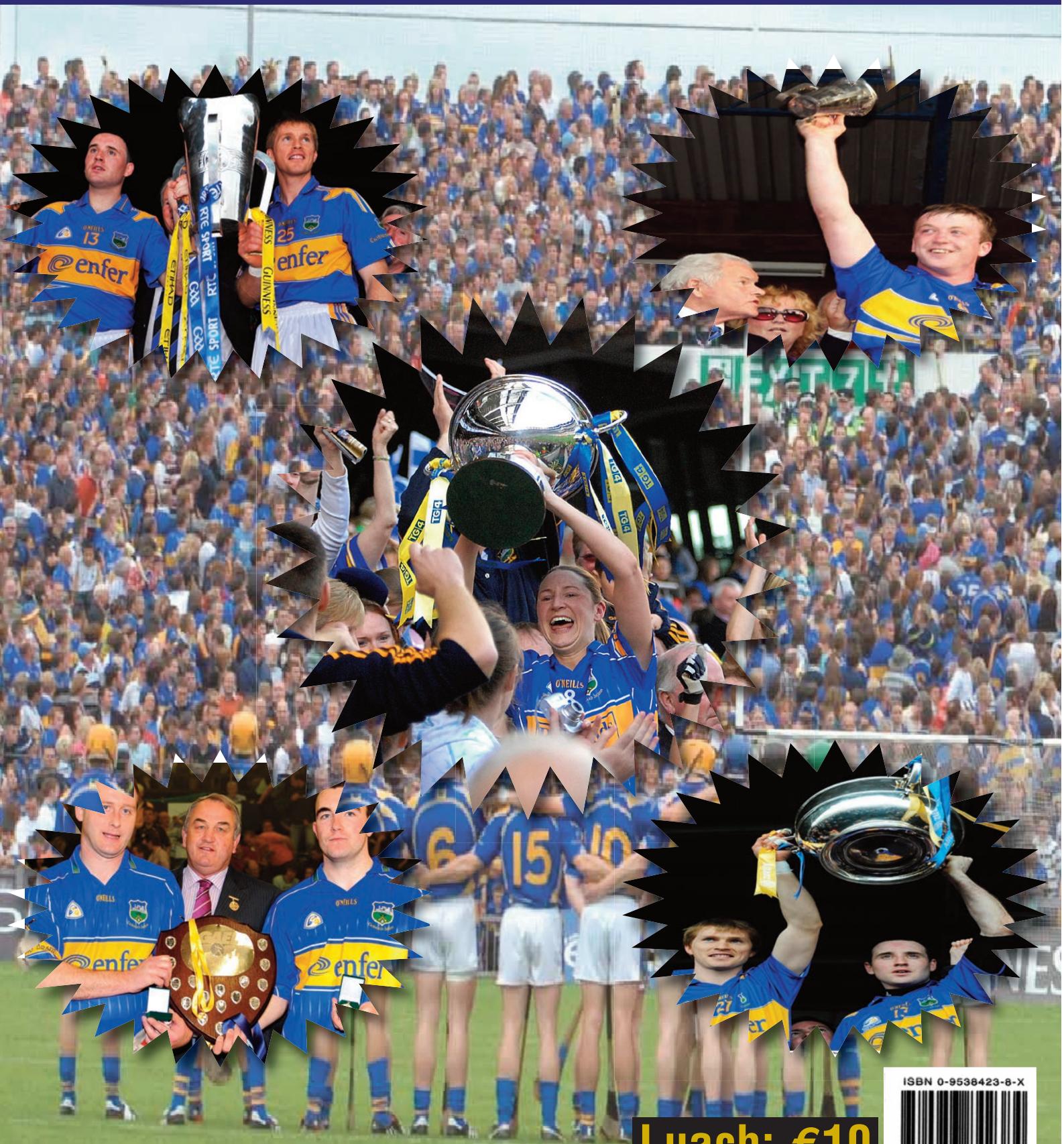


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Presentations for 25 Years of Service

At a very enjoyable function at Borrisoleigh on March 7, two former members of the Yearbook Committee, Liam Ó Donnchú and Seamus O'Doherty, were made presentations. The occasion was the annual dinner and chairman of the committee, Seamus J. King, was joined by county chairman, John Costigan, and county secretary, Tim Floyd, in making the presentations. He praised the two members for their twenty-five years service to the committee, to which they brought very special skills and contributions. During their membership the Yearbook had developed out of all recognition until it had become the foremost production of its kind in the country. He expressed the grateful thanks of the members for their outstanding commitment and service. The two members suitably replied and expressed their thanks for the presentations.



Left to right: Seamus J. King, chairman Yearbook Committee, Liam Ó Donnchú, John Costigan, county chairman, Seamus O'Doherty, John Smith, secretary, Yearbook Committee

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It is that time of the year once more and as Christmas is on the horizon the time has arrived for me to once more welcome the Tipperary GAA Yearbook 2009 on to the bookshelves of our newsagents. It is remarkable that this publication which first saw the light of day in the early seventies has developed into being a much sought after publication and each Christmas copies find their way all over the world to Tipperary people who are domiciled away from the native heath and who still want to keep abreast with what's going on in the GAA world within the confines of the Premier County. To those people I wish you a very pleasant Christmas wherever you may be and I hope you enjoy a relaxed read of this excellent publication over the festive season.

For many reasons I believe 2008 maybe a watershed in our county as it stands presently in the greater GAA world. We must admit over the past decade and a half we have not been in the honours list as frequently as our history would expect us to be. It was great to see our county senior hurlers bridge a seven-year gap by winning both the National League and the Munster senior title and it gives hope for the future. Who will ever forget the scenes after this year's Munster final in Limerick's Gaelic Grounds as the cup was being presented to the Tipperary joint captains, Eoin Kelly and Paul Ormond. The buzz that existed in the county prior to All Ireland semi final v Waterford was wonderful and one only can surmise what the scene would have been had success come our way on August 17th. It was indeed a reality check but just the same it provides us with a platform to build on. There is no doubt, despite the defeat by our (U-21) hurlers in All Ireland final and the failure of our minors to extend on the back to back All Ireland titles in 2006 and 2007, there is plenty of good young talent coming through and it is imperative that they be managed properly. The excellent work of our coaching and games committee and the hard work of Dinny Maher and the county G.P.O.s is directing us on the right road and will eventually have us back as real contenders for the biggest of all hurling prizes.

For me 2008 represented a real move in the right direction for football in this county. For the first time in quite a number of years I sense a real positive outlook and disposition to the promotion of the game within the county. I believe it is imperative that everyone row in behind the football board chairman and his helpers at this crucial time. I must compliment the current chairman of the board, Noel Morris, and his predecessor Pete Savage for their vision in securing the services of John Evans to lead the show at senior level. He was a real breath of fresh air. He embraced the challenge with gusto and found the facilities at his disposal beyond his wildest dreams. Within a short period of time his positive proactive cooperative approach had over thirty players preparing professionally for their games. It was wonderful to experience the thrill of promotion from Division (4) to (3) for the first time in thirty seven years and this despite the tragedy that befell our county and the football team with the death of Darrel Darcy. I wish to convey the condolences of the county to the Darcy family on their great loss. Allied to the success of the seniors and the fact that the minors and U-21 footballers reached provincial finals in 2008 gives rise to optimism that we could move upwards in the football world in the near future. When one considers the draw for the senior championship 2009 there is real hope that reaching a provincial final is a possibility and I am sure it has not gone unnoticed on John Evans who I am sure is champing at the bit to get back in action with a view towards improving the Tipp championship performances in 2009.

For the first time 2008 saw football in Tipperary embrace the development squad concept, so successful with the hurlers, with gusto and enthusiasm. It was marvelous to see in excess of seventy young boys in the 15 and 16 year age group being coached in the skills of the game for a number of weeks in May and June. I would like to ask retired senior players and coaches to come on board and give a lending hand to this development as I have no doubt it will bear fruit as it has done in Tyrone, Laois, Galway and Cork just to mention a few. To the football people I say keep up the good work and I assure you positively and activity will get the full support of the County Board going forward.

The lifeblood of the GAA in any county is to have a meaningful competitive championship in the different grades of both hurling and football. I am aware that there is general satisfaction with the systems used at the minute to run our senior competitions in both codes and if that be the case let's settle on it for a defined number of years. The O'Riain Cup which was introduced in 2008 has been embraced with enthusiasm by the clubs and I hope that it can be linked back in to the Dan Breen Cup to give it a little extra muscle and in that way consolidate it as a vital part of our championship. I believe it would be better if we could have a little more space between the vital games at the final stages of our championships. If that was to come about it would mean that divisional championships would have to commence earlier. The problem of course is that with the extra intercounty games in both codes we have not enough Sundays in the year and unlikely to find them.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our ladies intermediate football team whose display in winning their All-Ireland in Croke Park on the 28th September was one of the highlights of the year. The calibre of football played reflected very well on their management to whom I say a sincere well done. To our handballers who had a very successful year I wish to congratulate you and complement you on your wonderful commitment to the sport. Year in year out in your own quite way you prepare and perform in keeping with the proud tradition of the sport in the Premier County. Long may that philosophy continue amongst your loyal group of sportspeople.

As a county with a tradition and history like Tipperary's we must at all times be doing our utmost to maximise the successes of the players at our disposal. We must at all times endeavor to provide our players with the best facilities possible to hone their skills and prepare properly for the big championship days in the calendar. We are very fortunate to have a training facility and centre of excellence like Dr. Morris Park and the acquiring of an extra playing pitch in 2008 is another step in the right direction.

As chairman of the County Board this will be the last time in the above capacity that I will preface your yearbook and I would like to express my thanks to everyone that made my tenure in office such a pleasant one from my perspective. It was a marvelous experience that gave me a wonderful insight into the workings of the Association in the county. It gave me a chance to visit every club in the county and get a real geographic education of the beauty of Tipp. It also gave me an opportunity to make many new friends the length and breadth of the county something I will cherish as long as I am around.

My thanks to my wonderful officers with whom I had a tremendous working relationship. My thanks also to the various selection committees in both hurling and football for their courtesy and cooperation and to all subcommittees and Boards for their help at all times. A special thanks to the staff in the G.A.A. headquarters at Lar Na Páirce for their cooperation, good humour and efficiency over the years. The work of the Tipp Supporters club and the Friends of Tipp Football for the "cause" never ceases to amaze me and to those wonderful people I say well done and thanks very much.

As the Christmas season is around the corner I will conclude by offering my condolences to the many great GAA families too numerous to mention that suffered bereavements in 2008 agus mar buille scor guím solas ne bhflaitheas ar n-anamacha agus anamacha na marbh uilig.

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Tipp in Credit on Year's Senior Account

by John O'Grady

Three outings, spread from June to August, were Tipp's high-profile championship schedule of 2008. Each drew large crowds; each attracted the attention of the nation. First a tilt against Cork. Second, a Munster final with Clare. Third, an All-Ireland semi-final with Waterford. Successes in the first two added up to the best year since 2001, with the league title as a significant extra for Liam Sheehy's squad. We fell short of the highest honour and fell short of the climactic September test, but had plenty of company. Kilkenny retained, even advanced, their status as the Colossus of the canon.

Beating Galway in the league final sent our men into the championship with enthusiasm. The Tribesmen had beaten Cork in the semi-final, so the line of form was not bad vis-a-vis our trip to Páirc Úi Chaoimh on June 8th. Tradition relative to the venue and home opposition was certainly quite adverse. Seven times over the decades since 1923 Tipp had faced south to take them on. One abandoned game in 1926, five defeats and one draw, was our record. A victory would be a special feat for players and mentors, as well as gaining access to the provincial final.

Mutual Incentives

Cork had incentive too. Their hurlers had joined with their footballers in off-season dispute with the Co. Board over selectors and the power of managers. The publicity was prolonged occupying the media for weeks on end. Mediators were called in. A settlement was reached. Their players would dearly like to re-emerge with credit on the pitch. The Munster title was vacant by the time they hosted Tipp on one of the best days of a poor summer before a huge and expectant crowd. Waterford's defeat by Clare had begun the series with an immediate surprise.

Selectors Sheedy, O'Shea and Ryan were to nominate the same defence and midfield for every game. Variation was confined to the attack. The team: Cummins, Buckley, Curran, O'Brien, Corcoran, O'Mahony, Maher, Woodlock, McGrath, Butler, Callanan, O'Dwyer, Kelly, Corbett, Ryan. Cork voices were soon raised in 'loud approval' of the early exchanges. Tipp followers saw little to cheer them as the Rebels raced to seven up at 1-8 to 0-4. Ben O'Connor's goal off a Timmy McCarthy lay-off was a particular blow. Naughton, way out-field, was a speedy aid to midfielders O'Connor and Kenny in stretching our defence. The points were fluently tacked on. O hAilpín's strike from distance seemed ominous. It capped Cork's opening burst. Ryan and Corbett eased the situation. O'Brien at cornerback got closer to Naughton. A burst from the most



GOAL - Seamus Callanan scores a smashing goal against Clare to put Tipperary in commanding position. Photograph: Bridget Delaney

obvious source transforming scoreboard and mood quite dramatically. Kelly received from Callanan. Half-obscured by marker O'Connor, Eoin spun swiftly and lashed to Cusack's left with the pace that left the 'keeper helpless. It was a genuine classic hit. Our defence had got to grips, O'Mahony way to be 'man of the match'. Kerwick, on for O'Dwyer and Corbett endorsed the change with good scores. One down at the break felt like 'game on' and Tipp back in it.

Strong Second-Half

Three times in the second half the board showed parity, the contest was worthy of the old rivalry. Kelly twice levelled. The momentum had passed to Tipp. A couple of fine stops by Cummins frustrated the foe. Webster, on for Butler, equalised. He, Dunne, John O'Brien and eventually Egan were the 'fresh legs' element. Cork's many changes brought little benefit to their cause. The 'end-game' ran our way, seven to one on points in the last and pleasing chapter. Corcoran's line-cut was a real tonic. Kelly from play and free; Corbett and Callanan, the tiring Cork defence was exposed. Joe Deane came on but the trend had been established. The last moments were relished to the full by the travelling support as they saw the old hoodoo being demolished on the score-line on 1-19 to 1-13. From seven down to six ahead, quite an emphatic conquest and a fine dividend for the Sheedy regime, sending Tipp into the final with useful propulsion.

Clare followed up their win over Waterford by beating Limerick in Thurles with a flood of goals against the All-Ireland runners-up. The scalps of both Munster finalists of '07 made for evidence of a Banner recovery under Mike McNamara. He was successor to Tony Considine and Anthony Daly in the post-Loughnane era. Those graduates of Ger's school lacked the master's abrasive style, the rivalry with Tipp was back to normal temperature, though justifiably strong on both sides. We hadn't met them since the semi-final of '05, Tipp went on to lose to Cork in that second season of Ken Hogan's leadership. This time the rivalry in Limerick had mutual ambition for recovery of provincial primacy last held by Clare in '98 and Tipp in '01



Eoin Kelly aims for a score against Clare in the Munster Final.
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Lar Corbett tests the ash of Cork's Diarmuid O'Sullivan at Pairc Uí Cláir. Picture: Bridget Delaney

Quick Advantage

We led at the break by a comforting eight, and won by as many. The half-forwards, Kerwick, Callanan and O'Brien, scored 2-8 out of 2-21. Callanan's 1-3 and O'Brien's 1-4 from play were welcome answers to doubts about the outer line. Clare, facing a heavy reverse, snapped back at the leaders with seven in a row. Five up looked slender by comparison with what had earlier divided the sides: John O'Brien came up with reassurance, he took a Corcoran pass and ran on for a rasping finish.

The basis of our interim edge lay in admirable accuracy which contrasted sharply with Clare's wastefulness, three Tipp wides, ten for Clare in the period. Their 2005 experience was being repeated on the same pitch. We had seven men on target in a 1-11 to 0-6 advantage. The Callanan goal was a classy finish by the tall, slim and graceful Drom-Inch forward. We topped up smoothly on resuming with six in eight minutes before Clare roused their followerd with four by Gilligan, two from Lynch and a long one by half-back Quinn. Tipp hit a barren spell for fifteen minutes prior to O'Brien's releiving goal. Eoin Kelly shared the podium with Paul Ormond in accepting the trophy to great acclaim. The winning habit had been maintained. We'd avoided the indirect path to a semi-final and now awaited for opponents to be identified.

A Rare Semi-Final

All too often we'd been halted at the quarter-stage. Galway, Waterford and Wexford terminated our campaigns of '05 to '07 for the teams of Ken and Babs. Under the fresh management of Davy Fitzgerald, Waterford came back into the race. They got a hard test from Wexford, with the theory of having Ken McGrath at full-back not very convincing on that day at the Stadium. Tipp were at the shorter odds due to the Munster success but the record against the Decies had not been great over a decade or so. The long interval since the Clare game might not be of benefit in the way of momentum.

One change in forward personal was an advance topic. Hugh Maloney was at centrefoward. Callanan was moved to right-wing as Kerwick was omitted. Butler's position at full-forward was a debated one. Callanan had done well on the forty but the mentors perhaps saw Maloney as physically stronger against Ken McGrath. As things turned out the set up did not survive the happenings of the first quarter.

Act one, scene one of the drama was a prompt reality check. It was rather like Cork's out of traps sprint. Molumphy on the wing did a sort of Naughton role. In ample space at the Hill 16 end our inside defence was drawn out and turned

by the pace of Mullane, aided by Kelly and Eoin McGrath. The tide of possession won by Waterford at half-back had them on constant attack. An early point or two might be seen as just openers but the tally got to six as Tipp got nil from play for over twenty minutes. Shane McGrath came to the rescue with a lodgment to the account. Callanan, switched to centre, came into it by wrong-footing Ken and hitting a neat pair. A lovely one from Eoin Kelly near the break sustained the comeback. Fears of a drubbing had been dispelled in an overall improvement though some individuals had not really settled into Munster final form.

Decies' Late Surge

The exported Munster clash became a great battle. The quick-stepping Shane McGrath levelled, put us ahead and Eoin made it plus two. The recovery was being maintained but no primrose path lay ahead. Their Eoin and midfielder Nagle levelled up. Shane and Lar were on the mark but Molumphy halved the lead. Came the day's peak of tit-for-tat. A Shanahan lob found their Eoin Kelly testing Curran in the fight for it and poking past Cummins. Decise cheere were hardly faded when Callanan rammed crisply past Hennessy. Again one up, then two, were we edging the hectic struggle? Kerwick's point seemed to suggest a happy end. Not so. In a reprise of their early surge, Waterford's quest for a first All-Ireland appearance since 1963 got a positive answer. 'Brick' Walsh, Kennedy, three from Kelly, his last a definite goal chance from close to Cummins, got only a Barry Dunne retort. On the reckoning of 1-20 to 1-18 we were out. Small debit, painful result.

We had our chances. Had the rebound of a Hennessy save from Callanan fallen more kindly to Webster a goal would have had huge effect near the end. Had Kerwick's touch on a Corcoran line ball later still not been judged in square, there were several other 'hads'. Too many of the chosen forwards had ineffectiive days. The early deficit had Tipp expending too much energy and time in getting back. The victories on the way made defensive changes seem unnecessary but Waterford showed up some short-comings close to goal. No doubt some re-thinking will go on before business begins in 2009. Not that '08 was anything but an advance. Crystal, League, Munster title, close call against at Croke Park, we did better than all bar the three-timers of Kilkenny. Waterford's September sufferings were fuel for useless speculation about how Tipp might have done. Hopefully, next year may give us a chance of some belated evi-dence.



Hugh Maloney moves away from Waterford's Tony Browne in the All-Ireland semi-final. Photograph: Bridget Delaney



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Spring Tide Lifts Tipperary Hurling

by J.J. Kennedy

After the gloom of the previous year 2008 brought a fresh dawn to Tipperary hurling. Liam Sheedy was the new manager and together with his cabinet colleagues, Eamon O'Shea and Michael Ryan, a new beginning was forged. Before the spring was out they had already left their mark on the hurling landscape with league and crystal trophies on the Tipperary sideboard. It was an exciting preamble to the approaching championship, a veritable spring tide of success that set a perfect mood for oncoming events.

Preparations of course began well before Christmas but the first action seen by the public was in January. Christmas festivities were still in the air when the team played Dublin in a challenge game at Castleknock. They won handily and on the following Sunday, 13th January, competitive action began with a Waterford Crystal game against U.C.C. at Nenagh. As the first competitive selection from the new management it's interesting to recall the line out from that day: Brendan Cummins; Eamon Buckley, Paul Curran, Paddy Stapleton; Eamon Corcoran, Conor O'Mahony, Benny Dunne; Joe Ceaser and Shane McGrath; John O'Brien, Ryan O'Dwyer, Pat Kerwick; Eoin Kelly, Seamus Butler, Willie Ryan. Interestingly Seamus Callanan came on for the injured Ryan O'Dwyer and Conor O'Brien replaced Paddy Stapleton – we'd see a lot more of both throughout the season. In other replacements Pa Bourke came in for Willie Ryan, Lar Corbett for Pat Kerwick and James Woodlock for Shane McGrath. Shane Maher was originally chosen for wing back but his place was taken before the start by Corcoran.

The game itself was one-sided. Tipperary led 1-8 to 0-3 at the interval and eventually came home winners by 1-17 to 1-5. Following his introduction Seamus Callanan scored five points from play in what was an omen for the season. The win gave Tipperary a semi-final date the following Sunday at Templemore where another Cork side, C.I.T. would provide opposition. There were changes on the team for this game. Gerry Kennedy got his turn in goal. Conor O'Brien held his place at corner back beside Paul Curran and Eamon Buckley with Paddy Stapleton getting a start at wing back in place of Corcoran. Joe Ceaser partnered James Woodlock at midfield while the half forward line feature Darragh Hickey, Seamus Callanan and Pat Kerwick. Eoin Kelly, Lar Corbett and Pa Bourke started on the full line.

Tipperary led early on by 1-7 to 0-2 (Corbett goal) but by half time C.I.T. had fought back bravely to trail by a mere four points, 1-11 to 0-10. Tipperary's play was characterised by some 'lazy' spells but there was never much threat of an outright upset and eventually the home team claimed the day on a 4-14 to 0-15 score line. Lar Corbett was the chief architect of the win. For the record we used two subs, John O'Brien for Callanan and James Woodlock for



ON A MISSION AND NOT A STROLL - Tipperary Management at the Gaelic Grounds on Allianz NHL Final day (l to r) Eamonn O'Shea (Coach), Liam Sheedy (Manager) and Michael Ryan (Selector). Photograph: Bridget Delaney.

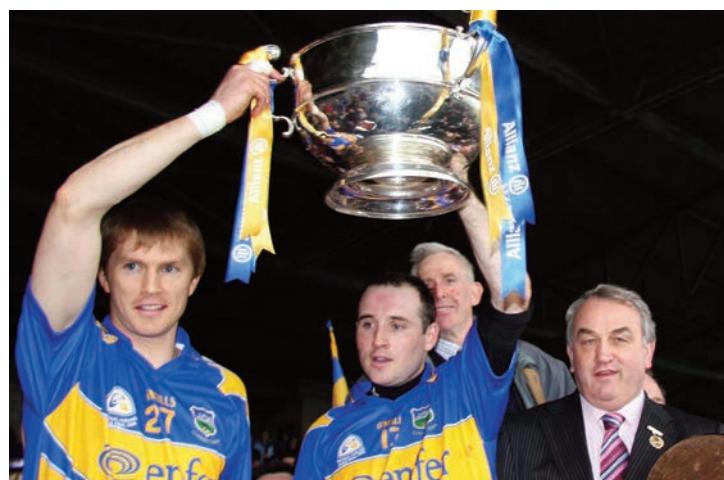
Shane McGrath.

Crystal Final

The following Sunday the team was back at Templemore for a Crystal final against Waterford. Again there was some tweaking of the team. Cummins was back in goal, by now doing musical chairs with Gerry Kennedy, though the shuffling would soon end; Buckley, Curran, O'Brien on the full line (it would become the familiar formation for the season) with Corcoran, Fanning and Dunne on the half line; Ceaser and McGrath were midfield; the forward sestet featured Butler, Ryan O'Dwyer and John O'Brien on the half line with Kelly, Corbett and Bourke on the inside line. Two subs would feature during the action: Woodlock for Shane McGrath and Callanan for Ryan O'Dwyer.

The story of the game itself is easily told. Waterford were way behind Tipperary in pre-season training and got hit for an instant goal when Eoin Kelly was lurking to avail of a Clinton Hennessy slip. Tipperary led by 2-8 to 0-5 at the interval and eventually won by 3-13 to 0-13. Only three of the Waterford points came from play and they had Wayne Hutchinson sent off in the second half. Eoin Kelly was the Tipperary star of the show scoring 2-5 (2-2 from play) and accepting the first piece of silverware of the year as team captain. It was a pleasing win for Tipperary and for the new management especially. We'd meet Waterford again, though, during the year in league and championship. For the Deise many twists lay ahead.

With the Crystal trophy sparkling on the sideboard the team then embarked on a league campaign that began with the visit of Offaly to the Stadium on 10th February. By now the Tipperary fans were beginning to expect progress from the team, the evidence of the pre-season work by the new management bearing fruit and raising expectations. Team selection though was still very much in the experimental phase. For Offaly the chosen fifteen was: Cummins; Buckley, Fanning, Curran; Corcoran, O'Mahony, Dunne; Ceaser and Shane Maher; Kerwick, O'Dwyer, O'Brien; Kelly, Corbett, Bourke.



Tipperary captain Paul Ormond and Vice-Captain Eoin Kelly lifts the Allianz NHL Cup after their side defeated Galway in the final at the Gaelic Grounds.

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Matt Hassett, Andy O'Gorman, Neil Williams and Tommy Barrett at Tipperary v Laois NHL game at Cashel, March 23rd 2008.

Tipperary showed early dominance, leading by 0-5 to 0-1, but then got hit by two Offaly goals and fell behind briefly. By half time they'd recovered to lead by three, 0-14 to 2-5, but had some nervous moments again early in the second half when Offaly came within a point. Eventually it took a classic goal from Kelly to settle the matter and Tipperary went on to totally dominate the final quarter. The end margin was seventeen points, 2-25 to 2-8, a gap that belied some of our earlier worries. We used four subs: Callanan for Ryan O'Dwyer, Diarmuid Fitzgerald for Ceaser, Seamus Butler for John O'Brien and Willie Ryan for Pa Bourke.

Limerick Game

The following week the Tipperary fans were back at Semple Stadium for the visit of Limerick. There were a few changes to the line out. Conor O'Brien replaced Curran at corner back and Diarmuid Fitzgerald was in Corcoran's place at wing. Woodlock partnered Shane Maher at midfield; in attack Butler replaced O'Brien at wing with Willie Ryan on for Pa Bourke in the corner.

Given the events of the summer of '07 this game had added significance but once Ritchie Bennis sent a shadow team out to bat the match was meaningless. Tipperary led by 1-10 to 0-6 at the interval and strode further ahead on the resumption. A brace of Andrew O'Shaughnessy goals, however, suddenly sent shivers down Tipperary spines. Was this to be a miraculous recovery, the lead now back to six points. Not so. Super sub, Seamus Callanan, hit an excellent goal and Tipperary eventually ran out eleven point winners, 2-20 to 2-9. Goalie Bulfin saved Limerick from an even worse fate. Eoin Kelly was the headline star once again.

To complete the record we used five subs against Limerick: O'Brien for Kerwick, Callanan for O'Dwyer, Curran for O'Mahony, McGrath for Maher and Paddy Stapleton for Buckley.

With a perfect record then from two outings the team had a three-week break before heading into the West on 9th March for a visit to Pearse Stadium and a clash with Ger Loughnane's Galway. By any reckoning this was going to be the stiffest test so far for the new management, which hadn't lost a game since the start of the year. There were a few unusual changes on the starting team. Alan Byrne (Shannon Rvs.) was listed at number five, with Hugh Maloney at centre forward and Seamus Butler back at full.

The records will show that we came home with a very creditable draw, 0-16 apiece. In the circumstances of this game it was very much a point salvaged rather than a point lost. On a wintry day we led at half time by three points, 0-11 to 0-8, having played with the advantage of the Atlantic storm in that first half. Ominously, though, Ryan O'Dwyer was dismissed just before half time (second yellow) so Galway could be forgiven for thinking that this game was theirs for the taking.

The locals squandered many chances but still crept into the lead in the final minutes. Then came a chance for a saviour when Tipperary were awarded a free on the half way line in the dying seconds. Hitting into the teeth of the elements, this was no easy chance, but Eoin Kelly stepped up and landed a precious leveller. In the circumstances of having played without the injured Lar Corbett and Declan Fanning as well as the ill Eamon Corcoran and having lost Hugh Maloney to a bad shoulder injury in the opening minutes, this was a most pleasing outcome. For Galway the evidence was more worrying and perhaps a harbinger of things to come.

We used the following subs: Kerwick for Maloney, Willie Ryan for Pa Bourke, Darragh Hickey for Seamus Butler and Tommy Fitzgerald (Roscrea) for John O'Brien.

Versus Clare

The following Sunday, and still unbeaten, we crossed the Shannon again, this time to Cusack Park in Ennis and a tilt with Mike McNamara's Clare side. The goalie and defence was again on familiar lines with Corcoran back in place of Shane Byrne at wing. Interestingly, though, in attack Darragh Egan got his chance at centre forward with Tommy Fitzgerald seeing action once more, this time starting at full forward.

Tipperary played with the wind in the opening half but played poorly. A Tommy Fitzgerald goal eventually earned the side an interval lead of 1-6 to 0-8. They stepped up considerably in the second half and seemed to have the game secured when a superb Seamus Butler point put them four-up approaching the final minutes. But Clare remained stubborn, cut the lead through the excellent free-taking of Mark Flaherty and eventually it was Fergal Lynch who hit the leveller for the locals. There was even more drama at the end when a long-range Shane McGrath effort was plucked from the clouds by Clare goalie, Philip Brennan.

It wasn't vintage stuff from Tipperary but the unbeaten run was still preserved and a quarter-final place guaranteed. We used four subs on the day: Darragh Hickey for Kerwick, Ryan O'Dwyer for Darragh Egan, Seamus Butler for Tommy Fitzgerald and Lar Corbett for Willie Ryan.

Our final league round saw lowly Laois come to Cashel. Tipperary had a mathematical possibility of making the league semi-finals but despite a whopping 4-17 to 1-12 win over the midlanders we had to do with a quarter-final slot as Galway's superior score difference took them to the semis ahead of us. There were some interesting team changes for this tie. Gerry Kennedy got a chance in goal to show his worth. Paddy Stapleton was corner back with Shane Maher placed at wing – the latter move was to prove one of the success stories of the year. Joe Ceaser got another shot at midfield while Darragh Hickey was given a chance at wing forward. Eoin Kelly was out with a back ailment, his place going to Seamus Butler.

Three goals in the opening quarter from the devastating Lar Corbett set the scene for this landslide win by Tipperary. We led 3-7 to 0-5 at half time and the only issue thereafter was the width of the margin. We used the full compliment of subs: Benny Dunne for Ceaser, Ryan O'Dwyer for Shane McGrath, Paul Ormond for Conor O'Brien, Darragh Egan for Kerwick and Tommy Fitzgerald for Butler.

Quarter-Final

With a break of a fortnight the team prepared for a league quarter-final clash with Waterford at Nowlan Park on April 6th. By now the fans had become accustomed to winning with a perfect record since the start of the year. Waterford offered poor opposition in the Crystal final in January but were sure to present sterner stuff this time with their league title on the line.

By now the Tipperary defence had taken on a shape that would survive the

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season. Cummins was again fronted by Buckley, Curran and O'Brien, with Corcoran, O'Mahony and Maher on the half line. Midfield too would become familiar with McGrath partnered by Woodlock. The attacking formation would be more variable and for this task featured Butler, Ryan O'Dwyer and O'Brien on the half line with Kelly, Corbett and Bourke on the full line.

The game marked another staging post in the development of this Tipperary team. On a wintry day Tipperary had first use of the strong wind and eventually led at the interval by four points, 1-8 to 0-7. Seamus Butler planted the goal after thirty minutes and it was to prove a valuable contribution. Given the elements the lead looked modest enough but this was a day for big hearts and in that department Tipperary showed their mettle. The second half was tight but Tipperary showed the required character to resist Waterford and edge clear in the end to win by five, 1-16 to 0-14. Shane McGrath at midfield was the individual hero of the day but it was an ensemble display from a team now showing a great togetherness under the new regime.

The game saw the introduction of Micheal Webster who replaced Darragh Egan after the latter had previously come on for John O'Brien. In other moves Seamus Callanan replaced Pa Bourke and Benny Dunne came on for James Woodlock.



DROM GAVE EVERY INCH - Drom & Inch club had four valued players on the Tipperary team that won the Allianz NHL title (from left) - Eamonn Buckley, Seamus Callanan, Seamus Butler and James Woodlock

Semi-Final

The following week it was back to Nowlan Park and a semi-final clash with Kilkenny. If there were any doubts about Tipperary's wellbeing then this was a task to really test the team's fibre. Goalie and defence remained the same but there were a few changes elsewhere from the quarter-final. Benny Dunne held his place at midfield with James Woodlock moving to wing forward and Tommy Fitzgerald was selected full forward.

The game began ominously for Tipperary when Eddie Brennan left Conor O'Brien in his wake before flashing in a spectacular opening goal. It was the type of opening that might have unnerved Tipperary but didn't. The team redoubled efforts and six minutes into the action Lar Corbett did a corresponding snatch and grab for a Tipperary goal that did much to restore visitor confidence. In a gripping encounter the game swayed this way and that before Tipperary finished the opening half strongest and led by four at the interval, Tommy Fitzgerald pointing twice.

Tipperary faced the elements in the second half but showed remarkable determination to withstand Kilkenny's best efforts. Twice Kilkenny whittled the lead back to just two points but each time Tipperary refused to be fazed, a side line point from Corcoran of particular value. The defence was outstanding with Paul Curran the individual hero, defying everything Kilkenny could hurl at them. In the end Tipperary finished strongest, winning by five, 1-15 to 1-10. By now there could be no doubts, this Tipperary team had truly arrived as a force.

Once again Seamus Callanan came on as a sub, this time for Seamus Butler. His two points were invaluable in the win. Other replacements were: Darragh Hickey for Lar Corbett, John O'Brien for Benny Dunne and Micheal Webster for Tommy Fitzgerald.

League Final

And so with little time to celebrate such a famous win over Kilkenny it was off to the Gaelic Grounds the following week for a final meeting with Galway. For the decider Lar Corbett was back at full forward in place of Tommy Fitzgerald and for the record Tipperary's team was as follows: Cummins: Buckley, Curran, O'Brien; Corcoran, O'Mahony, Maher, Dunne and McGrath; Butler, O'Dwyer, Woodlock; Kelly, Corbett, Willie Ryan.

The final developed into a gripping spectacle, one widely praised by neutral commentators. In the first half Tipperary got away from Galway when a shot from out-field by Benny Dunne somehow got past Galway goalie, James Skehill. However, the tribesmen had a cancelling goal before the break, Joe Canning doing the spadework and Fergal Healy adding the finish. Tipperary carried a marginal lead to the break, 1-9 to 1-8, Eoin Kelly our chief scorer.

Early in the second half Tipperary had a second goal when Lar Corbett directed the ball into the path of Willie Ryan who supplied an excellent finish. But in a rip-roaring contest Galway hit back, Aonghus Callanan getting the finish for their second goal. Level game.

There eventually came a key, defining moment in this league final. Damien Hayes bore down of the Tipperary goal but his pass went aimlessly wide. A let off. Then from Cummins' puck-out Corbett plucked one from the air and raced in. Goal! On such swings and roundabouts are games decided.

But there was still much to do by Tipperary in this game. Joe Canning worked a goal out of the most unlikely of positions and suddenly it was 'game on' once again. The Tipperary lead shrivelled to a single point but the Tipp defence held its nerve and Butler had the insurance point for a famous win.

It was plaudits all round for a celebrated Tipperary victory, the fans venting their delight at the county's 19th league crown. The team was studded with heroes, from a defiant defence to Corbett's man-of-the-match input. Seamus Butler too had one of his finest days in the jersey contributing half a dozen points to the deed. Once more the replacements deserve recording: Seamus Callanan for Ryan O'Dwyer, John O'Brien for Benny Dunne, Alan Byrne for Eamon Corcoran and Darragh Hickey for Willie Ryan.

And so a season that began with that Waterford Crystal win over U.C.C. in mid January enjoyed a spring time of high delight. Standing on the threshold of the championship the side was still unbeaten and playing with a vim and verve that we hadn't seen for years. The spring tide would ultimately carry us onward to Munster glory and wouldn't recede until an August day at Croke Park.



Shane Maher bursts past Kilkenny's Eddie Brennan in the Allianz NHL semi-final. Photograph: Bridget Delaney.



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Tipperary Supporters Club had a busy and successful 2008

2008 proved to be a fruitful year for the Tipperary Senior Hurling team landing the Waterford Crystal Trophy, the National Hurling League and the Munster Senior Hurling Championship. The competitive season stretched from January to August with 14 competitive games yielding 11 wins including victories over Limerick, Waterford, Kilkenny, Galway, Cork and Clare. Unfortunately it ended in narrow defeat to Waterford in the All-Ireland Semi-Final but good progress was achieved and Tipperary supporters are looking forward with hope to 2009.

Like the Senior Team, the Tipperary Supporters Club was early in to the field with the launch of the 2008 membership in Horse and Jockey Hotel on 16th January. A great turnout of Tipperary supporters heard Liam Sheedy launch the membership scheme for 2008 and outline his plans for the year. Also among the enthusiastic attendance were Declan Ryan, Manager of the Minor Team, and Barry O'Brien, Vice-Chair of the County Board (who deputised for John Costigan who was unavoidably absent). The launch event was kindly sponsored by Bank of Ireland which is the partner of the Tipperary Supporters Club in the Tipperary GAA Credit Card (see www.tippsupportersclub.com for more details).

The membership scheme in 2008 has been very successful and a record number of supporters joined up and received the free gift which was a specially designed very smart Tipperary Supporters key ring. Other features of 2008 membership were a special car sticker, membership card, draws for 5 pairs of stand tickets to each of Tipperary's Munster and All-Ireland SH Championship games and a deluxe All-Ireland Hurling Final weekend with a pair of stand tickets to the game and two nights' accommodation at the 4 star Louis Fitzgerald Hotel (www.louisfitzgeraldhotel.com). Membership also featured a draw for a jersey signed by the SH Team in each of the months of February, March, April and May. Details of all prize winners are on www.tippsupportersclub.com and more members than ever joined on line there.

The Club Annual General Meeting attracted a good crowd to the Red Cow Hotel, Naas Road, Dublin on 5th March including John Costigan, County Board Chair and his fellow officers Tim Floyd, Secretary, and Ed Donnelly, PRO as well as Liz Howard, Uachtarán, Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael who had previously served as a Committee Member of the Club. Glowing tributes were paid to outgoing PRO and Membership Officer of the Club, Gerry Ryan who had decided to step down after many years of tremendous service along with fellow outgoing Committee members Kieran O'Meara, Andy Lacey, Pat Creed, Jim Donovan and Tom Maxwell. All outgoing Committee members have pledged to continue to work for a Club, a feature which is one of the hallmarks of the Club. The following were elected as officers for the coming year: Ger Ryan (Chairman), Joe Tuohy (Secretary), Michael Nolan (Treasurer), John Ryan (Assistant Treasurer) and John Coman (PRO and Membership Officer). New committee members elected were Christy Hayes, William Maher and John Malone. During the year, Paul O'Donoghue was co-opted on to the Supporters Club Committee. Paul, a secondary teacher based in Kilkenny, is a member of the well-known Cashel King Cormacs hurling family.

The Annual Golf Classic has long become an established fund-raising and social feature of the Club's activities. Following the successful NHL campaign, once again the event was expertly hosted in the beautiful surroundings of the County Tipperary Golf and Country Club at Dundrum House Hotel on 15th and 16th May. The Crowe Family provided their usual professional and

friendly welcome (<http://www.dundrumhousehotel.com/golf-hotel>). The event was kindly sponsored by Twinlite Limited and first prize was won by the Louis Fitzgerald team in a close finish. The event was again very enjoyable and was a great fundraising success thanks to the generosity of the sponsors of tee boxes.

In that same week, the untimely death occurred of Michael Spike Nolan, Treasurer of both the Club and of the County Board. Spike had provided a lifetime of service to the GAA in Tipperary including two separate periods as Treasurer of the Tipperary Supporters Club, a position which is fulfilled ex-oficio by the Treasurer of the County Board. To his family the Club extends sympathy. Ní bheidh a leithéid ann arís.

In the run up to the Munster Championship the Club held its first ever Radio Quiz in conjunction with Tipp Mid West Radio 104.8FM. This unique event featured the questions being broadcast over the airwaves while 70 teams competed in 3 venues: Pat Fox's, Cashel; Tony Lowry's, Tipperary Town; and Noel Ryan's, Thurles. There was an exciting finish with the top prize of 4 tickets to the Munster SH Semi-Final v Cork being decided on a tie-breaker. Great thanks are due to our sponsors and to our small army of helpers including ace question setter Matt Hurley from Clonmel.

Following the thrilling win in Cork, all eyes turned to the Munster SH Final against Clare in Limerick. The Club, in conjunction with County Board held a fund-raising lunch on match day. A capacity attendance was treated to a delicious meal and were helped to get in the mood for the game with some very entertaining words from a man who knows all about Munster Finals, Nicky English, who is a member of the Club Committee.

Tipperary spirits were lifted again with a fine victory in the Final and the gathering of Tipperary supporters for the presentation of the Trophy showed how much the Championship meant in The Premier County. Direct qualification for the All-Ireland Semi-Final was an added bonus. The Supporters Club was delighted to assist with financial and logistical support towards the expenses of training, travel, accommodation and specialist injury treatment.

In late July, Eamonn Buckley (Lattin-Cullen) was elected as the Treasurer of the Tipperary GAA County Board, the position held by the late Michael "Spike" Nolan. Eamonn therefore automatically became Treasurer of the Tipperary Supporters Club. John Ryan continued as Assistant Treasurer of the Club.

The narrow defeat to Waterford in the All-Ireland Semi-Final brought down the curtain on Senior Team's season. The Under 21 Team also achieved Munster success and lost out narrowly to Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Final. The Minor Team reached the All-Ireland Semi-Final where they were beaten by Kilkenny.

The Tipperary Supporters Club provided significant support for under age hurling in Tipperary, including financial assistance with the expenses of the Minor and Under 21 hurling teams. Also, the Tipperary Supporters Club sponsors the All-Ireland Under 16 Championship, which is organised very professionally every year by County Tipperary Bord na nÓg. Wexford won this year's Final, beating Kilkenny in Semple Stadium while Tipperary were beaten in the Shield Final by Waterford.

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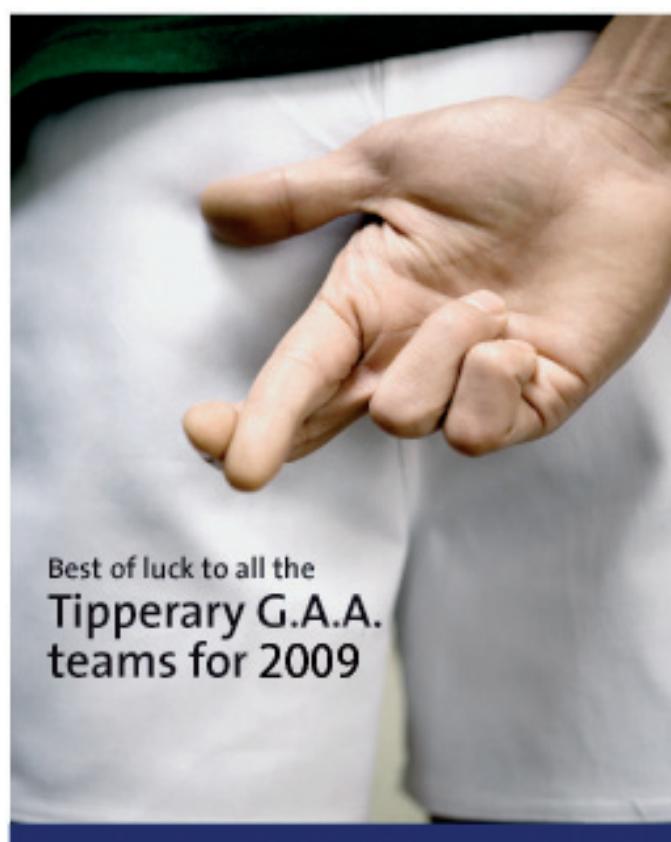
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The Club would like to thank all those who helped in its activities during the year including members, sponsors, County Board officials, team management and of course the players who gave generously of their time for Club events. You can keep in touch with all the news and events for 2009 by logging on to www.tippsupportersclub.com and all members are kept up to date on draws, prizes etc by regular email newsletters. Ar aghaidh le Tiobraid Árann!

John Coman
Public Relations Officer
Tipperary Supporters Club

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The Tipperary Supporters Club Junior Membership which was launched in 2007 has become a major success. Membership is completely FREE and already many hundreds of Junior Members have logged on to www.tippsupportersclub.com to register for the many benefits as follows:

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Free colour poster of the Tipperary Senior Hurling Team

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John O'Connor of Portroe and Colm Hayde of Rosegreen were the lucky winners of the draw to be Match Mascots for the Tipperary SH team at the NHL games against Limerick and Laois respectively. John, Colm and their families has a great day out which included meeting the team captains and being guests of TippFM at the live radio commentary.

Sinéad Kenrick from Moyle Rovers, along with Mascots John O'Connor and Colm Hayde, were special guests at the TippFM Masterclass in Semple Stadium, courtesy of Ian O'Connor in TippFM.

All Junior Supporters were invited to Semple Stadium on 1 July to meet the players for photographs, autographs etc and there was a huge turn out.

Eamonn Troy from Coalbrook, Thurles won an interview with Eoin Kelly. The interview was published in the County Senior Hurling Final programme and it can be read on www.tippsupportersclub.com also.

Liam Lanigan of the Moycarkey-Borris club was the lucky winner of the Star Prize for Junior Members. Liam Sheedy and members of the Tipperary Senior Hurling Panel came to Liam's club to give a coaching session for him and his under 12 team mates. There will be lots of prizes and events in 2009 too so if you are a Tipperary Supporter and under 18 years of age join for FREE on www.tippsupportersclub.com . The Junior Membership is one of the many ways that the Tipperary Supporters Club supports underage hurling in Tipperary.

Did you know?

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Photo shows (left to right) John O'Connor, Sinéad Kenrick and Colm Hayde with Shane McGrath at the Tipp FM Masterclass along with Ian O'Donnell and Paddy Finucane of Tipp FM and John Coman, PRO of the Tipperary Supporters Club.



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Semple Stadium 23-7-08 **Tipperary 2-12 Limerick 2-16**

Tipperary's Intermediate campaign can be looked back on with a tinge of regret. Regret because Tipperary looked to have done the hard part by going to Cork and beating the home side in very impressive fashion as the premier raided the rebels on the double on 8 June.

With Cork having had the hex over Tipperary in the years since the premiers last title in the grade in 2002, a welcome success paved the way for Tipperary to play Limerick in Semple Stadium on 23 June.

However, the intervening six weeks did little for the teams overall performance as they failed to reach the heights of their performance against Cork as Limerick eased to the title with Tipperary's attempted late recovery coming too late.

Connie Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) managed the side for a second year along with Selectors John Collins (Templederry), Vince Ryan (Éire Óg Annacarty) and Tom McCormack (St. Patricks) all four have been retained for 2009.

The squad was captained by Noel Hogan of Lorrha, the reigning county Intermediate champions who along with Templederry had four players each on the squad.

Training was intense during the early months of the year and the sacrifices of the players looked like they had paid off after producing a super performance in defeating Cork. The rebels had no answer to the sharpness, hunger and movement of the Tipperary team that pulled away in the final quarter to win 1-21 to 0-17.

The game was very open with both sides registering some superb scores and after fifteen minutes, there were fourteen scores on the board with Cork leading 0-8 to 0-6. Cork's chief threat was corner forward Maurice O'Sullivan who gave Michael Phelan a torrid time before the cornerback was substituted in-

jured and was replaced by Ronan Sherlock and from thereafter, the Cork attack was blunted considerably. Jody Ryan was accurate from placed balls and by half time, Tipperary had pulled level at 0-11 each after a very enjoyable first half.

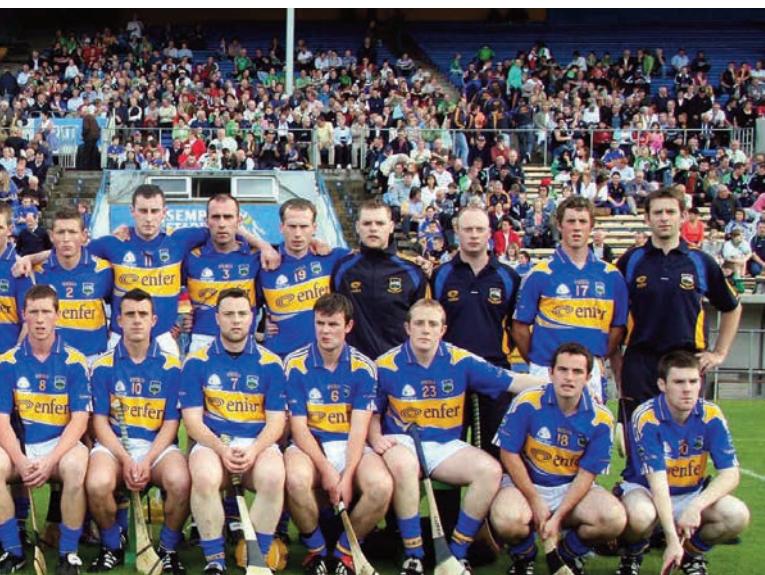
The second half went along similar lines but the game turned in Tipp's favour with the introduction of Ronan O'Meara plus his Lorrha team mate Patrick Maher winning a penalty which Jody Ryan converted and Tipperary led 1-14 to 0-14 with fifteen minutes to go.

O'Meara's runs into space caused panic in the Cork defence. He scored one point and set up four more, all for centre forward

Cathal Dillon who finished the game with six points from play, including the last four as Tipperary powered into the Munster Final.



Tipperary intermediate Manager Connie Maher



Tipperary Intermediate panel – Munster Finalists 2008

Back Row (L - R): Paddy Ivors, Pat Marnane, Aidan Fitzgerald, Pa Morrissey, David Morrissey, Jody Ryan, Matthew Ryan, Gearoid Ryan, Lee Mackey, Cathal Dillon, Michael Costello, Ronan O'Meara, Alan Kelly, Paul Shanahan, Kevin Maher, Stephen Mason.

Front Row (L - R): Orrie Quirke, Donal O'Brien, Evan Hanley, Michael Harding, Ronan Sherlock, Patrick Maher, Timmy Minogue, Noel Hogan, John Lillis, Jim Bob McCarthy, Colm Larkin, Michael Phelan, Paudie Ryan.

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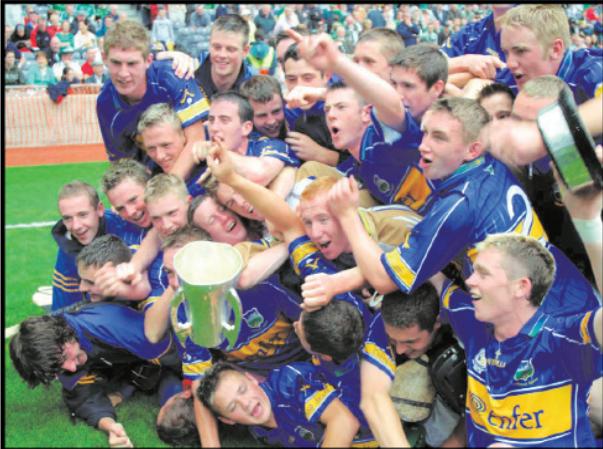
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Rousing homecoming for young hurling heroes

PREMIER PRIDE



Tipperary minor hurlers celebrate the return trip of the Irish Press Cup. Photograph: Bridget Delaney.

By Shane Brophy

Hopefully it is the start of things to come but you can never get sick of winning homecoming titles.

That is what was afforded to the Tipperary Minor Hurling team on Monday evening as over 2,000 people gathered in outside Theobald's Cathedral to congratulate Tipperary's latest All Ireland winning team.

The traditional welcome home for winning Tipperary teams is a joyous occasion for the families and friends of the players and management and for the young children who were eager to get autographs and photographs with their new heroes.

They became heroes following the retention of the minor title for the first time in fifty years when the great Jimmy Doyle completed his hat-trick of minor titles. Loughmore's Noel McGrath will get the opportunity to match that remarkable achievement next year.

The celebrations continued onto the day after the homecoming with Tipperary's Brendan Maher who follows in the footsteps of the great Paddy Keney who captained Tipperary to an All Ireland minor title in 1947.

Wednesday and Tuesday night saw bonfire lit throughout the county as the clubs of the players in the panel got their chance to congratulate Tipperary's latest All Ireland minor team.

The eighth time the Irish Press Cup has returned to Tipperary sees the premier county take their place at the top of the roll of honour with Cork and Kilkenny after themselves. Tipperary were beaten with a deserved six point win at Croke Park.

After getting off to a slow start, Tipperary worked their way into a match which paid off from the Cork (2) and Nenagh (1) goals. Michael Heffernan proving crucial for Declan Ryan's charges to beat Cork for the second time this year.

Brendan Maher shows the Irish Press cup to fans in Borris-Ileigh on Monday night last. Photograph: Bridget Delaney.

