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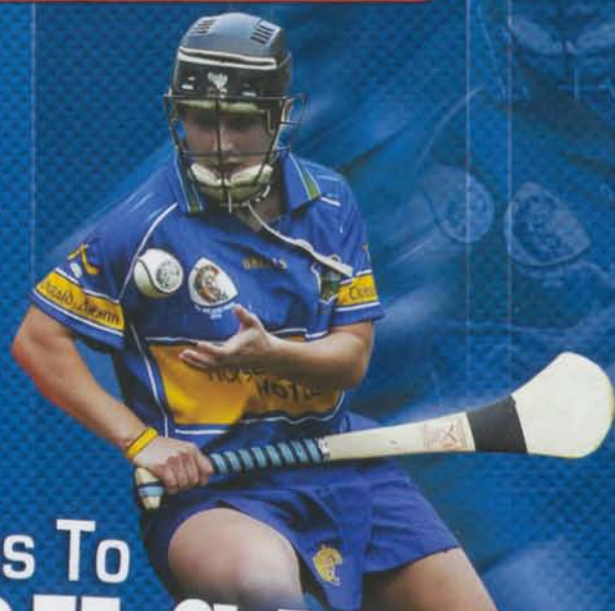
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It is a source of great satisfaction for me as Chairman of the Tipperary Co. Board to welcome Yearbook 2007 onto the Christmas market.

This year's publication will no doubt be up to the high standards of previous years. It was a tremendous honour for the committee in 2006 to be granted the McNamee award for the quality of the publication. I think it is only proper to say a special thank you to Chairman Seamus J. King and Liam O'Donnchú, an Runaí, for their commitment to the project and long may they continue their great work. My thanks also to committee members and contributors for their part in achieving this notable honour.

In my first year as Chairman of the county Board, I deem it a great honour for one coming from one of the smallest clubs in the County, Clonakenny, to work for the welfare of the G.A.A. in the premier county.

As the year progressed, I have got to grips with the task of trying to improve the welfare of Gaelic Games in our county. I have been greatly encouraged by the response I have got from ex players who are willing to come on board with the view towards improving the hurling scene in our county. I believe those people have a lot to offer and in the weeks ahead we will be looking forward to a similar response from ex footballers of note. The coaching and motivational skills of those ex players are invaluable with the development squads, which I am firmly committed to as the real way forward.

I wish to thank all the players and mentors for the manner with which they approached their roles during 2006. All our teams in hurling and football were well prepared and highly motivated. In football, I was extremely pleased by the gallant effort of our minor footballers in the Munster Final and subsequently in All Ireland quarter final, where they bowed out to eventual All Ireland Champions, Roscommon, to whom I extend my sincere congratulations. All the other football teams had their moments but never gave less than their best.

At senior hurling, the return of "Babs" to management created a buzz within the county and it is with a certain degree of optimism we look forward to 2007. Our intermediate team lost the Munster final to Cork and despite a gallant effort, one felt a certain degree of regret that some players eligible for the grade declined the honour of wearing the blue and gold.

The real ray of hope came from the minor and under 21 hurlers. First of all the minors, who having bounced back from a bewildering defeat in Munster final showed what they were made of with great displays in ousting Kilkenny and Cork respectively in the All Ireland series. The team revealed some players of exquisite talent, who if they so wish can make it right to the top. This will require sacrifice and application. The battling displays of our under 21 team showed that the spirit of Knocknagow was alive and well, but for a little misfortune in the drawn Croke Park encounter they could be celebrating a notable victory.

I want to reiterate my belief that if something is not done without delay in the referees' scene in our county, that we could be facing a severe shortage. I want to encourage all clubs to make sure that they supply an extra referee in 2007 to be trained and monitored. It could be one of the most important decisions of the year for them.

It gives me great pleasure, in my first year of office, to say how impressed I have been by the wonderful cooperation and help from my fellow officers, divisional boards and sub-committees and the clubs of the county. It is a pleasure to be at your service agus guím Nollaig shona oraibh go léir.

I wish to thank the media, audio and print for their service to gaelic games down the years and especially during 2006. You have been supportive and helpful and at times deservedly critical.

Finally my sincere thanks to our sponsors especially our main sponsor Enfer, whose solidarity even in shaky times is most encouraging. I am looking forward to us working together for the welfare of our teams and hope more titles come to our county in hurling and football under our banner.

Anois le teacht na Nollag, ba mhaith liom guí go mbeidh Nollaig faoi shean is faoi mhaise oraibh go léir agus go mbeidh gach rath is beannachtaí oraibh sa bhliain atá os ár gcomhair.



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Final GAC meeting with retiring County Secretary Michael O'Brien.

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Tipp Seniors play to Hurling Handicap

By John O'Grady

Played eleven; won five; lost five; drew one. Tipperary's statistics on League and Championship gave the county a "level par" record. In golf, the manager would know all about that, such a return would not affect one's handicap; neither would it get you into the honours list in most competitions. Tipp got just about into Phase Two of the League, losing in the semi-final of the knock-out stage. We did better in the Munster Championship winning twice before losing to Cork at a crowded stadium. Re-entry at the quarter-final led to reversal of the provincial outcome against Waterford. The year had proved to be a mirror-image of 2005, scoring average marks, gaining no honours. We played to our handicap.

New Management

Anticipation had been sharpened. A change in the management always raises hopes of getting more from the established players, finding new material and maybe enjoying better luck. In our case the personality and the CV of our new leader gave extra cause for optimism. "Babs" Keating was coming in after twelve years of absence and after multiple different administrations had seen only that of Nicky English in 2001 bring home the bacon. The great all-rounder had doubly done the same in 1989 and 1991 – the "Tipp Revival" always associated with him. A chequered time of it in later posts in other counties saw him resort to punditry of occasionally pungent variety on the "Sunday Times". Not the kindest of "corners" in some of the post mortem judgments, with Tipp by no means spared, he was chosen to succeed Ken Hogan. The "second coming" was a surprise to some after so long an interval. In another way, it was quite natural to come back to his own – he had some of the material already under his eye at UCD. Tipp's Kudos of 2001 had faded into a sequence of non-achievement and a shake-up under the one-time victorious general carried obvious appeal. "Babs" had colour, with a penchant for expansive statements a main factor in the image. We might or might not win anything, but we'd surely make news.

Camp activity, a sequence of practice-cum-friendly games and a brief run in the Waterford Crystal occupied the early months of Keating's tenure. He had John Leahy and Tom Barry as co-selectors and also a back-up on the physical and other aspects in modern style. Old-time ideas of interdivisional balance in the "cabinet" did not carry much weight in the choice, but no one could deny the knowledgeability of the trio.



Tipperary Management team (l to r) - Michael 'Babs' Keating (Manager), John Leahy and Tom Barry.

League Begins

Nobody gets excited about the League, except maybe in the knock-out section when Championship formations are close to finality. Up to then, it's an area for quiet observation and experiment. Still, bad or good runs by the counties tend to be noted as indicative of potential. We got no good run. One individual's absence had a lot to do with that. Eoin Kelly did not start a game until the quarter-final against Offaly. Hamstring problems for the great Mullinahone forward kept him out of things. A late substitution against Galway was our first sight of the main hope up front. His shining worth was to be evident when more serious occasions arrived.

League results matched the all-year par; two won, two lost; one drawn. We began with the undecided game and its single point on the table – it proved to be quite useful in the final reckoning. With retrospective irony, it was Ger "Redser" O'Grady whose goal in added time saved Tipp at Limerick. The captain's vital finish from a Carroll pass was unseen by despairing early leavers, we'd been four down till Barry Dunne's point made escape feasible. Eoin Kelly was not the only forward absentee – Michael Webster too was missing. Trialists aplenty were fielded – O'Mahony and England at half-back; Brislane and Niall Curran at midfield; Shane McGrath at wing-forward; Seamus Butler inside. Called in were Damien McGrath, Carroll, Woodlock, Paul Kelly, Johnny Enright. The luck of the finish struck a good note at 2-15 all.

Cats v Cummins

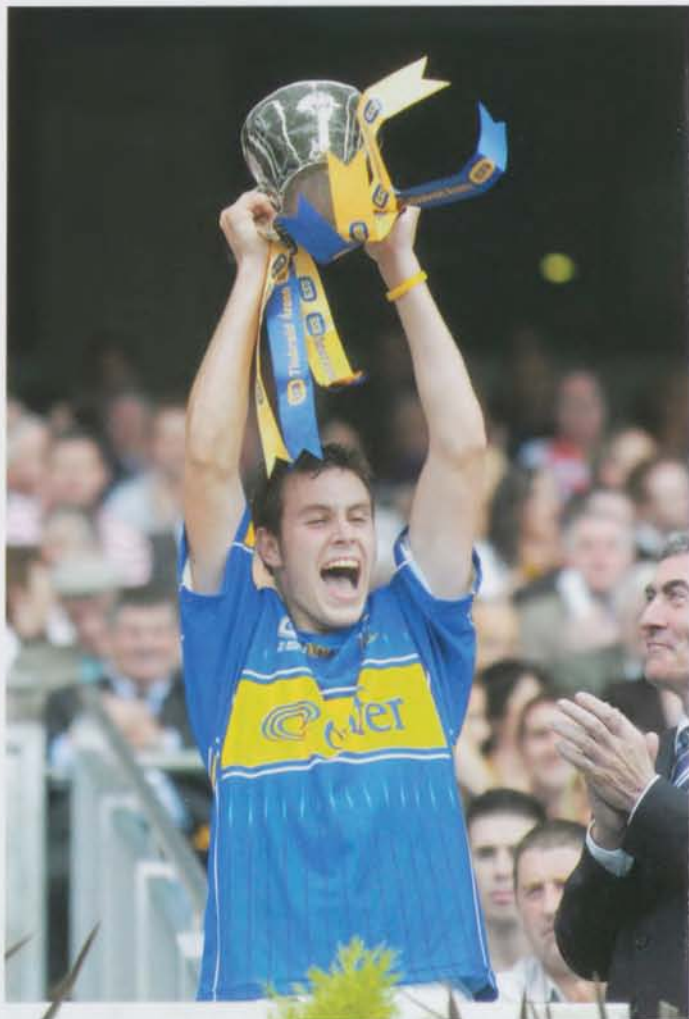
The note was sourer at the Stadium when Kilkenny arrived. "Cummins Spares Tipp Blushes" was a typical headline to the 0-19 to 0-10 defeat. Brendan halted penalties, shots of varied source to keep the cleanest of personal sheets in a tour-de-force of goal keeping. Five goals wouldn't have flattered the Cats, though nine points constituted an emphatic drabbing. Kilkenny left the home side bewildered. Only a rally to reach those down briefly restored some dignity – Carroll even had a fleeting chance of a leveller. In Tyrell, Dalton and Walsh the Cats had a dominant half-back line, while "Cha" Fitzpatrick's five from play only emphasised the absence of Eoin Kelly as a Tipp counterpart. Damian McGrath and Hugh Moloney were wing-backs; Ken Dunne and Brislane a Toomevara midfield; Enright got a corner start. In the course of a difficult experience, on and off the pitch, Carroll, Egan, Shane McGrath and Paul Kelly were brought in. Corcoran was sorely missed from half-back. Kilkenny wasn't even at full strength – no Shefflin, for example in continuing their easy mastery of recent years.

Relief and points sought to be brought home from Antrim. So they were, though not easily, on a 1-11 to 1-7 verdict. The mentors' thinking saw Michael Ryan (Moneygall) get a corner-back chance; Fitzgerald a wing-back outing; England and Morrissey midfield; Fanning the unusual berth of the "forty" and Webster his first appearance inside. Carroll too, was a starter. Egan was left-corner. Declan was among five reserves called in replacing Webster at centre as Fanning went "full". Declan got the vital goal, to which Brislane added insurance.

Galway Reverse

The win was no spring-board towards better. Galway won at the Stadium (3-11 to 0-12) and provoked some remarks from

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Minor Hurling Captain Joey McLoughney with All Ireland Cup

Pictured right is Enfer's Kate Ronan makes a presentation to Liam Sheedy, Manager of Tipp Minor Hurlers 2006 All Ireland Champions in the presence of County Chairman John Costigan.

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Tipperary team that went down narrowly to Cork in a epic Munster Final at Semple Stadium. Back row: (from left) - Hugh Moloney, Eamonn Corcoran, Lar Corbett, Brendan Cummins, Conor O'Mahony, Declan Fanning, Paul Curran, Shane McGrath. Seated: Paul Ormond, Paul Kelly, Eoin Kelly, Ger O'Grady (captain), John Carroll, Diarmaid Fitzgerald, John O'Brien. Photograph: Bridget Delaney.

Keating about his own players which were vintage "Babs", even if later denied as mis-quoted. One need not re-quote them. Galway were without the Portumna element but still trounced the home brigade in our worst performance. Tipp's twelve points contained only six from play, three of those by late recruit Eoin Kelly. Murray, Farragher and Tierney goaled for the visitors. Features of our line-out were Paul Kelly at wing-back and Fanning still at full-forward. The contest made for gloomy spectating and the result had Tipp depending on Kilkenny to keep us in the League if they had the ambition to defeat Galway at Salthill. They did, to our temporary gratitude. On the weekend of the fifth series, Tipp breezed past Laois (4-17 to 0-12) and then heard the news of the Cats' success. Changes included a start for Young in goal, Buckley at right-back, Woodlock at midfield, Brislane at centre-forward and Webster back at full. An interesting sub called in was Paul Ormond, so long out with injury. Webster got two of the goals. As an omen of recaptured form it was deceptive.

Came one of our better displays when Offaly, lately conquerors of Waterford, came to the Stadium for a quarter final. Fanning was now placed at centre-back, Shane McGrath with Paul Kelly at midfield, Ken Dunne at wing-forward, O'Grady back in favour at corner. Benny Dunne was out with injury. We won a grand open game by four points (3-18 to 2-17). A tally of 2-17 from play was encouraging through sixteen wides were not. We conceded 3-9 from play to John McIntyre's side. Eoin Kelly marked his return with a quick goal laid on by Carroll but Brian Carroll retorted crisply and parity was frequent on the board 'till Tipp went two up at the break. A Webster goal was a later turning point to which Egan added in a strong Tipp finish - Darragh replaced O'Grady.

Cats Repeat

All of which brought Kilkenny to town for the semi-final. "Went to Town", more like, to the extent of 3-20 to 2-11, of which Eoin Kelly got 2-6. At this stage after so many outings, selectorial ideas should be taking shape. We were still clearly uncertain about left-back, centre-back and at least two of the forward choices. A general lethargy seemed to leave Tipp trailing Kilkenny's bright initiative to the ball in a dire first period

which ended at 2-13 to 1-4. As in the February game, we did revive in the third quarter - a McGarry save from "Redser" left us at seven down. Shefflin topped it off for them as they re-asserted control. Comerford and "Cha" had got their earlier goals. Eoin Kelly's free provided Tipp's first and he repeated from play later on. It was all so tough to look at from a home viewpoint. In a couple of hints towards future selections, Conor O'Mahony replaced Fanning at centre back and Fitzgerald came on for Webster at the other end. O'Grady for Morrissey and Woodlock for Paul Kelly were other moves in a downbeat day, a poor preliminary to the Big Show.

Limerick's League had outshone ours. Under McKenna, they had put together a long run of victories until Kilkenny's class took the final. To face them in Thurles we reverted to the inside line of Fanning, Maher and Curran. O'Mahony took number six and was to be a fixture there. The Morrissey-McGrath midfield was a surprise to some. On very much home ground, "Redser" was centre-forward between Carroll and O'Brien. The inside held a novelty in Fitzgerald at corner - a "Babs" Theory from his UCD experience. Many saw Diarmaid as a natural wing-back. Webster's on-off league form did not lose him the "full" position. Eoin Kelly of course had to be our scoring prospect.

Shocks Absorbed

Shock and after-shock, as in an earthquake, Begley first and then O'Shaughnessy beat backs and Cummins in seven minutes. Disaster loomed but never arrived. Tipp defiance was roused. Corcoran, O'Mahony and Moloney took a grip at half-back. Limerick incisions faded. Amazingly we reached half-time level at 0-11 against 2-5 despite a doubtful ruling out of an Eoin Kelly goal for an O'Grady pick-up. We went on to double our half-time tally with Eoin claiming a massive fourteen-nine from play in a virtuoso exhibition. Subs, Ken Dunne and Egan contributed three each. Only one up on 67 minutes, Tipp added three emphatic Kelly clinchers for a thrilling victory against the early odds. A late item was the exit of the captain for Willie Ryan - not the ideal end to an otherwise happy day for "Redser". The Fitzgerald theory worked quite well up front.



Top left: Shane McGrath leaving his Waterford marker for dead in the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship Quarter-Final
 Top right: Tipperary All-Star Eoin Kelly tries to dispossess Cork's Brian Murphy in the 2006 Munster Senior Hurling Championship Final
 Bottom left: – It's Mine ! – Paul Ormond rises high to secure possession against Cork corner-forward Ben O'Connor in the 2006 Munster Senior Hurling Championship Final
 Middle right: Tipperary supporters in good form during the 2006 Munster Senior Hurling Championship Final
 Bottom right: YES! – Tipperary Senior Hurling Selector John Leahy after Tipperary's victory over Limerick in the first round of the 2006 Munster championship
 Pics by John Kelly

A championship win is always a boost for self-esteem. This one was a first significant "plus" for the management. To improve the picture further Waterford were certain to be without Eoin Kelly and have strong fitness doubts over Ken McGrath and John Mullane. We chose an unchanged fifteen, apart from placing Fitzgerald as full-forward and Webster at left-corner. Eoin Kelly – ours – turned in another remarkable display with 2-9 of our 3-14 in an eight-points triumph. Lar Corbett, on for Carroll, steadied the ship with a late pounce. Such steadying had seemed superfluous till the Decies left their faltering first half behind them after Ken McGrath went mid-field and James Murray took centre-back. When Dan Shanahan goaled we were down to a mere two ahead on 55 minutes and thinking gloomy thoughts of possible collapse. A pair of great stops by Cummins averted worse but Corbett's goal relaxed the team for five further points that restored the half-way margin of eight. Kelly had 2-2 from play with one particular gem later on.

Repeated knocks for Philip Maher led to the arrival of Shane McDermott, unseen since early-season tournaments. Paul Kelly replaced the captain, another unfinished outing for "Redser". Egan and Ken Dunne were the other reserves employed.

The visa to the Munster Final copied the pattern of 2005 but at our venue this time – not a place much feared by Cork. A crowd in the mid-fifty thousand; noise and colour in proportion; the sizzling summer and smiling on the scene. Hurling's enmeshing pull was illustrated and old rivalry endorsed.

Early Chances Missed

Paul Curran took Maher's spot. Paul Ormond came back to former prominence. Paul Kelly's experience had him partnering McGrath at midfield. Webster was left out – the "Rock" would hardly grieve and Corbett got the reward of his vital goal in Cork and named at "full" between Kelly and Fitzgerald. The Roscrea man had two early chances of shaking Cork but was twice foiled by Cusack at the town posts. We gained the desired goal, though, in a Corbett carbon-copy of an O'Brien ball. Jerry O'Connor and Deane retorted before Corcoran poked home from a ball that was let cross from the right edge of the square. Bad enough, but Ben O'Connor doubled the damage beating Cummins at his rear post off a move that went all the way back to corner-back Brian Murphy. Tipp followers thought Brian had over-held. Five-adrift, Tipp spirit remained high and we reached the interval level at 1-9 to 2-6. Eoin Kelly had four of the flags, Paul one and O'Brien the other in that excellent recovery. Apart from Eoin, top marks were going to Shane McGrath at midfield.

Deane Does Damage

Quality ball became scarcer for Eoin – he had to roam well out. It was otherwise for Deane in Cork's smarter attacking zone – he resumed with a prompt pair but persistent Tipp again levelled with an over-the-shoulder strike by Kelly, following on a successful free and a Carroll score. There was now though a sense that we were hanging on. The crucial efforts again came from Deane not tightly enough shadowed on the left-three points against Corbett's one. Substitute Kieran Murphy popped over another. Our attack was now revised in the emergency – Webster, Deane, Morrissey, Benny Dunne all on. O'Grady, Paul Kelly, O'Brien, Moloney gave way as mentors sought better fortune in the crisis. Benny Dunne pointed, but Cork, more composed and smoother operators, with half-backs Gardiner, Curran, O'hAilpín coming strong in the last quarter, had frustrated Tipp's bold effort, 2-14 to 1-14.

Within days, normal post-defeat reaction got unexpected, even bizarre variation. A Board announcement told of the departure of "Redser" and of Webster. Socialising among some players in the aftermath of the final was a large factor. So was alleged 'phone-calling of unpleasant content'. In Webster's case, there were reports of a fitness problem. The story gave us media prominence for a week or so.

With two forwards gone, the choice for centre-forward against Waterford went outside the existing squad. A "friendly" with Galway had seen Francis Devaney make some impression. The Toomevara player got the nod for Croke Park. It surprised quite a few. The task of marking Ken McGrath was of obvious difficulty. Some saw Carroll as a candidate but he remained on night-wing. The "full" berth was given to Fitzgerald.

A Different Decies

Waterford went into it in a positive mood. A repeat against your conquerors is always welcome. To do so with all hands available – Kelly, Mullane, McGrath all fit – was an added plus. They just had to be stronger than in Cork. They were. The Decies absorbed twin Tipp blows – Carroll's quick goal off a Devaney lay-off and Eoin Kelly's blasted free – to the extent of reaching half-time a point ahead at 0-13 to 2-6. A mobile interchanging attack was the source of those thirteen flags – Shanahan veered from wing to corner to full. Without Flynn at the start, they posted problems to all quarters of the Tipp defence.

The switch of Michael Walsh to midfield after Bennett's injury was a beneficial move. Eoin McGrath and the light-footed John Mullane got them into prompt command on resuming but it was Dan Shanahan's goal which stamped the game with its obvious outcome – he broke past Corcoran on the left before rasping past Cummins. To Tipp's credit there was no submission – Kelly, O'Brien and reserve Ryan all pointed. The momentum of the Waterford push was not slowed. Shanahan, Flynn, Mullane and Walsh had them a terminal seven up before a Carroll goal gave slight prospect of rescue. They guarded their square in a crowded late ruck and ejected Tipp from the Championship at exactly the same stage as Galway did in 2005. A standstill season was over. We had been credible contenders without bridging the gap between us and the Kilkenny-Cork standard. Carry on, "Babs", John and Tom. In an era of managerial changes all over the scene, ours is only at half-time of their initial brief.



Tipperary All-Star Paul Kelly gets his shot in despite the attention of Cork's Tom Kenny in the 2006 Munster Senior Hurling Championship Final.

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Paudie Butler Interview

by Damian Lawlor

AFTER 36 years teaching students in Inch NS, Tipperary man Paudie Butler was ready for a fresh challenge and they certainly don't come any bigger than his new role as Director of Hurling.

The former Tipp minor coach and Laois manager's teaching career ends in a few weeks when he will finally assume the new full-time role. While many craved the appointment of Donal O'Grady or Nicky English, the hurling public was just glad to see someone with passion take over. And in the genial Butler, they can certainly trust. While the Croke Park human resources department called the shots on this job, top HDC members insisted on Butler getting it. They knew the respect he has gained from hurling teams the breadth of the country, from Donegal down to Kerry.

His wish-list is considerable but the job will be no flash in the pan, there will be no immediate dividends. Instead, it will take up to five years of gradual change and progress before the fruits of his labour can be seen. Hence, Butler can expect a rough ride at times, especially if a major county gets hammered anytime soon, like Offaly last year, or if Kilkenny and Cork maintain their domination of the decade.

But convinced of the future health of the game, he will plough on regardless. His first aim is to structure summer championship hurling for clubs which will force county boards to look again at the layout of their structures. Secondly, he will spearhead the momentum to pepper the country with floodlit venues and synthetic pitches, which will ensure that even winter games are more attractive to players and the public. Butler wants every county to have a floodlit, synthetic facility and argues that if hockey clubs can achieve it, so can the GAA. The former Ireland shinty manager says he will co-ordinate and not dominate in an attempt to gain co-operation from officialdom and he's also confident further government funding will add to the €1.5m recently granted. He hopes that after five years, 12 counties will compete for the McCarthy Cup, a vision he recognises as 'ambitious but achievable', considering the game has never really had such level of competition. While ensuring that hurling stays strong in the major counties, he will also streamline a plan for the likes of Antrim, Laois, Kerry and Dublin. Preventing young players from over-exposure and helping to create a new golden era for the game are also high on his agenda.

Whether those aims are achievable remains to be seen but Butler won't want for effort. He is in the post partly due to his diplomatic skills, so confronting county boards who have zero interest in hurling will not be daunting. Being a school-teacher, his organisational ability will also help create uniformity among coaches on the ground and help put hurling back into schools and cities.

The outgoing Inch NS principal has a three-year contract and has opted not to use Croke Park as a base. Instead he will use GAA office space in either Thurles or Portlaoise.

"I always dreamed of getting into hurling full-time and am thrilled by the idea of this role," he said. I'm also slightly overawed by the size of this task but co-ordinating is my main business and I'll be at that seven days a week, letting coaches and managers know that

they are part of the bigger picture and pulling all their efforts together. No other game compares to hurling as a spectacle, take last year's Galway/Kilkenny fixture, no other sport in the world could be played to that level, no other sport could demand such skill, in an international sporting context, that game was world-class.

"But we need to first safeguard and then make serious strides. I want to see a summer season for clubs, guys over 21 must be able to play championship matches on good surfaces. Players aged 17/18 also must also be properly looked after. When Eoin Kelly was 16, he played 55 games in one season, that's why guys are washed up at 21. Young football professionals in the UK are not as exposed as much and it's the same in rugby. And then we have a situation where adults are deprived of games because of fixture congestion based around a 17 year-old precocious talent."

While focusing on that dilemma for young players, as seen in the Laois football civil war last week, Butler knows that weaker counties need as much attention if they are to develop. He applauds Mayo's emergence and will pay close attention to Antrim who can boost themselves with a Christy Ring Cup win this year. Butler's eyes brighten when Dublin are mentioned and he says that the

excellent foundation work at club and colleges level can help them make the next step. Of course, when the footballers come looking for the hurlers, like they did with Conal Keaney, Shane Ryan and David O'Callaghan, that could upset the applecart again.

"Dublin will come," Butler says. "They have fine athletic players and last year, I told their management that their minor panel was as good as Tipperary's or any other in the land. They went on to win the Leinster championship. They have the money and the personnel. I was at a seminar there recently where they had 75 coaches teaching the defensive skills of the game. Ned Power once said that there were 150 skills in the game of hurling, you might only get to coach about 30 of them but Dublin have them at under-age level now, they are coming."

His first port of call, however, will be to re-examine the game in the stronger counties. Last week, he received more phone calls from concerned clubs in Cork than he did from all of the weaker counties together. If they're worried, we're all in trouble. And Butler is also concerned that Waterford are struggling to overcome a psychological Croke Park barrier after putting on some exhibitions of hurling in the Munster championship in the past few seasons.

"We are just out of a golden era and because it looks like going back to Kilkenny, Cork and Tipp winning all over again, people are worried. There is a hunger and a hankering for a new era to begin and if Limerick, for example, could burst through, maybe it could really start again. I will be out on the road looking at this issue. I'm working on a three-year term but it will be 10 years before the fruits of this project are seen. My job will be to co-ordinate rather than dictate. I have full confidence in the game, it drives us all on and it captivates me completely, it never leaves my mind and it's a 24/7 thing for me."

It will need to be. Butler's road will be full of twists and turns along the way. He will soon experience the complexity of GAA politics but his passion should see him through rocky waters. He would be greatly assisted, however, by the return to power of Clare, Wexford or Limerick or the resurgence of Dublin. The re-emergence of an underdog could well shape his reign.



My dream team: Nicky English

1. GER CUNNINGHAM (CORK)

A huge presence and always very hard to beat.

His shot-stopping was excellent and he had accuracy and huge distance with his puck-out. Probably the first modern goalkeeper

2. JOE HENNESSY (KILKENNY)

Primarily a wing-back but he was in the corner when I played against him and he still had a wing-back's speed.

One of the most skilful defenders I ever saw

3. DENIS MULCAHY (CORK)

The hardest player I ever marked. In my experience, most corner and full-backs have a deep-down wish to hurl and really express themselves but he never gave in to that desire. Completely unselfish in his dedication to the team

4. MARTIN HANAMY (OFFALY)

I rarely marked him but I saw him up close a few times and he was very effective.

He was an outstanding hooker and blocker and massively competitive

5. BRIAN WHELEHAN (OFFALY)

Sheer class and one of the greatest to ever play the game. I came across him for a few League games.

When I played at No 15 and he was outside me at No 5, very little ball came into my corner

6. GER HENDERSON (KILKENNY)

As a young player starting out in 1981, I was in awe of him because he was so powerful and strong.

When I was at No 10, I never moved too far in to the centre in case he'd mow me down

7. CIARÁN CAREY (LIMERICK)

He never achieved the absolute brilliance that he threatened to but he did it on certain days.

Very few players would have got the point he scored to beat Clare in 1996

8. JOHN FENTON (CORK)

His striking was the best I've seen. If you conceded a penalty or 20m free, it was a goal. His goal against

Limerick in 1987 was the best I ever saw and in the mid-1980s he was sheer class

9. TEDDY MCCARTHY (CORK)

Not the most natural hurler but the most naturally gifted athlete I played against. When Tipp won their first Munster title in 16 years in 1987, he was still the best player on the pitch. To me, that was some achievement

10. JOHN LEAHY (TIPPERARY)

A fantastic talent. He was absolutely immense for us in 1991 when we won the All-Ireland. He never became the superstar he could have been and there was more in the tank but he was still a brilliant player

11. DECLAN RYAN (TIPPERARY)

Had the potential to be the greatest hurler I ever saw. Came into the team in 1988 and took four points off Gerry McInerney in that year's All-Ireland final. Unbelievable skill and an unreal first-touch

12. JOE COONEY (GALWAY)

In a great era of games with Tipp and Galway Between 1987 and '93, he was the man for Galway.

Got some great scores and had fantastic vision

13. PAT FOX (TIPPERARY)

There are very few natural number 13s but he was ideally suited to the role. An excellent corner-back in his early days, he made his name up front. Combative, a ball-winner, a super finisher, he was also a dream to play with

14. JIMMY BARRY-MURPHY (CORK)

My idol growing up. When we played against Cork, the roof would lift when his name was announced beforehand. One of my most treasured mementoes is the jersey I swapped with him after the 1984 Munster final

15. DJ CAREY (KILKENNY)

A special player. He was only a young fella when we met Kilkenny in the 1991 All-Ireland final but we were still afraid of him.

When I was manager of Tipp 11 years later, his contribution in the All-Ireland semi-final was still immense

NEW MINOR TEAM MANAGEMENT

By Jackie Cahill - Irish Daily Mirror GAA Correspondent...

LIAM Sheedy has left big boots to fill after deciding to step down as Tipperary's minor hurling manager following the Premier County's fantastic success in this year's All Ireland final. But who better to fill them than former county stars Tommy Dunne, Declan Ryan and Liam Cahill? After a year that began with such gloom following some disappointing Allianz league defeats, Tipperary hurling can look forward to 2007 with renewed optimism. Contesting minor and U21 All Ireland finals was a massive fillip and Sheedy managed to bring the minors to the Promised Land for the first time since 1996, with Fr Tom Fogarty's U21s desperately unlucky to lose their replay with Kilkenny.

The fact that men of the calibre of Dunne, Ryan and Cahill, all former All Stars let's not forget, are willing to get involved is hugely significant. Players who have achieved great success at senior level command instant respect and they will act as role models to next year's minor team.

Sheedy's decision to step down wasn't wholly unexpected. After all, he's been involved for a decade now as intermediate manager, senior selector and then minor boss. The feeling in the county now is that the next time we see Liam Sheedy patrolling an intercounty touchline; he may be wearing the senior Tipperary 'Bainisteoir' bib. But for now, he's looking forward to some time out.

"To be honest, I'm going over to Thurles since the winter of 1996 and that takes its toll," said the Portroe clubman, who was assisted this year by Noel Russell, Ger Maguire and Martin Gleeson.

"Of all the grades going, the most time goes into minor because you're watching players at all grades at club level - minor, U21, senior. I gave it 100 per cent as minor manager for two years but I would have found it difficult time-wise with work commitments to go again," the former senior playing star explained.

Employed with Bank of Ireland Insurance and Investments, Sheedy finds himself working mainly out of Limerick and Ennis. And making the trip from Ennis, a notorious traffic black spot, to Thurles on a given evening became more and more difficult. Having an understanding boss helped though - none other than Eamon Kelly, who trained Kildangan to All Ireland intermediate glory in 2005. "I'm lucky that Eamon is steeped in hurling," Sheedy smiled. "He gave me a bit of a break and allowed me to do the Tipp job. You have targets in hurling and targets in work - I fulfilled the hurling for now so it's back to work for a while!

"I'm delighted how we got on and of all the times going, it's great that we have no problem filling jobs in Tipperary," Sheedy said.

"I said to John Costigan, people are on a high but there wouldn't have been too many takers for the position two years ago.

"I felt that it was a good time for a replacement and luckily we have four great guys coming in with Tommy, Declan, Liam and Michael Gleeson.

"The potential is good going forward and they will have six of this year's panel to work with again next season." Tipp's march to All Ireland minor glory was fairytale stuff; recovering from the heartbreak of losing a Munster final to eventually claim the big prize.



Tipperary Minor Manager Liam Sheedy and family after the All Ireland Final win.

"Losing the Munster final was a blessing in disguise," Sheedy reflected.

"We learned a lot - the lads dropped their heads but after that game, they never did.

"It really stood to us in the semi final against Kilkenny when we were four points down with ten minutes to go and turned it around."

That was a bizarre semi final clash in many respects. Tipperary played much the better hurling but were caught by three Kilkenny goals at crucial times. In hindsight, it would have been a travesty had Sheedy's young guns lost. "We'd never have forgiven ourselves," Sheedy agreed. "We conceded uncanny soft goals and nearly paid a heavy price. But we scored 0-19 in that semi final and 2-17 in the final (v Galway) and that was superb scoring." Therein lies a Sheedy theory.

"If you ask me about the problems in Tipp hurling, our forwards won't take on their men but every one of our lads had the ability to win ball, take on their men and get a score.

"As a defender, the last thing you want to do is see a man getting inside and taking you on," said Sheedy, who was a teak-tough wing back in his playing days. "But the lads were happy to drop the shoulder and go for it."

A confident Sheedy has predicted that "eight or nine" of the All Ireland winning minor team will hurl at senior level for Tipp. And Sheedy himself could be the man helping them to win the biggest prize of all - the Liam McCarthy Cup - in years to come. But for now, he'll enjoy a well deserved break, spending more time with his wife Margaret and daughters Aisling (7) and Gemma (2). "It's time that I gave some time back," Sheedy smiles. For the time you have given Tipperary hurling to date Liam, we are all eternally grateful. Enjoy the break - but see you again soon!

ROSCREA SENIOR HURLING TEAMS

1968 - 1980 CELEBRATION



Top: Roscrea successful captains of County SHC final teams at the Post Match meal in Younge's The Ragg with framed photographs presented to all players honoured. Seated: John Dillon (1968), Mick Hogan ('69), Patsy Rowland ('70). Standing: Donie Moloney ('71 captain of losing final team against Moyne-Templetuohy and captain of winning of inaugural All-Ireland club final '71), Jackie Hannon ('72), Francis Loughnane ('73) and Kevin Brady ('80).

Bottom: At the post-match dinner in Younge's the Ragg were seated: Rose and Donal Younge (sponsors). Standing: Mick Hogan, Bertie Fitzpatrick (Roscrea Chairman) and Seamus Doran (Roscrea club PRO and juvenile secretary).



Roscrea half-backs (1968-80) - Martin Ryan, Joe Bergin, Philip Ward, Kevin O'Connor, Bertie Fitzpatrick (rep Pat Dynan), Tadhg O'Connor and Kevin Moloney (rep Jimmy Crampton).



Roscrea scoring machine (1968-80). Standing: Joe Butler, Willie Stapleton, Mary Loughnane (rep her late husband Harry), Joe Tynan, Roger Ryan, Fionnuala Treacy (rep her husband Joe), Tom Ryan. Kneeling: Danny Moloney (masseur), Purdy McMahon, Paul O'Connor and Liam Burke.

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Roscrea six County SHC winning team 1968 -70, '72-73, '80, were honoured on County Final day at Semple Stadium Roscrea Senior Hurling Teams - 1968 to 1980



Back row (left to right) - Kevin O'Connor, Jimmy Cunningham, Vinny Dooley, Joe Bergin, Murty Ryan, Liam Brussels, Jody Spooner, Aidan Spooner, Peadar Queally, Joe Cunningham, Liam Burke, Tom Ryan, Roger Ryan, John Stone, Danny Moloney
Middle row (left to right) - Joe Butler, Noel Hogan, Liam Spooner, Finola Treacy, Micheál Loughmane, Michael Moloney, Eoin Moloney, Frankie Regan, Philly O'Rourke, Michael Bergin, Jimmy Brady, Purdy Loughmane, Josie O'Rourke, Kevin Moloney, Tadhg O'Connor, Bertie Fitzpatrick, Mick Minogue, Philip Ward, Jackie Shanahan, Donie Moloney, Ger O'Connor, Mary Loughmane
Front row (left to right) - Paul O'Connor, Mrs. Mai Brussels, Willie Stapleton, Joe Moloughmney, Tom Tynan, Kieran Carey, John Dillon, Mick Hogan, Pasty Rowland, Jackie Hannon, Francis Loughmane, Kevin Brady, Tadhg Murphy, Mickey Phelan, Joe Rowland, Brendan Maher, Mickey Nolan, Joe Tynan, Purdy McMahon

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Fifty Years of Minor Hurling 1957 – 2006

by Ricky Sheehan

This is a complete record of all Tipperary's minor hurling championship games over the last five decades. Results are summed up after each ten years. The results are for others to analyse and interpret. Two major changes have taken place in minor hurling in recent times (1) the introduction of the "back door" for Munster and Leinster runners up in 1997 and (2) the introduction of a first round losers section in Munster. It is now possible for a Munster minor hurling team to lose twice in the Munster championship and yet win the all Ireland. The team can lose in the first round and in the Munster final. The results have been divided into Munster and all Ireland sections.

1957 Munster	Tipp 10-8	Kerry 1-6
	Tipp 6-6	Cork 4-4 (sf)
	Tipp 3-8	Limerick 1-4 (f)
All Ireland	Tipp 4-12	Galway 3-7 (sf)
	Tipp 4-7	Kilkenny 3-7 (f)

1958 Munster	Limerick 6-6	Tipp 4-6
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1959 Munster	Tipp 7-19	Kerry 0-1
Munster	Tipp 2-9	Cork 3-4 (sf)
Munster	Tipp 5-8	Limerick 1-4 (f)
All Ireland	Tipp 8-14	Roscommon 0-3 (sf)
All Ireland	Tipp 2-8	Kilkenny 2-7 (f)

1960 Munster	Tipp 2-9	Limerick 2-8
Munster	Tipp 6-13	Clare 2-3 (sf)
Munster	Tipp 6-7	Galway 4-3
All Ireland	Tipp 5-11	Antrim 3-3 (sf)
	Kilkenny 3-13	Tipp 0-15 (f)

1961 Munster	Tipp 9-9	Clare 4-8 (sf)
	Tipp 7-11	Cork 1-6 (f)
All Ireland	Tipp 3-12	Antrim 1-0 (sf)
	Kilkenny 3-13	Tipp 0-15 (f)

1962 Munster	Tipp 7-9	Limerick 4-7 (sf)
	Tipp 4-11	Cork 4-1 (sf)
All Ireland	Tipp 5-21	Antrim 1-3 (sf)
	Kilkenny 3-6	Tipp 0-9 (f)

1963 Munster	Tipp 6-6	Cork 3-9 (sf)
	Limerick 4-12	Tipp 5-4 (f)

1964 Munster	Tipp 4-9	Limerick 3-7 (sf)
	Cork 2-14	Tipp 2-9 (f)

1965 Munster	Tipp 5-8	Galway 3-9 (sf)
	Limerick 5-5	Tipp 3-9 (f)

1966 Munster	Tipp 3-11	Limerick 1-3
	Galway 5-5	Tipp 3-6 (sf)

Munster played 22 won 17 (77.3%)
All Ireland played 10 won 7 (70%)

1967 Munster	Cork 5-15	Tipp 2-7 (sf)
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1968 Munster	Waterford 7-5	Tipp 4-5 (sf)
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1969 Munster	Tipp 5-6	Waterford 2-7
	Tipp 5-7	Limerick 3-5 (sf)
	Cork 1-12	Tipp 2-4 (f)

1970 Munster	Tipp 9-11	Waterford 7-4 (sf)
	Cork 3-8	Tipp 4-4 (f)

1971 Munster	Clare 3-13	Tipp 1-7 (sf)
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1972 Munster	Cork 10-5	Tipp 2-3 (sf)
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1973 Munster	Tipp 5-9	Waterford 2-1
	Tipp 1-11	Cork 1-8 (sf)
	Tipp 5-12	Limerick 5-4 (f)

All Ireland	Galway 3-14	Tipp 3-10 (sf)
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1974 Munster	Tipp 4-19	Clare 3-5 (sf)
	Cork 3-7	Tipp 2-10 (f)
	Cork 2-11	Tipp 2-7 (f)

1975 Munster	Tipp 1-7	Limerick 1-5 (sf)
	Cork 3-16	Tipp 1-7 (f)

1976 Munster	Tipp 7-10	Kerry 1-3
	Tipp 1-13	Cork 2-8 (sf)
	Tipp 5-10	Limerick 5-6 (f)
All Ireland	Tipp 2-20	Kilkenny 1-07 (f)

Munster played 20 won 11 (57%)

All Ireland played 2 won 1 (50%)

1977 Munster	Clare 3-4	Tipp 1-8
1978 Munster	Tipp 0-10	Limerick 1-5
	Tipp 1-11	Clare 0-3 (sf)
	Cork 1-14	Tipp 3-6 (f)

1979 Munster	Tipp 7-11	Kerry 0-5
	Cork 1-8	Tipp 2-4 (sf)

1980 Munster	Tipp 1-14	Cork 1-7 (sf)
	Tipp 1-17	Limerick 1-4 (f)

All Ireland	Tipp 2-15	Wexford 1-10 (f)
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1981 Munster	Tipp 10-17	Kerry 0-2
	Tipp 2-13	Limerick 2-6 (sf)
	Clare 3-13	Tipp 3-11 (f)

1982 Munster	Tipp 2-5	Cork 0-10
	Tipp 3-9	Clare 2-7 (sf)

All Ireland	Tipp 1-10 Tipp 2-7	Limerick 1-7 (f) Galway 0-4 (f)
1983 Munster	Tipp 2-15 Tipp 0-11 Tipp 3-15	Clare 1-6 Waterford 1-7 (sf) Limerick 2-8 (f)
All Ireland	Galway 3-10 Galway 1-7	Tipp 3-10 (sf) Tipp 0-8 (sf)
1984 Munster	Tipp 4-8 Limerick 3-6	Clare 0-6 (sf) Tipp 2-7 (f)
1985 Munster	Tipp 4-8 Cork 1-13	Clare 2-12 (sf) Tipp 1-8
1986 Munster	Tipp 3-15 Tipp 2-13 Cork 2-11	Clare 0-3 Cork 3-10 (f) Tipp 1-11 (f)

Munster played 24 won 16 (68.8%)

All Ireland played 4 won 2 (62.5%)

1987 Munster	Tipp 3-12 Tipp 2-11	Limerick 3-6 (sf) Cork 1-9 (f)
All Ireland	Tipp 4-12 Offaly 2-8	Galway 1-9 (sf) Tipp 0-12 (f)
1988 Munster	Tipp 1-11 Tipp 4-10 Cork 5-7	Clare 0-7 Limerick 2-6 (sf) Tipp 1-2 (f)
1989 Munster	Limerick 2-7	Tipp 1-8
1990 Munster	Clare 1-10 Clare 2-12	Tipp 1-10 Tipp 0-10
1991 Munster	Tipp 2-9 Tipp 3-13	Cork 1-7 Limerick 1-5 (f)
All Ireland	Tipp 2-15 Kilkenny 0-15	Galway 1-13 (sf) Tipp 1-10 (f)
1992 Munster	Tipp 1-7 Tipp 1-11 Waterford 4-7 Waterford 2-10	Limerick 0-9 Cork 0-11 (sf) Tipp 3-10 (f) Tipp 0-14 (f)
1993 Munster	Tipp 1-17 Tipp 2-13 Tipp 0-17 Tipp 1-12	Limerick 0-6 Clare 3-10 (sf) Clare 1-9 (sf) Cork 1-9 (f)
All Ireland	Galway 3-10	Tipp 0-10 (sf)
1994 Munster	Waterford 2-10	Tipp 0-15
1995 Munster	Waterford 3-12	Tipp 2-14
1996 Munster	Tipp 2-14 Tipp 0-16 Tipp 2-18	Limerick 0-5 Cork 1-9 (sf) Waterford 1-11 (f)
All Ireland	Tipp 2-25	Antrim 3-3 (sf)

All Ireland	Tipp 0-20 Tipp 2-14	Galway 3-11 (f) Galway 2-12 (f)
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Munster played 23 won 14 (67.4%)

All Ireland Munster played 8 won 4 (56.3%)

1997 Munster	Tipp 3-9 Tipp 1-15 Tipp 2-13	Waterford 1-12 Limerick 0-13 Clare 1-13
All Ireland	Galway 2-9	Tipp 0-14 (sf)
1998 Munster	Clare 1-17	Tipp 1-11
1999 Munster	Tipp 3-20 Tipp 1-13 Tipp 3-13	Limerick 1-14 (sf) Clare 2-7 (f) Wexford 1-8 (sf)
All Ireland	Galway 0-13	Tipp 0-10 (f)
2000 Munster	Tipp 1-12 Limerick 2-19 Limerick 1-12	Waterford 1-6 Tipp 4-13 (sf) Tipp 0-13 (sf)
2001 Munster	Tipp 2-16 Tipp 0-8 Tipp 4-7 Tipp 1-13	Kerry 0-8 Clare 0-8 (sf) Clare 0-10 (sf) Cork 1-6 (f)
All Ireland	Galway 3-13	Tipp 1-7 (sf)
2002 Munster	Tipp 5-20 Tipp 1-13 Tipp 3-7 Tipp 4-13	Kerry 0-6 Limerick 1-12 (sf) Cork 1-7 (f) Wexford 0-13 (sf)
All Ireland	Kilkenny 3-15	Tipp 1-7 (f)
2003 Munster	Tipp 1-9 Tipp 1-9 Tipp 2-12	Waterford 0-10 Limerick 2-1 (sf) Cork 0-16 (f)
All Ireland	Galway 2-19	Tipp 2-16 (sf)
2004 Munster	Tipp 2-23 Tipp 1-16 Cork 2-13	Clare 0-9 Clare 0-8 (sf) Tipp 3-8 (f)
All Ireland	Tipp 2-14 Kilkenny 1-8	Dublin 1-11 (qf) Tipp 0-10 (sf)
2005 Munster	Tipp 2-20 Limerick 2-14	Clare 1-11 Tipp 1-6 (sf)
2006 Munster	Tipp 2-13 Tipp 2-23 Cork 2-20	Clare 1-8 Limerick 3-8 (sf) Tipp 1-15 (f)
All Ireland	Tipp 4-19 Tipp 0-19 Tipp 2-18	Carlow 0-12 (sf) Kilkenny 3-9 (sf) Galway 2-7 (f)

Munster played 27 won 20 (77.8%)

All Ireland played 12 won 6 (50%)

GRAND TOTALS FOR 50 YEARS

Munster played 116 won 81 (70.3%)

All Ireland played 36 won 21 (58.3%)

Total played 152 won 102 (67.4%)

(drawn games count as half a win)

FR. TOM FOGARTY INTERVIEW

They might have fallen agonisingly short of claiming an All-Ireland title, but the county U-21 hurlers still managed to win a special place in the hearts of Tipp supporters this year.

It wasn't just the fact that they won a Munster title and came so close to winning an All-Ireland that made them so popular, it was their ferociously competitive, hard as nails style of play that captured the imagination.

The glory days of Tipperary hurling were based on physically abrasive and mentally tough teams that always strained every sinew when they went out to hurl, but in recent years that tradition has dimmed.

Watching Fr. Tom Fogarty's team this year though was to witness the embodiment of all the values that once made Tipperary hurling teams the most feared and respected in the land.

They mightn't have been the most naturally gifted team ever to grace the grade, but they hurled with an intensity, work-ethic and bloody-mindedness that was as refreshing as it was eye-pleasing.

If they were a pleasure for us to watch, but they were a joy for Fr. Fogarty to coach and work with.

"I've been involved with inter-county teams for over ten years, and they were the best group of players that I have ever worked with by a long distance," he admits.

"Their commitment and dedication and their desire to play for Tipperary had to be seen to be believed. If you had a training scheduled to begin at 7.30, you could be sure that all the players would be toggled out on the field by 7.15."

"I've seen lots of Tipperary teams come and go, and one of the reasons that we haven't enjoyed success in the last ten years of so is because we lack natural leaders.

"In this team though we had at least three. Every team needs strong leaders. If you look at the great Clare team of the '90s they had the likes of Anthony Daly, the Lohans and Seanie Mc Mahon. They were natural leaders.

"I think that Tipperary have been missing natural leaders at senior levels for a long time, but we definitely had a good complement of them in the U-21 team this year."

Had Kilkenny not struck for that last gasp goal which handed them a draw in the All-Ireland Final, then it would surely have counted as one of the most satisfying Tipperary victories in recent years.

Before the game Tipperary had been totally written off by most pundits, but they turned in a hugely gutsy display against a top-class Kilkenny team that almost brought the ultimate reward.

They gave all of themselves again in the replay too but just fell short. It was no disgrace though to lose to such a talented Kilkenny outfit.



Tipperary U-21 Manager Fr Tom Fogarty preaches the gospel to his charges at the Munster Final

"What many people forget is that this was an exceptional Kilkenny U-21 team, probably their best team in the grade for many, many years," says Fr. Fogarty.

"They had eight of the senior panel, and any team that can boast that many of an All-Ireland senior winning panel is clearly a formidable outfit.

"What I liked about our lads was that they were prepared to give it everything, even if the odds were stacked against them.

"They were totally committed on the field, they fought for every ball as if their lives depended on it.

"They hunted in packs and the intensity with which they played the game was admirable."

The greatest imponderable about a successful U-21 team is always how many of them are capable of successfully making the step up to the senior inter-county panel, and when best to start bringing them through.

No-one knows what they're capable of better than Fr. Fogarty, and he has no doubt that many of them are good enough to make it, and the sooner they're given their chance the better.

"It's very difficult to predict whether good minors or U-21s can develop into good county seniors, but I definitely think a large number of this team is worth a try because their desire to play for the county is unbelievable.

"They're prepared to make the sacrifices and have a deep will to win whenever they go out on the field. They don't just want to represent their county, they want to win.

"Some people are happy just to wear a county jersey, but these fellas have a burning desire to be on winning Tipperary teams.

"It's not my call, but I would blood eight of them immediately. They're after coming off a very successful U-21 campaign, they're hungry and have a burning desire to play for their county.

"I'm not saying that they'll all make it, but now is the time to try them out. We need freshness in the senior panel anyway."

The last few years have given Tipperary hurling fans little to cheer about, so the achievements of the minor and U-21s this

year was a timely boost.

Fr. Fogarty still thinks we have some way to go before we catch up on the ground lost to Kilkenny and Cork, but reckons our hurling future is looking brighter now than it has for some time.

"I said after the game that if we had won the U-21 All-Ireland, it still wouldn't have covered up all the cracks in Tipperary hurling.

"We need to come again with another minor and U-21 team again, but there are definitely hopeful signs there that we are making progress.

"I would certainly be more hopeful now about the future of Tipperary hurling because there's a lot of good work being

done through the various schools of excellence and it's beginning to bear fruit now.

"We had a very good U-16 team this year, and excellent minor team and an U-21 team that got within a puck of a ball of beating a high quality Kilkenny team this year.

"It's easier to be positive now about our prospects than it was three or four years ago. I do still think we need to change our style of hurling if we're going to be consistently competitive

"We have always had plenty of ball-players and we still do, but we also need to play at a higher intensity with all our teams, which is something I think the U-21 team bought to the fore this year."

TOMMY DUNNE

by Damian Lawlor

We never really got a chance to say goodbye; Tommy Dunne may have burst into our lives as the hottest young talent in hurling 20 years ago but he left the scene with no fuss or fanfare; just the way he wanted it.

The 32 year-old captained the Tipperary Senior Hurling team from 1999 to 2002 and became the first Toomevara man in 40 years to collect the Liam McCarthy Cup when we won the 2001 All-Ireland Final. Typically he led by example that day and was awarded the RTE Man of the Match and won the Vodafone Hurler of the Year award. It was the highlight of a glittering career, one that was peppered with success.

At the time of writing Tommy has ten county titles with Toome' to add to his senior and under 21 All-Ireland medals. He is the holder of three National League medals and two inter-provincial titles, as well as a Fitzgibbon Cup title and three All-Star awards (1997, 1999 and 2001).

Now, anyone else would have serious ideas and notions about themselves with a bulging trophy cabinet like his but those who know Tommy will agree that modesty is perhaps his greatest virtue. A down to earth guy, he never let his success get to his head and was almost obsessive about preparing for the next game and the next challenge. He will be remembered for his silky first touch, his class in the air and his ability to find teammates with a lovely, sharp pass. Long-range scoring and free-taking were other fortes while his slender frame enabled him to get around the park more than most.

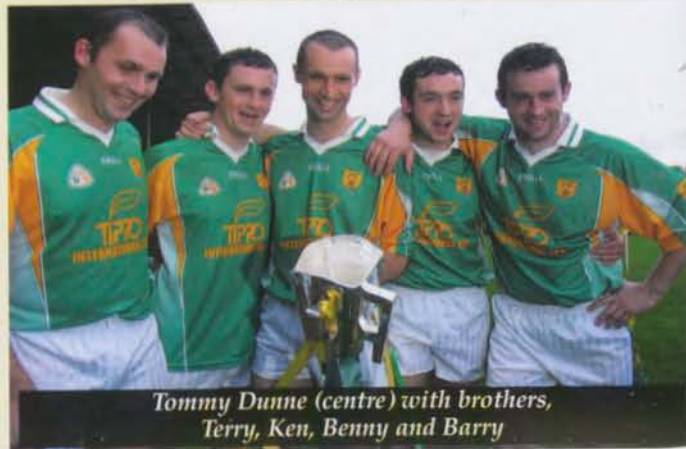
Coming from a family where hurling is discussed over breakfast, lunch and dinner, his love of the game simply could not be avoided. Tommy grew up with sport but the 1982 World Cup and the success of Sean Kelly were his early addictions. However, his father, Tony and uncle, Jimmy, sparked his interest in hurling and Neil Williams' underage coaching helped his development. He was already a huge name from the time he played in the Tony Forristal tournament and progressed through the ranks to great acclaim. Although he lost an All-Ireland minor final against Kilkenny in the 1991, he soon fulfilled his destiny by making his senior championship debut for Tipp in 1993 against Kerry and went on to make 44 championship appearances, scoring 6-109 in that time.

There are just too many golden moments to talk about. The first point of the 2001 All-Ireland final was pure class, a lovely

wrist flick from the left wing to record the first point of the day. That score set the tone for the rest of the lads and let Galway know they were up against one hell of a team. His late goals in the Munster final against Cork from full-forward a few years ago may have been in vain but Donal Og Cusack never saw either of them until he picked them out of his net. It would be a futile exercise to list anymore memories; Dunne just had too many hits in his collection.

Last year, before 'Babs' returned, he was due to play a role as an impact sub for Ken Hogan but he ended up being one of the team's most influential and impressive performers and while a full-forward role would have suited better, he ended up mostly playing out the field, where the team needed his intelligence and timely deliveries. It must have been tempting to come back with Babs but Tommy gave everything he could to Tipp and the time was right to leave; when he was still near the top of his game. Of course, he went straight back to Toomevara and lead them to another county and provincial title. It says much of his character that he continued to play for his county despite suffering from a stomach condition for the past number of years.

Tipp have missed his undoubted leadership qualities but it's surely only a matter of time before we see him back involved with the county set-up, perhaps in management; he has already worked with the Tipperary Institute team and will take charge of the minors with Declan Ryan next year. Still, he has plenty of club hurling left in him yet and must be glad not to have the demands of intercounty senior training to worry about while he helps Toome' continue their domination. But knowing Tommy, he probably misses not being involved. It was a shame that he departed the scene without as much as a headline but that's the way he wanted it. And at the end of the day, he deserved to go out his own way. After all he gave Tipperary hurling; he can hold his head up high safe in the knowledge that he was one of the all-time greats.



Tommy Dunne (centre) with brothers, Terry, Ken, Benny and Barry

GOLDEN '49

by Seamus Leahy

I think it may have been 'Winter Green' who in *The Tipperary Star* at the end of 1949 wrote "My diary is twined in blue and gold."

For many of us it was true of a year that provided us with a season of hurling games of such heart-stopping excitement that even now, over half a century later, one has to pause and ask oneself if all really happened.

Excitement had been in short supply ever since John Maher of Killinan had carried home the McCarthy Cup in 1945. Between then and 1949 the county had not won a single senior championship game and, though in that time we had appeared in two minor All-Irelands and won one of them, then as now it was the senior championship which was regarded as the yardstick of real achievement.

But our tails were up early in 1949. In late February we beat Cork in the final of the National League and by the time we faced Cork in the first round of the championship on the last Sunday in May our expectations were high. We crowded into the field in Limerick in such numbers that the sideline gates were closed two hours before the start of the game. And we nearly left it behind us. Two long-distance solo-runs in the second half, one by the veteran Jack Lynch and the other by young clerical student, Bernie Murphy, gave Cork two goals which left us glad to get out with the chance of another day.

But if we were lucky enough to survive, we were all aware that Tipp now had three properties which would carry us a long way. Between the posts we had Tony Reddan, at the peak of his remarkable goalkeeping skills, and in the half-back line, enjoying an Indian summer of a great career, we had Tommy Doyle, one of the less-than-a-handful of men who could contain the great Christy Ring. And at wing forward we had the tall, willowy figure of Jimmy Kennedy of Puckane, one of the most exciting players of his generation and one of the most accurate strikers of a dead ball ever to wear the Tipp jersey – or any other jersey.

It was Jimmy who saved us in the replay a fortnight later and set us on the road to three All-Ireland victories. In a game which was played on the hottest day of the year, beginning at three o'clock and ending with the Angelus bell, he was responsible for all Tipp's scores in the first hour and scored our only goal in the last minute to bring us level with Cork and entitled to extra time.

The story of what happened next has been told and retold wherever hurling men of faroff days gather. Cork remained on the field, baking in the sunshine, while waiting for the extra-time to commence. Tipp went to the dressing room and were sponged down with cool Slieveardagh water brought in that morning in churns by the Blakes of Coolquill. The lads went out refreshed, if not restored, and when the final whistle blew we were two points ahead.

Great days followed. Only a week after the awful ordeal of that epic replay Tipp beat a Clare team that was in front for 45 minutes; and a fortnight after that we went down to Cork to meet Limerick in the Munster final. Again it was mainly thanks to the incredible accuracy of Jimmy Kennedy that our All-Ireland dreams remained alive. Then it was on to an easy win over Antrim in the semi-final and an All-Ireland final against Laois which by amazing coincidence gave us the exact same winning score as we had chalked up in the 1937 final against Kilkenny – 3-11 to 0-3.

Recently meeting Pat Stakelum – who on the evening after the 1949 victory carried the McCarthy Cup home to Ballycahill on the carrier of his bike – I remarked that I often wonder whether our heroes of those years ever fully realised how completely they had filled our youth with exciting memories that would be with us to the end of our days. As always, Pat was modest in his response.

But the excitement of that golden year was not confined to the Munster and All-Ireland championship. The colourful Holicross team that had won the county championship the previous year were ousted from the championship in the first round in Mid Tipp. The ones to oust them were Borrisoleigh who had recently transferred from North to Mid Tipp. It took them two games of heart-stopping quality to overcome Holicross and by the time the matter was concluded the whole countryside was talking of Sean Kenny's solo-runs. It should be remembered that in those days referees showed a degree of tolerance to backs' attempts to stop a solo-run that would not be shown nowadays. Only the bravest of the brave dared to carry the ball on his hurley. Yellow cards were a long way into the future.

After some years in the wilderness Boherlahan disposed of Thurles Sarsfields and now, in the third week of September, the stage was set for a Mid final which would be talked about far beyond the county boundaries. No alone had Cork been beat and the hay saved, but the All-Ireland had been won and the threshings were over. A huge crowd flocked into Thurles and paid what was regarded as the huge sum of 530 pounds to see a battle between the old and the new. Each team was captained by a member of the All-Ireland winning side – Borrisoleigh by Sean Kenny and Boherlahan by Sonny Maher – and before the game the crowd stood in silence to remember the recently deceased Tommy Purcell who only a few months before had held Christy Ring to a point in the League final.

After the two captains had knelt to kiss the Archbishop's ring and the ball was thrown in there was no more kissing. The game was breathless in its intensity, with a degree of commitment from both teams which left spectators hoarse. At the end of the year John D.Hickey, one of the foremost sportswriters of his time, would describe the five minutes before half-time as his greatest sporting thrill of the year – the ball flying from end to end with first-time pulling and no quarter given or asked. It was Paddy Kenny who, on the stroke of half-time, sent over the point which sent Borrisoleigh to the dressing-room a point ahead.

The second half was equally uncompromising and it was Boherlahan who were pressing hard at the final whistle when Eddie Finn in the Borrisoleigh goal brought off the wonderful save which allowed the teams to leave the field on level terms. Next week the *Tipperary Star* headed an ecstatic account of the game with "All-Ireland was no comparison". And indeed that was an understatement.

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With maximum press coverage of the replay a fortnight later, the attendance nearly doubled the figure at the first game and at times it seemed that all efforts to control the crowd had broken down. Once again the Archbishop's ring was kissed and once again the kissing stopped there. And for half an hour, the game had all the excitement of the first game. Shortly before half time Borrisoleigh were awarded a '21. Sean Kenny stood over the ball and, with the eyes of the Boherlahan defence rivetted to him, simply tapped the ball to his brother Paddy a few yards away. Before the defenders realised what was happening the most deadly citeog the game of hurling has seen had put the ball in the net. The half-time whistle left Borrisoleigh two points ahead.

And there the magic ended. There was a point to each side after the resumption and then not a single flag was raised until just before the final whistle when Ned Ryan sent over a point which gave Borrisoleigh a three-point margin. In between, there was much unpleasantness and such was the coming and going that at one point referee Timmy Hammersley stopped play and assembled all the players in the centre of the field to count them.

Some ten minutes before full time the two captains were sent to the line. A few minutes later a player from each side - Philip Ryan and Paddy Kenny - were sent off at the end of a major melee. Both were entirely innocent and to everyone with an

unobstructed view of the proceedings it was clear that it was a case of mistaken identity.

The final whistle left Borrisoleigh three points ahead and as the huge crowd left the field there was a great feeling of disappointment that the game had not lived up to the promise of the first day. Recriminations fell thick and fast and, given the sporting quality of the drawn game, there was widespread regret that the replay would be remembered for all the wrong reasons.

But in a time of wonderful camaraderie among opponents, wounds were quickly forgotten. When Borrisoleigh, having beaten Roscrea in the county semi-final, went on to beat Knockavilla in the final, it was generally recognised that they had introduced a vital new element to Tipperary hurling. And when Tipp lined out some weeks later against Cork in the Thomond Feis all four men who had got their marching orders on that unhappy day in Thurles - two Kennys, Sonny Maher and Philip Ryan - played in the Tipp forward line.

That golden summer of 1949 marked the beginning of a period of almost twenty years during which Tipperary was regarded by any county with aspirations to winning an All-Ireland or League as the team to beat.

It was a great time to be alive!

JIMMY PURCELL RETIRES

The man who made Tom Semple's field the way it is

Jimmy Purcell has been a fixture in Semple Stadium since late 1984, when he took over as groundsman at the famous venue. A native of Loughmore, but living in Thurles for many years, Jimmy retired at the end of 2006 as he was approaching his seventieth year.

During his years at the Stadium, Jimmy contributed significantly to the maintenance of what is regarded as the best playing surface for hurling in the country. He took great pride in his work and ensured that the venue was always in peak condition, not only for great match days but on other occasions also.

As well as being efficient in his job, Jimmy was a gentleman who went out of his way to make players and mentors welcome to Semple Stadium. This welcoming attitude was reflected in the remarks made by former Clare hurling star, Jamesie O'Connor, on the occasion of his retirement: 'There was great rivalry between Clare and Tipperary but we were never made to feel anything less than welcome, and a lot of that was down to Jimmy. He's a sound guy, a gentleman, and I'd like to thank him for everything over the years and wish him all the very best in his retirement.'

Michael Lowry, former chairman of Semple Stadium Management Committee, had a close working relationship with Jimmy over a number of years. 'He was capable, reliable and totally professional. Always very generous with his time, always available and willing to oblige, nothing was an inconvenience to him - Jimmy Purcell cared for the Semple Stadium pitch and facilities as he would his own lawn and garden. I have many fond memories of working with Jimmy, particularly during the Féile period - he was a rock of support and strength.'

Appreciative words indeed and without doubt in no way exaggerated. They sum up the professional approach Jimmy brought to the job over a period of twenty-two years. As he retires from the job Jimmy can be happy in the contribution he made to maintaining the condition of the famous venue. His physical presence will no longer be a familiar sight on match days but he can be happy in the knowledge that the place was greatly enhanced by his work during his years as groundsman.

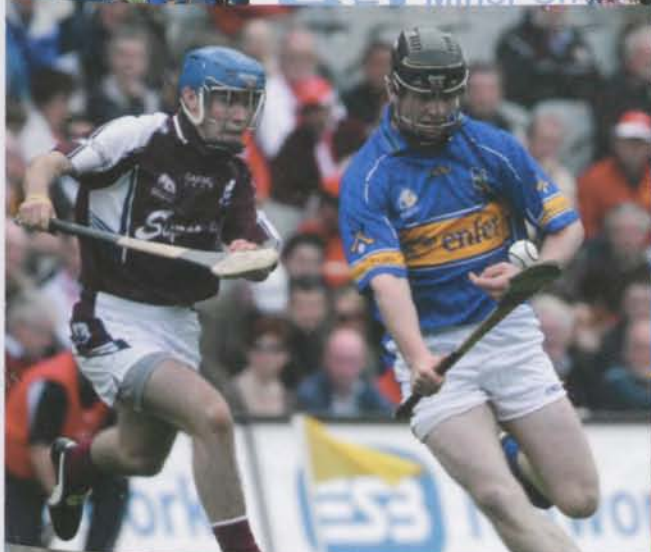


County Board Chairman John Costigan makes a presentation to the retiring caretaker of Semple Stadium Jimmy Purcell who gave over 23 years service. Also in photo is Con Hogan.

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TIPPERARY INTERMEDIATES JUST FAIL IN MUNSTER CAMPAIGN

By Liam Hogan

Tipperary failed in their bid to end Cork's bid for a four in a row, being defeated in the Munster final last July, at Páirc Uí Caoimh.

It was a disappointing end to a season where the team improved with every outing. At the commencement the team's preparations suffered due to injuries, club commitments and third level action. The hopes of winning their first Munster final since 2002 were moderate but under the command of team manager, Len Gaynor, they set out for their opening game against Limerick at Semple Stadium in a curtain raiser to the senior game involving the same counties.

Tipp survived to win by 4-13 to 2-8 but the opposition provided a number of anxious moments for the home side.

After Aidan Fitzgerald got the home side get off to a desired start with a goal, they went on to take a 1-3 to nil lead. Limerick battled back and after 15 minutes, they were level at 1-3 each.

Tipp moved up a gear again and goals from Joe Dixon and Aidan Fitzgerald helped them to a 3-7 to 1-4 lead at the interval

The early minutes of the second half saw the Tipp defence under pressure as Limerick's best forward, John Anthony Moran tapped home a goal after he cleverly out smarted Tipp keeper, Vincent Doheny.

The game was held up for eight minutes as Limerick corner back, Paudie Reale needed attention for a serious shoulder injury which forced him to retire.

Once the action resumed, Tipp strengthened their lead again which was helped by a fortunate goal from Shane Stapleton following a free from mid-way. From then on to the final whistle, Tipp were bound for victory with Ronan O'Brien completing the scoring.

Colin Everard, Alan Kelly and Brian Hogan performed admirably. Aidan Fitzgerald, Shane Sweeney formed a strong line in the spine of the attack with Willie Keogh, Ronan O'Brien Eamon Ryan and Joe Dixon had their moments.

SCORERS – Tipperary- A Fitzgerald 2-2, S Sweeney 0-4, R O'Brien 0-3, S Stapleton, J Dixon 1-0, E O Riain 0-2, C O'Brien, N Hogan 0-1 each.

Limerick: J Moran 2-4 (4f), J Lynch, M Clancy, J Quane, M Bodie 0-1 each.

Waterford was the opposition in the semi-final at Páirc Uí Caoimh on June 4th.

Tipp were up against it as Waterford, one of the designated weak counties, had former senior players like Brendan Landers, Brian Flannery, Peter Queally, Brian Wall, (left wing back in 2004) and Sean Daly filling pivotal positions on the team.

The game proved to be a tough one for Tipp and the difference in class was clearly shown in the opening ten minutes as Waterford took a commanding 0-5 to 0-1 lead.

On twelve minutes, Tipp could have been further behind but Vincent Doheny denied Sean Daly from twenty metres. Noel Hogan replaced David Sheppard midway through the half and Tipp began to piece it

together with scores by Conor O'Brien as well as long range frees from the impressive Brian Hogan.

Tipp finally managed to get a goal when Ronan O'Brien pounced on a loose ball after Brendan Landers had failed to hold Brian Hogan's long range free. Tipp were now the happier side with their 1-6 to 0-8 lead at half time.

By the 43rd minute, Tipp were four points ahead with scores coming from Willie Keogh, Brian Hogan free, Shane Sweeney and Ronan O'Brien.

Vincent Doheny made his mark in the goals with two more fine saves. Stephen Barron replaced Peter Queally and helped Waterford to within two points of the leaders. But Brian Hogan put Tipp three clear with another free from midway.

In the closing stages, Waterford scored twice, through frees from John Wall. But credit must go to a Tipp defence who had to battled on to the final whistle to win by 1-13 to 0-15.

Others to shine were Colm Everard, Alan Kelly, Shane Stapleton and Conor O'Brien.

The scorers were: Tipperary: R. O'Brien (1-5, 0-3 frees); B. Hogan (0-4, 0-3 frees); C. O'Brien, W. Keogh, S. Sweeney, and S. Stapleton (0-1) each.

Waterford: J. Wall (0-9, 0-6 frees, 0-1 '65'); E. Bennett (0-2); N. Dunphy (0-2); D. Howard, S. Barron(0-1) each.

FINAL V. CORK

In the week, leading up to the game, there was a change of date. The final was planned for Wednesday 19th of July but brought forward to Sunday 16th and played as a curtain raiser to the replay of the Munster Senior Football Final at Cork headquarters.

Tipp faced stiff opposition from the holders. The midfield pair of Shane Stapleton and Conor O'Brien had to give second best to Michael O'Callaghan and Kevin Hartnett. There were some positives, though as Joe Dixon and Ronan O'Brien had caused some anxious moments to the Cork defence.

After 25 minutes, the home side led 0-10 to 0-7, and they carved out a goal of quality a minute later. A long ball into the Tipp defence was caught by Rory Doherty, who fed his namesake O'Dwyer and gave Doheny no chance. But Tipp struck back for a goal through Joe Dixon to leave the half time score at 1-11 to 1-7.

Cork introduced under-21 player, Ronan Conway for the second half. He hit the target twice. Tipp moved Shane Sweeney to full-forward but Cork keeper, Anthony Nash denied him a goal.

Conway's pace continued to trouble the Tipp defence and another under-21 county player, Maurice O'Sullivan slammed the Tipp net putting Cork into an eight-point lead by the end of the third quarter. Nash denied Ronan O'Brien from a 20-metre free. O'Brien eventually managed to breach the Cork defence when his low drive when a second 20-metre free found the corner of the net, but it only served to put a more respectable look on the scoreboard.

Cork held firm for a deserved victory.

The final score was Cork 2-18 Tipperary 2-13

TIPPERARY: Vincent Doheny (Mullinahone); Seamus Hickey (Boherlahan-Dualla), Paul Shanahan (Sean Treacys), Michael Phelan (Ballybacon-Grange); Alan Kelly (Ballinahinch), Colin Everard (Moyne-Templetuohy), Brian Hogan (Burgess – Captain); Shane Stapleton (Golden-Kilfeacle); Conor O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty); Joe Dixon (Moycarkey/Borris; 1-1), Shane Sweeney (Ballybacon-Grange;0-4), Eamonn Ryan (Sean Treacys, 0-2); Willie Keogh (Silvermines; 0-1), Aidan Fitzgerald (Fethard, 0-2), Ronan O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty;1-3, 1-1 frees)

Subs: Noel Hogan Lorrha for Stapleton 41min.

Great Semple Stadium Clashes: Tipp v Cork

By Shane Brophy

Prior to 1984, Tipperary and Cork rarely met in the championship at either of their home grounds. A home and away agreement has been in operation since then and the matches that have taken place in Semple Stadium have been some of the most dramatic of them all.

1960: Tipperary 4-13 Cork 4-11 (Munster Final)

Tipperary defeated the All-Ireland Champions Waterford en route to the final where they were comfortably expected to beat Cork. This was in the golden era for Tipp hurling which contained names such as Hassett, Maher and Carey, Tony Wall, and Jimmy Doyle.

In what was then named Thurles Sportsfield, Cork got the upper hand early on and were 1-2 to three points ahead at the end of the first quarter with the goal coming from Paddy Barry. After a sluggish start Tipp finally got into their stride and soon after Christy Ring was denied a goal, Liam Connolly rattled the Cork net for Tipp.

Sean McLoughlin bagged another Tipp goal as the action became frantic but another goal from Paddy Barry who caused Tipp all sorts of problems put Cork back ahead. Tipp responded well up to the break and a goal from Jimmy Doyle, Tipp lead 3-4 to 2-4 at half time.

Sean McLoughlin's second goal and four points through Liam Devaney and Jimmy Doyle looked like helping Tipp onto that comfortable victory but a Liam Dowling goal midway through the second half kept the game interesting but Tipp opened the gap out to five points again by the time Mick Quane got Cork's last goal with the final puck of the game.

Tipperary: Terry Moloney, Matt Hassett, Michael Maher, Kieran Carey, Mick Burns, Tony Wall, John Doyle, Tom Ryan, Theo English, Jimmy Doyle, Liam Devaney, Donie Nealon, Liam Connolly, Tom McLoughney, Sean McLoughlin

Cork: Mick Cashman, Jimmy Brohan, John Lyons, Sean French, Mick McCarthy, J O'Sullivan, Denis O'Riordan, Phil Duggan, Terry Kelly, Paddy Barry, E Dowling, J Twoomey, Liam Dowling, Mick Quane, Christy Ring. Subs: D Murphy, N Gallagher, J Bennett.

1984: Tipperary 3-14 Cork 4-15 (Munster Final)

This match will always be referred to in Tipp as "the one that got away." Appearing in their first final in eleven years, Tipp looked set to dethrone the Munster champions as they held a four point lead with just four minutes remaining.

Then disaster struck. John Fenton pointed a free before Tony O'Sullivan fired a rebound to the net to leave the sides level. With the sides level as misplaced pass from Michael Doyle in the direction of Nicky English was cut out by Denis Mulcahy.

He passed to Tony O'Sullivan who fired for the winning point but Tipp goal keeper John Sheedy decided to try and stop the point and batted the ball down but only to the waiting Seanie O'Leary who fired to the net. Not many Tipperary people can forget that day as it ruined Tipperary's big ambition of playing in the Centenary All-Ireland.

That match will also be remembered for the display of Tipperary centre back John McIntyre. The Lorrha clubman put in one of the greatest exhibitions of hurling ever witnessed that day as he defiantly stood up to the rebel challenge but unfortunately it was not to be.

Tipp trailed 2-10 to 3-5 at half time in that final with the goals coming from Seamus Power, Donie O'Connell and Nicky English. Corks two first half goals both came from Jimmy Barry Murphy.

The premier dominated the second half and with points from Seamus Power, Paul Dooley, Liam Maher and Noel O'Dwyer, Tipp forged a lead, which could have been more if Seamus Power's penalty had not risen inches over the bar.

Tipperary: John Sheedy, Jack Bergin, Jim Keogh, Denis Cahill, Pat Fitzelle, John McIntyre, Bobby Ryan, Ralph O'Callaghan, Philip Kennedy, Nicolas English, Donie O'Connell, Liam Maher, Michael Doyle, Seamus Power, Noel O'Dwyer. Subs John Doyle, Brian Heffernan, Paul Dooley.

Cork: Ger Cunningham, Denis Mulcahy, Donal O'Grady, John Hodgins, Tom Cashman, John Crowley, Dermot McCurtain, John Fenton, Pat Hartnett, Pat Horgan, Tim Crowley, Kevin Hennessy, Tomas Mulcahy, Jimmy Barry Murphy, Seanie O'Leary. Subs: John Blake, Tony O'Sullivan, Denis Walsh.

1987: Tipperary 1-18 Cork 1-18 (Munster Final)

The year the hoodoo finally ended but it needed a trip to Killarney and extra time before Richard Stakelum could say those immortal words: "The Famine is over". That was because the final ended in a draw after another epic encounter.

Tipp lead five points to one after the opening quarter with Aidan Ryan, Pat Fox, Nicky English and Donie O'Connell doing the needful. The gap remained the same at half time as Tipp lead 0-11 to 0-7.

Tipperary kept Cork at arms length and when a seven point gap was opened by Nicky English's kicked goal twelve minutes into the second half, it looked as if Corks attempt for a six in a row was about to end.

But like 1984, Cork responded and with minutes remaining, Kieran Kingston doubled a Kevin Hennessy free to the net to give Cork a two point lead and it looked as if Tipperary were about to be denied again.

But two Pat Fox frees in the last three minutes saved Tipperary and forced Cork into a replay in Killarney and a match Tipperary were never going to lose.

Tipperary: Ken Hogan, John Heffernan, Conor O'Donovan, Seamus Gibson, Richard Stakelum, John Kennedy, Paul Delaney, Joe Hayes, Colm Bonnar, John McGrath, Donie O'Connell, Aidan Ryan, Pat Fox, Bobby Ryan, Nicky English. Subs: Liam Stokes, Philip Kenny.

Cork: Ger Cunningham, Denis Mulcahy, Richard Browne, John Crowley, Denis McCurtain, Pat Hartnett, Denis Walsh, John Fenton, Jim Cashman, Teddy McCarthy, Tomas Mulcahy, Tony O'Sullivan, John Fitzgibbon, Kevin Hennessy, Kieran Kingston. Subs: Mark Mullins, P O'Connor, Ger Fitzgerald.

1990: Tipperary 2-14 Cork 4-16 (Munster Final)

The famous "Donkeys don't win derbies" match in which the so-called donkeys brought Tipperary's attempt for their first four in a row of Munster titles to a crashing halt with an eight point win.

Tipperary were overwhelming favourites going into the game but the greater hunger of Cork to regain the Munster title was the deciding factor. The game was also notable for the scoring feat of Cork's Mark Foley who scored 2-7 as he totally destroyed Tipperary.

Cork began the brighter and lead 6-3 after 25 minutes with Conor Stakelum providing the main scoring threat for Tipp as Pat Fox's influence was curbed by an injury brought into the game. As champions do, Tipp hit back with goals from Michael Cleary and Nicky English and looked like bringing a healthy lead into the break but Mark Foley found the Tipp net to leave Cork trailing 2-5 to 1-6 at half time.

A John Fitzgibbon goal early in the second half gave Cork the lead they would not relinquish. With twenty minutes left, Cork lead by six points but the lead was down to one with seven minutes left after points from Cleary, English and Leahy.

But then the killer third goal arrived as Mark Foley capped his man of the match display with his second goal and the game was secured for the rebels in injury time as John Fitzgibbon bagged his second goal.

For Tipp, they struggled in many areas with Bobby Ryan, John Kennedy and Paul Delaney having off days while Pat Fox's guile was missed in attack. Best for Tipp for Ken Hogan, John Madden, Noel Sheedy and Joe Hayes.

Tipperary: Ken Hogan, John Madden, Noel Sheedy, Bobby Ryan, Conal Bonnar, John Kennedy, Paul Delaney, Declan Carr, Joe Hayes, Michael Cleary, Declan Ryan, Conor Stakelum, Pat Fox, John Leahy, Nicky English, Subs: Dinny Ryan, Colm Bonnar.

Cork: Ger Cunningham, John Considine, Denis Walsh, Sean O'Gorman, Sean McCarthy, Jim Cashman, Ciaran McGuickin, Pat Buckley, Brendan O'Sullivan, David Quirke, Mark Foley, Tony O'Sullivan, Ger Fitzgerald, Kevin Hennessy, John Fitzgibbon. Subs: Anthony O'Sullivan, Cathal Casey.

1991 Tipperary 4-19 Cork 4-15 (Munster Final)

Probably the best of the lot. If the drawn game was an epic, this surpassed it as Tipperary produced a Lazarus comeback in the last twenty minutes to regain the Munster title and Tipp ultimately ended the year with the Liam McCarthy cup back in the premier county.

It was some victory. Nine points down heading into the last quarter and deprived of the services of Nicky English through injury, it looked set for a Cork win.

When Kevin Hennessy bagged Cork's third goal, they lead 3-13 to 1-10, the clock showed 48 minutes gone. Surely no hope but then it happened. Pat Fox nipped in ahead of Ger Cunningham to flick a beauty of a goal.

Ten minutes from the end and set to be taken off at the next break in play, Declan Carr flicked a long free to the next and amazingly Tipp were level just twelve minutes earlier they were nine points down.

The momentum was with the premier county and they drove home the advantage as the crowds swarmed the perimeter of the pitch, an excuse, which Cork used after the game saying the crowd intimidated their players.

Points from Aidan Ryan, the Viking and Pat Fox gave Tipp a two point lead heading into injury time. The drama didn't end there.

Aidan Ryan charged down a Sean O'Gorman clearance and ran unimpeded to the Cork goal before shooting past the bewildered Cunningham.

Cork still had time to get a John Fitzgibbon goal and also hit a post before two Michael Cleary points sealed an epic win and the title of Munster champions in one of the best finals ever witnessed. Tipp outscored Cork 3-9 to 1-2 in the last 28 minutes played in the match.

It still sends shivers down the spine just thinking out it.

John Leahy came of age in that game and was supported by Michael Cleary, Pat Fox and Cormac Bonnar while Noel Sheedy and Bobby Ryan dealt very well with the threat of Kevin Hennessy and Mark Foley.

Tipperary: Ken Hogan, Paul Delaney, Noel Sheedy, Michael Ryan, John Madden, Bobby Ryan, Conal Bonnar, Declan Carr, Colm Bonnar, Declan Ryan, Donie O'Connell, John Leahy, Pat Fox, Cormac Bonnar, Michael Cleary, Subs: Aidan Ryan, Joe Hayes.

Cork: Ger Cunningham, Sean O'Gorman, Richard Browne, Denis Walsh, Cathal Casey, Tom Cashman, Pat Hartnett, Brendan O'Sullivan, Teddy McCarthy, Tomas Mulcahy, Mark Foley, Tony O'Sullivan, Ger Fitzgerald, Kevin Hennessy, John Fitzgibbon. Sub: Pat Buckley.

2000 Tipperary 3-12 Cork 0-23 (Munster Final)

Cork came into this Munster Final as reigning All-Ireland champions and Tipperary were in the second year of development under Nicky English. After finally beating Clare to reach the final, Tipperary's lack of big game experience proved costly as Cork deservedly won the day.

But it could have been so much different. Tipperary were by far the better team in the first half but only went in level with the twelve wides they shot in the first half the main reason. Eugene O'Neill got the goal while Tommy Dunne had a penalty saved after a disgracefully high tackle by Donal Og Cusack on Paul Shelly, which should have yielded a red card.

But Cork opened their shoulders in the second half and picked off points at will and it looked as if they would run away with the final. Then came the first of Tommy Dunne's two wonder goals to bring the premier right back into the match.

The turning point of the game was undoubtedly Tipperary's second penalty miss two minutes after Dunne's goal. This time, current Tipperary John Leahy who was after having a poor game had his shot saved and this gave Cork the shot in the arm they needed and with two minutes remaining, they led by four points.

But then Dunne struck again with a terrific run and shot to the top corner but Tipp could not get the equalizing score with Seanie McGrath wrapping up the Cork win with a point with the last puck of the game.

It was a game Tipperary definitely left behind as many of their players had not played in a Munster Final before and did not do themselves justice. They used the experience to a positive effect and made up for it the following year in style.

Tipperary: Brendan Cummins, Paul Ormonde, Philip Maher, Michael Ryan, John Carroll, David Kennedy, Eamonn Corcoran, Tommy Dunne, John Leahy, Mark O'Leary, Eddie Enright, Brian O'Meara, Paddy O'Brien, Paul Shelly, Eugene O'Neill. Subs: Liam Cahill, Micheal Ryan, Paul Kelly.

Cork: Donal Og Cusack, Fergal Ryan, Diarmuid O'Sullivan, John Browne, Wayne Sherlock, Brian Corcoran, Sean Og O hAilpin, Mickey O'Connell, Derek Barrett, Timmy McCarthy, Fergal McCormack, Alan Browne, Seanie McGrath, Joe Deane, Ben O'Connor. Subs: Pat Ryan, Kieran Murray.



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UNDER 21 HURLERS Narrowly Fail

By Michael Dundon

How often do we hear the expression used – “they were gutted?” Well Tipperary’s under 21 hurlers experienced that unwelcome emotion twice this year, firstly, when denied an All-Ireland title by an injury time Kilkenny goal at Croke Park in the drawn final and secondly, a week later at Semple Stadium, when they themselves were denied an equalising goal from a twenty metre free with the replay also gone into injury time. Tipperary could not have come closer to bridging the gap since the last title in this grade in 1995, and if ever a side deserved to succeed it was this bunch whose indomitable spirit and old-style Tipperary hurling captured the hearts of the Blue and Gold fans in a big way.

The under 21 final came a week after the minors had triumphed over Galway so magnificently at Croke Park, a game which had done so much to lift Tipperary spirits, and which it was hoped would be an inspiration for the under 21 boys. Still, Kilkenny were hot favourites, with a nucleus of senior stars who had downed champions Cork in the McCarthy Cup decider a week earlier, but the reality was that reputations counted for nothing as the Tipp boys tore into the fray in a manner that suggested their very lives depended on their performances.

No one should have been surprised at the grit shown by the Tipp lads. This was very evident in their Munster campaign, and particularly in the final against Cork, when they had to draw on all their reserves of stamina and courage to capture



Something that has evaded Munster Council Chairman Sean Fogarty was to present a Munster trophy to a fellow Tipperary man in 2006 until the U-21 Munster hurling Final when Sean presented the Corn na Casca trophy to Tipperary captain David Young



Philip Austin scores an excellent point for Tipperary against Kilkenny in the absorbing Erin All-Ireland U-21 final replay

the title. The context against Antrim in the semi-final asked no questions of the team and so the scene was set for the Croke Park confrontation between these great rivals.

It was nip and tuck in the first half at the end of which Kilkenny led by a point 0-9 to 0-8 but the significant thing from a Tipperary perspective was that the Blue and Gold brigade were not overawed by the opposition and were winning many of the key battles. James Woodlock and Stephen Lillis were on top at midfield; Paddy Stapleton and Sean Horan were starring in defence; and Darragh Egan was causing Kilkenny’s defence serious problems.

A goal from a Darragh Egan penalty six minutes into the second half had Tipp with their tails up but Kilkenny responded twelve minutes later with Richie Power goal which nudged them ahead. Questions were now asked of the character of this Tipp team and they were answered in the most positive fashion. With ten minutes to go, Niall Teehan grabbed Tipperary’s second goal and put the team in the driving seat. Goalkeeper Gerry Kennedy performed heroics to keep them three points clear as the game drifted into injury time with the atmosphere electric.

Kilkenny lost Maurice Nolan who had sidelined for a tackle on James Woodlock, now operating at centre halfback, but whose influence at midfield was being missed as Kilkenny poured forward in search of a leveller. And they got it in the third minute of injury time when Richie Hogan whipped a breaking ball to the net to level the game at 2-14 each.

Both sides had a week to regroup, and with the game scheduled for Thurles, it was hoped that Tipperary would benefit. Having gone so close on the first occasion however, only to be foiled so dramatically, it was always going to be very hard for Tipp to recapture the form of the drawn game. So many key Kilkenny men had been subdued at Croke Park that they were bound to do better and the consensus was that Kilkenny had the greater scope for improvement.

So it transpired. Kilkenny upped their game a gear and Tipperary, though battling with admirable heart, were not as effective as in the drawn game. Yet, the destination of the trophy all boiled down to a Kilkenny goal in the 21st minute. Tipperary should have had their lines cleared but the ball came to Paddy Hogan and he raced through for a fine goal. Injuries

in the first half to David Sheppard and Sean Horan did not help Tipperary's cause but they carried the fight to Kilkenny in a tense second period. With injury time looming, and Tipperary three points adrift, it was now the turn of the home side to pile forward much as Kilkenny had done a week previously. Surging runs by James Woodlock and Ryan O'Dwyer tested Kilkenny's mettle and in the thirty second minute, another such drive by James Woodlock ended with him being grounded and a twenty metre free awarded.

There was no question as to options. Darragh Egan had no choice but to go for goal. His rasping shot was parried and as Tipp forwards piled in to the melee, the final whistle sounded. For the second week in succession, Tipperary players dropped to the ground in exhaustion and frustration. Kilkenny were the champions, recording an impressive senior under 21 double.

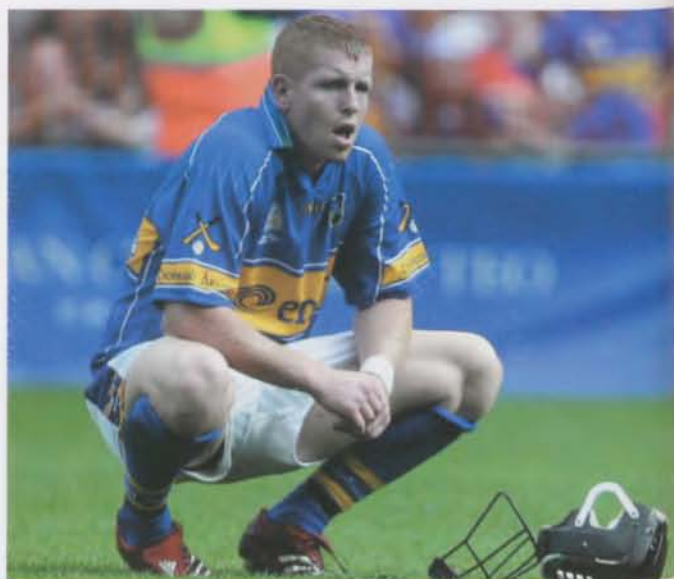
By now the dust has settled on those two epic encounters and there is much of a positive nature for Tipperary fans to draw from them. Top of the list has to be the full-blooded approach of the players, something which has been sadly absent from county teams in recent times. These lads played with a hunger and determination that was most refreshing. Hopefully, we will see more of it from other teams next year. Credit here to the backroom team, headed by Fr Tom Fogarty, who obviously had their charges properly psyched up for the occasion.

Of course, this team and the minors, will be looked to for the talent to freshen up the mism. James Woodlock and Darragh Egan are already part of the senior squad, but Paddy Stapleton, goalkeeper, Gerry Kennedy, Sean Horan, Stephen Lillis, Ryan O'Dwyer and Ritchie Ruth are others who would appear to have much to offer.

Though the All-Ireland medal they longed for may have been denied these boys on this occasion they certainly have played their part in restoring pride in the Tipperary jersey and hopefully, this will pay dividends in the coming years.

Well done Fr Tom, his selectors and players on a marvellous campaign. They did themselves and Tipperary proud.

The team that played in the drawn game was as follows: Gerry Kennedy (Killennale), Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Irish), Alan Byrne (Shannon Rovers), Conor O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty), David Young (Toomevara, capt), Jim Bob McCarthy (Golden Kilfeacle), Sean Horan (St. Patricks), James Woodlock (Drom Inch) 0-2, Stephen Lillis (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-3, Ryan O'Dwyer (Cashel King Cormac's) 0-1, Niall Teehan (Gortnahoe-Glengoele (1-1), David Sheppard (Moycarkey-Borris), Ritchie Ruth (Thurles Sarsfields), Darragh Egan



Danny O'Hanlon is disappointed after the Erin All-Ireland U-21 final at Croke Park

(Kildangan) 1-5, Ray McLoughney (Kilruane MacDonaghs). Subs: Danny O'Hanlon (Carrick Swans) 0-1 for McLoughney, Darragh Hickey (Boherlahan-Dualla) for Ruth, Kevin Quinlan (Kilruane MacDonaghs) for McCarthy.

Others: Matthew Ryan (Templederry), Kevin Lanigan (Carrick Swans), Philip Austin (Borrisokane), Stephen Murphy (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Joe Dixon (Moycarkey-Borris), Ian Murphy (Killennale), Shane Scully (JK Brackens), Michael Coleman (Cashel King Cormacs), Lar Delaney (JK Brackens), Richie McGrath (Carrick Davins)

For the replay at Thurles, Danny O'Hanlon started in place of Ray McLoughney, and subs used were Philip Austin for Sheppard, Kevin Lanigan for Horan, Darragh Hickey for Teehan, Kevin Quinlan for Lillis. The final score was 1-11 to 0-11 in Kilkenny's favour. Tipperary scorers were Darragh Egan 0-5, Danny O'Hanlon and Philip Austin 0-2 each, Ritchie Ruth and James Woodlock 0-1 each.

The Tipperary mentors were: Fr Tom Fogarty (manager), Len Gaynor, Hugh Browne, Tommy Grogan. Trainer: Bertie Sherlock. The referee for the drawn game was Michael Haverty (Galway) and for the replay Brian Gavin (Offaly).

Tipperary's path to the final was:

July 12, Thurles: beat Clare 1-17 to 0-17, August 9, Thurles: beat Cork 3-11 to 0-13, August 19, Parnell Park: beat Antrim 5-19 to 0-7, September 10, Croke Park: drew with Kilkenny 2-14 each.



