2003 – Eimear McDonnell (Camogie) and Ballina's Ger Coonan (Handball).

BOOK REVIEW

MARK QUINN

THE KING OF SPRING: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF PETER O'CONNOR

(The Liffey Press, Dublin 2004), 303pp, paperback €17.95

"The King of Spring" is the aptly titled, biography of the celebrated Wicklow athlete Peter O'Connor, holder of the world long jump record for a period of 20 years and a dual Olympic medallist at the intercalated games of 1906 in Athens. The author Mark Quinn, who is a great-grandson of the famous jumper, had access to previously undisclosed family papers, photographs and memorabilia which enabled him to reconstruct the long and eventful life of his ancestor. Through his efforts Mr. Quinn has assembled a wealth of biographical detail about his great-grandfather some of which was unknown even to members of his own family. We learn, for example, that O'Connor was born in Milom, Cumberland where his family had moved for a short period in search of work. Although in later life Peter O'Connor would become a successful solicitor, he left school with only a primary education, as his father, a shipwright, didn't have the resources to invest in further studies.

Drawing on his undoubted literary skills, the author takes us on a fascinating journey from the tillage fields of Co. Wicklow, where the young O'Connor first demonstrated his jumping prowess at local ploughing matches, to the world championships at Buffalo and from there to the Olympic games in Athens. Quinn's pen pictures of the latter are particularly vivid as is his account of the 1901 I.A.A.A. championships at Ballsbridge, where O'Connor finally erased Walter Newburn's figures from the record books.

Unfortunately, for all the author's skill and endeavour, the book contains some serious flaws. The account of the rivalry between O'Connor and Newburn appears



Liam O'Donnchu, Mark Quinn (Author) and Seamus J. King at the book launch.

to owe more to the influence of tabloid journalism than it does to rigorous historical analysis. There is surely enough evidence available to produce a more nuanced and balanced argument than the approach adopted in chapters 4,5 and 6. The book is marred by a litany of factual errors and in the interest of historical accuracy some of these will be addressed below:- Pat O'Callaghan was the Olympic hammer throwing champion in 1928 not the winner of the shot put as Mr. Quinn suggests (prologue). Competitive athletics in Ireland were not in their infancy in the 1880's (p.15). The Irish Champion Athletic Club had organised national championships since 1873 and Irish jumpers and throwers had been prominent in the English and American Championships for a number of years. The majority of athletic events did not take place in Dublin (p.15). Hundreds of meetings were held in provincial towns and rural areas as early as the 1870's. There was nothing unique in O'Connor's "straight at the bar" approach in high jumping (p.49). This style was quite popular at rural meetings and had been

favoured by prominent athletes such as Pat Davin. The hop step and jump was not a precursor to the modern triple jump (p.186). Both expressions describe the same event. William Sherring the marathon winner at Athens did indeed display a shamrock on his jersey (p.192). Sherring's Irish connections have never been confirmed, however he was a member of St.Patrick's A.C. in his home town of Hamilton, Ontario. This club's colours consisted of a white jersey emblazoned with a single green shamrock! Irish long jumping did not begin with Pat Davin in the 1880's (p.228) John Lane had been one of the world's best performers in the early years of the previous decade. Delfo Cabrera of Argentina won the Olympic marathon in 1948 and not Emil Zatopek as mentioned (p.275).

Equally disappointing is the author's failure to address the inaccurate account of his great-grandfather's world record contained in "The Guinness Book of Athletics Facts & Feats", which claims that his jump was made from a boarded runway. The runway at Ballsbridge was of standard construction and the jump was measured from the usual take off board. However, it was common practice in Ireland at that time to describe this as a "board take off". Unfortunately the distinguished sports historian Peter Matthews misinterpreted this expression and suggested in error that the entire runway was boarded.

Despite its faults and failings "The King of Spring" is a well written, nicely illustrated, informative and enjoyable book. Indeed one feels that Peter O'Connor would be pleased to be at last recognised in print. We look forward to the second, corrected edition.

J.M. Tobin



Jimmy Purcell admiring Jimmy Doyle's array of medals in Lár ná Páirc prior to their departure to the Museum in Croke Park.

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North Tipperary Scór



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North Tipp Scór na bPaisti Solo Song winner - Niamh Slattery (Templederry).



North Tipp Scór Chairman Tom Gleeson keeps the show on the road in the North Senior Scór final at the Western Pass, Ardcroney.



Recitation North Senior Scór winner - Phil Quigley (Shannon Rovers) and runner-up Johnny Mulcahy (Newport).



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Roscrea Instrumental Music Group - North Scór na bPaisti champions (l to r) - Carol Thompson (coach), David McGrath, Kate Lupton, Lisa Ryan, Leah Bergin and Yvonne Fitzgerald.



Portroe Ballad Group - North & County Scór winners (l to r) - Charlotte Power, Eddie Lawlor, Nicky Cottrell and Pamela Madden.



Templederry Set Dancers - Scór na bPaisti North champions (l to r) - Mai Fogarty (Scór Secretary), Selene Murphy, Aoife Ryan, Danielle Slattery, Geraldine Stapleton, Sarah Cullen, Leanne O'Dwyer, Niamh Slattery, Elizabeth Slattery (Templederry Scór Secretary), Maria Kennedy.



Novalty Act Templederry - North Scór na bPaisti winners. Standing - (l to r) Danielle Slattery, Elizabeth Slattery (Templederry Scór Secretary), Leanne O'Dwyer, Catherine Ryan, Niamh Slattery, Emma O'Dwyer, Maria Kennedy. Seated Aoife Ryan and Sarah Murray.



Borrisoleigh Instrumental Group - North Senior Scór champions (l to r) - John Bradshaw, John Maher, Noel Maher, Anne Marie Kavanagh and Timmy McSherry.

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Mid Tipperary Scór

Coiste Scór Thiobraid Árann Meanach had a very enjoyable and productive season in 2003/2004 with participation from our faithful supporting clubs. As usual Scór na bPáistí was the highlight of our year, it is unbelievable the talent of these primary school children, their enthusiasm is infectious.

Mid final of Scór na nÓg in Clonmore on 28th November, 2003, a packed hall enjoyed a good night's entertainment. We had two representatives successful in County Scór in Cashel. Martin Lee's recitation went to Munster final in Killarney where despite a great performance he was unlucky on the night. The Novelty Act from J.K. Brackens also were pipped in Munster semi final.

We had a good crowd in Drom for Mid final of Scór Sinsear where six Clubs participated, it was a most enjoyable night, and the adjudicators were from Clara - Bro. Sylvester Conway's team. The J.K. Brackens Novelty Act went on to Munster Final in Killarney, there was jubilation when they were awarded the coveted Munster crown after 6 years persevering, but had no luck in Castlebar despite a great performance.

Scór na bPáistí was very rewarding with first semi final in Drombane. Fear a' Tí P.J. Harrington ran off the programme smoothly and the host Club catered for all our needs. The second semi final in Templetuohy with Fear a' Tí Tom Hassett in charge in his usual efficient and pleasant manner. Thanks also to the ladies in the tearoom.

We had a very crowded hall in Loughmore for mid final on March 19th with the affable Pat Healy as a very efficient Fear a' Tí. We appreciate the work of the ladies in the tearoom, who looked after us all.

In the County final of Scór na bPáistí in Cashel, we had three winners Ceol Uirlise Upperchurch/Drombane, Nuachleas J.K. Brackens, Rince Seit Gortnahoe/Glengoole with Upperchurch/Drombane second in Bailead Ghrua and Loughmore/Castleiney second in Tráth na gCeist. Thanks to all who worked so hard during winter months to get competitors on stage, the parents, teachers tutors who freely give of their time, especially to the youth.

At present the County Scór Committee are endeavouring to compile a history of Scór, we would like if all Clubs

in the Division would send details of their activities in Scór to Seamus J. King, Cashel, even if the Club is not now active in Scór. It would be a let down to those pioneers in the early years not to have some mention in the History book, so please start looking up the records, it would be most appreciated.

We would like to thank our Sponsors Mid GAA Board, Donal Younge, The Ragg, Thurles Credit Union, Tivoli Cleaners, Lycon Auto Spares. Their contribution is most helpful and really appreciated.

Election of Officers at our AGM on 11th October, 2004 for 2004/2005. Cathaoirleach Noel Joyce, J.K. Brackens, Leas Cathaoirleach, Paddy Cooney, Moycarkey/Borris, Runaí Martina Fogarty, J.K. Brackens, Cisteoir and PRO Nora Troy, Thurles Sarsfield, Leas Cisteoir Mick Troy, Moyne/Templetuohy. Delegates to County Scór Paddy Cooney and Anne O'Meara, Drom/Inch.

A word of appreciation to Michael Dundon and his staff at the Tipperary Star, whose help has been invaluable over the years.

WINNERS 2003/2004

Category	Scór na nÓg	Scór Sinsear	Scór na bPáistí
Rince Foirne	J.K. Brackens	J.K. Brackens	Loughmore/Castleiney
Solo Song	Upperchurch/Drombane	Drom/Inch	Upperchurch/Drombane
Ceol Uirlise	Loughmore/Castleiney	J.K. Brackens	Upperchurch/Drombane
Recitation	J.K. Brackens	J.K. Brackens	J.K. Brackens
Ballad Group	J.K. Brackens	Moyne/Templetuohy	Upperchurch/Drombane
Tráth na gCeist	Loughmore/Castleiney	Loughmore/Castleiney	Loughmore/Castleiney
Nuachleas	J.K. Brackens	J.K. Brackens	J.K. Brackens
Rince Seit	Drom/Inch	Drom/Inch	Gortnahoe/Glengoole



Tom Semple Memorial unveiled on 11/4/2004 in St Mary's Garden of Remembrance, St Mary's Avenue, Thurles by His Grace Dr Dermot Clifford, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly. (l to r): Mrs Anne Semple, Mr Michael Smith TD, Minister for Defence, Mrs Anne Semple Gunning, Archbishop Dermot Clifford, Mr Johnnie Wort, Chairman Dúrlas Eile Eliogarty Memorial Committee, Mr Martin Semple, Mrs Josephine Semple, Mr Paddy Barry, Mayor Thurles Town Council, Mrs Mairin Semple Thomas, Mr T.J. Semple, Thomas Semple.

Historic year for Moyle Rovers juveniles

UNDER-14 HURLING

THE UNDER-14 hurlers had a great start to the year when they defeated Ballingarry in the South Féile na nGael final by 1-5 to 1-2. In the county semi-final they defeated Dúrlas Óg by 2-9 to 1-7 and for the first time ever had reached the county final in which we were beaten by Kildangan by 2-4 to 1-4.

Following the excellent performance in the Féile competition, hopes were high that things would go well for this team in the championship. Following the league stages of the South championship, they progressed to the final for the second successive year versus Ballingarry. In this final Ballingarry made a blistering start and lead by 9 points at half time but the second half was a different story as our lads clawed back the lead and went ahead with only minutes remaining only for Ballingarry to equalise with a late score to see the game end level at 2-11 to 4-5.

The replay was the complete opposite of the drawn game as it was our lads who dominated the first half and lead by nine points at half time. Ballingarry dominated the second half and lead by one point with seconds to go before Ciaran Lorigan forced the game in to extra time with a great point from a free. In extra time we added six points to Ballingarry's two and ran out worthy winners by 4-12 to 5-5.

In the county semi final we defeated a fancied Loughmore team by 1-9 to 2-2 and thus advanced to the county final where we played Kildangan in Holycross.

In an enthralling final played before a large attendance, we emerged victorious by 1-9 to 0-9 to claim our first ever county A hurling in the history of our club.

We lead at half time by 0-8 to 0-3 having played with a strong breeze. In the second half, a great display of courage and no little skill kept Kildangan at bay and saw these young men hold out for a famous victory which will live long in the memory of all those who were present to witness team Captain, Ciaran Lorigan accept the county trophy.

UNDER-14 FOOTBALL

Our under-14 footballers started off the year when they won the south and county Peile na nÓg defeating Cahir and Arravale Rovers in the respective finals and thus qualifying to represent Tipperary in the All-Ireland competitions in Tyrone.

The four days in Tyrone were the highlight of the football year as our wonderful hosts in Beragh could not have done more for us. We also enjoyed great success on the playing field on which we defeated Beragh, Greencastle, St. Lomans and Clan na Gael to reach the All Ireland Final only to be defeated by Bray Emmets by 0-5 to 0-1.

We won the south championship when we defeated Fethard in the final by 4-8 to 2-2 and qualified for the county final by defeating Loughmore by 3-7 to 1-4.

In the county final we faced Arravale Rovers and after a hectic struggle we were defeated by 1-7 to 0-9.

This was a huge disappointment to everyone involved and had the game been played a week later we feel we could have completed a county double but it came to soon after our wonderful adventure in Tyrone.

UNDER-16 HURLING AND FOOTBALL

Our under-16 hurlers playing in the A grade had a busy South championship campaign playing a total of eight games prior to qualifying for the semi-final stage in which we comprehensively defeated Carrick Davins. We had now qualified for the South final in which we were to play a very fancied Killenaule side. We turned the form book on its head to capture the south title by a single point and add this to the B championship won two years previously.

This team were defeated by Dúrlas Óg in the county semi-final. In the Football Championship we again captured the south A Title before being defeated again by Dúrlas Óg in the county semi-final.

Looking back on what was a hugely successful year for our juvenile club, the successes achieved are due to the huge amount



South U-16 Hurling Champions

Back, l-r: D. Lyons, B. Boland, P. Walsh, P. Burke, S. Lonergan, M. Mulvihill, K. Maher, D. Burke, O. Lennon, G. Roche, D. Corigan, C. Wall, S. Keating, M. Campbell, J. O'Donovan, K. Power.
Front, l-r: P. Kenrick, L. Redmond, B. Molloy, D. Foley, D. Harte, E. Bourke, S. Carey, D. Foley, C. Kenrick, J. Lyne, D. Lyne.
Missing from photo: selector, Tom Corigan.



U-14 County Hurling Champions

Back, l-r: D. Gorey, E. Dwyer, R. Ryan, S. Reardon, D. Coffey, E. Phelan, J. Lonergan, C. Purcell, S. Boland, B. Smith, P. Acheson, S. Heffernan, T. Smith, M. Leahy, L. Carey, T. Acheson, T. Hill, D. McGrath.
Front, l-r: D. McGrath, J. Cahill, L. Dunne, E. Moir, A. Flannery, C. Quigley, D. McGrath, D. Dwyer, S. McCormack, D. McGrath, K. McGrath, A. Campbell, E. Boland.



South U16 Football Champions with members of Boland family after the inaugural presentation of the Charlie Boland Memorial Cup.



Ciarán Lorigan, winner of the All-Ireland féile, skills competition, pictured with his parents, Tom and Geraldine.

of work by our juvenile chairman Declan McGrath, secretary, Eileen Boland and all the coaches, selectors, team secretaries and parents.

The strides the club has made in hurling over the past few years has been phenomenal and the future does indeed look bright.

Not bad going for a so called football club.

FR. SHEEHY'S WIN

South Minor C Football Title

Fr. Sheehy's got their south minor championship off to the worst possible start when on 19 May, we travelled to Ardfinnan to play St. Martin's. After a very close game and some excellent football from both sides we lost by 2-9 to 1-9. The following Saturday, 22nd May, we went to Goatenbridge to take on Newcastle. As it turned out it was a very tight game with us leading at half time 2-3 to 0-8. The second half was even tenser than the first and with both teams giving their all the match finished level 2-6 to 0-12. This result, along with Ballylooby defeating St. Martin's, kept us in the championship but it meant we had to beat Ballylooby in our final group match to qualify for the final.

And so we travelled to Ballyporeen, on 19th June, to take on Ballylooby. This game, against our nearest neighbours was made even more significant by the fact that they had beaten us in the county championship earlier in the year. As it turned out on the night we started nervously enough and led at half time by just a point. In the second half however we took control of the game and ran out winners 2-6 to 0-4. This meant we had qualified to meet Newcastle in the final.

On Saturday, 24th July, we went to Ardfinnan to play the final. The match start-

ed pretty much like the earlier game between us, tight, tense, and level 0-3 each after fifteen minutes. Then Fr. Sheehy's began to take control and went in at half time leading 2-5 to 0-5. But Newcastle were not going to give up without a fight and they came at us in waves in the second half but our defence held out and carried us to victory and the South title, on a score line 2-6 to 0-10. Well done and congratulations to

the entire panel, Pat Moran (capt), Brian O'Brien, Michael Myles, Christy Smith, Sean Creed, Bobby Platt, Peter Walsh, Shane Smith, Eoin Walsh, Steven Fitzpatrick, Brendan Walsh, Pat Mulcahy, Kevin Fitzgerald, Chris Platt, David Conran, Damien Lonergan, Joe Blake, Karl Sandbach, Kevin Fennessy, Terence O'Brien, also to Kevin Fitzpatrick (manager), Frank O'Brien (coach) and John Fehilly (selector).



Fr. Sheehy's, Minor C South Tipperary Football Champions

Back row, l-r: Karl Sandbach, Peter Walsh, Eoin Walsh, Kevin Fitzgerald, Michael Myles, Bobby Platt, Brendan Walsh, Pat Mulcahy, Pat Moran (capt.).

Front row, l-r: Joe Blake, Damien Lonergan, Terence O'Brien, David Conran, Chris Platt, Christy Smith, Steven Fitzpatrick. Missing from photo: Brian O'Brien, Shane Smith, Shaun Creed, Kevin Fennessy.

Under 14 C Football Title

Under 14 footballers had a great win over Newcastle in the South final at Ardfinnan on Sunday, 20th June.

Fr. Sheehy's dictated the game from the throw in to the final whistle; they played great football with determination and passion for fifty minutes. Fr. Sheehy's led 0-3 to nil at half time, there was a little worry at half time that Fr. Sheehy's were only three points up after owning the ball for the first half. The second half Fr. Sheehy's proved to be a great team when Newcastle threw everything at them but Fr. Sheehy's stood firm and never gave an inch to win on a final score of 0-7 to 0-1. This was a brilliant all round team performance, Scott Platt did very well in goal Shane Fox played a captain's part at full back catching and clearing great balls all day long. Halfback line of Robert Sweeney, Martin Slattery and Robert O'Brien were the best line in the field marked tight and never gave the Newcastle forwards an inch. Eoin Flynn had a great game at mid field but his partner Shane Ryan was man of the match with a fantastic display of football centre forward Paul McGrath had a great game especially when he was switched to mark Newcastle star Andrew Fitzpatrick midway through the second half. Cian O'Brien had a great game at wing forward scoring

three brilliant points but had great assistance from up and coming stars of the future Sean Kiernan and Sean Flynn. Paddy Platt and Darragh Costelloe won good possession in the full forward line, Gary Condon, Claire Gleeson and John Caplice played their part when introduced. Thanks to manager Pat Fox and his selectors Paudie Costelloe and Liam Flynn for all their time and effort with this team during the year. Also the club would like to thank Frank O'Brien for coaching, also

a word of thanks to Patsy McGrath and John Sweeney who gave a hand at matches.

PANEL: Scott Platt, Shane Fox (capt), Sean Flynn, Robert Sweeney, Martin Slattery, Robert O'Brien, Eoin Flynn, Shane Ryan 0-3, Cian O'Brien 0-3, Paul McGrath 0-1, Sean Kiernan, Paddy Platt, Darragh Costelloe.

Subs: Gary Condon for Paddy Platt, Claire Gleeson for Sean Kiernan, John Caplice for Darragh Costelloe.



Fr. Sheehy's, Under-14 C South Tipperary Football Champions

Back row, l-r: Paudie Costelloe (selector), Martin Slattery, Paul McGrath, Scott Platt, Eoin Flynn, Shane Ryan, Darragh Costelloe, Aaron Fleming, Thomas Flynn, SEAN Flynn, Pat Fox (manager). Front row, l-r: Claire Gleeson, Gary Condon, Paddy Platt, Shane Fox, Robert O'Brien, Robert Sweeney, Sean Kiernan, John Caplice, Cian O'Brien.

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Killenaule G.A.A. 2004

Killenaule G.A.A. has almost completed once again a most memorable year. On Sunday, November 14th, contesting a county intermediate football final against rivals Kilsheelan/Kilcash and hopefully by the time you are reading your 2005 Yearbook we will be senior footballers, having won a south title for the first time ever in this grade.

This year saw the club complete a five-in-a-row South U-21 titles in hurling and back-to-back county titles. We also contested a South senior hurling final only to lose out to Mullinahone. Also contesting the South junior A hurling final and losing out to county champions Ballyneale, to whom we extend our congratulations for winning their first ever county title. Our minor teams in both hurling and football, despite some memorable games and a panel that could have went all the way but were deserted by 'lady luck', will have to wait until 2005. The juvenile club was also very successful during the year, being successful in U-10s, U-12s being double South champions in hurling and football and county hurling champions. The U-14s losing out to Fethard in the South final – another panel to be proud of are our U-16s, contesting a South final in hurling. To all associated with the juvenile a hearty thank you. However the highlight of the year had to be the U-21 hurlers, reaching a county final against Loughmore only to end in a draw and face a replay to emerge victorious. A tremendous achievement for this group of players and their manager Jimmy Tobin, selectors Dick Maher and Damien Gleeson and Loughmore-man Tom McGrath, coach.

The club was also well represented on the county scene in 2004 with Declan Fanning (senior hurling), Tony Doyle (senior football) and Joe Caesar, Mickey Farrell and Gerry Kennedy (U-21 hurling), winning Munster medals. Also brothers Kieran and Niall Bergin (minor hurling), Ian Murphy (Minor Football), Michael Doyle, Matthew O'Donnell and James Hickey (U-16 hurling).

The club would like to thank everyone associated with our success throughout the year:

U-21 hurling – Jimmy Tobin (Manager), Dick Maher and Damien Gleeson, intermediate football – Tony Shelley (manager) and Tom Shelley, senior hurling, Davy Ahern, manager, Michael Gleeson and Tom McGrath, junior A hurling, Davy Ahern (manager),

U-21 Football – Tony Doyle snr. (manager), Kenneth Cleary and Patrick Fennelly, minor hurling and football, Hugo Browne (manager), Anthony Pur-



Killenaule Int. South Champions



Killenaule Under-21 County Champions 2004. Back row (l to r): Ml. Gleeson, – Joseph Ceasar, Keith Kennedy, Matthew O'Donnell, Niall Berry, Richard Meagher, Ian Murphy, Ml. O'Connor, Martin Shelly, Jonathan O'Dwyer, Ml. Farrell (captain), Jimmy Tobin (manager), Davy Ahearne. Front row: Tom McGrath (coach), Georgie Webster, Padraig Kirby, Barry Murphy, Niall Bergin, Ml. Doyle, Kieran Bergin, Vinny Hannigan, Gerry Kennedy, Stephen Brennan, Mark Murphy, Paddy Codd.



Killenaule Under-12B County Hurling Champions. Back row (l to r): Jack O'Connell, Clíodhna O'Dwyer, Liam Peacock, Thomas Nolan, Aidan Leahy, Conor Van Den Dikkenberg, James Shaw and Robert Hall. Front row: Joseph Meagher, Ethan Cronin, Daniel Guinan, Conor Kavanagh, Jason Fanning, Shane Doyle and Joe O'Dwyer (captain).

cell, Tony Doyle, snr., and Dick O'Dwyer.

Our junior Bs under the guidance of Tom Shelley and Joe O'Dwyer for some memorable games during the season.

A very special thanks to all our players for their commitment during the year and a very special thank you also to our coach Tom McGrath. Thanks must also be expressed to our sponsors Killenaule Pharmacy and all the people who worked so hard for the club during the year and to our supporters for their loyalty and support during the year.

The 30th of August marked the last day of the summer holidays, but for the Killenaule U-12 team it was the evening when their successful season reached its climax. Semple Stadium was the venue for the clash with Silvermines in

the Under-12 B hurling county final. Mission accomplished, the cavalcade made its way back to, and around Killenaule, in celebration, with a county title to add to the hurling and football South B titles.

Panel: Joe O'Dwyer, Liam Peacock, Clíodhna O'Dwyer, Joseph Meagher, Aidan Leahy, Conor Van Den Dikkenberg, Daniel Guinan, Ethan Cronin, James Shaw, Robert Hall, Jack O'Connell, Conor Kavanagh, Thomas Nolan, Shane Doyle, Jason Fanning, Willie O'Reilly, Rory Loughman, Darren Teehan, Shane Moore, P.J. Coady, Mark Doyle, James Feehan, Colin Van Den Dikkenberg, Paul Davey, Robbie Blake.

Manager and selectors: Pat Fennelly, Liam Meagher and Micheal Barrett.



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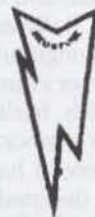
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St. Mary's Hurling Club, Clonmel

THIS YEAR IS our 75th birthday. Founded in 1929, we are the oldest G.A.A. club in Clonmel, being five years older than our sister club, Clonmel Commercials Football Club, with which we share players and facilities. Our achievements on the field of play are modest, the high points being the winning of the junior county championship of 1975, the South senior title of 1981, two South intermediate titles, two South junior titles, five South under 21 titles, sixteen South minor titles and numerous juvenile accolades.

The early St. Mary's players of the 1930s and 40s were usually men from hurling areas who came to work in Clonmel, a town which until the founding of St. Mary's had no hurling tradition, and because of the limited travel facilities in those days, they settled in the town and played with the club. With the help of a few dedicated club members and Christian Brothers and teachers in the local schools, a good environment for underage players within the club developed, and the street leagues which the club organised for young players for more than three decades are fondly remembered by many. The success of this underage endeavour is reflected in the four South Tipp minor titles which the club won in the 1950s and in the seven clubmen who played minor for Tipperary in that decade.

There have been few periods in the history



Presentation to Mossy Carroll, captain of 1981 team: Noreen Dunne (Lady Mayoress), Billy Doyle (Town Clerk and St Mary's selector), Denis Dunne (Mayor of Clonmel), Mossy Carroll.

of St. Mary's as successful as that between 1970 and 1975. It was a time of greater attention than ever to juvenile hurling with the new competitions of Féile na nGael and the Community Games providing an additional platform. It was a time when the club acquired an influx of dedicated people to cope with its expanded commitments, and it was a time when the club had one of the most dominant intermediate teams in the South. Success at senior level, which was greatly anticipated fol-

lowing the graduation from intermediate ranks in 1975, was to elude St. Mary's until 1981, and in the intervening years the club depended on the minors and under 21s for championship honours. Our reversion to intermediate ranks in 2003 is regarded as a temporary expedient.

This last year was one of renewed effort but was tinged with sadness by the deaths of Seán Walsh and Seán Kennedy, two of our greatest former players. We had more than a hundred young boys under the age of 12 in the field every Saturday morning divided into groups of under 6js, under 8s, under 10s and under 12s, the latter winning the South title. Our under 14s, under 16s and minors performed well in the championships while our intermediates were just pipped in the South final. Our junior Bs restored our faith when they won the South title, giving a few of our veteran players their first adult hurling medal. It was during the year also that, together with Commercials Football Club, we launched an ambitious development programme for our grounds on the Western Road.