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The Munster Final took place in Semple Stadium on Wednesday, 23 July against a Limerick side that was given a dispensation from the Munster Council to play senior hurlers, which amounted to their panel being their second senior team.

That extra bit of class showed early on as Tipperary looked so far removed from the free-flowing side that got the better of Cork in the semi-final.

Defensively, Tipperary were porous particularly when Limerick ran at them and the Shannonsiders quickly built up a seven points to two lead after fourteen minutes. The gap became eight after sixteen minutes another surging run through the heart of the defence ended with David O'Neill finding the back of the net.

Tipp found some rhythm before half time with captain Noel Hogan leaping like a salmon to win possession and strike to the net but Limerick still held a comfortable 1-12 to 1-5 lead at half time.

Tipperary looked far more threatening after half time with Patrick Maher and Noel Hogan both denied goals by last gasp defensive interventions by Limerick defenders. The Tipp defence was much more solid with Evan Hanley going to centre back coupled with the introduction of Kevin Maher for the injured Lee Mackey.

Still trailing by six points with twelve minutes to go, a Paudie McNamara goal looked to have killed the game once and for all but a quick response by Noel Hogan with his second goal gave Tipperary renewed hope. The margin was four when the Lorrha club man saw a glorious goal chance slip past the post and with it, Tipp's hopes of a first title since 2002 faded.

Tipperary team v Limerick: Matthew Ryan; Lee Mackey, Michael Costeloe, Ronan Sherlock; Evan Hanley, Jim Bob McCarthy (0-1 65), John Lillis; Timmy Minogue (0-2), Michael Harding (0-2); Noel Hogan (2-5, 0-4 frees), Cathal Dillon (0-1), Gearóid Ryan; Jody Ryan, David Morrissey, Patrick Maher. Subs: Ronan O'Meara for J Ryan (ht); Kevin Maher for L Mackey (34 inj); Aidan Fitzgerald (0-1) for C Dillon (39); Michael Phelan for D Morrissey (52); Pa Morrissey for R O'Meara (60+1).



Ronan O'Meara gets his shot despite the attentions of Cork's John Crowley in the Munster IHC semi-final

Tipperary Intermediate panel 2008: Noel Hogan (Captain), Patrick Maher, Kevin Maher, Ronan O'Meara (Lorrha); Matthew Ryan, Gearóid Ryan, Timmy Minogue, Paudie Ryan (Templederry); Jim Bob McCarthy, Michael Harding, Paddy Ivers (Golden-Kilfeacle); Pa Morrissey, David Morrissey, Pat Marnane (Galtee Rovers); Donal O'Brien, Ronan Sherlock, Orrie Quirke (Silvermines); Paul Shanahan, Jody Ryan (Sean Treacy's); John Lillis, Stephen Mason (Thurles Sarsfields); Lee Mackey (Carrick Davins); Michael Phelan (Ballyboden-Grange); Evan Hanly (Lattin-Cullen); Aiden Fitzgerald (Fethard); Michael Costeloe (Drom & Inch); Cathal Dillon (Aherlow); Timmy Dalton (Arravale Rovers); Colm Larkin (Borrisokane); Alan Kelly (Ballinahinch).

GOAL -Tipperary captain Noel Hogan scores Tipperary's opening goal despite the attentions of Limerick's back four. *Photograph: Bridget Delaney*



Under 21 Review

MUNSTER

Semi-Final:	17 July	Thurles	Tipperary	1-13	Limerick	0-15
Final:	30 July	Ennis	Tipperary	1-16	Clare	2-12
ALL IRELAND						
Semi-Final:	23 Aug	Mullingar	Tipperary	1-20	Derry	0-10
Final:	14 Sept	Croke Park	Kilkenny	2-13	Tipperary	0-15

For the second time in three years, Tipperary came close to winning the All Ireland Under 21 title for the first time since 1995.

Throughout the championship campaign, especially in Munster, Tipperary were always teetering on the brink.

Against Limerick in the Munster semi-final, Tipperary were very fortunate to escape, with an injury time point from Knockshegowna's Mark O'Meara just seeing Tipperary home.

And then, there was that infamous evening in Ennis when Tipperary recovered from a five-point deficit at half time to level going into injury time before being awarded a controversial 65 deep in injury time after Clare goalkeeper Donal Tuohy had taken a puckout from outside the small square.

However, come the All Ireland final, Tipperary were unable to recover fully from a sluggish first half performance and but for a poor refereeing decision late in the game not to award a penalty for a clear foul on Patrick Maher when trailing by three points, the year could have ended so differently.

1989 All Ireland senior winning captain Declan Carr (Holycross-Ballycahill) came on board as manager for the first time and was joined by the selectors that helped Liam Sheedy and the Tipperary minors to All Ireland glory in 2006, namely Martin Gleeson (Gortnahoe-Glengoole), Ger Maguire (Lattin-Cullen) and Noel Russell (Carrick Swan). Eamon Kelly (Kildangan) completed the management team.

The selectors work began early in January as they scoured the county for players. In truth, it was probably the hardest job to take on with players from two All Ireland minor winning teams coming on stream meaning good players were going to miss out on the final squad, let alone the starting fifteen.

The early indications were encouraging, as Tipperary beat Kilkenny in the annual Tom O'Hara tournament game in Gortnahoe on the June Bank Holiday weekend.

Tipperary were finally into action on Thursday, 17 July against Limerick in Semple Stadium. At the corresponding grade in 2005, the Limerick minors thrashed Tipperary so this was never going to be a walk in the park with the majority of players for Tipperary in their first or second year at under-21 level. One of those players in his first year was team captain, Seamus Hennessy, and he showed the way early on with a point as Tipperary edged ahead by the 19th minute when Shane Bourke conjured up a goal from an acute angle.

He hoped it was a score to kick Tipperary on and with the help of the accurate Pa Bourke, Tipperary lead by three points at the break. Senior star Seamus Callinan was having a frustrating evening; just four days after his heroics in the Munster senior final and the rest of his forward colleagues were also finding it tough as Limerick dug in, in the second half.

The Shannonsiders were the better side after half time restricting Tipperary to just three Pa Bourke frees and with two minutes to go and with the momentum with them, Limerick drew level, helped by the outstanding Gavin O'Mahoney. Lorrha's Patrick Maher stepped forward to win some vital ball and his Knockshegowna neighbour Mark O'Meara saved the day with the winning point deep in injury time to get Tipperary over the line.

Tipperary team v Limerick: Matthew Ryan; Kevin Maher, Pádraig Maher, Brendan Maher; Kevin Lanigan, Thomas Stapleton, Joey McLoughney; Gearóid Ryan (0-1), Seamus Hennessy (0-1); Thomas McGrath, Seamus Callinan, Patrick Maher; Pa Bourke (0-9, 7 frees), Mark O'Meara (0-1), Shane Bourke (1-1). Subs: Ray McLoughney for T McGrath (27); Michael Cahill for J McLoughney (56 inj); Michael Gleeson for S Hennessy (56).

Less than two weeks later on Wednesday, 30 July, Tipperary travelled to the lions den to take on a Clare side that had shocked Cork in the semi-final and were fired up to win their first ever-provincial title in the grade.

The game took place nine years after the previous controversial final meeting between the sides, which could only be described as hostile and come the end of this game, to say it was controversial would be an understatement.

Tipperary were quite fortunate to win after being completely outplayed by Clare in the first half. The home-side led 2-6 to 0-7 points at half time and but for Matthew Ryan in goals and an early whistle from the referee when Colin



Tipperary U-21 hurlers - Munster Champions.

Back row: (from left) Pa Bourke, Shane Bourke, Seamus Callinan, Gearóid Ryan, Matthew Ryan, Pádraig Maher, Mark O'Meara, Seamus Hennessy (captain), Thomas McGrath. Seated: Brendan Maher, Patrick Maher, Michael Cahill, Kevin Maher, Thomas Stapleton, Kevin Lanigan.

Ryan was pulled back in a goalscoring position, Clare could have been out of sight.

To Tipp's credit, they showed their true form after half time, driven on by inspirational captain Seamus Hennessy at midfield. Crucial switches at half time with Patrick Maher going to full forward yielded immediate dividends as Tipperary looked far more threatening and just seven minutes after the break, were level courtesy of a Seamus Callinan goal.

The centre forward scored 1-5 with his final point looking like the winning one only for Clare to draw level on the stroke of full time.

Then the drama began as Clare were awarded a 21 yard free but the referee's attention was drawn back down the other end from where the play began with a Clare puckout with goalkeeper Donal Tuohy had taken the puckout from outside the small square for the second time in the game.

The free was cancelled and Tipperary awarded a 65, which Pa Bourke converted for what was ultimately the winning score, 1-16 to 2-12.

Tipperary team v Clare: Matthew Ryan; Michael Cahill, Pádraig Maher, Kevin Maher; Kevin Lanigan (0-1), Thomas Stapleton (0-1), Brendan Maher; Gearóid Ryan, Seamus Hennessy (0-1 s-cut, Capt); Patrick Maher, Thomas McGrath (0-1), Seamus Callinan (1-5); Pa Bourke (0-6, 1 free, 2 65s), Mark O'Meara, Shane Bourke (0-1). Subs: Michael Gleeson for G Ryan (ht); Joey McLoughney for S Bourke (45); Philip Ivors for M Gleeson (55).

Just six days after the Tipp seniors fell to Waterford in the All Ireland semi-final, the under-21s were Tipperary's last chance of winning All Ireland honours and they duly booked their place in the final with a less than impressive win over Derry in Mullingar.

Tipperary were never threatened but didn't produce a performance that would have given them confidence going into the final.

In miserable conditions, Tipp began brightly with Shane Bourke doing well at corner forward while Pa Bourke blasted a 21-yard free to the net as the premier county lead 1-10 to 0-4 at half time.

Tipperary lost Joey McLoughney to a shoulder injury that would ultimately keep him out of the final as Declan Carr used the second half to have a look at some of his quad players with John O'Keeffe and Johnny Ryan impressing most.

Six points in as many minutes after half time brought Tipperary well clear but in the final 27 minutes of play, the Ulster champions outscored Tipp by six points to four but the game was already one as Tipp set up a final date with neighbours and rivals Kilkenny.

Tipperary team v Derry: Matthew Ryan; Michael Cahill (0-1), Pádraig Maher, Kevin Maher; Kevin Lanigan, Thomas Stapleton, Brendan Maher (0-1); Joey McLoughney, Seamus Hennessy (0-4, 2 frees); Seamus Callinan (0-1), Thomas McGrath (0-2), Gearóid Ryan (0-1); Pa Bourke (1-5, 1-2 frees, 0-1 65), Patrick Maher, Shane Bourke (0-3). Subs: John O'Keeffe for J McLoughney (12 inj); George Hannigan for Pádraig Maher (ht, inj); Ray McLoughney for K Lanigan (ht inj); Johnny Ryan (0-2) for S Bourke (43); Timmy Hammersley for S Callinan (45).

In the run up to the game, you wouldn't have thought that Tipperary were playing in an All Ireland under-21 final such was the apathy among the Tipperary supporters with many having no belief that the premier boys would prevail.

Maybe some of those negative vibes transmitted themselves to the players as Tipperary looked in awe of Kilkenny in the first half, standing off their men on too many occasions and you can't do that against the Cats who took advantage with the help of two Matthew Ruth goals to take a six point lead at half time. Tipperary's mentality after the break was what it should have been from the start as they took the game to Kilkenny and were the better side for much of the second half.

The lead was slowly chipped back through the ice-cool free-taking of Pa Bourke while midfielder Gearóid Ryan chipped in with three points from play. However, Tipp were not getting enough out of the starting forwards with three of them replaced during the second half.

The lead was down to two points with ten minutes remaining but Tipperary



Tipperary U-21 captain Seamus Hennessy lifts the cup after his side defeated Clare in the Munster U-21 Final at Ennis

couldn't get any closer as Kilkenny found the scores they required to keep their noses in front. Four points separated the sides a minute from time when Tipperary were denied a clear penalty after Patrick Maher had been hauled down in the square.

With it, Tipp's chance of winning the Under 21 All Ireland title for the first time since 1995 faded as the cats complete their grand slam of hurling titles on a scoreline of 2-13 to 0-15.

Tipperary team v Kilkenny: Matthew Ryan; Michael Cahill, Pádraig Maher, Kevin Maher; Kevin Lanigan (0-1), Thomas Stapleton, Brendan Maher (0-1); Gearóid Ryan (0-3), Seamus Hennessy (Capt); Patrick Maher, Seamus Callinan (0-1), Thomas McGrath; Pa Bourke (0-8 frees), Mark O'Meara, Shane Bourke (0-1). Subs: John O'Keeffe for K Lanigan (30+2); Danny O'Hanlon for M O'Meara (39); Philip Ivors for S Bourke (48); Johnny Ryan for T McGrath (50).

2008 Tipperary Under 21 panel: Matthew Ryan, Thomas Stapleton, Gearóid Ryan (Templederry); Michael Cahill, Padraig Maher, Pa Bourke, Michael Gleeson (Thurles Sarsfields); Kevin Maher, Patrick Maher (Lorrha); Kevin Lanigan, Danny O'Hanlon (Carrick Swan); Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh); Seamus Hennessy, Ray McLoughney, Eoin Hogan (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Thomas McGrath, Philip Ivors (Ballingarry); Seamus Callinan, Johnny Ryan (Drom-Inch); Shane Bourke (JK Brackens); Mark O'Meara (Knocksgowna); Tossy Lowry (Holycross-Ballycahill); Joey McLoughney (Toomevara); John O'Keeffe, Timmy Hammersley, James Heffernan (Cloonoulty-Rossmore); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers); Ronan Sherlock (Silvermines); Jody Ryan (Sean Treacy's); Niall Bergin (Moycarkey-Borris); Ciaran McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney); Sean Fitzgerald (Roscrea); AJ Cronin (Mullinahone).



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Minors Disappoint

By: J.J. Kennedy.

For the Tipperary minor hurlers 2008 began with great expectations but ended in deep disappointment. We dared to dream of a three-in-a-row, the first in over fifty years, and had ample reason to be optimistic in the quest. Two years previously we'd won the U16 tournament and with a generous sprinkling of the minor winners of 2007 still eligible there was background evidence to support the optimism.

But alas it was not to be. A campaign that struggled to gain momentum finally crashed to eventual champions Kilkenny. Earlier we'd lost Munster to Cork. By year's end Declan Ryan and his management team had left the stage to be replaced by a fresh-faced alternative led by Mark O'Leary. The minor story of 2008 then chronicles the ending of a memorable era in Tipperary minor hurling.

The campaign began in the springtime with a series of challenge games as the management team of Declan Ryan, Tommy Dunne, Liam Cahill and Michael Gleeson searched countywide for players to supplement the survivors from 2007. It was an extensive trawl of the county, which culminated in a final game at Templemore against Offaly. This circuit of games featured three outings against Dublin (two at home), as well as a clash with Wexford at Monroe and various other ties against colleges' teams.

Eventually a panel was finalised and training began for a campaign that was scheduled to commence on April 30th with a first-round clash against Limerick at Semple Stadium. The prolonged Harty Cup campaign by Thurles C.B.S. was to prove disruptive to training and general preparation and would be cited later as a negative factor in the team's overall impact.

For the record the championship began against Limerick with the following team: Bill McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields); Liam Butler (Moyne\Temple-tuohy), Kevin O'Gorman (Thurles Sarsfields), Sean O'Brien (Newport); Ciaran Haugh (Lorrha), Noel McGrath (Loughmore\Castleiney), Eoin O'Connell (Fethard); Joe Gallagher (Kildangan) and Adrian Ryan (Templederry Kenyons); Kieran Murphy (Killenaule), Thomas Butler (Clonoulty\Rossmore), Paddy Murphy (Eire Og Nenagh); Kieran Morris (Moycarkey\Borris), Brian O'Meara (Kilruane McDonaghs), John O'Neill (Clonoulty\Rossmore).

Limerick came to the Stadium with low expectations and were eventually dispatched on a score line of 3-21 to 1-12. It was tighter, much tighter in the first half with Tipperary leading by a mere two points at the break. However, a second half blitz blew Limerick away. Star of the show was John O'Neill, scorer of 0-7 from play. If it had been a slow start by Tipperary in the first half they certainly turned on the style in the second. For the record the following substitutes saw action: Ruairi Gleeson (Kildangan) for Ciaran Haugh, John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) for Paddy Murphy, Peter Acheson (Moyle Rvs.) for Brian O'Meara, Patrick O'Brien (Knockavilla\Donaskeigh Kickhams) for Eoin O'Connell and Colm Ryan (Upperchurch\Drombane) for John O'Neill.

That victory gave Tipperary a month's breather before facing Clare, again at the Stadium, in the Munster semi-final on 25th June. In the meantime some new personnel were drafted onto the panel perhaps reflecting management uncertainty about their charges. When the line out for the Clare game was announced it showed changes in defence and midfield. Ciaran Haugh dropped back to corner back in place of the injured Sean O'Brien with Sarsfields' Denis Maher coming in at wing back. James Barry (Upperchurch) back from injury came on centre back with Noel McGrath going midfield to partner Joe Gallagher. Adrian Ryan went wing back to the exclusion of Eoin O'Connell.

Provincial Semi-final is the worst place to lose in this championship and Tipperary followers had to sweat this one out before the team finally 'nailed' the game in the closing stages. Tipperary were flattered to lead by a point, 1-4 to 1-3, at half time, Paddy Murphy the goal scorer. Early in the second half Clare briefly took the lead but then a second goal from Paddy Murphy turned the game for Tipperary. Impressive displays from substitutes Ruairi Gleeson (Kildangan) and John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) were features of the Tipperary win, as was the display of goalie, Bill McCormack. In the end the margin was five points, 2-12 to 1-10, but everyone recognised that this was a laboured win by Tipperary, one that would not suffice in the Munster final against Cork.

Again for record purposes the substitutes used against Clare were: John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) for Thomas Butler, Ruairi Gleeson (Kildangan) for Paddy Murphy Brian Stapleton (Templederry) for James Barry and Kieran Shelly (Ballingarry) for Brian O'Meara.

And so to a Munster final date with Cork at the Gaelic Grounds on 13th July, playing curtain raiser to the senior final. Again there were readjustments to the line out for this challenge. Denis Maher missed out at wing back with James Barry moving to number five and Adrian Ryan take up lodging at number six. We now started with a different centre back for each of the three games. Noel



Tipperary Minor Hurlers – All Ireland semi finalists.

Back Row (L – R): Brian O'Meara, Michael Sheehy, James Barry, Darragh Kennedy, Peter Acheson, John O'Dwyer, Paddy Murphy, Kieran Murphy, Ciaran Lorigan, Kieran Shelly, Kevin O'Gorman, Thomas Butler, Paul Ryan.

Front Row (L – R): Eoin O'Connell, Ruairi Gleeson, Liam Butler, Lee Burke, Joe Gallagher, Bill McCormack, Kieran Morris, Adrian Ryan, Noel McGrath, Sean O'Brien, John O'Neill.



Ruairí Gleeson sets up a Tipperary attack against Cork in the Munster MHC Final. Photograph: Bridget Delaney

McGrath was moved to number seven in what seemed to be a strengthening of the half back defence. This time Ruairí Gleeson started midfield beside Joe Gallagher. For a third game in a row the forward formation was the same.

From a goal-less Munster final the record shows a one-point win for Cork, 0-19 to 0-18, giving the rebels sweet revenge for 2007. We did well in the opening quarter, leading by seven-three after thirteen minutes. Ominously, though, the Cork centre forward, Ciaran Sheehan, was causing problems and by half time we trailed by one, 0-10 to 0-9.

The second half was a nip-and-tuck affair with never much between the teams. In the end it came down to a knife-edge. With Cork two-up Kieran Morris picked out Tipperary substitute, Michael Sheedy, with a beautiful pass. However, with a despairing tackle coming in the shot flew over the bar and Cork survived. Dodgy refereeing and a bad call by an umpire were no help to Tipperary as our provincial title slipped away. Afterwards there was criticism of our failure to address half back problems. For the record our substitutes on the day were: John O'Dwyer for Kieran Murphy and Michael Sheedy (Portroe) for Brian O'Meara.

After this defeat it was time to regroup and reassess. Clearly the team was lacking the buzz of the previous year but with a quarter-final game now against Antrim there was still time to recover. That game with Antrim was played at Mullingar on July 26th and offered an opportunity for some experimentation. As expected Tipperary won handily, 4-18 to 0-6. In defence Sean O'Brien was back at corner back and Lee Burke (Cashel K.C.) played his first game at wing. Eoin O'Connell returned to number seven while Peter Acheson (Moyle Rvs.) played midfield. Noel McGrath moved into attack with Ballingarry's Kieran Shelly taking the number fifteen jersey. Used substitutes were: Kieran Morris for John O'Neill, Kieran Lorigan for Paddy Murphy, Denis Maher for Eoin O'Connell, Ruairí Gleeson for Noel McGrath and James Barry for Joe Gallagher.

And so to the All Ireland semi-final against Kilkenny at Croke Park on August 10th. A settled team had eluded the management throughout the campaign and the side which faced Kilkenny again showed changes. Fronting Bill McCormack were Liam Butler, Kevin O'Gorman and Sean O'Brien; Lee Burke held his wing back spot beside Adrian Ryan and James Barry; Peter Acheson now partnered Joe Gallagher at midfield; Noel McGrath stayed at wing forward beside Ciaran Lorigan (Moyle Rvs.) and Paddy Murphy; John O'Neill, Tom Butler and Kieran Shelly made up the full line with no starting place for Kieran Morris, a point of criticism afterwards.

Tipperary began brightly and led by 0-5 to 0-2 early on with Tom Butler proving a handful for the Kilkenny defence. However, it all went downhill thereafter. A Kilkenny 'penalty' was goaled on the rebound; at the other end a similar effort from Noel McGrath was saved, though Kieran Shelly pointed in the follow up. Before half time Kilkenny struck for their second goal and led at the interval by 2-6 to 0-8.

It got even worse for Tipperary in the second half. Kilkenny extended their lead and midway through the period James Barry was dismissed for a second yellow card. Eventually Kilkenny hit their third goal and a late response from substitute, Kieran Morris, was mere consolation. Tipperary were soundly beaten on a final score of 3-17 to 1-14. The following substitutes were employed: Ruairí Gleeson for Joe Gallagher, John O'Dwyer for John O'Neill, Michael Sheedy for Ciaran Lorigan, Kieran Morris for Paddy Murphy and Darragh Kennedy (Boherlahan/Dualla) for Liam Butler.

In the end the three-in-a-row was never on. For whatever reason the team never sparkled during the campaign as they did in 2007. The form of key players who might have inspired the side fell below expectations. Fatigue, an extended Harty campaign for some and injuries to others were all cited in subsequent analysis. A management team that was widely praised for its astuteness the previous year was now criticised, very unfairly in some instances. In defeat you can always blame individual decisions but I don't think any shuffling of the deck would have altered history in this instance. Maybe after two winning seasons defeat was just that bit harder to take.



County Minor Hurling Management Team 2009

By Ed Donnelly (County PRO)

At the October meeting of the County Board, the Minor Hurling Management team of Mark O'Leary (Kilruane MacDonaghs – Manager), Damien Young (Drom & Inch – Coach), Pat Buckley (Emly) and Kevin Shelly (Ballingarry) were ratified. While the management team is quite young in years, they all have good experience behind them at various grades of hurling, both club and county.

Mark O'Leary is a former All-Ireland medal winner from 2001, scoring 2-1 in the All-Ireland Final on his way to winning an All-Star award. Mark has been heavily involved with the Kilruane MacDonaghs underage success in recent years which has seen County Final successes at Minor "A" (2005) and Under 21 "A" (2006 and 2007).

Damien Young is a former Munster Minor winning captain with Tipperary back in 1999. Damien has been involved with video analysis for many Tipperary teams in recent years and has also been involved with the Tipperary Senior Camogie team in 2008, Waterford Institute of Technology and numerous teams with his club Drom & Inch.

Pat Buckley won a Munster Minor medal as a full-back back in 2001 and also lined out with Tipperary at Senior, Intermediate and Under 21 level. Pat has been involved with the Tipperary development squads and was in charge of the Under 17 panel in 2008.

Finally, Kevin Shelly has been involved at underage level with various Tipperary teams in recent years and was coach to the Tipperary Under 16 hurlers which captured the All-Ireland title in 2006. Kevin was involved with the Moycarkey-Borris Senior Hurriers in 2008.

A number of the Tipperary Minor Hurling panel of 2008 are underage again in 2009 and available for selection. Added to this will be the hurlers from the 2007 Tipperary Under 16 hurlers which captured the Tipperary Supporters Club All-Ireland title. Best wishes to the new Tipperary Minor Management as they endeavour to put in place the best panel of players to bring home Munster and All-Ireland honours in 2009.

Tipperary – 2007 All-Ireland Under 16 Hurling Champions



The Tipperary U/16 A Hurling Panel that defeated Dublin in the 2007 Tipperary Supporters Club All Ireland U/16 Hurling Final. Picture Back Row L to R John Ryan Kilkeelin Kilcash Selector, Aidan Fogarty JK Brackens, Eamon O Meara Toomevara, Billy Heffernan Nenagh Eire Og, Eoin O Connell Fethard, Allan Hogan Shannon Rovers, Sean McCormack Borrisoleigh, Willie Ryan Clonakenny, Thomas Butler Clonoulty Rossmore, Shane Maher Nenagh Eire Og, Sean Curran Mullinahone, Rory Gleeson Kildangan, Stephen Maher Durlas Og, Adrian Cleere Ballingarry, Shea Healan Knockavilla Kickhams, Liam Flannery Nenagh Eire Og Selector. Front Row L to R Seany Johnston Loughmore Castleiney Selector Packie Hallissey Golden Kilfeacle Selector, Denis Maher Durlas Og, Michael Ivors Ballingarry, Paddy Grace Toomevara, Sean Harty Upperchurch Drombane, Paul Ryan Upperchurch Drombane, Padraig Heffernan Clonoulty Rossmore, John O Dwyer Killenaule, Jack Fennelly Ballingarry, Aidan McGrath Loughmore Castleiney, Liam Buckley Moyne Templetoh, Kenneth Horgan Knockavilla Kickhams, Michael Russell Durlas Og.





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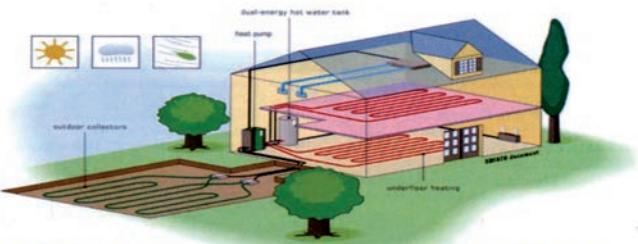
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No All Ireland Medals for these Stars

By James Holohan

In the last two editions of the Yearbook we listed Tipperary hurling and football teams over the last 50 years with the prefix "O". This time my remit is to select a team of Tipperary hurlers over the same period who never won an All Ireland senior hurling medal on the field of play.



Pa Fitzzell

During this 50 year period Tipperary's standing at the top table was not what we would expect and it was a cause of much concern in a county where expectations are often higher than that delivered.

For example from 1972 to 1986 we had only four championship victories. 1992 to 2001 was another valley period, while in recent years we have also failed to deliver the Liam Mc Carthy Cup. During these lean years the county produced many fine hurlers but unfortunately for some of them they left the inter- county scene without that much coveted Celtic Cross.

In selecting this team, nearly all those eligible played in several positions, while it made for more flexibility, one would imagine no selection committee would come up with the same line out. It should also be pointed out that longevity was an influential factor. This would rule out John Madden, Ian Conroy and Martin Mc Grath. They all had promising careers but emigrated to America. After discussing the exercise with numerous knowledgeable hurling men there were a wide variation in their choices. So here is my team:



Paul Curran

For the goalkeeping position Terry Moloney, Roger Mounsey, Seamus Shinnors and John Farrell came into the reckoning but the accolade goes to two time All Star, Pat Mc Loughney.

For the No 2 position there were plenty of contenders but George Frend was the obvious choice. The full back spot exposed plenty of talent. One would hate to omit Noel O'Gorman or Jim Keogh, but the position goes to newly crowned All Star, Declan Fanning. The left corner position did not have too many candidates but Paul Curran is the choice.



Declan Fanning

Moving to the half back line Pat Fitzelle takes the slot on the right Liam Sheedy was a contender but we will come back to that later. The centre half back position has been difficult to fill since the Mick Roche era. John Mc Intyre got consideration. However, many of the pundits are of the opinion that recent All Star, Conor O'Mahony, is the best man to fill this troublesome spot. We now come to the left half back position and this is the last chance saloon for defenders with Ramie Ryan the recipient here.

Again there was plenty of room for flexibility in the middle of the field. At this juncture, it should be noted, that Conor Gleeson and Joe Hayes made All Ireland appearances as substitutes and are therefore "ineligible". Jim Kehoe, whose career was dogged by injury, wins a place here and is

accompanied by this year's first time All Star Shane Mc Grath.

Moving to the half forward line Eamon O'Shea pressed hard for the No10 spot and again we will refer to him later. Brian O'Meara lost out on the field of play in controversial circumstances and gets the nod for this spot. Again there were plenty options for the centre forward position and another All Star slots in here in the person of Tommy Butler. Benny Dunne had the unique distinction of playing in every line of the field and he comes in at left half forward.

The full forward line proved a very difficult task and this was also a last chance to accommodate a number of genuine contenders but some had to miss out. The right corner spot goes to Ger O'Neill while the full forward spot rests with John Grogan and to complete the side we have another All Star with this position going to Liam Cahill.



Liam Sheedy

Finding a Manager was a no brainer and Liam Sheedy gets the post. Accompanying him will be Jack Bergin, Michael Doyle, Dinny Cahill & Eamon O'Shea. Everybody who agrees with this team will have their name placed on the back of a postage stamp and displayed in Lar Na Pairce.

This is the Team to "start":

PAT MC LOUGHNEY

Shannon Rovers

GEORGE FREND DECLAN FANNING PAUL CURRAN

Toomevara

Killenaule

Mullinahone

PAT FITZELLE CONOR O'MAHONY RAMIE RYAN

Cashel King Cormacs

Newport

Cashel King Cormacs

JIM KEHOE SHANE MC GRATH

Kilsheelan-Kilcash

Ballinahinch

BRIAN O'MEARA

Mullinahone

TOMMY BUTLER

Drom-Inch

BENNY DUNNE

Toomevara

GER O'NEILL

Cappawhite

JOHN GROGAN

Cashel King Cormacs

LIAM CAHILL

Ballingarry

SUBS: Seamus Shinnors (Newport), Jim Keogh (Silvermines), Noel O'Gorman (Newport),

John Mc Intyre (Lorrha), Pat Mc Grath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Seamus Burke (Clonmore) and Seamus Power (Boherlahan-Dualla).

Manager: Liam Sheedy (Portroe)

Selectors: Jack Bergin Moycarkey-Borris, Michael Doyle Holycross-Ballycahill, Dinny Cahill & Eamon O'Shea (Kilruane-Mc Donaghs)

Pat Stakelum: Tribute to a Great Centreback

by John O'Grady

Pat Stakelum passed away on April 4th, 2008. By common consent he was one of the great centrebacks. By equally common agreement he was a gentleman of rare personal qualities. He carried his honours lightly. Sociable, cheerful in company, he mixed happily with old hurling foes of all counties and with old-time local exponents. On occasion of camán-based gatherings, Pat would capably resort to apt recitation rather than song. Sympathy on his decease was deep and widespread for Nancy, family and relatives.



He achieved the entire range of available success from the green of Holycross-Ballycahill to the green of Ireland. Mid-Tipperary, County Tipperary, Munster, All-Ireland and Railway Cup medals, National League and Oireachtas – all formed part of a notable collection. He was a leader of a Tipp breakthrough, a main contributor to its extension to three-in-a-row.

C.B.S. Beginnings

Firsts, though, were his apprentice days. No formal competition existed when he was growing up, no Rural Schools or its successor, Bord na nÓg. Hurling was practised, skills developed in farmyard,, field and townland. The ball was as often sponge as leather-bound. Pat's first experience beyond that came on games-day at Thurles C.B.S. In impromptu matches, then in Croke Cup, Dean Ryan Cup and Harty Cup. The most influential mentor was Bro. J. V. Hutton – he made the lads feel the importance of the game in the school as it bid for honours. The lesser of those were readily enough secured, but the Harty was elusive, even with such as Paddy Kenny and Jack Harris in attack. Pat's talent made him the obvious centreback.

Wider experience came in 1945. The inter-county minor code was revived after its two-year wartime break. With Bro. Hutton among the selectors, the Tipp boys breezed through Munster on huge margins, did the same in the semi-final, and met Dublin in the All-Ireland. Victory was strongly expected but no complement to John Maher's seniors came Tipp's way. Dublin, drawing on O'Connell's Schools, Marino and other nurseries were way above the expected level, only a late rally brought Tipp within five points. Pat's captaincy role was to be a happier one four years later.

Early Setbacks

At club level he was also to suffer initial disappointment. Holycross-Ballycahill set out for a county title in 1947. They beat Boherlahan-Dualla to take the Mid but the semi-final in Cashel – the old pitch on the Ardmayle Road – saw Carrick Swans, with Fleming a star in goal, come out on top. It was only a deferral of success though, for the young Stakelum and John Doyle in the team led by Francis Maher. The 1948 climax came in Nenagh as Lorrha, featuring Tony Reddan in goal, were soundly defeated. The county titles of 1951 and 1954 also came to a more mature Pat, by then settled in as club and county centreback. It was probably the clashes with Thurles Sarsfields, mainly in Gaile, that highlighted the period – hard hurling indeed in which Stakelum's composure and craft were fully tested.

A Golden Era

The years 1949-51 stand out in Tipp history. At the time their impact was all the greater on account of the three preceding seasons. Not a solitary championship match was won in 1946-48. Limerick hammered our selections – and did not win a Munster title. A league final in the Spring of 1949 offered a glimpse of potential – Cork were beaten in Thurles. Pat played midfield. Paddy Furlong (Knockavilla) was centre. Remarkably, Stakelum scored two goals of Tipp's 3-5 total. He was again midfield in the historic two games plus extra time, which packed Limerick for our duels with Cork. Defensive duties were his allotted role in the Munster final against Limerick – he played at wing-back and remained there for the runaway All-Ireland win against Laois. The captaincy gave him special status – it was an invoice to a tremendous career, making Pat a symbol of a golden period. The Finn-Stakelum-Tommy Doyle line was formed in 1950 and was the outer bulwark also in 1951 as Kilkenny and Wexford were beaten in successive All-Ireland finals. But it was in Munster that the toughest battles had to be won year by year. Cork were the major hurdle – in Killarney in 1950, at Limerick thereafter. Pat's invariable opponent was the hard-pulling Josie Hartnett, while Ring, Barry, Dowling and Daly were potent allies in red. The 1951 final was a particular classic, won by 2-11 to 2-9. Pat's best game of the season though was against Limerick in the semi-final – a 'Sports Star of the Week' photo in the 'Independent' recognised his masterful exhibition. Cork, having lost three-in-a-row rebounded in 1952-54 to reverse the results. Clare came in for a 1955 victory and it was back to Cork in 1956 and 1957. Pat's position went to the emerging Tony Wall in 1958. Comparison of the two is a stable item of hurling debate. Greatness may be justly conferred on both.

RAILWAY CUP FAME

To a degree unimaginable now, the Railway Cup held exalted prestige in Pat's prime. To be on a Munster team was like a Master's degree in individual class. What better idea of Stakelum's calibre than to note his constant presence on seven consecutive provincial sides in as many St. Patrick's Day finals, beginning in 1950. Of the seven he was a winner five times. When Ireland teams played the Combined Universities in 1952 and 1953 his quality placed him among the national elite. Hurling in the capital was not only in Tipp, Munster or Ireland colours for Pat. He played for Young Irelands in company with other noted Tipp men, when working for Johnson, Mooney and O'Brien, often against rival bakery-based club, Faughs. In later times he returned to employment with minerals firm Dwan's – a natural move for a Holycross man. Dwan's could have had no more affable or persuasive rep on the road than a man of such fame.

Term as Hon. Sec.

When not long retired from activity on the field, Pat held a major official portfolio. He was Co. Secretary for two years, as successor to Phil Purcell and as predecessor to Tommy Barrett. The county won the All-Ireland in both of those years, 1961 and 1962. He gave up the position for personal reasons. In later times he served as county selector. The promotion of the game among the youth became another interest of his as a pillar of Dúrlas Óg – he was a broad-minded man indeed!

He enjoyed a game of golf with his friends. To it he brought the eye for the ball and the timing he displayed with ash in hand. On the Thurles course he won the Captain's Prize of 1989. He held the highest office of President in 2000. He took a leading role in the Hurlers Society, which embraces all the counties, as well as New York.

Having played in pre-television times, little remains on film of Pat or his contemporaries. So only those of a vintage to have seen him in the flesh can have a visual memory. To them, it's sunny days in Limerick; a trim figure; broad of shoulder – crisp of swing; cool amid the hurly burly; tackling, covering, clearing against the men in red. Clear in recollection, he floats the frees and seventies with fine precision – and mostly over the bar. We are privileged to have seen, and known, Pat Stakelum.

ROLL OF HONOURS

Mid Tipp S.H. (4) 1947, 1948, 1951, 1954.

Co. Tipp. S.H. (3) 1948, 1951, 1954

Munster and All-Ireland (3) 1949, 1950, 1951

National League (6) 1949, 1950, 1952, 1954, 1955, 1957

Railway Cup (5) 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1955

Monaghan Cup (8) 1949-1956 incl.

Oirachtas (1) 1949

Mick Ryan (Roscrea & St. Finbarr's Cork)

On December the 10th 2007 the mortal remains of Mick Ryan was laid to rest in Kilcrumper graveyard Fermoy in his adopted Co. Cork. Mick was born in the great hurling town of Roscrea over eighty two year ago. A member of one of Tipperary's greatest hurling families, the Ryans of the Sheehills, Mick in company with his brothers the late Jack and Dinny went on to win All-Ireland senior hurling medals as part of Tipperary's three in a row winning team of 1949-51.

Having shown distinct promise with the camán from an early age Mick secured a place on the Tipp minor team in 1942. After the first round the championship was abandoned due to travel restrictions brought about by World War II. He played senior hurling with Roscrea at 16 ½ and won North Tipp senior hurling medals in the red singlet in 1941, 42 and 45.

Mick's stature within the Premier County was on the rise at the time and he was part of a number of unsuccessful championship teams in the late forties. By the time Tipperary made the breakthrough in 1949 Mick had made the number eleven shirt his own and he won his three Celtic crosses at the centre of the attack in 1949, '50, and '51 and also played his part in the memorable Tipp v Cork clashes in 1952, '53 and '54 when the rebels were masters. Having moved to Cork Mick played hurling with Blackrock at first and subsequently with the "Barrs" with whom he won a memorable county medal after a replay with the "Glen" in 1955. He also won a county senior football medal with Clonakilty in 1952. During his time working in Kilkenny he won a county hurling medal with Dicksboro in 1950 and a County senior Football medal with St. Johns in 1948.

As an all round sportsman not unlike many other Tipperary people Mick loved the greyhounds and was a long-time owner. His greatest thrill came when his greyhound "Arithmetic" reached the last eight in famed Powerstown at the National coursing meeting many years ago. He loved the greyhound people and their company and his dream of having the big stake winner was what kept him involved for so long.

Like many other wielders of the camán Mick also distinguished himself at golf. He built and developed Frankfield House golf course and complex and represented the club with distinction in Purcell, Bruen and Country Club competitions.

Mick was a man of great resilience; he would never give up. Even when times were tough he would make changes to his way of playing the game, or to his life, or even his livelihood and meet the adversary head on. He displayed great battling qualities in fighting different illnesses over the years but that was the make-up of Mick Ryan.

To date I have been speaking of Mick Ryan the sportsman and businessman but he was a wonderful family man and his real loss will be to his wife Ina and their five children to whom the Gaels of Tipperary convey their sincere condolences on their great loss. He will also be sadly missed by his stepchildren, brothers, sisters, grandchildren and the extended Ryan family to whom we extend our sympathy.

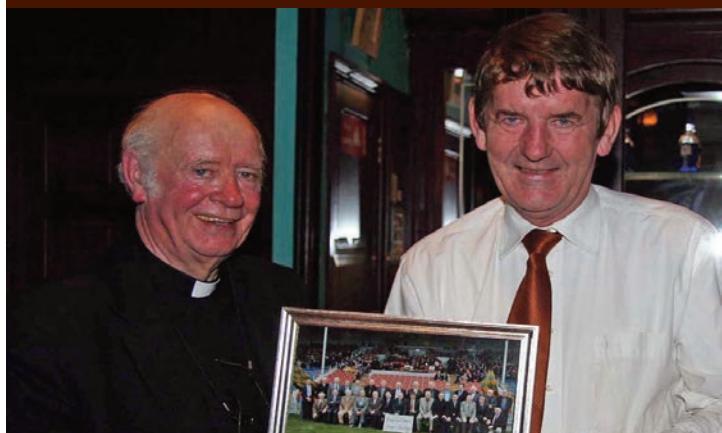
He may be gone but his deeds will never be forgotten in Roscrea, Tipperary and his adopted Cork and as the old warhorse.

"Stands at last at God's judgment throne,
For the final whistle for him has blown,
May the Great Referee when he calls his name
Say Mick, you hurled like a man you played the game"

I measc na Naomh go raibh a anam.
John Costigan



Moynet-Templetuohy 1971 County Champions



Archbishop Dermot Clifford presents a framed photo of Moynet-Templetuohy 1971 team honoured at the County Final to team captain Jim Fogarty at Younge's The Ragg.



Present at the Dinner & Presentation of the 1971 Moynet-Templetuohy Co SHC team at Younge's The Ragg. Seated: (from left) John Guiton (Tipperary Star), Seamus King (Chairman Organising Committee), Rose Younge (Younge's The Ragg), Donal Younge (Younge's The Ragg), Michael Dunne (Tipperary Star). Standing: Barry O'Brien (Vice-Chairman County Board), Timmy Floyd (Secretary County Board), John Costigan (Chairman County Board), Pat Carey (Tipperary Star).



A Moynet-Templetuohy group ready for dinner at Younge's The Ragg.
Back row: (from left) - Mick and Bridie Coen, Michael Troy, Paddy Sweeney, Maudie Sweeney.
Seated: Tom and Marie Russell, Paddy and Ann Everard.



Moynet-Templetuohy 1971 team marching off the sod of Semple Stadium after 37 years.



Fr Tom Fogarty, Mick Coen and Martin Esmonde with the Moynet-Templetuohy 1971 team honoured on County Final day.



Tom Flynn a member of Moynet-Templetuohy '71 Co SHC winning team waves to the crowd. Also present Paddy Everard, Martin Costigan, Denis Curtis and Fr John Egan.



Moynet-Templetuohy 1971 Co SHC winning team & mentors honoured on County Final day. Back row: (l to r) - Thomas Flynn, Fr John Egan, Dinny Dunne, Willie Fogarty, Martin Troy, Fr Joe Egan, Dick Fogarty, Paddy Sweeney, Tom Quinlan, Bill O'Grady, Tom Russell, Michael O'Grady, Martin Costigan, William O'Grady, Denis Curtis. Front: Paddy Everard, Johnny Everard, Phil Blake, Billy Sweeney, Michael Craddock (rep. his father Hugh RIP), Mick Everard, Martin O'Grady, Jim Fogarty (captain), John O'Grady (rep. his brother Tom RIP), Fr Tom Fogarty, Mick Coen, Martin Esmonde, Jim Fogarty (Kilclooney), Tom Egan.

THE END OF THE FIFTH QUARTER 1884-1909

by Seamus Leahy

It will shortly be 25 years since the GAA let down its hair to celebrate the centenary of its foundation.. It was a time of hairshirt economics for most of us but a Minister for Finance of the period managed to come up with a figure of half a million pounds to be spent by the GAA as it thought fit. The President of the day noted that the money would be spent on the celebration of the centenary.

In 1909 the fact that the Association was entitled to celebrate its Silver Jubilee had been only slightly noticed. The feeling was abroad in GAA circles that it was more important to look forward than back. Great strides were being made and there was a feeling of much done, much to be done. A dynamic General Secretary, Wicklowman Luke O'Toole, was getting into his stride and all the divisions which had bedevilled the early years of the Association had been consigned to history. Planning was the order of the day. Thurles was abandoned in favour of Dublin as the venue for annual congress and for the first time championships were concluded in the current year.

To mark the tidying up of fixtures, Tipperary found itself playing in three All-Ireland finals in that Silver Jubilee year. In April Tom Semple's men played the final of the previous year in a drawn game against Dublin in Jones's Road, as Croke Park was still generally known. At the end of June Tipp had a decisive win in the replay at Athy and early in December we were beaten by Kilkenny in the 1909 final at Cork.

It was indicative of the new determination to finish the championship in the current year that the All-Ireland was played in December rather than be left till the following spring. There would be the occasional default in future years but never again would it be the norm for the All-Ireland championship not to be finished within the year. And the Association was only 25 years old!

Twenty-five years later the celebration of its golden jubilee was only a shade more noticeable than that of the silver in 1909. The Wall St. Crash was a too-recent memory, the country was in the throes of the Economic War and most people were more interested in the countrywide struggle between Blueshirts and anti-Treatyites than in anything else. The Irish Press, which had from its launch in 1931 given a high profile to all things Gaelic, and the Irish Independent, which had recently discovered the advantages to circulation of giving generous coverage to Gaelic games, both produced lavish supplements; and there was the unveiling of a commemorative plaque at Hayes's Hotel. But otherwise, the event caused scarcely a ripple in the everyday momentum of the national or sporting life. Championships were played, Limerick hurlers won the All-Ireland and the first of five leagues in a row, while the Sam Maguire and the Football League titles went west of the Shannon – to Galway and Mayo. County championships were played and attendances at games continued to increase but there were few events specifically to mark the year of the golden jubilee.

By the time the centenary year of 1984 arrived the Association was ready to draw attention on a major scale to the role it had played in the national life since its foundation. It was a year of much looking back in the way of county histories and club histories and, if there was an overriding element of self-congratulations, that was hardly to be wondered at. Nobody would deny that of all national institutions the GAA was the one that had achieved what it had set out to do. Michael Cusack's stated ambition, to bring back the hurling, had been realised. In counties where hurling had been traditionally played, the game had been revitalised and had become a cherished feature of the national life. Gaelic football had acquired a popularity that would have astonished the founding fathers. And nobody would deny the role that the Association had played in the social and political development of the country.

But there was flip side to the celebrations of that year. Out of the woodwork came many who had lately discovered that there were material advantages to being, in name at least, GAA supporters. And some who had thought a hurling or football game could not be held without them found themselves brushed aside by some who had belatedly discovered that attendance at GAA games was the height of fashion. People whose lives were a record of service to their clubs and who thought a match could not be held in Thurles without them found themselves excluded from the most highly publicised game ever held in Semple Stadium – the hurling final of 1984. Commercialism had not alone reared its head but had begun to create a crisis of conscience for many who thought the GAA to have a special role in safeguarding all sorts of traditional values.

As we face into a year that will mark the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Association, we can hardly enthuse about some of the changes that have taken place in the period since those centenary celebrations of 1984. Commercialism has assumed a place in the life of the Association that even a quarter of a century ago most

of us would never have anticipated.

Who in 1984 would have imagined anyone referring to the All-Ireland as, God bless the mark, the Guinness All-Ireland final? And what does the term Guinness All-Ireland final make of our commitment to the well-being of our youth?

Who would have foreseen a time when tax exiles would fly in to view big games from the luxury of corporate boxes, while those who were the backbone of clubs were explaining to their children that you have a much better view of the match on television anyway? And who would have foreseen that to get to Croke Park on the day of a big game one would have to make one's way through such a concentration of Gardai as would make you wonder if this is the most crime-free corner of the globe that hundreds of custodians of the law could devote their time to scrutinising the match-tickets of the best-behaved sport supporters on the face of the earth?

These are things that have come to pass which some of us view with distaste.

But there are developments which most of us would heartily applaud.

Who, even as late as 1984, would have foreseen a time when commercial firms would compete to pay substantially for the right to have their names on county jerseys? Yet this is now the norm.

Who would have imagined that a place on a county team would ever be a passport to a university scholarship, a prestigious job and some affluence? This too has become the norm.

Gone, thanks be to the Lord, are the days when the best a county star could expect by way of recompense for his talent and commitment would be a job as a lorry-driver and the respect of those who appreciated the excitement he had brought to their lives.

In the life of a young man, of course, there is another side to stardom. Like all success, it is only achieved by hard work and while the rest of us can pick and choose how we spend our free time, being a GAA star nowadays is harder work than at any time since that Jim Stapleton led the men of Thurles onto the field at Birr to claim the first All-Ireland crown for Tipperary. Training sessions are of an order as would make the star of a generation ago blanch. As such a star said on meeting a member of a county panel returning from a run on the Devil's Bit, "It's not that we couldn't do it in our time – but we wouldn't do it." Stardom nowadays has its compensations, but there is a price to pay.

But games are played in better surroundings than would have been thought possible even 25 years ago. The upgrading of so many provincial grounds might have been expected, but who would have imagined the splendour of Croke Park, or the sheer comfort of attendance there for every game for which one can get a ticket. For many, of course, there is the cost factor, but the introduction of the family ticket is at least a recognition of the difficulties faced by the typical GAA family.

And who would have foreseen the enforcement of such ridiculous health and safety regulations at a camogie game in Croke Park as would rationalise the presence of hordes of Gardai and stewards to guarantee the behaviour of some thousands of camogie fans, a goodly number of them noisy schoolchildren.

As with every area of life we will find things to complain about, but we all delight in what has become a regular feature of the Irish Sunday afternoon – the television coverage of games in every part of the country, much of it on TG4, which spares us the phoniness of some of our English-language commentators.

For many, the biggest single blot on our Association over the past number of years is the growth of the cult of the managerial system which often entails someone from a faraway place travelling a few times a week to coach a team in an area with which he had previously little connection. It owes little to GAA traditions, it is an import from a culture in which the ideal of the credit of the little village has no place, it is a modern excrescence and it is more suited to codes which see nothing untoward in the buying and selling of players. The public demands for the manager's head every time a game is lost demeans the very spirit of the GAA. At present the managerial system threatens to become a necessary part even of club activity and clubs that are hard put to raise vital funding for basic necessities find much of their hard-earned funds going to pay - yes, to pay - the manager of a team.

We have been blessed in this county in that, since the advent of the managerial system, we have not been visited by some of its worst features. Liam Sheedy is one of our own who, one feels, appreciates the true value of our county jersey and who will never put ego before that value. If he makes mistakes - and being human, he will - it will not be for unworthy reasons. It is hardly so in every county.

Good luck to him and to all to whom he hands a jersey as we head into the celebration of the fifth quarter of the life of the GAA.

Celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the G.A.A.

by Seamus J. King

It was announced at Congress 2008 that the 125th Anniversary of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael would be celebrated at all levels of the association during 2009. A national co-ordination group under the chairmanship of Jarlath Burns was set up to prepare a calendar of events and their job is to ensure that all units of the association are focused on this milestone and are making plans to celebrate it in appropriate ways.

The expectation is that all provincial councils and county boards will set up special 125 committees to coordinate the body's anniversary plans. The national coordination group would like to hear of these plans, will also offer advice and discuss appropriate ways for celebrating the anniversary.

Before discussing the plans of the Tipperary G.A.A. 125 Committee, which was announced by county chairman, John Costigan, in July, it is interesting to recall the celebrations in the association on previous anniversary milestone.

The silver jubilee in 1909 wasn't celebrated at all! In fact it passed unnoticed both by supporters and critics of the association. According to G.A.A. historian, Marcus de Búrca 'Perhaps the omission on the central council's part is an indication of its forward-looking approach in 1909; in its work to expand the association it was now more concerned with the future than with the past.' Significantly by June 1909 all 32 counties had a board affiliated to the central council for the first time. In the same year the permanent transfer to Dublin of the annual congress marked a significant step towards the establishment of a genuine 32-county G.A.A.

Golden Jubilee

The golden jubilee celebrations in 1934 were elaborate. The celebrations were inaugurated on Easter Sunday at the annual congress, held specially in Thurles. Before the start of congress there was a reception by the central council both for its own delegates and distinguished visitors, the presentation of congratulatory messages from the Government, the Catholic hierarchy, local bodies and cultural associations, a religious service conducted by the association's patron, Archbishop Harty and the unveiling of a plaque at Hayes's Hotel. Among the guests were three members of the victorious Tipperary team in the first hurling All-Ireland, Michael Cusack's son, John, and from the United States, John Quane of the notable Tipperary G.A.A. family of the 1885-1895 period.

Five months later the jubilee celebrations were held in Dublin. There was a parade through the city of Croke Park, where a crowd of 35,000, which included a number of dignitaries, watched a series of games played by school teams. The two Dublin daily newspapers published special supplements to mark the occasion and the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs issued a special commemorative postage stamp portraying a hurler in action.

The 75th anniversary celebrations in 1959 were less elaborate. The main event was the opening of the new Hogan Stand at Croke Park, a magnificent double-decker affair running along the entire west side of the stadium and free of all obstructive pillars, which had cost well over a quarter of a million pounds. It was formally opened on June 11 of that year in the presence of President Sean T. O'Kelly. After an historical pageant devised by the Kerry writer, Bryan MacMahon, in which units of the Army participated, the attendance was entertained by an interprovincial hurling match, the postponed 1959 Railway Cup final. Probably no more appropriate event than the opening of this stand, symbolising the growth and confidence of the G.A.A. and strengthening Croke Park's position as the finest sports stadium in Ireland, could have marked the 75th anniversary.