Under 21 Panel at Croke Park

Back row (left to right): Ian Murphy (Killennale), Kevin Lanigan (Carrick Swans), Richie McGrath (Carrick Davins), Darragh Egan (Kildangan), Joe Dixon (Moycarkey-Borris), David Sheppard (Moycarkey-Borris), Ray McLoughney (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Ryan O'Dwyer (Cashel King Cormacs), Sean Horan (St. Patricks), Niall Teehan (Gortnahoe-Glengoele), Alan Byrne (Shannon Rovers), Danny O'Hanlon (Carrick Swans), Philip Austin (Borrisokane), Stephen Murphy (Kilruane MacDonaghs)

Front row (left to right): Matthew Ryan (Templederry), Kevin Quinlan (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Darragh Hickey (Boherlahan-Dualla), Jim Bob McCarthy (Golden Kilfeacle), Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Irish), James Woodlock (Drom Inch), Gerry Kennedy (Killennale), Ritchie Ruth (Thurles Sarsfields), Stephen Lillis (Thurles Sarsfields), David Young (Toomevara - Captain), Michael Coleman (Cashel King Cormacs), Shane Scully (JK Brackens), Ian Delaney (JK Brackens)

Seamus Roche's Trip to Singapore

By James Holohan

The year 2005 will be one to remember for referee Seamus Roche. An active year on the Inter County front culminated in his refereeing of the All Ireland Final. To put the icing on the cake he was nominated to travel to Singapore to referee the match between the 2004 and 2005 All Stars last January. Seamus also had the opportunity of taking his wife Eleanor with him. In this interview he gives his thoughts on the trip.

J.H: What differences did you notice when refereeing overseas?

S.R: The match was played on a pitch normally used for Polo. The type of grass was unusual and was much coarser than the norm probably something to do with the soil and climate. The weather was very humid, the rain towards the end of the game was a relief rather than a hindrance. We were informed before the match that thunder storms are very prevalent at that time of year. In the event of this happening we were told the procedure was that a siren would go off and everyone was to leave the pitch at once. The match lacked the intensity of competitive fare. Despite this it commanded the curiosity of the natives in the one thousand plus attendance.

J.H: What did the visit of the All Stars mean to the Irish community?

S.R: The match was staged by the Singapore Lions GAA Club and was eagerly looked forward to by the Irish people living there. Meeting the Irish contingent so far from home made them proud to be Irish. Among the organisers was Pdraig Mc Grath, (a son of former All Ireland referee P J from Mayo) also Cormac O Muircheartaigh (son of Miceal). Cormac is a surgeon and married to a Singaporean. We were greeted on arrival and then taken to the home of the Irish Ambassador.

J.H: To what extent are gaelic games played there?

S.R: As the number of Irish people living there is small it is hardly surprising that there is little activity. Our native games are more a bringing together of Irish people and the playing of the games merely a social outlet.

J.H: What were the highlights of the trip?

S.R: Following the match I was presented with the Vodafone Award for Referee of the Year by the then President Sean Kelly. Mixing with the players was great. It was a change to meet them away from the heat of a championship match. Wives and girlfriends were also part of the group and it gave Eleanor the chance to enjoy their company. It was great to see so many Tipperary people in the group. Philip Maher, Eamon Corcoran, Eoin and Paul Kelly also Con Hogan and his wife, Michael O'Brien and his wife, who joined the party for one night while on holiday there, Sean Nugent, Paul Collins from Today FM and Vincent Hogan from the Irish Independent.

J.H: Who were the characters in the party?

S.R: The Waterford contingent entered into the spirit of the occasion in a big way with John Mullane's with ensuring that there was never a dull moment. Niall Gilligan's skill with the hurley was equalled with his ability to sing, Davy Fitzgerald showed that there was a humorous side to him

when he discarded his hurley. The antics in the swimming pool are best left to the imagination and I had to be most vigilant when returning from the game lest I was earmarked for an early plunge!!!

Photographer Ray Mc Manus entertained with his witty expressions. UTV's Adrian Logan, who conducted an auction of GAA merchandise, left the audience in hysterics.

J.H: Did you get much opportunity to do some sightseeing?

S.R: We were taken to a race meeting which had a very important featured race the Singapore Guineas. Yes it does rain outside Ireland as we experienced one of those electric thunderstorms.

It is a beautiful country. We got plenty of opportunities to explore it and we were not disappointed. There is also a hectic nightlife there and the visitor is spoilt for choice.

J.H: One final question, is there any rule changes you would like to see implemented?

S.R: While there is no advantage rule as such, provisions should be made that where the referee lets play go on where a foul has occurred that he can call back play for a free when there is no advantage gained during that passage in play. Apart from this I think the hurling rules are fine as they are.



Seamus accompanied by his wife Eleanor accepting the Vodafone Referee of the Year award from President Sean Kelly.

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Tipperary Football News 2006

by Jonathan Cullen, Tipperary Football PRO

Convention:

This years Convention was held in the Anner Hotel Thurles and in front of a large gathering Chairman Pete Savage spoke of his delight following the achievements of the Senior football Team in the Tommy Murphy Cup and subsequently in the Irish Diaspora competition in New York. The Chairman thanked all who were involved with the team and said he now looked forward to better things in the future. He also thanked all the other management teams for their efforts and wished them all well for the coming year.

The meeting concluded with the election of all out going officers with the exception of PRO who would be appointed at a later date.

Senior Football:

The Senior Footballers begun the 2006 year with a one point win over C.I.T. in the McGrath Cup which was played in Ardfinnan on January 8th. Their were a number of very good performances from Tipperary players in this game and none more than new Captain for 2006 Michael Phelan at corner back. Also impressive in this game were Eamon Hanrahan, Damian O'Brien and Declan Browne.

Tipperary lined out as follows:

Paul Fitzgerald, Michael Phelan, Niall Kelly, Andrew Morrissey, Pa Morrissey, Cian Maher, Robbie Costigan (0-1), Eamon Hanrahan (1-0), Kevin Quinlan, Aidan Fitzgerald, Benny Hickey (0-1), Hugh Coughlan (0-1), Stephen Murphy, Declan Browne (1-3), Damian O'Brien (0-2)

SUBS: Niall Fitzgerald for Hugh Coughlan, Peter King for Stephen Murphy, Ian Browne Laurence Coskeran, Danny Madigan, Peter Hally, Lorcan Bannon, Timmy Byrnes, George Hannigan, Peter King, Glen Burke.

Tipperary Senior Footballers next outing was also in the McGrath Cup where this time they faced a formidable Cork side in a game played on January 15th in Pairc Uí Rinn and while Tipperary did perform reasonably well they ended up losing this game by six points on a score line of Cork 1-08 Tipperary 0-05

Tipperary Lined out as follows:

Paul Fitzgerald, Michael Phelan, Niall Kelly, Andrew Morrissey, Pa Morrissey, Robbie Costigan, Cian Maher, Eamon Hanrahan (0-1), Kevin Quinlan, Benny Hickey, Niall Fitzgerald, Hugh Coughlan, Stephen Murphy, Declan Browne (0-3), Damian O'Brien (0-1)

SUBS: Niall Curran for Kevin Quinlan, Peter King for Hugh Coughlan, Lorcan Bannon for Stephen Murphy, George Hannigan for Niall Fitzgerald, Ian Browne, Laurence Coskeran, Danny Madigan, Peter Hally

Next up for Tipperary was the league and a meeting with a very strongly fancied Sligo in a game which was played in Sligo on February 5th and a tenacious Tipperary performance saw them come away with full points on a score line of Tipperary 3-8 Sligo 1-9.

Declan Browne was the architect of two second-half goals for Eamon Hanrahan and Damien O'Brien to finish in the 47th and

65th minutes.

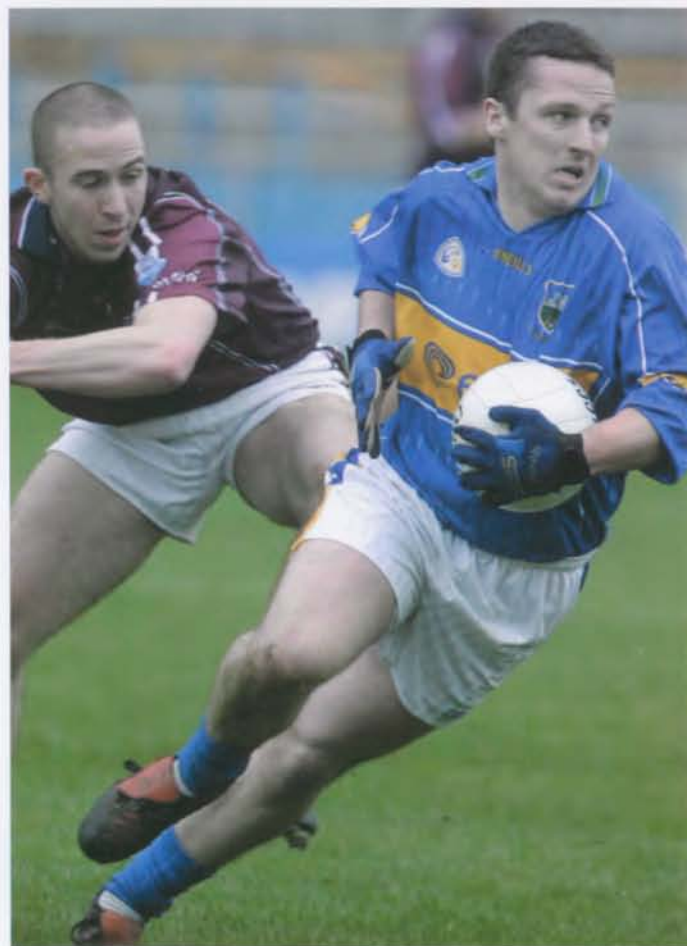
Tipperary were rocked in the 15th minute when a Shane Stenson shot appeared to take a deflection before ending up in the net to give Dom Corrigan's side a comfortable five-point cushion.

Brian Mulvihill drilled the ball to the net two minutes before half time to reduce Sligo's lead to 1-5 to 1-4 at the break. Mark Breheny then converted a free before Hanrahan's goal put Tipp ahead for the first time.

A point separated the teams when O'Brien bagged Tipperary's third goal but points by Browne and Niall Fitzgerald sealed it.

Tipperary lined out as follows:

Paul Fitzgerald, Peter King Niall Kelly, Andrew Morrissey, Michael Phelan, Robbie Costigan, Cian Maher, Eamon Hanrahan (1-0), George Hannigan, Aidan Fitzgerald, Benny Hickey (0-1), Niall Fitzgerald (0-2), Brian Mulvihill (1-2), Declan Browne (0-3), Damian O'Brien (1-0)



Declan Browne gets away from John Keane (Westmeath) in the NFL match at Semple Stadium.

SUBS Brian Coen for Aidan Fitzgerald, Mark Peters for George Hannigan, Hugh Coughlan for Niall Fitzgerald, Stephen Murphy for Benny Hickey, Ian Browne, Hugh Bannon, Aaron Kelly

Tipperary's second game in the league was against Westmeath in Semple Stadium on February 11th and after their victory in the opening game coupled with was a fine display against

Westmeath in the All Ireland Qualifiers in 2005 Tipperary had every chance heading in to this game. But it was Westmeath who made it two wins out of two and not Tipperary. Tipperary certainly had their chances in this match but overall, Westmeath were the better team. Tipperary learned a lot from this game, especially in defence where Robbie Costigan played very well at centre-back. The fact that the entire Westmeath half-forward line was replaced tells its own story. Andrew Morrissey at left corner-back had an excellent game also as well as wing-back and captain Michael Phelan. Tipperary did well at midfield with Eamon Hanrahan and George Hannigan doing some good things. Up front, Declan Browne scored 5 points from play on very limited possession.

Tipperary lined out as follows:

Paul Fitzgerald, Peter King, Niall Kelly, Andrew Morrissey, Michael Phelan, Robbie Costigan, Cian Maher, Eamon Hanrahan (0-2), George Hannigan, Aidan Fitzgerald Benny Hickey (0-1), Niall Fitzgerald, Brian Mulvihill, Declan Browne (0-5), Damian O'Brien (0-1)
 SUBS: Mark Peters for Aidan Fitzgerald, Brian Lacey for Benny Hickey, Stephen Murphy for Peter King, Ian Browne, Brian Coen, Hugh Coghlan, Hugh Bannon, Aaron Kelly, Aidan Foley Glen Burke

Tipperary's next game was away to Cavan on March 5th in Breffni Park and one would have to say that the Tipperary lads were very much the under dogs in this one especially when one takes into account the result between the sides in the league twelve months earlier in Ardfinnan. But on this occasion Tipperary were very unlucky not to claim a victory and were defeated by the narrowest of margins following a brilliant display in the final quarter of the game. Cavan were five points in front with 10 minutes left before Tipp produced a late rally leaving one point between the teams with the game deep into injury time.

At this stage Cavan were down to 13 players and, as they had already introduced their five subs, injured defender Páraic Reilly could not be replaced. But there was no time for any more drama. The final score was Cavan 0 13 Tipperary 1 09.

Tipperary lined out as follows:

Paul Fitzgerald, Peter King, Niall Kelly, Andrew Morrissey, Michael Phelan, Robbie Costigan, Cian Maher, Eamon Hanrahan, George Hannigan, Brian Lacey, Benny Hickey (0-1), Niall Fitzgerald, Brian Coen Declan Browne (0-4), Brian Mulvihill
 SUBS Mark Peters (0-2) for Benny Hickey, Philip Austin for Brian Coen, Aidan Fitzgerald for Niall Kelly, Aidan Foley for Cian Maher, Ian Browne, Hugh Coghlan (0-2), Stephen Murphy, Aaron Kelly, Glen Burke Own Goal (1-0)

Next up for Tipperary was a home encounter with Louth, a team that Tipperary always found hard to overcome and this

was the case in this game also as Louth made it four wins out of four and looked very impressive in doing so. In a scrappy contest, Mayo referee Michael Daly awarded no fewer than 57 frees and dismissed Tipp's Mark Peters on a second yellow card in the second half. Tipperary missed two goal chances in the first half and this came back to haunt them as they trailed by 0-5 to 1-4 at the interval. The only goal arrived in the 20th minute when Darren Clarke's quickly taken free caught Tipp napping and John O'Brien finished to the net.

Three pointed frees from Declan Browne in reply to scores from Aaron Hoey and Darren Clarke cut the deficit to three points early in the second half, but the sending off of Peters was a big blow to Tipp's chances and the high-flying visitors went on to seal victory with points from Mark Brennan, John O'Brien and Trevor O'Brien.

Tipperary lined out as follows:

Paul Fitzgerald, Aidan Foley, Peter King, Andrew Morrissey, Mark Peters, Robbie Costigan, Cian Maher, Eamon Hanrahan, Aidan Fitzgerald, Brian Lacey, Declan Browne (0-7), Brian Mulvihill, Brian Coen, Benny Hickey, Damien O'Brien (0-1)
 SUBS: Glen Burke for Brian Coen, Philip Austin for Brian Mulvihill, George Hannigan (0-1) for Cian Maher, Ian Browne, Hugh Coghlan, Robbie Cremin, Stephen Murphy, Kevin Mulryan, Aaron Kelly

Tipperary who still had only one victory in the league now had to travel to Dungarvan to face old rivals Waterford in a game they just had to win and not for the first time, the sheer class of Declan Browne steered Tipperary to victory. Browne was the difference between the sides, his first-half display, in particular, setting up the win. Named at centre-forward on the match programme, the Moyle Rovers clubman took up his more accustomed full-forward berth at the throw-in and from there proceeded to torment the home defence. Browne adopted a roving commission on the turnover, winning liberal ball around the half back line and midfield, and for all their territorial pressure in the closing quarter Waterford never seriously threatened to erase their half time deficit. Peter King, Brian Mulvihill and Eamon Hanrahan also were very impressive.

Tipperary lined out as follows:

Paul Fitzgerald, Paddy O'Flaherty, Peter King, Andrew Morrissey, Mark Peters, Robbie Costigan, Cian Maher, Eamon Hanrahan, Aidan Fitzgerald, George Hannigan, Hugh Coghlan, Benny Hickey (0-1), Philip Austin (0-2), Declan Browne (1-5), Damien O'Brien (0-1)
 SUBS Brian Mulvihill (0-2) for George Hannigan, Kevin Mulryan for Hugh Coghlan, Eamon Ryan, Laurence Coskeran, Brian Coen, Stephen Murphy, Aaron Kelly, Niall Kelly, Glen Burke, Aidan Foley

Next up for Tipperary was the daunting trip to Arklow to play Wicklow on March 26th and the Tipp lads took to the miserable

THE SCORERS IN EACH LEAGUE GAME WERE AS FOLLOWS:

	SLIGO	WESTMEATH	CAVAN	LOUTH	WATERFORD	WICKLOW	ANTRIM
Declan Browne	0-03	0-05	0-04	0-07	1-05	0-05	1-02
Mark Peters			0-02				0-01
Benny Hickey	0-01	0-01	0-01		0-01	0-01	1-01
Damian O'Brien	1-00	0-01		0-01	0-01	0-01	0-03
Glen Burke			1-0 og				
Eamon Hanrahan	1-00	0-02					
Brian Mulvihill	1-02				0-02	1-03	0-01
Hugh Coghlan			0-02				
George Hannigan				0-01			
Philip Austin					0-02		0-04
Niall Fitzgerald	0-02						
Cian Maher							0-01
Brian Lacey							0-01

conditions on the day like the proverbial duck to water as they waded to two more points. A tonic start to the game, which saw them race into a 1-1 lead in three minutes, provided the Tipp men with the ideal platform. The Tipperary goal came from the dynamic Brian Mulvihill who tapped to the net after Declan Browne had forced a super save from Ray Daniels. Mulvihill was just one of a livewire full-forward who between them accounted for all but a point of their total. Wicklow's woes continued as six minutes into the new half Gary Duffy was sent off on a second yellow. Wicklow's second half points by Wesley Callaghan and Jonathan Daniels did not come until the last three minutes. This victory brought the Tipperary tally to three wins in the league so far.

Tipperary lined out as follows:

Paul Fitzgerald, Paddy O'Flaherty, Peter King, Andrew Morrissey, Mark Peters, Robbie Costigan, Cian Maher, Eamon Hanrahan, Aidan Fitzgerald, Philip Austin, Brian Lacey, Benny Hickey (0-1), Brian Mulvihill (1-3), Declan Browne (0-5), Damien O'Brien (0-1)

SUBS: Michael Phelan for Paddy O'Flaherty, Stephen Murphy for Philip Austin, Niall Kelly for Damian O'Brien, Eamon Ryan, Hugh Coghlan, George Hannigan, Aidan Foley

Tipperary's final game in the League saw them welcome the men from the Glens Antrim and Tipperary rounded off their best league campaign in years, with their third win on the trot. Tipperary just missed out on promotion, but the manner in which they came from 10 points down in the first half to overhaul Antrim gave them a perfect morale boost ahead of the championship. Antrim started well and goals by Kevin Brady and Tony Scullion saw them surge into a 2-6 to 0-2 lead. Tipp, however, finished the half with a flourish - Benny Hickey netted in the 32nd minute and Declan Browne added another goal in injury time to leave the sides level at 2-6 each at the break. Antrim regained the lead after the break, but Tipp finished with five unanswered points to clinch victory.



Tipperary centre-back Robbie Costigan gets the ball away against Antrim in the NFL game at Semple Stadium

Tipperary lined out as follows:

Paul Fitzgerald, Michael Phelan, Peter King, Andrew Morrissey, Mark Peters (0-1), Robbie Costigan, Cian Maher (0-1), Eamon Hanrahan, Aidan Fitzgerald, Philip Austin (0-4), Brian Lacey (0-1), Benny Hickey (1-0), Brian Mulvihill (0-1), Declan Browne (1-2), Damien O'Brien (0-3)

SUBS: Kevin Mulryan for Aidan Fitzgerald, Eamon Ryan, Stephen Murphy, Hugh Coghlan, Niall Kelly, George Hannigan, Aidan Foley, Paddy O'Flaherty, Kevin Quinlan

Next stop for Tipperary was an unenviable trip to Killarney to play Kerry on June 11th and a game where all but the hardened Tipperary Football Supporters gave Tipperary no chance. Tipperary begun this game rather sluggishly and found themselves behind by six points after eighteen minutes, the moving of Declan Browne to the forty seemed to kick start Tipperary's challenge and they opened their account in the 20th minute when Kevin Mulryan found Damien O'Brien, and centre back Robbie Costigan was at his shoulder to drill the ball to the Kerry net. There was a significant improvement in Tipp's overall play after Costigan goaled. Browne followed with a 26th-minute score from play to further boost them and got an even better score from the left wing five minutes. At the break, it was 0-8 to 1-3. Browne put over a free three minutes into the second half to leave just a point between the sides, but Kerry responded with three quick scores to take a tight grip on the game. With Andrew Morrissey doing very good work at corner back, Tipperary also made a certain amount of ground at mid-field, but they found it very difficult to make progress at half forward. With Browne frustrated by the combination of badly-directed ball and the effectiveness of Kerry's defensive play, the supply route for scores just dried up. After Brian Lacey went off following a second yellow card eight minutes from the end, Tipperary almost snatched a goal through Damian O'Brien, but 'keeper Diarmuid Murphy made a fine save, as did his opposite number on the Tipp team, Paul Fitzgerald, in denying Ronan O'Connor. Tipperary had a number of fine performances in this game and none more so than Michael Phelan who did a fantastic job marking Gooch Cooper, but unfortunately for the Tipperary captain and his defensive colleagues their efforts were not enough and Kerry ended up winning on a score line of Kerry 0-17 Tipperary 1-5.

Tipperary lined out as follows:

Paul Fitzgerald, Michael Phelan, Peter King, Andrew Morrissey, Mark Peters, Robbie Costigan (1-0), Cian Maher, Kevin Mulryan, Eamon Hanrahan, Philip Austin, Damian O'Brien, Brian Lacey, Brian Mulvihill, Declan Browne (0-5), Benny Hickey

SUBS: Niall Fitzgerald for Benny Hickey, Aidan Fitzgerald for Eamon Hanrahan, George Hannigan for Kevin Mulryan, Ian Browne, Niall Kelly, Aidan Foley, Edward Connolly, Brian Coen, Stephen Murphy, Kevin Quinlan, Michael Lynagh, Paddy O'Flaherty, Hugh Coghlan

Tipperary now had to re-group and begin focusing upon the All-Ireland Qualifiers where they had been drawn to play Longford and to make things that little bit more difficult Tipperary had to make the trip to Longford for the game. Tipperary travelled to the midlands full of hope after their showing against Kerry in the Munster semi-final, but they came up against a Longford team that has been growing in confidence this summer. And Tipperary travelled to the midlands full of hope after their showing against Kerry in the Munster semi-final but they came up against a Longford team that has been growing in confidence this summer. Tipperary had taken the lead after just 19 seconds through Benny Hickey but by the time Declan Browne capitalised on a Cathal Conefrey

error to score his second and Tipperary's third point after 16 minutes, Longford had raced into a 1-6 to 0-3 lead. In the minutes before half-time, Tipperary had their best spell with Benny Hickey, Browne and Damian O'Brien (2) all scoring but David Barden and Brian Kavanagh did enough to keep Longford 1-9 to 0-7 ahead at the break. Tipperary's dangerman Browne was kept very quiet by Conefrey in the second half and with his influence limited, Longford continued to grow in confidence. After 15 minutes the lead had been stretched to 1-14 to 0-9 and Brian Mulvihill's goal did little to rally Tipperary, who could manage just one more point. Longford tagged on nine more points, To leave the final score Longford 1-23 Tipperary 1-10. After the game Tipperary Manager Seamus McCarthy conceded that Tipperary had been outplayed and beaten by a better team on the day.

Tipperary lined out as follows:

Paul Fitzgerald, Michael Phelan, Cian Maher, Andrew Morrissey, Edward Connolly, Niall Fitzgerald, Robbie Costigan, Kevin Mulryan, Mark Peters, Philip Austin, Damian O'Brien (0-2), Benny Hickey (0-3), Brian Mulvihill (1-0), Declan Browne (0-4), Brian Lacey (0-1)
SUBS: George Hannigan for Kevin Mulryan, Kevin Quinlan for Mark Peters, Stephen Murphy for Declan Browne, Ian Browne, Niall Kelly, Aidan Foley, Michael Lynagh, Paddy O'Flaherty, Hugh Coghlan, Niall Curran

This rather comprehensive defeat signalled the end of Tipperary's interest in the 2006 Championship campaign and it was now back to defending their Tommy Murphy Trophy won the year previously. Tipperary were drawn to play neighbours and old rivals Waterford in the first round which was played in Dungarvan on July 22nd. This was a game where Declan Browne produced an exhibition of point scoring to edge Tipperary to victory. Those present were treated to a magnificent ten points display by the Moyle Rovers man. Having led by 1-3 to 0-5 at the interval thanks in the main to a very soft 18th minute goal by Gary Hurney, Waterford had extended the lead to two points when Mick Aherne was sent off and with his departure Tipp, and Browne, took over. Browne kicked four glorious points from play between the 51st and 59th minute to ease his side into a 0-11 to 1-6 lead. To Waterford's credit they never stopped trying and had a couple more scores. But fittingly, it was Browne who had the final say with another point from a free to secure the win for Tipperary leaving the final score Tipperary 0-12 Waterford 1-7.

Tipperary lined out as follows:

P. Fitzgerald; M. Phelan, A. Foley, A. Morrissey; P. O'Flaherty, R. Costigan, C. Maher; K. Mulryan, N. Fitzgerald; P. Austin, B. Lacey (0-01), B. Hickey; D. O'Brien, H. Coghlan(0-01), D. Browne.(0-10)
Subs: M. Peters for Phelan; G. Hannigan for Coghlan; M. Lynagh for N. Fitzgerald.

Tipperary's prize for winning this game was a tough assignment against Leitrim in a game which was played in Semple Stadium on Saturday 29th. The task of winning this game was made very difficult as Tipperary had to line out minus the services of Declan Browne who was getting married the same day plus the fact that the premier boys were also minus a number of players through injury and club duties.

Tipperary never really got out of the blocks in this game and it was the visitors who edged in to the lead from an early stage in the game and lead by 0-08 to 1-03 at half time, Tipperary's goal coming from Cahir's Benny Hickey in the 30th minute.

The story of the second half was how time and time again the Leitrim defence broke down Tipperary attacks and more often than not ended up scoring. Tipperary got their first score of the second half in the 26th min when Captain Michael Phelan con-

verted a free. Tipperary had the last score of the game, an injury time free from Phelan but they never engineered any sort of goal chance, the only thing that might have given them any sort of chance.

The final score was Leitrim 0-14, Tipperary 1-6

Tipperary lined out as follows:

P. Fitzgerald, M. Phelan (0-2), A. Foley, A. Morrissey, P. O'Flaherty, R. Costigan, C. Maher, K. Mulryan, B. Lacey, K. Quinlan, P. Austin (0-2), M. Peters (0-1), D. O'Brien (0-1), H. Coghlan, B. Hickey (1-0).
Subs: M. Lynagh for Coghlan (20 mins), P. King for Quinlan (HT), S. Sweeney for Peters (50 mins), E. Hanrahan for Foley (53 mins), E. Connolly for Hickey (68 mins).

The loss of this game signalled the end of the season for the Tipperary senior football team and indeed the end of an era for team Manager who along with selector Colm O'Flaherty decided to call it a day.

Junior Football:

Tipperary Junior footballers were drawn to play Kerry in the Munster Semi-final in a game which was played as a curtain raiser to the senior game in Killarney. This was a game that with out any doubt Conor O'Dwyer's men should have won easily. But missed chances both from play and indeed from placed balls were to prove crucial and the Tipperary lads ended up loosing by the narrowest of margins after an injury-time point by substitute Kieran Foley saw Kerry through to the Munster JFC final after a thrilling finish. Kerry were fortunate as Tipperary dominated midfield but they lacked a finisher and only led by 0-5 to 0-4 at the interval. Kerry were level by the 50th minute. They moved two points clear, but Tipp fought back to draw, only for Foley to send over the winner in injury time.

Tipperary lined out as follows:

N Cahalan; K Halley, J Dunne, B Hahessy; L Everard, D Peters, P Blake; K Maguire(0-01), A Keating; A Walsh, D Lyons, M Dillon(0-02); M Cahill(0-03), O Lloyd, E Short.
Subs: T Doyle(0-01) for Lloyd, D Boland(0-01) for Everard, S Stapleton(0-01) for Walsh, D Peters for Dillon.

Under 21 Football:

The Tipperary Under 21 footballers had an unsuccessful outing in their Munster Championship game against Cork in Limerick on April 1st when they suffered a rather comprehensive 1-06 to 4-14 defeat. Cork were rampant in the first half and led by 2-8 to 0-2 at the interval. Tipperary fought back well early in the second half to bring the deficit down to 2-13 to 1-6. However, Cork finished the stronger team and ran out winners by 19 points.

Tipperary lined out as follows:

Ian Browne, Barry Gibbons, Aidan Foley, Robbie Cremin, Danny Madigan, Edward Connolly, David Morrissey, George Hannigan, Kevin Quinlan (0-1), Stephen Murphy, Philip Austin (0-1), Laurence Coskeran, Brian Mulvihill (1-4), Padraic Kelly, Timmy Byrnes,
SUBS: Martin Dunne for David Morrissey, Darrell Darcy for Timmy Byrnes, Richie McGrath for Aidan Foley, John R. Murphy for Padraic Kelly, Ciaran McGrath for George Hannigan, Mark Tobin, Peter Hally, Liam O'Gorman, Paul Johnston

Minor Footballers:

Once again this year Peter Creedon and his management took on the task of developing a Minor football team which would

be able to compete with the best in Munster and further a field. Before a ball was kicked in the Munster Championship the Tipperary Minor Footballers had been well and truly put through their paces both in training and in the many challenge games they played. They also took part in the Leinster League Competition.

The first round of the Munster Minor Championship saw Tipperary travelling to Abbeyfeale to play Kerry. This was one of the finest games of football at this grade for many years and one of the best performances by a Tipperary Minor football side in quiet some time. However despite Tipperary's excellent efforts they were pipped by three points in the end. The Tipp boys now travelled to the Gaelic Grounds in Limerick for a must win game against Clare in the losers group and win they did on a score line of Tipperary 0-11 Clare 1-07 much to the delight of the blue and gold contingent, who had made the short trip over the border. This victory meant that Tipperary would now face a very fancied Cork side in the Munster Semi Final which was played in The Gaelic Grounds on Thursday June 29th. Tipperary went in to the game as firm underdogs but showed a tenacious will to win and determination that stood to them in the final few minutes of the match. Timmy Dalton proved to be the hero for the Premier County finishing with 1-4 on the night. Dalton showed his intentions early on with two exquisite points that put Tipperary into an early lead. 15 minutes in and Shane Quinlan had the first goal of the match after being played through by Dalton that left Tipperary up 1-3 to 0-1. And three successive points from Stephen Browne, Tim Dalton and Sean Carey put a bit of daylight between the teams coming towards the end of the first half. The half time score was Tipperary 1-06 to Corks 0-03.

Cork showed they wouldn't go down without a fight as they quickly tore into the Tipperary lead after the restart and just when it seemed Cork had Tipp on the rack the Premier men hit back with a magnificent goal coming from the star of the show Dalton to edge them back in front. Cork rallied late on with a goal coming from Colm O'Neil that ensured a nerve racking final few minutes but Tipperary held on to win by the minimum of margins and set up a re match with Kerry in the Munster final.

The Munster final took place in Killarney on July 9th and after Tipperary's previous performance against Kerry in the earlier rounds they went to the game relatively confident but they failed to emulate the achievements of their predecessors of 1995 who beat Cork in the final. This year's vintage looked to be in with a chance when they trailed red-hot favourites Kerry by a point at the interval. The Kingdom had enjoyed the benefit of a strong wind but were wasteful with their scoring opportunities and if Tipp were to turn things round they would need to strike early following the interval. However, the Premier challenge was rocked by an early Kingdom scoring blitz of 1-4 without reply which effectively ended the provincial final as a contest early in the second half. Two points from play was a poor return for the Tipperary minors, who toiled well particularly in the first 30 minutes but ultimately failed to bring the sparkling form that rattled Cork in the Munster semi-final.

Tipperary lined out as follows:

Matthew O'Donnell, John Coughlan, David Buckley, Christopher Aylward, Darragh O'Brien, Paddy Codd capt., Brian Fox, Philip Donnellan, Tony Dunne, Sean Carey (0-2), Brian Jones, Shane Quinlan, David Keogh (0-1), Timmy Dalton (0-5), Stephen Browne

SUBS:
Ciaran Coen for Stephen Browne, Paddy Murphy for Darragh O'Brien, Michael Doyle for Sean Philip, Donnellan Damien

McCormack for Sean Carey, Keith McMahon, Diarmuid O'Sullivan, Brendan Walsh, Seamus Grogan, Sean Keating

Although defeated Tipperary's involvement in the All Ireland Championship was not yet over and they were drawn to play Roscommon in the Quarter Final played in Tullamore on July 29th. The Tipperary lads seemed to be some what over whelmed by the occasion and never seemed to be able to cope with a rather slick and determined Roscommon side who ended up winners in the end on a score line of Tipperary 0-06 Roscommon 1-12.

Tipperary lined out as follows:

Matthew O'Donnell, John Coughlan, David Buckley, Darragh O'Brien, Christopher Aylward, Paddy Codd capt., Brian Fox, Philip Donnellan, Paddy Murphy (0-1), Michael Doyle, Tony Dunne, Shane Quinlan, Timmy Dalton (0-4), Brian Jones, Sean Carey

SUBS:

Seamus Grogan (0-1), for Brian Jones, David Keogh for Michael Doyle, Cathal Scully for Shane Quinlan Damien McCormack for Sean Carey, Stephen Browne for Paddy Murphy, Keith McMahon, Diarmuid O'Sullivan, Brendan Walsh, Sean Keating

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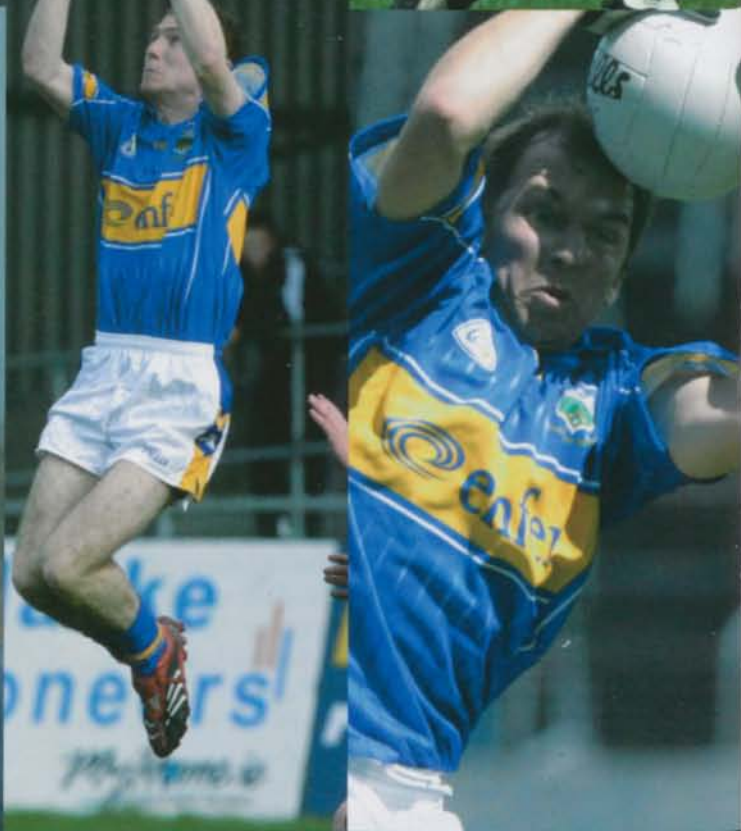
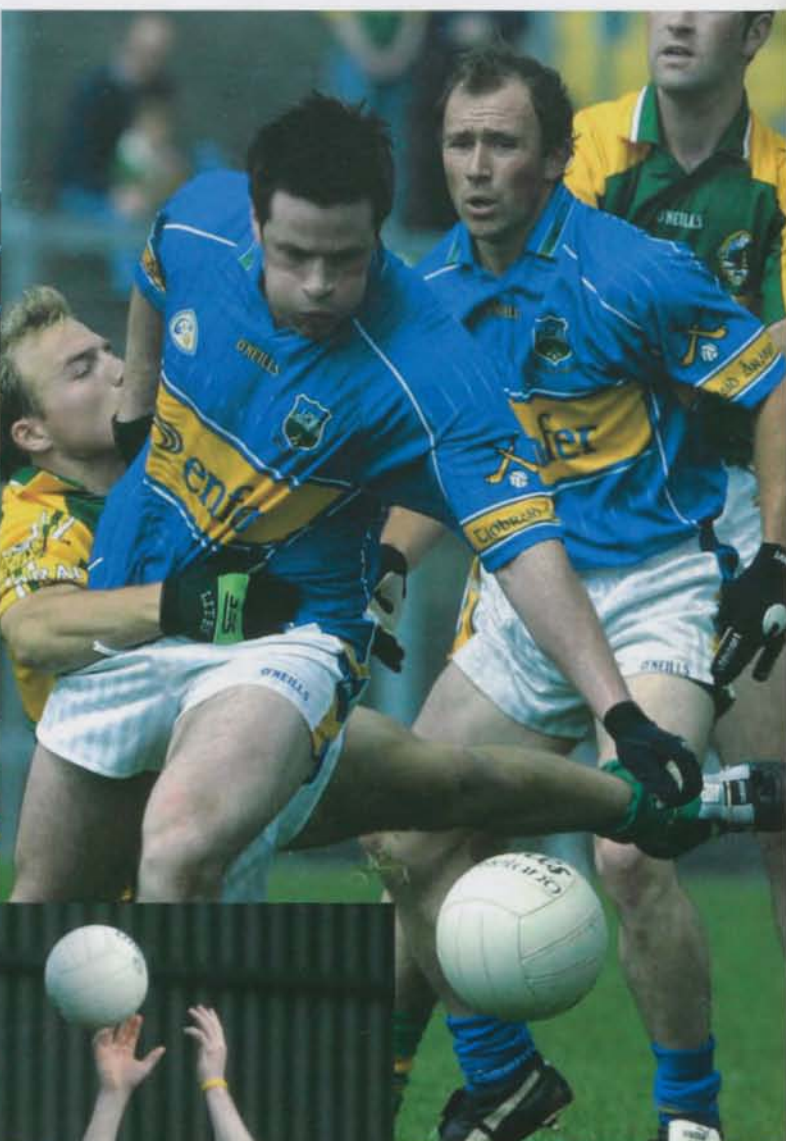
The Annual General meeting of the Friends of Tipperary Football took place on Tuesday, April 25th in Hayes Hotel Thurles at 9:00pm. Outgoing Chairman JJCrowley stepped down and was succeeded as Chairman by Con Ryan of Drom & Inch. Walty Moloney of Fethard was elected as Vice-Chairman. All other officers were returned unopposed. The full list of officers elected is as follows - Patron - Archbishop Dr. Clifford; President - Pat Moroney (Aherlow); Chairman - Con Ryan (Drom & Inch); Vice-Chairman - Walty Moloney (Fethard); Secretary - Seamus McCarthy (Galtee Rovers); Treasurer - Michael "Spike" Nolan (Kildangan); Assistant Treasurer - Michael Power (Newcastle); PRO - Jonathan Cullen (Loughmore-Castleiney).

It was decided that more work needed to be put in so as to extend the membership of the committee and so under the Chairmanship of Walter Moloney a small sub committee was set up with the aim of providing methods to both increase membership and also raise some funds. It was decided that membership cards would be sold at a cost of €10 and this would be an integral way of increasing Membership, Raising Funds and creating a membership data base for future reference. In total, 787 people joined the Friends of Tipperary Football for 2006. and on the Wednesday night previous to the All Ireland Football Final, each of the members were entered in to a draw for a pair of tickets to the All-Ireland Senior Football Final between Kerry and Mayo. Congratulations to Ann Dalton of Arravale Rovers (mother of Minor dual star Timmy Dalton) who was the lucky winner of this draw.

The next fundraising activity which was organised by the friends was the annual Golf Classic which was held in Cahir Golf Club and under the leadership of Seamus McCarthy, Colm O Flaherty and Cahir Golf Clubs John Costigan this event once again proved to be a overwhelming success with teams being entered from all over Tipperary and further a field.

Sympathies:

The year 2006 saw the passing of some fantastic GAA people and all concerned with the Tipperary Football Board would like to take this opportunity to offer the sympathies of the Football Board to all families who lost someone close to them, during the past twelve months. May all their souls rest in peace.



Bottom left: Tipperary Management team watch the action of the Munster SFC semi-final (l to r) Colm O'Flaherty, Jim Healy, Seamus McCarthy (Manager) and John Owens.
 Top left: Former Tipperary football goalie Philly Ryan was at Fitzgerald Stadium Killarney supporting Tipperary junior and senior footballers in the Munster championship against Kerry. Philly is with his wife Anne and children Katie, Aimee and Shane.
 Top right: Tipperary's Peter King gets ahead of Kerry's Darren O'Sullivan supported by Andrew Morrissey in the Munster SFC at Killarney
 Bottom middle: Brian Mulvihill goes highest to gain possession against Longford in the All-Ireland Qualifier match at Longford
 Bottom right: Cian Maher holds the ball against Leitrim in the Murphy Cup at Semple Stadium

Fond Farewell To Seamus McCarthy.

By John Guiton (Tipperary Star)

It speaks volumes for the esteem enjoyed by Seamus McCarthy that when he indicated last September that he was standing down as Tipperary Senior Football Manager the announcement was met with regret far beyond the Premier County.

Tipperary football may not rank among the elite of the game, but, Seamus McCarthy pioneered it's development with a passion that earned him no small measure of success, and a lofty profile in the pantheon of coaches and managers. A towering figure with a gigantic personality, Seamus McCarthy has left a legacy of fond memories to Tipperary football. His links with the big ball code go back to his early years in his native Bansha where he grew up in a proud family and parish GAA tradition. The McCarthy name is synonymous with Galtee Rovers and Tipperary football, and Seamus had the honour of wearing the Blue and Gold in almost all grades. He was one of the unsung heroes of Tipperary football in the seventies as the side left no stone unturned in it's quest for elusive league and championship success. But it was his role in later years in coaching and managing county teams in all grades that earned him most recognition.

After figuring prominently in the success of his club Galtee Rovers, and playing for Tipp for many years, Seamus sprung to prominence in coaching circles by guiding Tipperary to an unforgettable Munster minor title in 1984. While, unfortunately, All-Ireland success eluded him, the enormity of his achievement in leading one of the most talented underage sides to wear the Blue and Gold all the way to Croke Park, left an indelible mark on the growth of football in the county, and inspired success in later years at junior and senior level. It marked a very important step in moulding the senior careers of several young players, such as victorious minor captain Brian Burke.

In a natural progression, Seamus subsequently took charge of U21 teams, bringing with him many of his successful minor squad. Boy, how close they came to making a championship breakthrough! Narrow defeats were truly heartbreaking. McCarthy's name was now synonymous with Tipperary football, and it came as no real surprise when he was appointed senior team manager in the early nineties. It marked the beginning of a career that marked him out as the most successful football coach in the history of the Premier County.

He helped considerably to raise the profile of Tipperary in the football world when he guided the county to Munster senior final appearances in 1993 and 1994, and led them to a much cherished All-Ireland Junior success in 1998. But, while reaching the Munster finals, and experiencing the buzz that surrounded a new dawn for football in the county, gave Seamus wonderful satisfaction, the highlights of his career in senior team management was undoubtedly capturing the All-Ireland 'B' title in 1995, and the Tommy Murphy Cup in the splendid Croke Park amphitheatre last year.

McCarthy and his colleagues shed tears of joy when Declan Browne lifted the Murphy Cup on that memorable Autumn day. Winning the Murphy Cup was truly a fitting reward for the Bansha native whose passion for his county saw him in the role of senior team manager for two periods (92-96 and 04-06).

Seamus was delighted to accept the invitation to return to the role as Manager of the senior team in late 2004. He viewed it as "a great challenge" and when he stepped down from the position last September he said he had enjoyed every minute of his time involved in the game. "I've always enjoyed Tipperary football, it's a passion for me, and it's something that I have always been involved in." Seamus commented. Thanking everybody who inspired and supported him in his years involved, he spoke in glowing terms of the "non-stop commitment" of so many people in the campaign to enhance the football fortunes of the county.

A man firmly committed to the belief that counties like Tipp, endeavouring to make their mark, must continue to blood young players at senior level, he took great satisfaction from introducing new names to the ranks in the last two years. "That's important in any county. This year some of them were playing with each other for the first time in the championship against Kerry, and did extremely well, and they can only get better as time goes on" he said. Seamus, whose special contribution to Tipperary football earned him the prestigious 'Tipperary Person of the Year' award some years ago, stepped down from the top job after the demands associated with it became "too great."

Manager of Bank of Ireland branch in Bandon, Seamus resides in Kinsale, and, understandably enough, found that the demands of travelling to and from training sessions and matches "became far too difficult. "To be fair to my family, my work colleagues, players and all concerned in Tipperary football, it was time I took a serious look at the situation, and I decided it was time to step aside." he said.

On announcing his retirement Seamus stated - Every time I've been involved in Tipperary football teams, it's something that I enjoyed, trying to make a contribution and supporting the county. I'd like to think we've all made some sort of meaningful contribution over the years. Known the length of breadth of Ireland, and having served as Munster selector on interprovincial teams with his good friend, Kerry great Paidi O'Se, Seamus McCarthy can indeed be proud of his mammoth contribution to football in this country.

A firm, fair, shrewd, and at all times honourable team boss, McCarthy endeared himself to GAA people everywhere. Fiercely determined while in charge on the sidelines, Seamus was always the first to extend a sporting hand in victory or defeat, and he can certainly hold his head high as he walks away from intercounty management. It is, indeed, a measure of his utter devotion to the Blue and Gold that he resisted offers from other counties down through the years to steer their fortunes. And many a county would have wished to avail of his services.

On a personal note, this scribe wishes to be associated with the very many tributes paid to Seamus, and thank him for many years of help, kindness, courtesy, and friendship. We wish Seamus every future success, and, look forward to meeting him for chats on match days and no doubt on many an occasion to do with his great love Tipperary football.

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TIPP MINOR FOOTBALL



Top left: Cian Maher holds the ball despite the attentions of Leitrim's Colin Regan in the Murphy Cup at Semple Stadium
 Top right: The tenacious Tipperary corner-back David Buckley comes away with the ball against Kerry in the 1st round of the Munster MFC at Newcastlewest.
 Bottom right: Tipperary minor dual star Tony Dunne in determined mood against Kerry at Newcastlewest.
 Bottom left: Tipperary Minor football Manager Peter Creedon.

John Moloney

by J.J. Kennedy

In the words of Shakespeare most of us 'strut and fret our hour upon the stage and then are heard no more'. For most people life is brief and unremarkable. There are a few, though, whose lives enrich the world and whose influence lasts beyond the grave. They leave a footprint in the sands of time. John Moloney was such a man.

For one who never held high office in any sphere of life his influence was extraordinary. Those who knew him were affected by his charismatic personality. The refereeing portfolio was, of course, a claim to fame – and a very rich claim at that – but it was only part of the impact. His influence went way beyond his 'whistling' ability. In the aftermath of his sudden death on Friday October 6th one was left with the abiding image of a man who had a profound influence on all who knew him.

It was surely the warmth and sincerity of the personality that endeared him most to people. At the time I began as West Tipp P.R.O. in 1980 I'd never spoken to John Moloney. Almost immediately, and without any introduction, he was addressing me on first name terms. When a man as famous as John Moloney did that, it made you feel important.

It was that same personal touch, which became such a recognisable feature of his refereeing style. His authority as referee was never based just on the power of the rules and regulations but rather on the strength of his personality. Studying video footage of games in order to be familiar with the first names of inter-county players was a favourite tactic. But I heard him address players similarly in the most insignificant junior club matches. I used to wonder how he knew the names but then I realised the trick: he listened carefully to the verbal interaction between players and picked up on the names in the process.

Speaking of refereeing and the demands of the job he always stressed the importance of common sense, a quality that he had in abundance. An incident from the 1989 County Final underlines the point. Clonoulty's Cecil Ryan was annoyed by a decision and rushed out to remonstrate. In the process he made physical contact with the referee. Was it accidental or deliberate? An over officious referee would have reacted hastily and dismissed the Clonoulty man. John didn't. Instead he booked the player, imposed his authority and a suitably chastened Cecil resumed the match.

Ironically his refereeing career began by accident. It was back in the 1950s on an occasion when Cashel were playing Solohead in a minor football game in Hickey's field, Bansha. The appointed referee failed to turn up and John was pressed into action. From such inglorious starts great glories follow. He had a 'natural' temperament for refereeing and was soon progressing in this tough occupation.

I remember him telling me of a particular milestone in his early career. The G.A.A. was split in Cashel and the two halves, King Cormacs and Crokes, met at Golden. John was appointed to adjudicate and innocently arrived for the fixture, unaware of the bitter local politics of the situation. Teddy Landers, John Currihan and a few other Golden lads tipped him off about what to expect. When the expected duly happened he was ready. It wasn't an era when players were easily sent off but John dispatched two early in the match. His reputation rose another notch as a result.

His rise to prominence as a referee was reasonably rapid. In 1965 he refereed his first inter-county game, a junior hurling tie between Waterford and Limerick at Dungarvan. 1967 was a highlight year in his career. On St. Patrick's Day he took charge of the Railway Cup football final between Ulster and Connacht and the following September he was the man in the middle for the All Ireland football final between Cork and Meath. In 1969 he did his second football final between Kerry and Offaly. By the late sixties the man from Bansha had established himself as one of the top referees in the country.

As his career expanded he was in much demand, refereeing county finals in Cork, Offaly, Limerick, Clare and Kilkenny. He brought to the job an element of professionalism – that is professionalism without the money. His preparation for games was meticulous. Today you sometimes hear of referees withdrawing from club games in the lead up to an important appointment. John Moloney had the opposite view. He liked games before a major engagement, feeling that it sharpened his reactions.

It was part of his approach to maintain a high fitness level at all times. He also pioneered the distinctive gear that is now commonplace for referees, linesmen and umpires. A flick through important rules was always part of his preparation before big games particularly.

The 1970s saw John Moloney the referee at his peak. In '73 he officiated at his third All Ireland football final; Cork and Galway were the teams involved. The following year he did his only hurling final as Kilkenny dethroned Limerick. In '75 he was in charge for the Kerry v. Dublin football final and two years later he took charge of Armagh versus Dublin. At this stage he was clearly regarded as the king of referees. He twice travelled to America to referee games: in 1969 to New York where he refereed the national hurling league final between Kilkenny and New York; and in '72 to handle an Allstar football game in San Francisco.

Inevitably his career had its critics; it could hardly be otherwise in a profession where it's impossible to please everyone. The famous – or infamous – Mickey Ned O'Sullivan incident in the '75 All Ireland was an item of deep regret for him. Somehow he missed the Dublin elbow that concussed the Kerry player and he spoke later of cringing every time he saw footage of that incident. It was typical of the man that he had no difficulty admitting to errors.

John Moloney refereed eight Munster football finals and Cork people offered criticism on a few of those occasions. Locally in West Tipp there was a widely held view that he had a soft spot for Sean Treacys, the dominant senior hurling force in the division at the time. Other analysts claimed that he tended to favour the team that was trailing in a match. These are quibbles that are impossible to prove or disprove and John himself accepted them as part of the rough-and-tumble of the refereeing job.

His love for his local Galtee Rvs. club was unconditional. He served the club on different occasions as chairman, secretary and treasurer and his work with juveniles in the parish over the years has become the stuff of legend. As he became a revered elder statesman in the parish in later years (he was club President at the time of his death) his advice and general leadership was invaluable. Inevitably if an issue arose John's direction was sought and respected.

Anyone who knew John Moloney understood his passion for the Cumann na Sean Ghael initiative which he so energetically patronised. It fits with the character of the man that he would wish to honour the unsung heroes of the Association. He had a particular 'gra' for the people behind the scenes, the unglamorous but dedicated people who do the bread-and-butter work of the G.A.A. and are rarely feted for their efforts.

His legacy to the West division is particularly rich. He became something of a father figure to younger referees and worked enthusiastically with the referees' association, which he helped to found and served as chairman for many years.

But aside from all the details of his long involvement in refereeing and his obvious expertise in that area, this was a human being of real and genuine substance. He was a man of honesty and integrity and all who knew him were aware that he was simply special. His own playing career was modest (he won a West junior hurling medal in 1960) but that didn't prevent him from being a shrewd judge of the games.

The long stride and the shrill blast of the whistle have now been stilled forever. I began with Shakespeare and I'll end now with another quote that's tailor-made for John Moloney: "His life was gentle and the elements so mixed in him that nature might stand up and say to all the world, 'This was a man'."

Musings & Memories by Philip Ryan

The Recent All-Ireland minor football between Kerry v Roscommon brought back to me memories of another All-Ireland final sixty years ago when both these counties contested the Senior All-Ireland in 1946. It also ended in a draw-though in that case Kerry were the eventual winners. For me it was a very special occasion as it was my first experience of a football final in Croke Park though I had already attended the hurling final in 1945 when Tipp contested both senior and minor finals, but more of that anon.

In that year of 1946 I had just enrolled as a young trainee teacher at St. Patrick's' Drumcondra, a few weeks previous to the final and Croke Park was just a short distance down the road. Eventually the great day arrived and I with my new-found college friend Diarmad, a rabid Kerry football supporter "ó na Cuasa, siar ón Daingean" headed down Drumcondra Road already armed with our student entrance tickets from the College club "The Hopes", which set us back the princely sum of sixpence "a tanner" we called it in the old currency of the time. Soon we were ensconced in the long stand which stretched from the old Hogan stand to the canal end. On a more recent visit to Croke Park as I was borne aloft by escalator to the Corporate section of the Hogan Stand amid all the opulence of bars, gift shops and modern conveniences my thoughts drifted back to that rickety old terraced shed where we pushed and jostled for a position to view the game.

Soon the Kerry team arrived on the park and in no time my Kerry friend had provided me with a pen picture of each player. There was Danno Keefe the goalie already the proud winner of six Celtic crosses. The defenders were Dinny and Jacky Lyne, uncles of the Spillanes of a later generation; Joe Keohane and Paddy Bawn Brosnan; Bill Casey and Eddie Walsh of Knocknagoshel. At centre field was that classy player Paddy Kennedy while the forwards sported such names as Garvey, O'Keefe, Burke and sharp-shooter Gega O'Connor.

Roscommon were no green-horns either. Led by dynamic centre forward Jimmy Murray they sported many famous names I still remember so well - Phelin Murray, Ownsie Hoare, Jack Casserley, Bill Carlos, Eamon Boland, Gilmarten, Frankie Kinlough, Nerney, Jack McQuillan and Donal Keenan who later became President of the G.A.A. After all they had been champions just two years previously and were now back fully intent on re-claiming their crown. The game was balanced on a knife edge for most of the hour but as the closing stages approached Roscommon gradually opened up a six point gap. We were about to slip away deflated when defiant Kerry led by Paddy Burke forced home two last minute goals to force a replay. A fortnight later we were back again in Croke Park armed with our tickets priced six pence but this time Kerry romped home convincing winners. Now, come to think of it, I had seen two marvellous All-Ireland finals for the grand total of one shilling. I wonder could anyone beat that for value for money.

1945 - TIPP REVIVAL

The wartime years of the forties were not too successful for the Premier county with only a belated Munster final in the Foot and Mouth year 1941 to show for their efforts, but 1945 brought a welcome change with both minors and seniors contesting the All-Ireland finals. The minor series had been suspended from 1939 on due to wartime travel difficulties and this was their first year back in action. My brother and I travelled up on the day before the games full of excitement as this was our first trip to Croke Park. I well remember boarding the train in Goolds Cross - a train already packed to the doors - and I still recall the old steam engine belching smoke through carriage windows kept open of necessity because of the intense heat in the jam-packed carriages and corridors. Over four hours later we were glad to reach Kingsbridge station. Next day we were among the first arrivals to Croke Park. When admitted we headed for the side-line and chose seats almost behind the canal goal where we'd hoped to get a first hand view of our local hero Jimmy Maher in the Tipp goal.

Very soon the minor game was on and we looked forward to an easy win over Dublin, as our team had starred all through the qualifying games and we were firm favourites to win in a doddle. On the team were names

such as Seamus Bannon, Paddy Kenny and Pat Stakelum who would later become household names while our own club was represented by Mick Maher, Uncle of current Mid Chairman P.J. Maher. The final result however, was not what we had anticipated as the Dubs., brilliantly led by a young blonde "Cuchulainn" named McEntaggart, who strode the scene like a colossus, easily overcame our best efforts.

The Senior game against old rivals Kilkenny had a more satisfactory outcome. Apart from little Jimmy the Coffey brothers, John and Flor also represented our club while we also had more than a passing interest in near neighbours Jim Devitt, Cashel; Tony Brennan Clonoulty and the Ryan brothers and Tommy Purcell from Moycarkey. I can still see in my mind's eye little Jimmy grabbing the sliothar and carving his way through a clattering cacophony of clashing camans time and again while steadfast defenders staved off every best effort of Kilkenny stars, Langton, Gargan, and Paddy Grace. Goalies were certainly no protected species in those days. Eventually we emerged victorious and we were proud to see John Maher of Killinan, then in the autumn of his career step up to receive the McCarthy cup for his famed club Sarsfields who supplied no less than six players in the first fifteen.

After the game we strolled leisurely around the park savouring the atmosphere of this wonderful arena and we marveled at the wonder - as it was then - of a double decker Cusack Stand built less than a decade previously in 1937. That was the year we had last beaten Kilkenny in Killarney and at that point my mind flashed back to that great idol of my childhood years Lory Meagher. Now I have a confession to make. You see Lory Meagher's name brings to my mind the blackest event in all my years of association with the game of hurling. 'Twas around 1950 and I was a young rookie playing for my club Boherlahan in a tournament game against Tullaroan in Gortnahoe.

'Twas a lovely hot summer's day and in a clash with my opposite number the ball ricocheted over the side-line. A tall stately man whom I knew not immediately called out "Tullaroan ball", I, in my impetuosity told the gentleman in no uncertain terms where to go and I then uttered the simple words I've lived to rue ever since "sure what do you know about hurling anyway". After the game as we were changing in the dressing room I heard Tom Leahy, who was standing close by say, "Isn't Lory Meagher looking well". On hearing his name I immediately asked "Where is he" "See him over there standing by the door" Tom replied. I looked, saw, and nearly fainted. I immediately went over to him, introduced myself and offered my sincerest apologies for my serious lapse of behaviour. He just smiled gently, tapped me on the shoulder and graciously accepted my apology. I'll live to regret it until my dying day and I often wonder if I am the only Gael to have told Lory Meagher, one of the greatest, that he knew nothing about hurling.

Little did I realise, as I gazed around Croke Park that September day in 1945 that every building and stand there, and other stands not yet built would eventually fall to the rock breaker's hammer to give way for that architectural phenomenon which is now Croke Park, a structure that can take its place among the very best in the world and a monument to the foresight and genius of many great leaders of the G.A.A. over the past twenty years.

Now while there is a place for corporate boxes and executive suites in the modern scheme of things let us realise too, that is not Croke Park or Nowlan Park, Páirc Uí Chaoimh or Semple Stadium that maketh the G.A.A. but the tireless and unstinting work of many thousands of dedicated workers in every club in every county from Fair Head to Mizen Head who day in day out nurture and teach the skills of the camán and the football to the thousands of young boys and girls under their care. After all, what would be the use for a "Babs" or Brian Cody; for a Jack O'Connor or Micky Harte if a steady stream of up and coming young talent were not readily available at all times to wear with honour the Black and Amber of the Cats; the Red Hand of the men from the Sperrins; the Blood and Bandage of the Rebels or the Blue and Gold of the Premier County.

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Senior Hurling 2006

Senior Hurling Championship 2006

Hot favourites, Toomevara, turned in a powerful second-half performance at Semple Stadium on October 22 to recapture the Dan Breen Cup. In doing so they became the first holders of third Dan Breen Cup, which was presented to the Tipperary county board by the Third Tipperary Brigade Old IRA, as a replacement for the second cup, which had been in circulation since 1972. During the first half Nenagh Eire Óg put in a spirited display to lead by 2-10 to 0-11 at the interval. But, already before the interval, there were signs that Toomevara were improving and they showed it in no uncertain manner, when they tore into the game on the resumption and confined their opponents to a mere four points during the half.

There was no change from 2005 in the format of the county senior hurling championship. The number of teams taking part was reduced by one with the decision of the Golden-Kilfeacle/Eire Og combination not to affiliate in 2006. There was one other change with the relegation of Templederry and the promotion of Burgess. It meant there were twenty-five teams in the championship, nine from the North, Borrisoleigh, Kildangan, Kilruane MacDonaghs, Moneygall, Nenagh Eire Og, Portroe, Roscrea, Burgess and Toomevara, seven from the Mid, Boherlahan-Dualla, J. K. Brackens, Drom Inch, Holycross-Ballycahill, Loughmore-Castleiney, Thurles Sarsfields, and Upperchurch-Drombane, five from the West, Cappawhite, Cashel, Clonoulty-Rossmore, Galtee Rovers and Kickhams, and four from the South, Ballingarry, Carrick Swan, Killenaule and Mullinahone.

Under the system there was a direct link between the divisional and county championships. Beforehand it was determined that there would be two semi-finals in the North and one from the Mid for county championship purposes, even though the divisions differed in their naming of rounds.

Round Robin

Round One proper took place in the divisions and it saw fourteen teams qualifying for the Round Robin as a result of losing their first-round games. The North provided five teams, Moneygall, Portroe, Nenagh, Burgess and Kilruane, the Mid four, Thurles, Holycross, Loughmore and J. K. Brackens, the West three, Cashel, Cappawhite and Galtee Rovers, and the South two, Ballingarry and Carrick Swans.

These teams were divided into four groups, two with three teams each, and two with four.

Group 1 included Thurles Sarsfields, Cashel King Cormac's and Burgess, with the latter coming through.

Group 2 included Ballingarry, Holycross-Ballingarry, Nenagh

Eire Og and Galtee Rovers, with Nenagh coming through.

In Group 3 were Kilruane MacDonaghs, Loughmore-Castleiney and Portroe, with Loughmore heading the group on points.

Group 4 included Moneygall, Carrick Swans, J. K. Brackens and Cappawhite, with Moneygall winning out on points.

The four Round Robin winners were drawn against the divisional semi-final runners-up. As there were only three semi-finalists, Nenagh Eire Og were given a bye to the next round. Borrisoleigh defeated Burgess by 2-12 to 0-16, Loughmore-Castleiney defeated Roscrea by 1-10 to 0-8, and Upperchurch and Moneygall drew at 2-19 each. In the replay Moneygall were convincing winners by 4-10 to 2-8.

Divisional Finals

The next stage was the winners versus the divisional final runners-up. In the meantime the divisions had completed their business. The West were ahead of the rest with their final taking place at Golden as early as July 9. This game, between Kickhams and Clonoulty-Rossmore, was one of intense commitment and saw Kickhams come out on top by 1-14 to 0-12 to take their seventeenth title. The winners led by 1-6 to 0-5 at the interval and celebrated their first victory out of five attempts since the arrival of the Millennium.

Drom-Inch bridged a twenty-two year gap when they won their third Mid title, defeating Boherlahan-Dualla by 3-13 to 0-16 at Holycross on July 30. The game seemed to be going Boherlahan's way in the first half when, with the aid of a strong breeze, they went on a point-scoring spree, but Drom had the capacity to get goals at vital stages so that Boherlahan had only two points to spare at the interval, when they led by 0-12 to 2-4. The game remained close in the second half until the introduction of Seamus Callanan nine minutes from the end, titled the game in Drom's favour and they went on to win by 3-13 to 0-16.

On the same day Mullinahone regained the South title when they defeated Killenaule by the minimum margin, 2-14 to 1-16, at Clonmel. Ahead by six points with eleven minutes on the clock, Mullinahone were almost caught by a resurgent Killenaule side, who were determined not to lose the trophy they claimed last year after a fifteen-year gap. Killenaule led by 0-10 to 1-6 at the interval.

The North was the third final to be played on July 30. Toomevara were heading for their thirty-first title, when they took on Kildangan, looking for their first since 1943, at Nenagh.

Although they had the breeze in the first half, Kildangan were behind 0-8 to 0-5 at the interval. It looked set to be an easy victo-

ry for Toomevara as they went further ahead soon after the interval, but Kildangan came back against the odds to leave them only a point behind after fifty-five minutes. Sensing danger, Toomevara appeared to accelerate and went on to win by 1-15 to 0-12.

The losing divisional finalists had now to meet the winners that came through from the previous qualifiers. These games were played on the weekend of August 26/27. As if proving the difficulty teams have coming back from defeat, three of the four beaten divisional finalists were to lose. The exception was Kildangan, who defeated Moneygall by 0-16 to 0-15 at Nenagh on August 26, while Nenagh Eire Og got the better of Killenaule by 2-15 to 2-14 at Templemore on August 27, Loughmore-Castleiney defeated Boherlahan-Dualla at The Ragg by 2-18 to 2-8 on the same day, while Borrisoleigh defeated Clonoulty-Rossmore by 3-16 to 1-6 at the same venue, also on August 27.

Quarter-Finals

The stage was now set for the quarter-finals, in which the above winners were pitted against the divisional champions. Three of the champion teams came through, the exception being West champions, Kickhams, who went down to Nenagh Eire Og at Templemore on September 23. In the second game at the same venue, Mullinahone came through by 1-14 to 1-12 against Kildangan. The other two games were played at Nenagh the following day. Toomevara got the better of Loughmore-Castleiney by 2-18 to 2-15, while in the local derby, Drom Inch pipped neighbours, Borrisoleigh, by 2-9 to 1-11.

Semi-Finals

The winners had two weeks to prepare for the semi-finals, which were played at Semple Stadium on October 8. The consensus going into these games was that Drom Inch should get the better of Nenagh Eire Óg and that Toomevara would prove too good for Mullinahone. The games told a different story. In the first game Nenagh Eire Og put an undistinguished opening quarter behind them to take control of the game. The player who helped them turn the game about was full-forward, Noel Maloney, who put them into the lead for the first time with his twenty-seventh minute goal, and he grabbed the lime-light again in the forty-second minute with a second goal that clinched victory. Drom-Inch led by 0-6 to 0-3 after eighteen minutes but the North side dominated the second quarter to lead by 1-8 to 0-7 at the interval. Drom appeared to regain the initiative with two points soon after the interval, but Nenagh regained control and, despite a Drom goal by Seamus Callanan in the fortieth minutes, which reduced the margin to the minimum, 1-11 to 1-10, Nenagh maintained the momentum and Moloney's second goal gave them a massive boost at a critical juncture sending them on to win by 2-14 to 1-13. The second game saw Mullinahone, apparently heading for a

surprise win, ambushed by a sucker goal in the final seconds of the game. Ironically, Mullinahone had come back twice from goals earlier in the game to regain the initiative, and then they had to endure a third killer goal when there was no time left for them to recover. When Tommy Dunne shot a goal in the tenth minute to put Toomevara ahead by 1-3 to 0-2, there was a fear that Mullinahone might crumble. Instead they responded well and led at the interval by 0-10 to 1-6. Toomevara re-started brightly, scoring 1-2 without reply, but again Mullinahone responded brilliantly and with five minutes remaining the sides were level. During this period Mullinahone showed themselves at their best, scrapping for every loose ball and challenging with renewed vigour. Eoin Kelly scored twice during this period and his side seemed heading for victory until Paddy O'Brien rifled his twenty metre free into a packed net in the third minute of added time. It was a dramatic win for Toomevara and a cruel, cruel ending to Mullinahone's aspirations.

Final

So it was Toomevara and Nenagh Eire Og for the final at Semple Stadium on October 22. The previous all-North final in 1999 was also between the sides. Toomevara were playing in their eleventh decider over a period of fifteen years, losing only one, to Boherlahan-Dualla in 1996. During the same period Nenagh were contesting their fourth, losing to Toomevara in 1993 and 1999, and beating Boherlahan-Dualla in 1995.

Toomevara were general favourites before the final. The overall quality of their players, the strength in depth of their panel and their ability to win games when the chips were down, made them superior to Nenagh in the minds of most people.

However, it was Nenagh who held the advantage in the opening half and led by 0-8 to 0-5 at the end of the first quarter. They went even further in front in the nineteenth minute, when Noel Maloney blasted to the Toomevara net following a good movement involving Hugh Maloney, John Kennedy and Paul Ryan. As if sensing danger Toomevara responded quickly and scored four points to Nenagh's one in a five-minute spell. But Nenagh got a new lease of life in the twenty-eighth minute when Michael Heffernan got their second goal to give them an interval lead on 2-10 to 0-11.

Whatever happened in the Toomevara dressingroom during the period had a transforming effect on the side. Four unanswered early points showed they meant business but it wasn't until John O'Brien scored a delightful goal for them in the seventeenth minute that they went ahead, 1-17 to 2-13. Nenagh never recovered from that blow and in the closing stages Toomevara added to their advantage to finish comfortable four points clear at the end, on a scoreline of 1-21 to 2-14. Thomas Dunne became the first man from the club since Martin Kennedy in 1930 and 1931 to captain two winning teams. By a strange coincidence, in 1931 the Dan Breen Cup

was presented for the first time. On this occasion the Toomevara captain became the first man to receive the third Dan Breen Cup! John O'Brien received the Man of the Match award.

Toomevara: James McGrath, Barry Dunne, Tony Delaney, Paul McGrath, Terry Dunne (0-1), Benny Dunne (0-1), David Young (0-1), Eoin Brislane, Ken Dunne (0-7), Michael Bevans (0-2), Francis Devanney (0-2), Thomas Dunne (0-1) (capt.), Paddy O'Brien (0-1), John O'Brien (1-4), Willie Ryan (0-1). Subs: David Kennedy for Brislane, Joey McLoughney for Young, John Delaney for Ryan. Also: Andrew Ryan, Brian McCormack, Kevin Cummins, Jamie Quigley, Paddy Tuohy, Denis Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, John Boland, Padraig Hackett.

Nenagh Eire Óg: Michael McNamara, Stephen Ryan, John Brennan, Hugh Flannery, Hugh Maloney, Richie Flannery (capt.), Eoin Fitzgibbon, John Kennedy (0-1), John Flannery, John Slattery (0-1), Paul Ryan (0-4), Eddie Tucker (0-1), Kevin Tucker (0-4), Noel Maloney (1-0), Michael Heffernan (1-0). Subs: Michael Hackett for Heffernan.

Also: Sean Healy, Alan Kelly, Robert Tomlinson, David Hackett, Declan O'Meara, Conor Kirwin, Conor Brennan, Liam O'Gara, Brian Fitzgibbon, David Lawlor, Brian Maxwell, Brian Dillon, Eamon Hodgins, John Donnellan, Mark Flannery, Shane Maher, Patrick Murphy.

Referee: Richie Barry (Cappawhite).

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS IN BRIEF

Round Robin Winners v Divisional Semi-final Runners-up

Borrisoleigh	2-12	Burgess	0-16	in Dolla	on 5/8	Vin. McKenna
Loughmore/C	1-10	Roscrea	0-8	in Templemore	on 6/8	Paddy Russell
Moneygall	2-19	Upperchurch	2-19	in Dolla	on 12/8	Noel Cosgrove
Moneygall	4-10	Upperchurch	2-8	in Templemore	on 20/8	Sean Bradshaw

Winners v Divisional Final Runners-up

Kildangan	0-16	Moneygall	0-15	in Nenagh	on 26/8	Richie Barry
Nenagh E. Og	2-15	Killenaule	2-14	in Templemore	on 27/8	Johnny Ryan
Loughmore	2-18	Boherlahan	2-8	in The Ragg	on 27/8	Michael Cahill
Borrisoleigh	3-16	Clonoulty	1-6	in The Ragg	on 27/8	Seamus Roche

Quarter-finals [Winners v Divisional champions]

Nenagh E. Og	1-17	K. Kickhams	1-11	in Templemore	on 23/9	John Kelly
Mullinahone	1-14	Kildangan	1-12	in Templemore	on 23/9	Richie Barry
Toomevara	2-18	Loughmore/C	2-15	in Nenagh	on 24/9	Paddy Russell
Drom/Inch	2-9	Borrisoleigh	1-11	in Nenagh	on 24/9	Seamus Roche

Semi-Finals

Nenagh E. Og	2-14	Drom/Inch	1-13	Semple Stadium	on 8/10	Noel Cosgrove
Toomevara	3-10	Mullinahone	0-18	Semple Stadium	on 8/10	Johnny Ryan

Final

Toomevara	1-21	Nenagh E. Og	2-14	Semple Stadium	on 22/10	Richie Barry
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Losers Group - Relegation

Semi-Finals

Portroe	3-12	Cashel	0-13	in The Ragg	on 12/8	Pa Shelly
Carrick Swans	2-8	Galtee Rovers	0-7	in Cashel	on 12/8	Tommy Ryan

Final

Cashel	1-12	Galtee Rovers	0-9	in Golden	on 26/8	Brian White
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TOOMEVARA SENIOR HURLING COUNTY CHAMPIONS 2006



Back row: (l to r) - Brian McCormack, John Boland, Padraig Hackett, Andrew Ryan, David Kennedy, Kevin Cummins, Francis Devaney, Paddy O'Brien, Willie Ryan, Terry Dunne, Tony Delaney, David Young, Eoin Brislane, Jamie Quigley. Front: Denis Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Paddy Tuohy, Joey McLoughney, Benny Dunne, Barry Dunne (with niece Eva), Ken Dunne, Tommy Dunne (captain), James McGrath, Michael Bevans, John O'Brien, Paul McGrath (with Jack Delaney) and John Delaney. Photograph: Bridget Delaney.

Toomevara Claim Their 20th Senior Hurling Title

By Liam Hogan

At 5.00 pm on Sunday 22nd October, Toomevara added another record to their endless list of achievements.

They had just won their twentieth county senior hurling championship, having defeated their great rivals Nenagh Eire Og in one of the best finals seen in years. Apart from winning their twentieth it was also their 10th win in a fifteen year period, an achievement which comes second to Thurles Sarsfields who won ten in eleven years.

The win also provided a tenth medal for Tomas Dunne, Tony Delaney and Terry Dunne and it also provided Tomas with the chance to lead his club for the second time – previously in '99 – matching that of Martin Kennedy who led Toome to county final victory in 1930 and 31.

After the game, Tomas was the first recipient of the brand new Dan Breen Cup (third edition) by County Board Chairman John Costigan.

Having won the county U-21 final in 2005, there was optimism in the club that there was another county title in the team. Pat Herbert was appointed manager. Roger Ryan and Niall Williams were his selectors and Tomas Dunne's decision not to retire saw him appointed as captain.

The road to Semple Stadium began with a quarter final clash with Burgess in the Hibernian Inn North Tipperary Senior hurling championship in Nenagh. With John O'Brien suspended and a number of other players like Justin Cottrell, Bryan Duff, Benny Dunne and Paddy O'Brien out for various reasons, Toomevara looked very vulnerable.

James McGrath lined out in the goals. Barry Dunne and Andrew Ryan were promoted to man the full backline. Eoin Brislane had moved to centre back and there was the return of Paul McGrath and Kevin Cummins to the attack.

Burgess, fresh from their first round victory over Kilruane looked to have Toome in trouble as the scoreline read 2-3 to 0-4 after 11 minutes. But Michael Bevans came to the rescue with a very soft goal and the Greyhounds led 1-10 to 2-6 at half time.

After the restart, Toome were in trouble again after Tony Scroope grabbed 1-1 but Eoin Brislane lorded it at centre back and Ken

Dunne continued to add the frees (he scored 0-12 in total) and following a gift of a goal from Paul McGrath, Toomevara went on to win by 2-18 to 3-10. The only downer was the dismissal of Paddy O'Brien, sent off not long after coming on as a replacement.

In the North semi final, Toome faced the holders, Borris-Ileigh, winners in the previous two encounters between the teams.

The selectors made four changes from the Burgess game. Tony Delaney came out of retirement. Both Benny Dunne and John O'Brien had recovered from injuries and John Delaney lined out at corner forward. They replaced John Boland, Andrew Ryan, Padraig Hackett and Kevin Cummins. Paul McGrath was selected in the unusual position of corner back.

The game was tense and close but far from being a classic. The warm conditions were not helping but a stiff breeze failed to ignite Toome who trailed 0-9 to 0-8 at the interval. The concession of frees saw Brendan Maher score 0-5 for Borris.

At the start of the second half Toomevara began to show a marked improvement. Scores from Ken Dunne, Eoin Brislane and Willie Ryan helped the challengers to a 0-15 to 0-12 lead on forty-five minutes. Ken Dunne was tremendous at midfield.

Borris-Ileigh had Paddy Stapleton sent off for a second yellow card offence after 48 minutes before Toome took a four point lead. Then, John Delaney met a sideline ball first time for the game's only goal to give his team a 1-17 to 0-14 win. Toome were back in the North final for the first time in three years.

The final was played on July 30th at MacDonagh Park. They faced Kildangan in the final and were hot favourites. Kildangan had reached the final on merit on the back of victories over Moneygall and Roscrea.

Toomas Dunne's men faced a stiff breeze but their favouritism



Toomevara Management team of Niall Williams, Pat Herbert (Manager) and Roger Ryan watch the action.



Toomevara captain Tommy Dunne lifts the Dan Breen Cup after his side defeated Nenagh Eire Og in the County Final.

was justified and they led 0-8 to 0-5 at the interval thanks to the work of Ken Dunne, Paddy O'Brien and Willie Ryan. The supply came from Paul McGrath at corner back with Benny Dunne, Terry Dunne and David Young in control at half back.

By the 37th minute, the Frank McGrath Cup looked to be heading up the N 7 as the lead stretched to six points thanks to another Ken Dunne free.

However Toome had to face a resurgent Kildangan backline which had tightened up considerably. Darragh Egan and Tommy Connors brought a new threat up front and their promptings saw Toome outscored by 0-6 to 0-1 to leave them just 0-13 to 0-12 ahead after 55 minutes.

Toomevara were really under pressure but a mistake by Dermot Hogan allowed a long range free by Benny Dunne to slip through the hands of Kildangan keeper. It put Toome in a four point lead and the addition of two more points gave them a 1-15 to 0-12 win and their 31st North championship.

Toomevara had to wait ten weeks to find out who their quarter final opponents would be. Meanwhile, they had plenty of challenge games against teams like Portumna and Newtown-Shandrum plus a trip to the Curragh for a training session.

Quarter final day arrived on September 24th with Loughmore Castleiney their opponents at MacDonagh Park. Toome staged a fantastic first half performance helped by a goal from John O'Brien and another from Tomas Dunne on 29 minutes which had the attendance talking about it for long after the game was over. They led by seven points at the interval, 2-11 to 0-10.

Loughmore provided a test for twenty minutes in the second half led by Paul Ormond and Tom King. When Toome conceded a goal, their lead was down to two points with eleven minutes remaining. However, Benny Dunne had the upperhand on Michael Webster, Paul McGrath won further admiration for his display at left corner back and Ken Dunne was man of the match at midfield, the Greyhounds scored four unanswered points to put them in a the last four.

Despite the concession of a late goal, the display from the winners suggested that a county championship win was on the cards. Yes, the doubters and critics were silenced.

Toomevara paid their first visit to Semple Stadium this year for a semi-final clash with Mullinahone. Many of the players thought that Mullinahone were the biggest threat to the team. And how right they were!

The game was played in very wet conditions. Toome looked good in the opening ten minutes and Tomas Dunne's well taken goal, put them four clear. But Eoin Kelly and his brother Paul had other ideas and they contrived to help Mullinahone ease their way back into contention and take a 0-10 to 1-6 lead at the interval.

Mullinahone's key men including Paul Curran, Niall Curran and Brian O'Meara were having a major influence on the game as the absence of the injured John O'Brien posed a major problem for the North champions.

When the second half resumed, Toome appeared to have rekindled their usual spirit and a well taken goal by Francis Devaney helped them to 1-2, inside the first four minutes.

But with weather conditions getting worse, the North champions were being slowly taken apart as Eoin and Paul Kelly strung over the last of their fourteen points total between them.

Toomevara looked beaten but with the game well into additional time, Ken Dunne won a free near the Mullinahone end line. A goal was required and Paddy O'Brien showed nerves of steel as he steered his twenty metre free to the back of the net. Toome had survived. They were lucky and they knew it.

In the county final, Toomevara met their great rivals Nenagh Eire Og in the final. It was the third such meeting between the teams.

The game provided the best county final in years. Many would call it a game of two halves and Nenagh were simply fantastic from the off. Toome trailed 0-5 to 0-3 on eight minutes. They



John O'Brien receives the Man of the Match award from John Quirke, Cahir.

reduced the deficit to one but that deficit was increased to six points as Noel Maloney scored a great goal for Nenagh.

A Toomevara recovery was about to get under way but Nenagh struck gold again and Michael Heffernan had Toomevara trailing by seven. By half time the difference was down to five but the odds of an upset remained.

However, Toomevara came out for the second half with all

guns blazing. They played far superior to their opposition and by the 42nd minute, they had regained lost ground and came level at 0-17 to 2-11.

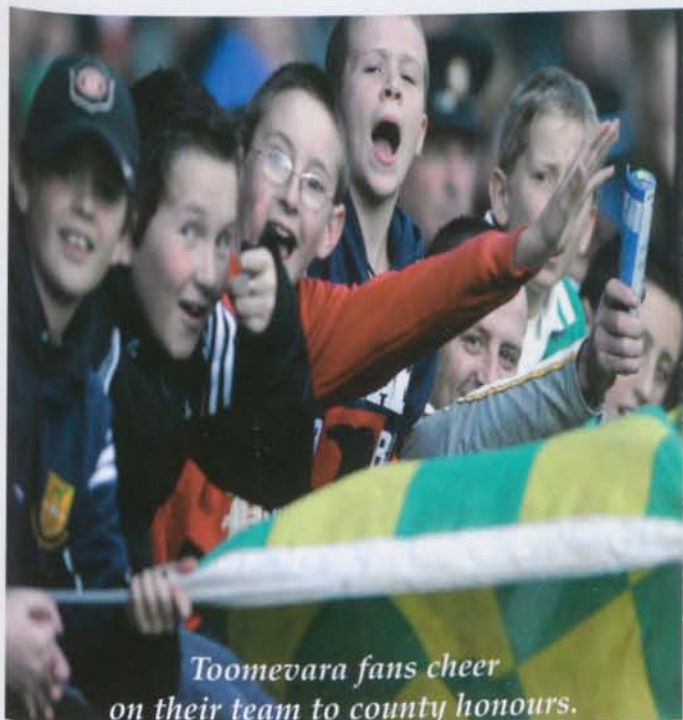
After Nenagh hit back with two good points from Paul Ryan and Kevin Tucker, a fantastic goal through John O'Brien after 47 minutes put Toome in the driving seat. The remaining fourteen minutes saw Toome outscore their opponents, 0-4 to 0-1 while the winners had the luxury of five wides in the same period.

John O'Brien was the man of the match scoring 1-4 but they had many other heroes not least Michael Bevans, Paddy O'Brien and Tomas Dunne. Ken Dunne was best at midfield while Benny Dunne stood out at centre back especially in the second half and Paul McGrath added another good display at left corner back.

While Tony Delaney was collecting his tenth medal, his fellow corner back, Barry Dunne won his first county medal on the field of play and made it a family occasion as the five brothers lined out together.

Joey McLoughney came on at half time and the All-Ireland minor captain impressed while Francis Devaney came good when he moved to midfield.

In the end, Toome were the champions for the 20th time.



Toomevara fans cheer on their team to county honours.

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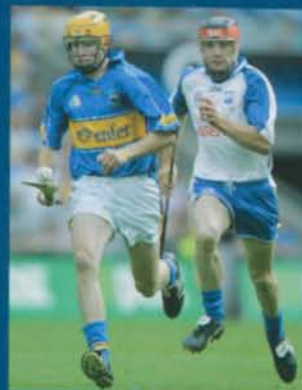
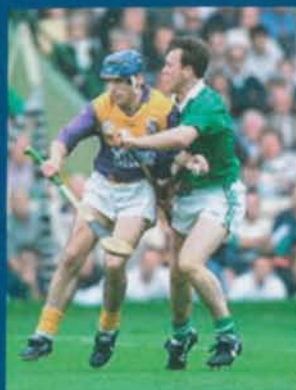
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Kilruane MacDonaghs U-21 hurling panel - County Champions.

Back row: (from left) - Ger Corcoran, Jim Conway, Kevin Prout, Seamus Hennessy, Freddie Williams, Colm Williams, Shane Williams, Michael Costello, Kevin Quinlan (captain), Ray McLoughney, Stephen Murphy, Martin Walsh, Diarmuid Cahill, Declan Barrett. Kneeling: Brian O'Meara, Jonathan Cahill, Kevin Ryan, Liam Gibson, Padraig Kelly, Gavin McAvinchey, Eoin Hogan, Darren Killackey, Shane Quinlan, Thomas Williams.



Nenagh Eire Óg Senior Hurlers - County Finalists

Back row: (from left) - Paddy Murphy, Sean Healy, Shane Maher, John Donnellan, Declan O'Meara, John Kennedy, John Flannery, Richie Flannery (captain), Hugh Flannery, Michael Heffernan, Noel Maloney, John Slattery, Brian Dillon, Eddie Tucker, David Hackett, Brian Maxwell, Robbie Tomlinson, Liam O'Gara. Kneeling: Conor Brennan, Eamonn Hodgins, Michael Hackett, John Brennan, Eoin Fitzgibbon, Kevin Tucker, Paul Ryan, Michael McNamara, Stephen Ryan, Hugh Maloney, Conor Kirwan, Brian Fitzgibbon, Alan Kelly, David Lawlor, Mark Flannery.



Ballinahinch U21 C Hurling County Winners -2006

Back row: Brian Mulcahy, Cormac McGrath, Steven Ryan, Thomas Grace, Jaymie Flynn, Laurance Hohan, Sean Sheehy, Donnacha McGrath, Edmond Ryan.
Front Row: John Ryan, Shane Healy, Sean Berkery, Michael Clifford, John Foley (captain), Liam Berkery, James Hickey, Mark Kelly.



The Third Tipperary Brigade Old IRA Commemoration Committee who presented the new Dan Breen Cup to the Tipperary GAA County Board on October 12th 2006 at Lar na Pairce, Thurles. Back row: (from left) - Barry O'Brien (County Board Vice-Chairman), John O'Neill, Anthony Ryan, Sean Nugent, Con Hogan, Sally Ryan, Jim Tierney, Bernie O'Doherty, Myles O'Keeffe, Kevin O'Reilly, Raymie Shanahan, Liam Moloney, Betty Nugent. Seated: Michael O'Brien (County Board Secretary), Sheila Hogan, John Costigan (County Board Chairman), Pat Hogan (Commemoration Committee Chairman), Carrie Acheson, Seamus Leahy.

Big fall in hurling eye injuries

Eye injuries to young hurlers have fallen significantly since the introduction of the compulsory wearing of helmets among young players by the GAA, the HSE said in a report issued recently.

The rule, introduced in January 2005, made it compulsory for players aged 18 and under to wear protective helmets and faceguards while playing hurling. As of April this year, this was extended to cover all players aged 21 and under and plans are afoot to ensure all players wear a helmet on the hurling field at all ages.

Information relating to the severity and frequency of eye injuries in hurling had previously been published by the Eye Department at Waterford Regional Hospital.

It revealed that prior to the GAA's implementation of the rule, 310 patients with severe eye injuries attended the A&E units of Waterford Regional Hospital and Cork University Hospital over an eight-year period. Of these, 52 required hospital admission and 6 were blinded because of the injury sustained.

These figures played a major role in the ensuing rule change by the GAA. Since the original change in January 2005, there has been a dramatic reduction in the number and severity of eye injuries from hurling related incidents.

"A recent audit by the eye department at Waterford Regional has found that 11 players aged 18 or under sustained severe eye injuries while playing hurling in the 12 months immediately before the new rule came into effect. This compares with only two hurling eye injuries in this age group in the 12

month period following implementation of the new rule", explained Dr. Stephen Beatty, Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon at Waterford Regional Hospital.

He also pointed out that no patient aged 18 or under had suffered a permanent visual defect as a result of hurling, since the new rule came into effect.

"We are delighted that the GAA agreed to reform its rules on this. Given the undoubted and now proven beneficial effect of rendering the use of protective eye wear mandatory for players aged 18 or under, we are also very pleased to see that this rule has now been extended to players aged 21 and under", Dr. Beatty said.

Below: Toomevara's Benny Dunne comes away with the ball challenged by Nenagh's Paul Ryan



Sarsfields Complete Unique Minor Double

Another glorious chapter in the history of the famed Thurles Sarsfields club was written this season with the winning of a unique double in county minor A hurling and football championships.

The Blues have had many historical and very significant successes in their time, but surely the capturing of the minor double will rank among the greatest achievements with basically the same bunch of players turning out with, and without, the caman to win the silverware.

The 2005 season was historic in the sense that the Sarsfields club had never won the minor A football county final. There was great rejoicing in Leahy Park, Cashel when they finally captured the cup for the first time, little did they think that 12 months later they would do likewise to cap off a wonderful year in the u-18 grade.

The minors were always fancied in the hurling code. With four county players and an abundance of back-up talent in the squad, Sarsfields were always going to be very hard to beat. But, with county players comes a lot of careful managing of the resources- it can be very easy for players, especially after winning an All-Ireland, to become distracted, or lethargic after a long campaign.

Sarsfields management team can take a very well deserved bow. Michael Gleeson, Gary Mernagh, Tom Callanan, John Cahill and John Dorney deserve much credit for ensuring a freshness in the side, even after they had played very high octane games in quick succession. It wasn't an easy task, but at the end of the day all of the preparations and man management paid rich dividends.

In the hurling championship Sarsfields were fancied to win the Mid Final having come through the qualifying stages with little trouble. They faced their old rivals Drom-Inch in the final and with a second half flurry, managed to pull clear to re-claim the title once again. The team was maturing well in most peoples opinion and was in with a great chance of county glory if they could keep focused on the task in hand.

They certainly needed to be focused for the challenge of Kilruane McDonagh in the county semi-final. Sarsfields folks were still smarting from an earlier season defeat by the same opposition in the u-21 hurling semi-final, a game they felt they had let slip, and there was a determination that the same would not happen in the minor grade. The North champions posed a major threat, they were physically strong, well able to hurl, fast and had an abundance of talent right throughout the side. It didn't look good for Sarsfields for long periods. But then, the big guns fired and Kilruane McDonagh's were blasted out of the way.

A pulsating game of hurling saw Michael Gleeson, Pa Burke, Michael Cahill and Padraic Maher show all their inter county

experience as they rallied to come from behind and secure a place in the county final. This was one of the matches of the year in Tipperary – a fine display of the ancient game and the type of encounter that stirs the heart and reawakens the spirit. Faith in Tipperary hurling was being restored slowly but surely during the tail end of the summer and this game helped with the healing.

The county final turned out to be a tame affair. After a strong start the Ballingarry challenge petered out, Sarsfields got the goals that counted and were crowned champions in front of 8,500 people. The aims of the club had been achieved, it was thought necessary to build from the bottom up in a bid to reach the summit of Tipperary hurling and the minors had paved the way.

A week later the same bunch of players would travel to Cashel in a bid to make history. The football championship had seen the club win the Mid Final when they defeated Moycarkey Borris to reclaim their crown. Much of the side had been victorious the previous year and when they faced Burgess in the semi-final, they perhaps had thoughts of a county double on their minds. In a wonderfully entertaining game the sides were locked at the end and had to do it all again. They did and this time the Blues emerged victorious by a slender margin to make it to the county decider.

The two games against Burgess certainly helped the footballers cause when they turned out to face Killenaule in the final. Although looking lethargic at times, the Thurles lads were always in control and they found the scores to win the title; retain the crown; and complete a unique piece of history never before achieved in the Cathedral Town.

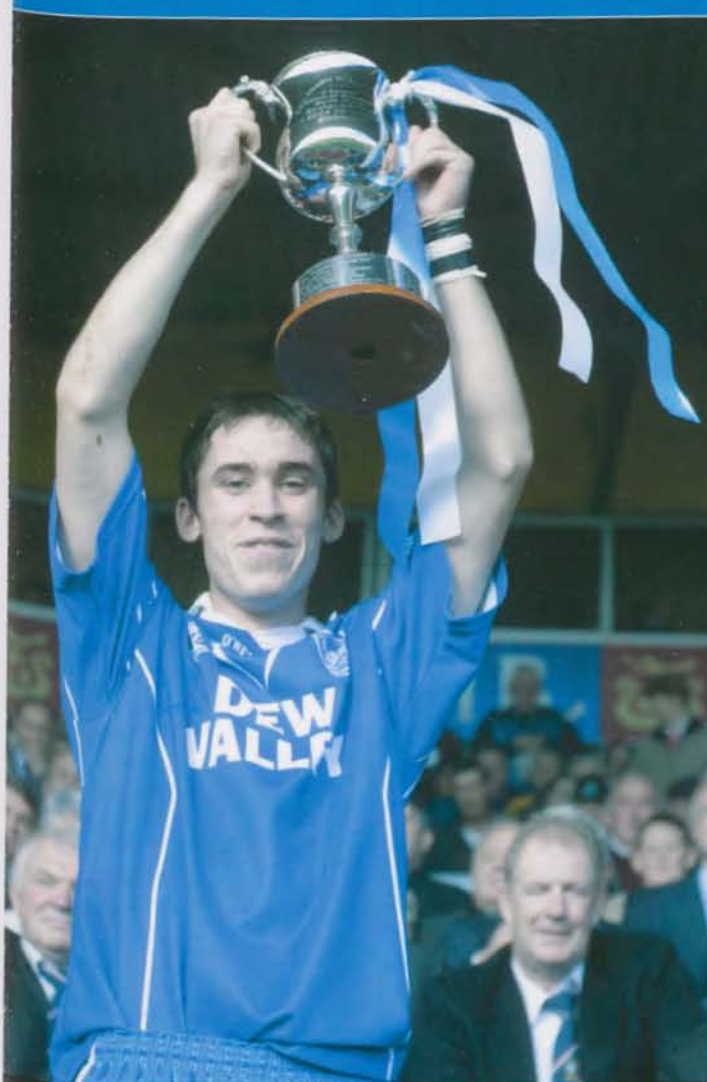
Football is alive and well in Thurles, as is hurling. Dew Valley Meats have been sponsoring the games at minor level for some time and they have seen their investment return one hundred fold. The fantastic work undertaken by Durlas Og at juvenile level is being continued on and young players are being given the chance to pursue Gaelic Games in Sarsfields and the other adult clubs of the town. Perhaps the day is not too far away when Sarsfields will contest the senior football championship – after two minor county titles in a row, solid foundations have been laid.

The application shown by the players in the 2006 season has to be acknowledged. It was a very long campaign, straddling two school years, but they remained focused with their eyes on the big and small ball. Well done to them all. The management and backroom teams also must be acknowledged for their efforts – to land a county title is a great achievement; to land two in the same year is fantastic.

Thurles Sarsfields history is currently being written. The club will be hoping that the current piece of history will chart to way for the future for the Blues.

Thurles Sarsfields Minor Hurlers

COUNTY CHAMPIONS 2006



Thurles Sarsfields captain Michael Gleeson lifts the County minor silverware after his side defeated Ballingarry in the County MHC Final at Semple Stadium.