We celebrated our birthday during the last week-end of October with a mayoral reception in the Town Hall and a banquet in the Clonmel Arms at which we honoured our 1981 senior team. Our celebration coincided with the worst floods to hit the town in living memory but the revellers were undaunted by the cascading river as plans were plotted for calmer times ahead. (S.O'D.)



South Under 12 champions 2004 – Front: Ross Smith, Evan Comerford, Keelan Maher, Jade Looby, Emmet Ryan (Captain), Peter Powell, Joey Phelan, Alex Purcell, Colman Kennedy, Michael Quinlivan, Mikey McCullagh. Back: Adam Hannigan, Pádraig Loom, Jamie Peters, Shane O'Gorman, Conor O'Keeffe, Seamus Kennedy, Shane Power, Liam Glendon, Matthew Hynes, Matthew Norris, Paul Nolan, Billy Hewitt, Shane Fehilly, Pádraig Quinlivan, Gearóid Buckley, Michael Boland, Liam Powell, Jack Kennedy, Roghnóiri (at back): Billy Hewitt, Tony Power, Frank Maher, Terence Kennedy, Jimmy Collins.



South Junior B champions 2004 – Front: Emmet Ryan, Michael McGarry, Diarmaid Bolger, Peter Egan (captain), Paul Doyle, Ronan Walsh, Mark Tobin, Kevin Ryan, Barry Gibbons, Adrian Johnson, Paudie O'Keeffe, David O'Donnell (club chairman). Back: Tommy Power, John Connolly, Johnny O'Mahony, Pádraig Leahy, Evan Harvey, Niall Kelly, D.J. O'Dwyer, Donal Kennedy, James Power, Chris O'Flaherty, Anthony Wall, Will McGarry, Ger Deely, Ciarán O'Connell, James O'Brien, Franny Kelly.

Co. U-14 B Hurling Title for Holycross-Ballycahill

BY DONAL RYAN

When the under-14 hurlers of Holycross-Ballycahill first came together for training in Ballycahill Hall on the second Friday of March, little could they, or their selectors, Brendan Ryan, Paddy Dwan, Willie Harty and Patrick Byrne have foreseen the great campaign that lay ahead. For sure, getting to the Mid final in 2003 had suggested progress, but with several of that team now over-age, a huge challenge was in store if titles were to be won.

The extent of that challenge was further emphasised with an early exit from Féile na nÓg at the hands of Gortnahoe and football defeats to Gortnahoe, Drom and Clonakenny. But with the decks cleared for the hurling championship, several good challenge matches and eager training sessions suggested gradual improvement.

Victories over Gortnahoe (4-10 to 2-5), Moyne (3-10 to 1-4), J. K. Brackens (5-4 to 1-3) and Clonakenny (3-8 to 1-3) saw us into the Mid semi-final. There Moyne-Templetuohy were defeated and for the second year in-a-row we would contest the Mid B final. J.K. Brackens provided the opposition and what a battle it turned out to be. Leading 0-4 to 0-1 at half time, the second half proved most exciting as we forged out a 0-7 to 0-4 victory.



The Holycross Ballycahill Panel that defeated JK Brackens in the Mid Tipperary Bord na nÓg, U-14 B Hurling Final. Back row (l to r): Robert Waters, Jamie Foley, Hugh Kennedy, John Slattery, Jamie Byrne, thomas comerford, Cathal Carroll, Kieran Gleeson, Daniel Fennessy, Shane Carroll, Daniel Quirke, Stephen McLoughlin, Gary Brady, Ted Ryan, Jonathon Keady. Front: Gerard Kennedy, Seamus Harty, David Lowry, Dan Murphy, Michael Ely, Tony Leahy, Denis Ferncombe, Aidan Medley, Michael Doyle, Dan Tynan, Colm Moloney, Aidan Stakelum.

Two weeks later came the county semi-final in Cashel against Fethard. We survived an early onslaught, played second fiddle almost all the way and yet escaped with a 2-3 to 0-9 draw. It would take huge character to win the replay, which came in New Inn a week later. Again, Fethard made the running again we hung in, limited the early damage and eventually were then down to win by 0-9 to 0-6. It was time for the county final.

On October 10th, Borrisoleigh was the venue and Newport were the opposition. A good start saw our lads build up an early lead and by half-time we were 1-4 to 0-1 in front. The inevitable Newport rally came but we had enough in store and ran out 2-7 to 1-3 winners. Scenes of great joy surrounded captain

Lee Ryan as he accepted the trophy on behalf of a fantastic group of dedicated players and mentors. And so a journey, which began on dark evenings in March, ended in great style on a crisp afternoon in October with the ultimate prize - a county title.

Panel: Stephen McLoughlin, Tomás Comerford, Lee Ryan, Colm Moloney, Shane Carroll, David Fennessy, Cathal Carroll, Robert Walters, Aidan Medley, Denis Ferncombe. Donal Quirke, Kieran Gleeson, Daniel Tynan, Michael Doyle, Gerard Kennedy, Tony Leahy, Gary Brady, Dan Murphy, David Lowry, Aidan Stakelum, Seamus Harty, John Slattery, Jamie Foley, Jonathan Keady, Michael Ely, Hugh Kennedy, Owen O'Dowd, Daniel Ryan, Mark Kennedy, Shane O'Dwyer, John Burke.



Tutor, Keith Ricken makes a point at the Football Coaching Course.



Representatives from Lattin-Cullen at the Course in the Clare Inn.



Coach, Pat O'Shea, addressing participants in the Course at The Clare Inn.



100 participants representing the clubs of Tipperary attended a Level One Football Coaching Course at The Clare Inn in January 04.

A Great Year for Rosegreen

Rosegreen will recall 2004 as one of the greatest years in the history of the club. They achieved something never achieved before when they won their first adult county final. And, it might very well have been a double. The county final success came in junior A football, and the near miss in junior B hurling.

At the commencement of the year the club targeted some football success. They had won divisional honours in 2003 only to be denied a crack at a county title because of Fethard's refusal to accommodate a request for a postponement in the county semi-final. As a result Rosegreen gave a walkover though convinced they were good enough to qualify for a county final. 2004 was the year to make amends.

The early part of the divisional football championship was played on a league basis. Rosegreen came through with flying colours, defeating Aherlow by 1-7 to 1-6, Clonoulty-Rossmore by 1-14 to 0-1, Solohead by 2-8 to 1-8, Cappawhite by 1-14 to 0-9, and Rockwell Rovers by 2-14 to 0-9.

This clean sweep got them to the West semi-final in which they had an easy enough victory over Rockwell Rovers, by 0-13 to 1-4. The final against Cappawhite was a different matter, and it took extra time to achieve victory by 1-12 to 1-9.

Their opponents in the county semi-final were Drom-Inch, and they beat them by 1-9 to 1-4 at Dundrum. This gave them a final meeting with Commercials at Fethard. In this game they led by 0-8 to 0-2 early in the second half, and seemed set for glory. But, it was Commercials who got the bit between the teeth and scored six points without reply during the remaining

period. The final score was 0-8 each. The replay was at the same venue on December 4. On this occasion Rosegreen made no mistake and won by 1-9 to 0-8, thanks to a wonderful performance by all the players, but particularly to two outstanding saves by goalkeeper, John O'Grady.

The winning team was as follows: John O'Grady, T. J. Phelan, Robert O'Brien, Vinny Downey, Aidan Loneragan, Ryan Hennessy, Mark Harnett, James Walsh, Ger Looby, John Walsh, Joe Hennessy, Liam Sherlock, Trevor Downey, Eddie Walsh, Tom Shelly. *Subs:* Fintan Ryan, David Quirke, David Brennan, Michael Corcoran, Frank Culleton, John Hennessy, Thomas Manton, Eoin McGrath, Steven O'Brien, Pakie Hallissey, Tony Corcoran.

The junior B hurling side didn't have as smooth a passage to the county final. In the league section of the divisional championship they drew with Solohead, 1-10 each in the first round, defeated Seán Treacy's by 1-14 to 1-11, and Golden-Kilfeacle by 2-13 to 1-4, lost to Éire Óg by 5-12 to 3-5, and got a walkover from Arravale Rovers.

In the semi-final they drew with Éire Óg, 0-11 to 2-5, but reversed the league result in the replay, winning by 2-16 to 3-9. They had a convincing win over Seán Treacy's in the final, winning by 4-14 to 3-9.

Rosegreen began to be noticed outside the club when they defeated Drom-Inch by 2-11 to 0-13 in the county semi-final at Drombane. They scored a goal and a point in the last minute to win by four points. However, they failed at the last hurdle in the final, which was played at Templemore on November 28. The concession of five goals was more than the team could bear and they

lost to Kilruane MacDonaghs by 5-3 to 1-7.

The team was as follows: Fintan Ryan, David Quirke, Liam Manton, Robert O'Brien, Aidan Loneragan, Michael Corcoran, Daniel Ryan, Ger Looby, Liam Sherlock, John O'Grady, Pakie Hallissey, Eddie Walsh, Cormac Ryan, Thomas Manton, Tom Shelly. *Subs:* T. J. Phelan, Timmy Moloney, Frank Culleton, David Brennan, Steven O'Brien, Vinny Downey, Trevor Downey, Tony Corcoran.

As well as the members of the two panels – and there was quite a cross over of players between the two – there were others who contributed to the success of the club. Pride of place has to go to Pakie Hallissey who as coach imposed a discipline on the players and got the commitment and dedication to training required to bring success. Also important were the selectors Pat Cormack, Michael Fanning and John Walsh. One has also to include the other back-up people in the club.

For four players the county final win was the culmination of many years of endeavour. Liam Sherlock, Michael Corcoran, Tom Shelly and John O'Grady played on the successful minor B team that achieved county success as far back as 1991. The thirteen years wait for a second county title was worth every minute of it.

The history books will include the name of Rosegreen as county junior A football champions of 2004. The bare statistic will never be able to represent what a huge achievement it was for a small club, and what wonderful satisfaction and unbounded joy the victory gave to the players and everyone associated with it.

S.J. King



Rosegreen team and supporters, county JFC 'A' winners – A historic first county title for the club. Front (l. to r.): Pat Cormack (Selector), Barry Williams, David Hayde, Michael Corcoran, Mark Harnett, Aidan Loneragan, Eddie Walsh, Vinny Downey, Eoin McGrath, John O'Grady, Dave Quirke, Ger Looby, Tom Shelley. Back (l. to r.): Pakie Hallissey (manager), Pat Cummins (secretary), Teddy Gould, John Walsh, Dave Brennan, T. J. Phelan, Fintan Ryan, Frank Culleton, Rayn Hennessy, Joe Hennessy, James Walsh, John Hennessy, Liam Sherlock, Trevor Downey, Tony Corcoran, Robert O'Brien, Michael Fanning (chairman), Willie O'Grady, John Costelloe.

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Encouraging Year for Kilruane MacDonaghs

Following the previous year's intermediate final victory and the return to senior ranks, 2004 saw some tentative but significant steps being taken on the rocky road back. This season was one of the most successful for the club since the vintage year of 1986 when Kilruane MacDonaghs were crowned All-Ireland club champions. The minor and U-16 hurlers captured the North A titles, the Junior B hurlers completed the league and championship double and the U-21 footballers took the North B crown. The senior hurlers survived a testing year and held on to their senior status.

The glory days of the seventies and eighties were fuelled by the previous success at underage level and for the last eight years the juvenile club has quietly been reorganising and rejuvenating itself once again. A dedicated and committed cohort of coaches and mentors have patiently and steadily raised the standard of hurling and football in the club. This year all our underage teams with the exception of the U/21 footballers played in the A section. In 2005 every club team except the junior footballers will compete in the premier grade. And while some may struggle in the top flight, most will be competitive and hopefully a few may get among the honours.

The breakthrough at minor level was very satisfying. This young team under the guiding hand of Dinny Cahill bridged a thirty one year gap when they defeated Roscrea in the North final to win this prestigious championship.

Many of the successful minor team formed the core of the U-16 team. They were unbeaten in the league section, topping the group and having a significant victory over Toomevara on a 3-15 to 3-14 scoreline in one of the games of the year. The teams meet again in the championship final. MacDonaghs made an explosive start and got a grip on the game that they refused to relinquish. Appearing in their fourth final in a row they won their second title in three years and their fifth in all, with the final score reading 2-10 to 0-10 in favour of the boys in black and white. In the county semi-final a great second half performance saw them overcome the west champions Knockavilla Kickhams. In the county final a powerful Durlas Óg side dashed the hopes of further glory.

With the club now fielding only one junior hurling team they were now genuine championship contenders. They emerged undefeated from their group to defeat Portroe in the semi-final. The final pitted them against Ballina who had the better of matters for most of the game. Three minutes of added time had elapsed

and Ballina seemed to be heading for victory when Nigel Reddan scored a goal with the second last puck of the ball to leave the teams level. In the replay Kilruane MacDonaghs dominated the first half but Ballina came more into the game after the break. The game could have gone either way in the final quarter but Kilruane showed the greater resolve and the Dan Gleeson Cup was on its way to the parish of Cloughjordan for the first time. Earlier in the year the U-21 footballers had collected the first piece of silverware of the season when they defeated Ballinahinch in the B final. They defeated Ballyporeen in the semi-final but found Boherlahan too strong in the county decider.

In the county championship the senior team was drawn in the group of death along with such formidable opponents as Toomevara, Loughmore and Borris-Ileigh. Although defeated by Borris-Ileigh in the first round they played reasonably well and had an encouraging draw against Loughmore. However they had a sobering experience against Toomevara who dealt with their challenge with clinical efficiency. After this reversal and with the threat of relegation hovering over their heads like the Sword of Damocles, the team regrouped for the North champi-

onship. They had a morale boosting win against Moneygall in the preliminary round. However, they exited the championship after defeats to Borris-Ileigh in the first round and Nenagh in the first round of the losers group. Then they had a long wait for the relegation process to begin the fashionable but flawed system adopted by the county board to raise the standard of senior hurling. Hopes that safety might be achieved in the first match were quashed by a good Templederry side. Survival in the senior grade now hinged on the last match against Newport. Twelve months earlier joy had been unconfined when senior status had been regained with a thrilling victory over Burgess. In a tense match MacDonaghs had a deserved victory over Newport.

Over the last number of years the club has developed highly efficient structures. There has been great emphasis on underage skills and the club now possesses a core group of enthusiastic coaches. Chairman Len Gaynor is the driving force in the club. He is ably assisted by experienced treasurers Michael Cahill and Carmel Daly along with new secretary Cronan Casey. They are supported by a willing committee who spare no effort in the club's cause.



Kilruane MacDonaghs North Junior 'B' Hurling Champions

Back row, l-r: Michael Reddan, John Reddan, Fergus England, Niall England, Michael Ryan, Kevin O'Brien, Colin England, Matt Cleary, Jimmy Brady, Cathal McLoughney, Brendan Ryan, Seamus Hennessy, Joe Whelan.

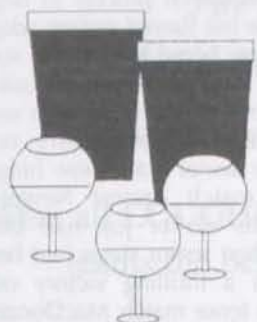
Kneeling: Stephen Murphy, Nigel Reddan, John Hyland, Enda McLoughney, Finbarr McLoughney, Colm Williams, George O'Leary, Padraic Doherty, Bill Dooley, Dermot O'Leary, David Slattery.



Kilruane MacDonaghs panel that went down gallantly to Bride Rovers (Cork) in the Munster IHC club final.

Back row, l-r: Colin England, George O'Leary, Edmund Morkan, Michael Cleary, Stephen O'Leary, Brian England, Pat Williams, David Lawlor, Mark O'Leary, Ray McLoughney, Denis Cahill, Martin Walsh. Front row, l-r: John 'B' Hayes (selector), Kieran Kennedy, Dermot O'Leary, Brian Gaynor, Shane Williams, Ruan Casey, Sean Gaynor, Paddy Ryan, Willie Darcy, Alan Ryan.

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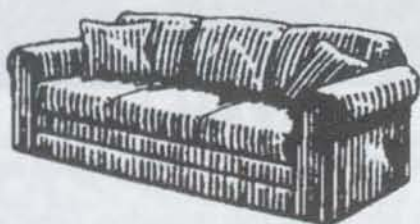
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Diarmaid Fitzgerald

By Jackie Cahill (Irish Daily Mirror GAA Correspondent)

H E'S THE ROSCREA dynamo with the hurling world at his feet. Diarmaid Fitzgerald is still only 21 but he has already made a significant impact on the Tipperary hurling scene. He's fresh from a successful season at both club and intercounty level, having captained Tipperary to the Munster U21 title before adding a North senior hurling title with the club to his ever-expanding medal collection. Not content with that, Fitzgerald claimed a Dublin senior hurling title with UCD before a knee injury forced him out of the remainder of the Leinster club championship. Fitzgerald is in his final year of a physiotherapy course at UCD and made huge sacrifices to pull on the blue and gold this year, travelling from Dublin twice a week for training sessions with the Tipp seniors.

It was worth the mileage for Fitzgerald who made his competitive debut at wing-back against Offaly in the 2004 National League before lining out in all three of Tipp's championship outings – centre-back on his debut against Waterford before stepping to the left for the games against Limerick and Cork in the qualifiers. Fitzgerald showed great promise at underage level – he was a member of the Tipp minor panel for two years and captained the side to the Munster title in 2001. He shone at centre-back for the U21s in their successful provincial campaign in 2003 before taking over the captain's armband as Seamus Power's men retained the crown in 2004 – Fitzgerald shining like a beacon at centre-back. However, the year ended on a sour note for the U21s who lost heavily to Kilkenny in the All Ireland final – a Nowlan Park experience that Fitzgerald won't forget in a hurry.

"Going down there thinking that we had a good chance and then being beaten like that was terrible," he recalled. "It's something I never want to experience again for the rest of my life and we just couldn't see it coming. Preparation was right and we were eager but they were at home and there was a sting in the tail after their seniors lost the All Ireland final." Nevertheless, Fitzgerald can look back on 2004 with some pride. "It was a huge learning experience for me," he said. "And I don't think Tipperary are that far off the mark. A lot of things could be done differently and we're hopeful enough that next year we can give it a good lash. We have Limerick in the first round of the championship and we'll concentrate on that with a few new



Paddy Fitzgerald (Roscrea), father of Diarmuid and Tommy, wears his club colours proudly!

players coming in to freshen things up. The future is bright but we need to find unity in the panel," he explained. "The panel of players needs to be together as a unit and we could be doing more stuff off the pitch, for example going away for weekends for paintball shooting – anything to have a bit of craic together. With that kind of unity you know that when the going gets tough that the man

beside you will give 110 per cent for you and you'll do the same for him. But players need to be in this to win an All Ireland together rather than worrying as individuals about getting their place on the team."

Fitzgerald was part of the Roscrea team that shocked Borrisoleigh in the final to land the club's first North title since 1980. Roscrea went on to beat Holycross in the county quarter-final before coming a cropper against the Golden-Annacarty combination at the semi final stage. But after a few years of worrying about relegation, the North title was warmly welcomed in the parish. "Roscrea had been struggling in recent years but we knew we had a good chance and the draw was set up well for us," Fitzgerald reflected. He played one league match at corner-back for the club before moving to centre-back for the remainder of the campaign.

At intercounty level, Fitzgerald found a home at left half-back but many see him as the answer to the county's long-standing centre-back position. "I was honoured to be chosen to play at centre-back against Waterford," Fitzgerald smiled. "But I don't mind playing at wing-back either. I must say that it's very hard to go back playing corner-back when you're on the wing for a while," he added. "You have to be so tight at corner-back but out on the wing you can play your normal game. I wouldn't really have a preference for centre-back or wing-back – I'm lucky enough to have the chance to be a part of the Tipperary team so I'm happy enough to play anywhere."



Munster Council Chairman Sean Fogarty presents The Munster U21 Hurling trophy to Diarmuid Fitzgerald, captain of the victorious Tipperary team.

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Recent G.A.A. Publications

— by Seamus J. King —

This column has been flagging the immediate publication of the Galtee Rovers G.A.A. Story for some years now. It has had the longest gestation period of any book I know, but I believe I can now give you the expected date of arrival, 2006! That is according to author, Seamus McCarthy, and fellow Galtee Rovers man, John Moloney. That year will see the publication of the book plus the official opening of the new reconstructed G.A.A. field in the parish.

There wasn't much of in the line of local publications during the year. I should like to draw attention to a number of books that will have a wider interest.

Croke Park – A History

by Tim Carey, a former curator of the G.A.A. Museum at headquarters, is a book of outstanding pictures and a fine evocative cover. Published by the Collins Press in large format, it runs to 200 pages and retails for €30.

One of the earliest photographs is of the Arravale Rovers football team in the Dr. Croke Cup football final, Jones's Road, on June 13th, 1897. It is taken from a contemporary supplement to the 'Gaelic News', and is of outstanding quality. It is captioned as 'the earliest known team photograph from Jones's Road.'

There's an interesting juxtaposition of photographs on pages 44 and 45. In the first Eamon de Valera is throwing in a football at the start of a match there in April 1919, and in the second Michael Collins is doing the honours with a sliotar.

The book contains a detailed account of Bloody Sunday with a full-page photo of Michael Hogan of Grangemoak. There is good coverage of the Tailteann Games in 1924, which, we are told, were followed by a Rodeo.

There is much, much more, and the many pictures and the text are interspersed by memories of great players, who played there. Interestingly the first game that D. J. Carey played in Croke

Park was in football for Kilkenny Schools under-12 team in 1982.

Finally, the history tells us about the record crowd of 90,556 at the Offaly-Down All-Ireland football final in 1961. The gates closed at 1-45, locking out between 25,000 and 30,000 more trying to get in. Mind boggling!

From Dún Síon to Croke Park

Micheál Ó Muirheartaigh's autobiography, 'From Dún Síon to Croke Park' tells of his progress from his Kerry birthplace to his established place in Irish broadcasting. Published by Penguin Ireland, the book contains 257 pages and retails for €22.99.

One day in 1949, Micheál took part in a competition at Croke Park for an Irish-language commentator's job. He was just eighteen and had never seen a hurling match in his life, but he got the job, and the rest is broadcasting history. He tells us that he set out to be himself in the interview, rather than ape existing broadcasters, and it worked.

He learned about hurling and came to admire the majestic technique of Christy Ring. He also writes about his love of greyhounds and golf, and the pictures include one of him in Augusta.

The book is as easy to read, as Micheál is to listen to, and is dedicated to the memory of Cormac McAnallen, the young Tyrone footballer, who died in March 2004.

I Crossed the Line

– The Liam Dunne Story

Probably the most exciting book on a G.A.A. theme is 'I Crossed the Line – The Liam Dunne Story' with Damian Lawlor. Damian is the G.A.A. correspondent for the daily 'Star', and a native of Kilruane MacDonaghs.

The book is a page turner from chapter 1: 'It's a story that needs to be told. I want to give you a look beyond the tunnel, an insight into what 16 turbulent years as an inter-county hurler were

like, how you can isolate those close to you and instead build a life to revolve around sport. The game has thrown everything at me, good, bad and ugly. Most of it has been my own doing too. But not all of it. It's time to get some stuff off my chest.'

And that's exactly what Liam Dunne has done. He goes through his hurling life, faces up to his indulgence in alcohol, to his three successive sendings-off in championship hurling, his descent into hell and his redemption. The story is a great one, greatly helped by the writing skills of Damian Lawlor. The book, published by Sliabh Bán Publications, retails for €14.99

Cashel King Cormac's – County Junior Hurling Champions 1953

A much different kind of publication is a sixteen-page booklet entitled 'Cashel King Cormac's – County Junior Hurling Champions 1953', produced by the club in connection with the fiftieth anniversary of that historic occasion, that saw the club win its first county title. Apart from presenting a history of the games and the people that played them in that year, the book also includes some pictures taken at the presentation of medals in the old Town Hall. These add enormously to the value of the publication. It is available from the club for €5.

As well as the above mentioned there are a number of other publications worth recording. Match programmes for division and county senior finals, as well as the county intermediate final, are well worth keeping. Also divisional and county convention reports amass between their covers an amazing amount of relevant material. This year's county senior hurling final program included a four-page spread on the Thurles Sarsfields team that won the 1974 county final.

NATIONAL ATHLETICS WINNERS

1873 - 1884 (ICAC RULES)

J.M.TOBIN

In this article, the third of a series, we take a brief look at the careers of the Tipperary winners of national athletics honours under Irish Champion Athletic Club rules between 1873 and 1884. It will be recalled, that in the last two editions of the Yearbook, we presented a list of Irish title holders who competed under the auspices of the G.A.A. and the I.A.A.A. from 1885 until 1922. This year we have expanded the original format to include the 2nd and 3rd place finishers in each event.

The Royal Irish Athletic Club, founded in June 1872, had by the early months of 1873 evolved into the Irish Champion Athletic Club. The new organisation wasn't an athletic club in the modern sense, but rather attempted to organise and regulate Irish athletics on a national basis. The I.C.A.C. had much in common with the London based Amateur Athletic Club, which organised the first English championships in 1866. The A.A.C. was in turn modelled on older institutions such as the Jockey Club and the Marylebone Cricket Club (M.C.C.), the controllers of British horse racing and cricket.

The Irish Champion Athletic Club promoted national track and field championships from 1873 to 1881. The meetings of the following three years organised by the Dublin Athletic Club, continued to be run according to the rules and regulations of the defunct I.C.A.C. These original rules which were almost identical to those of the Amateur Athletic Club, underwent some minor modifications over the years. One version published in 1878 stipulated, inter alia: That crossing the scratch line in weight putting and long jumping was deemed to be a foul. The 16lbs. weight was to be 'put' from the shoulder with a seven foot run permitted. An unlimited run was allowed in hammer throwing, the distance being measured from the nearest foot-print at the delivery, to the pitch of the ball. The length of the 16lbs. hammer including the head was not to exceed 3ft. 6inches. The height of the hurdles was to be not less than 3ft. 6inches.

Tipperary athletes played a prominent role in these first all-Ireland championships, claiming 36 out of a possible 151 titles, over the competition's twelve-year history.

The Davin brothers of Deerpark won the vast majority of these 36 awards and almost single-handedly brought Irish athletics to international attention.

100 YARDS

1878	2nd. Patrick Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
1879	3rd Patrick Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
1880	1st. Patrick Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir

1 MILE

1878	1st. T.K. Dwyer	Ballyvinane, Littleton, Thurles
1880	1st. J.A. Carmody	Waterford/Carrick-on-Suir athletic club.

4 MILES

1877	3rd. R. St. John	Mullinahone
1880	2nd. J. A. Carmody	Waterford/Carrick-on-Suir athletic club.