It is unnecessary to recall the many events that commemorated the centenary of the association in 1984, the most important of which was the staging of the All-Ireland senior hurling final between Cork and Offaly at Thurles. Tipperary people will remember other events such as the march of clubs before the county convention and the presentation of club histories in an exhibition. Also the numerous club histories that were written. There was also a national presentation of the history of different units of the G.A.A. in the RDS. And, there was the Centenary Cup, an open draw hurling and football intercounty competition.

125th Anniversary

The 125 celebrations will be on a smaller scale but they will be used to highlight the achievements of the association as well as to make the members more aware of its significance and its place in the history of the country.

Among the proposals of the county 125 Committee is the official opening of the newly refurbished Semple Stadium and the turning on of the floodlights by an t-Uachtarán, Nicky Brennan, in February. It is hoped to have this done in conjunction with a major National Hurling League fixture on a Saturday evening with a major promotion to maximise attendance. There will be half-time entertainment.

From very early on a Michael Hogan Weekend in the middle of May at Grangemockler has been planned. This will include two inter-county games, between Tipperary and Dublin in football, and between Tipperary and Kilkenny in hurling. Other events would include Mass and a wreath-laying ceremony, the unveiling of a memorial honouring Michael Hogan and a public lecture on some aspect of G.A.A. history.

One of the highlights of the year will be the Munster hurling final. The county board has applied to the Munster Council for the provincial final to be played at Thurles, regardless of the teams that are in it. A major hurling festival at Thurles would coincide with the occasion. There would be an RTE program such as Up for the Match, from Thurles.

Another intention would be the updating of the Tipperary G.A.A. Website, which would be enlarged to include all the records of all aspects of the G.A.A. in the county, such as all hurling and football records, including the teams that represented the county in all grades every year, handball, Scór, camogie, ladies football and rounders.

Related to this would be the encouragement of every club to have its own website. At the moment only 29 Tipperary clubs have their websites up to date. Also, only 27 clubs from the county are on the Croke Park Museum, Club Database. Many clubs have published histories up to 1884 but now need to be updated. Clubs without a history will be encouraged to get them written.

It is envisaged that there will be a Club Day on April 26. This day will be free from official fixtures so that clubs can organise their own events to celebrate 125. What the events might be will be left to the imagination of individual clubs. There was a similar day in 1984.

Schools will also be involved in the celebration of the 125 anniversary. Various suggestions are being explored at the moment.

The year's events will be concluded with a major event on November 1. A meeting of the central council might be held in Thurles. There could be a lecture followed by a wreath-laying ceremony at Archbishop Croke Memorial in Liberty Square. Cumann na Sean Ghaeil might consider holding their presentation night to coincide with this date. Other ideas on how to celebrate the occasion will be welcome.

To date the committee has met three times and are still in the process of finalising a program of events. The committee is as follows: chairman, Seamus J. King, secretary, Liam Ó Donnchú, John Costigan, Ed Donnelly, Sean Nugent, Denis Floyd, Seamus O'Doherty.

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Tipperary Inter County Football 2008

National Football League Division 4 campaign 2008.

By Jackie Cahill.

ON an emotional Sunday afternoon last April, Tipperary clinched an historic promotion to Division 3 of the Allianz National Football League in the most dramatic of circumstances.

At Ardfinnan on April 20, the Premier County scored a 0-12 to 0-10 victory against Mick O'Dwyer's Wicklow team to make the giant leap from the lower echelons.

That two-point victory against the Garden County, coupled with Waterford's unexpected win in Antrim, ensured that the unlikely dream became a deserved, glorious reality for a group of men who were still grieving the loss of a dear friend.

Joyous scenes greeted Michael Daly's full-time whistle and when it became apparent that the Déise had been true to their word at Casement Park, having promised to do Tipp a massive favour; tears flowed as Tipperary manager John Evans addressed his troops in a circle on the half-way line.

The late Darrel Darcy, killed tragically in a road accident on April 8, was uppermost in everybody's thoughts as Evans delivered a stirring speech as players, mentors, officials and media alike listened intently.

He spoke about rising young star Darrel, about the character in this bunch of players and he told them that Division 3 should hold no fears.

An incredibly hungry Tipperary may have been reduced to 14 men after just eight minutes when Barry Grogan was issued with a straight red card but in truth, they still had a 15th man as Darcy's spirit inspired the men in blue and gold to even greater heights in the face of adversity.

And when the dust settled, Tipp had collected a sixth victory from eight league outings to set up a Division 4 final clash with Offaly at O'Moore Park in Portlaoise on the following Sunday.

Silverware may have been on offer but the standard of fare rarely rose above the mundane and some of the football was dreadfully sloppy when the two counties met in the Division 4 decider.

Not for the first time, Offaly corner forward Niall McNamee was the genuine star turn as the Rhode clubman contributed six of his seven points from play. Offaly were in control from the 10th minute, when long-serving midfielder Ciarán McManus found himself unmarked no more than ten metres from goal and he finished low past Paul Fitzgerald, who denied McNamee with a superb save two minutes later.

Tipperary's scoring return was poor although Brian Coen kicked ten points for a second successive game, following on from his Ardfinnan heroics against Wicklow.

Offaly led 1-8 to 0-5 at half-time and although Tipp were more competitive

after half-time and twice got to within four points, Niall Smith roared through for a superb injury-time goal which took even the umpires by surprise as it took them a while to raise the green flag.

Tipperary may not have claimed the silverware but the league season will be remembered as a resounding success.

The season began on Sunday, February 3 at Nowlan Park as Tipperary ran out comprehensive 4-20 to 1-5 winners against a hopelessly outclassed Kilkenny. The Cats were playing in their first NFL fixture since 1999 but fell to a crippling 24-point defeat in front of just 280 spectators.

Barry Grogan was the star turn for Tipperary as he weighed in with a haul of 1-8, including a goal from a penalty and five frees.

Tipperary's scoring return was particularly encouraging, bearing in mind that the great Declan Browne, who retired after the 2007 season, was no longer available to spearhead the attack.

Philip Austin, Eoin Kearney and Barry's brother Séamus scored the other Tipperary goals during a total mismatch.

Six days later, Clare were the visitors to Ardfinnan and Barry Grogan was once again the star of the show for Tipp, scoring eight points as the hosts secured a well-earned three-point win, 0-13 to 1-7.

Clare held a 1-2 to 0-0 lead after ten minutes, thanks to a Michael Ó Sé goal, but they would not score again until the 43rd minute as Tipperary drew level at half-time, 0-5 to 1-2.

The sides were level on three occasions during the second half, with brothers Barry and Seamus Grogan doing most of the damage to Clare.

Tipp suffered their first defeat of the campaign against Offaly in Tullamore on Saturday, February 16.

At this point, Offaly were steamrolling through Division 4 and didn't need to be at their best to see off the Tipperary challenge.

The Faithful County secured a 1-11 to 1-7 victory from a free-ridden encounter. Offaly led by 0-7 to 0-4 at the interval but should have been further in front having missed a number of scoreable chances.

Offaly blitzed into a 0-5 to 0-1 lead after 19 minutes, with Niall McNamee kicking four of those points.

Tipperary really picked up their game in the second half but although Barry Grogan converted a 50th-minute penalty, after he had been fouled by Brian Darby, Tipp couldn't build on this as Offaly held on for the remainder of the tie.

With five minutes remaining, Grogan sent a second penalty over the crossbar and the hosts held on to their 100 per cent record.

Next up for Tipperary was the visit of London to Ardfinnan on March 2 and the home side secured a very comfortable 1-23 to 0-4 success.

Barry Grogan continued in his rich vein of form and his tally of 1-9 brought his overall league total to 3-30.



Despite making a very sluggish start, Tipperary gradually got into their stride and left a poor London side trailing in their wake.

Little could be learned from the facile defeat of the Exiles who put up little resistance once Tipperary clicked into gear before half time.

An eight point interval lead was increased by a further eleven points by the time referee Eddie Kinsella brought the game to an end.

London's misery was complete three minutes from the end when captain Conor Beirne was sent off as spectators scratched their heads and wondered why.

Tipperary, with a round five bye, were next in action against Carlow at Dr Cullen Park on March 30 and a 1-10 to 1-9 defeat looked to have extinguished the Premier County's promotion hopes.

Tipp, boosted by Robbie Costigan's goal, led by 1-5 to 0-7 coming up to half time but Carlow drew level by the interval and six minutes into the second half, Carlow got the important goal which was to prove the difference.

A solid second half display from Paul Bealin's Carlow ensured that high-flying Tipperary were brought back to earth and back into a fierce tussle for that second promotion spot behind Offaly.

On Sunday April 6, Tipp collected a fourth win from six league outings with a noteworthy 0-10 to 0-7 victory over Antrim but it appeared that the one-point defeat against Carlow would prove very costly.

Jody Gormley's Antrim slumped to their first defeat of the season as Tipp moved on to eight points alongside Waterford, with the Munster counties due to meet on the following weekend.

Both teams were three points behind second-placed Antrim but the Saffrons know that an expected win at home to Waterford on April 20 would seal a passage to Division 3.

Antrim could have few complaints as they made the long trip home from icy-cold Ardfinnan and Gormley pinpointed a far greater Tipperary appetite and a hint of complacency from his own charges as the main reasons for this defeat. The Glensmen managed just three points from play during the entire game and kicked 12 wides, six in each half, as Tipp made better use of their scoring chances.

Just 24 hours after the Tipperary U21s scared the life out of Kerry in the Munster final, this was another hugely encouraging afternoon for Premier County football and while the faint promotion flame continued to flicker, John Evans and his men vowed to keep on fighting.

Antrim finished the game a man short after Tipperary suffered with two red cards in Carlow.

On Sunday April 13, an air of gloom, following the tragic death of young Tipperary player Darrel Darcy, surrounded this vital meeting of Waterford and Tipperary footballers in this keenly-contested clash at Fraher Field.

And emotions overflowed immediately after the game as the entire Tipperary panel, their mentors and supporters gathered in a huddle for several minutes in the middle of the pitch after snatching a 2-8 to 1-10 victory.

Waterford, who led from the sixth minute of the game, dominated throughout and it was only because of several missed opportunities that they went in up by a mere 0-6 to 0-3 at half time, having played with the assistance of a strong breeze.

However, a scrambled goal from wing back, Eddie Rockett, in the 42nd minute stretched their lead to 1-7 to 0-4 and they seemed to be in cruise control at that stage.

A breakaway Tipperary attack led to a Barry Grogan free out wide and his inswinging cross was fisted to the net by the impressive Kevin Mulryan to reduce the Déise lead to 1-7 to 1-5 after 50 minutes.

Substitute Liam Lawlor and Grogan exchanged a couple of points apiece to keep just two points between the sides as the game entered what was to be a dramatic period of injury-time.

Laurence Coskeran carved open the Waterford defence before putting Grogan through on goal and he finished with aplomb to give Tipp a precious one-point win.

That vital score from 1-6 hero Grogan set up a dramatic final day in Division 4 and fittingly, a tragic league season finished in triumph for Tipperary's senior footballers as the memory of the late Darrel Darcy was honoured in most fitting fashion.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 3. NFL DIVISION 4 AT NOWLAN PARK

TIPPERARY 4-20 KILKENNY 1-5

Tipperary - P Fitzgerald, A Foley, N Curran, C McDonald, C Aylward, N Fitzgerald, R Costigan 0-2, E Hanrahan, G Hannigan 0-1, P Austin 1-2, C Morrissey 0-1, D O'Brien 0-1, E Kearney 1-2, S Grogan 1-0, B Grogan 1-8. Subs - D Darcy 0-1 for C Morrissey, B Jones 0-2 for Hannigan, L Coskeran for R Costigan, M Peters for D O'Brien, M Harding for P Austin.

SATURDAY FEB. 9. NFL DIVISION 4

TIPPERARY 0-13 CLARE 1-7

Tipperary - P Fitzgerald; A Foley (capt), N Curran, C McDonald; C Aylward, Niall Fitzgerald, R Costigan; E Hanrahan, G Hannigan; P Austin, C Morrissey 0-1, E Kearney; D O'Brien 0-1, S Grogan 0-2, B Grogan 0-8. Subs - M Peters for Curran, D Darcy 0-1 for Morrissey, M Harding for Austin, C Maher for N Fitzgerald.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16. NFL DIVISION 4 AT TULLAMORE

OFFALY 1-11 TIPPERARY 1-7

Tipperary - P Fitzgerald; A Foley, M Peters, C McDonald; C Aylward, N Fitzgerald, R Costigan; E Hanrahan, G Hannigan; P Austin, E Kearney, D O'Brien 0-1; D Darcy, S Grogan, B Grogan 1-5. Subs - B Mulvihill for S Grogan; K Mulryan 0-1 for Kearney; M Harding for Darcy.

SUNDAY MARCH 2. NFL DIVISION 4 AT ARDFINNAN

TIPPERARY 2-22 LONDON 0-4

Tipperary - P Fitzgerald; A Foley, M Peters, C McDonald; C Maher 0-1, N Curran, R Costigan 0-1; E Hanrahan 0-1, K Mulryan 0-1; P Austin 0-1, E Kearney, D O'Brien 0-4; D Darcy, B Grogan 1-9, B Mulvihill 0-3. Subs - B Jones for Darcy, L Coskeran 0-1 for Austin, P Johnson 0-1 for Hanrahan, P Codd for Costigan, M Harding for O'Brien.

SUNDAY MARCH 30. NFL DIVISION 4 AT DR CULLEN PARK

CARLOW 1-10 TIPPERARY 1-9

Tipperary - P. Fitzgerald; A. Foley, M. Peters, N. Curran; R. Costigan 1-1, N. Fitzgerald, C. Maher; E. Hanrahan, P. Johnson; P. Austin, L. England, D. O'Brien; B. Mulvihill 0-1, E. Kearney, B. Grogan 0-6. Subs: C Dillon 0-1 for England; G Hannigan for Kearney; C McDonald for Peters; P Codd for Fitzgerald.

SUNDAY APRIL 6. NFL DIVISION 4. AT ARDFINNAN

TIPPERARY 0-10 ANTRIM 0-7

Tipperary - P Fitzgerald; A Foley, M Peters, N Curran; L Coskeran, R Costigan, C Maher; E Hanrahan, P Johnson; S Stapleton, N Fitzgerald 0-2, D O'Brien 0-1; B Mulvihill, K Mulryan 0-1, B Grogan 0-5. Subs: E Kearney 0-1 for Johnson, C McDonald for Maher; D Darcy for Stapleton, L England for Hanrahan.

SUNDAY APRIL 13. NFL DIVISION 4. AT FRAHER FIELD

TIPPERARY 2-8 WATERFORD 1-10

Tipperary - P Fitzgerald; A Foley, M Peters, N Curran; C Maher, R Costigan, L Coskeran 0-1; E Hanrahan, E Kearney; S Grogan, N Fitzgerald 0-1, S Stapleton; B Mulvihill, K Mulryan 1-0, B Grogan 1-6. Subs: C McDonald for Curran; C Dillon for Hanrahan.

SUNDAY APRIL 20. AT ARDFINNAN

TIPPERARY 0-12 WICKLOW 0-10

TIPPERARY — M O'Donnell; A Foley, M Peters, C McDonald; C Aylward, R Costigan, P Codd; K Mulryan 0-1, G Hannigan; E Kearney, N Fitzgerald, L Coskeran; B Coen 0-10, S Grogan, B Grogan 0-1. Subs: B Jones for Kearney (60), H Coghlan for Fitzgerald (60), P Johnson for Mulryan (65).

SUNDAY APRIL 27. ALLIANZ DIVISION 4 NFL FINAL

OFFALY 2-13 TIPPERARY 0-12

Tipperary — P Fitzgerald; A Foley, M Peters, C McDonald; P Codd, R Costigan, C Maher; K Mulryan, G Hannigan; P Austin, E Kearney, L Coskeran; D O'Brien, S Grogan 0-1, B Coen 0-10. Subs: P Johnson 0-1 for Maher (26), E Hanrahan for Hannigan (ht), B Jones for Kearney (ht), S Stapleton for Austin (53), H Coghlan for Codd (60).

Tipperary's Senior Football Run 2008

by Liam Hogan

After the success in the Allianz National Football League, thoughts turned to the championship. John Evans and his selectors, John Cummins and Niall Kelly must have been secretly confident that the experience of some tough league games from the previous would stand to them come championship.

Fermoy was the venue set for their Munster quarter-final game against Limerick. On the day, the team played well to a point. They dominated the opening thirty minutes holding the opposition scoreless but at the same time, they were not putting up the scores.

Tipp played with the breeze and the half backline of Robbie Costigan and wing backs Niall Curran and Paddy Codd moved forward at every chance creating the moves to split the Limerick defence in half. But some chances went to begging. Tipp received a set back when Curran went off with a rib injury. Further a field there was the influence of Eamon Hanrahan and Kevin Mulryan at midfield.

But it was the 21st minute before Barry Grogan broke the deadlock. In the next eleven minutes he added 1-2 and a six point advantage looked good coming towards the break. But in a moment of bad luck Tipp conceded a soft goal in the 35th minute curtailing the lead to three. In added time, Tipp added one more score put them four clear at the interval.

As the second half developed all of Tipp's good work was falling apart. Limerick's experience began to tell and they gained parity in the twelfth minute. By the 56th minute Tipp were three down with Stephen Kelly leading the Treaty side on the right wing.

But Tipp were not giving up. Philip Austin had at least one chance of goal saved. Scores were more difficult to come by and then, Aidan Foley's dismissal in the 58th minute just compounded Tipp's misery. Claims for a penalty ignored by referee Rory Kiely.

It was not Tipp's day and the wait for a Munster championship win stretched to six years. Still Tipp should take some solace from their performance as Limerick performed well in the semi-final against Cork three weeks later. If you recall, the Treatysiders entered the final minutes with victory in sight but two late goals by Cork put the rebels in the Munster final.

SCORERS: Limerick: S Buckley 1-1; Ian Ryan 0-4 (4f); S Kelly, S Lavin and M Crowley 0-1 each. Tipperary: B Grogan 1-4(1f); D O'Brien 0-1.

LIMERICK: Sean Kiely; Diarmuid Carroll, Johnny McCarthy, Stephen Walsh; Padraig Brown, Stephen Lavin, Pa Ranahan; John Galvin, Thomas Cahill; Stephen Kelly, James Ryan, Seanie Buckley; Kieran O'Callaghan (c), Dermot Phelan, Ian Ryan.

Subs: Ger Collins for O'Callaghan (33m); Mike Crowley for Collins (42m); Ger Collins for Phelan (54m); John Cooke for Cahill (59m); Shane Gallagher for Carroll (63m).

TIPPERARY: Paul Fitzgerald; Aidan Foley, Mark Peters, Ciaran McDonald; Paddy Codd, R Costigan, N Curran; K Mulryan, Eamonn Hanrahan; Paul Johnson, Brian Jones, Damien O'Brien; Sean Carey, Seamus Grogan, Barry Grogan.

Subs: Laurence Coskeran for Curran [inj] (14m); Philip Austin for Jones (20m); Niall Fitzgerald for O'Brien (44m); George Hannigan for S Grogan (58m); Eoin Kearney for Johnson (68m).

Referee: Rory Kiely (Clare).

TIPPERARY V WESTMEATH

Tipperary's All-Ireland qualifier resulted in a nine point defeat to Westmeath at Ardfinnan.

The staging of the game received a lot of favourable comment from many of the visiting supporters with the venue necessitating a 105 mile journey for the Lakesiders who helped swell the 2000 plus in attendance.

In the opening half, Tipp played against a stiff enough breeze. Both teams toyed with each other and as a result they failed to score until the 14th minute. Tipp had strong performers in Christy Aylward, George Hannigan, Philip Austin, Hugh Coghlan and Damien O'Brien. Sadly the problems occurred up



George Hannigan has possession ahead of Westmeath's Donal O'Donoghue in the SFC All-Ireland Qualifier.

front where the tight marking Westmeath defence of John Keane and Kieran Gavin controlled the threat of Barry Grogan. Net minder Gary Connaughton also denied Seamus Grogan with a vital save.

Man of the match, Denis Glennon made it 0-2 to nil for the visitors on 19 minutes.

The lead stretched to four before Brian Coen replied with Tipp's first score with a free. The half drew to a close with Michael Ennis almost though for a Westmeath goal but he had to settle for a point due to excellent cover by Robbie Costigan.

At the break, the score stood at 0-7 to 0-1. On the restart, Tipp showed improvement with Eamon Hanrahan coming more into the game at midfield. Their progress helped produce three points through Barry Grogan, with two, plus one from Philip Austin. Westmeath's free taker in chief, Dessie Dolan, replied to put his team four to the good.

Tipp continued to rally and Westmeath looked worried with their ten man defence, including Dessie Dolan, put to the test.

But a final fifteen minutes spell midway through the half told. Westmeath added four points without reply. Towards the end, Brian Mulvihill responded for Tipp. Denis Glennon scored again for the mid-landers before Timmie Dalton got in a reply for Tipp what was to be his team's last score.

As the game drew to a close, it was Glennon once again to turn the screw and making things worse, the home side lost Niall Curran after receiving a second yellow card. Final score Westmeath 0-15 Tipperary 0-6.

TIPPERARY: - Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Niall Curran (Mullinahone), Mark Peters (Galtee Rovers), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Robbie Costigan (Cahir), Niall Curran (Mullinahone); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) Eamon Hanrahan (Commercials); Damien O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty), Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-1, Hugh Coghlan (St Vincents); Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers), Brian Coen (Fethard) 0-1 (1f), Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-2 ((1f)).

Subs: Laurence Coskeran (Aherlow) for O'Brien (h/t); Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) 0-1 for Carey (Shane Stapleton (Golden-Kilfeacle) for Austin [inj] and Timmie Dalton 0-1 (Arravale Rovers) for Coen (all 63 m)

WESTMEATH: Gary Connaughton; Francis Boyle, Kieran Gavin, John Keane; Michael Ennis 0-1, Derek Heavin 0-1, Damien Healy; Donal O'Donoghue, Paul Bannon; Simon Quinn 0-1, John Smyth 0-1, Doran Harte; Dermot Bannon, Denis Glennon 0-5, Dessie Dolan 0-6 (all frees).

Subs: Peter Tormey for Harte [inj] and Gary Dolan for P Bannon both (46m); David Glennon for D Bannon (53m); Willie Murtagh for Healy ((63m); Cathal Mullan for Connaughton (63m)

Referee: Maurice Deegan (Laois)

Cadburys Munster U-21 Football Suspensions and Injuries Cost Tipperary

by Liam Hogan

Tipperary looked a strong proposition in the shake up of the 2008 Cadbury Munster U-21 football championship. Wins over Clare and Waterford led to Munster final clash with Kerry. The final was played in Ardfinnan but Tipp failed by two points with a performance that was made more remarkable because of the number of players unavailable because of injury and suspensions.

When heading into the year, the selectors Peter Creedon had a good hand to play from. From the side that failed to Cork in the 2007 final, there were eleven of the side on hand including the two subs that were used that day. They included, goalkeeper. Matthew O'Donnell (Killenaule); five of the back-line John Coghlan (Moyné/Templetuohy), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Brian Fox (Eire Og Annacarty), Christy Alyward (Clonmel Og) and John Hennessy (Aherlow) to start with. George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) came from midfield and would captain the team. From the attack, Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers), Timmy Dalton (Arravale Rovers), Seamus Grogan (Aherlow) Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) and Darrel Darcy (Shannon Rovers).

Tony Dunne (Burgess) would have been a certainty to start but was ruled out due to a finger injury. Sean Carey was absent due family commitment.

By the time of the opening game against Clare, individuals like George Hannigan, Seamus Grogan, Darrel Darcy, Ciaran McDonald and Brian Jones had already gained senior experience in the Allianz National League.

QUARTER FINAL 2008

Ardfinnan was the venue as Tipperary faced Clare in the quarter final. The meeting was a repeat of the meeting twelve months previous which resulted in a big win for Tipp, ending a six year famine in Munster U-21 Munster football championship circles

This year's game was a tough contest. Both teams finished with thirteen players after Referee, Michael Meade had to issue thirteen yellow cards as well as four dismissals. Tipperary received six and had straight reds issued to Seamus Grogan and John Hennessey. Clare had one more but in addition, Niall White and David Tubridy were recipients of second yellow cards.

The dismissals overshadowed the story of the game. Tipperary were pressed hard all the way and needed an injury time goal from wing back, Paddy Codd's as we produced a late comeback to score 1-2 in the final minutes.

Clare without senior player, Greg Lyons led 1-3 to 0-5 at the interval. Early Tipp scores by Darrel Darcy, a free, followed by Christy Alyward's second point from play helped reduce the deficit. Clare had Niall White sent off in the 34th minute and alarmingly for Tipp, it was Clare who dominated for the next period. They grabbed three scores on the trot to take 1-6 to 0-7 lead and nine minutes remaining.

Tipp's woe continued as Seamus Grogan was sent off followed by John Hennessy minutes later. Despite the numerical disadvantage the Tipp began their comeback and late points through Brian Fox and Darrel Darcy (free) had them level on 61 minutes.

Then three minutes into added time, Paddy Codd broke free inside the Clare cover for the Tipp goal. The lead score at the right time and even though Clare substitute, George Leahy narrowed the gap for Clare, the game ended on downer when David Tubridy receiving a second yellow. Full time, Tipperary 1-9 Clare 1-7.

Scorers: Paddy Codd 1-0; Darrel Darcy 0-3(3f) Chris Alyward 0-2, Brian Fox, G Hannigan, S Grogan, T Dalton (1f), 0-1 each.

TIPPERARY: Matthew O'Donnell; Brian Fox, John Coghlan, Ciaran McDonald; Chris Alyward, John Hennessey, Paddy Codd; George Hannigan (Capt), Philip Donnellan; Brian Jones, Kieran McGrath, Cathal Dillon; Timmie Dalton, Seamus Grogan, Darrel Darcy. Subs: David Buckley for Dalton (47m).

TIPPERARY V WATERFORD

The Munster U-21 Football semi-final was played in Ardfinnan. Tipperary were short the services of John Hennessey and Seamus Grogan through suspension and without Timmie Dalton through injury. However Tipp began well with Darrel Darcy's early goal putting them 1-2 to 0-1 after ten minutes. A second goal by Richard Ryan after fourteen minutes had the home side six up. By half time the lead was stretched to eight, 2-4 to 0-2.

Many suggested that Tipp should have been well out of sight by the interval. But Waterford managed to cut the lead to three. Yet Tipp finished the stronger with three points from Cathal Dillon, Philip Donnellan and David Keogh had Tipp in sight of the final before conceding late goal to the visitors.

Tipp won by 2-7 to 1-6 but kicking fifteen wides left the side with much to think about as they faced Kerry in the final. Making matters worse, wing back Christopher Alyward retired with an ankle injury.

TIPPERARY: Matthew O'Donnell; John Coghlan, Ciaran McDonald, David Buckley; Chris Alyward, Paddy Codd, Brian Fox; George Hannigan (Capt), Philip Donnellan 0-1; Cathal Dillon 0-1, Kieran McGrath, Richard Ryan 1-0; Sean Carey 0-4 (4f), Brian Jones, Darrel Darcy 1-0.

Subs: Donal Lynch for Alyward [inj] 26m); Brian Quinn for Ryan (55m); David Keogh 0-1 for Darcy (58m).



Tipperary Under 21 Football - Munster Finalists against Kerry

Back L/R: Donal Lynch, Kieran Kendrick, Cathal Dillon, Richard Ryan, Philip Donnellan, George Hannigan, Paddy Codd, Brian Jones, David Buckley, Chris Alyward, Gordon Harding, Sean Mullins, John Hennessy, Seamus Grogan. Front L/R: David Keogh, Kieran O'Donoghue, Sean Carey, Ciaran McDonald, Brian Fox, Matthew O'Donnell, Kieran McGrath, John Coghlan, Timmy Dalton, Darrel Darcy (RIP) Brian Quinn.

THE FINAL

The final was played in ideal conditions at Ardfinnan. Tipp's problems in fielding their strongest fifteen continued.

Appeals to have the suspensions of John Hennessey and Seamus Grogan lifted in order to play, failed. Others like Timmie Dalton, Tony Dunne and Daniel Lynne were absent through injury.

But Tipp got the best possible start with a Ciaran McGrath point. Kerry levelled through Michael O'Donoghue but the game got a real lift as Brian Fox, forming a one- two with Richard Ryan scored a brilliant goal.

Two Kerry points from O'Donoghue and Paul O'Connor brought the kingdom in to the picture. They might have taken the lead but four wides from possible point scoring chances allied to the tight marking on danger man Tomas Walsh as Ciaran McDonald never let the Kerry man out of sight.

In addition, Tipperary keeper, Matthew O'Donnell made three great saves including a double save midway through the half. Darrel Darcy pointed off his left boot to keep the home side ahead. However, a much slicker Kerry outfit fought back to bring matters level at the interval.

On the resumption, Kerry hit a purple patch with three quick points inside four minutes by Paddy Curran, substitute, Kieran Brennan and Tomas Walsh on the ball. They stretched the lead to four thankful to a Paddy Curran score. Sean Carey replied with a free on 41 minutes but Kerry was boosted with further points from Michael O'Connor followed by a free by Paul O'Connor.

With George Hannigan and partner Philip Donnellan battling hard in midfield, Tipp received a boost when Sean Carey booted the ball to the Kerry net.

Kerry's response was quick. Kieran Brennan directed the ball to Walsh and the tall full forward finally broke free of MacDonald to score. Paddy Curran swept over another good point with nine minutes remaining.

Tipp brought on David Keogh and Timmy Dalton. On the hour mark, Tipp won a forty five and Matthew O'Donnell pointed. Ninety seconds into added time, Brian Fox fired over another but with two points separating the sides, time ran out.

Scorers -- Kerry: P O'Connor 0-4 (3f), M O'Donoghue, P Curran 0-3 each, Alan O'Sullivan 0-2, K O'Leary, T Walsh, K Brennan 0-1 each. Tipperary: S Carey 1-2 (0-2f), B Fox 1-1, M O'Donnell (45), B Jones, C McGrath, D Darcy 0-1 each.

Tipperary: M O'Donnell; J Coghlan, C McDonald, D Buckley; C Alyward, P Codd, B Fox; G Hannigan, P Donnellan; C Dillon, B Jones, C McGrath; R Ryan, S Carey, D Darcy. Subs: D Keogh for Ryan (40), T Dalton for Dillon. Kerry: T Mac an tSaoir; C O'Mahony, K Young, S Enright; Aidan O'Sullivan, M Moloney, E Murphy; D Moran, Alan O'Sullivan; K O'Leary, M O'Donoghue, B Looney; P Curran, T Walsh, P O'Connor. Subs: K Brennan for Looney (h-t), J Buckley for O'Donoghue (60), J Doolan for Curran (63)

Referee: M Condon (Waterford)



Tipperary Junior Football Team, Munster Championship against Limerick

Back row L/R: Liam England, James Williams, Odhran Lloyd, Louis Everard, Pat Hally, Brian Enright, Ian Browne, Kevin Hally, Aidan Fitzgerald, Aaron Kelly, Jamie McCormack, Kieran O'Brien. Front L/R: Niall Cahalan, Conor O'Hara, John Coughlan, Philip Blake, Barry Shortall, Paddy Flaherty, Kevin Fox, Brian Quinn, Tony Doyle, Denis Peters, Mark Cahill

Munster Junior Football Quarter final

Limerick 0-13 Tipperary 0-11

By Liam Hogan

Tipperary's wait for a Munster Junior football championship win must wait one more year at least following a disappointing two point defeat at the hands of Limerick at Fermoy last Sunday.

Five years after their last win, which was against Waterford, hopes of a win were high. Indications looked positive in the opening bouts as Tipp went on to lead 0-6 to 0-4 after 21 minutes. With the stiff breeze assisting it was expected that Tipp would hold on to that lead at least until the interval. However, Limerick staged a take over scoring five unanswered points in a five minute blast to see Tipp trailing by three, 0-9 to 0-6 at the interval break.

Facing the breeze in the second half left things looking bleak for Tipp and the deficit reached four points after 48 minutes. Sound defence from Aaron Kelly and Paddy O'Flaherty kept the Limerick score at the minimum. Tipp depended on Tony Doyle whose success from frees brought the margin back to two on two occasions. Sadly the lack of scores from play meant that Tipp could not make it over the gain line.

A Johnny Murphy free for Limerick late in the game put three between the sides. In added time, Limerick looked poised to leave the result beyond doubt but Johnny Murphy missed the opportunity. Tipp made one last move. Denis Peters was fouled on route and Tony Doyle went for goal from thirteen metre free but had to settle for a point as his free kick from the hands went inches over the cross bar. Limerick held out.

Tipp's main scoring came from the boot of Tony Doyle was top score on 0-7 and 0-6 from frees. Odhran Lloyd and Aidan Fitzgerald scored 0-2 each. In contrast, Limerick possessed far greater sources where Johnny Murphy and Trevor Cosgrove picking up four points from play in the half forward line. In the full forward line, Limerick had a real live wire in right corner forward, Jimmy Barry Murphy, who scored 0-4 and all bar one from play as the diminutive player showed a lethal left foot.

SCORERS: Limerick: J B Murphy 0-4 (1f); Johnny Murphy 0-3 (2f); T Cosgrove 0-3; J O'Connell 0-2; S Garvey 0-1.

Tipperary: T Doyle 0-7 (6f); O Lloyd 0-2; A Fitzgerald 0-2.

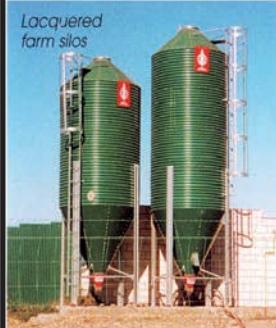
TIPPERARY: Ian Browne; Kevin Halley, Aaron Kelly, Paddy O'Flaherty; Kevin Fox, Louis Everard, Philip Blake; Liam England, Patrick Halley; James Williams, Aidan Fitzgerald, Barry Shortall; Tony Doyle, Brian Enright, Odhran Lloyd.

Subs: Conor O'Hara for Williams (37m); John Coshlan for Fox (42m); Mark Cahill for Lloyd (52m); Denis Peters for Enright (56m).

LIMERICK: Declan O'Connor; Cian Cody, Finbar Nash, Liam Martin; Kevin Nolan, Stephen Garvey, Stephan Fox; Mike McMahon, John O'Connell; Eoin Hogan, Johnny Murphy, Trevor Cosgrove; Jimmy Barry Murphy, Aaron Costello, Pa Mullins.

Subs: Brendan Hayes for Costello h/t; John Mullane for Garvey (56m)

Referee Martin Collins, Cork.



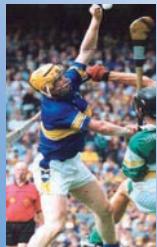
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Minor Football Run Was Uplifting

by Liam Hogan

Tipperary Minor Footballers produced a great run in this Years ESB Munster Minor Football championship. They were seconds within winning a Munster final following a great comeback against Kerry in the drawn Munster final. The replay in Ennis was not as good. A poor return in the first half left the team with an uphill battle after Kerry were by far the better side.

On the restart, Tipp raised their game but their progress received a set back when the referee failed to award them a free just sixty seconds in. Kerry's response was a sweeping move up-field and produced a goal leaving Tipp with a major mountain to climb a task they never relented on and finished gallant runners up.

The year began with Philip Ryan, in his second year of his term as manager, led his charges with a first round outing to Dungarvan to face Waterford. Tipp faced a stiff breeze in the first half and endured a lot of Waterford pressure as a result. However two opportune goals helped Tipp take a 2-2 to 0-5 lead at the interval. The first came about in the 12th minute when the bounce from Gary Ryan's high ball deceived the Waterford keeper, Dwayne Kirwan. The second came in the 29th minute another high ball, this time from Michael O'Dwyer, allowed Peter Sweeney to take advantage and fire low past Kirwan again. Six minutes into the second half Peter Sweeney's successful penalty seemed to seal the issue as Tipp went on to outscore the home side by 0-6 to 0-3 before the final whistle arrived. The Waterford attack failed to function and their half forward line were taken off on masse indicative of the display of Tipp half backs Brian O'Hara, Robert Kiely and Peter Ashenson. Other Tipp players to impress were Kevin O'Riordan, Darren Lowry and Gavin Ryan. Alan Moloney was a real find at midfield and Peter Sweeney used the experience of last year to become top scorer on the evening.

Full time, Tipperary 3-9 Waterford 0-8.

SCORERS: Tipperary: C Sweeney 2-2(gl =peno,1f); G Ryan 1-1; M O'Dwyer 0-2(1f); A Moloney, D McGrath, D Bourke and L Treacy 0-1 each. Waterford: S Corcoran 0-4(4f); N Walsh 0-2; G Guiry and C Moloney 0-1 each.

TIPPERARY v Waterford: Jack English; Donagh Heffernan, Kevin O'Riordan; Alan Moloney; Darren Lowry, Gavin Ryan, David Bourke; Peter Sweeney (Capt), David McGrath, Michael O'Dwyer.

Subs: Michael Hickey for Bourke (46m); Liam Treacy for Ryan (53m); Brian O'Hara for Hanley (58m); Sean Boland for Lowry (60m).

dan, Conor Walsh; Brian O'Hara, Robert Kiely, Peter Acheson; Darren Lowry, Alan Moloney; Paul Horan, Gavin Ryan, Michael Hickey; Conor Sweeney (Capt), David McGrath, Michael O'Dwyer.

Subs: David Bourke for Hickey (40m); Thomas Hanley for Horan (45m); Sean Sweeney (60m)

The SEMI FINAL.

A two goal burst in the third quarter paved the way for Tipperary to earn a place in the Munster final. Tipp captain, Peter Sweeney, grabbed the first in the 40th minute to put them 1-6 to 0-6 in front. Four minutes later, full forward, David McGrath finished off a good move for goal number two. From their Tipp never looked back.

Their victory was well deserved but their supporters must have been worried by the first half performance as Limerick dominated but wasted a few opportunities. Once Tipp recovered they managed to take a 0-5 to 0-4 half time lead and their two goal salvo in the second half paid off handsomely.

Best for Tipp included Darren Lowry, Gavin Ryan and David Bourke in attack while the Alan Moloney and Peter Acheson midfield partnership had their moments. Tipp's defence played well but had a few early scares. The move of Keith O Riordan from corner back to the number six position worked.

SCORERS: Tipperary: C Sweeney 1-1; D McGrath 1-0; A Moloney and M O'Dwyer (2 frees) 0-2 each. D Lowry, G Ryan and M Hickey 0-1 each.

Limerick: P McEnery 0-5 (3 =45's, 1 free) E O Connor 0-4(2f).

TIPPERARY: Jack English; Donagh Heffernan, Shane Russell, Kevin O'Riordan; Alan Moloney; Darren Lowry, Gavin Ryan, David Bourke; Peter Sweeney (Capt), David McGrath, Michael O'Dwyer.

Subs: Michael Hickey for Bourke (46m); Liam Treacy for Ryan (53m); Brian O'Hara for Hanley (58m); Sean Boland for Lowry (60m).

MUNSTER FINAL

The Munster Final was played as a curtain raiser to the Cork versus Kerry senior final fixed for Paire Uí Caoimh on July 6th.

Adverse weather conditions made life miserable but it did not detract from a great Tipp recovery in the second half. Tipp were a point down in added time before Conor Sweeney grabbed the equaliser to force a replay.



Panel in Replay against Kerry in Ennis

Back L/R: Brian O'Hara, Donnagh Heffernan, Paul McEvoy, Conor Walsh, Peter Acheson, J P McGrath, Jack English, Alan Moloney, Chris Sheehan, Darren Lowry, Eddie Kendrick, Thomas Hanley, Shane Russell. Front L/R: Liam Treacy, David Bourke, David McGrath, Paul Horan, Kevin O'Riordan, Conor Sweeney Capt., Gavin Ryan, Mikie O'Dwyer, Eoin Fitzpatrick, Sean Boland. Insert Robbie Kiely.



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Tipp were slow to start and depended on a solid performance from the defence to keep them in touch. Tipp's best player was Robert Kiely at centre back. The Arravale man had able assistance from returnee, Christophe Sheehan and Conor Walsh at wing back respectively. Both Alan Moloney and Peter Acheson combined well at midfield and such was the efforts from that five that the complete Kerry half forward line was replaced over the hour. Gavin Ryan at centre forward plus Conor Sweeney, David McGrath and Michael Dwyer were best in attack.

As we said, Tipp started slow and trailed 1-6 to 0-4 at half time. The margin was the same, 1-8 to 0-6, after 37 minutes. Scores dried up before the deadlock ended with a splendid goal by Alan Moloney in the 48th minute. Tipp had sparked a revival. They were level with six minutes remaining. Barry John Walsh got what looked like the Kerry winner with a splendid angled free out near the sideline. Tipp raced back and Sweeney played a captains part in forcing the sides to meet again.

SCORERS: Tipperary: C Sweeney 0-6 (0-3f), A Moloney 1-0, M Dwyer 0-3 (0-2f). Kerry: BJ Walsh 1-6 (0-6f), MT O'Sullivan, BJ Keane (0-1f), P Geaney 0-1 each.

TIPPERARY: Jack English; Donagh Heffernan, Shane Russell, Kevin O'Riordan; Christopher Sheehan, Robert Kiely, Conor Walsh; Alan Moloney, Peter Acheson; David McGrath, Gavin Ryan, Darren Lowry; Conor Sweeney, Paul Horan, Michael Dwyer. Subs: Eoin Fitzpatrick for Heffernan (26), Thomas Hanley for Horan (35), Liam Treacy for Lowry (53).

THE REPLAY

Tipperary left Cusack Park Ennis very disappointed when despite a great second half display they lost to the Kingdom. No doubt, Kerry were mighty relieved because in the opening half, Tipp had won lots of possession but after twenty five minutes of play they had but two points to show for their endeavours. The trouble stemmed from the display of Kerry's midfielder Wayne Guthrie who produced a display that was a joy to watch. The Kingdom also had the help of the stiff breeze which was another factor and as a result the half time score showed Kerry leading 0-9 to 0-2 at the break.

Moments after the re-start legitimate claims for a foul on a Tipp forward near the Kerry goal went unheeded and a subsequent Kerry move ended up with a well taken goal by another Kerry star in Barry John Walsh.

The goal in effect sealed victory for Kerry but the Premier County boys proved competitive until the end. Great displays by Christopher Sheehan, Robert Kiely, Alan Moloney and Peter Acheson did not go unnoticed as Tipp held the winners scoreless for a 15-minute period midway through the half. In the end Tipp had to settle for second best. Full time score Kerry 2-12 Tipperary 0-8.

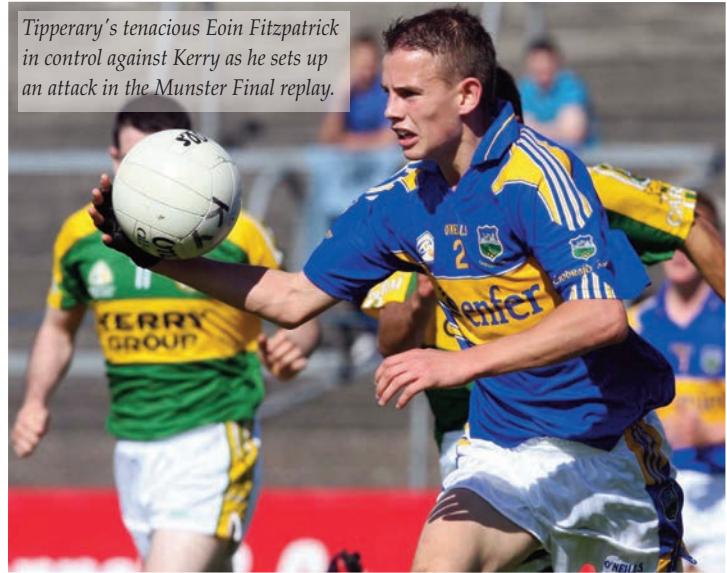
Scorers -- Kerry: BJ Walsh 2-4 (0-4f 1-0 pen), J O'Donoghue 0-4, C Tobin(f), W Guthrie, D Casey, M T O'Sullivan 0-1 each. Tipperary: C Sweeney 0-6 (4f), P Acheson (45), D Lowry 0-1 each

Kerry: B Kelly; P Reidy, B Shanahan, F Fitzgerald; P Crowley, J Lyne, M Hickey; J O'Sullivan, W Guthrie; D Casey, MT O'Sullivan, C Tobin; J O'Donoghue, BJ Walsh, P Geaney. Subs: BJ Keane for Geaney (42), B O'Mahony for Reidy (50), N O'Shea for Tobin (55), C Moriarty for J O'Sullivan (58)

Tipperary: J English; E Fitzpatrick, K O'Riordan, S Russell; C Sheehan, R Kiely, C Walsh; P Acheson, A Moloney; D Lowry, G Ryan, P Horan D McGrath; C Sweeney, D McGrath, M O'Dwyer. Subs: T Hanley for Horan (35), D Heffernan for O'Riordan (42), L Treacy for McGrath (49), S Boland for Walsh (58), D Bourke for Lowry (58).

Referee: M Meade (Limerick).

Tipperary's tenacious Eoin Fitzpatrick in control against Kerry as he sets up an attack in the Munster Final replay.



ALL-IRELAND QUARTER FINAL

Tipperary met Leinster champions Meath in the quarter final at O'Moore Park, Portlaoise. They faced the game short the services of mid fielder, Peter Ashen-son (who opted to play with the Tipp minor hurlers) and wing back Christopher Sheehan who was unavailable due to a shoulder injury.

As a result of the two absentees, Tipp introduced Thomas Hanley and Liam Treacy for the start and decided to place Darren Lowry at wing back. Tipp performed well in the opening half with Robert Kiely, Darren Lowry and Alan Moloney proving best.

But goals were the deciding facto and Meath's success in finding the net twice in the first half was the difference and the Royal county held a six point cushion at half time. The deficit increased to eight on forty-four minutes and despite a late rally by Tipp it was never enough for the munster side.

Tipp would admit that they came up against strong opposition with players like Tommy Johnson at centre back and the high fielding Jamie Owens, at midfield, as possible stars of the future in the green shirt. The Pat Spillane look- a-like in Daire Smyth was a constant threat with good company coming from Jake Regan.

But despite the final scoreline showing 2-9 to 0-10 in favour of Meath, the Tipp team could feel proud of their contribution to the game. Overall the year proved a good one for Tipp and the new management of David Power and co has lots to work on.

Scorers: Meath: M Newman 1-2, A Tormey 1-0, D Smyth, M Battersby (1f) 0-2 each, J Regan, D Carroll, P Gilsenan 0-1 each.

Tipperary: C Sweeney 0-4 (3f), M O'Dwyer (2f), D Lowry 0-2 each, A Moloney, G Mulhaire 0-1each.

MEATH: Padraig Curran; Stephen O'Brien, Ciaran Lenehan, Sean Curran; Enda Nulty, Tommy Johnson, Donncha Tobin; Jamie Owens, Damien Carroll; Daire Smyth, Michael Newman, Mark Collins; Jake Regan, Andrew Tormey, Mark Battersby.

Subs: Paddy Gilsenan for Regan (44m); Sean Dalton for Collins (55m); Brian McGrane for O'Brien (56m); David Ryan for Carroll (59m).

TIPPERARY: Jack English; Eoin Fitzpatrick, Kevin O'Riordan, Shane Russell; Darren Lowry, Robert Kiely, Eddie Hendrick, Alan Moloney; Thomas Hanley, Gavin Ryan, David McGrath; Conor Sweeney (Capt), Liam Treacy, Michael O'Dwyer.

Subs: Paul Horan for Hendrick, Paul McEvoy for Treacy (both h/t); Donagh Heffernan for Russell, Ger Mulhaire for Ryan (both 45m); Brian O'Hara for McGrath.

Referee: Eamon O'Grady (Leitrim).

DARREL DARCY (1987 – 2008)

Shannon Rovers

Words cannot describe the depth of shock, which swept through our parish on the evening of Tuesday April 8th last when the news broke of the tragic and untimely passing of Darrel Darcy. We learned of his passing with a sense of incredulity. Darrel possessed the most delightful of personalities, always friendly and in good humour. Coming from a family immersed in the Rovers tradition Darrel was a proud clubman.

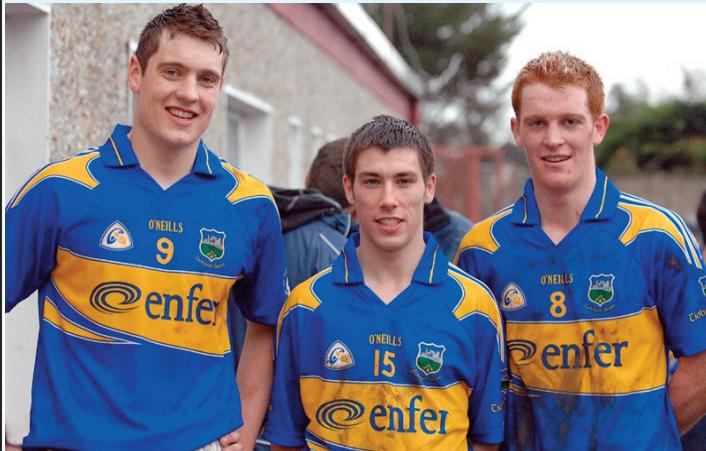
He won many honours in both hurling and football throughout his juvenile career, Darrel won an All Ireland Vocational Schools inter county hurling medal with Tipperary in 2005 and similarly in 2006 he won the equivalent in Gaelic Football. In 2005 he won an All Ireland Vocational Schools hurling medal with Borrisokane Community College. Darrel also won Divisional honours with the Rovers, a North Tipperary Junior 'B' Football Championship medal in 2005 and a North Tipperary Junior 'A' Football Championship medal in 2006 again with the Rovers. Last year he won a North Tipperary Senior Football Championship medal with Thomas MacDonaghs. He was awarded the North Tipperary Footballer of the Year in 2005. He represented Tipperary in football at minor, under 21 and senior grades all with distinction.

The fact that his funeral cortege was the biggest ever to be seen in Kilbarron is a testament to his popularity. A guard of honour comprising of Tipperary under 21 and senior players, Shannon Rovers Camogie Club, Knockshegowna GAA Club and his fellow clubmen of Shannon Rovers flanked the cortege as it entered the village of Kilbarron. People from all over Tipperary and beyond came to say their sad farewells, with all visibly shocked by the death of one so young.

Darrell was an exceptional sportsman who was very committed to his club and county. He was part of the county under-21 team that narrowly lost to Kerry in the Munster final this year, lining out at corner-forward and scoring a point during the game in Ardfinnan. He was also a member of the senior county team.

In a piece written about Darrel by local woman Mary O Halloran she encapsulates our thoughts of Darrel - "The little Rover with the big heart and captive smile will live in our hearts for a very long time."

Darrell will be an irreplaceable loss to both his club and his family. To his father Sean, mother Nancy, brothers Roy and Lee, grandmothers, uncles, aunts, cousins, relatives and wide circle of friends may we as a Club offer our sincerest sympathies.



Shannon Rovers club-mates on 2008 Tipperary Under 21 Football Team
Left to Right - Philip Donnellan, Darrel Darcy, George Hannigan

FEABHAS AG TEASTÁIL AR SPIORAD NA FOIRNE I MEASC NA dTOSAITHÉ!

Le Liam Prút

Is cinnte gur dhein foireann shinsearach Thiobraid Árann dul chun cinn mó i mbliana agus dul chomh fada le cluiche leathcheannais uile-Éireann. Déanaimis comhghairdeas leo as Craobh na Mumhan a thabhairt leo i dteannta an tSraith-chomórtas Náisiúnta agus comórtas Criostail Phort Láirge. Is maith a thuilleadar an naoi n-ainmniúchán All Star agus an dara háit sa tslí sin i ndiaidh churaí uile-Éireann, Cill Chainnigh. Agus is iomaí duine a d'aontódh leat gur mhór an trua nár éirigh leo an cluiche ceannais a bhaint amach—ar a son féin agus ar son na taithí a bheadh acu dá bharr, ach ar son an chomórtas féin freisin.

Cad faoi ndeara nár éirigh leo dul chomh fada leis an gcluiche ceannais an chéad Domhnach de Mheán Fómhair i bPáirc an Chrócaigh? An raibh iarracht den mhíádh orthu?

Ní dóigh liom é. Bhí deiseanna go leor acu an cluiche a bhuachan fiú gan a bheith fágtha ag brath ar an gcúl do-fhála sin a fháil sa deireadh. Is deacair an tátal a sheachaint gur easpa meanma foirne sna tosaithe ba mhó ba chúis leis an teip.

Ní ghlacann tú leis sin? Fuair imreoirí ar nós Séan Ó Meachair cíulín ó i bhfad amach. Fuair Beiní Ó Doinn cíulín ó i bhfad amach. Fuair Pádraig Ó Ciarmhaic cíulín breá ó i bhfad amach. Fuair daoine eile cíulíní, agus cíulíní breátha, ó i bhfad amach. Ach thug na himreoirí céanna agus imreoirí eile—Conchúr Ó Mathúna san áireamh—faoi chúilín eile a fháil ó i bhfad amach agus theip orthu é sin a dhéanamh.