Thurles Sarsfields Eoin O'Dwyer receives the Man of the Match award from County Board Vice-Chairman Barry O'Brien.



KILRUANE MACDONAGHS FOUR IN A ROW COUNTY U-21 HURLING FEAT 1973-76

By Gilbert Williams

The victory of the Kilruane MacDonagh u-21 hurling team against Carrick Swan in this years' county final evoked memories of the four in a row wins by the same club between 1973 and 1976. The seventies were the halcyon days for the men in black and white. In that decade alone they won fourteen county championships and thirty eight divisional titles, a remarkable haul of fifty two trophies.

The u-21 grade in particular provided rich pickings with six divisional and four county wins in hurling, while the footballers chipped in with six norths and one county.

This year marks the thirtieth anniversary of the u-21 county triumph against Cashel. The first north championship in this grade began in 1959 but it wasn't until 1972 that Kilruane made an impression. In the maiden appearance in the divisional final they had eight points to spare over Roscrea and captain, Johnny Meara became the first man from the parish to lift the Hugh Burke Cup. The Clounoulty / Annacarty combination deprived them of a place in the county decider after a replay. With only Johnny Meara and the late Paddy Reddan ineligible for the following year it was obvious that MacDonaghs were going to be a force to be reckoned with.

The side was once again coached by Len Gaynor and he fashioned the style of the team. The hurling was direct, discipline was paramount and the team always came before the individual. Len was assisted by two wise and wily men in former greats, Jimmy Gibson and Jim Meara. MacDonaghs retained their divisional crown by defeating Borris-Ileigh, 3-10 to 2-3. This time their sights were set higher and led by Dinny Meara, they overcame west champions, Clounoulty / Annacarty in Holycross on a 1-10 to 1-0 scoreline to take the county crown and get their hands on the Dwan Cup for the first time.

In 1974, they their third North title in a row when they defeated Na Piarsaigh on a 4-3 to 2-4 scoreline. In the county final, at Nenagh, they faced the formidable challenge of Thurles Sarsfields.

Thurles had just won the Dan Breen and with a liberal sprinkling of senior players in their ranks, they entered the game as favourites. This favouritism seemed entirely justified when Sarsfields raced into a ten point lead inside the first quarter. It was then that MacDonaghs displayed their renowned resolve and resilience. Some astute switches by the mentors, allied to tremendous hurling on the field, helped Kilruane to reel in their opponents and by the interval, the game had turned dramatically in favour of the north champions.

In the end, MacDonaghs had an eight point advantage with the

scoreboard reading 5-8 to 3-6 in their favour. Many in the parish regard this as the most satisfying of all the wins as it marked the first occasion on which MacDonaghs had triumphed against the famed mid club in a county final.

Kilruane born Fr Niall O Meara, who was then Vice Chairman of the North Board, had the pleasure of presenting the trophy to fellow parishioner, Tom Killackey.

1975 was a very successful year for Kilruane MacDonaghs and this was acknowledged when the club became the first holders of the coveted MacDonagh trophy after being named North Tipperary club of the year. The u-21 holders were unbeaten in the division and had a big win against Eirns Hope combination in the North Final on a 4-14 to 1-4 scoreline.

The senior hurlers were defeated in the county final but many of the same players featured in the u-21 side which proved too strong for Moyne - Templetuohy in the county final and completed a three in a row on a 5-14 to 0-4 scoreline with John Doheny as captain.

The following year they completed five in a row divisional wins when they again overcame a combination side St Brendans on a 4-14 to 1-4 scoreline in the North Final. In the County final, they drew with Cashel in Semple stadium. Score MacDonaghs 0-10 Cashel 1-7. Cashel star, Pat Fitzell was unavailable for that game and the general consensus was that his presence in the replay would tilt the balance in favour of the men from the West. However, in a low scoring rematch in Holycross, Kilruane MacDonaghs prevailed by 3-4 to 1-6 to become the first club to win four county u-21 finals in a row.

Goals in either half from Seamus Hennessey and Mackey waters were crucial in securing victory on a bitterly cold day.

The replay had been delayed until January 9th 1977. The Mid Chairman, the late Tom O Hara, presented the trophy to captain, Michael Hogan.

Thirty years later, Michael's son Eoin was to play a pivotal role when MacDonaghs won their fifth county title. Seamus Hennessey, Jim O Meara, Michael Hogan, John Quinlan, Mackey Waters, Dinny Whelan and Joe Hutchinson R.I.P. played in all four finals. With Len Gaynor once again at the helm, the players on these successful side were to form the nucleus of the Kilruane MacDonaghs senior team that was to go on and win four county finals and an All-Ireland club championship. Players from this year's successful side will back-bone a youthful senior team in 2007. With time and patience they may develop into a unit which could challenge for higher honours.

John Quinn Éire Óg Anacarty/Donohill

By Eileen Ryan

Many adjectives have been used by sports writers over the past weeks and months to describe John Quinn: veteran, evergreen, mighty, outstanding, remarkable, un-markable, formidable, an ace corner forward any club would be proud to have. And all at the age of 42. He, along with his team-mates orchestrated the return of Éire Óg to senior hurling ranks for 2007. Although on the brink of retirement after the 2005 championship, he returned to the fold on May 28th, 2006 in Éire Óg's first championship match against Seán Treacys, where he came on as a substitute, turning the tide in a game that Éire Óg were losing. In the course of eleven championship matches, he scored 17 goals and 15 points thus yielding an average of 6 points per game.

John was born on April 23rd, 1964 to Paddy and Helen Quinn of Pallas, Donohill, the eldest of a family of eleven. He attended Garryshane N.S. during which time he played juvenile games with Éire Óg without much success. His progression into secondary school brought him to Doon C.B.S. with whom he won some Limerick schools' competitions. At the tender age of seventeen he won his first West Senior Hurling medal when he was a substitute on the Éire Óg team that beat near neighbours Cappawhite in the 1981 final. His second West Senior Hurling medal was won in 1986, playing at corner forward against Golden/Kilfeacle. Following impressive displays in the 1986 championship he got the "call" to the Tipperary squad for the League campaign.

Pastures new beckoned and he emigrated to London in early 1987, where he played with Clann na nGael and later the popular Seán Treacys club. His sojourn with them brought him two



Senior Hurling medals and two All-Ireland medals with London when they beat both Down and Kildare.

In 1990 while still in exile he married Cork woman, Liz Hill and they returned to live in Clonmel in 1991, opening up a business with his brother-in-law, H & Q Radiators. He also returned to the playing field with Éire Óg. Since then he has won West and County medals in Junior Football 1993, Intermediate Hurling 1994, Intermediate Football 2001, Co. Intermediate Hurling League 2002, Intermediate Hurling 2006 and West medals in Intermediate Hurling in 2002 and 2004 and a West Senior Hurling medal with the Éire Óg/Golden combo in 2004.

Since turning forty he has been on the Tipperary Masters team.

To what does he attribute his speed, tenacity, true grit and general level of fitness at forty-two?

He does not smoke or drink alcohol. In fact he received his Silver Pioneer Pin in 2003. A role model for all aspiring club and county players surely.

ALONE THEY STAND

By Seamus O'Doherty

The first games in the new Munster Senior Hurling Club Championship (1964 competition) were played on March 7th, 1965. Glen Rovers (Cork) beat Kilmoyley (Kerry) while Mount Sion (Waterford) beat Newmarket-on-Fergus (Clare) in those opening round games.

In its history, 17 clubs have represented Tipperary and total of 68 teams have played in the competition.

There is only 1 club in the 68 which remains unbeaten and holds a 100% record in their games played.

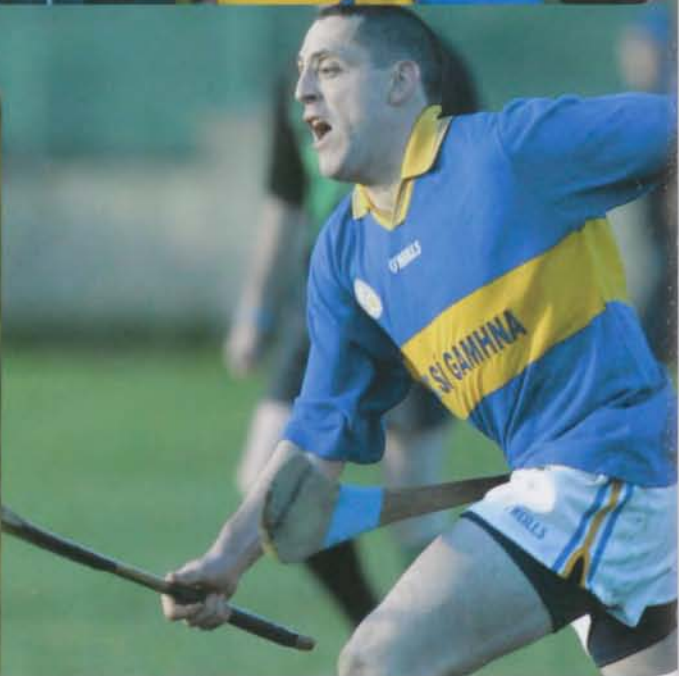
The honour belongs to Cashel King Cormacs who played two games in winning the 1991 title. They defeated Clarecastle (Clare) by 3-11 to 2-4 in Ennis on November 17th and beat Middleton in the decider at Mitchelstown on December 8th by 0-9 to 0-6.

That clash was the last provincial club decider between Tipperary and Cork champions until the recent Toomevara vs. Erins Own clash.

The Cork men earned their place in the 2006 decider by defeating Wolfe Tones (Shannon) in their semi-final. It is amazing that until that game on the 19th of November Wolfe Tones also unbeaten in their Munster club campaigns (1996 and 2006).

Thanks to Erin's Own, Tipperary's Cashel King Cormacs now hold an unique position in the annals of the provinces hurling history.

Knockshewne Jnr A County Champs



KNOCKSHEGOWNA DENIED IN MUNSTER 2005

By Liam Hogan

December 4th 2005, will go down as one of the great days in the history of Knockshegowna hurling club.

As a junior club they received the right to represent Tipperary in the Munster Junior club championship having reached the county final and they took on Fr O Neills from Ballymacoda -near Youghal town - in East Cork.

Knockshe may have lost by eight points but reaching the final more or less compensated for the loss in the both the divisional, county deciders. It also gave some of their stalwarts like Shay and Ray Killeen, David and Paul King, Declan Costello and Ger Brennan a fitting end to their very distinguishing careers.

The lead up to the Munster final began in late 2004 when the club decided to seek regrading from intermediate level.

They reached the Junior A league semi final but lost to Nenagh Eire Og after a replay.

Under team manager, Pascal Hocht -from their neighbouring club Shinrone - they set out to claim the O Keeffe Cup in North Tipp a piece of silverware they did not bring to the parish since 1993. The team suffered just one defeat against Toomevara but they reached the North final against Burgess.

After a fantastic game, Knockshe lost by 2-17 to 2-14.

Having shaken off the disappointment they defeated a disappointing Knockavilla Kickhams side in the county quarter final on a score of 3-20 to 0-04 played at the Ragg. Cappawhite almost caught them in the semi-final but the game ended in a draw a 0-10 to 1-7 draw at Dolla before winning the replay by 2-15 to 2-6.

All roads led to Semple Stadium for the County Final with Drom Inch which was played as a curtain raiser to the Intermediate final between Burgess and Moycarkey/Borris.

Two goals by Declan Costelloe and Joseph Cleary edged Knockshegowna to a five points lead with ten minutes remaining. However, the concession of 2-2 saw Drom -Inch win by 2-9 to 2-8 and secure their first county title since 1970

There was some solace for the Ballingarry men as Michael Kennedy was presented with the man of the match award. Others to play their part included Graham Gohery, Mark O Meara, Shay Killeen, Damien Bond, Paul King, David King, Brain Bond, Jos Cleary and Declan Costello.

So it was a journey into unfamiliar territory. Knockshegowna's first venture into the Munster championship. Their opening game was a trip down Kerry way. Templenoe, the home of Kerry star, Pat Spillane was the venue but Knockshe defeated Kenmare 1-16 to 1-10.

The semi final was held in MacDonagh Park, Nenagh. Waterford side, Brickey Rangers was the opposition. This young side provided a hard fought encounter for the home side but the Ballingarry men finished on the right side of a 0-12 to 0-7 scoreline.

The team lined out without Declan Costello because of injury. Joseph Cleary played at wing back and played successfully. In Costello's absence, Michael Kennedy finished as top scorer on 0-5. The Gohery brothers scored 0-6 between them with five of the scores coming from frees while Ray Killeen grabbed a point.

The Munster final was played at the Gaelic Grounds. The Fr O Neills team included the highly rated Brian O'Driscoll, a brother of former Cork Camogie player, Fiona O'Driscoll, as well as Ger Holland a former Cork senior hurling panelist

Knockshe soon realised that they could not match this better balanced and stronger Fr O Neills outfit. Eoin Conway gave the Cork side the all important goal, twelve minutes into the game and at the interval the score stood at 1-8 to 0-4.

Knockshe kept plugging away in the second half and held O'Neill's scoreless for eleven minutes. However, they were unable to prise open a tight marking Fr O Neills defence and by the three quarter way mark, it became evident that the title was heading Cork's way after Fr O Neills opened an eight point lead.

Late in the game, Brian Bond was denied by David Dorgan but it was the last throw of the dice for Knockshe who lost by 1-12 to 0-7.

Declan Costello had returned to the team and though he was less than fully fit, he was his teams top scorer on 0-5 - all coming from frees. Michael Kennedy and Keith Gohery added a point each.

The Bonds, the Kings along with Michael O'Brien were best in defence. The Cork defence had too much power and the efforts of Brian Bond, Michael Kennedy and Graham Gohery were well curbed.

However it was no disgrace for the Tipp lads.

The team for the final was - Shay Killeen; Fergal Bond, David King, Damien Bond; Joseph Cleary, Paul King, Michael O'Brien; Mark O Meara, Keith Gohery; Brian Bond, Michael Kennedy (Capt), Graham Gohery; Ray Killeen, Brian Noonan, Declan Costello.

Subs: Martin Costello for K Gohery h/t; Ger Brennan for Noonan 44th min.

P.S Brian Bond won the North Tipp Junior Hurler of the year for 2005.

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COUNTY FOOTBALL REVIEW

by Eamonn Wynne, Clonmel Nationalist

For the past two years the county senior football final has entered Tipperary GAA folklore. Just over a year ago that great sleeping giant of Ardfinnan awoke and captured the club's first title in 31 years. This year's final threw up another story of fairytale proportions, when Aherlow won the championship for the first time in the club's long and proud history.

Aherlow only entered the senior ranks ten years ago, so to win their first championship within a decade was, on the face of it, a reasonable achievement. But that bald statistic doesn't give the full picture of their long journey to glory.

Before a ball was kicked in anger in this year's championship, Aherlow must have had nagging doubts that they had missed the boat. True, they had always been there or thereabouts and their consistency over the years was admirable. But defeats in three finals – in 1997, 2001 and 2002 – left them wondering if they could ever capture the O'Dwyer Cup. However any lingering doubts were emphatically blown away on Sunday, October 29th, when they finally stepped out of the shadows in the final played at Leahy Park, Cashel. That Aherlow finally laid their county final bogey to rest wasn't a major surprise, but the manner of their victory raised eyebrows. Even though they went into the final as West champions, and on the back of an impressive semi-final defeat of the holders Ardfinnan, they were expected to be given a searching test of their credentials by Moyle Rovers, one of the county's footballing strongholds.

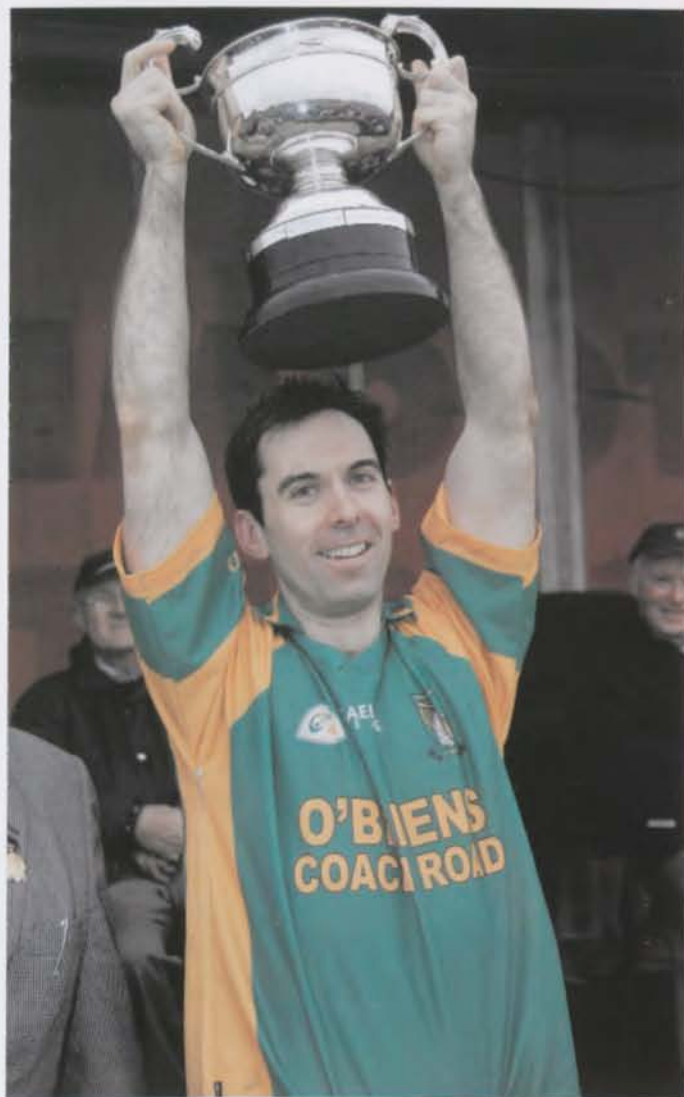
Few could have predicted, though, that when the final whistle sounded the men from the famous Glen would have 11 points to spare over their illustrious opponents, winning by 2-10 to 0-5. Aherlow started brightly and when Barry Grogan put them into the lead in the 6th minute with a point, it was an advantage that they never surrendered.

Yet a 9th minute goal from man of the match, Laurence Coskeran, was all that separated the teams at half-time, as they led by 1-4 to 0-4.

Moyle Rovers lost influential midfielder Niall Fitzgerald to injury in the first half, but they were still expected to come out for the second half with all guns blazing. Instead it was Aherlow who hit the ground running, scoring a goal and 2 points in the opening 5 minutes of the second half to stretch their lead to 8 points. Stuart Moloney scored the goal, after his first effort had been blocked by Moyle Rovers goalie Ian Browne, and after that Moyle Rovers had a mountain to climb that they never looked like scaling.

The victory was achieved with a combination of blood, sweat and tears. The sweat was supplied by all 19 players who saw duty, and whose work ethic all year could only be described as tremendous; the blood was shed by Stuart Moloney, who bravely carried on after a head injury had been bandaged; and the tears of joy flowed from their loyal band of supporters, who raced onto the pitch to celebrate the sweet taste of success with the players, their manager Tom Peters, selectors Pat Moroney and Larry Nash and the backroom team.

The team had a splendid leader in captain and full-back Mark O'Brien, who summed up what this triumph meant to a rural club such as theirs when he dedicated the victory to the whole community in his acceptance speech, after Football Board chairman Pete Savage had presented him with the cup. The captain had great support in defence from John Hennessy and two players, one of whom is in the twilight of his career and



Aherlow's Captain Mark O'Brien lifts the O'Dwyer Cup for the first time the club's history.

the other whose career is really only starting – 36 year-old veteran Denis O'Shea and 17 year-old Ciaran McDonald.

The greatest tribute that could be paid to the defence was that it went through the West and county championships without conceding a single goal.

In the final Derry Peters and Anthony Moroney were to the forefront in midfield while in attack Barry Grogan, Laurence Coskeran and Seamus Grogan all had the measure of the Moyle Rovers rearguard.

For a team that had crushed Grangemockler by 21 points in the South final, Moyle Rovers never got out of first gear. Not even the mercurial Declan Browne could resurrect their challenge, which foundered so much as the game developed that they managed just a single point in the second half.

Their resistance was led by goalkeeper Ian Browne, who made some fine saves, as well as by Pdraig Foley, Paul Johnson and Liam Cronin. But overall it was just one of those days when little if anything went right for them.

The Aherlow team and scorers who made history were Shane Leonard, Denis O'Shea, Mark O'Brien (captain), Ciaran McDonald, Cathal

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O'Shea, John Hennessy, Cathal Dillon, Derry Peters, Anthony Moroney (0-1), Conor O'Shea (0-1), Stuart Moloney (1-2, including 1 free), Laurence Coskeran (1-1), Barry Grogan (0-3, including 2 frees), Dave Cleary and Seamus Grogan (0-1).
 Substitutes – Mark O'Shea (0-1) for Dave Cleary, Bernard O'Brien for Mark O'Shea, Sean Mullins for Denis O'Shea and Thomas Fahey for Seamus Grogan.

Moyle Rovers were represented by Ian Browne, Noel Wall (captain), Liam Cronin, Robbie Boland, Martin Dunne, Aidan Foley, Ronan Desmond, Niall Fitzgerald, Paul Johnson (0-1), Jack O'Shea, Declan Browne (0-3, including 1 free), Kevin Morrissey, Paul Shanahan, Padraig Foley and Brian Mulvihill (0-1).
 Substitutes – John Shanahan for Niall Fitzgerald, Aaron Kelly for Robbie Boland, Kevin Condon for Kevin Morrissey, Padraic Kelly for Jack O'Shea and Billy Hunt for Martin Dunne.
 For the record, Nenagh official John Kissane refereed the final.

Aherlow had marched confidently into the final when they beat the reigning champions Ardfinnan by 1-10 to 0-7, also in Cashel. Ardfinnan had won the day when the teams met at the quarter-final stage the previous year, but this time the team from the west wasn't to be denied.

They made a marvellous start, racing into a 0-3 to no score lead after 8 minutes. Ardfinnan responded but when Barry Grogan gave Aherlow the lead in the 23rd minute they never looked back. They put clear water between themselves and the holders when Seamus Grogan tucked away a penalty near the end of the first half.

Only in the closing few minutes did Ardfinnan, whose best on the day were hurling star Brendan Cummins, Albert Keating and Johnny English, put any sort of sustained pressure on the Aherlow goal. But even then their forwards were matched by a defiant full back line, led with great example by team captain Mark O'Brien.

In the other semi-final Moyle Rovers withstood a bruising test to edge past Galtee Rovers in a keenly contested affair.

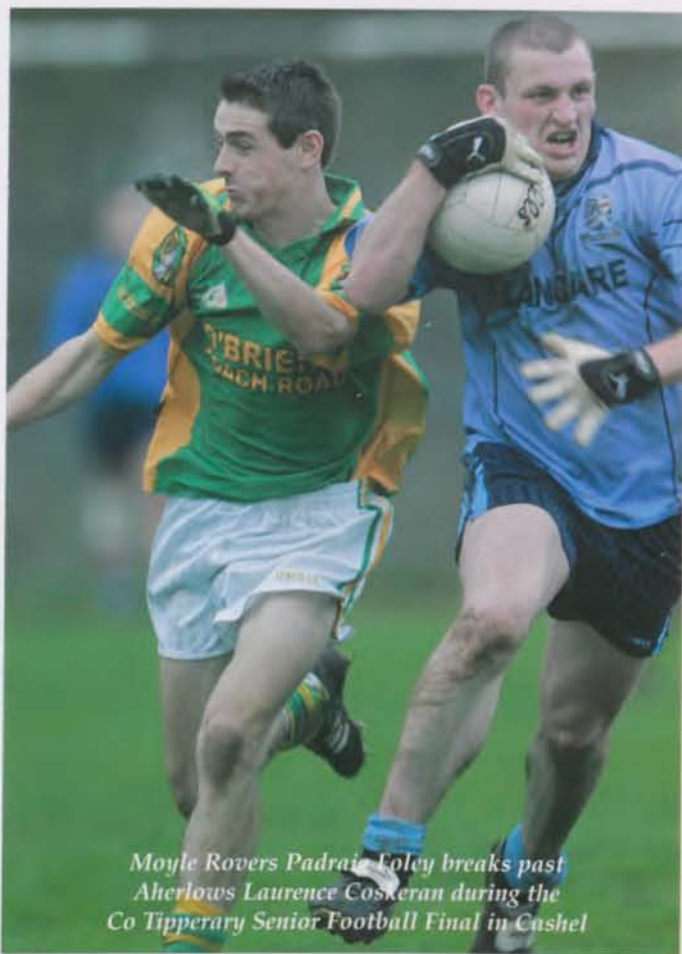
Moyle Rovers booked their place in the final on the back of a 2-5 to 0-8 win, with two goals from Paul Shanahan proving crucial. Galtee Rovers had in fact dominated long periods of the game with Denis Peters, Seamus Moloney, Paul McCarthy and Mark Peters to the fore. But their best efforts were thwarted by those goals – one of which was a rebound from Paul Shanahan's own penalty, the other which resulted from a defensive error. Cashel's Leahy Park also hosted the quarter finals, when Ardfinnan survived a strong challenge from J.K. Brackens to win by 0-10 to 1-3, while Galtee Rovers recovered from their West final defeat to Aherlow to get the better of Grangemockler by 2-14 to 0-13.

It took Galtee extra-time to get the better of Grangemockler's dogged challenge. Two goals in the first period of extra time, from Denis Peters and Michael Collins, ultimately proved the difference between the teams.

While defeat was their lot in the end, Grangemockler will be proud of a display that restored some pride following the debacle of a South final, when Moyle Rovers beat them by 21 points. Their best on the day were Brian Cahill, Cathal Houlihan, Jonathan Downey, John and Andrew O'Meara, Paul Cahill and William Wallace.

Mid champions J.K. Brackens had players such as goalkeeper Mervyn Braddish, defenders Joe Shiels and Lorcan Egan, Michael Lynagh and Kevin Mulryan in the middle of the field and forwards Darren Owens and Lorcan Egan to thank for putting up a gutsy display to trouble Ardfinnan.

But Ardfinnan finished strongly, with two points from Brendan Cummins helping to secure their place in the last four. Peter Hally led the way for Ardfinnan with a great performance at wing forward – until he was forced to retire injured just before half-time – and he was well supported by Lorcan Bannon,



Moyle Rovers Padraig Foley breaks past Aherlows Laurence Coskeran during the Co Tipperary Senior Football Final in Cashel

Thomas Maher, Terry Kearns, Michael Phelan and Johnny English.

The championship had started way back on April 29th, when opportunist goals from Colin Morrissey and Declan Peters put Galtee Rovers on course for a hard-earned 2-9 to 0-10 victory over a plucky Moyne/Templetuohy team.

In the other first round ties Grangemockler eased past a tame Carrick Swans challenge on a 2-11 to 0-5 scoreline; Aherlow could consider themselves fortunate to have scraped home to a 1-10 to 0-11 win over West neighbours, Eire Og Annacarty, with only the width of a post denying Eire Og victory, when Michael O'Dwyer's goal-bound punched effort struck the woodwork in the 4th minute of additional time; while a typical piece of magic from Declan Browne, when he found the net with a low shot from Padraig Foley's pass, helped Moyle Rovers to dispose of JK Brackens by 3-9 to 0-10.

As the championship took further shape in the second round, Galtee Rovers were made fight all the way by Arravale Rovers before securing a 1-8 to 1-5 victory.

Seamus Grogan's second minute penalty proved decisive when Aherlow saw off the stubborn challenge of 2003 champions Cahir by 1-7 to 0-8 in Ardfinnan, while Moyle Rovers gained revenge for their 2004 Final defeat by Loughmore/Castleiney when they beat the Mid team by 0-14 to 0-8, thanks to an exhibition of point scoring from county players Declan Browne and Brian Mulvihill.

The 2002 winners, Clonmel Commercials, bowed out of the race in the second round when Ardfinnan's superior fitness helped them put one over on their old rivals on a 0-11 to 0-7 scoreline, after a close encounter.

But the surprise of the second round was supplied by Grangemockler, who scored a rare success over one of the county's traditional football superpowers Fethard, when they beat The Blues by 1-10 to 0-10. The crucial goal came from PJ Lanigan's penalty early in the second half.

AHERLOW SENIOR FOOTBALL COUNTY CHAMPIONS 2006



AND THE BELL RANG OUT.....

FOR THE BIRTH OF COUNTY CHAMPIONS

BY DAVID GROGAN

4.30 P.M. ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 29th ... And Lil Coffey rings the bell in the Church of The Sacred Heart, Lisvernane to signal the crowning of Aherlow as County Senior football champions for the very first time. One hundred and twenty one years of endeavour, much heartbreak and honest graft are replaced with sheer joy twenty five miles over the road in Cashel as Pete Savage presents the O' Dwyer Cup to the first man to ever captain an Aherlow team to the premier honour in Tipperary football- Mark O' Brien.

That moment in Leahy Park was an incredible milestone in a journey that began in 1885, when our club was founded by Chris Lee and R.J. Frewen. Those two same men would have been proud as they looked down on the 26 players who toggled out on County final day and wore our beloved green and gold jerseys with such pride and distinction.

But moments like this don't happen by chance or without a lot of hard work. Aherlow is a small locality with a population of just over 800 people. Sometimes described as 'half a parish' as we are joined with our neighbours Galbally in County Limerick in the diocese of Cashel and Emly this is probably an inappropriate term for both communities, who are fiercely proud of their own identity and who can now say that they have both being Senior football champions of their respective counties.

It is safe to say that Aherlow, however, has probably the lowest population of any senior football club in Tipperary and therefore it is both a credit to the current and past promoters of G.A.A. in the club that we can field two teams and supply over 50 players who have done the club proud in both the senior and junior championships this year.

When our club, like many others, was floundering and trying to stay alive in the period from the 1920s to the 1960s it was men like Tommy Lee and John O' Gorman (whom our ground is named after) who persevered and maintained an interest. Success was not in abundance for them on the playing field but that did not prevent them from ensuring that the club remained in existence and for that alone we must be grateful to them today.

When a club is successful after a long struggle or after many painful defeats we think of those who either could not share in our success or who had passed to their eternal reward but had played their part in getting us to where we were today. That is why as we celebrated in the Coach Road and Moroneys in the days after our win many peoples thoughts turned to people like Paddy Ryan of Ballyanna and Lionel Leonard of Toureen and we pondered on how they would have enjoyed this victory. Two great clubmen who sadly had departed us before our greatest hour but who no doubt were in Leahy Park with us in spirit. That is why too, as we celebrated, the O' Dwyer Cup had to make the journey to see men like Tom Carew, Philly Kiely and Jack Ivory. Their role in our club was too important when it was needed not to be appreciated. This title is as much for all of them as it is for all the current group of players. Or as our eloquent captain summed it up in his victory speech this win is for all the community.

They say success is all the more sweeter when you have suffered the agony of defeat and Aherlow had suffered their share of heartbreak before we reached the Holy Grail. Little did we think

when we were promoted from Intermediate football in 1996 and won our first divisional title and reached a County final the following year that eight more years would elapse before we would win another championship title at senior level. Such was our initial impact in senior football that many felt West and County titles would soon follow but alas we were to suffer constant failure at the final hurdle. Reaching finals was not our problem. We got to three county finals in 1997, 2001, and 2002. We lost them all. We were almost annual finalists in the West championship with Galtee Rovers between 1999 and 2004. We lost them all. We were even reaching County League finals on a constant basis between 1998 and 2005. We lost them all bar one. We were the 'nearly men' of Tipperary football. We were the 'Jimmy White of Snooker', the 'Colin Montgomerie of Golf', and up to this year the 'Munster of Rugby'- the sportspeople who went so close but couldn't clinch the titles. But all these sportspeople have another thing in common. Despite their harrowing defeats they came back each year as determined as ever to finally wipe the slate clean. To this list we could add Thurles Sarsfields, who despite the agony of consecutive defeats in County titles, finally landed the Dan Breen Cup in 2005.

The previous defeats were not spoken of in Aherlow at the start of 2006. We had finally recaptured the West Senior football title in 2005 after halting Galtee Rovers brilliant six in row. We knew now we could win finals. Our early season form however was not impressive. Both Arravale Rovers and Eire Og Annacarty were unlucky not to have got the better of us in the West championship. We regained our West title, however, with another hard fought victory over Galtees in the final. Up next was Ardfinnan, the County champions, They had deservedly beaten us the previous year, in the Quarter final. We played probably our best football of the year to date to beat them in the semi final. We were in another County Final. The previous defeats were still not spoken of in Aherlow. We had a good blend of youth and experience this year. Our full back line typified this. Denis O' Shea, in one corner, the veteran of the team, 11 years senior experience, over 40 senior championship games played, one of the greatest servants of Aherlow football. Ciaran McDonald, in the other corner, first year as a senior, 3 senior championship games played but playing like a veteran. And in between them the team captain-Mark O' Brien-coolness personified-and a worthy leader. The build up all year was spot on. We improved with every game and peaked in the final against Moyle Rovers. For this the team management deserve our accolades. Larry Nash has been a treasure for the club both on the training field and off it with his work. Pat Moroney, has used his years of experience, to analyse teams and players better than anybody else and Tom Peters has given his life and soul to Aherlow football and finally gotten his just reward. And lest we forget the man who taught us all how to kick a football for the first time, the great Tom O' Shea.

The church bell in Lisvernane will always ring in our lifetime. On joyful occasions, like weddings; on solemn occasions like funerals or just as masstime. But its ring will rarely have as significance for the whole community as it did at 4.30 on Sunday October 28th, 2006. Very few in the parish heard it. But we all knew it rang. It rang for the birth of County Champions.

Loughmore Castleiney's THREE IN A ROW

Loughmore Castleiney's U21A footballers fantastic three in a row County titles and climb to top in County roll of honour.

Having taken County titles in 2004 and 2005 with victories over Moyle Rovers and Arravale Rovers respectively, our U21 A football panel set out on Sunday 19.02.06 in a bid to retain Mid and County honours. Losing six on the team from 2005, it was not going to be easy in most peoples minds except players and management. In a group of three with Thurles Sarfields and Gortnahoe, the first game was against Gortnahoe in Castleiney and we ran out 0-08 to 0-03 winners. Our second game against Sarfields was a facile 5-16 to no score victory and a place in mid semi final was secure.

The mid semi final was played in Templetuohy on Saturday 11.03.06 v Templetuohy and was played in very heavy rain and cold conditions. The team coped well and qualified for mid final on a 0-07 to 0-03 scoreline.

Castleiney was the venue for mid final v J K Brackens on St Patricks day, bitterly cold but dry was the conditions for the game. Playing excellent football and wind assisted our team were comfortable 0-08 to no score leaders at the interval. The second half proved to be a hard fought encounter as we just added a David McGrath penalty goal to our score, as J K Brackens came into the game to score two goals and three points for a cliffhanger finish. However the lads held strong for a 1-08 to 2-03 victory and a hat trick of mid titles in a row was achieved. Captain Ronan Stapleton was presented with the cup amid great jubilation from team mates and supporters.

The influence of modern technology saw the County semi final on Friday night April 7th played under lights in Dr. Morris Park v Silvermines. A first half that saw our team outplayed by fast moving Silvermines forwards was now a cause for concern and we trailed 2:2 to 0:4 at half time.

Realising that their title could slip the team tightened up all over in the second half and picking off some delightful points they held the north boys scoreless in the second period and

came out 0:10 to 2:02 winners and a place in the County final.

Having defeated two football strongholds in the previous finals they do not come stronger than Clonmel Commercial, who now stood between us and three in a row. The final was played in Boherlahan on Saturday evening the 22nd of April with Ger O Riordan in charge of game.

This was certainly one of the finest finals in a long while with excellent football and scores from both sides. At the end of a hard fought first half we held a slender 0:04 to 0:03 lead.

The second half exceeded the quality of the first as it was nip and tuck all the way. Having lost our captain, Ronan Stapleton early in the half through injury the pressure was all the greater. A minute from time we held a one point lead only for Commercial to level the game and minutes into injury time a final raid on the Clonmel goals yielded a free mid-way and the excellent quick thinking Eddie Connolly picked out young Shane Hennessy and from 40 metres slotted over what proved to be the winning score and the remarkable three in a row county titles on a 0:08 to 0:07 score line.

Captain Ronan Stapleton beat the pain barrier from a serious back injury to receive the cup from Mid Board Secretary Tom Maher following scenes of great jubilation on an historic occasion for club and parish.

Winning in 2004 with a very young team meant that no less than 13 players were part of that three in a row. They were: Thomas Maher, Colm Campion, David McGrath, Eddie Connolly, Ciaran McGrath, James Egan, Ronan Stapleton, Eoin Ryan, Martin Ryan, Stephan Ryan, John Scully, Diarmuid Brennan and Andrew Sweeney.

The team and panel for 2006 are as follows:

Thomas Maher, Eoin Ryan, David McGrath, Martin Ryan, Johnny Campion, Eddie Connolly, Colm Campion, Ciaran McGrath, Noel McGrath, Shane Purcell, Ronan Stapleton(C), Andrew Sweeney, John Scully, James Egan, Shane Hennessy. Subs: Diarmuid Brennan, Tommy Connolly, Stephen Ryan, Aidan McGrath, Kevin Johnston, Leonard Ryan, Kieran Kiely, Denis Leahy, Patrick Moynihan.



The Loughmore Castleiney Panel that won the County U/21 A Football Final 2006.

Picture Back Row L to R Tommy Connolly, Kevin Johnston, Colin Sweeney, Shane Hennessy, John Campion, John Scully, James Egan, Thomas Maher, David McGrath, Eoin Ryan, Shane Purcell, Cian Hennessy, Diarmuid Brennan. Front Row L to R Stephen Ryan, Leonard Ryan, Colm Campion, Andrew Sweeney, Edward Connolly, Ciaran McGrath, Noel McGrath, Martin Ryan, Ronan Stapleton, Aidan McGrath.



The Loughmore Castleiney Panel that won the County U/21 A Football Final 2005.

Picture Back Row L to R John Campion, Shane Purcell, John Scully, David Moore, Colm Campion, Tomas Maher, James Egan, Brendan Maher, David McGrath, Paul Brennan. Front Row L to R Evan Sweeney, Martin Ryan, Andrew Sweeney, Eoin Sweeney, Eoin Ryan, Steve Ryan, Kieran McGrath, Edward Connolly, Diarmuid Brennan, Eoin Brennan, Ronan Stapleton, Leonard Ryan.



The Loughmore Castleiney Panel that won the County U21 A Football Final in 2004.

Picture Back Row L to R Colm Campion, Martin Ryan, Eoin Ryan, Declan Bolger, Brendan Healy, James Egan, Thomas Maher, Derek Bourke, Paul Brennan, Brendan Maerh, Denis Higgins, David Moore. Front Row L to R Stephen Ryan, John Scully, Eoin Brennan, Ronan Stapleton, Edward Connolly, Kieran McGrath, Evan Sweeney, Darren Danagher, David McGrath, Diarmuid Brennan, Andrew Sweeney, Kevin Stapleton.



Mullihone County Minor B Football Champions



Moyle Rovers Junior A Football County Champions



Clonmel Og Under 21 Football County Champions



Ballyporeen Minor C County Champions

An Blascaod Mór

Conchubhar Ó Riain



I mbliana tá mé chun scríobh mar gheall ar oileán atá tréigthe anois ach a bhfuil stair chailiúil ag baint leis. Oileán ársa é ina raibh cultúr iomráiteach agus a shíolraigh scríbhneoirí den scoth. Is é an Blascaod Mór a bheidh faoi chaibidil agam san alt seo. Mhair pobal ann leis na cianta agus síneann a stair ar ais.

I dtosach is fiú féachaint ar chruth agus suíomh an oileáin. Tá sé suite trí mhíle amach ó Bhá an Daingin i dTuaisceart Chiarraí. Níl sé ach timpeall ceithre mhíle ar fad agus leathmhíle ar leithead. I gcónaí bhí daonradh beag ach fuinníúil ann, timpeall céad caoga duine. Suas le naoi n-oileán atá sa chnuasach amach on gcosta, ach is é An Blascaod Mór an ceann is mó. Téann ainmeacha na n-oileán siar i gceol na staire agus fiú níl míniú ceart againn ar an ainm "Blascaod". Bhí léas ag Clann Uí Fheiritéirigh ar na hoileáin ón tríú chéad déag. Dob é Piaras Feirtéar, file agus reibiliúnach an taoiseach deireanach ann. Crocadh é ag Cnocán na gCaorach i gCill Áirne i 1653. Ó thaobh tíreolaíochta de is an Blascaod Mór an áit is faide siar san Eoraip. Áit lom scéirdiúil is ea é sa Gheimhreadh ach is láthair gleoite é nuair a shéideann leoithne bhog shéimh isteach ón bhfarraige. Tá timpeall 1,100 acra san oileán ach seasca acra gur féidir barraí a chur ann. Le beagmhéid na háite mhair an daonradh ar mhullach a chéile, agus is éasca a shamhlú an easpa príobháideachta a bhí le fulaingt ag na daoine.

San lá atá inniu ann is deacair a thuiscint na míbhuntáistí a bhain le saol oileáin i dtosach an chéid atá thart. Ní raibh aon siopa, teach tabhairne nó séipeal ann gan trácht ar aibhléis. Bhí ar na hoileánaigh dul go dtí an mhíntír chun riachtanais an tsaoil a cheannach, plúr agus earraí tis ina measc. Freisin bhí bó ag cuid de sna daoine agus mar sin bhí bainne agus im acu. Cuis bhróid ba e a neamhspléachas.

Sean nath a deireadh siad ná "Caora le díol, caora le bearradh agus caora le nithe". An té a bhí ábalta é sin a dhéanamh, gan dabht bhí sé ar mhuin na muice. Tharla rud aisteach ag deireadh an naoú haois déag a thug deoch nua do sna hoileánaigh. Lá amháin sheol bosca tar isteach ar an toaide. Mar adúirt Tomás Ó Croimthain ina leabhar "An t-Oileánach" ní raibh a fhios ag éinne cad a bhí ann. Faoi dheireadh d'ól duine cróga é agus bhí ré nua óil tagtha. Bhí na daoine gafa ag an mblas agus níorbh fhada go raibh gach mac máthar ag ól tae. Óladh é maidin is trathnóna, prataí ag méanlae agus san oíche. Bhí itheacán don scoth acu. Bhraith said go mór ar an iascaireacht. Go h-iondúil is it rith na hoíche a bhíodh siad amuigh ar an bhfarraige agus saol cruá baolach ab ea é. Ní raibh eatarthu agus an t-síoraíocht ach an naomhóg. B'iontach an bád é ar chumas triúir fear é a láimhseáil. Nuair a bhí an ghaoth fábharach crochadheol in airde. Bua eile a bhí ag an naomhóg ná go raibh sé éasca í a sheoladh in aice na gcarraigeacha nuair a bhí gá leis. Ba é an t-aon míbhuntáiste a bhí inti ná go raibh sé thar a bheith deacair beithíoch nó caora a iompar. Ghnóthaigh na hiascairí neart aigrid as gliomaigh agus craifisceanna. I dtosach is sa Daingean a díoladh iad ach i 1920 osclaíodh margadh sa Fhrainc. Dealraíonn sé go raibh ag eirí go maith le muintir an Bhlascaoid Mhóir trath an ama seo.

Bhí cultúr iontach san oileán freisin. Bhí seanchaithe ann le scéalta i dtaobh eachtraí aitiúla agus bhí eolas cuimsitheach acu ar na scéalta miotas-eolíochta. Bhíodh na daoine ag bothántaíocht, ag casadh ceoil, ag canadh agus ag rince. Gan dabht chabhraigh na himeachtaí seo chun oícheanta dorchá an Gheimhridh a mheilt.

Faoiseamh ba ea an bothantaíocht ón gcruatan agus ón nganntanas a bhí mórthimpeall i ngach áit. In ainneoin sin bhí dutharacht láidir inbheirithe i muintir an Bhlascaoid agus mhair said le bród agus díomas in áit a bhí stracaithe le bochtanas agus imirce. Is féidir a rá le mórán firinne nach mbéadh mórán trácht ar a saolta murach an scaite daoine speisialta a sheol go dtí an t-oileán ins na fichidí agus na troichaidí sa chéad atá imithe. Ina measc bhí Carl Mastrander ón Ioruaidh, a tháinig ann sa bhliain 1907. Ón chéad lá a shroich sé ar Blascaod Mór chaith sá é féin go díograsach i ngach rud a bhí ag tarlú ann. D'oibrigh sé ar muir is ar tír ag foghlaim na Gaeilge. Bhí eolas cuimsitheach aige ar Sheanghaeilge ach bhí sé de aidhm aige an teanga nua-aimseartha a labhairt go líofa. Cuireadh in aithne é do Thomás O'Críomhthain agus sa duine sin bhí togha múinteora aige. Bhí ré Thomáis le teach fós. Ansin tháinig Robin Flower isteach ar an oileán sa bhliain 1910. Is fíor a rá go raibh meas mór ag na hoileánaigh air agus glaoth Bláithín air mar leas-ainm. In éineacht le beirt Shasanach eile, George Thomson (Seiorse MacTomáis) agus Kenneth Jackson, spreag said muintir na háite chun scríbhneoireachta. B'shin tosú na míorúilte, mar lasadh bladhm na cumadóireachta. Scríobh ÓCríomhthain Allagar na hInise timpeall na bliana 1920 agus go luath ina dhiaidh sin a mhórshaothar An t-Oileánach. Is é atá sa dhírbheathaisnéis seo ná cur síos ar na gnáthimeachtaí i saol an Bhlascaoid Mhóir. Cuntas ar shaol soisialta an ama atá ann. Tá an leabhar seo foilsithe i mórán teangacha mór timpeall an domhain.

Níorbh fhada ina dhiadh sin gur tháinig fonn ar bhean a bhfuil clú agus cáil uirthi fós, a scéal a nochtadh. Peig Sayers no Peig Bean Uí Ghaoithín ab ainm don bhean iontach stuama seo. Níor scríobh sí an leabhar iomráiteach 'Peig' ach dheachtaigh sí é dá mac Micheál. Cosúil leis An t-Oileánach is cuntas é ar shaol mhuintir an oileáin agus ar a saol sular phós sí isteach ar an mBlascaod Mór. Mothaimid féin an t-áthas agus an ainnise a mhothaig Peig ina saol. Is soiléir go raibh saol cruá aici óna hóige aníos ag maireachtáil ar an ngannchuid ag tógáil clainne. Bhí an mianach inti áfach a bheith ábalta cur suas le buillí treascraha an tsaoil. Síos tríd an scéal go léir feicimid an mhuinín a bhí aici i nDia agus an Mháthair Bheannaithe. Gan dabht ar bith is seoid litríochta an dírbheathaisnéis álainn seo a nochtann go follasach saol clainne a bhí bánaithe le bás agus imirce. Leabhar breá eile a shíolraigh ón mBlascaod is ea 'Fiche Bhliain ag Fás'. Is cuntas aerach gealgáireach é ar aosóg an oileáin. Tá an scríbhneoireacht agus an stíl cumadóireachta i gcodarsnacht ghéar leis na leabhair thuas luaite. Tá eachtraí na bpaistí, a gcaitheamh aimsire agus a gcluichí léirithe i stíl éasca oscailte. Feicimid fobair shaol Mhuiris ó gharsún go duine fásta. Is frithchaitheamh é ar ré atá imithe le sruth, ré a léirigh

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go beacht an daingne a bhí ins na hoileánaigh in ainneoin na deachrachaí a bhí de shíor ag brú orthu. Arís is cur síos é ar stair shoisialta an Bhlascaoid Mhóir.

Chomh maith leis na scríbhneoirí seo foilsíodh saothair eile le Seán Sheáin Ó Cearnaigh, Máire Ní Ghaoithín, Seán Faeilí Ó Catháin agus daoine eile nach iad. Is cur síos maoithneach atá le sonrú iontu ar phobal speisialta a mhair ar oileán speisialta; daoine cróga mórtasach. Faighimid eolas ar nósanna, ceol, amhránaíochta, paidreacha agus piseoga an oileáin. Táimid faoi chomaoín ag na scríbhneoirí seo go léir mar chaomhnaigh said stair áite do sna glúine a thiocfaidh sa todhchaí.

Gan dabht breathnaíonn neart daoine ar an mBlascaod Mór mar áit Utóipeach. Ina meonta áit rómansúil dhraíochta a bhí ann, sort Tir na nÓg amuigh ar an Aigéan Atlantach. Ní ham-laidh a bhí áfach agus diaidh ar ndiadh thosaigh muintir an oileáin ag athbhreithniú ar a saolta. Bhí daonradh na háite ag titim agus bhí comharthaí inniú ag bagairt. Hi raibh fonn ar na daoine óga pósadh agus fanacht ar an mBlascaod. Ins na blianta idir 1930 agus tréigeadh an oileáin i 1953 ní raibh ach dhá phósadh ann. Bhí nós na himirce ann i gcónaí ach go tobann ans na triochidí thosaigh na sluaite ag fágáil a dtrom-lacht go Springfield, i Meiricea áit ina raibh neart da ngaotha. I rith na daichidí d'imigh teaghlaigh iomlán thar saile agus bhí banú na háite ar siúl gan staonadh. Is fiór a rá go raibh an misneach caillte ag na daoine i bhfad roimh an deireadh. Mhóthaigh said an bád ag dul fothoinn agus bhailigh said leo. Ní raibh ach 22 daoine fágtha ann ar an lá cinniunach sin i 1953 nuair a fuair pobal áite bás. Deireadh ré a bhí ann agus fágadh an t-oileán leis na Cioníní agus na faoileáin.

Anois i ndíl chuimhne agus comóradh mhuintir an Bhlascaoid Mhóir tá Ionad Oidhreachtá tógtha i nDún Chaoin. Is iontach agus stairiúl an áit i agus is fiú dul ann ar cuairt. Tá gach gné den oileán le feiceáil, le cur síos freisin ar a mhuintir, Feicimid pictiúir de sna daoine a mhair agus a shaothraigh ann thar na blianta, in éineacht leis na h-uirlisí a d'usaíod said ina saothar laethúil. Tá na naomhóga, potai glomach, lionta agus chuile rud a bhaineann le hiascaireacht le feiceáil. Ar na ballaí tá samplaí de scríbhneireacht, na n-údar, le cuntas ar gnáth phobal an oileáin. Ag siúl tríd an ionad is dócha gurb iad brón agus bá meascaithe le bród na mothucháin is láidre a mhothaíonn an cuairtroir. Tuigeann sé go follasach go bhfuil sé ag breathnú ar chine maora agus ar shaol atá imithe go brách. Nach tubais-teach agus tragóideach an faille a rinnéadh i Leith an oileáin éachtaigh seo. Gan dabht ní raibh polaisí fad théarmach ag udarás na linne agus ligeadh do phobail clúiteach creimeadh. Bíodh sin mar atá tharla sé, agus is boichte a fágadh sinn go léir. Ta guth an oileáin ciúinithe go deo. Ní chloisfear ceol nó amhrán ann choíche, ach amháin caoineadh na dtaibhsí ar an Trá Bhán. Ní chloisfear feasta ach glórtha na n-éan farraige agus iad ag caoineadh deireadh ré, ré órga an Bhlascaoid Mhóir, Mar adúirt Tomás OCriomhthain, "Ní bheidh ár leigheidí ann arís" gan dabht is fiór an ráiteas sin.

"D'imigh na daoine amach chun na mínitíre,
Tá an Blascaod Mór ciúin anois, leis féin os cionn na taoide".

Gach rath oraibh go léir.

COUNTY CONVENTION



Above: Michael 'Spike' Nolan (Treasurer), Michael O'Brien (Secretary), Donie Shanahan (Outing Chairman) and John Costigan (Incoming Chairman).



Above: Attending the County GAA Convention are (from left) - Martin Dwan (Drom/Inch), Seamus Doran (Rahealty Kickhams), Kieran O'Dwyer (Thurles Fennellys), Larry Mackey (Thurles Fennellys) and Denis Ryan (Clonoulty-Rossmore).

Below: Kildangan delegates at the County Convention (l to r) - Tommy Connors, Catherine Gleeson, Paddy Kelly and Liam Kelly.



BALLAD SHEET



Eoin Kelly of Mullinahone

I

You've heard of Matt the Trasher
From Kickhams Knocknagow
A man of steel we're told he was
As he flung the hammer high
But now a new star has emerged
Who stands out on his own
A hurler of great skill and craft
Eoin Kelly of Mullinahone

II

When he was just a wee small lad
With hurl & ball in hand
'Twas easy even then to see
He was a special brand
When only ten he'd strike the ball
From seventy yards or more
And drive it straight between the posts
For another almighty score

III

With CJ Kickhams famed old club
He's won them honours high
His bravery is in no doubt
As he reaches to the sky
He plucks the sliothar from the air
One step, he's on his own
Another goal for Kickhams boys
From Kelly of Mullinahone

IV

And when he dons the blue & gold
His deeds they are well known
Against Cork or Limerick or the "Cats"
He makes the game his own
The sliothar glides between the posts
The cup is coming home
He's starred again for the premier men
Eoin Kelly of Mullinahone

V

Man of the match, and All Stars
Are won most every year
He makes it look so simple
This man who knows no fear
Renowned all o'er the country
Is the unassuming Eoin
A hero amongst heroes
In his native Mullinahone

VI

So sing his praises loud & high
In story and in song
We may not see his likes again
Around famed Slievenamon
He reigns supreme in his chosen craft
Up there he stands alone
That powerful hurling genius
Eoin Kelly of Mullinahone

Joe Tobin

Francis Loughnane A Tribute

On our Gaelic greats, there are strong debates as to who was best of all,
And going back quite far, there was many a star, so it's not an easy call;
I saw Jimmy Doyle, with all his guile, I saw DJ and Joe Deane,
But Francis Loughnane, Roscrea and Inane, is the best that I have seen.

Now we can't deny, that Ringy-Boy, Tom Cheasty and John Doyle,
Like Eddie Keher, they all brought flair,
with their skill and hurling style;
Those Rackard boys, with their strength and size,
like Kelly from Killane,
But tell me where, if there was a player, as gifted as Loughnane.

Now Francis played, in every grade, for Tipperary and Roscrea
And well he knows, the highs and lows,
of the games that slipped away;
Like the Bennis free, in seventy three, whatever are your
views,
Two goals, ten points, yes this was science - he did not
deserve to lose.

Blessed with speed, Loughnane indeed,
had the power, the skill, the lot,
A brilliant catch, in a hard fought match,
but they blocked his point-bound shot;
As the Wexford crowd were cheering loud,
the ball was far from "dead"
And with a second chance, from a fulling stance,
he shook the net instead.

Now the figure three, amazes me, in the honours Francis won,
Like three years a county minor, three under twenty-one;
All Irelands won, in seventy-one, yes three were his rewards,
And became the first, Tipperary's first, to win three All Star awards.

In Cork they sing of Christy Ring, he's the greatest they suggest,
The Noreside view is that quite a few think Eddie Keher was best;
By the Shannonside, they speak with pride, of the great one from Ahane
But the gap in age, makes it hard to gauge,
between Mackey and Loughnane.

He led with pride, the County side, being captain was an honour
And got the best from all the rest, like the brilliant Tadgh O'Connor;
In football too, 'twas nothing new - County minor at sixteen,
Loughnane was class, so raise your glass - to the best that I have
seen.

Paul Ryan
Parkmore Heights
Roscrea



Cill Beag Gaels on Tour

By James Holohan

In last year's book we told you about the achievements of "The Gaels". They confounded the experts when the little village won their first County Senior Football Title since 1947.

To continue with their exploits they went on to compete in the provincial Club Championships. Having already won their "little All Ireland" the next phase was never going to have the same intensity. They went on to win the first round narrowly. In the Semi-final it became obvious that fatigue was getting the better of them. Despite going down by a few points they did the Club proud and their achievement would not be forgotten for many a day.

For a good number of years now it is the norm for victorious county teams to be granted holidays to exotic locations as a thank you gesture for the enormous effort put in order to achieve their targets. In recent times successful club teams have also had holidays in more modest destinations.

As the dark evenings grew longer and training was but a distant memory "The Gaels" were having withdrawal symptoms. The younger members of the team had dreams of taking to the skies and wondered if the Club would accede to their requests. The "little acorns" grew larger when it became the subject of conversation in Tony Nagle's Bar. For many the notion of exploring foreign places sounded very attractive. Since early in the year their social activities were kept to the minimum and they saw this as an opportunity to let their hair down. The subject continued to gather momentum and the players requested that the matter be put on the agenda at the next committee meeting. Realising the large outlay required for such an adventure they said they would be prepared to put up some of the money on an easy payments system. On the night of the meeting Chairman Jim Mc Grath or Chairman Jim as he is affectionately known said that he would not allow any discussion but he promised that the Club Officers would look into it. However, this was only biding time as those in attendance at the meeting were unaware that things were about to unfold behind the scenes.

In fact some days earlier Secretary Larry O'Brien, going through his mail, was intrigued to come across a letter with an American stamp addressed to the Secretary, Cill Beag G.A.A. Club Co Tipperary. When he opened the envelope its contents was going to have major ramifications for the Club having arrived from none other than Danny Murphy in New York. Danny was born just outside Cill Beag. At underage he looked to be a promising footballer. When he was just out of his teens he visited his uncle in New York and he liked it so much that he stayed there. He later inherited his uncle's growing number of bars and became a shrewd business man while amassing considerable wealth. Despite being so far away from home he always took a keen interest in the Club activities. On the occasional visit back he always sought out Larry to keep him updated on how the Club was going. The names of some of the players meant nothing to Danny as many new families had come to the area due to the building boom.

In his letter Danny outlined that he was aware of the Club's historical success in last year's championship. He said that due to business commitments he regretted that he could not return to his old homestead for the County Final. He added that it gave him a great thrill when he received a telephone call from

his brother that Cill Beag upset the odds to win the County Title. He went on to say that his love for the Club never dwindled all those years and often wondered what he could do for them. Rather than send home a cheque he said that he had the perfect solution. Having discussed it with his family he was offering the team, mentors and their partners an all expenses trip to New York for ten days. Without finishing the letter Larry's breath was taken away and could hardly wait to tell someone. Having a bite to eat he thought deeply about it and true to form he never did anything without first consulting Jim Mc Grath. Later that evening he called to Jim's house and gave him the letter to read. Before finishing it he leapt to his feet and grabbed Larry in an ecstatic hug reminiscent of County Final day and they danced around the kitchen in delight. Tom informed Treasurer Jack O'Donovan of the wonderful news. Mum was to be the word and that the three of them would discuss the pros and cons having slept on it overnight. Following their discussion a players meeting was called. In the meantime Larry dispatched a letter of acceptance to Danny stating that his generosity would be greatly appreciated and that he would be in touch with him as soon as possible.

As so often happens, players meetings are poorly attended. In a cute move the officers put out a rumour that there was something in the offing for the players. On the night the meeting was called there was a full attendance. Chairman Jim called the meeting to order and said that there was only one item on the agenda and requested Larry to read the correspondence. As Larry went on a pin could be heard to drop and on conclusion it was greeted with a rapturous round of applause and all agreed that this was a once in a lifetime opportunity not to be missed.

As this was a ground breaking venture for the "little village" nobody was sure of what to say. Jim said that he discussed it with his fellow officers and suggested that the party should be made up of something on the following lines: the panel of 24 players, the trainer, selectors and officers together with long term partners. He also felt that garage owner Denis Healy who is the Club's very generous sponsor should be invited along with his wife. After further discussion it was unanimous that the make up of the party was a fair one. Jim was also mindful of the fact that there were a number of supporters who would also like to accompany the party and would be willing to pay their own way. He said that a further meeting would be called for a week hence and they would discuss it further including a possible departure date. This gave all those involved an opportunity to organise some annual leave, childminding etc. This duly took place and everyone had their say. A letter was received from Denis Healy informing the Club that he would be unable to travel and thanked them for their kind gesture. He recommended life long supporters Jack Tobin and Willie Butler would be given the opportunity to travel. It was decided that the date of departure would be Monday 3rd January. Jim could not get over how smooth things were going until one of the younger players said that three of them who were unattached were taking leave of their jobs for six months. They said that they had a contact over there and employment would be arranged for them. Team trainer, Michael Nolan was taken aback as this would interfere with the upcoming competitions but went on to say that this was their prerogative and he wished them well. Jim said that with Christmas only weeks away that everyone should move fast to get their passports and all other documentation in order.

Despite living three thousand miles away Danny Murphy's gesture generated plenty of favourable comment in the parish. For some of the older generation this was no surprise because they recalled that it was Danny's grandfather who had given the Club the use of a field and in his will left it to the Club. Indeed, one could say that the Club can now boast of one of

the finest playing facilities in the County.

For Larry these were exciting times as he was never on a plane before. He is single but one could say that he was married to the Club all his life. He was always a man that paid particular attention to detail and his suggestions usually were quickly given the rubber stamp. His idea of a framed autographed photograph of the County Final winning team met with spontaneous approval as a presentation for Danny.

Denis Ryan said that he would be unable to travel as his wife will be expecting their first baby on New Year's Day. One of the wisecracks, in a low tone, was heard to say that Denis was spot on as in the event of their offspring being a boy he would be able to make maximum use of the underage eligibility rules. Trainer, Michael Nolan's wish was that the players should have a wonderful time but he appealed to them to behave in a responsible manner and maintain the good name of the Club. He decided to organise a schedule to keep the players occupied. Having a close contact in New York one of his priorities was to arrange a match for the team in Gaelic Park on the Sunday afternoon and to book a show on Broadway on Saturday night. The necessary clearance was received from the County Board and Croke Park to play the match.

Over the Christmas period Chairman Jim was in regular contact with Danny to ensure that things were running smoothly and to ensure that there would be no hitches on the way. Locally many supporters were joining an ever expanding touring party.

With the festive season over Michael Nolan organised a training session for 8am on Sunday. This was to be seen as more of a test of character and there was nearly a 100% turnout. With the mood in the camp very upbeat, Michael seized the opportunity to turn it into a very physical session to get as much as possible of the festive excesses out of their systems.

Early on Monday 3rd January the eighty strong party gathered outside Tony Nagle's Bar. They were very much the envy of those who were returning to work after the Christmas break. Despite the nip in the air nobody noticed and without undue delay they were on their way to the airport. After the usual check in they were quickly on board the aircraft. Larry was observed by some of the lads as the only person who listened intently as the glamorous hostesses demonstrated the security requirements in the event of an emergency. (Who ever listens to them anyway)!!! Very quickly all was in order and they were heading out over the Atlantic. People occupied themselves in different ways on the journey. The younger generation listened to their ipods while the older ones did a spot of reading and snoozing and all were delighted when the pilot announced their descent as the first skyscrapers were spotted – a sign of things to come. In the arrivals hall at Kennedy airport they were met by a jubilant Danny Murphy and family with a big banner "Welcome Cill Beag Gaels to New York". He was particularly thrilled to meet Larry, Jack Tobin and Willie Butler. However, a quick chat was terminated as tired bodies had other things in mind.

Over the next few days everyone had a great time. Trips to interesting places were organised by Danny's family while the younger brigade were the more adventurous in sampling the night life. Needless to say early morning wake ups were out of the question. Thursday was a free day for everyone to do as they pleased. For some it was an opportunity to track down addresses given by those at home. For the ladies it was a chance to do a spot of shopping and flash their credit card in Macey's and other big stores. On Friday night the Murphy family laid on a banquet for one and all. Danny, being a very influential figure in the city that never sleeps, invited the Mayor and his wife. Following the presentation of the aforementioned photograph to Danny he vowed that as long as he will live he could never forget his roots. The Mayor then addressed the guests in his soft American accent. He said that

while he was not well versed in gaelic games he had great admiration for the Irish, both home and away, for their enthusiasm for a sport indigenous to Ireland. He commented that the Murphy family had made a major contribution to the business life of the city and said that when one looks around the many fine buildings, and even the skyscrapers, many Irish people were instrumental in their construction.

It was only during the day that Chairman Jim became aware that the Mayor would be in attendance. This created an instant problem as he had nothing to present to him. On a quick visit to the shops he had a stroke of luck when a piece of Tipperary Crystal became the object of his eye. When the Mayor had finished his address Tom acknowledged his kind comments and made the presentation. The Mayor said he appreciated the thoughtfulness of bringing this wonderful piece of Tipperary all the way from Ireland and that he would treasure it forever. When the function was over the party filed on to the coach and following the mandatory head count it was discovered that three of the players were missing. A brief search revealed nothing while their mobile phones also drew a blank and the coach returned to the hotel. Next morning at breakfast there was still no sign of them which led to growing concern for their welfare. The police were then contacted and a brief description given. All day Saturday passed and the mood in the party was reaching alarming proportions knowing in a city as large as this that anything is possible. All three were still in their early teens and would not have been street smart. At 7 o'clock in the evening as the party were about to leave for the show on Broadway a police car arrived and the three lads were presented at reception. It transpired that following the meal they went to a 24 hour casino. They played the machines all night and left some time on Saturday when their money ran out. Cold, hungry and tired following a couple of hours on a street bench they made their way to a police station. After identifying themselves the police man concerned had Irish connections and told them that this city is far removed from rural Ireland. The happy reunion was a huge relief to all. The boys returned to their rooms as they were in no condition to join the group for the trip to Broadway.

After breakfast on Sunday morning Michael Nolan took the players aside and told them that while the match in the afternoon was of no prestigious value he promised that everyone would get a run and he expected them to put up a good show and be worthy ambassadors.

Following a light lunch they made their way to Gaelic Park and arrived in plenty of time. Lo and behold, when they went to the dressing room Michael discovered to his horror that the jerseys were left in the foyer of the hotel. This was only a minor hitch as Chairman Jim hailed a taxi and within minutes the "green and white" jerseys were ready for action. Cheered on by the rest of the travelling group they made their way out onto the pitch. However, the Gaels were somewhat rusty and had difficulty in coming to terms with their opponents. They gradually worked their way into the game. In the second half they were well on top and ran out deserving winners. Afterwards they were invited to the bar where there was a surprise in store for them. Ned Casey a native of Cill Beag and now living in New York for over twenty years organised a number of ex pats from Cill Beag and its hinterland to meet the team. Following the initial handshakes and introductions the chat began in earnest. With much to talk about the evening passed very quickly. The inevitable rendition of Slievenamon gathered momentum each time it was sung. When the time came for parting Ned was cheered to the echo. He assured all and sundry that he would return home when hopefully the Gaels would feature in the County Final later in the year. The next couple of days passed quickly as everyone did their own thing. Thursday was the day for the return journey so Danny ordained that Wednesday night would be a traditional Irish Ceili night in the aptly named Cill Beag Lounge and true to

form he also threw in a free bar for good measure. Thursday morning was the parting of the ways and it was also a time to say goodbye to the three players who were staying behind. When they arrived at the airport a number of players were a little late. This was quickly explained when a number of taxis arrived with the lads. As always love blossomed as the inevitable holiday romances were apparent and it was time to say good bye to the members of the fairer sex with repeated promises to stay in touch. (One wonders!!!) For those who had a hectic social schedule the duty free shop was a crash course to avoid coming home empty handed. When the usual formalities were dispensed with they were

soon airborne.

On arrival in Eire all quickly boarded the coach as the rain came down. The mood was in stark contrast to when they were outward bound. Even the lads at the back could not drum up any energy as they approached the village. The ever efficient Larry had purchased a very appropriate "thank you" card for Danny and insisted that everybody sign it in acknowledgment of a wonderful ten days in the life and times of Cill Beag Gaels.

Tipperary GAA club in New York

By Mikey Maher (PRO)

The New York hurling championship progressed this year with five teams (Tipperary, Offaly, Connecticut State, Galway and the eventual winners, the New Jersey / Kilkenny amalgamation). Tipperary started their campaign slowly and were defeated by the defending champions New Jersey / Kilkenny in their opener. They followed this with another defeat to Connecticut State by two points. Galway were next and Tipperary got their first win aided by superb weekender Tony Scroope. Tipperary were brought down to earth by Offaly in their next match with another defeat, this time by five. With first stages completed, Tipperary had only 1 win with 3 defeats, but things were looking up.

Tipperary defeated New Jersey / Kilkenny, Galway and old foes Connecticut State in their next three outings to leave them in a play off spot for the semi final. Tipperary had great service over these matches from always reliable weekenders from the home country namely John Carroll, Diarmaid Fitzgerald, Conor O'Mahony and Larry Corbett.

Tipperary completed the group stages with another defeat to Offaly who were gathering steam at this stage. New Jersey / Kilkenny had breezed their way through the group stages and on to the final. Tipperary would now meet Offaly who had defeated Connecticut State in the play off in the semi final. This proved to be game of the year. Tipperary were aided again by Roscrea man Diarmaid Fitzgerald and they began well and led for long periods.

They couldn't shake Offaly and as the game wore on, Offaly began to get on top and eventually won the game by three points.

New Jersey / Kilkenny went on to win the final comfortably aided by Tipperary men John Devane and Shane McGrath. A good year overall especially after such a poor start, with a bit of luck in the semi-final, we may have got through to give New Jersey / Kilkenny a better game in the final having been the only team to defeat them all year. Congratulations to all Tipperary teams at home, especially our minors on their great victory.

Tipperary team and selectors: Tom O'Meara (Toomevara), Benny O Sullivan (Thurles Sarsfields), Eddie Campion (Kilkenny), Mickey Collins (Thurles Sarsfields), Tom Moylan (Newport), Diarmaid Fitzgerald (Roscrea), John Madden (Lorrha), Dave Loughnane (Roscrea), George Allis (Limerick), Kevin Kennedy (Toomevara), Mike Stritch (Limerick), Trevor Fletcher (Roscrea), Martin Finn (Cork), Mike Maher (Roscrea), Thomas Keane (Upperchurch-Drombane), Alan Slattery (Nenagh Eire Og), Gavin Steed (Silvermines), Paul Tynan (Roscrea), Paul Kennedy (Thurles Sarsfields), Damien "Homer" Delaney (Roscrea), Seamus Meehan (Clare), Eoin O Connor (Roscrea).
Mike Ryan (Manager), Mike Kennedy (Selector), John Carey (Selector), Declan O'Meara (Selector), Steve Carty (Selector).



From County Down to the Cradle Town

By James Hoolahan

Each week during the playing season many thousands of followers attend Club matches throughout the county. For the more passionate ones the fortunes of our County teams command lots of attention and going to places such as Pairc Ui Caoimh, the Gaelic Grounds or indeed Semple Stadium seem just up the road. For most of our followers the all too rare visits to Croke Park are well within reach while for others the logistics of a day in Dublin causes too much hassle.

For one hurling follower in Down a visit to Head Quarters is only a short distance away. Tom McGivern from Warrenpoint must be one of the most travelled GAA followers in the country. Getting into his car and pointing southwards to venues such as Thurles, Limerick, Cork, Ennis, Killarney or Kilkenny are all taken in his stride. His passengers vary from time to time and included Aidan Woods, Owen Mc Clory, Michael Mc Manus, Jack Grant, Francie Doyle, Desmond Butterfield and the late Francie Gallagher. They all played football with Mayobridge or Warrenpoint.

In his youth Tom played in goal for Mayobridge and also for his County in Junior and Senior Football in the 50's. Little did he know at that time that Down were about to create history by taking Sam across the border for the first time in 1959. Though no longer playing he was very much involved behind the scenes when they made the breakthrough.

Tom always had an interest in hurling. After attending the Tipperary V Kilkenny All Ireland Final in 1964 he was bitten by the bug. In order to get his "fix of hurling" no venue was too far away from him. Thurles is his favourite stadium and says that there is nothing to compare with it for atmosphere and he has been there many many times over the last forty years. The "pilgrimage" starts around 8am when he picks up his passengers for the 166 mile drive. They make there one and only stop in Durrow for something to eat. Arriving in Thurles around lunch time, together with his companions they like to be part of the build up to the game. There is also an opportunity to meet people and he is also on first name terms with some of the media. For many years he was a self employed tyre distributor. In his travels he got to know many players and other GAA personnel.

His view is that there is no sport to compare with the skills of hurling and the commitment of the players is fantastic. He went on to recall the many great matches i.e. Tipperary's heart-break when losing a four point lead to Cork in the closing stages of the 1984 Munster Final. Some weeks later his group travelled down on the eve of the Centenary Hurling Final enjoying the banter of the rival fans in Liberty Square. The many other epic Tipp V Cork encounters were also highlights. He particularly remembers John Fenton's goal in 1987 with a spectacular ground shot from about 45 yards which flashed to the Limerick net. He relates a humorous story about this score.

A Cork supporter always got his tickets from the County Chairman the late Denis Conroy. On this occasion he was not happy with the quality of them. The next time he met Mr Conroy he told him "the tickets were mouldy and that he never saw Fenton's goal". Conroy, in his distinctive Cork accent replied "Yerra was'nt the Limerick goalkeeper nearer and he did'nt see it either". Clare's victory over Limerick in the 1995 Munster Final was a great occasion and who could forget fourteen man Waterford's defeat of Cork in 2004.



Tom McGivern

He went on to say that Munster Final day in Thurles is something special. As one approaches the town, in a steady traffic build up, the adrenaline starts to flow with the sight of the rival supporters in their county colours. The area around Hayes Hotel is the Mecca for all followers. Nearing the stadium the fans continue to sing their county "Anthems" and, of course, the Pecker Dunne and other artists add further to the friendly atmosphere. When the match is over, victor and vanquished alike, mingle with one another which shows the unique character of our gaelic followers.

He said he will always treasure the hospitality of Donie Nealon a great friend over a long number of years, the larger than life "Babs" Keating is another old friend and John Leahy is someone he has always admired. Kerryman Gary Mc Mahon author of the Ballad "Let hurling win the day" is another old pal who and is son of the late Brian.

Munster Football Finals have not escaped his attentions either. Visits to Killarney or Pairc Ui Caoimh entail making the journey on a Saturday evening. Together with his mates they find plenty of ways to get involved in the eve of match build up. This year he attended the Tipperary V Kilkenny League match, some weeks later Tipperary V Offaly and Waterford V Limerick double header. On the following Sunday Tipperary V Kilkenny and he made it three Sundays in a row with the Kilkenny V Limerick League Final. His final visit to Thurles this year was to the Munster Final.

Having listened to him extol about our ancient game it makes one wonder about those who knock hurling, perhaps they do not realise the unique treasure we have and Tom feels that more could and should be done to market the game. With the onset of winter and the arrival of the dark evenings withdrawal symptoms have set in for Tom. His intense desire for hurling will not abate over the closed season and his batteries will be recharged for the start of the League early in 2007 when his long journeys will commence all over again.

g.a.a. publications 2006

I suppose the first thing to be mentioned in an article of G.A.A. publications in the county is the achievement of the Yearbook Committee in winning a McNamee Award for the best yearbook in the country. The citation that accompanied the win had this to say:

'This publication provides a colourful and comprehensive review of activities at every level of the association in Tiobraid Árann in 2005 – at club, intercounty, schools and even higher education, in hurling football, camogie, handball, Scór, and international hurling-shinty. There is also an array of articles that are of interest to G.A.A. enthusiasts everywhere, giving a valuable insight into the relevance and importance of the activities of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael locally, nationally and beyond in the present day.' Reason enough to crow a bit!

The first book on the list of publications for 2006 was published, in fact, in late 2005, too late for inclusion in last year's article. 'Playing With the Hill' is the title of the G.A.A. history of the parish of Ballinahinch and Killoscully, the colour cover carrying an image of the famous Keeper, with a line of the club jerseys drying in the sun at its base. The cover also includes pictures of high points in the club's history, teams that won junior hurling titles and a junior football, as well as Club of the Year Award in 2002.

Leafing through this comprehensive history, covering close to five hundred pages, one is struck by the thought that although it is a small club, in the context of titles and honours achieved, it is just as big as any club in its commitment to the G.A.A., in the intensity of its support for its teams, and in the endeavour of its players, when they don the club colours and take the field for the honour of the parish.

It is significant that President of the G.A.A., Sean Kelly, was present to launch the book, a statement in itself on the importance of every unit in the organisation, however small or, for that matter, however great they may be.

This book is a labour of love for the writer, John Ryan, who spent a number of years gleaning the records and extracting any information that could be found about the game in the parish, and the achievements of Knockmeal, Shallee, Killoscully and Ballinahinch, as well as teams in faraway places. There are also accounts of boys from the parish in neighbouring secondary schools, on camogie, juveniles, handball, etc. The large list of sponsors and patrons listed in the



John Ryan (left) the author of Ballinahinch GAA club history "Playing with the Hill" receives a presentation from GAA President Sean Kelly who launched the book and Ballinahinch Chairman John 'Rockie' McGrath.

back is an indication of how much such a book means to the people of the parish.

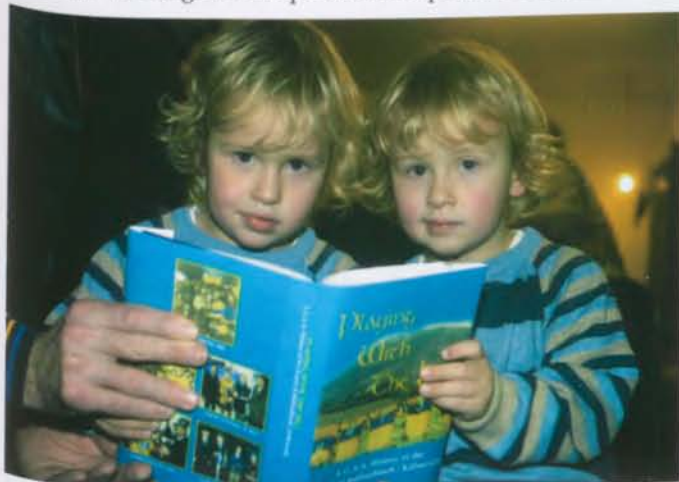
They got good value for money in the work of John Ryan. The book is no 'cut and paste' job as so many similar works tend to be, but a well-written and entertaining account.

The work is also enhanced by a thoughtful introduction by the author's brother, Martin, no mean writer himself, on the role of the G.A.A. in Irish society. A model for any other club thinking of writing a history.

A second club history was that of Cashel King Cormac's. In this case it was a second edition! The 'G.A.A. History of Cashel and Rosegreen' was published in 1884 and covered the history of the club to that period. It missed out on the glory days that came after that year so there was a need to bring matters up to date. Seamus King, who wrote the original work, has done just that with, 'Cashel King Cormac's G.A.A History 1985-2005', which was launched by Justin McCarthy, who contributed so much to the club's breakthrough to a county senior hurling final in 1991, at Cashel on April 28. The book is a substantial work of over three hundred pages, and it includes over four hundred pictures. It has a sixteen-page colour section. Part of its strength is a series of comprehensive profiles of some of the stars of the club, such as the Bonnars. Beautifully printed by Lion Print, Cashel, it retails at €20 and is available at Lár na Páirce as well as from the club secretary, Mattie Finnerty.

Two publications of great importance to the county will make their appearance next year. Both the South and Mid divisions came into existence in 1907, following a decision taken at the county convention that year. The North division had already been declared in 1901, and the West wasn't to make its appearance until 1930.

So, the South and Mid divisions will celebrate their centenaries in 2007 and it's understandable that both divisions would like to see their histories between covers. The result will be that all four divisions will have histories. As a result there should be no excuse for clubs not writing their histories. To date most of the groundwork for club histories has been done in the North and the West through the publication of their divisional accounts.



The Kelly twins Leah and Joey from Ballinahinch with the GAA history "Playing with the field" on launch night at Ballinahinch Hall.

At any rate progress on the history of the South is well advanced. The editor of the work is Michael O'Meara, who was secretary of the South board for over thirty years. The work has progressed to the late eighties in a chronological order, and Michael has found that the nearer to the present one comes, the greater the amount of information is available, as well as the greater the number of competitions, but also greater is the amount of work involved sifting through it. Michael has a committee of beavering individuals who are working away on pen pictures of important players and administrators in the division, as well as activities such as scór, handball, Bord na nÓg, etc. The work is expected to reach 700 pages and will be published in September next in time for the centenary celebrations.

Not so advanced is the Mid production, which is more ambitious. What set out to be a single volume history of the division, has evolved into two books, one of photographs and a second of text. It was hoped to have the book of photographs, an impressive collection of about two thousand images, ready for the centenary, with the history itself coming on stream in 2008. However, at time of writing, there are concerns about the costs involved but, I understand, it is full steam ahead. The Mid are writing their history by committee, under the chairmanship of P. J. Maher and the editorship of Martin Bourke. The completed work is keenly awaited.

A number of books that appeared during the year will be of interest to hurling fans. These include 'OLLIE - The Hurling Life and Times of Ollie Walsh' Written by Dermot Kavanagh, the book traces the career of one of the great goalkeepers of our time from his first success with Thomastown in 1947, when he was aged 10 years, to his last All-Ireland appearance in 1971. The biography is well served with photographs. It is published by Blackwater Press

A slim volume is 'The Man from Carron', a short account of the life and times of Michael Cusack by a great admirer, Brother Sean McNamara, which was published to coincide with the centenary of the death of the founder of the G.A.A. Published in association with Coiste Cumarsáide an Chláir and Coiste CLG an Chláir, it is available from the Ennis Bookshop for €11 including postage.

Two books that made their appearance for the first time in 2005, reappear in new editions in 2006. Published by DBA, the company that produces the match programmes for the G.A.A., they are the 'G.A.A. Supporters' Handbook', which claims to give all the information the G.A.A. supporter requires to know if he decides to go to a match in Tuam, or any other venue. It costs €9.95 post free. The second is 'The Complete Handbook of Gaelic Games', which is a G.A.A. statistics book, containing



Gerry Slevin who is author of the book "Years of Plenty" with family members on launch night at Nenagh Abbey Court Hotel. Seated: Niamh, Lily, Gerry and Laura Slevin.

Standing: James Kelly, Ann Slevin, Bryan and Barbara Slevin

all the records and facts that the G.A.A. follower need to know. It costs 19.95 euros post free.

'The Championship' by Brian Carty has been appearing since 1995 and the 2006 edition brings you all the facts and figures relating to the football and hurling championships. An all-colour book it includes every match with all the relevant statistical details.

'Dublin v Kerry: The Story of the Epic Rivalry that Changed Irish Sport', by Tom Humphries, Penguin Ireland, €22.99 / £17.99 brings new life to an old story, the great rivalry between Dublin and Kerry, and between Kevin Heffernan and Mick O'Dwyer in the seventies. Very well written, the book is enlivened by plenty of stories and anecdotes.

Gerry Slevin's book on Tipperary camogie from 1999-2005, called 'Years of Plenty' was launched last December, too late for inclusion in last year's article. The book is lavishly illustrated by Bridget Delaney's photographs. It captures the essence of these very successful years, which Gerry covered extensively for the 'Guardian'. The book highlights the great achievements of Tipperary in camogie's Centenary year, when the county won the national league and the Munster and All-Ireland championships. Printed by the 'Guardian, the book retails for €20.

I want to mention two match programmes. The first is that for the county hurling final on October 22. Apart from the information on the teams involved in the minor and senior finals, there is a six-page spread on the Roscrea teams from 1968-1980, who were celebrated between the games on the day. For this alone it is a collector's item.

The second program was produced for the intermediate hurling final at Boherlahan on October 28. Compiled by county P.R.O. Ed Donnelly, it is chock-a-bloc with information of the teams involved, Eire Og, Annacarty and Moycarkey-Borris. Long after the game is forgotten, the program will be a source of plenty of reading.

Finally, I want to include 'A Year In The Red' for 2005, an annual publication of Roscrea G.A.A. Club. It might be a model for similar club publications. The twenty-page magazine reviews the year in the club for all grades from juvenile to senior. There is also a fine article on Kieran Carey and the notorious full-back line of the sixties, which included Kieran, and was famously christened 'Hell's Kitchen'. This year the magazine also features the camogie club and the Roscrea Hurling Club buffet dance in 2005. The magazine also reflects on the club members who died during the year, including Jim Sheedy, Billy Doran, Seamus Ryan, Sean Moloughney and Denis Hendrick. The publication is priced at just €4, and the 2006 number will probably be available in time for Christmas.



Seamus King, Tipperary, receives his GAA McNamee award for "Best County Yearbook" from GAA President Nicky Brennan at the 2006 GAA McNamee awards. Burlington Hotel, Dublin.

Thurles CBS

Harty Cup – 1956

On 4th April 2006 the 1956 Harty Cup team celebrated the 50th anniversary of its success, at the Anner Hotel, Thurles.

Departed players – Sean Warren, Paddy Loughnane, Fr Sean Ryan, John Ryan (Coalfields) – were remembered at Mass celebrated by Canon Liam Ryan, Fr Phil Barry and Fr Tom McGree.

It was an evening of nostalgia – friendships renewed and hitherto unknown stories revealed. Canon Liam told us of how he was in charge of hurleys and when the nail-biting last few minutes came to an end with the final whistle he threw the hurleys over his head, only to have to try to find each one again as everyone went mad around him.

At the beginning of the '56 campaign our trainer and mentor Brother Doody made it clear that what we lacked in the physique and talent of the '54/'55 sides could be counteracted by other attributes.

He outlined them as: Speed – first to the ball; Determination – never give up, even when beaten; Tactical Awareness – cover for colleagues and hit from the hip when surrounded. Our responsibility was to focus on trying to perfect these on the pitch.

In that era the Thurles hinterland was the core of Tipperary hurling. Thurles CBS was considered to be a sort of psychological cradle of that tradition; so letting down the school meant letting down the County.

The '56 team was steeped in that tradition and we had some experienced players from the '54 and '55 teams, including a sprinkling from the All-Ireland winning Minor team of '55. We had also won the Dean Ryan Cup in 1955.

We started off in adversity. We lost one of our strongest forwards – now Fr Pat McGeever – when the family moved to Dublin. We then lost Brother Doody to a terminal illness shortly after the first round. At the time this was unimaginable, because he was a brilliant coach, long before the professionals.

He was also a great friend to each player. In a way, the shock of his death galvanised the players to even greater efforts and I don't think we ever visualised losing.

On the week leading up to the final we lost our towering full-back Sean Ryan because of a dislocated shoulder, in training. Despite all the obstacles



The Team: On the iron stairs – old school on Monday after final.



*Tommy Gleeson
Outside old CBS school, Thurles*



At the Bishops Palace: Dr Christy Lee (Great Harty Cup enthusiast) (Adm Cathedral), Dr J Kinnane Archbishop GAA patron, Brother Wilson (CBS Superior after death of Brother Doody), Brother Leahy (Trainer post Brother Doody)

we brought the Cup home to the Square, to a huge crowd and a tumultuous welcome.

Little things, like a handshake and a tea from Tom Cahill (Greek teacher), not considered an avid GAA man, still stick in my memory.

The reception and warm welcome to his palace by Archbishop Kinane and viewing of artefacts – John Maher's hurley – will also be treasures to remember.

Beyond that, among ourselves, there was a kind of silence, a void; nothing said, but a common bond of having won it because of and for Brother Doody.

By Tommy Gleeson



Michael Craddock, Sean Warren, Jimmy Doyle, Tommy Gleeson. This was taken after the very last interprovincial. The cancellation of the series was due to the overwhelming superiority of Munster. The above 4 were the Thurles Harty Cup representatives. At half back, midfield, half forward and centre back

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INTERFIRMS GAA 2006

Hurling: 4 teams entered the hurling competitions in 2006, BOI Lifetime (Nenagh), Proctor & Gamble (Nenagh) and Garda/Teachers entered the Senior Hurling competition and Guidant (Clonmel) were the sole entrants in the Junior Hurling. All 4 teams played each other once and after the initial round of games, BOI Lifetime & Garda/Teachers qualified for the final. This was held in Puckane under lights on Monday 16th October. After an exciting game, BOI lifetime came out on top on a scoreline of 1-20 to 3-12. BOI lifetime now go on to represent Tipperary in the Munster Championship and will hopefully repeat their achievement of 2003 in winning the All-Ireland. Guidant who benefited from playing in the senior competition in the county went on to represent Tipperary in the Munster Junior Hurling Championship where they lost out to Analog (Limerick).

Football: 3 teams entered the Junior Football Competition, Merck Sharp & Dohme (Clonmel), Guidant (Clonmel) and Proctor & Gamble (Nenagh). After the initial round of games, Guidant and Proctor & Gamble qualified for the final. The final was played under lights in Morris Park on September 21st. Proctor & Gamble won 3-06 to 1-09 and will represent Tipperary in the Munster Junior Football competition. Tipperary have no entrants in the senior football competition, a competition which has been confined to Cork v Kerry for the past few years.

Interfirms board would like to thank referees who helped during the year and clubs who provided pitches for matches. Details of how to enter the competitions in 2007 can be found on the Interfirms website, <http://interfirms.tipperary.gaa.ie>

Proctor & Gamble: Ireland Inter-Firms Junior Hurling All Champions 2005

On December 03rd 2005, Proctor & Gamble became the first Tipperary team since 1998 to win the All-Ireland Interfirms Junior Hurling Title with a hard fought victory over Galway & Connaught champions, Thermo King. It was tough luck on the Galway team who ended up defeated for the second year in succession with P&G having suffered previous defeats in All Ireland finals in 1993 and 1996.

After defeating Guidant (Clonmel) in the Tipperary Championship, P&G qualified for the Munster Final with victories over Element 6 (Clare) and Walsh Construction (Waterford). In the Munster Final, P&G defeated Analog / LIT by 1-13 to 1-03. The Analog / LIT team included Shane McGrath of Ballinahinch, Fergal Heney (Knockavilla Kickhams) and John Brennan (Nenagh Eire Óg).

The All Ireland Final was played on 03 December in Galway. P&G elected to play with the wind and after a robust opening, the Galway side settled better and were 0-4 to 0-2 in front after 15 minutes. Ken Dunne was causing havoc in the Galway defence and had 3 points from play and 5 points from frees to leave the score 0-8 to 0-5 in P&Gs favour at the break. Paul Hogan at full back was doing a good job on young Galway star Kerill Wade who looked dangerous anytime he got possession. Having had 7 wides in the first half and facing into a stiff

26/09/05	Tipperary County Final	P&G 2-19, Guidant 2-07
10/11/-5	Munster First Round	P&G 0-13, Element-6 2-6
17/11/05	Munster Semi-Final	P&G 5-10, Walsh Constrn 4-12
26/11/05	Munster Final	P&G1-13, Analog/LIT 1-03
03/12/05	All Ireland Final	P&G 0-12, Thermoking 0-10

breeze, it was going to be an uphill battle for the Tipp lads in the second half. Thermo King began to dominate the early part of the second half and had 4 points in succession to go 1 up with 11 minutes left. P&G were finding it hard to gain good possession however a minute later, Eddie Tucker hit an excellent point to level it up again. The introduction of Seosamh Cleary and Seamus Hassett strengthened P&G and the whole defensive unit was tremendous in the last 10 minutes with all 6 backs making lengthy clearances. From a great pass by Seamus Hassett, Darragh Hogan was harshly penalised for steps while going through on goal. Ken Dunne hit a free from 60 meters to put P&G back in the lead before the Galway side levelled up again. With time just up, Anthony Freeman made a vital block and the ball ran to Ken Dunne who despite being under pressure, hit a point off the hurley to put P&G back in the lead. The best wine was kept until last with what was surely the score of the day, Seamus Hassett using all his experience to hold up the ball in the corner before hitting a beautiful point. This was a tremendous gutsy performance by the Tipp lads in a game that turned out to be a dogfight to the end.

The victorious panel was: Seamus Gleeson (Capt), Ger Gleeson, Paul Hogan, Damien Martin, Brian Hogan, Darragh Hogan, Owen Hogan, Stephen Treacy, Colm Larkin, Ken Dunne (0-10) Anthony McGrath, Declan Corcoran, Noel Kenneally, Eddie Tucker (0-1) & Anthony Freeman. Subs: Seosamh Cleary & Seamus Hassett (0-1) Vincent McKenna, Philip Hennessy, Mark Langton, Willie Ryan, Robbie Ryan, Seamus Mulhall, Brian McLoughlin, Pat Kelly & Brian Bergin. Mentors: Vincent McKenna, John O'Connell & Philip Hennessy & Sandra Molloy (Physio)



Back, L to R: Vincent McKenna, Robert Ryan, Brian Hogan, Anthony McGrath, Eddie Tucker, Paul Hogan, Damien Martin, Declan Corcoran, Darragh Hogan, Noel Kenneally, Stephen Treacy, Seosamh Cleary, Mark Langton. Front: Seamus Hassett, Willie Ryan, Ken Dunne, Seamus Gleeson (Capt) Colm Larkin, Anthony Freeman, Eoin Hogan, Ger Gleeson, Philip Hennessy. Missing: Brian McLoughlin, John O'Connell & Brian Bergin

LORRHA ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Successful Lorrha teams reunite after over 40 years

Former players and mentors from Lorrha GAA Club's greatest ever era were reunited once again over forty years later as their achievements were honoured at a function on Sunday, 29 October.

Over 300 people attended the event in Dooly's Hotel, Birr to mark the occasion, which saw ten Lorrha teams from between 1956 and 1966 honoured by the club. During those ten years, Lorrha won ten North Tipperary titles and three county titles in both hurling and football.

Broken down, Lorrha won the North Tipp Juvenile Hurling title in 1956, 57 and 58, with the 57 and 58 teams turning North titles into county honours. The 1957 team captained by Michael Liffey can be said to have spawned the success of 1966 as only three panel members from the 57 juvenile team failed to win medals at any level in 1965 and 1966.

Next up was the North Tipp Junior Hurling winning side of 1961, captained by Dan O'Meara.

1965 and 1966 saw Lorrha hit their peak. In 1965, Lorrha amalgamated with neighbours Knockshegowna for the Under 21

Championship and led by captain Michael "Lack" O'Meara they won the championship defeating Toomevara in the final. They repeated the trick in 1966 with Peadar Kennedy as captain but went onto lift County honours defeating Knockavilla Kickhams in the final.

Eleven players from Knockshegowna played with Lorrha over those two years and all made a considerable impact, particularly in 1966 when four of the six starting forwards were Knockshegowna players.

1966 will always be recalled as Lorrha's greatest year as they added the North Junior Football, Junior Hurling and Senior Hurling to the Under 21 title and such a feat has not been repeated since.

1966 was Lorrha's sixth divisional title, coming ten years after their last and the last team to be honoured on the night was the Golden Jubilee of the 1956 North Tipperary Senior Hurling Champions which included such greats as Tony Reddin, Hubie Hogan, Billy Hogan and Johnny Larkin.

Sadly, both senior winning captains from 1956 and 1966,



Lorrha 1956 Senior Hurling Team 50th Anniversary Celebration, Dooly's Hotel Birr, October 29, 2006

Back row, left to right: Olive Dawson (niece, Mick O'Meara (B)), John Moloney, Paddy O'Meara, Paddy Madden, Phil McIntyre, Frank Larkin, Seamus King, Mick Spain (for brother, Fintan).

Front row, left to right: Willie Slevin (for brothers P. J. & Paul), Davy O'Sullivan, Eugene O'Meara, Johnny Brophy (for father, Mick), Hubert Hogan (for father, Hubie, and uncle, Billy).