120 YARDS HURDLES

1873	1st. Thomas Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
1876	3rd. Thomas Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
1878	1st. Patrick Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
1879	1st. Patrick Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
1880	1st. Patrick Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
1882	1st. Patrick Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
1883	1st. Patrick Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir

LONG JUMP

1873	2nd. Thomas Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
1876	1st. Thomas Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
1876	2nd. Patrick Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
1877	3rd. Thomas Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
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1883	1st. Patrick Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir

HIGH JUMP

1873	1st. Thomas Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
1876	1st. Thomas Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
1876	2nd. Patrick Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
1878	1st. Patrick Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
1878	2nd. Thomas Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
1879	1st. Patrick Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
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1882	1st. Patrick Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
1883	1st. Patrick Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir

16lbs. HAMMER

1873	2nd. Maurice Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
1875	1st. Maurice Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
1876	1st. Maurice Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
1876	2nd. J.C. Daly	Limerick/Borrisokane
1877	1st. Maurice Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
1878	1st. Maurice Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
1879	1st. Maurice Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
1880	1st. J. Tobin	Carrick-on-Suir athletic club
1882	1st. J.F. Slattery	Carrick-on-Suir
1883	2nd. J. Tobin	Carrick-on-Suir athletic club

16lbs. SHOT

1873	2nd. Maurice Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
1875	1st. Maurice Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
1876	1st. J.C. Daly	Limerick/Borrisokane
1876	2nd. Maurice Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
1877	1st. Maurice Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
1878	1st. Maurice Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
1879	1st. Maurice Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
1880	1st. Patrick Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir

42lbs. WEIGHT

1873	2nd. Maurice Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
1875	2nd. Maurice Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
1877	2nd. Maurice Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir

56lbs. WEIGHT

1873	2nd. Maurice Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir
1877	1st. Maurice Davin	Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir

TUG O' WAR

1876	1st. J.C. Daly	Limerick/Borrisokane
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Notes.

The tug of war was an individual competition, unlike the modern team orientated event. Although the 1878 rules stipulated that the length of the hammer was not to exceed 3ft. 6inches, it would appear that other dimensions had been allowed previously. In 1875 M.M. Stritch, the champion of the preceding two years had refused to compete because of restrictions on the length of the handle. The longer handle returned to favour in later years, a four-foot implement being used in 1883.

Congratulations Sean Treacy Pipe Band

70TH ANNIVERSARY

The Sean Treacy Pipe Band's commemoration of the 70th anniversary of its founding was formally celebrated at a social night in the Munster Hotel on Saturday, October 23rd.

The attendance included the parish priest of Moycarkey-Borris, an tAthair George Bourke, Fr. James Kennedy, the curate in Littleton, who became president of the band on November 1st, and Fr. Danny O'Gorman, now in Caherconlish, the outgoing president. Also there were Captain Michael Egan, Vice President of the Irish Pipe Band Association, and other members of the City of Limerick Pipe band, Tomas Ó Baróid, former long serving secretary of the Tipperary Co. Board, John Ryan, Tipperary representative on the Munster Council and his wife, Mary. There too was Michael O'Brien from England, a great friend and supporter of the band and his partner, Valerie, historian John Hassett, many former band members and their wives and families, some of whom have travelled long distances, relatives of deceased band members including Peggy Treacy. Especially welcomed were members of the present band, at all levels and their families, especially the wives. And of course there were numerous other friends and supporters, who had come to mark the occasion. The formalities on the night included presentations to four members who have been in the band for over forty years each, Rodge Heffernan, staffman, and pipers Michael Flanagan, Joe Cooney and Phil Cooney. A presentation was also made to Fr. Danny O'Gorman, outgoing president, who had recently been transferred to Caherconlish after nine years in Littleton.

As many already know there was a band in Moycarkey-Borris-Littleton from as early as 1881 - a fife and drum band that existed right

up until 1934. One of its last engagements was in Thurles on November 25th, 1933, when Eamon De Valera turned the first sod for the building of Thurles Sugar Factory.

In 1934, the Moycarkey-Borris Pipe Band, soon to adopt the name of one of Tipperary's most loyal and daring sons, was founded. The Sean Treacy Pipe Band, which was to become a household name over the next seventy years, began its practices in a lean-to at the back of J.J. Shine's shop at Pouldine Cross. Their first outing was to play at a Fianna Fail meeting in Thurles in 1934. Eighteen men stepped out that day, led by their flagman, Tommy Gleeson. The pipe major was Phil Moloughney, and the other pipers were his brother, Paddy Moloughney, Stephen Conroy, Jack Brien, Jack Carrie, Jack Dwyer, Mick Shanahan, Bill Taylor, Jim Brien and Jer Costello. Behind them on tenor drums were Dinny Fahey and Mick Brien with Pat Wilson on base. The side drummers were Mikey Cooney, Mick Bourke, Mickey (Ber) Gleeson and Mickey Heffernan. These men, who have all since gone to their eternal reward, were the pioneers of piping and drumming in Moycarkey-Borris, seven decades ago, in times and circumstances almost unimaginable today.

Those early years were lean years, before and after the war, in a land where economic depression and hardship were the norm. The late forties and early fifties brought an influx of new - mostly teenage - members into the band, one of whom is still there today. Also at this time there appeared, as instructor, one Stephen Power, then a teenage prodigy from Waterford, whose influence on the band continues to be enormous, even more especially today.

The late fifties and early sixties were glorious days, with victories in regional and All-Ireland Fleadhanna Cheoil, both for the band and indi-

vidual pipers. Tragedy struck in 1961 with the very premature death of the then Pipe Major, Jimmy Heffernan. Yet somehow, the band continued, with a very youthful Phil Cooney taking up the position of Pipe Major. The band moved from Pouldine to the new Muintir na Tire Hall in Littleton in the mid sixties and remained there through till the early nineties.

The seventies brought economic progress to the country and money became more readily available. New uniforms were purchased in 1975 and in 1977 the band travelled to Dunoon in Scotland for the Cowal Highland Games.

1984 was the Golden Jubilee of the Pipe Band and the surviving founder members were honoured. 1984 was also the Centenary of the G.A.A. and the band played at the Centenary All-Ireland Hurling Final in Semple Stadium, a highpoint in the band's long and ongoing association with the G.A.A. at all levels. The following year the band travelled to New York and led the Tipperary Association down 5th Avenue on St Patrick's Day.

In the late eighties the ambition to have a hall of our own began to gain momentum and this was realised by January 1991 when we moved into our new band hall, built by the late Danny Butler, on a site generously donated by Joe Murphy and his family. This project was a huge undertaking and was the fruit of countless hours of hard work and fundraising by a key core group within the band. 1989 saw the beginning of the band's connection with the Irish Cancer Society, organised by the late Michael Treacy.

The nineties was a period of great change and growth within the band. In 1997 we travelled to Edinburgh and Glasgow to compete in the World Pipe Band Championships.

The new millennium brought a new level of intensity in the approach, to piping in particular, and band members began to compete with distinction in numerous solo competitions. This development continues apace and, with due respect to all the pipers over the last seventy years, the present band must undoubtedly rank as the finest playing unit to leave the parish.

The Sean Treacy Pipe Band has made - and continues to make - a unique and invaluable contribution to the culture, traditions and heritage of our parish, county and country. It's a contribution we are proud of but we don't seek acclaim or recognition for it, it's just something we do and hopefully will continue to do.

Where do we go now? The future is something that nobody can predict, especially in this 21st century, as we live in different, changing and challenging times. Yet if the Sean Treacy Pipe Band is to continue and prosper, as is the wish and hope of its many friends and supporters, it surely is in as good a position to do that now, as it ever was over the last seventy years. There are no guarantees - there never are - but there is a realistic confidence that this band will be around for a good while longer. With God's help, may that be so.

Nár laga Dia sinn.



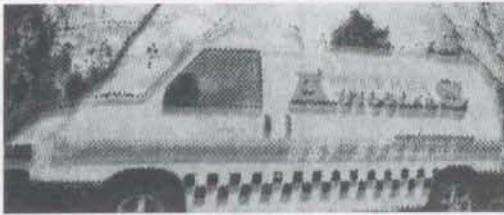
Left to right: M. Flanagan, P. Cooney and R. Heffernan, all 40 years band members.



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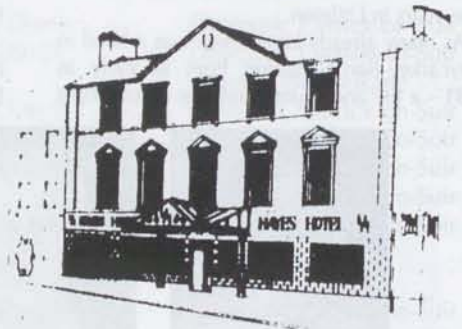
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Tipperary Year Book Awards

By James Holohan

ONCE AGAIN the time has come for the announcement of the annual awards. Before the selection was made we had to seek new sponsors. Due to the enormous cost of staging last year's event the company has since gone into liquidation. Seeking a new fairy godmother was no problem as there was already a waiting list. Our new financial backers are Pie in the Sky & Partners. We would ask our patrons to support them whenever possible.

Last year's award winners caused lots of controversy as they did not meet with universal approval. In order to ensure fair play we asked the G.A.A. correspondents from over 100 daily newspapers published in the county to assist us this year but despite their selections no doubt there will be certain people who will howl "fix, fix, fix". As usual there are 10 National and 10 County Awards and now let's reveal the contents of the envelope.

NATIONAL

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS AWARD: To the Croke Park authorities for their cock up on St Patrick's Day, when thousands of fans missed the start of the All-Ireland Club hurling final. Hopefully next year St Patrick will banish those mistakes by giving the door a belt of his crozier.

BRASS NECK AWARD: To Croke Park again when they fined all four teams for pitch incursions. However, they failed to fine themselves for their own shortcomings.

THOSE MAGNIFICENT MEN WITHOUT THEIR FLYING MACHINE AWARD: To the Waterford hurling team who despite having to play without their speedy No 13 for almost half the Munster final and with some turbulence along the way, they landed safely to pick up the laurels.

UP, UP AND AWAY AWARD: To the many successful teams who set off on foreign holidays to hot spots during the winter. This time round the highest temperature for some will likely be found around the open fire.

KING OF THE MOUNTAINS AWARD: To Brendan Cummins when he pucked his way to victory in the Cooleys. Instead of trying to keep clean sheets he took the opposition to the cleaners.

GET ME TO THE CHURCH ON TIME AWARD: To Fermanagh midfielder Liam Mc Barron, who lined out against Cork in the All-Ireland football qualifiers on the same day that he got married. He of course will be happy to have toasted his new bride but next year he will hope to carry Sam across the threshold.

LATE LATE SHOW AWARD: To Wexford's Mick Jacob when he sent a cracker past the Kilkenny goalkeeper in the Leinster semi-final thus depriving the Cats by a whisker of a possible seven in a row. After the final whistle the Wexford supporters went spring sprong all around the stadium.

BREATH OF FRESH AIR AWARD: To the Westmeath and Fermanagh footballers for their exploits on the field on play. Perhaps, next year the winds of change will blow right through to autumn.

MAN'S BEST FRIEND AWARD: To Jack Russell who raced on to the Croke Park pitch during the second test Ireland v. Australia and played a blinder. He was always up with the play and refused to be intimidated by the Aussies.

THE COME BACK KID AWARD: Goes to Cork's Brian Corcoran. In his new role as full forward he caused some hair-raising moments in the Cat's defence, thus ensuring that it was the Rebels who got the cream.

COUNTY AWARDS

MANY YOUNG MEN OF TWENTY AWARD: Is shared by the Killenaule, Loughmore, Kildangan, Boherlahan and Solohead clubs as they all won county U/21 Titles during the year. It is our wish that some of those players will not say "goodbye"

but rather "hello, hello" to the senior county ranks.

HAPPY CAMPER AWARD: Goes to the many clubs who organise camps during the summer for the school children. This experience should stand to them when the time comes to pitch their own tent.

KING OF SPADES AWARD: To the many volunteers who do the re-sodding of the goalmouths only to see the baldy patch recur. This could soon be rectified as we hear there will be some kind of synthetic surface on the way for this problem area.

SHARPSHOOTER AWARD: Goes to Eoin Kelly who scored 4-8 of Mullinahone's 4-13 in their win over Ballingarry in the South senior hurling semi-final. If Liam Mc Carthy is to come our way we will need more than this top gun to find the range.

MAMA MIA - HERE WE GO AGAIN AWARD: Goes to our camogie team who defeated the Rebelelles to make it five All-Ireland titles in six years. Girls, you richly deserve a breakaway a long, long, long way from Tipperary.

THREE SCORE AND TEN AWARD: Goes to the Sean Treacy Pipe Band who celebrated their 70th anniversary this year. They hold the record for having played in most Munster Hurling Finals in Thurles - Let the Treacys go marching on.

MAGIC BOTTLE AWARD: To the Combo and Toomevara teams whose mentors were constantly in and out of the pitch on county final day. As Cidona were the sponsors - perhaps this is one way of promoting their product!!

HOME ALONE AWARD: To those patient ladies who remain at the fireside while their men folk are off attending G.A.A. or county board meetings 'til late at night. Don't worry ladies - you can dance the night away with your partner at the club's Annual Dinner Dance

IF YOU DON'T SUCCEED AT FIRST - TRY AGAIN AWARD: To the Swan Club. Last year they failed at the final hurdle but this time they made no mistake when they won the county minor hurling title for the first time ever. Some of them will be underage again next year and with the addition of a few fledglings they should be flapping their wings again.

GOLDEN BOOT AWARD: Goes to Declan Browne who scored all 1-9 of his side's victory over Fethard in the county senior football semi-final. When not selling oil, he sells dummies to bewildered defences with devastating results. His well-oiled boots always ensure a high octane performance.

The Award ceremony will take place in The Pie in the Sky Corporate box at Semple Stadium. As we go to press no date has yet been set but it will be early in the New Year. A limited number of tickets are on sale and early booking is essential.



Enjoying the action at the U-21 Munster hurling final at Semple Stadium with Thurles connections (from left): Breda McGuire (Bray), James Kennedy (New York); Mary Kennedy (New York); Jennifer McGuire (Bray), Alice Purcell (Thurles) and Bridge Kennedy (New York).



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Willie Barrett

INTERVIEW BY JAMES HOLOHAN



In your younger days did you play hurling and football?

I played both codes with Ballybacon-Grange and Ardfinnan as a juvenile. While I never played as a minor I did line out in the U/21 grade. Later I played for the Junior team in both codes and participated in my last match in 1985.

The inevitable question – why did you take up refereeing?

In 1977 I was in discussion with the late John Fleming from Clogheen after a football match that he had refereed. He asked me would I take up the whistle – on impulse I said I would give it a try. Some weeks later a letter came from Michael O'Meara who was South Board Secretary at the time requesting me to referee a Junior Hurling match in Newcastle. I accepted the challenge and hoped for the best. I do not remember much about it. The Board must have been satisfied as I got a few more assignments later in the year. The following year I controlled six matches including the J.F. Final. In 1979 the number of games continued to increase and in 1980 I got the S.F. Final. In 1980/81 I refereed throughout the County including a number of finals.

What was your first Inter County match?

In 1982 I was asked to referee the U/21 Football match between Cork and Waterford. As time went on I got further games. In the following years I was assigned to many N.H.L. matches. The big break came in 1986 when I took charge of the Munster Hurling Semi final between Waterford and Cork. My first assignment in Croke Park was the 1990 All-Ireland M.H. Final. I was back there again in 1990 for the N.H.L. 'Home' Final between Kilkenny and Wexford. In 1993 I was the man in the middle for the three match saga between Cork and Wexford in the N.H.L. Final in Thurles. In 1992 I was awarded my first Munster Final. The icing on the cake came with I took charge of the 1994 Hurling Final between Offaly and Limerick and again in 2000 between Offaly and Kilkenny. I also refereed the 1992 Under-21 final draw and replay.

What was your weekend schedule for the 1994 Final?

Together with my umpires we left Ardfinnan on Saturday midday. In arrival in Dublin we went to Kilmacud to watch the sevens which of course is now a traditional part of All-Ireland weekend. Following check-in at our hotel we had a quiet evening and retired early. When I awoke next morning I realised the important task that lay ahead. After Mass we went to Croke Park and watched the first half of the minor game. The match was easy to referee and I enjoyed the experience.

What was your last Inter County match?

I took charge of the N.H.L. fixture at Walsh Park between Waterford and Galway last March. Prior to the game I had my mind made up that this was going to be my last match. The pace of the game has now got so fast that I felt the time was right to leave the scene. On reflection I enjoyed this task immensely and would not have changed it for anything. I made a lot of friends on the way and the honour of seeing some great players notably Brian Whelehan, D J Carey, Brian Lohan, Ken McGrath and many others. To my dedicated umpires I say a sincere thank you for all your support and not forgetting my own sons Liam and Adrian who have helped me out on occasions.

The controversial start to the Munster Final replay

between Clare and Waterford in 1998 – would you like to comment on it?

The replay is the game that most people remember and it drew a lot of media comment. Before the game I was instructed to ensure that both panels and management were in the dug outs prior to the throw in. I was endeavouring to do this when players were getting to know each other out on the field. I immediately ran out and started the game. The first ten minutes were hard fought and in general I felt that I handled that part of the game poorly. On reflection, I felt that I should have got on with the match and that it should have been someone else's responsibility to ensure that all was in order at the dug outs as is now the case.

Did you get any refereeing assignments abroad?

I got the opportunity to referee at Ruislip in London. The North American Board asked me over on a number of occasions travelling to such places as Boston and Chicago. Meeting the Irish fraternity in far away places is something I will always treasure. I also travelled to Argentina in 2002 with the All Stars. Despite it being the month of January it was exceptionally warm. There were quite a number of natives in attendance and they were fascinated with the skill of the participants.

Tell me some of the lighter moments you had to deal with?

There were not many but I do recall one day in Clonmel while in charge of a Junior Hurling League game. I awarded a free in but was informed by the free taker on the day "not to award any more frees as the regular freetaker did not turn up for the game".

Can I recall you getting injured in a game?

In 2001 I was in charge of a tournament match between Tipperary and Waterford in Clonmel. As I was in the process of throwing in the ball, the two players involved in their anxiety to gain advantage, got too close to me resulting in a blow to my ankle which side lined me for five months.

Is there any changes you would like to see applied to the Rules?

I would favour taking the time keeping out of the referee's hands. The rule where the goalkeeper is a protected species should also be changed. I would see no problem when a player is in the square and not interfering with the play. There is a thin line here resulting in too many goals being disallowed which causes a lot of controversy. There should be greater penalties for abuse. Lack of discipline is a cause for concern and steps should be taken to address it as a priority. I would like to see more young referees coming through and given their chance. Those at national level come in for a lot of unfair criticism based on one or two decisions in a game.

When you finish refereeing, do you hope to stay involved in some other way?

At present I have no plans for that day when it comes. I was Chairman of the South Board for three years but that area of administration is now on hold. My wife Joan and four children must now get priority.

I am sure all will agree that Willie served the G.A.A. well in his chosen field. Let's hope he continues in this vein for a good while yet. The late John Fleming would have been proud of him.

Ballad Sheet

Willie Wall of Carrick

'Tis many a swan has come and gone
And many a man, or dog of renown
For none can compare to a hurler rare
From dear old Carrick town

From that level field by his farmhouse
He learned to play the game
And when he was over six feet tall
He had won renown and fame

A strong and forceful hurler
A great back of great renown
Well known with Tom beyond the Walls
Of his native Carrick Town

In '37 in historic Killarney
He won an All Ireland victory
When Tipp beat the Black and Amber
By 3-11 to 0-3

And then in '47
Once more he won renown
When he led the famous Carrick Swans
To a County hurling crown

Throughout your long life, Wille,
Your great interest was alive
For your brother Tom, won an All Ireland too
In 1945

God rest you, Stonewall Willie
Your prowess and renown
Will never be forgotten
In grand old Carrick Town

We thank God for the work you've done
In the good old days of old
When you saw the gallant swans fly high
And won fame for the blue and gold

We'll sing of you, brave Willie Wall
As long as the Suir flows on
By Carrick side, you're our hurling pride
Great immortal Carrick Swan

J.Perkins, April 2004

Paddy Kenny

I saw him on his bike come up
The Ragg road from Borrisoleigh
His school bag and his hurley
Were always there to see.

He captained the CBS Croke team
And tested Culbair's skill
As he sent in raspers with his left
I remember his brilliance still.

He quickly made the Harty team
The minors and seniors, too
Starring for his native Borrisoleigh
And the Sarsfields White and Blue.

Many times we saw him score a goal
When he took a 21 yds free
Carrying the sliotar forward
His likes, no more we'll see.

From '45 to '47
He played on the Minor team
And from '49 to '57
As a senior he was supreme.

Four Railway Cups five National Leagues
On an All Ireland team won renown
Three times with his beloved Borrisoleigh
He won the County Crown.

As coach and trainer, teams can tell
How fine a guide was he
In '90 he trained Holycross/Ballycahill
To win fame and victory.

His wife, Mary sons and daughters
And all hurlers everywhere
Can speak with pride of Paddy
An outstanding, happy player.

We thank you, Paddy Kenny
For the example you have shown
Among Ireland's Gaels and in Gaelic gales
Your name will ever be known

In St. Patrick's hallowed holy ground
With great hurlers he can rest
As his spirit rooms the sacred fields
Scoring goals among the blessed.

J. Perkins, April 2004

Jim Hickey

Caretaker Semple Stadium

I remember the men from hill and glen
Who roamed the fields of yore
And that hardy man whose life began
Around Foilmahonmore.

We saw him toil as he tilled the soil
His little garden looked so grand
His money he made with the shovel and spade
On his own prized plot of land

From Foilmahonmore more and the scenes of yore
And the friends he loved so well
By the pleasant Suir he did procure
An urban home to dwell.

You can take a man from his mountain home
To live, 'mong the busy throng,
But you can't take the mountain from the man
To his nature he'll e'er belong.

Their new home was a place of news and chat
Of 'cuardeek and camaraderie
As they rested a while for the kettle to boil
And drink a nice cup of tea.

'Twas back to the land, by the Terrace and Stand
As he worked in the place whence he'd come
He was happy to be there, and glad to take care
Of the famed Semple Stadium.

So helpful to all, at what e'er would befall
He was courteous to every-one
Never, was he late, to open the gate
And the white lines were always well done.

No more he'll come back, to Garrycummer,
Loughbrack, Kilcommon, they once did adore
Motherslea, Mienvee, Foilaclera they'd see
The Bilboa and Foilmahon - more

With Beck they laid him down to rest
United now they'll be
Round the level fields of God they'll roam
For all eternity.

J. Perkins, April 2004

Phil Bourke

Upperchurch

From birth endowed by God with a master mind
And hands as pliant as wool
He received from God those talents rare
And used them to the full.

'Round Upperchurch he spent his days
As a craftsman of great fame
Doing work in wood, in stone and steel,
And great hurleys bear his name.

To what ever work he put his mind
Perfection could be read
We saw the mark of a genius rare
And the product of a learned head.

By Tobar Phadraig, St. Patrick stands
A monument supreme
Which once lay untouched for four thousand years,
In the depths of the Clodiagh stream.

Phil saw, in that steel like, black, bog oak,
A beauty, none other, could see
And meticulously sculptured out
A statue of great quality.

This was his magnum opus
Among the excellent works he has done
And he captured our Lady's Assumption
As she went to join her Son.

In the Prayer Garden in Kilcommon
His greatness we can view
In the Oratory, Stations, iron gates
Fr. Dan saw genius too.

His balanced, first class hurleys
As Tommy Dunne can show
Have won All Irelands for Tipperary
As many Tipp hurlers know.

He made and mended violins
And used many kinds of wood
By Lacken, Garnakilke Church
He learned from nature, all he could.

You have heard of Michael Angelo
And Bernini's noble work
But, we have our own great sculptor
In the Church's son, Phil Bourke.

J. Perkins, April 2004

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A Dream

I'll take the pen while my head is clear, I'll concentrate and think'
A glorious dream I had last night, I wish to put in print.
I was dreaming I was in heaven, midst a wonderful Gaelic throng,
Waiting for a heavenly final, between Gaels who have passed on.
Tipperary and Kilkenny were the finalists I was told,
Thomas MacDonagh gave me a programme and a badge of blue and gold.

I stood in awe looking around, spellbound in sporting grandeur
Many faces familiar years ago, in Croke Park, Cork and Thurles.

I saw St. Patrick on the Hogan Stand, with Cardinal Tomás
Ó Fiaich,

Michael Cusack, Maurice Davin, Luke O'Toole and Frank Dineen.
Pádraig O'Keeffe and Dr. Stuart, to the stand they made their way
With Pat Nally, Dr. Croke, Seamus McFerran and John McKay.
I saw P. J. Troy that popular Gael from Whitehall Columcilles,
Pat Carroll from Coolderry, Paul Mulhare and Kathleen Mills,
Paddy Clohessy, Mick Mackey, Jackie Power, Joe Salmon and
Mick Gill,

Danny McNaughton, Tommy Daly and Cork's own Christy Ring.

Some noted people walked the sideline around by the Nally Stand,
Thomas Alphonsus Hoope, founder of the Artane Boys Band,
Michael O'Hehir – the voice of the Gael, our beloved

Seán Ó Siócháin,

Charles Kickham, Paddy Devlin agus Aodh Ó Broin ás
Cill Mantáin.

Liam Lynch, Dan Breen, Denny Lacey, Bishops Fogarty and
O'Dwyer

Melbourne's Archbishop Mannix, Liam McCarthy and
Sam McGuire

Paul McGirr, Pat Shields and son Diarmuid, Seamus Gardiner,
Alf Ó Muirí,

Seán O'Duffy, Pádraig Purcell, Patrick Mehigan an seanachaidhe.

I saw Nick Rackard and brother Bobby of Wexford hurling fame,
Mick Morrissey, Nick O'Donnell, Martin O'Neill and
Watty Graham,

Paddy McManus from Kinawley, how he held me in a spell,
Pointing out the spot to me where Michael Hogan fell.

John Kerry O'Donnell, Dr. Keenan, Fr. Griffin from Ballinasloe,
Jim Barry, Weeshy Murphy, Paddy 'Bawn' Brosnan and Brian Boru,
Frank Cahill and James Nolan with Pádraig McNamee,
Liam Griffin – not the Wexford Liam – Buíochas mór le Dia.

Tipperary's arrival on the pitch brought out a might roar,
Led by Wedger Meagher in their famous blue and gold.
With Tommy Purcell, Phil Cahill, Seamus Bannon, Tommy Doyle,
'Skinny' O'Meara, Tony Brennan, Bill O'Donnell and Jerry Ryan.
Tom Semple, Martin Kennedy, Tim Reardan from Drombane,
Johnny Leahy and brother Paddy of Boherlahan fame.
John Flanagan, Tommy Treacy, Jim Devitt from Cashel Town,
Jimmy Cooney and Paul McKenna, all hurlers of renown.

Kilkenny came out like kangaroos, what a great applause they got,
In their black and amber, led by Jimmy Walsh, a son of
Carrickshock.

Jack Rochford and the Doyle brothers, Eddie, Mick and Dick,
Ollie Walsh, Paddy Grace and Matty Power, to test the steel of
Tipp.

Paddy Larkin and Matt Gargan, 'Drug' Walsh from Mooncoin,
Sim Walton, Jimmy Langton, Eddie Byrne and John Hoyne.
Lory Meagher – the stylist from Tullaroan, Kilkenny's favourite son.
Ted Carroll – Lisdowney's pride and joy and 'Lovely'
Johnny Dunne.

Slogans and banners adorned the Park in praise of the black
and amber

From Thomastown, Bennettsbridge, Freshford, Mooncoin
and Castlecomer,

Rower, Inistioge, Johnstown, Glenmore and Mullinavat,
Ballyhale, Tullaroan, Dicksboro, Coon and Carrickshock.
Tipperary banners were flying high, a great display of blue
and gold,

From Borrisoleigh, Thurles, Borrisokane, Cappawhite and
Mullinahone,

Holycross, Toomevara, Nenagh, Anacorthy and Drombane,
Tubadora, Lorra, Kilcommon, Roscrea and Moneygall.