Ní peaca é an teip! Ní féidir a bheith cinnte i gcónaí go n-éireoidh le gach iarracht dá ndéanfaidh duine. Tá sin fíor! Má tá spiorad ceart sa bhfoireann ní bheidh imreoirí ar leithligh ag cuimhneamh rómhór ar a scór féin a fháil. Beidh siad ag cuimhneamh ar scór a fháil. Fágadh Micheál Webster gan liathróid rómhinic nuair a bhí sé saor chun scór a fháil é féin nó chun scór a dhéanamh. Agus ní féidir a rá gur duine é Webster nach bhfuil flaitheáil agus spiorad foirne ag baint leis. Uair amháin eile ar a laghad níor cuireadh an liathróid go dtí Séamas Ó Callanáin agus é saor ó mharcáil i mbéal an chúil. Bhí an iomarca den saghas sin imeartha agaínn agus dá gcuirfeadh imreoirí a muinín ina gceílf imeartha, gach seans go mbeadh cíul (nó dhó?) agus scata cíulíní aimsithe i bhfad roimh dheireadh an chluiche agus bheadh an lá le Tiobraid Árann. Mar sin, ná habair go raibh mí-ádh i gceist rómhór!

Níor éirigh chomh maith céanna le Tiobraid Árann sna mionúir, ach bhí rabhadh tugtha ag Déaglán Ó Riain go raibh a chuid ógánach sáraithe ón méid rómhór cluichí iomaíocha a iarradh orthu a imirt dá gcuil clubanna. Níor mhór aird a thabhairt ar Dhéaglán agus a mheabhrú freisin gur daoine óga iad seo nach bhfeileann an iomarca cluichí dóibh toisc a mbfonn de bhrú orthu ón scoil agus ón Ardeis-tímeireacht. Is leor a mbfonn de chomórtas le seasamh acu sa scoil fhéin agus is ar inn ar éigean a thiocfadh leo a cheart a thabhairt do chomórtas na mionúr leis féin. Ar ndóigh, níor tugadh an aird chuí ar Dhéaglán! B'fhéidir go raibh an díobháil déanta faoin am a labhair sé in aon chor! Arbh iomarcach a bheith ag súil go dtarbhfaidh aird ar an rabhadh sin don bhliain atá romhainn?

D'éirigh níos fearr leis an bhfoireann faoi bhliain is fiche ach sa chluiche ceannais ligeadh an capall as an stábla an-luath agus ba gheall le Luimneach in aghaidh Chill Chainnigh sa bhliain 2007 é ina dhaidh sin. Mheasfadh duine nár chuir bainistíocht Thiobraid Árann san áireamh roimh ré go bhfeadfadh ár bhfoireann an cluiche a bhuachan.

Is cuimhin linn ar fad cé chomh maith is a bhí Mait Rút an uair úd in aghaidh Uíbh Fhailí. Ba cheart go dtuigfimis go mbeadh mianach an athar sa mhac! Agus ba chóir go mbeadh beartas cosanta uileghabhálach Tíreoghanach i bhfeidhm ón gcéad nóiméad den chluiche. Agus, nuair a ghéilleamar an chéad chúl, ní fhaca mise aon bheartas 'batten down the hatches' a bheith á chur i gcrích láithreach. Ba chuma cad a tharlóidh i ndiaidh an dara cíul bhí an capall scoailte chun bealaigh agus gan ar chumas mhuintir Mheachair chun tosaigh ná chun deiridh breith arís air, d'éagmás cíul. Agus, gan dabht, bhí a gcuil haistí dúnta go daingean ag cosantóirí Chill Chainnigh in aghaidh Uí Challanáin agus an Bhúraigh agus Phádraig Uí Mheachair! Ar ndóigh, bhí poc píoníos tuille ag Ó Meachair a bhí fós ag imirt an tsliotair nuair a bhain scaoth d'imreoirí Chill Chainnigh go talamh é ach cad a dhein an réiteoir? Thug sé poc saor amach do Chill Chainnigh. Ní raibh Cill Chainnigh ach cíulín nó péire ar a mhéad chun tosaigh ag an am agus gan fágtha ach fíorbheagán ama. D'imir an fhóireann faoi bhliain is fiche go maith ach ba chóir go gcuimhneomis go ndearnadar níb fhéarr nuair a bhíodar ina mionúr dhá bhliain ó shin. Agus is beag an tairbhe é an milleán a chur ar an réiteoir!

Guímis gach rath ar Thiobraid Árann sa bhliain 2009. Go méadaí Dia a stór ag an leibhéal is airde.

County Senior Hurling Championship

The Dan Breen Cup

by Seamus J. King

The following was the opening paragraph in the article on the senior hurling championship in the 1993 Yearbook: 'Toomevara bridged a thirty-two year gap when they captured the Dan Breen Cup for the first time since 1960 in a thrilling county final replay at Semple Stadium on November 8. In doing so they beat their opponents of over three decades ago, Thurles Sarsfields.'

The 1992 victory was their eleventh senior title and since then they have won ten more, their latest on October 19, when their victims were Thurles Sarsfields once again by 2-14 to 0-17. In fact in their eleven victories in the seventeen finals between 1992 and 2008 inclusive, Sarsfields have been the victims on five occasions, in 1992 as mentioned, 2000, 2001, 2003 and 2008. Two players, Terry Dunne, who played at centrefield, and Tony Delaney, who came on as a sub, were there for all the victories and won all 11 medals, still a little way back from Mickey Byrne's 14 during his lifetime.

The county senior hurling championship had a much different look in 2008 as a result of an important change in direction following a special county convention on structures held in the Anner Hotel, Thurles on January 22.

For some time there was mounting criticism of the existing structures, which allowed for relegation. Many clubs believed that the fear of relegation was inhibiting their performances so that they lined out in the senior hurling championship with nothing but negative thoughts on how to avoid losing their senior status. Hurling at this level was no longer a joy.

There was a second criticism. For a number of years the intent of the structures was to reduce the number of senior teams in the county, believing that the fewer clubs we had the better for senior hurling, with Kilkenny's success the model with twelve teams. This had resulted in the reduction of the number of teams in the South and West to four senior teams. Albeit both divisions were protected from further reductions in numbers it was difficult to organise meaningful championships with so few clubs.

These developments led to a desire for change which was reflected in the number of proposals which were put forward for the special convention on January 22. The proposal that found favour with the delegates was the Fr. Sheehy proposal, which envisaged a new championship, divided into two competitions, the Dan Breen Cup proper with sixteen teams and a secondary competition, later to be named the Seamus Ó Riain Cup, after the former president of the county board, for teams that didn't qualify for the primary competition. There was no relegation.

The backing of the new proposals by a two-thirds majority, 55 to 26, was greater than expected but it reflected an 'alternative point of view' prevailing in the county on the matter of relegation, which was pointed out by West chairman, Mattie Finnerty, at the convention. In fact so discredited was the status quo that it received only 12 votes at the meeting.

The essence of the new proposals was permission to as many clubs as wished to enter teams in the senior hurling championship. There was a return of power to the divisions who were given the right to run their championships as they thought fit, so long as they produced teams for the Dan Breen Cup by a certain date. The number of teams was four per division which equated to the semi-finalists in the divisional championships.



Eoin Brislane is presented with the Man of the Match award by John Quirke (Quirke Jewellers) with County Board Chairman John Costigan and County Board Secretary Timmy Floyd also present.

The new structures released a new energy in the divisions as clubs felt they had been given back their freedom to express themselves and run their own affairs. Affiliations increased in the North to 10, as Lorrha were promoted by virtue of winning the intermediate championship, in the Mid to 8, as Moycarkey-Borris, who had been trying for a number of years to win the intermediate, decided to go senior, in the South to 5, as Ballybacon-Grange went senior, and in the West to 6, as Eire Óg and Golden-Kilfeacle entered the senior championship. Given the freedom to run their championships as they thought fit the North and the Mid opted for two groups, while the South and the West went for single leagues. While the top four teams in the South and the West qualified for the semi-finals, there was a different system in the North and Mid. There the top teams in the groups went straight to the semi-finals, while the second and third teams played off in quarter finals, with the winners qualifying for the semi-finals.

DIVISIONAL FINALS

The North final had an unusual pairing as Kildangan returned from sixty-five years in the wilderness to take the North title at Nenagh on August 24, defeating Burgess in the process. The result did not appear likely as the winners trailed by ten points with fifteen minutes to go but they manufactured an amazing turnaround to win by two points on a scoreline of 1-17 to 2-12.

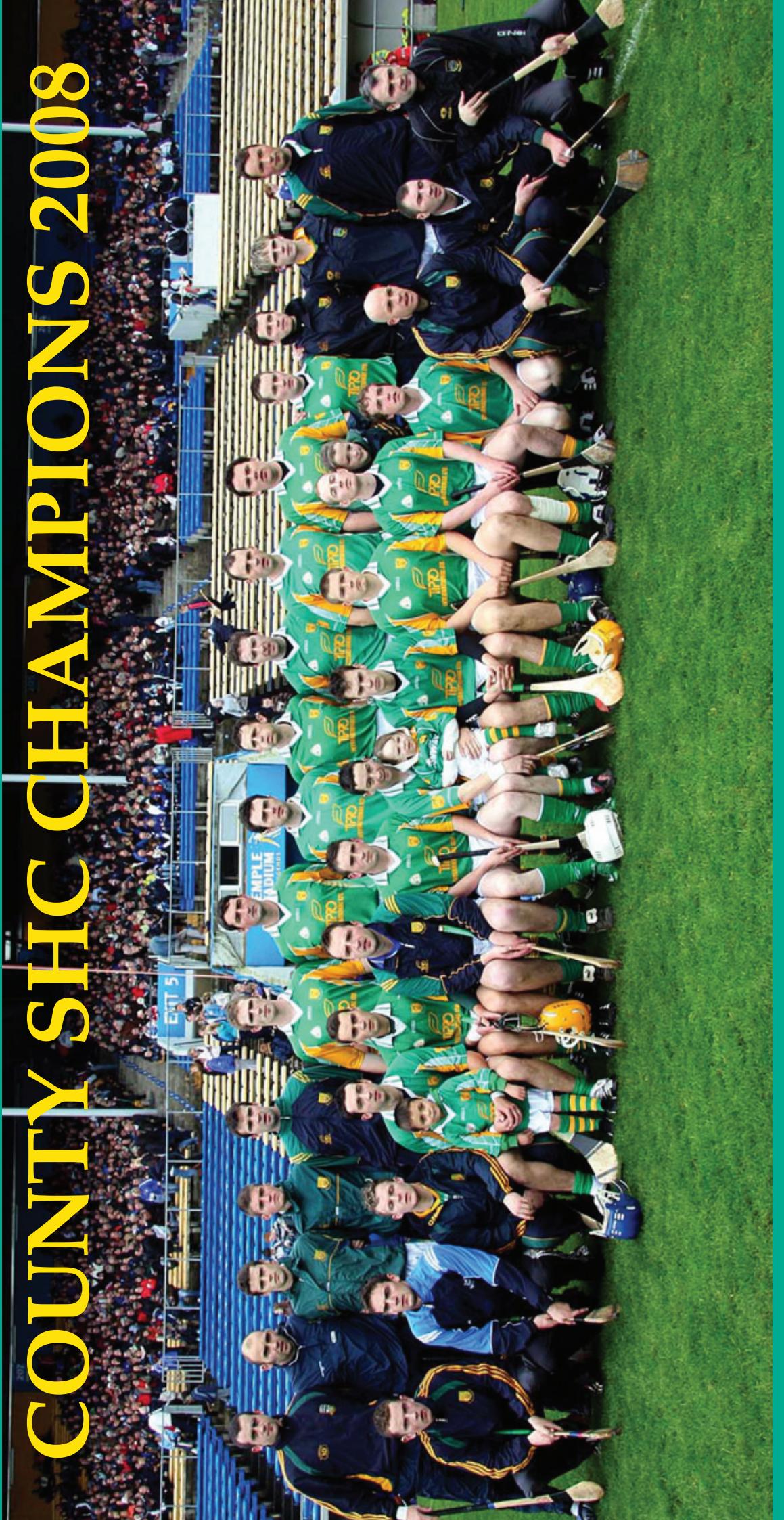
Three finals were played on August 31. In the Mid, Drom Inch recorded their second success at this level in three years and their third in all when they defeated Thurles Sarsfields by 2-19 to 0-21 at Templemore. The winners had much more urgency and determination about their play and they got a major display from Seamus Callanan, who recorded a personal tally of 1-6.

In the South Killenaule retained their title and won their eighteenth championship in all, when they defeated Ballingarry by 3-15 to 1-10 at Monroe. Although the losers led by four points at the interval, Killenaule took complete control in the second half and had the game wrapped up long before the final whistle.

The West title was also retained when Clonoulty-Rossmore defeated Éire Óg by 1-13 to 0-9 at Dundrum on Sunday evening to take their twelfth championship. Clonoulty led by 0-7 to 0-2 at the interval and had control for most of the game even though Éire Óg, who were going for their ninth title, never gave up trying.

TOOMEVARA

COUNTY SHC CHAMPIONS 2008



Toomevara panel - County SHC Champions 2008. Back row: (from left) - Barry Dunne, Denis Kelly, Kieran Breslane, Conor O'Meara, David Kennedy, Francis Devaney, Padraig Hackett, Paul McGrath, Ken Dunne, John O'Brien, Terry, Eoin Breslane, Tomas McCarthy, Ronan Tyman, David Nolan, Andrew Ryan. Front: Paddy Grace, Kieran McGrath, Darren Cuddihy, Benny Dunne, with mascot Jack Ryan, Willie Ryan, James McGrath, Michael Bevans (captain with daughter Ava), Joey McLoughney, David Young, Paddy O'Brien, Eva Dunne (mascot - Terry Dunne's daughter) John Delaney, Justin Cottrell, John Boland, Tony Delaney.

Dan Breen Cup First Round

All the teams that played in the divisional semi-finals qualified for the Dan Breen Cup. The eight teams that made the divisional finals were protected by being put in one side of the draw while the defeated semi-finalists were put in the other. The matches were played on September 13th, 20th and 21st.

Cappawhite defeated Éire Óg by 1-17 to 0-16 at Dundrum, and Loughmore-Castleiney defeated Killenaule by 2-13 to 2-10 at Cashel on September 13.

Four games were played on September 20. Clonoulty-Rossmore defeated Roscrea by 1-14 to 0-12 and Kildangan defeated Moycarkey-Borris by 2-14 to 0-19 at the Ragg. In the other two games at Dundrum Thurles Sarsfields trounced Golden-Kilfeacle by 6-16 to 2-12 and Drom Inch overcame Ballybancor-Grange by 1-15 to 1-10. The final two games were played on September 21. Toomevara defeated Burgess by 1-14 to 1-12 at Nenagh, and Mullinahone got the better of Ballingarry by 3-15 to 2-14 at Fethard.

Quarter-Finals

The quarter-finals were played at Semple Stadium on the weekend of September 27/28, with two of the games played on Saturday and the remaining two on Sunday.

Tom Butler was the hero in Clonoulty-Rossmore's single point victory over Mullinahone on Saturday. It looked as if the game were going Mullinahone's way when Eoin Kelly pointed them in front in the final minute, but Butler came with his two late long-rangers, not only to bring his side level but to send them on to victory on a scoreline of 1-15 to 0-17. Mullinahone had seemed likely winners when they came from 1-8 to 0-5 down at the interval to take the lead near the end. The winners were helped by a resolute backline who conceded only eight points from play.

Although Loughmore-Castleiney won comfortably in the end they had to work hard for victory over Cappawhite in the second game. They led by 1-8 to 0-6 at the interval and went further ahead soon after resuming. But Cappawhite came back with a goal from Paul Fitzgerald and got to within a point of Loughmore before levelling at 1-12 each in the forty-second minute. There was stalemate for a while until Loughmore gradually inched ahead after the fiftieth minute and Cappawhite's resistance was finally broken with a killer goal six minutes from time, when a McGrath delivery was touched to the net by Michael Webster. The final score was 2-19 to 2-14 and it put Loughmore into the semi-final.

The games on Sunday were less close and less interesting. Toomevara proved much too good for North champions Kildangan, winning at ease on a score line of 1-22 to 1-13. The winners clocked up a six points to two lead in the first ten minutes. Kildangan came back into the game during the second-quarter and had a momentum going when the interval came and found them only a point behind on a scorline of ten points to nine. However the break did them no good and they weren't to score again until the seventeenth minute after resuming by which time Toomevara were nine points in front. They eventually won by this margin and revealed themselves as a very slick outfit with definite aspirations for another county title.

In the second game Thurles Sarsfields proved themselves much too good for Mid champions, Drom Inch, winning in a canter on a scoreline of 3-15 to 2-9 and reversing the result of the Mid final. The only time they looked threatened was in the seventh minute when Seamus Callanan struck home a penalty and in the fifteenth minute when Michael Cantwell scored Drom Inch's second goal. By the break the Sarsfields were back in front by 1-9 to 2-5. In fact but for some horrific shooting they would have been much more in front. They scored 2-6 in the second half, while confining Drom Inch to four points and thoroughly deserved their nine-point victory. On the day's display they looked to be serious contenders for the Dan Breen Cup.

Toomevara captain Michael Bevans lifts the Dan Breen Cup at Semple Stadium presented by County Board Chairman John Costigan.



Semi-Finals

The Examiner described the first of the semi-finals, played at Semple Stadium on October 5, as 'passionless, lifeless, bloodless.' Another spectator described it as 'sleep-inducing'. It was incredible that two such talented teams, as Thurles Sarsfields and Clonoulty-Rossmore, could produce such a dreadful display. Clonoulty, at least, weren't fazed by the criticism. They went into the game as outsiders, at 10-1 at the bookies against winning the county final, while Sarsfields were even money, following their impressive display against Drom Inch the previous Sunday. Most of the scores came from frees with Pa Bourke getting 1-5 of his side's total of 1-9 and Timmy Hammersley getting 0-8 of Clonoulty's 0-11 during the first forty-eight minutes. Sarsfields led by 1-5 to 0-6 at the interval, kept in front until Clonoulty levelled with about six minutes to go, 1-10 to 0-13. Sarsfields raced ahead again with three points and it seemed curtains for Clonoulty but they came back with an answering three. In the sixtieth minute Sarsfields again hit the front when Lar Corbett pointed but Thomas Butler came back with a levelling point to send the sides to a replay on a scoreline of 1-14 to 0-17. The last twelve minutes redeemed somewhat a most forgettable game.

Many people looked forward to the second semi-final, between defending and Munster Club champions, Loughmore-Castleiney, and Toomevara, as the match of the year, but it turned out to be a damp squib and brought little entertainment to the crowd of less than five-thousand spectators. Loughmore started brightly and had three points before Toomevara replied with three of their own. Loughmore went ahead again with three points but then Toomevara, having found their range after some bad misses, had a string of five points without reply. Each side then exchanged points to leave Toomevara in front by 0-9 to 0-7 at the interval. It had been disappointing fare and it continued so in the second half. The third quarter was a balanced affair with each side adding four points, but Toomevara came into their own in the final quarter as Loughmore

wilted and became guilty of extraordinary bad wides. They scored only two points in this final period while Toomevara added a number of points to win by 0-17 to 0-13. It was poor scoring on a good hurling day, with goals never really threatened and a huge tally of wides on each side, Loughmore chalking up fifteen and Toomevara going two better at seventeen.

The replay of the Thurles Sarsfields-Clonoulty-Rossmore game took place at Semple Stadium a week later. A goal from Lar Corbett in the second minute of extra time helped Sarsfields to a hard-fought win. Clonoulty looked set to win as they led by five points with eight minutes to play. But Sarsfields, inspired by substitutes Johnny Enright and Richie Ruth, rallied to draw level in the third minute of injury time. Earlier Clonoulty had a goal on the stroke of half-time to take the lead on a scoreline of 1-7 to 1-6. They continued to have the upper hand in the second half and twice went five points clear but Sarsfields clawed themselves back and shot five unanswered points in the last eight minutes to bring the game to extra time on a score of 1-16 each. Clonoulty had the first point in extra time but then came Corbett's goal and Sarsfields led by 2-17 to 1-19 at the break. They finished the stronger side as the greater depth of talent in their panel began to make an impact and Clonoulty ran out of steam. In the second half of added time they added five points to Clonoulty's one to win comfortably by 2-22 to 1-20.

Results of 2008 Dan Breen Cup at a Glance

First Round

Sept. 13 at Dundrum: Cappawhite 1-17 Eire Óg 0-16

(Ref: Noel Cosgrove)

Sept. 13 at Cashel: Loughmore-Castleiney 2-13 Killenaule 2-10

(Ref: Sean Bradshaw)

Sept. 20 at Ragg: Clonoulty-Rossmore 1-14 Roscrea 0-12

(Ref: Noel Cosgrove)

Sept. 20 at Ragg: Kildangan 2-14 Moycarkey-Borris 0-19

(Ref: Seamus Roche)

Sept. 20 at Dundrum: Thurles Sarsfields 6-16 Golden-Kilfeacle 2-12

(Ref: John Cleary)

Sept. 20 at Dundrum: Drom Inch 1-15 Ballybacon-Grange 1-10

(Ref: Phil Ryan)

Sept. 21 at Nenagh: Toomevara 1-14 Burgess 1-12 (Ref: Richie Barry)

Sept. 21 at Fethard: Mullinahone 3-15 Ballingarry 2-14 (Ref: Johnny Ryan)

Quarter-Finals

Sept. 27 at Semple Stadium: Loughmore-Castleiney 2-19 Cappawhite 2-14

(Ref: Seamus Roche)

Sept. 27 at Semple Stadium: Clonoulty-Rossmore 1-15 Mullinahone 0-17

(Ref: Tommy Ryan)

Sept. 28 at Semple Stadium: Toomevara 1-22 Kildangan 1-13

(Ref: Johnny Ryan)

Sept. 28 at Semple Stadium: Thurles Sarsfields 3-15 Drom Inch 2-9

(Ref: Richie Barry)

Semi-Finals

Oct. 5 at Semple Stadium: Clonoulty-Rossmore 0-17 Thurles Sarsfields 1-14

(Ref: J. McDonnell)

Oct. 5 at Semple Stadium: Toomevara 0-17 Loughmore-Castleiney 0-13

(Ref: Seamus Roche)

Replay

Oct. 12 at Semple Stadium: Thurles Sarsfields 2-22 Clonoulty-Rossmore 1-20

(AET) (Ref: J. Cleary)

Final

Oct. 19 at Semple Stadium: Toomevara 2-14 Thurles Sarsfields 0-17

(Ref: Noel Cosgrove)



Paddy O'Brien goes deep into Toomevara's defensive territory to effect a vital clearance late in the game watched by Benny Dunne, Paul McGrath and Thurles Sarsfields Liam Cahill.

The Final

The final took place at Semple Stadium on October 19 on a blustery, overcast day that reduced the crowd to one of the smallest for years. The bookies couldn't make up their minds about the prospects of the contestants, with Celtic Bookmakers making Thurles Sarsfields favourites and Paddy Power fancying Toomevara. The majority opinion among the punters was a fancy for Toomevara, especially in the light of their recent history against the Sarsfields. There was also the belief that the replayed semi-final and the extra time against Clonoulty-Rossmore the previous Sunday would have taken a toll.

The game will be remembered for a wonderful individual display by Toomevara's number 12, Eoin Brislane, who scored 1-5 from play. He was effortless in everything he did, showed speed and efficiency in his striking and eluded his markers with grace and skill. He was lucky to have been left on for the hour after a reckless pull in the opening quarter of the game. His yellow card was one of seven dished out in the course of the hour in a game that had numerous indiscretions but provided some great passages of play as well.

Thurles Sarsfields had the better start with a five point to one lead after fifteen minutes, although playing against a strong breeze. Two minutes later Toomevara got an important break when a shot from Brislane saved superbly by the Sarsfields goalkeeper, was scrambled to the net by Willie Ryan. Toomevara had the better of the second quarter, were denied a goal from John O'Brien coming up to the break and had a number of points to lead by two at the interval, 1-5 to 0-6.

Thurles resumed the second-half with Lar Corbett on the forty but he got little space from Benny Dunne and the game developed around Eoin Brislane's performance at full-forward. He moved with ease around his marker and got some exquisite scores, his goal in the twenty-seventh minute the defining score in the game. Everything he tried came off and he was definitely deserving of the Man of the Match Award.

At the other end only Johnny Enright made inroads into the Toomevara backs, scoring thirteen points in all, six from play, most of them from well out the field. Sarsfields inside forward line had no answer to the teak tough, efficient Toom inside back line, who seemed to be able to clear the ball unchallenged whenever it came near their goals. In the end Enright's points kept Thurles at the races and they did come within three points of the winners by the final whistle but it served only to put a respectable look of the scoreboard and the

final score was 2-14 to 0-17 in favour of Toomevara.

Toomevara: James McGrath, Patrick Tuohy, David Young, Paul McGrath, Padraig Hackett, Benny Dunne, Joseph McLoughney (0-1), Terry Dunne (0-1), Francis Devaney (0-2), Paddy O'Brien (0-1), Ken Dunne (0-4), Eoin Brislane (1-5), Michael Bevans (capt.), John O'Brien, Willie Ryan (1-0). Subs: John Delaney for Bevans, David Kennedy for O'Brien, Tony Delaney for Ryan. Also: Justin Cottrell, John Boland, Kieran Brislane, Darren Cuddihy, Barry Dunne, Paddy Grace, Denis Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Kieran McGrath, Andrew Ryan, Ronan Ryan, Conor O'Meara, David Nolan.

Manager: Vincent McKenna. Selectors: Frank Devaney, Michael O'Meara, Owen Cuddihy. Trainer: Joe Quinn

Thurles Sarsfields: Patrick McCormack, Michael Collins, Padraig Maher, Kevin O'Gorman, Michael Cahill, Liam Cahill, Tom King, Stephen Lillis, Shane Ryan, Wayne Cully, Lar Corbett (0-1), Johnny Enright (0-13), Pa Bourke, Ger O'Grady (0-1), Richie Ruth. Subs: Garry Mernagh for Shane Ryan, Jim Corbett for Richie Ruth (0-2), John Lawlor for Tom King, Tony Ruth for Ger O'Grady. Also: Bill McCormack, Barry O'Dwyer, Stephen Mason, David O'Dwyer, John Lillis, Tommy Collins, John Maher, Colm Rourke, Eoin Russell, Patrick Leahy, Tony Connolly, Michael Gleeson, Kevin O'Halloran,

Man of the Match: Eoin Brislane.

Referee: Noel Cosgrove (Marlfield)

The Seamus Ó Riain Cup

The second major element in the Fr. Sheehy Club's proposal was the creation of a new championship, which was the equivalent of a B championship. In order to give it an element of prestige and prevent it becoming a debased alternative, the county board was requested, in the course of the proposals, to arrange a prestigious trophy for the winners to be named after some former inspirational person in the association in the county. Former board president, Seamus Ó Riain fitted the profile and the trophy and the competition became the Ó Riain Cup.

In an earlier proposal for a B competition clubs were assigned on the basis of their results the previous year. Under the Fr. Sheehy proposals the results of matches in the current year decided which competition a club played in. It was agreed that all clubs who qualified for divisional semi-finals went into the Dan Breen Cup, while all who didn't qualify for the Ó Riain Cup. Every team as a result got to play in some county championship and there was no relegation. Under the new structures junior and intermediate clubs had the option of combining and affiliating in the championship. Any club had the option of applying to the county gradings committee to be graded as senior with the approval of their divisional board. Conversely any club had the option of being regraded from senior to intermediate. Later in the year the county board decided that players of junior and intermediate status could play in the Ó Riain Cup without losing their status. The winners of the intermediate championship would continue to be promoted senior.

Preliminary Round

Thirteen clubs qualified for the Ó Riain Cup, six from the North, four from the Mid, two from the West and one from the South. A preliminary round of five matches was used to reduce the numbers to eight. The draw protected the teams from the North and the Mid.

The first game in the preliminary round was between Carrick Swans and Lorrha at Boherlahan on August 1, with the South team winning easily by 3-17 to 3-8. Boherlahan-Dualla drew with Kickhams, 2-22 to 3-19 at Cashel on August 2, with Boherlahan winning the replay by 1-13 to 0-15 on August 14. Kilruane MacDonaghs had a facile win, by 5-18 to 0-9, over Cashel King

Results of the Seamus Ó Riain Cup at a Glance

Preliminary Round

Aug. 1 at Boherlahan:

Carrick Swan 3-17 Lorrha 3-8 (Ref: Richie Barry)

Aug. 2 at Cashel:

Boherlahan-Dualla 2-22 Kickhams 3-19 AET (Ref: Keith Delahunty)

Aug. 14 at Holycross:

Boherlahan-Dualla 1-13 Kickhams 0-15 (Replay) (Ref: Noel Cosgrove)

Aug. 2 at Templemore:

Kilruane MacDonaghs 5-18 Cashel K.C. 0-9 (Ref: Denis Curtis)

Aug. 6 at Toomevara:

Holycross-Ballycahill 2-22 Portroe 1-12 (Ref: Phil Ryan)

Aug. 19 at Borrisoleigh:

Upperchurch-Drombane 2-22 J. K. Brackens 0-18 (Ref: John Cleary)

Quarter-Finals

Aug. 24 at Boherlahan:

Upperchurch-Drombane 0-20 Holycross-Ballycahill 0-16 (Ref: N. Cosgrove)

Aug. 24 at Ragg:

Moneygall 0-16 Boherlahan-Dualla 1-8 (Ref: Richie Barry)

Aug. 28 at New Inn:

Carrick Swan 2-20 Borrisoleigh 0-15 (Ref: Johnny Ryan)

Aug. 28 at Cloughjordan:

Kilruane MacDonaghs 3-12 Nenagh Eire Óg 1-16 (Ref: Tommy Ryan)

Semi-Finals:

Sept. 20 at Littleton:

Carrick Swan 2-15 Moneygall 1-16 AET (Ref: Denis Curtis)

Sept. 27 at Templemore:

Kilruane MacDonaghs 4-18 Upperchurch-Drombane 4-7 (Ref: J. Ryan B)

Final

Oct. 19 at Semple Stadium:

Carrick Swan 1-14 Kilruane MacDonaghs 1-11 (Ref: Denis Curtis)

Cormac's at Templemore on August 2. Holycross-Ballycahill defeated Portroe by 2-22 to 1-12 at Toomevara on August 6. The final game, between J. K. Brackens and Upperchurch-Drombane was played at Borrisoleigh on August 19 with victory going to the 'Church by 2-22 to 0-18.

The first two quarter-finals were played on August 24. At Boherlahan Upperchurch-Drombane came from behind to defeat Holycross-Drombane by 0-20 to 0-16. Holycross led by 0-10 to 0-8 at the interval, increased their lead early in the second half, but Upperchurch came with a late surge to win by four points.

Moneygall proved too good for Boherlahan-Dualla at the Ragg, winning by 0-16 to 1-8. The game was fairly tight in the first half with the North side leading by 0-7 to 0-6 at the interval but Moneygall dominated the second half and thoroughly deserved their five-point victory.

The two remaining quarter-finals were played the following week. Carrick Swans were much too slick and eager for Borrisoleigh at New Inn on August 28, winning by 2-20 to 0-15. Borrisoleigh, who had been many people's favourites to win the North title, went into this game as favourites but proved lethargic on the occasion. They were behind by 1-12 to 0-7 at the interval and eleven points behind at the final whistle.

Kilruane MacDonaghs got the better of a depleted Nenagh, Éire Óg side at Cloughjordan on August 28, winning by 3-12 to 1-16. The winners led by 1-9 to 1-7 at the interval and always seemed to have the edge on their opponents during the second half.

Semi-finals

It took extra time for Carrick Swans to put away Moneygall in the first of the semi-finals, played at Littleton on September 20. It was the third North club Carrick met in the competition and while victory wasn't as easy as in the earlier two rounds, they yet deserved their two-point victory on a scoreline of 2-15 to 1-16. Carrick got off to a flying start with a goal in the opening seconds, led by 2-7 to 0-8 at the interval but had to endure a great fight-back by Moneygall, who were level at the end of ordinary time at 2-12 to 1-15. There was little scoring in extra time with Carrick getting three points to Moneygall's one to claim victory and qualify for the first Seamus Ó Riain Cup final. It was tough luck on Moneygall, who fought tenaciously to claim a place in the final of a championship named after one of their most distinguished members.

There were plenty of goals in the second semi-final between Kilruane-MacDonaghs and Upperchurch-Drombane at Templemore on September 27. Though the scoreboard would suggest a very comfortable win of eleven points for Kilruane, on a scoreline of 4-18 to 4-7, it wouldn't be the complete truth. Throughout the hour both sides enjoyed periods of supremacy and it was only over the final five minutes that the tide eventually turned in Kilruane's favour when they scored 1-4. The winners were in front by 2-8 to 2-6 at the interval.

The Final

The hurlers of Carrick Swans recalled the glory days of 1947 when they lifted the inaugural Seamus Ó Riain cup after serving up a stirring second-half performance to overcome Kilruane MacDonaghs by 1-14 to 1-11 at Semple Stadium on October 19. It was a great ending for Carrick, the sole South representative in the competition and their fourth conquest of North teams in the course of the competition. The victory has to put a spring in their step for the 2009 championship.

Carrick Swans were way off the pace in the first half and were five points behind at the interval. The movement of Danny O'Hanlon, who was scoreless in the first half, to full-forward had a transforming effect on the team. O'Hanlon became the target man to aim for, brought the best out of corner-forwards Paul Difflly and Dwane Fogarty, and scored five points in his own right. As the second-half progressed the Swans reduced the lead, Fogarty's goal after five minutes a key element, and went ahead. Kilruane got their last score eleven minutes from time but there remained the threat that they might get the goal that would salvage the occasion for them. However, whether it was a greater hunger on the part of the Swans they held on for an historic victory and there were scenes of jubilation when referee, Denis Curtis, blew the final whistle.

The Seamus Ó Riain Cup was presented to the Carrick Swan captain, Gerry Walsh, by Eugene Ryan, representing the family, in the presence of county board chairman, John Costigan. The Man of the Match Award was presented to Carrick Swan corner-forward, Dwane Fogarty, who scored 1-3.

Carrick Swan: Colm O'Sullivan, John Walsh, Jamie Sweetman, Gerry Walsh (capt.), Martin Russell, Kevin Lanigan, John Grace, Stephen Hahessy (0-1), Darren Fahey, Alan O'Sullivan (0-1), Danny O'Hanlon (0-5), Kieran Reade (0-1), Paul Difflly (0-1), Alan P. Ryan (0-2), Dwane Fogarty (1-3). Subs: Bobby Ryan for Alan P. Ryan, Raymond Dunne for Alan O'Sullivan. Also: Mark O'Halloran, Anthony O'Donnell, Brian Grace, Jamie Power, Shane Hogan, Aaron Walsh, William Lonergan, Darren Waters, Jamie Kennedy, Keith Walsh, Johnny Cahill.

Manager: M. J. Collins. Selectors: John Grace, Willie Hahessy, Sean O'Shea, Derek Hogan. Coach: Shane Ahearne.

Kilruane MacDonaghs: Ger Corcoran, Diarmuid Cahill, Martin Walsh, Liam Gibson, Eoin Hogan, Stephen Murphy, Gavin McAvinchey, Seamus Hennessy, Kevin Quinlan (0-1), Mark O'Leary (0-1), Pat Williams, Shane Quinlan (0-1), Thomas Williams (1-0), Ray McLoughney (0-6), Mikey Costello (0-2). Subs:

Brian O'Meara for Thomas Williams. Also: Liam Gibson, Kevin Ryan, Alan Ryan, Denis Cahill, Declan Barrett, Freddie Williams, James Williams, Timmy Walsh.

Selectors: Len Gaynor, Paddy Williams, Gilbert Williams.

Referee: Denis Curtis (Thurles Sarsfields)

Carrick Swan 2008

The curtain came down on the 2008 playing year for our senior hurlers on Sunday 19th October in Semple Stadium where we contested the inaugural Seamus Ó Riain Cup final against Kilruane MacDonaghs. After a disappointing south championship our full panel of players and their mentors showed admirable levels of dedication, commitment and energy to fittingly contest this competition being run in memory of a truly great G.A.A. man. On the way to the final Swan defeated Borrs-Ileigh, Lorrha and Moneygall and a large following of supporters travelled to Thurles to see Carrick Swan play a first senior hurling final for more years than many cared to remember. The game itself proved to be very entertaining and saw Kilruane lead at half time 1-07 to 0-05. A tremendous second half display saw Swan overcome this deficit and run out deserving winners 1-14 to 1-11. Captain Gerry Walsh proudly accepted the cup on behalf of our club and we in Carrick Swan hope that this success will be the stepping -stone to further honours in the years ahead. We also compliment the organisers of this new competition, which we are sure all clubs will embrace in the years to come, and we thank the O'Riain family for the beautiful trophy which befits the great man whose memory it commemorates. Congratulations to the players, selectors and backroom staff – Colm O'Sullivan, John Walsh, Jamie Sweetman, Gerry Walsh, Martin Russell, Kevin Lanigan, Johnny Grace, Darren Fahey, Stephen Hahessy, Kieran Reade, Danny O'Hanlon, Alan O'Sullivan, Dwain Fogarty, Alan P.Ryan, Paul Difflly, Bobby Ryan, Mark O'Halloran, Ray Dunne, Anthony O'Donnell, Brian Grace, Jamie Power, Shane Hogan, Aaron Walsh, William Lonergan, Darren Waters, Jamie Kennedy, Keith Walsh. Manager – M.J.Collins ; Selectors – John Grace, Willie Hahessy, Sean O'Shea, Derek Hogan.

Coach – Shane Ahearne ; Physio – Bernard O'Neill ; First Aid – Siobhan O'Dwyer.

Other notable successes for our club this year were the under 12 (A) south hurling championship, which we were winning for the second year in a row defeating Ballingarry in final, and the south junior (B) football championship in which we defeated Clonmel Og in final. Many of our other teams performed admirably and we thank all our players and mentors.

Off the field of play Carrick Swan club's recently renovated clubrooms on The Green were officially opened by County Board Chairman John Costigan on Saturday 25th October when we proudly welcomed many invited guests and our own dedicated members, players and supporters. Our club thanks all those who helped in any way with this project and we sincerely hope that this building will stand as a monument to the memory of the many Carrick Swan greats who have gone before us.

As the year draws to a close we in Carrick Swan Hurling, Football & Camogie club would like to thank all our players, members, supporters and sponsors for their commitment throughout the year. We extend our sympathy to those who suffered bereavements during 2008 and we extend seasons greetings to each and everyone and best wishes for 2009.

Sean McDonnell P.R.O.



Carrick Swans Seamus Ó Riain Cup Winners

Back Row (L to R): Bobby Ryan, Brian Grace, Kieran Ryan, Stephen Hahessy, Jamie Sweetman, Alan O'Sullivan, Alan Ryan, Martin Russell, Danny O'Hanlon, Kevin Lanigan, Darren Fahey, Paul Diffily, Jamie Kennedy, Anthony O'Donnell, Darren Waters.

Front Row (L to R): William Lonergan, Gerry Walsh (Captain), Ray Dunne, Dwayne Fogarty, Colm O'Sullivan, John Walsh, Johnnie Grace, Johnnie Cahill, Aaron Walsh, Keith Walsh, Jamie Power, Shane Hogan, Mark O'Halloran.



Kilruane MacDonaghs senior panel - County (Division 1) League Champions.

Back row: (l to r) - Paddy Williams (selector), Len Gaynor (selector), Gilbert Williams (selector), Martin Walsh, Liam Gibson, Mark O'Leary, Pat Williams, Stephen Murphy, Colm Williams, Declan Barrett, Ger Corcoran, Denis Cahill, Diarmuid Cahill, Jonathan Cahill. Kneeling: Thomas Williams, Shane Quinlan, Freddie Williams, Eoin Hogan, Shane Williams, Kevin Ryan, Gavin McAvinchey, Brian Gaynor (captain), Michael Costello, Mark O'Leary, Alan Ryan, Seamus Hennessy, Kevin Quinlan. Absent from photograph: Dinny Cahill (Manager). Picture: Bridget Delaney.



Sean Treacy's Under 21 County C Winners

Back row, left to right: Matthew Carr (manager) with son, Daragh, Joey Ryan, Tom Hickey, Paudie Carey, Larry Moloughney, T. J. Quigley, Paul Hogan, Simon Kennedy, Vincent Carey, Cormac Nolan, Michael O'Gorman, William Ryan (selector);

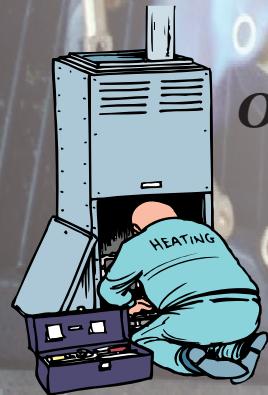
Front row, left to right: James Gough, Thomas Ryan, Denis Stapleton (capt.), Derek Nolan, Damian Nolan, Colin Nolan, Donncha O'Brien, Mark Hogan, Jimmy Treacy. Missing: Emmet Steed.

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Loughmore/Castleiney reach the summit of Munster Championship hurling.

By Pat Healy P.R.O.

On Sunday May 6th 2007 Loughmore Castleiney prepared for their first championship game of the season. It was no different from any other year with all the intentions of progressing in the race for County honours. It must be that way, anything else would be a negative approach.

In preparation, a challenge game v Burgess was arranged for 22nd April. During this game one of our outstanding players, Martin Gleeson suffered a horrific leg injury that would keep him out of the game for over a year. It was a major set back for the player and the club.

That first game was against Boherlahan in the Stadium and at the end of the hour it was 1-20 to 1-13 in our favour.

Our opponents on the 19th August in the Mid semi final were neighbours J K Brackens, a club that we had found most difficult to overcome in previous games. A good first half display left us 2-05 to 0-05 ahead at the break. The second half was a hard fought battle with a nail biting finish and we held out for a 4-10 to 2-14 victory and a place in the Mid final.

The Mid final was fixed for the Stadium on Sunday September 9th with Thurles Sarsfields the opposition.

Given what proved to be far our worst display of the campaign we trailed 0-13 to 1-05 at half time. Sarsfields stretched their lead mid way through the second period. It was only then that the lads responded with a great fight back, but it was too much too late as they lost out 0-22 to 3-09.

Was this the downfall or a wake up call? Thankfully it was the latter. A few adjustments to the team for the qualifier v J K Brackens seemed to benefit the team and again after a close encounter they came out victorious 2-16 to 3-10, having trailed at half time 3-07 to 2-03.

Our County quarter final was against one of the favourites to win out, Borris-Ileigh. Played at the Stadium on Sunday September 23rd, the team qualified for the semi final with a 3-13 to 1-13 victory.

It was now the turn of Nenagh Eire Og to wear the favourites tag, as we faced them in the Stadium on Sunday October 7th in the County semi final.

Following a classic encounter that yielded no goals, our lads made it to their fourth County final on a scoreline of 0-15 to 0-13.

The preparations for County final day commenced with flags, bunting etc. right through the parishes. County final day arrived on Sunday October 21st at the Stadium against neighbours Drom, who were also installed as favourites.

In what can only be described as a near perfect performance from the team, they swept aside the Drom challenge to emerge 0-22 to 0-13 victors. Captain Johnny Gleeson took the steps of the former traditional old stand to accept the Dan Breen cup from County Chairman John Costigan amid scenes of great jubilation from the large following.

For a personal tally of 0-09 and a fine all round performance, Evan Sweeney was awarded Man of the Match. The game was televised live on TnaG.

Following the after match meal in the Templemore Arms Hotel, Chairman Eamon Sweeney, addressing the gathering stated that when the team won the County final back in 1988 he felt the Munster club championship just went by



Loughmore captain Johnny Gleeson with his mother Biddy and nieces Gillian and Leanne after the cup presentation in the Gaelic Grounds.



Loughmore's reliable full-back Derek Bourke shows authority with Tulla's Aidan Lynch challenging in the Munster Club Final

them. This time he said that it would be given one hundred per cent commitment.

MUNSTER CLUB

Our first game was a mammoth task facing two in a row, Cork champions and beaten Munster club finalists of 2006 Erins Own.

This was a home venue at the Stadium, played on Sunday November 4th in a most competitive encounter. With some excellent hurling we emerged victorious on a 2-11 to 0-14 scoreline.

The Gaelic Grounds in Limerick was the venue for our Munster semi final game v Limerick standard bearers Adare on November 18th led by County men Foley, Fitzgerald, McNamara etc.

This probably was our stiffest game so far for the lads as we led at half time 1-05 to 0-06. The Limerick men took over at the start of the second period and took the lead at the three quarter stage.

It was at this point that we lifted our play to a higher level and taking some excellent scores. A man of the match display from wing back Tom King we held out for a 1-15 to 1-10 victory and a historic place in the Munster club final. If one thought that the build up to County final day was special, then it would be difficult to find words to describe the excitement in the days to the Munster final. Every house, business, cars, jeeps, pick ups, and even the top of the castle flew flags of all sizes.

As Sunday December 2nd arrived almost all of the parishes population headed for The Gaelic Grounds in Limerick for the Munster club final v Clare's Tulla who had accounted for the Kerry and Waterford champions.

In the most atrocious conditions, rain, sleet and gale force winds, the game began on a sour note with two of our players felled by blows within minutes of the start.

However, all settled down as both sides tried to cope with the elements and scores were hard to come by. We trailed by a point mid way through the first half and an Eddie Connolly tackle left the ball close to the end line. It was

picked up beautifully by Evan Sweeney who side stepped a defender to shoot an excellent goal past the Clare County keeper James Brennan.

This goal was to prove vital to the game as it was a lead we never relinquished and led at the interval 1-03 to 0-05.

Having to face the wind and hailstones of the second half, our defence led by the excellent David Kennedy, who was later to be voted TnaG's Man of the Match, held firm as we added three valuable points to be crowned champions of Munster 1-06 to 0-07.

The scenes following the victory will never, ever be forgotten by players, mentors, and the huge support of the County. Captain Johnny Gleeson was presented with the Billy O Neill cup by Munster chairman Jim O Gorman as supporters wept with joy, hardly believing what they were witnessing.

Following the match meal the team made their way home to a huge crowd of well wishers. The players were introduced one by one on the stage of Loughmore Community Centre by P.R.O. of the club Pat Healy. A historic and proud moment for one and all.

A two month lapse was now the order to our All Ireland semi final v 2006 All Ireland champions Portumna from Galway. The players were given a couple of weeks rest over the Christmas period and were back again training in the early weeks of January.

February 24th in Limerick was the date set for the semi final, and although we knew the mammoth task facing us, nonetheless one felt that our lead up performance were in a mode that it was going to take a good side to stop us.

On a day when a stiffish breeze with some showers prevailed, we got away to a dream start by scoring three unanswered points. However a Joe Canning goal seemed to totally affect our game and we trailed 1-05 to 0-04 at the interval. Into the second half and going well, a second Portumna goal, followed by a second yellow card offence to Paul Ormond left the mission all the more difficult.

A late surge from the boys in green and red yielded two great goals from Noel McGrath and Michael Webster to leave just two points in the game. Two further points from Portumna on the call of time gave them victory on the score 2-13 to 1-08. And so the fairytale ended in disappointment, but at the same time what had been achieved prior to this by such a small community was not forgotten by the many supporters who mingled with the disappointed players and expressing that achievements can outweigh disappointment in sport.

REFLECTION

What does the winning of a Munster club senior hurling title mean to the parishes of Loughmore and Castleiney? Well it can only do good for all our young children of the parish who play our games, and to watch their heroes dethrone the champions of Cork, Limerick and Clare and be only five points adrift of reaching an All Ireland final. The future looks bright indeed.

The team that lined out in the County final was: Johnny Gleeson(Captain), Alvy Stapleton, Derek Bourke, Paul Ormond, Eoin Ryan, David Kennedy, Tom King, Ciaran McGrath, Gary Sweeney, Paul Brennan, Evan Sweeny, Noel McGrath, Eddie Connolly, Michael Webster and Ronan Stapleton. Subs used were David McGrath, Tommy Long, Seanie Bohan and Ger Morris.

Also Jody Sweeney, Colm Campion, Johnny Campion, James Egan, J P Foy, James Connolly, Martin Ryan, Tommy Ormond(injured), Diarmuid Brennan(injured) and Martin Gleeson(injured)

Referee: Tommy Ryan, Kildangan.

The winning Munster final lineup was: Johnny Gleeson(captain), Alvy Stapleton, Derek Bourke, Paul Ormond, Eoin Ryan, David Kennedy, Tom King, Ciaran McGrath, Gary Sweeney, Evan Sweeney, David McGrath, Noel McGrath, Eddie Connolly, Michael Webster and Ronan Stapleton.

Sub used: Johnny Campion,

Also Jody Sweeney, Seanie Bohan, Colm Campion, James Egan, J P Foy, Ger Morris, James Connolly, Cian Hennessy, Diarmuid Brennan, Martin Ryan, Paul Brennan, Tommy Long(injured) Tommy Ormond(injured), Martin Gleeson(injured).

Referee: Cathal McAllister, Cork.

The team management on those historic occasions were Eamon Sweeney, Frankie McGrath and Michael McGrath.

Physio: Cathy Doran

First Aid: Jimmy Cunningham.

Coaching and Games Development in Co. Tipperary

By Nicholas Moroney

Co. Tipperary Coaching and Games Development committee been involved in improving standards in Co. Tipperary for several years. Coaching begins in most clubs with players of 5 or 6 years of age learning the basics of hurling and football from volunteer coaches in an environment of fun and enjoyment.

From this they progress to our VHI CÚL CAMPS which are run every summer in most clubs in every county in Ireland and in 2008 in a few overseas clubs. At this stage players are involved in fun games and one day blitzes for Under 8, 9 and 10 age groups. In 2008 almost 4,000 boys and girls attended VHI CÚL CAMPS in 43 clubs in Co. Tipperary. All this could not be achieved without our coaches who give their time to help the younger players onto the first step of the ladder. From there they play with their clubs and many progress onto divisional teams in North, Mid, West and South Tipperary with whom they play against other divisional sides inside and outside Tipperary. From here the top players will progress onto Co. Tipperary squads and go on to represent their county at Under 14, 15, 16 and 17 level in both hurling and football. In 2008 over 400 players have been involved in County Development squads at Under 14, 15 and 16 level in both hurling and football and at under 17 level in hurling. The only obstacle to this work is the scarcity of volunteers to help out with coaching our young players in almost every club. This need also exists at divisional and county level and we appeal to former club and county players to help these young players achieve their potential. To quote a well worn phrase "The harvest is great but the labourers are few".

We also compliment our teachers in Primary and Post primary Schools for all the hard work they are doing to keep our games at a high standard in our schools. We ask clubs to help them out with finance, transport and manpower. In some areas clubs have got together to form "Support Groups" for our Post Primary schools. These assist the schools wherever necessary but mainly by offering financial assistance.

At present Croke Park are developing new coaching courses and we need more volunteers to do these courses and get the necessary qualifications to look after our young people. Very soon it will be mandatory to have a qualified coach with every group as well as other assistant coaches and getting government grants will depend on this. Every Saturday morning there are volunteers helping our young players in almost every club in Ireland but they need more help in order to do a better job. Can you spare a few hours please? If so please contact your local club. There is a suitable job for everyone. The reward is the satisfaction of a job well done when our young players develop their skills and help their local teams to make progress. While many players get the opportunity to play and improve their hurling and football skills there are several others who do not get the same opportunity as their clubs do not have enough voluntary workers to give them opportunities at both games. What a pity that talent is left untapped due to the scarcity of adults to help out.

We thank our Games Promotion Officers for the work they put in to keep our games at the high level they have achieved in schools, clubs, divisional and county teams. Thanks to the coaching committee members who help out whenever necessary. I would like to say a special word of thanks to my predecessor Denis Floyd who did an amount of work during his time as Coaching Officer and was responsible for setting up many of the successful systems which are working so well around Co. Tipperary.

Historic First for Rovers/Knockshegowna Combo

By Willie Lennox

A lot of emotion and tears greeted Shannon Rovers Gaels first ever county minor hurling B final when they defeated Drom-Inch in a replay at Toomevara last November.

Extra time was needed to separate the teams in what was the first success for the two clubs since Shannon Rovers and Knockshe came together three years ago.

The Gaels began their campaign with a home game against Ballina in Ballinderry on July 6th. Weather conditions on the evening were desperate and it is a credit to both teams that they could give a fine display of hurling. The game ended in a draw, final score being Shannon Rovers Gaels 0-14 Ballina 1-11. There were notable performances from Andrew Byrne, Niall Burke, Shane Dwyer and Danny Burke with Marty O Meara and Pio Downey causing all sorts of problems.

Three days later Borrisokane provided the opposition in Ballingarry. The Gaels totally dominated from start to finish with Alan Hannigan turning in a fantastic display at centre forward. Eamonn Murphy, Cian McLoughney and Michael Rafferty were outstanding. Full time score, Shannon Rovers Gaels 1-16 Borrisokane 0-08.

Next up, a trip to Kilcolman to play Burgess. The Gaels managed to grind out a hard fought win, 2-16 to 3-12. Paraic O Meara turned in one of his finest displays bagging two goals in the process while Danny Burke and Collie Browne also caused major problems.

Roscrea were visitors to Ballinderry on July 22nd and this game was close for long periods before the Gaels imposed themselves in the final third of the game. Alan Hogan and Alan Hannigan lead the way. Paul Burke turned in a fine individual performance, as did Shane Dwyer, John Ryan and Darragh Haugh.

Silvermines were to be the next opponents but they gave a walk over to the Gaels. As group winners and we were drawn against Ballina in the semi-final. This game was played in Portroe and straight from the start the Gaels dominated from Paddy Heenan in goals right up to Marty O Meara, Danny Burke and Ross Ryan in the full forward line. Both John Costello and Patrick Burke grew in confidence and the performance reflected in the full time score Shannon Rovers Gaels 2-15 Ballina 0-07.