Michael Brophy and Noel Lane have both passed away but were represented on the night by their sons John Brophy and Ian Lane.

Special guest on the evening was former Munster Council Secretary, Donie Nealon who in his own inimitable style recalled great names and games involving Lorrha, many of whom he refereed.

Not only was the occasion organised to pay tribute to the players and mentors who helped create the most successful era in the history of Lorrha GAA Club, it was also an opportunity for former team mates to meet each other; some of whom had not seen one another for over forty years with many moving away from the parish and some emigrating to England. In fact in the fifty years since Pat Darcy captained the 1956 Juvenile team, he had not met many of his teammates until the reunion, which is what the occasion was all about.

The sight of the dance floor following the presentation painted a picture of what the occasion meant to those involved forty and fifty years ago. Players anxiously looking to meet and chat with old friends and teammates, recalling great victories and also remembering their teammates who have passed onto the great hurling match in the sky.

To make this evening extra special, came the presence of those who have been in care in recent times such as Sean O'Meara and Dan O'Meara who made it to the function while 93 year old Ned Watters who was a selector on the 1966 Junior team traveled from his home in Dublin to be in attendance.

The excitement on all their faces was akin to young children gathering at a party. They had all had this date in their diaries weeks in advance showing how much Lorrha meant to them.

Such occasions re-enforce the influence the GAA has on rural communities such as Lorrha. Even those such as Michael Doyle and John Moloney, both who only played with the club for brief periods between 1956 and 1966 felt the connection built up by playing with Lorrha and still feel that bond with the club.

Every club should honour their former players because those former greats create the tradition associated with clubs today and Lorrha are no exception.

Great stories such as Tony Reddin's 1956 final performance,

which forced Borrisoleigh to go for points as they could not get the ball past them. Sakie O'Brien's three goal salvo in the 1966 Junior final and Lorrha coming from fourteen points down to win the 1956 North Juvenile Hurling title.

These stories help install a belief in a club that may be struggling and with Lorrha on the cusp of making a major breakthrough back to the big time, another set of hurling heroes in the parish of Lorrha and Dorrha may not be too far away.

*Shane Brophy
Secretary & PRO,
Lorrha GAA*

Pictured below (top) are three O'Meara brothers that made up half of the defence during the 1966 North Tipperary Senior Hurling Final. Back L to R: Seamus O'Meara and Paddy O'Meara. Seated is Sean O'Meara.

The second photo is of Lorrha Club President Michael O'Meara (The Hill) with his wife Carmel on the right at the Lorrha GAA Anniversary Celebration Evening.



The three O'Meara brothers Seamus, Paddy and Johnny along with other familiar faces at the Lorrha celebration.



Munster Championship Fixtures 2007

DATE 2007:	CHAMPIONSHIP:	TEAMS: (VENUES WHERE CONFIRMED)
10th March	Cadbury Under 21 Football (Quarter-Finals)	Luimneach v Corcaigh (Cork) An Clár v Ciarraí (Ennis)
17th March	Cadbury Under 21 Football (Semi-Finals)	Portláirge v Luimneach/Corcaigh (Waterford) Tiobraid Árann v An Clár/Ciarraí (TBC)
7th April	Cadbury Under 21 Football Final	Portláirge/Luimneach/Corcaigh V Tiobraid Árann/An Clár/ Ciarraí (TBC)
18th April	ESB Munster Minor Football (Quarter-Finals)	Ciarraí v Tiobraid Árann (TBC) An Clár v Luimneach (Ennis) Corcaigh v Portláirge (Cork)
25th April	ESB Munster Minor Football (Losers Group 1)	Losers Ciarraí v Tiobraid Árann V Losers An Clár/Luimneach (TBC)
2nd May	ESB Munster Minor Football (Losers Group 2)	Winners Losers Group 1 game V Losers Corcaigh/Portláirge (TBC)
2nd May	ESB Munster Minor Hurling (Quarter-Finals)	An Clár v Tiobraid Árann (Limerick) Corcaigh v Portláirge (Cork)
9th May	ESB Munster Minor Hurling (Losers Group) (Replay 12th May 2007)	Losers An Clár/Tiobraid Árann V Losers Corcaigh/Portláirge (TBC)
9th May (or 21st June)	ESB Munster Minor Football Semi-Finals	Winners Ciarraí v Tiobraid Árann (Qtr.) V Winners An Clár v Luimneach (Qtr.) (TBC) & Winners Corcaigh/Portláirge (Qtr.) V Winners Losers Group 2 (TBC)
20th May	Bol Senior Football Quarter-Finals	An Clár v Portláirge (Dungarvan) Corcaigh v Luimneach (Cork)
27th May	Guinness Senior Hurling Quarter-Final	An Clár v Corcaigh (TBC)

Munster Championship Fixtures 2007

DATE 2007:	CHAMPIONSHIP:	TEAMS: (VENUES WHERE CONFIRMED)
3rd June	Bol Senior Football Semi Finals	Ciarraí v An Clár/Portláirge (Killarney/Dungarvan) Tiob Árann v Corcaigh/Luimneach (TBC)
6th June	Munster U.21 Hurling Quarter-Finals	Corcaigh v Tiobraid Árann (Cork) & Portláirge v Ciarraí (TBC)
10th June	Guinness Senior Hurling Semi-Final	Luimneach v Tiobraid Árann (Limerick)
17th June	Guinness Senior Hurling Semi-Final	An Clár/Corcaigh v Portláirge (TBC)
27th June	ESB Munster Minor Hurling (Semi-Finals)	Luimneach V Winners An Clár/Tiobraid Árann (Qtr.) (Limerick) & Winners Corcaigh/Portláirge (Qtr.) V Winner of Losers Group
1st July	Bol Senior Football Final	Winners Semi-finals (TBC)
1st July	ESB Munster Minor Football Final	Winners semi-finals (Senior Final venue TBC)
8th July	Guinness Senior Hurling Final	An Clár/Corcaigh/Portláirge v Luimneach/Tiobraid Árann (TBC)
8th July	ESB Munster Minor Hurling Final	Winners semi-finals (Senior Final venue TBC)
11th July	Munster U.21 Hurling Semi-Finals	An Clár v Corcaigh/Tiobraid Árann (TBC/Ennis) Luimneach v Portláirge/Ciarraí (Limerick/Tralee)
1st or 6th August	Munster U.21 Hurling Final	Winners of semi-finals (TBC)

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TIPPERARY '58 to '65 Team Reunion

By Gerry Ryan, PRO Tipperary Supporters Club.

The quality that is part of Tipperary Hurling tradition is a quality of style which is intrinsically a part of the man. The rugged power, the sweeping stroke, the touch of dare-devilry and certainly the cold courage. The image was fathered by Kickham's mythical Matt The Thresher. Tipperary has always had many to fill the role.

That personifies the image of Tipperary hurling and hurling men.

On Saturday February 11th 2006 we celebrated the Golden Era of Tipperary Hurling from '58 to '65 at a Gala Dinner & Function organised by the Tipperary Supporters Club in Dundrum House Hotel. It was a sparkling occasion of celebration and nostalgia as we relived an era when Tipperary were All-Ireland Champions on 5 occasions, National League & Oireachtas Champions on 4 occasions within 8 glorious years. Tipperary then stood unique in the record books with 21 All-Ireland Hurling titles, 29 Munster Championships and 12 National Leagues.

The players were paraded in to the thronged function room and introduced while match videos of their 5 All-Ireland victories were shown on large screens.

Special commemorative presentations were made to each player as well as Co Chairman of the time Seamus O'Riain and the County Secretaries Pat Stakelum & Tommy Barrett. Speakers on the night included Archbishop Dermot Clifford, Babs Keating, Co Chairman John Costigan, Tommy Barrett, Tony Wall and Chairman of Tipperary Supporters Club Ger Ryan.

It was my privilege as P.R.O. of the Supporters Club to present a tribute on the night to those great teams and below is a year by year look back on the sheer dominance they exerted on the hurling field, during that period.

1957. 43,721 attended the League Final in which Tipp beat Kilkenny by 7 pts. It was Tipp's 9th final in 10 years. In October of that year Tipp travelled to New York for St

Brendans Cup played 4 games including one under lights.

1958- Limerick were favourites having been in the League Final when beaten 2pts by Wexford and Tipp had a number of injuries. A goal in third quarter by Jimmy Doyle set Tipp on the way to victory.

In the Munster Semi-Final against Cork a crucial goal by Larry Keane turned the game in Tipp's favour and the final ten minutes saw Tipp defending majestically with time and again the half back line of Finn, Wall and Doyle coming to the rescue. Tipp wiped away 7 lean years against Cork stretching back to '51 in that Munster Semi-Final.

On to the Munster Final against Waterford the holders who were demolished 4-12 to 1-5 by a Tipp team that hurled with devastating but legitimate fury.

The final was as good as over at half time when Tipp led 3-8 to 1-2. Waterford made a game effort after the restart but their endeavours were futile against the Tipp defence. The performance of Donie Nealon was so daring and so zestful the Irish Independent predicted the UCD man is sure to become a great figure of the game.

Liam Connolly had a great hour and was rated the best corner forward Tipperary had since the great Paddy Kenny. Tom Larkin at Centre Forward although opposed by the great Martin Og Morrissey worked tirelessly all over the place.

The All-Ireland semi-final saw a match played in downpour before 54,000 spectators. Tipp won 1-13 to 1-8 with Jimmy Doyle contributing the same amount Kilkenny scored of 1-8.

The final opponents were Galway on 7th September. Tipp scored 2 goals in the first 10 min led by 4-4 to 1-3 at half time and with the wind in the second half Tipp were expected to win easily.



Tipperary teams that won All-Ireland senior hurling titles in 1958, '61, '62, '64 and '65 were honoured at a function at Dundrum House Hotel
Back row (left to right): Kieran Carey, Roger Mounsey, Pat Stakelum, Michael Murphy, Ronnie Slevin, John O'Donoghue, Mick Roche, Roger Ryan, Mick Burns, Seamus Mackey, Michael Maher, Billy Moloughney, Jimmy Finn, John Dillon
Centre row (left to right): Sean McLoughlin, Tom Larkin, Christy Hartigan, Larry Kiely, Liam Devaney, Jimmy Doyle, Matt Hassett, Johnny Doyle, Tony Wall, Pat Ryan, Tom Moloughney, Paddy Doyle, Len Gaynor, Ray Reidy, Tommy Barrett, Tom Ryan (Killenaule)
Front row (left to right): Noel Byrne, Michael "Babs" Keating, Donie Nealon, Terry Moloney, Peter O'Sullivan, John O'Grady, Archbishop Dermot Clifford, Margaret O'Meara, Musha Maher, Mackey McKenna, Matt O'Gara, John Costigan

The second half was a formality with Tipp happy to contain Galway. Tony Wall commanded Centre Back and proved the ideal Captain in every sense with the sheer quality of his play. Donie Nealon who scored 1-2 and Larry Keane, 1-1 were other stars as was the teenager then dubbed 'the boy wonder of hurling' Jimmy Doyle.

The team received a tremendous welcome home to Thurles on Monday evening. Long before the team arrived the approaches and platform were crammed with people and when Tony Wall emerged with the Liam McCarthy Cup there was a crescendo of cheering.

The team followed up by winning the 1959 league by 8 pts over Waterford.

1961- Tipp went through the entire year undefeated.

It began with League final on 7th May there was an attendance of 25,000 in Croke Park against Waterford.

Tom Ryan had a stunning goal within one minute. By 20th minute Mackey McKenna, Donie Nealon, Jimmy Doyle had 3 further goals. Half time Tipp 4-3. Waterford 0-2.

14 mins into 2nd half another goal from Donie Nealon and then Mackey McKenna who blasted past Ned Power, put Tipp ahead 10 pts with 15 minutes to go. Waterford found inspiration and chased everything cut the lead back to 3pts. In a wonderful finish the half back line of Mick Burns, Tony Wall and John Doyle did heroic work.

The Munster Final against Cork attracted officially 62,175 to Limerick the biggest crowd ever to witness an event outside of Croke Park.

However the gates were open midway through the minor game to avoid panic and it is estimated over 70,000 people attended. It proved to be Christy Ring's last appearance in a Munster Final at the age of 41. Cork were effectively beaten in the opening 18 minutes when Tipp got 3 goals two from Donie Nealon and one from Jimmy Doyle. Tipp went on to win by 3-6 to 0-7.

It was onwards for Tipperary to an All-Ireland Final against Dublin, the first time the counties had met in 31 years. Tipp had injury concerns to Kieran Carey, Tony Wall and Jimmy Doyle who played with pain-killing injections. Tipp led 0-10 to 0-6 at the break

Dublin's downfall was trying too much for goals because Donal O'Brien was in the top of his form. Tipp took every point chance with Jimmy Doyle scoring 9 wonderful points.

Dublin got a brilliant goal 6 mins after the interval from Billy Jackson and then rattled over 2 pts to take the lead after 44 mins. It was at this stage the final was decided. During a stoppage in play after an incident in which 2 players were dismissed Tipp used the time to re-organise their team. Tony Wall had to go off with a recurring injury. The master switch was the bringing of Liam Devaney from centre forward to centre back introducing Sean McLoughlin in the forwards and John Hough to midfield.

Devaney had sparkled in attack but was utterly majestic at centre half back. Tipp repelled the fierce Dublin challenge and held out to be victorious by one single point.

1962: On 1st July they played Limerick in Munster Semi-Final. It was a thrilling encounter with a dramatic end when referee Jimmy Smyth mistakenly blew the final whistle with 4 mins to go and Tipp one point ahead. After hurried consultation it was restarted and Limerick secured the equaliser. The replay 3 weeks later was totally different, Tipp blew Limerick away by 5-13 to 2-4. The Munster final against Waterford was a facile Tipp victory. Jimmy Doyle scored 1-10 with other goals from

Liam Devaney 2, Sean McLoughlin and Mackey McKenna. Tipp won 5-14 to 2-3.

It was on to the All-Ireland final on 2nd September a spell binding game of the highest class before over 75,000 spectators. Within the first 80 seconds Tom Moloughney flicked to the net a Theo English side line cut followed by another goal from Sean McLoughlin. 5 mins before half time Wexford had fought back to be level after big Ned Wheeler got through for a goal. However Jimmy Doyle with 2 pts and Sean McLoughlin hit another point to see Tipp lead 2-6 to 1-6 at the break. Tipp's cause took a blow when Jimmy Doyle had to retire with a broken collar bone he was replaced by Tom Ryan (Toomevara). Wexford forged ahead with a Jimmy O'Brien goal and points from Billy Rackard and Ned Wheeler and it looked like it would be there day. The Tipp forward machine had other ideas.

On the 20th minute of the half a brilliant solo run from Mackay McKenna a pass to Tom Ryan (Killenaule) who bil-lowed the net for the decisive goal. Donie Nealon now playing midfield but covering every inch of Croke Park led the Tipperary charge particularly in the final quarter.

1964: This year again Tipperary swept the boards taking all trophies available. First up was the League Final despite being without the injured Tony Wall & Liam Devaney the team completely overwhelmed Wexford. Tipp led 4-7 to 0-2 at the break. The rout began when Babs Keating grabbed a Mick Roche radar directed ball and goaled. Further goals from Donie Nealon & Sean McLoughlin and Wexford didn't know what hit them.

There was inspired play from Theo English, Mick Roche, Mackey McKenna and Larry Kiely and when the untouchable Jimmy Doyle rammed in the fourth goal in the 27th min the writing was on the wall for Wexford. In the finish Wexford were hammered by 20pts on a 5-12 to 1-4 score. The team gave the greatest exhibition of power hurling and superb team work ever seen in Croke Park.

3 weeks later the League title was secured in New York the highlight being Babs Keatings 2 goals in a man of the match performance. The travelling party were dressed in blazers for the first time. The New York team included Donal O'Brien, the All-Ireland Goalie of 61 & 62.

In the Munster Championship, The Munster final against Cork was an anti-climax. Tipp had a 14pt winning margin on the scoreline 3-13 to 1-5.

The All-Ireland final was against the defending champions Kilkenny, the team recorded a stunning 14 points victory and had only 5 wides over the hour.

Tipp were rocked from the throw in when Seamus Cleere sent over a point from 70 yards. But as it turned out it was the only time Kilkenny led in the final. Ollie Walsh & John O'Donoghue in turn were called on to prove their high qualities with fine saves before Jimmy Doyle levelled from a free in 5 mins. 2 mins later Tipperary were on their way when Babs Keating burst through a cluster of defenders to lash over a fine point. Almost immediately afterwards Mackey McKenna took a pass from Theo English to beat Ollie Walsh from 30 yards. Tipp never looked back after that. This win sent Tipp clear at the top of the All-Ireland Championship chart with their 20th crown. Jimmy Doyle was one of the bright lights leading the scoring on 0-10 pts. Donie Nealon achieved the rare feat of scoring 3 goals in an All-Ireland final.

Tipp had heroes all over the field from the peerless John O'Donoghue in goals to the 20 year old Babs Keating who caused endless problems for Ted Carroll and Seamus Cleere in turn, right through to Sean McLoughlin who was a scorer and a creator in Tipp's 5 goal haul. Tipp completed the grand slam when they won the Oireachtas in a final regarded as the match

of the year. Kilkenny pushed Tipp to the limit before finally losing out 5-7 to 4-8..

Tipp were described in Sunday Independent as the best team seen in 30 years. To finish off the year Tipp won the 1st ever U.21 Championship and in the final had a 23pt victory over Wexford 8-9 to 3-1. Babs Keating scoring 2-3 in the All-Ireland final to add to 2-4 in Munster final. The team also contained Noel O'Gorman, John Dillon, Mick Roche, Peter O'Sullivan, and Len Gaynor.

1965: On the 23rd May before 41,000 spectators Tipp took their 12th League title and John Doyle his 11th League medal.

In the Semi-Final Donie Nealon and Jimmy Doyle scored 1-10 between them as Tipp saw off Waterford 2-18 to 1-9.

The final against Kilkenny was extremely tough and physical but Tipp's victory was founded on teamwork. Irish Press summing up Tipperary's 3-14 to 2-8 victory said Tipperary hurled with unbending stubbornness to prove themselves a great team. They demonstrated magnificently how unbeatable they are when it really matters.

The GAA decided to have a 2 leg League Final so Tipp travelled to New York on 12th Sept and played New York they had a 2 point aggregate win to claim the league title. On their return they had one more Oireachtas Cup to contest and win.

Kilkenny were their final opponents and outthured the returning U.S tourists for half an hour. Tipp showed why they were real champions with magnificent resilience in the second half to win by 5 pts. 2-12 to 2-7.

Tipp were strong favourites to win the Munster Final against Cork and 40,000 people saw the prematch forecast correct. Efficient Tipp were in front 2-4 to 0-4 at half time and held Cork to a point in the second half.

Final score in favour of Tipp was 4-11 to 0-5. It was Tipperary's 29th Munster title and brought them level with Cork. The All-Ireland Final of 1965 saw Tipperary emphasise their special class in hurling at that time.

It was Sean McLoughlin's 2 early goals that knocked the bot-

tom out of the game. Wexford rearranged their attack in the second half and had a morale boosting point a minute after the restart. Once more Sean McLoughlin stepped into the picture when he handpassed a point. Tipperary with cool competent hurling took control and points from Mackey McKenna and another from a spectacular sideline cut from all of 50 yds by Theo English put Tipp firmly on the road to victory.

Full forward Mackey McKenna was assuredly the hero of victory and the Irish Press report said 'He was unquestionably the best Tipperary forward since the great Martin Kennedy.

The "Cork Examiner" match report stated that the truth is Tipperary hurlers have outgrown all opposition. The real worth of Tony Wall as a deep lying defensive centre back was never more obvious.

Time and again he was back to cover off and the superb economy of his movements was as fine an illustration as he needs to persuade anyone to read his newly published book "Hurling".

The team of 1965 came of age winning the county's 21st All-Ireland title. The team that started the final had by the end of the match 62 All-Ireland medals won on the field of play and the panel in total 74 All-Ireland medals. In summing up Tipperary hurlers the Sunday Independent described 'The shattering power of Tipperary hurling a sight to behold. It can be diversified with the assaults alternating from man to man, from wing to wing and even from sector to sector.

Such was the case in the '64 All-Ireland Final. Or it can be concentrated with the withering fire exploding from some strategic point or points and what might be called a 'holding action' on the flanks. Such was the case in the '65 decider when the county stormed to its 21st national title.

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TIPPERARY MEDALISTS

AMERICAN AND CANADIAN ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

J.M.Tobin

Over the past four years we have published an exploratory survey of Tipperary athletes who won Irish titles under; ICAC, GAA, IAAA and NACA rules, between 1873 and 1944. This year we direct our attention westward across the Atlantic in an attempt to trace the fortunes of our sportsmen at the track and field championships of both the U.S.A. and Canada.

Towards the end of the nineteenth century the cult of organised amateur athletics spread rapidly throughout the English speaking world. The first All-England championship was held at Beaufort House, London, on March 23rd 1866. Although Ireland had followed suit by 1873, it wasn't until 1876 and 1878 respectively that the United States and Canada, staged their own national track and field finals. Tipperary athletes who played such a prominent role in the Irish arena also made a significant contribution to the sport on the North American continent, particularly in the weight throwing events.

U.S.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS

16 LBS. HAMMER

1926	1 st	Matt McGrath	N.Y.A.C./Nenagh	162ft. 10.5ins.
1925	1 st	Matt McGrath	N.Y.A.C./Nenagh	172ft. 0.5ins.
1924	2 nd	Matt McGrath	N.Y.A.C./Nenagh	161ft. 2.5ins.
1923	2 nd	Matt McGrath	N.Y.A.C./Nenagh	165ft. 1.5ins.
1922	1 st	Matt McGrath	N.Y.A.C./Nenagh	155ft. 9ins.
1921	3 rd	Matt McGrath	/Nenagh	165ft. 2.25ins.
1920	2 nd	Matt McGrath	/Nenagh	166ft. 3.5ins.
1919	2 nd	Matt McGrath	/Nenagh	167ft. 7.5ins.
1918	1 st	Matt McGrath	unattached /Nenagh	173ft.11.75ins.
1916	2 nd	Matt McGrath	Irish A.A.C./Nenagh	159ft. 8ins.
1914	2 nd	Matt McGrath	Irish A.A.C./Nenagh	179ft. 0.75ins.
1913	2 nd	Matt McGrath	Irish A.A.C./Nenagh	171ft. 2.5ins.
1912	1 st	Matt McGrath	N.Y.A.C./Nenagh	174ft. 8ins.
1911	2 nd	Matt McGrath	N.Y.A.C./Nenagh	173ft. 7.125ins.
1910	1 st	Matt McGrath	N.Y.A.C./Nenagh	168ft. 4.5ins.
1908	1 st	Matt McGrath	N.Y.A.C./Nenagh	173ft. 0ins.
1907	2 nd	Matt McGrath	N.Y.A.C./Nenagh	159ft. 7ins.
1903	1 st	J.S. Mitchel	N.Y.A.C./Emly	140ft. 1ins.
1900	2 nd	J.S. Mitchel	Harlem Row/Emly	136ft. 3ins.
1897	3 rd	J.S. Mitchel	Pastime A.C./Emly	139ft. 4ins.
1896	1 st	J.S. Mitchel	Pastime A.C./Emly	134ft. 8.75ins.
1895	1 st	J.S. Mitchel	N.Y.A.C./Emly	139ft. 2.5ins.
1894	1 st	J.S. Mitchel	N.Y.A.C./Emly	135ft. 9.5ins.
1893	1 st	J.S. Mitchel	N.Y.A.C./Emly	134ft. 8ins.
1892	1 st	J.S. Mitchel	N.Y.A.C./Emly	140ft. 11ins.
1891	1 st	J.S. Mitchel	N.Y.A.C./Emly	136ft. 1ins.
1890	1 st	J.S. Mitchel	N.Y.A.C./Emly	130ft. 8ins.
1889	1 st	J.S. Mitchel	N.J.A.C./Emly	121ft. 7.5ins.
1888	2 nd	J.S. Mitchel	G.A.A./Emly	102ft. 3ins.

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1904	2 nd	J.S. Mitchel	/Emly	
1897	2 nd	J.S. Mitchel	Pastime A.C./Emly	106ft. 8.50ins.

16 LBS. SHOT PUT

1895	3 rd	J.S. Mitchel	N.Y.A.C./Emly	37ft. 11ins.
1894	2 nd	J.S. Mitchel	N.Y.A.C./Emly	39ft. 8.5ins.
1893	2 nd	J.S. Mitchel	N.Y.A.C./Emly	40ft. 4ins.
1892	2 nd	J.S. Mitchel	N.Y.A.C./Emly	42ft. 7ins.
1891	2 nd	J.S. Mitchel	N.Y.A.C./Emly	42ft. 0.25ins.
1890	3 rd	J.S. Mitchel	N.Y.A.C./Emly	39ft. 9ins.
1888	2 nd	J.S. Mitchel	G.A.A./Emly	41ft. 9ins.

56 LBS. WEIGHT THROW

1925	1 st	Matt McGrath	N.Y.A.C./Nenagh	36ft. 8.375ins.
1924	1 st	Matt McGrath	N.Y.A.C./Nenagh	35ft. 7ins.
1923	1 st	Matt McGrath	N.Y.A.C./Nenagh	38ft. 0ins.
1922	1 st	Matt McGrath	N.Y.A.C./Nenagh	35ft. 10ins.
1918	1 st	Matt McGrath	unattached /Nenagh	34ft. 9ins.
1916	1 st	Matt McGrath	Irish A.A.C./Nenagh	35ft. 5.5ins.
1913	1 st	Matt McGrath	Irish A.A.C./Nenagh	38ft. 5.5ins.
1905	1 st	J.S. Mitchel	Irish A.A.C./Emly	33ft. 1.5ins.
1903	1 st	J.S. Mitchel	N.Y.A.C./Emly	32ft. 2.75ins.
1902	2 nd	J.S. Mitchel	Knick A.C./Emly	32ft. 5.5ins.
1900	1 st	J.S. Mitchel	Harlem Row/Emly	35ft. 3ins.
1897	1 st	J.S. Mitchel	Pastime A.C./Emly	32ft. 2ins.
1896	1 st	J.S. Mitchel	Pastime A.C./Emly	30ft. 7ins.
1895	1 st	J.S. Mitchel	N.Y.A.C./Emly	32ft. 7.5ins.
1894	1 st	J.S. Mitchel	N.Y.A.C./Emly	33ft. 7.375ins.
1893	1 st	J.S. Mitchel	N.Y.A.C./Emly	34ft. 5.5ins.
1892	1 st	J.S. Mitchel	N.Y.A.C./Emly	34ft. 8.375ins.
1891	1 st	J.S. Mitchel	N.Y.A.C./Emly	35ft.3.5ins.(down slope)
1888	1 st	J.S. Mitchel	G.A.A./Emly	26ft. 10ins.

ALL-AROUND CHAMPIONSHIP

1906	1 st	Tom Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir	6274 points
1904	1 st	Tom Kiely	Ballyneale, Carrick-on-Suir	6086 points

CROSS-COUNTRY

1891	1 st	Michael Kennedy	Cloughaleigh, Golden	
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INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 1 MILE

1950	1 st	John Joe Barry	The Commons, Ballingarry	4mins. 11.5secs.
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CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

16 LBS. HAMMER

1911	1 st	Matt McGrath	N.Y.A.C./Emly	182ft. 4.18ins.
1903	1 st	J.S. Mitchel	N.Y.A.C./Emly	135ft. 9.9ins.
1896	1 st	J.S. Mitchel	Pastime A.C./Emly	128ft. 4.5ins.
1895	1 st	J.S. Mitchel	N.Y.A.C./Emly	125ft. 4ins.
1894	1 st	J.S. Mitchel	N.Y.A.C./Emly	134ft.10.5ins.
1892	1 st	J.S. Mitchel	N.Y.A.C./Emly	136ft. 3ins.
1890	1 st	J.S. Mitchel	N.Y.A.C./Emly	127ft.11ins.

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1891 1st J.S. Mitchel N.Y.A.C./Emly 31ft. 2ins.

1890 1st J.S. Mitchel N.Y.A.C./Emly 30ft. 6.75ins.

1889 1st J.S. Mitchel N.J.A.C./Emly 26ft. 5ins.

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NOTES

1. John Joe Barry was born in Joliet, Illinois, on October 5th 1924. At the age of three he came to live near The Commons, Ballingarry, where his mother had inherited the family farm. In 1943 he was introduced to running while serving with the L.D.F and subsequently joined the local Ballincurry A.C.

2. Peter Maher (who was married to a Tipperary woman and a resident for a time in the Cahir district) had competed with teams in Kerry and Cork prior to joining West Tipperary Harriers in the latter half of the 1980's. He also transferred his allegiance to Tipperary for inter-county competition and was a leading member of the star-studded cross-country team of that era.

3. It would appear that Mitchel's 56 lbs. weight throw of 1888 was performed in the Irish style ie. between the legs from a scratch line.

4. Sincere thanks to Michael O'Dwyer for unearthing the Canadian results pre. 1900.

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Tipperary Supporters Club 21st Annual Golf Classic

It is hard to believe that 20 years have passed since Michael 'Babs' Keating founded the Supporters Club in 1986 and the Clubs 21st Annual Golf Classic was one of the most successful ever. The event once again took place at the wonderful County Tipperary Golf & Country Club in Dundrum, where the hospitality of the owners Austie Crowe & family is legendary. This year the Golf Classic had a new sponsor Custom House Capital who are involved in the Financial Services and Syndicated Property Investments. Their Managing Director John Mulholland was present to present the prizes with Babs Keating, Supporters Club Chairman Ger Ryan and Co Board Chairman John Costigan.

In total 57 teams participated and there were a further 87 tee & green sponsors which amply illustrates the generous support which exists for the Tipperary Hurlers and the Management Team of Babs, John Leahy & Tom Barry.

The winning team representing Barware Enterprises were,

John Browne (14); PJ Maher (11); Denis Fogarty (14); Albert Maher (19). Their score of 97 points was shared fairly evenly between them. The 2 points margin over the runners-up hinged spectacularly on the outcome of the tricky 17th. A 'best-three' score of 10 points at this hole would be hard to match and almost impossible to better.

John Browne only took up golf about a dozen years ago. With Denis Fogarty, Declan Ryan and Tommy Grogan he entered the winning team in the 1997 Tipp. Supporters Golf Classic, played at Ballykisteen. Obviously a man for the big occasion, John was runner-up in the 2001 Mount Juliet Captain's prize with an exceptional 41 points on a formidable course.

Clonoulty-born, John is son of the late Mickey Browne, famous jockey and later a successful and very popular trainer at Mocklershill.

From the Meadowlands Stud near Fethard, John, with his brother Willie, continues to be heavily involved in the horse-breeding industry. An enthusiastic member of the Tipp.

Supporters Club, John has – through his Barware Enterprises company – been a consistent supporter of this Golf Classic over the years, so his team's recent victory was a particularly popular one.

PJ Maher, another Dundrum member, from Boherlahan, is current Chairman of the Tipp. Mid-Board GAA – following in the footsteps of his late father, the very well-known Tim Maher, who gave many years of service to Tipp. GAA. PJ is also Insurance Officer of Tipp. Co. Board. Already the winner of a 'major' – the President's Prize in Dundrum in 2000 – PJ was on the Boherlahan GAA team that won the Dunhill/FBD event a few years ago. As John Browne's regular fourball partner, PJ is well accustomed to carrying the extra pressure that falls on the lower-handicap man – and again responded in style on this big occasion.

Since introducing John Browne to golf, Denis Fogarty from Cashel (also a member in Dundrum) has provided the 'Leadbetter' coaching inputs to John's golfing development! A son of the legendary Mick Fogarty of dance-band fame, a former single-figure golfer – and a captain's prize winner in Dundrum's early years – Denis would have been a natural at any sport. He played high-level rugby with several senior clubs, including Dolphin in their heyday, as well as with Cashel. His younger son Denis was on the Munster bench in Cardiff as the current understudy to Jerry Flannery, while John, a first-choice hooker with Connacht, has just been promoted to the Ireland 'A' squad.

Albert Maher, a young farmer from Ardmayle, off 19 in Dundrum, has been playing golf for little more than a year. Albert was on the Boherlahan hurling squad in their memorable 1996 Co. Final-winning campaign. He's now likely to get lots of team invitations but is very unlikely to play off 19 again!



Officers and Guests from competing Counties at the Launch of the Tipperary Supporters Club All Ireland U/16 Hurling Championship Launch in Hayes Hotel Thurles.

SEAMUS O'RIAIN

AT 90!

By Gerry Slevin

Husband, parent, grandparent, great grandparent, teacher, hurler, footballer, referee, athlete, official, administrator, writer, historian, actor, advisor and friend to many; it is so difficult to know where to begin when setting out to endeavour to condense the life and career of Seamus O'Riain into manageable proportions.



Honorary President of both the County and North Divisional Boards, he celebrated his 90th birthday on April 2nd last and later that month he was inducted into the Hall of Fame by the Tipperary Association in Dublin. Three days after that he was received at Aras an Uachtaran by President Mary McAleese.

His has been an extraordinary contribution, not alone to the GAA of which organisation he reached the highest rung of the ladder when elected President in 1967, but in so many other walks of life where his influence was so pronounced and not least amongst his own beloved Moneygall community.

The Moneygall man hurled and played football with club and county, was honoured by the Tipp selectors in both junior hurling and football in the 1940s, a time during which his athleticism in such sporting events as the long jump and sprint, saw him claim fifteen county titles.

Earlier, while studying in De La Salle College in Waterford he won two Waterford senior football championships and in both years in which he studied there he won the Gold Medal as the best all-round athlete. Born in Busherstown, outside the village, Seamus attended at the local national school, with Colaiste Einde and Colaiste Chaoimhin in Dublin the next calls on his educational development.

Primary teaching was to be his life's vocation and having qualified in De la Salle College he taught in Cloughjordan, Newcastlewest, Inis Barr a Chuain (an island off the west coast) and Borrisokane before settling in his native parish in Dunkerrin NS in 1943.

He was soon elected secretary of the Moneygall GAA club and while making a big impression on the playing fields of Tipperary, he complemented that work with a keen interest in administration, representing his club on the North GAA Board and getting a 'feel' for board room work that would stand him in excellent stead as the years progressed.

1955 saw Seamus elected vice-chairman of the Board, moving up to chairman two years later where he would guide its affairs until 1966. Meanwhile, his value as an administrator had become more widespread because in 1958 he was elected one of the two Tipperary delegates on the Munster Council. In 1962 he was elected vice chairman of the provincial body and its chairman in 1965.

Easter Sunday 1967 saw Seamus O'Riain succeed Alf Murray from Armagh to become the 23rd President of the GAA. He defeated the man who would succeed him, Pat Fanning from Waterford. Seamus was aged 51 and was the third Tipperary holder of the office, following in the footsteps of Maurice Davin, the first such President (1884-1887 & 1888-89) and whose biography Seamus would later write, as well as Seamus Gardiner (1943-46) who, co-incidentally, was school principal when Seamus taught in Borrisokane.

Seamus O'Riain's presidency marked some very important developments in the GAA. The depth of regard he always had for the club was reflected in the launch of the Club Development Scheme. He also set up the Commission on the Affairs of the GAA. The first link with Australia and Australian Rules also came in that time and Seamus also presided over the erection of the new indoor Croke Park handball courts. The Association's Scor competitions also came into being during his presidency and his services as an adjudicator were later in much demand especially in the Recitation, Novelty Act and Motion Speaking categories, a reflection of his own particular acting flair which had brought him a 'best actor' award at the All Ireland Drama Festival.

Unfortunately, Seamus hadn't the honour of presenting the Liam McCarthy Cup to a Tipperary senior captain during his three years in office. However, it was a fine tribute to him that when he was honoured by the North Tipperary Board in a 'This is Your Life' format in 2001 to open the Board's centenary celebrations, all six captains in hurling and football who had accepted the McCarthy and the Sam Maguire trophies from him should have come along to join in honouring him. They were Jim Treacy (Kilkenny) and Peter Darby (Meath) – 1967; Dan Quigley (Wexford) and Joe Lennon (Down) – 1968; Eddie Keher (Kilkenny) and Johnny Culloty (Kerry) – 1969.

His three years as GAA President over, Seamus immediately threw himself back into Tipperary GAA affairs. He was the unanimous choice of delegates to succeed Philip Canon Fogarty as County Board chairman in 1970 and he quickly set the wheels in motion for a number of initiatives that bore ample fruit over the following years. With Tommy Barrett and Eamonn De Staforst he initiated Feile na nGael in 1971, a youth hurling festival that is probably the most significant youth development in the history of the GAA. He guided Feile in its formative years and was national chairman until 1986.

His anxiety to inject greater enthusiasm into second level schools was seen in the initiation of the Canon Fitzgerald hurling competition for all post-primary schools in the county. Another innovation of his was the Tipperary GAA Year book in 1970, one of the first such publications in the country.

Seamus' term of office also saw – at his prompting – the passing of a bye-law limiting the term of chairman to three years and in 1973 he stepped down, remaining with the Board for a while as its PRO while also turning his attentions to his beloved Moneygall club. He became chairman in 1974 and a year later he was at the helm when the club won its first ever North senior hurling title. A county title was added and retained in '76 with four of Seamus' sons, Philip, Jack, Seamus and Eugene in the line-out.

Seamus also penned the Moneygall Hurling Story 1885-1985, as well as 'Dunkerrin; A Parish in Ely O'Carroll' and 'Maurice Davin – First President of the GAA' along with innumerable articles on the GAA and on local history.

In 1990 he was elected honorary President of the Tipperary County GAA Board an office he continues to hold along with the honorary presidency of the North Board and the Moneygall club.

Throughout his travels as an ambassador par excellence for the Gaelic Athletic Association, Seamus was invariably accompanied by his wife Mary. Her untimely passing some years ago was a huge blow to him and to the Ryan family of five boys and five girls, Philip, Jack, Diarmuid, Seamus and Eugene, Monica (McDonnell), Mary (McCormack), Anne (Jones), Margaret (Culloty) and Bernadette (Quinlan).

His Moneygall home continues to be a mecca for visitors and friends. There, convivial chat with a splendid raconteur invariably sends one away invigorated and deeply grateful for having had the opportunity and the privilege to be in the company of such an outstandingly genuine, genial and forthright person. Names, dates, events, people, recollections all come from him with a clarity of thought that make one marvel, not only at the extent of his knowledge but at the depth of feeling he has for life's experiences.

Seamus O'Riain's life has been one filled with activity, with total commitment and dedication to the GAA, to his local community and, above all, to his family. Truly a model in everything good and wholesome in Irish life.

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Ladies Football

All-Ireland Ladies Football B Champions

Coláiste Dún Iascaigh, Cahir are All-Ireland B champions in Junior ladies football. They achieved this honour when they defeated Inver College, Carrickmacross in the final at Birr. Even though the Northern college were favourites, the Cahir girls were quickly into the fray and had the first score, a point from a free from Edith O'Gorman. Inver soon equalised and the game settled down.

Cahir did a good bit of attacking but the Inver inside line proved very strong. In contrast Inver got into the game and Cathriona McConnell scored four points in the trot with just one reply for Cahir by Ann Marie O'Gorman.

Coming up to half-time Cahir were behind by 0-9 to 0-4 and had failed to take a number of goal opportunities that came their way. Then, just before the interval a movement, which began with possession by Elaine O'Gorman in the back line, and involved Leanne Barrett, was eventually finished to the net

by Ann Marie O'Gorman, to leave the half-time score 0-9 to 1-4 in favour of Inver College.

Coláiste hit the ground running on the resumption and after a number of unsuccessful attacks eventually were rewarded when Anne Marie O'Gorman scored her second goal to put Cahir in the lead. Soon after Cathriona McConnell had a point for Inver, but it was to prove to be their only score in the half. In contrast Cahir scored another 1-4 to leave the final score 3-8 to 0-10 in their favour. A delighted Bríd O'Dwyer accepted the cup on behalf of the school and full-back, Nikki Gilmore, won the player of the match award.

The winning side was as follows: Nicola Armitage, Bríd O'Dwyer (capt.), Nikki Gilmore, Geraldine O'Donnell, Emer Myles, Elaine O'Gorman, Jane O'Donnell, Leanne Barrett, Edith Carroll, Rebecca Maher, Samantha Lambert, Bronagh Higgins, Siorse O'Flynn, Anne Marie O'Gorman, Olivia McCarthy. Subs: Aishling O'Connor, Sarah Fahey, Laura Cooney, Áine O'Donnell, Emma Tobin, Lisa Dillon, N. McConingley, Michelle Walsh.

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Front row, left to right: Shane Ronayne (coach), Aishling O'Connor, Siorse O'Flynn, Rebecca Maher, Samantha Lambert, Geraldine O'Donnell, Nicola Armitage, Bríd O'Dwyer, Elaine O'Gorman, Anne-Marie O'Gorman, Emer Myles, Nikki Gilmore, Lisa Dillon.



Moyle Rovers Junior 'A' ladies 2006

Back row: Sharon O'Connor, Daniel Lyne, Marion Mulcahy, Niamh Whyte, Danielle Delahunty, Gillian O'Brien, Cheryl Moore, Therese Heffernan, Eimear O'Donnell, Nancy Ferris, Sinead Heffernan, Claire Clancy, Kiera Maher, Sarah Frisby, Joan O'Donnell, Tina Mulcahy, Fiona Keating, Sue Gaskin Tommy Campbell.

Front Row: Fiona Douglas, Marie Kelly, Ann Marie McGrath, Marie O'Connor, Ciara O'Donoghue, Jean O'Connor, Louise Wade(capt), Niamh Lonergan, Katie Lyne, Lorraine Power, Nicole Maher, Catherine Delahunty. Mascots Claire Moore, Emma Moore Kelly Rachel Delahunty.



Moyle Rovers U14 Girls County Champions 2006

Fiona Delahunty, Joanne Irwin, Michelle Fitzgerald, Eilish O'Tuama, Niamh Foley, Rebecca Ronan, Ailish Kenrick, Aisling Quinn, Samantha Slattery, Fiona Ryan, Aoife McGrath, Roisin Smyth, Paige Crotty, Anna Corby, Teresa McGrath (Capt) Aisling Dwyer, Rachel O'Brien, Yvonne Maher, Ellen Murphy Eadaoin Hickey Roisin Lorigan, Jean O'Connor, Joe McGrath.



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Tipperary County Board presented the Tipperary Ladies Football Board with a set of jerseys in October 2006. Picture shows West Board Chairman Billy Ryan handing over the jerseys to Liam Shinnick (Chairman Ladies Football Board), Biddy Ryan (Secretary) and Cecilia Walshe Cappawhite Ladies Football Club.



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TIPPERARY CAMOGIE

CORK DOUBLE UP ON TIPP'S TITLE AMBITIONS

By Gerry Slevin

For the 8th successive year the Tipperary senior camogie team found itself back in Croke Park, eyes firmly focused on the O'Duffy Cup and for the 6th time in that period the opposition was provided by 21-time champions Cork. Alas, no joy for Paddy McCormack's charges for the second successive year as, in scoring a meagre four points they matched the 1-1 scored in the 1958 final against Dublin.

And yet, the eight point margin (0-12 to 0-4) wasn't the greatest between the sides. Cork's 4-9 to 1-9 win in the 2002 final eclipsed that. It was, however Tipp's most disappointing performance since the county's emergence in 1999.

Maybe it wasn't a pairing that was generally welcomed because of the frequency of their meetings over the past number of years. And yet, there could be no denying that the two best teams in the land were there on merit.

This year Gala, the convenience food retailer, came into the picture as championship sponsors and the competition format was drastically altered, the final pairing having been decided via a round robin system which saw all six participating counties play each other, the top four emerging to the semi finals.

Like hurling, top rank camogie teams are scarce and with only six counties in senior grade, the sensible method of running the

competition was through a round robin system. There, each county was assured of at least five matches and it turned out that the system saw no team go through unbeaten, with Tipp heading the group closely followed by Cork, Kilkenny and Galway. For Wexford and Limerick, semi finalists a year ago, it was the end of the road, Limerick failing to pick up a point along the way and, probably bidding farewell, however temporary, to senior grade, to be replaced next season by All-Ireland junior champions, Dublin.

But when the championship began on Saturday May 27th, it was anything but promising for Tipp. Having reached the league final and been defeated, narrowly, by Cork, Tipp's championship prospects looked reasonable enough, notwithstanding the loss of such stalwarts as Deirdre Hughes, Ciara Gaynor, Therese Brophy, Angie McDermott and Noelle Kennedy. However, championship opening day against Galway in Portumna saw a listless Tipp side in action, one that scored but a point in the first half and which rallied somewhat thereafter but insufficiently to deprive the home side of a deserved win, 1-12 to 2-6.

It was Tipp's first defeat in any championship match, bar the finals of '02 and '05, since the semi final defeat as far back as 1998. It was Galway then and eight years later it was Galway again. Only the third defeat in thirty-one matches played.

Hindsight revealed that the loss of two half backs in Ciara Gaynor and Therese Brophy was sorely felt and it was down to team manager Paddy McCormack and his co-selectors Martin Bourke, Maureen Connolly and Dinny Ryan (the latter duo new to the selectorial scene) to seek to redress that situation. Into the breach at centre back stepped team captain Philly



Philly Fogarty leads Tipperary senior camogie team in the Gala All-Ireland final against Cork



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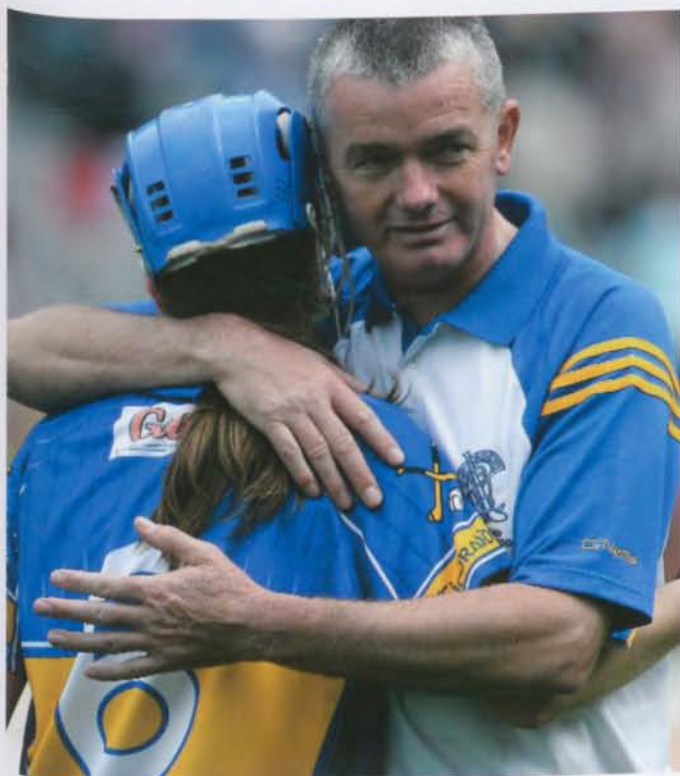
Fogarty. A daring move this, because of Philly's value to the mid field area. It was also decided to turn Michelle Shortt, a half forward against Galway, into a half back. Shades of the 2000 thinking here, when Therese Brophy also moved back to the half back line. In both instances, the move was seen to be the correct one.

One more away game faced Tipp, in Wexford Park on June 24th and with memories of narrow escapes at the semi final stage in '04 and '05, Tipp made the journey with a certain amount of trepidation. The loss of another brace of points could not be contemplated and a successful outing it turned out to be. Wexford tried hard but found new centre back Philly Fogarty having a most encouraging debut in that position. The travellers came home with a 1-14 to 1-8 victory.

Tipp were back in contention and when Kilkenny came to Holycross on July 8th they found the gathering Tipp momentum too much, (1-7 to 0-4) as did Limerick two weeks later (1-15 to 1-3)

Cork had dropped only one point, to Galway, in their round robin sequence and when they came to Templemore on August 5th, the match would decide the top two places. A Cork win would give the prime honour to the Rebels but it was a strong second half Tipp performance that won the day for the home side (3-8 to 1-10) and the semi final pairings then emerged, Tipp v Kilkenny and Cork v Galway.

These took place a week later in Nowlan Park. Cork had it easier than the final score of 1-7 to 0-6 might suggest and Tipp had to fight off a game Kilkenny challenge in the second half before emerging narrowly into their 8th successive final. The final score was 0-13 to 1-8 and but for the brilliance of Jovita Delaney between the posts, Kilkenny's second half comeback might well have been successful.



Tipperary camogie Manager Paddy McCormack consoles team captain Philly Fogarty after the final whistle.



Claire Grogan goes on a solo run for Tipperary against Cork in the All-Ireland senior final.

All-Ireland final day, Sunday September 10th, Tipp and Cork preceded by the meeting of Tipp and Kilkenny in the under 21 hurling final. A trial arrangement for two years and one on which the jury is still out because, quite frankly, after the thrills and excitement of a drawn hurling game, this eagerly-awaited clash of camogie's greatest rivals paled significantly. For whatever reason the match lacked bite and flair and it, in no way, came up to the standard we had witnessed between Tipp and Cork since 2000.

From a Tipp perspective, it was a hugely disappointing performance. Four points scored in the entire hour, three in the first half with the fourth coming into added time in the second half. Incredible for a team that had averaged fourteen points in its lead-up matches. Credit the Cork backs, of course, for the manner in which they spread their cloak of doom on the Tipp attacking exploits. They set out to deprive the Tipp forwards of a plentiful supply. They hooked and harassed, making regular nuisances of themselves as the Tipp sextet was rendered virtually redundant. At the other end, the Tipp defence stood up well and Philly Fogarty showed great authority in her central role. Joanne Ryan too was very prominent throughout but overall, that bite and dash was missing. Difficult to believe that Tipp had gone into this final hell bent on exacting revenge for the 2005 final defeat. The hunger just wasn't there for whatever reason, while it must also be conceded that the occasion got to some players who were making Croke Park debuts.

But excuses are irrelevant. Cork are worthy champions. They had their homework done and a 0-12 to 0-4 score line did not, in the least, flatter them.



At the launch of the Gala sponsorship, l to r: Eimer Ryan, Liz Howard, Gala Rep. and Philly Fogarty (Tipp Capt.)



Top: Tipp Minor Camogie team.
Mid left top: At the 2006 Camogie All-Star Awards were Tipperary All-Star award winners, from left, Philly Fogarty, Jovita Delaney, Guest of Honour and Sydney Swans footballer Tadhg Kennelly, Suzanne Kelly, Joanne Ryan, and Liz Howard, President, Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael.
Mid bottom: Tipperary U-14 camogie panel that won the Limerick Blitz competition
Bottom: Tipp Senior B Camogie Team

Liz-Tailor-made for Camogie's Top Job

By Gerry Slevin

It took Tipperary all of ninety-five years to win the All Ireland senior camogie title for the first time. It was a further seven before a native of the county acquired the reins of leadership of the Camogie Association. Saturday March 25th saw that achievement come about in the Tullamore Court Hotel. Appropriate it was that the woman chosen to lead the Association for a three year period should be one who is steeped in GAA tradition and who over several years has become one of the most voluble and easily recognisable female faces in a predominantly male domain.

LIZ HOWARD is indeed better known for her GAA rather than her camogie involvement. That is not notwithstanding the fact that she did line out for Tipperary and had the distinction of being on the Tipp team that won the inaugural National League title back in 1977. She also played for Dublin and was instrumental in the revival of the game in Clare.

However, her personnel work with Aer Lingus provided her with the ideal backdrop against which to apply her excellent communications skills, skills that worked a treat during a long involvement with the County GAA Board as its PRO. Those skills were also extended to a broader scene when she was an analyst on the inaugural 'Sunday Game' television programme with presenter Jim Carney.

So, how come the move to camogie at administrative level and the somewhat rapid rise to the office of National President?

Liz has no problem whatever in recalling the disappointment she felt when controversial circumstances forced her out of her PRO duties. Subsequently, a bid to follow in the footsteps of fellow Tipperary man, Fr Seamus Gardiner as PRO of Munster Council failed. She readily attributes her promotion from the peripheral side of camogie to the inner sanctum, to the influence of the woman she succeeded last March, Miriam O'Callaghan. Miriam and Liz met for the first time on the 'Forum for Women in Gaelic Games' group, a body set up in 2000 and which Liz chaired. Miriam invited Liz on to camogie's Management Committee, a timely invitation indeed because of the lead-in to the Camogie Association's centenary celebrations in 2004.

Certainly a case of being thrown in at the deep end, but nothing could have pleased the Burgess woman more because of her penchant for hard work and for getting stuck in, as was indeed the case when it came to the centenary celebrations. Liz left her mark quite emphatically in the organisation of all that went on during centenary year, notably the celebration banquets and All Ireland final day.

CCIA (Third Level Colleges) nominated Liz for the presidency of the Camogie Association and she entered the field at the annual Congress last March, facing into a contest with Pat Rafferty from Fermanagh, who had previously held the office



and who had presented the O'Duffy Cup to both Jovita Delaney (2000) and Emily Hayden (2001).

For one who invariably sets high standards in everything she seeks to accomplish, this was one venture, about the outcome of which she had grave doubts. Apart from the fact that she was a relative newcomer to the camogie big time scene, she well knew that the Association was only gradually awakening into the 21st century, having been mired in traditional values for so long. Miriam O'Callaghan had opened the gates to progress and a sense of adventure during her three years in office. Liz was all for progress, for heightening camogie's image. Old ways were still highly valued among many of the rank and file members and Liz genuinely felt that she would have a really tough struggle on her hands if she was to emerge with the confidence of delegates in her favour.

To say she was surprised when Miriam O'Callaghan announced the result would be an understatement. The voting was not revealed but word was that the margin was decisive and it was an emotional Liz Howard who addressed the delegates but who immediately announced that although she would follow excellently drawn footprints to a degree she would also create her own. A clear indication, even at this early stage, that she would be her own person.

And that she has been throughout a busy and eventful inaugural year. Earlier, she had been one of those who had helped to draw up the Association's Strategic Plan, a document in which she firmly believes and which she sees as being the only way forward for camogie. She will also admit to having walked on toes during that year in the way in which she has set up various sub-committees and in what she expects them to produce, along with her attitude to other organisational and administrative matters.

Maybe it was too much to expect that in her first year in office she would have had the honour of presenting the O'Duffy Cup to a Tipperary captain on All Ireland final day. That would indeed have crowned the year, but it wasn't to be.

Two more years remain for Liz Howard to do all that she would like to do in the cause of camogie. The trust of a great organisation has been placed in her. Yes, her link with the GAA and particularly with Burgess and with Tipperary continues to be very strong and indeed it always will be. Nevertheless, one suspects that she has found her true niche in the role to which she was elected last March and that by March 2009, camogie will have benefited hugely from the leadership and inspiration that Liz Howard brings to it.

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CAMOGIE CLUB SCENE

Cashel Camogie Club Success

A long year for Cashel camogie club commenced on the first Tuesday in March with senior and junior training indoors in the Community School. The new management team of T. J. Connolly, Michael Browne and Michael Lawrence ensured a larger than usual turnout.

After a couple of sessions the seniors had their first game in the Anne Frazer league. The opposition was Drom Inch, the venue was at home in Leahy Park, and the result was an eye-opener as we were completely outclassed.

There was some improvement in the next game against Moneygall, and still more against Toomevara in our third game, with the result that we qualified for the final against Drom Inch. The latter led by 1-6 to 0-4 at half-time but Cashel fought back to force a draw at full-time. Extra time was played and, after an encouraging display, we won by 1-14 to 1-13. This game was to lay down a marker for the season.

While the seniors were showing promise the junior team failed to materialise. Short of numbers and many players exam-tied, there were just not enough players.

The senior championship saw us in the first round against Moneygall in the first week in July. We had improved a lot by now and won easily by 4-16 to 0-2. In the next outing against Duharra, Cashel led by 2-8 to 1-5 at the interval and ran out convincing winners by 3-18 to 1-6.

There was similar success against Toomevara in the third game, Cashel coming out on top by 3-23 to 4-3.

As Toomevara finished second in the group they provided Cashel's opposition in the county final on October 1. This was a more difficult game, a tough, dogged encounter played in atrocious conditions. Eventually Cashel ran out winners by 0-15 to 1-3, to take their 13th county senior title.

It was now into Munster and a semi-final encounter against old rivals, Grannagh Ballingarry, away. Cashel were in front by 0-9 to 0-5 at the interval, and second half goals by Claire Grogan, Jill Horan and Libby Twoomey, gave them victory by 3-15 to 0-15.

Kilnamona, Co. Clare were our surprising opponents in the Munster final and we were wary of them as they had beaten the Cork county champions. However, Cashel ran out easy winners by 3-24 to 1-6, and qualified for the All-Ireland semi-final against the Leinster champions one week later.

Played at Nenagh, St. Lachtáin's, Freshford were as strong opponents as it was possible to get, having won the All-Ireland the previous two years. After a slow start Freshford had three

points on the board. Cashel settled and clawed their way back, even going a point ahead. Then disaster struck with Freshford getting a soft goal. Cashel lost their focus and were behind by 1-8 to 0-4 at half-time.

Cashel showed great courage and determination in the second half, refusing to lie down and gradually chipping away at the Freshford lead. They confined the opposition to a mere point during the period, but they were also prevented by fair and foul means from getting in front. In the end there was only a point between the sides as time ran out leaving Cashel behind by 1-8 to 0-10.

It was a horrid disappointment for the club as they believed this was their year. They had trained well, performed greatly during the season, had a new purpose about their play, and were pipped by a point. In the light of Freshford's eventual victory in the All-Ireland the defeat was all the more galling.

The full panel was as follows: Jovita Delaney, Sarah Morrissey, Noelette O'Dwyer, Sinead Millea, Paula Bulfin, Una O'Dwyer, Kira O'Sullivan, Philly Fogarty, Linda Grogan, Cora Hennessy, Emily Hayden, Claire Grogan, Allison Lonergan, Gill Horan, Libby Twoomey, Kaiffe O'Connell, Deirdre Ryan, Helen Breen, Julie McGrath, Claire Ryan, Mags Hackett, Claire M. Fogarty, Fiona O'Dwyer, Emma Williams, Sharon Hayes, Roseanne Quirke, Danielle O'Connell, Kate O'Dwyer.

For whatever reason, the club feels let down by the powers that be. Only last year a supporter alleged to have abused the referee in the All-Ireland semi-final, and the club had a fine of €1500 slapped on it. Then the same powers appoint a referee for this year's All-Ireland semi-final, who did not give sufficient protection to our players.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank the three mentors and the twenty-eight girls for a wonderful effort during the year, and I want you to know that we are all proud of you. You did us proud within the county and without.

Our under-18s are still in competition. The under-16s and under-14s lost out. Plans are in hand to form a juvenile committee with big number training all the summer.

Congratulations to Jovita Delaney and Philly Fogarty on their All-Star awards, and also to Jovita on winning the Tipp-FM player for the month of August. Philly Fogarty captained the county senior team and Allison Lonergan the county minor team. Kira O'Sullivan, Sarah Morrissey, Rosie Quirke, Deirdre Ryan also made the minor team.

Jovita Delaney, Una O'Dwyer, Philly Fogarty, Claire Grogan, Jill Horan, Emily Hayden, Paula Bulfin, Linda Grogan and Cora Hennessy were on the county senior panel, beaten in the All-Ireland. Sharon Hayes and Shauna Butler were on the under-16 team.



Cashel captain Claire Grogan lifts the cup after her side defeated Toomevara in the County senior camogie final.

CASHEL CAMOGIE CLUB

County Senior Champions 2006



Back row, left to right: Kaiffe O'Connell, Claire Grogan (capt.), Helen Breen, Sharon Hayes, Julie McGrath, Emma Williams, Linda Grogan, Sinead Millea, Philly Fogarty, Cora Hennessy, Kira O'Sullivan, Jill Horan, Mags Hackett, Noelette O'Dwyer.
Front row, left to right: Kate O'Dwyer, Claire Marie Fogarty, Fiona O'Dwyer, Allisson Loneragan, Rose Anne Quirke, Sarah Morrissey, Paula Bulfin, Una O'Dwyer, Claire Ryan, Emily Hayden, Jovita Delaney, Libby Twoomey.

SHANNON ROVERS CAMOGIE CLUB

2006 has proven a very successful year in that the Junior A Camogie team won the County Championship title on 14th October when they defeated Annacarty in a very entertaining final played in the Camogie pitch in the Ragg on a scoreline of Shannon Rovers 2-10 to Annacarty 2-5.

The first game of the championship was against Drom on the 26th July 2006 resulting with a good win for the Rovers on a scoreline of 2-8 to Drom 0-0. The second game was against Portroe on the 27th August, with a good win recorded on a scoreline of Rovers 1-17 to Portroe 3-3.

Moycarkey proved the opposition for round three at Clonakenny on the 16th September. Rovers were outright winners on a scoreline of 3-17 to Moycarkey 2-1.

The year started out with the Junior A team playing Portroe in the first round of the Junior A League on the 9th April 2006 in Portroe. This was a tough encounter but the Rovers had the edge in the end on a scoreline of 3-13, to Portroe 2-5. Their next encounter was against Annacarty on the 17th April '06 in The Ragg and Rovers were won by 3-15 to Annacarty 1-4.

On the 5th May, Fethard was the next opposition and Shannon Rovers proved very strong to finish outright winners on a scoreline of 2-15 to Fethard 2 points which put them through to the final. Our opposition was between Portroe and Moycarkey. However both these teams pulled out of this competition and Annacarty were next in line.

So on the 19th November this league final was played in treacherous weather conditions in the Ragg resulting in a draw. The replay is scheduled to go ahead on Saturday, 9th December 2006.

The panel of players involved during the year – Rita Burke, Laura Brophy, Laura Tierney, Marie Kennedy, Andrea Davis, Sabrina Larkin, Amanda Burke, Lorraine Davis, Marion Ryan, Grainne Horan, Margaret Tierney, Aoife McLoughney, Helen Tierney, Michelle Ryan, Tess Burke, Brid Morris, Olive Guest, Antoinette King, Deirdre Quinlan, Bernadette Tierney, Anne Cleary, Sinead Cahalan, Sophie Donoghue, Ashley Ryan, Jane Hannigan, Niamh Carroll with Martin Burke and Dermot Costello – Trainers, Helen Fox and Anne Tierney-selectors.

BOURNEA CAMOGIE CLUB

Bournea Camogie club was formed in 1995 when Clonakenny Camogie Club and St. Bernadette's of Roscrea amalgamated. This partnership worked very well from early days and this was soon seen with an U14 Championship title won by the club. It is an amazing fact to think that it is the majority of this team that has been the most successful with Bournea. They were runners-up to Cashel in the U16 championship two years later, they beat Holycross to win U18 championship title and then moved on to be Junior B league and championship winner and Junior A championship winners. This Bournea team has made history in 2005 to be the first Bournea team to complete in this grade and they didn't do too badly for themselves by qualifying for the Championship final against their near rivals Moneygall.

On the day experience in the higher grade played an advantage for Moneygall but Bournea were very proud of their first year in the Intermediate grade and vowed to come back fighting in 2006. When the fixtures for the 2006 League was sent out Bournea knew they had two tough battles ahead of them if they were to progress any further. Their first battle was to be against Toomevara. Over the last number of years matches between these two clubs have been very well contested and exciting to the finish and this match was no different. From start to finish this game was played in very much a high tempo and players were giving it their all. It was very much score for score but Bournea just came out on top before the final whistle. This was a very important win for Bournea and got the year off to a good start. The next match in the group was against Silvermines. In the 2005 intermediate grade these teams met 3 times with Silvermines being victorious on two of those occasions.

Bournea were out to prove that they had learned a lot after last year and eventually beat Silvermines. With two wins out of two Bournea progressed to the final where their opponents were to be Templemore.

On Sunday 5th November the Intermediate League final between Bournea and Templemore, took place in The Ragg Camogie Pitch. This match was long awaited by both teams and throughout the 60 minutes was a very evenly contested game with Bournea just piping the post at the final whistle on a score line of 1-6 to 7 points.

Bournea opened the scoring after a few minutes with a finely taken Caroline Greed point. Templemore soon followed with a free from Fiona Bourke who got a further two points in the first half. Bournea responded with two well taken frees by Catherine Greed to leave it all square at half time on 3 points each.

Templemore started the second half better than their opponents with a well taken point. This lead was short lived however as a piece of well worked play by the Bournea team ended up with Ann Murray with the ball in her hand and blasting it into the back of the net.

This gave Bournea the upper hand, a further point by Patricia Greed helped to keep them ahead. Although Templemore fought back well with 3 more points, Bournea's defence, including a fine display from goalkeeper, Cora Costigan, held tough and refused to let Templemore in for a goal. Mairead Byrne and Helena Costigan were towers of strength in the back line keeping Templemore at bay. Catherine Greed sealed the victory for the Bournea team with a super point from a very difficult angle. Despite these two teams being local rivals credit must be given to the girls for the spirit and sporting way in which the match was played. No doubt these two teams will meet again in the future.

This is Bournea's first title win in the Intermediate grade and a major achievement for such a small club. Great credit must be due to their mentors over the last 10 years as this team has not appeared overnight but has been in a learning curve since their first county final. Long may it last and we hope Bournea continue on their winning ways.

Bournea Team: Cora Costigan, Mairead Ryan, Mairead Byrne, Muireann O'Dwyer, Maria Costigan, Helena Costigan, Aine Byrne, Caroline Greed, Patricia Greed, Catherine Greed, Sarah-Jane Cody, Caroline Ryan, Geraldine Byrne, Melissa Stapleton, Ann Murray, Nicola Shanahan, Donna Armstrong, Siobhan Ryan, Bridget Higgins, Elsie Maloney.



SHANNON ROVERS CAMOGIE PANEL - JUNIOR A CHAMPIONS.

Back row: (from left) - Helen Fox (s), A Tierney (s), Brid Morris (Chairperson), Michelle Ryan, Helen Tierney, Marian Ryan, Margaret Tierney (captain), Grainne Horan, Laura Tierney, Rita Burke, Martin Burke (Joint Manager), Dermot Costello (Joint Manager). Front: Sabrina Larkin, Laura Brophy, Antoinette King, Tess Burke, Lorraine Davis, Aoife McLoughney, Amanda Burke, Andrea Davis, Marie Kennedy, Sinead Cahalan, Paula Hannigan, Anne Cleary.



SILVERMINES - COUNTY INTERMEDIATE CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS

Back row: (from left) - Aileen Forde, Siobhain O'Doherty, Mary Coughlan, Rachel O'Doherty, Claire O'Sullivan, Johanne Nolan, Fiona Kennedy, Maura O'Doherty, Siobhan McCarthy (captain), Teresa Timmons, Carmel Ryan, Deirdre Keogh, Mairead Berkery. Kneeling: Marguerite Ryan, Mairead O'Donoghue, Emma Dunlea, Helena Ryan, Ciara Ryan, Laura Green, Geraldine Stapleton, Martina Gleeson, Yvonne Griffin, Catriona Kennedy.



BOURNEA - INTER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS 2006

Back: Peter Byrne, Shona Byrne, Elsie Mononey, Bernie Byrne, Shiobhain Ryan, Donna Armstrong, Marie Costigan, Patricia Greed, Aine Byrne, Caroline Ryan, A'nn Ryan, Melesia Stapleton, Mairead Ryan, Catherine Greed, Dan Greed, Chairman. Front: Caroline Greed, Helena Costigan, Cora Costigan, Brigid Higgins, M. O'Dwyer, Maraid Byrne, capt, Sara J. Cody, Ger Byrne, Ann Murray, Nicola Shanahan, Margo Greed.

Toomevara Camogie Club

Toomevara Camogie Club enjoyed a successful year throughout 2006. Our numbers participating continue to grow, a positive reflection of the coaching structures in place. Teams were prepared from U8 right through to Senior. We competed in the A section of all County Championship competitions.

Vincent McKenna, Jackie Meagher, Catherine Byrne, Anne Gleeson and Donal Kelly expertly guided our Senior team. After a tough campaign, which saw us overcome Drom, Moneygall and Duharra, we faced Cashel in the County final. Cashel's wealth of experience saw them through in the final. Nevertheless great heart can be taken from the number of young players who have broken through onto the team. We continue to look to our younger members to maintain our standing in the future.

Due to our Senior status we were forced to take part in the Intermediate league. This competition was far too strong for our young players. They were allowed to take part in the Junior A championship in which they gave a good account of themselves and gained some valuable experience. Currently the U18 A Championship is running and we are hopeful of a positive performance. The U16 team have maintained their good run to reach the semi final of the competition.

Our U14 girls played some fantastic camogie to reach the semi final stage of the Feile competition where Thurles overcame us. We are currently awaiting league fixtures, which is a little disappointing considering we played our last competitive game last May.

Pride of place so far this year goes to a wonderful bunch of under 12 players. Training began in February for this team, which they took to with great enthusiasm. Winning a number of group games against Drom, Thurles and Moneygall saw us through to the semi final facing Thurles.

In a tightly contested game we held out to reach the final. The toughest of tasks faced us, as we had to play Burgess who had already beaten us in the group stages. The final date was Oct 1st and morale was a little low, as the Seniors had lost out to Cashel the previous evening in the final.

Undeterred by this our girls lined out fit and well prepared. Toome took the opening score with a point from Aoife Ryan, Burgess replied with a point. Play was at a ferocious pace with scoring chances few and far between. Both teams added another point to their tally to leave the halftime score two points apiece.

Beginning the second half brightly Aoife added another point she was again on target shortly after to extend the lead to two points. Toomes defence had to call on all their skills as Burgess put them under severe pressure. Play was non-stop as the ball was swept from end to end. Burgess converted a point from a free to leave the narrowest gap between the teams. Excitement was now at fever pitch as Toome fell into a defensive mode. Burgess launched attack after attack but the Toome girls stood firm and defiant. Great scenes of joy erupted on the final whistle with Toome taking the game by a point. Both teams should be commended on their level of skill and determination, which contributed to a memorable final.

The young Jane McCormack was mature beyond her years in goals giving a flawless display. The fullback line of Claire Ryan, Ciara Murphy and Sinead Grace gave little scoring chances away. Geraldine Kelly was solid at centre back with Davina Henderson and the petit Julie Anne Bourke clearing their wing back positions emphatically. The midfield engine of Teresa Ryan and Aoife Ryan epitomised the heart of this team. Annie Dunne, Grace O Mahony and Helena Grace

proved thorns in the Burgess defence at half forward. Our full forward line of Clionadh Ryan, Nicole Kenneally and Moira Ryan fought bravely for scores all through. Introduced on the day were Roisin Ryan and Karen Kenny both of whom added to the occasion. It was a special moment for captain Aoife Ryan as she accepted the trophy from Vice Chairman Lar O'Brien as she completed the U12 hurling and camogie double. Well done to all the girls who worked so hard throughout the long season. Many thanks to their supporters, coaches and parents who have travelled with them all year. We look forward to monitoring their progress through the ranks of camogie within the club in the future.

Our U8 & U10 teams also had an eventful season. Lots of training and preparation paid off as we hosted Na Fianna Dublin and Drom & Inch in a blitz day. Great fun and matches were had by all the girls. Many thanks to Na Fianna who provided medals for all the players. We also had a visit from Moneygall which in the spirit of local rivalry provided some tense and exciting games. In September we made the long journey to our friends in Na Fianna Dublin. We lined out teams in U9 and U11 competitions and although weather conditions were very poor we were still treated to some very skilful camogie. A depth of gratitude is owed to those involved in coaching these young players especially Nora Dwan, Sarah Corcoran, Samantha McLoughney, Lena Woods and all those who helped out in any way during the year. On the county scene we had Louise Young, Maria Tynan, Lizzy Woods and Suzanne Kelly playing at Senior A, unfortunately the team lost out to Cork in the All Ireland Final. Denise Ryan was on the Senior B team. While at Minor we had Paula Ryan Selector and players Mairead Devanney, Aine Shanahan, Fiona Young and Bonnie Kennedy. At U16 we were represented by Bonnie Kennedy, Fiona Young, Christine Kenny, Niamh Kelly and Emma Louise Coffey. The county U14 team enjoyed a great years competition. The clubs interest was heightened by the presence of Selector Donal Kelly and Noelle Kennedy and players Aoife Ryan, Elaine Martin, Noelle Hassett, Shelia Ryan, Noirin Stapleton and Aofie Murphy.

At primary schools level Shelia Ryan represented Tipperary at Cuman na mBunscoils primary game. The secondary schools competitions are just underway but already the club has had strong connections with success.

On Wednesday 27th of Sept., St Joseph's Borrisoleigh recorded a fine victory in the 7 aside competition in Fermoy. Seven Toomevara players lined out in the final team, captained by Shauna Rabbittie. The team met a resolute Fermoy side.

Two goals from Aine Brislane set them on winning ways and despite a comeback from Fermoy, Borris held out for a well earned win.



Toomevara U16 "A" Co. Camogie Champions.

The Toomevara under 16 panel after beating Moneygall in the "A" final with mentors Trish Ryan, Donie Kelly (Chairman) Vincent McKenna and Suzanne Kelly.

Toomevara Camogie club are very proud of all our girls who were part of the panel and we look forward to following their future progress in the Colleges Camogie competition. Players involved were Shauna Rabbittie, Shelia Ryan, Noirin Stapleton, Sandra Dunne, Aine Brislane, Moira Ryan, Aoife Murphy, Kate Duggan, Aoife Ryan, Nicole Walsh, Elaine Martin, Noelle Hassett, Katie Cullen, Michelle Ryan and Moira Ryan. And so as the season closes we can reflect on a great year's camogie.

Many thanks to the coaches, parents, supporters and players who have contributed to another successful year. To Siobhan Tynan of A Sportsmans Dream our main sponsor we again thank her for her continued support. We also must acknowledge the support and facilities at our disposal from Toomevara GAA. We look forward to supporting the proposed development of St Michaels Park and hope that it will further secure the future of camogie and hurling in Toomevara. Finally, we wish all a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year and we look forward to your support in 2007.

THURLES CAMOGIE

Thurles Under 12 A Camogie 2006

Under 12's improved steadily as the year progressed. In the championship they reached the County Semi-final. They went out to Toomevara in a game that no way reflected their ability. When the league came round they saw it as a second chance to prove themselves and won out, two of three matches in order to qualify for the final against Burgess which they won. It was a keenly contested, nailbiting match right up until the final whistle with Thurles emerging the winners. A great victory for Thurles and a deserving finale to the year!!

Pictured below: Back left to right: Clodagh Loughnane, Ann Marie Cullen, Siobhan Hennessy, Aoife Hickey, Rosemarie Hanafin, Louise Maher, Ciara Moloney, Clara Burke, Aine McCarthy, Cora Kerrane, Annmarie Ralph, Dick Ryan, Phil Bowe, Gerry Donnelly.

Front left to right: Emma Butler, Niamh McCormack, Amy Cullen, Michelle Donnelly, Andrea Loughnane, Aoife Bowe, Laura Loughnane, Eimear Kennedy, Aine Simmons, Megan Mason, Rebecca Dempsey, Laura Donnelly.



Thurles Under 14 Camogie

Thurles U14 camogie team began their quest for honours when they travelled to Moneygall to play the local side in the first game of the group. After a fine hour's camogie, Thurles came away with a comprehensive victory.

Thurles now faced Silvermines in Kickham Park in the second game of the group. A titanic struggle was anticipated considering the close encounters these two sides had served up on previous occasions. On the day however an under strength Silvermines team could not cope with the Thurles girls.

A home game against Drom was next and the Thurles camp approached this encounter with a great deal of caution. After a fine hours camogie the Thurles team emerged comfortable winners.

Burgess away in Kilcoleman Park was next on the agenda. After a hard fought match an under strength Thurles team had to give way to a very good Burgess squad who were now through to the County final.

In the last group match which was effectively a county semi-final, Thurles opponents were Toomevara. This was a ding dong encounter with some fine camogie played by both sides, it wasn't until the final minute that Thurles ensured victory. Thurles now faced their earlier conquerors Burgess in the county final at the Rugg. From the first whistle both sides attacked each other trying to gain the upperhand. It was clear from an early stage that these were two evenly matched teams. Burgess managed to reach half-time holding a narrow lead. On the resumption both sides swapped scores with Burgess holding

onto a dangerous two point lead as the game entered the closing stages.

In the twenty fifth minute a Thurles goal put them into the lead for the first time by the slimmest of margins. The remaining minutes were tension filled as a courageous Burgess outfit fought bravely in search of an equaliser. Finally after what seemed an eternity the referee blew her whistle for the last time and Thurles were crowned the County Senior Under 14 A Winners with the added honour of representing the county at Feile na Gael in Cork.

The Thurles squad and mentors travelled to Cork in early June intent on representing the county proudly. Our group was a tough one containing our genial hosts Douglas, Valley Rovers from Cork and the Kilkenny representatives Thomastown. Our first match was against Douglas who built up a commanding lead by half time. After half time the Thurles girls set out to redeem themselves after a poor first half. Showing tremendous skill and courage they fought their way back into the match and took the lead as the game entered its closing stages. Douglas were not to be denied however and regained the lead which they held to the final whistle. A point separated the sides at the finish and Douglas went on to clinch the Feile title on the Sunday.

On the Saturday Thurles faced Valley Rovers and Thomastown and emerged victorious in both clashes. By Sunday it was time to head for home. The Thurles girls had represented their club and county magnificently all weekend and had experienced a memorable few days.

Thurles Squad: Siobhain Hennessy, Karen Bohan, Yvonne Hughes, Tessa O'Gorman, Serena Moloney, Deborah Fogarty, Stephaine Steiger, Mary Kate Burke, Paula Coffey, Alice Fogarty, Emma Carey, Katie McCormack, Eimear Kennedy, Nicola Sweeney, Shona Brett, Louise Maher, Megan Gormley, Beatrice McLoughlin, Vanessa O'Dowd, Brid Stapleton, Nicole Steiger, Gillian Whyte, Niamh O'Regan, Kate Kerrane.

Of this team 5 girls represented the county under 14 team, Emma Carey, Deborah Fogarty, Alice Fogarty, Katie McCormack and Paula Coffey.

Margaret Collins represented the Under 16 county team and this team went on to win a Munster Championship.

Team pic below: Back left to right: Shona Brett, Stephaine Steiger, Beatrice, McLoughlin, Evonne Hughes, Emma Carey, Nicola Sweeney, Tessa O'Gorman, Katie McCormack.

Middle: Karen Bohan, Serena Moloney, Siobhan Hennessy, Megan Gormley, Alice Fogarty, Mary-Kate Burke.

Front left to right: Eimear Kennedy, Vanessa O'Dowd, Brid Stapleton, Nicole Steiger, Paula Coffey, Gillian White, Niamh O'Regan, Kate Kerrane.



TIPPERARY HANDBALL REPORT

2006 was again a very successful year for Tipperary Handballers. All Ireland successes were achieved in both 40 x 20 and 60 x 30. Pakie Mullins from Clonmel had a most successful season winning 3 All Ireland Titles for the County while Fergal Collins from Ballina retained his All-Ireland in both 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 at U.16 Singles.

40 x 20 Championships

We had a very successful Munster Campaign in the 40 x 20 season and won 8 Adult and 1 Juvenile Titles. Our Munster successes were as follows:-

U.16 Singles

Intermediate Singles

Masters B Singles

Silvermasters A Singles

Silvermasters A Doubles

Goldenmasters B Singles

Emeraldmasters A Singles

Emeraldmasters B Doubles

Diamondmasters B Singles

Fergal Collins, Ballina

Ger Coonan, Ballina

Pat O'Flaherty, Youghalarra

Tony O'Flaherty, Youghalarra

Tony O'Flaherty/Pat Griffin, Youghalarra

Paddy Collins, Ballina

Jim Ryan, Silvermines

Pakie Mullins, Clonmel

& Connie Collins, Ballina

Pat Maher, Clonmel

Fergal Collins from the Ballina Handball Club had a very tough Munster campaign in his bid to retain his U.16 40 x 20 Singles Title. He retained his Munster Title at the expense of Darragh O Suilleabhain from Kerry. Fergal then travelled to Coolboy in County Wicklow for his All-Ireland Semi-Final against Shane Fenlon from Carlow. Fergal easily accounted for Shane and went on to meet Stephen Cooney from Mayo in the All-Ireland Final played in Clooney, Co. Clare. Fergal was again in top form and retained his All-Ireland Title with a fine win over Stephen.

Ger Coonan from Ballina opted for the Intermediate Grade in 40 x 20 and came through Munster in flying colours. He then travelled to Mullingar to face up to his old opponent, Robbie McCarthy in the All-Ireland Semi-Final and unfortunately was beaten on a scoreline of 21-13, 21-06.

Pat O'Flaherty from Youghalarra defeated Pechelli English from Wexford in the All-Ireland Semi-Final and went on to meet Cormac O'Brien from Roscommon in the All-Ireland Final. Cormac proved a handful on the day and Pat lost out in the Final game on a scoreline of 21-07.

Tony O'Flaherty from Youghalarra was beaten in his All-Ireland Semi-Final by Johnny Brennan from Kilkenny in two straight games.

Tony teamed up with Pat Griffin from Youghalarra for the Silvermasters A Doubles and defeated a pair from Wexford Pat Cleary and Benny Doyle on a scoreline of 21-15, 21-20 in the All-Ireland Semi-Final. Tony and Pat then travelled to Kingscourt for their All-Ireland Final against Billy Silcock and Thomas Maguire from Antrim but lost out in the Final game.

Paddy Collins from Ballina won his first Munster Title in the Goldenmasters B Singles but was beaten by Jimmy Heffernan from Dublin 21-08, 21-18 in the All-Ireland Semi-Final.

Jim Ryan from Silvermines was bidding to retain his Emeraldmasters A Singles Title but again lost out to Dublin

opponent, Vinny Farrelly in the All-Ireland Semi-Final by two straight games.

Pakie Mullins from Clonmel and Connie Collins from Ballina teamed up to take the Munster Title in the Emeraldmasters B Doubles. They came up against tough opposition from Dublin in John Barton and Paddy Murray in the All-Ireland Semi-Final and having lost the first game 21-20, they easily won the next two games to gain their place in the All-Ireland Final. They then travelled to Kingscourt to meet Seamus Dully and Pat Sullivan from Sligo in the All-Ireland Final. Pakie and Connie easily accounted for the Sligo pair to win their first Title together.

Pat Maher from Clonmel was our representative in the Diamondmasters B Singles but lost out at the Semi-Final stage to a stronger opponent from Wexford, Ger McWilliams.

60 x 30 Championships

We again had a very successful Munster Campaign in the 60 x 30 winning 1 Juvenile and 9 Adult Munster Titles. Our Munster successes were as follows:-

U.16 Singles

U.21 Singles

U.21 Doubles

Monahan, Ballina

Intermediate Doubles

Masters B Singles

Masters B Doubles

Emeraldmasters B Singles

Emeraldmasters B Doubles

Emeraldmasters A Singles

Emeraldmasters A Doubles

Fergal Collins, Ballina

Ger Coonan, Ballina

Ger Coonan & Eric

Paul Mullins & Adrian

Johnson, Clonmel

John McQuaid, Ballina

John McQuaid, Ballina &

Paul Maher, Clonmel

Jim Quinn, Youghalarra

Jim Quinn & Gary Howard,

Youghalarra

Pakie Mullins, Clonmel

Pakie Mullins

& Sean Doyle, Clonmel

Fergal Collins easily accounted for Ian Heffernan, Cork in the Munster Final of the U.16 Singles. He then travelled to Ballingarry where he defeated a much fancied Gary McConnell from Meath in the All-Ireland Semi-Final. The All-Ireland Final was played in Mullingar against Paul Donnelly from Tyrone and Fergal came out an easy winner to retain his All-Ireland Title in 60 x 30. This brings Fergal's All-Ireland total to 5 and a World Title also in 2004

Fergal's previous successes are as follows:-

Year	Code	Grade
2004	40 x 20	Boys Under 14 Singles
2005	40 x 20	Boys Under 16 Singles
2005	60 x 30	Boys Under 16 Singles
2006	40 x 20	Boys Under 16 Singles
2006	60 x 30	Boys Under 16 Singles

Ger Coonan from Ballina returned to the U.21 Grade for the 60 x 30 campaign where he easily came through Munster. He then accounted for Michael Berry from Wexford in the All-Ireland Semi-Final in two straight games and went on to defeat Chris Doolan from Roscommon in the All-Ireland Semi-Final on a scoreline of 21-12, 21-04.

Ger teamed up with Eric Monaghan also from Ballina for the U.21 Doubles and accounted for the Wexford pair of David Kenny and Niall Maher in the All-Ireland Semi-Final. However, the Roscommon pair of Ricky O'Gara and Damien Martin proved too strong for the Ballina pair in the All-Ireland Final played at Crinkle.

Ger's previous successes are as follows:

Year	Code	Grade
2000	60 x 30	Boys Under 14 Singles
2002	40 x 20	Boys Under 16 Singles
2002	60 x 30	Boys Under 16 Singles
2003	60 x 30	Minor Singles
2005	40 x 20	Mens Under 21 Singles
2005	60 x 30	Mens Under 21 Singles
2006	60 x 30	Mens Under 21 Singles

John McQuaid from Ballina was competing for the first time in the Masters Grade and came through a tough Munster Campaign. He then travelled to Talbot's Inch to take on Richard Falsey from Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Semi-Final and having lost the first game on a scoreline of 21-15 he went on to take the next two to reach the All-Ireland Final. John's opponent in the All-Ireland Final was Ronan Galvin from Roscommon and John went on to win his first Masters Title in two straight games played at Crinkle.

John teamed up with Paul Maher from Clonmel for the Masters B Doubles and they beat the Wexford pair of Brendan Barnwell and Aidan Sinnott in two straight games to reach the All-Ireland Final against the Roscommon pair of Ger Walsh and Cormac O'Brien. The Roscommon pair, on this occasion, proved too strong and won the Final on a scoreline of 21-15, 21-13, played also at Crinkle.

Jim Quinn from Youghal was our representative in the Emeraldmasters B Singles but Jim lost out to Paddy Murray from Dublin in the All-Ireland Semi-Final in two straight games.

Jim teamed up with Gary Howard also from Youghal for the Emeraldmasters B Doubles and were unlucky to lose to the Dublin pair of Paddy Clerkin and John Barton in the All-Ireland Semi-Final which was played at Croke Park. Jim & Gary lost in the 3rd game on a scoreline of 21-20.

Pakie Mullins from Clonmel was bidding to retain his Emeraldmasters A Singles Title in 60 x 30. Pakie easily came through the Munster Campaign and travelled to Talbot's Inch to take on Paddy Reilly from Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Semi-Final. Pakie had a surprisingly easy win against his Kilkenny opponent and went on to meet Martin Cronin from Mayo in the All-Ireland Final. Pakie went on to retain his All-Ireland Title by beating Martin in two straight games on a scoreline 21-20, 21-11.

Pakie was again partnered by Sean Doyle in their bid to retain the Emeraldmasters A Doubles Title. They received a walkover from the Dublin pair of Eugene Kennedy and Vinny Farrelly in the All-Ireland Semi-Final and easily accounted for the Mayo pair of Michael Corbett and Matt Coady in the All-Ireland Final which was played in Roscommon.

Pakie's previous successes are as follows:

Year	Code	Grade
1981	60 x 30	Mens Junior Singles
1999	60 x 30	Mens Golden Masters Doubles
2000	60 x 30	Mens Golden Masters A Doubles
2002	60 x 30	Mens Golden Masters A Doubles
2005	60 x 30	Mens Emerald Masters (A) Singles
2005	60 x 30	Mens Emerald Masters (A) Doubles
2006	60 x 30	Mens Emerald Masters (A) Singles
2006	60 x 30	Mens Emerald Masters (A) Doubles

Sean has a total of 5 Titles as follows:-

Year	Code	Grade
1990	60 x 30	Mens Masters (B) Singles
1999	60 x 30	Mens Golden Masters Doubles
2000	60 x 30	Mens Golden Masters A Doubles
2005	60 x 30	Mens Emerald Masters A Doubles
2006	60 x 30	Mens Emerald Masters A Doubles

Paul Mullins and Adrian Johnson from Clonmel were our representatives in the Intermediate Doubles. They travelled to Mullingar to take on the Westmeath pairing of Robert McCarthy and Liam Cassidy and lost out to the eventual All-Ireland winners on a scoreline of 21-12, 21-18.

Ger Coonan and Martin McNerney from Ballina both took part in the Senior 60 x 30 Softball Championships. Martin was beaten in the 1st round by Gavin Buggy from Wexford while Barry Goff and Gavin Buggy accounted for Ger and Martin in the 1st round of the Doubles Championship.

Hardball

Fergal Collins took part in the Minor Hardball Singles for the first time and was beaten in the All-Ireland Semi-Final by Seamus O'Carroll from Limerick.

Pat and Tony O'Flaherty from Youghal reached the Semi-Final of the Junior Hardball Doubles but lost out to the Roscommon pair of Ricky O'Gara and Damien Martin in two straight games. Ger Coonan from Ballina and Jason Tobin from Carrick-on-Suir also took part in the Junior Hardball Doubles and reached the All-Ireland Final but they were again beaten by the Roscommon pair on a scoreline of 21-13, 21-12 in the All-Ireland Final. Both Ger Coonan and Jason Tobin also took part in the Junior Hardball Singles. Ger was beaten at the All-Ireland Quarter Final Stage while Jason was beaten in the All-Ireland Final by Damien Martin from Roscommon.



John McQuaid, Ballina, MBS 60x30 All Ireland Winner with runner up Ronan Galvin, Roscommon. Also in pic Tom Walsh, Irish Handball President.

World Championships

The World Championships were held in Edmonton, Canada in August and Tipperary representatives were Joe Ryan, Tom Quigley and Jim Ryan from Silvermines and Pat O'Flaherty from Youghal. Joe Ryan and Tom Quigley took part in the Mens C Doubles and having beaten opponents from Canada, USA and Mexico they were beaten at the Semi-Final stage by the Cork pairing of Gerry Guiney and Chris Hurley. Jim Ryan took part in the Emeraldmasters A Singles and lost out in the

2nd round to an opponent from the USA. Jim teamed up with a Canadian to take part in the Emeraldmasters A Doubles but they were also beaten in the 2nd round stage by a Canadian pair. Pat O'Flaherty from Youghalarra took part in the Masters B Singles and reached the All-Ireland Semi-Final stage only to be beaten by Cormac O'Brien from Roscommon, the eventual winner of the competition. Pat teamed up with John Hedigan from Cork to take part in the Masters B Doubles and gained sweet revenge by beating Cormac O'Brien and his partner in the World Final. This was the only World Championship to be won by a Tipperary player in Edmonton.

Colleges Handball

Ger Coonan from Ballina representing the University of Limerick travelled to Texas to take part in the World Collegiate Handball Championships in February last.

Ger reached the Quarter Finals of both Singles and Doubles where he was partnered by Donncha Maguire from Meath.

Ger also took part in the Intersiversities 40 x 20 Championship which was played in Kingscourt and had success in the Mens A Singles Competition where he defeated

Chris Doolan from Roscommon in the Final.

Ger also became the first male from the University of Limerick to win an A Singles Title at the Intersiversities 60 x 30 Championship when he defeated Ricky O'Gara from Roscommon in the Final which was played in Castlebridge. Ger took the Title on a scoreline of 21-03,21-04 and he easily outclassed O'Gara in all aspects of the game.

USHA Trials

Fergal Collins from Ballina took part in the Boys 17 and Under Trials for a player to represent Ireland in the USHA Championships. Fergal reached the Semi-Final stages but lost to Brian Doheny from Tyrone in the tie-breaker on a score of 11 points to 7.



Ger Coonan & Eric Monaghan, U21D Munster Champions

International Handball

Ger Coonan from Ballina was chosen to represent Ireland against the Basque Country in a One Wall and Compromise Rules International in Sequira, Spain in June last. Ger was partnered by Damien Martin from Roscommon in the One Wall and by Darragh Daly from Tyrone in the Compromise Rules. However he was beaten in both Finals by the Basque opponents.

Feile na nGael

The Feile Competition was held at Cork venues in 2006 and Tipperary were represented by teams from Carrick-on-Suir and Newport in the 40 x 20 Division 3.

The Newport Team was:- Sean Harte, Darren Moore, Luke McCarthy, Michael Connor, Shane Lenihan

Carrick-on-Suir Team were represented by:- Alan Hackett, Stephen Moroney, Thomas Dean, Colin Loughman, Randal Barlow Both Teams were unsuccessful but will have learned a lot from their experience in playing Feile for the first time.

Awards

The FBD All Star Awards were held at the Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny on the 18th March and Paddy Collins from Ballina received a Special Achievement Award for his services to handball during 2005. This award was much deserved.

Bereavements

The sympathy of the County Board is expressed to handball families who suffered bereavements during the year and especially the Collins Family from Ballina whose brother, Noel and mother, Mary both passed away during the year. Sympathy was also expressed to Martin McInerney, Ballina, whose mother died recently.

Conclusion

I wish to thank our County Chairman, Pat McKenna, North Secretary, Paddy Collins, County PRO, Michael Hogan and all Club Secretaries who promoted handball throughout the year. I also wish to thank the staff of Croke Park, especially Lorcan O'Ruairc together with the Officers of the Munster Council.

TIPPERARY HANDBALL BOARD ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS 2006

Grade	Name	Club
U.16 Singles	Fergal Collins	Ballina
Emerald Masters B Doubles	Pakie Mullins/Connie Collins	Clonmel/Ballina

60 x 30

Grade	Name	Club
U.16 Singles	Fergal Collins	Ballina
U.21 Singles	Ger Coonan	Ballina
Emerald Masters A Singles	Pakie Mullins	Clonmel
Emerald Masters A Doubles	Pakie Mullins/Sean Doyle	Clonmel
Emerald Masters B Singles	John McQuaid	Ballina

World Champions 2006

Emerald Masters B Doubles	Pat O'Flaherty	
	John Hedigan	Youghalarra/Cork



NATIONAL HANDBALL AWARDS 2006.

Paddy Collins received 'Special Achievement Award' in the photo are FBD Rep, Nicky Brennan, Paddy Collins, Tom Walsh.

Best wishes to
Tipp Hurlers & Footballers for 2007



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A Seminar with a Difference St. Patrick's College, Thurles

by James Duggan

For the second year in succession St. Patrick's College, Thurles, played host to a seminar with a difference. From Croke Park to every sporting centre around the country coaching seminars in the winter months have become two a penny with the status of the guest speakers defining the seminar in the public eye. St. Patrick's College left nothing to be desired in that area but what made it stand apart were the themes of the weekends which, at best raised eyebrows and at the worst sounded blasphemous to a Tipperary sporting public. Last year Fr. Fogarty had dared to link gaelic games and spirituality and persuaded such eminent speakers as Ger Loughnane and Mickey Harte to address these diverse polarities. This year in late January Fr. Fogarty dared to question the Tipperary obsession with winning and its by-products of alcohol abuse, over-ambitious parents and taking the fun out of sport.