I did not hear óle óle, when the crowd burst into song,
Bringing tears of joy was the 'Rose of Mooncoin' and the
'Valley of Slievenamon'.

The leader of the heavenly band, Michael Moore from Carraroe,
Paraded the teams around the field to the strains of an Drucht
Geall Ceo

Kevin Armstrong from Antrim Glens did umpire with
Fionn McCumhall,

Una Bean Uí Puirseil was with Dublin's Noel Drumgoole,
Des Foley was a linesman with Thady Quill from Ballingree
And the man in the middle was none other than Chuchulain,
the referee.

The first half was a thrill a minute, speed and skill on full display,
Kilkenny went into a four point lead, looking good to carry the day,
But 'Wedgers' men came back at them, made them fight for
every ball,

It was level pegging at the break, one goal and six points all.
A dust-up developed before half-time as John Flanagan took on
the backs.

Paddy Larkin came out against him, he never lost d'auld dash,
Did Larkin pull last or give a dunt? I'm sure sure what it was about,
But a word or two from Brian Boru had the problem sorted out.

We were well entertained at half-time with refreshments all around
The finest Irish products, 'Paddy', 'Jameson' and 'John Power',
Tullamore Dew and Murphy's Stout, that lovely liqueur by Baileys
And we all got a shot of the rare old stuff distilled by Katie Daly.
I heard some grand old Irish songs as the half-time break went by,
Seán Ó Duibhir a 'Gleanna' and the 'Mountains of Pomeroy',
Twenty Men from Dublin Town, Cill Cash, An Trucaillín Donn,
Pat Murphy's Meadow, The Spinning Wheel and Dear Old
Newport Town.

As the music and song continued on, I was shown Gaels I did
not know,

John Joe Gilmartin, Austin Clarke, Paddy Perry and Larry Roe.
Tipperary's Bill Baggs, the greatest of all, agus an tAthair
Tomás MacSeoin.

Fintan Confree, Barry Brennan, Paddy Monroe and
John Joe Bowles.

Bob McConkey and Tyler Mackey from Shannon's lovely shore,
That Prince of Gaels down Carlow way – Martin Hayden of
Éire Óg,

Eudie Coughlan and Jm Regan, you can't keep the Corkmen down,
Dan Fraher, John Keane and that truest of Gaels – Phil Mackey
of Dublin Town.

The teams came out for the second half, rested and rearing to go,
Encitement was high as they took their places and Cuchulain
restarted the show;

On ground and air the slíotar sang to the tune of clashing ash,
Each Kilkenny ball came off Tipp's stone wall as they started
an attack.

Both teams had moments of magic as they tried to impose
their will,

Weaving and dodging, selling dummies, they gave us thrill
after thrill,

As I watched the game I remembered what Liam Griffin said and
I quote,

'Hurling is the greatest ball game of all, it's the Riverdance
of sport'.

I will not offend my Kilkenny friends, by saying who won
the game,

It was only a dream of a hurling match but important just the same.
Paddy Leahy's smile, I could see a mile, though with hurling fever
I was sedated,

I will not be giving the final score, you can use your imagination.
Where Tipperary leads, Ireland follows, a phrase that has 'oft
been said,

They led the Gaels in Thurles in '84, and again at Soloheadbeg.
It thrills me to think of the dream I had and nothing will ever mar
The joy I felt leaving the heavenly ground, when a voice shouted
'Up Glengar'.

Original Michéal Ó Treasaigh (1997).

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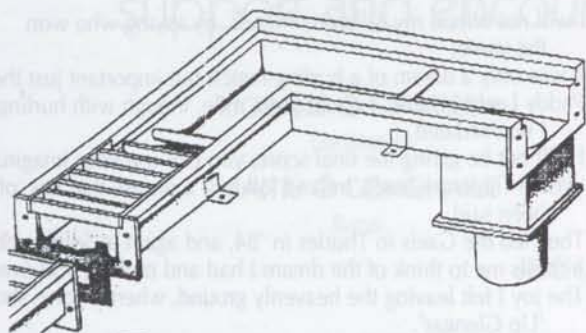
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Not so happy was Larry

By James Holohan

THE AGM OF Cill Beag Gaels GAA Club will take place on Sunday 9th January 2005 in the Clubhouse at 2.30p.m. This meeting is eagerly awaited as the election of secretary has taken on the mantle of a US presidential style election.

Let's cast our minds back to last year's gathering. As has been the case for many years this well-run club always hold their AGM on the second Sunday in January. The reasons are twofold. It gives the club the opportunity to forward motions (if any) to the county convention at the end of the month, and delegates to this meeting are also elected.

The very efficient secretary Larry O'Brien sent out the nomination papers to the 100+ members well in advance urging them to complete it and return promptly. For some weeks beforehand the meticulous Larry often burned the midnight oil in compiling his hand written report. He has been doing this for the last 39 years and has it down to a fine art. Larry of course never married and gave all his spare time to his beloved GAA Club.

The club was formed in 1943 and he was one of its founder members. They have their own pitch and clubhouse and field one adult team in both hurling and football. Due to the big increase in population and the many new houses being built in the parish the club started a minor team some years back. In 2003 the defining moment came when the club won its first ever county minor title and it was a proud moment for Larry. In his acceptance speech the captain thanked one and all and indeed singled out Larry for special mention, who, as well as being a selector, lined the field, dealt with nets and flags, put on the showers for us on those cold dark training nights.

In the week prior to the A.G.M. Larry put a notice in the local paper urging as many as possible to come along as this was their annual opportunity to air their views. In consultation with the chairman, Jim McGrath, some days beforehand an agenda was drawn up and all was in readiness for Sunday afternoon. Larry noted that there were three nominations for secretary but he was not unduly worried about it. Assuming he was going to be re-elected, making an acceptance speech was no problem as he decided to repeat what he has been saying for all those years. Before midday he went down to the clubhouse, turned on the heating, sorted the seating arrangements, laid his report at the top table and returned home for a bite to eat. On arrival back for the meeting,

together with the chairman and treasurer, Tony Gleeson, they ensured that everything was in order.

At 2.35p.m. Jim McGrath welcomed all those present. He said the normal attendance was usually about twenty and was delighted to see about fifty present today including many of the minor team and their girlfriends. He remarked that with so many young people showing such interest that the club would be in safe hands for the foreseeable future. Larry went on to read the minutes and all agreed that they be approved and signed. He reported on the year's activities, the highlight being the victory of the minor team. One of the players wanted to know if he was keeping his promise of a meal followed by a disco for the team. The chairman interjected to say that funds were low but his was a matter for the incoming committee. Larry went on to finish his report following which he was complimented by the chairman. Many other delegates said that it was a pleasure to work with him and assuming he was re-elected he will have completed four decades of undying service to his club. The chairman also pointed out that Larry never missed a divisional or county board meeting during this period, where his opinion was always respected.

The treasurer's report and chairman's address were disposed of with the minimum of fuss. The election of officers then took place. Larry said that Jim was the only one nominated for the chair. Jim said he would like to see a younger person taking on this role but was happy to continue for one more year.

A list of nominations for secretary was read out. The chairman asked that the three nominees be proposed and seconded. The outgoing secretary Larry quickly got the necessary support. The second nominee was Tom Nolan. He declined as he had no interest in it and stated that Larry was the best man for the job. The final nominee was Lisa Mc Carthy. She was proposed by Keith Burke, who was captain of the minor team, and seconded by Emma Doyle, girlfriend of the corner forward, who scored the winning goal in the county final. Eyebrows were raised when Lisa said that she was prepared to let her name go forward. Lisa is a young lady who is still going to college. She is a blonde beauty, bedecked in jewels and dressed in a micro mini, which left little to the imagination.

The chairman said in the interest of fairness it should go to a secret ballot. Despite his attention to detail Larry had no ballot papers as decisions taken are usually by general agreement. He then

proceeded to tear a number of pages from the back of his copy book, which were sub-divided and given to the delegates. Some minutes later the ballot papers were collected and counted. The Chairman, now ashen faced, announced the result as follows, Lisa Mc Carthy 27 votes and Larry O'Brien 26. The result was greeted with a round of applause mainly from the young brigade at the back. Poor Larry, having regained his composure called for a recount. His hopes were boosted when a ballot paper was spotted on the floor. The chairman said that it should be put back on the table and he sanctioned a recount. Larry was quietly hopeful that the missing vote would be for him and he would be certain to get the Chairman's casting vote. His aspirations were quickly laid to rest when the outcome was that Lisa had won this time by two votes.

Jim McGrath went on to thank a disconsolate Larry for his lifetime of service to Cill Beag Gaels and felt that he still had something to offer the club. Jim then asked Lisa to take her place at the top table. With a smile on his face, he said that he felt somewhat uncomfortable to see a young lady beside him. She thanked all who put their confidence in her and stated that she would only be home at weekends. To maintain her social diary she suggested that the monthly meetings would be arranged for Saturday evenings at 6 p.m. However, though out of the parish all week, she assured all that she would be contactable at all times via email on her laptop or on her mobile thus ensuring that all club business would be attended to promptly. On acceptance of the position she felt that she had some innovative ideas including setting up a club website to raise the profile of the club in the area. When the meeting progressed to the election of the committee, Larry felt a compulsion to opt out as in truth his heart was not in it but wished the new committee every success in the coming year.

On Monday morning the chairman called to see Larry who was still trying to come to terms with his demotion. He said that when he woke during the night he felt he could not turn his back on something that meant so much to him. He vowed that he would be back again next year with all guns blazing and intended to recruit all his old team mates from the 1955 junior county final winning side. With a raised, clinched, defiant fist he vowed that he would overcome this young yuppie the following year.

The New York Tipperary's 2004

The 2004 season in New York was a disappointing one for our club as we lost in the semi-final of the senior championship and the junior championship never took place. Due to the trend of returning immigrants we lost six of our panel from 2003. We wish all these great men the best of luck back home and may they continue to keep hurling. Two of these players Liam England and Rory O'Connor went on to win a North final medals with Roscrea. This delighted Brendan Maher especially.

The senior team started brightly with a comprehensive win over that other combo team, New Jersey/Kilkenny. We were short many of our regulars for this game (a pre-booked golfing weekend in Florida), but the thirteen who played did well. Star of the show was Mickey Maher (Roscrea) scorer of five points from play. He was well supported by Martin Gleeson (Loughmore) and Donal Keogh (Silvermines). We also had Tom Moylan (Newport) returning for us for the first time since 2001.

Our next game was against the team we beat in last year's final, Connecticut.

We played some great hurling in the first half of this game and were up by five points at half time. We had however, played with the breeze. The second half was pretty even until the last ten minutes. This was when Bonny Kennedy, Connecticut, via Clonoulty, took the game into his hands. We ended up losing by four points. Our lack of fitness told in this one so a lot of hard work was needed.

Next was the challenge of Westmeath. We had untold injuries and some guys were on vacation as well. This left us a little short-handed. We were twelve points down with 10 minutes to go but trojan work by John Madden and Trevor Fletcher got us to within a point but alas, it was not enough.

So it was do or die against Offaly. As with most Tipperary teams we rose to the challenge. The hurling we played on the day was super crisp and fast.

The ball doing all the work, scores were taken like they had not been taken all year. Kevin Kennedy, Denis Ryan, Seán Quirke had their best day in the park of 2004. We won by 10 points, our two weekenders, Paddy O'Brien and Eamon Corcoran, showing their class also. This win gave a semi-final date with Offaly. We had four weeks to prepare for this game. A lot of work was needed in Van Cortland Park, training by everyone. Some guys did this but alas, others for whatever reason, were unable to commit themselves.

The day arrived, September 26th. We all anticipated a follow-up on what we had started against Offaly. This never happened as we never got out of the blocks. They were ahead all through and won by three points in the end. Their main man being Alan O'Neill (Cappawhite) who scored 1-4. Our best on the day was goalkeeper Tomás O'Meara, aided by Jody Brennan.

The club would like to thank everyone involved in a difficult year and let people know we will be back stronger than ever next year. Also if you know any young hurler heading State-side next summer point him to us and we will get him wearing the blue and gold and not the green of Limerick or Connecticut or the maroon of Westmeath.

PANEL

Tomás O'Meara, Timmy Cullen, Seán Quirke (Silvermines) (capt.), Denis Ryan, Seán Sheppard, Owen Cummins, John Madden, Alan Slattery, Tom Moylan, Jody Brennan, Mike Kennedy, Kevin Kennedy, Owen Shortt, Trevor Fletcher, Mike Maher, Paul Casey, David Loughnane, Robbie Quinlan, Jimmy Lyons, Willie Hackett.

Selectors: Brendan Maher, Stephen Carty, Declan O'Meara.
President: Mike Kennedy.

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

The Annual Dinner Dance is being held on December 11.

Guest of Honour is Carrick-on-Suir's Ralph Callaghan, a true Tipperary man.

We are also paying tribute to Nenagh Éire Óg's, Mick Burns, on his past achievements.



The surviving members of Millar Shield Championship winning team (1942-44) with North Tipperary were honoured by the North Board recently with Board President. Standing: Son Kelly (Borrisokane), Seamus O'Riain (Board President), Seamus Flanary (Kildangan). Seated: Dan Casey (Toomevara), Pat Murray (Burgess), Michael O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs).

Photo: Bridget Delaney



Tipperary New York: BACK ROW: Timmy Cullen, Kevin Kennedy, Trevor Fletcher, Tom Moylan, Sean Quirke, Eoin Cummins, John Madden, Mike Kennedy, Eoin Ryan, Tomas Keane, David Loughnane, Eoin Ryan, Stephen Carty. FRONT ROW: Jimmy Lyons, Eoin O'Connor, Jody Brennan, Hopper McGrath, Dennis Ryan, Alan Slattery, Tomas O'Meara, Eoin Short, Sean Sheppard, Paul Casey, David O'Connor, Declan O'Meara.

Glorious Galtee



Galtee Rovers U-14 'B' Football team – Back row: Colin Power, Danny Crotty, Darren O'Dwyer, Padraig Lonergan, James Smith, Shane Breen, John Peters, Conor Healy, Billy Quinn, Sean McCarthy, Billy Moloney, Ian O'Brien, Liam Kavanagh, Denis Ryan.



Galtee Rovers U-12 'B' Hurling team – Back row: William Morrissey, Mike Barry, Adrian Moloney, Ger Moloney, William Quirke, Brendan McGrath, Emmet Ryan, Liam Kavanagh, Patrick Quirke, Conor O'Sullivan, Patrick Kavanagh, Philly Whyte, Morris Crowe, Daniel Bressnan, Stephen Barry, Tommy Quirke, Christopher O'Halloran. Front row: Ian O'Brien (capt.), Niall Daly, Seán Daly, Owen Whyte, Damien Bourke, Adam Quinn, Patrick Gallagher, David Finane, Jack Whyte. Selectors: Tommy Quirke, Philly White, Ger Moloney, Michael Barry, Leo Ryan.



Telethon match where the Media team survived a strong challenge from Politicians at Thurles Greyhound Stadium. Back row (l.-r.): Larry Mackey (Manager), John Harrington, Damien Lawlor, Eugene Hogan, Jackie Cahill, Aoife McGrath, Mary Dempsey. Front row: Liam Hogan, John Guiton, Conor Keane, P. J. Grace, Michael Dundon, Gerry Slevin, Lisa Roche.



Politicians team beaten by the Media in the Telethon Challenge. Back row (l.-r.): Pauline Coonan, Seamus Hanafin, Tom Berkery, Joe Hennessy, Paddy Barry, Michael Smith, Michael Lowry, Seán Fogarty, Seán Creaner, Noel Coonan, Efin Eddie Moroney (Manager), Michael Fitzgerald. Front row: John Hanafin, Denis Ryan, Anne Mernagh, Tony McKenna, Martin Kennedy, John Hogan, Kathleen O'Meara, Susan Maher, Mattie Ryan.

(Photos: Bridget Delaney)

TELETHON CHALLENGE – Media v. Politicians

New Cup



The new Seán Treacy County Minor Hurling Championship 'A' Cup, replacing the older one, being presented to County Board Chairman Donal Shanahan by Liam O'Dwyer, Nodstown (his late father was First President of the Tipperary County Board) on behalf of the O'Dwyer family.



Supporters' Club Golf Classic

Pictured after the Tipperary Supporters' Golf Classic (from left): Gerry Ryan, Chairman Supporters' Club; Dan Quirke, David Ronan and Michael O'Connor representing sponsors Enfer; Hazel Quirke, Ken Hogan, David Fogarty, Tony Lacey and Donie Shanahan.

Borrisoleigh GAA

MINOR 'B' NORTH CHAMPIONS

After suffering defeat for the previous two years Borrisoleigh were determined not to make it a record three defeats in a row. After a great game against Borrisokane in the final, Borrisoleigh went on to win comfortably. After defeating Mullinahone in the semi-final Borrisoleigh then lost to J.K. Brackens in the county final.

UNDER-16 'B' NORTH AND COUNTY CHAMPIONS

After defeating Shannon Rovers in the North Semi-Final Borrisoleigh qualified to meet Kiladangan in the North Final. Borrisoleigh hurled very well and ran out comfortable winners. Borrisoleigh then defeated Cappawhite in the semi-final which now qualified them for a county final against Mullinahone, which they won by two points.



Mick Prior Tournament
The annual Mick Prior Tournament took place in Borris on Saturday, 9th October. Borrisoleigh, Templederry, Portroe and Loughmore-Castleiney took part. Each team played each other and after some exciting and close matches, Borrisoleigh and Loughmore-Castleiney emerged at the top of the group to contest the final. Despite a gallant effort by the local team, Loughmore-Castleiney proved too strong and retained the trophy with a 2-5 to 0-1 scoreline. Presenting the trophy to the victorious captain, Paul Morris, Paddy Prior, brother of the late Mick, congratulated all four teams on their skill and effort.



Borrisoleigh: Back row (l to r): Paddy Prior, Rory O'Connell, Ml. Carey, John Ryan, Eoin Stapleton, Philip McCormack, Seamus Howard, Cathal O'Connell, Dean Ryan, Ben O'Donnell, Darragh Ryan, Trevor Butler-Ryan, Thos Ryan, Joey Fahy, Thos Fitzgerald, Seamus Doolan, Paudie Scanlan, Jean McCormack, Philip Fahy, Matt Stapleton. Front row: Danny Ryan, James McCormack, Shane McCormack, Kieran Maher, Dylan Reid, Dean Ryan, John Fitzgerald, Seamus Bourke, P.J. Ryan, Brian Williams, Karen Kenny, John Prior.



Tournament winners – Loughmore Castleiney. Back row (l to r): Paddy Prior, Eamon Sweeney. Middle row: Trisha McGrath, Aoife McGrath, Ann Eviston, Gillian Gleeson, Cian O Riain Broin, Martin Meagher, Denis O'Brien, Tommy Maher, Denis Brereton, John McGrath, Noel O'Connell, Joseph Hennessy. Front row: Lorcan Egan, Keith Manton, John Connolly, Liam Gleeson, Robert O'Connell, Joseph Hayden, Paul Morris, Diarmuid Meagher, Fionn O Riain Broin, Joseph Nyland, David Ryan.



Under-16 North Champions. Back row (l to r): Vincent O'Connor (selector), Jimmy Slattery (manager), Conor Walsh, Barry Donnelly, Cian O'Mahony, Brendan Maher, Ciaran Cowan, Paul Maher, Toby Kavanagh, Cormac Spooner, Wayne O'Mahony, Liam Donnelly (selector). Middle row: Gearóid Kent, Liam Tynan, William Donnelly, Tynan, Rory Ryan, Tommy Kavanagh, Cathal Bourke, Joseph Buckley, Sean McCormack, Patrick Ryan. Front: Tomas Fahy, Damien Corcoran, Steven William, Jamie Treacy, Jack O'Donnell, Mossy Shanahan.



Borrisoleigh Minor 'B' North Tipperary Champions. Back row (l to r): Maurice Ryan, Gearoid Kent, Jody Harkin, Brendan Maher, Gerry Treacy, Ivan Kelly, Ciaran Cowan, Richard Tynan, Aidan Dwyer, Toby Kavanagh, Wayne O'Mahony, Billy Ryan (chairman). Middle: Rory Ryan, Cormac Spooner, Paul Maher, David O'Connor (captain), Ger O'Brien, Martin Treacy, Michael Corcoran, Cian O'Mahony, Keith Ryan. Front: Liam Shanahan, Shane Doyle (Mascot), Patrick Ryan, Rory O'Donnell.

JOHN QUINN - Forty and going strong

(ANNACARTY)

By LIAM HOGAN

For John Quinn the past year has been one he will never forget.

First he won a West senior hurling medal with a Combination team known as Éire Óg/Golden. Then he collected a West Intermediate medal with his native club Éire Óg Annacarty. Then after wins over Drom Inch and Roscrea the team met Toomevara in the Cidona County final.

Surely an incredible year for a player who had trodden the fields of West Tipp for over two decades. At forty years of age many of his equals would have given up the camán to concentrate on the coaching side of things or walking the fairways. But with great fitness and agility on the field he got more attention from those who witnessed the game rather than the fact that Toome won by 4-12 to 2-12, playing with poise and skill.

In addition he came on as a replacement in the All-Ireland Masters final against Limerick. Despite scoring a great goal and almost scoring a second which would have won the game, Tipp lost. Twenty four hours later he was his team's leading scorer 2-1 as The Combo upset the odds by defeating Roscrea in the Co. semi final.

THE EARLY YEARS

At the age of seventeen he won a West Senior Hurling final, defeating near neighbours Cappawhite in 1981. After winning a Crosco Cup medal in 84, he won his second senior in 86 against Golden.

Impressive club displays earned him a call up to the Tipp team and a few National hurling league appearances. Having lost his place on the Tipperary panel, he emigrated to England.

"I was disappointed after being dropped from the Tipperary panel at the time. However I get over it."

He continued his hurling career in England playing with Clanna Gael before transferring to Sean Treacys. While in England he married Cork woman Liz Hill.

The temptation to return to his native land proved too much. On his return to Ireland in 1991 he transferred back to Annacarty. That move caused an amount of soul searching. He set up a new business H & Q radiators in Clonmel. Clonmel was a thirty five minute journey from Annacarty. "When I returned I lived in Ballymacarbery for three years. The Fourmilewater club asked me to transfer to them. I eventually moved to live outside Clonmel and the locals in Moyle Rovers were on to me to transfer there also".

A west junior football championship win provided a welcome distraction. Playing rugby with Kilfeacle was another factor. Then in 1994 winning of a county Intermediate final against Silvermines strengthened his allegiance to his club.

The club went senior but due to a shortage of top class players, the challenge was too great and the drop to Intermediate was inevitable. Time passed with little success in the interim.

The lead up to the county final The combination was formed for the west championship. The team played four games. Having lost the opening round to Galtee Rovers it looked as if the championship would be over pretty quickly.

"The first round game was the first time that the full panel was together. With exams and players working there were always a few missing from training. After the game against Galtee we played Johnstown Kilkenny in a challenge game. Players travelled long distances from places like Cork and Dublin. The game showed that there was a good spirit in the team.

Afterwards we trained two or three nights a week. Every player from both clubs turned up for training sometimes there were up to thirty five or six players present. The training seemed to benefit our own clubs preparation for the Intermediate championship which was run in parallel."

The training paid off as the team defeated Cappawhite in the



John Quinn scores a great goal for Éire Óg/Golden in the County Senior Hurling final.

losers group final before accounting for Galtee Rovers in the semi final. In the final many were surprised with the win over Clonoulty-Rossmore.

In the meantime Annacarty had defeated Aherlow in the west intermediate hurling final.

THE FINAL

On that day in Semple Stadium, 8,300 people waited in anticipation as both teams ran out on the hallowed turf, to a rapturous welcome. The teams were accorded a guard of honour from thirty young hurlers who were sporting the green of Toome and blue of Annacarty.

Toome began in storming fashion as Tomas Dunne had the ball in the Éire Óg net after two minutes. Paddy O'Brien had another soon after. But Éire Óg/Golden took the fight to Toome and recovered lost ground to draw level by half time. Once again Quinn got on the score sheet with a brilliant goal.

After half time Paddy O'Brien had his second goal and from there, the Combo were always chasing the game. Toome had too many aces and by the three quarter way mark the game was over. But Éire Óg battled to the end. Quinn pointed to bring his tally for the final to 1-2. In the end Toomevara won by 4-12 to 2-12.

"When they got off to the great start, I was hoping that the younger lads would not fold or that doubts might enter their heads. Once we settled down we did well.

"By half time we felt we had a chance. Toome were bothered at the time but the break came too quick for us.

"On the day we needed the start that they got. Looking back on the game I thought that two of the goals were pretty soft that on other days we would not have conceded. The goal after half time left us chasing for the rest of the game and scores were not coming as freely in the second half for us.

LOOKING BACK

"I would love to see the combination working again. It was a great experience for everyone. The biggest plus was that the younger players got great experience from it."

John feels that the idea of combinations is good for the game. Each Intermediate club has five or six players good enough to play senior but they may never get the chance.

Yet he is open minded about the subject as he understands why some clubs would be against the idea.

ANY REGRETS?

"Looking back on my career I had some great times. I suppose I would have liked to play as much senior hurling as I could. It was not to be for Annacarty at the time," he said.

Combo achievement

by John Harrington

WHEN ÉIRE ÓG Annacarty and Golden announced earlier this year that they were going to field a combined team in the West SH championship, their decision was met with a predictable reaction.

Doubters whispered behind hands that the venture was doomed – sure how could two clubs with such a deep and storied rivalry ever pull oars in the same direction?

The doom-merchants seemed vindicated when the 'Combo' were filleted to the tune of ten points by Galtee Rovers in the first round of the championship, but from adversity grows strength.

The 'Combo' picked themselves up, dusted themselves down, and embarked on a remarkable sporting adventure that saw them win the West title, and then make it all the way to the county final itself where their magnificent run was ultimately ended by Toomevara.

"It was a hugely satisfying thing to be part of, and we all got great enjoyment out of it," admits former Tipperary star Pat Fox, who was a selector on the team.

"We knew that we had the personnel to make a seriously competitive team, but to put that together is not easy. I've been on a few combinations down through the years, and we found it very hard to make them work.

"It's always that way when you're trying to get rival clubs to work together, and there was always great rivalry between Éire Óg and Golden.

"Things didn't start off too well for us alright. It was a very poor display against Galtee Rovers, and things were looking ominous for us by then.

"We played a few challenge matches after that though, and slowly got a bit of spirit into the team. It kind of all built from there.

"The main thing you need to get a combo team to work is to get a championship win under your belt. We lost our first match, but we weren't knocked out, and the nature of the West championship is such that if you get even one win, you're right back in it."

A necklace of victories brought them as far as the divisional final, where Clonoulty-Rossmore provided the opposition.

Few really fancied the 'Combo' to pull off a victory, but they produced a

dogged performance to just about chisel out a one point win.

"It was a major achievement, but we didn't really feel we were underdogs going into it," says Fox.