The North final was played in Kilcolman against Roscrea. Rovers Gaels were slow to settle but hit form just before half time to lead 1-7 to 0-6. A Ross Ryan goal early in the second half put the Gaels in a 2-10 to 0-7 lead after 38 minutes. For the next period Rovers had to weather a ferocious Roscrea onslaught. But with Eamonn Murphy, Cian McLoughney, John Ryan and Michael Rafferty in superb form the Gaels defended superbly. Other noteworthy performances from Alan Hannigan and Alan Hogan allowed the Gaels to run out deserved winners with another opportunistic goal from Ross Ryan. Paving the way for victory, Shannon Rovers Gaels 3-15 Roscrea 2-10.

SCORERS: Rovers Gales: D Burke 0-8 (7f), R Ryan 2-0; P Meara 1-2; Alan Hogan 0-4 (2line and 65); J Costello 0-1.

SHANNON ROVERS GAELS: Paddy Heenan; John Costello, Cian McLoughney, Paul Burke; Michael Rafferty, Alan Hannigan (Capt), Eamon Murphy; Alan Hogan, Andrew Byrne; Collie Brown, Paraic O'Meara, Ross Ryan; Pio Downey, Danny Burke, Marty O'Meara.

Subs: Paddy Burke for Rafferty (52m)

As a result, the Gaels qualified for a County semi-final tilt with west champions, Cappawhite at Dolla. The game was played in terrible conditions. Using wind advantage Cappawhite, dominated the early stages. However The Gaels battled courageously to ensure that Cappawhite did not have a major score advantage at half time. The second half began with Cappawhite notching up some more nice scores but the Gaels once again showed that they are made of stern stuff and took control in the final 20 minutes. Alan Hogan once again turned in a magnificent display and was ably assisted by team captain Alan Hannigan and Philip Kennedy while Andrew Byrne was causing Cappawhite all sorts of problems.

Shannon Rovers 5-8 Cappawhite 0-9

The County final was a thriller from the word go and at the final whistle the teams received a well-deserved standing ovation. Both sides had many stars

with Rovers trio Alan Hannigan, John Costello and Ross Ryan contesting the honour for man of the match. As mentioned, John Costelloe played very well but a mention for Cian McLoughney, Paul Burke and Eamon Murphy and Michael Rafferty is well deserved. Alan Hogan - - played well at midfield with Ross Ryan, Padraig O'Meara, Andrew Byrne and Danny Burke combining to score 2-6 from play.

The mid champions continued to look the more threatening but good work by Alan Hannigan and John Costello stemmed the tide.

Alan Hogan's fifty metre free was the right result after a sea saw battle that saw their five points lead with eight minutes remaining overturned when Drom-Inch scored 1-3 from play without reply in a four minute period. Full time score: Shannon Rovers Gaels 2-11 Drom Inch 1-14.

The Replay

St Michael's Park, Toomevara was the new venue. Rovers Gaels lined out without the injured Andrew Byrne and he was replaced by Pio Downey. The winning goal came just on the 21st minute of extra time when Alan Hogan received a well-placed hand pass from team captain, Alan Hannigan, to score from ten metres. The distance might have been very close but the execution by both players was perfect.

But overall, Rovers Gaels were the better-balanced side. Their backline with John Costelloe, Cian McLoughney and Michael Rafferty met every challenge. At corner back, Paul Burke made many clearances and got in two very important goal saving tackles. Eamon Murphy cleared forever especially in the first half and Alan Hannigan played his position perfectly. The Rovers Gaels defence were equal to the any task asked of them as they managed plenty of hooking and blocking, a statistic that had doubled from that of the drawn encounter.

The midfield partnership of Alan Hogan and Collie Brown won the battle there while up front Danny Burke and Ross Ryan were the ideal target men as they took turns to dictate the scoring trends. Padraig and Marty O'Meara carried out their duties by playing to a standstill.

Heading into extra time the Gaels looked to be out on their feet following their epic performance over the previous sixty minutes. They never relented and after going a man down, Alan Hogan's late extra time goal brought about historic win followed by fantastic scenes of jubilation. Full time, Shannon Rovers Gaels 1-13 Drom -Inch 0-14



Shannon Rovers Gaels North & County Tipp Minor 'B' Hurling Champions 2008
Shannon Rovers Gaels - North & County Minor 'B' Champions. Back row: (l to r) - Paraic O'Meara, John Ryan, Cian McLoughney, Ross Ryan, Collie Brown, Patrick Burke, Paddy Heenan, Philip Kennedy, Pio Downey, Andrew Burns, Shane. Middle: Marty O'Meara, John Costello, Paul Burke, Alan Hannigan (captain), Eamonn Murphy, Michael Rafferty, Niall Burke, Alan Hogan. Front: Danny Burke, Darragh Haugh.

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Nenagh Éire Óg win All Ireland 7s as North Tipp clubs dominate

Nenagh Eire Óg's senior hurlers salvaged something from a disappointing year when they won the Meteor Kilmacud Crokes All Ireland Senior 7s hurling competition.

It was the second time that the club had won the prestigious competition, which takes place annually and is now a ritual for many clubs on All Ireland weekend.

GAA President, Nickey Brennan presented the trophy to Nenagh captain Hugh Flannery after his side won all six games played in extremely heavy underfoot conditions.

In fact it was their near neighbours in Portroe who proved to be Nenagh's opponents in the final in a competition dominated by clubs from North Tipperary with all five clubs reaching the knockout stages.

Outstanding displays from Paul Ryan and Michael Heffernan who shot 1-7 apiece and John Slattery who contributed 1-5 helped Nenagh to a 3-20 to 4-10 win in a pulsating match.

Nenagh Eire Óg reached the final by winning their group, which contained St. Patrick's (Dublin), St. Lachtain's (Kilkenny) and Liam Mellows (Galway). They were then paired with a fancied St. Martin's side from Wexford in the quarter finals in what Hugh Flannery admitted was their toughest game of the tournament as their opponents had quality inter-county players such as the Diarmuid and Ciaran Lyng, Eoin Quigley and Barry Lambert but Nenagh scored a late 6-8 to 4-13 success.

In the semi-finals, they defeated Kilruane MacDonaghs by one point, 3-12 to 5-5. Kilruane reached the last four in impressive fashion after emerging from a tough group. They defeated Kinvara (Galway) and Knockainey (Limerick) and lost to Kilkenny's Ballyhale Shamrocks, but win through the group on scoring difference after Kinvara did them a favour by beating Ballyhale in the final group game. In the quarter final, they pipped Craughwell of Galway by two points.

On the other side of the draw, Portroe, 7-aside specialists, won their group comfortably defeating Carrickshock (Kilkenny),

Beagh (Galway) and the Garda College. Portroe had to play an extra game due to the number of pullouts prior to the competition and defeated Bishopstown of Cork before defeating Borris-Ileigh in the quarter finals. Borris-Ileigh won a group that consisted of Mullagh (Galway), O'Donovan Rossa (Antrim) and hosts Kilmacud Crokes.

Portroe took on Toomevara in the semi-finals and won through by 6-6 to 5-8 in another tight contest. Toomevara were taking part for the first time in a number of years and easily won their group that contained St. John's (Antrim), Ballindereen (Galway) and Carrigtwohill (Cork) before defeating another Cork side, Killeigh in the last eight before falling to Portroe.

Nenagh Eire Og All-Ireland Sevens champions with the Management team & Sponsors 'The Hibernian' Nenagh. Back row: (l to r) - Eamonn Brennan (selector), Conor Ryan (selector), Jane Devaney (The Hibernian), Richie Flannery, Michael McNamara, John Slattery, Martin Morris (The Hibernian), Billy Flannery (selector), Noreen Ryan (First Aid), Liam Heffernan (Manager). Kneeling: Mark Grace, Michael Heffernan, John Brennan, Hugh Flannery (captain), Alan Kelly, Paul Ryan, John Flannery.



NENAGH EIRE ÓG ALL IRELAND 7'S CHAMPIONS

(Mark Langton Nenagh Eire Og P.R.O)

We started at 11.00am in Clonkeen Collage for the group stages of the competition. The first game up was St Patricks (Dublin) and we defeated them on a score line of 6-12 to 3-03, giving us a tremendous start and setting us on our way. Next up were St Lachtains (Kilkenny) and after a fine start we continued our fine form on what can only be described as a mud bath. The pitch was in terrible condition but the lads never let this deter them from their aim and we ran out winners 6-06 to 1-06. Our third group game would qualify us for the quarter finals if we managed a draw or a win with Liam Mellows (Galway). This proved to be a tougher game with fatigue and conditions playing their part but we came out winning again to put us through to the quarter finals on a soreline 1-10 to 1-02.

QUARTER FINAL

Nenagh Eire Og (Tipperary) 6-8 St. Martins (Wexford) 4-13

Qualifying for the knock out stage meant we were now on the bigger full size pitch back at Kilmacud Crokes grounds and we had drawn St Martin's (Wexford). They proved to be a very fit and fast hurling team and pushed us all the way in a very close encounter and it took a last second point from half way from Michael Heffernan to pull this one out of the bag. We now started to believe that the final could be a possibility.

SEMI FINAL

Nenagh Eire Og (Tipperary) 3-12 Kilruane McDonagh (Tipperary) 5-5

A unique situation had arisen at the semi-final stage as four North Tipperary teams had made it through. We had drawn Kilruane MacDonaghs with the pairing of Toomevara and Portroe on the other side of the draw. Kilruane were a very tough and skilful outfit and again it took a last minute point from Paul Ryan to secure our final spot against the favourites and 7's specialists Portroe who had been pushed to the pin of their collar by Toomevara.

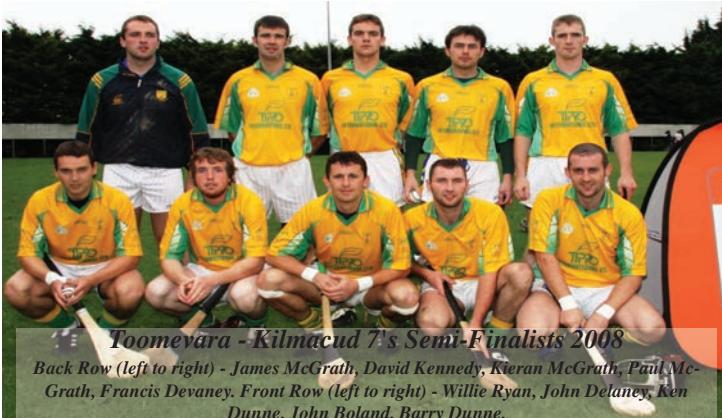
FINAL

Nenagh Eire Og (Tipperary) 3-20 Portroe (Tipperary) 4-10

Not having expected to make the final we took this in our stride and played with a relaxed attitude and put up a great performance.

All 10 players were excellent and the team spirit was second to none as solid performances all over the field gave us a convincing win with seven points to spare on a final score of 3-20 to 4-10 against Portroe who had played an extra game and picked up injuries on route to the final.

The Nenagh Eire Óg panel and scorers: Michael McNamara (0-2) Richie Flannery (1-03) John Brennan (0-01) Hugh Flannery (0-08) Michael Heffernan (7-15) Paul Ryan (5-27) John Slattery (10 -09) Alan Kelly (0-01) John Flannery (0-01) Mark Grace (1-00). Tournament total: 24-67.



Toomevara - Kilmacud 7's Semi-Finalists 2008

Back Row (left to right) - James McGrath, David Kennedy, Kieran McGrath, Paul McGrath, Francis Devaney. Front Row (left to right) - Willie Ryan, John Delaney, Ken Dunne, John Boland, Barry Dunne.



Kilruane MacDonaghs - Kilmacud 7's Semi-Finalists

Back row (left to right) - Martin Walsh, Alan Ryan, Mikey Costello, Stephen Murphy, Mark O'Leary and Declan Barrett. Front row (left to right) - Ger Corcoran, Gavin McAvinche, Shane Quinlan, Paidi Kelly



Portroe 7's

MOYLE ROVERS - MUNSTER JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS 2007

Moyle Rovers made history on the 18th December 2007. Our Juniors hurlers took on Barryroe of Cork in the Munster hurling final on that cold Sunday afternoon. On the day all the breaks were going Moyle Rovers way and nothing went right for Barryroe. It all started with a dropping ball from midfielder Peter Acheson ending up in the back of the Barryroe net. This was a huge boost to the Rovers men's confidence considering they were playing against a strong wind. Our midfielders Martin Dunne and Peter Acheson were having an outstanding game but the few times that Barryroe managed to win possession, they quickly found out that goalie Ian Browne was having a man of the match performance. It was impossible to get the sliotar pasted him. Moyle Rovers led at half time by 1-5 to 0-6, but would have a strong wind advantage in the second half. Barryroe opened the second half with a point to leave the bare minimum between the sides. It was then the young star Barry Whelan stepped up to rifle home a great left handed stroke to the corner of the net. At this stage Moyle Rovers were getting closer and closer to bringing home the first ever Munster cup to Monroe. A Barryroe player was sent off for a second card offence and then Barry Whelan decided it was time to finish this game off with another great goal to leave the final score Moyle Rovers 3-12 Bar-

ryroe 0-13. There was great excitement on the day and the Munster title was celebrated well but Declan McGrath and his men were soon back on the training field with their minds firmly fixed on the All Ireland semi final against Sylane of Galway on 20th January.

The supporters travelled in bus loads to Portlaoise to see this momentous All Ireland semi final. A strong contest was expected but on the day we were much the stronger team and with ease ran out winners on a scoreline of 4-18 Sylane 1-8. The biggest event in the Moyle Rovers calendar was the All Ireland Junior Club hurling final in Croke Park on February 9th 2008. This was going to be a tough game against Kilkenny champions Conahy Shamrock. Again the supporters travelled in numbers. Unfortunately for us on the night Conahy Shamrock ran out winners but our defeat did not take away from the momentous occasion that it was for the panel of players and their mentors and supporters.

The Moyle Rovers Club would like to take this opportunity to thank all the clubs for their best wishes in the run up to the All Ireland final.



Back row (LtoR): Neil Burke, Pat Fahey, Declan McGrath, Tom Lorigan, Sean Carey, Tommy Brett, John Shanahan, Morgan Ryan, Paul Johnson, Diarmuid Foley, Sean Keating, Liam Redmond, Paraic Kelly, John Lyne, Michael Mulcahy, Peter Acheson, Pat Condon, Eddie Whelan, Barry Whelan, James Williams, Daniel Lyne, Jimmy Dunne, Donal McCarthy, Michael Morrissey.

Front row (LtoR): Michael Wall, Ronan Desmond, Declan Browne, Ian Browne, Owen Fogarty, Denis McGrath, Kevin Condon, Brian Mulvihill, Noel Wall (Capt), Martin Dunne, Michael Mulcahy, David Foley, Richard Power, David Lorigan, Liam Cronin, Donal Foley, Garry Hallinan, Pat O'Connor. (missing from photo Ciaran Lorigan)

A Tipperary Yearbook Awards

By James Holohan

Once again the identity of the eagerly awaited Tipperary Year Book Awards winners are about to be revealed. This year we set out to be as impartial as possible. In 2007 readers were encouraged to vote for their chosen persons through the website. Unfortunately the choices were once again dogged with controversy and were subject to much ridicule wherever gaels met. Our greatest fear was that due to the above and the economic downturn our sponsors Pie in the Sky would not renew their interest. Thankfully, their response was positive as last years

Awards generated so much debate that the resultant publicity helped to substantially increase their sales. This year we left the adjudication to the GAA secret service and this is what they came up with.

THE ASH TRAY AWARD: Goes to the Cavan substitute who was spotted smoking in the live telecast of his side's National Football League match against Dublin in Breffni Park. If he hopes to prolong his career - perhaps he should heed the warning on the cigarette packet.

THE FIFTY CENT AWARD: Goes to Kerry's Kieran Donaghy. It was thrown in his direction in the National League match against Mayo - luckily he handed the coin to an umpire, otherwise he might have been accused of pay for play.

THE PHONE A FRIEND AWARD: Goes to the Tipperary substitute who was noted texting during the National Hurling League match against Galway in Salthill on TG4. Memo to team management - All mobile phones to be left in the dressing-rooms during games.

THE BOO BOYS AWARD: Goes to the Roscommon supporters for their utterances at Manager John Maughan when they played Westmeath in the National Football League. Later when the post became vacant they were nowhere to be seen, preferring of course to enjoy the comforts of the ditch.

THE LATE LATE SHOW AWARD: Goes to Pillars Army who once again failed to turn up on time in Croke Park for the Leinster Semi Final against Westmeath thus delaying TV coverage. If they need advise on how to get there on time just ask their country cousins.

THE NO ROOM AT THE INN AWARD: Goes to members of the Peoples Republic who arrived late for the Tipperary V Cork Munster championship match in Pairc Ui Chaoimh. They failed to gain access to the terrace but instead got a close up view of Brendan Cummins - Hey lads what did ye think of Kelly's goal?

THE PENCILS SET AWARD: Goes to Kerry's Paul Galvin. He loves to get his point across to the referee. This award might be more appropriate for communication rather than the oral version.

THE MAGIC CARPET AWARD: Goes to the Croke Park ground staff who always have the pitch in pristine condition - perhaps they could tell us what the secret formula is - maybe a look under the carpet might reveal what makes Cody's men tick on the big day.

THE TOP DOG AWARD: Goes to the greyhounds who showed a clean pair of heels to all comers in the hurling championship. In the Final they were slow out of traps but soon went several lengths clear despite the late rally by Sarsfields they were first over the line. Come next September let's hope Dan Breen will have Liam Mc Carthy for company.

THE WHEN WILL HE EVER LEARN AWARD: Also goes to Paul Galvin. He made his much awaited appearance in the second half of the All Ireland Final and duly got himself booked again - Perhaps in 2009 he will count to 10 when the adrenaline starts to flow.

THE RULE BOOK THROUGH TINTED GLASS AWARD: Goes to the Cork County Board. Once again they manipulated the Rule Book on discipline to suit their own needs. To be Frank about it - it comes as no great surprise.

THE WHINGER OF THE YEAR AWARD: Goes to Kerry's Gooch Cooper. He never ceases to question referees decisions and likes to tell them how to do their job. When he retires a glittering career in referring might be in the offing.

THE MAN FOR ALL SEASONS AWARD: Goes to Tyrone's Micky Harte. The League was a winter of discontent. A Summer defeat by Down left the fickle fans baying for his blood. In the All Ireland Final his team was full of heart. Now in the Autumn of his career he promises to be back again in the Spring.

THE TAIL WAGGING THE DOG AWARD: Goes to the Cork hurlers who prefer to do their talking in hotel rooms instead of on the playing pitch. If this is the way these Prima Donnas hope to achieve success they are barking up the wrong tree.

THE QUEEN OF CLUBS AWARD: Goes to the many ladies in the GAA who wash the gear, launder the Club jerseys, take the phone calls, stay home alone while their men folk are attending GAA activities and of course make the tea and sandwiches whenever requested - indeed one could call them the unsung heroes - Ladies don't forget to do the wash-up!!!

The presentation of the Awards will take place at a Banquet in the Pie in the Sky Sports & Leisure Centre on Wednesday 24th December (Bank Holiday) at 8pm. Tickets available online at www.gullibleu.ie or contact 999-25122006. Early booking is essential as accommodation is limited to 2,000 persons. Be informed also that this is a Black Tie event.

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County Senior Football Championship

By Eamonn Wynne, Clonmel Nationalist

Unlike the hurling equivalent, the county senior football championship doesn't have the glamorous trappings of a venue such as Semple Stadium or live television coverage. But for the past number of years there's been a competitive edge to the football championship that the hurling competition appears to be lacking for some time now.

Toomevara have dominated the hurling championship for the best part of the last two decades, winning their 11th championship in 17 years in October. But so far this decade, the football championship has produced 8 different winners from three divisions*.

A new name to that recent roll of honour was added this year, when Galtee Rovers bridged a 27-year gap by winning their first championship since 1981. When the Bansha team and Cahir met in the decider at Leahy Park, Cashel on October 26th, there was more than the destination of the O'Dwyer Cup at stake. They may ply their trade in different divisions but the clubs are next-door neighbours, with the parish of Bansha/Kilmoyer extending all the way to the Tipperary road roundabout just outside Cahir. There's no better example of their closeness than the fact that Willie Tarrant, the Galtee Rovers manager, is an uncle of two of the Cahir players, Michael and Diarmuid Tarrant.

So with both clubs chasing a rare championship – Cahir had only won the title once before, in 2003, while the last of Rovers' five previous successes was way back in 1981 – and local bragging rights to be decided, a close contest was expected.

That's exactly the way the final panned out, even if the football wasn't of the highest standard.

The large attendance witnessed the favourites, Galtee Rovers build up a 0-4 to 0-2 by half-time. But their prospects suffered a blow when corner back Vincent Murphy was sent off for a second yellow card offence nine minutes into the second half. Cahir's Benny Hickey converted the free that resulted from Murphy's foul to level the scores and it looked as if an upset might be on the cards.

With their backs to the wall, however, Rovers pulled out all the stops. They compensated for their numerical disadvantage by placing even more emphasis on the possession game and the performance of every player was stepped up a gear as they realised what was at stake.

Cahir made a battle of it but further points from Declan Peters and converted frees from Shane Egan and Tony Egan saw Rovers crowned worthy champions on a scoreline of 0-7 to 0-5.

There were scenes of great delight when goalkeeper and captain Cathal Moloney, son of the late legendary referee John Moloney, lifted the O'Dwyer Cup. The man of the match award went to corner-back Christopher Higgins, a lynchpin of a defence that restricted Cahir to just 5 points. Pa Morrissey and Mark Peters were other imposing presences in that rearguard.

Colin Morrissey was a real inspiration in the middle of the field from start to finish and he received ample support from Mark O'Brien. In attack the scoring prowess and teamwork of Tony Egan, Denis Peters and Shane Egan was crucial.

The victory completed the county and divisional double for Rovers, after they had defeated Eire Og Annacarty in the West final. By any standards that ranks as a noteworthy achievement for the panel and Willie Tarrant, the former Tipp senior corner back, in his first year as manager.

It wasn't Cahir's day and their lack of penetration in attack proved their downfall. However players such as James McGrath, Michael Tarrant, Benny Hickey, Mark Costigan, Padraig Hyland, John B. Ryan and captain, Padraig Hyland, gave their all.

The victorious Galtee Rovers team was Cathal Moloney (captain), Christopher Higgins, Mark Peters, Vincent Murphy, Pa Morrissey, John Morrissey, Adrian Grace, Colin Morrissey (0-1), Mark O'Brien, Pat Marnane, Denis Peters (0-1), Michael O'Connell, Tony Egan (0-3 including 2 frees), Declan Peters (0-1) and Shane Egan (0-1 free).

Substitutes - Andrew Morrissey for Adrian Grace (51 minutes), David Morrissey for Michael O'Connell (54 minutes) and Paul McCarthy for Shane Egan (60 minutes).

Cahir, meanwhile, fielded the following lineup - Brian Enright, Paul Frazer, Padraig Hyland (captain), Gerald Hally, James Hyland, Robbie Costigan, Paddy O'Flaherty, Liam O'Gorman, Michael Tarrant, James McGrath (0-1), Mark Costigan, Benny Hickey (0-2 including 1 free), Paul McEvoy, Diarmuid Tarrant and Niall Morrison (0-1).

Substitutes - John B. Ryan (0-1) for Niall Morrison (29 minutes), Eric Flannery for Diarmuid Tarrant (half time) and Tom O'Gorman for Paul McEvoy (55 minutes).

The referee was Thurles official John Kelly.

The whole occasion of County Football Final Day was enhanced by the celebrations commemorating the past county championship victories of Loughmore/Castleiney, with players from their successful teams of 1973, 1977, 1979 and 1983 introduced to the crowd at half-time.

(*Incidentally, the other clubs that have also won the championship since the turn of the decade are Moyle Rovers (2000 and 2007), Aherlow (2006), Ardfinnan (2005), Cahir (2003), Clonmel Commercials (2002), Fethard (2001) and Loughmore/Castleiney (2004).)

Each of the finalists came perilously close to departing the championship at the semi-final stage. Cahir diced with disaster when they trailed the holders Moyle Rovers by 4 points entering additional time.

But just when it seemed there was no way back they stunned their fellow South team with a storming finish. Benny Hickey was Cahir's hero, scoring all but 2 points of their total of 1-7 as they scuppered Moyle Rovers' prospects of completing a two in-a-row with a one-point win (1-7 to 0-9). Hickey scored 1-1 in injury time and the winning point was supplied by substitute Paul McEvoy in an explosive finish to a game that was held up for 6 minutes early in the second half when mentors and supporters from both sides became embroiled in an ugly row on the sideline in Clonmel.

Moyle Rovers sorely missed the injured Declan Browne although captain James Williams, Liam Cronin, Daniel Lyne, Aidan Foley, John Shanahan, Paul Johnson and Brian Mulvihill could do no more to prevent their team from slipping to defeat.

Galtee Rovers very nearly came a cropper in their semi-final too when they were 9 points down to Aherlow after 17 minutes. Aherlow had Cathal Dillon, Stuart Moloney, Laurence Coskeran, Derry Peters, Thomas Hanley and Seamus Grogan all playing out of their skins and it would have taken a brave man to bet against them at that stage. But a fine goal from Denis Peters kick-started the Galtee Rovers comeback. They had the margin down to just 2 points at half-time and they held Aherlow scoreless for the final 13 minutes to eventually shade the all-West affair at Sean Treacy Park, Tipp town by 2 points, 1-11 to 2-6.

The win not only put them through to the final but compensated for Rovers' defeat at Aherlow's hands in the championship second round at Sean Treacy Park on May 31st, when Aherlow won another close battle by 0-13 to 0-10. Re-entering the Championship as divisional winners, Galtee Rovers revived their challenge in the quarter-finals in a game at Drombane when they again sailed close to the wind, as they just got the better of the North combination team Thomas MacDonaghs by the narrowest of margins, 1-12 to 2-8. Rovers looked comfortable when they were 6 points ahead entering the closing stages, but they endured a nervous finish when Kevin Quinlan converted a penalty and Philip Austin scored 2 points for MacDonaghs, before the final whistle sounded to the considerable relief of the West team.

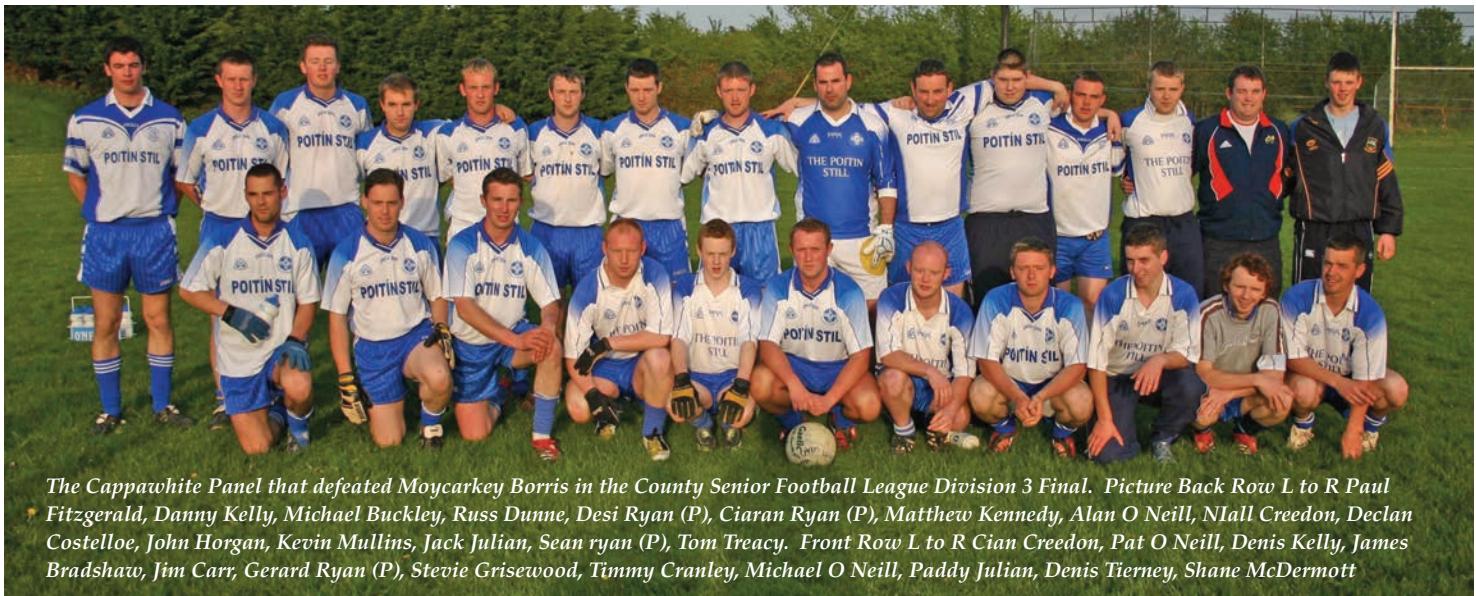
MacDonaghs had earlier claimed a notable scalp when they beat Arravale Rovers in the preliminary round by 1-12 to 1-5, their best result since they beat

GALTEE ROVERS

COUNTY SFC CHAMPIONS 2008



Back L/R: Pa Morrissey, Damien Ryan, David Byron, Denis Peters, Declan Peters, Cathal Moloney (Capt), Mark O'Brien, Christopher Doyle, Patrick Ryan, Paul McCarthy, Kieran Marnane, Padraig O'Halloran, John Morrissey. Front L/R: Kevin Bergin, Andrew Morrissey, David Morrissey, Mark Peters, Michael O'Connell, Pat Marnane, Colin Morrissey, Vinny Murphy, Tony Egan, Tony O'Brien, Christopher Higgins, Adrian Grace, Edmond Grace.



The Cappawhite Panel that defeated Moycarkey Borris in the County Senior Football League Division 3 Final. Picture Back Row L to R Paul Fitzgerald, Danny Kelly, Michael Buckley, Russ Dunne, Desi Ryan (P), Ciaran Ryan (P), Matthew Kennedy, Alan O'Neill, Niall Creedon, Declan Costelloe, John Horgan, Kevin Mullins, Jack Julian, Sean Ryan (P), Tom Treacy. Front Row L to R Cian Creedon, Pat O'Neill, Denis Kelly, James Bradshaw, Jim Carr, Gerard Ryan (P), Stevie Grisewood, Timmy Cranley, Michael O'Neill, Paddy Julian, Denis Tierney, Shane McDermott

Loughmore/Castleiney in the 2007 championship. The performances of Philip Austin, George Hannigan and Shane Brophy were instrumental in the victory. Arravale Rovers were desperately disappointed to bow out at such an early stage, despite the fine displays of Brian Jones, Timmy Dalton, Paul Ryan and Brian Glasheen.

Fresh from that success, Thomas MacDonaghs entered the first round proper with renewed optimism, and despite losing to Ardfinnan (before their re-entry to the Championship at the quarter-final stage) they made the South team fight all the way, the scoreboard showing a scoreline of 1-9 to 0-9 when the final whistle sounded. The awarding of Alan Lonergan's 5th goal, which eventually proved the difference between the teams, was fiercely contested by the MacDonaghs players.

Another North combination, Fr. Kenyons, didn't fare as well in the first round when they were hammered by Cahir by 1-22 to 0-1.

On paper at least, the pick of the ties in that opening round was the clash of those fierce South rivals Fethard and Commercials at Kilsheelan. The Clonmel team ran out deserving winners by 2-9 to 0-8 in a performance enhanced by the displays of some of their younger players such as Conor O'Hara, Luke Moore and Donal Lynch, although they were still grateful for soft goals from Kevin Dempsey and Emmet Ryan to smooth their passage into the second round.

Fethard were left cursing their luck by conceding those goals, but an attack that depended too heavily on Brian Coen for most of its scores had to shoulder some of the blame too.

Perhaps the most eye-catching result of that first round was Eire Og Annacarty's 1-8 to 0-9 defeat of Loughmore/Castleiney. The game had entered additional time when the evergreen Liam Mooney, who had just come on as a substitute, supplied the pass for Michael McGrath's goal, which settled the contest.

Elsewhere in the first round Mullinahone proved too strong for Carrick Swan,

beating them by 0-14 to 1-6, while Galtee Rovers had a relatively comfortable 2-11 to 0-8 win over Moyne-Templetohy in Boherlahan.

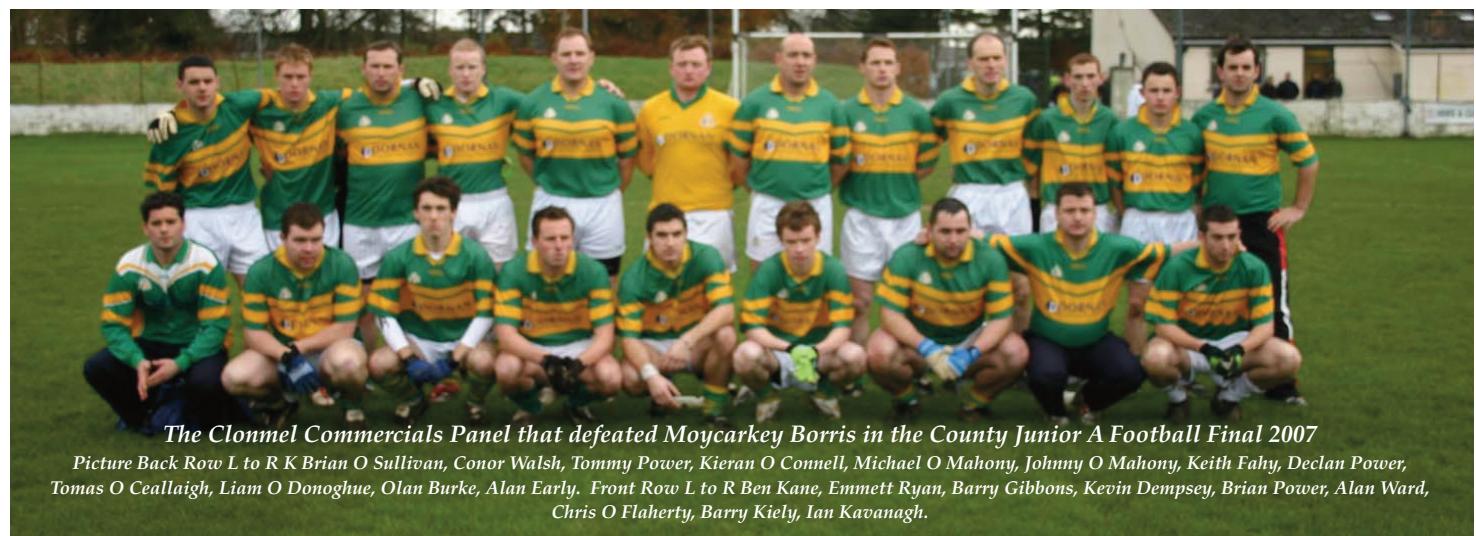
Moyle Rovers had two goals to spare over J.K. Brackens (1-12 to 0-9) in the opening defence of their title, with Declan Browne scoring 1-9 of their total. Aherlow beat Killenaule by 2-13 to 1-9, although Killenaule were adequately compensated when they won the South senior hurling championship for the second successive year at the end of August.

In the second round Cahir turned the tables on an Ardfinnan side that had already beaten them in the South championship by defeating their South rivals by 0-8 to 0-4 at Clonmel. Ardfinnan were short a few key players, including Shane Sweeney, but they were only too well aware that four points – two of which came from frees – represented a very poor return for an hour's football. Moyle Rovers didn't over-impress in their second round clash with Mullinahone but were still too strong for their opponents in another all-South clash, running out winners by 2-9 to 0-5.

Commercials got the better of Eire Og Annacarty by 1-9 to 0-5 before the Clonmel team made their exit at the quarter-final stage, when Aherlow beat them by 2 points, 0-14 to 2-6. Two Ian Barnes goals, one in either half, meant that Commercials had one foot in the last four, as they led by 2 points entering additional time. But four injury-time points from substitutes Bernard O'Brien and Seamus and Barry Grogan sent Aherlow through.

In the outstanding quarter-final Cahir ended Loughmore/Castleiney's hopes when they beat them by 1-8 to 0-9 in Boherlahan. Cahir laid the foundation for victory in the first half, at the end of which they led by 7 points. As expected, Loughmore hit back strongly in the second period, with the charge led by Micheal Webster, Noel McGrath and James Egan.

But Cahir held on, despite scoring just one point in that second half through Benny Hickey's 56th minute free.



The Clonmel Commercials Panel that defeated Moycarkey Borris in the County Junior A Football Final 2007

Picture Back Row L to R K Brian O'Sullivan, Conor Walsh, Tommy Power, Kieran O'Connell, Michael O'Mahony, Johnny O'Mahony, Keith Fahy, Declan Power, Tomas O'Ceallaigh, Liam O'Donoghue, Olan Burke, Alan Early. Front Row L to R Ben Kane, Emmett Ryan, Barry Gibbons, Kevin Dempsey, Brian Power, Alan Ward, Chris O'Flaherty, Barry Kiely, Ian Kavanagh.

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Galtee Rovers – St. Pecaun's 2008

A YEAR TO REMEMBER

Galtee Rovers Saint Pecaun's bridged a 27 year gap when their senior footballers defeated Cahir 0-7 to 0-5, to regain the O'Dwyer Cup in Leahy Park Cashel on Sunday October 26th. This was the club's 6th county senior football title and comes in a decade when the club has already captured a string of West senior and under 21 football titles as well as county titles in junior football, (2007), intermediate hurling (2001) and a first West senior hurling title in 2003.

Having had so many successes at divisional level, many people would suggest that it was inevitable that eventually Galtee Rovers would come good outside the West despite the many disappointments of the past. In 1992 many of this panel won their first county title at under 12 level and proceeded to repeat the achievement at under 14 under the stewardship of John Peters. When this same panel won a county minor A football championship with Willy Tarrant in 1998 it seemed only a matter of time before they graduated to under 21 and senior success. Then came an incredible run of 6 under-21 and senior West titles in succession, yet a county senior semi-final appearance was as close as we came to final honours.

Success finally came at junior B level in 2007 when Johnny Halpin and his selectors masterminded a county final triumph over Commercials in wet and windy Cahir. At the time many people remarked that many of this team were well capable of wearing the senior jersey and it came as no surprise that Willy Tarrant encouraged and developed these talented lads in his first year as senior manager. Joining Willy and Johnny in management we had Philly Quirke, who was also a selector on the Tipp minor footballers who pushed Kerry all the way this year.

The serious championship stuff of 2008 began with the opening round of the county competition when we accounted for Moyne-Templethy by 11 points and then lost out narrowly to Aherlow in the next round. Straws in the wind suggested that the team was taking shape well however and significantly we were unbeaten during the West championship. The West final was played under lights in Cappawhite and Rovers signalled their intent from the throw-in with a blistering display of pace and skill to run our eventual winners by 1-14 to 0-7. Four days later we had a narrow escape with a single point win over a talented North combination, Thomas MacDonaghs, and this result brought us full circle to play Aherlow for a place in the county final. It was here that our character was tested to the full and we had to survive an awful start and come from 9 points down to win by 2 in a thriller.

County finals by their very nature are more about the result than the performance and so it came to pass that we ran out winners by a pair of points despite losing Vinny Murphy to 2 yellow cards early in the second period. The jubilant scenes afterwards were repeated throughout the parish and with modern technology our supporters scattered all over the world were able to share in this long overdue victory.

A second West title in a row in intermediate hurling might be regarded as success in many quarters but for our squad the disappointment of losing by a point to Newport with virtually the last puck was a painful experience. Having come through the division unscathed despite a couple of close encounters we had our sights set on the final shake-up and now with 4 West intermediate titles and 1 senior title under our belt this decade, it's decision time. Our minor hurlers were part of a combination with neighbours, Aherlow and this team played some excellent hurling before losing out to Cappawhite in the West final.

In our juvenile club pride of place this year goes to our under 16 squad who delivered a West under 16 B football title to the club when they accounted for Golden in the West final. Despite losing to Ballyporeen in the county championship, they plugged away at hurling and their efforts were rewarded with a West league title in early November. Without a shadow of a doubt some of this squad will provide the backbone of club teams in a few years. Elsewhere the under 12 footballers collected the plate trophy when they accounted for Aherlow/Solohead.

Ladies football goes from strength to strength in the club and this year we had excellent performances from all our teams while Katie Crowe and Aoife Magner were on the Tipp under 16 ladies team who won the Munster title and qualified for the All-Ireland final. In a memorable year for our county intermediate ladies it was a great boost for the club that 3 parishioners, Mairead Morrissey and the Carroll sisters, Claire and Edith, lined out in Croke Park in a side managed by Paddy Morrissey and trained by Michael McCarthy.

With so many fine performances from our teams during the year and another county senior football title under our belt, 2008 will long be remembered as one of the greatest years in the history of Galtee Rovers – St. Pecaun's.

Liam Bergin, PRO



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The Loughmore-Castleiney county senior football champions of 1973, 1975, 1979 and 1983 who were honoured by the County Board/The Nationalist/Templemore Arms Hotel on county football final day at Leahy Park Castle on October 26, 2008.
Back row, left to right: Jimmy Sweeney, Jim Healy, John Treacy, Dick Egan, Timmy Connolly, Pat Cullen, Martin Maher, Pat McGrath, Tom McGrath, Tom Connolly.
Middle row, left to right: Tom Ryan, Tom Maher (L), Tom Maher (V), Seamus Fogarty, Pat Cahill, Paddy Stapleton, Stephen Maher, Kevin Kelly, Eddie Webster, Martin Kiely, Pat Kiely, Joe Kiely, Pat Dwyer, Sean Kiely, Tom Treacy, Gerry Stapleton, Sean Kearney, Jim Geehan, Johnny Brennan, Pat Treacy, Fr. Peter Brennan,
Front row, left to right: John Hackett, Martin Connell, Eddie Stapleton, Pat Quinn, Jack Hayes, Sean Mockler, Johnly Burke, Robert Webster, Mikey Webster, Mick Maher, Michael McGrath, Eamonn Brennan.

The “Gaels” Achieve their Field of Dreams.

By James Holohan

When Cill Beag Gaels reviewed their year’s activities team performances will show that it was generally another year of underachievement. Having won their opening matches in the county senior football championship they looked forward in anticipation of beating their bitter rivals Ballydoran but it did not materialise.

On the hurling front, due to increasing numbers, it was decided to enter a team in the “B” championship for the first time in their history. On reflection these good intentions backfired as many players, who were in fact good enough for the intermediate grade, opted for the comfort zone of the junior “B” team. While they performed well to reach the “B” final their fellow players on the intermediate team were not sufficiently motivated and were eliminated early in that competition. However, some credit must go to the club as they won the U/14 “B” divisional and county “B” football title. While the club may be accused of taking their eye off the ball at adult level they can be forgiven for doing so.

This very progressive rural club showed great vision when it came to providing state of the art facilities and at the same time take on the challenge for whatever lay ahead in the future and 2008 will be long remembered as the year it was made to happen.

Due to an ever increasing number of players and a total of 14 teams being fielded in both codes the pitch was often unable to meet the needs of the many teams who wished to use it while in wet weather it was inevitable that it was often in poor condition. Last year a camogie and a ladies football team were formed and it was also frustrating for them when they needed to train.

One would have to go back to 2002 when little acorns were sown. The feeling was that there was a need for extra playing facilities where there was an ever expanding population but the older brigade was not so enthusiastic. This continued to be the subject at subsequent club meetings. The real test came when a three acre piece of land adjoining the pitch came on the market. If the club was to secure this they would have to act quickly. A decision was made to purchase it if the price was within their range. If successful a major fund raising effort would need to be put in place. Prior to the sale the club executive settled on a figure that they were prepared to pay. When the day of reckoning arrived it quickly became obvious when the bidding started that this much-sought after property was way outside of their price range. When word got around it caused major disappointment, privately many felt that some of the older members were quite pleased as they did not relish a challenge like this at this stage of their lives.

However, a wind of change was now blowing through the club and some were of the view that standing still was going backwards. To put it mildly they felt it was time to locate to a green field site. While it would cost an enormous amount of money the belief was that the Club was sitting on a goldmine given the price paid for the parcel of land adjoining the present pitch.

Throughout 2003 it continued to be raised at club meetings and those concerned were frustrated at the response from the top table. They decided to form their own plan of action and secretly they met County Council planners to as-

certain their long term plans for the village and its hinterland. They were much encouraged by the favourable response they got. Needless to say their enthusiasm for the project meant that they were unable to keep it under wraps. Word reached the club executive and those “entrepreneurs” had to answer for themselves at the next club meeting. This proved to be a blessing in disguise as their next move was to call an extraordinary general meeting and the executive reluctantly agreed to do so.

The meeting was set for three weeks later on 20th July 2004. It created great interest and it was no surprise that the meeting room was filled to capacity. Over the next three hours there followed a very lively debate. Emotions ran high, particularly among the more senior members, as they reflected on the wonderful memories of the many hours spent there whether training, playing or in later years on its maintenance.. They were very much against a move. Many of them argued that it would be an insult to the large number of volunteers who helped to develop the present pitch when it was acquired. It was also suggested that some former players would turn in their graves if they knew what was being proposed. Founder member Tom Ryan also echoed these sentiments making a passionate plea to stay at the present location. He added if it was sold to a developer for housing it would give him a lump in his throat each time he passed the estate.

Long serving caretaker Tom Dempsey said that looking after the grounds was a labour of love for him and indeed he would regard it as his second home. While he would be sad to relocate he said he would have to admit, following a lot of deliberation, it was in the best interest of the club to do so. He went on to say that with all the new development going on parking was going to be a major problem on big match days thus causing tension with some of the local residents.

Juvenile club chairman, Aidan O’Donoghue, said that the situation was most unsatisfactory for juvenile activity and it was often frustrating when training and matches were called off at short notice. He went on to say that if the juvenile club was to develop they would need a pitch of their own and for that reason he would support the move to another location. Many others spoke in favour as it was the road to go if the club was to keep abreast of the 21st century.

Some wondered what the Murphy family would say having donated the initial land for the pitch. This brought a lively response from Frank Purcell the “ring-leader” who read out a letter from Denis Murphy giving the move his families blessing. With the time approaching midnight chairman Jim Mc Grath felt that democracy would have to win out and a secret vote would be taken. Despite the late hour there was nobody leaving as Larry O’Brien handed out the voting papers. Jim Mc Grath warned that only fully paid-up members could vote. A pin could be heard to drop as the votes were being counted and excitement, particularly among the younger members, began to mount as the result became apparent from the large bundle on the right.

When the chairman announced the result, he went on to say that, while he was against the proposal initially, he will now give it his full support. He warned that it will be a major challenge and experienced persons would be needed at the helm. He added that the executive would appoint a sub committee and that they would have to be ratified at the next meeting.

Those selected were all involved with the club in one way or another namely the aforementioned Frank Purcell who is an accountant as is Mick O’Brien, businessman Jerry Twomey, teacher Pat O’Halloran, Project manager Deirdre Bourke and agricultural advisor Noel Kenny. Architect Tom Flynn, who is also goalkeeper on the football team, asked to be included and he would be giving

his professional services free of charge. At the next meeting they were duly ratified and Jim Mc Grath requested ongoing updates at the monthly club meetings.

This committee lost no time in coming together and quickly sought a meeting with the County Council. In the meantime an auctioneer was asked to value the present property. The meeting with the council proved to be very fruitful. They put a compulsory purchase order on 20 acres nearby just beyond the school. This worked very smoothly as the elderly farmer Tom Dillon had no direct descendants. Tom was pleased to see the club get the land although he never played sport of any kind he was a most loyal follower of the club in his youth. Luckily the field could be purchased at the going agricultural rate, was very flat and very little earth moving needed to be done.

A letter from the auctioneer upped the feel good factor further as the existing property was worth much more than was first thought so it was decided that this was an opportune time to put it on the market. On the day of the sale there was an eerie, nostalgic feeling about the sale of an asset that served the community so well for years. One of the conditions of sale was that the club would be able to continue to use it until such time as the new facility was up and running.

Having considered all factors including availability of grants from Croke Park, Munster Council and indeed Lotto funding the development of the new facilities should be self-financing. In the event of an overrun on costs, members were confident that with the support of the local community any shortfall would be forthcoming.

Things were moving along nicely but architect Tom Flynn issued a word of caution and advised his fellow members not to get carried away with their enthusiasm as paperwork was a slow moving process. In order to cater for all the members he suggested sending out a questionnaire to ascertain the needs of the members. This was duly carried and the committee analysed its findings in minute detail. Tom then drew a draft plan. He promised to have the plans before year's end (2004) and they would then be put on public display. Apart from a number of small changes they were met with general satisfaction. The layout was as follows: 2 full-length pitches, the main pitch would have a small seated stand with seating also on the opposite side, floodlights, high netting behind the goals, digital scoreboard, hurling wall, a PA system and public toilets. There would also be a juvenile pitch and a floodlit artificial surface. The building should include a large meeting room, (to also double up as a gym or cater for functions), first aid room., kitchen, 4 dressing-rooms, referees room, toilets and storeroom. Turnstiles to be installed at the school end and a large area reserved for parking with tarmac surface. About two acres would be set aside for possible future development. The property would be completely enclosed. In the plan there would be ample room for local firms to avail of advertising on the perimeter of the pitch. When everyone had their say and all were satisfied a planning application was then submitted.

Inevitably there were a number of objections which were mostly of a frivolous nature and permission for the go ahead was granted some months later. Applications for grant aid from the various bodies already mentioned were progressed. Flood lighting in the pitch would mean it was going to be used in the wintertime and a top class drainage system needed to be put in place.

At the final meeting of the year there was a surprise development when Jim Mc Grath revealed that he was stepping down as chairman. He stated that as he was twelve years in the chair, it was now time to move on, and let a younger person take the reins.

An air of anticipation prevailed in the area and this was reflected in the large attendance at the annual general meeting where those overseeing the project came in for much favourable comment. When it came to the election of officers it became obvious that Frank Purcell was the frontrunner for the chair. Secretly Frank had his mind set on this post sometime in the future, but out of respect for Jim, he decided to bide his time. He was proposed and seconded with little fuss and was deemed elected unopposed. In his address the outgoing chairman Jim said that he had every confidence in Frank and his committee to guide the club forward.

At the first meeting of the year a decision was taken to give the contract to local builder Jim Burke. The Burke family were synonymous with the club since its foundation and ironically this year it was a proud moment for Jim when his two grandsons were on the victorious under-14 county title winning team. It was felt that Jim would carry out the works with the best interest of the club in mind.

The voluntary effort, which is very much part of GAA tradition, once again manifested itself when locals made their tractors etc available thus minimising costs. The contracts were signed and a date sometime in the spring 2007 for the official opening was mooted. By the end of 2006, for a variety of reasons, this target never seemed likely and it was reluctantly decided to delay it for twelve months thus also giving an opportunity to give the playing surface time to get it in top class order.

In February 2008 work was advanced enough to allow training to take place and also test the floodlights. The club's financial commitments were also eased considerably with the very successful sale of the existing ground. Sunday evening 25th May was the date set for what was going to be a very proud event in the club's history. Tipperary and Waterford agreed to play a hurling challenge match to mark the occasion with the curtain-raiser being a football game involving players from the juvenile club. On the preceding week, much attention was paid to ensure that nothing would be out of place. Club members also rose to the occasion and were to be seen brandishing their paint brushes and gallons of paint. On a glorious evening, with the aroma of freshly mown grass wafting in the air, a very large crowd piled into the field. Parish Priest Fr Eamon Kennedy (Fr Ned as he was affectionately known) performed the blessing. In his speech he said that he had one regret in life that due to his calling to the priesthood he was precluded from participating in the sport. He added that he lined out with his club in his youth and encouraged the youth of today to get involved in their clubs.

Chairman Frank Purcell who also acted as MC said that this evening would be forever remembered as a very significant day in the club's history. He added that given these facilities the club should be able to go from strength to strength and also appealed to past players to stay involved and bring the club to new heights.

The county board chairman went on to say that the "Gaels" played a major part in the life and times of the GAA in the county. It was always seen as having leaders in the association whether it was providing administrators, players, referees etc. The Gaels were never found wanting and what he could see this evening was no surprise to him based on the integrity and loyalty of those involved in the club. He commented that the GAA's strength was born from the volunteering ethos week in week out in clubs all over the country. He stated that other club's could take example from the Gaels achievement in securing their field of dreams.

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MID TIPPERARY SEAN GHAEL



Back L/R: John Costigan County Chairman, Sean Mockler Loughmore/Castleiney, Patsy Fitzgerald Gortnahoe/ Glengoole, Jimmy Purcell Thurles Sarsfields and Loughmore/Castleiney. Front L/R: Francis Bourke J.K.Brackens, Dan Ryan Boherlahan/Dualla, Michael Maher Holycross/Ballycahill, Mick Corcoran Killea, Paddy Bourke Moycarkey/Borris,

SOUTH TIPPERARY SEAN GHAEL



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NORTH TIPPERARY SEAN GHAEL



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FIRST COUSINS MAN CENTRE BACK SPOTS FOR TIPPERARY

Cahir is very proud of its connection to the two first cousins Robbie Costigan and Conor O'Mahony who have the unique distinction of manning the centre back positions on the Tipperary senior hurling and football teams this year and also in 2006.