A full house applauded Sean Fogarty as he opened the ceremony and certainly there was something for everybody. Justin McCarthy of the wonderful hurling hands and aeons of coaching experience opened the proceedings. In a meticulous and comprehensive presentation he outlined the road and struggle for success. Drawing on many wonderful moments as player and a manager he dissected modern coaching and ubiquitous game plans and when he had finished, each and every delegate had a blueprint for a successful club should they have the ambition and dedication to follow it. It was a tour de force from a man who has been there, done that but whose hunger and striving for success are as fresh today as they were decades ago.

Miriam O'Callaghan, Chairperson of the Camogie Council, may have felt that this was a difficult act to follow but in quiet reasoned tones and a persuasive manner the gulf between the race for success at the highest level and the cultivation of the joy of the sport in a growing area of sporting endeavour in Ireland became obvious. Gone was the manic headlong dash and in its place a calm, deep appreciation of people, difference, individual talent and personal development, where the player is less a commodity and more a unique personality in a sporting community defined by its generosity of spirit and a sense of belonging even in defeat. Miriam O'Callaghan words echoed earlier days of community hurling and one sensed the richness of the sport and at the same time the possibilities of progress and national development. Patrons certainly had plenty to ponder over an excellent lunch provided by the staff of St. Patrick's College.

Joe Connolly had come to St. Patrick's College via Croke Park, Pearse Stadium and a recent appointment as the association watchdog on the whole issue of alcohol and substance abuse. Like his style of play he kept it short and sweet, spoke initially in Irish but cut to the heart of the matter in a manner that left no room for double standards or lateral thinking in the area of the protection of our young people. He didn't mince words and the hall was stunned but appreciative of a man who calls a spade a spade. He outlined the association's determination to address this problem. Among the audience was John



Tipperary U-21 Manager Fr Tom Fogarty

Costigan who was to follow Joe Connolly's advice with a no-nonsense directive about the conduct of minor celebrations later in the year. Joe finished with his views on the role of the club in the parish and again it was heartening to hear an experience that differed from Tipperary and enriched all the delegates present.

Managing an All-Ireland winning team along with being one of the country's most successful entrepreneurs, Liam Griffin recalled the early struggles in both areas of life. Beginning with a direct set of comments on modern Ireland that left the 'Pope's Children' in the shade. Liam addressed the struggle, the fun and the winning in his native Wexford. Charisma and achievement began to ooze from the podium as the audience sat enthralled by his wit, vision and at times frustration as he spoke of his beloved game and his beloved county. One wondered how any county could have a weak hurling set-up, one wanted to fly Liam Griffin over and back throughout the land forever and a day preaching, proselytising, putting hurling to the forefront. Even here in Tipperary we were beginning to feel there was so much more we could do, so much more we could give and that our young people would be so much the richer for it. The winning wasn't even the half of it and as he finished speaking we pondered on the good fortune of young underage Wexford hurlers who now have the benefit of a man who walked with kings but is currently happy with the common touch.

As the day faded the audience grew tired and exhausted. Buffeted by a whirlwind of new and challenging ideas it was time to return home and dwell a while on the truly great questions of Tipperary's Gaelic games - not so much the winning but more the caring. Le ceol Rathmoy agus muintir uí Chaomhanaigh ag druidim siar sa dor-chadas bhaihomar linn le guí agus urnaí mbeimis araon beo urn a dtráth seo arís agus go gcuideodh an lá linn go léir is sinn ag iarraidh cluichí na nGael a chur chun chinn agus bóthar ár leasa a threascart anseo i dTiobraid Árann.

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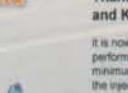
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SCOR REPORT

Mid Tipperary Scor

We had a very enjoyable and busy Scor season 2005/2006. Scor na nÓg and Scor na bPaistí were well supported.

The Committee were stunned in February when despite valiant efforts of Cathaoirlech Noel Joyce, we failed to stage a mid final of Scor Sinsear. Thanks also to Pat Thurles and Jim Moyne who tried to help us. The Division was represented by two clubs at County final in Cashel on 3rd March, Loughmore/Castleiney and J K Brackens. Liam Brennan, Loughmore won Amhránaíocht Aonair, but unlucky in the Munster semi-final. The Loughmore Castleiney quiz team Pat Healy, Martin Ryan and Michael McGrath progressed to the Munster final, where luck failed them.

In Scor na nÓg we had four winners in County final in Holycross, Trath na cGeist, Loughmore/Castleiney reached the Munster final, the JK Brackens Club was represented at the Munster final with Aithriseoireacht Martin Lee and Nuachleas, whilst giving good performances were unlucky on the night. Our young Set Dancers with Manager Johnny Delaney went on to win the All Ireland in Athlone in February. A big crowd turned out in Clonmore that Saturday night to give the team a rapturous welcome home, the celebrations went on to the wee hours. In May, Scor Thiobraid Arann held a celebratory dinner in Fitzpatrick's, Clonmore, and a big crowd enjoyed a wonderful meal and great craic. A word of appreciation to their musicians Davy Brereton, Jim Egan, Mary Rose McNally and Claire Quinn. In October the team was honoured by Scor na Mumhan. They were a lovely group of teenagers, courteous at all times. They gave of their leisure time to entertain at hospitals and nursing homes during the summer.

We had a very enjoyable Scor na bpaistí competition with participation from Moycarkey/Borris, Drom/Inch, Gortnahoe/Glengoolle, Loughmore/Castleiney, Upperchurch/Drombane and JK Brackens. Our Winners at County final in early April were Upperchurch/Drombane, Cait Ryan in Amhránaíocht Aonair, in Aithriseoireacht Moycarkey/Borris, Emma Jane Purcell and JK Brackens in Rince Foirne and Rince Seit.

Mid Scor Committee are indebted to Francey Burke, Clonmore, who presented a beautiful cup as a Perpetual

Trophy for Rince Foirne, we are very grateful to Francey for his generosity.

Coiste Scor Thiobraid Arann Meanach thank the host clubs over the season and their helpers. Appreciation to everyone who helped to put the acts on stage, especially the parents, teachers and tutors in the junior competitions. Well done to all competitors who represented their parish, much appreciated.

A big thank you to our Sponsors: Mid Board, Thurles Credit Union, Donal Younge, The Ragg, Tivoli Cleaners, Thurles, Templemore and Cashel Lycon Auto Spares.

Elected Officers: Cathaoirlech Noel Joyce, J K Brackens Vice-Chairman, Martin Ryan, Loughmore/Castleiney, Runai Antoinette Connolly, Clisteoir and OCP Nora Troy, Thurles Sarsfields. Delegates to county Scor Eileen Costello and Peggy Costello Morris, Moycarkey/Borris. Asst. Treasurer Mick Troy, Moyne/Templetuohy.

Scor na nÓg	Scor Sinsear	Scor na bpaistí
Rince Foirne	J K Brackens None	J K Brackens
Amhránaíocht Aonair	Moyne/Templetuohy Caitriona Ryan	Upperchurch Cait Ryan
Ceol Uirlise	Upperchurch	Loughmore/C
Aithriseoireacht	J K Brackens Martin Lee	Moycarkey/B Emma Jane Purcell
Bailead Ghrupa	Upperchurch/D	Upperchurch/D
Trath na cGeist	Loughmore/C	Loughmore/C
Nuachleas	J K Brackens	Moycarkey/B
Rince Seit	J K Brackens	J K Brackens

Many thanks to Michael Dundon, Editor of 'Tipperary Star' and his staff for their help and courtesy.

We would like to express sympathy to all Scor families who suffered bereavements during the past year. Their memories will continue to inspire us. Our sympathy and prayers are extended to all

PRO

2006 Historic Year For JK Brackens Scor

On February 18 2006 in Athlone JK Brackens GAA Club made history when the set dancers won the All Ireland Scor na nOg championship for the very first time. Following their defeat in the Munster final of 2005 hopes were high that 2006 would be their year and no stone was left unturned as preparations commenced in early September.

In the Scor na nOg competition the club was represented in all eight items and Mid and County titles were captured in set dancing, novelty act and recitation while the figure dancing team was successful in the Mid final. The Munster semi final was held in Tallow and all three groups made it to the Munster final which was held in City Hall Cork. Such was the support that the groups enjoyed, the club took two busses to accommodate the big numbers travelling and they were not disappointed with three excellent performances that brought a Munster Scor na nOg title in set dancing for the first time. The club now assumed a life of it's own, with no stone left unturned in an almighty effort to bring home an All Ireland title to the parish. A fundraising dance in Clonmore was a tremendous success and the huge efforts, sacrifices, time and commitment given by the group, the musicians and trainer Johnny Delaney were duly rewarded and there were wild scenes of great joy and emotion as the cup and All Ireland medals were presented by GAA President Sean Kelly.

A large crowd greeted the dancers on their arrival back in Clonmore that night and glowing tributes were paid to the group, trainer and musicians for the honour, pride and joy they had brought to the parish by Tipperary Scor chairman Seamus McGrath, Mid Tipperary Scor chairman Noel Joyce, Tipperary GAA chairman John Costigan, JK Brackens chairman Francie Bourke and JK Brackens Scor chairman Seamus Bourke. The club was also honoured to provide the Fear an Ti for the All Ireland final and the role was competently performed by Noel Joyce. Another valued member of the club Caroline Glennon was also honoured by being selected a member of the adjudication panel in the solo singing competition on All Ireland day. The county Scor board hosted a reception for the All Ireland winning set dancers in Fitzpatrick's lounge Clonmore in May and needless to say it was a sell out with virtually the entire parish supporting the venture.

In Scor Sinsear the club participated in seven items and it was a sad reflection that for the first time ever there was no divisional title which was brought about by lack of interest among most of the senior clubs. All seven took part and were unsuccessful in the county final in Cashel.

The final competition of the year was Scor na bPaisti and again the club was represented in seven items with Mid and County titles being won by our figure dancing and set dancing teams.

A hard working and energetic Scor committee oversees all activities from Scor na bPaisti to Scor Sinsear and also fundraising to ensure sufficient funding is available to adequately prepare all club teams.

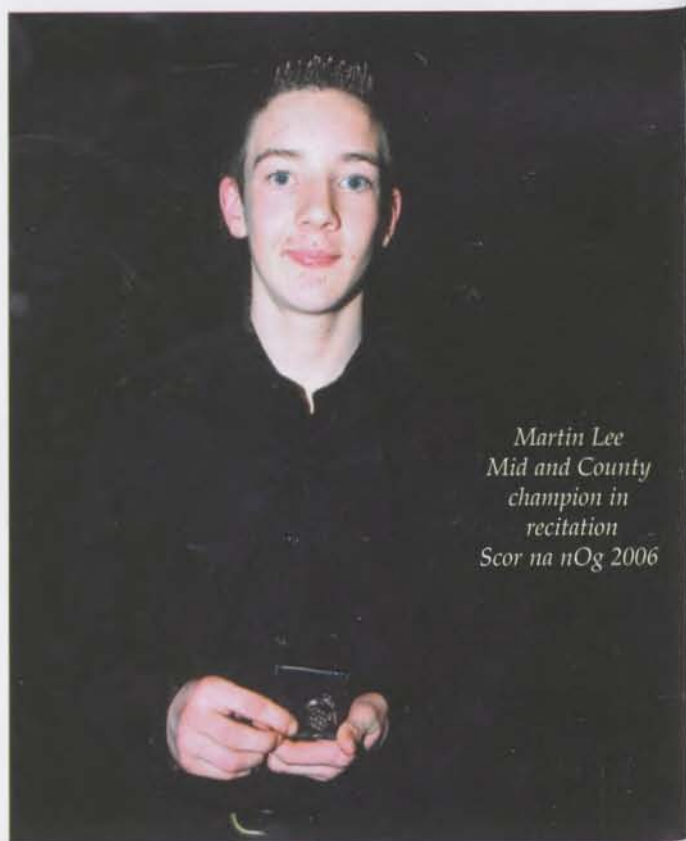
The officers and committee members for 2005/2006 were as follows-

Chairman-Seamus Bourke

Secretary-John Egan

Treasurer-Martina Fogarty

Committee- Noel Joyce, Martin Bourke, Maura Bergin, Christine Bergin, Caroline Glennon, Johnny Delaney, Francie Bourke.



*Martin Lee
Mid and County
champion in
recitation
Scor na nOg 2006*



*JK Brackens Mid and County Tipperary Scor na bPaisti
Set Dancing Champions 2006*

Back Row(L-R) Pat Stapleton(Coach) Tommy Mallen, Stephen Maher Coonan, Diarmuid Gleeson, Stuart Gallagher, Martin Delaney, Johnny Delaney(Coach)
Front Row(L-R) Caitriona Greed, Mairead Delaney, Katie O'Meara, Chloe Giles



*JK Brackens Mid and County Tipperary Scor na bPaisti
Figure Dancing Champions 2006*

Back Row(L-R) Sandra Bowe(Coach), Mairead Delaney, Katie O'Meara, Francie Bourke(Coach), Ciara Bourke, Caitriona Greed, Ann Bourke.
Front Row(L-R) Lisa Fogarty, Niamh Kennedy, Leona Bowe, Chloe Giles



JK Brackens All Ireland Scór na nOg set dancing champions 2006

*Back Row(L-R) Johnny Delaney(Coach), Pauric Stapleton, Eoin Bourke, Jarlath Burns, Sean Kelly, Martin Lee, Patrick Delaney, Seamus McGrath
Front Row(L-R) Bernadette Bourke, Nicole Joyce, Jenny Moore, Ciara Ryan*

The following are the results of Tipperary Scór County Finals 2005-2006:

SCÓR SINSEAR 2006.

Comórtas:	Mid Champions	South Champions	North Champions	West Champions	County Champions
Rince Fóirne:	JK Brackens	Newcastle	Newport		North: Newport
Amhránaíocht:	Loughmore/Castleiney JK Brackens	Ballingarry	Borrisoleigh Shannon Rovers		Mid: Luach Magh/Caislean Eidhneach Liam Ó Braonáid
Ceol Uirlise:			Borrisoleigh Newport		North Newport
Aithriseoireacht:	Loughmore/Castleiney JK Bracken	St Mary's	Newport		North Newport Lily Ní Ghrádaigh
Bailéad Ghrúpa:	JK Brackens	Newport Portroe			North: Portroe
Tráth na gCeist:	JK Brackens Loughmore/Castleiney	Newcastle	Ballina Newport		Mid Luach Magh/Caisleán Eidhneach
Nuachleas:	JK Brackens		Shannon Rovers		North: Shannon Rovers
Rince Seit:	JK Brackens	Newcastle	Newport Borrisoleigh		North: Borrisoleigh

SCÓR NA bPÁISTÍ 2006.

Comórtas:	Mid Champions	South Champions	North Champions	West Champions	County Champions
Rince Fóirne:	JK Brackens	Grangemokler	Silvermines	Lattin/Cullen	1. JK Brackens 2. Grangemokler
Amhránaíocht:	Upper church /Drombane: Cáit Ryan	Newcastle Sinéad Grant	Shannon Rovers Mark O'Sullivan	Seán Treacy's Stacey McMahon	1. Upper Church Cáit Ryan 2. Shannon Rovers Mark O'Sullivan
Ceol Uirlise:	Loughmore/ Castleiney	Ballingarry	Newport	Seán Treacy's	1. Newport 2. Loughmore/Castleiney
Aithriseoireacht:	Moycarchey/ Borris Emma-Jane Purcell	Ballingarry Lorraine O'Shea	Borrisoleigh Eimear Ryan	Seán Treacy's Stacey McMahon	1. Moycarkey/Borris Emma-Jane Purcell 2. Borrisoleigh Eimer Ryan
Bailéad Ghrúpa:	Upper church /Drombane:	Ballingarry	Templederry	Seán Treacy's	1. Templederry 2. Upperchurch/Drombane
Tráth na gCeist:	Loughmore/ Castleiney	Ballingarry	Toomevara	Seán Treacy's	1. Ballingarry 2. Seán Treacy's
Nuachleas:	Moycarchey/Borris	Ballingarry	Templederry	Seán Treacy's	1. Templederry 2. Seán Treacy's
Rince Seit:	JK Brackens	Ballingarry	Templederry	Seán Treacy's	1. JK Brackens 2. Templederry

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SCÓR NA nÓG 2005

Comórtas:	Mid Champions	South Champions	North Champions	West Champions	County Champions
Rince Fóirne:	JK Brackens Upperchurch/Drombane	Grangemokler	Newport Borrisoleigh	Lattin/Cullen	North: Newport
Amhránaíocht:	Moyne/Templetouhy Upperchurch/Drombane		Burgess Silvermines	Lattin/Cullen	North: Burgess Niamh Chadwick
Ceol Uirlise:	Upperchurch/Drombane Loughmore/Castleiney		Newport Templederry	Lattin/Cullen	North: Newport
Aithriseoireacht:	JK Brackens Upperchurch/Drombane		Borrisoleigh Portroe	Lattin/Cullen	Mid: JK Brackens Martin Lee
Bailéad Ghrúpa:	Upperchurch/Drombane Moyne/Templetouhy		Burgess Newport	Lattin/Cullen	North: Newport
Tráth na gCeist:	Loughmore/Castleiney Moyne/Templetouhy	Newcastle	Borrisoleigh Burgess	Lattin/Cullen	Mid: Loughmore/Castleiney
Nuachleas:	JK Brackens Loughmore/Castleiney		Templederry Borrisoleigh		Mid: JK Brackens
Rince Seit:	Drom/Inch JK Brackens	Newcastle	Templederry		Mid: JK Brackens



Winners of County Final Scor na bPaisti Novelty Act.

Templederry Scor: Emma O'Dwyer, Joseph Shanahan, Sarah Murray, Dale Donnelly, Dan Madden, County Scor Treasurer, Mairin McCutcheon, Edel Ryan, Siobhan Corcoran.

Below: Noel Joyce Fear an Ti receiving a presentation from GAA President Sean Kelly at the All Ireland Scor na nOg final in Athlone



CHAMPIONS 2005



SILVERMINES - COUNTY JUNIOR B FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2005

Picture Back Row L to R Anthony McGrath, David Boland, Donal Keogh, Brendan Timmons, Gavin Steed, Damien Corcoran, Ronan Sherlock, Damien Boland, Timmy Kelly, Sean O'Brien, Willie Ford, Declan Corcoran, Cathal Sherlock, Owen Quirke. Front Row L to R Tom Cunneen, Cathal Gleeson (Capt), Orrie Quirke, Alan Ryan, David Keogh, Willie Keogh, Daniel Keogh, Declan Mulqueen, Eoin Grace, Maurice Leamy.



TOOMEVARA - COUNTY JUNIOR B HURLING CHAMPIONS 2005

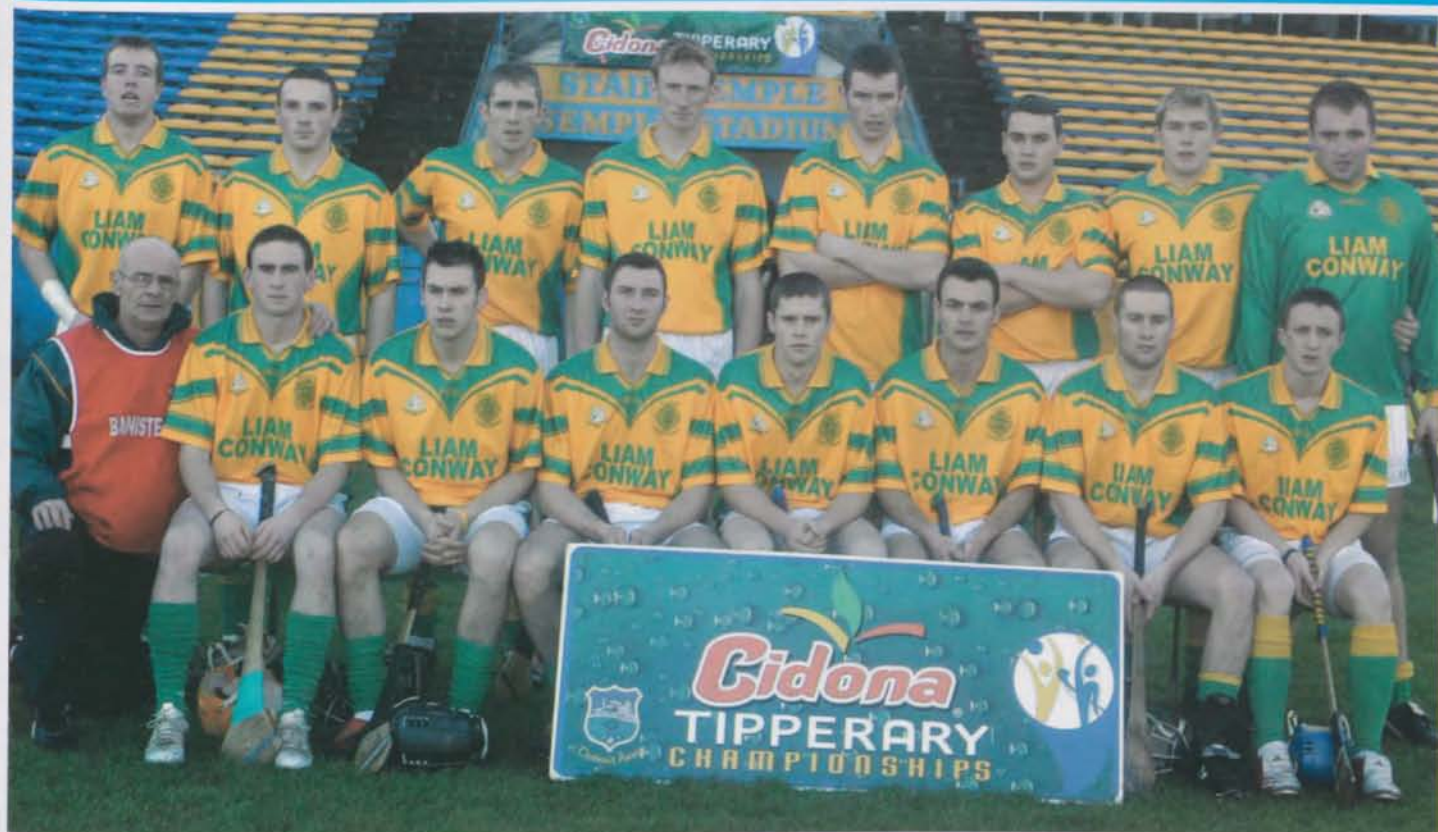
Back row: (from left) - Frank Devaney (selector), John Paul O'Meara, Michael Murphy (Manager), Noel Cahill, Ger Cuddihy, Jamie Quigley, Kevin McCormack (captain), Thomas Maxwell, Kieran Delaney (player/selector), Paddy Kelly, Michael Haverty, Kieran McGrath, Sean Delaney, Niall McCormack, Alan Hughes, Brian Slattery, Michael Hassett. Front: Bertie Sherlock (trainer), Michael O'Meara, Michael Starr, Sean Hogan, Kieran Brislane, Michael Devaney, Paul Delaney, Rory Mounsey, Ken Hall, Kevin Hackett, Willie Ryan, Thomas Hogan, Bill Duff, Emmet Galvin.



SILVERMINES - HOGAN CUP CHAMPIONS.

Back row: (from left) - Orrie Quirke, Maurice Leamy, Timmy Kelly, David Boland, Sean Quirke, Cathal Gleeson, Declan Corcoran, Niall Kelly. Front: Donal O'Brien, Damien Boland, Alan Ryan, Willie Keogh, Ronan Sherlock, Donal Keogh, John Kennedy. Picture: Bridget Delaney.

CHAMPIONS 2005



TOOMEVARA - UNDER 21 CIDONA COUNTY HURLING CHAMPIONS 2005

Back row: (l to r) - John Delaney, Timmy Gleeson, Francis Devanney (captain), Brian McCormack, Thomas O'Meara, Willie Ryan, David Young, James McGrath. Seated: Bertie Sherlock (trainer), Paddy Tuohy, Joseph McLoughney, John Boland, Kieran Brislane, Sean Delaney, Thomas McCarthy, Robert Duff. Photograph: Bridget Delaney.



TEMPLEDERRY - UNDER 21 CIDONA COUNTY B HURLING CHAMPIONS 2005

Back row: (from left) - Donal McGrath, Billy Corcoran, Diarmuid Corcoran, Matthew Ryan, Gearoid Ryan, Ger Kennedy, Stephen Smith, James Hogan. Middle row: Michael Stapleton (selector), Damien Quinn (selector), Pat Ryan, JJ Fahey, Padraig O'Leary, Eddie Fahey, Alan Carey, Donal Kennedy (selector), Bertie Sherlock (trainer). Seated: Micheal O'Leary, Michael Ryan, Eoghan Murray, Paudie Ryan (captain), Thomas Stapleton, Tommy Hogan, Paul Conway, Daniel Shanahan. Picture: Bridget Delaney.

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NORTH TIPP REVIEW

Hibernian Inn Senior Hurling Championship Final (Frank McGrath Cup)

Tuaim Uí Mheara	1 - 15	Vs	0 - 12	Cill An Daingin	Aonach - Sun 30-Jul-06 Johnny McDonnell
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Winning Captain: Thomas Dunne

Nenagh Guardian Intermediate Hurling Championship Final (Hewitt Cup)

Béal Átha Gabhann	2-15	Vs	1-13	Búiríos Uí Chein	Aonach - Sun 1 Oct 06 Michael Cahill
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Winning Captain: David Boland

Watch Centre Junior "A" Hurling Championship Final (O'Keeffe Cup)

Cnoc Shí Gamhna	1-11	Vs	1-06	Buirgheas	Aonach - Sun 1 Oct 06 T.P. Sullivan
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Winning Captain: Fergal Bond

Watch Centre Junior "B" Hurling Championship Final (Dan Gleeson Cup)

Cill An Daingin	1-10	Vs	0-12	Port Rua	Aonach - Sat 21 Oct 06 Joe Cahill
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Winning Captain: Ger Quinn

Walsh's of Nenagh Under-21 "A" Hurling Championship Final (Michael Delaney Perpetual Memorial Cup)

Cill Ruain Mhic Dhonnchadha	4-15	Vs	0-09	Ros Cré	Aonach - Wed 19 Jul 06 John Cleary
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Winning Captain: Kevin Quinlan

Walsh's of Nenagh Under-21 "B" Hurling Championship Final (Peter Nolan Cup)

Béal Átha Gabhann	2-13	Vs	2-07	Lothra/Doire	Aonach - Sat 24 June 06 Tommy Ryan
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Winning Captain: Orrie Quirke

Ger Gavin Minor "A" Hurling Championship Final (Hamilton Cup)

Cill Ruain Mhic Dhonnchadha	2-14	Vs	2-10	Tuaim Uí Mheara	Aonach - Sun 17 Sept 06 Liam Hogan
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Winning Captain: Eoin Hogan

Ger Gavin Minor "B" Hurling Championship Final (Nealon Trophy)

Lothra/Doire	1-17	Vs	0-11	Cill An Daingin	Clock Shiurdain Sun 17/11/06 Martin Griffin
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Winning Captain: Michael O'Meara

Intermediate Football Championship Final (Brian O'Reilly Cup)

Tulach Sheasta	3-04	Vs	1-08	Béal An Átha	Dola - Sat 23 Sept 06 John Kissane
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Winning Captain: Eoin Shinnors

Junior "A" Football Championship Final (Gilmartin Cup)

Port Rua	2-06	Vs	2-03	Fanaithe Eidhneain	Clock Shiurdain Sun 4/11/06 Jimmy Cahill
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Winning Captain: John Hogan

Junior "B" Football Championship Final (Ulster Bank Cup)

Muine Gall	1-08	Vs	1-07	Teampall Doire Coinin	Port Rua - Sat 04 Nov 06 Niall McGrath
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Winning Captain: Conor Ryan

Under-21 "A" Football Championship Final (North Bórd Cup)

Béal Átha Gabhann	2-10	Vs	2-04	Buirgheas	Teampall Doire 2/4/06 Michael Cahill
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Winning Captain: Gavin Stead

Under-21 "B" Football Championship Final (North Bórd Trophy)

Port Rua	2-08	Vs	1-05	Éire Óg An Aonaigh	Cill Cholmain 25/3/06 Jim Lees
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Winning Captain: James Moloney



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NORTH TIPP REVIEW

Minor A" Football Championship Final (Gunnell Cup)

Buirgheas Gael	1 - 09	Vs	1-06	Cill Ruain Mhic Dhonnchadha	Pocan - Tues 03/10/06
Winning Captain: Michael Hogan					Christy McLoughlin

Minor "B" Football Championship Final (Burke Cup)

Buireas Uí Luíoch	3-07	Vs	3-05	Lothra/Doire	Aonach - Wed 16/8/06
Winning Captain: Pa Ryan					Liam Hogan

Hogan Cup Hurling Final (Hogan Cup)

Buirgheas	-	Vs	-	Ros Cré	Cloch Shiurdain 18/11/06
Winning Captain:					Jimmy Cahill

Intermediate Hurling League Final (Fr. Minihan Cup)

Fanaithe Na tSionnaine	1-13	Vs	0-13	Béal Átha Gabhann	Cloch Shiurdain 18/11/06
Winning Captain: Martin Burke					Dan Darcy

Junior "A" Hurling League Final (North Bórd Shield)

Tuaim Uí Mheara	1-14	Vs	1-07	Muine Gall	Tuaim Ui Mheara 2/7/06
Winning Captain: Denis Kelly					Ben Darcy

Junior "B" Hurling League Final (Raymond Hogan Cup)

Béal An Átha	3-15	Vs	1-07	Buirgheas	Port Rua - Wed 5/7/06
Winning Captain: Eoin Cleary					Jim Lees

Minor Hurling Shield Final (The Yanks Cup)

Buireas Uí Luíoch	-	Vs	-	Tulach Sheasta	Tulach Sheasta
Winning Captain: -					-



Ballinahinch Silver Jubilee Presentation 2005

Members of the victorious junior hurling team who brought the first county title to the parish in 1080. The club also took divisional honours at junior football level also. The panel of players were presented with a memento to mark the occasion.

Templederry Review

GAA PRESIDENT OPENS NEW DEVELOPMENT IN TEMPLEDERRY

By Shane Brophy

The refurbishment and extension of the Kenyon Centre shown above, is almost complete. This Project was initiated early in 2003 and picked up momentum towards the end of that year, the final Draft of Plans having been agreed. These plans included the renovation of the existing building, including re-roofing, and the addition of 3 new dressing rooms. The process of Planning Permission, Grant Applications and Tendering was then dealt with. Within 10 months we had a Contractor in place and initial Grant allotments secured. Local man M1. McLoughlin was awarded the contract and commenced work in Oct 2004. With minimum disruption, the main aspects of the Project were completed and we were able to recommence using the centre after the Blessing of our new facilities at the end of June 2005. Although back in use, there was still a lot of work to be done before reaching completion. The Official Opening Ceremony took place on the 19th March 2006. The ribbon being cut by the then President of the GAA Sean Kelly in the company of many distinguished dignitaries. The Opening was complemented on the day by a very competitive Senior Hurling challenge between Clare and Tipperary.

We are delighted to report that work is completed except to tarmac the parking area, which is being done presently. The completion of the Project in such a short time span is indeed a tremendous achievement and is just reward for the dedication and hard work of a relatively small core group.

The total cost of the entire project will exceed ?0.5m which includes, Contract price, and large additional outlay on items such as tarmac, scoreboard, entrance, stage modifications, various professional fees etc. At this point in time we have received the initial grant allotments, and are also hopeful that the GAA's Munster Council and Nth Tipp Co. Co. will acknowledge the huge local outlay to date, and give favourable consideration to the respective Grant Applications which are currently being processed.

We have had a great response, both within and outside the parish, to the various fund raising events that we have found necessary to organise. To all of you who have contributed, some of you substantially, we say, **"thank you very much indeed"**

A review of our activities on the field of play will show that after five years at Senior level, we found ourselves back playing Intermediate Hurling, and reached the North Semi-Final where Borrisokane were our opponents. We held a two-point lead well into injury time only to be denied by a late goal. We competed at A-Level in both Minor and U-21 hurling. Roscrea defeated us in the U-21 semi-final, whilst Portroe knocked us out of the Minor championship at the Quarter-Final stage.

Two of our players featured in the Tipperary team that brought the County its first Minor All-Ireland in ten years. Gearoid Ryan began the year at left half forward, but was later moved to midfield where he struck up a formidable partnership with team captain Joey McLoughney. Thomas Stapleton played in the pivotal centre-back position throughout the year with the exception of the Munster semi-final against Limerick, when he was switched to the problematic full back position before half time. Well done to both players on an excellent year.

Matthew Ryan was sub-goalie on the Tipp U-21 team that won the Munster title, and were very unfortunate in the All-Ireland Final, where a Kilkenny goal deep in injury time forced the game to a replay which the Noresiders won.

Well done also to Brian Murray in his role as Physical Trainer to the Tipp Senior team, that reached the Munster Final.

In Camogie, Joanne Nolan was a member of the Tipperary Senior panel that reached the All-Ireland Final while Geraldine Stapleton and Eimear Shanahan were on the Tipp U-16 panel with Geraldine also making it on to the Minor team.

With our facilities now 'Top of the range', and so many rising stars in our midst surely the future of Templedderry Kenyons looks bright.

Outgoing Uachtarán Cumann Luthchleas Gael, Sean O'Ceallaigh officially opened the spectacular new clubhouse developments at Templedderry Kenyon's GAA Club during the year. The developments included the refurbishment of the existing dressing room, the construction of three new dressing rooms and shower areas, a new boiler room and scoreboard.

The roof from the existing Kenyon Centre was also replaced as well as the installation of new heating and electrical systems.

The latest development comes 26 years after the original community centre was opened in 1980 but the modernisation of the GAA in the last ten years meant the facilities had become inadequate, especially with just one dressing room.

Noel Carey, Chairman of the Development Committee explains. "The shower areas in particular were not acceptable. Very often we had one team toting out at the back of the hall while the two teams had to share a shower area.

"In May 2003, we went to an architect to have a look at the overall scheme. We needed additional dressing rooms and to come up with a program of what we thought should be done. It took about four or five months, looking at it, going away from it and coming back to it."

As well as the lack of facilities, the roof of the community centre was an asbestos based roof and the club would have had to remove it in the short term so it was decided to go ahead and redevelop the entire facility in one go.

In September 2003, the development committee swung into action with the cost of such a development coming to over half a million euros, a large number of fundraising ventures were organised to finance the developments.

Initially the development was projected to cost €400,000 but the final cost of the development will exceed half a million when the final piece of the jigsaw which will see the laying of tarmacadam on the car park.

Up to sixty percent of the total cost was grant aided through the National Lottery Sports Development grant, North Tipperary County Council grant and a Munster Council grant and the rest came through local fundraising which included one bold but innovative method of going door-to-door looking for donations. Templedderry Kenyon's Chairman, Willie Gilton explains.

"We got designation as a sports designated organisation with a charitable status which meant anybody who contributed over €250 to the development in a tax year could claim the tax relief on it or if a PAYE worker on the higher rate contributed €500, they could claim back €240 in tax relief which meant a donation of €500 was actually costing them just €260." Around €80,000 was raised through this process with Assistant Secretary of the Development Committee, Matt Murray saying the biggest contribution of what it cost out of a person's pocket was €20 from an old-age pensioner who wanted to support the club and that's all they could contribute.

"That type of support was incredible because it was moral support from local people as much as anything else. I was the one I got most satisfaction out of during the collection," said Matt Murray.

Other fundraising ventures included a night at the dogs at Thurles Greyhound Stadium which raised the second highest amount of money ever at the Thurles venue in terms of a fundraising night. Other fundraisers included a golf classic, two sale of works, a fashion show and a golden goals competition organised by the juvenile club which centred on the timing of goals to the exact second in the 2004 Munster Hurling final between Cork and Waterford.

It has been a major undertaking for the Templedderry club and the people who became involved in the development committees who drove the project forward and resulted in much of the construction work being completed in just nine months.

Works began in September 2004 with the reconstruction of the roof of the hall before the winter set in allowing them to work inside while the wind and rain howled outside. Construction work done by a local builders and sub-contractors meant Templedderry had to play many of their adult league games away from home for much of 2005 before the new dressing rooms were ready for use in July last year at which time the new facilities were blessed.

NORTH BOARD PRESENTATION NIGHT 2005



North Tipperary Hurlers and footballers of the year 2005 at the North Board Presentation Function in Nenagh Eire Og Sports Complex.
Back row: Footballers of the Year - Daryl Darcy (Shannon Rovers) Minor and overall footballer, Kevin Cosgrave (Ballina) Intermediate, Leonard Ryan (Nenagh Eire Og) Junior, Stephen Murphy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) U-21.
Seated: Hurlers of the Year - Ray McLoughney (Shannon Rovers) Minor, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) U-21, Brian Bond (Knockshegowna) Junior, Damien (Burgess) Intermediate, Philip Rabitte (Borrisoleigh) Senior.

(left pic) Burgess club were the recipients of the North Tipperary Club of the Year 2005. Club Chairman Pat Carroll received the Thomas MacDonagh trophy from North Board Chairman Jimmy Minogue while Michael Scroope (Treasurer) and Aidan O'Leary (Secretary) were also recipients of presentations.



Pictured right: Nenagh Guardian Editor Garry Cotter (centre) with Footballer of the Year Daryl Darcy (Shannon Rovers) and Hurler of the Year Ray McLoughney (Kilruane MacDonaghs) at the Awards Ceremony in Nenagh Eire Og Sports Complex.

REFEREES HONoured

(left) Referees of the Past were honoured at the North Board Awards Ceremony night at Nenagh Eire Og Sports Complex.

Seated are recipients - Gerry Long (Knockshegowna), Pat Dunlea (Silvermines), Tom Nolan (Moneygall), Sean O'Meara (Lorrha). Standing: Board Officers - Catherine Gleeson (Treasurer), Jimmy Minogue (Chairman), Michael Cahill (Referees Chairman) and Gerard McKeogh (Secretary). Unavoidably absent on the night was Michael 'Spike' Nolan.





NORTH INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE WINNERS

Shannon Rovers intermediate team - North league champions. Back row: (from left) - Dinny Cahalan, Philip Donnellan, Sean O'Meara, George Hannigan, Shane Carroll, Pat Quinlan, Alan Byrnes, Kevin Cahalan. Kneeling: Lee Darcy, James Stack, Darryl Darcy, Adrian Whelan, Martin Burke (captain), Jamie Burke, Roy Darcy.



SILVERMINES INTERMEDIATE HURLERS - NORTH CHAMPIONS.

Back row: (l to r) - Peter Kennedy, Brendan Timmons, Sean O'Brien, Niall Kelly, Timmy Kelly, Maurice Leamy, Damien Boland, Donal Keogh, Cathal Gleeson, Sean Quirke, Ronan Sherlock, David Ryan, Cathal Sherlock, Willie Forde, Orrie Quirke, Damien Egan, Eoin Quirke. Front: Anthony McGrath, Gavin Stead, Kevin Kennedy, Willie Keogh, David Keogh, Alan Ryan, Paul Sherlock, Declan Corcoran, Daniel Keogh, Declan Mulqueen, Donal O'Brien, Eoin Grace, Damien Boland, Brian O'Dwyer, Niall Quinn.



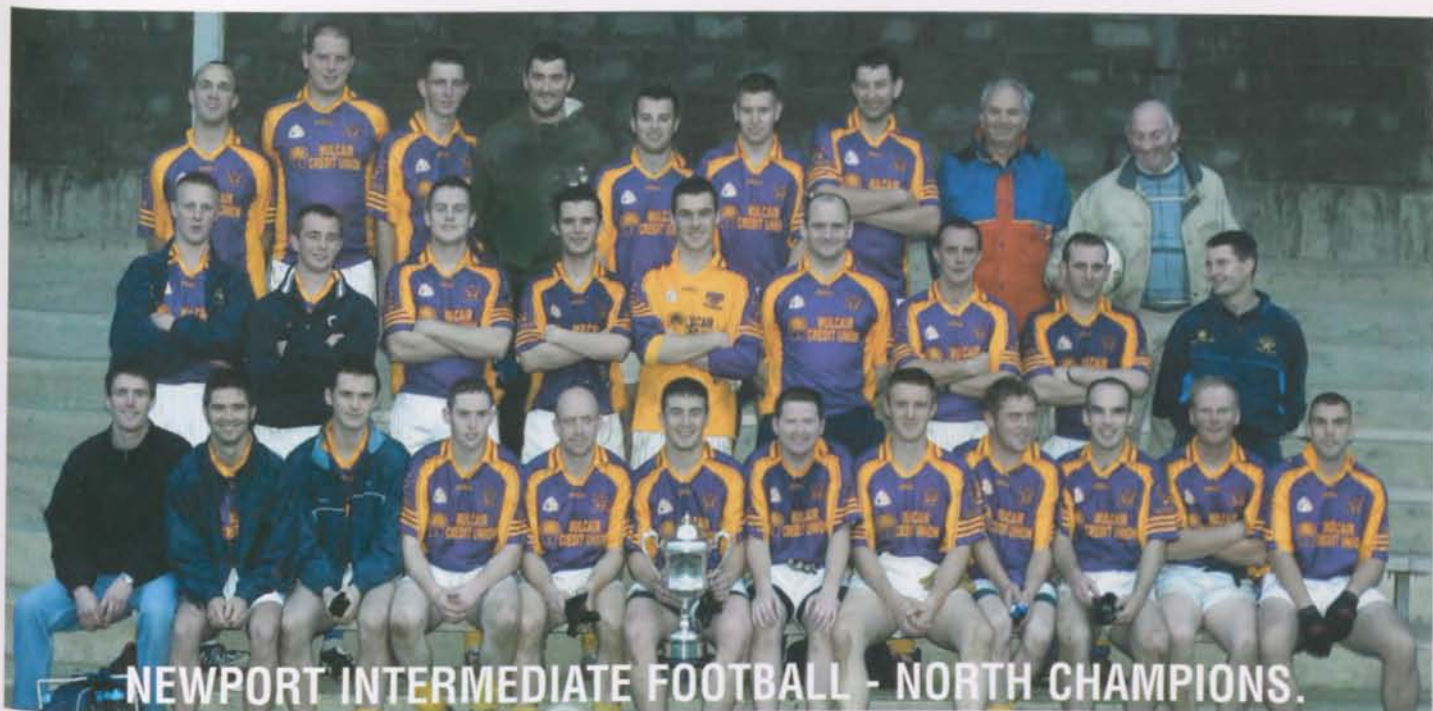
KNOCKSHEGOWNA JUNIOR A HURLERS - NORTH CHAMPIONS.

Back row: Ger Brennan (selector), Ger O'Brien, Joe Delahunty, David Reid, Martin Costello, David King, John Delahunt, Damien Bond, Keith Gohery, Brian Noonan, Paul King, Declan Costello, Mark O'Meara, Alan Carroll (secretary), Kieran Gohery, Shay Killeen, Sinead Kennedy (First Aid). Front: Ger O'Meara (selector), James Hodgins, John Cleary, Jos Cleary, Darren Browne, Michael O'Brien, Fergal Bond (captain), Graham Gohery, Michael Kennedy, Stephen Smyth, Barry Carroll, Ray Killeen, Brian Bond.



BALLINA JUNIOR B HURLERS - NORTH LEAGUE CHAMPIONS.

Back row: Mark Sheehy, Seamus Hannon, John Ryan, Jim McGrath, Ger Sheehy, Eoin Cleary, Paul Ryan, Adrian King, Kevin Stritch, Patrick Kennedy, Kevin Cosgrave, Padraig Sheehy, Pat Kelly, Damien Quigley, Tom Meskill, TJ O'Connell, Michael Croyan, Michael Sheehy. Kneeling: Martin Kennedy (s), Barry Crosse, Eoin Sheehy, Declan Gleeson, JJ Deacy, Michael Kennedy, Danny Frawley, Thomas Grace, Robert Riordan, Ken O'Connell, Kieran Ryan, Eamonn Sullivan, John Sage, Michael Kennedy, Shane Ryan (s), Roddy Kennedy.



NEWPORT INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL - NORTH CHAMPIONS.

Newport intermediate football panel - North Champions. Back row: (from left) - Joseph Powell, Tom McGlinchey, Conor O'Mahoney, David O'Gorman, Michael Healy, Christopher Koyce, Eamonn Moylan, Pat Moroney (selector), Ger Carey (Physio). Middle row: Martin Coffey, Philip O'Brien, Richard Shinnors, Tom Jones, Eoin Larkin, John Ryan, PJ O'Rourke, Eoin Bonfield, Michael Aherne. Seated: Dermot Boland, James O'Sullivan, Paddy Jones, Michael Ryan (B), David Hickey, Eoin Shinnors (captain), Cyril O'Neill, Michael Coffey, Nigal Ryan, Mark Harrington, Paddy Ryan, Richard Ryan.



PORTROE JUNIOR A FOOTBALL - NORTH CHAMPIONS.

Portroe junior A footballers that defeated Inane Rovers in the North final. Back row: (l to r) - Paddy Connors (s), David Gleeson, Jimmy Creamer, Justin Conroy, Padraig Hickey, Dermot O'Halloran, Darren Gleeson, Dinny Hogan, Noel O'Halloran, John Moloney, Nigel Kennedy, Paul Quinn, Damien Ryan, Darren Ahern, Michael Donnellan (s). Kneeling: Charlie Wilford, Kenneth Kennedy, Joe Sexton, Michael Creamer, Padraig Malone, Keith Brereton, John Hogan (captain), John Ryan, Patrick Conroy, Fergal Hayes, Pat Sexton.



KILRUANE MACDONAGHS MINOR HURLERS - NORTH CHAMPIONS.

Kilruane MacDonaghs Minor hurlers who retained the North title by defeating Toomevara in the North Final at MacDonagh Park Nenagh. Back row: (from left) - Jonathan Cahill, Pat Conway, Ger Corcoran, Scott Hodgins, Kevin Ryan, Niall Murphy, Seamus Hennessy, Brian O'Meara, Tomas Williams, Keith Kelly, Michael Costello, Freddie Williams, Declan Barrett, Timmy Walsh, Shane Quinlan, James Williams. Kneeling: William Cleary, Morgan Conway, Sean Hayes, Ronan Boyle, Luke Williams, Eoin Hogan (captain), Cian Williams, Gavin McAvinchey, Padraig Kelly, Liam Gibson, Kieran Boyle. Picture: Bridget Delaney.



BORRISOLEIGH MINOR B FOOTBALL - NORTH CHAMPIONS.

Back row: (from left) - Sean McCormack, Rory Ryan Gearoid Kent, Ciaran Cowan, Liam Tynan, Brendan Maher, William Donnelly, Barry Donnelly, Jason Fahey, Conor Walsh, Damien Corcoran. Kneeling: Mossie Shanahan, Kieran Hackett, Tommy Kavanagh, John Ryan, Paul Maher, Cian O'Mahony, Patrick Ryan, Thomas Fahy, Joseph Buckley, Jamie Treacy.



BURGESS GAELS MINOR FOOTBALL - NORTH 'A' CHAMPIONS.

Burgess Gaels (Burgess-Ballinahinch) minor footballers - North 'A' Champions. Back row: (l to r) - Stephen Murray, John O'Brien, John Hogan, Brian Carroll, Paddy Ryan, Tony Dunne, Jamie Flynn, Shane Healy, Liam O'Donoghue, David Seymour, James Cody. Front: Johnny Mulqueen, Declan O'Donoghue, Thomas Grace, Eddie Gleeson, Rory Ryan, Denis Carroll, Michael Hogan (captain), Donagh Maher, Brian Quinn, Alan Keane, Cormac McGrath, Donal Fogarty.



KILDANGAN JUNIOR B HURLING - COUNTY CHAMPIONS.

Kildangan junior 'B' panel - County Champions. Back row: (from left) - John Gleeson, Eamonn Kelly (Manager), Eanna Gleeson, Kieran Madden, Cian Hayes, Joss Fletcher, Nicholas Flannery, Niall Kelly, Eddie Fogarty, Patrick Coen, Art Flannery, James Minehan, Willie Seymour, Tom Freeman (s), Denis Slattery, James Flannery, Eoin Kelly, Aidan Ryan, Padraig Kelly, Martin Minihan. Kneeling: Michael Slattery, Rory Whelan, John Hayes, Donnacha Mulcahy, Colm Darcy, Martin Slattery, James Flannery (Johnstown), Ger Quinn, Conor Foley, Brian McLoughlin, Ruairi Gleeson, Joe Gallagher, James Gallagher, Roger Gleeson (selector).



BURGESS SENIOR HURLING - DIVISION 2 LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Back row: (l to r) - David Ryan, Jonathan Maher, Tony Scroope, Paul Hogan, Noel Gleeson, Michael Seymour, Cian McDonnell, David Maher, Leo Quigley, Damien O'Brien, Robbie Cremin, John Scroope. Kneeling: Shane Ryan, John Hogan, Shane Maher (captain), Donagh Maher, Paddy Hogan, Ger Fogarty, Noel McDonnell, Brian Hogan.



LORRHA MINOR B HURLING - NORTH CHAMPIONS

Back row: Oliver Duggan, Padraig Madden, Colm Hough, Ronan Moore, Patrick Maher, Brendan Fogarty, Willie Maher, Sean Cleary, Cian Hogan, Claran Duggan, Willie Haugh, Conor Haugh, Des Haugh, Andrew Hocht. Front: Graham Houlihan, Michael Hocht, Michael O'Meara, captain, Kevin Maher, Claran Haugh, Conor Glynn, Shane O'Meara, Diarmuid Mannion, Eoin O'Meara, Donal O'Meara, Ken Hogan.



PORTROE UNDER 21 FOOTBALL - NORTH 'B' CHAMPIONS

Portroe U-21 footballers who defeated Nenagh Eire Og in the 'B' North final at Pairc na nGael, Kilcolman. Back row: (l to r) - John Hogan (Manager), Keith O'Brien, Enda Lowry, Conor Ryan, Padraig Malone, Colm Gleeson, John Seymour, David O'Halloran, Keith Brereton, Jimmy Creamer, Justin Conroy. Kneeling: Joe Sexton (selector), David Gleeson, Shane Tuohy, Nial Kennedy, Robert Freeman, Ger Ryan, Michael Creamer, Darren Aherne, Simon Kelly and James Moloney (Captain).

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SILVERMINES U21 HURLING - NORTH & COUNTY B CHAMPIONS

William Corcoran, Keith Flynn, Damien Corcoran, Niall Quinn, Cathal Sherlock, Shane Horan, Mattie Ryan, Ronan Sherlock, Alan Corcoran, Sean Forde, Maurice Leamy, Daniel O'Donoghue. Kneeling: David Keogh, Daniel Keogh, Eoin Grace, Orrie Quirke (captain), Declan Mulqueen (Vice-Captain), Damien Boland, Darragh Walsh, Noel Quirke. Missing from photo is Michael Hogan.



SILVERMINES U21 FOOTBALLERS - NORTH 'A' CHAMPIONS

Back row: (from left) - Orrie Quirke, Willie Corcoran, Sean Forde, Ronan Sherlock, Cathal Sherlock, Gavin Stead, Maurice Leamy, Danny O'Donoghue. Kneeling: Michael Hogan, Eoin Grace, Keith O'Flynn, Daniel Keogh, Damien Boland, David Keogh, Declan Mulqueen.



An umpire at the County Junior B Final received the full whack of a sliothar and the Kildangan goalie Patrick Coen offered assistance.



Solohead's Jerry Dee is tackled by Kildangan's Gerry Quinn in the County Junior 'B' Final.

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SOUTH TIPP REVIEW

SOUTH TIPP BOARD ROLL OF HONOUR 2006

					Venue	Referee
GLANBIA SENIOR HURLING						
30/7/06	Mullinahone	2 -14	Killenaule	1-16	Clonmel	N.Cosgrove
CLONMEL OIL SENIOR FOOTBALL						
24/9/06	Moyle Rovers	3 -14	Grangemoekler	0 -2	Kilsheelan	B.Tyrell
MARTINS FRIUT & VEG INTER HURLING						
23/9/06	Fethard	0-10	Ballybacon Grange	0-9	Monroe	K.Delehunty
SOUTH TIPP TODAY INTER FOOTBALL						
14/10/06	Kilsheelan-Kilcash	2 - 9	Mullinahone	1-8	Fethard	D.Cahill
JOHN QUIRKE JUNIOR HURLING A						
25/11/06	Moyle Rovers	2-12	St Patricks	1-10	Kilsheelan	S.Roche
GARRABRIDGE LIGHTING JUNIOR FOOTBALL A						
7/11/06	Moyle Rovers	0-11	Newcastle	1-6	New Inn	B.White
EUROPLAN JUNIOR HURLING B						
21/10/06	St Marys	4-10	Killenaule	2-8	Fethard	V.Direen
FITZPATRICK FAMILY JUNIOR FOOTBALL B						
28/10/06	Moyle Rovers	0-10	Commercials	0- 7	Ardfinnan	D O Mahoney
O'DONOGHUE MOTOR FACTORS U21 FOOTBALL A						
04/08/2006	Commercials	1-8	Moyle Rovers	0-8	Ardfinnan	S.Roche
HALL ALARMS U 21 FOOTBALL B						
04/07/2006	Clonmel Og	4-15	Mullinahone	0-6	Kilsheelan	P.Ivors
CAREW INVESTMENTS U 21 HURLING A						
14/7/06	Carrick Swan	1-16	Killenaule	1-11	Clonmel	N.Cosgrove
PAT CLEERE U 21 HURLING B						
24/6/06	Mullinahone	1-16	Moyle Rovers	2-11	Carrick	P.Shelley
PAT CLEERE U 21 HURLING C						
24/6/06	Newcastle	2-11	Fr Sheehys	2-10	Ardfinnan	M.Doyle
SUREPRINT MINOR FOOTBALL A						
19/8/06	Killenaule	2-12	Clonmel Og	2-6	Fethard	D.O.Mahoney
MINOR FOOTBALL B						
08/04/2006	Mullinahone	4-5	Ballingarry	2-8	Cloneen	K.O.Brien
MINOR FOOTBALL C						
08/02/2006	Ballyporeen	5-7	Newcastle	1-8	Clogheen	M.Doyle
CHADWICKS MINOR HURLING A						
16/9/06	Ballingarry	2-13	Moyle Rovers	1-13	Fethard	W.Barrett
M.K.SPORTS MINOR HURLING B						
15/9/06	St Marys	1-12	Fethard	0-11	Kilsheelan	A. Maloney
Minor Hurling C	1 Team no final		Fr Sheehys			

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After our very successful year in 2005, hopes were high that we could continue this success in 2006. In February we held a very successful social and medal presentation by Michael Webster of Loughmore & Tipperary fame. Training started in March. May saw the start of the County Intermediate League, we had games against Aherlow, St Marys and Moycarkey/Borris. In the playoff we beat Ballinahinch and Drom/Inch. The semi final was a repeat of last years south final. We came away with a good win from Kilsheelan; score Carrick Davis 3-15, Fethard 1-12. In the final on June 17 we were up against the favourites Moycarkey/Borris. This game had everything, end to end hurling with the game won by a goal by Michael Whelan with the last puck of the ball. Carrick Davins 4-11 to Moycarkey/Borris 3-13. This was a brilliant win for our team and selectors, Philip Murphy captain received the cup. In the south championship Ballybacon/Grange beat us in the semi final. We played in the U21 hurling and football championship and in the Minor hurling and football championship, teams that showed a lot to look forward to in the future.

In the Juvenile section of the club great work is been done by mentors and selectors both in Hurling and Football and its good to see so many of our young people playing our National games. Juveniles had teams in U12, U14 and U16 hurling and football championships. We attended Blitz competitions and

held a very successful Summer Camp in July. Diarmuid Fitzgerald of Roscrea and Tipperary fame came to our club one evening to present jerseys and certs to all participants in the summer camp.

We had two representatives on the winning All Ireland Minor Hurling Team of 2006 William O'Dwyer and Lee Mackey. These lads are the up and coming stars and have achieved Minor success by their commitment and dedication to training and are an inspiration to all. Congratulations to you both on your success. It was great to see the Irish Press Cup in the Davin Park for young and not so young to enjoy and celebrate with William and Lee.

I like to take this opportunity to thank all involved in our club this year in whatever help you gave and also to thank all our supporters and sponsors. Best wishes for 2007.

Back L to R: M Cronin, W O Dwyer, N Butler, M Hackett, J Waters, P Murphy (Capt), J Coady, G Robinson, E Power, P Tobin, JP McGrath, L Mackey,

Front L to R: J Kelly, JJ Butler, A J Cronin, C Arrigan, S Butler, M Whelan, S Cronin

Missing: L Foran, P Harris, K White, M Ryan



Fethard GAA Club (2006)

In the Intermediate Hurling we won our Fifth South Title on 24th September 2006 in Monroe the last in 2002 and the first in 1982 on a score line Fethard 0-10, Ballybacon Grange 0-9, Scorers Fethard; Aiden Fitzgerald 0-3, Kieran Treacy 0-2f, Paul Fitzgerald 0-1f, Ken O'Donnell 0-1f, Miceal Spillane 0-1, Christopher Sheehan 0-1, Brian Coen 0-1f, Teams Fethard; Paul Fitzgerald, Carol Gahan, Cian Maher, MI Carroll, Dean Tobin, Shane Walsh, Johnny Leahy, MI Ryan, John P Looby, Aiden Fitzgerald, Miceal Spillane, Kieran Treacy, MI Aherne, Stephen O'Donnell, Kenneth O'Donnell, Subs; Christopher Sheehan, Willie Morrissey, Brian Coen, PJ Aherne, Jamie McCormack, with the ODwyer Cup presented on the day by our own Miceal McCormack Chairman South Board we eventually went out to the County at Semi Final stage to Moycarkey 2-15 Fethard 1-13, and during 2006 Aiden Fitzgerald lined out for Tipperary Intermediate Hurlers losing in the Munster Final.

In Senior Football we had a disappointing year losing both South and County to Grangemockler and fighting Relegation with our only honour this year. Paul Fitzgerald lining out in goal for Tipp and Munster in the Provincial Competition losing out almost on the last kick of the game and with Cian Maher donned the Blue and Gold. In Junior A Football we are still in

the South Championship, in under 21 and Minor competitions we are in B grades having got to Minor B Hurling Final losing to St Marys on the 15th Sept on a score line Fethard 0-11 St Marys 1-12, in Minor B Football we lost out to Mullinahone in the semi final Fethard 0-14, Mullinahone 2-9 who are South Champions and in County Final, Panel for both Teams Glen O'Meara, Pat Houlihan, Liam Ryan, Adrian Lawrence, David Prout, Niall Hayes, Alan O'Connor, Thomas Gilpin, Richard Gorey, Stephen O'Meara, Declan Doyle, Peter Gough, David Conway, Christopher Sheehan, Ed Sheehan, Dean Tobin, Aaron Donovan, Cathal Gorey, MI Fleming, JPMcGrath, Tom O'Connell, Eoin O'Connell, Jack O'Sullivan, Keith Ryan, James Kelly.

South Intermediate Hurling Champions 2006 – Fethard

Back L/R: Willie Morrissey, Eoin Doyle, Chris Sheehan, P J Aherne, Kieran Treacy, Miceal Spillane, John P Looby, Paul Fitzgerald, Aiden Fitzgerald (Capt) Shane Walsh, Stephen O'Donnell, Cian Maher, Jamie McCormack, Philly Prout (selection).

Front L/R: Michael Dillon, William O'Brien, Dean Tobin, Michael Aherne, Kenneth O'Donnell, Carol Gahan, M. Ryan, Johnny Leahy, Michael Carroll, Brian Coen.



SOUTH INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONS 2006 – FETHARD



MOYLE ROVERS JUNIOR "A" HURLING SOUTH CHAMPIONS, 2006

Back row: Seamus Delahunty, Paul Johnson, Ronan Desmond, Brendan Foley, Sean Keating, Padraic Kelly Michael Mulcahy, Liam Redmond, Paddy Burke, Martin Dunne, Barry Whelan, Pat Condon, Ian Browne, James William, John Quinn, Pat Fahey. Front Row: Declan Browne, John Lyne, Jack O'Shea, John Kelly, Brian Mulvihill, Aidan Foley, Sean Carey, Eddie Whelan, Noel Wall, Michael Wall.



KILLENUALE MINOR FOOTBALL 'A' SOUTH CHAMPIONS, 2006

Back row left to right: Patrick Fennelly (selector), James Gleeson, Brian Murphy, Michael McGrath, Kieran Murphy, Niall Bergin, Michael Kelly, Kevin Prendergast, Tom Kennedy, Stephen Browne, Paddy Codd, Edward Kelly, Anthony Doyle (Manager). Front Row, Left to right: Padraig Kennedy, Cathal Bergin, Michael Doyle, James Hickey, Matthew O'Donnell, John O'Dwyer, Anthony Guinan, Shane Kavanagh, Paul Guinan (Selector)



BALLYPOREEN MINOR 'C' FOOTBALL SOUTH COUNTY & LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Back row: John O'Brien (selector), John McGrath (Manager), Michael O'Neill, Ger Clancy, Keneth English, Conor Sweeney, Jack English, Dave Farrell, Danny Hannon, Robert Duggan, Eanna Meaney, Tomas Martin, Paul Quinlan, Mike Geary (coach), Eddie O'Gorman (Selector). Front: Pat O'Farrell (Club Chairman), Christy McCarthy, Anthony Crotty, Patrick Fitzgerald (Capt.), Michael W Hickey, Kevin Crotty, Paddy McCarthy, Simon Hickey, Tomas Feeney Missing from photo is Pat Quinlan (Selector)



MOYLE ROVERS SOUTH SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Back row: John O'Brien (selector), John McGrath (Manager), Michael O'Neill, Ger Clancy, Keneth English, Conor Sweeney, Jack English, Dave Farrell, Danny Hannon, Robert Duggan, Eanna Meaney, Tomas Martin, Paul Quinlan, Mike Geary (coach), Eddie O'Gorman (Selector). Front: Pat O'Farrell (Club Chairman), Christy McCarthy, Anthony Crotty, Patrick Fitzgerald (Capt.), Michael W Hickey, Kevin Crotty, Paddy McCarthy, Simon Hickey, Tomas Feeney Missing from photo is Pat Quinlan (Selector)

Carrick Swan Hurling, Football

The year 2006 again proved to be a successful one for our club both on and off the field of play. At juvenile level notable successes were gained in South and County (B) football championships at both under 12 and under 14 level and we congratulate all the players involved and their mentors. Our under 10 hurlers also successfully defended their south title and hopefully these young players will mature into our seniors of the future.

In camogie our under 14 team gained the first title ever for our club in county © championship with a great win over Boherlahan in the final.

The only success that came our way in adult championships was the under 21 (A) south hurling championship which we won for the first time since 1983 defeating Killennule in an exciting final. We defeated Clonoulty in county semi-final but unfortunately lost out to Kilruane in a repeat of the previous year's county minor final. We hope that this team can regroup and again challenge for honours next year with the majority of the players again underage.

Both our senior hurling and senior football teams exited their championships early and it is hoped for a more prominent showing from all our adult teams during 2007 where a dedicated and determined effort from all involved will be required from the outset.

Our club has had a busy and exciting time off the field of play this year with the formation of our supporters club and the extensive renovation project on our clubrooms on The Green. Our newly formed supporters club now has over 160 members and the financial support they offer our club is most welcome and much appreciated. Our fund-raising committee are most appreciative of the support they have received from so many in securing the finances necessary to undertake major development work to our old clubhouse. This work is nearing completion and will be of great help to all, particularly to our juvenile players.

Our club expresses its sympathy to all who have suffered bereavements during the year. We thank all our players, mentors, committee members, supporters and sponsors for their support and we look forward to their continued support in the future. Finally we extend seasons greetings to all our friends and we wish you health and happiness in 2007.

Killenaule GAA 2006

This year Killenaule GAA Club's team to watch has been the Minor Football team. They captured the South Minor Football A Title, and beat Arravale Rovers to reach the County Final.

Killenaule got through the opening rounds of the South Minor Football A Championship and beat Moyle Rovers in the Semi-Final. The final, against Clonmel Og, was held on Saturday 19th of August in Fethard. Killenaule had most of the play in the first half, but still only led 0-6 to 0-1 at half-time. Clonmel Og scored a goal and a point on the restart before Killenaule replied with two points and then a goal from a penalty. Clonmel Og kept on the pressure and were rewarded when Killenaule scored an own goal to make it 1-9 to 2-4. The defence got it together again though and restricted Clonmel Og to just two more points, while Killenaule tacked on another goal and three points. The final score was Killenaule 2-12, Clonmel Og 2-6. Team Captain Matthew O'Donnell was presented with the Larkin Cup to bring back to Killenaule for the first time ever.

Killenaule faced Arravale Rovers, a Club renowned for its success in underage football, in the County Semi-Final on September 23rd. The lads played with real guts and determination and delighted the Killenaule supporters present in Boherlahan. Playing with the wind in the first half, Killenaule led 2-7 to 0-4 at half time. Arravale Rovers worked their way back into the game in the second half when it was their turn to benefit from the wind but Killenaule defended mightily and scored two vital points themselves. The

first was from play by Michael Doyle and the second was a particularly well struck free by captain Matthew O'Donnell. The final score was Killenaule 2-9, Arravale Rovers 1-10. At the time of writing the County Final has yet to be played, and is eagerly awaited by all!

The members of the minor football panel are: Edward Kelly, Tom Kennedy, Kieran Murphy, Cathal Bergin, Anthony Guinan, Paddy Codd, James Hickey, Matthew O'Donnell, Niall Bergin, Michael McGrath, Michael Kelly, Stephen Browne, John O'Dwyer, Michael Doyle, Brian Murphy, Kevin Prendergast, Shane Kavanagh, Michael Webster, James Gleeson, Pádraig Kennedy, JJ Webster, Noel Hayes. Team Manager: Anthony Doyle. Selectors: Patrick Fennelly, Paul Guinan.

Well done to Paddy Codd, who captained the County Minor Football team this year. He was joined on that team by Matthew O'Donnell and Steven Browne. The latter two were also on the County Minor Hurling panel, along with Niall Bergin, who played his part in Croke Park to help capture the All-Ireland title for Tipp.

Cluain Meala Óg Hurling and Football Club

Another Memorable Year for Clonmel Óg. Intermediate and Junior Football

Once again our Intermediate Footballers went in search of their Holy Grail but just like last year it ended in heartbreak. Missing a few of that team from last year's beaten South Final team we lost our first two games by the minimum against Ballyporeen and Mullinahone but good wins against Fr Sheehy's and Kilsheelan put us into a play-off against Ballyporeen for a semi-final place. In that game we led by two points four and a half minutes into injury time but conceded a goal in the last play of the game. A big thanks to coach Tommy Sheehan and selectors Stephen Aylward, Dave Thompson and Joe Barrett for their great efforts. Our junior footballers under the guidance of Mark Gregory went through the league stages unbeaten but unfortunately went out at the semi-final stage.

U/21 Football and Hurling

Our U/21 Hurlers went out in the first round of this year's championship but the footballers more than made up winning both the South and County titles. After a hard fought win against Ballyporeen in the South Semi-Final we produced a great performance to defeat Mullinahone in some style in the Final. The County Semi-Final against Rockwell Rovers was an absolute thriller, which we won by a single point. Excitement in the club was at an all time high as we were on the brink of a first adult County Title and we were not left down as the lads put in a superb performance to defeat Portroe in the final in Templemore and the celebrations afterwards were fitting of that marvellous achievement

Minor Football and Hurling

The minor hurlers lost their last game in the league stages of the Championship and narrowly missed out on qualification for the semi-final. The footballers however went through the campaign in impressive style including wins over Moyle Rovers and Commercial twice; one of those was a semi-final. We faced Killenaule in the South Final but on the day we had to give best to very good opponents who despite our best efforts were deserving winners.

MOYLE ROVERS SENIOR CLUB 2006

Our Senior Footballers have returned to winning ways again with victory over Grangemockler in the South Final. We reached the County Final to face Aherlow. We had a few players carrying injuries into this game and unfortunately on the day things just didn't go our way and Aherlow won the County Final.

Our Junior "A" Footballers Played Newcastle in the South Final under lights in New Inn. It was the first South Championship game to be played under lights and it was a great game of football

with Moyle Rovers winning. They continued onto the County Final to play Portroe. Moyle Rovers were set on winning the Dick Power cup with his Grandson Richard playing and his son Eamon Power manager of the team. Under very windy & wet condition Portroe scored only a goal in the first half while we clocked up 11 points after coming to terms with the wind. In the Second half Moyle Rovers only scored a single point from a free while Portroe could only manage 6 points which gave Moyle Rovers the victory and the Dick Power Cup returning home to his family.

Our Junior "B" also had a very successful year. They played Commercials in the South final. This was a great game of football with Moyle Rovers proving early in the match that they were out to win. Moyle Rovers in the end had a well deserved victory, our

first time winning a Junior "B" Football title. We faced Aherlow in the County semi final but with a few of the regular players missing due to injuries, it left the rest of the team facing a hard task to continue any further in this competition. Aherlow won easy on the day.

Our Junior "A" Hurlers face St Patrick in the south Final which hasn't been played at time of writing. The game was deferred due to County Fixtures. They played Cappawhite in the County Quarter final. It was played in very wet & windy conditions but in the end we were victorious and now faced in the County Semi Final unfortunately were not victorious ,it just wasn't our day.



KILSHEEHAN/KILCASH INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL SOUTH CHAMPIONS & COUNTY FINALISTS

Back row: Dan O'Connor, Pierce Larkin, John Roche, Eoin Ryan, Tommy Ryan, Adrian Walsh, capt., Keith Robinson, Christy Ryan, Richard Crotty, Michael McHugh, Colm Sweeney, Peter O'Connell.

Front row: Jimmy Ryan, Niall Cloona, Michael Ryan, Donnacha Lonergan, David Power, Keith O'Brien, Martin Larkin, Edward Sweeney, Willie Ryan, Michael Foley.



CLONMEL OG UNDER 21 COUNTY FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Back Row: Joe Cunningham, John Crotty, Tiernan Coffey, Ciaran Wall, Cillian Rouse, Hugo Morrissey, Andrew Ryan, Gerry Cunningham, Kieran McCormack, Kevin O'Keefe, Keith Landers, John Gallagher, Christy Aylward, Paul Dedy, Ian Gardener, Joe Barrett
Middle: Aidan O' Mahony, Joseph Barrett, Niall McCormack, Kevin McGrath, Colin O' Mahony, Declan Wrix, Conor Morrissey, Aidan Rouse (Capt.) Dessie Morrissey,
Shane Kearney, Darren Boland, John Cagney, Conor Hogan Front: Dwayne Burns, Patrick O' Donnell, Ciaran Barrett

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Fr. Sheehy's Under 12 C hurling South and County Champions 2006

2006 will be remembered in the history of Fr. Sheehy's Juvenile Club as the year in which South and County hurling titles were captured at the u12c grade. Training began at the end of January at the all weather pitches in the Duneske sports centre in Cahir and continued until the football championship started in late March. Fr. Sheehy's were unlucky to go out of the u12 football competition with a one-point defeat to Ballylooby in the semi final. The hurling campaign got off to a slow start in the first few challenge games before the team gave a very good performance in Fr. Sheehy's own under 12 blitz in mid June losing the final to Clonmel Og by a point. The championship itself saw Fr. Sheehy's defeat Ballylooby and Newcastle, receive two walkovers and record a loss to St. Mary's to qualify for the semi final. Newcastle provided a tough test in the semi final, but the Clogheen/Burncourt boys and girls gave a strong second half performance to win by 5-3 to 2-4. A good second half was a feature of this team's displays all year and the following Friday evening, August 18th was no different as Fr. Sheehy's pulled away in the last quarter from a fine Ballylooby team for a fantastic South final victory on a score of 3-7 to 3-3. In what was one of the best underage games played in South Tipperary this year, captain Brian Hyland and Kevin Watson were excellent in defence while Daire O' Brien's 2-4 won him the Man of the Match award. Ten days later Fr. Sheehy's took on North champions Silvermines in the county semi final at Cashel.

Leading scorers Daire O'Brien and Brian Hyland were once again on the mark with goals at the start and end of the first half but in between the hero for Fr. Sheehy's was goalkeeper David McCraith who made a series of fine saves to keep the 'Mines half time lead to just a point. Once more Fr. Sheehy's were on top in the second half and two goals from Gillian Mullins helped the team to the county final by 5-3 to 3-3. Saturday September 2nd was County Final day at Semple Stadium and Fr. Sheehy's opponents were Durlas Og 'B' in the first match of the under 12 triple decker. The forwards found



Board na nOg chairman Michael Lonergan presents the 'Jackie Ryan' cup to Brian Hyland Fr. Sheehy captain.

the going tough against the Thurles backs whose blocking and hooking were excellent. At the other end Brian Hyland was in top form and Durlas Og led by just three points at the break. Fr. Sheehy's once more dominated the second half and chances were missed in the next ten minutes before Daire O' Brien twice finished to the net and then added a point to make this dominance count on the scoreboard. With the last puck of the game the team's youngest player Conor Lowry netted to spark off jubilant scenes on the pitch, sideline and amongst the large band of supporters in the stands. It was a delighted captain Brian Hyland surrounded by his team mates who accepted the 'Jackie Ryan' cup from Board na nOg chairman Michael Lonergan after the 3-1 to 0-4 victory.

This win was also a reward for the efforts of Mike Hyland, Robbie O' Brien and Barry O' Brien who have been involved with this group since their u10 days while trainer John Corbett was one of a number of adult players who were a hugely welcome addition to the underage coaching scene in the club this year. The team and fans enjoyed a victory cavalcade home through Clogheen and Burncourt and a reception in St. Paul's community centre and it was a period of time that all involved will have great memories of for a long time to come.



County Champions, Front Row – Kate O'Brien, Steven O'Driscoll, David McCraith, Brian Hyland, Shane O'Brien, John Fergusson, Adrian O'Brien, Gillian Mullins, Jackie O'Gorman. Back Row – Laura Keating, Michaela Maher, Brian Smith, Shane Lowry, Peter O'Driscoll, Kevin Watson, Glenn Keane, Conor Lowry, Daire O'Brien, Michael Hyland.



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Kenny, 1953
and John Mackey 1956.

left to right: William O'Dwyer,
Lal Holden, Seamus Kenny,
John Mackey
and Lee Mackey.



2005 South Tipperary GAA award winners

pictured left

Back Row (left to right) - Hurler of the
Year (Declan Fanning - Killenaule),
Intermediate / Junior Footballer of the
Year (Sean Horan - St. Patricks),
Intermediate / Junior Hurler of the Year
(Conor Arrigan - represented by his father
Paddy), Young Footballer of the Year
(Tony Ryan - Ardfinnan),
Young Hurler of the Year (Danny
O'Hanlon - Carrick Swan)
Front Row (left to right) - Hall of Fame
Football (Eamonn Keating - Fr. Sheehys),
Footballer of the Year
(Peter Lambert - Ardfinnan)

Below: Former South Board Chairman
Barry O'Brien receiving a presentation
after the end of his three year term as
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Sean Nugent (South Secretary),
Barry O'Brien and Micheál McCormack,
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RESULTS OF FINALS PLAYED IN 2006

HURLING

MACLOCHLAINN ROADMARKINGS LTD SENIOR HURLING FINAL						
Drom and Inch	3-13	Boherlahan Dualla	0-16	Holycross	Sun 30th July	Ref Denis Curtis
ROADSTONE PROVINCE INTERMEDIATE HURLING FINAL						
Gortnahoe Glengoole	2-17	Moycarkey Borris	2-15	The Ragg	Sat 23rd Sept	Ref Patsy Ralph
COUNTY BAR U/21A HURLING FINAL						
Thurles Sarsfields	2-14	Loughmore Castleiney	1-16	Templemore	Fri 21st July	Ref Johnny Ryan
U/21B HURLING FINAL						
Holycross Ballycahill	1-14	Upperchurch Drombane	1-12	The Ragg	Fri 21st July	Ref Martin Goldsboro
THURLES CREDIT UNION MINOR A HURLING FINAL						
Thurles Sarsfields	2-14	Drom and Inch	2-03	Templemore	Sat 16th Sept	Ref Martin Treacy
MINOR B HURLING FINAL						
Upperchurch Drombane	0-16	Loughmore Castleiney	0-14	Templemore	Sat 9th Sept	Ref Michael Jordan
ROSKEEN CONSTRUCTION JUNIOR A HURLING FINAL						
Holycross Ballycahill	2-06	Upperchurch Drombane	0-07	The Ragg	Sun 17th Sept	Ref Jimmy Sweeney
DONAL YOUNG JUNIOR B HURLING FINAL						
Gortnahoe Glengoole	0-09	Holycross Ballycahill	0-07	The Ragg	Sun 15th Oct	Ref P J Leahy
CAHILL CUP FINAL						
Boherlahan Dualla	1-17	Holycross Ballycahill	0-10	Holycross	Sun 29th Oct	Ref John Kelly
JUNIOR HURLING LEAGUE DIV (1) FINAL						
Holycross Ballycahill	1-14	Boherlahan Dualla	2-10	Boherlahan	Fri 11th Aug	Ref John Ryan (B)
JUNIOR HURLING LEAGUE DIV (2) FINAL						
Gortnahoe Glengoole	2-14	Moycarkey Borris	0-11	Gortnahoe	Fri 2nd June	Ref Patsy Ralph
JUNIOR HURLING LEAGUE DIV (3) FINAL						
Killea	0-19	Thurles K-R-F	1-08	The Ragg	Sat 27th May	Ref Martin Treacy

FOOTBALL

GLEESONS QUARRIES SENIOR FOOTBALL FINAL FINAL						
J K Brackens	1-09	Loughmore Castleiney	0-09	Templetuohy	Sat 2nd Sept	Ref John Kelly
EDDIE JOES INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL FINAL						
Thurles Sarsfields	2-07	J K Brackens	1-05	Templetuohy	Sun 17th Sept	Ref Pat Cullen
U/21 A FOOTBALL FINAL						
Loughmore Castleiney	1-08	J K Brackens	2-03	Castleiney	Fri 17th Mar	Ref Patsy Ralph
U/21 B FOOTBALL FINAL						
Upperchurch Drombane	3-06	Clonakenny	0-05	Kickham Pk	Sat 11th Mar	Ref Martin Goldsboro
BANK OF IRELAND THURLES MINOR A FOOTBALL FINAL						
Thurles Sarsfields	0-12	Moycarkey Borris	1-04	Holycross	Sun 30th July	Ref Jimmy Sweeney
MINOR B FOOTBALL FINAL						
Loughmore Castleiney	2-08	Moyne Templetuohy	0-09	Templemore	Thur 17th Aug	Ref Martin Treacy
A.I.B THURLES JUNIOR A FOOTBALL FINAL						
Loughmore Castleiney	0-10	Moyne Templetuohy	1-06	Templetuohy	Thur 26th Oct	Ref Denis Curtis
JERRY CHAWKE JUNIOR B FOOTBALL FINAL						
Upperchurch Drombane	1-07	Loughmore Castleiney	1-05	The Ragg	Sat 28th Oct	Ref Hugh Coughlan

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YOUNG FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR

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Thurles Sarsfields celebrated the junior teams of the fifties and sixties success at a function recently in Arus na Sáirsealaigh where great tales and stories of yesteryear were regaled. Pictured are some of the players and representatives who attended: Back row: Michael Murphy, Dick Callanan, Mick Fogarty, Michael Maher, Paddy Butler, Pádraic Connors, Benny Maher, Sean McLoughlin, Thomas Callanan. Middle row: Jimmy Doyle, Eddie Maher, Paddy Doyle, Thomas Butler (Hitler), Mick Cahill, Danny Ryan, Barton Dorney, Mick Craddock, Noel Gaynor, Martin Maher, Patsy Butler. Front row: Tommy Barrett, Jack Doherty, Dick Butler, Margaret Hussey (representing Timmy Grace), Carmel Murphy (representing Noel), Thomas Butler, Frank Barrett, Willie Hackett, Patsy Dorney, John Joe Gaynor.

Drom and Inch Leahy Cup winners after 22 year wait

Drom and Inch were starved of the Leahy cup for twenty two years, but on July 30th the Mid title was back in the hands of Drom & Inch only for the third time in its history. Having reached the mid final in 2005, their first mid final appearance in 21 years, the last being in 1984, and coming so close, bringing Thurles Sarsfields to a replay, Drom felt 2006 had to be our year to bring home the Leahy Cup.

After a successful year in 2005 which saw the club win Mid titles in Junior A and B and U21A hurling grades, and an historic county final win for the Junior A's over a fancied Knockshewanna side, the future looked promising for the coming year. The team was built from a solid foundation brought about by years of underage success, three Mid Minor A titles in a row 96, 97, 98 and three mid U21A titles, 1999, 2000 and 2001. This proved to everyone that not only had Drom & Inch the talent but the necessary ambition and experience to win.

The opening game of the Mid championship saw Drom paired with local rivals and near neighbours, Loughmore/Castleiney. A large crowd attended in Pairc Shileain Templemore to see both teams square up to each other in fine sunshine. The talking point would be the array of county men on show for both sides, Butler, Buckley, Young and Woodlock for Drom and Webster and Ormonde for Loughmore. However, it was Seamus Butler who stole the show that evening coming home with a total tally of 1-12 out of 1-15 from the hours hurling. James Woodlock was outstanding at midfield chipping in with two points and Johnny Ryan got the other score to see Drom overcome Loughmore on a scoreline of 1-15 to 0-10. Drom were now in their second Mid final in a row, and in the interim the club found out that Paudie

Butler was appointed as the new National Hurling Director, and we knew we were in safe hands as we prepared for the final. From 37 of the senior panel 18 have a round trip of 100 miles or over to attend training and it just highlights the dedication the current payers are giving on order to bring the title back to Drom and Inch.

Drom faced Boherlahan/Dualla in the final, a team that Drom had not faced in championship since 2001. Last years Mid and county finalists were fancied going into the game but they were made to fight all the way by a very determined Boherlahan outfit who really took the game to them, especially in the first half. Indeed Boherlahan were the better side in the opening half and notched up 12 scores with Daragh Hickey (4), David Burke (2), Ger Flanagan, David and Derek Patterson and Conor Gleeson leading the way. Nevertheless, despite Drom-Inch's sluggish start they found the net twice to keep them in contention – Seamus Butler goaling brilliantly in the 13th minute after racing onto a breaking ball and then finding the net with the last puck of the half from a long range free which deceived the keeper Joe Ryan.

The second goal was a real shot in the arm for the victors but it still took some time to put daylight between the sides, even though they played with a very strong second half breeze. Boherlahan were in front with eight minutes to go with Derek Paterson pointing for them but substitute Seamus Callanan came from the bench to fire Drom – Inch back in front with goal with his first touch. Both he and Seamus Butler scored two points each and sealed the victory in the dying minutes. Boherlahan needed a goal but were unable to succeed due to a tough and resilient Drom defence.

There were great scenes of jubilation when the final whistle sounded as Drom-Inch celebrated in fine style. They will certainly point to the introduction of Seamus Callanan as being very important – he struck 1-2 from play in eight minutes of play. However, Seamus Butler can take much credit for the win along side Kevin Butler, James Woodlock, Michael Costello, Eamonn Buckley and Thomas Cantwell.

There was great euphoria when captain Paul Ryan had the honour of lifting the Leahy cup, much to the delight of the supporters from Drom, Inch and Barnane and celebrations began immediately to herald this historic success.

Overall, 2006 will go down as an historic year for Drom and Inch G.A.A club and with many more young players coming through the impressive juvenile set up, we all hope this results in an even better 2007.



DROM AND INCH SENIOR HURLING MID CHAMPIONS

The Drom-Inch Panel that defeated Boherlahan-Dualla in the MacLochlainn (Road Markings) Ltd. Mid Senior Hurling Final in Holycross. Back row Left to Right: Paddy Kennedy, Liam Kennedy, Thomas Cantwell, Eric Woodlock, Michael Butler, Kevin Butler, Donnacha Kennedy, Paul Ryan (Capt), Paul Stapleton, Eamon Buckley, MacDara Butler, Seamus Callanan, Robert Hicks, Seamus Cahill, Declan Ryan, Frank McGrath, Liam Brett, Eddie Kinane, Damien Young. Front row Left to Right: Trevor Hassett, James Ryan, Matthew Ryan, Edward Costello, Johnny Ryan, Michael Cantwell, Seamus Butler, James Woodlock, Paul Collins, Martin Butler, Michael Costello, Willie Ryan, Brian Costello, Pdraig Butler, Kieran Hassett, Joe Egan.

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GORTNAHOE GLENGOOSE - INTERMEDIATE HURLING MID CHAMPIONS

Gortnahoe Glengoose: Back Row L to R Tomas O Keffe, Keith Holohan, Willie Coleman, Michael Cleary, Darren Coady, Paul Horan, John Teehan, Kevin Kenny, Niall Teehan, Ronan Stanley, Johnny Guilfoyle, Leonard Stanley, Joe Hogan, Michael Heffernan, PJ Gleeson, Patrick Skehan. Front Row L to R Michael Phelan, Michael Holohan, Brendan Hogan, Liam Cleary, Martin Gleeson, Keith Corbett, Shane McCarthy, Keith Dwyer, Chris Dunne, John Colman, Kevin Maher.



THURLES SARSFIELDS MINOR A HURLING MID CHAMPIONS

The Thurles Sarsfields Panel that defeated Drom Inch in the Thurles Credit Union Mid Tipperary Minor A Hurling Final. Picture Back Row L to R Declan Ryan, Paul Connors, Shane Dorney, Eoin O Dwyer, Conor Moloney, John Joe Burke, Pa Bourke, Bill McCormack, Shane Meagher, John Callanan, Patrick Leahy, Rodney Mason, Kevin O Gorman, Michael Gleeson, Denis Maher. Front Row L to R Laurence Burke, Stephen Dorney, Shane Maher, Sean Smith, Michael Cahill, Jamie Lennon, Padraig Maher, Kieran O Shea, Michael Keane, Peter Donnelly, Liam Phelan.



THURLES SARSFIELDS MINOR A FOOTBALL MID CHAMPIONS

The Thurles Sarsfields panel that defeated Moycarkey Borris in the Bank of Ireland Thurles Mid Tipperary Minor A Football Final. Back row left to right: Declan Ryan, Laurence Bourke, Stephen Dorney, John Joe Bourke, Eoin O' Dwyer, David Keady, Patrick Leahy, Pa Bourke, Sean Smith, Shane Meagher, Rodney Mason, Jamie Lennon, Peter Donnelly. Front row left to right: Shane Maher, John Callinan, Michael Cahill, Padraig Maher, Paul Connors, Conor Maloney (Capt), Shane Dorney, Kieran O' Shea, Kevin O' Gorman, Michael Gleeson, Liam Phelan.



UPPERCHURCH DROMBANE MINOR B HURLING MID CHAMPIONS

The Upperchurch Drombane Panel that defeated Clonakenny in the Mid Tipperary U/21 B Football Final. Picture L to R Matt Ryan, Eamonn Fogarty, Leonard Purcell, Michael Harty, Jack Ryan, Martin Bourke, Padraig Stapleton, Colm Stapleton, Joe Maguire, Ollie Ralph. Front Row L to R Patrick Purcell, Eoin Shanahan, Colm Ryan, James Greene, James Barry, Colm Stapleton, L.J. Ryan, Gearoid Crowe, Aiden Brett



HOLYCROSS BALLYCAHILL JUNIOR A HURLING MID CHAMPIONS

The Holycross Ballycahill Panel that defeated Upperchurch Drombane in the Roskeen Construction Mid Tipperary Junior A Hurling Final. Picture Back Row L to R Patrick Byrnes, William Ryan, Patrick Stakelum, Stephen Ryan, Pierce Stakelum, Tadhg Flanagan, Paidi Comerford, Adrian O Keefe. Front Row L to R Philip Ryan, Tom Stakelum, Tossy Fogarty, Phil Dwyer, Ciaran Barrett, Colm McGrath, Mark Fogarty.



GORTNAHEE GLENGOOLE JUNIOR A HURLING MID CHAMPIONS

Back Row L to R Mike Phelan, Michael Purcell, Paul Langton, Sean Lahert, Kieran Fennelly, Ogie Long, Eddie Stokes, Michael Cleary, Trevor Webster, Eoin Teehan, Eamon Cantwell, Tomas O Keefe, Conor Horan, Eoin Ryan, Michael Holohan, Michael Treacy. Front Row L to R Tommy Duggan, Philip Hogan, Gearoid Maher, PJ McCormack, Michael Phelan, Kevin Maher, James Stokes, Vincent Ryan, PJ Gleeson, Keith Hoohan, Wayne Corbett.



BOHERLAHAN DUALA CAHILL CUP WINNERS

Back Row L To R Joe Ryan, Jack Maher, Seamus Hickey, Conor Gleeson, David Maher, John Dwyer, Paul Ryan, Mark Ivers, Alan Fitzpatrick. Front Row L to R AJ Maher, Johnny Maher, William Hickey, David Patterson, Derek Patterson, David Ryan, David Fogarty, Garrett McLoughlin, Darragh Hickey.



HOLYCROSS BALLYCAHILL HURLING LEAGUE DIV.1 CHAMPIONS

Back Row L to R Thomas Lowry, Liam Dwan, Patrick Stakelum, Thomas Hayes, Paudie Comerford, Donnacha Duggan, William Ryan, Donal Duggan. Front Row L to R Patrick Byrne, Colm McGrath, Mark Fogarty, John Fogarty, Ciaran Barrett, Philip Ryan, Denis McCullough



KILLEA JUNIOR HURLING LEAGUE DIV. 3 CHAMPIONS

Back Row L to R Kieran Broderick, John Ryan, Jimmy Dunne, Paddy Duff, Conor Quinlan, Ray Greed, Mick Taylor, John Coffey, Sean Sullivan, Kevin Larkin, Shane Donnelly, Andy Kenneally, Mick Duff. Front Row L to R John Higgins, Sam O Meara, Matt Corcoran, Willie Buckley, Ricky Buckley, Conor Holland, Tim Quinlan, Pat Holland, Paul Walsh, Tim O Meara

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Front Row L to R John Dunne, Johnny Doran, Darren Owens, Ricky O'Brien, Killian O'Neill, Damien McBride, Joe Shiels.



UPPERCHURCH DROMBANE U21 B FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

L to R Matt Ryan, Eamonn Fogarty, Leonard Purcell, Michael Harty, Jack Ryan, Martin Bourke, Padraig Stapleton, Colm Stapleton, Joe Maguire, Ollie Ralph. Front Row L to R Patirck Purcell, Eoin Shanahan, Colm Ryan, James Greene, James Barry, Colm Stapleton, L.J. Ryan, Gearoid Crowe, Aiden Brett



THURLES SARSFIELDS MINOR A DOUBLE CHAMPIONS

Presentation Night



Mid Board Chairman PJ Maher presenting Mid Tipperary Hall of Fame Award to Tony Wall of Thurles Sarsfields and Tipperary at the Mid Board Presentation Night in Hayes Hotel.



Pictured at the Mid Board Presentation Night in Hayes Hotel Jim Max Thurles Sarsfields, Tony Wall Mid Board Hall of Fame Winner, Mickey Ryan Holycross Ballycahill, Michael Musha Maher Thurles Sarsfields.



Carmel O Halloran presenting a Bouquet of Flowers to Ann Connolly at the Mid Board Presentation Night in Hayes Hotel.



Ann Connolly accepting a Presentation from Mr Joe O Halloran Thurles Knights of Malta on behalf of her late Husband Matty in recognition of his help and generosity to the Knights of Malta over the years.



Celia Maher presenting a Bouquet of Flowers to Mrs Betty Wall at the Mid Board Presentation Night in Hayes Hotel.



Mid Board Chairman PJ Maher making a Presentation to outgoing Chairman Johnny Doyle at the Mid Board Presentation Night in Hayes Hotel.



Mid Board Chairman PJ Maher making a Presentation to Mickey Ryan Holycross Ballycahill who has retired after 40 years Service to the Mid Tipperary GAA Board.



Aine Maher presenting a bouquet of flowers to Una Doyle at the Mid Board Presentation Night in Hayes Hotel.



LOUGHMORE CASTLEINEY MINOR B FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Back Row L to R Eamon Connolly, Shane Nolan, Shane Purcell, Shane Hennessy, Thomas Quinn, Kieran Kiely, Michael Ryan, Ray Moore, Martin Bourke, Kevin Johnston. Front Row L to R Pat Moynihan, Willie Eviston, Denis Leahy, Noel McGrath, Aidan McGrath, John Campion, Henry Maher, Cian Hennessy.



LOUGHMORE CASTLEINEY JUNIOR A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Back Row L to R Declan Bolger, James Connolly, Aidan Webster, Noel Kennedy, Thomas Maher, Tom Maher, Brendan Healy, Ned Ryan, Darren Danagher. Front Row L to R Shane Purcell, John Scully, Johnny Gleeson, Colm Campion, Noel Cahill, John Paul Foy, Ronan Stapleton, Tommy Larken, Alvie Stapleton.



UPPERCHURCH DROMBANE JUNIOR B FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Back Row L to R Tom Quinlan, Matt Ryan, John Ryan, Dan Griffin, John Quinn, David Carey, Thomas Kennedy, Alan Tierney, Mick Carey, Paddy Brennan, Jody Brennan. Front Row L to R Padraig Hayes, Stephen Gleeson, JJ Kinnane, Jerry Quinn, Donal Carey, John Ryan, LJ Ryan, John Carey, Colm Stapleton, Paul Darcy.

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KICKHAMS WEST SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS

Back Row - (left to right) - Fergal O'Brien, John O'Brien, Jimmy Farrell, Joe Breen, Tommy Comerford, Paul O'Dwyer, Eamon Browne, Ger Farrell, Richard Horgan, Nigel Hayes, Daniel Breen, Noel O'Brien, Kevin Farrell, John McCormack, Paul Breen, Ger Butler, Derek Breen
Front Row - (left to right) - Joe Shanahan, David Shanahan, P.J. Collins, Pdraig Hayes, James Shanahan, Damian McGrath, Michael Heelan, Patrick Ryan, Brian Horgan (captain), Aidan Butler, Eoin Morrissey, Alan Horgan, Michael Shanahan, Vincent Kelly, Clodagh Horgan (mascot)



West Tipperary Co-Op Super Valu SHC Final.