"Our team had gelled together at that stage and were playing solidly, and to be honest, I was actually surprised with how well Clonoulty played on the day."

"We were probably happy enough to have won the West, but then when we were drawn against Drom-Inch in the county quarter-final we thought we'd have at least a 50-50 chance, because they hadn't much success in the Mid division for the previous few years.

"After winning that match, our confidence really soared. If you took the sloppy goals we conceded against Roscrea out of the equation, we really played some brilliant hurling in that semi-final."

Pulling off another shock victory over club king-pins Toomevara in the county final itself looked like a bridge too far, and that's just how it proved.

The 'Combo' put up a good fight, but were ultimately beaten on a score-line of 4-12 to 2-12.

"Toome' were an exceptional side this year. The way they annihilated Mullinahone in the semi-final left us in no doubt that we were going to be really up against it.

"We didn't let ourselves down though, and we fought back well after conceding a couple of goals in the first half. There was good character in that team, and we didn't go into the county final just to take part.

"In the end though, Toomevara's extra bit of experience, class and strength in depth told."

So, where to now for the 'Combo'? Will they be back next year to defend their West crown and attempt to go one better than they did this year?

"That's up to the West board," says Fox. "No-one really has an idea what's going to happen. I'm sure there will be plenty of objections, but we'll just wait and see."



Mark Ryan (Roscrea) gets away from Éire Óg/Golden defender Vinny Ryan, in the Cidona County SHC semi-final at Semple Stadium.

Nollaig Shona dár léitheoirí go léir



Star Players from Mid Tipperary



President of Mid Tipperary GAA Board presenting the Hall of Fame Award to Neil O'Dea, Thurles, at a function in the Park Avenue House Hotel. Picture (l to r); Mrs Kit Stakelum, Bob Stakelum, Neil O'Dea, Mrs O'Dea.



Mid Tipperary GAA Board Chairman John Doyle presenting the Mid Tipperary Hurler of the Year Award to Shane Long, Gortnahoe Glengoole at a function in the Park Avenue House Hotel, Thurles.



Mid Chairman John Doyle presenting the trophy for Senior Footballers of the Year to Micheál Webster, Loughmore Castleiney, at the Mid Convention in Templemore.



Mid Chairman John Doyle presenting the trophy for Young Footballer of the Year to Brendan Healy, Loughmore Castleiney at the Mid Convention in Templemore.



Mid Chairman John Doyle presenting the Senior Hurler of the Year Trophy to Eddie Enright, Thurles Sarsfields at the Mid Convention in Templemore.

SCOREBOARD 2004

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COUNTY FINALS – HURLING

Senior:

Toomevara	4-12
Éire Óg/Golden	2-12

Intermediate:

Kildangan	2-15
Moyné-Templetuohy	1-6

Junior 'A':

Ballyneale	3-8
Burgess	2-9

Junior 'B':

Kilruane MacDonaghs	5-3
Rosegreen	1-7

Under-21 'A':

Killenaule	1-9
Loughmore/Castleiney	1-8
(replay)	

Killenaule	2-14
Loughmore/Castleiney	1-17

Under-21 'B':

Kildangan	0-13
Arravale Rovers	2-6

Under-21 'C':

Solohead	3-7
Skeheenarinky	2-9

Minor 'A':

Carrick Swans	0-15
Drom-Inch	1-8

Minor 'B':

J.K. Brackens	3-12
Borrisoleigh	0-15

Minor 'C':

Skeheenarinky	1-8
Ballinahinch	0-8

Under-16 'A':

Durlas Óg	4-16
Kilruane MacDonaghs	1-5

Under-16 'B':

Borrisoleigh	2-9
Mullinahone	2-7

Under-16 'C':

Silvermines	3-18
Marlfield	0-3

Under-14 'A':

Moyle Rovers	1-9
Kildangan	0-9

Under-14 'B':

Holycross-Ballycahill	2-7
Newport	1-3

Under-12 'A':

Clonoulty-Rossmore	1-5
Loughmore-Castleiney	1-2

Under-12 'B':

Killenaule	4-8
Silvermines	0-2

Under-12 'C':

Nenagh Éire Óg 'B'	2-4
Durlas Óg 'B'	1-2

COUNTY FINALS – FOOTBALL

Senior:

Loughmore-Castleiney	0-9
Moyle Rovers	0-6

Intermediate:

Killenaule	0-11
Kilsheelan/Kilcash	0-6

Junior 'A':

Clonmel Commercials	0-8
Rosegreen	0-8
(draw)	

Junior 'B':

Shannon Rovers v Thurles Fennellys.

Under-21 'A':

Loughmore-Castleiney	2-5
Moyle Rovers	1-6
Rosgreen	1-9
Commercials	0-8
(Replay)	

Under-21 'B':

Boherlahan-Dualla	1-9
Kilruane MacDonaghs	0-5

Under-21 'C':

Solohead	3-6
Newcastle	0-7

Minor 'A':

Arravale Rovers	3-8
Moyle Rovers	2-8

Minor 'B':

Cahir	2-12
Aherlow	4-4

Minor 'C':

Ballinahinch	1-10
Newcastle	1-5

Under-16 'A':

Arravale Rovers	1-8
Durlas Óg	1-8
(draw)	
Arravale Rovers	3-8
Durlas Óg	1-7
(replay)	

Under-16 'B':

Carrick Davins	1-10
Portroe	1-8

Under-14 'A':

Arravale Rovers	1-7
Moyle Rovers	0-9

Under-14 'B':

Lorrha	1-5
Gortnahoe-Glengoole	0-7

Under-14 'C':

Fr. Sheehy's won South – no other division entered this grade.

Under-12 'A':

Arravale Rovers	2-6
Clonmel Commercials	1-7

Under-12 'B':

Gortnahoe-Glengoole	3-3
Rockwell Rovers	0-6

Under-12 'C':

Ballylooby	2-5
Ballina	1-1

INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS – HURLING (GUINNESS)

Senior:

6th June, at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:	
Waterford	4-10
Tipperary	3-12
(Munster S/F)	

26th June at Páirc na nGael (Limerick):	
Tipperary	3-10
Limerick	2-12
(Qualifier R1)	

10th July at Fitzgerald Stadium (Killarney):	
Cork	2-19
Tipperary	1-16
(Qualifiers R3)	

Intermediate:

6th June at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:	
Tipperary	2-20
Clare	3-9
(S/F)	

14th July at Páirc Uí Rinn:	
Cork	0-18
Tipperary	1-9
(Final)	

Under-21 (Erin Foods):

7th July at Páirc na nGael:	
Tipperary	5-11
Limerick	1-7
(Munster S/F)	

4th August at Semple Stadium:	
Tipperary	1-16
Cork	1-13
(Munster Final)	

28th August at Portlaoise:	
Tipperary	4-20
Down	0-5
(All-Ireland S/F)	

18th September at Nowlan Park:	
Kilkenny	3-21
Tipperary	1-6
(All-Ireland Final)	

Minor:

27th March at Páirc na nGael:	
Tipperary	2-24
Clare	0-8
(Munster R1)	

13th May, at Páirc na nGael:	
Tipperary	1-16
Clare	0-8
(Munster S/F)	

27th June, at Semple Stadium:	
Cork	2-13
Tipperary	3-8
(Munster Final)	

<i>24th July at Carlow:</i>	
Tipperary	2-14
Dublin	1-11
(All-Ireland Q/F)	

<i>8th August, at Croke Park:</i>	
Kilkenny	1-8
Tipperary	0-10
(All-Ireland S/F)	

'Masters':

<i>7th August:</i>	
Tipperary	9-16
Dublin	3-10

<i>21st August, at The Ragg:</i>	
Tipperary	4-11
Limerick	0-11

<i>25th September at Hospital:</i>	
Limerick	3-12
Tipperary	1-16
(Final)	

ALLIANZ NATIONAL HURLING LEAGUE

Division 1 'B':

<i>22nd February at Birr:</i>	
Offaly	1-15
Tipperary	0-17

<i>29th February at Páirc na nGael:</i>	
Tipperary	2-21
Limerick	1-12

<i>14th March at Wexford Park:</i>	
Tipperary	4-18
Wexford	1-13

<i>21st March at Semple Stadium:</i>	
Tipperary	5-23
Antrim	0-13

<i>28th March at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:</i>	
Tipperary	1-20
Cork	1-17

Second Phase:

<i>11th April at Ennis:</i>	
Clare	1-20
Tipperary	1-15

<i>18th April at Semple Stadium:</i>	
Tipperary	2-15
Galway	2-13

<i>25th April at Semple Stadium:</i>	
Tipperary	3-16
Waterford	1-22

Galway and Waterford qualified for the final.

INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL – Bank of Ireland

Senior:

<i>16th May at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:</i>	
Limerick	0-16
Tipperary	3-5
(Munster RI)	

<i>12th June at Semple Stadium:</i>	
Fermanagh w.o. Tipperary (scr.)	
(Qualifier RI)	

Junior:

<i>16th May at Páirc Uí Rinn:</i>	
Limerick	0-13
Tipperary	1-7
(RI)	

Under-21:

<i>16th June at Fermoy:</i>	
Limerick	3-12
Tipperary	0-5
(RI)	

Minor:

<i>31st March at Fermoy:</i>	
Tipperary	1-12
Limerick	0-6
(RI)	

<i>1st July at Limerick:</i>	
Kerry	1-13
Tipperary	1-5
(S/F)	

Munster Under-16:

<i>10th July at Kildimo, Co. Limerick:</i>	
Tipperary	2-13
Waterford	3-8
(a.e.t.) (Q/F)	

<i>South Kerry</i>	
Tipperary	2-7
(S/F)	

ALLIANZ NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE:

Division 2 'B':

<i>1st February at The Burren:</i>	
Tipperary	3-11
Down	3-11

<i>8th February at Clonmel:</i>	
Tipperary	0-17
Waterford	1-8

<i>15th February at Newbridge:</i>	
Kildare	0-13
Tipperary	0-8

<i>7th March at Clonmel:</i>	
Tipperary	0-16
Louth	1-10

<i>14th March at Clonmel:</i>	
Wicklow	0-12
Tipperary	0-7

<i>21st March at Casement Park:</i>	
Tipperary	2-15
Antrim	1-11

<i>4th April at Semple Stadium:</i>	
Tipperary	3-13
Derry	1-14

McGrath Cup Senior Football:

<i>18th January at Clonmel:</i>	
Clare	1-14
Tipperary	1-10
(Semi-final)	

'Masters' Football:

<i>15th May at Tralee:</i>	
Kerry	2-15
Tipperary	0-13
(RI)	

<i>29th May at Newbridge:</i>	
Tipperary	1-12
Kildare	1-4
(R2)	

<i>12th June, at Dr. Morris Park:</i>	
Dublin	2-19
Tipperary	3-3
(R.3.)	

<i>7th August, at Birr:</i>	
Leitrim beat Tipperary.	
(Q/F play-off)	

Friends of Tipperary Football (U-16):

<i>26th June at Dr. Morris Park:</i>	
South	6-11
Mid.	3-6
(S/F)	

<i>26th June at Dr. Morris Park:</i>	
West	4-14
North	3-14
(A.e.t.)	

<i>28th June at Dr. Morris Park:</i>	
North	2-12
Mid	2-7
(Shield)	

<i>28th June at Drombane:</i>	
South	2-12
West	3-6
(Final)	

COUNTY LEAGUE FINALS:

Hurling:

Senior – Division 1:

<i>18th April at Toomevara:</i>	
Nenagh Éire Óg	1-17
Moneygall	1-13

Division 2:

<i>18th April at Drombane:</i>	
Borrisoleigh	2-18
Holycross-Ballycahill	2-6

Division 3:

<i>24th April at The Ragg:</i>	
Drom-Inch	2-12
J.K. Brackens	0-7

Intermediate:

<i>30th June at Holycross:</i>	
Moycarkey-Borris	3-8
Gortnahoe/Glengoose	0-16

FOOTBALL:

Minor Division 1:

Clonmel Commercials	1-11
J.K. Brackens	0-11

Minor Division 2:

Drom-Inch	2-7
Cahir	1-7

Minor Division 3:

Rockwell Rovers	0-8
Upperchurch-Drombane	1-4

Adult – Division 1:

<i>23rd April at Ballyporeen:</i>	
Fethard	0-15
Aherlow	0-7

Division 3:

<i>17th March, at Littleton:</i>	
St. Patrick's	0-10
Loughmore-Castleiney	1-6

MUNSTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Hurling:

<i>16th October at Lerrig (Kerry):</i>	
Toomevara	5-19
Kilmoyley (Kerry)	1-11
(RI)	

<i>7th November at Semple Stadium:</i>	
Toomevara	2-13
Na Píarsáigh (Cork)	0-13
(S/F)	

21st November at Semple Stadium:

Toomevara	1-14
Mount Sion (Waterford)	1-13
	(Final)

Football:

7th November at Dungarvan:

Stradbally (Waterford)	0-11
Loughmore-Castleiney	1-7
	(RI)

Inter-Provincial Championships (Martin Donnelly Inter-Provincial Competitions):

Hurling:

24th October at Croke Park:

Munster	1-21
Leinster	0-13
	(S/F)

23rd October at Casement Park:

Connacht	2-24
Ulster	2-11
	(S/F)

Munster v Connacht – Final.

Football:

31st October at Castlebar:

Ulster	0-15
Connacht	1-6
	(S/F)

31st October at Portlaoise:

Leinster	1-10
Munster	1-9
	(S/F)

*13th November at Stade Yves de
Manoir, Paris:*

Ulster	1-13
Leinster	1-8
	(Final)

FITZGIBBON CUP (DATAPAC)

Hurling:

25th February at Templemore:

U.C.D.	1-15
Garda Training College	0-13
	(Q/F)

5th March at Athlone:

Waterford I.T.	2-9
U.C.D.	0-13
	(S/F)

5th March at Athlone:

U.C.C.	0-19
Limerick I.T.	0-11
	(S/F)

6th March at Athlone:

Waterford I.T.	0-11
U.C.D.	0-9
	(Final)

RYAN CUP (DATA PAC)

23rd February at Dr. Morris Park:

Tipperary Institute	2-13
D.C.U.	1-8
	(Q/F)

5th March at Athlone:

St. Pat's beat Tipp. Institute	
(S/F)	

6th March at Athlone:

Cork College of Further Education	2-11
St. Pat's	2-9
	(Final)

Sigerson cup – Football (Datapac)

29th January at Templemore:

Garda Training College	2-8
Trinity College, Dublin	0-8
	(Prelim. Round)

4th February at Templemore:

U.C.D.	0-9
Garda Training College	0-3
	(1st Round)

27th February at Rossa Park, Belfast:

Sligo I.T.	0-12
Cork I.T.	0-8
	(S/F)

27th February at Sarsfield Park, Belfast:

Queen's University, Belfast	1-10
U.C.D.	0-9
	(S/F)

28th February at Corrigan Park, Belfast:

Sligo I.T.	1-10
Q.U.B.	1-7
	(Final)

Kilmacum Crokes All-Ireland 7-1-Side Hurling:

11th September:

Mullinahone beat Erin's Own (Cork)	
Mullinahone drew with Ballindereen	
(Galway) Mullinahone beat Robert	
Emmets (London) (Group).	
Portumna	0-10
Portroe	1-6
	(Quarter-Final)

Ballyskenagh (Offaly)	5-7
Nenagh Éire Óg	5-2
	(Quarter-Final)

Mullinahone	3-11
Rathdowney	3-9
	(Quarter-Final)

Mullinahone	4-5
Ballyskenagh (Offaly)	1-6
	(Semi-Final)

Portumna (Galway)	8-11
Mullinahone	5-4
	(Final)

St. Jude's All-Ireland 7-a-Side Hurling

Junior:

Ballybacon-Grange	3-5
Moycullen (Galway)	0-8
	(Final)

Relegation Finals:

(Hurling):

3rd October at Nenagh:

Kilruane MacDonaghs	0-13
Newport	1-6
	(Newport relegated).

(Football):

3rd October at Littleton:

J.K. Brackens	4-4
Mullinahone	0-4
	(Mullinahone relegated).

MUNSTER JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP:

8th February, at Ballina:

Carbery Rangers (Cork)	0-14
Ballina	1-6
	(Quarter-Final)

Intermediate Football Championships:

8th February, at Kill:

John Mitchells (Waterford)	1-8
Grangemockler	0-10
	(Round 1)

Munster Junior Hurling Championships:

8th February, at The Ragg:

Thurles Fennellys	7-21
Laune Rangers (Kerry)	0-2
	(Round 1)

29th February, at Newmarket-on-Fergus:

Newmarket-on-Fergus	
(Clare)	1-12
Thurles Fennellys	1-9
	(S/F)

Munster Intermediate Hurling Championship:

15th February, at Kilmoyley:

Kilruane MacDonaghs	4-16
Kilmoyley (Kerry)	1-6
	(Round 1)

29th February, at Kilmoyley:

Kilruane MacDonaghs	3-16
Tournafulla (Limerick)	1-11
	(S/F)

21st March, at Kilmallock:

Bride Rovers (Cork)	0-14
Kilruane MacDonaghs	0-11
	(Final)

Inter-Firm Hurling (Junior):

13th September at Dr. Morris Park:

Proctor and Gamble (Nenagh) bt.	
Guidant (Clonmel).	

October 29th at Bodyke:

P & G (Nenagh)	1-11
Element 6 (Clare)	2-7
	(Munster RI)

13th November:

Gardai (Limerick)	2-17
Proctor and Gamble	3-13
	(S/F)

Munster S.F. League:

Division 2:

25th September at Ballygiblin:

Aherlow	1-10
Kilrossanty (Waterford)	1-6
	(Final)

Vocational Schools Munster senior hurling:

17th March at Feenagh:

St. Brogan's (Bandon)	3-12
Borrisokane C.C.	3-7
	(Final)

Munster Junior Hurling:

22nd March at Nenagh:

Col. Phobal Ros Cré	2-10
Borrisokane C.C.	0-10
	(S/F – Replay)

25th March at Cashel:

Col. Phobal Ros Cré	3-9
Scoil Ruaín (Killenaule)	3-7
	(Final)

9th April, Dublin:
Col. Phobal Ros Cré beat St. Colman's High School, Draperstown (Derry) (All-Ireland S/Final).

18th April at Birr:
St. Rynagh's C.C., Banagher 1-11
Col. Phobal, Ros Cré 1-9
(All-Ireland Final)

Inter-County Hurling Championship:

3rd April at Borrisokane:
Tipperary 2-19
Galway 4-10
(All-Ireland S.-Final)

30th April at Birr:
Tipperary 1-16
Offaly 2-10
(All-Ireland Final)

Inter-County Senior Football Championship:

18th February:
Cork 1-18
Tipperary 0-7

Tony Forristal U-14 hurling Tournament:

28th August at Mount Sion:
Tipperary 5-17
Offaly 1-1

Tipperary 1-12
Wexford 3-3
Tipperary beat Clare
(S/Final)

29th August at Walsh Park:
Tipperary 5-7
Waterford 0-4
(Final)

Peadar Cummins Tournament U-14 hurling:

17th July at Borrisoleigh:
North Tipp 'A' 3-13
South Tipperary 2-3
(S/Final)

Mid Tipp 3-9
North Tipp 'B' 1-7
(S/F)

North Tipp 'A' 2-13
Mid Tipp 2-12
(Final)

South Tipp 3-8
North Tipp 'B' 2-5
(Shield)

Féile na nGael Hurling – Div. 1:

23rd May at Durlas Óg:
Kildangan 2-4
Moyle Rovers 1-4
(Co. Final)

24th June at Dunsany, Co. Meath:
Kildangan drew with Na Piersaig (Cork).
25th June at Dunsany, Co. Meath:
Kildangan lost to St. Brigid's (Dublin).

25th June at Dunsany, Co. Meath:
Kildangan lost to Clarenbridge (Galway).
(Kildangan did not qualify for the Div. 1 semi-finals).

Féile Peil na nÓg (Div. 3):

27th May at New Inn:
Moyle Rovers bt Arravale Rovers
(Co. Final)

July 2nd at Beragh (Tyrone):
Moyle Rovers bt. Beragh (Tyrone).
Moyle Rovers bt. Greencastles (Tyrone)

Moyle Rovers 3-7
St. Loman's (Westmeath) 1-3

3rd July at Beragh:
Moyle Rovers 2-4
Clanna Gael (Roscommon) 1-3

(S/F)

4th July at Omagh:
Bray Emmets 0-5
Moyle Rovers 0-1
(Final)

Girls:

Cahir beat Drumquin, Strabane (Tyrone) and St. Rynagh's (Offaly).

Cahir 2-10
St. Patrick's (Louth) 0-2
(S/F)

Cahir 2-11
Bray Emmets 4-3
(A.e.t. – Final)

Arrabawn Tournament U-16 hurling:

28th August at Dr. Morris Park:
Tipp 0-18
Clare 2-11
(A.e.t.)

28th August at Dr. Morris Park:
Cork beat Tipperary. (S/F).

29th August at Semple Stadium:
Tipp 2-10
Limerick 2-10
(Shield Final)

16th October at Semple Stadium:
Tipp 4-11
Limerick 0-8
(Replay)

Munster -16 hurling 'B':

12th April at Kilworth:
West Tipp 2-19
Muskerry (Cork) 0-6
(RI)

17th April at Cloughdubh:
West Tipp 3-15
Kerry 1-6
(S/F)

24th April at Ballyclough:
West Tipp 2-12
Carrighdoun (Cork) 0-13
(Final)

A:

3rd April:
South Tipp 0-15
East Waterford 0-6
(RI)

12th April at Limerick:
North Tipp 2-19
Mid-Clare 2-14
(Q/Final)

12th April at Lismore:
Imokilly (Cork) 1-17
South Tipperary 2-11
(Q/Final)

12th April at Annacarty:
East/South Limerick 1-14
Mid Tipperary 1-13
(Q/Final)

17th April at St. Patrick's, Limerick:
North Tipp 1-11
East Clare 1-11
(A.e.t. – S/Final)

21st April at Killaloe:
North Tipp 3-11
East Clare 2-8
(Replay)

3rd May at Cloughaun:
North Tipp 2-16
S/E Limerick 2-11
(Final)

Garda Club U-16 Hurling:

14th March at New Inn:
Mid 1-9
South 1-5
(S/Final)

14th March at Dr. Morris Park:
North 3-14
West 0-11
(S/F)

27th March at Dr. Morris Park:
Mid 2-12
North 2-12
(Draw – Final)

28th March at Goatenbridge:
West 2-11
South 1-14
(Draw – Shield)

4th April at Dolla:
Mid 1-10
North 0-12
(Final – Replay)

All-Ireland U-16 hurling Tournament:

26th June at Carlow 'A':
Durlas Óg beat Lucan Sarsfields, Clarenbridge, Bishopstown.

Durlas Óg 1-6
Kilmallock 0-6
(S/Final)

Glen Rovers 1-5
Durlas Óg 0-4
(Final)

(B):

Carrigaline 3-8
Burgess 1-0
(S/F)

SCHOOLS/COLLEGES – HURLING:

Dr. Harty Cup 'A' (Irish Examiner):

28th January at Clonmel:
St. Colman's (Fermoy) 1-12
St. Joseph's, Borrisoleigh 2-7
(Q/Final)

Corn Phádraigh 'B':

4th February at Cashel:
Nenagh C.B.S. 1-10
Dungarvan C.B.S. 0-6
(S/Final)

7th March at Cloughaun:
Nenagh C.B.S. 1-10
Dungarvan C.B.S. 0-6
(Semi/Final)

<i>7th March at Cloughaun</i>	
Nenagh C.B.S.	4-5
Scariff Com. College	1-8
(Munster Final)	

Leinster Colleges 'B' (Coca Cola):

<i>10th March at Tullamore:</i>	
Cistercian Coll., Roscrea	0-15
L.S.U., Banagher	2-5
(S/Final)	

<i>15th March at Nowlan Park:</i>	
Cistercian Coll., Roscrea	1-16
Pres., D.L.S., Bagenalstown	3-10
(Final – A.e.t.)	

<i>23rd March at Nowlan Park:</i>	
Cistercian Coll., Roscrea	0-15
Pres., D.L.S., B/town	2-8
(Replay)	

<i>1st April at Templemore:</i>	
Cistercian Coll., Roscrea	0-15
Nenagh C.B.S.	1-11
(All-Ireland S/F)	

<i>1st May at Navan:</i>	
Cistercian Coll., Roscrea	2-13
St. Pat's, Maghera (Derry)	2-10
(All-Ireland Final)	

Canon Fitzgerald Shield:

<i>13th February at Dr. Morris Park:</i>	
Scoil Ruain, Killenaule	3-10
Cist. College, Roscrea	2-8
(S/F)	

Thurles C.B.S. ('B')	6-12
Thurles V.S.	0-4
(S/F)	

Killenaule	3-12
Thurles C.B.S.	0-2
(Final)	

Canon Fitzgerald Cup:

<i>13th May at Templemore:</i>	
Thurles C.B.S.	1-18
Col. Phobal Ros Cré	2-3
(Final)	

Rice Cup:

<i>8th June at The Ragg:</i>	
Our Lady's College, Templemore ...	3-20
Thurles C.B.S.	4-6
(Final)	

Croke Cup Under-15 Hurling 'A':

Thurles C.B.S.	2-9
High School, Clonmel	1-9
(Final)	

Hennessy Cup Under-15 Hurling 'B':

Col. Phobal, Roscrea	6-8
Comeragh College	0-2
(Final)	

MacGabhann Cup (Tipp Colleges Senior 'A' Football:

<i>23rd January at Cashel:</i>	
Cashel C.S.	4-11
Rockwell College	0-7
(Final)	

Munster Colleges Senior 'B' Football:

<i>11th February at Mitchelstown:</i>	
Abbey C.B.S.	1-9
Col. na Spioráid Naomh (Cork)	0-12
(S/F – Draw)	

<i>2nd March at Mitchelstown:</i>	
Col. na Spioráid Naomh	3-12
Abbey C.B.S.	3-7
(Replay)	

Corn an Runáí – Senior 'C' Football:

<i>10th March at Cloughaun:</i>	
St. Joseph's, Borrisoleigh	2-5
Mercy, Mounthawk, Tralee	1-7
(Final)	

<i>2nd April at Portlaoise:</i>	
Presentation, Carlow	2-7
St. Joseph's	0-8
(All-Ireland – S/F)	

Munster Colleges U-16 'A' Football Championships:

<i>21st April at Glin:</i>	
Col. na Sceilge (Kerry)	7-12
Abbey C.B.S.	1-4
(S/F)	

Cusack Cup Under-15 'A' Football:

High School, Clonmel	3-5
Abbey C.B.S.	2-7
(Final)	

Cumann na mBunscoil – Co. Finals (hurling):

<i>17th and 18th June at Semple Stadium:</i>	
Roinn A:	
Nenagh C.B.S.	3-4
Dromakeenan	1-3

Roinn B:	
Tipperary C.B.S.	1-5
Templemore	1-3

Roinn C:	
Templederry	6-6
St. Mary's	2-4

Roinn D:	
Ballylooby	3-6
Burgess	2-7

Roinn E:	
Ardcroney	3-6
Two-Mile-Borris	2-5

Roinn F:	
Ballinure	2-6
Clerihan	2-3

Roinn G:	
Barnane	6-6
Kilkeary	1-0

Outstanding Results 2003

County Finals:

Junior 'A' Football:

Ballina	2-10
Fethard	2-3

Junior 'B' Football:

J.K. Brackens	1-8
Clonmel Commercials	1-7

Higher Education League – Div. 1:

Hurling:

University of Limerick	1-13
Garda College	2-8
(Final)	

Inter-Firm:

Senior Hurling:

Bank of Ireland/Lifetime (Nenagh) ...	2-11
Larcon (Galway)	0-16
(All-Ireland Final)	

Junior Hurling:

Cork Guards	2-8
Merck Sharpe and Dohme	1-4
(Munster S/F)	

Vocational Schools:

All-Ireland 'B' Football Final:

Tipperary	3-11
Leitrim	2-8

Colleges:

Hurling – Corn Phádraig:

Nenagh C.B.S.	3-11
Killaloe C.S.	0-10
(Q/F)	

Dr. Kinane Cup:

O.L., Templemore	1-15
Charleville C.B.S.	0-11
(Final)	

Croke Cup – Under-15:

Thurles C.B.S.	2-10
High School, Clonmel	1-10
(Final)	

REMINDER

To everybody
who submits a
match report or
summary for
publication
– please
give the
competition
name, the date,
venue and final
score of the match.