Robbie established himself as the county football centre back in 2005 when Tipperary won the Tommy Murphy Cup, missed the 2007 season due to a facial injury, and resumed his position this year with some great displays. To crown his season he won a Railway Cup medal with Muster, and became the first player ever to bring a Railway Cup medal to Cahir. He was also called into the Irish squad training camp for this year's Compromise Rules series. Robbie was unlucky not to make the final panel and travel to Australia, but it was a great achievement for a Tipperary footballer.



Robbie Costigan

Cousin, Conor O'Mahony has already established himself at the young age of 24 as a great centre back for the Tipperary hurlers, and has been rewarded with a deserved All-Star medal this year. He is a player of tremendous skill,

heart and consistency, and we look forward to All Ireland honours while he is holding the line for Tipperary.

This year was particularly successful at inter-county level with Robbie playing at No. 6 for the football team that achieved promotion from Division 4 while Conor manned the centre-back position on the hurling team that won the Munster Championship, Allianz league and the Waterford Crystal trophy.



Conor O'Mahony

Both players were centre backs on their respective club teams that lost county finals this year. Conor's team Newport were beaten in the Intermediate county final by Templederry, while Robbie's team Cahir were beaten by Galtee Rovers in the senior football final.

Both players are grandsons of Jim and Brigid Costigan of Castlecoyne Cahir. Robbie is son of Dan and Patricia Costigan of Cahir while Conor is the son of Michael and Cathleen (nee Costigan) O'Mahony from Newport.

The Costigan family and all the people of Cahir are proud of their connection to these two fine young sportsmen and wish them every success for the future.

Eddie Lonergan



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Over 150 schools are currently affiliated to Cumann na mBunscol in County Tipperary with a huge number of schools contributing to the County's website: <http://cnmb.tipperary.gaa.ie>. Photos, match reports and Cumann na mBunscol Forms can all be accessed on the site. Hurling Finals took place over two days in Semple Stadium in June and DVDs were available for purchase of each final. This year for the first time in the history of Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol Finals Days will take place in Football also. These Finals are running in 3 venues in Clonmel on the 6th and 7th of November.

Cumann na mBunscol would like to extend a special thanks to all those teachers behind the scenes who work tirelessly for the development of games in Tipperary. Without this endeavour Allianz Cumann na mBunscol would simply not be possible. There is also a huge support network of parents who drive to and provide encouragement at matches and who adhere to the old maxim "Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sé". Well done all! Good luck to all the schools involved in this year's competitions.

Cumann na mBunscol stands for fair play in Sport. This is our Fair Play Charter:

***We are playing for enjoyment, to be with our friends
and to make new friends.***

***We promise to try our best to improve our skills, to help our
team-mates and to obey the rules of the game.***

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
that should give us a lifetime of enjoyment.***

***We may have to risk making mistakes in order to learn,
please give us that chance.***

We thank the referee for giving time to take charge of the game.

We promise to respect the referee's decisions.

We ask the older people to do the same.

We promise to respect our opponents.

We shake hands before and after the game.

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EQUIPMENT SCHEME:

Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol has operated a very successful Equipment Scheme over the past twenty years. This scheme is open to Cumann na mBunscol Schools across the County and offers subsidised quality equipment to Primary Schools. Cumann na mBunscol is grateful to the Tipperary County Board for their help with subsidies. The new registration fee, of €30, for affiliated schools is also utilised within the Equipment Scheme.

Approximately 1,400 helmets and 2,000 hurleys are subsidised annually. The volume of equipment subsidised and distributed by Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol would be the highest in the country, north or south.

A full range of equipment useful to coaching within the schools and clubs is offered with an updated list becoming available each year. Cumann na mBunscol in Tipperary has successfully campaigned within the County Clubs for the use of safe equipment, especially in hurling.

CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL NATIONAL AWARDS 2008:

Many schools from around the county participated in the Cumann na mBunscol National Awards. The County Cíosóireachta entered in the Categories of Public Relations of the Year and Publication of the Year (including websites).

Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol are delighted to announce that for the first time ever entries from our county have been successful at the National Awards. Golden N.S are nominated in the category of Small School of the Year and the County Cíosóireachta have been nominated for a special Assessor's Merit Award. The National Award Ceremony will take place on Friday, the 22nd of November, in Lyrath Estate Hotel, Kilkenny. Congratulations to all involved! Details of this year's awards can be downloaded from <http://cnmb.tipperary.gaa.ie>.



RETIREMENT OF DÓNALL MACCARTHAIGH (SECRETARY)

Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol was sad to announce the retirement from office this year, of one of its most dedicated and hard-working officers, Dónall MacCarthigh. Dónall has played an integral part in Cumann na mBunscol activity over the past 30 years since his graduation as a teacher in 1969. He has worked tirelessly as both an officer of the Coiste and as teacher and Principal in Ballylooby NS outside Cahir.

During his time in Cumann na mBunscol he has served as Chairman, Secretary, Primary Games Officer and County Board representative. He has been a vital link in the promotion of our National Games, especially Camogie and Ladies Football, in Tipperary. With Paul Brett he was instrumental in the revival of Ladies Football within the County. From four schools entering the initial competition there are now over fifty entries each year. Indeed Camogie has been an even greater success with only two schools contesting the first competition where there are currently sixty-four entrants this year. Dónall will continue to work with Camogie within the schools and there are plans this year to build up a Camogie Development Squad from the Primary Schools within the County.

At the AGM many teachers spoke highly of his dedication to the Cumann and of his commitment to advancing Gaelic Games in schools across the County. There are now over 150 schools affiliated to Cumann na mBunscol. Christy Clancy, former Chairman, spoke of the willingness of Dónall to help out that went above the call of duty. Principal of Upperchurch NS, PJ Harrington said that Dónall was a gentleman to deal with at all levels and present Chairman Michael Heffernan said that Cumann na mBunscol in Tipperary will be forever indebted to his contribution. Dónall thanked the teachers involved in Cumann na mBunscol throughout the years. He wished the best of luck to the incoming Secretary, Aodán Wrenn of Clerihan NS and said, "It was a privilege and a pleasure to serve on Cumann na mBunscol in Tipperary. As far as I was concerned the children of the County were always my priority, to get them involved in as many games as possible. I feel that I am retiring at a good time, especially after Tipperary has won two Minor All-Irelands. I would like to thank all those who have helped during my time in Cumann na mBunscol, the teachers I've worked with, Coaches, and the County Board who have supported us so well. At the end of my tenure I would hope that like, the old Indian proverb goes, I left the campsite in better shape than I found it."

2007 Football Winners

Boys

Roinn A: Winners St. Olivers,
Roinn B: Winners Templemore,
Roinn C: Winners Grange,
Roinn D: Winners Gaelscoil Durlas,
Roinn E: Winners Two Mile Borris,
Roinn F: Winners Lisronagh,
Roinn G: Winners Golden,
Roinn H: Winners Kilcash,

Boys Under 11

Roinn A: Winners Carrick,
Roinn B: Gaelscoil Durlas,
Roinn C: Winners Powerstown,
Roinn D: Winners Ballagh,

Girls

Roinn A: Winners Our Ladys Cahir,
Roinn B: Winners Powerstown,
Roinn C: Winners St. Josephs Templemore,
Roinn D: Winners Rathkeevin,

Girls Under 11

Roinn A: Winners Our Ladys Cahir,
Roinn B: Winners Powerstown,

Runners Up: St. Peters and Pauls
Runners Up Cahir
Runners Up Ballyporeen
Runners Up Kilsheelan
Runners Up Boherlahan
Runners Up Inch
Runners Up Ballinure
Runners Up Kilross.

Runners Up St. Marys
Runners Up Cahir
Runners Up Rathkeevin
Runners up Clonoulty.

Runners Up Sisters of Charity
Runners Up Gaelscoil Durlas
Runners Up St. Olivers
Runners Up: Ayle

Runners Up Ballyporeen
Runners Up St. Josephs Templemore

Thursday 5th of June 2008:

U – 11 B Camogie

Ballylooby 0-6 Drom 7-0

Referee: Michael (Fly-by) Jordan

The opening match of the 2008 Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Finals saw the charges of Donal McCarthy of Ballylooby and Kieran Grace of Drom come together in the U11B Camogie Final. Play began with a fine attempt from Ballylooby's Caoimhe Condon that just rang short of the posts. Further pressure led to an excellent save from Drom's goalie, Megan Shanahan. On the opposite end Georgia Brown of Drom scored two goals in quick succession and suddenly play was focused on the Ballylooby goal. Drom's Mary Grace was outstanding with four goals to her name with Miriam Campion making up the final score. After half time Ballylooby's Amy Tobin battled hard in mid field to turn events around for the Ballylooby girls. Lucia Whelan and Eadoin O Gorman worked well to try to claw back some of Drom's advantage but despite a huge save from Ballylooby's Chloe Sweeny, at the final whistle the goals spoke in higher terms than the points with final score being Drom seven goals to Ballylooby's six points.

Ballylooby NS:

Chloe Sweeny, Ellen English, Claire Doyle, Lucia Whelan, Amy Tobin, Caoimhe Condon, Eadaoin O'Gorman, Fiona Burke, Regina Cooney, Eilish Kennedy, Laura Morrissey, Ciara Hickey, Katelyn O'Leary, Maria Ryan.

Coach: Dónall MacCarthaigh

Drom N. S.: Megan Shanahan, Miriam Campion, Margaret Grace, Mary Grace, Lucy Cunningham, Georgia Browne, Aoife Delargy, Laura Kennedy, Rachel Morrissey, Catherine Carey, Adrya Heeney, Paige Heap, Muireann O'Dwyer.

School Principal: Kieran Grace.

U - 11 D Iomáint

Scoil Eoin Naofa Roscrea 2-4 Two Mile Borris 3-3

Referee: Michael (Fly-by) Jordan

Scoil Eoin Naofa and Two Mile Borris produced a thrilling match with fantastic skills showcased by the players. There was little between the teams throughout with both sides getting some exceptional scores. Both teams can be proud of their efforts with the final score revealing the closeness of the encounter. Two Mile Borris were eventually crowned U11 D Winners with a margin of two points. Well done to both teams.

Scoil Eoin Naofa Roscrea:

Dylan Mcleish, Jamie o Meara, Alan Tynan, Evan Fitzpatrick, Eoin Fitzpatrick, Chloe Kirwin, Craig Moloney, Stephen Lee, Patrick Quinlan, Ciarán Guilfoyle, Shannon Aitken, Paul McNamara, Joshua Neville, Philip Cummins, Clive Mcleish, Johnny Delaney, Christopher Murphy, Evan Hassett, Laura Spencer, Cian Cordial, Jordan Donovan, Graham Hogan. First Aid and Water: Ian Treacy. School Principal: Mr Louis Cooley. Team Managers: Mr Patrick Kelly Mr John Manley

Two Mile Borris N.S.: Liam Lanigan (Captain), Niall Heffernan, J.J. Darmody, Chris McCullagh, William Bowe, Tom Murphy, Kieran Cummins, Anthony Mc Kelvey, Jamie Callanan, Jack Cleary, Laura Gleeson, Marty Hayes, Jack Kavanagh, William Power, Cillian Kavanagh. School Principal: Catherine Harty. Team Coach: Liam McCullagh.

U – 11 A Camogie

Our Lady's of Mercy Cahir 6-2 St. Mary's Nenagh 2-0

Referee: Pat Buckley

Our Lady's Cahir have had a fantastic run this season having won the U11 and U13 Girls Football and also the INTO Sevens in both hurling and football. Coming to Semple they were looking like a tough outfit to beat and this certainly proved the case with them winning comprehensively in the U11 A section against Nenagh. Special mention must go to Cahir's Alina Neumerzhitskya originally from Russia who demonstrated her adeptness at the national game.

Our Lady of Mercy N.S., Cahir: Keely Halpin, Ciara Quinlan, Roisin Costigan, Laura Casey, Alina Neumerzhitskya, Aoife Corcoran, Carol Casey, Joye Arbuckle, Roisin Howard, Siobhan Lonergan, Niamh O'Brien, Katie Farrell, Kirsty Arbuckle, Aoife Collins, Megan Ward and Shauna Burke.

St. Mary's Convent Primary School Nenagh: Nicole O'Dwyer, Mairéad Sheridan, Mary Mc. Kenna, Laura Costello, Linda Maher, Mary Spillane, Rachel Spillane, Aoife Deering, Elaine Slattery, Michelle Collins, Rachel Maher, Lisa Darcy, Emily Griffin, Róisín Dolan, Sarah O'Connor, Soracha Henderson, Eimear Byrne, Bríd Collins, Niamh Ryan, Alison McGrath. **School Principal:** Noreen Spain

U – 11 A Iomaint

Scoil Ailbhe 3-11 Carrick C.B.S. 2-3

Referee: Eoin Buckley

Scoil Ailbhe is an established name in Primary schools hurling with a strong tradition of winning this section. However Carrick CBS have been making a name for themselves as they have moved up through the Roinn over the years. Scoil Ailbhe proved too strong for the Green School and the Thurles forwards struck some great scores to run out convincing winners in the end.

Scoil Ailbhe: Dean Bourke, Jason Jordan, Cormac Lanigan, Daniel Taylor, Tom Hayes, Jack Derby, Colm Ryan, Rory Purcell, Glenn Kerrigan, Thomas Fogarty, Gary English, Robbie Hanrahan, Michael Purcell, Jamie Curtis, Mark Purcell, Jack Fitzgibbon, Evan Hughes, Séan Dwan, Jake Moore, Gary Kerrigan, Conor Bowe, Harry Fitzgibbon, Matt O'Brien, Ryan McDonnell, Adam Webb, Dean Champion, Séan Connors, Liam Meany, James Symmons, Eoin Kerrane, Brian Fallon, Séan Barrett, Kevin McLoughlin, Kieran Keane, Jack Hickey, Shane Dunne, David Walsh, Conor Cassidy, Colin O'Shaughnessy. **School Principal:** Flan Quigney.

Team Managers: Denis McCullagh and Claire Grogan

St. Mary's C.B.S. Primary School, Carrick-on-Suir: Scott Hogan, Darragh Foley, Christopher Kerr, Dean Fitzgerald, Luke Gahan, Daniel Walsh, Shane Torpey, Tommy McGrath, Shane Mansfield, Billy Roche, Jack Cooke, Joshua Moroney, Raymond Cooke, Brandon O'Connor, Dean Walsh, Ryan Waters, Michael Whelan, Jack Reade, Darragh Wells, Stefan Maher, Luke Faulkner, Cian Foley, Conor Mackey, Maurice Norris, Ben Kerwick, Daniel Rockett. **School Principal:** Pat Mansell

U – 11 B Iomaint

Ballylooby 2-4 St. Olivers 1-1

Referee: Michael (Fly-by) Jordan

Play set off in this match at a blistering pace with both teams rallied by their supporters in the stands. Ballylooby scored the first goal and they never looked back against a St. Olivers team that kept up the pressure up to the final whistle.

School Name: Ballylooby: Tommy Doyle, Shane Flannery, Tom Ryan, Patrick Fitzgerald, David Murphy, Robert Fitzgerald, William Dunne, David White, Caoimhe Condon, Pierce Murphy, Alan Fennessy, Shane Whelan, Brian Hickey, Christopher Burke. **School Principal:** Dónall MacCárthaigh

St. Oliver's N. S: Luke Derry, Dylan Kennedy, Ross Peters, Jamie Ahern, Jamie Landy, John Kelly, William O'Dwyer, Daniel Derry, Bernard McHugh, Nicky Kavanagh, Dean Ryan, Brandon Mc Guire, Shay Landers, Dean Mc Loughlin, Daniel Daly, Dylan McGrath, Christopher Gearon, Adam O'Cheallaigh, Dean Slattery, Michael Morrissey, Kyle Farrel, Aaron Eoghan, Dean Kennedy. **Coach:** Jerry Mc Donnell.

Roinn B Camogie

Burgess 2-3 Holycross 4-5

Referee: Pat Buckley

Both teams began well in this Roinn B Camogie Final. A Burgess goal was followed by two Holycross goals. Burgess fought back and they led by two points at half time.

Holycross applied the pressure in the second half and they ultimately pushed home their advantage with a two goals and two points margin.

Burgess National School: Clara Bourke, Ciara Floyd, Cara Cottam, Danielle Curtin, Ciardha Maher, Claire Kearns, Tara O'Brien, Shona O'Donoghue, Lorna Floyd, Sarah Dunne, Grace Dunne, Caoimhe Brassil, Elizabeth Floyd. **School Principal:** Donncha De Flóid

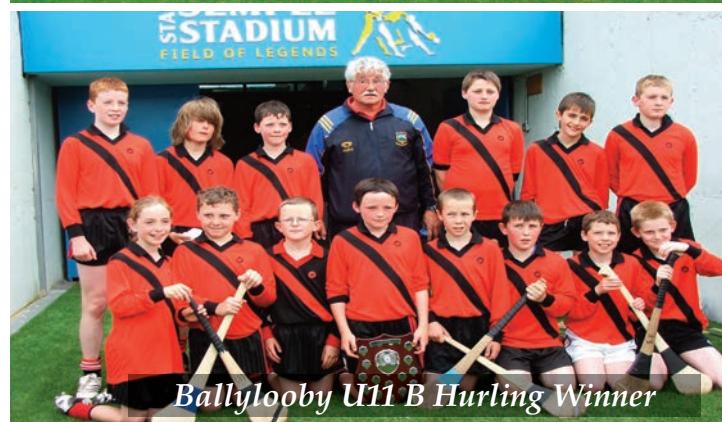
Holycross: Sarah Gleeson, Katie o Mahoney, Tara Greagan, Aisling Kennedy, Laura Shawn, Amy Lean, Lorna Jodie, Clodha Maher, Bree O'Brien, Ciara O Sullivan. **Principal:** Timmy Delaney.



Drom U11 B Camogie Winner



Scoil Ailbhe U11 Hurling Winner



Ballylooby U11 B Hurling Winner



Holycross Roinn B Camogie Winner



Our Lady's of Mercy Cahir U11 A Camogie Winners

Roinn B Iomáint

Holycross 2-9 Loughmore 0-1 Referee: Eoin Buckley

This time it was the turn of the Holycross Boys and their opposition in the Roinn B Final was Loughmore. Loughmore are previous winners of the Roinn A Hurling and were hotly tipped during the leagues stages of the competition. However they met in the final a strong and determined Holycross outfit that dominated from the outset. The final score didn't fully reflecting the passionate hurling played by both sides.

Loughmore N.S.: Brendan Leahy, Kieran Maher, John Connolly, Shane Manton, Keith Manton, Mark Butler, Brian McGrath, Bill O'Connell, Anthony Ryan, Anne Eviston, Robert O'Connell, David Ryan, Liam Gleeson. Subs: Séan Mongey, Martin O'Connell, Mairéad Eviston, Elliot Cole, Dermot Leahy, Éilís Hassett, Eoghan Ryan, Stefan Maher, Jamie Doyle. **Holycross N.S.:** Joe Doran, Cian Hehir, Conor Ryan, Paul Callanan, Shane Ryan, Cormac O'Connor, Eddie Murphy, Jamie Woods, Shane Maher, Jack Skehan, John Croke, Ciaran Maher, Eric Fanning. Subs: John Humphries, James Keady, James Flynn, Michael Sheehy, Raymie Nally, Brian Dwan, Aaron Ryan. **School Principal:** Timmy Delaney

Roinn C Camogie

Loughmore 2-1 Boherlahan 5-3 Referee: Michael (Fly-by) Jordan

Loughmore were up again, this time in the Roinn C Camogie. Boherlahan were a determined team with crucial scores being snatched early in the first half. Loughmore scored a goal early in the second half and it looked like they might stage a comeback. However their exertions were controlled by Boherlahan and at full time Boherlahan were the Roinn C Cumann na mBunscol Camogie Champions for 2008.

Loughmore: Ciara Manton, Laura Allen, Tara Treacy, Sophie Flanagan, Katie Cleary, Anne Eviston, Caoimhe Maher, Áine Campion, Mairéad Eviston, Darina Sweeney. Subs: Leanne Gleeson, Louise Ryan, Aibhe Connolly-Dempsey.

Scoil San Isadóir Boherlahan: Kelly Edinborough, Áine Devane, Aoife Clancy, Jessi Flattery, Gráinne Manton, Sinéad Kavanagh, Aoife Kennedy, Shauna Ryan, Mary Ellen Mc. Bride, Patricia Maher, Shannon Riordan, Catherine O'Dwyer, Shannon Quigley, Maeve Delaney. **School Principal:** Mary O'Donnell

Friday June 6th 2008 Roinn F Iomáint

Ballytarsna 2-4 Golden 4-13 Referee: Michael (Fly-by) Jordan

Play on the second day of the Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Finals began early at 10.30am in Semple Stadium. First out of the blocks were Ballytarsna and Golden National School who contested the Roinn F Hurling. Green and Blue bedecked supporters from both schools urged their teams on in the bright morning sunshine. Both teams began strongly with free flowing hurling displayed by both sides. Golden led at half time and though Ballytarsna scored two goals after the resumption they could not stave off the Golden offensive with Cumann na mBunscol Secretary; Aodán Wrenn eventually bestowing the Roinn F Hurling title on Golden National School.

Little Flower N.S., Ballytarsna: Cillian Maher, William Purcell, Fionn McCan, Edel O'Dwyer, Colm O'Dwyer, John Walsh, James Heffernan, Sharon O'Reilly, James Downey, David Ryan, Reece Hourigan, Andrew Jay, Brian O'Riordan. **School Principal:** Siobhán McGrath Byrne.

Mentors: Jamsie Hogan, Jerry O'Dwyer, Tom Clarke, John Purcell

Golden N.S.: Paddy Morrissey, Keith Landy, Nathan Magee, Ciannait Walshe, Darren Moloney, James Casey, Sean O'Halloran, Emma Sinclair, Gráinne Barry, Evan Hayes, Christopher Holland, Sean Cafferky, Ian Burke, Cliona O'Neill, Aine Dalton, Ross Lalor, Natasha Egan, Shannon Morrissey. **School Principal:** Dick Hennessy **Mentors:** Siobhan Condon, Sean O'Neill

Roinn A Camogie

Our Lady's of Mercy Cahir 5-7 St. Mary's Nenagh 4-6

Referee: Pat Buckley

In the U13 A St. Mary's Nenagh again came up against Our Lady's of Mercy, Cahir. After Cahir's win the previous day Nenagh were out to prove themselves and this match proved to be one of the most thrilling of the two days. It was neck and neck for the whole game with both teams showcasing their skills. Nenagh were leading by one point at half time. In the second half Nenagh capitalised on their chances and with two minutes to go Nenagh were up by four points and it looked like a certain Nenagh win. However two quick goals in succession for Cahir changed the whole complexion of the game and Our Lady's of Mercy went on to win by four points.

St Mary's Convent Primary School, Nenagh Tara Kennedy, Eimear Starr, Aileen Duggan, Danielle Duignan, Aisling Spillane, Laura Doherty, Caitlin Schoer, Aimee Walsh, Nicole O'Dwyer, Paula Ryan, Orlagh Deering, Rachel Maher, Mary McKenna, Rachel Spillane, Eimear Byrne, Mairead Sheridan, Soracha Henderson, Sarah O'Connor, Elaine Slattery, Aoife Cahill. **Our Lady of Mercy, Cahir:** Sadhbh O'Donnell, Emma Buckley, Heather Lambert, Ciara Longren, Clara O'Donnell, Carol Casey, Aisling McCarthy, Emma Corcoran, Claire Kiely, Kirsty Downey, Roisin Howard, Aoife Corcoran, Keely alpin, Rachel O'Dwyer, Roisin Costigan, Alina Neumerzhitskaya, Katie Farrell. **School Principal:** Noreen Spain. **Team Manager:** Breda Duggan, Suzanne Kelly. **Coach:** Tommy Mulcahy.



Holycross Roinn B Hurling Winner



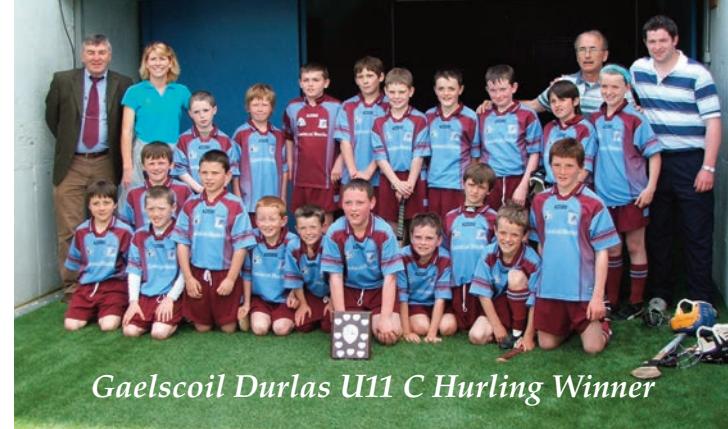
Boherlahan Roinn C Camogie Winner



Golden Roinn F Hurling Winner



Our Lady's of Mercy Cahir Roinn A Camogie Winner



Gaelscoil Durlas U11 C Hurling Winner

Under 11 C Iomáint

Gaelscoil Durlas 2-3 St. Colmcille's Templemore 0-1

Referee: Eoin Buckley

Gaelscoil Durlas versus St. Colmcille's Templemore promised to be a cracking game and though the final score might not reflect this it definitely was an exciting one for the crowds in Semple. It was exciting to hear Irish being spoken on the playing field and Gaelscoil certainly showed their moves on the field as well. Despite the best efforts of the Templemore boys it did not transform into scores and in the end the Under 11 C shield was taken the short journey from Semple Stadium to its new home in Gaelscoil Durlas.

Gaelscoil Durlas Eile: Loran O' Tuathail, Faolán O' Líonáin, Cathal O' Maoldomhnaigh, Jack O' Cearbhaill, Conor Staiciúim, Billy Mac Cártáigh, Keith O' Cathail, Stiofan O' Flanagan, Bill O' Dairbhre, Jeff O' Raghalligh, Aisling Nic Aógaín, Eoin O' hÍci, Daniel O' Seachnasaigh, Caoimhú O' Donaille, Evan Mac Cormaic, Niall Condún, Aaron O' Callanáin, Conor O' Hagan.

St. Colmcille's Templemore: Brian Roche, Shane Fogarty, Michael Greed, Jordan Moloney, David Fogarty (C), Thomas Morrissey, Eoin Brophy, Kieran Heeney, Joseph Kennedy, Joseph Leahy, Eamon Kennedy, Jack Kennedy, Jordan Lyons, Conor O'Brien, Steven Quinlan, Jim Purcell, Dean Morrissey, Eoin Bourke, Ned Kinnane, Jamie Morrissey, David O'Shea, Tom Murphy, Conor Sheedy **School Principal:** Kieran Healy. **Team Managers:** Will Ryan and Mary Fogarty

Roinn G Iomáint

Kilcash 2-4 Ballinacloagh 5-7 Referee: Martin Treacy

This was Ballinacloagh's third attempt at the Roinn G title. In last year's final they were almost washed out of it with unseasonably torrential rain but this year they proved their calibre by beating South Champions Kilcash in the two teacher schools section of the competition. In the end Ballinacloagh were determined to make this third time lucky and finally lifted the Roinn G plaque to the delight of their school mates, parents and supporters.

Kilcash N.S.: Aaron Dempsey, Joe O'Neill, Aaron Fogarty, Brendan Martin, Eric O'Shea, Brian Twohig, Martin Gibbs, Séán Martin, Eimear Columby, Becky Mullins, Kelly Walsh, Aineen O'Neill, Thomas Avery, Katy Mullins, Naomi Ryan, Ryan Murray. **School Principal:** Laurence Flynn. **Mentor:** Liam O'Dwyer

Ballinacloagh N.S.: Cillian Fitzpatrick, Paul O'Sullivan, Ryan Toohey, Shane Daniels, Eimear Diran, Andrew Hayden, Mark Daniels, Eoin Corcoran, Pádraig Corcoran, Linda Corcoran, Natasha Maher, Killian Carr, Dean Craven, Clíona Kennedy, Aoife Nolan, Emma Troy, Dean Walsh, Shane Mitchell, Jade Fahy. **School Principal:** Michael Gleeson

Roinn D Camogie

Youghalarra 2-2 Anacarty 0-0 Referee: Martin Treacy

Roinn D Camogie has always been a tough Roinn to qualify from and both teams promised a good match from the outset though the intensity of the exchanges in this match was not fully reflected in the final score. Two first half goals for Youghalarra were to prove decisive.

Youghalarra N.S., Newtown: Caoimhe Reynolds, Una Quigley, Jennifer Grace, Sinead Quigley, Aisling Gregan, Amanda Egan, Amy Seymour, Aideen Nealon, Grainne Gleeson, Aine Gillespie, Maeve Daly, Lisa O'Halloran, Jennifer Molloy, Grace Donovan, Lauren O'Keefe, Aimee Kearns, Andrea Alonso. **School Principal:** Maeve O'Brien **Team Manager:** Caroline Forde, **Mentors:** Donie Nealon

Anacarty NS: Sinéad O'Neill, Jade Dempsey, Niamh Coughlan, Michelle Griffin, Clara Pye, Niamh Loughman, Noelle Griffin, Leanne Hayes, Sinéad Buckley, Jennifer Burke, Karen Fox, Elaine Kelly, Kelly Crosse, Courtney Dempsey, Jean Kelly. **School Principal:** Olivia Ryan. **Team Manager and Mentors:** Marian Anderson, Mairéad Ryan, Linda Grogan

Roinn C Iomaint

Grange 3-8 Cloughjordan 0-3 Referee: Michael (Fly-by) Jordan

This match squared up to be a cracking encounter with last year's winners in the U11B section, Grange always going to be a good bet and they were coming up against Cloughjordan, a North Tipp hurling stronghold. The final score of 3-8 to 0-3 didn't reflect the intensity of the exchanges but in the end Grange were deserving winners.

Grange N.S.: Jack O'Donnell, Laura Dillon, Sean Nagle, Colm O'Shaughnessy, Bill Johnston, Gerry Cronin, Tom Kirwan, James Walsh, Michael O'Connor, Kieran Davis, Shane Keating, Jamie Fitzgerald, Stuart Campbell, Evan Warner, Mike Hogan, John Hickey, Eanna Heffernan. **School Principal:** Tomas O'Slatara. **Team Manager:** Richard Carroll.

Cloughjordan N.S.: Keelan Troy, Mark Tierney, Conor Austin, Mark Armitage, Jack Farrell, Brian Dooley, Andrew Hodgins, Kieran Brereton, Cian Darcy, Paul Guidera, Thomas Hague, Johnathan Powell, Rory McCarthy, Martin Grace, Liam Dooley, Mark Culbert, John Carter, Bramall Hague. **School Principal:** Eileen Armitage. **Team Managers:** Thomas Hassett, Vivian Dooley. **Mentors:** Declan Troy, Florence McCarthy, Peggy Brereton.



Ballinacloagh Roinn G Hurling Winner



Youghalarra Roinn D Camogie Winner



Grange Roinn C Hurling Winner



Dunkerrin Roinn E Hurling Winner



Ballylooby Roinn D Hurling Winner

Roinn E Iomáint **Anacarty 2-8 Dunkerrin 3-7**

Referee: Pat Buckley

Anacarty versus Dunkerrin was another cracking game with both teams taking to the Semple ground like old pros. This was a contest to the very last second with great performances from both sides. Dunkerrin held on for a two point winning margin.

Anacarty: Evan Heffernan, Peter O'Dwyer, Jamie English, Gerard Ryan, Mike Fox, Joshua Quinn, Thomas Quinn, Ben Curry, Michael Bradshaw, Eoin Brennan, Gearóid Loughman, Patrick Cussen, Tom Crowe, John Ryan, Declan Ryan, Arnold O'Dwyer, Conor Bradshaw, Eoghan Loughman, William Quinlan, Stephen O'Brien, Conor Devlin, Michael O'Brien, Anthony O'Brien, T.J. Breen, Jayson Morrissey, Jack Ryan. **School Principal:**

Olivia Ryan. **Team Manager and Mentors:** Marian Anderson, Mairéad Ryan, Linda Grogan

Dunkerrin: Dylan Maher, Brian Doughan, Tomás Duane, Caitriona Doughan, James Doughan, Seán Fogarty (Capt.), Michael Doughan, Donal Carroll, Mairéad Teehan, Adam Hogan, Patrick Fogarty, Stephanie Kenny, Eimear Teehan, David Kenny, Leanne Larkin, Margaret Cleary, Monica Kirwan, Grace Toohey, Niamh Kenny, Leonie Bolger, Caitlin Kieran, Mary Teehan, Bob Kenny, Daniel O'Meara, Gearóid Larkin. **Principal:** Seamus Ryan. **Team Manager:** Kevin McCormack

Roinn D Iomáint

Ballylooby 5-5 Scoil Eoin Naofa Roscrea 3-5

Referee: Martin Treacy

Ballylooby has always been a stronghold of both hurling and camogie in Tipperary. For the past few years they have had three and four teams competing every year. This year they played in U11 and U13 Hurling and U11 Camogie Finals. By winning both hurling finals. Donal McCarthy, retired Secretary of Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol can be duly proud of his charges. In this match Roscrea showed they were a force to be reckoned with and at half time the sides were level at 2-2 apiece and the pressure was on. Ballylooby edged ahead in the second half and Roscrea just couldn't catch them in the end.

Ballylooby: William Dunne, Sean Lonergan, John Fennessy, Conor Ryan, Tom Ryan, James Morgan, Paddy Kenneally, Darren Sweeney, Pierce Murphy, Barry Cooney, John Hynes, David O'Halloran, David White, Aoife Murray, Shane Flannery, Robert Fitzgerald, Alan Fennessy, Christopher Burke, Patrick Fitzgerald

School Principal: Dónall MacCárthaigh

Scoil Eoin Naofa Roscrea: Dylan Mcleish, Ian Treacy, Alan Tynan, Evan Fitzpatrick, Eoin Fitzpatrick, Chloe Kirwin, Craig Moloney, Stephen Lee, Patrick Quinlan, Ciarán Guilfoyle, Shannon Aitken, Paul McNamara, Joshua Neville, Philip Cummins, Clive Mcleish, Johnny Delaney, Chris Bergin, Mark Tracey, Brian McNicholas, Robert Ryan, Brian Kealy, Brian Monks, Nial Kealy, Kevin Purcell, Mantvidus Vosylus, Christopher Murphy, Evan Hassett, Laura Spencer, Patrick Murphy, Cian Cordial, Jordan Donovan, Jamie o Meara, Gaham Hogan

First Aid and water: Donie Troy. **School Principal:** Mr Louis Cooley. **Team Managers:** Mr Patrick Kelly Mr John Manley

Roinn A Iomáint

Scoil Ailbhe 1-4 Nenagh C.B.S. 2-3

Referee: Michael (Fly-by) Jordan

As always the Roinn A Final was highly anticipated and this game did not fail to deliver. Scoil Ailbhe were looking to add to the silverware they had won the day before in the U11 A Final and hopes were high that they could pull off the double. In the end a jubilant Nenagh pipped Scoil Ailbhe at the post with a margin of two points at the end of a thrilling game.

Scoil Ailbhe: Matthew Fogarty, Cormac Lanigan, Brian Hanrahan, Colm Ryan, Jack Derby, Jack O'Connell, Mark Conway, Ronan Maher, Paul Sammon, Brendan O'Loughlin, David Fogarty, Rory Purcell, Thomas Skehan, Séan Butler, Darragh Coffey, Evan Cuddihy, Robbie Mulcaire, Jack McDonnell, Séan Fitzgibbon, Tony O'Brien, Séamie Hanafin, Shane Lanigan Ryan, Aaron Hennessy O'Dwyer, Martin McCarthy, Colm Sheppard, John Nolan, James Bracken, Damien Ryan, Colin Loughnane, Josh Kenehan. **School Principal:** Flan Quigney

Team Manager: Fergal O'Reilly, **Mentors:** Denis McCullagh and Claire Grogan

Nenagh CBS: Jack O'Brien, Michael Hallinan, Michael Collins, Rory Henderson, Phillip Hickey, Barry Heffernan, Andrew Coffey, Luke Kennedy, Eoin McMahon, Oisin Ryan, James Mackey, Adam Maxwell, Anthony Walsh, Brian Gubbins, Paul Browne, Paul White, Jack Molamphy, Jack Sheehy, Aodhan Geavey, Brian Tuite, Ian McNamara, R. Gilmartin, B. Flynn, A. Geaney, C. O'Reilly, A. Hough, A. Hogan. **School principal:** G. Ryan. **Team Manager:** L. Flannery **Mentors:** B. Kenny, C. Glennon



Nenagh CBS Roinn A Hurling Winner



Skeheenarinky N.S. winners of the ground hurling competition for small schools in South Tipperary –

Back Row (l to r): Marie O'Keeffe (Teacher), Michael Peters, Amy O'Callaghan, Eddie Barrett, Kevin Slattery, Noel Vaughan (Capt), Stephen Dennehy, Kathleen Lennon (Teacher).

Front Row (l to r): Ciaran Cahill, Michael Kennedy, Conor Bradley, Gemma King, Tara Curtin.

TIPPERARY PRIMARY GO GAMES:

At a meeting of the officers of Comhairle na Mumhan and officers of Cumann na mBunscol na Mumhan, held in Limerick on Tuesday 3rd June 2008, the matter of a sponsor for The Primary Go Games was discussed. The officers of Comhairle na Mumhan informed the officers of Cumann na mBunscol that The Star Newspaper was keen to sponsor The Primary Go Games for the next three years. The officers of Comhairle na Mumhan and the officers of Cumann na mBunscol agreed to accept this sponsorship. The games will now be known as: "The Star Primary Go Games".

TIPPERARY PRIMARY GO GAMES BOYS FOOTBALL TEAM

Ronan Heffernan, Rossmore.; Evan Mac Aogáin, Gaelscoil Bhríde, Durlas; Riain O Callaghan, Ballyporeen; Gerry Cronin, Grange; Colin O'Riordan, Templemore; Michael Connolly, St. Olivers; Dave Finnane, Tankerstown; Andrew Hill, Clerihan; Jamie Tierney, Cappawhite; Brian Kealy, Roscrea; Sean Birmingham, Kilvemnon NS.

Primary Go Games Football Selectors: Fergal O Reilly (Scoil Ailbhe Thurles), Kieran Healy (Templemore BNS), Aodhán Wrenn (Clerihan N.S) Brian Boyle (Sacred Heart Roscrea)

TIPPERARY PRIMARY GO GAMES GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM:

Amy Ní Shiurtáin, Gaelscoil Bhríde, Durlas; Orlaith Ryan, Powerstown; Maureen Murphy, Ballylooby; Erin Connolly, Mullinahone; Chloe Lyons, Ballyporeen NS; Aoife Howe, Shronell; Dara Breathanach, Gaelscoil Cluain Meala; Rosalie O'Donnell, Ardfinnan; Shauna Quirke, Newtown; Sinead Cummins, Garryshane NS.; Emma Heffernan, Mount Brus.

Primary Go Games Ladies Football Selectors: Laoise Ní Chuinneagáin (Gael Scoil Durlas), Mary Horan (Ballylooby N.S). Mary Ryan (Upperchurch N.S), Marianne Anderson (Anacarty NS)

TIPPERARY PRIMARY GO GAME CAMOGIE TEAM (Munster Semi Final):

Caitriona Donoghue, Scoil Mhuire, Dunkerrin; Aine Devane, Boherlahan N.S.; Julieanne Bourke, Gurtagarry N.S.; Ann Eviston, Loughmore N.S.; Jenny Logue, Lisnamrock N.S.; Tara Kennedy, St. Marys Nenagh; Edel O'Dwyer, Ballytarsna N.S.; Ciannait Walsh, Golden N.S.; Aoife Murray, Ballylooby N.S.; Ciara Slattery, Knockavilla N.S.; Clare Kearns, Burgess N.S.

TIPPERARY PRIMARY GO GAME HURLING TEAM (Munster Semi Final):

Cathal Ryan, Inch N.S.; Jason Ryan, Gurtagarry N.S.; Colm O'Dwyer, Ballytarsna N.S.; Tom Kirwan, Grange N.S.; Shane Ryan, Holycross N.S.; Brendan O'Brien, Carrig N.S., Nenagh; Barry Heffernan, Nenagh CBS. Matt Stapleton, Borrisoleigh N.S.; Ronan Maher, Scoil Ailbhe N.S.; Jamie O'Connor, Killenaule N.S.; Sean Ryan, Uppercurch N.S.

TIPPERARY PRIMARY GO GAME CAMOGIE TEAM (Munster Final):

Helena Grace: Drom N.S., Edel Nyland: Castleiney N.S., Emma Corcoran: Our Lady of Mercy Cahir, Kate O Meara: Redwood N.S., Aíanna Morris: Kilruane N.S.; Ellen O'Brien: Toomevara N.S., Róisín Comerford: Holycross N.S., Aisling Gregan: Youghalara N.S., Noelle Griffin: Anacarty N.S., Sarah Ryan: Clonoulty, Joanne Cross: Thomastown N.S.

TIPPERARY PRIMARY GO GAME HURLING TEAM (Munster Final):

Daryl Ryan: Corville N.S., Roscrea, Eoin Kehoe: Kilsheelan N.S., Noel Vaughan: Skeheenarinky, Nigel Flood: Portroe, Bill O'Connell: Loughmore, Tomas Brett: Templemore BNS, Jamie Woods: Holycross N.S., Stephen Cleary: Kilruane N.S., Rory O'Regan, Pouldine N.S., Fionnán O'Sullivan: Ballyporeen N.S., James Mackey: Nenagh CBS.

TIPPERARY CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL HANDBALL RESULTS:

The National Schools Cumann na mBunscol finals took place in Dolla on Saturday 20th May.

In the Semi Finals in U11 Doubles Ronan Bourke & David Bradshaw (Ballina N.S.) beat Niall Ryan & Conor Doheny (Ardcroney N.S.) 11/6, 4/11, 11/4

In the other Semi Final Peter Kennedy & Eamon Corcoran (S/Mines N.S.) Bt Dean Walsh & Dean Waters (Carrick-on-Suir CBS) 11/6, 4/11, 11/2

In the U13 Doubles Semi-Finals John Paul Roche & Colin Loughman (Carrick-on-Suir CBS) beat (Silvermines N.S.) 11/1, 11/4

Finals:

U11S: Joshua Moroney (C-O-Suir) Bt Cormac Boyle (Ardcroney) 11/5, 11/2

U11D: Ronan Bourke & David Bradshaw (Ballina) Bt Peter Kennedy & Eamon Corcoran (S/Mines) 11/7, 11/4

U13S: Stephen Moroney (C-O-Suir) Bt. Jack Corcoran (S/Mines) 11/7, 11/4

U13D: John Paul Roche & Colm Loughman (C-O-Suir) Bt. Patrick Ryan & Sean Cleary (Ardcroney) 11/6, 11/4

Girls Entries:

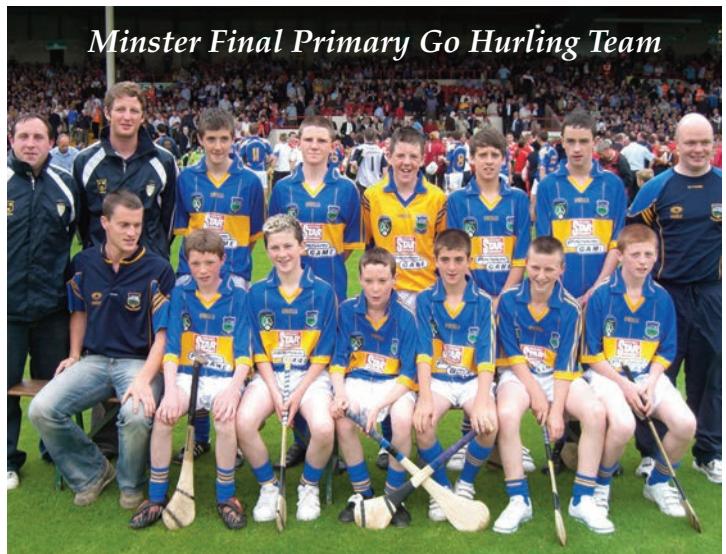
U11S : Maeve Gardiner (Ballina)

U13S: Maria Ryan (S/Mines)

U13D: Katie Monaghan & Tara Wilshaw (Ballina)

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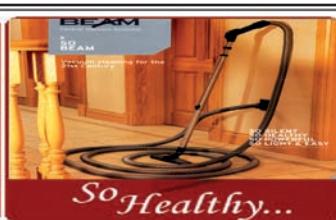
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Post Primary Schools Round-Up

by Shane Brophy

Vocational Schools Senior Hurling 'A':

Borrisokane Community College came agonisingly close to lifting the All Ireland Senior 'A' Vocational Schools title for the second time in four years when a late late goal saw them lose out to Colaiste Mhuire, Johnstown.

The North Tipperary school had progressed to the final after a patchy campaign. After the conclusion of round-robin section of the Munster Championship, Borrisokane met arch-rivals, St. Brogan's of Bandon in the final for the second year in a row.

It was a game played in the fantastic new GAA Complex in Mallow and Borrisokane were quite fortunate to come away with a draw with goalkeeper Cian Hayes making five fantastic saves to keep a lively Bandon attack at bay. As poor as they were, Borrisokane managed to open up a five point lead in the second half before Brogan's hit a purple patch late on to force a second date.

The late finish to the Munster championship meant that the replay did not take place until after the All Ireland series as both sides progressed to the All Ireland semi-finals as losers in both Munster and Leinster alternate each year. St. Brogan's subsequently won the replay.

Borrisokane CC progressed to meet Galway champions Athenry Vocational School in Banagher while Brogan's lost out to Colaiste Mhuire, Johnstown. Borrisokane got off to a blistering start and scored the first eight points of the game without replay in a fourteen minute spell with county minor star Brian O'Meara in devastating form at centre forward, scoring four from play plus a sideline cut.

However, some astute switches saw Athenry power back into the game and as the game entered added time, the Galway side were three points to the good when Brian O'Meara won a free, which Ruairí Gleeson shot to the net to force an extra twenty minutes of play.

The goal gave Borris a new lease of life and began the half with points from Niall O'Meara and a Ruairí Gleeson free. Athenry substitute Niall Murphy halved the deficit before another foul on Brian O'Meara on the 21 yard line lead to Gleeson crashing another free to the net.

It was all Borrisokane and only a fine Niall Connaire save denied Donal Morkan but Alan Hogan converted the resultant 65 as Borrisokane took a five-point lead to the change of ends.

Brian O'Meara and another Gleeson free extended the lead to seven when their third goal ended the game as a contest and it came in bizarre circumstances with Donal McGrath in attempting to rise the ball in his own square, forced the ball into his own net.

Borrisokane took on Colaiste Mhuire Johnstown in Nowlan Park as the curtain-raiser to the Croke Cup decider with Borrisokane coming within minutes of winning the title for the second time in four years.

When Borrisokane struck for two goals in the third minute of the second half from Brian O'Meara and Derek Morkan, to add to Ruairí Gleeson's first half blaster, Borrisokane opened an eight point advantage. However, Borrisokane weren't to score again as they shot some poor wides while Johnstown got on top in the vital sectors.

Despite struggling in the forward department, it looked as if Borrisokane would hang on when leading by one point as the game entered the final minute of normal time when the title slipped agonisingly from their grasp in controversial fashion.

Johnstown forward Rory Hickey gathered possession 65 metres out from goal under the old stand side but was penned in by a number of Borrisokane defenders but much to the astonishment of most people in the stand, the referee blew for a free to Johnstown even though Hickey had (1) over-carried and (2) was barging.

While Hickey attempted to go for a point, early frees suggested that he would struggle with the range and as luck would have it, the ball dropped short into the square where Owen Warren got the final touch to break Borrisokane hearts.

Borrisokane CC squad that took part in the All Ireland final v Johnstown

Cian Hayes (Kildangan); Keith McNamara (Shinrone), Brendan Fogarty (Lorrha), Padraig O'Meara (Shannon Rovers); Alan Hogan (Shannon Rovers), Joe Gallagher (Kildangan), Graham Houlihan (Lorrha); Ciaran Haugh (Lorrha), Barry McNamara (Shinrone); Christopher Doughan (Moneygall), Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Eoin O'Meara (Lorrha); Niall O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Ruairí Gleeson (Kildangan), Donal Morkan (Shinrone), Shane Aherne (Borrisokane), Kevin Ryan (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Padraig Kelly (Kildangan), Stephen James Gleeson (Kildangan), Scott Hodgins (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Danny Burke (Shannon Rovers), Eanna Hogan (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Keith Kelly (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Eoin Kennedy (Kildangan), Willie Cleary (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Eanna Gleeson (Kildangan).



Borrisokane CC, who were narrowly defeated by Colaiste Mhuire (Johnstown) in the All-Ireland VS senior 'A' final. Back row: Eoghan Kennedy, Shane Aherne, Danny Bourke, Keith Kelly, Scott Hodgins, William Cleary, Pauric Kelly, Stephen James Gleeson, Eanna Hogan. Middle row: Christopher Dunne, Brian O'Meara, Cian Hayes, Keith McNamara, Eoghan O'Meara, Ruairí Gleeson, Kevin Ryan, Niall O'Meara. Seated: Alan Hogan, Barry McNamara, Brendan Fogarty, Joe Gallagher, Pauric O'Meara, Donal Morkan, Graham Houlihan, Ciaran Haugh.

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MUNSTER FINAL:

Borrisokane CC 1-11 St. Brogan's 0-14

Borrisokane Lost replay

ALL IRELAND SEMI-FINAL

Borrisokane CC 3-20 Athenry VS 2-12 AET

ALL IRELAND FINAL

Colaiste Mhuire Johnstown 2-9 Borrisokane CC 3-4

VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS SENIOR 'B' HURLING

Nenagh Vocational School brought back All Ireland glory as they pipped Cork rivals Kanturk in two almighty battles for the title.

Their first meeting was in the Munster final in Emyl on Good Friday with 2007 county minor Michael Heffernan getting the last gasp winner in added time to win the by slenderest of margins. The Nenagh club man ended the game with a haul of 4-4 to help the school win their second provincial title in four years.

Nenagh enjoyed home advantage for their All Ireland semi-final with St. Kilian's of New Inn. However, it proved to be a disappointingly one-sided contest as goals from Heffernan, Michael Sheedy, Kieran Fogarty and James Ryan helped Nenagh to a 25 point win.

Kilmallock was the venue for the re-match between Nenagh VS and Kanturk in the All Ireland final and can also be classed up there as one of the best games of hurling seen this year.

Twenty minutes of extra time was needed to separate these two evenly matched sides. The victory was tempered by a serious injury to Kanturk forward Liam Daly that held up the game for almost an hour while an ambulance was called after the corner forward who scored 2-2.

At this stage, Nenagh had built a six point lead and looked comfortable going into the final six minutes when play resumed at 5.10pm but in honour of their injured colleague, Kanturk laid siege to the Nenagh goal and hit three points from play and forced Johnny Mulqueen into two fine saves as Nenagh hung on.

It was Nenagh who forced the extra time period as top-scorer Michael Heffernan struck two nerveless frees towards the end of normal time as Kanturk had led the whole way but were caught at the final whistle.

The Cork side were superb in the first half with Adrian Walsh outstanding at centre back and opened up a five point gap when Michael Sheedy rattled the net for Nenagh's first goal.

Just one point separated the sides at half time as the second half developed into a marvellous game with Kanturk always keeping their noses in front until Heffernan struck with two late frees to force the extra time.

Having brought the game to extra time, Nenagh took full advantage before the injury delay and were helped by their greater fitness as at least four Kanturk players needed treatment for cramp. Michael Heffernan pointed from play before Stephen Murray struck a tonic goal. Nenagh were backed by the freshening breeze but conceded a goal almost immediately as the Nenagh defence failed to clear effectively with Lorcan McLoughlin finding the net.

It only briefly de-railed a dominant Nenagh at this stage with Michael Heffernan (free) and Mike Sheedy hitting points.

Leading by just two points at the change of ends, Nenagh made the winning burst in the four minutes before the injury delay with four unanswered points. Michael Heffernan and Stephen Murray added the first two with James Ryan and Tommy Heffernan adding the later when goal chances were also on.

Nenagh VS that took on Colaiste Treasa Kanturk in the All Ireland final
Johnny Mulqueen (Burgess); Stephen Gleeson (Toomevara), Noel Quirke (Silver-

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Abbey CBS, Tipperary Town

Cusack Cup Under 15 'A' Football

Our Lady's College, Templemore

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HARTY CUP RESULTS**THURLES CBS**

Rnd1	Thurles CBS	2-8	Ard Scoil Rís, Limerick	0-11
Rnd2	Thurles CBS	1-18	Midleton CBS	0-15
Rnd3	Thurles CBS	4-21	Charleville CBS	1-3
QF	Thurles CBS	2-6	Our Lady's, Templemore	0-12
QF R	Thurles CBS	0-13	Our Lady's, Templemore	1-8
SF:	Thurles CBS	1-14	Ard Scoil Rís	1-10
Final	De La Salle	1-11	Thurles CBS	0-7
AIQF	Thurles CBS	0-2	Kilkenny CBS	0-10
AISF	Thurles CBS	0-12	Dublin Colleges	0-10
AIF AET	Thurles CBS	1-15	De La Salle	2-12
AIF R	De La Salle	2-9	Thurles CBS	2-8

OUR LADY'S COLLEGE, TEMPLEMORE

Rnd1	Our Lady's, T'more	0-22	PT Youghal	0-8
Rnd2	Doon CBS	1-18	Our Lady's, Templemore	1-14
Rnd3	Our Lady's, T'more	3-20	Glanmire CS	1-9
QF	Our Lady's, T'more	0-12	Thurles CBS	2-6
QF	Rep Thurles CBS	0-13	Our Lady's, Templemore	1-8

NENAGH CBS

Rnd1	Nenagh CBS	1-18	Carrigaline CS	3-12
Rnd2	Nenagh CBS	2-8	St. Flannan's, Ennis	0-9
Rnd3	Nenagh CBS	1-20	St. Caimin's, Shannon	0-16
Rnd4	Nenagh CBS	1-17	St. Colman's, Fermoy	0-6
QF:	Colaiste na Deise	5-12	Nenagh CBS	1-18

CASHEL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Rnd1	Cashel CS	10-21	North Mon	0-4
Rnd2	De La Salle	2-14	Cashel CS	0-10
Rnd3	Colaiste na Deise	4-20	Cashel CS	5-13

but did make Nenagh to be thrown in for the second half as Tipperary chased the game.