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9.07	Golden	Kickhams	1.14	Clonoulty/R.	0.12	John Ryan
C CROSCO CUP SHL						
24.09	Golden	Cappawhite	5.09	Clonoulty/R	1.19	D. Grogan
TIPPERARY CREDIT UNION IHC						
30.09S.	T.Park	Eire Og/A.	3.10	Golden/K	0.10	S .Bradshaw
GLEESON CONCRETE JHC 'A'						
1.10	Golden	Cappawhite	1.08	Lattin/Cullen	1.07	F .Kearney
TIPPERARY CO-OP SUPER VALU JHC 'B'						
15.10	Golden	Solohead	0.18	Rosegreen	1.11	D. Grogan
O'DWYER STEEL U21HC 'A'						
16.07	Dundrum	Clonoulty/R.	0.13	Cashel	0.12	S .Bradshaw
LOWRY'S BAR U21HC 'B'						
21.07	Dundrum	Eire Og/A.	1.10	Cappawhite	0.09	E. Browne
U21HC 'C'						
28.06	Emly	Lattin/Cullen	1.09	Solohead	0.09	F .Kearney
DUNDRUM HOUSE HOTEL MHC 'A'						
7.09	Dundrum	Arravale Rvs.	2.14	Clonoulty/R.	3.08	Phil Ryan
MATT KAVANAGH COACHES MHC 'B'						
6.09	Lattin	Eire Og/Anac.	1.09	Aherlow	1.07	R O Connor
MHC 'C'						
17.09	S.T.Park	Solohead	1.14	Lattin/Cullen	2.02	S .Bradshaw
BALLINLARD TRANSPORT SFC						
23.09	Golden	Aherlow	0.08	Galtee Rvs.	0.05	P. Russell
O'DONOGHUE CUP SFL						
		Galtee Rvs.	V	Eire Og Or Lattin		
INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP						
21.10	Golden	Cashel	1.08	Rockwell Rvs.	0.09	S .Bradshaw
C & C ENGINEERING JFC 'A'						
28.10	Golden	Cappawhite	2.13	Solohead	1.06	R O Connor
A I B JFC 'B'						
4.11	S.T.Park	Aherlow	2.09	Galtee Rvs.	1.02	W. Kennedy
MCGRATH OIL U21FC 'A'						
25.03	Golden	Aherlow	1.06	Galtee Rvs.	0.05	John RyanC
MCGRATH OIL U21FC 'B'						
25.03	Dundrum	Rockwell Rvs.	1.07	Golden/K	0.07	R O Connor
MCGRATH OIL U21FC 'C'						
25.03	Lattin	Eire Og/Anac.	1.07	Solohead	0.01	G Howe
O'MURCHU FINANCIAL SERVICES MFC 'A'						
25.07	Golden	Arravale Rvs.	2.07	Aherlow	2.06	Ger Riordan
PA SHEEHY BUTCHERS MFC 'B'						
24.07	Golden	Kickhams	1.07	Eire Og/Anac.	0.04	Ger Riordan
O'MURCHU FINANCIAL SERVICES MFC 'C'						
30.08	Emly	Lattin/Cullen	0.12	Solohead	1.06	W. Kennedy

HOT SHOTS 2006

A selection of high scoring returns

by Séamus O'Doherty

Seamus Callanan

(Drom Inch, St Josephs College, Borrisleigh and Tipperary)
8/2/06 at New Inn 1-7 for St Josephs College v Doon CBS (Corn Phdraig H semi final)

Ruairi Gleeson

(Kildangan, Borrisokane CC)
10/2/06 at Feenagh 3-4 for Borrisokane CC v Hazlewood College (Munster Final JH VS)
6/4/06 at Puckane 1-8 for Borrisokane CC v Nenagh CBS (Canon Fitzgerald cup S/F)

Darren O'Meara

(Fethard)
25/2/06 at Mullinahone 1-7 for Fethard v Ballingarry (South U21 F Championship)

Darragh Egan

(Kildangan, NUIG and Tipperary)
3/3/06 at The Mardyke 0-11 for NUIG v WIT (Fitzgibbon cup S/F)
12/3/06 at Cushendall 0-9 for Tipp v Antrim (NHL)
19/3/06 at Templederry 1-13 for Tipp v Clare (Challenge)
12/7/06 at Semple Stadium 1-5 for Tipp U21 v Clare (Munster S/F)

Willie Ryan

(Toomevara, WIT and Tipperary)
4/3/06 at Páirc U Rinn 3-0 for WIT v UCD (Fitzgibbon cup final)

Paddy O'Brien

(Toomevara)
12/3/06 at Toomevara 2-9 for Toomevara v Cappawhite (Co SHL Premier Division)

Damian Bevans

(Shinrone, Borrisokane CC)
12/3/06 at Banagher 2-3 for Borrisokane CC v St Brigids Loughrea (All Ire JHVS final)

Barry Grogan

(Aherlow)
17/3/06 at Cachel 1-7 for Aherlow v Galtee Rovers (West U21 F championship)

James Kennedy

(Drom Inch)
19/3/06 at The Ragg 1-8 for Drom Inch v Killenale (Co. SHL Premier Division)

Pat Shortt

(Upperchurch Drombane)
19/3/06 at Drombane 1-7 v Moneygall (Co SHL Division 1)
20/5/06 at Boherlahan 0-10 v Thurles Sars (Mid SHC)

Declan Browne

(Moyle Rvs & Tipperary)
19/3/06 at Dungarvan 1-5 for Tipp v Waterford (NFL)
18/6/06 at Ardfinnan 0-9 for Moyle Rvs v Cahir (South SFC)
24/9/06 at Kilsheelan 2-8 for Moyle Rvs v Grangemockler (South SFC Final)
7/10/06 at Goatenbridge 1-6 for Moyle Rvs v Ballylooby/Castlegrace (South JHC 'A' S/F Replay).

Joey McLoughney

(Toomevara & Tipperary)
18/3/06 at Cloughjordan 1-6 for Toomevara v Borrisokane (North U21 H Championship)

Ray McLoughney

(Kilruane MacDonagh & Tipperary)
17/3/06 at Toomevara 1-6 for Kilruane v Templederry (North U21 H Championship)
19/7/06 at Nenagh 3-6 for Kilruane v Roscrea (North U21 H Final)
20/8/06 at Dolla 1-11 for Kilruane v Thurles Sars (Co. U21 H semi final)
23/9/06 at Boherlahan 1-13 for Kilruane v Carrick Swan (Co. U21 H final)

Timmy Hammersley

(Clonoulty Rossmore)
1/4/06 at Golden 2-5 for Clonoulty Rossmore v Golden Kilfeacle (West Tipp U21 H Championship)
22/4/06 at Golden 2-4 for Clonoulty Rossmore v Galtee Rovers (West Tipp U21 H Semi final)

Kieran McGrath

(Loughmore Castleiney)
2/4/06 at The Ragg 3-0 for Loughmore Castleiney v Drom Inch (Co. SHL Premier Division)

Michael Webster

(Loughmore Castleiney & Tipperary)
2/4/06 at Portlaoise 2-4 for Tipp v Laois (NHL)

David Nolan

(Toomevara & Nenagh CBS)
6/4/06 at Puckane, 0.10 for Nenagh CBS v Borrisokane CC (Canon Fitzgerald Cup semi final)

David Buckley

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9/4/06 at Feenagh 2-4 for Colaiste Phobail Ros Cré v St. Brogan's (Munster SH v semi final)

Tony O'Brien

(Galtee Rovers)
8/4/06 at Golden 1-6 for Galtee Rovers v Golden/Kilfeacle (West Tipp U21 H Championship)

Declan Doyle

(Fethard)
4/5/06 at Killenale 2-5 for Fethard v St. Patricks (South MF 'B' Championship)

Damian McCarthy

(Fethard)
12/5/06 at Ned Hall Park 1-5 for Fethard v Kilsheelan/Kilcass (South MF 'B' Championship)

Kenneth Horgan

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30/4/06 at Dundrum 2-3 v Golden/Kilfeacle (West MF 'B' Championship)

Willie Donnelly

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10/5/06 at Puckane 2-3 v Ballina (North U16 F 'B' Final)
16/8/06 at Nenagh 2-4 v Lorrha (North MF 'B' Final)

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(Cappawhite)
27/5/06 at Dundrum 1-5 v Clonoulty Rossmore (West SHC)
29/7/06 at Clonmel 0-11 v Carrick Swan (Co. SH qualifiers)

Brendan Maher

(Borrisleigh & Tipperary)
27/5/06 at Cloughjordan 0-10 for Borrisleigh v Nenagh Eire Óg (North SHC)

Ken Dunne

(Toomevara & Tipperary)
27/5/06 at Nenagh 0-12 for Toome v Burgess (North SHC)

5/6/06 at Templemore 1-9 for Toome v Loughmore (Co. SHL final replay)

Paddy Lynch

(Kildangan)
26/5/06 at Nenagh 0-12 v Moneygall (North SHC)

Martin Gleeson

(Loughmore Castleiney)
5/6/06 at Templemore 0-11 for Loughmore v Toomevara (Co. SHL final replay)

8/7/06 at Toomevara 0-10 for Loughmore v Portroe (Co SH qualifiers)

Timmy Moloney

(Rosegreen)
11/6/06 at Cachel 0-12 v Kickhams (West JHC 'B')

Martin Walsh

(Carrick Davins)
10/6/06 at Clonmel 3-4 v Cahir (South JFC 'A')

S Kenny

(Fethard)
16/6/06 at Cloneen 3-0 v Ballingarry (South JFC)

Seamus Butler

(Drom Inch & Tipperary)
19/2/06 at The Gaelic Grounds 1-7 for Tipp v Limerick (NHL)
14/6/06 at Templemore 1-12 for Drom Inch v Loughmore Castleiney (Mid SHC Semi Final)

30/7/06 at Holycross 1-7 for Drom Inch v Boherlahan Dualla (Mid SHC Final)

24/9/06 at Nenagh 1-9 for Drom Inch v Borrisleigh (Co. SHC Q/F)

Willie Keogh

(Silvermines)
17/6/06 at Nenagh 2-3 v Shannon Rovers (North IHC)

1/10/06 at Nenagh 2-6 v Borrisokane (North IHC Final)

Brian Carroll

(St. Marys Clonmel)
23/6/06 at Goatenbridge 2-3 v Cahir (South IHC)

David Keogh

(Silvermines)
24/6/06 at Nenagh 1-8 v Lorrha (North U21 HC 'B' Final)
16/8/06 at The Ragg 3-3 v Holycross Ballycahill (Co. U21 HC 'B' semi final)

Shane Scully

(JK Brackens)
3/7/06 at Drombane 0-9 v Cappawhite (Co. SH Qualifiers)

9/7/06 at Fethard 2-10 v Carrick Swan (Co. SH Qualifiers)

Liam Cahill

(Ballingarry)
30/6/06 at Cachel 1-10 v Holycross Ballycahill (Co. SH Qualifiers)

28/7/06 at Holycross 1-9 v Nenagh Eire Óg (Co. SH Qualifiers)

Eoin Costello

(Thurles Sars)
30/6/06 at Boherlahan 2-3 v Cachel KC (Co. SH Qualifiers)

1/10/06 at Templederry 1-7 v Ballina (Co. IFC Quarter Final)

Seamus Hennessy

(Kilruane MacDonaghs & Tipperary)
2/7/06 at Dolla 1-7 v Portroe (Co. SH Qualifiers)

Paul Shiels

(Sean Treacys)
9/7/06 at Golden 3-2 v Rosegreen (West JHC 'B').

Pat Buckley

(Emly)
8/7/06 at Sean Treacy Park 0-12 v Eire Óg Annacarty (West IHC)

E McCormack

(St Patricks Drangan)
6/7/06 at Cloneen 2-5 v St. Martins (South JFC 'B')

Pa Bourke (Thurles Sars & Tipperary)
15/7/06 at Nowlan Park 1-11 v Carlow (All Ireland MHC Q/F)
3/9/06 at Croke Park 1-7 v Galway (All Ireland MHC Final)
30/9/06 at Templemore 1-11 for Sars v Kilruane MacDonaghs (Co. MH SF)
Lee Mackey (Carrick Davins & Tipperary)
16/7/06 at Kilsheelan 0-11 v Mullinahone (South MHC 'A')
Roy Darcy (Shannon Rovers)
16/7/06 at Dolla 0-9 v Ballinahinch (North IHC)
Liam Dwan (Holycross Ballycahill)
16/7/06 at Templemore 1-5 v Nenagh Éire Óg (Co SH Qualifiers)
21/7/06 at The Ragg 0-9 v Upperchurch/Drombane (Mid U21 'B' H Final)
Eamonn Browne (Kickhams)
22/7/06 at Cashel 0-8 v Clonoulty Rossmore (West JHC 'A')
Noel McGrath (Loughmore Castleiney)
21/7/06 at Templemore 0-10 v Thurles Sars (Mid U21 'A' H Final)
Michael Doyle (Killenaule)
18/7/06 at O'Sullivan Park 2-8 v St. Patricks Gaels (South MH 'A' Championship)
19/8/06 at Fethard 1-7 v Clonmel Óg (South MF 'A' Final)
T J Connolly (Cashel KC)
30/7/06 at Templemore 2-3 v Burgess (Co. SH Qualifiers)
Pa Morrissey (Galtee Rovers, UCD & Tipperary)
26/7/06 at Cashel 1-5 for Galtee Rovers v Holycross Ballycahill (Co. SHC Qualifiers)
Darryl Darcy (Shannon Rovers)
30/7/06 at Cloughjordan 1-7 v Newport (North IHC)
Michael Costello (Kilruane MacDonaghs)
26/7/06 at Templemore 2-6 v Templemore (North MHC)
Denis Peters (Galtee Rovers)
5/8/06 at Golden 2-3 v Arravale Rovers (West SF Championship)
John Doughan (Moneygall)
2/8/06 at Roscrea 2-5 v J K Brackens (Co. SH Qualifiers)
Colm Larkin (Borrisokane)
5/8/06 at Nenagh 1-5 v Ballina (North IHC)
Brian Phelan (Upperchurch/Drombane)
12/8/06 at Dolla 1-12 v Moneygall (AET) (Co. SH Qualifiers)
William Greene (Moneygall)
12/8/06 at Dolla 0-9 v Upperchurch Drombane (AET) (Co. SH QF)
Noel Hogan (Lorrha)
12/8/06 at Borrisokane 1-7 v Shannon Rovers (North IHC QF)
Kevin Bolger (Mullinahone)
16/8/06 at Littleton 0-10 v Éire Óg Annacarty (Co. U21 H 'B' semi final)
2/9/06 at Boherlahan 1-10 v Silvermines (Co. U21 H 'B' Final)
John Quinn (Éire Óg Annacarty)
27/8/06 at Dundrum 3-1 v Sean Treacys (West IHC semi final)
28/10/06 at Boherlahan 2-4 v Moycarkey Borris (Co. IHC Final)
Tom McGrath (Ballingarry)
23/8/06 at Killenualle 1-12 v St. Patricks Gaels (South MHC 'A')
Dean Tobin (Fethard)
8/9/06 at Clonmel 1-7 v Ballybacon Grange (South MHC 'B' semi final)
Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers)
8/9/06 Fethard 1-7 v Killenaule (South MHC 'A' SF)
Padraig O'Dwyer (Éire Óg Annacarty)
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James Logue (Ballingarry)
7/10/06 at Boherlahan 2-7 v Arravale Rovers (Co. MHC 'A' semi final)

Colm Riordan (Solohead)
8/10/06 at Golden 1-9 v Arravale Rovers (West JHC 'B' semi final)
Tony Scroope (Burgess)
27/5/06 at Nenagh 2-5 v Toomevara (North SHC)
14/7/06 at Nenagh 2-7 v Thurles Sars (Co. SH Qualifiers)
30/7/06 at Templemore 4-9 v Cashel KC (Co. SH Qualifiers)
5/8/06 at Dolla 0-11 v Borrisleigh (Co. SH Qualifiers)
Ronan O'Brien (Éire Óg Annacarty & Tipperary)
4/6/06 at Páirc Uí Chaoimh 1-5 for Tipperary v Waterford (Munster IHC semi final)
16/6/06 at Dundrum 0-8 for Éire Óg v Golden Kilfeacle (West IHC)
24/9/06 at Cashel 0-12 for Éire Óg v Golden Kilfeacle (West IHC Final)
14/10/06 at Boherlahan, 2-3 v Gortnahoe/Glengoole (Co. IHC semi final)
Eoin Shinnors (Newport)
9/6/06 at Dolla 1-10 v Ballinahinch (North IHC)
30/7/06 at Cloughjordan 1-8 v Shannon Rovers (North IHC)
20/8/06 at Nenagh 1-6 v Borrisokane (North IHC)
Jim Bob McCarthy (Golden Kilfeacle & Tipperary)
10/6/06 at Dundrum 0-8 for Golden Kilfeade v Sean Treacys (West IHC)
8/10/06 at Cahir 0-9 for Golden Kilfeacle v Fethard (Co. IHC QF)
Donal Cody (Mullinahone)
17/6/06 at Fethard 1-13 v Ballylooby Castlegrace (South JHC)
16/7/06 at Kilsheelan 1-13 v Carrick Davins (South MHC)
19/7/06 at Anner Park 0-11 v Ballingarry (South MHC semi final)
Timmy Dalton (Arravale Rovers & Tipperary)
29/6/06 at the Gaelic Grounds 1-4 for Tipp minor footballers v Cork (Mun semi final)
15/7/06 at Nowlan Park 1-5 for Tipp Minor Hurlers v Carlow (All Ireland QF)
23/9/06 at Boherlahan 1-9 v Killenualle (Co. MFC 'A' semi final)
7/10/06 at Boherlahan 0-10 v Ballingarry (Co. MHC 'A' semi final)
Kevin Tucker (Nenagh Éire Óg)
28/7/06 at Holycross 1-7 v Ballingarry (Co. SH Qualifiers)
27/8/06 at Templemore 1-7 v Killenualle (Co. SH Qualifiers)
23/9/06 at Templemore 0-11 v Kickhams (Co. SHC QF)
Aidan McGrath (Our Ladys, Templemore)
22/2/06 at Ballygiblin 2-9 v Co. an Spioraid Naomh (White Cup H)
John Sheedy (Portroe)
15/10/06 at The Ragg 2-4 v JK Brackens (Co. U.16 B H. Final)
Donagh Maher (Burgess/Nenagh CBS & Tipperary)
11/10/06 at Feenagh 2-5 for Nenagh CBS v Carrigaline CS (Dr. Harty Cup)
Eoin O'Dwyer (Thurles Sarsfield)
22/10/06 at Semple Stadium 3-0 v Ballingarry (Co. MHC Final)
John Quinn (Éire Óg Annacarty)
28/10/06 at Boherlahan 2-4 v Moycarkey Borris (Co. IHC Final)
Michael McHugh (Kilsheelan / Kilcash)
30/10/06 at Fethard 1-5 v Thurles Sarsfield (Co. IFC SF)
Darragh Hickey (Boherlahan/Dualla)
29/10/06 at Holycross 0-12 v Holycross Ballycahill (Cahill Cup SH final)
Keith Holohan (Gortnahoe/Glengoole)
28/10/06 at Templemore 1-8 v Kildangan (Co. JH 'B' SF)
Colin Riordan (Solohead)
4/11/06 at Golden 0-15 v St. Marys (Co. JH 'B' SF)
Pakie Hallisey (Rosegreen)
14/10/06 at Golden 0-8 v Solohead (West JH 'B' Final)

THE HOTTEST SHOT

Eoin Kelly

(Mullinahone, Limerick IT, Tipperary and Munster)

29/1/06 at Puckane 1-13 for Limerick IT v Tipperary (Waterford Crystal Shield)
9/4/06 at Kilsheelan 2-6 for Tipperary v Galway (Challenge)
16/4/06 at Semple Stadium 1-3 for Tipperary v Offaly (NHL QF)
23/4/06 at Semple Stadium 2-6 for Tipperary v Kilkenny (NHL semi final)
14/5/06 at Semple Stadium 0-14 for Tipperary v Limerick (Munster SHC RI)
4/6/06 at Páirc Uí Chaoimh 2-9 for Tipperary v Waterford (Munster semi final)
10/6/06 at Clonmel 0-9 for Mullinahone v Ballingarry (S Tipp SHC semi final)
25/6/06 at Semple Stadium 0-7 for Tipperary v. Cork (Munster Final)
23/7/06 at Croke Park 1-8 for Tipperary v Waterford (All Ireland QF)
30/7/06 at Clonmel 2-6 for Mullinahone v Killenaule (S Tipp SHC Final)
23/9/06 at Templemore 0-7 for Mullinahone v Kildangan (Co. SHC QF)
8/10/06 at Semple Stadium 0-12 for Mullinahone v Toomevara (Co. SHC semi final)
15/10/06 at Ennis 1-6 for Munster v Leinster (Inter provincial semi final)

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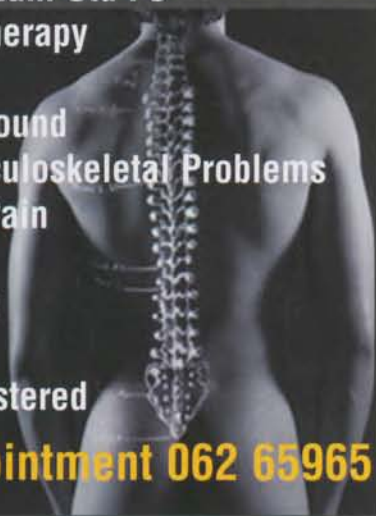
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COUNTY TIPPERARY BORD NA nÓG

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

by John Smith, P.R.O.

There were many highlights in the 2006 County Bord na nÓg year. On the inter county front Tipperary won the Tipperary Supporters Club All Ireland Under 16 hurling title while at club level eighteen county titles were decided with Mid and South clubs dominating the honours. The following is a brief report on each of the championships.

Football Under 12

Loughmore-Castleiney and Moyle Rovers served up a thrilling 'A' final in Semple Stadium with Loughmore-Castleiney coming out on top by the narrowest of margins. This match had everything, great defensive play, great scores and a man of the match performance from Loughmore's centre forward, John McGrath who kicked all his team's scores. Loughmore and Moyle Rovers had convincing semi final victories over Arravale Rovers and Inane Rovers respectively.

Carrick Swan made amends for losing last years decider when they proved too strong for Lattin-Cullen in the 'B' final. Swans led from the start and were always in control against a determined Lattin-Cullen side. Both semi finals were very close affairs with Swans having three points to spare over Portroe while Lattin defeated Gortnahoe-Glengoole by one point.

Newcastle scored an impressive victory over Aherlow in the 'C' final. Newcastle dominated the first half and held a thirteen point interval lead. Aherlow got much more into the game in the second half but they found it very difficult to break through an excellent Newcastle defence. Both semi finals went to replays with Newcastle overcoming Ballinahinch and Aherlow defeating Clonakenny.

Under 14

Clonmel Óg and Arravale Rovers served up an exciting 'A' final with the Clonmel side scoring a three point victory. This was a top class match between two very evenly matched sides. Burgess and Durlas Óg were the defeated semi finalists losing to Clonmel Óg and Arravale Rovers respectively.



U14A County Football Final 2006 - Clonmel Og winning team

Carrick Swan claimed their second county title of the year when they scored a deserved win over Moycarkey-Borris in the 'B' decider to add to the Under 12 title won two weeks earlier. The Swans who lead by 1-4 to 0-2 at the break had some anxious moments in the second half but thanks to two brilliant saves by their goalie, Darren Murphy they went on to win by a five point margin. Carrick Swan defeated Lorrha in the semi final with Moycarkey-Borris overcoming Emly to qualify for the final.

The 'C' final was won by Newcastle who scored a comprehensive win over Durlas Óg 'B'. Their midfielder, Dylan Tobin gave a powerful display finishing with a personal tally of 1-5. It was a great year for Newcastle who completed the Under 12/Under 14 county double. There were no semi finals as the North and West had no teams graded 'C'.

Under 16

Moyle Rovers inspired by a superb display from sharpshooter Brian Smith defeated their great rivals Loughmore-Castleiney in a thrilling 'A' final. Moyle Rovers who led by three points at the interval had to withstand a great Loughmore comeback in the second half and with one minute of normal time remaining the sides were level. Rovers finished strongly scoring three points to clinch the title. Moyle Rovers and Loughmore-Castleiney defeated Nenagh Eire Óg and Clonoulty-Rossmore respectively in the semi finals.



The Loughmore Castleiney Panel that won the Campion Insurance Group County Bord na nÓg U12 A Football Final.

Picture Back Row L to R Mentors Dick Egan, Paddy Hennessy, Pat O Connell. Middle Row Caoimhe Egan, Aoife McGrath, Diarmuid Maher, Keith Manton, Joseph Hayden, Kevin Maher, David Ryan, Brian McGrath, Paul Morris, Evan Egan, Gilliam Gleeson, Niamh Treacy, Ann Eviston, Anthony Ryan, Ciaran Maher, Peter Nyland, Edel Nyland, Arlene McGrath. Front Row L to R Mark Butler, Brendan Leahy, Robert O Connell, John Connolly, Tommy Maher, Noel O'Connell, Denis Brereton (Capt), Martin Maher, John McGrath, Lorcan Egan, Joseph Nyland, Joseph Hennessy, Patricia McGrath, Liam Gleeson.



The Moylar Rovers Panel that defeated Loughmore Castleiney in the Champion Insurance Group County Bord na nÓg U/16 A Football Final.
Picture Back Row L to R Robert Ryan, Ewan Moir, Brian Smith, Shane Heffernan, Peter Acheson, Sean Boland, Ciaran Lorigan, Charlie Purcell, Thomas Hill, Darragh Dwyer.
Front Row L to R Eugene Phelan, Aidan Flannery, David McGrath, Alan Cambell, Denis McGrath, Liam Carey, Shane Foley, Shane McCormack, Dean Coffey

A Michael Roche goal with two minutes remaining clinched victory for Moycarkey-Borris over Borris-Ileigh in the 'B' final. Moycarkey were dominant in the first half and led by five points at the break. The second half was all Borris-Ileigh and they took a one point lead with three minutes remaining but then corner forward, Michael Roche kicked the crucial goal to bring the trophy back to Moycarkey and make up for his club's defeat in the county under 14 final. Moycarkey defeated Aherlow in the semi final while Borris-Ileigh accounted for Clonmel Óg in the other semi final.

Peil na nÓg

Loughmore-Castleiney thanks to two late Liam McGrath points scored an injury time victory over Clonmel Commercials in a pulsating Peil na nÓg final. Loughmore had to pull out all the stops to defeat Clonoulty-Rossmore by one point in the semi final while Commercials were seven point winners over Burgess in the other semi final. Loughmore went on to represent Tipperary in the All Ireland finals in Carlow/Wicklow. They defeated their hosts Eire Óg (Carlow) in their opening match and they were also victorious in their second round match against Carnew (Wicklow). This set up a top of the table clash with Dunloy (Antrim) to decide the group winners. The Antrim side proved too strong for the Tipp representatives and scored a deserved win to progress to the semi finals.

Hurling Under 12

Two late goals gave Toomevara a dramatic win over Loughmore-Castleiney in 'A' final. Loughmore held a five point lead with two minutes of normal time remaining and they looked odds on to win but Toomevara who battled very hard throughout the match didn't throw in the towel and goals from Colin Hall and Pairic Shanahan gave the Greyhounds a famous win. Loughmore were convincing winners over reigning champions, Clonoulty-Rossmore in the semi final while Toomevara were awarded the other semi final as St. Mary's (Clonmel) failed to field a team.



U12A County Hurling Final 2006 - Toomevara winning team

Despite failing to score in the second half Kildangan defeated J.K. Brackens in a low scoring 'B' final. Brackens will regret having missed some good scoring opportunities particularly in the second half but they will be the first to admit where it not for a magnificent display by their goalie Cillian Roche Kildangan's margins of victory would have been greater. Kildangan defeated Cahir in the first semi final with Brackens defeating Rockwell Rovers in the other.

An impressive second half display helped Fr. Sheehy's to claim the 'C' title at the expense of Durlas Óg 'B'. Fr. Sheehy's failed to score in the first half but a powerful second half performance saw them edge out a spirited Durlas Óg side in what was a most exciting match. Silvermines and Aherlow lost to Fr. Sheehy's and Durlas Óg respectively in the semi finals.

Under 14

Durlas Óg retained the 'A' title following victory over Kilruane MacDonaghs in the decider. Despite hanging on grimly for much of the game, an injury time goal from Durlas Óg finally killed off the challenge of Kilruane MacDonagh's in a high quality final. Durlas Óg captain Aidan McCormack who shot five points from play gave a man of the match performance. Both Durlas Óg and Kilruane MacDonaghs scored narrow semi final wins over Clonoulty-Rossmore and Clonmel Óg respectively.

J K Brackens became the 'B' champions when they came from behind to score 1-1 in injury time to secure a fantastic win over Borrisokane following an extra-ordinary and very exciting final. The lead changed four times in the last five minutes but when the pressure fell on the J. K Brackens lads it was Eoin Bourke who stood firm and scored the 1-1 necessary, from frees, to help win the game. In the semi finals Brackens had a one point win over Cashel King Cormacs and Borrisokane were convincing winners over Kilsheelan-Kilcash.



U14A County Hurling Final 2006 - Durlas Óg winning team



U16 B County Hurling Final 2006 - Portroe winning team

Durlas Óg completed a historic county 'A' and 'C' double when their 'B' team defeated Newcastle in a thrilling 'C' final. The closeness of the exchanges and the commitment of both sides had the large attendance enthralled throughout what was an epic final with Thomas Hewitt scoring a last minute goal to give the Thurles side the title by the narrowest of margins. Like the under 14 'C' football there were no semi finals as North and West had no teams graded 'C'.

Under 16

Durlas Óg won the 'A' final for the third year in a row defeating Kildangan by three points in a great final. A Barry McCormack goal inside the opening thirty seconds proved to be the difference between the sides as Durlas Óg were never headed and held on in the end for a deserved victory. Both semi-finals were close affairs with Durlas Óg defeating Clonoulty-Rossmore by four points while Kildangan had a one point winning margin over Ballingarry.

Portroe won the 'B' title following a two point victory over J.K. Brackens in one of the best finals played in a long time. Portroe led by seven points at the break. Brackens completed dominated the third quarter and scored seven points without reply to level the match. A John Sheedy goal for Portroe in the final quarter proved to be the decisive score and in a pulsating finish the North champions held on for a magnificent victory. Portroe scored a two point victory over Carrick Davins in the semi final while Brackens were convincing winners over Rockwell Rovers to qualify for the final.

Feile na nGael

Durlas Óg proved too strong for Clonmel Óg in the Feile na nGael county final. Two goals in less than a minute in the closing stages of the first half laid the foundation for the Thurles side to go on to retain their title. Durlas Óg had to go to extra time to defeat Clonoulty-Rossmore in their semi final while Clonmel Óg overcame Kilruane MacDonaghs in the other semi final. Durlas Óg represented Tipperary in the All Ireland finals in Cork. They lost narrowly to their hosts, Blackrock in their opening match and they then went on to defeat St. Finbarr (Cork) and Adare (Limerick). Three teams, Durlas Óg, Adare and Blackrock all finished level on points at the end of the group matches and as Adare had the highest total score after the three games they went forward to the quarter finals.

INTER DIVISIONAL COMPETITIONS

Garda Cup

There was a change in the format this year for the Under 16 Garda Cup inter divisional hurling competition. It was run on a

round robin basis with the top two teams contesting the final. North Tipp retained the title following a three point win over South Tipp in the decider. The final was played in very difficult conditions with heavy rain throughout the sixty minutes but despite the conditions both sides served up a cracking contest with very little between the teams throughout the match.

Peadar Cummins Tournament

North Tipp won the 21st annual Peadar Cummins Under 14 inter divisional hurling tournament hosted by the Borris-Ileigh club. North Tipp had a large winning margin over South Tipp in the semi final while West Tipp had a three points victory over the holders, Mid Tipp in the other semi final. The final was played in atrocious weather conditions and was won easily by a very strong North Tipp side who with the advantage of the strong wind in the first half led by eleven points at the interval. Despite the best efforts of West Tipp in the second half North Tipp went on to record a convincing victory to bring the cup back to North division for the fourth time in the last five years. Mid Tipp accounted for South Tipp in the Shield final.

COUNTY TEAMS

Tony Forristal Under 14 Hurling

Tipperary were drawn in Group C of the Tony Forristal Intercounty Under 14 Hurling tournament with Cork and Dublin. In their first game Tipperary played Dublin and inside five minutes Tipp had 2-3 on the scoreboard and led by 3-9 to no score at halftime. Tipp maintained their dominance in the second half to win by 3-15 to 1-3.

In the second match Tipperary faced Cork who had also beaten Dublin in their opening match. Tipperary with wind advantage in the first half held a 3-5 to 0-5 interval lead. The second half saw Tipperary continue their dominance and with five minutes remaining led by 3-10 to 0-6. In a tense finish Cork got in for three unanswered goals to leave the final score Tipperary 3-11 Cork 3-7

Waterford having defeated Limerick and Kilkenny were our opponents in the semi-final. Tipperary despite playing against the breeze in the first half led by 1-4 to 0-6 at the interval. Tipp were still a point in front as the match entered the final quarter. Waterford finished strongly and scored a crucial goal with five minutes remaining to go on to win by 1-12 to 1-8.



'The Gooch' giving a tip to an attentive audience in Cashel with U14 Development squad..

The panel was David Reddan (Kilruane MacDonaghs) Michael Ryan (Arravale Rovers), Darragh Devane (Boherlahan-Dualla) Damien Maher (Burgess), Phil Ryan (Clonoulty-Rossmore) Andrew Ryan (Toomevara), David Butler (Knockavilla Kickhams), Ross Mullane (Clonmel Og) Brian Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons), Thomas Nolan (Killenaule) Liam Richardson (Aherlow) Aidan MacCormack (Durlas Og), Davin Flynn (Roscrea) John Condon (Lattin-Cullen), Michael O'Brien (Clonmel Og), Michael Bryan (Moycarkey-Borris), Billy Hewitt (St Marys), Justin Cahill (Kilruane MacDonaghs) Phillip Looby (Drom-Inch), Jonathon Grogan (Cashel King Cormacs), Sean Harte (Newport), Patrick Dalton (Arravale Rovers) Pat Lupton (Drom-Inch), David Fogarty (Lorrha) Liam Treacy (Loughmore-Castleiney) Joey Maher (Killenaule) Eoin Hogan (Burgess)

Selectors: Tony Hogan (Carrick Swan), Tom O'Donnell (Golden-Kilfeacle), Ray Ralph (Moycarkey-Borris), John Hogan (Burgess). First Aid: Maurice Ryan (Knockavilla Kickhams).

Carrigdhoun Under15 Hurling Tournament

After a great day's hurling Tipperary suffered a heartbreaking two point defeat to Clare in the final of the Under 15 Carrigdhoun Tournament.

Tipperary won their four group matches. The first match was against Limerick and here Tipp had three points (0-8 to 0-5) to spare at the finish. Cork were Tipp's second opponents and Tipp again scored 0-8 to Cork's 1-3 to record their second victory. Clare was the opposition in the third match and here Tipp had to pull out all the stops to win on a scoreline of 1-8 to 1-3. Regardless of what happened in their last match against Waterford Tipp had qualified for the final. Tipp put in an impressive display in the Waterford match to win by 2-8 to 1-5.

Clare who Tipp defeated earlier were their opponents in the final. Tipp were on top in the first half but wasted some good possession and failed to take their scores. Tipp were leading up to the last ten minutes of the match when Clare struck for the decisive goal and added two points to take the lead. Tipp hit back but were unable to get that elusive goal to clinch victory. At the full time whistle they trailed by two points (1-9 to 1-7).

Tipperary's Shane Maher won "Player of the Tournament".

The Tipperary team in the final was: Shane Heelan (Knockavilla Kickhams), Luke Murphy (Ballylooby), Shane Maher (Nenagh Eire Óg), Liam Butler (Moyne-Templetuohy), Denis Maher (Durlas Óg), Thomas Butler (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Mossie Bracken (Moycarkey-Borris), Michael Russell (Durlas Óg), Willie Ryan (Clonakenny), Aidan Fogarty (J.K. Brackens), Pádraig Heffernan (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Ruairi Gleeson (Kildangan), Aidan McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Sean McCormack (Borris-Ileigh), Michael Ivors (Ballingarry). The other panel members were Alan Hogan (Shannon Rovers), Adrian Cleere (Ballingarry), Sean Curran (Mullinahone), Paul Ryan (Upperchurch-Drombane), Sean Harty (Upperchurch-Drombane), Eoin O'Connell (Fethard), Kenneth Horgan (Knockavilla Kickhams), Billy Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg), Brian Shanahan (Toomevara), Paddy Grace (Toomevara).

Martin Treacy (Holycross-Ballycahill), Matt Lillis (Nenagh Eire Óg) and Martin Coady (Mullinahone) were the selectors and Tommy Kennedy (Upperchurch-Drombane) was the coach.

Munster Under 16 Football Championship

Tipperary suffered a four point defeat to Limerick in the first round of the Munster championship. Tipperary started strongly and had 1-1 on the scoreboard before Limerick opened their account. Gavin Ryan was the goal scorer. The game was very evenly balanced throughout but Limerick made most of their scoring opportunities and went on to win on a scoreline 1-11 to



Rathcabbin National School Winners of the County Tipperary GAA Primary Schools Quiz. Picture Back Row L to R Nicholas Moroney County Youth Officer, Gerard McKeogh Secretary North Tipp GAA Board, Catherine Gleeson Treasurer North Tipp GAA Board, Aoife Maher Youth Committee. Front Row L to R Jonathon Bourke, Philip Hogan, Jamie Lewis, Conor Hogan.

1-7. Tipperary's second match was against North Kerry. Tipp made a number of changes for this match and they were unlucky to lose by 2-10 to 3-3 having led by two points midway through the second half.

Tipperary lined out in the opening match against Limerick as follows: J.P. McGrath (Fethard); Eoin McCarthy (Arravale Rovers), Eanna Meaney (Ballyporeen), Joe Buckley (Borris-Ileigh); Joe Gallagher (Kildangan), Mark Flannery (Nenagh Eire Óg), Jamie Power (Clonmel Commercials); Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers), Darren Lowry (Arravale Rovers); Adrian Cleere (Ballingarry), Paddy Finnan (Arravale Rovers), Gavin Ryan (Rockwell Rovers); Brian Smith (Moyle Rovers), Gavin Watters (Clonmel Óg), Cian Doyle (Inane Rovers). Substitutes: Jack English (Ballyporeen), Declan Ryan (Arravale Rovers), Adrian Lawrence (Fethard), Donnacha Ryan (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Garry Tuohy (Silvermines), Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen), Fergal Collins (Ballina), Peter Ryan (Upperchurch-Drombane), Tommy Kavanagh (Borris-Ileigh), Ciaran Doheny (Newport), Darren Moroney (Newport).

The selectors were Joe Hannigan (North), Christy Aylward (South), Sean Everard (Mid) and Tommy Fitzgerald (West). Paul Comer (Burgess) is coach.

Jim Power Under 14 Inter County Football

Tipperary participated in the annual Jim Power memorial Under 14 inter county football tournament in Waterford and suffered defeat in both their matches. Tipperary lost to Cork County in their opening match and Cork City then defeated them in the Plate semi final.

The Tipperary panel was: Shane Taylor (Clonmel Óg), Shane Fagan (do), Dean Horton (do), Liam Carey (Moyle Rovers), Liam Boland (do), Billy Hewitt (Clonmel Commercials), Liam Glendon (do), Jamie Peters (do), Shane Power (do), Paul Nolan (do), Eoin Riordan (Solohead), Joseph Riordan (do), Michael O'Sullivan (Ardfinnan), Daniel O'Regan (do), Jonathan Ryan (do), Matthew Fitzgerald (Fethard), Daniel Hickey (do), Benny Harkin (Borris-Ileigh), Danny Ryan (do), Damien Dunne (do), Philip Purcell (Durlas Óg), Sean Moroney (do), Darragh King (Ballina), Micheal Bryan (Moycarkey-Borris), Liam Treacy (Loughmore-Castleiney), Pat Lupton (Drom-Inch), Philip Looby (do), Richard Power (Gortnahoe-Glengoole), Dylan Tobin (Newcastle), Seamus Reade (Cashel King Cormacs). The Manager was Kieran Hogan (Clonmel Óg).



The Moycarkey Borris Panel that defeated Borrisoleigh in the Champion Insurance Group County Bord na nOg U/16 B Football Final. Picture Back Row L to R Stephen Kirwan, Shane Hackett, David Maher, Brian Butler, James Doran, John Shorthall, Eolan McCarthy, Mossie Bracken, Philip Grace, Michael Roche, Finbar Hayes, Garry O'Connell. Front Row L to R James Power, Rory Ryan, Michael Bryn, John Bergin, Jamie Barry (Capt), Michael O'Connell, Pat Molloy, Joseph O'Sullivan, Peter Knane, Kieran Morris, Ailbe Power, Pat Ralph.



The Loughmore Castleiney Panel that defeated Clonmel Commercials in the County Peil na nOg Final in Dr Morris Park. Picture Back Row L to R Padraig Hennessy, Patrick Nolan, Liam Treacy, John Maher, Padraig Egan (CApt), Tomas McGrath, Aaron Sweeney, Dara Butler, Brian McGrath, Richard Maher, Tommy Maher, Liam McGrath, Matthew Flanagan. Front Row L to R Craig Cleary, Lorcan Egan, Joseph Nyland, John McGrath, Paddy Nolan, Paul Morris, Denis Brerton, Kevin O'Connell, Martin Maher, Eamon McGrath, Joseph Hennessy. Beibhinn Egan in very front.



Tipperary U-8 team that played an exhibition game in Croke Park which involved players from Mid Tipperary clubs. Back row: (from left) - James O'Sullivan (Boherlahan-Dualla), Leanne Gleeson (Loughmore-Castleiney), Philip Fogarty (Hollycross/Ballycahill), TJ Butler (Upperchurch-Drombane), Karl Collins, Conor Stakelum (Durlas Og), Paraic Campion. Kneeling: Lyndon Fairbrother, Sarah Buckley (JK Brackens), Diarmuid Ryan (Clonakenny), Martin O'Connell (Loughmore-Castleiney), Aine Greed (Clonakenny), Eoin Hayes (Moycarkey-Borris), Roisin Maher (Boherlahan-Dualla).



Carrick Swan
Under 14 'B' Football South & County Champions



The Newcastle Panel that won the Champion Insurance County Bord na nOg U/12 C Football Final. Picture Back Row L to R James Lonergan (Coach), James Fitzgerald, PJ Ryan, Diarmuid Devaney, Sinead Grattit, Treasa McGrath, Rosemary McCarra, Paul O'Dwyer. Front Row L to R Lauren Fitzpatrick, Anthony Condon, Shane Hyland, Joseph Lyttleton, James Lonergan, Shannon Tobin, Brian Hyland, Conor Lansley.

RESULTS

Campion Insurance Group Football Championships 2006

U/12 'A' Loughmore-Castleiney 2-4 Moyle Rovers 1-6	Templemore 30/6/06W. Kennedy
U/12 'B' Carrick Swan 2-7 Lattin Cullen 0-3	Templemore 30/6/06 J. Sweeney
U/12 'C' Newcastle 3-11 Aherlow 0-3	Templemore 30/6/06 B. Barrett
U/14 'A' Clonmel Og 3-6 Arravale Rovers 1-9	Cahir 17th July 2006 K. Butler
U/14 'B' Carrick Swan 2-4 Moycarkey-Borris 0-5	Ned Hall Park 16/6/06 J. Quinlan
U/14 'C' Newcastle 5-11 Durlas Og 'B' 0-1	New Inn 21/6/006 P. Ryan
U/16 'A' Moyle Rovers 0-11 Loughmore-Castleiney 1-5	Boherlahan 17/7/06 P. Ryan
U/16 'B' Moycarkey-Borris 2-7 Borrisoleigh 1-8	Templemore 3/7/06 P. Ryan
Peil na nOg Loughmore-Castleiney 0-7 Clonmel Commercials 0-6	Dr. Morris Park 29/4/06 F. Kearney

Campion Insurance Group Hurling Championships 2006

U/12 'A' Toomevara 3-2 Loughmore-Castleiney 2-3	Temple Stadium 2/9/06 K. Delahunty
U/12 'B' Kildangan 2-2 J.K. Brackens 1-2	Temple Stadium 2/9/06 M. Doyle
U/12 'C' Fr. Sheehys 3-1 Durlas Og 'B' 0-4	Temple Stadium 2/9/06 T. Fitzgerald
U/14 'A' Durlas Og 2-10 Kilruane MacDonaghs 0-6	Dolla 16/9/06 W. Kennedy
U/14 'B' J.K. Brackens 3-7 Borrisokane 4-1	Moneygall 15/9/06 P. Ryan
U/14 'C' Durlas Og 'B' 3-6 Newcastle 1-10	New Inn 1/9/06 T. Fitzgerald
U/16 'A' Durlas Og 1-13 Kildangan 0-13	Dolla 5/11/06 P. Ivors

U/16 'B' Portroe 2-15 J.K. Brackens 2-13	The Ragg 15/9/06 E. Browne
Felle na nGael Durlas Og 4-7 Clonmel Og 0-1	Dr. Morris Park 5/4/06 J. Quinlan

Interdivisional Competitions

Garda Cup Under 16 Hurling

Final North 1-10 South 1-7.

Drombane Date: 11th March 2006

Peadar Cummins Under 14 Hurling

Final North 5-10 West 1-2.

Borrisoleigh. Date: 8th July 2006.

TIPPERARY SUPPORTERS CLUB ALL IRELAND UNDER 16 HURLING

Group 1 (The Ragg - 26th August 2006)

Tipperary 1-19 Cork 0-11; Cork 4-9 Galway 0-8, Tipperary 3-11 Galway 3-1.

Group 2 (Littleton - 26th August 2006)

Waterford 5-20 Laois 0-2; Kilkenny 3-22 Laois 0-2; Waterford 0-15 Kilkenny 1-11.

Group 3 (Templemore - 26th August 2006)

Limerick 0-13 Offaly 0-5; Limerick 1-19 Antrim 0-3; Offaly 1-12 Antrim 1-11.

Group 4 (Hollycross - 26th August 2006)

Clare 2-10 Dublin 0-5; Wexford 1-14 Dublin 0-4; Clare 0-7 Wexford 0-5.

Semi Finals

Tipperary 3-15 Limerick 2-6 (The Ragg - 26th August 2006)

Clare 1-14 Waterford 3-7 (Hollycross - 26th August 2006).

Shield Semi Finals

Cork 3-26 Offaly 0-4 (Templemore - 26th August 2006)

Wexford 3-10 Kilkenny 1-11 (Littleton - 26th August 2006)

Shield Final (Temple Stadium - 27th August 2006)

Wexford 3-13 Cork 1-17

Final (Temple Stadium - 27th August 2006)

Tipperary 3-17 Clare 3-9.

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West:	Richard O'Connor (Arravale Rovers), John Hally (Rockwell Rovers), Michael Long (Golden-Kilfeacle), Tommy Fitzgerald (Solohead).

Tipperary County Bord na nOg Officers for 2006.

Picture L to R
Frank Morris Treasurer,
Neil Ryan Secretary,
Michael Lonergan Chairman,
John Smith PRO,
Jim Lynch County Board Rep.

County Bord na nOg Football Winning Captains of 2005 at a Presentation Night in Hayes Hotel. Picture Back row L to R. Neil O'Sullivan Moycarkey Borris, Eoin Fitzpatrick JK Brackens, Kevin Cotty Ballyporreen, Stephen Kennedy Portroe, Kieran O'Donnell Ballylooby Castlegrace, Carol Rotherer Ballingarry, Donal Lynch Clonmel Commercials, Alan Stafford South Tipperary U/14 Team, Michael McCullagh Clonmel Commercials, Kevin Ryan Solohead, David Heffernan Arravale Rovers.
Front Row L to R Frank Morris Treasurer County Bord na nOg, Ger O Grady Special Guest, Kevin Barry Campion Insurance, Paul McElduff Campion Insurance, Michael Phelan Special Guest, JC Ryan Chairman County Bord na nOg.



County Bord na nOg Hurling Winning Captains 2005 at a Presentation Night in Hayes Hotel.

Picture Back Row L to R Michael Russell Durlas Og, Michael Cahill Durlas Og, Michael Treacy Moneygall, John Maguire Upperchurch Drombane, Cathal Bergin Killenaule, Conor Hammersly Clonoulty Rossmore, Tommy Sweeney Skeheenarinky, Paul Quinlan Skeheenarinky.
Front Row L to R Frank Morris Treasurer County Bord na nOg, Ger O Grady Special Guest, Kevin Barry Campion Insurance, Paul McElduff Campion Insurance, Michael Phelan Special Guest, JC Ryan Chairman County Bord na nOg.



Paddy Nagle who retired in 2005 after 20 years as secretary of County Bord na nOg makes a Presentation of a Trophy to be used by County Bord na nOg as they see fit.



County Bord na nOg Chairman JC Ryan makes a Presentation to Paddy Nagle who retired in 2005 after 20 years as Secretary of County Bord na nOg.



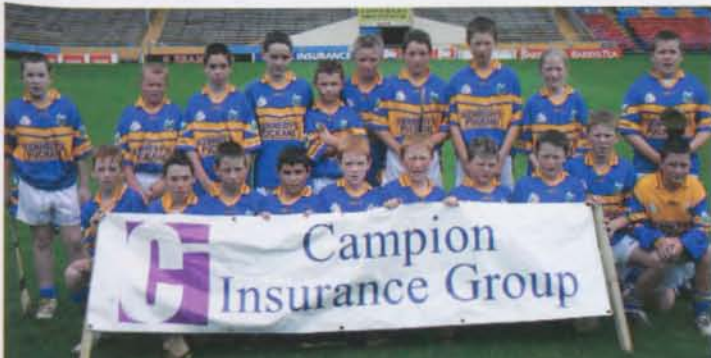
CARRICK SWAN UNDER 12 FOOTBALL 'B' COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Front Row: L to R: Mickey Morrissey, Liam Landy, John Paul Roche, Liam Loneran, Evan Hogan, Mickey Loughman (Capt) Jack Doherty, Gavin O'Halloran, Colin Loughman, Derek Hogan, Dean Waters
Back Row: L to R Dale O'Mahoney, Martin Griffin, Ben Donovan, James Croke, Adam Keyes, Colin Waters, Aaron O'Halloran, Dale Hanlon, Eric O'Halloran, Sean Bates, Bill Barrett.



NEWCASTLE UNDER 14 FOOTBALL 'C' COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Back row: Shirley Ryan, selector, Treasa McGrath, Sinead Grant, David Cleere, Ray Hallinan, Brian Loneran, Tommy Sweeney, Dylan Tobin, Becky Nugent, Paudie Sweeney, selector.
Front row: Rosemary McCarra, Anthony Condon, James Fitzpatrick, Diarmuid Devaney, Brian Hyland, Shauna Ryan, Shannon Tobin, Jamie Hyland.



KILDANGAN UNDER 12 HURLING 'B' COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Picture Back Row L to R Daniel Hogan, Darren Moran, Tadhg Gallagher, John Hayes, Tom McLoughlin, Cathal Hayes, Matthew Harty, Andrew Nihill, Ashling Gleeson, Denis Flannery.
Front Row L to R Jim Minehan, David Cawley, Hohnny Horan, Oisín Hynes, David Sweeney, Paul Flynn, Willie Connors, Alan Flynn, Jack Loughnane, Brian McGahy.



FR. SHEEHY'S UNDER 12 HURLING 'C' COUNTY CHAMPIONS

The Fr Sheehys Panel that defeated Durlas Og C in the Campion Insurance Group County Bord na nOg U/12 C Hurling Final. Picture Back Row L to R Kate O'Brien, Laura Keating, Michaela Maher, Shane Lowry, Brian Smith, Peter O'Driscoll, Kevin Watson, Glen Keane, Conor Lowry, Daire O'Brien. Front Row L to R Steven O'Driscoll, David McGrath, Brian Hyland, Shane O'Brien, Adrian O'Brien, John Ferguson, Gillian Mullins, Jackie O'Gorman



JK BRACKENS UNDER 14 HURLING 'B' COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Picture Back Row L to R Mairead Delaney, Emma Curley, Keith Morris, Eoin Kennedy, Joe Coffey, Richard Buckley, Patrick Brett, Eoin Bourke, Francis Kennedy, Shane Cashman, Damien Coffey, Eimear Scully, James Newe, Thomas Hamill. Front Row L to R Eoin Kennedy, Robbie Barry, Stephen Coonan, Alan O'Riordan, Thomas Buckley, Michael Kennedy, Keith Kennedy, Patrick Kennedy, Fergal Byrne, Edwina Clohessy



DURLAS ÓG UNDER 14 HURLING 'C' COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Front row: Niall McGovern, Stephen Kennedy, Christy Cleary, Mossie McCormack, Paul Maher, Eoin Leahy, Stephen Hackett, James Lyons (Capt.).
Back row: Dylan Burke, Thomas Hewitt, Darragh Mulcaire, Shane Butler, Denis Moore, Brian O'Connor, Allan Butler, Paul Morrissey.



DURLAS ÓG UNDER 16 HURLING 'A' COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Back row: (from left) - Donal O'Gorman, Darren O'Neill, Aidan McCormack, Aidan Loughnane, David Maher, Bill McCormack, Brian Stakelum, Robert Murphy, Stephen Maher, Denis Maher, Mike Russell, Rory O'Shea, Philly Cullen, Barry McCormack, John Paul Dwan.
Front: James Morrissey, JP Dempsey, Brian Keane, John Shortt, Tommy Doyle, Damien Grimes (captain), Liam Cullen, Shane Dempsey, Kieran Stapleton, Aidan Barrett, Philip Purcell, Darragh Ronayne. Picture: Bridget Delaney.



DURLAS OG FEILE NA NGAEL

The Durlas Og Panel that defeated Clonmel Og in the County U/14 Hurling Feile na nGael Final. Picture Back Row L to R Pual Morrissey, Colin Shorley, Darragh Ronayne, Jamie Stapleton, Padraic Crone, Sena Moroney, Christy Burke, Brian O'Connor, Patrick Dunne, Aidan McCormack, Claran Dowd, Alex Dorney, Avind Corbett, Philip Purcell, David Ryan, James Ryan, Kyle Loughman, Denis Moore, Stephen Kennedy. Front Row L to R D'Arragh Mulcaire, Mark Beresford, Mossie McCormack, Allan Butler, Michael O'Dwyer, Stephen Hackett, Mark Lanigan, John Stakelum, Kevin Smith, Mark Shannon, Greg Cully, Niall McGovern, James Lyons, Shane Butler.

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ALL IRELAND UNDER 16 CHAMPIONS

By John Smith, County Bord na nÓg P.R.O.

The annual All Ireland Under 16 hurling championship hosted by County Tipperary Bord na nÓg was staged in Tipperary on the weekend of 26th/27th August. Twelve counties divided into four groups of three participated. This year the competition had new sponsors in Tipperary Supporters Club and what a way to welcome the new sponsors that for Tipperary to win their eight All Ireland Under 16 title.

The Tipperary backroom team of coach, Kevin Shelly (Ballingarry) and his selectors Seamus Barry (Upperchurch-Drombane), John Ryan (Kilsheelan Kilcash), Kevin Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty) and Eamon Kelly (Kildangan) left no stone unturned in their quest to win the coveted All Ireland Under 16 title. They had the perfect blend of training and matches prior to the championship weekend and their charges responded in most impressive fashion to capture Tipperary's first title in this grade since 2002.

Path to the final

Tipperary was drawn in a very strong group that included Cork and Galway. Tipperary's group was based at The Ragg and their opening match was against Cork. The first half was a cracking game of hurling where the hosts took a little time to take control against a very strong Cork side. The opening quarter was very even but Tipp were four ahead after twelve minutes. By half time they had stretched the lead to seven. Cork pulled back two after the interval but when John O'Neill scored a goal midway through the second half to put Tipp ten points ahead, effectively the game was in Tipp's bag.

Final score Tipperary 1-19 Cork 0-11.

Galway was Tipperary's opponents in their second match. Noel McGrath opened the scoring with two frees but Galway responded with a goal. Peter Acheson levelled matters and Tipp eased into a nice pattern of play as they opened a seven point lead with Noel McGrath accurate from frees while Patrick Murphy and the powerful James Barry pointed from play. No doubt, Tipp had their minds set on a semi-final spot and they were keen to win without any undue stress. However, Galway were full of running and just before half time they scored a very good goal. After the break Galway were soon level when they scored their third goal. That however, was Galway's last score. Tipp steadied the ship and after John O'Neill grabbed a good point, Moyle Rovers player, Peter Acheson scored a very good goal. Tipp were safe now and a third goal by Rory Ryan made double sure of the outcome on a scoreline of Tipperary 3-11 Galway 3-1. This set up a semi final meeting with Limerick.

The semi final was played on Saturday evening in The Ragg. Tipperary dominated the first half and were leading 1-6 to no score after fifteen minutes. Tipp's goal was a delightful ground stroke from John Sheedy. Limerick's only score of the half was an 18th minute point and Tipperary held a commanding 1-9 to 0-1 half time lead. Limerick hit 1-2 in a five minute spell early in the second half but any chance of a Limerick revival was short lived as Tipp upped the tempo and John Sheedy slotted to the net following a long range free from Noel McGrath and a minute later Kieran Murphy



Tipperary panel winners of Tipperary Supporters Club All Ireland Under 16 Hurling Championship.

Back Row, l. to r: Seamus Leahy (Boherlahan-Dualla), Patrick O'Brien (Knockavilla Kickhams), Darragh Kennedy (Boherlahan-Dualla), Kevin O'Gorman (Durlas Óg), Eanna Gleeson (Kildangan), Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers), Ciaran Duggan (Lorrha), Rory Ryan (Moycarkey-Borris), Ciaran Hough (Lorrha), William Donnelly (Borris-Ileigh), Bill McCormack (Durlas Óg) (Capt), John Sheedy (Portroe), Mike Sheedy (Portroe), Ciaran Lorrigan (Moyle Rovers), Patrick Murphy (Nenagh Eire Óg), Patrick Coates (Cashel King Cormacs), Rory Whelan (Kildangan).

Front Row, l. to r: David Butler (Drom-Inch), Paraic Kelly (Kildangan), John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore), James Barry (Upperchurch-Drombane), Joe Gallagher (Kildangan), Mark Flannery (Nenagh Eire Óg), Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Sean O'Brien (Newport), Ciaran Shelly (Ballingarry), Michael Doyle (Holycross-Ballycahill), David Nolan (Toomevara), Cian Hayes (Kildangan).

Best wishes to Tipp in 2007

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Tipperary Supporters Club Chairman Ger Ryan presents the U-16 All-Ireland Cup to Tipperary Captain Bill McCormack. Also in photo is County Board Chairman Michael Lonergan.

goaled again to secure Tipp's place in the final. Limerick scored a consolation goal near the finish to leave the final score Tipperary 3-15 Limerick 2-6.

There was one more hurdle to overcome, a final against Clare who scored a late goal to defeat Waterford in the other semi final.

The final

Semple Stadium was the venue for the Tipperary Supporters Club All Ireland final between Tipperary and Clare. The opening four minutes of the match featured three goals, two to Clare and one to Tipperary scored by John O'Neill. Tipp who had the advantage of the strong breeze led by 1-7 to 2-1 at the end of the first quarter. Noel McGrath was very prominent at midfield while James Barry and Joe Gallagher were dominating in the half back line. Tipp held a four point interval lead 1-11 to 2-4. Clare had the deficit cut to two points inside five minutes of the restart. However Tipp got a massive lift in the 40th minute when substitute, Kieran Murphy who was making a big impression gained possession some 30 metres from the Clare goal and soloed through the defence

and hit a cracking shot to the net. The Tipp attack began to find their range and picked off some great points. With ten minutes remaining eight points was the difference between the sides but Clare were not giving up. They responded with a goal and a point to leave four points between the sides with five minutes remaining. The Tipp defence was coming under more pressure but timely clearances by Kevin O'Gorman and Mark Flannery in the full back line and two good saves by Bill McCormack curtailed the Clare comeback. Tipp finished strongly and sealed victory with a John Sheedy goal in the 56th minute. Final score Tipperary 3-17 Clare 3-9.

This was a most impressive performance by the Tipperary side that picked off some fine scores and also defended staunchly when put under pressure by a physically stronger Clare attack. Tipperary scored 3-12 of their tally from play and a total of seven players got on the scoresheet. The majority of the Tipperary panel were victorious in the Tony Forristal Tournament in 2004 and the latest success proves that they are a very talented and exceptional group.

After the match, County Bord na nÓg Chairman, Michael Lonergan in the presence of Ger Ryan, Tipperary Supporters Club Chairman, presented the cup to Tipperary's victorious captain, Bill McCormack.

Team and scorers in the final: Bill McCormack (Durlas Óg); Sean O'Brien (Newport), Mark Flannery (Nenagh Eire Óg), Kevin O'Gorman (Durlas Óg); Kieran Hough (Lorrha), Joe Gallagher (Kildangan), James Barry (Upperchurch-Drombane); Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) (0-8), Ciaran Lorigan (Moyle Rovers); Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) (0-1), Paddy Murphy (Nenagh Eire Óg) (0-2), Rory Ryan (Moycarkey-Borris); John Sheedy (Portroe) (1-1), Mike Sheedy (Portroe) (0-2), John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore) (1-2). Subs used: Kieran Murphy (Killenaule) (1-1) for Rory Ryan, David Nolan (Toomevara) for Mike Sheedy.

The other panel members were Ciaran Shelly (Ballingarry), Michael Doyle (Holycross-Ballycahill), David Butler (Drom-Inch), Darragh Kennedy (Boherlahan-Dualla), Seamie Leahy (Boherlahan-Dualla), Rory Whelan (Kildangan), Cian Hayes (Kildangan), Eanna Gleeson (Kildangan), Paraic Kelly (Kildangan), Ciaran Duggan (Lorrha), William Donnelly (Borris-Ileigh), Patrick Coates (Cashel King Cormacs), Patrick O'Brien (Knockavilla Kickhams).



Tipperary U-16 hurling Management Team that guided their team to All-Ireland honours

(l to r) - Eamonn Kelly, John Ryan, Seamus Barry, Kevin Fox and Kevin Shelly (Coach).



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NORTH TIPPERARY BORD NA N'OG 2006

By Ann McGrath Runai

FOOTBALL RESULTS 2006

U-12 "A" Football

Semi-finals Kilruane MacDonaghs 1-3 Nenagh Eire Og 0-4
Inane Rovers 1-6 Burgess 0-2
Final Kilruane MacDonaghs 1-2 Inane Rovers 1-2
Replay Inane Rovers 1-7 Kilruane MacDonaghs 0-8

U-12 "B" Football

Semi-finals Lorrha 2-3 Kildangan 0-5
Portroe 2-5 Ballina 1-5
Final Portroe 1-7 Lorrha 2-3

U-12 "C" Football Top 2 to Final

Ballinahinch 1-7 Nenagh Eire Og "B" 2-1

U-14 "A" Football

Semi-finals Burgess 2-7 Kilruane MacDonaghs 1-4
Newport Gaels 2-4 Borrisokane 0-5
Final Burgess 2-10 Newport Gaels 1-10

U-14 "B" Football

Semi-finals Templederry 4-7 Lorrha 3-10
Replay Lorrha 5-8 Templederry 2-3
Shannon Rovers Gaels 3-6 Kildangan 1-4
Final Lorrha 1-9 Shannon Rovers Gaels 2-5

U-16 "A" Football

Semi-finals Newport 4-4 Lorrha 1-7
Nenagh Eire Og 2-7 Kildangan 1-6
Final Nenagh Eire Og 1-10 Newport 0-4

U-16 "B" Football

Semi-finals Ballina 6-6 Kilruane MacDonaghs 5-5
Borris-Ileigh 4-7 Portroe 1-4
Final Borris-Ileigh 4-6 Ballina 0-10

HURLING RESULTS 2006

U-12 "A" Hurling

Semi-finals Toomevara 3-6 Nenagh Eire Og 0-4
Kilruane MacDonaghs 0-4 Roscrea 2-6
Final Toomevara 4-4 Roscrea 4-1

U-12 "B" Hurling

Semi-final Lorrha 1-10 Templederry 3-1
Final Kildangan 1-8 Lorrha 0-4

U-12 "C" Hurling

Semi-finals Silvermines 4-11 Ballinahinch 4-5
Roscrea "B" 3-0 Shannon Rovers 3-0
Replay Roscrea "B" 2-3 Shannon Rovers 0-3
Final Silvermines 2-1 Roscrea "B" 2-1
Replay Silvermines 2-2 Roscrea "B" 1-0

U-14 "A" Hurling

Semi-finals Toomevara 2-5 Nenagh Eire Og 0-6
Final Kilruane MacDonaghs 2-11 Toomevara 1-1

U-14 "B" Hurling

Semi-finals Shannon Rovers Gaels 8-2 Templederry 3-7
Borrisokane 4-8 Lorrha 4-4
Final Borrisokane 5-12 Shannon Rovers Gaels 1-3

U-16 "A" Hurling

Semi-finals Kildangan 2-8 Lorrha 1-5
Nenagh Eire Og 4-10 Newport Gaels 1-10
Final Kildangan 3-11 Nenagh Eire Og 3-8

U-16 "B" Hurling

Semi-finals Portroe 6-14 Shannon Rovers Gaels 5-13
Silvermines 2-20 Burgess 3-5
Final Portroe 5-13 Silvermines 2-11

Feile na nGael winners Kilruane MacDonaghs

Peil na nOg winners Burgess

Feile Skills Winner Andrew Byrne- Shannon Rovers

Poc Fada Winner Brian Stapleton - Templederry

PEADAR CUMMINS

The North Tipperary U-14 Hurling side won this years Peadar Cummins tournament very impressively. They defeated South Tipp in the semi final by 3-13 to 1-3. In the final they were far too good for West Tipp and won by 5-9 to 1-3.

The panel led by their captain Brian Murray is as follows:

David Reddan - Kilruane MacDonaghs, Damien Dunne - Borris-Ileigh, Damien Maher - Burgess, John Ryan - Ballinahinch, Andrew Ryan - Toomevara, Darren Moore - Newport, David Fogarty - Lorrha, Brian Stapleton - Templederry (Capt), Tommy Heffernan - Nenagh Eire Og, Justin Cahill - Kilruane MacDonaghs, Patrick Floyd - Newport, Eoin Hogan - Burgess, Jamie Bergin - Roscrea, Davin Flynn - Roscrea, Brian Delaney -

Toomevara, Patrick Gallagher - Kildangan, Niall O Meara - Kilruane MacDonaghs, J.P. Grace - Burgess, Andrew Byrne - Shannon Rovers, Sean O Meara Lorrha, Ciaran Ryan - Burgess Martin Kennedy - Ballina, James McCormack - Toomevara Denis Hassett - Borrisokane, Padraig O Meara - Shannon Rovers Benny Harkins - Borris-Ileigh, David Hickey - Nenagh Eire Og Brian Sherlock - Burgess, David Hurley - Ballina, Michael Kennedy - Ballina, Thomas Conroy - Ballina, Shane Lenihan - Newport, Sean Harte - Newport, Daire King - Ballina The Selectors with the team were John Hogan Burgess, Joe Floyd Newport.

North Tipperary U-16 Hurling Divisional Team

The North Tipperary U-16 Hurling team did not fare too bad for 2006. On March 11, they won the Garda Cup defeating Mid Tipp in the final by 1-10 to 1-7. This year the Garda Cup was played

on a round robin system and the opening two rounds were played a week earlier, as North accounted for South Tipp and won by 3-13 to 1-3 before seeing off Mid Tipp 1-9 to 0-7 in the second round.

In the Munster championship, they travelled to Middleton to face Imokilly Division from Cork. North Tipp put up a great display but Imokilly got the important goals and went on to win by 6-8 to 2-10

The North Tipp Panel for 2006 was :

Cian Hayes -Kildangan, Sean McCormack- Borris-Ileigh, Mark Flannery -Nenagh Eire Og, Sean O'Brien- Newport, Ciaran Duggan -Lorrha, Joseph Gallagher -Kildangan, Alan Hogan - Shannon Rovers, William Donnelly -Borris-Ileigh, Ciaran Hough -Lorrha, Michael Sheedy -Portroe, Patrick Murphy - Nenagh Eire Og, Eoin O Meara -Lorrha, Eanna Gleeson - Kildangan, David Nolan -Toomevara, Ruairi Gleeson - Kildangan, William Bolger- Nenagh Eire Og, Kieran Doheny- Newport, Jody Troy -Moneygall, Shane Maher -Nenagh Eire Og, Paraic Kelly -Kildangan, John Sheedy -Portroe, Rory Whelan -Kildangan, Pat Conway -Kilruane MacDonaghs, Niall Madden -Nenagh Eire Og, Cormac McGrath -Ballinahinch, Eoin Slattery -Nenagh Eire Og, Alan Hannigan -Shannon Rovers, Graham Houlihan - Lorrha, Noel Quirke - Silvermines, Adrian Donovan - Portroe, Paddy Grace -Toomevara, Andrew Hctor - Lorrha

The selectors were Eamonn Kelly, Kildangan; Liam Flannery, Nenagh Eire Og; Sean O Meara, Shannon Rovers.

North Tipp representatives on

"Tipperary Supporters Club" U-16 All Ireland Winners
Mark Flannery -Nenagh Eire Og, Sean O'Brien -Newport, Ciaran Hough -Lorrha, Joe Gallagher -Kildangan, Ciaran Duggan -Lorrha, Cian Hayes -Kildangan, William Donnelly - Borris-Ileigh, Mike Sheedy -Portroe, Patrick Murphy -Nenagh Eire Og, David Nolan -Toomevara, Eanna Gleeson -Kildangan, John Sheedy -Portroe, Paraic Kelly -Kildangan, Rory Whelan -Kildangan

Selector Eamon Kelly Kildangan.

North Representatives on U-14 Tony Forrestal Panel.

David Reddan, Kilruane MacDonaghs; Damien Maher, Burgess; Andrew Ryan, Toomevara; Brian Stapleton, Templederry; Davin Flynn, Roscrea; Justin Cahill, Kilruane

MacDonaghs; Sean Harte, Newport; David Fogarty, Lorrha; Eoin Hogan, Burgess;
Selector John Hogan, Burgess;

Carrigdhoun U-15 North Representatives.

Shane Maher, Nenagh Eire Og; Ruairi Gleeson, Kildangan; Sean McCormack, Borris-Ileigh; Alan Hogan, Shannon Rovers; Billy Heffernan, Nenagh Eire Og; Brian Shanahan, Toomevara; Paddy Grace, Toomevara;
Selector Matt Lillis Nenagh Eire Og.

North Tipp Munster U-16 Panel That reached Munster U-16 Quarter final and won the Friends of Tipperary Interdivisional Final ;

Cian Hayes, Kildangan; Sean McCormack, Borris-Ileigh; Mark Flannery, Nenagh Eire Og; Sean O'Brien, Newport; Ciaran Duggan, Lorrha; Joseph Gallagher, Kildangan, Alan Hogan, Shannon Rovers; William Donnelly, Borris-Ileigh; Ciaran Hough, Lorrha; Michael Sheedy, Portroe; Paddy Murphy, Nenagh Eire Og; Eoin O Meara, Lorrha; Eanna Gleeson, Kildangan; David Nolan, Toomevara; Ruairi Gleeson, Kildangan; William Bolger, Nenagh Eire Og; Kieran Doheny, Newport, Jody Troy, Moneygall; Shane Maher, Nenagh Eire Og; Paraic Kelly, Kildangan, John Sheedy, Portroe; Rory Whelan, Kildangan; Pat Conway, Kilruane MacDonaghs, Niall Madden, Nenagh Eire Og; Cormac McGrath, Ballinahinch; Eoin Slattery, Nenagh Eire Og, Alan Hannigan Shannon Rovers; Graham Houlihan, Lorrha; Noel Quirke, Silvermines; Adrian Donovan, Portroe; Paddy Grace, Toomevara; Andrew Hctor, Lorrha;

Selectors Eamonn Kelly Kildangan, Liam Flannery Nenagh Eire Og. Sean O Meara Shannon Rovers, Same panel as above for Garda Cup;

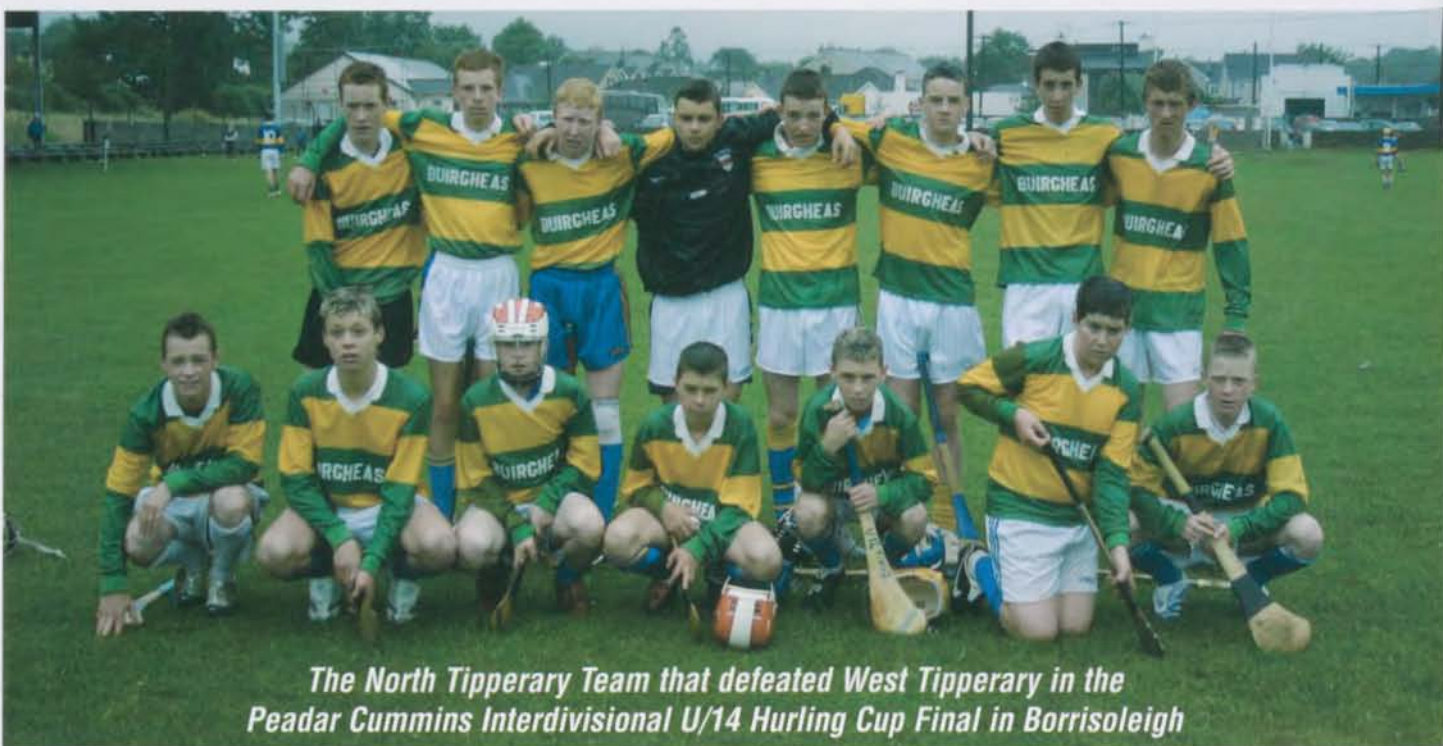
Munster U-16 Football North Representatives:

Joe Buckley, Borris-Ileigh; Joe Gallagher, Kildangan; Mark Flannery, Nenagh Eire Og; Cian Doyle, Inane Rovers; Gary Touhy, Silvermines; Fergal Collins, Ballina; Tommy Kavanagh, Borris-Ileigh; Ciaran Doheny, Newport; Darren Moroney, Newport.

Selector Joe Hannigan Shannon Rovers;
Coach Paul Comer Burgess.

Jim Power U-14 Football. North representatives:

Benny Harkin, Borris-Ileigh; Danny Ryan, Borris-Ileigh; Damien Dunne, Borris-Ileigh; Darragh King, Ballina.



The North Tipperary Team that defeated West Tipperary in the Peadar Cummins Interdivisional U/14 Hurling Cup Final in Borrisoleigh

TOOMEVARA JUVENILE CLUB

Toomevara Juvenile club had a very successful year in 2006 both on and off the field. The Juvenile committee organised their teams at an early stage.

The effort and commitment by the players and mentors of our juvenile teams resulted in a successful year for the juvenile club.

Under-12 Success

2006 proved to be a memorable year for the Toomevara Under-12 panel as the club returned to the winners podium at both north and county level for the first time in six years. In what was an extremely competitive championship the 12s found themselves in a North semi final against Nenagh Eire Og.

After an extremely close game we were lucky to pull away in the closing minutes and book our passage to the North final.

In the North final we faced defending champions Roscrea.

After a rip roaring first half we headed for the dressing room a point in arrears

After playing with the aid of a strong wind. Hard work, determination and commitment were going to be needed in the second half if we were to stand any chance. Our supporters were not to be disappointed as the team displayed these traits in abundance enabling them to emerge victorious by three points. From here we progressed to the County final where our opponents were Loughmore/Castleiney.

The County final took place on Saturday September 2nd in Semple Stadium Thurles. In the first half Loughmore never allowed us to settle and dictated the pace of the game taking some fine scores in the process. We headed for the dressing room at half time two points in arrears. In the second half we appeared to settle in to the game a little bit more but with a minute and a half to go we were five points in arrears and the title looked to be heading deservedly to Loughmore. Our players never gave up and continued to fight for every ball and suddenly out of nowhere we blasted two goals in quick succession to take a one point lead heading towards injury time. This was followed by a well taken free from the middle of the field to give us that most dangerous of leads, two points.

Loughmore refused to let their heads drop and laid siege to the Toomevara goal for the closing moments. From one such attack a Loughmore forward found himself inside the Toomevara rearguard a mere thirteen yards from goal. He struck a rocket of a shot towards the goal which our goalkeeper somehow managed to save. The final whistle went shortly afterwards accompanied by great scenes of joy and celebration. It is fair to say that lady luck undoubtedly smiled on us in this game. In the aftermath of the game Toomevara received a guard of honour as they departed the field from Loughmore/Castleiney. This was an outstanding gesture from a team who were defeated in such a cruel fashion and one that should live long in the memory of anyone who witnessed it.

Our Under-14 team also had a good year. After a tough league campaign they qualified for a North semi final against neighbours Eire Og. This was a very entertaining game in which we emerged victorious thus guaranteeing a North final place. In the final we met a very strong Kilruane MacDonaghs team. Despite our great performances over the course of the year we struggled to get to the pace of this game and Kilruane deservedly emerged victorious.

Toomevara had teams competing in various games and tournaments at both Under-8 and Under-10 level. The hurling field

was a hive of activity every Saturday morning as these future senior stars arrived full of enthusiasm for a training session or that all important match.

Our annual summer camp was once again a great success with over 150 boys and girls enjoying coaching in glorious sunshine. A word of thanks to all involved both in the organisation and the running of the camp.

The club was represented on various divisional and county teams over the past year and we look forward to these players wearing the county colours in the future.

Toomevara juvenile club is fortunate to have officers and coaches who give so much of their time to the club. A special thank you to all concerned.

Best of luck to all of our teams in 2007.

TEMPLEDERRY BORD NA N-OG

The year gone by has once again proved very fruitful for the club particularly for the younger age group teams.

Schools :

Templederry N.S. took part in SECTION "B" of the N.Tipperary Football Championship for 2005-2006. They were beaten in the first round by Portroe and entered the plate competition. In the first round they defeated Kildangan N.S. They overcame Roscrea N.S. in the final which was played in Toomevara.

The team and panel was as follows :-Eanna Ryan, Joseph Shanahan, Patrick Griffin (captain) Dale Donnelly, Shane Kinane, Matthew Hogan, Edward Hynes, Sean Brosnan, Ciaran Carey, Pdraig Hogan, Dylan Carey, Cian Martin, Louise McLoughlin, Sarah Butler, Moira Ryan, Vivienne Gleeson, Siobhan Corcoran, Edel Ryan, Sarah Murray.

Templederry N.S. took part in SECTION "C" of the N.Tipperary Primary Schools Hurling Championships. They had a resounding victory over Portroe in the first round. They defeated Youghalarra in the semi-final before overcoming Burgess in the final . They went on to defeat Ballylooby N.S. in the county final in Semple Stadium.

The team and panel was as follows:- Joseph Shanahan, Sarah Murray, Eanna Ryan, Siobhan Corcoran, Patrick Griffin, Edel Ryan, Dale Donnelly, Vivienne Gleeson, Matthew Hogan, Sarah Butler, Shane Kinane, Loise McLoughlin, Edward Hynes, Moira Ryan, Ciaran Carey, Caroline Ryan, Dylan Carey, Elaine Murphy, Pdraig Hogan, Sarah Ryan, Maureen McCutcheon, Roseanne Ryan.

In the Primary Game trials Eanna Ryan and Joseph Shanahan represented the school and both players made it on to the team.

U-12 Hurling:

Having been knocked out of the u-12 championship proper Templederry entered the plate competition. They qualified for the final and had a tremendous victory over Ballina in that game.

Tournaments : Templederry were champions in the J.K. Brackens sponsored P.J.Jones u-10 hurling tournament. Templederry were also champions in the local club sponsored U-11 Harrington Cup hurling tournament.

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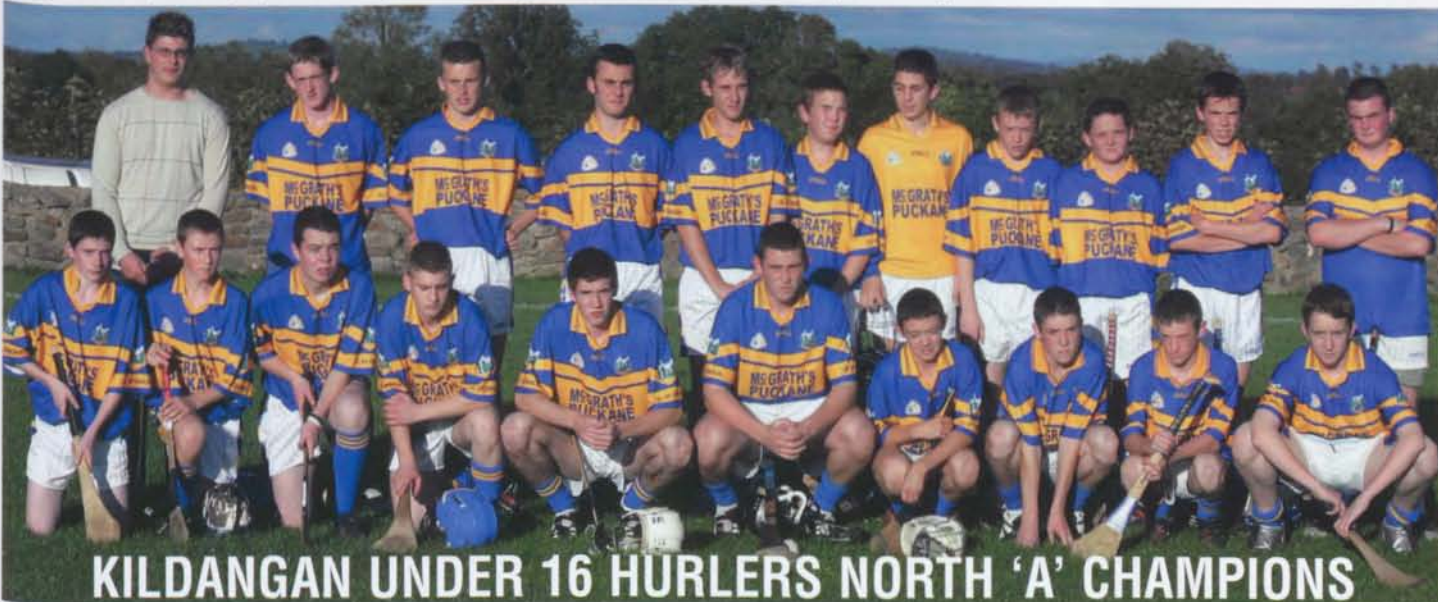


Kilruane MacDonaghs U-14 panel - County A finalists. Back row: (l to r) - Raymond Kelly, Eoin Burns, Robert Ward, David Reddan, James O'Sullivan, Eanna Hogan (captain), Justin Cahill, Thomas Cleary, Niall O'Meara, Eoin Williams, Simon Delahunty. Kneeling: Jack Peters, David Williams, PJ Cleary, Alan Darcy, Paddy Ryan, Sean Kelly, Kieran Cahill, Robert Austin, Ian McSherry, Dean O'Meara, Aidan Boyle.



BURGESS UNDER 14 FOOTBALL NORTH 'A' CHAMPIONS

Back row: (l to r) - Paul Comer (Burgess juvenile club Chairman), John Hogan (s), Dinny Ryan (s), Michael O'Dwyer (s), Kevin Seymour, Tony Hogan, Anthony Collins, Kevin O'Flaherty, JP Grace, Michael O'Flaherty, Damien Maher, Joe Sherlock (s), Thomas Walsh, Peter Gill, Michael Vincent Mulqueen, Fergal McDonnell (s), Pat Grace (s). Second row: Kieran Ryan, Eoin Hogan (captain), Robbie Mulqueen, William Ryan, Vincent Kearns, Dextor Collum, John O'Dwyer, Brian Sherlock, Jack O'Flaherty, Tadhg O'Halloran, Daniel Ryan, Brian McGarry, John Maher (s). Front: Patrick Alanso and Christopher Armitage.



KILDANGAN UNDER 16 HURLERS NORTH 'A' CHAMPIONS

Back row: (from left) - Cian Hayes, Paraic Kelly, Ruairi Gleeson, Eanna Gleeson, Sean Hackett (captain), Michael Quinn, James McLoughney, Stephen James Gleeson, Jack Fahy, Cathal Dullea, Jason McGahy. Kneeling: Patrick Gallagher, Michael Geaney, Eoin Kennedy, Kenneth Hogan, Joseph Gallagher, Rory Whelan, Fergal Hayes, Shane Seymour, Liam Madden, Robert Hayes. Picture: Bridget Delaney.

North Bord na nOg Presentation Awards



Top left: John Hogan (Burgess) and Joe Floyd (Newport) selected the Peadar Cummins (North Tipperary U-14 hurling team) that won the competition and were recipients of presentations from Bord na nOg officers Liam Hogan (PRO) and Sean Creamer (Chairman).

Top right: Brian Stapleton (Templederry) won the Poc Fada competition and was presented with his plaque by Tipperary hurler Conor O'Mahoney who was special guest at the North Bord na nOg Presentation Function

Bottom right: Alan Byrne (Shannon Rovers) who the Feile skills competition and received a presentation from Tipperary hurler Conor O'Mahoney who was guest player at the North Bord na nOg Presentation Function

Middle left: Successful juvenile hurling captains received their North championship medals at the North Bord na nOg Presentation Function. Seated Pauric Shanahan, Toomevara (U12A), Jack Loughnane, Kildangan (U12B), Padraig Fogarty, Silvermines (U12C), David Reddan, Kilruane MacDonaghs (U14A). Standing: David Kennedy, Borrisokane (U14B), Sean Hackett (U16A), Conor O'Mahony and Tony Dunne (guest players), Michael Sheedy, Portroe (U16B) and Justin Cahill, Kilruane MacDonaghs (Feile na nGael).

Bottom left: North Tipperary U-16 hurling Management team were honoured by Bord na nOg at a Presentation Function. (l to r) - Sean Creamer (Chairman), Liam Flannery (selector), Anne McGrath (Secretary), Catherine Gleeson (Treasurer) and Eamonn Kelly (selector). Unavoidably absent from photo Sean O'Meara (selector)



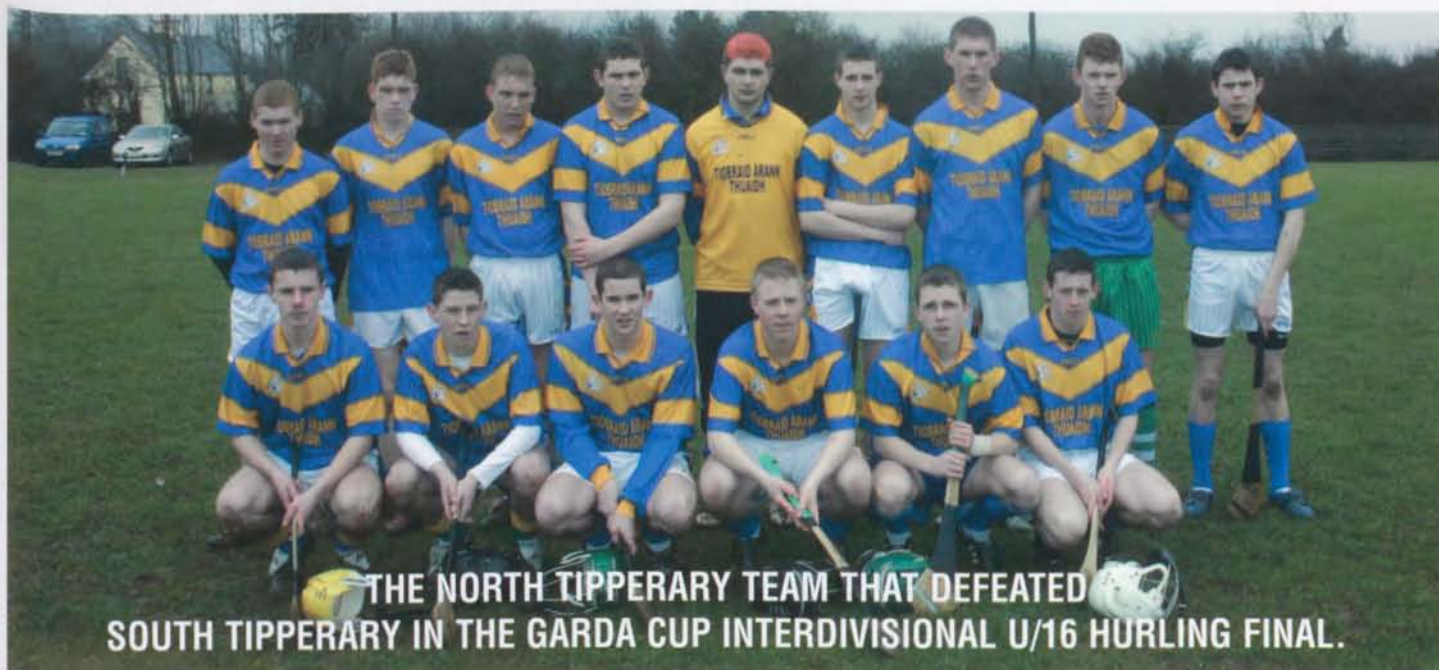
NENAGH EIRE OG UNDER 16 FOOTBALL NORTH CHAMPIONS

Back row: (l to r) - Liam Armstrong (s), David Cleary, Brian Duffy, Patrick Murphy, Patrick Flynn, Niall Madden, Aaron Savage, Shane Maher, John Kissane (Manager), Leonard Ryan (s). Kneeling: Danny Ryan, Paul Carey, Mark Flannery, Tommy Heffernan, Willie Bolger, Conor Fahy, Cliff Moloney, Brendan Sheahan.



SILVERMINES UNDER 12 HURLING NORTH 'C' CHAMPIONS

Back row: (l to r) - Ryan Toohey, Ger Clifford, Patrick Collins, Evan Grace, William Power, Pdraig Fogarty (captain), Shane Gallagher, TJ Timmons, Jonathan Hayes, Seamus Hogan, Sennan Stanley, Patrick Timmons, Maria Ryan, Denis Ryan. Kneeling: Kelvin Young, Brian Seymour, Cillian Fitzpatrick, Shane Daniels, Thomas Forde, Michael Hogan, Aaron Mulqueen, Andrew Hayden, Peter Ryan, Eamonn Corcoran, David Shanahan, Colin O'Brien.



THE NORTH TIPPERARY TEAM THAT DEFEATED SOUTH TIPPERARY IN THE GARDA CUP INTERDIVISIONAL U/16 HURLING FINAL.

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SOUTH TIPPERARY BORD NA N'OG 2006

by Kieran Hogan, P.R.O.

2006 turned out to be another exciting and rewarding year for juvenile G.A.A. affairs in South Tipperary. The season actually started in 2005 with the inaugural running of an U/13 Football league which at its conclusion determined qualification for the knock out stages of the Péil na nÓg Championship.

That Péil title was won by Commercials who defeated Cahir in the Final while Clonmel Óg took the Féile championship beating Killenaule in the decider.

The U/12 and U/16 Football Championships were well under way at this juncture and Newcastle captured both the U/12 and U/16 C Titles with wins over Ballylooby and Grangemockler respectively. This was the start of what was going to be an historic year for the Newcastle club. Carrick Swan defeated Ballyporeen in the U/12 B Final while Clonmel Óg won the U/16 B crown beating Ardfinnan in the final.

The two A Titles were won by Moyle Rovers who defeated Commercials in the U/12 decider and Fethard in the U/16 equivalent.

The U/14 Football championship was the next to be decided and once again Newcastle took the C Title completing a clean sweep.

Carrick Swan's prowess at football continued when they overcame Ballyporeen to become champions. The A Title went to Clonmel Óg who defeated Péil winners Commercials in the final.

Without respite the hurling championships commenced and the U/12 Titles were won by St Mary's who defeated Moyle Rovers in the final while in the B decider Skeheenarinky and Cahir drew before Cahir took the honours by winning the replay. Fr Sheehy's were successful in the C championship when they overcame neighbours Ballylooby in the Final.

Newcastle collected their fourth title by taking the U/14 C title defeating St Pat's whom they also beat in the corresponding Football final. Kilsheelan defeated Moyle Rovers in the B decider while in a repeat of the Féile Final Clonmel Óg once again got the better of Killenaule to take the A honours.

The U/16 Finals all proved to be close affairs with, you've guessed it at this stage, and Newcastle won the C Title beating Fr Sheehy's in the final. The B decider saw Carrick Davins defeating Clonmel Óg while in the A Ballingarry beat Moyle Rovers by the minimum in the final.

Newcastle's Year of the Juveniles

The year 2006 will long be remembered in Newcastle as the year of the Juveniles. Underage teams were fielded in both hurling and football at Under 12, 14 and 16 in the C championships and they had almost 100% success. The under 12 championship in football was the first to yield a title with a victory in the South final over Ballylooby-Castlegrace. The county semi-final against Ballinahinch was a tight affair that ended in a draw. In the replay, however, the Newcastle team put on a great exhibition of football and were comfortable winners. The County final against Aherlow was played in Semple Stadium on June 3rd, much to the delight of the players, their families and the club. It is seldom enough that the Newcastle club appears in Semple Stadium, but this appearance will be long remembered. After an exceptional display of football, Newcastle were crowned county champions on a scoreline of 3-11 to 0-3. The excitement shown by all the players and mentors at the final whistle showed the importance of the win and it was even more special by being the first ever county juvenile title to be won by the club.

The trophy was accepted on behalf of the team by captain James Fitzpatrick who thanked all the supporters for their support, the team trainer James Lonergan and all the other people who helped them throughout the year. After the football championship had been won, the sights of the under 12's turned to hurling. Despite the short space of time for training between the two championships, the team again acquitted themselves very well by reaching a south semi-final against Fr. Sheehys. Fr. Sheehys proved stronger on the night and later went on to win a county title in that competition.