Here's to their memory

Seamus Leahy

IT WAS LAST autumn, as I took a leisurely stroll in the Comeragh mountains with a friend from California, that I began to think seriously of the debt we owe to people of imagination in times past. The American drew my attention to a bridge which I had crossed over a hundred times without giving a thought to either its use or its beauty.

"Just look at it from underneath," he enthused, insisting that we go down and look at it from various angles. "Just imagine – before you or I was born, a guy sitting at an office-desk somewhere said to himself that he would build a bridge over an obscure stream in the mountains beyond Clonmel. And then he said to himself that he would make it not alone functional but beautiful. And here we are years later not even knowing his name but admiring his work. And people have been passing over it every day for years and years never giving a thought to the man who created it."

"Quite right," I agreed, "and I suppose there are few of us who think of those who worked through their lives to make the kind of day we had yesterday. Damn little thanks most of them got." We had spent the previous day in Croke Park where my American friend had gone into raptures on the subject of the magnificence of the stadium and the wonderful quality of sportsmanship that was the hallmark of the day's proceedings.

It is easy, indeed, if we were to pay much attention to the latter-day authorities on GAA affairs, to think that the organisation as we know it today was found under a head of cabbage and is not at all the result of over a century's devotion and enthusiasm on the part of men, who in their own time were all too often regarded as harmless 'country mugs' more fit for driving in cows or snagging turnips than for moulding the youth of their tomorrow.

But the mighty organisation of today, with its army of flunkies calling on us to show our tickets several hundred yards from the entrances to its games, had its origins in the willingness of a handful of just those 'country mugs' to give up a Saturday afternoon in November 1884 to travel to Thurles to discuss what might be done to remedy a situation, which left organised athletics in the hands of an eastward-looking clique who saw nothing wrong with excluding from their activities anyone who worked with his hands.

The convener of the historic meeting was Michael Cusack, a big, bluff Clareman, a schoolmaster by profession, who had many of the overbearing characteristics that were features of his profession at that time. He was opinionated and impatient and he had few of the qualities that make for a successful day-to-day administrator.

But he was a man with a big heart and a free soul, who looked neither up nor down, and he understood as only a highly intelligent man could, the importance of physical activ-

ity in the formation of youth. And, he understood too the unsurpassable delight that youth derives from physical competition. He himself was good at rugby and cricket until he turned completely to Gaelic games. He was also a champion athlete.

In the years that followed its first little meeting in Hayes's Hotel, the ranks of the GAA grew but it was more years than many care to admit before the organisation shed the image of being a rural-based organization, which brought hordes of cap-wearing country fellows to Dublin a few times a year for some activity in Jones's Road which polite city folk disdainfully ignored.

That image is well and truly changed now, but some of us may be pardoned for finding it just a little difficult to get used to the fact that what used to be regarded as the rendezvous of country chaps in Jones's Road is now in much demand for international games of various denominations.

Of course, the day is not far off when those same games will be played on what, with tongue in cheek, it is now fashionable to refer to as the hallowed ground of Croke Park.

The sarcasm in the 'hallowed' is lost on many of us. To tens of thousands Croke Park and the sky over it is indeed hallowed. It is hallowed by over a century of delirious joy generated by the efforts of young fellows prepared almost to die to bring honour to their native place. It is hallowed by the dreams of committed men who through summer and winter over long years toiled in order that the cheers of their native place would one day raise the rooftops of Jones's Road. It is hallowed by the toil of decent men, who worked all their lives to ensure that Cusack's organisation would be worthy of the dreams of its founding fathers. It is hallowed by the knowledge, that this place is, at least twice a year and perhaps more, the focal point of the yearnings of Irish people round the world.

If exiles in times past longed for home at Christmas, they did equally so on what used to be the first and the third Sundays in September. Is there something wrong, then, in regarding that strip of green in Jones's Road as hallowed?

As for the latter-day argument that we should all fall flat on our faces because governments, in the name of the people, have given money towards the development of Croke Park – well, so they have and that money was well-earned. And money has been given to less well-deserving undertakings.

Since that far-off day in 1884 the GAA has done work that, in a properly ordered society, government would have done. It has supplied an army of unpaid volunteers who devoted themselves to the physical and mental well-being of our youth and to the provision of recreation for our people. In bad economic times it provided young fellows with a reason for not emigrating. Abroad, its activities and social gatherings provided a focal

point for Irish boys and girls, who could not find work at home. At home its activities brought colour to what was all too often a joyless social environment. Can anyone imagine an Irish summer without the GAA? Can anyone imagine any parish in the country without the GAA?

The commitment of the GAA to the community can be experienced round the country on any Sunday where its members can be seen at church gates manning tables for the annual collection of every conceivable charity.

The GAA itself was spawned out of the neglect of the community by those who owed it most.

Before central and local government came to be even mildly interested in providing recreational facilities for youth, every parish had its GAA officers, who took it upon themselves to provide fields and community halls which we are enjoying ever since. Who remembers who knocked at doors in our parish in order to raise funds to provide those facilities?

For every parish who remembers who did the donkey-work in providing the local GAA pitch, there is a parish in which these names are forgotten. But then, most of them did not expect to be remembered. Their sweat was given because of their commitment to their community and their own place.

As a young fellow, like so many others I took for granted the existence of Nenagh's MacDonagh Park. Through summer and winter during our schooldays we used its facilities, never giving a thought to those responsible for its upkeep. There were dressing-rooms, which were available to us at a time when they were an undreamed-of luxury. Last out threw the key into Jack Roberts on the way home.

I cannot remember ever any of us expressing the least gratitude for the foresight and the work of Frank McGrath and Con Cleary, Dan O'Keefe and Matt Hogan, Tomas Malone and Tomas Cleary and Tommy Costello and so many others whose names won't come to me now, proving the point that their work was taken for granted.

But their work endures, the forgotten men up and down the country, through all its 32 counties. And whenever I pass the flunkies calling on me to produce my ticket I spare a thought for the hurling fan of long ago who, when the famous E.D. Ryan on the gate outside a game in Cashel, nodded at him and said, "You can go on in, Tom," replied, "Thanks, Mr. Ryan, but I'd rather wait till the match starts and slip in through the ditch."

And whenever I look ruefully across at the occupants of the corporate boxes, who don't appear to be all that interested in the game, I spare a thought for the Cusacks and the Davins and the Nallys and all the small men up and down the country who dreamed of a better future for Irish youth and who made much of their dream come true.

Dick Allen

(Fiodh Ard)



THE PRINCE OF Fethard Gaelic Football passed on to his eternal reward on June 23rd after a short illness.

Having worn the Jersey for Club, County and Province with distinction from 1930 to 1943, Dick was the sole player outside of Kerry on Munster Teams during six years from 1934-1940 and was unfortunate not to win a medal. He was on the County Tipperary Senior Football team from 1934 to 1942 winning a Munster Senior medal in 1935 with his club.

The Blues was his favourite team. He played from 1931 to 1943 and during this period he won two County Senior medals as Captain in 1938 and 1942. He also won three South Titles 1938, 1942 and 1943 also winning a number of Tipperary Man Cup Medals and Seven A Sides to add to his collection before unemployment forced him to England to support his family.

Dick represented London in the All-Ireland Junior Football final of 1947. On returning to Ireland he settled in Killusty at the foot of Slieve na mBan a place dear to his heart where he remained until his untimely passing away. To his family, sons Vincent, John, and Joe and his daughter Mary and their extended families, we offer our deepest sympathies. Go nDeanaí Dhia Trocaire ar an ainmeachta.

MARGARET (Peg) BOURKE

(Clonmore)



There was widespread sadness in Clonmore on June 22nd when word filtered through that Peg Bourke had passed away. It was difficult to imagine Clonmore without her ever-present presence.

She was widowed in 1968 on the death of her husband John and left with their seven sons to care for. During this difficult period in her life her great strength and faith

carried her along and diligently working her farm she insured her family got the best chance possible to maximize their talents. Their success in life is indeed wonderful testimony to her guidance and leadership.

She took great pride in the ability of her sons at Gaelic games and was a regular attendee at their fixtures. The atmosphere and chat after the matches with friends and 'foes' was as enjoyable and important as the games themselves.

She was indeed a proud lady in 1978 when her son Martin led Templemore CBS to Harty Cup and All Ireland honours with her youngest son Joe lending a hand as a workman like corner forward. Her sons Johnny, Tom, Paddy, Philly and Seamus gave her further cause for happiness on the playing fields of Tipp on many occasions and as the years passed by the exploits of her grandchildren at Gaelic games and 'Scór' were an equal source of satisfaction to a wonderful lady.

'Is measc na Naomh go raibh a hanam dilis'

Seamus Browne

(Ballina, Co. Mayo)



SEAMUS (Jimmy) Browne, who died in Ballina, Co. Mayo, on October 17th, 2004, was born at Castle Avenue, Thurles. As a pupil of Thurles C.B.S. he played at Croke, Dean Ryan and Harty levels. His defensive ability earned him a place at corner-back on the Tipp minors of 1949. The team won the All-Ireland, sharing in a senior/minor double that has not since been repeated. He graduated to Sarsfield's senior side and played along with Flor Coffey, Mickey Byrne and Connie Keane in the defence in the 1952 county final. Seamus moved to Galway and later to Ballina. He hurled in the junior championship for Mayo and was a keen promoter of hurling in later years. He set up a dental repair business. Turning to golf, he served as captain and as president of the local club. At his obsequies the Prayer of the Faithful expressed his love for Tipperary and his avid interest in the fortunes of his native county. Seamus leaves his wife Mary, son Jim and daughter Jennifer.

John Carew

(Aherlow)

THIS SUMMER saw the passing of John Carew of Lough Gur, Limerick and formerly of Kilross, Aherlow.

Friends we lost in 2004

From a great footballing family John, along with his brothers Tim and Tom, played on the Aherlow teams that won County Junior Football titles in 1950 and 1952. He also played hurling with the club. Just short of his eightieth year, John always maintained a keen interest in GAA affairs and was very proud of his Tipperary roots.

Luke Carroll

(Inane Rovers)

It was with deep sadness we learned of the death of Luke Carroll last July. Born and reared in Galway he came to Roscrea and married local girl, Mary McDonnell. Shortly after Inane Rovers had been founded Luke joined the club. In 1951 he became chairman of the club. This position he held within the club on many occasions and also served as secretary and treasurer. Following many years as an officer of the club, Luke was appointed vice-president, a position he held until his untimely death.

A footballer of note he represented Inane for years and won six consecutive North junior titles in the 50's. He acted as selector for years as well as a county selector in various grades. He was a true lover of Gaelic games and helped promoted them in any way possible. Luke also served as a selector with Roscrea hurling club.

The club would like to extend its deepest sympathy to his daughters, Mary, Joan and Lilly and all his relatives and friends.

Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh a anam.

Carrick Davins losses

A YEAR, which was approached with a sense of expectation, was unfortunately to see the club lose a number of former stalwarts, some of whose families had been associated with the club since its inception.

Russell, Ryan and Walsh are names, which litter any "Role of Honour" to purport to detail the clubs successes over more than eight decades.

Mikey and Jack Russell along with their brothers had over the



Michael Russell



Jack Russell



Con Broderick



Tommy Ryan



Richie Walsh



Seamus Ryan



Toss Walsh

years rendered sterling service on the playing fields. Seamus Ryan, also of the same era was another never found wanting.

However the tragic circumstances surrounding the deaths of Richie and Thomas "Toss" Walsh, left the town, Division and County in a state of shock and while "Toss" contributed to the clubs on field activities Richie's niche in the history of club and county is assured as Captain of Davins first County Winning Team and the first Tipperary Captain of a Munster Club Hurling winning team.

Richie was the first member of those teams to pass away but on the morning he was laid to rest, word of the untimely death of a team mate was received, namely Con Broderick. Having spent his formative years playing for his native Drom and Inch, Con's work brought him to Carrick where he threw in his lot with Davins and was an integral and invaluable member of the County and Munster winning teams and over a number of years thereafter.

To the families of Mikey, Jack, Richie "Toss", Seamus and Con our sincerest condolences and to all those who have suffered bereavements in the past year.

Trocaire ó Dhia ar a n-anamhacha.

Pat Cleary

(Knockshewowna)



The people of Knockshewowna and the surrounding areas were shocked and saddened at the sudden death of the late Pat Cleary, which occurred on 31st July 2004.

Pat was an out-and-out G.A.A. fanatic. In his earlier years he was a prominent member of St. Flannan's Athletic Club in Moneygall. He participated in various events all over Ireland along with his brother Mick and other colleagues from St. Flannan's Club.

Pat served the Knockshe club at various times and was a selector for the successful junior championship in 1993. He served as a gate checker with the North Tipperary G.A.A. Board, spanning over a period of 40 years, along with his friend Ned Fogarty. Pat was also a masseur with his native Knockshe club and various clubs in Tipperary and Offaly.

Pat had a great hobby of card playing and no tougher man could you meet at the card table. His antics and good humour brought a sense of fun to the game. Pat's dedication to various

events was evident up to the last three weeks of his life. He was always willing to help out whenever needed. His popularity was evident at the funeral where there was a large attendance of colleagues and friends.

To his wife Teresa, sons Paul, John, Eugene, daughters Cathy and Tricia, his immediate family, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Mick Cody

(Cashel King Cormac's)

THE DEATH of Mick Cody on April 10, some weeks short of his 97th birthday, saw the passing of a hurler, who gave sterling service to two clubs, Cashel King Cormac's and Abbey Rangers.

The latter club came into existence in 1941, formed by members of the Cashel King Cormac's, who were dissatisfied with the way teams were picked in the town. It was partly a rural revolt and its location was Camas, the part of the parish that juts into Boherlahan. The club flourished, won a West junior hurling championship in 1945, and Mick Cody was one of the key men in the club, as a player and administrator. In fact he finished up as chairman of the club.

In 1948 many of the players in the Abbey Rangers began to drift back to Cashel King Cormac's, and they, including Mick, helped Cashel to a West senior championship in 1948. Mick continued to serve the club after his playing days. He was one of the selectors on the junior team that won the club's first county championship in 1953, (played in 1954). He just missed out on the celebrations organised in September to honour that team.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a ainm.

Bart Coffey

(1922-2004)

(Rathfalla, Nenagh)

Bart Coffey was born and lived all his life at Rathfalla Nenagh. He attended Kilruane National School where he learned to play hurling. He played matches in all the local fields of Kilruane, Congor, Ballycapple and Cloughjordan.

In 1944 Bart helped Kilruane MacDonaghs to win the North Tipperary senior hurling championship. They were eventually beaten by Thurles Sarsfields in the county final.

Bart played all his hurling on the half-back line and was renowned for his stylish play.

In his young days Bart was an active member of the Kilruane Dramatic Class and was Secretary for many years.

Bart's other great interest in life was greyhounds. He trained dogs and raced them at every track in Ireland. When his health was failing he drove his car around the

field and walked the dogs beside him. He will be long remembered by his many friends.

Ted Crosse

(Kickhams)



IT WAS WITH great sadness that we learned of the death of Ted Crosse, Windmill, Cashel, on September 28, after a short illness bravely borne.

Ted was one of life's true gentlemen, who always had a welcome for one and all.

He was born in Grantstown in 1919, and from an early age was involved in Gaelic games. He played his part on the Kickham senior hurling teams that dominated the West Tipperary division during the golden era from 1946 to 1960, when the club won 12 West titles. When his playing career ended Ted continued to support his beloved Kickhams, and was a regular at club matches and functions, and much respected by all who knew him.

His passing has cut another link with the great days of the 'forties and 'fifties. As a mark of respect to a true Gael the Kickham club provided a guard of honour at his funeral.

To his wife, Monica, and family we offer our condolences on their sad loss. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Martin Cunningham

(Roscrea)

IT WAS WITH great shock and sadness with which the news spread of the death of Martin Cunningham, throughout the parish and beyond on June 2nd this year. Martin was one of the great characters of the town and he put a smile on many a face with his great sense of humour.

Martin won juvenile medals with the club and hurled at both minor and U21 level before moving to Dublin in the '70s. While in the capital Martin gave his allegiance to the famed Faugh's club where he won county medals at Junior, Intermediate and Senior level. Martin returned to Roscrea a number of years later and served the club at junior level as a player, trainer and selector at various times.

The Faugh's club joined the local clubs in providing a guard of honour at Martin's funeral.

"Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam".

Gus Danaher

(Fiodh Ard)

IT WAS WITH great sadness on October 20 that the sad news filtered through the Parish of the untimely passing away of Gus Danaher from Dublin and his native Fethard. He was one of the most stylish and finest players of his era from 1955 to 1968. He served both County and Club with distinction and was honoured by Munster in 1966 and 1968, but an accident in 1968 curtailed his playing career. His motto was 'Always Keep Smiling'.

Gus won a County and South Senior Football medal in 1957 to add to his Munster Minor Football medal off 1955 when Tipperary were in hard luck to be beaten in the All-Ireland final by his adopted County, Dublin. He also won a South and County Junior Football with Killusty in 1956 and South Junior Hurling medal with Coolmoyn in 1959.

Gus was an all-round sportsman with golf being his keenest sport in latter years. The Club wish to express its deepest sympathies at this time to the Danaher family and particularly to his wife Celine, son Paul and daughter Lucy and families in Dublin. Go nDeanaí Dhia Trocaire ar a anam

Joseph Dawson

(Emly)



On the 27th. of December 2003, Joseph Dawson was called to his eternal reward at the relatively young age of 52. Joseph was one of the younger members of the famous Dawson family of Emly and like all his brothers he played football and hurling for the Emly Club. He was an excellent footballer being fast and very accurate from play and frees. The highlight of his career was when he won a County Junior Football medal with Emly in 1968, at the tender age of 17.

When his playing days were over he involved himself in coaching and training the juvenile members of the club.

To his wife, Marian, children, Norita, John and Ger we offer our sympathy.

Ar dheis lamh Dé go raibh a anam.

Donie Delaney

(Roscrea)

IN MARCH this year a link with Roscrea's first minor winning county title team was severed when Donie Delaney, Limerick

Street, passed away. Donie along with Harry Loughnane (RIP) and current club secretary Michael Phelan was part of the famous minor team of 1958, which defeated Thurles Sarsfields, who were going for five in a row, to bring the first county minor title to the club. This was the start of a golden era for minor hurling in the club and Roscrea went on to win six titles in a row.

Donie went on to hurl U21 and Junior with the club and was also part of the Roscrea Bacon Factory panel which won the All-Ireland Inter-Firm title.

Donie remained an ardent supporter of the club throughout his lifetime and watched with keen interest the progress of his grandsons in their hurling careers.

"Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam".

Mick Delaney

(J.K. Brackens)



ON September 29th the parish of Templemore and J.K. Brackens GAA club lost one of its most faithful hard working and loyal parishioners and club members. The death of Mick Delaney was received with surprise and sadness. His love of Community and family is legendary. The pride and passion he had for the many clubs adult and juvenile he played and worked for in his native Templemore and the famed Young Ireland's, Dublin with whom, with his brother Sean, he won a Co. Senior hurling championship in 1965, knew no bounds. Although well known as a player and administrator it was his honesty and the work of his wonderful hands particularly as a hurley maker that spread his fame far and wide. It is widely accepted that of the thousands of hurleys he made, he gave half of them at least away for free such was his love for youth and hurling. Another of his great legacies to the GAA was his work at Pairc Shileann and the Carroll & Grant pavilion Templemore. Mick's greatest reward was seeing the many young people he had contact with play and progress at the games he truly loved, hurling and camogie.

Club colleagues young and old formed the largest guard of honour ever seen in Templemore and met his funeral cortege at the outskirts of the town he loved so well and escorted it to the Sacred Heart Church a place Mick visited so regularly.

May he rest in peace.

Thomas Duff

(Toomevara)

WHEN Thomas Duff passed to his eternal reward in May, 2003, Toomevara club lost another link with the senior hurling team of 1946 that won the North championship. During his playing days, he was considered by all his team-mates to be a very talented player. He was also a member of the intermediate team that won the North title in 1944 and remained up to the time of his death a most loyal supporter of Toomevara.

Michael (Mick) Egan

(Silvermines - 1910 - 2004).

THE DEATH occurred in early 2004 of Mick Egan; Lissenhall, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary. Mick loved his game of hurling and was a very keen and prominent hurler in his day.

He won two intermediate medals for the Silvermines Club, in 1945 and 1948 along with his neighbour John Fogarty, who also past away during 2004. Mick carried on his interest in sport after he finished hurling. Mick will be missed by his friends and family and to them we extend our deepest sympathy.

Go ndeana Dia Trocaire ar an anam.

James

(Jamesie) English

(Fr. Sheehy's, Clogheen)



THE DEATH occurred in March this year of James English, Bella Road, Clogheen, Co. Tipperary affectionately known as Jamesie. Jamesie was a great advocate of the GAA, he and his brother the late Christie (Burncourt) were members of the victorious 1948 County team. The team were honoured at a function in Kilcoran Lodge Hotel a few years ago, Micheal Ó Muireartaigh entertained everyone on a very enjoyable occasion.

He never lost his love for Fr. Sheehy's GAA club following his own playing day's he motivated his sons and later his grandchildren to keep on the tradition. He was a regular spectator on the sidelines of both Fr. Sheehy's and Brian Boru's, with his pen and paper diligently keeping the score and relating it to all who wanted to know it.

In his later years his home on Sunday was a shrine to the GAA, he sat in front of the telly and joined by family and friends they

passed enjoyable hours with plenty of analysing and criticising and on All-Ireland day his nephews Declan and Brendan would join him. Sadly his sight failed but it didn't stop his enjoyment of the games especially in later years where he was ardent supporter of the Brian Boru's, was always seen well inside the side line with his green umbrella, overjoyed when they won the County finals on numerous occasions.

Johnny Farrell

(Fiod Ard /Na Healai)

IT WAS GREAT sadness when we learned on 9th November of the passing away of Johnny at his daughters (Bernadette) residence in Camp (Co Kerry), where he has been since he returned from Birmingham, England, having emigrated there in 1948.

He was born in Fethard and played minor hurling and football with the club and is the last survivor of the 1932 Fethard South minor hurling champions there first.

In 1932 he brought the first All-Ireland minor hurling medal to the Friary town. He moved to Carrick in 1935 to live with his aunt and began a great association with the Swans which lasted up to his emigration in 1948.

He won a South and county junior football title in 1941 with Swans/Faugheen, winning a county senior hurling medal in 1947 with the Swans and South titles in 1939, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947. He was honoured on the Tipperary junior hurling team of 1939. He was interred in Brosna (Kerry).

To his daughter (Bernadette), sister (Mrs Ann Cashin) and families we offer our deepest sympathies. Go ndeanaí Dhia trocaire orthu

John Fogarty

(Silvermines - 1917-2004)

JOHN FOGARTY, Lissenhall, Nenagh Co. Tipperary, died during the Summer of 2004. John was a member of the 1945 - 1948 team which brought the intermediate title to the Silvermines' Club.

In the 50's John came out of retirement and played inter-firm hurling for S.E.C.B.S. Dovea. John carried on his interest in the Silvermines club long after his hurling career finished and was also more than happy to carry juveniles to matches when they had no other way of going to matches.

Deepest sympathy to the Fogarty Family

Go ndeana Dia Trácaire air.

Michael Frewen

(Aherlow)

IN LATE JUNE the parish was again numbed with the tragic

death of Michael Frewen at the age of 24.

He played juvenile, minor and U-21 and was a member of many successful Aherlow teams. The Frewen family are steeped in GAA tradition locally and nationally. They are direct descendants of R.J. (Bob) Frewen, national treasurer of the Association in 1887 and leader of the very successful 'Invasion of America' the following year, where 48 Athletes were sent to foster Gaelic Games among the Exiles.

The Frewen Cup for Munster Colleges U15 Football is named in his honour. Michael's father, John, played for many years and his uncle Seamus is currently a selector for the Senior Football team. His mother, Carmel Darcy is a member of a great Galtee Rovers family.

Bill Geary

(Kilsheelan-Kilcass)



THE DEATH OF Bill severed another GAA link with the Kilsheelan Club. He arrived in the parish from Buttevant in 1941 - the word was that he was a useful exponent of the camán. This was quickly recognised when he easily slotted into the corner-back position and with his citeog style turned many a defence into attack. When his playing days were over he showed his loyalty by becoming involved in the running of the club and was a valued Committee member. On match days he was a very reliable and trusted gate checker. When the sportsfield was being developed in the early 50's Bill was always available to give a hand, in fact, it could be said that in all aspects of Club affairs he was a loyal and diligent servant. The Club extends its sincere sympathy to his wife Ciss on her great loss.

Go ndeana Dia Trocaire air.

Stephen Guerin

(Toomevara)



STEPHEN from Ummara, Ballysmackey, Toomevara, was a quiet man who always had a time for a chat about the hurling for-

tunes of Toomevara. Stephen was a very promising hurler and footballer with Toomevara in the late 1950's. He was a fearless and uncompromising competitor and made life difficult for any back that was marking him. He was on the intermediate team that won the championship in 1956 and on the senior team that won the North Championship in 1958. He represented Tipperary at junior level and it was while playing for Tipperary seniors that he sustained a serious leg injury which unfortunately ended his activities on the field of play. Stephen was very involved at juvenile level with the club in the 50's and 60's and looked after the Ballymackey side of the parish. Stephen retained a keen interest in Toomevara hurling club all his life and was one of its most ardent supporters. A guard of honour was provided by members of the Toomevara Club from Ryan's Funeral Home in Nenagh.

He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. To his wife Mary, family and friends, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Michael Hallinan

(Éire Óg, Nenagh)



Éire Óg Nenagh, regret the sudden passing of Mikie Hallinan, Knockalton, on the 24th August. Mikie was one of the solid and silent supporters of Éire Óg and Tipperary hurling.

Mikie was to be seen at matches of all grades of hurling throughout Tipperary. He was always present in MacDonagh Park at training sessions, senior and juvenile and the evening before he died he had attend an U-12 C North Final, where Éire Óg were competing. Mikie will be sadly missed by his family and his club.