Tipperary Vocational Schools team that took on Galway in the All Ireland Semi-Final

Cian Hayes (Borrisokane CC); Michael Creamer (Nenagh VS), Lorcan Burke (Col Mhuire, Roscrea), Noel Quirke (Nenagh VS), Alan Hogan (Borrisokane CC), Joe Gallagher (Borrisokane CC), Pearse Morris (Nenagh VS); Ciaran Haugh (Borrisokane CC), Niall Rigney (Col Mhuire, Roscrea); Michael Ryan (Col Mhuire Roscrea), Michael Sheedy (Nenagh VS), Andrew Collier (Col Mhuire Roscrea); Ruairí Gleeson (Borrisokane CC), Brian O'Meara (Borrisokane CC), Michael Heffernan (Nenagh VS). Subs: Kevin Fox (St. Ailbe's, Tipp Town) for R Gleeson (50); John O'Dwyer (Killenaule VS) for N Quirke (53).



Abbey CBS - Hennessy Cup U15 Hurling 'B' Champions 2008

Back L/R: John Kiely (Coach), Peter Hayes, Anthony Daly, Philip Roche, Mark Kiely, Christopher O'Halloran, Killian Ryan, Sean Compton, Fintan Ryan, Patrick Kavanagh, Niall Daly, Oliver O'Driscoll, Maurice Crowe, David Power, Gary Cunningham, Patrick Quirke, Dylan Nugent, James Ryan. Front L/R: Donncha Hogan, David Breen, Cathal Devlin, Damien Burke, Liam Nagle, Liam O'Dea, Capt., Peter Mulholland, Ciarán Ryan, Johnny Lowry, Matthew Ryan, Oisín O'Meara, Eoin White, Jerry Mc Cahill, Gary O'Callaghan.



Abbey CBS McGabhan Cup Post Primary Schools County S.F. Champions 2008

Back L/R: Shane Russell, Robert Walsh, Edward Gill, John O'Henehy, Gerard Ryan, Paddy Finnane, Eoin O'Malley, Jack Donovan, Liam Horan, Conor McNamara, Paudie O'Dwyer, Kevin Ryan. Middle L/R: Diarmuid Ryan, Ger Mulholland, Diarmuid Hayes, Thomas Hanley, Padraig Lyons, Darragh Kennedy, Kevin Barry, Billy O'Meara, Pat Cussen. Front L/R: Robert Kiely, Fergal McNamara, Mikie O'Dwyer, Michael Frawley, Oisín O'Dwyer, Eoin Fitzgibbon, Hugh O'Dwyer, Michael Fitzgerald, Brendan Collins, David Kennedy.



Abbey CBS Munster Senior Football 'B' Champions 2008

Back L/R: Brendan Collins, Kevin Ryan, William O'Dwyer, Thomas Franklin, Edward Gill, Eoin O'Malley, Eoin McCarthy, Padraig O'Dwyer, David Walsh, Kevin Barry, Pat Cussen, Declan Burns. Middle L/R: Mr. John Kiely, Padraig Lyons, Hugh O'Dwyer, Shane Russell, Diarmuid Hayes, John O'Henehy, Gerard Ryan, Paddy Finnane, Thomas Hanley, Conor McNamara, Michael Frawley, Declan Ryan, Robert Walsh, Gerard Mulholland, David Kennedy, Sean O'Meara, Diarmuid Ryan, Mr. Pat Donovan, Vice Principal, David Donovan. Front L/R: Mr. John Heffernan, Principal, Robert Kiely, Michael O'Dwyer, Billy O'Meara, Fergal McNamara, Mr. Damien O'Brien (Coach), Eoin Fitzgibbon, Captain, Mr. Conor Reale, (Coach), Darragh Kennedy, Darren Lowry, Oisín O'Dwyer, Michael Fitzgerald, Mr. Paddy O'Kelly, Sportsmaster.



Nenagh VS senior hurlers who received their Munster & All-Ireland 'B' medals from Tipperary Manager Liam Sheedy.

Back row: (from left) - Brian Carroll, Michael Mulqueen, Jonathan Mulqueen, Andrew McCloskey, Michael Abbott, James Cody, Adrian O'Donovan, James Ryan, JP Grace, Michael Creamer, Noel Quirke, Kieran Ryan, Stephen Gleeson. Middle row: Stephen O'Meara (Coach), Brian McGarry, Matthew Collins, Tony Hogan, Michael Sheedy, Shane Garland, Patrick Looby, Cormac Shouldice, Darragh McLoughlin, John O'Brien, Len Gaynor (Coach), Liam Heffernan (Selector). Seated: Stephen Murray, David Seymour, Tommy Heffernan, Kieran Fogarty, Pearse Morris, Mark Harty, Michael Quinn, Michael Heffernan, Michael Geaney, Robert Mulqueen, James McCormack.



The Our Lady's Templemore Panel that defeated Thurles CBS in the Canon Fitzgerald Cup Final in Semple Stadium

Picture Back Row L to R J Bergin, E Connolly, E Murray, S McCormack, P Kennedy, W Ryan, P Ryan, L Treacy, A Fogarty, E Fitzpatrick, M Maher. Back Row L to R A Purcell, J Keane, A Ryan, B Bergin, P Lupton, D McCormack, L Butler Capt, W Eviston, A McGrath, MJ Carroll, M Kelly

Silverware eludes Thurles, but that's all

By Shane Brophy

In the current depths of winter as you sit by the fire and reflect on the GAA season gone by, there are many highlights to look back on as a Tipperary follower. 20 April will stick in many peoples minds as Tipperary lifted the National Hurling League title and just forty miles down the road in Ardfinnan, the footballers achieved what looked unattainable a month before hand by achieving promotion to division three of the National Football League.

For me, the schools hurling season for 2007/2008 will go down as one of the highlights such was the standard and excitement generated by the players of the future in performing for their schools.

Nenagh Vocational School may have been the only school to return a national title but Thurles CBS and Borrisokane Community College lost nothing in All Ireland defeat, even if the trophy's didn't return to their schools.

In the Dr. Harty Cup, Tipperary had four schools in the competition, three of which made the knockout stages and if Cashel Community School had not been in the group they were in, it would likely have seen all four schools in the last eight.

It was a remarkable competition. The famed St. Colman's of Fermoy and St. Flannan's of Ennis failed to emerge from their groups while no Cork school, reached the knockout stages for the first time in their history.

Cashel made an eye-catching start as they put ten goals past the famed North Mon for Cork to win by a 47 point margin with Alan Moloney and Kenneth Horgan contributing seven of the goals between them. However, they were paired in a group with reigning champions and pre-competition favourites De La Salle from Waterford who defeated Cashel in round 2. Cashel needed a win or a draw to reach the last eight but lost out to Colaiste na Deise in a cracking game losing 4-20 to 5-13. The West Waterford combination went through to the quarter finals there they defeated Nenagh CBS in another thriller.

The North Tipperary school were favoured to make the semi-finals having come through a very competitive group unbeaten.

In their first group game, they threw away a healthy lead and had to settle for a draw against Carrigaline. They earned a tonic victory against St. Flannan's of Ennis in Scariff is round 2 and that injected huge confidence into a team that contained All Ireland minor medal winner Paddy Murphy.

They returned to Scariff again where they had to produce an excellent display to finally overcome St. Caimin's of Shannon, a victory that guaranteed them a knockout berth with one game remaining.

That game against St. Colman's of Fermoy would decide if Nenagh would top the group and they duly obliged with an impressive destruction of the famed Cork college, winning by 14 points.

In their quarter final played in Kilsheelan, very little separated the sides but Nenagh's defence let them down as they outscored their opponents but the concession of five goals proved crucial as Colaiste na Deise won through 5-12 to 1-18.

Thurles CBS and Our Lady's College, Templemore needed two games to separate themselves in the 2007 quarter finals and lightening struck twice again when they were paired together in the last eight.

Templemore were the seeded team having topped their group on scoring average having beaten PT Youghal and Glanmire Community School but losing out to Doon CBS.

Thurles were piped to top spot in their group on scoring average having drawn with Ard Scoil Ris from Limerick before going onto defeat both Midleton and Charleville CBS's in impressive fashion.

The Ragg was the setting for both the drawn game and replay with both sets of pupils generating a terrific atmosphere, akin to what we would expect from a schools rugby match in Leinster. Crowds of over 2,000 attended both games



Kieran Morris is challenged by two De La Salle players but retains possession at Nowlan Park

Our Lady's, Templemore were far the better side in the drawn game but it took a late Noel McGrath free to rescue a replay. The replay took place on a Friday afternoon in arctic conditions and once again, we were treated to a pulsating contest, which swung both ways.

Templemore looked in good shape at half time, as they were level with the wind to aid them after the break. They were helped by a goal from Noel McGrath penalty but not for the first time in the competition, Thurles dug deep and edged ahead with Kieran Morris starring at full forward and just as if we were set for extra time, Morris fired two late points to edge Thurles into the semi-finals.

In mid-February, they took on Ard Scoil Ris for the second time and on this occasion, they showed their true class and with the help of a David Butler goal, they won through more comfortably than the four-point margin suggests.

On 8 March, Leahy Park, Cashel was packed to the rafters as Thurles went in search of their first title since 1956 against the reigning champions De La Salle who had cruised their way to the final, including a demolition of Colaiste na Deise in the last four.

Played in heavy underfoot conditions, Thurles were no match for the physically stronger De La Salle side. The game hinged on two goal chances early in the second half, one which was saved from John O'Neill and within minutes, De La Salle had conjured up one of their own to build a lead, which they defended to the finish. Thurles's season wasn't over, as they took on near-neighbours and Leinster runner-up Kilkenny CBS in Kilmanagh for the right to play Dublin Colleges in the All Ireland semi-final. Thurles produced an emphatic performance to win by twelve points with David Butler and Kieran Morris starring once again.

The 2006 All Ireland champions Dublin Colleges were always going to prove to be a stiff test for Thurles's credentials of winning the All Ireland. The game was played in Nowlan Park, Kilkenny in miserable conditions. Thurles had just a three-point lead at the break despite playing with a gale in the first half but once again, they showed great character to win through by two points with a sterling defensive effort.

De La Salle once again stood in Thurles's way of silverware when the sides met in Nowlan Park on Saturday, 5 April for what proved to be the best game of hurling witnessed this year.

It had everything. Wonderful scores, brilliant saves, timely interventions, terrific physicality and added to by a wonderfully enthusiastic crowd that made enough noise of 20,000 people rather than the 2,000 or so that witnessed the game live on TG4.

De La Salle came into the game as overwhelming favourites after winning the Harty Cup decider between the sides by seven points just over a month previous but from early on, it was clear that a different Thurles team was before us.

Thurles played terrifically well into the wind in the first half, yet they found themselves two goals down at the break with De La Salle benefiting from a number of kind breaks that allowed Peter McCarthy and Pauric Mahony to goal with the defending champions taking a six point half time lead.

The game needed a quick Thurles response after half time and Tipperary minor star John O'Neill provided it. After being shackled superbly in the first half, O'Neill managed to break free to take a pass from Michael Russell to goal and bring Thurles back into the game.

It began a second half of terrific intensity with Thurles utterly dominant in defence restricting De La Salle just to three points, all from frees. The second half was dramatic, as Thurles played with terrific abandon with Patrick Ryan, James Barry and Rory Ryan superb.

A Kieran Morris free forced the game into extra time where the drama continued. One wondered whom the extra time would benefit. The second half exertions looked to have taken its toll on Thurles as DLS hit three unanswered points, however Thurles found a second wind before the break with points from play from Patrick O'Brien, substitute Aidan McCormack and Michael Russell.

Thurles could never get their noses in front and the second period of extra time continued in the same vein with John O'Neill cancelling out a Stephen Power pointed free. Stephen O'Keeffe saved his side two minutes into the second period when making an instinctive save from a first time shot from Aidan McCormack. There were chances at both ends and as the game went into two minutes of added time, a quickly taken line ball caught out the Thurles defence with Killian Fitzgerald pointing. It looked all over for Thurles but John O'Neill took it on himself to look for the quick puckout, and gathering possession and with three DLS defenders chasing him down what looked like a blind alley, he pointed from right on the side-

line and a very acute angle to boot, to send this game to a replay and few were complaining afterwards about having to watch these two sides again.

Seven days later, the teams returned to the Marble City for the replay which didn't reach the heights of the drawn game but it wasn't far off it. One wondered if the Thurles underdogs had missed their chance and they looked to have carried over the greater hangover as DLS took a deserved four-point lead to half time.

A goal just before half time from Kieran Morris (who went onto score 2-5 and was named man of the match) brought Thurles back into the game after DLS had struck for two early goals.

As they did in the drawn game, Thurles came sharply out of the blocks in the second half with Morris shooting two points before he pilfered a goal to put Thurles in front at a vital stage. Despite dominating the second half, they struggled to pull away from their dogged opponents.

De La Salle managed to hit the front with ten minutes to go but a Kieran Morris free, three minutes from the end, looked set to bring the game to extra time before Daniel Purcell stepped up to fire a long range point to finally bring the stalemate to an end to one of the great GAA drama's of 2008.

Despite not going home with the Croke Cup, Thurles lost nothing in defeat.

Thurles panel members:

Bill McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields), Stephen Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Kevin O'Gorman (Capt), Peter Ryan (Upperchurch-Drombane), Michael Ryan (Holycross-Ballycahill), James Barry (Upperchurch-Drombane), Rory Ryan (Moycarkey-Borris), Denis Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Patrick O'Brien (Knockavilla Kickhams), Ciaran Shelly (Ballingarry), Michael Russell (Thurles Sarsfields), Colm Ryan (Upperchurch-Drombane), David Butler (Drom-Inch), Kieran Morris (Moycarkey-Borris), John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Paul Ryan (Upperchurch-Drombane), Sean Harty (Upperchurch-Drombane), Aidan McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields), Matthew Greene (Upperchurch-Drombane), Pat Molloy (Moycarkey-Borris), Diarmuid Fogarty (Moyne-Templetuohy), Tomás Bracken (Moycarkey-Borris), Tomás Comerford (Holycross-Ballycahill), Jamie Barry (Moycarkey-Borris), David Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Rory O'Shea (Thurles Sarsfields), John Shortt (Thurles Sarsfields), Philip Looby (Drom-Inch), Dara Devane (Boherlahan-Dualla), Paul Quinlan (Moyne-Templetuohy).



Thurles CBS - Colleges senior 'A' Finalists. Back row: (from left) - Ger Kennedy, Paul Quinlan, Sean Harty, David Maher, Kieran Hammersley, Pa Dunne, Matthew Greene, John Shorthall, John Shortt, Dara Devane, Thomas Bracken, Paul Ryan. Middle row: Tony Leahy, Jamie Barry, Rory O'Shea, Philip Looby, Thomas Comerford, Pat Molloy, Bill McCormack, Kevin O'Gorman (captain), Stephen Maher, Michael Doyle, John O'Neill, Aiden McCormack, Diarmuid Fogarty. Seated: Colm Ryan, David Butler, Peter Ryan, Kieran Morris, Denis Maher, James Barry, Rory Ryan, Michael Russell, Patrick O'Brien, Ciarán Shelly.

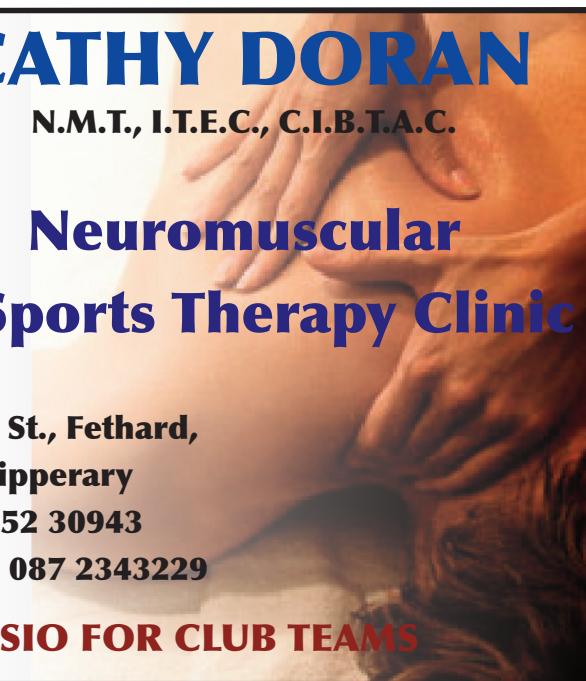
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Third Level Colleges

Fitzgibbon Cup Hurling 2007/2008 Round-up

By County PRO Ed Donnelly

The 2007/2008 season was a memorable one for Third Level Colleges hurling competitions culminating in what was arguably the most memorable Fitzgibbon Cup final ever witnessed with the Waterford Institute of Technology (WIT) eventually defeating the Limerick Institute of Technology (LIT) after an epic double extra time encounter.

The format of the Fitzgibbon Cup was different than in previous years as the knockout element was replaced by a League format to help determine the Quarter-Finalists. After some interesting games in the group stages, the last eight teams were left standing to face in to a competitive Quarter-Final to try and qualify for the Fitzgibbon Cup weekend.

Fitzgibbon Cup Quarter-Finals

The defending champions LIT secured their place in the semi-finals thanks to a hard earned 2-10 to 0-11 victory over University College Dublin (UCD). UCD's Tipperary representatives included wing-back Diarmaid Fitzgerald (Roscrea), full-forward Tommy Fitzgerald (Roscrea), corner-forward Niall Curran (Mullinahone) and panel members Paul Ormond (Loughmore-Castleiney), Colm Gleeson (Portroe) and Michael Feeney (St. Marys). Galway / Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT) caused an upset when they defeated the Cork Institute of Technology (CIT) by 2-13 to 2-12. The CIT team included goalkeeper Matthew O'Donnell (Killenaule), wing-back Niall Teehan (Gortnahoe-Glengoole), wing-forward Peter Downey (Ballyneale) as well as substitute Martin Dunne (Moyle Rovers). University College Cork (UCC) defeated St. Pat's / Mater Dei by 3-16 to 1-15. Jody Harkin (Borris-Ileigh) played in goal for St. Pat's / Mater Dei while Naoise Cunningham (Kilsheelan-Kilcاش) was part of the St. Pat's panel. Finally, WIT had a comprehensive victory over Dublin Institute of Technology on a scoreline of 3-15 to 1-7.

FITZGIBBON CUP SEMI-FINALS

And so the stage was set for the Fitzgibbon Cup weekend which was hosted by the Cork Institute of Technology. Limerick Institute of Technology (LIT) took on Galway / Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT) in the opening semi-final encounter with the Maher family of Burgess guaranteed an involvement in the Fitzgibbon Cup final as Shane (LIT) and Donogh (GMIT) began on opposite sides. After a close match, LIT qualified by virtue of a 3-10 to 2-10 victory. The second semi-final was no less competitive, again going down to the wire before WIT got the better of UCC on a scoreline of 2-14 to 1-15 with Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields) lining out at midfield for UCC.

FITZGIBBON CUP FINAL

And so to the Fitzgibbon Cup Final and what a game was in store for those in attendance as well as the watching faithful on Live television. The Irish Examiner began its match report as follows – “Awesome, stupendous, magnificent, superb, enthralling. Roll all those superlatives into one and you still won't come up with an adjective good enough to describe Saturday's final of the Fitzgibbon Cup”. Six Tipperary natives started this game with WIT including corner-back Kevin Lanigan (Carrick Swan), midfielder Stephen Lillis (Thurles Sarsfields), corner-forward Ray McLoughney (Kilruane MacDonaghs) while the LIT starting line-up included goalkeeper Matthew Ryan (Templederry Kenyons), full-back Alan Byrne (Shannon Rovers) and centre-back Shane Maher (Burgess). Brian Moroney (Aherlow), Martin McKeogh (Ballina), Timmy Hammersley (Clonoulty-Rossmore) and Stephen Spillane (Arravale Rovers) were all part of the WIT panel while Ronan Sherlock (Silvermines) was on the LIT panel.

The game was closely contested all through with man of the match Joe Canning (LIT) proving a thorn in the side of the WIT defence all day. Canning was imperious from play, from placed balls and especially from sideline cuts. After

a very entertaining match, the sides were level deep in to injury time at the end of normal time. Under pressure, WIT's Kevin Lanigan conceded a sideline cut over 45 metres from goal. His reaction was similar to that of a defender conceding a 20 metre free in front of the posts because he knew the form Joe Canning was in. The Galway starlet had already pointed three sideline cuts in the game from similar distances but under pressure in the dying seconds, would he be able to make it four? The answer was a resounding Yes as his beautifully measured sideline cut bisected the posts for what looked like a famous victory for LIT. Before TG4 had time to show the replay of Canning's point, Eoin Reid of WIT tied the game with an equalising point directly from the puck out. It was that sort of game.

The game ebbed and flowed in the 20 minutes of extra time but there was no separating the teams, and another 10-minute period of extra time was needed. In that spell, the WIT goalkeeper Adrian Power broke LIT hearts with two excellent saves. Directly from the second save, WIT worked the ball downfield to set up Eoin Reid for an all important goal which broke the hearts of the LIT team and set the Waterford College en route for victory on a final scoreline of 1-29 to 1-24. WIT's Ray McLoughney of the Kilruane MacDonaghs club was the top scorer for his team, scoring 12 points, 11 from placed balls. This score tally was eclipsed by Joe Canning's total of 1-16, surely one of the highest individual score tally's for a player on the losing team.

GAA President Nickey Brennan summed up the final with the following words before presenting the trophy - “There are games in your life you'll always remember. This is definitely one of those. It was one of the great hurling occasions and, thankfully, it went out live on TV because people couldn't appreciate it unless they saw it. We had skill, toughness but fairness and it was great to see the stars of today and undoubtedly some of the stars of tomorrow turn in a match of that quality. You could talk about it all night, I'm just so delighted to have been here to witness a truly wonderful game of hurling, and it proved, if proof was needed, that hurling is the greatest game in the world. It also goes to show the importance that the GAA has in third level institutions. There is no doubt about it, there is no sport in third level delivering so much excitement as the Fitzgibbon and Sigerson cups.”



Tipperary players on Waterford Institute of Technology Fitzgibbon Cup winning panel – 2007/2008 season

Back Row (left to right) - Colm Bonnar (Manager), Brian Moroney (Aherlow), Martin McKeogh (Ballina), Stephen Spillane (Arravale Rovers)

Front Row (left to right) - Ray McLoughney (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Stephen Lillis (Thurles Sarsfields), Kevin Lanigan (Carrick Swan), Timmy Hammersley (Clonoulty-Rossmore)

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Tipperary Institute

Tipperary Institute/St. Patrick's College G.A.A. Club

Historic First League Victory

In 2007/2008 season Tipperary Institute/St. Patrick's College GAA Club added another notch to their belt and created their own piece of third level history when they won their first ever All-Ireland League Final on Friday, 7th December 2007. The victory over Maynooth College on a score line of 1-11 to 2-6 also ensured promotion to Division 1 and the opportunity of competing at Fitzgibbon Cup level during the 2008/09 season. This success was as a result of a lot of hard work throughout the nine year period since the club was formed back in 1999/2000 and followed the successes of Ryan Cup winners in 2003 in hurling and Corn na MacLeinn winners in 2007 in football. This is no mean achievement when one takes into account that the club has a relatively small pool of players to pick from, compared to other competing colleges.

Ryan Cup Final Weekend

Having defeated Mary Immaculate Training College, Limerick, Queen's, Belfast in Rounds 1 and 2 and Tralee IT in Quarter-Final, TI/St. Pat's were delighted to be part of a Ryan Cup weekend once again which they had hosted and won in 2003.

In the Semi-Final, they defeated DCU by 0-17 to 1-9 and thus earned a place against Maynooth College in the Ryan Cup Final which was hosted by Cork Institute of Technology. This time around, Maynooth proved too strong for the Tipperary Colleges side and avenged a Division 2 League Final earlier in the season with an impressive display. Although Tipp Institute/St. Pat's battled bravely and were level halfway through the second half, NUIM showed greater resolve and won on a score line of 1-7 to 2-14.

Despite going down at the final hurdle the hurlers of Tipperary Institute and St. Patrick's College can be very proud of their season's efforts in 2007/2008.

TI/St. Pats Panel of Players: Thomas Gleeson (Arravale Rovers), Aidan Dwyer (Borris-Ileigh), Thomas O'Meara (Toomevara), Paddy Kavanagh (Ballacolla, Laois), Andy Kerins (O'Loughlin Gaels, Kilkenny), Shane Prendergast

(Clara, Kilkenny), Kieran Shortall (Moycarkey/Borris), Darragh Spooner (Roscrea), Padraig Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), James Hogan (Templederry Kenyons), Mattie Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Billy Walsh (Clonea Powers, Waterford), Michael Lawlor (Conahy, Kilkenny), Michael Ryan (Upperchurch/Drombane), Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens), Patrick McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields), John Kelly (Moycarkey/Borris), Brian O'Donoghue (Dicksborough, Kilkenny), Padraig McKeogh (Ballina), Denis Keating (Cappamore, Limerick), Kieran O'Shea (Thurles Sarsfields), Chris Foley (Castlerea, Roscommon), Gerard Ryan (Clonoulty/Rossmore), David Shannon (Thurles Sarsfields), Alan Walsh (St. Mollerans), Sean Flynn (Burgess), Martin Bourke (Holycross/Ballycahill).

Football

Tipp Institute/St. Pat's were also involved in Division 3 Football and the Corn na Mac Leinn Football competitions and were unsuccessful in reaching the closing stages of these competitions.

Management:

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Tipp Institute/St. Pat's Captain, Mattie Stapleton, being presented with the Division 2 League Cup from Colin Duffy, P.R.O. CAO, Croke Park

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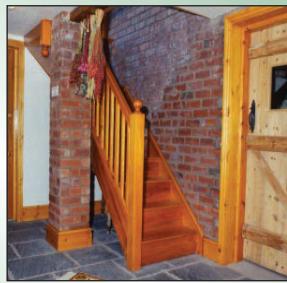
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G.A.A. Publications

by *Seamus J. King*

The major publication event in the county has to be the pictorial history of the Mid board. Promised in 2007 it grew so big that it took much longer to produce than compiler, Martin Bourke, anticipated but is now scheduled for publication at the end of November or early December. It's a monster production in two volumes and will contain about six thousand pictures. Martin has scoured the highways and by-ways of Mid Tipperary and beyond to make the book as comprehensive and complete as possible. It is divided into sections and as well as including a large number of club team photographs, it also includes a large number of intercounty teams featuring Mid players. I understand it will retail for €50, which is cheap for about one thousand pages. It's the first part of the official history of the G.A.A. in Mid Tipperary. Already work is in progress on the volume containing the written history.

The Final Whistle

This is the story of referee, Paddy Russell of Emly, written in association with sports journalist, Jackie Cahill, and it has received more publicity than any sports book on the Christmas market. About 300 people turned up for the launch by President Elect of the G.A.A. Christy Cooney at the Thatch, Emly on October 16. Not only was the crowd huge but it was a great night as well. There were some very funny speeches, starting off with club chairman, Tom Joe O'Brien, who regaled us with stories of Paddy's prowess in football and revealed that Paddy might never have been a referee had his attempts with a band 'Radiation' been more successful. Another very funny speech was made by Pat McEneaney, a good friend of Paddy, who travelled all the way from Carrickmacross for the occasion. Having listened to all the compliments paid to Paddy he stated he was going to retire to Emly because he was regarded only as a b----xs where he came from!

The occasion was as much a celebration of Paddy as the launch of his book. Particularly moving tributes were paid to him as a great family and club man as well as a referee by Munster chairman, Jimmy O'Gorman, and President Elect Christy Cooney. And, the book itself reveals this very ordinary man who became an extraordinary referee. Part of his strength as a referee comes from the kind of man he is who 'wouldn't do a wrong to anybody.' What also comes across is how hurtful the abuse of referees can be.

The book is a wonderful read, a great tribute to the writing skills of Jackie Cahill, who got Paddy to reveal more than he did to anybody, and it gets us right into the controversy of the Paul Galvin affair in the Prologue, the last paragraph of which is: 'After the Galvin sending off, Kerry midfielder Darragh Ó Sé trotted past and remarked, 'You're having a stinker. You're evening is up.' That was the final straw as far as I was concerned. I rarely, if ever, engage in chat with players, and my quick

reply surprised even me: 'You're having a stinker yourself.' Sometimes there's only so much that one can put up with. I had reached the end of my tether. Gaelic football was no fun any more.'

The book is published by Mainstream Publishing, has 287 pages, an inset of 8 pages of pictures and retails for the incredibly low price of €13.99. A must buy!

A recent conversation with Seamus McCarthy gives the impression that the long-awaited, Galtee Rovers history is still on the way. 2009 is the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Gaelic Athletic Association and it might be a good year to publish the book. If Galtee were to win the county senior football championship there would be an even greater reason.

Next year is the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of Clonmel Commercials. Well, it partly started as a 'flag of convenience' in 1932 but didn't enter championships until two years later. The club have spoken about doing something but no work as such has yet been done.

In fact clubs are encouraged to do something on their history for the 125th anniversary, just as many clubs did in 1984. It would be true to say that histories produced in the latter year now need to be updated. One of the initiatives suggested by the County 125 Committee is that clubs, who have websites update them, and those that haven't set one up. The committee are sending a template outlining the required information and if any club completes it and returns to Croke Park, it will get a website set up.

More Than a Sporting Experience

This is the title of a recently published book on thirty years of Gaelic Games in Luxembourg. The book tells the story of a most unusual G.A.A. club, which came into being through the goodwill of a growing Irish community and its friends in the city of Luxembourg 'who wished to have a sporting organisation that reflected ancient and deep-rooted traditions of the homeland.'

This is what makes it unique because the Gaelic Sports Club Luxembourg (GSCL) is much more than a sports organisation, catering for the games of hurling and football. The club has introduced European audiences to a much broader Irish cultural context bringing them Irish music and dancing as well as historical associations and links that resonate in places such as Fontenoy, Wurtzburg, Auxerre, Tournai, etc.



Book Launch 'The Final Whistle'

A lighter moment at the Launch of *The Final Whistle* as, from left Fr. Seamus Gardiner National Chairperson of The Referees Group addresses the attendance, Paddy Russell, Christy Cooney President elect who launched the book and His Grace Most Rev Dermot Clifford Patron of the GAA.

The authors, Eoghan Ó hAnnraocháin and Cathal Davey, reveal a succession of Irish links with the Grand Duchy since the time of Willibrod. The parish priest of Saint Michel Church in 1712 was a Reverend Michael Corcoran. In the 19th century there were Irishmen in Luxembourg whose activities brought recognition to some of them. One of these was Thomas Byrne (1822-1884), an engineer who built bridges and tunnels of the northern Luxembourg railway line and was a co-founder of the Rodange smelting works. He is commemorated as a public benefactor by a street bearing his name in Hamm in the northern suburbs of the city of Luxembourg.

However, it was in the years immediately following Irish accession to the EEC in 1973 that substantial numbers of Irish men and women arrived in the Grand Duchy. Many of these worked in the services of the various EEC institutions. Ó hAnnraocháin was a financial comptroller in the European Parliament. Others were employed in the wide range of banking, financial and related establishments. Still others set up their own enterprises.

Soon, small groups of Irish, as well as friends from other nationalities, assembled for céilís, for music sessions and for some hurling and gaelic football practice. Camaraderie and relaxation were the keynotes of the get-togethers which took place in fields near the airport and on land to the west of the city. As numbers grew and as a sizable Irish presence took root in Luxembourg, the need for a formal association became evident. Thus GSCL came into existence. The club's first competitive outing was played in Rome against the Irish Colleges on May 12, 1978.

The visit to Rome set the pattern for future visits by the club to other parts of Europe. While playing a game of hurling or gaelic football was the ostensible reason for a visit, the occasion was extended by visits to places with links to Irish saints and travellers. In the course of time, in association with the Luxembourg branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Eireann, these visits were expanded to ensure a comprehensive cultural presentation in many European towns.

The book is peppered with accounts of these links to Ireland. For a small country the Irish connections are many and diverse. As part of the official celebrations GSCL played a hurling match at Fontenoy in 1995 on the occasion of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the battle. Irish army pipers also attended. The book recounts the many other places visited, old historical links renewed, occasions when Irish culture was exhibited on a broader stage and, above all, the story of our expatriate brothers and sisters, proud of their heritage, of the Irish contribution to the nations of Europe and confident of what they can contribute in the future.

On a local note the first winner of Poc Fada na hEorpa was Cathal Reddan, son of the famous Tony, who played with the Paris Gaels, and the second winner was Patrick Ryan, also from Tipperary, what part I don't know. The book is lavishly illustrated, many of the pictures taken in the brilliant sunshine one associates with the continent. For a copy contact Michael McLynskey michael.mclynskey@europarl.europa.eu

Hurling World

This is a new magazine that has made its appearance. A monthly, two editions have appeared to date. The man behind it is Frank Burke of Galway, who has been very involved in the production of video histories of many of the hurling counties, including Tipperary. He is also the author of 'All-Ireland Glory' pictorial histories of the senior hurling and senior football championships. These are beautifully illustrated magnificent achievements.

Through his work on these projects he has travelled the country, listening to a lot of people and learning much on the state of hurling. He believes there is a place for such a magazine in spite of the knowledge that the fate of magazines relating to Gaelic Games is not a happy one.

In the editorial to the first issue he states: 'We hope that this magazine will help in some small way to promote the game in all those parishes where it is played and also help it expand and grow in every parish where Celt and non-Celt appreciate the skill, courage and dedication required to play our national game.'

The magazine is a top quality production, professionally done and distributed by Eason's. It is illustrated with photographs from Sportsfile. In the first edition it had



Gerry Slevin (3rd from left) launched his second book "Through Memories Haze" at the Yank's Borrisokane on November 27th (l to r) - John Costigan (North Board Chairman), Gerard Ryan (Tipperary Supporters Club Chairman), Gerry Slevin (Author "Through Memories Haze", Marthy Morrissey (RTE who launched the book), Paddy Ryan (Sponsor) and Noel Morris (MC at launch).

Ollie Canning reflecting on Galway's year, Paul Flynn reviewing his career, John Power warning Kilkenny against complacency, Brendan Cummins on the Poc Fada, a look back to the Quigley family in Wexford, and much more. In the second edition P. M. O'Sullivan has an excellent analysis of Kilkenny's hurling strengths, an interview with Johnny Dooley, who is the Westmeath hurling coach, a profile of Liz Howard by Gerry Slevin, John Mullane looking back aghast at Waterford's performance in the All-Ireland, two articles on Antrim hurling, what Mackey said to Ring in the famous Justin Nelson photograph, and more.

There is plenty in it to appeal to hurling followers everywhere. But, to survive it will have to be purchased. It's a monthly retailing at €5 an issue. There's a special introductory offer of €50 for the eleven issues that will appear in the year and it will be delivered post free through your letter box. Send your subscription to Hurling World, Knockdoebeg East, Claregalway, Co. Galway. It might be a handy present for the Christmas.

Through the Thatch

It's a long time ago since we made a subscription for 'Through the Thatch', the history of the famed Thurles Sarsfields club. Well, it appears there is white smoke at last and years of work are coming to fruition. Liam Ó Donnchú informs me that the first of two volumes will be ready during 2009 and will cover the history of the club up to the 1930s. The history of this club is much more than a mere club history as it impinges on the history of the county in a major way as well. It is a book that will be received with great interest.

Another book to look forward to is a history of the first All-Ireland hurling final by Paul Rouse. Paul, an Offaly man and a researcher with RTE, is passionate about the game of hurling and has spent a lot of time researching this topic. I understand the book contains thirteen chapters so it will probably leave very little to learn about the first All-Ireland after its appearance. I don't have the expected date of its publication.

I should like to mention two match programs. The first was produced by the Thurles Sarsfields club under the editorship of Ger Corbett, for the county senior hurling final. A top class production in full colour, not only was the content outstanding but the layout was superb. A definite candidate for a McNamee Award.

The second is the program produced for the Ladies Football All-Irelands. Again a very well produced program with all the necessary information on the six teams involved. It has great local interest because Tipperary were involved and won the intermediate final. The only crib I have is that it includes pictures of not only the Tipperary intermediate team, but of the under-14 and under-16 teams teams also that qualified for the All-Ireland B finals, and in no case does it name the players in the pictures. No team picture should ever be produced without names the players. The program was published by the Ladies Gaelic Football Association, Cusack Stand, Croke Park, Dublin 1 and may be purchased for €6.35 inclusive of postage.

Finally, two further publications, one from Shannon Rovers and a second from Roscrea. They are annual publications, mainly devoted to juvenile matters and they are due in time for the Christmas market.

LADIES FOOTBALL 2008

The Tipperary Intermediate ladies football team made history on Sunday 28th September 2008 when they defeated Clare in the All Ireland Intermediate Ladies Football Final in Croke Park. It was the first success for Tipperary at this level in 28 years, as Tipperary last captured the All Ireland Senior title in 1980. Tipperary went into the game somewhat as underdogs, having suffered two defeats at the hands of Clare already in 2008, one in the TG4 Munster Final and again in a round of the Suzuki Ladies National League. A large Tipperary contingent from all over the County travelled to Croke Park to support the girls and the scene was set for a historic day for ladies football.

Tipperary opened their scoring account when Mairead Morrissey made a great solo run down field and laid a good ball off to Gillian O'Brien at corner forward for Tipp. Gillian was right on target kicking the ball straight over the bar and giving Tipp the perfect start after less than three minutes of play. Clare were very unlucky at the opposite end when a great pass across the goal mouth from Eimear Considine found the unmarked Aine Kelly but luckily for Tipp her low shot was kicked just narrowly wide. Clare's centre forward Maria Kelly went over on her ankle and had to be replaced by Fiona Lafferty with less than five minutes on the clock which obviously was a big lost to them. Clare registered their first score of the day with a point from a free taken by Majella Griffin in front of the posts. Clare's second score came just moments later, this time from the boot of their captain and No 9, Louise Henchy from play. Aine Kelly knocked over Clare's next score with an excellently taken point from play, following a great pass in from Majella Griffin, giving them a two point lead. A foul on Edel Hanley gave Tipp their next scoring opportunity and she kicked over the resulting free with ease to bring the margin back to a point. Following some good defensive play, Angie McDermott set up a Tipp attack which finally saw Gillian O'Brien and Edel Hanley combining, with the latter kicking over her second point of the day to bring the sides back level after twelve minutes of play. Majella Griffin kicked over a point from a free to bring the Banner girls back into the lead once more. Angie McDermott went on another one of her classic solo runs through the Clare defence and linked up with the determined Mairead Morrissey who got her name on the score sheet with a point from play to bring Tipp back in

line with Clare again. A free awarded for a foul on Angie McDermott on the 40m line was taken by Edel Hanley who put Tipp into the lead for the first time in the game when she sent the ball straight over the bar. Both sides missed scoring opportunities in the last few minutes of the half but Clare did register another score before the break following a scramble in the large rectangle between Patricia Hickey, Claire Carroll and Aine Kelly, with the latter finally gathering the ball and sending it over the bar for Clare. The first half therefore finished as it had started, with both sides on an equal footing once more with 5 points each registered on the Croke Park score board and with everything to play for.

Clare got off to the brighter start when Aine Kelly knocked over a great point from play in the 2nd minute of the half taking up where she had left off in the first half. Tipp's Mairead Morrissey went on a direct attack through the Clare defence and linked up with Jennifer Grant, who in turn saw Edel Hanley in a better position to score for Tipp and she certainly didn't disappoint kicking over another fine point from play for Tipp and her fourth of the day. A foul on Clare's Majella Griffin proved costly when she kicked a high ball in over the Tipp defender's and goalkeeper's heads and straight into the top corner of the net giving Clare a great boost within the first five minutes of the half. Clare extended their lead to 4 points when Aine Kelly was left unmarked in the Clare full forward line and she capitalised on this when she sent over another point from play. Tipp's response was rapid and came from their inspirational captain, Angie McDermott from Cappawhite. Anyone who has seen Angie play over the years knows that she is the one person who can truly turn on the style when it is most needed and it was at this stage in the game that Tipp needed something special. Angie won the ball on the half way line and tore through the Clare defence, leaving several players in her wake and finally sending the ball straight over the bar for Tipp. Tipp never really looked back after this score and set up attack after attack from the full back line all the way up the field. A foul on Edith Carroll from Cahir around the half forward line was driven straight over the bar for Tipp by the on song Edel Hanley and Tipp were back within a single point of Clare. The full back line of Maeve Corcoran, Claire Carroll and Aoife O'Dwyer were totally solid in de-



Back row left to right; Jayne Clancy, Patrice Ryan, Claire Carroll, Jennifer Grant, Maeve Corcoran, Treasa McManus, Patricia Hickey, Nora Noonan, Edel Hanley, Sheelagh Carew, Mairead Luttrell, Joanne O Doherty, Sinead Delahunt, Samantha Lambert, Carmel Condon, Barbara Ryan
Front row left to right; Eileen Brennan, Claire Lambert, Anne O Dwyer, Siobhan Costello, Aoife O'Dwyer, Gillian O'Brien, Mairead Morrissey, Angie McDermott, Edith Carroll, Olivia McCarthy, Cathriona Walsh, Karen Barry, Nancy Ferris.
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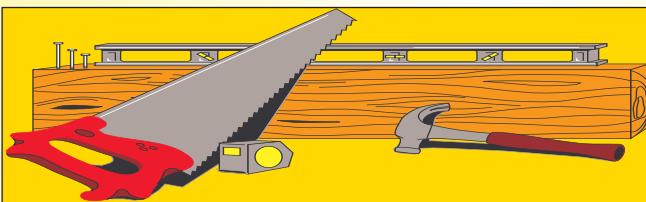
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fence. Tipp cleared their lines time after time and the overlap was provided by Anne O Dwyer, Treasa McManus and Siobhan Costello in the Tipp half back line. Mairead Morrissey and Angie McDermott dominated the mid field area in the second half and worked tirelessly for Tipp. Clare registered their last score of the afternoon with a point from a free from the boot of Majella Griffin in the 11th minute of the half to extend their lead to 3 points. With just eighteen minutes remaining on the clock, Jennifer Grant and Edith Carroll made way for Mullinahone's Mairead Luttrell and Cathriona Walsh from Moycarkey/Borris in the Tipp attack. The substitutions gave Tipp a further boost at just the right time. Mairead Luttrell and Cathriona Walsh were involved in proceedings almost immediately when they both combined to give Edel Hanley the vital pass needed to score a further point from play for Tipp. Edel added another from a free following a foul on Gillian O Brien in front of the posts. Gillian O Brien set up wing back Siobhan Costello for Tipp's next inspirational score when Siobhan made a run up field and gathered a pass from Gillian and sent it straight over the bar for Tipp to bring the sides back level again. Nancy Ferris from Moyle Rovers was introduced for Claire Lambert with just under twelve minutes left on the clock. A foul on Angie McDermott in front of the Clare posts gifted Tipp their next score which Edel Hanley had little trouble converting from the resulting free. Sheelagh Carew was awarded a free for Tipp, again in front of the posts, which Edel Hanley sent over the bar to extend the Premier girls lead to 2 points. TG4 Player of the match Angie McDermott won a free for Tipp in the full forward line and Edel Hanley kicked over her tenth and final point of the afternoon to leave the score board reading Tipperary 14 points to Clare's 1 goal and 8 points. The final whistle was greeted with scenes of jubilation by the players, management team and their many supporters in Croke Park.

Team captain Angie McDermott was presented with the Mary Quinn Memorial Cup in the Hogan Stand. Many of the players from the 1970's and 1980 winning teams were present in the crowd remembering their famous victories also. Team Manager Paddy Morrissey, trainer Michael McCarthy and selector Martin McDermott had finally brought All Ireland success to Tipperary after working with the team for four years and naturally they were extremely proud of all the players who put in so much work over the last number of years in reaching this day. The team then travelled to Rody Bolands in Rathmines which is owned by Ciaran O Meara, who is originally from Tipperary, who came on board as a sponsor in 2007 where they enjoyed a beautiful meal and the real celebrations began with many Tipperary supporters turning out to congratulate the girls.

The team that defeated Clare in the All Ireland final lined out as follows: Patricia Hickey (Brian Borus), Aoife O Dwyer (Brian Borus), Maeve Corcoran (Moycarkey/Borris), Claire Carroll (Cahir), Siobhan Costello 0-1 (Cappawhite), Treasa McManus (Upperchurch/Drombane), Anne O Dwyer (Cappawhite), Angie McDermott 0-1 (Captain) (Cappawhite), Mairead Morrissey 0-1 (Brian Borus), Claire Lambert (Ardfinnan), Sheelagh Carew (Cappawhite), Jennifer Grant (Brian Borus), Edith Carroll (Cahir), Gillian O Brien 0-1 (Moyle Rovers), Edel Hanley 0-10 (Shanahoe).

Substitutes used; Mairead Luttrell (Mullinahone), Cathriona Walsh (Moycarkey/Borris), Nancy Ferris (Moyle Rovers). Remainder of the Tipp panel included; Nora Noonan (Brian Borus), Jayne Clancy (Cappawhite), Carmel Condon (Brian Borus), Karen Barry (Brian Borus), Samantha Lambert (Ardfinnan), Barbara Ryan (Fethard), Joanne O Doherty (Cappawhite), Olivia McCarthy (Brian Borus), Patrice Ryan (Cappawhite), Sinead Cummins (Cappawhite), Sally Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercials), Laura Ralph (Moycarkey/Borris), Siobhan Richardson (Aherlow), Aoife O Dwyer (Thurles Sarsfields).

Team Doctor: Dr Kathleen O Sullivan
Team Mascots: Kate O'Meara & Laura Peters (Aherlow)

The team received a terrific welcome home in Cappawhite on Monday evening with a large crowd turning out to see the entire panel being paraded through the village lead by a lone piper. The celebrations continued in the Community centre as the team were introduced to the crowd by Cappawhite's own Martin McDermott, who is a selector with the team and father to team captain and Player of the Match Angie McDermott. The team and the Mary



Angie McDermott with the TG4 Player of the Match award after the TG4 All Ireland Final

Quinn Memorial Cup will now travel the length and breadth of the County and the story is a great incentive for young girls to get involved in ladies football in Tipperary. The County Board and in particular County Chairperson Enda McDonnell and Biddy Ryan, County Secretary have been working for many years to ensure that Tipp reach these heights in ladies football and all their work has paid great dividends.

Tipperary were also represented in Croke Park in the mini game during the interval of the Tipperary V Clare final by the following girls; Noelle Duffy (Aravale Rovers), Kelly Doran (Templemore), Mary Meaney (Ballyporeen), Aisling McCarthy (Cahir), Laura Dillon (Ardfinnan), Sinead Cummins (Cappawhite), Sally Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercials), Laura Ralph (Moycarkey/Borris), Siobhan Richardson (Aherlow), Aoife O Dwyer (Thurles Sarsfields).



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Journey to Croke Park

TG4 Intermediate Championship 2008

by Patreece Ryan

Following a mixed Suzuki National League campaign, Tipp's journey to Croke Park commenced when they overcame Limerick in the first round of the TG4 Intermediate Championship on 6th July. Having built up a 3 point lead by half time, Tipp went on to score an important goal in the second half and defeated Limerick on a scoreline of 1-8 to 8 points in the end.

Having suffered a comprehensive defeat at the hands of Clare in the Munster Intermediate final at the end of June, Tipp had to face the Banner girls again just a fortnight later in Bansha, Co Tipperary in Round 2 of the All Ireland series of the TG4 championship. While Tipp trailed by 5 points at half time, they didn't allow Clare to have it all their own way in the second half and the home team matched the visitors score for score with both sides notching up 1 goal and 7 points each in the second half. The scores Clare had registered in the first half however were to prove the difference between the two sides and Clare won the game on a scoreline 2-12 to 1-10.

A win in Tipp's next round game against Roscommon in Ardfinnan was vital to progress in the TG4 championship. Playing into the breeze in the first half, Tipp scored 7 points to Roscommon's 4. They continued to exert pressure on Roscommon in the second half and in the end secured another victory with 5 points to spare with the scoreboard reading Tipperary 11 points to Roscommon's 6 points. Tipp's fourth and final round game in the championship was away to Cavan in Kingspan Breffni Park on 3rd August. By half time Tipp had registered 1 goal and 9 points to Cavan's 2 points. Cavan recovered somewhat late in the second half and in the end Tipperary ran out winners on a score line of 3-16 to Cavan's 3-7. While this was a terrific team display, Edel Hanley notched up a remarkable personal tally of 2 goals and 11 points on the day.

Tipperary's opponents in the All Ireland semi-final were old rivals Wexford and the game provided Tipperary with the ideal opportunity to make amends for their All Ireland semi-final defeat at the hands of Wexford in 2007. They travelled to Páirc Táilteann in Navan on 30th August for the TG4 All Ireland semi-final. Both sides exchanged points in the opening half of the game and at

the half time break the teams had registered 6 points each on the scoreboard. Tipperary came out all guns blazing in the second half, with 30 minutes of play all that was separating them from a place in the All Ireland Final. Tipp forwards Edel Hanley and Gillian O'Brien, along with Angie McDermott and Mairead Morrissey all kicked over points in the second half and in the end Tipperary came away with a win on a scoreline of Tipperary 13 points to Wexford's 1 goal and 6 points. Tipp had finally booked their place in an All Ireland Final after a 28 year gap and the first All Ireland that Tipperary will contest in Croke Park, as their titles in 1974, 1975 and 1980 were all played at venues outside of the capital.

Clare defeated Longford in their semi final and the stage was set for Tipp and Clare's third meeting of the 2008 TG4 championship. Clare came out on top in the two previous meetings but the Banner girls only had a goal and two points to spare over Tipp in their last encounter. Tipp have gone from strength to strength as the championship has progressed and they look to be peaking at just the right time.

2008 was Paddy Morrissey, Martin McDermott and Michael McCarthy's fourth year being involved with the team. They previously guided Tipp to Suzuki National League success in 2005 and a Munster Junior title in 2007. Paddy, Martin and Michael all played Senior football together for Tipperary from the mid 1970's to the mid 1980's. Paddy Morrissey also managed the Tipperary Men's Senior Football team in 1998. He was a selector with the Tipperary Minor team when they last won the Munster Minor Football championship in 1995.

The Tipperary panel 2008 included; Patricia Hickey (Brian Borus), Aoife O'Dwyer (Brian Borus), Maeve Corcoran (Moycarkey/Borris), Claire Carroll (Cahir), Anne O'Dwyer (Cappawhite), Treasa McManus (Upperchurch/Drombane), Siobhan Costello (Cappawhite), Angie McDermott, Captain (Cappawhite), Mairead Morrissey (Brian Borus), Claire Lambert (Ardfinnan), Sheelagh Carew (Cappawhite), Jennifer Grant (Brian Borus), Edith Carroll (Cahir), Gillian O'Brien (Moyle Rovers), Edel Hanley (Shanahoe).

Substitutes: Nora Noonan (Brian Borus), Mairead Luttrell (Mullinahone), Cathriona Walsh (Moycarkey/Borris), Jayne Clancy (Cappawhite), Carmel Condon (Brian Borus), Karen Barry (Brian Borus), Nancy Ferris (Moyle Rovers), Samantha Lambert (Ardfinnan), Barbara Ryan (Fethard), Joanne O'Doherty (Cappawhite), Olivia McCarthy (Brian Borus), Patrice Ryan (Cappawhite), Sinead Delahunt (Fethard), Eileen Brennan (Mullinahone).



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Munster U16 Championship Campaign 2008

The Tipperary U16 girls successful Munster B Championship victory culminated in a replayed victory over Clare in early July. Having navigated their way through numerous qualification games, the final victory was richly deserved for this committed and talented bunch of girls.

Their campaign opened in Cashel on April 5th against a strong Kerry side with Kerry getting the better of the Tipperary girls on a 5-15 to 4-04 score line. On May 4th the Tipperary girls took on a spirited Limerick side at Ballylanders in a fiercely competitive game. The game was in the balance until the death and a thrilling finish, with Limerick equalising in the last few minutes saw the game ending in a draw. The replay on May 7th in Sean Treacy Park, Tipperary Town was equally as exciting with Limerick and Tipperary level with minutes to go. Limerick got a goal in the dying minutes and victory looked certain for the Limerick side. However, the Tipp girls were not ready to give up yet, a Tipp move started by Jennifer Russell in goal, which saw Siobhan Condon field the ball from midfield. Siobhan carried the ball towards the Limerick goal, before laying it off to Katie Crowe, who made no mistake and got the needed goal to equalise the game.

In what was now turning into a saga similar to the Senior Hurling Championship in 2007, the game gone to a second replay. The second replay on May 9th at Ballylanders produced moments of sheer brilliance from the Tipperary girls, the final score of Tipperary 3-06 to Limerick's 1-09 resulted in Tipperary going forward to play Waterford. The experience gained in those 3 games stood well to the girls. At times during the games, Tipperary could have given up the chase, but their appetite and desire to work for each other was evident in all these games. Throughout the 3 games, all players were outstanding at certain periods but what really stood out was the strength and high levels of skill shown by the squad.