The Under 14 football championship final in South Tipperary pitted Newcastle against St. Patricks in Monroe on Sunday June 11th. After playing with a strong breeze in the first half, Newcastle had built up a sizeable lead at half time. Even though St. Patricks cut that lead in the second half, Newcastle held out for a deserved victory by 3-7 to 0-7. This resulted in the team qualifying directly into a county final against Dúrlas

Óg in New Inn on Wednesday, June 21st. After an outstanding display of football by everyone on the field, the second county juvenile title of the year had been achieved. It was a huge achievement for the club to win one county title, but now to have 2 titles was an extra special feeling for all who have worked tirelessly with the juvenile players down through the years. Captain Tommy Sweeney accepted the trophy on behalf of the team and gave special thanks to their mentors Paudie Sweeney and Shirley Ryan. After the completion of the football championship, again the players got straight into the hurling championship qualifying for another South final again against St. Patricks. The result of the football final was repeated with Newcastle again emerging victorious. Again the Under 14 hurlers qualified directly for a county final again facing Dúrlas Óg. After a very tight game throughout, Dúrlas Óg snatched the title with a winning goal two minutes from the end of the game. The Under 14 hurlers gave an excellent display on the night but on this occasion luck was not on their side.

The Under 16 football championship was played on a league basis and the Newcastle team proceeded to a final meeting against Grangemockler. In the final they maintained the juvenile clubs unbeaten record in football this year with a comfortable victory. Unfortunately there were no teams that participated in the C competition in the other divisions meaning that there would be no county championship. The Under 16 panel then undertook their hurling campaign and again progressed to a south final against Fr. Sheehys on Sunday, October 8th. Despite playing on a very bad morning weather wise, the team showed great character to overturn a six-point interval deficit to emerge victorious by the narrowest of margins. As with the football championship, there was no county championship. Great credit is due to all the panel of players for their commitment throughout the year and also to their trainers Donal O'Loughlin and Emmet Prendergast for the many hours they have given to the under 16 panel this year.



NEWCASTLE UNDER 12 SOUTH CHAMPIONS

Back row: Conor Lansley; Anthony Condon; Rosemary McCarra; Treasa McGrath; Sinead Grant; Diarmuid Devaney; Paul Dwyer; Front: PJ Ryan; Joe Lyttleton; James Fitzpatrick; capt.; Brian Hyland; Lauren Fitzpatrick; James Lonergan; Shane Hyland; Shannon Tobin



NEWCASTLE UNDER 16 SOUTH CHAMPIONS

Back row: Kevin O'Donnell, Shauna Ryan, Christopher McGrath, Michael Browne, Conor Bevaney. Middle row: Michael Nugent, club president, Ray Hallinan, Tommy Sweeney, Dylan Tobin, Andrew Fitzpatrick, capt., Thomas Lonergan, Ciaran McCarra, Niall Hyland. Front row: Donal O'Loughlin, selector, Diarmuid Devaney, Karl Ryan, Paul Power, Brian Lonergan, Emmet Prendergast, selector.



CARRICK SWAN UNDER 10 'A' HURLING SOUTH CHAMPIONS

Front Row: L to R Mickey McGrath, Tommy McGrath, Aidan Brunnock, Dean Walsh, Daniel Walsh, Cian Murphy, Ben Kerwick, Gavin OHalloran (Capt), David Houlihan, Christopher Kerr, Sean Dowley, Eric OHalloran, Shane Torpey. Back Row: L to R Cian Reidy, Ben Cooney, Shane Mansfield, Trevor Murphy, Jack Murphy, Luke Gahan, Kevin Faulkner, Scott Hogan, Michael OLoughlin, Dea Faulkner, Glenn Kerwick, Dean Fitzgerald, Dean Murphy



MOYLE ROVERS UNDER 12 'A' FOOTBALL SOUTH CHAMPIONS



CARRICK DAVINS UNDER 16 'B' HURLING SOUTH CHAMPIONS

Back row: JJ Butler, C. Corcoran, J. Dunleavy, K. O'Dwyer, J. Waters, S. Kerwick, Ian O'Dwyer, capt., B. Wall, A. Stuard.
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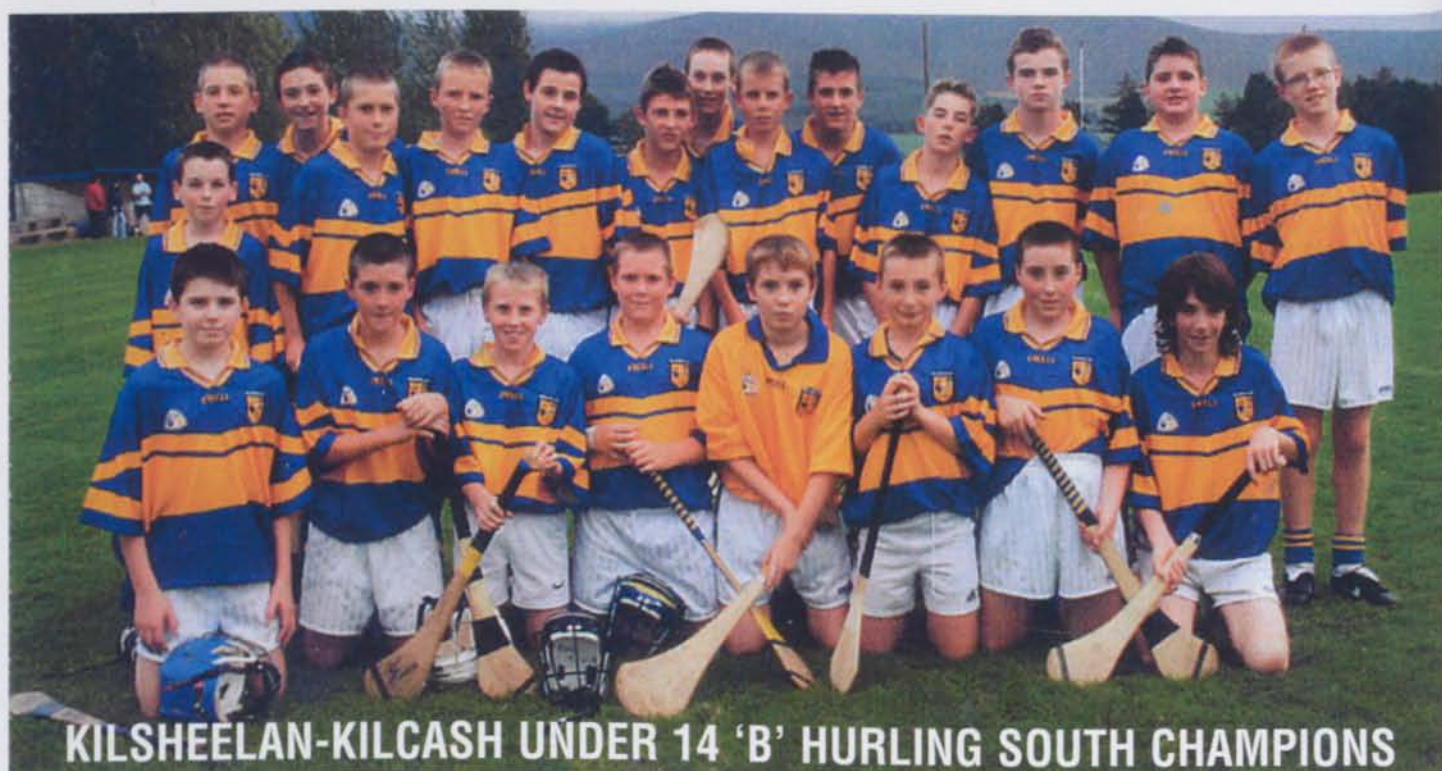
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Front row: Conor Tobin, Eoni Kehoe, Jamie Cronin, Colin Gleeson, Adrian McGuire, Tadgh Lonergan, Brian Grant, David Smyth.



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MID TIPPERARY BORD NA N'OG 2006

By Neil O Riain (Runai)

Our season commenced during the second week of February with the staging of the Feile Peil tournament, followed immediately with the Feile Iomaniocht. The 2006 season was commencing nicely with both our Feile football champions Loughmore Castleiney and Feile hurling champions Durlas Og adding the county titles to their tally on the first week of May.

By mid May our football championships were well under way and when they concluded in the first week in July one historic note was recorded which noted the dominance of Loughmore Castleiney in football by retaining the U/12 A title for the last five years in succession. As a matter of note Durlas Og also secured the u/14 Feile Iomaniocht title for the fifth successive time also.

Moycarkey Borris successfully contested the U/16 B Football final to be crowned county champions.

Our hurling championships were played to a very high standard and testament to this was that our divisional champions contested all the county finals. Our U/14 champions achieved 100% successes securing all three titles. Durlas Og secured the double by retaining their U/14 A title and accompanying it with the C title, while J.K.Brackens secured the B title. Durlas Óg won the Under 16 'A' title for the third year in a row.

Our U-11 hurlers participated in a blitz, which was played in Littleton and Drombane over two Saturday mornings at the end of September and early October, with sets of socks to the winners and refreshments available to all participants. Our thanks to both clubs for making their facilities available; our young players enjoyed it.

On the divisional front Our U-14 hurlers were victorious in the Peadar Cummins tournament winning the shield by defeating the south divisional team..

Our U-16 hurlers commenced action by participating in the Garda Cup tournament. They recorded a comfortable victory over their opponents from the west. In the second game they went down against the boys from the north.

In the semi-final the south provided the opposition and went down by three points, on a very wet Dr.Morris Park. Some of the first choice players were unavailable due to Harty Cup commitments.

The Munster U/16 Hurling championship was next on the agenda for our hurlers. In the opening round they accounted for Avondhu of Cork with a five point advantage. Next up were Cork division Shandon from east of the county and again our warriors recorded an impressive double score victory Mid Tipp 2-12 to 1-06.

Mid Tipp travelled to Dungarvan to take on title favourites Imokilly from Cork. Favourites they might have been, but our mid boys paid scant attention to their Cork opponents and annihilated them in recording 3-14 to 2-04 at the final whistle. Our opposition in the final of the championship was to be East Clare.

Expectations were rising for the final, which was scheduled to be played five days after the victory in Dungarvan. Some uncertainty came into the equation regarding the actual day and venue. Eventually it was agreed Friday April 17th in Newport. As we arrived in Newport glorious spring sunshine and a team eager for action greeted us all.

The game was top quality and nail biting all through, but unfortunately some missed opportunities especially in the second period proved costly and we went down by a solitary point. It was indeed a bitter

pill to swallow for our gallant team, but they did our division proud and ensured that the art of hurling is foremost in our division. It has often be said that a week is a long time in politics, but four months elapsed when six members of our gallant mid team got sweet revenge as members of the victorious Tipperary team in winning the U-16 All Ireland Hurling championship against Clare which included nine of the panel from their Munster success.

Congratulations: One player from our division has a unique distinction. Noel McGrath from Loughmore Castleiney is the only U/16 Player who was on the Tipperary Minor panel that won the All Ireland Hurling Final and secured the Irish Press Cup

Thanks

On behalf of the Bord I wish to express our gratitude to our very loyal sponsors for their much-appreciated support.

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To the Tipperary Star newspaper and to Tipp FM for advertising our games.

Thanks to all the club officers and delegates for your courtesy and cooperation at all times in our dual determination in fulfilling a very busy fixture schedule during the past season.

A very special thanks to the clubs who made their facilities available to the Bord during the year and for the wholehearted cooperation received. It is much appreciated. To all the referees who officiated so professionally a very special thanks.

As the curtain draws on the conclusion of another busy season our thoughts and sympathies to all the relatives of our Gaels that have gone to their Eternal Reward Ar dheis De ar Anameacha.

In conclusion Mid Bord Na nÓg extends best wishes to all our loyal supporters, friends and sponsors for Christmas and continued success in 2007.

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14/08/2006 Loughmore/Castleiney 3-04 Durlas Óg 2-07 Templemore K. Butler

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14/08/2006 J.K. Brackens 3-03 Gortnahoe/Glengoole 0-02 Pairc na Nóg J. Sweeney

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LOUGHMORE CASTLEINEY U12 FOOTBALL 'A' MID CHAMPIONS

The Loughmore Castleiney Panel that defeated Durlas Og in the Clodagh Construction Mid Tipperary Bord na nOg U/12 A Football Final.

Picture Back Row L to R Edel Nyland, Caoimhe Egan, Patricia McGrath, Aoife McGrath, Evan Egan, Keith Manton, Lorcan Egan, Paul Morris, Tommy Maher, Joseph Hennessy, Niamh Treacy, Gilliam Gleeson, Joseph Nyland, Arlene McGrath, Ann Eviston, Shane Manton. Front Row L to R Diarmuid Maher, Peter Nyland, Mark Butler, Robert O Connell, Kieran Maher, Brendan Leahy, Noel O Connell, Denis Brereton (Capt), John Connolly, John McGrath, Brian McGrath, Martin Maher, Joseph Hayden, David Ryan, Liam Gleeson, Kevin Maher.



GORTNAHOE GLENGOOLE U12 FOOTBALL 'A' MID CHAMPIONS

The Gortnahoe Glengoole Panel that defeated Boherlahan Dualla in the John J Ronayne Ltd Mid Tipperary Bord na nOg U/12 B Football Final



CLONKENNY U12 FOOTBALL 'C' MID CHAMPIONS

The Clonkenny Panel that defeated Durlas Og 'B' in the Hayes Hotel Mid Tipperary Bord na nOg U/12 C Football Final.

Picture Back Row L to R Liam Quigley, Brina Shanahan, William Costigan, Craig Treacy, Pdraig Nesbitt, Paul Bergin, Paul Crampton, Brendan Russell. Front Row L to R Niall Maher, Eoin Burke, Diarmuid Ryan, Conor Shanahan, John Joe Ryan, John O Meara, Liam Quigley, Kevin Carr, Cathal Stapleton. Standing at Back Roger Quigley, John Ryan, Tim Shanahan and Joe Bourke

HISTORIC COUNTY UNDER 14 DOUBLE FOR DURLAS ÓG

By John Smith

The weekend of 16th/17th September 2006 will be long remembered in the history of Durlas Óg as the weekend where the under 14's recorded a historic and unique county final double winning the 'A' and 'C' hurling titles. Our 'B' teams victory in the 'C' final was the first time a Durlas Óg Under 14 'B' team had won a county title in the history of the club and it was a memorable occasion for our club to triumph in both finals on the same weekend.

Saturday morning we headed for Dolla to take on Kilruane MacDonaghs in the 'A' final. The conditions were ideal with a slight breeze blowing down the immaculate Dolla pitch. Kilruane had the advantage of the breeze in the first half and they were quickly into their stride hitting over two points in the opening five minutes. It took Durlas Óg a long time to settle and their first score didn't come until the 10th minute when Ciaran Dowd goaled. Points from Aidan McCormack, Mark Shannon and Mark Lanigan gave us a half time lead of 1-3 to 0-4. Durlas Óg started the second half brightly with Aidan McCormack who was now winning his duel with the Kilruane centre back hitting two points from play in the opening ten minutes. We were then dealt a serious blow when centre back, Patrick Dunne was forced to retire with an ankle injury. Jamie Stapleton was introduced at wing back with James Ryan going centre back. The team raised their game and played some excellent hurling picking off some great points before Ciaran Dowd sealed victory with his second goal of the match in injury time to bring the John Flanagan Memorial Cup back to Thurles for the second year in a row. Final score Durlas Óg 2-10 Kilruane MacDonaghs 0-6.

This was a magnificent victory by the team to retain the county title with all players contributing to the win. The panel was: Kevin Smith; Greg Cully, Colin Shorley, Padraic Crone; David Corbett, Patrick Dunne, James Ryan; Sean Moroney, Darragh Ronayne; Michael O'Dwyer, Aidan McCormack, Mark Shannon; Ciaran Dowd, Philip Purcell, Mark Lanigan, Jamie Stapleton, John Stakelum and Kyle Loughman.

Sunday we regrouped and after watching the All Ireland Football final we headed to New Inn with our 'B' team to clash with South champions, Newcastle in the County Under 14 'C' final. This was not a match for the faint hearted as the excitement particularly in the second half had the large crowd enthralled throughout an epic match. Durlas Óg opened impressively with Christy Cleary scoring the first point and then Shane Butler added a point from a free before Brian O'Connor blasted to the net following good work by Stephen Kennedy to give us a 1-2 to nil lead after ten minutes. Newcastle came back with a goal and they dominated the concluding stages of the half to leave us trailing by a point at the interval (1-5 to 1-4). Newcastle started the second half impressively and they struck three unanswered points.

We gradually got back into the game and following a Paul Maher goal the teams were level ten minutes into the half. Newcastle edged back in front with two further points before Darragh Mulcaire came up the field from his centre back position to strike a delightful point to leave the minimum between the teams with five minutes remaining. The closing minutes were nailbiting as we came in search of the equaliser. Newcastle who had beaten us comprehensively in the football decider a few weeks earlier were doing their utmost to hold on for victory. Little did they know that this Durlas Óg side were not going to give up. Durlas Óg worked the ball into an unmarked Thomas Hewitt on the edge of the square who rifled to the back of the net. We were two points in front (3-6 to 1-10) and time almost up. Newcastle fought back and in a last attack Durlas Óg's corner back Stephen Hackett made a timely interception and cleared. The final whistle sounded and this was the signal for unbelievable scenes of jubilation by the Durlas Óg players and supporters. A first every County Under 14 'C' title had been won and a historic Under 14 'A' and 'C' double had been achieved.

The Durlas Óg team showed remarkable character in this match and even though their opponents were physically stronger this didn't deter our players who produced a fabulous display. The victorious panel was: Denis Moore; James Lyons, Stephen Hackett; Eoin Leahy, Darragh Mulcaire, Niall McGovern; Shane Butler, Paul Maher; Brian O'Connor, Christy Cleary, Mossie McCormack; Stephen Kennedy, Allan Butler, Paul Morrissey; Thomas Hewitt, Alex Dorney and Dylan Bourke.

Teams mentors, Sean Corbett, Andy Ryan, John Moroney and John Smith were very proud of the achievements of both panels and a large crowd greeted the players when they arrived back in Pairc na nÓg on Sunday night. All were in agreement that the welcome was the best ever accorded to a Durlas Óg winning team and it was a fitting tribute to our Under 14 panel that gave us a memorable year. 2006 will be remembered for a very long time. Durlas Óg Abú.



DURLAS OG UNDER 14 FOOTBALL 'A' MID CHAMPIONS

The Durlas Og Panel that defeated Gortnahoe Glengoolie in the Clodagh Construction Mid Tipperary Bord na nOg U/14 A Football final. Picture Back Row L to R Denis Moore, Paraic Crone, Aidan McCormack, James Ryan, David Corbett, Brian O Connor, Gary Lanigan, Christy Burke, Philip Purcell, Patrick Dunne, Sean Moroney. Front Row L to R Colin Shorley, James Lyons, Mark Beresford, Jamie Stapleton, Greg Cully, Michael O Dwyer, Mark Shannon, Mark Lanigan, Kevin Smith, Tomas Hewitt.



MOYCARKEY BORRIS UNDER 14 FOOTBALL 'B' MID CHAMPIONS

The Moycarkey Borris Panel winners of the Mid Tipperary Bord na nOg U/14 B Football Final. Picture Back Row L to R Padraig Fitzpatrick, Shane Byrnes, Geoff Fallon, Richard O Keffe, Ailbe Power, Jamie Maher, Peadar Kinnane, Liam Cantwell, Michael Bryam, Gary O Connell, Peter Kinane, Maeve Hackett, Kelly Hackett, James O Gorman. Front Row L to R Michael Cussen, Timmy Ryan, Ciaran Quinn, Pat Ralph, Rowan Maher, Aidan Fitzpatrick, Donal Bergin, James Bourke, Aidan Slattery, Conor Scanlon, Niall Sullivan, Shane O Connell. Selectors at very back L to R Eamon Power, Ray Ralph, Gerry Quinn.



LOUGHMORE CASTLEINEY UNDER 16 FOOTBALL 'A' MID CHAMPIONS

Picture Back Row L to R Brian McGrath, Liam Treacy, Liam McGrath, Michael Ryan, Marty Ryan, Patrick Moynihan, Denis Leahy, Kevin Johnston, Willie Eviston, Padraic Egan, Padraic Hennessy, Eamon McGrath. Front Row L to R Patrick Nolan, John Meagher, Henry Maher, Noel McGrath, Thomas Quinn, Aidan McGrath, Tomas McGrath, Eamon Connolly, Cian Hennessy, Kevin O Connell.



MOYCARKEY BORRIS UNDER 16 FOOTBALL 'B' MID CHAMPIONS

The Moycarkey Borris Panel that defeated Borrisoleigh in the Campion Insurance Group County Bord na nOg U/16 B Football Final. Picture Back Row L to R Stephen Kirwan, Shane Hackett, David Maher, Brian Butler, James doran, John Shorthall, Eolan McCarthy, Mossie Bracken, Philip Grace, Michael roche, Finbar Hayes, Garry O Connell. Front Row L to R James Power, Rory Ryan, Michael Bryan, John Bergin, Jamie Barry (Capt), Michael O Connell, Pat Molloy, Joseph O Sullivan, Peter Knane, Kieran Morris, Ailbe Power, Pat Ralph.



LOUGHMORE CASTLEINEY MID TIPP PEIL NA NOG U14 WINNERS

The Loughmore Castleiney Panel that defeated JK Brackens in the Jimmy Copinger sponsored Mid Tipperary Peil na nOg U/14 Final. Paddy Hennessy, Brina McGrath, John Maher, Loracan Egan, Tommy Mahe, Aaron Sweeney, Thomas McGrath, Liam Treacy, John McGrath, Liam McGrath, Padraig Egan, Craig CLeary. front Row L to R Joseph Hennessy, Joseph Nyland, Emon McGrath, Martin Meagher, Patrick Nolan, Paul Morris, Denis Brerton, Kevin O Connell, Daragh Butler.



The Mid Tipperary U/16 Panel that were defeated by East Clare in the Interdivisional Hurling Munster final. Picture Back Row L to R James Doran(Moycarkey Borris), Aiden Fogarty(JK Brackens), Colm Guilfoyle(Gortnahoe Glengoose), Sean Harty(Upperchurch Drombane), Patrick Moynahan(Loughmore Castleiney), Shane Delaney(Drom Inch), Mossy Bracken(Moycarkey Borris), Kevin Johnston (Loughmore Castleiney), Tomas O Keefe (Gortnahoe Glengoose), Kevin O Gorman (Durlas Og, Captain), Bill McCormack (Durlas Og), William Ryan (Clonakenny), Denis Maher (Durlas Og), Liam Butler (Moyné Templetuohy), Kieran Morris (Moycarkey Borris), Michael Doyle (Holycross Ballycahill). Front Row L to R Pa Ryan (Clonakenny), Pat Molloy (Moycarkey Borris, Diarmuid Fogarty (Moyné Templetuohy), Colm Ryan (Upperchurch Dromban), Seamus Leahy Boherlahan Dualla, David Butler (Drom Inch), Noel McGrath (Loughmore Castleiney), James Barry(Upperchurch Dromban), Aidan McGrath (Loughmore Castleiney), Darragh Kennedy (Boherlahan Dualla), Rory Ryan Moycarkey Borris.

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DURLAS OG UNDER 14 HURLING 'A' MID CHAMPIONS

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JK BRACKENS UNDER 14 HURLING 'B' MID CHAMPIONS

The JK Brackens Panel that defeated Boherlahan Dualla in the Thurles Credit Union Mid Tipperary U/14 B Hurling Final. Picture Back Row L to R Patrick Kennedy, Stephen Coonan, Pat Brett, Richard Buckley, Robbie Barry, Shane Cashman, Eoin Bourke, Francis Kennedy, James Newe, Damien Coffey, Eimear Scully, Mairead Delaney, Emma Curley. Front Row L to R Stephen Meade, Fergal Byrne, Michael Kennedy, Eoin Kennedy, Keith Kennedy, Alan O Riordan, Joe Coffey, Tomas Buckley, Tom Hamill, Keith Morris, Edwina Clohessy



DURLAS OG UNDER 16 HURLING 'A' MID CHAMPIONS

The Durlas Og Panel that defeated Loughmore Castleiney in the Kevin Darmody Mid Tipperary Bord na nOg U16 A Hurling Final. Picture Back Row L to R David Maher, Shane Dempsey, Denis Maher, Robert Murphy, Michael Russell, Bill McCormack, Brian Stakelum, Stephen Maher, Barry McCormack, Aidan McCormack. Front Row L to R Rory O Shea, John Shortt, Cian Treacy, Liam Cullen, Damien Grimes, Kevin O Gorman.



LOUGHMORE CASTLEINEY UNDER 12 HURLING 'A' MID CHAMPIONS

Picture back Row L to R Cian O Rianin Broin, Caoimhe Egan, Aoife McGrath, Niamh Treacy, Joseph Nyland, Kevin Maher, Tommy Maher, John Connolly, Joseph Hennessy, Martin Meagher, Lorcan Egan, Trishan McGrath, Paul Moran, Anne Eviston, Evan Egan, Middle Row L to R Sam Allan, David Ryan, Kieran Maher, Mark Butler, Edel Nyland, Gilian Gleeson, John McGrath, Joseph Hayden, Brian McGrath, Noel O Connell, Denis Brerton, Fionn O Riain Broin, Shane Manton. Front Row L To R Diarmuid Maher, Anthony Ryan, Peter Nyland, Brendan Leahy, Liam Gleeson, Robert O Connell.



JK BRACKENS UNDER 12 HURLING 'B' MID CHAMPIONS

The Winners of the Mid Tipperary U/12 B Hurling Final. Picture Back Row L to R Stephen Bourke, James Bergin, Dylan Moloney, Colin Taylor, Tomas Brett, Cillian Roche, Tomas Hamill, Bill Bergin, Stewart Gallagher, Dean McEnry, Dominic Gallagher. Front Row L To R Darragh Kennedy, Patrick Kennedy, Seamus Carroll, Brian Kennedy, Niall Bourke, Colin o Riordan, Michael O Meara, Tomas buckley, Jack Fogarty, Conor Bourke, Carl Stakelum, Liam Murphy



DURLAS OG UNDER 12 HURLING 'C' MID CHAMPIONS

The Durlas Og 'B' Panel that defeated Clonakenny in the Hayes Hotel Mid Tipperary U/12 C Hurling Final. Picture Back Row L to R Jack O'Connell, Brendan O'Loughlin, Kevin Fanning, Patrick Brennan, Dylan Bourke, Graham Maher, Tony O'Brien, Eric Young, Matthew Fogarty, Patrick Carroll. Front Row L to R Paul Sammon, Thomas Skehan, Sean Butler, David Russell, Billy McCarthy, Adam Garrett, Colin Doyle, Rory Purcell, Tommy Barrett.



JK BRACKENS UNDER 16 HURLING 'B' MID CHAMPIONS

The JK Brackens Panel that defeated Gortnahoe Glengoolie in the Mid West Oil Company Ltd Mid Tipperary Bord na nOg U/16 B Hurling Final.

Picture Back Row L to R Richard Buckley, Michael Carroll, John Patrick Kennedy, Gavin Stakelum, Robert Hannah, Eoin Bourke, David Farrelly, Denis Cody, Kevin O Riordan, Dean Fairbrother, Adrian Bourke, Patrick Delaney, Joseph Bergin, Toby Morgan. Front Row L to R Padraig Bourke, David Murphy, Francis Kennedy, Shane Cashman, David Keating, Padraig Ryan, Keith Kennedy, Aidan Fogarty, Austin Purcell, Eoin Fitzpatrick, Patrick Brett, David Keating.



DURLAS ÓG PANEL THAT WON THE COUNTY UNDER 14 'A' AND 'C' TITLES.

Back Row (l. to r.): Denis Moore, Alex Dorney, Shane Butler, James Ryan, Colin Shorley, Padraic Crone, Sean Moroney, Brian O'Connor, Ciaran Dowd, Aidan McCormack, Philip Purcell, Patrick Duime, David Corbett, Kevin Smith, Jamie Stapleton, Paul Morrissey, Thomas Hewitt, Stephen Kennedy. Front Row (l. to r.): Stephen Hackett, Niall McGovern, Mark Shannon, James Lyons, Greg Cully, Allan Butler, Mossie McCormack, Mark Lanigan, Darragh Mulcaire, Michael O'Dwyer, Darragh Ronayne, John Stakelum, Mark Beresford, Kyle Loughman. (Missing from photo Christy Cleary, Paul Maher, Eoghán Leahy, Dylan Bourke).



Loughmore National School Winners in the Mid Tipperary GAA Primary Schools Quiz 2005. Picture Back Row L to R Aoife Maher Youth Committee, Ger O Grady Special Guest, John Doyle Mid Chairman, John Lambe Sponsor, Tom Maher Mid Secretary, Andy O Gorman Youth Committee. Front Row L to R Joseph Hennessy, Liam McGrath, Padraic Hennessy, John McGrath.



Upperchurch National School who were 2nd in the Mid Tipperary GAA Primary Schools Quiz 2005. Picture Back Row L to R Aoife Maher Youth Committee, Ger O Grady Special Guest, John Doyle Mid Chairman, John Lambe Sponsor, Tom Maher Mid Secretary, Andy O Gorman Youth Committee. Front Row L to R Sean Ryan, John Ryan, Andrew O'Brien, Eamon Ryan, PJ Bourke.



Officers and Guests at the Mid Tipperary Bord na nOg Convention 2005. Back Row L to R Ray Ralph (Vice Chairman), John Smith (PRO), JC Ryan (Chairman county Bord na nOg), John Doyle (Chairman Mid Senior Board), Joe Kennedy (Vice Chairman), Tom Maher (Secretary Mid Senior Board). Front Row L to R Martin Treacy (County Bord Rep), Lua Fitzpatrick (Treasurer), Andy O Gorman (President), Roddy Lowry (Chairman), Niall Ryan (Secretary), Liam McGrath (Vice President).

Roddy Lowry Chairman Mid Bord na nOg making a presentation to his predecessor Joe Moran to honour his contribution to Mid Bord na nOg at the Mid Bord na nOg Convention 2005.



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WEST TIPPERARY BORD NA NÓG 2006

By Tommy Fitzgerald (Runai)

West Tipperary Bord Na Nóg enjoyed another good year which produced some marvellous games in both codes.

Having set about generating more games for our youth in the division, the decisions taken at special meetings of two years ago are now bearing fruits. In addition to our Championships, the extra Shield and Plate competitions in all grades will this year combine to a total of somewhere in the region of three hundred and sixty games.

Clonoulty Rossmore's dominance of U/12 hurling in the division continued with their fifth title in a row, but they were unable to maintain the sequence at County level.

In U/14A hurling, Knockavilla Kickhams monopoly of the grade was finally broken when going for their sixth title in seven years as they had to settle for the runners up spot to Clonoulty Rossmore by a ten point margin.

While no County title came our way this year, a number of clubs competed in County Finals and performed very well. It was very encouraging to see a major hurling club making a good impact in football at Bord Na Nóg level as Clonoulty Rossmore collected honours in U/16A Football, Peil Na Nóg (U/14 Football) and took the runners up spot in both U/12 and U/14A Championships.

In Inter-Divisional hurling, our U/14 hurlers defeated Mid Tipp in the Peadar Cummins Semi Final but were never able to come to terms with an excellent North Tipp side in the Final.

Our U/16's bowed out to a well drilled Imokilly (Cork) side in the Munster Championship and also had to satisfy with the runners up slot to both the Mid and South Tipp in the Garda Cup.

Finally, on a sad note, our newly elected Life President, John Moloney (Galtee Rovers), passed away unexpectedly on Friday October 6th.

John gave a lifetime to the GAA not only as a referee of the highest standard, but also for many years in the development of his own club Galtee Rovers, and particularly, juvenile structures and affairs within the club.

This great dedication has been very evident in recent years with the array of titles both divisional and county that have come Galtee Rovers way with many of those lads going on to play with Tipp in both hurling and football.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

REPRESENTATIVES TO COUNTY TEAMS

U/14 (Tony Forrestal Tournament)

Michael Ryan (Arravale Rovers), Philip Ryan (Clonoulty Rossmore), David Butler (Kickhams), Liam Richardson (Aherlow), John Condon (Lattin Cullen), Jonathan Grogan (Cashel K.C.), Paddy Dalton (Arravale Rovers).
West Selector: Tom O'Donnell (Golden Kilfeacle).

U/15 Hurling Carrig Dhoun Cork

Shane Heelan (Kickhams), Thomas Butler (Clonoulty Rossmore), Pádraig Heffernan (Clonoulty Rossmore), Kenneth Horgan (Kickhams).

U/16 Hurling (All Ireland Championship Winners)

John O'Neill (Clonoulty Rossmore), Patrick Coates (Cashel K.C.), Patrick O'Brien (Kickhams). West Selector: Kevin Fox (Eire Og).

U/14 Football

Joseph Riordan (Sologhead), Eoin Riordan (Sologhead), Kevin Reade (Cashel K.C.).

Munster U/16 Football

Darren Lowry (Arravale Rovers), Declan Ryan (Arravale Rovers), Paddy Finnan (Arravale Rovers), Donacha Ryan (Clonoulty Rossmore), Eoin McCarthy (Arravale Rovers), Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers), Gavin Ryan (Rockwell Rovers), Robert Doherty (Cashel K.C.). West Selector: Tommy Fitzgerald (Sologhead).

WEST BORD COMMITTEE 2006

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REPRESENTATIVES TO COUNTY BORD NA NOG

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Liam O'Dwyer (Eire Og)

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Michael Long, DJ Carr, Liam O'Dwyer (Arravale Rovers), Denis Ryan (Clonoulty Rossmore), Tom O'Donnell and Roger Ryan.

WEST U/16 HURLING SQUAD

Shane Heelan (Kickhams), Donacha Ryan (Clonoulty Rossmore), Willie Flynn (Rockwell), Christopher Ryan (Golden Kilfeacle), Donagh Heffernan (Cappawhite), Sean O'Connor (Clonoulty Rossmore), Andrew Quirke (Clonoulty Rossmore), Thomas Butler (Clonoulty Rossmore), Patrick Coates (Cashel K.C.), Kenneth Horgan (Kickhams), Gerry Horgan (Kickhams), John O'Neill (Clonoulty Rossmore), Pádraig Heffernan (Clonoulty Rossmore), Jamie Ryan (Clonoulty Rossmore), Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers), Declan McNiry (Emly), Adrian Cummins (Cashel K.C.), Ciaran Hammersley (Clonoulty Rossmore) and James O'Connell (Golden Kilfeacle).

Selectors: Tom O'Donnell (Golden Kilfeacle), Davey Heelan (Kickhams), Paddy Butler (Cashel K.C.).

WEST U/14 HURLING SQUAD

Damien Hayes (Kickhams), Paddy Dalton (Arravale Rovers), Michael Hanley (Lattin Cullen), Michael Ryan (Arravale Rovers), Liam Kavanagh (Galtee Rovers), Philip Ryan (Clonoulty Rossmore), Eoin Carew (Kickhams), Stephen Ryan (Golden Kilfeacle), David Butler (Kickhams), John Condon (Lattin Cullen), Jonathan Grogan (Cashel K.C.), Seamus Carew (Clonoulty Rossmore), Cathal Ryan (Eire Og), Liam Richardson (Aherlow), Conor Hammersley (Clonoulty Rossmore), Owen Quirke (Cashel K.C.), Pádraig Slattery (Kickhams), Michael Killian O'Dwyer (Cashel K.C.), Christopher Ryan (Golden Kilfeacle), Sean Ryan (Eire Og), Patrick Ryan (Kickhams), Jack Ryan (Cashel K.C.), David Cleary (Emly) and Martin Sadleir (Clonoulty Rossmore).

Selectors: Tom O'Donnell (Golden Kilfeacle), Johnny Ryan A. (Cappawhite), Pat Buckley (Emly)

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Donovan Auctioneers U/12C	Aherlow 4-4	Sean Treacys	2-5	Sean Bradshaw (Kickhams)
Quirke Jewellers Cahir U/12 Shield	Arravale Rovers	3-4	Cappawhite	2-2 (AET) Tommy Fitzgerald
Peak Restaurant Tipperary U/12 Plate	Emly	2-5	Sean Treacys	1-2 John O'Brien (Arravale Rovers)
John Kelly Soft Drinks U/14A	Clonoulty Rossmore	3-8	Kickhams	1-4 Paddy Russell (Emly)
Caulfields Super Valu U/14B	Cashel K.C.	3-6	Lattin Cullen	3-6 David Grogan (Aherlow)
Replay	Cashel K.C.	3-7	Lattin Cullen	1-4 Sean Bradshaw
Tipperary Credit Union U/16A	Clonoulty Rossmore	1-8	Arravale Rovers	2-3 John Ryan (Cashel K.C.)
Centenary Co-Op U/16B	Rockwell Rovers	2-16	Eire Og	1-6 Paddy Ivers (Ballingarry)
Coca Cola Bottling Feile Na Gael	Clonoulty Rossmore	3-12	Cashel K.C.	2-2 Tommy Fitzgerald
Peadar Cummins U/14 Inter-Divisional Hurling Semi-Final	West Tipp	1-10	Mid Tipp	1-7
Final	North Tipp	5-10	West Tipp	1-2
Munster U/16 Inter-Divisional Hurling	Imokilly (Cork)	3-15	West Tipp	0-4
Garda Cup Inter-Divisional Hurling	Mid Tipp	4-15	West Tipp	1-2
U/16 Shield Final	South Tipp	3-9	West Tipp	3-5

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

Fitzpatrick Printers U/12A	Arravale Rovers	3-5	Clonoulty Rossmore	2-3	Eamon Browne (Kickhams)
P.P. O'Dwyer Hardware U/12B	Lattin Cullen	7-6	Emly	1-1	John O'Brien
Kala Electric U/12C	Aherlow	4-1	Sean Treacys	2-4	Francis Kearney(Clououlty Rossmore)
Friends of Tipperary Football U/12 Shield	Cashel K.C.	1-5	Rockwell Rovers	1-0	Ger Howe(Lattin Cullen)
Peak Restaurant Tipperary U/12 Plate	Golden Kilfeacle	4-9	Galtee Rovers	2-7	P. Kellehe(Cashel K.C.)
Hanley Tyre Centre Tipperary U/14A	Arravale Rovers	3-8	Clonoulty Rossmore	0-5	T. Fitzgerald
Sgt. Peppers U/14B	Emly	1-11	Cashel K.C.	1-5	Ger Howe
D.J. Butler Dundrum U/14 Plate	Lattin Cullen	3-4	Galtee Rovers	2-3	Sean Bradshaw
D.J. Butler Dundrum U/14 Shield	Eire Og	4-8	Sean Treacys	1-4	Sean Bradshaw
D.J. Butler Dundrum U/14 Plate Final:	Aherlow	1-11	Rockwell Rovers	1-2	
AIB Tipperary U/16A	Clonoulty Rossmore	1-4	Arravale Rovers	0-5	Phil Ryan (Kickhams)
Quirke Jewellers Cahir U/16B	Aherlow	0-14	Emly	2-3	R. O'Connor (Arravale Rovers)
Pall Ireland Peil Na Nog (U/14)	Clonoulty Rossmore	3-10	Kickhams	1-1	Richie Barry (Cappawhite)
Garda Cup U/13 Final	Arravale Rovers	0-9	Clonoulty Rossmore	2-1	Willie Kennedy
Michael Martin Accountants, Tipperary U.16 Special 11 a side:	Solohead	1-10	Lattin Cullen	3-3	



CLONOULTY/ROSSMORE U12 A WEST CHAMPIONS 2006

Back Row L-R:

Fergal Murray, Shane Kinnane, Peter Hayes, Aron Ryan, Paddy Heffernan, Ian Kelly, TJ Heffernan, Paul Ryan, Kevin Ryan, Nicky Cullen, David Dunne, Paul Hayes, James Horan, James Ryan, Joan Roff, James Maher, Seamus Heffernan, Sarah Fryday, Clodagh Quirke

Front Row L-R

Jerry Kennedy, Gary Donnelly, David Egan, Sean Coffey, Sean Maher (captain), Philip Fitzpatrick, Eva Ryan, Jamie Kearns, Andy Ely, Denis Murphy, Patrick Hennessy, Ronan Heffernan, Niamh Hayes, Stephen Quinn



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A Chairde,

Failte mor chuig gach duine atá anseo anocht. Tá suil agam go raibh samhradh brea agaibh, agus go bhfuil sibh reidh anois chun dul amach ar na pairceanna agus ár gcluichi tradisiunta a chur chun chinn.

This Summer has shown recovery and progress by Tipperary Hurlers, culminating in the uplifting All-Ireland win by our Minor hurlers, and our Under 21 Hurlers were very unlucky against Kilkenny in the All Ireland Final. Our Minor footballers played well in the Munster Final against Kerry and were unlucky to be drawn against the other All Ireland Finalists Roscommon in the Quarter Final. We have a great pool of talent emerging as can be seen in the fantastic wins by our Under 16 Hurlers in the All Ireland Final and by the Under 14 team in the Tony Forristal tournament.

I focus deliberately on the performances of our underage teams, drawn from clubs and schools all over the County. We here have been privileged to watch these players emerge as committed, talented, well balanced young men who I believe will wear the Blue and Gold with distinction for years. We've been fortunate to play some role in their development along the way. They give us great moments and sustain our appetite for wet Winter days on sidelines, countless hours of training sessions, thousands of miles on buses all over Ireland and decades of dedication to them. They are the future of our games, and in time will coach, teach and mentor other generations.

Once again, Tipperary schools performed with distinction at Colleges and Vocational level in Munster. Our Lady's Secondary, Templemore, won the White Cup, Munster Under 15 'A' Hurling with some sensational displays, and are surely destined for greater success at Senior level. St. Joseph's Secondary, Borrisoleigh, won Corn Phádraig Munster Senior 'B' Hurling for the second time in three years. Cashel Community School defeated Presentation Secondary, Ballingarry, in the Corn Phiarasigh, Munster Under 15 'B' Hurling Final. Within Tipperary, Thurles C.B.S. won the Fitzgerald Cup U-17 'A' Hurling final for the third time in succession, with Cistercian College Roscrea winning the Fitzgerald Shield 'B' Hurling final. The High School, Clonmel, won the Mac Gabhann Cup Senior Football 'A' Final, with St. Josephs College, Borrisoleigh, winning the Mac Gabhann Shield 'B' Final. At Under 15 level, Our Lady's Secondary, Templemore, won both Croke Cup 'A' Hurling and Cusack Cup 'A' Football finals. Colaiste Dún Iascaigh enjoyed a wonderful year, winning both the Hennessy Cup 'B' Hurling and Cusack Shield 'B' Football finals, and were successful in Vocational schools competitions at provincial level. Our Lady's Templemore won Corn

Ui Cathain First Year 'A' Hurling, with Comeragh College winning Sciath Ui Cathain First Year 'B' Hurling.

I congratulate all our schools, coaches and school community for working so passionately on behalf of Gaelic games in our schools. I think our willingness to embrace the highest modern standards of training and preparation, setting high standards for ourselves and our players, is a matter of great credit to all of you. This is despite the increasing encroachment of the 'league tables' and bureaucracy on our careers, and the lamentable notion that school is about points and places, regrettably all too prevalent in Tiger society. The life skills we experience in sport are vital aspects of a balanced education.

I wish to express our gratitude to our referees and their officials. If I have a concern, it is that we often take them for granted. We must always be conscious of showing them the height of respect. We all make mistakes in games, we all want to win too. Our frustration must never be directed at our officials. Our servicing officer, Tom Collum, is the real gem of our board. He runs our competitions efficiently and in a highly professional manner. He spends hours every day phoning and persuading clubs and referees to allow our games to proceed. I know that we all hold him in the highest regard.

I express our thanks to the County Board for their financial support with medals, meals and hurleys. Even though he is almost a year into his tenure, on behalf of the Board, I congratulate our former secretary, John Costigan, on his election as County Board chairman and wish him well for the remainder of his term.

For the last few years, County Board has funded the 'Support groups' in our schools. The feedback on these is generally positive. I would encourage all schools to make the most of their contact with the clubs and coaches in their locality, while reminding you that we are the best promoters of our games in our schools.

I referred earlier to the ever increasing level of preparation for training and on the demands to provide the highest standards of facilities and resources for players. This has led to a substantial increase in expenditure on games in our schools. The costs involved in team preparation have risen dramatically, even though the grants we receive have remained static in the last number of years. I would ask those on County Board to review our grants, and urge them to consider an increase.

I have served two years in this job, and will only serve one more year. I think it is very important that every school play its part in taking officerships on this board. We must be responsible for the healthy running of our board. I also think that we should hold at least one committee meeting per term, and that I intend to call a meeting this term to review progress in competitions and to discuss matters relevant to our board. The very best of luck to you all for the coming season.

Aodhan O Laoghaire, Runaí.

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Cumann na Meanscoileanna

Munster Vocational Schools Junior Hurling A Final

Borrisokane Community College
Hazelwood College, Dromcollogher

3-13
1-9

By Shane Brophy

Borrisokane Community College Junior team won the Munster A Hurling final with a comfortable win over a disappointing Hazelwood College in Feenagh.

Despite having to travel 60 miles to play the Limerick school on their own doorstep, Borrisokane were rarely troubled as a dominant first half display saw eleven points on the scoreboard before Hazelwood registered their first, a minute before half time.

With the backing of the wind in the second half, Hazelwood had the backing of a stiff breeze but Borrisokane picked off important goals with Ruairi Gleeson grabbing a second half hat-trick to deter any hopes the Limerick school had of pulling off an amazing comeback.

Borrisokane were ten points clear at half-time and were well-deserving of their 3-13 to 0-9 victory.

Scorers: Borrisokane CC: R Gleeson 3-4, 0-2 frees, E Gleeson, D Bevens 0-3 each, D Morkan 0-2, C Haugh 0-1 free.

Hazelwood College: B Sheehy 0-4, 0-2 frees, 1 65, J Hartnett 1-0, J O'Sullivan, J Fitzgibbon 0-2 each, J Coughlan 0-1 free.

Borrisokane CC: Brian O'Meara (Kilruane McDonaghs), Niall Reddin (Borrisokane), Keith McNamara (Shinrone), Brendan Fogarty (Lorrha), Cian McLoughney (Shannon Rovers), Joe Gallagher (Kildangan), Alan Hogan (Shannon Rovers), Derek Morkan (Shinrone, Captain), Ciaran Haugh (Lorrha), Eanna Gleeson (Kildangan), Damien Bevens (Shinrone), Eoin O'Meara (Lorrha), Barry McNamara (Shinrone), Ruairi Gleeson (Kildangan), Graham Houlihan (Lorrha). Subs: Kevin Ryan (Kilruane McDonaghs) for G Houlihan (43 inj), Padraig Kelly (Kildangan) for B McNamara (52), Danny Burke (Shannon Rovers) for R Gleeson (56), Scott Hodgins (Kilruane McDonaghs) for N Reddin (58).

Hazelwood College: J Nix, G Keane, S Fitzgibbon, H O'Gorman, J Ryan, T Fleming, P O'Regan, S Hehir, J O'Sullivan, J Fitzgibbon, B Sheehy, A Butler, J Coughlan, J Hartnett, S Sheehan. Subs: P Watson for A Butler (13), P Molyneux for S Sheehan (51).

Referee: Dave O'Farrell (Mitchelstown)

Canon Fitzgerald Cup Final

THURLES TOO STRONG FOR OUTCLASSED BORRISOKANE

Thurles CBS
Borrisokane CC

2-17
0-10

by Shane Brophy

A game that promised much prior to throw-in turned out to be a one sided contest as Thurles CBS won the 2006 Canon Fitzgerald Cup final with a comfortable victory of Borrisokane Community College in Templemore.

Thurles CBS were dominant all over the field and were fully deserving of their victory showing terrific levels of skill and awareness, which were too much for a game Borrisokane Community College team to overcome.

The first ten minutes of the match were very competitive as both sides scored three points apiece but when Thurles struck for their first goal in the twelfth minute, the writing was on the wall for Borrisokane as they were playing with the breeze on what was a glorious day for hurling.

The basis for Thurles's victory was laid in their half back line where county minor players Michael Cahill and Padraig Maher along with James Barry acted as a stone wall against all Borrisokane attacks and prevented too much ball getting into Borrisokane's dangerous inside forward line.

Thurles went into the break leading 1-9 to 0-7.

With the wind at their backs, Thurles forced home their advantage and hit seven points without reply and thoroughly deserved their comprehensive victory.

Scorers: Thurles CBS: Liam Dwyer 0-6, 4 frees, John Joe Burke 1-2, Matthew Greene 1-1, John O'Neill, David Butler 0-2 each. Colm Ryan, Michael Cahill, John Coghlan, James Barry 0-1 each.

Borrisokane CC: Ruairi Gleeson 0-4, 3 frees, Brian O'Meara, Damien Bevens 0-2 each, Alan Hogan 0-1, Joe Gallagher 0-1 free.

Thurles CBS: Bill McCormack (Durlas Og), Kevin O'Gorman (Durlas Og), Stephen Dorney (Thurles Sarsfields), Jack Fogarty (Moyne Templetuohy), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields), Padraig Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), James Barry (Upperchurch Drombane), Liam Dwyer (Holycross Ballycahill), John Coghlan (Moyne



Thurles CBS panel that defeated Borrisokane Community College in the Fitzgerald Cup final at Templemore.



St Joseph's Borrisoleigh panel - Corn Phadraig (Munster Colleges 'B') champions. Back row: (from left) - Kevin McCarthy (Manager), Eoin O'Dwyer, Liam O'Donoghue, Cian O'Mahony, Seamus Callinan (captain), Ciaran Cowan, Aidan O'Dwyer, Paul Connors, Keith Stapleton, Patrick Leahy, Brendan Maher, Daniel O'Donoghue, Gar Kent. Front: Gary Toohey, Martin McGrath, Rocky Ryan, Darren Cuddihy, Andy Bourke, Conor Moloney, Paul Maher, Daniel Keogh, David Keogh, Patrick Ryan, John Fogarty.



Colaiste Phobal (Roscrea Community College) celebrate their their thrilling win over St Brogan's College, Bandon in the VS Senior 'A' Munster final at Feenagh Co Limerick.



Nenagh VS panel which were defeated by Borris VS (Carlow) in the All-Ireland Vocational Schools 'B' hurling final. Back row: (from left) - Cian Morris, Stephen Gleeson, Damien Boland, Alan Hughes, Simon Kelly, Shane Slattery (captain), Eoin Ryan, Jamie Quigley, Damien Corcoran, Michael Heffernan, Josh Fletcher, Michael Creamer, Michael Clifford, Michael McCarthy, Damien Ely. Front: Michael Hogan, Eamonn O'Rourke, Liam Gibson, Joey McLoughney, Jim Duignan, Niall McCormack, Keith Fahy, Kenneth Holland, Pearse Morris, Michael Sheedy, Matthew Collins, Martin Minihan.

Templetuohy), John O'Neill (Clonoulty Rossmore), John Joe Burke (Thurles Sarsfields), Joe Maguire (Upperchurch Drombane), David Butler (Drom Inch), Matthew Greene (Upperchurch Drombane), Colm Ryan (Upperchurch Drombane). Subs: Michael McGrath (Killenaule) for D Butler (46), Rory Ryan (Moycarkey Borris) for J Maguire (46), Laurence Burke (Thurles Sarsfields) for J Fogarty (54), Aidan Brett (Upperchurch Drombane) for K O'Gorman (54), Conor Ryan (Thurles Sarsfields) for M Greene (54).

Borrisokane CC: Ger Corcoran (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Shane Hodgins (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Keith McNamara (Shinrone), Brendan Fogarty (Lorrha), Conor Haugh (Lorrha), Joe Gallagher (Kildangan), Cian McLoughney (Shannon Rovers), Del Morkan (Shinrone), Ciaran Haugh (Lorrha), Eanna Gleeson (Kildangan), Damien Bevens (Shinrone), Pauraic Kelly (Kildangan), Declan Barrett (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Ruairi Gleeson (Kildangan), Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs). Subs: Eoin O'Meara (Lorrha) for P Kelly (38), Alan Hogan (Shannon Rovers) for D Barrett (38), Cian Hayes (Kildangan) for E Gleeson (54), Christopher Doughan (Moneygall) for B O'Meara (57).

Referee: John Ryan (Cashel).

Munster Vocational Schools Senior A Hurling Final

Roscrea strike late to snatch Munster title

Colaiste Phobail Ros Cré	2-7
St. Brogan's College, Bandon	1-9

A captain's performance from David Buckley when his team needed him the most saw Colaiste Phobail Roscrea snatch victory from the jaws of defeat in an enthralling Munster Vocational Schools Senior A Hurling Final in Feenagh. With just eleven minutes remaining, the game looked all but gone for the Roscrea school as they trailed by five points and such a lead in a low scoring game looked too difficult to peg back.

But through great courage and determination, Roscrea fought back with minor star Buckley find the net in the 49th and 56th minutes bring Roscrea level and just as it looked as it was heading for extra time, he converted a 21 metre free which turned out to be the last puck of the game to seal a dramatic win and ensure the Munster title came back to Roscrea for the first time since 1998.

The blustery wind threatened to ruin the game but we were treated to a terrific game, full of commitment which plenty of physical challenges from both sides which referee Padraig Coffey let go allowing for a free flowing game.

Minus two key forwards in Mossy Burke and Dean Delaney through injury and suspension, Roscrea lined out under strength but it didn't show as they began well in defence and midfield where Sean Fitzgerald and Darren O'Connor were to have influential games.

A mighty long range free into the wind from midfielder Gavin O'Riordan opened the scoring for the Cork school. Roscrea almost had the perfect response but Kevin Dooley's third minute goal was ruled out after Mark Bevens had been waved wide as he gave the pass to his team-mate.

The conditions and the effort of both sides meant scoring was not going to be easy and it was not until the quarter hour before the second score arrived with Roy Payne shooting to the top corner of the net for St. Brogan's.

Roscrea had another score chalked off for a square ball before Darren O'Connor got his side on the scoreboard with a free after seventeen minutes.

A brilliant sideline cut from Roy Payne extended the lead two minutes later before Roscrea took over in the last ten minutes

of the half as O'Connor and Darren Coleman took the upper hand in midfield and their defence lead by Sean Fitzgerald also tightened up considerably.

Two points from David Buckley was added to by a 21-yard free from Sean Fitzgerald after Bandon goalkeeper Noel O'Donovan over-carried in the ball in the square. Roscrea also missed a number of good scoring chances and ultimately trailed by a point at the break.

Colaiste Phobail needed a good start to the second half but they didn't get it as their opponents hit two points in the opening four minutes of the second half with Danny O'Callaghan getting both.

David Buckley hit back with a free but St. Brogan's had now taken control of midfield who in turn supplied good ball to Danny O'Callaghan and Darren Crowley who were having much more productive second halves.

Two frees from Danny O'Callaghan and a Roy Payne point opened the lead to five points with seventeen minutes remaining. Michael Ryan was introduced in place of Andrew Collier and his impact was immediate as his low ball found David Buckley and the Roscrea captain rounded his marker and ran to the square before shooting to the net.

Game on again. St. Brogan's didn't panic as points from Darren Crowley and the impressive Danny O'Callaghan within two minutes of the goal opened the lead out to four points with nine minutes remaining.

Mark Bevens reduced the deficit with a terrific solo effort from the puck out. Roscrea needed a goal and what a goal they got. Sean Fitzgerald stormed upfield and his shot from half way was held up by the wind and as the ball dropped in the square, David Buckley was on hand to brilliantly double the dropping ball to the net.

A miraculous escape and Roscrea had the impetus to go on and win. St. Brogan's had two chances late on but both went wide. As the game entered injury time, Roscrea forced a 21-yard free after Keith McMahon had been dragged down. David Buckley's effort just crept over the bar and referee Padraig Coffey blew the full time whistle to the delight to the Roscrea players and supporters.

This breathtaking comeback will instil a lot of confidence in this Roscrea team as they face into a local derby in the All-Ireland semi-final where they will take on St. Fergal's College, Rathdowney in a match that will have taken place as we go to press.

There were excellent performances from Adrian Byrne, JP Cummins, Sean Fitzgerald, Lorcan O'Riordan, Darren O'Connor, Darren Coleman, substitute Michael Ryan and man of the match David Buckley whose performance will surely have the Tipperary minor management looking in his direction.

Scorers: Colaiste Phobail Ros Cré: David Buckley 2-4, 0-2 frees, Mark Bevens 0-1, Sean Fitzgerald, Darren O'Connor 0-1 free each.

St. Brogan's College, Bandon: Danny O'Callaghan 0-5, 0-2 frees, Roy Payne 1-2, 0-1 sideline cut, Darren Crowley 0-1, Gavin O'Riordan 0-1 free.

Colaiste Phobail Ros Cré: John King, Kevin Butler, Adrian Byrne, JP Cummins, Martin Deane, Sean Fitzgerald, Lorcan O'Riordan, Darren Coleman, Darren O'Connor, Andrew Collier, Kevin Dooley, Owen McKelvey, Mark Bevens, Keith McMahon, David Buckley. Subs: Michael Ryan (Coolderry) for A Collier (46), Roddy Teehan for K Dooley (58).

St. Brogan's College, Bandon: Noel O'Donovan, Ciaran Walsh, David Lynch, Fionnan Keane, Maurice Sexton, Darren Ryan, Michael Deasy, Gavin O'Riordan, Chris O'Donovan, Niall O'Sullivan, Darren Crowley, Cian Lordan, Roy Payne, Danny O'Callaghan, Eoin O'Donovan.

Referee: Padraig Coffey (Limerick).

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Borrisokane Community College senior camogie team that defeated Blackwater Community School Lismore in the 'B' Munster final. Back row: (from left) - Vanessa Austin, Karen Seymour, Fiona Ryan, Marie Ryan, Michelle Morkham, Marian Ryan, Anne Cordial, Amanda Burke, Anne Cleary, Stephanie Gleeson, Jane Hannigan, Kathleen Ryan, Niamh Carroll. Kneeling: Andrea Davis, Emma Mulqueen, Niamh Enright, Anne Marie Quinlan, Sophie O'Donoghue, Lorraine Davis, Niamh Williams, Antoinette King, Sinead Cahalane, Michaela Cooley. Picture: Bridget Delaney.



Representatives of Cumann na mBunscoil at the recent launch of Céim ar Aghaidh in Thurles: Séamus Ó Dugáin, Gaelscoil Dúrlas Eile; Denis Floyd, Tipperary Games Development Committee; Michael Heffernan, Chairman Cumann na mBunscoil Thiobraid Árann; Donal McCarthy, Runaí Cumann na mBunscoil Thiobraid Árann; Timmy Delaney, Holycross N.S.



Representatives of Tipperary Coaching and Games Development Committee at the recent launch of Céim ar Aghaidh in Thurles: Denis Maher, Tipperary Games Development Administrator; Aidan O'Leary, Burgess; Rickie Sheehan, Mullinahone; Catherine Hogan, Secretary Tipp GDC; Donal McCarthy, Cumann na mBunscoil; Tom Collum, Templemore.

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Allianz Cumann na mBunscol

Allianz Cumann na mBunscol had an extremely successful year in 2006. Over 152 schools in Co. Tipperary took part in the football and hurling competitions. Cumann na mBunscol in Tipperary launched a new website <http://cnmb.tipperary.gaa.ie> which has meant that all reports and photos of teams are now easily accessible. DVDs of the Hurling Finals in Semple Stadium were made available for the first time this year and this venture proved very successful. Cumann na mBunscol competitions would not be possible in Tipperary without the effort and time given by teachers from all over the County so well done all! We wish all the schools the best of luck in this year's competitions.

Cumann na mBunscol stands for fair play in Sport. This is our Fair Play Charter:

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*We promise to try our best to improve our skills, to help our team-
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We enjoy having older people watch us play.

*We ask that they applaud rather than criticise our efforts
and the efforts of our opponents.*

*Remember that we are learning a game
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*We may have to risk making mistakes in order to learn,
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We thank the referee for giving time to take charge of the game.

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We ask the older people to do the same.

We promise to respect our opponents.

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These are the results of the football competitions 2006:

Peil 2005/ 2006

Peil	Winners	Runners Up
Roinn A:	Tipp CBS	Loughmore
Roinn B:	St. Mary's CBS	Carrick CBS
Roinn C:	Powerstown	Ballyporeen
Roinn D:	Templetouhy	Kilsheelan
Roinn E:	Mullinahone	Clonoulty
Roinn F:	Lios na mBroc	Inch
Roinn G:	Castleiney	Kilcash

Under 11	Winners	Runners Up
Roinn A:	St. Peter & Paul's	Carrick C.B.S
Roinn B:	Grange	Fethard
Roinn C:	Scoil Ailbhe	Powerstown
Roinn D:	Upperchurch	Liosronagh

Peil na mBan	Winners	Runners Up
Roinn A:	Ballylooby	Our Lady of Mercy, Cahir
Roinn B:	Sisters of Charity, Clonmel	Gaelscoil, Cluain Meala
Roinn C:	Gaelscoil Durlas	Newcastle
Roinn D:	Poulacapple	Clerihan

Under 11	Winners	Runners Up
Roinn A:	Convent of Mercy Cahir	Ballylooby
Roinn D:	Shronnell	Ayle

I.N.T.O Sevens	Winners	Runners Up
Peil	Loughmore	Powerstown

Peil na mBan Ballylooby

Gaelscoil Durlas

The Hurling County Finals of Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol took place in Semple Stadium Thurles, over two days, Thursday 8th of June and Friday 9th of June 2006. An exciting two days filled with whirlwind games of hurling and camogie, showcased the huge wealth of juvenile talent that abounds in Co. Tipperary. Spectators commented on the healthy state of skills amongst our youth that surely bodes well for county hurling in the future. Thanks to Semple custodian Jimmy Purcell for the warm welcome he showed to all teams and to Jim Max and Pat O Callaghan for ensuring that everything ran smoothly. Refereeing of the highest standard was provided by Pat Cullen, Michael (Fly-by) Jordan and Frankie O'Brien. Umpires were Olivia McCarthy, Laura Cooney, Luke Murphy and Ger Beary.

Thursday 8th of June :

Roinn D:	Mullinahone NS	3-10
	Cloughjordan NS	1-6

The first match of the 2006 Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Finals proved a thriller. Busloads of supporters who had travelled to Semple Stadium Thurles were treated to a spectacle of skilled hurling from the first throw in to the final whistle.

Mullinahone

Richard Walsh, Diarmuid O Hallaran, Killian Skorka, Luke Mullally, Colin Fitzgearld, Niall Walsh, Jack Shelly, Eoin Fennelly, Denis Connolly, David Walzer, Sean Walzer. Subs: Keith Guiry, Robert Reilly, David Dunne (sub goalie), Aaron Hayden, Jack McCarthy, Niall Kennedy, Conor McGrath, Conor Vaughan.

Coach: James Cahill Selectors: Sean Walzer, Rickie Sheehan.

Cloughjordan:

Keelan Troy, Shane Nevin, Andrew Brennan, Dean O' Meara, David Williams, Shane Dooley, Anton Banahan, David Mooney, Connor Austin, Brian Dooley, Kieran. Subs: Christopher Lillis, Kelly Hodgins, Niamh Gibson, Cashell Hague, Darren Hassett, Mark Tierney, Jonathan Powell, Andrew Hodgins, Jonathan Stanley, Daniel Hogan, Connor Williams.

Coach: Viv Dooley Selectors: Thomas Hassett, Eileen Armitage

Referee: Frankie O' Brien

U11 B Iomáint:	St. Oliver's NS	0-2
	Holycross NS	5-9

This was a hard fought game between these two schools. However Holycross dominated from the outset with fine goals from Ciarán Maher of Holycross. St. Oliver's battled in the second half and scored two points. Congrats to Holycross!

Referee: Pat Cullen

St. Oliver's NS:

Jake McDonald, Jack Conran, Ryan Murphy, Robert Lyons, Michael Boland, Ross Peter, Jason Doyle, Padraig White, James Burke, Joseph Doyle Subs: Keith Blanche, Ethan Grace, Patrick Sheehan, Michael Connolly, John Kelly, Tyrone Healy, Danny O'Reilly, Cory Connolly, Evan Crotty, Jamie Landy, Nathan O Loughlin, Jamie Lonergan, Dale O'Donnell.

Coach: Brian White Selector: Jerry McDonnell.

Scoil Micheal Naofa, Holycross:

John Croke, Kieran Dwyer, David Carroll, Conor Ryan, Thomas Ryan, Shane Ryan, Jamie Woods, Luke O Mara, Jack Skehan, Ciaran Maher, Cian Heher, Shane Maher. Subs: Raymond Nally, Robert Stakelum, Liam Coulson, Aaron Ryan, Brian Dwan, James Flynn, Calum O'Connor, Joe Doran.

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U11 C Iomáint:	Grange	7-4
	Upperchurch	1-5

This began with a thrilling array of points from both teams. Upperchurch goalie Loughlin Ryan was called on to make some fine saves in the first half. Following the resumption Grange picked up the pace. Tom Kirwan of Grange took a fine sideline cut passing in to Conor Casey who threatened goal. Grange continued to press with three consecutive goals bringing their final score to 7 4, to Upperchurch's 1 5.

Referee: Michael Jordan

Grange NS: Michael O Connor, Sean Nagle, Stephen Lambert, Sean Burke, Conor Casey, Gerry Cronin, Jamie Fitzgearld, Kieran Davis, Tom Kirwan, Danny O Mahoney. Subs: Jason Ryan, James Walsh, Colm O Shaughnessy, Bill Johnston, Joey Purtill, Dylan O Driscoll.

Coach: John Quinlan.

Scoil Íosagáin Upperchurch: Loughlin Ryan, Nathan Delaney, Declan Ryan, Gavin Ryan, Sean Ryan, Paul Shanahan, Andrew O'Brien, Robert Murphy, Toby Clancy, Jack Butler. Subs: Dylan Sheridan, Declan Atkins, Emmet Ryan, Patrick Lavery, Jordan Moore

Teachers / Coaches: PJ Harrington, Tom Kennedy.

Roinn D Camogie:	Loughmore NS	0-0
	Burgess NS	2-4

In this match Burgess threatened from the start. Loughmore goalie, Fiona Treacy was forced to make some tricky saves and the defence of Arlene McGrath, Trisha McGrath and Eilish Hassett combined to keep the Burgess forwards at bay. Indeed at the half time whistle Burgess had scored only one point. In the second half the constant pressure from Burgess players Caoimhe Maher and Niamh O Donoghue yielded a tally of 2 goals and 3 points. Final score was 2 4 to Burgess and 0 0 Loughmore. Well Done to both teams!

Referee: Frankie O'Brien

Loughmore NS: Fiona Treacy, Arlene McGrath, Trisha McGrath, Eilish Hassett, Anne Eviston, Marese O Connell, Gillian Gleeson, Caitriona Maher, Mary Hassett, Paula Hassett.

Subs: Olivia Connolly, Katie Cleary, Sophie Flanagan, Tara Treacy, Sarah Gleeson, Darina Sweeney, Mairead Eviston, Sinead Treacy, Sinead Ryan, Ciara Manton.

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Burgess NS: Claire Kearns, Kethryn Slattery, Aisling Looby, Caoimhe Maher, Máiréad Maher, Niamh O Donoghue, Lisa Mulqueen, Danielle Curtin, Christine Madden, Ciardha Maher. Subs: Niamh Mulqueen, Ciara Bourke, Niamh Floyd, Lorna Floyd, Ciara Floyd, Cara Cottam, Róisín O'keeffe, Tara O'Brien, Shona O'Donoghue, Isobel Ryan.

Teachers/ Coaches: Denis Floyd, John Hogan.

Roinn C Camogie:	Presentation Convent: Thurles	5-1
	Ballylooby NS	4-1

This was an impressive game of camogie from both teams. All the girls were exemplary, with possession equal on both sides. At half time Ballylooby were up by a goal. (Ballylooby 2-1, Presentation Thurles 1-1). The Thurles girls fought back in the second half, cheered on by a huge group of supporters from their school and closed the margin gained by Ballylooby in the first half. Claire Lawless and Emer Kennedy worked well in offence and helped their team to 4 goals in the second half. Ballylooby players Rachel Doyle and Debra Kenneally answered with two goals but it just wasn't enough with Thurles winning by a goal to win their first Allianz Cumann na mBunscol title! Well done to both teams for providing such a thrilling game!

Referee: Pat Cullen

Scoil Mhuire, Presentation Convent, Thurles: Megan Callanan, Karen Bonan, Ann Marie Ralph, Aoife Bowe, Rosemarie Hanafin, Shauna Brett, Vanessa O Dowd, Claire Lawless, Emer Kennedy,

Andrea Loughnane.

Subs: Kris Marie Lombard, Robyn Boucher, Celia Carroll, Laura Barrett, Bernadette Connaughton.

Teachers/Coaches: Clodagh Loughnane, Jenny Hanifan, Louise Curley, Margaret Curran, Dinny Maher, Anne Lanigan.

Ballylooby NS: Ashleigh Whelan, Theresa Bourke, Kelly Maher, Kate Fitzgearld, Niamh Myles, Sinead Kennedy Anne Marie Murphy, Aoife Murray, Rachel Doyle, Debra Kenneally.

Subs: Sorcha Sweeney, Sadhb Sweeney, Maura Ryan, Maura Murphy, Aisling Hickey, Clare Walsh, Gemma English, Megan Heffernan.

Coach: Donal McCarthy, Cormac McCarthy

U11 D Iomáint:	New Inn B.N.S	0-2
	Ballylooby NS	3-2

Ballylooby U 11's were fired up after watching their girls in the previous game. Both teams came out with all engines roaring and early points from New Inn were quickly replied to with a goal and a point from Ballylooby. In the second half New Inn found the defence of Ballylooby too strong and 2 goals and a point from Ballylooby were left unanswered. Congratulations to all in Ballylooby for a determined effort that paid off with their eventual win.

Referee: Michael (Fly-by) Jordan

New Inn B.N.S: Sean O Connor, Liam Fahey, Michael Healy, Joshua Keane, Christopher Hickey, Aaron Gallagher, Eoghan Ryan. Subs: Owen Cleary, Paul Coffey, Raymond Kelly, Pdraig Ryan, Conor Hickey.

Teachers/ Coaches: Tammy Cullen, Michael Heffernan

Ballylooby NS: James Morgan, Darren Sweeney, John Fennessy, Paddy Kennelly, Sean Tobin, John Hynes, Barry Cooney. Subs:

William Dunne, Gregory Dunne, Pearse Murphy, David O Halloran.

Teachers/ Coaches: Donal McCarthy, Cormac McCarthy

Roinn A:	Camógaíocht Dunkerrin NS	2-1
	Presentation Carrick-on-Suir	0-1

The first half of this game yielded no scores from either team despite valiant efforts from Dunkerrin forwards Denise Sutton and Elizabeth Cahill which was echoed by opposite numbers Michelle King and Hayley Foley. Both teams were quick off the starter's blocks in the second half with Presentation Carrick-on-Suir scoring a quick point. Dunkerrin battled back and grabbed a fine goal. They pressed on to win another in the last five minutes and the final point secured a win for their school.

Referee: Pat Cullen

Dunkerrin: Eimear Teehan, Shauna Kirwan, Stephanie Kenny, Monica Kirwan, Edwina King, Katie Coonan, Deirdre Madden, Aoife Sutton, Margaret Cleary, Elizabeth Cahill, Denise Sutton, Máiréad Teehan.

Subs: Caitriona Doughan, Róisín Toohey, Leanne, Larkin, Sarah Quinlan, Margaret Maher, Leonie Bolger.

Teachers / Coaches: Seamus Ryan, Amanda Moten, Máire Kirwan.

Presentation Carrick-on-Suir Shauna Hickey (captain), Evelyn O Doherty, Stephanie Cleary, Lauren Murphy, Kim Moroney, Dana Murphy, Hayley Foley, Michelle King, Nikki O Neil, Danielle Roche, Sarah Whitty, Karen Ryan

Subs: Shannon Power, Shauna Walsh.

Teachers/ Coaches: Hilda Anthony, Terry Lonergan, Toni Hogan

Roinn F Iomáint:	Lios na mBroc	0-2
	Rosegreen	3-4

This match provided some fine glimpses of skilled hurling from both teams. Lios na mBroc looked stronger in the first half with 2 points finding no answer from Rosegreen NS. The half time talk from Rosegreen mentors obviously did much to rouse their team as Rosegreen capitalised on all chances that came their way. Rosegreen's TJ Ryan went on a long solo run from the back line. He passed it on and retrieved it himself before going for goal. His first attempt was saved by Lios na mBroc's Wayne Corbett but the deflection fell back



Ballinaclough



St. Peter's and Paul's



Ballylooby Roinn C Iomaint



The Ballyporeen School Camogie Team
that took part in Cumann Na mBunscoil Camogie competitions in 2006.
Back row: Danielle Hackett, Clodagh McEniry, Lisa Carey, Shauna Maher, Erny Sweeney, Chloe Lyons. Front row: Rosie Kelly, Ciara Creagh, Chasmaine Kelly, Mary Meaney.



Burgess



Carrick CBS



Carrick on Suir



Castleiney

to TJ who this time showed no hesitation in burying it in the back of the net. The Rosegreen team gelled and scored 4 points and 2 more goals bringing their eventual tally to 3 4 to Lios na mBroc's 2 points.

Referee: Frankie O'Brien

Lios na mBroc N.S: Wayne Corbett, John Pollard, William Corbett, Eamon Trohy, Sean Doheny, Ciarán Hayes (captain), John O'Connor, Gerard Fennelly.

Subs: Eamon Butler, Conor Maher, Kevin Pollard, Darren Jenkins.

Teachers/ Coaches: Kevin Shelly, May O'Brien, Sean O'Connor, John Fennelly.

Rosegreen: Daniel Stayde, Kenny Drew, Keith Bergin, David Bergin, Stephen O'Connor, TJ Ryan, Tony Kenrick, Killian Ryan.

Subs: Evan Morrissey, Leigh O'Brien, Ciaran Barron, Danny Fanning, Lorcan Bergin.

Roinn B Iomáint: St. Peter & Paul's NS 4-1
Tipperary CBS 1-0

A close match was expected following a previous draw in the Group games between St. Peter and Paul's and Tipperary CBS. This game began slowly as both teams struggled to find their feet. An early point from St. Peter and Paul's pushed them ahead. Their goalie, Brendan Lawlor was called upon soon after and pulled off a magnificent save. In the second half David Power of Tipperary lashed a cracker home to score Tipp's only goal which motivated the St. Peter and Paul's forwards to band together. Three thrilling goals came in quick succession. Tipperary CBS rallied to counteract but attempts on goal fell wide, leaving the final score St. Peter & Paul's NS 4 1, Tipperary CBS 1 0

Well done to St. Peter and Paul's!

Referee: Michael Jordan

St. Peter and Paul's: Brendan Lawlor, John Allen, Dean Kelleher, Robbie Flynn, Kevin Larkin, Ryan Smyth, Brian Gleeson, Jaco Oosthuyzeu, Ashley Keane, Peter Smith, Lee Cashman, Rian Boland, Gavin Maher.

Teachers /Coaches: Cyril Darmody, Paddy Burke

Monastery School Tipperary: Sean Long, Dylan Nugent, Cathal Devlin, Jamie O'Dwyer, Killian Ryan, Emmett Fitzpatrick, David Power, Peter Mulcair, Johnny Lowry, Fintan Ryan, Gary O'Callaghan, James Hogan, Ciaran Lowry.

Teachers / Coaches: Pat Tedford, Paudie Reale, Damien Quinlan.

U11 A Iomáint: Scoil Ailbhe Thurles 4-5
CBS Carrick-on-Suir 0-0

Two determined groups met in the final of the Under 11 A Iomáint. Large crowds from both schools were present in Semple Stadium to cheer on their respective teams. The Carrick-on-Suir boys showed great heart and special mention must be given to players Dale O'Hanlon, Lee Wall and Stephen Moroney for huge effort on their part. Scoil Ailbhe were a stronger team on the day and showed massive promise which surely speaks well of the state of hurling in Thurles. Best for Scoil Ailbhe were Eddie Barnaville, Kevin Dunne and Conor Lannigan. It was a testament to the Thurles defence that they managed to contain the Carrick forwards. Well done to both teams- a credit to both schools!

Referee: Pat Cullen

Scoil Ailbhe Thurles: Shane McCormack, Jack O'Connell, Eoin Ryan, David Russell, Nicky Irwin, Aidan Ryan, Caley Maher, Ruairí Dwan, Ronan Maher, Eddie Barnaville, Kevin Fanning, Kevin Dunne, Sean Butler, Conor Lanigan, Brian Hanrahan, Patrick Carroll, Tom Meehan.

Teachers / Coaches: Flan Quigney

CBS Carrick-on-Suir: Adam Keyes, Mikey Morrissey, Kieran Lonergan, Bill Barrett, Scott Hogan, Dale O'Hanlon, Gavin O'Halloran, Derek Hogan, John Paul Roche, Lee Wall, Dale O'Mahoney, Dean Waters, Luke Gahan, Stephen Moroney, Dale Tobin. Subs: Christopher Kerr, Tommy McGrath, Joe Crowe, Darren Floyd.

Teacher: Pat Maunsell

Roinn C: Iomáint: Templederry 4-4
Ballylooby NS 0-3

The final score of this game certainly does not reflect the first half's play. Both teams were eager to score early in the game and pulled off some fine points. Templederry's Joseph Hynes worked solidly for his team and Ballylooby's Mark Doyle pulled off two fantastic saves, the likes of which Tipperary's Brendan Cummins would have been proud of. Ballylooby's defence displayed great resolve and rallied around Brendan Walsh who worked well feeding ball into his forward line. At half time Templederry led by only one goal, meaning it was all to play for. However, in the second half they pulled away with help from Matthew Hogan and Ballylooby's point did little to cut the margin which grew between the teams. The final score was Templederry 4 4, Ballylooby NS 0 3

Referee: Frankie O'Brien

Templederry: Dylan Carey, Dale Donnelly, Louise Loughlin, Pádraig Hogan, Edward Hynes, Siobhán Corcoran, Joseph Shanahan, Patrick Griffin, Matthew Hogan, Shane Kinane, Eanna Ryan, Eanna Ryan, Ciarán Carey.

Substitutes: Edel Ryan, Sarah Murray, Moira Ryan, Sarah Butler, Caroline Ryan, Elaine Murphy, Sarah Ryan, Mairin McCutcheon, Roseanne Ryan, Vivienne Gleeson.

Teachers/ Coaches: Vincent Stapleton, Gerry Hogan, Richard Collins.

Ballylooby NS: Mark Doyle, Sean Tobin, Brendan Walsh, Kyle Buckley, Eamon Gleeson, Kelly Maher, Seamus Burke, Debroah Kenneally, Darren Sweeney, Dealga Roghe, John Hynes, Mikie Burke.

Subs: Barry Cooney, John Fennessy, James Tobin, Nathan Keating, David O'Halloran, Niamh Myles, Rachel Doyle, Ruairí Joyce, Paddy Kenneally, James Morgan.

Teachers /Coaches: Donal McCarthy

U11 B Camogie New Inn G.N.S 0-0
Ballylooby NS 2-0

In this low scoring game both teams showed excellent promise. Ballylooby's defence were pressed to contain the continuous efforts from the New Inn Girls. Ballylooby's goalie Ashleigh Whelan showed great tenacity in guarding her goal especially in the face of Laura McEniry's attempts to score. Ballylooby's first goal was scored in the first half and meant that both teams had a fine chance in the second half. However Ballylooby knuckled down and scored one final goal, which sealed the fate of the New Inn team. The U11B Camogie Final trophy travels to Ballylooby NS. Well done to Ballylooby who were in four finals out of the seventeen played!

Referee: Michael Jordan

New Inn G.N.S: Julianne Shine, Ciara O'Halloran, Amy Peters, Cliona Sheehy, Lorna McEniry, Nicola Cleary, Nicole McNamara, Alanna Moore, Aoife O'Brien, Lia Grogan, Ashleigh Peters, Jean Walsh.

Teachers / Coaches: Fiona Ryan, Kathy Doran, Una Sheehy, Mairead McEniry.

Ballylooby NS: Ashleigh Whelan, Kate Fitzgearld, Jackie Doyle, Sinead Kennedy, Gemma English, Marie Claire Murphy, Aoife Murray.

Subs: Claire Walsh, Maureen Murphy, Megan Heffernan, Orla Healy, Maeve Tobin.

Teachers /Coaches: Donal McCarthy, Cormac McCarthy.

U11 A Camogie Presentation Convent Thurles 0-0
Our Lady of Mercy Cahir 1-1

This was the second match for Presentation Convent, Thurles. Hopes were high that the Pres would make it a double! However it was not to be as the Cahir girls proved too strong. Róisín Howard scored a fabulous point. She ran at the Pres defence, for what surely should have been a goal but was foiled by the quick eye and hands of Aoife Bowe. In the second half her pass to Shannon Pyke found the net to score a lovely goal. Despite a gallant effort from the Pres girls, led by

Andrea Loughnane it was Cahir's day for celebrations. Well done to both teams!

Referee: Pat Cullen

Presentation Convent Thurles: Aoife Bowe, Rosemarie Hanafin, Andrea Loughnane, Celia Carroll, Bernadette Connaughton, Aine Symons, Laura Donnelly, Mary Carroll, Aisling O'Neill, Emily Murphy, Laura Power, Kelsey O'Dwyer, Tracy Shorley, Aisling Power, Kayleigh Barnaville. Subs: Caroline O'Connor, Muireann Doyle, Clíodhna Treacy, Megan King, Amy Cullen.

Teachers / Coaches: Clodagh Loughnane, Jenny Hanafin, Margaret Curran, Louise Curley, Dinny Maher.

Our Lady's of Mercy, Cahir: Sadhm O'Donnell, Ciara Lonergan, Emma Cochrane, Edel Lenehan, Ema Buckley, Aisling McCarthy, Ciara O'Donnell, Shannon Pyke, Rachel Brehany, Roisín Howard, Emer Quinlan, Niamh Keating, Chloe Reilly, Marina Conlon, Claire Kiely.

Teachers/ Coaches: Pat O'Malley, Marie Casey, Mary Howard, Corrina Buckley.

Roinn B: Camogie	Portroe	0-0
	Holycross NS	5-5

Portroe and Holyross met in Semple to contest the 2006 Roinn B in Camogie. Both teams should early promise with great play for Portroe's R. Fraiser, N. McGrath and Róisín Quinn which was matched by Anne Gleeson, Marguerite Kennedy, Eibhlín Ryan and Rebecca Byrne. Holycross forwards united to score a huge tally. Congratulations to both teams for their valiant efforts!

Referee: Frankie O'Brien

Portroe: N. Freeman, R. McLoughlin, R. Fraiser, N. McGrath, R. Quinn, K. Tiernan, L. Duggan, C. Gleeson, S. Kennedy, S. Lumbroso.

Teachers / Coaches: Edel Hogan, Pauline Lynch, Cronin Casey.

Holycross: Aisling Fitzpatrick, Gráinne O'Dowd, Caitríona Bourke, Deirdre Meehan, Kerry-Anne Gleeson, Marguerite Kennedy, Eibhlín Ryan, Rebecca Byrne, Sarah Gleeson, Emily Matthews.

Subs: Pamela Morris, Kim Ryan, Jenny Dunne, Michaela Condon-O'Shea, Laura McGrath, Nicole Ryan, Mollie Ryan, Aimee Ryan, Roisín Comerford, Roisín Fitzpatrick, Rachel Spillane, Eileen Ryan, Kelly Anne Dunne, Keleigh Foley.

Teachers / Coaches: Timmy Delaney, Thomas McGrath.

Roinn E: Iomáint:	Kilsheelan	3-10
	Kilkeary	1-3

Kilkeary NS was led by strong endeavour from players Colm Canning and Aoife Ryan. They created great chances for their team. Kilsheelan met their challenge with resolute determination. John Keogh scored some points worthy of the Semple Stadium location which make him a name for the future. The Kilsheelan midfield line linked together well to provide a display of smooth hurling, passing and movement on and off the play was exemplary. Good luck to both teams for the future.

Referee: Pat Cullen

Kilsheelan: Tadgh Lonergan, Colin Gleeson, David Corcoran, William Lonergan, Bill Maher, John Kehoe, Lydia Ahearne, Finbar Horgan, Eoin Kehoe, Adam Haurts.

Subs: Jamie Cronin, Paul Maher, Cian Flavin, James Davin Murphy, Riain Connolly, Seán Ryan, Kevin Kirwan.

Teacher/ Coach: Michelle Ryan

Kilkeary: Liam Ryan, Liam Fogarty, Mary Hanly, Colm Canning, Cathal Kennedy, Annie Dunne, Aoife Ryan, Eithne Cahill, Caitríona Canning, Pauraic Ryan.

Subs: Evanna Harty, Sarah Corcoran, Kenneth O'Brien, Bill Corcoran, Maire Fogarty, Cliona Ryan, Orla Canning, Collette Carey.

Teachers/Coaches: James Gleeson, Nora Dwan

Roinn G: Iomáint:	Ballinacloogh	2-1
	Castleliney	6-5

Two strong teams met in the Final of Roinn G. This section is for two teacher schools in the county. Jason Fode of Ballinacloogh threatened goal many times in the first half with his persistence paying off in the final five minutes before half time. Castleliney's John Meagher fired a huge sideline cut towards the Ballinacloogh goal which was picked up expertly by his forwards and finished off in a fine goal. At half time Castleliney were 4 points ahead but Ballinacloogh looked determined to ignite a revival. However Castleliney proved indomitable when with a shot from John Meagher's 65 fell towards goal, sealing the fate of the Ballinacloogh team. It was fantastic to see such a free flowing game from these two teams. Well done all!

Referee: Michael Jordan

Ballinacloogh: Andrew Hayden, Margaret Mary Grace, Senan Stanley, Stacey Maher, Ryan Toohey, Jason Forde, Cillian Fitzpatrick, Oisín Fitzpatrick, Shane Daniels, Katie Carr, Kayleigh Walsh, Peter Ryan, Mark Daniels, Eoin Corcoran, Paul O'Sullivan.

Teacher: Michael Gleeson

Castleliney: Stephen Meade, Joseph Nyland, Martin Meagher, John Meagher, Edel Nyland, Brian McGrath, Michael Kennedy, David McGrath, Diarmaid Meagher, Peter Nyland, Niamh Treacy, Liam Kennedy

Teacher: John Treacy

Roinn A Iomáint:	Nenagh CBS	0-5
	Loughmore	0-8

This eagerly anticipated match was attended by a huge crowd of supporters and well wishers from both schools! The experience of both teams shone through on the day with quality hurling displayed. A stiff cross pitch wind ensured that play was difficult for both teams but this challenge was risen to through valiant struggles from all sides. Nenagh met the Loughmore test, point for point in the first half with three points apiece, leaving anticipation from all sides on resumption of the game. In the second half Nenagh's Kevin Flynn was commendable and was called on to save many stabs at his goal. His parallel number Joseph Hayden managed to hold off fierce pressure from the Nenagh forwards as both teams pushed for a goal. Loughmore drew away from Nenagh with eight minutes to go. Their tally of five points and one wide to Nenagh's two points, with four wides established the Loughmore lead. Best for Loughmore were John McGrath, Liam McGrath and Marese O'Connell. This was a huge win for Loughmore especially considering that they only have forty-three boys in their school. Well done to both teams for supplying such an exciting final. It was a fitting end to such a successful two days of finals, for Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol.

Referee: Frankie O'Brien

Nenagh: Kevin Flynn, Stephen Nagle, David Fitzpatrick, Paul Slattery, Patrick Sheehan, Sean Geary, Mark Higgins, Joseph Geaney, Mark Grisewood, Darragh Walsh, Kevin Gubbins, Conor Kennedy, Gary Power, Wesley Heenan, James Mackey.

Teachers/Coaches: Gerry Ryan, Brendan Kenny

Loughmore: Joseph Hayden, Mark Butler, Pádraic Hennessy, John Connolly, Tommy Maher, Joseph Hennessy, Marese O'Connell, John McGrath, Liam McGrath, Brian McGrath, Craig Cleary, Kevin O'Connell, Keith Manton, Patrick Nolan, Matthew Flanagan.

Subs: Gillian Gleeson, Anne Eviston, Robert O'Connell, Trisha McGrath, Sam Allen, Kevin Maher, Kieran Maher, James Kelly, Paula Hassett, Mary Hassett, Shane Manton, Arlene McGrath, Anthony Ryan, Martin O'Connell, Elliot Cole.

Teachers/Coaches: Stephen Maher, Pat McGrath.

All reports and photos are on the Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Website <http://cnmb.tipperary.gaa.ie> Any school wishing to submit match reports, photos etc. from any match during the year please email kateoconnell@tipperary.gaa.ie



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SECTION "B"

Ten schools took part in the Section "B" football championships. They were :- Carrig N.S. (Nenagh), Ballina N.S. Kildangan N.S., Youghalarra N.S., Borrisoleigh N.S., Borrisokane N.S., Gaelscoil Aonach, Roscrea B.N.S., Templederry N.S., and Portroe N.S. In the first round games Ballina, Youghalarra, Borrisoleigh, Gaelscoil and Portroe had wins over Carrig, Kildangan, Borrisokane, Roscrea and Templederry respectively. In a preliminary quarter-final game Ballina defeated Youghalarra. In the semi-finals Portroe defeated Ballina while Gaelscoil had the better of Borrisoleigh. In the final Portroe were crowned champions after a thrilling victory over Gaelscoil.

In the plate competition Templederry were winners after defeating Roscrea in the final.

SECTION "C"

Gortagarry N.S. Corville N.S. Kilruane N.S. Cloughjordan N.S. Lorrha N.S./Redwood N.S. Ardcrony N.S. Burgess N.S. and Toomevara were the schools taking part. In the quarter-finals Gortagarry, Cloughjordan, Ardcrony, and Toomevara had victories over Corville, Kilruane, Lorrha/Redwood and Burgess respectively. In the semi-finals Ardcrony beat Toomevara while Cloughjordan overcame Gortagarry. The final was a thrilling affair with Cloughjordan having the slenderest of victories over their fellow parishioners Ardcrony.

In the plate final Lorrha/Redwood defeated Kilruane.

SECTION "D"

Ballinree N.S. Kilbarron N.S. Rearcross N.S. Silvermines N.S. Ballinahinch N.S. and Rathcabbin N.S. took part in the SECTION "D" football championship. In two preliminary quarter finals Ballinree defeated Kilbarron while Silvermines accounted for Rearcross. In the semi-finals Silvermines overcame Ballinahinch while Rathcabbin defeated Ballinree. In the final Rathcabbin had the better of Silvermines.

In the plate final Rearcross defeated Kilbarron.

SECTION "E"

Just five schools took part in the SECTION "E" football championship. Ballinacloagh defeated Kilkeary in a preliminary round. In the semi-finals Ballinacloagh and Lissenhall had wins over Birdhill and Lackamore respectively. In the final Ballinacloagh had a relatively easy victory over their fellow parishioners Lissenhall. They went on to win the SECTION "F" championship in hurling later in the year.

BLITZ

Six schools took part in the football blitz, which is organized each year for small two teacher schools. Fantane N.S. Boher N.S. Aglish N.S. Kyle Park N.S. Killinaive N.S. and Terryglass N.S. took part this year. After a series of round robin games played on the same day Terryglass emerged blitz champions for 2005-2006.

HURLING

SECTION "A"

There was no SECTION "A" championship in N. Tipperary this year. Nenagh C.B.S. and Dromakeenan N.S. took part in the county schools hurling championship.

SECTION "B"

There was no SECTION "B" championship either in N. Tipperary this year. Borrisokane N.S. took part in the county championship.

SECTION "C"

In all eight schools took part in the SECTION "C" hurling championship :- Roscrea B.N.S. Burgess N.S. Kildangan N.S. Ballina N.S. Youghalarra N.S. Templederry N.S. Borrisoleigh N.S. and Portroe N.S.

In the first round games Burgess, Ballina, Youghalarra and Templederry defeated Roscrea, Kildangan, Borrisoleigh and Portroe respectively.

In the semi-finals Burgess overcame Ballina in one game while Templederry had the better of Youghalarra in the other.

Templederry overcame a gallant Burgess in the final and went on to defeat Ballylooby N.S. in the county final.

In the plate final Portroe defeated Kildangan.

SECTION "D"

Thirteen schools in all took part in the SECTION "D" championship this year :- Carrig N.S. (Nenagh) Carrig N.S. (Birr) Ardcrony N.S. Gaelscoil Aonach, Lorrha N.S./Redwood N.S. Corville N.S. Kilruane N.S. Toomevara N.S. Cloughjordan N.S. Moneygall N.S. Ballinree N.S. Dunkerrin N.S. and Gortagarry N.S.

In the first round games Ardcrony, Lorrha/Redwood, Kilruane, Cloughjordan, Moneygall and Gortagarry had wins over Carrig (Birr) Gaelscoil, Corville Toomevara Ballinree and Dunkerrin respectively while Carrig (Nenagh) had a bye.

In the quarter-finals Ardcrony defeated Carrig (Nenagh). Moneygall overcame Gortagarry. Cloughjordan had the better of Lorrha/Redwood while Kilruane had a bye.

Ardcrony defeated Kilruane in one semi-final while Cloughjordan accounted for Moneygall in the other. In a thrilling final Cloughjordan had one point to spare over Ardcrony.

In the plate final Carrig (Birr) defeated Ballinree.

SECTION "E"

Nine schools in all took part in the SECTION "E" hurling championship :- Ballinahinch N.S. Birdhill N.S. Rearcross N.S. Kilkeary N.S. Boher N.S. Rathcabbin N.S. Lissenhall N.S. Kilbarron N.S. and Silvermines N.S.

Ballinahinch defeated Birdhill in a preliminary round. In the quarter-finals Ballinahinch, Kilkeary, Lissenhall and Silvermines had victories over Rearcross, Boher, Rathcabbin and Kilbarron respectively. Kilkeary accounted for Ballinahinch in one semi-final while Lissenhall had a narrow victory over Silvermines in the other.

In a thrilling final, played in Kilsheeran, Kilkeary defeated Lissenhall after extra time.

Kilkeary were outclassed by Kilsheeran N.S. in the county final in Semple Stadium.

In the plate final Rathcabbin defeated Rearcross.

SECTION "F"

Seven schools took part in the two teacher SECTION "F" hurling championship. They were as follows :- Ballinacloagh N.S. Kyle Park N.S. Aglish N.S. Fantane N.S. Lackamore N.S. Killinaive N.S. and Terryglass N.S.

In the preliminary games Ballinacloagh, Aglish and Lackamore defeated Kyle Park, Fantane and Killinaive respectively.

Ballinacloagh went on to overcome Fantane in one semi-final while Terryglass had the better of Lackamore in the other.

In the final Ballinacloagh comprehensively defeated Terryglass. Ballinacloagh were themselves easily beaten by Castleiney in the county final.

Best wishes to Tipp in 2007

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TEMLEDERRY SCHOOLS FOOTBALL PLATE WINNERS

(pictured 1987)

Back Row:
Sean Brosnan, Dale Donnelly, Éanna Ryan,
Edward Hynes, Shane Kinane, Joseph
Shanahan, Sarah Butler, Siobhan Corcoran,
Moira Ryan, Edel Ryan.

Front Row:
Cian Martin, Ciarán Carey, Padraig Hogan,
Dylan Carey, Patrick Griffin (Capt.)
Matthew Hogan, Sarah Murphy, Louise
McLoughlin, Vivienne Gleeson.