Thomas Halpin

(Derrygrath)



The death of Thomas Halpin in February was the last surviving member of the winning Ardfinnan teams that won the South and County Junior Championships of 1934, Senior winning teams of 1935 and 1939 that won South

and County championship and a Tipperary Mens' Cup medals during that era.

'Knackey' as he was better known, played as an outstanding forward during that era. He gave long service playing football for the Ardfinnan Club. The Coffin was draped in the club colours on both days and a guard of honour of Ardfinnan club members was in Grange, when the remains arrived. The club offers its sincere sympathy to his daughters Annette, Catherine, Maise and their families.

Joe Hassett

(Toomevara)



JOE FROM Ollatrum, Toomevara, died in June, 2004, his passing was mourned by all who knew him. Joe was known to one and all in Toomevara and indeed many more places throughout Tipperary. Joe took a keen interest in farming and was always willing to help wherever needed. He was a gentleman and there was a special place for Joe in the Toomevara Club. He was a lifelong supporter of the club down through the years. He was at all the matches accompanied by his brother John, R.I.P. His other interest was horse racing and one could meet himself and John at a race meeting around the country. Joe somehow always managed to have a winner. Joe spent the last number of years in Kildare, but returned to Toome for the big games and other important occasions. Joe will be sadly missed by all. To his brothers Matt and Paddy, his sisters Una and Nell. His sisters-in-law Ann, Kitty and Ann in Monasterevin, Co. Kildare, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Margaret Haverty

(Toomevara)



THE PEOPLE of Toomevara and the wider community were deeply shocked when news came through on Thursday afternoon the 8th of July, of the sudden death of Margaret Haverty in a car

crash near Doonbeg, Co. Clare.

Margaret was a primary school teacher who entered the teaching profession after studying as a mature student in Mary Immaculate College, Limerick. She taught in a number of schools, spending a total of eight years in Kilkeary N.S. She was renowned for her dedication, excellent teaching skills, preparation of the choir, and her willingness to help out all pupils in her care.

She was a genuine G.A.A. supporter and was a loyal follower of Toomevara's hurling fortunes. Her husband Denis having played for the club for many years, later acting as a selector on many county senior championship winning sides. Her cousin Michael Bevans has graced many Toomevara teams with his dazzling runs and skillful play.

Margaret had a special love of all things Irish, the games, language, music and especially Irish dancing. She was involved with Aisteoirí an Aonaigh and Tiobrad Árann ag Labhairt. Being a gifted singer she had a particular interest in Scór and represented Toomevara for many years in Ballad Group Singing. Later while teaching Kilkeary she used her expertise to prepare the children in Figure Dancing, Set Dancing and Ballad Group singing for Scór na bPaistí.

Jimmy (Nobby) Hayes

(Fiodh Árd)

FROM A FAMOUS Gaelic tradition, the Hayes family, Jimmy was the last to pass away on September 24th 2003.

Like his brothers Dick and Mick, Jimmy's love of the Gaelic games and of life and horses was a joy to behold right up to the end when he passed to his eternal reward in his Ninetieth year.

He was on the Fethard Senior Football team of 1938 and 1942 and won South titles in 1938, 1942, 1943. He was equally at home with the Caman and won South Senior Hurling medals with Fethard in 1937, 1938 and Junior Hurling South medal in 1942 with Coolmoyné (Let Fly Coolmoyné). To his wife Bridget and family we offer our deepest sympathies. Go nDeanaí Dhia Trocaire ar an ainmeanachta.

Jimmy Hickey

(Drangan)



IN MAY St. Patrick's GAA club who said farewell to their last surviving founder member and a

man who was a heroic and inspirational figure during his sporting lifetime in the Parish of Drangan and Cloneen.

Jimmy Hickey was born 87 years ago at a time when the first World War was nearing an end and into an Ireland which was in a state of great trouble and turmoil.

As the young Jimmy grew from boy to man his interest and love for Gaelic games began to develop and in particular his love for Gaelic football. As there was no minor team in the Drangan-Cloneen area in his teenage years he played for Fethard and won South minor titles in 1932 and '33 with that great stronghold of football. No doubt his exceptional talents were noted from these games and in 1934 he was a prominent member of the Co. Minor football side that won the Munster title and went on to win All-Ireland honours, playing in his favourite position at centre forward in the All Ireland semi-final against Mayo he scored one of the fastest goals ever recorded when from the throw in he gained possession, the flying machine as he was then known careered forward through both lines of defence to finish to the net. This All Ireland victory was followed in 1935 with another Munster minor title and then unfortunately failing to Mayo in the All Ireland final. This then was the commencement of an outstanding career in which Jimmy Hickey became known as one of the finest footballers ever to represent his native County. He played his first senior game with the Co in a National League game in 1936; he captained Tipp Junior Footballers to a Munster Junior title in 1938 and from then to 1948 was a regular on the Tipp Senior side until illness cut short his career. He also played for Munster in the Railway Cup in 1945 and in 1943 both Jimmy and his brother Billy had the unique honour of captaining Tipperary Senior football sides over the championship campaign.

Jimmy Hickey will always be specially remembered for his outstanding contribution to the Gaelic Athletic Association in the Parish of Drangan and Cloneen. The leadership qualities he showed on the field he brought them to bear on the local scene and recognising the need for a proper Club structure, he was instrumental in the founding of the present St Patrick's Club in 1944 and was its first Secretary. He played his first game under the Parish banner in 1933 at the tender age of 16 when he lined out with a team from the Parish under the name of Moyne Rovers winning a Junior League title against Kilsheelan, South and Co. Junior Football titles followed in 1935 as Drangan and a South Junior Title as Drangan/Cloneen in 1938. His greatest Club triumph was achieved in 1947 when he played

a leading role in winning Senior South and Co Football titles under the St Patricks banner with possibly the best team ever to come out of the Parish, a team that were recognised as being one of the best Club sides in the Country at that time. Jimmy Hickey's great achievements were recognised in later years when in 1989 he received the Nationalist Hall of Fame Award as South Tipperary's Footballer of the Past. In a moving address at that award ceremony he said, "All I can hope for, is that the youth will come forward in Football again and that one day Tipperary will bring home the Sam Maguire Cup".

Billy Hogan

(Shannon Rovers)



It was with great sadness we learned of the death of Billy Hogan in 2003. Billy grew up in Macloon near Terryglass before he and his family moved to Bellvue near Coolbawn. He was a fine hurler in his youth. He played juvenile U-15 in 1966 and 67. He won two north intermediate medals in 1974 and 75. In 1987 he won a north Junior B medal.

Billy spent all of his life in farming. He was a keen supporter of Shannon Rovers and Tipperary. He was also a great man for banter and devilment and he enjoyed nothing better than a game of forty five. He will be sadly missed by his mother Margaret, sister Kathleen and her family, his brother Paddy, and his many many friends.

May he rest in peace.

Paddy Horgan

(Killenaule)



Killenaule G.A.A lost a great friend, player and supporter when Paddy Horgan died unexpectedly earlier this year.

Paddy was born in Windgap, Co. Kilkenny, in 1931. His father was the local creamery manager. Paddy went to primary school in Windgap and for a brief period in Bruree, where his uncle was the local teacher. He went to sec-

ondary School in Rockwell, where he played hurling and rugby. Later at U.C.C. he was a valued player with the college team and won a Fitzgibbon Cup Medal with them.

He came to Killenaule as Assistant Creamery Manager to another stalwart G.A.A. man, the late Oliver O'Neill, in 1953. Almost immediately, he became involved with Killenaule G.A.A., where he soon became club secretary. He held this position for a number of years. He was a very efficient and hard-working secretary and the Killenaule club owes him a deep debt of gratitude. He won a Leinster Minor Medal with Kilkenny in 1949, losing the All-Ireland to a Tipperary Team captained by John 'Culbaire' O'Grady, who was a colleague of his at U.C.C.

He won South Senior hurling medals with Killenaule in 1954 and 1955, but then had to retire prematurely due to injury.

Paddy, all through his life, remained a loyal supporter of Kilkenny. He dearly loved the black and amber and loved the 'banter', especially when Tipperary and Kilkenny were in opposition.

His death has cast a gloom over Killenaule where he was deeply loved and respected.

Ar Dheis Lámh Dé Go Raibh a Anam Di'lis

Frank Kearney

(Kilsheelan-Kilcash)



EVERYONE IN the parish and its precincts were shocked to hear of the sudden death of Frank Kearney in February 2003. He took an interest in our games at a young age and went on to play for the Juvenile Club and also minor and U/21. Frank was the "happy go lucky" type and was satisfied to make the junior grade his forte. In 1970 he lined out for the junior hurling team that lost to Ballingarry in the South Final. He acted as football selector for a time. He was also a regular attendee at Annual General Meetings and had his own eloquent way of getting his point across.

When his playing days were over he embarked on many other activities. Whenever gaelic games came up in conversation he loved to reminisce about the achievements of Kilsheelan players and the main talking points of the games.

Frank was a very witty character. His expressions and choice of words appealed to all.

We express our sincere sympathy to his family and wide circle of friends.

Go ndeana Dia trocaire air.

Paddy Kendrick

(Ballybacon-Grange)

WE WERE greatly saddened to hear of the death of Paddy Kendrick on the 6th November.

Paddy played U-15 and minor Hurling for Ballybacon-Grange in the 50's. He then went to England in the early 60s where he played for the Geraldines Club for a number of years. On his return in 1979, he started to play again for Ballybacon-Grange, winning a South Intermediate Medal in 1980. He served the club as a selector on all teams from minor to intermediate. He was all Vice Chairman for many years. Paddy was a great GAA man. A great follower Supporter of Tipperary Hurling.

Paddy will be sadly missed by his family and many friends.

May he rest in peace.

Seán Kennedy

(St Mary's)

AS MARKETING manager of Wavin Pipes, Seán Kennedy, who died in July, was mainly responsible for developing a hurley made of PVC.

In his earlier days, Seán was a prominent player and official with St Mary's Hurling Club, Clonmel where his father Pat (who played for Dublin in the All-Ireland final of 1906) was club president and his brothers Pat, Matt and Michael were leading players. Business interests later took Seán to Galway and he was soon on the county team and in 1947 he was on the Connaught team, which won in the Railway Cup.

When Seán went to Wavin his idea for the hurley was encouraged by Croke Park and by his brother-in-law, An Bráthair Ó Caithnia, whose book, Scéal na hIomána, had traced the history of hurling from earliest times. The experiment, alas, met with little enthusiasm, players saying that the feel of hitting the ball was not transmitted through the PVC. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Billy Kennedy

(Toomevara)



THE DEATH of Billy Kennedy at the end of September this year after a short illness was received with a great sense of loss and sadness throughout the parish of

Toomevara. Billy spent his whole life as a very extensive and efficient farmer; he will be fondly remembered by all who were privileged to know him. He was a good character and a good neighbour, he was cool and calm, he liked nothing better at the end of the day than to meet some of his friends and have a chat. Billy also liked to travel to foreign countries and explore their way of life while on holidays.

Billy was a great supporters of Toomevara all his life and a talented hurler and footballer in his younger days, he won honours with Nenagh C.B.S. and was a member of the Toomevara Under-21 team that won the North Championship in 1967. He also played football with the club and was on the Toomevara/Moneygall combination that won titles in 1966 and '67.

Our deepest sympathy to his brothers Dan and Pat, his sisters Barbara and Mary and to all his extended family and friends.

Paddy Kenny

(Borris-Ileagh)



THE death of former Borris-Ileagh and Tipperary great Paddy Kenny last April left a deep sense of loss throughout hurling circles. Paddy has a long list of honours with both club & county. With his beloved Borris-Ileagh Paddy won three county finals 1949, 1950 and 1951 along with five north titles 1947, 1950-53 and one mid title 1949. Paddy also won county championships with Thurles Sarsfields when he moved to the Cathedral Town as well as a Dublin county championship with Young Irelanders.

Paddy first came to prominence in the county, as minor playing in three All-Ireland finals in 1945, 1946 and 1947 winning the latter when captained the side that defeated Dublin. Adding to his honours as a minor, Paddy also has three All-Ireland senior medals, three in a row 1949, 1950 and 1951. As well as several Railway cup honours Paddy also has numerous National League medals which include the famous 1950 home & away final where he hurled with his two brother Sean and Philip in front of 30,000 people defeating New York by two points.

After leaving Borris-Ileagh in 1954 and having success with other clubs Paddy returned to finish his illustrious career with his beloved parish Borris-Ileagh.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a Anam dílis.

Jack (Dorrie) King

(Knockshegowna – 1920-2004)



Jack King of Knockshe, passed away at 84 years of age. Jack, down through the years was a keen G.A.A. supporter and served in various officers' post with the Knockshe club. He was also a keen horse man and on a few occasions rode horses at various point-to-point. As already stated Jack's proudest time was being associated with the Knockshe club when they won the county junior championship in 1969. He had a great love for greyhounds and was fortunate to breed a very good dog called *Knockshe Prince*, which was very successful in the early 60's. To his sons, Seán, Gabby, Jerome, Frank, daughters, Amelia, Marie and Bernadette we extend our deepest sympathy.

Rt Rev Monsignor Christopher Lee

(Cashel King Cormac's)

Born in Lisvermane, Aherlow, Monsignor Lee was ordained priest in Maynooth in 1935. After two years post-graduate studies, he was appointed chaplain to St Vincent's Hospital, Tipperary. Later in 1937 he became a curate in Knockainey, where he remained until 1942. He was transferred to Fethard, where he remained until 1947, when he moved to Thurles. He was C.C. there until 1954, when he was appointed Administrator. From 1960 to 1974 he was P.P. of Fethard. He was transferred to Cashel in the latter year, where he remained P.P., V.G. until he retired in 1988, when he was appointed Protonotary Apostolic. He died on March 15, just short of his 93rd year.

Wherever he served as a priest Monsignor Lee gave wholehearted support to the cause of Gaelic games, repeating his mantra on numerous occasions: 'All games are good. Any game is better than no games, but for Irish boys and girls, there are no games like Irish games.'

He was chairman of the Thurles Sarsfields during his time in the town, and was also seriously involved in the Thurles Sportsfield committee. When he arrived in Cashel he was made the patron of the Cashel King Cormac's and prided himself in addressing convention when he attended. He

was also seriously concerned about alcohol indulgence and urged club officers to use their influence to curtail it.

He never lost his interest in the club and continued to pay his annual subscription and support the county GAA draw right up to the end.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a ainm.

Lionel Leonard

(Aherlow)

THE PAST YEAR was one of great loss and sadness in Aherlow GAA circles. In March the Community and the Club were shocked with the sudden death of the chairman Lionel Leonard.

This was just a few months after the sad death of his brother Frank, also at a young age. Lionel's family are synonymous with the development of the Aherlow Club over the past 20 years.

He became chairman of the Senior club in January 2004, having previously served as treasurer of the Juvenile section for some 20 years. His eight sons currently are the backbone of all Aherlow teams.

Eamon Lonergan Jr.

(Ardfinnan)



Profound shock and sadness swept the Ardfinnan parishes and surrounding areas following the death of Eamon Lonergan in a traffic accident on 11th January. Coming from a strong G.A.A. background, as Eamon's grandfather was on the last Tipperary senior football team that beat Kerry in the Munster championship in 1927, it was only natural that Eamon played football. He played with Ardfinnan teams at U-12, U-14, U-16, minor, U-21 and junior.

The death of Eamon at such a young age was a great shock to everyone, but particularly to his family. The coffin was draped in the club colours on both days and was met by a club guard of honour on the outskirts of the village, who flanked the hearse to the church.

The club offers its sincere sympathy to his parents Eddie and Marie, brothers Niall, Colm, sisters Eva, Cath, Ciara, grandmother, uncles, aunts and other relatives.

Jimmy Lonergan

(Ardfinnan)



The people of Ardfinnan parish and surrounding area were shocked by the sudden death of Jimmy Lonergan. Jimmy played for a long numbers of years with the Ardfinnan Football club winning South Junior and County medals with the club in 1954 as a wing forward. After retiring he always followed the fortunes of the club. A quiet inoffensive man, his other pastimes in latter years were a dog or a horse race.

A guard of honour escorted the remains to Ardfinnan Church with the coffin draped in the club colours on both days.

The club offers its sincere sympathy to his brother Eddie, sisters Phyllis, Kay, Breda, Maureen, brothers-in-law, sister-in-law, nephews, nieces and other relatives and friends.

Harry Loughnane

(Roscrea)



WITH THE coming of a new wave of Roscrea stars of the future, one must not forget those of the past, and in particular Harry Loughnane, who would have been as proud as any Roscrea man in McDonagh Park this summer.

Harry has his name firmly engrained in Roscrea folklore, for the talents he displayed in that golden era of Roscrea hurling, in the late 60s and 70s.

The Street Leagues in the 50s was where these considerable skills were developed and honed, to such an extent, as to thrill those adoring fans who travelled to see Roscrea play. Honoured in 1993 as part of the 3-in-a-row side, though your time has come the treasured memories will last forever.

1958/59 – Minor North & County Champions

1968-70 – North & County Senior Champions

1970 & 1971 – Munster Champions

1971 – All Ireland Club

1972 – All Ireland Inter-firm Medal

1979 – Kilmacud 7's

"Ar dheis Dé go raibh a ainm".

Joseph Maher

(Roscrea)

IRONICALLY as Roscrea prepared to meet Borrisoleigh in this year's North Final a link with the team of 1954 was severed when Joseph Maher passed away on August 14th. Jos, as he was fondly known, was part of the winning Roscrea Panels of 1941, 1942, 1945, 1949 and he got the winning goal against Borris in the '54 Final. A County Medal eluded him as Roscrea were beaten in both finals which he played in by Sarsfields in 1945 and Holycross in 1954. Jos also won a Junior North Medal with the Club and played with London in a Junior All-Ireland Final. He represented Tipperary at Minor Level alongside Mick Ryan of the Sheehills, both of them cycling to Thurles for the Minor Trials.

In February 2003 he was honoured by RCTLC along with the other surviving members of the 1945 County Final team, the first from the Club to contest a County Final. He was also one of the Vice-Presidents of the Club.

"Ar dheis Dé go raibh a ainm".

John Manton

(Cashel King Cormac's)

THERE WAS widespread regret in the club, and the wider parish, at the sudden passing of John Manton early in the new year. There was no more loyal supporter of the Cashel King Cormac's, and no greater worker for the club. As was remarked at the time he never missed a training session or a match of the junior B hurling team during their successful campaign the previous year. He spent endless hours in Leahy Park, helping in the preparation of the field and working hard to make it the best possible place for players and spectators alike. His only thought and interest were in the success and betterment of the club.

The club provided full honours at his funeral and expressed sympathy to his widow, Marie, and children Mary, Catherine, Paul, Claire, Sheena, Gavin, Ailish and John.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a ainm.

John McCarthy

(Silvermines – 1950-2004)

John McCarthy, Tulla, Cappamore, Nenagh Co. Tipperary, died in November, 2004, after a very short illness.

John was a member of the Silvermines team which won the under-21 football championship in 1969. John passed his love of sport onto his family and both his son William and his youngest daughter Siobhán, played for the Silvermines club. To his family and many friends we extend our sympathy.

Ar dheis lamh Dé go raibh a ainm.

Michael McCormack

(Solohead & London)



Michael McCormack left his native Solohead for London in 1952. Soon after his arrival he was a founder member of the Tipperary Association there, and remained associated with it right up to his passing. His involvement gave him an opportunity to express great generosity in many ways to Tipperary players during their trips to London over the years.

In 1970, following consultation with Seamus O Riain and Tomás Ó Baróid, Michael, who was president of the Tipperary Association at the time, decided that they would present a cup for post-primary schools hurling in the county, with the hope that this might lead to an improvement in the state of minor hurling. As a result of these deliberations the Fitzgerald Cup, named after a Boherlahan priest, who spent thirty-five years of his priestly life ministering in London, was presented for under-17 hurling in 1971, the first integrated schools competition of its kind at second-level in Ireland.

His great work for Tipperary was recognised by the presence of county chairman, Donal Shanahan, at his interment in Solohead, where he expressed sympathy to Michael's family, his wife, Pat, and children Nessa, Deirdre, Prionsias, Pearse and Ailbe.

Billy McLeish

(Moneygall)



The entire communities of Moneygall and Roscrea and many from surrounding parishes were shocked and saddened on the morning of Monday 16th of February to hear of the death of Billy McLeish. Billy, who had not enjoyed good health for many years, passed to his eternal reward in Tallaght Hospital.

Billy has been a true legend of Moneygall hurling. He devoted his life to the Club both on and off the field. Having started in the juvenile ranks in the early 1950's, he played on the winning Under 15 team in 1955. He continued as a player and gave sterling service until he won his last medal as a

member of the North Junior Football championship winning team of 1984. He then became active on the Club Committee and held the post of Vice-Chairman until he withdrew from that position at the A.G.M. in December of 2003.

The highlight of Billy's hurling career came in 1975 and 1976 when he was an outstanding member of the Senior team which won two County Senior Titles and one North Tipperary Senior Title. Billy's contribution to these wins was immense on the field of play but of equal importance was his contribution to the spirit and character of this team at every training session and every social get-together. For this he was held in the highest esteem and respect by all the playing members of that team.

Billy's old team mate and friend Philip Ryan delivered a graveside oration and his life-long friend and colleague John O'Shea paid a last tribute to Billy on the accordion.

Sincerest sympathy to Billy's wife Sadie, his sons Eoghan and Colin, his daughters Yvonne, Pamela, Freida and Karen and to his brothers and sisters.

Bartholomew Meade

(Aherlow)

IN APRIL, the Aherlow community and club were once again deeply shocked with the sudden death of former player, Berty Meade, at a young age.

As well as a footballer Berty was a great athlete. He won many sprint titles and even won a Munster Masters title in 2003. A devoted family man, his children also excel in the Athletics arena.

Pat Moloney

(Kilsheelan-Kilcass)

WHEN NEWS of the death of Pat Moloney became known in August 2003 it caused great disbelief and sadness in the village and surrounding areas. While he never played for the club he was a vital part of it. His role as gate checker for the South



Board was carried out with integrity and efficiency. Pat had a word for everyone and his friendly manner appealed to all. He was always willing to help in other ways. On occasions when our teams were playing elsewhere and our venue was also in use he offered his assistance in looking after the dressing rooms.

Having come from Kilmanahan his allegiance to his native County Waterford was a source of great banter and he was proud to sport

his blue and white colours as he went about his daily work. He was involved in many activities and will be missed by all, none more so than his wife Helen and family to which our Club offers its deepest sympathy.

As a mark of respect the Club activities during that week were curtailed.

Go ndeana Dia trocaire air

Sean Moloughney

(Roscrea)

1956-2004

The sudden passing of Seán Moloughney, Rosemary Street, stunned the people of Roscrea Town and district. Aged only 48 years, he was a most popular figure, a great worker and he was an outstanding player in his younger days. He won a North Under-13 hurling medal with Roscrea in 1967, North minor football medals with Inane Rovers in 1973 and 1974 and a North minor hurling medal with Roscrea in the latter year. He was full-back on the Roscrea senior team that lost the 1976 county final to Moneygall, and was full-forward on the Roscrea team which lost senior divisional and county finals in 1985. He was on the county under-21 hurling panel in 1977. In the early 1980s he hurled with Coolderry for a period. The club would like to express sympathy to his wife, Mary, and his daughters on their great loss.

Joe Morris

(Borrisokane)

THE DEATH took place after a long illness of Mr. Joe Morris, Firhouse, Dublin and formerly of Drimminahane, Borrisokane, at St. James Hospital, Dublin, on Friday, October 20th.

Joe was a member of a well known and most popular family in Borrisokane and was regular visitor to his native place. He was a noted hurler, playing in all grades and was on the intermediate team which won the North Final against Silvermines in 1958. He was also a member of the Borris senior hurling team which lost to Toomevara in the 1961 North Final and he played against Thurles Sarsfields in the drawn and replayed county semi-final on the same year. In later years he moved to Dublin and joined the O'Toole's Club where he became selector, where his two sons Martin and Joe, won many county titles. At the removal of remains to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Firhouse, his coffin was draped in the Borrisokane and O'Toole's colours and the O'Toole Club formed a guard of honour.

To his wife Mary, sons Martin and Joe, daughters Mary, Anne and Vera, sincere sympathy is tendered.

Ned Moroney

(Aherlow)

NED MORONEY passed away in February. He played with the club in the '30's and '40's. He was involved, with others, in negotiat-

ing at that time a field for the club from the Land Commission. He helped the club financially and his Lorries, etc., were the means of transport at the time for players to various matches. He sold land to the Club in the early 1970's in order to have a playing field directly adjacent to the Primary School being built at the time, thus increasing the opportunity for developing Gaelic games in future Aherlow generations.

Cly Mullins

(Fiodh Ard)

IT WAS A major shock in the parish of Fethard when on St Stephen's Day the news spread of the passing away of our beloved Cly Mullins.

Cly was a quiet, gentle man who lead a simple life in the town of Fethard, a place he lived and loved all his life. He commenced work in O'Sullivan's Chemist at the age of 16 and remained there up until his health failed him.

He was one of the best footballers and all-round sportsman of his era as he graced the fields of Tipperary with his style, accuracy and skill. He was rewarded for this when he was captain of the 1954 South and County Senior Football champions. He also wore the County Junior and Senior jersey between 1952 and 1957.

Cly was on the Coolmoynne senior hurling South champions in 1951 and Junior hurling South champions team of 1959. When he retired from the field sports he switched his allegiance to badminton and brought Fethard to the top when he held Munster Senior titles for a number of years. He was undefeated at this sport in Munster.

To the Mullins family we extend our deepest sympathies at this time. Go nDeanaí Dhia Trocaire orthu.

Mickey Murphy

(Cashel King Cormac's)

ONE OF THE great stalwarts of Cashel King Cormac's hurling, Mickey 'The Dasher' Murphy passed away in October, not long after the club celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of one of the high points in his career, the winning of a county junior hurling title (the 1953 championship) in October 1954.

This was the culmination of a career, which included 25 years service to his club. His achievements during these years were spectacular. Starting with a divisional minor medal in 1930, he added a junior in 1933, seven senior in 1934, 1935, 1937, 1939, 1940, 1945 and 1948, before capping a great career with the 1953 county title. As well, while living in England for three years in the early forties, he won an All-England championship with Lancashire.

For a number of years in the thirties he was on the verge of making a breakthrough on the county stage, playing in tournaments and some league games.

He once said: 'Hurling was my

whole life. When I came back from work I went to the field before I had my tea. On a Sunday morning of a match you'd be as proud as a peacock getting ready to go off and hurl. You'd cry if you weren't picked to play.'

Last year he was made a member of Cumann na Sean Gaeil. He has now been initiated into Cumann na Sean-Iomanaíthe are Neamh.

Ar dhéis Dé go raibh a ainm.

Michael O'Connor

(Golden-Kilfeacle)



It was with great sadness that on Saturday, January 31, we heard of the passing of Michael O'Connor, Knockroe, Golden, just a short number of years after his wife, Teresa, had passed away, and just six years after he had returned home having spent most of his life in England.