RATHCABBIN NATIONAL SCHOOL NTH FOOTBALL WINNERS

Front Row: L to R Conor Hogan, Jonathan Bourke, Jamie Lewis, Philip Hogan, David Clear
(Capt.), Enda Hourigan. **Back Row:** L to R
Brian O'Meara, Rebekah Lambe, Josephine Lewis, Carmel Kelly, David Bilton, Patrick
Reddin.



TEMLEDERRY UNDER 12 PLATE WINNERS

Back Row: Louise McLoughlin, Elaine Murphy, Sarah Butler, Michael O'Donoghue, Rachel
Kennedy, Edel Ryan, Philip Kennedy, Shane Kinane, Edward Hynes (Capt.) Matthew Hogan,
Ciarán Carey, Mark Gleeson, Cian Martin, John Kennedy, Pádraig Hogan.
Front Row: Johanna Griffin, Nicola Butler, Michael Ryan, Ross Donnelly, Clíodhna Ryan, Dylan
Carey, Darragh Carey, Denis O'Connell, Michael Maher, Odhrán Murphy, Liam McCutcheon.

RATHCABBIN NATIONAL SCHOOL QUIZ TEAM

Pictured below: Rathcabbin NS quiz team winners of the North and County GAA schools
quiz, the County final which took place in Holycross last December 2005. Out of a
total of 16 tables, the Rathcabbin team scored 59 out of 64 questions giving them four
points to spare over the runners up. Picture here are the team with their trophy and
shield from left:

Jamie Lewis, Philip Hogan, Conor Hogan and Jonathan Bourke with their teacher Tom
Kennedy (Principal). Photo by Rose Mannion



TEMLEDERRY SCHOOL HURLING COUNTY FINAL WINNER

Front Row: Edel Ryan, Caroline Ryan, Sarah Murray, Sarah Butler, Siobhan Corcoran, Éanna
Ryan, Shane Kinane, Matthew Hogan, Edward Hynes, Joseph Shanahan, Mairín McCutcheon
Back Row: Ciarán Carey, Rose Anne Ryan, Louise McLoughlin, Patrick Griffin, Pádraig
Hogan, Dale Donnelly (Capt.), Dylan Carey, Elaine Murphy, Sara Ryan, Moira Ryan.



TEMLEDERRY UNDER 11 HARRINGTON CUP WINNERS

Back Row: Elaine Murphy, Padraig Hogan, Liam McCutcheon, Cian Martin, Darragh Carey,
Philip Kennedy (Capt.), Ciarán Carey, Mark Gleeson, Odhrán Murphy, John Kennedy.
Front Row: Johanna Griffin, Nicola Butler, Tim McCutcheon, Denis O'Connell, Michael Maher,
Clíodhna Ryan, Dylan Carey, Ryan Carey, Ross Donnelly.

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FRIENDS WE LOST IN 2006

LARRY BARRETT

The unexpected death of Larry (Lollie) Barrett, Childers Park, Thurles, in late October, brought great sadness to his many friends in the town and surrounding areas. Growing up on Sarsfield St., Lollie had a deep interest and involvement in Gaelic games since he first lined out in the torrid Thurles Street League of the 1960's. In the following years, he played with Sarsfields in both hurling and football, in all grades. As a hurler, Lollie is remembered as a skilled operator, being blessed with a great pair of hands and natural athletic ability. He was rightly proud of the fact that both his sons, Lar and Jamie, wore the county colours.



At Semple Stadium, Lollie was a valued and reliable member of the stadium staff, being in charge of the scoreboard. This is a position he held for many years until recent times, when the electronic scoreboards were installed. Appropriately, at his funeral, his coffin was draped in the Sarsfields blue and a silent tribute to his memory was observed, before the County Hurling Final, in the Stadium.

Larry will be sadly missed by all. Sincere sympathy to his wife Josie, Jennifer (daughter), Lar and Jamie (sons).

Ar dheis Dé go raibh sé.

LIAM BOWE

The passing of Liam Bove robbed the village of Cloughjordan of one of its most colourful and popular characters. Liam played juvenile hurling for Kilruane MacDonaghs before emigrating to the United States in 1958. Twenty one years later he returned to his native heath just in time to see his beloved MacDonaghs defeat Thurles Sarsfields in the 1979 county final.

Billy as he was more affectionately known as a passionate and partisan supporter supporter of the black and white and the blue and gold. To him there was only one club in the county.

Billy wasn't one to hide his loyalties wasn't shy when offering vocal support at matches. For many years he was a well known umpire with the well known referee Michael Cahill and prided himself on getting the calls right. In later years he worked on the FAS scheme which helped keep MacDonagh Park in pristine condition. At his funeral, his coffin was draped in the black and white with a large gathering of club members formed a guard of honour.

Ar Dheis De raibh anam.

ANTHONY CAHILL

It was with deep regret that we learned of the death of Anthony Cahill on the 17th of November 2005. Anthony took a great interest in G.A.A. affairs, especially those of his beloved Drom and Inch. A native of Leugh, his father John won an All-Ireland medal in 1906. He himself won a junior medal with Drom in 1951.



Anthony worked tirelessly for Drom and Inch club. He served as selector and was club president when he died. He rarely missed a game and was always on hand to lend support and encouragement to players at all grades. His great sense of humour ensured that he thoroughly enjoyed post match banter. A huge guard of honour formed by young and old which attended his funeral. Although sadly missed

from our club, we know that from his heavenly home Anthony is smiling at our success. To his wife Nancy and family we extend our sympathy. Rest in peace.

MOIRA CAHILL

Moirá Cahill (nee O'Leary) passed from this life on St Stephens day 2005 after an illness borne with dignity and courage. Moira had a great love of Irish dancing and music and was a noted dancing teacher, but because of her daughters Laura and Sinead's exploits in the amber and black of Kickhams, Camogie came a very close second. She was an avid supporter of the girls game and though quiet by nature was not afraid to step forward when needed. She was a dedicated hard working Kickham Camogie club secretary for five years as well as serving as selector on the clubs juvenile teams. As a mark of respect to a true lady and as an acknowledgement of her service to the club Knockavilla/ Donaskeigh Kickhams provided guards of honour at her removal to the Church in Knockavilla and at Rossmore graveyard where she was laid to rest. We extend our Sympathy to Husband Pádraig, Laura and Sinead. Her Mother Mary Brother Eoin sister Helen and extended family relatives and friends on their sad loss. She is sadly missed by all in the community. In honour of her memory An annual Camogie blitz was organised by the Camogie club in July this year.

LIAM CAPLIS

The untimely passing of Liam Caplis caused widespread shock and sadness in our parish. A fine all round athlete, he was a talented hurler and footballer and played on many successful Sean Treacy teams. When Sean Treacy's won their division of Feile n Gael in 1990, Liam played a leading role in their success and represented the club in both codes for many years afterwards. His displays at minor and U21 level were always noteworthy, while his fine sportsmanship and undoubted skill won many admirers. A very popular and unassuming young man, he was also well known in motor racing circles and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He will be sadly missed by the entire community.

Ar dheas Dé go raibh a anam dílis.



LIAM CARSON

Members of the Roscrea hurling club and indeed the whole community were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of one of our most dedicated stalwarts, Liam Carson on Sat Nov 18th. Throughout his life Liam gave sterling service to the club both as a player and in an administrative capacity. Liam played at all levels for the club, highlights included 2 senior county final appearances in 1954 and 1963, captaining Roscrea Meat Products in the Munster Inter firm final against Antigen in 1963, and was part of the Gold Watch winning Roscrea team of 1958. Liam also won a junior County Football title with Inane Rovers in 1961 and was part of the North Tipp selection that won County senior football titles in 1958, 1959 and 1961. When he hung up his boots, Liam continued to serve his beloved



Roscrea club as a groundsman, a caretaker and as a selector with various teams including the County Junior winning team of 1986. Liam never knew how to say 'no' and at the time of his death was Vice President of the club as well as a member of the Lotto committee, rarely missing a Tuesday night in the pavilion to check tickets. It was fitting that a week before his death Liam was presented with a Sean Gael award in Bru Boru Cashel for a lifetime of service to the GAA.. To Anna and the Carson Family we extend our deepest sympathy. "Ar Dheis De go Raibh a Anam"

DICK CUMMINS (1913-2005)

On the 10th December our Life President and South Board President passed to his eternal rewards peacefully at Main Street, Fethard. A man who gave most of his life to the pursuits of the GAA in Fethard as did his dad Dick Cummins who was one of the founders of the Fethard GAA Club and the first Chairman of the Munster Council 1901 also the first South man to become County Board Chairman, Dick himself was Chairman of the Fethard Club 1981-1984 (Centenary Year) as was his dad from 1884-1902, and it was a great honour for Dick to have the Fethard GAA Park opened in 1984 during his Chairmanship also his contribution during that time to Fethard Cooloyne & Killusty History Book (1887/1987) was invaluable he was the first Fethard man to be honoured with the Sean Na Gael Award in 2003. his love of the GAA was shown in the high esteem he was held by his peers and the fine gathering at his removal to the Parish Church Fethard on the 11th December Go Ndeanaí Dhia Trocaire Orthu.



NOEL COLLINS

Noel Collins who died suddenly in June played at all juvenile levels for the Ballina Club up to U21. Coming from a great Handball family he was a noted player winning North & County titles. When he moved to O Callaghans Mills in County Clare he was one of the founder members of the Handball Club there and along with a very dedicated committee they built a new 40x20 court. He represented O Callaghans Mills & played inter County for Clare for many years and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.



PADDY COLLINS

Paddy Collins who died on Thursday the 22nd of June was the last surviving member of a family of twelve from Youghal. He captained the Youghal minor team which won the North Championship in 1939 and was also a member of the Youghal intermediate team of 1942. A defender of note, he also played senior hurling with Duharra in the 1940's and was centre back in 1944 when he lost the North final to Kilruane McDonaghs. He moved to Moneygall fifty eight years ago when he married Moll and continued hurling with Moneygall. He continued to keep in touch with the activities of the Burgess club and in 2002 he was present at the club's dinner dance where he presented that year's winning minor team with their medals. He was also a noted singer and had a great love for music. The club formed a guard of honour with the Moneygall club at his removal from O' Donovan's funeral home and his coffin was draped with both club colours. At the homily on Thursday, Fr. Pat Mulcahy said that both he and Molly were very popular members of the community and there was always a car parked outside their door. He is survived by his wife Moll, nieces, nephews, relatives and a large circle of friends. Go ndeana Dia trocaire ar a anam dilis.



SEAN CORCORAN

The death of Sean Corcoran, Two-Mile-Borris village that occurred in early September removed a most likeable and gentlemanly personality from the area and his passing was much regretted. He had a life long association with sport whether it was GAA, horseracing or dog racing. He liked nothing better than to attend such meetings countrywide, was a shrewd punter, and had many friends in those sports too. In his youth he was a skilful forward and was a member of the Tipperary minor hurling team that won the 1953 All Ireland title with greats such as Liam Devaney, Sean McLoughlin, Ray Reidy, Billy Quinn and Liam Connolly. The previous year while a pupil of Thurles CBS, Sean won a Dean Ryan Cup medal and played on the Harty Cup team beaten in the final by S. Flannans College. His great hurling ability saw him selected for Munster in the Inter provincial college's competition. Graduating to the senior grade, Sean played with Moycarkey-Borris for some years and was a hero in a Mid semi final when he scored three goals against Boherlahan-Dualla. He was also a member of the Moycarkey-Borris team winners of the Mid and County No. 1 junior hurling championship in 1954. He finished his playing career with the local Two-Mile-Borris team of that period and played his last championship game v Upperchurch in 1961 which saw the introduction of a young John Flanagan to adult hurling. At the removal of the remains to Two-Mile-Borris church a guard of honour was provided by the Moycarkey-Borris GAA club, former work colleagues from Dovea A.I. station and friends, led by Mr Sean Fogarty, Chairman of Munster GAA Council and Mr Eamonn Donnelly, Moycarkey-Borris club chairman. He was always involved in local sports communities and was a member of the local 1900 Memorial committee to which he gave great service and felt particularly proud when the monument was unveiled by the then GAA President Mr Sean McCague. The coffin was draped in the Moycarkey-Borris and Tipperary flags while flags on the Two-Mile-Borris Memorial monument were flown at half mast. The obsequies on both days were attended by a large and representative gathering, many who travelled long distances to pay their final homage to a popular and well-known man. Sean's death has left a void in the parish but he has left an enriched legacy to remember him by and all those who knew Sean over his lifetime are all the better for his acquaintances in whatever sphere they met him. Internment took place in Two-Mile-Borris cemetery. Sean is mourned by his wife Eileen, sons, David, John and Vincent, daughters, Catriona, Eleanor, Maeve and Sinead, sisters Rena and Louise, brother-in-law, sisters-in-law, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, nephews, nieces and relatives. Sympathy is extended to all on their great loss. Ar dheis De go raibh an anam uasal (J.F.)



SEAN DAGG

On the day after the All-Ireland Final, September 4th, we heard the very sad news of the death of Sean Dagg, Pallasbeg, Newtown, a great love of the GAA all his life, and in particular hurling. While Sean only played hurling and football in his teenage years, throughout his entire life he was one of the greatest supporters ever of the Burgess.

Youghal / Duharra parish teams and of course, he was also an ardent follower of Tipperary hurling teams, travelling all over the country to support them, even as far afield as Clones, Co. Monaghan in 1997 for the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship Quarter-Final vs. Down. He took a great delight in discussing and debating the pros and cons of every game and the performances of each and every Tipperary player.

In the 1940's and 50's, the Dagg Family provided training fields, free of charge for the Burgess / Youghal teams and during those years some very important North Tipperary Intermediate and Junior Championship hurling games were played in Dagg's "Front Field"



before large attendances, with the teams togging out in the hayshed and barns. Sean will be very much missed by his wife, Mary and his four sisters and extended family members and by his many friends in the Newtown area, who really enjoyed his lovely company and all of whom had the greatest respect and appreciation of his loyalty to the local GAA club and his great kindness and assistance towards his neighbours, whenever they needed a helping hand. Solas na bhfaith-eas dá anam uasal.

DAN DARCY

Dan Darcy played all grades of hurling for Kilruane MacDonaghs. Dan was a tremendous stickman who played many a great game on the half backline. In 1950, he was on the Junior team which won the North championship for the first time. Nine years later he was part of the senior squad which bridged a fifteen year gap by defeating Toomevara in the North final and just lost to a star studded Thurles team in the county final.

He was a builder by trade and built many of the early bungalows in Cloughjordan ever before the building boom of the Celtic Tiger era. Dan was a highly respected member of the local community and the large gathering at his funeral was a testament to his popularity. Colleagues from the fifties and the younger generation of club members formed a guard of honour at his funeral.

Go ndeanna dia trocaire ar a anam.

NEILUS DAWSON

It's over two years now since the people of Curreeny, Templederry, Ballinacough and surrounding areas woke up to learn that local postman Neilus Dawson had gone to his eternal reward. Neilus had been a tireless worker for his community—whether in Curreeny, as sacristan in Killeen Church, with Templederry Community Centre or particularly with the G.A.A. in his native parish of Templederry.

In the 70s and early 80s he was one of the leading lights in Templederry Bord Na n-Og both as secretary and treasurer of that club. He arranged games, training sessions and carried juveniles to matches all over the division. He was also involved with Scor Na n-Og when it was at its zenith and played a leading part in the establishment of the Fr. Kenyon Community Centre which was opened in 1980. In later years he was a postman in the Ballinacough, Kilkeary and Knockalton and other areas being very popular with all whom he came in contact with. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam dilis.



NED FOGARTY

The death of Ned Fogarty on 27th August 2006 marked a major passing in the history of the GAA not only in Knockshegowna but also all over Tipperary. His popularity among his own community and the Gaa followers throughout the country and surrounding areas was very much evident by the large crowd who attended the removal of his remains and burial.

Ned had a life long association with Knockshegowna Gaa club as a player, trainer, masseur and he also helped out with other Club in North Tipperary and South Offaly. He guided many teams to success and his big achievement was to be part of Kilruane All Ireland Club final in 1986. He served as a Gate checker with the North Tipperary Board for numerous years.



At club level Ned was a dedicated member for almost 60 years and worked tirelessly for the good of the club at all times especially in the fund raising in the middle 80's. Nothing made him happier than to see the official opening of the Gaa field in Ballingarry in 1996.

He spent countless hours in the local field training our hurling team long before managers or trainers came on the scene.

Ned in his earlier years was a noted Cross Country runner and won many an honour with St Flannans Athletic club Moneygall. It can be recalled that most of those races were in their bare feet. Ned had a great sense of humour and personality that his family can be proud of. Our local community can also sing the praises of the wonderful character that Ned was. May he rest in peace.

TOMMY GLEESON

In November of last year, Upperchurch-Drombane lost one of its great Gaels with the passing of Tommy Gleeson after a short illness. Tommy was a life-long supporter of the club and after returning from working in England, held the position of Chairman of the club. Tommy took great pride in the Black and Amber and always had an opinion to share on any club performance. He will be remembered for the service he gave to the club. Tommy was buried in Kilvalure cemetery, where a guard of honour was provided by members of the club. Sincere sympathy is extended to his family. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.



MARGARET HACKETT

The club was shocked on 15th April 2005 when the news filtered through that Margaret Hackett (nee Hogan) after a long illness passed to her eternal reward, her legacy as Secretary and officer of the Juvenile Club over almost 20 years was much appreciated in the difficult years in the development of the Club in the late 1970s and will be fondly remembered by all for the trogon work and commitment to the Juveniles particular when her 7 sons all played in those years with the Club. To her husband Seamus, Sons, Daughter, and family at this time we offer our deepest sympathies and condolences, Go Ndeanai Dhia Trocaire Orthu.

JIM HAYES 1933-2006

Jim Hayes departed this life on August 11th. 2006. He had two passions in life, his love of gaelic games and his love of music and singing. A life-long supporter of Éire Óg Anacarty/Donohill, he played hurling for the club in the sixties and early seventies. He retired after winning a West No. 2 Junior medal in 1972, playing at right half—back.

He won a West No. 1 Junior medal in 1960 as the net—minder. His greatest achievement was the winning of a West Senior Hurling medal in 1967, also playing in goals.

He had a great knowledge of games past, especially inter-county and he could recall all top teams and players he had seen. He also had a vivid recollection of referees and their performance on any given day. May he rest in peace. Sympathy to his sisters and other relatives.



PAT (PADDY) HAYES

The untimely death of Paddy Hayes on the 30 of August 2005 after a short illness shocked us all in Ballina. He was a staunch supporter of all that was good in the area. He was a highly respected member of the farming community and also a great neighbour and friend. Hurling was his



greatest love, in his younger days he hurled for Ballina at Underage level and for the Killaloe secondary school team. He was goalkeeper on the Ballina side that reached the north final in 1965 making some great saves on the day and was a member of the panel that won the north junior championship in 1967. He also played for many years in the local parish leagues with Derrycastle briefly coming out of retirement in 1977 to play his last games.

Paddy was a great man to meet for a chat particularly when hurling was the conversation. Paddy was also blessed with a beautiful singing voice. GAA colleagues formed a guard of honour at the removal of paddy's remains to Ballina church. Paddy will be missed by all. To his wife and family our sympathy is extended

MARTIN HOGAN

Shock and disbelief was felt by many people in Portroe and surrounding parishes on the morning of August 15th 2006 as the news filtered through of the sudden and untimely death of Martin Hogan, Ballingear Portroe.

Martin was very well known over a wide area of North Tipperary. His great sense of humour and jolly nature endeared him to many people. He had a special bond with the youth of his native parish. He was equally well known in the farming circles for his knowledge and skilful use of many types of agricultural machinery over a long number of seasons.

A great follower of all sports especially inter county hurling and camogie. He rarely missed a camogie game during Tipperary's golden era. How proud he would have been of this years Tipp minor hurling team, no doubt he was keeping a close eye on all from above. The esteem in which Martin was held was reflected in the huge crowds that attended his funeral. Martin will be sadly missed, by none more than his wife Peggy, daughters Elaine and Diane, sons Shaun and Mark and mother, brothers and all his extended family, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy. Ar dheis de go raibh a anam dilis.



DINNY KEATING

The unexpected death of Dinny Keating at the end of August came as a shock to all who knew him. He was a stalwart member of Cashel King Cormacs, doing most of his work behind the scenes. He was associated for over twenty years with the improvements and development of Leahy Park and he was always to the fore when work had to be done at the venue. He was a member of the field committee, juvenile committee and senior committee for many years. He will be remembered as a great clubman, a great family man, a great neighbour, above all a gentleman. Cashel King Cormac's club gave him full honours at his funeral. His coffin was draped in the club colours and a guard of honour was provided at the removal to the Parish Church on August 29 and for his burial in St. Cormac's Cemetery on the following day. Chairman of the club, Ger Slattery, delivered the oration and expressed the clubs sympathy to his children, Tina, Denis and Jackie, as well as to Paul, Finola, D. J. and Mary Darmody.

BILLY KELLY

Well renowned JK Brackens clubman Billy Kelly of Patrick Street passed to his eternal reward on September 5th last. Billy was an exceptional man, twice widowed in the course of a long life but despite such heartbreak his light-hearted nature and zest for life enabled him to get on with things and as a result, he was an excellent father to Joanne, Fiona, Martin and Michael.

Billy will long be remembered for his sporting achievements. The word "loach" aptly describes the standing of Billy Kelly in Templemore and JK Brackens circles. Billy played hurling and foot-

ball with distinction for almost three decades, winning a County Junior Football medal with Templemore Eire Og in 1957 and replicating the achievement in 1972 when Templemore Eire Og defeated Toomevara in the county final. He also won a number of Mid Tipperary Senior Football awards but Ardfinnan denied Billy a County Senior medal in the county final of 1963.

Billy won Mid Junior Hurling awards with College Hill in 1954 and Templemore Kickhams in 1961. He was a permanent fixture on Tipperary Senior Football teams, manning the square for over a decade. He has his greatest hour in the blue and gold singlet in 1958 when Tipperary almost toppled the mighty Kingdom, losing in the end by 1-6 to 0-7 in Thurles.

The Mid Tipperary GAA Board honoured Billy in 2001 when he joined many of Tipperary's greats in their Hall of Fame, an award richly deserved and much cherished by Billy. In 2004, Billy was honoured by the Tipperary Laochra Sean-Ghael Committee. We have bidden farewell to one of Tipperary's finest. Billy Kelly was a light-hearted entertaining individual who lit up many an occasion with some great songs and Templemore and Patrick Street will be a lot poorer in his absence. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam dilis

SEAMUS KENNEDY

The tragic and untimely death of Seamus, son of Una and Paddy Kennedy of Gortlassobrien, Boher, Ballina at the June weekend 2006, has left his family, friends, his parish and a very wide circle of sporting colleagues with a deep sense of loss. Seamus was a special young man, when he played for Ballina at underage, u 21 and junior b in hurling and football he enjoyed the fun and craic at training, but in a match situation he was an honest and uncompromising opponent who took the task very seriously. As a club member, he was loyal and reliable and was always willing to do a good turn whether he knew you or not and always with a smile on his face. Seamus was well known in the Ballina club but he was even better known on the hunting field and wherever there was talk of horses. He loved horses and seemed to have a special understanding of them and his beloved hounds. The guards of honour from both the hurling club and the local hunts reflected the respect and widespread affection for this wonderful young man. May he rest in peace.



LIAM KIELY

On Wednesday 29th March the Parish of Cahir and surrounding areas were in deep shock on hearing of the untimely death of Liam Kiely following a swimming accident in Australia. He had travelled on a trip of a life-time in January and was due to return Mid Summer to play for his beloved Cahir Hurling and Football Club. Liam won South & County medals in both Hurling and Football at Juvenile level and also a County Minor Football medal in 1996. In 2000 he captained the club's Under 21 Hurling team to win South & County "B" honours - a first for the club.

He was so proud lifting the cup in Semple Stadium. In 2003 for the first time in the club's history the County Senior Football Championship was won and Liam scored the insurance point in the County Final.

Liam was hugely popular in the club and with many players in other clubs throughout the South division and beyond. His passing has left a deep gap in the lives of his fellow players but much more so in his family - father Club Life-President, Willie - and his mother Jenny - his brothers, sisters and girlfriend Vera and relatives. We extend deepest sympathy to them all.

Ar Dheis Dé go Raibh a anam

MIKEY LAHART

In April, St Patricks lost our Club President and our oldest member when Mikey Lahart was called to his eternal reward on his 101st year. Mikey had been in great form up to a few weeks before his death and had been among the last to leave the pub after his 100th birthday party in December 2005. Mikey had a lifetime of involvement in the GAA going back to his playing days in 1920 when he won a South Tipperary minor hurling final with his brothers Bill and Jim only to lose it in the boardroom (where many a match was won and lost in those days). Mikey continued to line out with the local Moyne Rovers Junior hurling teams during the 1930s. When his playing days were over, Mikey maintained a keen interest in hurling and was a selector when St. Patricks won their first ever South Tipperary Junior hurling final in 1963. In the years that followed Mikey rarely missed a game involving St Patricks and attended the Co Junior semi final and the Co Under 16B final on the same day 15th October 2005 less than two months before his 100th birthday. A few weeks after his 100th birthday on St Stephens Day 2005, he saw St Patricks win the Co Junior B semi-final and on New Years Eve, 31st December 2005, he was again present to see Toomevara defeat St Patricks in the Co Junior B Hurling Final. He had attended his first All-Ireland final in 1925. Mikey was blessed with a sharp memory for the finer points of the games and could discuss many games several decades after he had seen them. Ndeanai Dhia Trocaire Orthu



WILLIAM "BUNNY" LAMBE

Tipperary lost one of its most famous sons on Sunday evening last when the late great Bunny Lambe passed away. A true gentleman, Bunny was a friend to everyone and will be sorely missed. His laugh and smile was heart melting and will never ever be forgotten. Bunny was the holder of 4 Co Senior Football medals. He won 2 with the 10th Battalion in 1943 & '45, 1 with Commercial in 1948 and his last with his beloved Old Bridge in 1952. Bunny also had the honour of playing Railway Cup in 1945 where he lined out alongside Sean Cleary of Commercial. Sean quotes as saying that "Bunny had no equals and no peers in the game. He truly was one of the finest footballers ever to wear a blue and gold jersey." Bunny captained Tipperary in 1949, his famous picture adorns the walls of many pubs in Clonmel. Bunny also had the honour of being awarded the Knocknagow award in 1994 and was also the 1st ever recipient of the Sean Gaol award in 2003. His list of awards and achievements were phenomenal. He was also a great friend of legendary Kerry footballer Paddy "Bawn" Brosnan and in the 80's Paddy was a regular visitor to Clonmel for a pint of the "Black Stuff" Probably the finest hour in Bunny's GAA career was when he took his beloved Old Bridge to winning their only Co title in 1952. On that day he played alongside some of his great friends and team-mates such as Chris Regan, Philly Dwyer, Wack O'Meara and Seamus Dwyer to name just a few. Commercial would like to offer their sincerest sympathies to the family and friends of Bunny.

TOMMY LONERGAN

The unexpected death of Tommy Lonergan, Galbertstown left a void in the parish of Moycarkey-Borris and nearby Holycross. Tommy was of a gentle manner and had hosts of friends. Following retirement from Erin Foods Thurles, Tommy became a keen follower of Tipperary and Moycarkey-Borris hurling



teams and liked the odd flutter on the horses. In his youth he played with the Galbertstown hurling and football teams up to 1960 and then threw in his allegiance with the Moycarkey-Borris club, when the one club in rural parishes rule became operative.

A tenacious, skilful and teak tough wing back, he played on the team that lost so narrowly to Thurles Sarsfields in the 1962 county final. He was a member of the 1965 team that regained the mid-senior title after 22 years and the '67 and '71 mid senior winning teams. Afterwards he became involved as a trainer and selector and trained the 1979 team beaten by Thurles Sarsfields in the divisional senior decider. He received a great farewell from former GAA colleagues and workmates. Both groups provided a guard of honour and the coffin was draped in the colours of his beloved Galbertstown and Moycarkey-Borris. Sympathy is extended to his brothers, sisters and relatives. May the green sod of Holycross lie lightly on the amicable Tommy. R.I.P. (J.F.).

TIM MANNION

The death of Tim Mannion, Cragg, Birdhill, in the spring of 2006 severed one of the few remaining links between two unique facets of the G.A.A. in the parish of Newport. Tim played a major role in the running of the Mulcaire Rovers club until the introduction of the parish rule forced its disbandment in 1960. He had been a long-time secretary of the club, represented the club at Board meetings and was an influential playing member, capped with a North Tipp Junior Hurling championship medal in 1947. He became heavily involved with the Newport club in the 1960's and 70's. He served on the committee for many years, acted as club Treasurer and was a selector with a variety of teams from juvenile to senior. He also showed nimble footwork off the field and represented Newport in the Scór Set Dancing competition. He continued to attend North Board meetings on behalf of the club and in 1971 he had the distinction of being elected as one of the North's representatives to the Co. Board. Tim Mannion was always forceful in representing the views of his club. His passion for the G.A.A. and for Tipperary was unflinching and this quality endeared him to many.

Shortly before his death, Tim Mannion received a Laochra Sean Ghael award to mark a lifetime of service to the G.A.A. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh sé.

KEVIN McCARTHY

Kevin was a dedicated Fennelly Clubman. He acted as team selector on many occasions and also served on Club committees throughout his lifetime.

TOM McCORMACK

Tom McCormack of Fethard the goalkeeper of the winning All Ireland Tipperary minor hurling team of 1953 and one of the stars of the Coolmoyne team of the 1950 era will be fondly remembered for his exploits on the Gaelic fields of Tipperary and further afield. One of Tom's finest hours was in the 1957 County Hurling semi-final manning the goal for the South Tipp Divisional Group team Na Piarasigh versus Thurles Sarsfield in Cashel. On that famous day Lady Luck was not on their side but Tom always maintained that it was the stepping stone for many of those that followed on the successful Tipperary teams of the sixties and are household names to this present day in the South Div and nationwide. During his career Tom played with Coolmoyle, Fethard, Killusty, (South/County Junior Football medal), and Eire Og/St. Mary's Clonmel. Refereeing was another of the many activities that he engaged in for a number of years. Tom was a noted Cross Country



athlete winning a Tipperary N.A.C.A.I. Novice Cross Country Championship in 1957 for Fethard.

Tom was the man responsible for staging Ras Mumhan in Fethard so many years ago bringing International Athletic teams from Portugal, Italy, France, Poland and Belgium. Scor was one of Tom's great loves having taken part in the Quiz section for over ten years, and winning a south Quiz Title in Fethard in 1978 in front of the home crowd. Tom had a wonderful way with words and penned many poetic lines of which a number were published in the Tipperary Star down through the years. Playing cards was another of Tom's favourite past-times and he could be seen in the Ballroom in Fethard giving as good as he was getting with Fr. Breen.. likewise in the hall in Lisronagh entangling with the combo of Billy Carroll and Jimmy Keating. All in all Tom played more than his part in society and it was only fitting that he was the recipient of a Cumann Na Sean Gheal Award in 2005 in Bru Boru in Cashel from Tipperary County Board. He died on 23rd October 2006. Our deepest sympathy to his loving wife Kathleen, daughters Clare and Rita and grandchildren Ashley and John and his extended family. Go nDeana Trocaire ar an Anamacha.

MICHAEL McDONNELL

Michael gave a lifelong commitment to the Burgess club and it was fitting that the last match he attended was the Intermediate county final where he witnessed his club regaining senior status.

A very popular member of the local community, Michael was Chairman of the local branch of the I.F.A and was also a member of community organisations. He loved his native soil and had one of the best herds of livestock in Munster. Above all else, Michael was devoted to his faith and family. In 1956, he captained Burgess U-15 team that reached the North Semi-Final against Toomevara. In 1959, Michael played at minor, u-21, intermediate and senior level. He excelled as wing back on the Kildangan/Burgess u-21 team, which defeated Borrisokane/Shannon Rovers in the u-21 North hurling final. He also played mid-field on the Burgess intermediate team, which defeated Roscrea in the North Final, while the accomplished minor also played S.H.C with Duharra (Portroe/Burgess). Further intermediate medals came his way in 1963, 64, 69 (captaining the side) and 1970. A first county title came to Burgess in 1964 when they defeated Arravale Rovers with Michael excelling at centre back. 1964 was also the year he played intermediate with Tipperary but were defeated by Galway in the first round of the Munster championship.

A back injury forced Michael to retire from the game in 1974 but he turned his attention to team management. He was a selector of the intermediate team in 1976 and also the centenary cup winning team of 1984. He had a great passion for Gaelic football promoting the game in the club, was a selector of numerous teams including the 1998 team which were defeated by Ballinahinch in the North final on St. Stephens day. This popular Carrigatohr man was a valued member of the club committee and was involved in numerous fundraising activities as well as being readily available to assist with club development.

Michael was a loyal supporter of camogie both at parish and county level. He was the life and soul of the Burgess bus on All-Ireland camogie day. He was an all round sportsman and had great interest in horse racing, greyhound racing, coursing and rugby.

Community spirit was very much in evidence at his wake, removal from his home, funeral mass and burial at Youghallarra and the funeral meal in Kilcolman G.A.A. complex. The club provided a guard of honour on both days and Bridget Delaney delivered a graveside oration.

Sympathy to his wife Angela, sons James and Kevin, brothers Hughie and J.P., sisters Ann, Maureen, Rita, Sheila, daughter-in-law Majella, nephews nieces, relatives and friends.

Go ndeana Dia trocaire ar an am dilis.



JIM McGRATH

A number of distinguished hurling followers and a wide circle of friends were saddened to hear of the untimely passing of Jim McGrath on September 9th 2006.

A versatile hurler on the field, Jim was equally prominent in defence as attack. Born as a half-twin in a family of nine in Ballinagrana, Killeely Co Limerick, He was on the Limerick minors in 1953 and 54. At the hurling nursery in St Flannans College Ennis, he won two Harty Cup medals in 1952 & 54 at centre half back. At UCC he was centre forward on the Fitzgibbon Cup winning teams in 1957 and 59. After making the Limerick seniors for a short spell in 1959, he worked in Carnahalla Creamery on the Tipp/Limerick border and so helped Cappawhite win West senior hurling titles in 1961 and 1962. He was also on the successful Tipperary team that claimed the 1963 All-Ireland Intermediate title. Injury however caused him to miss the final. He finished an illustrious career on the Limerick seniors operating at full-forward in the 1968 Munster championship against Cork. He further settled in Fermoy and later Castlelyons Co Cork. He is survived by his wife Marcella, daughters, Orla, Cara & son John.

ANNE MERNAGH 1959 – 2006

Anne Mernagh, a native of Glebe, Drombane, died in January. She grew up in a home rich in rural tradition and good Christian values. Ann's Mother Margaret was a formidable lady full of energy, enthusiasm and commitment to her local community. Her father Tommy had a quiet, unassuming and gentle personality. Together Tommy and Margaret epitomized all that was best and noble in the Irish character. There are the roots that defined Anne Mernagh. Anne always enjoyed the attractions of urban living but never lost her connection to her sense of place her appreciation of the value of a rural life. Anne was passionate about politics and hurling. A fanatical Tipperary supporter and a true blue Thurles Sarsfields fan. The pride and elation she experienced at Sarsfields great county final victory was only exceeded by the joy she felt at the performance of her son Gary in the No. 3 jersey. Anne led a healthy and active life up to approximately three years ago. In a flash her world turned upside down. But typical of her zest for life and her unlimited determination, she fought her illness with extraordinary courage and defiance. She was direct and honest, bubbly, great company and a true friend. She had a powerful sense of humour and a sharp wit. Anne will be dearly missed by her husband Gerry, her son Gary, daughters Sarah and Elaine. Grandchildren Carrie, Taylor and Callum, her sisters, Josie, Mags and Marion, brothers Martin, Tomas, Paddy and the pride of the Tipperary backroom team John "Hotpoint" Hayes, her partner Sean, Mother in law, sisters and brothers in law, nieces and nephews her large extended family and her many friends.

"She shall not grow old as we who are left to grow old,

Age shall weary her – nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun – and in the morning

We will remember her"

"Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam"



JAMES MAHER

There was great sadness in Roscrea at the news of the sudden passing of James Maher, Timaru, Ballyclider, Ballymooney, Portlaoise and Garda Siachana, Portlaoise. Son of Lily and the late Eddie Maher, Green Street, he was educated at Roscrea Boys NS and Roscrea CBS, with whom he won a Pearse Cup under 15 medal in 1969. He was on the Roscrea team which won an under 13 North title in 1968, and played with the Roscrea senior team which reached the North Final of 1974. He also played soccer with Killavilla United. He joined An

Garda Siochana, and had been attached to Portlaoise since 1977. To his wife Anne, sons James and Cian, mother, brother Eddie, sisters Elizabeth, Mary, Patricia, sympathy is extended. Following Requiem Mass in S.S. Peter and Paul's Church, Portlaoise, interment was in Holy Cross cemetery, Ratheniska.

JOHN MOLONEY

The death of John Moloney on October 6th sent shock waves around Tipperary and far beyond. John was special as a Christian, and an outstanding referee. His fairness always stood out. When he disallowed a Cork goal against Kerry in a late 70's Munster final, we thought it was harsh but video evidence proved John was correct. When in a West match a supporter complained to John that a legitimate point had been waved wide, his reply was: 'Sorry, I could have made a mistake', the words of a humble man.

John loved to have Mass celebrated in his home every year with his wife, Betty, and sons. He wanted to thank God for success and happiness in life. He once told me he regretted the cancellation of the playing of 'Faith of Our Fathers' before All-Ireland finals. John was in full agreement with the opening of Croke Park to other sports, not just for financial gain, but to show good neighbourliness, as Len Gaynor said.

A Bansha person who knew him better than I did told me that John never passed a poor person on the street without putting his hand in his pocket. Charity in a quiet way was one of his hallmarks. Sincere and prayerful sympathy to his wife, Betty, his sons, daughter-in-law, and his brother and sister.

JOHNNY BOY MOLONEY

John Moloney was given the nickname, 'Johnny Boy' from an early age to differentiate him from his grandfather, John Fitzgerald. In his early days he represented Cashel King Cormac's, winning a minor title with his brother, Michael, in 1957. He was also a member of Cashel Handball Club. He loved greyhound racing and owned many successful dogs during his life. He had time for all sports and was proud of the success of his sons with Cashel and Tipperary. His funeral showed the high esteem in which he was held with a large turnout and a guard of honour by Cashel King Cormac's and Cashel Handball. Johnny died on November 23, 2005 at the age of 67 years and is survived by his wife, Josie, and their seven children.

BOBBY MORGAN

The death took place in January last of Bobby Morgan Bulfin Crescent Nenagh who was joint president of Nenagh Eire Og at the time of his death. Bobby, who was 90, was well known as up to shortly before his death he worked at Gough O'Keeffe & Naughtons in Pearse St. Bobby was well known as someone who contributed in so many aspects to the social and cultural life in Nenagh.

He was an accomplished hurler, playing with the old Eire Og club and was a founder member of the new Eire Og club in Nenagh. He worked for many years in the Shoe Department of the shop and later moved upstairs to the Furniture and Bedding Department. "Everybody throughout North Tipperary knew him because of his hurling" said Sean Naughton of him. One of life's gentlemen Bobby Morgan will be sadly missed by all that crossed his path.

THERESA NORRIS & DAVID COOKE

Sadly missed in Carrick

Each passing year sees the loss of members and supporters who are sadly missed by family and friends.

However 2006 was an exceptionally poignant time for Carrick Davins due to the deaths of two young people in their prime:

Theresa Norris a fun loving and pleasant young girl about to sit her Leaving Cert and David Cooke who was a member of the clubs successful U/18 team of the 1980's.

To both families our sincerest and heartfelt condolences on their sad loss.

Go Thugadh dia trocaire ar a N-anamacha.



PAT O'BRIEN

The parish of Cloneen & Drangan & surrounding areas were shocked on Friday 24th November 2006 when the news broke that Pat O'Brien had passed away suddenly while out farming.

Pat had been a prominent footballer with St. Patricks and the Tipperary minors in his youth. In 1963 Pat lined out at right half-forward on the St. Patricks minor football team that defeated Éire Óg of Clonmel in the South Final. They went on to defeat Inane Rovers in the Co. Semi Final and were defeated by Lattin Cullen in the County Final. Pat was at wing forward in all those games even though he was still only 16.

In 1965 Pat was left corner back on the Tipperary minor football team that defeated Clare in a replay before being defeated by Kerry in the Munster semi-final.

The Tipperary minor football selectors also honoured Pat's two brothers: the late George at corner back in 1963 and Willie at centre half back in 1968.

In 1967 Pat was centre half forward on the St. Patricks football team that defeated St. Lukes of Clonmel in the South Intermediate final. They then defeated South Junior champions Carrick Davins for the right to represent the South in the Co Junior Championship as there was no Co. Intermediate Football championship until 1979. In the Co Junior semi final victory over Rockwell Rovers Pat scored 1-2 from centre forward. For the Co Final victory over Thurles Sarsfields Pat lined out at full forward.

Shortly afterwards emigration stole Pat from the G.A.A. and following a spell in England Pat did not play football again. St. Patricks and Tipperary were the losers.

At his funeral a guard of honour of his colleagues welcomed his remains back to his native Cloneen at the foot of Slievenamon. We extend sympathy to his wife Kathleen, his sisters Mary, Bridget and Sr. Kathleen and his brother Willie. May he rest in peace

SEAN O'DWYER

It was with deep sadness that Sean O'Dwyer of Killoscully passed away to his eternal reward on Saturday June 17. Sean was taken from us at a young age following his battle with illness. From when he was a child, it was obvious Sean was going to be one of these characters that was stuck in everything and be the life and soul of the party. As a classmate of his, he was the one that was always having the crack and making everyone laugh. His outgoing personality meant he was very popular with everyone. While he did not take to playing sport in a big way, he lined out for the club occasionally in football. There was one particular event when he was playing in goals and stopped a penalty only to break his wrist in the process. He spoke about this for years and it would always come up in discussion. He was best known to Ballinahinch GAA club as the best supporter who was so kind to his

older neighbours. He would always be at every match and punctuality was a key strength for him as he would be there a half an hour before throw in. Sean would always drive and bring the supporters club with him in Tommy Kelly and Jack Pole. He had such a kind nature in him that he looked after friends in travelling the length and breadth of the county to matches. As a player, you would be guaranteed to see Sean, Tommy and Jack lying up against the wall as you ran out onto the field to play a match be it a first round league game in March or a county final in October. There was always a stop on the way home to discuss when we went right or wrong in the match. Sean is such a loss to his family, neighbours, friends, parish and club. He is missed at every event be it a match, the local play, cutting the grave yard and any community event that needs help. He was always there for everyone. May he rest in peace.

ELSIE O'DWYER

In Feb 2006 Elsie went to her eternal reward in her nineties was active up to the end and she donned The Blue and Gold in Senior Camogie back in the 1930s was the proud holder of two county camogie titles in 1932 and 1933 with her native Coolmoynne and was honoured as the first lady from Fethard with the Sean Na Gael Award in 2004, having showed a very keen interest in St Ritas right up to the end Go Ndeanai Dhia Trocaire Orthu.

MIKEY O'MAHONEY

When news filtered through of the death of Mikey o Mahoney on 12th of July 2006, there was widespread shock and sadness throughout the parishes of Ardfinnan, Grange and Ballybacon even though he had been ill for some time.

Mikeys playing career began in 1966 and reached its pinnacle in 1974 when he helped Ardfinnan win both South and County Senior Football Titles. He also played Hurling with Ballybacon-Grange with distinction up to his retirement in the late 1980's.

When Mikeys playing career ended he got involved in coaching at Juvenile level and served as coach and selector to numerous Ardfinnan underage teams.

He also attended as a coach in South Tipperary Schools where he achieved tremendous success in promoting G.A.A. games. His other great love for the game was as an umpire both at club and national level where he was highly respected in this role, where he officiated for twenty seven years. He also refereed at juvenile level. Mikey was one of nature's gentlemen and the huge turnout at his removal, together with the guard of honour formed by members of Ardfinnan G.A.A. Senior, Juvenile and Ladies clubs were a fitting tribute to his memory.

Ardfinnan club extends our deepest sympathy to his wife Nuala, Brothers Joe, Johnny, Andy, sisters Kitty, Julia, Anne, Bernie, Tracey, extended family and friends
Ar Dheis Dé go Raibh a Anam

TOM O' SHAUGHNESSY

It was with profound sadness that the people of Cappawhite learned of the passing of Tom O' Shaughnessy, one of their best known and loved characters, on April 6th of this year. A native of Toem, Tom was one of the kindest, friendliest people that the parish had ever known. He enjoyed nothing better than chatting, reminiscing and analysing the latest GAA games. An avid GAA fan for both Club and County, Tom made an immense contribution to documenting the history of the GAA in Cappawhite, through his weekly visits to the Nationalist office in Clonmel. His love of the GAA combined with his sharp intellect and passion for history became widely appreciated. In recent times, he



moved to reside in Cluain Arainn in Tipperary Town.

A gentleman in every respect, his kind deeds will live long in the hearts of all who knew him. He will be sadly missed by his relatives and friends. Ar dheis laimh De go raibh a anam.

PADDY PRIOR

Paddy Prior died, in late October, following a brief illness. Paddy, a native of Borris-Ileigh, was a member of a well known and highly respected G.A.A. family. In the early 1950's his brothers Mick and Joe were part of the local team that captured the county hurling championship in '51 and '53. Mick is also remembered as a trojan worker with the youth of Borris, as he generously passed on the skills of hurling to the younger generation. Another brother of Paddy's, Jim, won fame on Dublin's hurling fields with Faughs Club. Jim also captained Dublin in the 1952 All Ireland Hurling Final.

Paddy's working life was with South Eastern Cattle Breeding Association at Dovea, but he also travelled the county providing Public Address facilities at G.A.A. grounds from Cloughjordan to Clonmel. Paddy was also on the staff at Semple Stadium, where for over thirty years, he provided Public Address facilities.

He is remembered as a loyal friend, a dedicated worker and an ardent Tipperary man. Sincere sympathy to the bereaved.
'In iothlainn Dé go gcstar sinn.'



FRANK PURCELL

The sudden and untimely death of Frank Purcell caused huge shock not alone to his family but to his large circle of friends in his native parish of Powerstown / Lisronagh and beyond.

Frank, a native of Jossestown, Lisronagh spent most of his adult life in Dublin, where he developed a very successful business. However, he truly never forgot his roots and remained in constant contact with his native parish. A staunch Tipperary man and a fervent Moyle Rovers supporter in all aspects of the club's activities, he derived huge pride from the successes and developments of recent years. Frank was more than a useful footballer in his younger days and played in goals for the Tipperary minors in the early sixties. Pressure of business and being located in Dublin curtailed his development in this area, at an early age.

Although quiet by nature he had an outgoing personality that touched a cord with everyone he met. His support for the Moyle Rovers club was given with a generous heart with nothing expected or asked for in return.

Frank, your loss to our club is great. To your family and loved ones we offer our sincere sympathy.

May he rest in peace.

PJ & SEAMUS QUINN

PJ hurled for Thurles Kickhams for many years. When the Rahealty Club was reformed he was very much involved and acted as Chairman of the club also. He was also an active member of the Durlas Og when it was founded. Throughout his life he had a keen interest in GAA affairs. At the time of this death he was President of the Rahealty GAA club.

PJ's brother Seamus also hurled for Rahealty in the 1950's. He retained his interest in the club during his lifetime. Seamus died in November 2005.

Suaibhneas Siorai da nanamnacha.



MICHAEL QUINLAN

The early demise of Michael Quinlan, Glown, created a void, not only within his own family but also in the wider community of his native Upperchurch. Michael was involved in many social, cultural and sporting events in the life of the parish. Tops of the town, Scor and all aspects of the GAA were particularly dear to his heart. He was a member of the Upperchurch-Drombane Club since his juvenile days and was on the team which defeated Clonakenny in the mid final of 1962. He distinguished himself as Juvenile Manager from 1982-1987, when he displayed with diligence and enthusiasm how young players should be cared for and nurtured. He served as a committee member of the club from 1982-95, where his forthright contributions lacked nothing either in intelligence or courage. His meticulous attention to detail is portrayed in numerous records of teams, scores and results, which he recorded during and after every game, which he attended. Sincere sympathy is extended to his wife Nonie, to his daughter Mary Claire, to his sons Ed and Ailbe and to his extended family. Ar dheis De go raibh a Annam dilis.



AILBE RYAN-1927-2006

On 1st June, 2006, the death took place of Ailbe Ryan, one of the stars of the Tipperary football team of the fifties. Although in failing health for some time, his death came as a shock to all who knew him in his prime and who had played with him.

Born in Emly in 1927 and educated locally and in Mount Melleray, where he developed his hurling and football skills, Ailbe was a member of the 1948 Emly team that won the West Tipperary junior football championship. Promoted to senior grade the following year, Emly provided strong opposition to an outstanding Bansha team which won the West senior championship from 1949 to 1954, along with two county titles. Even though playing on the losing side in these matches, Ailbe was usually the outstanding player on the field, and it was no surprise when he was chosen on the Tipperary junior football team in 1950 and on the senior team the following year. He usually played in the half back line and held his own in such distinguished company as Mick Cahill, Pakie Brennan and Bunny Lambe.

In 1952 Tipperary defeated Dublin in the Bloody Sunday commemoration match, and reached the semi-final stage of the National League in 1953, only to be defeated by Dublin. Ailbe played an outstanding part in all these matches, and as a result was chosen on the Munster Railway Cup teams in 1952 and 1953.

On the local scene, Emly finally succeeded in winning a West senior title in 1959, defeating Lattin in the final on the score of 2-2 to 1-4. Once again Ailbe was the man of the match, and scored the winning goal. He was also an outstanding hurler, and played on the county junior team in the early fifties. When Emly won the West Tipperary junior hurling championship in 1956, Ailbe was their leading player. Ailbe had all the qualities of the great footballer. Immensely strong, with great stamina and determination, a great fielder and kicker, he combined well with the other players and had a good sense of position. At a time when the game was tough, he kept to the rules and was never sent off.

When playing hurling or football with his parish team, he was an inspiring leader who ranged from backs to forwards, constantly exhorting and praising his team mates. Off the field, Ailbe was quiet and unassuming, a great community man and dedicated club man. To have played with him was a privilege never to be forgotten. As long as our games are played in Emly, Ailbe Ryan will be remembered with affection and pride.

At the removal of his remains to Effin church, many of those, led by Michael Frawley and Patsy Dawson, formed a guard of honour for



their great hero.

Suaimeas síoraí go raibh aige sna Flaithis le Naomh Ailbhe agus Muintir Imligh.

BREEDA RYAN



The community was shocked and saddened when news filtered through on August 8th of the sudden passing of Breeda. Following a short illness borne with steadfast bravery and dignity. Breeda was one in a million, loyal, caring, sincere and inoffensive and devoted one hundred per cent to all tasks ventured. Breeda was born into a family steeped in G.A.A. tradition, her father Con who is president of the club hurled with parish teams Youghallarra and Duharra while her late mother Maura hailed from the McGrath family who provided noted administrators to the North board, Frank and John. Breeda also attended every game in which her cousin Liam McGrath played for Tipperary.

She spent much of her working life as a bank official in Dublin where she became involved with the Tipperary Association along with fellow club member Liz Howard. When Tipp won the 1980 All-Ireland Minor, Breeda and Liz as secretary and president respectively, organised the post match reception in The Malahide Hotel. Both were delighted that fellow clubman John Darcy was a member of this winning team. While in Dublin, Breeda pursued courses in aromatherapy and sports injuries and her career changed in this direction. Her decision to move home to her native Knocknamohilly was to prove very beneficial to the Burgess GAA club, as she became masseuse to various teams. Her administration skills were also availed of when she became club registrar in 1993 and the following year combined this with assistant secretary. In 1995, Breeda was appointed secretary holding this position for three years, following a family tradition as her father Con also held this post in the club. Breeda was masseuse to the 1993 county intermediate winning team and players were more than grateful to her for all time and effort she gave freely to this panel. Her policy was prevention was better than cure and she helped soothe many an aching muscle. Her skills as a masseuse were widely sought after and many other clubs availed of her services, and it was no surprise when she became masseuse to The Tipperary U.21 and masters hurling teams, helping them to achieve All-Ireland honours. Breeda's love of her native parish enriched this community and she followed the green and gold through thick and thin. She always had a positive outlook on player's performances and never minded defeat as long as everyone involved gave one hundred percent effort. Last November, Breeda proudly accepted a Cumann na Sean Gael award on behalf of her father Con, from Sean Kelly at a function in Bru Boru Cashel. Since Con became President of the club all silverware was taken to the Ryan household where Breeda and her sister Kay entertained all present, showing huge hospitality and good will of the highest order.

The large crowd, which attended her funeral, was testimony to the esteem in which Breeda and her family are held in the parish and further a field. A minute's silence was observed in her memory on Wednesday night before the U.21 Munster final and a citation was given in her honour. The Guard of Honour, which accompanied her remains to Youghallarra church was one of the largest ever witnessed and her coffin was draped in the club colours. The club also provided a guard of honour on Thursday morning accompanied by county and north board officials. Former U.21 county selectors, G.O'Brien, Ml. Doyle, P.McCormack and D.McGettigan also took part.

Breeda was laid to rest in Youghallarra cemetery after a beautiful and moving ceremony and there was not a dry eye in the congregation when Niamh Chadwick sang You Raise Me Up as the parish said a final goodbye to Breeda as her remains left the church.

Sympathy is extended to her father Con, sister Kay Coyle, brother-in-law Kieran, nephews Kieran, Lorcan, Niece Ciara, uncle's aunt's relatives and a large circle of friends.

Breeda was a true lady, touched all our hearts and we shall never meet her likes again.

DICK RYAN (COYLE)

When Cappawhite hurling club came to prominence in the 1930's, Dick Ryan (Coyle) was at the centre of all its happenings. During his hurling years, he served Cappawhite with great distinction. A fearless performer on the field, he regularly won all the physical battles against the stiffest of opposition. He lined out at mid field when Cappawhite claimed the West Junior Championship in 1930. During the 30's, his invaluable contribution and further importance to the team enabled him to receive the captaincy in 1936. In turn, he captained the first Cappawhite team of any description to claim county junior hurling honours against Thurles Sarsfields in 1942. He was also regularly chosen on the West Junior hurling selection in exhibition games. He retired from the game after the 1943 season. A life-long supporter of the club, Dick passed onto his eternal reward on August 10th 2006 aged 95 years.

Ar dheis laimh De go raibh a anam.



HARRY RYAN

The calm January in 2006 was ruffled when the shattering news emanated that Harry Ryan was dead. No need to elaborate, it could be only one man, Moycarkey-Borris' true Gael. One feels somewhat numbed even nine months afterwards that Harry has departed the scene, so suddenly and unobtrusively as was his mode of life for fifty-nine years. His frequent visits to friends, his attendance at fixtures, his phone calls at any hour of the day are no more so we just have become realistic of the finality. No appreciation of this limitations tribute can pay homage to Harry Ryan. He was one of the old brigade of a past Ireland yet he combined all his great experience to think and act in a modern society. Never one for frills or high-toned talk, Harry just got on with the job, be it at work, in the GAA or in the political spheres. He was passionate in all his endeavours for the betterment of people, his club, his county, his parish and for everyone irrespective of class, creed or colour. He was always his own man, his style and approach, never flamboyant, yet fully effective in his unique way; always got the desired results.



Born into a great GAA family it was appropriate that from an early age that Harry should become interested in the association. From juvenile levels, he graduated through the ranks playing both hurling and football on successful teams. When he retired from active participation, he threw himself wholeheartedly into administration. He served as chairman, secretary and general worker in his beloved Moycarkey-Borris club. His fundraising and seeking of any grants that became available are legend and his contribution to progress in that regard is also a monument to his persuasive ability. He graduated to become chairman of the Mid Tipperary Board, a member of the County Board and at his death was a member of the County Executive. It would be erring to say that he was just the ordinary worker, for Harry had in his nature to become passionate at any task. He had to do more than just the call of duty of the ordinary member. He could be seen in Littleton field at any hour be it early morning or late at night. He was present at juvenile training sessions, supervised development expansion in the Moycarkey-Borris home base, attended games far and near. He knew all the juveniles by name and for them and other youth and adult players had sliothars and hurleys always available from the 'store room' in the booth of his car. A word of admonishment might be given but the supply seemed never ending. Every aspect of work and administration and training of all teams

became part of his routine.

As a selector of the Moycarkey-Borris hurlers, county centenary winners in 1984, Harry was particularly proud. All local projects in the sporting, cultural or developments fields received Harry's full backing and he was most active in two projects near to his heart, the Horse & Jockey and Two-Mile-Borris hurling memorial monuments. As the new playing area in Littleton is brought to a conclusion, it will act as an eternal memorial to Harry Ryan for he played a major part in his purchase and early groundwork.

Entering politics in 1979 as a County Councillor for North Tipperary, Harry's ability was soon recognised there too, and he acted on various Council Committees and as Chairman and at the end was Deputy Lord Mayor of that body. His work as a public representative was above the call of duty of any political figure, Harry always got the 'job done' in his own unique yet telling manner. Harry was never one for the conventional approach; he had developed his own special style and personality. He was content at the happiness he brought to people and did not seek any personal kudos. Although a Fianna Fail member, political boundaries did not mean a great deal to Harry, he would cross the party lines when needed in the interests of his constituents; he never flinched or toyed with authority when the needs of his native parish or his electoral area were to be promoted.

The obsequies were attended by people not alone from the GAA, all sports, communities, all political parties and business concerns but from all over Ireland in a final farewell to our beloved 'giant'. Perhaps Most Rev. Dr. Dermot Clifford at the requiem mass captured Harry's true character when he said he was 'a man of all graces and no airs'. His club paid Harry a tribute he would have appreciated when he was waked for the final hours in Littleton GAA rooms and a guard of honour drawn from the GAA, local authority and representatives of the numerous organisations with whom he was associated. He was laid to rest with his father Tommy and his mother Ellen, who had predeceased him by a few months, in Moycarkey cemetery in the presence of a thronged congregation. The sun shone on that cold Saturday afternoon as if the heavens were welcoming a loyal and faithful friend. Those left behind in their grief will have their own memories of Harry Ryan, some humorous, others of thanksgiving and above all little gems of his personality.

To Seamus, Willie, Tomas (brothers), Margaret (sister-in-law), Colm (nephew) Elaine and Marguerite (nieces) and relatives, condolences are extended in their loss at so sudden a parting.

Siochan duit a Einri, in measc na naomh agus imireothori iomant agus peil na nGael in neamh. Ni beidh do leitheid ann aris.

'And with these fond reflections

On the times when you were near

We sense today a little bit of what

It was like to have you here.'

JIMMY RYAN

Jimmy Ryan of Tobin's Cross, who passed to his eternal reward on May 23rd, 2006 was a tremendous servant and supporter of Holycross-Ballycahill GAA club for almost six decades. As a player, he featured on parish teams at all grades up to Senior hurling. When his playing career ended, Jimmy devoted his time to the promotion of our Juvenile club where, along with his late brothers John and Paddy, he spent countless hours transporting, encouraging and coaching young hurlers. His interest in the progress of the Holycross-Ballycahill club never waned and right up to his final illness he never ceased inquiring as to how the various teams were doing. Jimmy will always be remembered as a loyal and dedicated stalwart of our parish teams. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

JOHN RYAN (HANNA)

Cappawhite GAA was played a huge part in the life of John Ryan (H). On the field of play, John made a big impact with his physical presence. In 1957 he played on the St Nicholas team (combination of Cappa, Glengar and Solohead), which brought home the first Senior Hurling West Championship against Cashel with John operating at full-forward. He served as Club Secretary in 1960 and Chairman from 1961 to 1967, steering the club to a golden period, some of the highlights were County Juvenile in 1962, 1963 and Minor and U-21 titles in 1965. Right through the sixties and seventies he was involved in many roles including fundraising and transport of teams etc. In 1982, John was selected as Life President for the club. He also motioned the idea of bringing an outside coach to assist in winning SH titles. It bore fruit with the senior team captained by his son Conor winning the West SH from 1983 to 1985. His proudest moment came with Cappa's success in the county senior hurling final in 1987. Despite suffering from ill health in recent years, he battled bravely and attended as many matches as possible. John was compassionate, generous, a good listener and a hard-worker before his untimely passing on February 5th 2006. Ar dheis laimh De go raibh a anam.



THOMSIE RYAN

The death occurred on 15th March 2006 of Thomsie Ryan after a long illness borne with fortitude and dignity. Thomsie was a life president of Knockavilla/ Donaskeigh Kickhams and had played hurling and football in all grades in his youth. In later years he enjoyed watching his children and grandchildren as they in turn wore the Amber and black. As a mark of respect to Thomsie and the Ryan family the Kickham club provided a guard of honour at his funeral. We again extend our sympathy to his wife Mary and family on their sad loss. Ar dheis De go rabh a anam dilis.

OWEN SAUNDERS

Owen Saunders was a member of the first Fennelly Team of 1949. He was a great clubman throughout his career and followed with great interest, the fortunes of the Club down the years.

JOHN TREACY

John Treacy who sadly departed in June 2006 had been Life President of the Cappawhite GAA Club since 1988. A well respected Club-man, he was also an enthusiastic hurling follower and distinguished delegate for the Club for over forty years. He helped in no small part to shape the Club in the best way possible during his term in office. John served as Club Chairman in 1976 & 1977 and Vice-Chairman in 1952 & 1979-80. He served his post as Treasurer in 1960-68 & 1970-71. For the West Tipperary board, he vacated the Vice-Chairman post from 1976-80 and 1982-83. He was also Life President of the West Board for over twenty years. John was partly responsible for forming the Cappa/Eire Og/Glengar combination named St Vincent's that triumphed in the West Senior Championship in its first year in 1961. A good humoured, friendly and all-round character, John passed to his eternal reward on June 1st 2006. May he rest in peace!



JACK WALL

One of the great stalwarts of GAA and Coolmoyne for over 20 years (1940 - 1960s) passed on to his eternal reward on the 10th March 2005 and the esteem in which he was held was shown with the large turn out for the guard of honour into the Parish of Church in Fethard, a hurler of the highest calibre who loved the game more than most also a notable footballer in his time. He was interred in Calvary Cemetery after a Fine and Eloquent Oration at the graveside by none other than our own Tony Newport with praises of a gentleman on and off the field of play who gave no quarter and expected the same on the field of play, who lived for the GAA and Dogs. To his Brother Jack, family and friends we offer our condolences at this time, Go Ndeanai Dhia Trocaire Orthu.



WILLIE WALSH

Cappawhite lost one of its favourite sons when Willie Walshe passed to his eternal reward January 13th 2006 aged 89 years. In a lifetime of dedication to the GAA, he was hugely active both on and off the pitch, a wonderful servant to the club, he was also fondly known across the county in the highest regard. Willie first played hurling with Glengar, winning a West minor championship medal in 1932 with the Hollyford-Glengar combination. He also served with Clonpet in the 1940's before eventually settling in Cappawhite. He coached the Cappawhite Camogie Club to County Junior honours in 1977, before serving as selector on both the Tipperary Junior Camogie teams in 1985 and 1988 and also with Senior Camogie team in 1986. Willie was also grounds-man for the Cappawhite GAA Club for a number of years. His meticulous work meant that the local pitch was always in magnificent condition. A founder member of the Solohead Ladies Football Club, he was also involved in Gurt drum Mines Sports & Social Club during its existence. Ar dheis laimh De go raibh a anam.



PATRICK YOUNG

When Patrick Young passed to his eternal reward on 7th December 2005 another link was broken with the Toomevara team that won the North Senior Hurling Championship of 1946. As a player he gave outstanding service to the club during the 1940's and he also played on the successful Intermediate team which won North Tipp honours in 1944. He played most of his hurling at midfield and he is remembered as a player with remarkable skill and stamina, and he gave many fine displays for Toome during his career. To all members of his family we extend our sympathy. "Ar dheis Dé go raibh a Anam"



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1 What Tipperary club captured an All-Ireland Scor na nOg title in Set Dancing this year?

2 Name the Killenaule native who managed the Sligo hurling team in 2006?

3 Since 2000, what two clubs have captured won the County Under 21 Football title on three consecutive occasions?

4 Name the joint captains of the Waterford Institute of Technology side which won the 2006 Fitzgibbon Cup?

5 Who won the 2006 Tipperary Poc Fada Final?

6 Name the five Tipperary players who won Munster All-Star awards after the 2006 Munster Championships?

7 What school won the 2006 Dr. Harty Cup?

8 Who won the 2006 Tommy Murphy Cup?

9 2006 was Tipperary Minor Hurling Captain Joey McLoughney's third season on the County Minor panel – True or False?

10 Name the captain of the Tipperary Senior Footballers in 2006?

11 Name the President of the Camogie Association of Ireland?

12 Who refereed the All-Ireland senior camogie final this year?

13 Before 2006, when last was there a draw in the All-Ireland under-21 hurling final?

14 Who sponsored this year's Intercounty under-21 hurling championship?

15 The new Sam Maguire Cup was first presented in what year?

County football final Man of the match Laurence Coskeran, receives his trophy from Sponsor John Quirke.



16 In what year was the All-Ireland senior football final last drawn?

17 Name the contestants in this year's All-Ireland minor football final?

18 What connection has Michael Loakimides with the All-Ireland senior hurling championship?

19 Who captained Tipperary to their last All-Ireland minor hurling win before 2006?

20 How many times have Cork and Kilkenny met in an SH All-Ireland final? (Replays excluded)

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COUNTY FINALS - HURLING

Senior

22/10/06 at Semple Stadium
Toomevara 1-21 Nenagh Eire Óg 2-14

Intermediate

28/10/06 at Cashel
Eire Óg Annacarty 4-11 Moycarkey Borris 0-9

Junior 'A'

12/11/06 Dolla (Draw)
Knockshewanna 0-13 Holycross Ballycahill 2-7
Replay 18/11/06 at Dolla (Replay)
Knockshewanna 1-10 Holycross Ballycahill 2-4

Junior 'B'

11/11/06 at Holycross,
Kildangan 1-11 Solohead 2-3

Under 21 'A'

23/9/06 at Boherlahan
Kilruane MacDonaghs 3-17 Carrick Swan 1-8

Under 21 'B'

2/9/06 at Boherlahan
Silvermines 0-16 Mullinahone 1-12

Under 21 'C'

16/9/06 at Boherlahan
Ballinahinch 2-9 Newcastle 1-9

Minor 'A'

22/10/06 at Semple Stadium
Thurles Sars 5-16 Ballingarry 0-10

Minor 'B'

5/11/06 at Templemore
Lorrha 1-11 Eire Óg Annacarty 0-4

Minor 'C'

17/9/06 at Toomevara
Clonakenny 4-15 Ballina 4-6

Under 16 'A'

5/11/06 at Dolla,
Durlas Óg 1-13 Kildangan 0-13

Under 16 'B'

15/10/06 at The Ragg
Portroe 2-15 J K Brackens 2-13

Under 14 'A'

16/9/06 at Dolla
Durlas Óg 2-10 Kilruane MacDonaghs 0-6

Under 14 'B'

15/9/06 at Moneygall
J K Brackens 3-7 Borrisokane 4-1

Under 14 'C'

17/9/06 at New Inn
Durlas Óg 'B' 3-6 Newcastle 1-10

Under 12 'A'

2/9/06 Semple Stadium
Toomevara 3-2 Loughmore Castleiney 2-3

Under 12 'B'

2/9/06 Semple Stadium
Kildangan 2-2 J K Brackens 1-2

Under 12 'C'

2/9/06 Semple Stadium
Fr Sheehys 3-1 Durlas Óg 'B' 0-4

COUNTY FINALS - FOOTBALL

Senior

29/10/06 at Cashel
Aherlow 2-10 Moyle Rovers 0-5

Intermediate

5/11/06 at Fethard,
Mullinahone, 1-9 Kilsheelan-Kilcash 0-10

Junior 'A'

19/11/06 at Boherlahan,
Moyle Rovers 0-12 Portroe 1-6

Junior 'B'

18/11/06 at The Ragg,
Moneygall 1-05 Aherlow 0-6

Under 21 'A'

22/4/06 at Boherlahan
Loughmore C 0-8 Clonmel Commercials 0-7

Under 21 'B'

22/4/06 at Templemore
Clonmel Óg 2-12 Portroe 1-2

Under 21 'C'

16/4/06 at Templederry
Eire Óg Annacarty 1-15 Ballinahinch 2-7

Minor 'A'

29/10/06 at Cashel
Thurles Sars 0-10 Killennuall 0-5

Minor 'B'

4/11/06 at Littleton,
Mullinahone 0-8 Loughmore Castleiney 0-7

Minor 'C'

30/8/06 at Boherlahan
Ballyporeen 2-12 Clonakenny 1-10

Under 16 'A'

17/7/06 at Boherlahan
Moyle Rovers 0-11 Loughmore Castleiney 1-5

Under 16 'B'

3/7/06 at Templemore
Moycarkey Borris 2-7 Borrisoleigh 1-8

Under 14 'A'

17/7/06 at Cahir
Clonmel Óg 3-6 Arravale Rovers 1-9

Under 14 'B'

16/6/06 at Clonmel Óg
Carrick Swan 2-4 Moycarkey Borris 0-5

Under 14 'C'

21/6/06 at New Inn
Newcastle 5-11 Durlas Óg 'B' 0-1

Under 12 'A'

3/6/06 at Semple Stadium
Loughmore Castleiney 2-4 Moyle Rovers 1-6

Under 12 'B'

3/6/06 at Semple Stadium
Carrick Swan 2-7 Lattin Cullen 0-3

Under 12 'C'

3/6/06 at Semple Stadium
Newcastle 3-11 Aherlow 0-3

Inter County Championships Hurling

Senior

14/5/06 at Semple Stadium
Tipperary 0-22 Limerick 2-12 (R1)
4/6/06 at Páirc Uí Chaoimh
Tipperary 3-14 Waterford 1-12 (Semi Final)
25/6/06 at Semple Stadium
Cork 2-14 Tipperary 1-14 (Munster Final)
23/7/06 at Croke Park
Waterford 1-22 Tipperary 3-13 (All Ireland Q/F)

Intermediate

14/5/06 at Semple Stadium
Tipperary 4-13 Limerick 2-8 (R1)
4/6/06 at Páirc Uí Chaoimh
Tipperary 1-13 Waterford 0-15 (S/F)
16/7/06 at Páirc Uí Chaoimh
Cork 2-18 Tipperary 2-13 (Munster Final)

Under 21

12/7/06 at Semple Stadium
Tipperary 1-17 Clare 0-17
9/8/06 at Semple Stadium
Tipperary 3-11 Cork 0-13 (Munster Final)
19/8/06 at Parnell Park
Tipperary 5-19 Antrim 0-7 (All Ireland Semi Final)
10/9/06 at Croke Park (Draw)
Tipperary 2-14 Kilkenny 2-14 (All Ireland Final)
16/9/06 at Semple Stadium
Kilkenny 1-11 Tipperary 0-11 (All Ireland Final Replay)

Minor

5/4/06 at The Gaelic Grounds
Tipperary 2-13 Clare 1-8
3/5/06 at Semple Stadium
Tipperary 2-23 Limerick 3-8
25/6/06 at Semple Stadium
Cork 2-20 Tipperary 1-15 (Munster Final)
15/7/06 at Nowlan Park
Tipperary 4-19 Carlow 0-12 (All Ireland Q/F)
13/8/06 at Croke Park
Tipperary 0-19 Kilkenny 3-9 (All Ireland SF)
3/9/06 at Croke Park
Tipperary 2-18 Galway 2-7 (All Ireland Final)

Allianz National League - Hurling (Div1 'B')

19/2/06 at The Gaelic Grounds
Tipperary 2-15 Limerick 2-15
26/2/06 at Semple Stadium
Kilkenny 0-19 Tipperary 0-10
12/3/06 at Cusheadall
Tipperary 1-11 Antrim 1-7
26/3/06 at Semple Stadium
Galway 3-11 Tipperary 0-12
2/4/06 at Portlaoise
Tipperary 4-17 Laois 0-12

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 23/4/06 at Semple Stadium
 Kilkenny 3-20 Tipperary 2-11 (Semi Final)

Waterford Crystal SH Tournament

22/1/06 at the Gaelic Grounds
 Limerick 0-18 Tipperary 0-12 (R1)
 29/1/06 at Puckane
 Tipperary 2-22 Limerick IT 2-17 (AET Shield)
 4/2/06 at Cappoquin
 Waterford 2-20 Tipperary 0-9 (Shield SFinal)

Inter County Championship – Football

Senior

11/6/06 at Killarney
 Kerry 0-17 Tipperary 1-5 (Munster Semi Final)
 1/7/06 at Pearse Park
 Longford 1-23 Tipperary 1-10 (All Ireland Qualifiers)
 22/7/06 at Dungarvan
 Tipperary 0-12 Waterford 1-7 (Tommy Murphy Cup R1)
 29/7/06 at Semple Stadium
 Leitrim 0-14 Tipperary 1-6 (Tommy Murphy Cup R2)

Junior

11/6/06 at Killarney
 Kerry 0-10 Tipperary 0-9 (Munster S Final)

Under 21

1/4/06 at The Gaelic Grounds
 Cork 4-14 Tipperary 1-6 (Semi Final)

Minor

27/4/06 at Newcastlewest
 Kerry 2-10 Tipperary 2-7
 10/5/06 at The Gaelic Grounds
 Tipperary 0-11 Clare 1-7
 29/6/06 at The Gaelic Grounds
 Tipperary 2-7 Cork 2-6 (Munster SF)
 9/7/06 at Killarney
 Kerry 1-13 Tipperary 0-8 (Munster Final)
 29/7/06 at Tullamore
 Roscommon 1-12 Tipperary 0-6 (All-Ire QF)

Allianz National League Football (Division 2 'B')

5/2/06 at Markievicz Park
 Tipperary 3-8 Sligo 1-9
 11/2/06 at Semple Stadium
 Westmeath 0-12 Tipperary 0-9
 5/3/06 at Kingspan Breffini Park
 Cavan 0-13 Tipperary 1-9
 12/3/06 at Semple Stadium
 Louth 1-11 Tipperary 0-9
 19/3/06 at Dungarvan
 Tipperary 1-11 Waterford 1-6
 26/3/06 at Arklow
 Tipperary 1-10 Wicklow 0-7
 9/4/06 at Semple Stadium
 Tipperary 2-13 Antrim 2-10

COUNTY LEAGUE – FINALS

HURLING SENIOR

Premier
 6/5/06 at Moneygall
 Toomevara 0-12 Loughmore C. 0-12 (Draw)
 5/6/06 at Templemore
 Toomevara 4-20 Loughmore C. 1-16 (AET)
 (Replay)
Div 1
 15/4/06 at Littleton Boherlahan-Dualla 3-10
 Ballingarry 1-16 (draw)
 22/4/06 at Gortnahoe
 Boherlahan Dualla 1-16 Ballingarry 0-10 (Replay)

Div 2

15/4/06 at Boherlahan
 Burgess 1-16 Carrick Swan 1-14

Intermediate

21/6/06 at Fethard
 Carrick Davins 4-12 Moycarkey Borris 3-13

FOOTBALL

Minor

Div 1 14/4/06 at Boherlahn
 J K Brackens 2-7 Cahir/Ballylooby/Castlegrace 0-4

Div 2

13/4/06 at Cloneen
 Mullinahone 1-6 St. Patricks 0-8

Div 3

17/3/06 at Cahir
 Ballyporeen 4-6 Golden Kilfeacle 3-6

Adult

Div 1

20/5/06 at Cashel
 J K Brackens 1-12 Cahir 1-8

Div 2

30/4/06 at Golden
 Boherlahan Dualla 1-7 Rockwell Rvs 0-10 (draw)
 5/6/06 at Cashel
 Boherlahan Dualla 2-12 Rockwell Rvs 0-17 (Replay) (AET)

Div 3

13/5/06 at Ned Hall Park
 Moyle Rovers 1-13 Newcastle 2-9

Football

McGrath Cup (Senior)

8/1/06 at Ardfinnan
 Tipperary 2-8 Cork IT 0-13 (R1)
 15/1/06 at Páirc Uí Rinn
 Cork 1-8 Tipperary 0-5 (Q/F)

Sigerson Cup

1/2/06 at Templemore
 Garda College 0-12 Waterford IT 1-4 (R1)
 8/2/06 at Templemore
 Garda College 1-13 UCD 1-6 (R2)
 15/2/06 at Templemore
 DCU 1-6 Garda College 0-8 (Q/F)
 24/2/06 at DCU, DCU 0-8 UCC 0-6 (Semi Final)
 QUB 0-10 UUJ 1-6 (Semi Final)
 25/2/06 at Parnell Park
 DCU 0-11 QUB 1-4 (Final)

Munster U16 Championship

8/7/06 at Rathkeale
 Limerick 1-11 Tipperary 1-7
 8/7/06 at Rathkeale
 North Kerry 2-10 Tipperary 3-3

Feile Peil na nÓg

Clonmel Commercials 2-7 Burgess 2-0 (Co Semi Final)
 Loughmore Castleiney 2-6 Cloncully
 Rossmore 3-2 (Co Semi Final)
 29/4/06 at Dr Morris Park
 Loughmore C 0-7 Clonmel C 0-6 (Co. Final)

All Ireland Competition

Wicklow 30/6 & 1/7
 Loughmore C beat Eire Og (Carlow)
 beat Carnew (Wicklow), lost to Dunloy
 (Antrim) (Dunloy won the group)

Senior Hurling Relegation Play Offs

12/8/06 at The Ragg
 Portroe 3-12 Cashel KC 0-13 (Semi Final)
 12/8/06 at Cashel C
 Carrick Sawn 2-7 Galtee Rovers 0-8 (SF)
 26/8/06 at Golden
 Cashel KC 1-12 Galtee Rovers 0-9 (Final)

Interfirms Junior Football

28/9/06 at Dr Morris Park
 P&G (Nenagh) 3-6 Guidant Clonmel 1-9 (Co. Final)

Senior Hurling

16/11/06 at Sixmilebridge
 Bank of Ireland Lifetime (Nenagh) 3-15
 East Clare Construction 2-10 (Munster Final)
 25/11/06 at Liam Mellows
 Bank of Ireland Lifetime (Nenagh) 3-14
 Hewlett Packard (Galway) 1-10 (All Ire SF)
 2/12/06 at Puckane
 Bank of Ireland Lifetime (Nenagh) vs.
 Lacken Eng. (Kilkenny) (All Ireland Final)

Senior Football Relegation

Semi-finals
 12/11/06 at Littleton,
 Killenaule 1-10 Moyne Templetuohy 1-5
 14/11/06 at New Inn,
 Eire Og, Annacarty 3-10 Arravale Rovers 0-12
 18/11/06 at New Inn,
 Moyne Templetuohy 1-13
 Arravale Rovers 2-8 (Final)

Garda Cup Under 16 Hurling

4/3/06 at Borrisleigh North 3-13 South 1-3
 4/3/06 at Páirc Na nÓg Mid 4-15 West 1-2
 4/3/06 at Borrisleigh North 1-9 Mid 0-7
 4/3/06 at Páirc na nÓg South 6-9 West 3-5
 11/3/06 at Dr Morris Park South 2-3 Mid 0-6
 11/3/06 at Dr Morris Park North beat West
 11/3/06 at Drombane North 1-10 South 1-7 (Final)

Munster Under 16 Hurling Championship

25/3/06 at Cahir
 Mid Tipperary 2-12 Avondhu (Cork) 2-7 (R1)
 1/4/06 at The Ragg
 East Clare beat South Tipperary (R1)
 25/3/06 at Fermoy
 Imokilly (Cork) 3-15 West Tipp 0-4 (R1)

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8/4/06 at Middleton
 Imokilly (Cork) 6-8 North Tipperary 2-10 (Q/F)
 8/4/06 at Páirc na nÓg
 Mid Tipperary 2-12 Cork City 1-6 (Q/F)
 17/4/06 at Dungarvan
 Mid Tipperary 3-14 Imokilly 2-4 (Semi Final)
 21/4/06 at Newport
 East Clare 1-13 Mid Tipperary 0-15 (Final)

Feile na nGael Under 14 Hurling

Clonmel Óg 1-11
 Kilruane MacDonaghs 2-3 (Co. Semi Final)
 Durlas Óg 2-11 Clonoulty Rossmore 3-5
 (AET) (Co. Semi Final)
 6/5/06 at Dr Morris Park
 Durlas Óg 4-7 Clonmel Óg 0-1 (Co. Final)

All Ireland Competition

Cork 16/6 & 17/6
 Durlas Óg 1-2 Blackrock (Cork) 2-2
 Durlas Óg 1-5 St. Finbarrs (Cork) 0-6
 Durlas Óg 3-5 Adare (Limerick) 2-4
 (Adare qualified for Quarter Finals)

Peadar Cummins Under 14 Hurling

8/7/06 at The Ragg
 West 1-10 Mid 1-7 (Semi Final)
 at Borrisoleigh
 North 4-15 South 1-3 (Semi Final)
 at Borrisoleigh
 North 5-10 West 1-2 (Final)
 at Borrisoleigh
 Mid 4-13 South 2-6 (Shield Final)

Tipperary Supporters Club Under 16 Hurling

26/8/06 at The Ragg
 Tipperary 1-19 Cork 0-11
 Tipperary 3-11 Galway 3-1
 Tipperary 3-15 Limerick 2-6 (Semi Final)

27/8/06 at Semple Stadium
 Tipperary 3-17 Clare 3-9 (Final)

Tony Forristal Under 14 Hurling Tournament

26/8/06 at Waterford (Mount Sion)
 Tipperary 3-15 Dublin 1-3
 Tipperary 3-11 Cork 3-7
 Waterford 1-12 Tipperary 1-8 (Semi Final)

Carrigdhoun Under 15 Hurling Tournament

26/8/06, Cork
 Tipperary 0-8 Limerick 0-5
 Tipperary 0-8 Cork 1-3
 Tipperary 1-8 Clare 1-3
 Tipperary 2-8 Waterford 1-5
 Clare 1-9 Tipperary 1-7 (Final)

Co. Finals Cumann na mBunscoil (Hurling)

8/6/06 + 9/6/06 at Semple Stadium
 'A' Loughmore NS 0-8 Nenagh CBS 0-5
 'B' SS Peter & Pauls 4-1 Tipperary CBS 1-0
 'C' Templederry NS 4-4 Ballylooby NS 0-3
 'D' Mullinahone NS 3-10 Cloughjordan NS 1-6
 'E' Kilsheelan NS 3-10 Kilkeary NS 1-3
 'F' Rosegreen 3-4 Lios na mBroc 0-2
 'G' Castleiney 6-5 Ballinacloough 2-1

Jim Power Under 14 Football

7/10/06 at Waterford (Lemybrien)
 Cork County beat Tipperary (Q/F)
 7/10/06 at Waterford
 (Newtown/Ballydurn) Cork City beat
 Tipperary (Plate SF)

Under 15 Inter Divisional Football

10/11/06 at Dr. Morris Park
 Mid beat West, South beat North
 28/11/06 at Dr. Morris Park
 Mid 1-11 South 1-9 (AET Final)
 at Borrisoleigh
 North 2-5 West 1-6 (Shield Final)

MUNSTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Senior Hurling

5/11/06 at Ballyduff
 Toomevara 3-16 Ballyduff 3-7 (R1)
 19/11/06 at Nenagh,
 Toomevara 1-10 Mount Sion 0-11 (SF)
 3/12/06 at Gaelic Grounds
 Toomevara 2-9 Erins Own 2-8 (Final)

Senior Football

12/11/06 Abbeyfeale,
 Aherlow 1-7 Fr. Caseys 0-6 (R1)
 26/11/06 at Cashel
 Aherlow 1-6 The Nire 1-6 (SF Draw)
 3/12/06 at Dungarvan
 The Nire 1-10 Aherlow 0-6 (Replay)
 Inter Hurling
 12/11/06 at Sean Treacy Park,
 Clooney-Quin 3-15 Eire Og Annacarty 1-11 (R1)

Inter Football

3/12/06 at Clonkeen,
 Mullinahone 0-11 St. Vincent's 0-7 (R1)

Junior Hurling

26/11/06 at Mungret,
 Knockshegowna 3-8 Mungret/St. Pauls 2-6 (SF)
 10/12/06 Knockshegowna vs. Kilworth (Final)

Junior Football

9/12/06 Cloughaun,
 Portroe vs. Adrigole (SF)

SCHOOLS/COLLEGES

Hurling

Dr Harty Cup

25/1/06 at Cloughaun Limerick
 Thurles CBS 1-17 Charleville CBS 0-9 (Q/F)
 25/1/06 at New Inn
 Nenagh CBS 2-7 St. Colmans Fermoy 0-13
 (Q/F) (draw)
 1/2/06 at Cloughaun
 St. Colmans 2-15 Nenagh CBS 1-5 (replay)
 25/1/06 at Kildorrery
 Middleton CBS 2-15 Our Ladys Templemore 2-8 (Q/F)
 18/2/06 at Fermoy
 Middleton CBS 3-8 Thurles CBS 0-16 (Semi Final)

Corn Phadraig

Dungarvan CBS beat Abbey CBS (Semi Final)
 8/2/06 at New Inn
 St. Josephs Borrisoleigh 2-14 Doon CBS 1-9 (SF)
 5/3/06 at Ardfinnan
 St Josephs Borrisoleigh 1-14 Dungarvan CBS 1-7 (Final)
 8/4/06 at Mullingar
 St Patricks Maghera 3-12 St Josephs Borrisoleigh 2-8
 (All Ireland Semi Final)

Canon Fitzgerald Cup

6/4/06 at Puckane,
 Borrisokane CS 1-19 Nenagh CBS 1-17
 (AET) (Semi Final)
 27/4/06 at Templemore
 Thurles CBS 2-17 Borrisokane CC 0-10 (Final)

Canon Fitzgerald Shield

8/5/06 at Templemore
 Cist Coll Roscrea 2-19
 St Josephs Borrisoleigh 2-10 (Final)

White Cup Under 15½'s 'A' Hurling

29/3/06 at Golden
 Our Ladys Templemore 2-10
 Ard Scoil Ris Limerick 2-4 (Final)

Corn an Phairsaigh Under 15 'B'

7/4/06 at Clonmel
 Cashel CS 3-16 Pres. Ballingarry 1-6 (Final)

Corn Solo Under 15 'C'

4/5/06 at Kilfinnane
 Doon CBS 1-6
 Scoil Croi Naofa (Na bhFear, Cork) 0-7 (Final)

Vocational Schools Junior 'A'

10/2/06 at Feenagh
 Borrisokane CC 3-13 Hazlewood Coll.
 Dromcollogher 1-9 (Munster Final)
 25/2/06 at Templetuohy
 Borrisokane CC 1-13
 Scoil Aireagail Ballyhale 1-3 (All Ireland Semi Final)
 12/3/06 at Banagher
 St Brigid's Loughrea 3-13
 Borrisokane CC 3-10 (All Ireland Final)

Munster Senior Hurling

23/3/06 at Caher
 St Brogan's (Bandon) 2-13
 Borrisokane CC 2-10 (Semi Final)
 9/4/06 at Feenagh
 Colaiste Phobail Roscrea 2-7
 St. Brogan's (Bandon) 1-9 (Final)
 12/4/06 at Templemore
 St. Fergal's Rathdowney 2-14
 Colaiste Phobail 2-5 (All Ireland Semi Final)

Inter County Hurling (Senior)

24/4/06 at Roscrea
 Tipperary 2-14 Offaly 1-11 (Semi Final)
 18/5/06 at Fermoy
 Tipperary 2-11 Cork 1-14 (Draw) (Final)
 23/5/06 at Cashel
 Cork 3-6 Tipperary 0-8 (Replay)

Inter County Football (Senior) '05/'06

10/2/06 at Rathkeale
 Tipperary 0-10 Kerry 0-8 (Semi Final)
 4/3/06 at Cahir
 Tipperary 2-11 Cork 2-11 (Draw AET Munster Final)
 16/3/06 at Fermoy
 Cork 2-11 Tipperary 1-4 (Replay)
 17/11/06 at Rathkeale
 06/07 Tipp 2-10 Limerick 0-11 ('B' Final)
 28/11/06 at Rathkeale
 Kerry 2-11 Tipp 1-7 (Semi Final)

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Under 15's Cusack Cup Football

8/2/06 at Clonoulty

OL Templemore 5-3 Cashel CS 3-5 (Final)

M Donnelly Inter Provincial

Hurling

14/10/06 at Parnell Park

Leinster 2-19 Ulster 0-12 (Semi Final)

15/10/06 at Ennis

Connaught 2-17 Munster 1-16 (Semi Final)

28/10/06 at Pearse Stadium Galway

Leinster 1-23 Connaught 0-17 (Final)

Football

7/10/06 at Breffni Park

Leinster 2-13 Ulster 2-10 (Semi Final)

6/10/06 at Ballyforan

Connaught 1-15 Munster 2-10

(AET) (Semi Final)

22/10/06 at Carton, Boston

Leinster 2-14 Connaught 2-11 (Final)

Fitzgibbon Cup (Hurling)

14/2/06 at Grangegorman

Dublin IT 1-17 Garda College 1-16 (AET)

22/2/06 at Pearse Stadium

Galway NUIG 3-10 DIT 0-15

22/2/06 at Limerick

UCC 2-10 LIT 1-11

22/2/06 at UL

UCD 0-23 UL 0-12

22/2/06 at Ballygunner

WIT 2-13 Cork IT 1-8

3/3/06 at The Mardyke

UCD 0-13 UCC 1-9

3/3/06 at The Mardyke

WIT 0-24 NUIG 1-19 AET

4/3/06 at Páirc Uí Rinn

WIT 4-13 UCD 0-8 (Final)

Quarter Final

Semi Final

Ryan Cup (H)

22/2/06 at DCU

DCU 1-12 Tipperary Inst. 1-10 (Q/F)

Outstanding Results 2005

County Finals

Hurling

Junior 'B'

31/12/05 at Cashel

Toomevara 2-10 St. Patricks 1-3

Under 21 'A'

11/12/05 at Semple Stadium

Toomevara 2-12 Drom Inch 1-15 (Draw)

17/12/05 at Semple Stadium

Toomevara 2-9 Drom Inch 1-10 (Replay)

Under 21 'B'

26/11/05 at The Ragg

Templederry 1-13 Upperchurch Drombane 2-9

Football

Intermediate

20/11/05 at New Inn

Moyne Templetuohy 2-6 Mullinahone 0-5

Junior 'A'

27/11/05 at Gortnahoe

Rockwell Rovers 1-14 St Patricks 0-9 (AET)

Junior 'B'

11/12/05 at Gortnahoe

Silvermines 0-12 Carrick Davins 0-5

Under 16 'A'

18/8/05 at Clonoulty

Clonmel Comms 3-19 Nenagh Eire Óg 2-5

(Replay)

Senior Football Relegation Final

3/12/05 at New Inn

Galtee Rovers 1-15 Golden Kilfeacle 2-7

MUNSTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Intermediate Football

26/11/05 at Templetuohy,

Pallasgreen (Limerick) 1-7 Moyne T 08 (R1)

Junior Football

4/12/05 at Ardfer

Ardfert (Kerry) 4-10 Rockwell Rvs 0-5 (SF)

Inter Firm All Ireland Final

Junior Hurling

3/12/05 at Ballindereen

Proctor & Gamble (Nenagh) 0-12

Thermo King (Galway) 0-10

All Ireland VEC

Senior Football

18/12/05 at Banagher

Tipperary 2-11 Roscommon 0-4 (Final)

MacGabhann Cup Under 18's

15/12/05 at Dr Morris Park

High School Clonmel 0-9 Abbey CBS 0-8

(Final)

MacGabhann Shield

14/12/05 at Littleton

St Joseph's Borrisoleigh 3-12 Scoil Ruain

Killenaule 0-2 (Final)

Croke Cup Under 16 Hurling

13/12/05 at Dr Morris Park

OL Templemore 4-15 Ballingarry CS 0-4.



Pictured at Historic Final County Board Meeting with last elected County Runai Michael O'Brien are some of the delegates after the meeting.

NORTH TIPPERARY SEAN GHAEIL 2006



Back row, left to right: Noel Morris, Michael Hynes (Nenagh Eire Og), Patrick Murray (Templederry), Tom Kennedy (Knockshegowna), Pat O'Brien (Portroe), Paddy Delaney (Borrisoleigh); Front row, left to right: Liam Carson (Inane Rovers), Patrick Hogan (Templederry), Sean O'Meara (Lorrha), Liam Lynch (Ballinahinch), Billy Delaney (Toomevara).

SOUTH TIPPERARY SEAN GHAEIL 2006



Back row, left to right: John Vaughan (Mullinahone), Billy Stokes (Kilsheelan/Kilcash), Mick Egan (Marlfield & Commercials), John McNamara (Commercials), Waltie Moloney (deputising for Liam Connolly (Fethard); Front row, left to right: Dick Fitzgerald (Fethard), Sean Walsh (Killenaule), Jimmy Collins (St. Mary's), Ned O'Gorman (Ardfinnan), Liam Barrett (Ballingarry & Killenaule).



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Back row, left to right: Neil O'Dwyer (Drom/Inch), Dan Shaw (Moycarkey-Borris), Billy Sweeney (Moyne-Templetuohy), Din Ryan (Loughmore-Castleiney), Martin 'Musha' Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), John Costigan (County Chairman); Front row, left to right: Mick Long (Gortnahoe-Glengooole), Mick Troy (Moyne-Templetuohy), Johnny McDonnell (J. K. Brackens), Canon William Noonan (Templemore & Thurles Sarsfields), John Doyle (Holycross-Ballycahill).

WEST TIPPERARY SEAN GHAEIL 2006



Front L/R: Pat O'Donoghue, Cashel, Michael Gleeson Eire Og, Donie Nolan Solohewad, Ned O'Neill Lattin/Cullen.
Back L/R: Maurice Ryan Kickhams, Andy O'Dwyer Rockwell Rovers, Michael Ryan (D) Sean Treacys, Harry Bradshaw Glengar, Jimmy Quirke Galtee Rovers.

TIOBRAID ÁRANN SENIOR HULRERS 2006



Tipperary team that went down narrowly to Cork in a epic Munster Final at Semple Stadium.

*Back row: (from left) - Hugh Maloney, Eamonn Corcoran, Lar Corbett, Brendan Cummins, Conor O'Mahony, Declan Fanning, Paul Curran, Shane McGrath.
Seated: Paul Ormond, Paul Kelly, Eoin Kelly, Ger O'Grady (captain), John Carroll, Diarmaid Fitzgerald, John O'Brien.*

TIOBRAÍD ÁRANN MINOR HURLING PANEL ESB ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS 2006



Back row (left to right) - Matthew O'Donnell, Paul Fitzgerald, Seamus Hennessy, Pa Bourke, Timmy Dalton, Johnny Ryan, Tony Dunne, Thomas McGrath, Niall Bergin, Liam Mackey, Shane Bourke, Cathal Dillon, Seamus Callinan, Michael Gleeson, Willie O'Dwyer

Front row (left to right) - John O'Keefe, Joey McLoughney (Captain), Thomas Stapleton, Gearoid Ryan, Padraig Maher, Eoin Hogan, Brendan Maher, Michael Cahill, Noel McGrath, Donagh Maher