Michael was a member of the great under-15 hurling team that brought county honours to the club back in 1953 and 1954, and was a member of the organising committee set up fifty years later to honour that great team. He was a proud man that night in Dundrum when he accepted his memento from Michael 'Babs' Keating, and indeed enjoyed reminiscing with his many friends of years ago.

Michael was also a very stylish footballer in his young days and gave great service to his native club before emigrating at the age of sixteen to start his new life in England.

To his family and many friends we extend our sincere sympathy.

James O'Donoghue

(Arravale Rovers and O'Loughlin Gaels)



James O'Donoghue sadly passed away earlier this year after a brave battle with illness. At just 36 years of age his life was short but what James packed into that time is a reminder to us all of what can be achieved with the right positive attitude and conviction.

Jayo, as we affectionately knew him was from Tipperary town and was a teacher in Thurles C.B.S. before he got involved with O'Loughlin Gaels in the late

nineties, having moved to Kilkenny to the Orchard Estate. Jayo being a G.A.A. man wanted to get involved with the parish team and so started to train the U-12 team weekly and was to stay with that group of players for the following five years. He coached this team to U-14 Féile and county championship wins and to the Féile All-Ireland final held in Belfast in 2002. This year Jayo was coaching the U-16 and minor teams in the club.

He was not only a brilliant coach but also a brilliant motivator to both young and old. He had an infectious personality where you always wanted to be part of the team, squad and coaching set-up. He always went with the positives and reminded players of their good points, that mistakes happen and to get on with the game. The same applied to his own outlook on life. His dedication to coaching and development of players in both O'Loughlin Gaels and Thurles CBS was exemplary.

Jayo refereed a minor challenge game last March. Little were we to know that this would be his final physical action with O'Loughlin Gaels. We were unaware of a serious illness which was overtaking him and neither did he want us to know. He obviously had known this for some time and I am sure that he simply wanted us all to get on with life, not feel anxiety, sorrow or pity for him and carry on as normal. Such was the character of this remarkable man.

He was a Tipp man true and true and used to take great delight wearing his blue and gold socks to training and took even further delight if any of the lads wore a Tipp jersey or even a similar one and reminding us all how well the jersey looked. Needless to say we took great delight in reminding him of the league final 2003 and All-Ireland semi-final of '02 and '03. He took the banter well and was well able to remind us of previous Tipp victories over Kilkenny.

Jayo was a true Gael, one who always saw the big picture, believed in his principles, of always doing the right thing, being fair and unbiased and above all else to respect his fellow man. Our club will be a lesser place now, but his memory will live on with those who had the privilege to know him. Hopefully those who worked with him on the hurling field will continue to preach the hurling gospel as well as he did. We can only try but we have served with a good mentor, coach and above all a trusted friend.

Jayo had many friends which could be seen by the huge turnout at his funeral. His coffin was draped in the colours of his home club Arravale Rovers, his school Thurles C.B.S. and his adopted club of O'Loughlin Gaels.

We sympathise sincerely with Jayo's family, particularly parents Seamus and Mary, his sisters Marguerite and Nichole, brother-in-law Anthony, his grandfather, his good friend Ann, his many

friends, his work colleagues and pupils in Thurles C.B.S., his home club Arravale Rovers and all those who had the privilege to know him.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis.

James O'Donnell

(Moyle Rovers)

It was with great sadness and shock with which the club heard of the news of the sudden and untimely death of James O'Donnell, Lisronagh, in December of 2003 at such a young age.

James was the son of our current club president Kitty O'Donnell and her late husband Mick was a former secretary of our club.

James represented the club at juvenile level for many years and had many friends in the club and parish and was a very popular character within the community.

To his mother Kitty, his brothers, sister and all his relatives and friends, we offer our deepest sympathy.

Ar dheis de go raibh an anam.

Liam O'Flynn

(Newcastle)

On December 21st, 2003, the parishes of Newcastle and Colligan in Co Waterford were shocked and saddened at the sudden passing of Liam O'Flynn.

Liam was a member of a family synonymous with the G.A.A in Newcastle and whose late father Tomás won All-Ireland medals with Tipperary.

Liam, who was involved with the club in his earlier days, moved to Colligan after his marriage, but maintained his interest in Newcastle teams, and especially in the achievements of his brothers. The sympathy of the Newcastle club is extended to Liam's wife Nora, son Tomás, daughter Róisín, mother Berry, brothers, sisters and extended family.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Peter O'Mahoney

(Kilsheelan-Kilcass)



The unexpected death of Peter O'Mahoney cast a gloom over Kilsheelan village.

Jack, as he was affectionately known could be best described as a "Jack of All Trades" and served his local community well in many ways. Being an early riser he would be one of the first to be seen around each morning and his word of greeting would usually be of a topical GAA nature. In the late 50s he played hurling and football for the club and later emi-

grated to England. On his return in the late 80's he again got involved and for a number of years was caretaker of the sports-field. On match days he regularly operated the scoreboard. Peter was also a member of Tommy Loneragan's team of umpires. This often included high profile National League and County Final games. His absence will be sorely missed, none more so than by his brothers and sisters to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

Go ndeana Dia trocaire air.

Rev. Fr. Paddy O'Meara

(Moneygall)



Rev. Fr. Paddy O'Meara (Moneygall)

Fr. Paddy O'Meara former Parish Priest of the parish of Dunkerrin died in the month of June 2004. He had served in the parish since his appointment as Administrator in 1974.

When he arrived in the parish he immediately got involved with the Hurling Club. At the A.G.M. of the following year he was elected a selector on the Senior Hurling team. This was the beginning of the greatest spell in Moneygall's hurling history.

He contributed his great hurling knowledge over the following years as Moneygall won County Senior Hurling Titles in 1975 and 1976 and a North Senior Title in 1975. He built up a great relationship with all the players and contributed shrewd advice and encouragement at all times.

Up to the time of his death he remained a very loyal and proud member of Moneygall Club, whose members were proud to have him as Club President for many years. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam dilis.

Brian O'Reilly

(Kilruane MacDonagh's)



When the news of the sudden death of Brian O'Reilly at the young age of 35, filtered through the parish a pall of gloom descended on the entire community. Full of life and vitality, good humoured and friendly, his unexpected passing cast a shadow over the area. Brian had a great

interest in the G.A.A. in general and the Kilruane MacDonagh's club in particular. Brian served the North Tipperary Senior Board and Bord na nÓg with loyalty and dedication as a referee and linesman. He frequently travelled from Headford in Galway where he taught to officiate at games. As a referee he was committed and conscientious and he was regarded by all as the personification of integrity and a model of impartiality. Brian was an active and effective member of the Kilruane MacDonagh's club committee. At the time of his death he was manager of the junior football team.

He had inherited his love of football from his late father Brian (snr.) who was on the Kilruane MacDonagh's team which won the county senior football final in 1975.

Brian's affection for the G.A.A. was only surpassed by his devotion to his family.

To his mother Teresa, sister Stella and brother Alan sincere sympathy is extended.

Terence O'Neill (Commercials)



TER O'NEILL, who died in September, was a founder member of the Newcastle GAA club.

Ter, as a hurler, was a member of the Newcastle team in 1949, which won the South Tipp Junior Hurling Championship for the first time. After his playing days he became a lifelong supporter of all Newcastle and Tipperary teams.

He would always have the blue and gold flag flying outside his house during the championship months. It was very poignant, therefore, that Ter's remains were brought to St Mary's Church Newcastle on the evening of the 2004 All-Ireland hurling finals.

Ter will be missed by everyone in the locality, by the members of Newcastle GAA club but most especially by his wife Eileen and extended family. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Ned Ryan (Borris-Ileigh)

THE DEATH of former Borris-Ileigh and Tipperary great, Ned Ryan, during the year left a deep sense of loss throughout the parish of Borris-Ileigh and hurling circles nationwide. Ned, uncle to Tipperary greats Aidan & Bobby Ryan was himself an outstanding hurler with numerous accolades for both club & county.

With his club Borris-Ileigh Ned has three county medals 1949, 1950 & 1951 to add to his six north medals 1947, 1950-55.

Ned also won a Mid senior medal in 1949 as a result of Borris-Ileigh participation in that division on that particular year.

Adding to his success as a great clubman, Ned won two All-Ireland senior medals with Tipperary in 1950 and 1951.

Along with Railway cup honours Ned captained Tipperary to a National League title in 1954.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a Anam dilis.

Pakie Ryan (Clonoulty Rossmore) 1922-2004



ON THE 16th of July this year our club lost one of our most faithful and hardworking members. Pakie was a founder member of our club and also an honorary member. He gave outstanding service to his beloved Clonoulty-Rossmore both on and off the field. He was a familiar figure at all GAA occasions and one of his proudest days was Clonoulty Rossmore winning the County Senior hurling final in 1989 with three of his sons involved with the team. Pakie was a family man and took great pride in his home and work. All who knew him sadly miss him. To his wife Tessie sons and daughters we extend our sincere sympathy.

Go ndeana Dia trócaire a anam.

Bill Ryan (Glengar Club)

Bill Ryan (Early), Inch, Cappawhite, Co. Tipperary, passed



away at an advanced age on 23rd April, 2004. Bill was a native of Glengar, Cappawhite, Co. Tipperary, and was recognised for his hurling ability when he won a West Tipperary Minor Hurling Championship with Glengar and Hollyford in 1932.

Bill was on the Tipperary County Minor Hurling team that won the All-Ireland Championship in 1932. He played junior hurling with St. Ailbe's, Hollyford, in the 1930s and County Senior and Junior for Tipperary in 1938. Bill won a Dublin Junior Championship with Con Colbert's in 1941, and also played County Junior with Dublin.

Peace to his soul.

Paddy Ryan (Aherlow)

IN FEBRUARY the club lost another great stalwart when it's former chairman Paddy Ryan of Ballyvanna passed away following an illness.

Paddy was the epitome of the good GAA clubman in rural Ireland – loyal, dedicated, always attending games, and willing to do anything that was required for the betterment of the club.

Timmy Ryan (Kildangan)

THE DEATH took place of Timmy Ryan president of Kildangan GAA Club in July.

Timmy served the club as chairman for many years. Timmy selected many teams with Kildangan from juvenile up to intermediate level and was involved with North Tipperary teams.

There is many a story told about Timmy taking young lads long distances to matches in his car. Indeed in those days there were ten to twelve lads in the car as there were very few cars on the road. Timmy's work with the club did not end there as he had a little workshop where he made and repaired many a hurley. In those days whenever a hurley was broken or damaged it was off to Timmy to be sorted out. In latter years Timmy would be often seen on his mobile chair driving around the roads of the parish keeping up to date on events. His last visit to the hurling field was at the official opening of the grounds and facilities in May, a day he was proud and enjoyed very much. He was a great servant and will be fondly remembered by all in Kildangan.

Tom Shanahan (Toomevara)



WITH THE untimely death of Tom Shanahan in March of 2004, Toomevara lost one of the supporters of the club over a long number of years.

In his younger days, like most of his colleagues at the time, he played hurling with Toome up to minor level. He was proud of the club's many achievements and he took special delight when Matt Hassett brought the Liam McCarthy Cup to the village in 1961 and Tommy Dunne in 2001.

A man with a great community spirit he always gave encouragement to those involved in local organisations, and he took great pride in seeing his children and grandchildren involved in

Toomevara hurling and camogie club.

To his wife Mary and family, we extend our sincere sympathy.

Joe Sheehan (Silvermines – 1939-2004)

News of the death of Joe Sheehan on October 16, 2004, after a long illness was received with sadness throughout the Silvermines parish. Joe was good hurler and gave sterling service on the half-back line to Silvermines intermediate teams and to various senior combinations he played with. He played in two North Finals against Borrisokane in 1958 and Lorrha in 1966, a year in which he captained the team.

He served on the hall committee and was a member of the gun club. To his wife Phyllis and family, his brothers and sisters, we extend our sympathy.

Ar dheis lamh Dé go raibh a anam dilis.

Jimmy Slattery (Glengar Club)



Jimmy Slattery, The Green, Holycross, Co. Tipperary, died on 6th January, 2004, formerly of Commonaline, Cappawhite, Co. Tipperary. Jimmy played junior hurling with St. Ailbe's, Hollyford, in 1940, was prominent in 1942 when winning a West Tipperary Minor Hurling Championship with Seán Treacy's, Glengar, Hollyford and Kilcommon. He played with his native club Glengar in the 1940s, with Cappawhite in 1946, won West Tipperary Junior Hurling Championship and lost it later. Jimmy played senior hurling with Geraldines, Kilcommon, Rearcross and Holyford in 1948.

Jimmy emigrated to America in 1950 and won six hurling championships with the Tipperary senior team in the U.S.A.

May he rest in peace.

Vincent Tierney (Kilruane MacDonaghs)



The passing of Vincent Tierney deprived the parish of Cloughjordan of a man who had loyally served the community in many different spheres. In the 40's and 50's he was a member of

Cloughjordan Drama Group. When the group was reformed in 1966 he was very much to the fore. Incredibly he was the group's producer for thirty four successive years. Vincent had a lifelong interest in athletics. As an athlete he won many titles including the N.A.C.A. 220 yds. Championship in Belfast in 1953. He was a founding member of the Nenagh Olympic Club where many young athletes availed of his coaching expertise. Vincent also had a great love of music and played with the Ballinakill Ceili Band. He was a committed member of the Pioneer Association and was a founder member of both the Cloughjordan Branch and the North Tipperary Regional Pioneer Council. His affection for the Irish language was reflected in his membership of the Gaelic League.

Vincent had a passionate interest in hurling and the Kilruane MacDonagh's club. He won a North junior hurling medal in 1954 and was on the MacDonagh's team that defeated Toomevara in the 1959 North Final. He was also a founder member of the Thomas MacDonagh Park Committee which opened the local G.A.A. pitch in 1966. The community turned out in force for Vincent's funeral. They knew he had served them well and they wanted to pay their respect and show their appreciation.

Leaba i measc na naomh dó.

Michael Treacy (Thurles)



Michael Treacy, The Heath, Thurles and of Moher, Upperchurch passed away, aged 62, in the opening days of 2004. His brother in law 'Culbaire' paid tribute in the 'Tipperary Star':

"A pipe band makes a united impact on the ear. To the eye, though, some individuals take personal prominence. There's the fellow out in front, the drum major with the ornate staff, there's the beater of the big drum in strict tempo. With the Seán Treacy Pipe Band from Moycarkey-Borris, these men had competition for notice over many years of leading parades at the Stadium and other venues. It was the formidable beard, but not only that luxuriant growth that distinguished Michael Treacy - he had panache in his stride and in the swirl of his kilt.

The band did him proud at removal, funeral Mass and at interment in Upperchurch. Ais of marching type recalled the scenes and the sounds of big hurling days. Times of slow elegiac char-

acter reflected the sadness of his decease for family, friends and neighbours. There were words from band secretary Ger Neville that summed up their long acquaintance with Michael and prompted smiles with some of the livelier memories of trips far and wide. He fitted in so well with them from his appropriate surname to his piping talent and his enthusiastic share in all their activities.

Michael's image was very apt for a piper. He seemed to link Ireland and Scotland, Tipperary with Tobermory and would have graced a Highland Games as well as a Munster final. No wonder the cameras were attracted to him and that Bord Fáilte made publicity use of a chosen photograph. He had the farewell due to his popular and sociable personality. The parish of Upperchurch-Drombane knows how to express neighbourly and loyal affection and did it very well.

The Molloy family to which his wife, Peggy belongs, has numerous Moycarkey, Borris, and Thurles links.

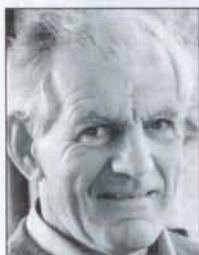
Mick Treacy (Glengarriff Club)

Mick Treacy, Hollybank Road, Drumcondra, Dublin, died on 11th October, 2004, formerly of Commonaline, Cappawhite, Co. Tipperary. Mick loved his native club Glengarriff and travelled to all the games they played in the 1940s with his two friends, Paddy Slattery (Yank) and Denis Treacy (Cooney), in the Yank's pony and common car. They were the grass roots of the G.A.A. On their return journey Mick enjoyed nothing better than a sing song at Tommie Ryan-Smith's Bar in Cappawhite, where he regaled his listeners with 'All-Ireland Final 1930' and finished with 'That the Hearts in our bosoms will never grow cold, while those stalwards of ours wear the blue and the gold'.

Mick worked in the Irish Handball Centre, Croke Park. He loved the Irish language and while working in the bar trade, always had the cúpla focail with his customers.

Go ndeana Dia trócaire ar a anam.

Seamus Wall (Commercials)



ON SATURDAY, February 7, Seamus Wall died following a short illness.

Seamus had played with the Clonmel Commercials club during the golden era of the 1960's. He won a Tipperary Man's cup medal in 1961 and followed up

with county honours lining out at wing back on the county winning side of 1964.

The club's links with the Wall family continue today with grandson Seamus Kennedy playing in this year's under-12 county final.

Seamus was an excellent sportsman and apart from Gaelic football he won an All-Ireland Pitch and Putt title as well as numerous honours in golf. Seamus was indeed an outstanding golfer. His love for Gaelic games never waned and he gained tremendous pride and joy in the achievements of his daughter Áine as she played a leading role in Waterford's dominance of ladies football in the 90's.

Seamus also attended many matches locally and was a regular at All-Ireland finals. A proud Waterford man, Seamus adopted the beautiful Nire Valley as his home and his work in the area of tourism. He helped to put The Nire on the map as a tourist destination.

Also renowned for his work in the family's restaurant - Hanora's Cottage.

His funeral in the church adjoining his residence was attended by a very large crowd of relatives and friends.

The club formed part of a guard of honour.

Seamus Wall was laid to rest in the churchyard overlooking his beloved Nire Valley. May he rest in Peace.

Willie Wall (Carrick Swan)



THE 19th April 2004 was a sad day for all those involved in Gaelic games activity with Carrick Swan and Tipperary, when the great Willie Wall was laid to rest in Faugheen.

Captain of our 1947 county senior hurling championship winning team, a winner of nine south Tipperary senior hurling championships and a member of the Tipperary All-Ireland winning team of 1937 who defeated Kilkenny in Kilkenny.

All those who knew Willie Wall or saw him in action, spoke highly of him. A more dedicated, determined or disciplined player has never worn the black and white jersey of our club.

Willie Wall, a man who will forever be remembered by all associated with Carrick Swan.

May he rest in peace.

Ken Walsh (Aherlow)

JUST BEFORE Christmas 2003, Ken was tragically killed in a motorcar accident.

Ken was a keen sportsman from a great sporting family. He was a big supporter of the Aherlow club, and attended all their games. He was interested in a variety of sports, although Gaelic games were his first love.

Ken travelled the length and breadth of Ireland supporting Tipperary teams. He made the most of these occasions socially to meet other people and debate current affairs.

He proved himself a kind neighbour and a great ambassador for his native Glen.

Sean Walsh (1950-2004)



IN ITS 75-year history St Mary's Hurling Club had no more popular figure than Seanie Walsh, to many he was Mr. St. Mary's.

His playing career with the club began as a minor in 1967 when the club won its first minor title for ten years.

He played at minor level for the two years following. He wore the club jersey in the under -21 grade, and was on the junior panel which won the championship in 1969.

He was the unanimous choice as captain of the Intermediate team, which won the County championship in 1975.

When the club moved up to senior grade he was corner - back on the team that won the club's first senior title in 1981, and he continued to line out for the club until sidelined by age.

When he hung up his hurley he became a familiar figure on Clonmel golf course where his partners were invariably old St. Mary's men and the chat was as often of goalmouth melees as of golf handicaps. He was a favourite in the golf club as he was in GAA circles.

When last year, the news of his terminal illness spread, there was a nostalgic reunion of teammates of the 1975 team at which Seanie himself was at the heart of the evening's celebrations.

He bore his last illness with lion-hearted courage, playing golf up to the weekend before his death, and during his last precious months of life he continued to attend games of the various grades in which St Mary's teams were involved.

Go ndeana Dia trócaire air.

<i>Round:</i>	<i>Date:</i>	<i>Time:</i>	<i>Venue:</i>	<i>Team 1:</i>	<i>Team 2:</i>	<i>Replay:</i>
1	Thursday 31/3/2005	18:30	Durhas (unless H & A agreement)	Luinneach	Portlárige	(Extra Time)
1	Friday 1/4/2005	18:30	Tra Li	Ciarraí	Corcaigh	(Extra Time)
1	Saturday 2/4/2005	14:30	Luinneach	Tiobraid Árann	An Clár	(Extra Time)
Play Off 1	13/4/2005	19:00	TBC	Loser Tiobraid Árann/An Clár	Loser Luimneach/Portlárige	(Extra Time)
Play Off 2	20/4/2005	19:00	TBC	Winner Play Off 1	Loser Ciarraí/Corcaigh	(Extra Time – To be agreed)
Semi 1	4/5/2005	19:30	TBC	Winner Luimneach/Portlárige	Winner Tiobraid Árann/An Clár	7/5/2005
Semi 2	4/5/2005	19:30	TBC	Winner Ciarraí/Corcaigh	Winner Play Off 2	7/5/2005
Final	26/6/2004	14:00	TBC	Winner Semi-Final 1	Winner Semi-Final 2	1/7/2005

Munster Minor Football Championship 2005						
Round:	Date:	Time:	Venue:	Team 1:	Team 2:	Reply:
1	6/4/2005	18:30	Luimneach	Luimneach	Ciarrai	(Extra Time - To be agreed)
1	6/4/2005	18:30	Chilí Mochollóg (unless H & A)	An Clár	Corcaigh	(Extra Time - To be agreed)
1	6/4/2005	18:30	Fermain	Portlárige	Tiobraid Árann	(Extra Time)
Play Off 1	20/4/2005	19:00	TBC	Loser Portlárige/Tiobraid Árann	Loser An Clár/Corcaigh	(Extra Time - To be agreed)
Play Off 2	27/4/2005	19:00	TBC	Winner Play Off 1	Loser Luimneach/Ciarrai	(Extra Time - To be agreed)
Semi 1	29/6/2005	19:30	TBC	Winner Luimneach/Ciarrai	Winner An Clár/Corcaigh	2/7/2005
Semi 2	29/6/2005	19:30	TBC	Winner Portlárige/T.Árann	Winner Play Off 2	2/7/2005
Final	10/7/2005	14:15	TBC	Winner Semi-Final 1	Winner Semi-Final 2	14/7/2005

Tiobraid Árann

All-Ireland Under-21 Finalists 2004



TIPPERARY U-21 MUNSTER FINAL TEAM 2004

Back: Shane McGrath, Damian O'Brien, Joe Caesar, Francis Devanney, Tommy Fitzgerald, Tony Scroope, Evan Hanley, Pat Buckley,
Willie Ryan, Wayne Culley, Conor O'Mahony, Ger Griffin, David Morrissey, David Kennedy,

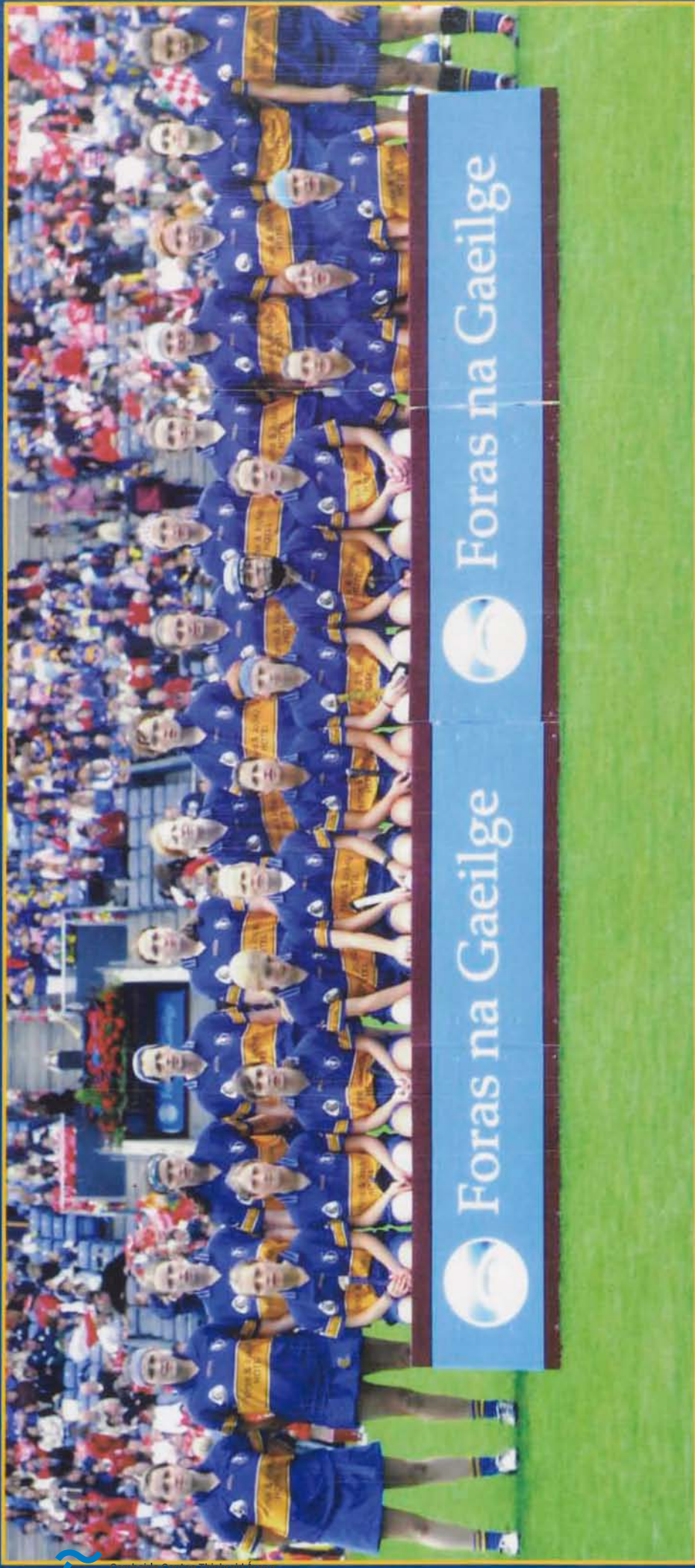
Front: David Sheppard, Evan Sweeney, Hugh Moloney, Michael Farrell, Patrick McCormack, Andrew Morrissey, Diarmuid Fitzgerald (capt.),
Shane Sweeney, Conor O'Brien, Richie Ruth, Gerry Kennedy.



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All-Ireland Camogie Champions 2004



Back row (from left): Geraldine Kinane, Helen Breen, Niamh Connolly, Suzanne Kelly, Noelle Kennedy, Philly Fogarty, Therese Brophy, Claire Grogan, Jill Horan, Angie McDermott, Joanne Nolan, Trish O'Halloran, Lorraine Burke, Eimear Ryan, Louise Young.
Seated (from left): Paula Bulfin, Julie Kirwan, Sinead Nealon, Joanne Ryan (captain), Jovita Delaney, Ciara Gaynor, Deirdre Hughes, Una O'Dwyer, Eimear McDonnell, Deirdre McDonnell, Meadh Corcoran, Emily Hayden.

Picture: Bridget Delaney