On Wednesday May 14th Tipperary travelled to Aiglish and had a convincing win over a young Waterford side with the final score 9-16 to 2-09. This victory resulted in Tipp meeting Kerry in the Munster A semi final. A feature of the semi final was the pressure Tipp put on an exceptionally strong Kerry team, while Kerry would have been strong favourites to advance to the final. After a titanic struggle where Tipp had Kerry on the back foot for long periods, Kerry advanced to the Munster A final on a 3-12 to 2-06 score line.

This defeat meant Tipp progressed to a Munster B final against Clare on July 2nd. Conditions weren't suited to football on a wet evening in Bansha but this game epitomised the spirit instilled by the management team in the squad. For long periods Clare looked as they would prevail, but Tipperary just refused to throw in the towel & two Cliona O'Dwyer goals helped Tipperary to a replay after extra time.

Two night later the Tipp girls travelled to Clareabbey to take on Clare once more. After 15 minutes the Tipp girls were 1-03 but worked hard and the game was level at half time. Shauna Ryan working extremely hard opened Tipp's score line with a great point and the Tipp girls never looked back. The games played previously stood to the girls in the replay with an outstanding team performance, allied to displays of individual brilliance resulting in a 3-10 to 1-09 victory. Moyle Rovers Lydia Aherne well deserved the player of the match award.

After playing two difficult championship games against Clare on the 2nd and 4th of July, the Tipp girls travelled to Rosemount, near Moate to take on Armagh in the All Ireland Quarter Final on the 8th of July. The fitness of the Tipperary girls was obvious on the night as Katie Crowe slotted home two great goals and Cliona O'Dwyer getting 1-2 in the last ten minutes. The final score at Rosemount was Tipperary 3-11 Armagh -10.

The Tipperary girls travelled to Pairc Duggan, Ballinasloe on Saturday the 26th of July to take on a Mayo in the All Ireland semi final. Again the girls show great character and fight on the day resulting in a victory. Katie Crowe scored an impressive 3-01 out of Tipperary's 4-05 tally. Maeve Hacket played a sweepers roll in the second half and had her most outstanding game of the campaign. Final score at Pairc Duggan Tipperary 4-05 Mayo 3-04.

Disappointing end to Wonderful Year

An exceptional year for the Tipperary Under 16 Girls team came to a disappointing end Sunday September 7th in Fenagh-Kilmeedy, Co Limerick. This team have given their band of supporters wonderful excitement throughout the year with a Munster crown secured against Clare after a replay earlier in the season. This game was delayed for a number of weeks due to the un-seasonal weather, the break not doing the Tipp girls any favours as they struggled to recapture the brilliance of their semi-final display against Mayo.

The game started with the Tipperary backs under immediate pressure. A surge up field from the impressive Clare centre back Louise Woods resulted in corner forward Megan Haugh opening the scoring for the banner girls. Tipp



Tipperary Team & Mentors that were defeated in the All Ireland Under 16 Final

Back Row Left to Right: Conor O'Dwyer - Thurles Sars, Roisin McGrath - Aherlow, Emma Ryan - Upperchurch, Katie Crowe - Galtee Rovers, Maeve Hacket - Maycarkey-Borris, Kelly Hacket - Moycarkey-Borris, Kelly Maher - Brian Borus, Shauna Maher - Ballyporeen, Eimear Myles - Brian Borus, Jennifer Russell - Moyne Templetohly, Ciara Corcoran - Upperchurch, Rachel Keneally - Aherlow, Nollaig Butler - Moyne Templetohly, Aoife O'Gorman - Cahir, Eileen O'Dwyer - Lattin, Megan O'Sullivan - Thurles Sars, Mary Butler - Upperchurch, Libby Grogan - Aherlow & Derry Peters - Aherlow. Front Row - Left to Right. Jimmy Butler - Arravale Rovers, Laura Ivory - Aherlow, Cliona O'Dwyer - Brian Borus, Aoife Magner - Galtee Rovers, Catriona Ryan - St Ailbes Emy, Caoimhe Boles - Clonmel Commercials, Siobhan Condon - St Ailbes, Emy, Shauna Ryan - Clonmel Og, Deborah Keneally - Brian Borus, Theresa Leahy - Lattin, Ciara Gorman - Moyne Templetohly, Danielle Nevin - Aherlow, Lydia Aherne - Moyle Rovers, Aisling Condon - Brian Borus, Grainne Gorman - Moyne Templetohly & Yvonne Maher - Moyle Rovers.



All Ireland U16 Shauna Ryan & Cliona O'Dwyer

replied on 5 minutes when good pressure from the Tipperary forwards resulted in Lydia Ahearne turning over possession and setting up wing forward Shauna Ryan who slotted over to level matters.

At this stage the Tipperary half back line were well on top with Maeve Hackett prominent throughout the opening half. Clare were moving their main danger Niamh O'Dea around the forward line and in the 14th minute this started to have an effect when she won a free which Ailish Considine converted. Tipperary levelled moments later when great work from Katie Crowe and Lydia Ahearne resulted in Shauna Ryan scoring her second point of the half.

The last ten minutes of the first half were to prove Tipperary's undoing as Clare went on a scoring spree. On 21 minutes, Niamh O'Dea converted a close in free to put Clare up by a point, and moments later the same player scored a wonderful goal on her second attempt despite a superb save from the Tipperary goal-keeper Jennifer Russell. Tipperary's Shauna Ryan who was in inspired form, slotted over her third point from the left hand side to put a goal between them. Tipperary responded with another point from a Cliona O'Dwyer free before Clare's chief threat Niamh O'Dea set up Ailish Considine for Clare's second goal to leave the scores 2-3 to 0-4 in Clare's favour. Just before the end of the half, Tipperary's goal machine throughout the season, Katie Crowe suffered a fractured jaw and had to be replaced at half-time by Mary Butler. In first half injury time disaster struck for the Young Tipperary side when Clare substitute Toni Lagan sent a speculative lob towards goal which deceived Jennifer Russell and ended up in the Tipperary net. The first half finished with another Cliona O'Dwyer free to leave the half time scores Clare 3-3 to Tipperary's 0-5.

Tipperary needed a good start to the second half but despite bringing Shauna Maher out to play as a 3rd midfielder, it was Clare who extended their lead with early points from Niamh O'Dea 2 (one from a free) and Naomi Carroll. It wasn't until the 19th minute that Tipperary got their first score of the second half with midfielder Eimear Moyles scoring after excellent link up play by Kelly Hackett and Shauna Ryan. Another Tipperary point from Shauna Maher was followed by Cliona O'Dwyer knocking over another free. In injury time Niamh O'Dea scored a free for Clare before Naomi Carroll finished the scor-

ing with Clare's 4th goal, leaving the fulltime score reading Clare 4-7 Tipperary 0-8, a score-line which didn't do the Tipperary girls justice.

So a disappointing end to a memorable season, but the memories of their achievements will live with this set of players long after the pain of this one defeat has abated. Despite playing second fiddle to a superior Clare team, for who, Louise Woods and Niamh O'Dea were outstanding, the Tipperary girls never gave up the chase. Their determination, spirit, camaraderie and enthusiasm for the game were typified by all their players, especially their tenacious wing-back and captain Caoimhe Bowles. Afterwards team manager Libby Grogan reflected on the game. "We are disappointed with the result, this isn't the result the girls deserve for their outstanding achievements throughout the year. They have been a pleasure to be involved with and have performed heroics in the Championship. I would like to thank them from the bottom of my heart".

Jennifer Russell - Moyne Templetohy, Deborah Kenneally - Brian Borus, Rachel Kenneally - Aherlow, Nollaig Butler - Moyne Templetohy, Maeve Hackett - Moycarkey, Kelly Maher - Brian Borus, Caoimhe Bowles - Clonmel Commercials, Kelly Hackett - Moycarkey, Eimear Moyles - Brian Borus, Shauna Ryan - Clonmel Og, Siobhan Condon - St. Ailbes Emyl, Cliona O'Dwyer - Brian Borus, Shauna Maher - Ballyporeen, Katie Crowe - Galtee Rovers, Lydia Ahearne - Moyle Rovers, Danni Nevin - Aherlow, Ciara Corcoran - Upperchurch, Yvonne Maher - Moyle Rovers, Aoife O'Gorman - Cahir, Catriona Ryan - St. Ailbes Emyl, Ciara Gorman - Moyne Templetohy, Grainne Gorman - Moyne Templetohy, Laura Ivory - Aherlow, Aisling Condon - Brian Borus, Theresa Leahy - Lattin, Eileen O'Dwyer - Lattin, Aoife Magner - Galtee Rovers, Roisin McGrath - Aherlow, Mary Butler - Upperchurch, Megan O'Sullivan - Thurles Sarsfield, Emma Ryan - Upperchurch.

Manager: Libby Grogan - Aherlow. Selectors: Derry Peters - Aherlow, Conor O'Dwyer - Thurles Sarsfield, Jimmy Butler - Arravale Rovers. Doctor: Kathleen O'Sullivan - Aherlow



Tipperary's U16 Eimear Myles

ARDFINNAN LADIES FOOTBALL 2008

U-12

The U-12 girls kicked off their Championship campaign against Cappawhite in Cappawhite on Saturday 5th April, 2008. Unfortunately on the day we did not have a full strength team and although the girls battled hard, Cappawhite finished victorious on a scoreline of 5-03 to 3-04. Next up was Galtee Rovers in Ardfinnan on Friday 11th April, 2008. The girls were again defeated by a much stronger team on a scoreline of 1-05 to 0-01. Finally things started to look up and the girls defeated a young Fethard team in Ardfinnan on Sunday 13th April, 2008. The final score was 5-06 to 0-04. The girls were out again on Wednesday 16th April, 2008 in Ardfinnan against Moycarkey. This was a though game but the Ardfinnan girls fought to the end and deserved to be winner on a scoreline of 3-10 to 3-02. The girls had a break until Sunday 11th May, 2008 when they travelled to Lattin to taken on the Lattin girls. Again they had a tough game but they weathered the storm and emerged victorious on a scoreline of 4-02 to 0-03. The girls were on the bus again to Thurles on Monday 19th May, 2008 to take on Thurles. Unfortunately the Thurles girls proved way too strong and following some excellent displays of football from both side, Thurles were worthy winners on a scoreline of 6-06 to 2-02.

Following the league stages of the Championship, the girls were drawn against Clonmel Óg in the quarter final stages. This game was played in Clonmel on Wednesday 4th June, 2008. The Ardfinnan girls played some excellent football and their skill and experience proved too much for Clonmel Óg. The girls finished winners on the day on a score of 11-04 to 0-02 and the girls were headed for a semi final against Thurles in Thurles. Although the girls suffered a heavy defeat to Thurles in the league stages, the Ardfinnan girls battled much harder in the semi final and were extremely unlucky to be defeated once again by Thurles in the County semi final and they exited the Championship at this stage.

Ardfinnan took part in the Community Games and played Powerstown on Wednesday 30th April, 2008 in Monroe and in an exciting and thrilled game, Powerstown took the victory on a scoreline of 2-01 to 0-02.

Team for 2008: Kate Condon, Cliona Condon, Lauren O'Leary, Megan Lambert, Saoirse Duggan, Laura Dillon, Jane O'Mahoney, Thea Lonergan, Rosaleen O'Donnell, Gemma Gearon, Laura Nagle, Leah Condon, Chloe Lambert, Rebecca Doheny, Emma Collacot, Sarah Jane Cunningham, Niamh Bian, Nicole Cummins, Summer Murphy, Jessica Ryan, Sophie Walsh.

The U-10 girls in 2008 were: Shannon Bayliss, Ciara Bian, Alannah Boyle, Molly Butler, Méibh Cowan, Rachel Doyle, Aoife Keating, Orla Keating, Valerie Kehoe, Amy Lonergan, Laura Murphy, Emer O'Connor, Grace O'Mahoney and Alice Tobin.

U-13 BLITZ

The girls travelled to Ballyduff, Co. Waterford to participate in an U-13 Blitz. The girls played three games, they beat Mitchelstown on a score of 4-02 to 1-04, they were beaten by Abbeyside on a score of 2-11 to 3-01 and Nemo Rangers also beat them 3-04 to 1-02. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the day which was very well organised and thankfully the rain stayed away for our games!

The girls who participated in this blitz were: Catherine Ryan, Laura Ryan, Sarah Kennedy, Edel Meaney, Shannon O'Mahoney, Joanne O'Mahoney, Jean Butler, Stacey Coffey, Rosalie O'Donnell, Thea Lonergan and Saoirse Duggan.

The club wishes to thank the management and training team who brought these girls together and kept them training hard in 2008 who were Sarah-Jane Burke, Niamh O'Mahoney, Emma Tobin and Rebecca O'Gorman.

U-13 LEAGUE

The girls took part in an u-13 winter league with Upperchurch, Arravale Rovers, Boherlahan and Lattin in their group. They had great wins in 3 games but were defeated by Lattin in their first game. This qualified Ardfinnan a place in the

County Finalists in Tipperary Ladies Football 2008

	Winner	Runner-Up
U-12 "A"	Cahir	Moyle Rovers
U-12 "B"	St. Ailbe's, Emly	Killenaule
U-12 "C"	Brian Borus	Aherlow
U-12 "D"	Thurles Sarsfields	Moycarkey Borris
U-14 "A"	Clonmel Commercials	Cahir
U-14 "B"	Killenaule	Templemore
U-14 "C"	Thurles Sarsfields	Moycarkey Borris
U-14 "D"	Ballyporeen	Glen Gaels
U-16 "A"	Cahir	Clonmel Commercials
U-16 "B"	Templemore	St. Ailbe's, Emly
U-16 "C"	Upperchurch	Clonmel Óg
Intermediate	Brian Borus	Cappawhite
Junior "A"	Upperchurch	Templemore
Junior "B"	Ardfinnan	Aherlow
Minor "A"	Cahir	Brian Borus

League Finalists in Tipperary Ladies Football 2008		
Intermediate	Brian Borus	Cappawhite
Junior "A"	Templemore	Moycarkey Borris
Junior "B"	Mullinahone	Ardfinnan
Junior "C"	Thurles Sarsfields	Ballyporeen
U-13 "A"	Cahir	Templemore
U-13 "B"	Clonmel Commercials	Killenaule
U-13 "C"	Ardfinnan	Ballyporeen
U-13 Shield Final	Boherlahan	Upperchurch



Brian Boru's girls that represented Tipp ladies at senior level.
Back row: Jennifer Grant, Aoife O'Dwyer, Carmel Condon, Olivia McCarthy, Mairead Morrissey.
Front: Patricia Hickey and Nora Noonan.

Semi-Final against Galtee Rovers on Sunday 9th. Ardfinnan played great football and took charge of the game on a scoreline of 4-11 to 2-01.

The u-13 team played Ballyporeen in the League Final recently in Ballyporeen.

Playing against the breeze in the first half Ardfinnan found it hard to score but kept Ballyporeen at bay by defending very well. Ardfinnan kept battling until half time and were ahead by just 2 points. They kicked it up a gear in the second half and took control of the game finding the back of the net 5 times in the second half ending the game with a victory on a scoreline of 5-4 to 4 points. It was a fantastic effort by all girls on the panel on the night and over the last 2 months training hard.

Team as follows: Hayley O'Connor, Megan Lambert, Sarah Kennedy, Lauren O'Leary, Thea Lonergan, Jean Butler (captain), Emma Whelan, Laura Dillon, Rosalie O'Donnell, Shannon O'Mahoney, Edel Meaney, Gemma Gearon, Chloe Lambert, Stacey Coffey, Laura Nagle. Saoirse Duggan, Niamh Bain, Ciara Bain, Eva McNamara, Summer Murphy, Cliona Condon.

Well done to team management of Claire Lambert, Thomas Maher, Barbara Moran and Niamh O'Mahoney.

U-14

Ardfinnan had a victory over Ballyporeen in the opening game of the Championship in Ballyporeen on Sunday 29th April, 2008 on a scoreline of 3-10 to 3-02. They then took on Thurles in Ardfinnan on Wednesday 7th May, 2008 in what proved to be an extreme mismatch with Ardfinnan not having a look in at the strength of the Thurles girls. Thurles won this game 11-13 to 0-0. Not a good day for the Ardfinnan girls. In their next game, which was in fact the County Shield Semi Final they took on Galtee Gaels in Clogheen on Friday 30th May, 2008 who again proved way too strong and they emerged victorious on the evening. This saw the end of the Championship for the Ardfinnan girls for 2008.

Team for 2008: Sarah Kennedy, Lauren O'Leary, Laura Ryan, Jean Butler, Emma Whelan, Laura Dillon, Rosaline O'Donnell, Edel Meaney, Joanne O'Mahoney, Catherine Ryan, Clara Doheny, Shannon O'Mahoney, Chloe Lambert, Stacey Coffey, Saoirse Duggan, Thea Lonergan, Rebecca Doheny, Laura Nagle, Gemma Gearon,

Minor:

The girls took on Boherlahan in their first game of the Championship in Boherlahan on Sunday September, 2008 and won this game 3-11 to 2-06. Due to the delays of the Junior League, the next of the girls games had not been played at the time of this book going to press. They played Lattin in their second game and had a comprehensive win over them.

Team for 2008: Sinead Lonergan, Emma Tobin, Dawn Doolan, Lisa Dillon, Laura Ryan, Jean Marsh, (c) Jean Butler, Samantha Lambert, Amie Dudley, Joanne O'Mahoney, Emma Sweeney, Samantha Meaney, Clara Doheny, Michelle Walsh, Catherine Ryan, Sarah Kennedy, Edel Meaney, Sarah Kennedy.

Junior:

2008 saw Ardfinnan Junior team return in their own right. For the previous three years the Ardfinnan girls were part of a team called Gleann Ard who were a combination team of both Ardfinnan and Aherlow Ladies Football teams. They played Intermediate level for the first two years and were regraded to Junior Level for the 2007 season where they claimed the Junior County Title. As Ardfinnan were in respects a new team they placed in the Junior "B" grade.

The girls began training in late February for the first stage of the season which involved participating in the Tipperary League. They began the League by defeating Clonmel Óg on a convincing scoreline if 3-23 to 0-01 on Saturday 5th April, 2008 in Clonmel Óg. They won their second outing in Goatenbridge by defeating Mullinahone on Friday 11th April, 2008 on a score of 2-10 to 1-04. They then played Aherlow in the League Semi-Final in Cashel on Sunday 11th May, 2008 and emerged victorious on a scoreline of 4-15 to 4-08. They were

then to meet with Mullinahone again in the League Final which finally took place on Sunday 29th June, 2008 following some unexpected delays in Kilsheelan. Unfortunately on the day things just did not go Ardfinnan's way and they were defeated on a scoreline of 1-08 to 1-06.

Following the bitter disappointment of losing the League final, the girls continued to train hard for their upcoming championship which was due to begin in August. The girls played Mullinahone in their first game of the Championship in Goatenbridge on and emerged victorious. The next outing was again the Moyle Rovers Junior team which took place in Monroe and Ardfinnan took the points and this game by defeating Moyle Rovers. Next the girls travelled to Temple-tuohy to play their next Championship game. Unfortunately on this day they were lacking a full strength squad and were defeated on a convincing scoreline. With wins over Mullinahone and Moyle Rovers and taking the points from the unplayed Aherlow tie, Ardfinnan were drawn against Moyne Temple-tuohy in the County Semi-Final. This game took place on Friday October, 2008 in Ballyporeen under lights and following an excellent display of football, Ardfinnan proved way too strong on this occasion and booked their place in the County Final with their victory. The team that stood in the way of a County Final title for Ardfinnan was Aherlow who were the winners of the Aherlow and Mullinahone tie. The County Final took place on Sunday 9th November, 2008 in Goatenbridge. Despite terrible weather conditions it was a tough close game throughout with a 2 point lead to Ardfinnan at half time. It was Aherlow who got the break in the second half finding the back of the net while Ardfinnan were finding it hard to score. Both teams drew level again and that's how the game ended forcing both teams to a replay.

Team for 2008: Barbara Moran, Jean Marsh, Emma Tobin, Janet Roncontre, Aishling Ryan, Dawn Doolan, Aishling Hackett, Maeve Murphy, Amie Dudley, Hannah Phelan, Claire Lambert, Samantha Lambert, Sarah-Jane Burke, Claire Tobin, Patreece Ryan, Suzanne Savage, Deirdre O'Mahoney, Michelle Walsh, Deborah Doolan, Patricia O'Mahoney, Niamh O'Mahoney, Lisa Dillon, Deirdre Cashin, Emma Callanan, Marie Sheehy.

Great credit is due to Manager Eamon Ryan and his selector Sean Lyness, for their dedication and commitment over the last year with the squad. And special thanks is given to Barbara Moran for all her hard work keeping the girls together all year and arranging the games all year long.

The Ardfinnan girls also travelled to Dublin on Saturday 27th September, 2008 to compete in the All-Ireland Junior 7's competition. They were placed in a tough group but despite this they played some excellent football, winning their games against Strabane Sigersons and Europe East, but they lost their games to St. Mark's and St. Patricks. Unfortunately the two teams they lost to, won their games and progressed to the next stages. The Ardfinnan girls thoroughly enjoyed their day and look forward to next year's competition.

Team for the day was as follows: Deirdre O'Mahoney, Aisling Ryan, Emma Tobin, Amie Dudley, Michelle Walsh, Patreece Ryan, Claire Tobin, Sarah-Jane Burke Suzanne Savage, Hannah Phelan, Deborah Doolan,

TIPPERARY INTERMEDIATE TEAM

Well done to Claire Lambert and Samantha Lambert from Ardfinnan on being part of the Tipperary Intermediate team for 2008.

The team were beaten by Clare in the Munster Final and had a poor league performance finding themselves dropped to Division 3 for 2009 season.

The team continued to train hard in preparation for the All-Ireland games. They had great wins over Limerick, Roscommon and Cavan but were beaten by Clare.

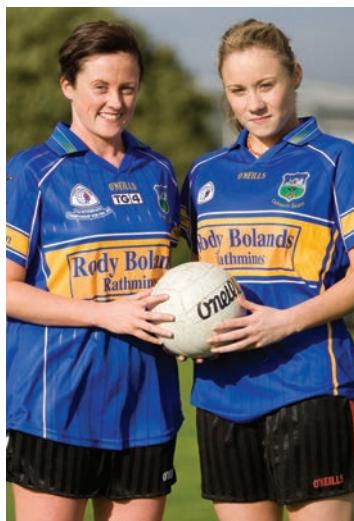
Tipp qualified for a place in the All-Ireland Semi-Final against Wexford. Wexford beat Tipp at this stage last year but this time it was Tipp who progressed to the All-Ireland Final in Croke Park on 28th September. It was old rivals Clare who also booked a place in the final. It was a close tough game all the way with both teams playing very well but it was Tipp who found another gear in the second half to become All-Ireland Intermediate Champions 2008 on a scoreline of 0-14 to 1-08.

Congratulation to Claire Lambert and Samantha Lambert from Ardfinnan who were part of the team in 2008.

Well done also to County Secretary Biddy Ryan from Ardfinnan on her continuous hard work with the team.

Also thanks to Patreece Ryan who worked so hard throughout the year with the team and as PRO.

Pictured to right is Claire Lambert and Samantha Lambert who were in this year's All Ireland Final.



TIPPERARY MINOR

Well done to Samantha Lambert who played with the Tipperary Minor team. They reached the Munster B Final but were beaten by Clare on the day.

Ballyporeen



The Ballyporeen team that were defeated by Thurles in the County Junior 'C' League final.

Front row (l to r): Annette Meaney, Siobhan Crotty, Grainne Meaney (Capt), Catherine Meaney, Jessinta McCarthy, Shauna Maher, Mary Finn, Mary Meaney, Fiona O'Donoghue, Katie Sheehy.

Back row (l to r): Eamon Maher (Trainer), Jenny Hickey, Kathleen Martin, Gemma O'Brien, Joanne Meaney, Breda Feeney, Becky Kearney, Bernadette Sisk, Sarah Sheehy, Clare Roche, Ann Fitzgerald, Amy Sweeney.



Ballyporeen – County Under 14 'D' Champions

Front Row (l to r): Katie Morrissey, Eve Kearney, Sinead O'Mahony, Charmain Kiely, Mary Meaney, Niamh English, Breda Martin, Lisa Carey.

Back Row (l to r): Amy Sweeney, Niamh O'Mahony, Danielle Hackett, Mary Ann McCarthy, Chloe Lyons, Aoife King, Tara Curtin, Amy O'Callaghan, Saah Morrissey, Clodagh McCeirn.

Cahir Ladies Gaelic Football

After celebrating our 10th Anniversary in 2007 it was back to the playing fields in 2008.

The U/12 Team won the County A Final when they defeated Moyle Rovers on a scoreline of Cahir 4-5 Moyle Rovers 1-1

The U/14's won the County Feile Final against Clonmel Commercials and qualified for the All Ireland Division 3 final in which they were beaten by a much stronger Arklow at Breffni Park, Cavan, 8th July 2008 on a scoreline of Cahir 4-7 Arklow 2-3.

In the County U/14 A Cahir were defeated in the final in a titanic struggle with Clonmel Commercials on a scoreline of Cahir 0-7 Clonmel Commercials 1-6.

The U/16 team were beaten by Brian Borus in the County Semi Final.

The Minor A Championship Final has yet to be played between Cahir and Brian Borus.

The Intermediates were defeated by County Winners Brian Borus at Semi Final Stage on a scoreline of Cahir 0-10 Brian Boirus 1-12

On the All Ireland Winning Intermediate Team Cahir's Claire and Edith Carroll played their part in Tipperary achieving All Ireland success. Cahir had girls also on the County U/14, U/16 and Minor teams.

One of the major highlights in the Clubs history was when we took part in an U/17 International tournament in Gaelic Park, New York. We had games against Arklow, Co. Wicklow, Brigids New York, Ballylanders, Co. Limerick and Rocklands New York. We won 3 games and qualified for the final against Arklow, Co. Wicklow. This was an epic game of football in which Arklow piped Cahir in the closing minutes to win on a scoreline of Cahir 2-5 Arklow 2-7.



The Cahir team that were defeated in the Under 17 international tournament in Gaelic Park, New York.

Back row (l-r): Liam Shinnick, Aine Hickey, Sarah Harris, Aoife Casey, Clara Fahey, Freda Casey, Nicola Armitage, Ruth Cummins, Claire Harris, Aishling Higgins, Ahlem Birem, Mary Shinnick, John Cummins

Front Row (l-r): Liam Casey, Bronagh Higgins, Aishling Armitage, Jane O'Donnell, Anne Marie O'Gorman, Gillian O'Keeffe, Carol Casey, Donna Casey, Geraldine O'Donnell, Martin O'Keeffe, Hichem Birem (Mascot).

Missing from Photo Fiona Rees.

Upperchurch Drombane

Ladies Football Junior A Final 2008

Upperchurch took the Junior A title when they defeated Templemore in quagmire conditions in Drombane on Sunday 14th September. Having drawn only two weeks previous in the championship this game was always going to be close. Templemore started the brighter & scored four points without reply, to leave 'the church' trailing at half time.

Five minutes into the second half a fine strike from Kathleen Carey found the back of the visiting teams net. Minutes later it was Kathleen who struck again

to get the equalizer with a well taken point. Templemore were throwing everything at Upperchurch but solid defending by our ladies ensured nothing went Templemore's way. Upperchurch took the lead when Sinead Corcoran pointed a free from a difficult angle. Both teams had chances in the last ten minutes but neither team could add to their tally to leave the score Upperchurch 1-2 Templemore 4 points. County Chairman Enda McDonnell presented the cup to a very worthy Maria Whelan.

Upperchurch went on to play the winners of Kerry, Tralee based Ngaeil, in the first round of Munster on October 5th & were bet on a 2-11 to 4 points score-line.

Our under 16's took the county C title when they defeated Clonmel Og in the Final.



Back Row: Catherine Treacy, Kathleen Carey, Lilly Harrington, Mary Ryan, Mriam Ryan, Norma Harrington, Ciara Corcoran, Leanne Ryan, Aisling Butler, Aoife Carey, Bernie Ryan, Deirdre Grant, Fiona Clancy, Clare Ryan, Mary Butler, Annette Quinlan. Front Row: Brigid Ryan, Katie Condon, Meadbh Ryan, Georgie Purcell, Maria Whelan, Sinead Corcoran, Ella-Marie Stapleton, Claire Dooley, Helen Kennedy, Sharon Clancy, Marie Murray.

CAPPWHITE GIRLS



TIPPERARY CAMOGIE

by County PRO Kieran Slattery

The Senior Inter County scene in Tipperary Camogie witnessed a lot of change in 2008. Owain Drought Motors of Roscrea came on board as team sponsor and the new management team of John McGrath, Damien Younge, John Ryan, Marion Graham & Rita O Dwyer were all set to try to start to bring Tipperary Camogie back to the top.

The League was the first competition to face the new panel. Tipperary was drawn against Galway first and was unfortunate to loose what was a competitive game. Galway went on to beat Limerick in their final group game thus making Tipp's final game with Limerick insignificant with group placing. Tipp did beat Limerick in the League, so with Tipp's interest in the League coming to an end it was full concentration on the Munster Championship. In Camogie, the Munster Championship is run separately from the All Ireland campaign, so after coming through their group games, as expected the Munster Final was played between Cork and Tipperary in Pairc Uí Rinn. In what was a very close game throughout Tipperary were unlucky to loose by 5 points.

The focus was now set on the first game of the Championship which was fixed for Nowlan Park on June 1st. Kilkenny were favourites in this tie, as they came in as League Champions after defeating Galway. However, it was Tipperary who came away with full honours after a great game. Later in June Tipp entertained Dublin in Semple Stadium, where a less than impressive Tipperary managed to hold on for maximum points. On a wet Sunday in July Tipperary travelled to Ballincollig to try and make amends for the Munster Final defeat. At half time, Tipp were holding onto a slim lead, but Cork blitzed the visitors in the second half to hand Tipp their first defeat in the Championship. Tipp regrouped and as expected eased past the challenge of Limerick, before having to face the challenge of Wexford. Here again, Tipp played some sparkling Camogie but just failed to hold on and lost by 3 points. This incidentally was a vital game for Wexford to win as they were not having the best of campaigns. The final game was against Galway in Thurles. Tipp needed to secure a result to put them through and to knock out Kilkenny, whereas Galway already had secured their Semi Final slot. Tipperary played out of their skin and almost had victory secured when Galway goaled a late penalty to secure a draw. Nonetheless, Tipp got their result and earned their slot in the Semi Finals, much to the dismay of the many Kilkenny supporters who had earlier seen their U16s defeat Cork in the All Ireland Final.

The semi finals saw Cork play Tipp and Galway took on Wexford. Tipperary was well beaten in their clash and Galway beat Wexford. Cork took the honours when it came to All Ireland day.

The County Intermediate panel experienced a mixed bag of fortunes in 2008. An inspiring win over Galway in the league was memorable, as was a gallant display against Kilkenny later in the year in the Championship, even though this was a game that Tipp narrowly lost. It can be difficult to maintain the momentum at this level as it is hard to hold a regular panel and full credit to all players and the management team of P.J O Rourke, Patsy Carroll & Martin McCullough for their efforts.

The U18s this year were under the stewardship of Pat Moloughney, Kevin Fox, Claire Grogan & Catherine Shortt. Having secured points from Limerick and Derry and loosing points to Kilkenny, Tipperary met Clare in the All Ireland semi final in the Gaelic Grounds. Clare totally blitzed Tipp on the day and at half time the result was never going to be in doubt. Credit to the girls for battling away in the second half and no doubt the experience of playing for their County will stand to these girls as they will continue to represent Tipperary Camogie in the future. The Board acknowledge the sponsorship received

from Proctor & Gamble for this panel.

The U16s didn't have the best of years result wise, however the work carried out by the management team of Noelle Kennedy, Rory Kennedy & Nora Dwan will no doubt stand to the girls who made themselves available for this panel. All involved with this panel greatly appreciated the sponsorship from Gerry McInerney of the Ferry Inn Dromineer.

In the U14 section, things are run differently to the rest of the grades, as there is no All Ireland competition. However, during the year this squad entered into various Inter County blitzes in both A and B grades. This panel enjoyed great success in these competitions where they played against teams from Cork, Galway, Wexford, Waterford and Limerick. The selectors Siobhan Ryan, Liza Carroll and Donal Kelly put great effort into this squad with weekly training sessions often attended by over 50 girls from all over the County, so it was nice to see the panels enjoying success at these competitions. McDonalds Restaurants came on board to be sponsor of these panels.

Work also went on at Primary school level, where Donal McCarthy along with the help of Mary Corcoran held numerous training sessions in Dr. Morris to select a panel which went on to play an exhibition game of Camogie at half time at the Cork v Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship in Pairc Uí Caoimh. Again, these training sessions were very well attended with representation from most primary schools in the County.

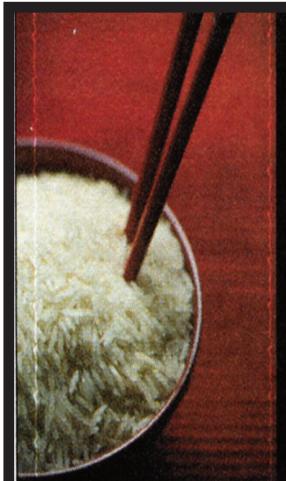
CLUB CAMOGIE IN TIPPERARY

In 2007 Cashel Senior Camogie emerged as All Ireland Club Champions so a lot of interest was going to be placed in the Senior Championship in the County this year. The semi final pairings of Toomevara v Cashel and Drom & Inch v Duhrarra threw up some interesting results. With 5 minutes to go Cashel were 5 points up but Toom shook the Cashel net twice to deny the Champions the chance to regain their title. Drom and Duhrarra battled it out bravely with Drom having the edge at the final whistle. County final day in Templederry and this final was too close to call. Both teams battled hard in winter conditions but it was Drom who held on with the narrowest margin to take the title. Without a chance to draw their breath Drom travelled to Cork a week later to take on the favourites, Douglas of Cork, in the Munster Club Final. Once again the effort and tenacity saw the Drom girls through and pick up their 2nd title in two weeks.

Athenea were next up to face the Tipp Champions in the All Ireland Semi Final and as in all the other games Drom took the game to the wire and came out on top with a one point win. That puts the Tipp Champions into the All Ireland Club final against O'Donovan Rossa.

The Intermediate Championship County Final was contested by Holycross and Templemore after their respective wins over Bourne and Toomevara in the Semi Finals. Holycross came out with full honours and will taste Senior Club Camogie in 2009.

The Junior A league was won by Moycarkey after beating Lorrha in the final. In the Championship Final Moycarkey did the double after a win over Annacarty, so they will play in the Intermediate championship in 2009. The Junior B League final was won by Silvermines after they overcame Clonoulty in the final. However, the Championship final gave us two different teams when Clonoulty and Moyle Rovers battled it out in Boherlahan. Clonoulty were not going to loose a second final and despite Moyle Rovers being in their first adult final, the Clonoulty girls secured the honours, promoting them up to the A competition in 2009.



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COLÁISTE DÚN IASCAIGH (CAHIR) – MUNSTER JUNIOR CHAMPIONS 2008

Back Row (L to R): Keith Morrissey (Coach), Laura Keating, Michaela Maher, Clara Doheny, Aine Costello, Kelly Maher, Ellen Ryan, Laura Heffernan, Niamh Myles, Teresa Bourke, Hannah Ryan, Siobhan Heffernan, Eimear Quinlan, Edel Linehan.

Front Row (L to R): Riona Grant, Jackie Heffernan, Leanne Hickey, Rachel Doyle, Eimear Myles (Captain), Gill Mullins, Aishling Condon, Shauna Walsh, Marie Claire Murphy.

The following competitions have been completed also with these clubs crowned County Champions for 2008.

U12 A Championship: Toomevara

U12B Championship: Cahir

U12C Championship: Nenagh

U14A Championship: Burgess

U14B Championship: St. Cronans, Roscrea

U14C Championship: Nenagh

With the County Camogie field undergoing major re-development work it was out of action all year. The Camogie Board are extremely grateful to all the GAA clubs in the County for the use of their facilities throughout the year. Also, a special thanks to all associated with Semple Stadium for the use of grounds for our home Inter County games. The support the County Board has received with Sponsorship for the various Club competitions is greatly appreciated also. With over 30 clubs participating in Competitions in the County, it is fair to say that the club scene in Tipperary is vibrant. This could only happen with the effort and commitment that Clubs, Mentors and players gave to Camogie throughout the year and we all look forward to the start of the playing year in 2009.

HOLYCROSS/BALLYCAHILL

The 2008 camogie season will be regarded by all in Holycross/Ballycahill camogie club to have been a good one. First off the mark were the Intermediate team who headed to a tournament hosted by the Tara Club in London in April. For the second time the girls captured the cup despite very inclement weather conditions and tough challenges from teams like Craughwell Galway, St.Mary's Belfast, Fr.Murphy's and Tara of London. A great weekend was had by the green and white crew of 25. In late October the Tara club paid a return visit to the parish and Ann Gleeson (Galbertstown) and her London teammates were made feel more than welcome.

Big numbers of juveniles began training hard early in the year and were rewarded with places in the closing stages of the championships. The U14's had a mighty run and were gallantly defeated by a spirited Nenagh team in Dolla in the Championship final. The future looks extremely bright for this team as all but one of the panel are young enough for next season. The U12's enjoyed a long campaign in the championship only to be pipped at semi-final stage. Well done to our youngest stars the U10s who brought home silver medals from the Thurles Club hosted blitz. The U13s and U16s were unlucky to be narrowly defeated in their respective finals of the Moira Cahill Memorial Tournament hosted by the Knockavilla/Donaskeigh Club. At the time of submission both the u14s and u16 teams were waiting eagerly for their semi-finals of the league. Thanks to Paddy O'Mahoney of Scania Commercials and Ned Callanan of Ned Callanan Buses whose generous sponsorship ensured that the girls were kitted out well. Congrats to Sara Gleeson, Zoey Clegg and Jenny Dunne who represented the club with great distinction on the successful Tip-



COLÁISTE DÚN IASCAIGH (CAHIR) – SENIOR 'B' COUNTY CHAMPIONS 2008

Back Row (L to R): Michaela Maher, Shannon Pike, Kelly Maher, Michelle Walsh, Nicola Armitage, Sarah Fahy, Claire O'Dwyer, Laura Keating. Middle Row (L to R): Aine Costello, Siobhan Heffernan, Laura Heffernan, Rachel Doyle, Marie Claire Murphy, Emma Tobin, Clara Doheny. Front Row (L to R): Niamh Myles, Shauna Walsh, Eimear Quinlan, Samantha Lambert (Captain), Hannah Ryan, Teresa Bourke, Ellen Ryan.

perary U14 teams. The U16s have also qualified for the championship semi-final against Nenagh with the u18s only commencing their championship. Well done to Emma Spillane and Sandra Dwyer who wore the blue and gold for the Tipp U16s and U18s respectively.

The intermediate team progressed to the league final and were disappointed to lose to Toomevara despite a strong comeback in the second half. After a loss to Bourne in the opening round of the championship the girls found their true form and worked hard to make it into the championship final against Templemore. A patchy first half left the girls behind at half time but a much improved second half saw the girls winning by 3:10 to 2:4. Noreen Flanagan was proud to accept the cup on behalf of the panel. Well done to all involved.

The club has never had as many players and members or has been so strong. This would not be the case only for a hard-working committed group of people who work tirelessly and give of their time so generously to the cause both on and off the field of play. The club thank you sincerely for your endeavours.



Holycross/Ballycahill Intermediate Team

KILRUANE MACDONAGHS CAMOGIE

2008 began with the club AGM held on Friday 25th January. The following officers were elected for the coming year:-

Chairman – Joe Cahill, Secretary – Niamh Morkan, Treasurer – Patricia Costello, PRO – Helen Heenan. Child Welfare Committee – Noel Coonan, Mary Gibson, Mary Maher. Trainers and selectors were also appointed for the various age groups.

Indoor training continued into March for the U10's and U12's and this proved to be beneficial to the teams when they moved to the outdoor training in April. The U10 team took part in the Nenagh Blitz in April and played numerous practice matches over the summer against Drom, Carrig-Riverstown, Burgess and Nenagh.

The club has made great progress in the last few years, moving up from the C to the B competition and this has provided challenging matches for our teams. Competition-wise, the U12 team, U14, U16 and Junior teams all reached the County Semi-final of their various competitions this year.

In the league, our U12 team pulled out the stops and were victorious in the County Final of the U12B league competition, which was held in Roscrea on 15th November 2008. Well done to the team: N. Costello, L. Brereton, C. Hodges, M. Grace, E. Cleary, E. Enright, G. Finn, E. Austin (capt), S. Heffernan, K. Quinlisk, R. Cahill, S. Heenan, H. Hogan, M. Hogan, C. Morkan, Subs: G. Gibson, C. England, R. Morkan. This is the second U12 County title in two years for the club and it bodes well for the future of juvenile camogie in the parish. Thanks to our trainers and selectors who put in tremendous work with the panel since last March. This win was a great testament to their hard work and dedication – Fiona Ryan, John Cahill, Denis Darcy and Philip Heenan. Also thanks to the parents who have given great encouragement to their daughters and who gave up their free time to travel to training and matches during the past year.

The Foundation Coaching course was held in the GAA Complex in Cloughjordan on Saturday 29th March from 9.30am – 5pm. We had the honour of having the first roll-out of this new camogie foundation course by former Cork County Camogie player, Fiona O'Driscoll and Eamonn Ryan. The following clubs took part:- Moneygall, Burgess, Silvermines, Gortnahoe-Glengoole. Kilruane club was represented by Noreen Maher, Lisa Cahill, Patricia Costello, Katie Starr, Josephine Tierney, Denis Darcy, Billy Hill, Philip Heenan and Joe Cahill. This was an excellent course and provided guidance on the training of juveniles. The participants received a Certificate at Foundation Level as a Camogie Coach.



Moycarkey-Borris – Camogie Junior A League and Championship winners 2008

Back row (left to right) - John Kelly (Selector), Laura Ralph, Maeve Corcoran, Elaine McKenna, Bernie Bergin, Michaela Graham, Paula Ralph, Kelly Hackett, Karen Clohessy, Maeve Hackett, Claire Clohessy, Sharon Ralph, Siobhan Power, Denis Kennedy (Selector), Front row (left to right) - Emer Cummins, Amy Clohessy, Fiona Bourke, Jane Kennedy, Eithne Moran, Catherina Walsh, Catherina Hackett (Capt.), Trisha Ralph, Karen Mullins, Siobhan Doran

Three of our club members namely, Siobhan Peters, Lisa Cahill, Mary Walsh were members of St. Mary's Secondary School Nenagh team who won the All-Ireland Junior-B Camogie Final on 5th April v Loretto College Wexford. Special congratulations to Siobhan who clinched a late goal in the second half and to Lisa and Mary who defended very well under pressure.

As we approach the end of another successful year, we thank all our trainers, coaches and managers for all their help and guidance throughout the past year. Next year, the club will be celebrating its 40th anniversary. We look forward with great enthusiasm to a better and more successful 2009.

Helen Heenan PRO.

MOYCARKEY-BORRIS CAMOGIE

2008 will be a year to remember for the ladies of Moycarkey Borris as they completed a remarkable Camogie double winning both the junior A league and championship.

The girls started out the year on a positive note winning the Urlingford tournament in March with wins over Johnstown, Urlingford and Lisdowney. After a couple of useful challenge matches the league was next on the agenda and after wins against Lorrha, Knockavilla and Duharra and a loss to Annacarty the team qualified for the final against Lorrha. This game was played on the 25th of May in Moneygall and after playing against a gale force wind Moycarkey led at half time on a score line of one point to no score, a Maeve Corcoran goal at the start of the second half finished the game as a contest and set the team up for a good victory as they ran out winners 1-4 to 0-1. On the day there were many good performances with players like Paula Ralph, Maeve Corcoran, Mary Love and Catherina Walsh the most prominent. The team that lined out on the day were - Trisha Ralph; Sharon Ralph, Kelly Hackett, Catherina Hackett (Capt.); Maeve Hackett, Siobhan Power, Karen Mullins; Paula Ralph, Eithne Moran; Mary Love (0-1), Maeve Corcoran (1-0), Karen Clohessy; Jane Kennedy, Michaela Graham, Catherina Walsh (0-3 frees). Subs: Bernie Bergin, Amy Clohessy, Claire Clohessy, Elaine Cantwell.

Next up for Moycarkey was the championship and in preparation for this the club held a tournament in June, hosting Johnstown, Urlingford and Slievenamon and on this occasion the girls had to share the spoils with Johnstown as both teams drew the final. The championship started slowly for Moycarkey with losses to Knockavilla and a heavy defeat to Lorrha but the team recovered to record victories over Annacarty and Duharra to qualify for the semi final against Lorrha. This semi final was played in Toomevara where the north

Moycarkey-Borris captain Catherina Hackett receives the County Junior League cup from the chairman Lar O'Brien.



team were overwhelming favourites after their 23 point winning margin against Moycarkey in the opening rounds of the championship. But the girls ripped up the form book to produce their best performance of the year to win by three points on a score line of 2-8 to 1-8 after a first class display by full forward Siobhan Doran who scored two goals to put the girls in to the final against Annacarty.

The county final was played on the 19th of October in New Inn on another wet and windy day. This was Moycarkey's second year in a row reaching the county decider having lost to Toomevara the previous year. This proved to be one of the most fiercely contested games of the year with Annacarty playing with the wind taking a three point lead midway through the half only for Moycarkey to go in at the break leading by two after a Catherina Walsh goal and two Michaela Graham frees. The second half was much of the same with Graham adding three more points and one each from Karen Clohessy and Catherina Walsh to win on a score line of 1-7 to 0-4.

On the day Moycarkey had a full team performance with each player playing to their potential with the Ralph sisters Trisha in goal and Sharon corner back combining well with their niece Paula at centre back who was excellent through the 60 minutes. The Hackett cousin's who each put in big performances centre forward Kelly, wing back Maeve and corner back Catherina who captained the team. Maeve Corcoran and Catherina Walsh fresh from their All Ireland success with the Tipperary ladies football team led from the front throughout the whole game backed by the hard working Jane Kennedy at mid field, Karen Clohessy at wing forward and Siobhan Doran at full forward.

The defence was the key to Moycarkey's first half performance and this was helped in no small way by Karen Mullins who played at wing back in this period as Eithne Moran played as the extra defender in front of dependable full back Siobhan Power. But in every great win there is always a great performance and on this occasion the plaudits went to Michelle Graham who at 13 years of age showed great composure to score all four of her frees and one from play.

The Moycarkey-Borris Team and scorers for the county final were - Trisha Ralph; Sharon Ralph, Siobhan Power, Catherina Hackett (Capt.); Maeve Hackett, Paula Ralph, Eithne Moran; Maeve Corcoran, Jane Kennedy; Karen Clohessy (0-1), Kelly Hackett; Catherina Walsh (1-1); Karen Mullins, Siobhan Doran, Michaela Graham (0-5, 0-4 frees). Subs: Fiona Bourke, Bernie Bergin, Amy Clohessy, Laura Ralph, Claire Clohessy, Elaine Cantwell, Aine McKenna, Emmer Cummins.

This was Moycarkey's first county junior A camogie title in ten years and took a lot of commitment and work from many people especially Denis Kennedy, John Kelly, Sally Duggan and Ann Slattery.

MOYLE ROVERS CAMOGIE CLUB.

Moyle Rovers Camogie club was founded in 2004. During 2008 we continued to make steady progress in promoting and developing camogie in our catchment area. We are very Grateful to the Munroe Development Association for the use of their fabulous facilities. A special word of thanks to Pat O'Connor for his help and assistance with pitches and training during the year. During 2008 we organised training and fielded teams in U10, U12, U14, and Junior B. We reached the county final in the Junior B Competition. Along the way we recorded victories over Cahir, Boherlahan, Kiladangan, and Kilruane. We were unsuccessful to Clonoulty in the final. Most importantly we had an enjoyable year. We prepared as well as we could under trainers Ronan Desmond and Declan Browne. The club held a mini Under 10 blitz in conjunction with St Mary's, Cahir, Boherlahan, Carrick on Suir and Brian Borus. We were able to field two teams and we had a very pleasant Camogie morning. Our U/12 team had victories over Carrick on Suir and New Inn and lost by the minimum to Brian Borus and St Mary's. We played two games in U/14 losing to both New Inn and Balligarry. We are encouraged by the numbers of juveniles attending training. Our club is fortunate to have great volunteers who give generously of their time to training, organising and administration. We thank them for their great efforts. We are grateful to all who helped and supported us in 2008. Off the field we had a bag pack and table quiz to raise funds for the club.

We are already looking forward to 2009. Our hope for 2009 is to provide training and coaching opportunities for all players who wish to enjoy and partake in our native game. We hope to build on our achievements during 2008 and be a stronger and more organised club during 2009. Did some one mention a county title? Yes that would be a bonus.



Moyle Rovers Junior B Team and Mentors after our semi final win over Killruane. missing from phot Mags Leahy.

Back: Paudie Everard, Ronan Desmond, Declan Browne, Marie Holahan, Kathleen O'Dwyer, Ciara O'Donoghue, Sandra Maher, Vanessa O'Donnell, Nancy Ferris Phiala Ryan, Roisin Lorrigan, Joan O'Donnell, Lorraine Power, Niamh Browne, Claire Lonergan, Eamonn O'Dwyer, Niamh Scully, Front: Jenny Everard, Amy Everard, Evrena Everard, Sarah Everard, Yvonne Maher, Aisling O'Dwyer, Maeve Murphy, Maeve Scully, Ann Marie McGrath, Teresa McGrath, Niamh Lonergan, Rita McGrath, Ciara Maher.

Club Officers: President Claire Lonergan. Chairman Paudie Everard, Vice Chairman Eamonn O'Dwyer, Secretary Jeanette O'Dwyer, Ass Secretary Karen Fitzgearld, Treasurer Ann O'Dwyer, PRO/Welfare Helen Breen & Olivia Shanahan.

Anybody interested in playing camogie of any age group should contact Claire Lonergan at 086 8148340



U10s & U12s: Back L-R. Olivia Shanahan, Katie Moore, Aoife Power, Niamh O Sullivan, Hazel Shanahan, Kate Delahunt, Tara Sweetman, Aisling Barry, Saidbh O Sullivan, Karen Fitzgearld, Jenny Everard, Helen Breen Middle L-R. Eileen O'Brien, Laura Grace, Sarah Hickey, Janice Lonergan, Deirbhile Fitzgearld, Roisin Breen, Lorraine Dunne, Aine Fitzgearld. Front L-R. Aideen O Sullivan, Katie Morrissey, Rebecca Condon, Megan Shanahan, Evrena Everard, Lauren Condon.

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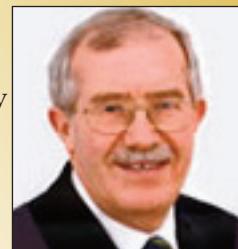
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NENAGH CAMOIGE CLUB

2008 was a break through year for Nenagh Camoige Club. The Club only formed a short few years ago and with the continued growth in numbers and hard work by Committees and trainers, have started to show they can be a force on the Tipperary Camoige scene. The Club only reached its first County final two years ago and last year contested every County semi-final it competed in but with no luck. 2008 changed all this.

Our U/14's were first out coming through their group with big wins against Kiladangan, Shannon Rovers and Lorrha. Our quarter final against Newport was a bit tougher but came through 5-4 to 0-0. Next up was New Inn in the semi-final, a team we had never beaten up until now. A great display by Janette Collins, Alice Darcy and Ciara McGrath helped us to get there but it was really a great team performance and goals from Aileen, Ciara and Judy that made the difference as we won 3-2 to 1-2. Our County final was played on Sunday the 22nd of June and that date will always be remembered as the day the Nenagh Camoige Club won its first County Final. Against a good Holycross team and on a very blustery day the girls done everything right and due to our better balance from 1 to 23 came away with a historic victory. Ciara, Judy Shannon, Gemma, Janette and Jessica all got on the scoresheet with the final score being Nenagh 6-5 Holycross 1-4. It was a proud moment for everyone when Jessica Maher lifted the trophy and it lifted the Club up a level within the County.

U/14 County 'C' Champions. Z Gratton, A Darcy, J Collins, C O'Connor, A Morris, A Darcy, C Collins, C McGrath, S Browne, S Moran, C Healy, G Morris, J Mulqueen, J Maher (C), A Duggan, C O'Brien, A King, L Doherty, L Gleeson, C Shoer, A Heffernan, A Hynes and A Long.



Under 14 County Champions 2008

U/14 C County Champions: Standing L to R: Mike Ryan Manager, Martin Ryan Selector, Amy Darcy, Janette Collins, Alice Darcy, Aine Long, Caitlin Shoer, Amy Heffernan, Zoey Gratton, Aoife Hynes, Laura Doherty, Stephaine Browne, Rebecca Moran Selector, Cora Collins Selector, Pat Sheridan Chairman.

Kneeling L to R: Aisling King, Judy Ryan-Mulqueen, Aileen Duggan, Alana Morris, Ciara McGrath, Claire Collins, Shannon Moran, Jessica Maher (C), Gemma Morris, Ceri Healy, Coleen O'Brien, Caitriona O'Connor, and Lauren Gleeson.

Very Front, Emma Ryan Coach.

While all this was going on our Under 12 team were making good progress in their Championship, topping their group with wins over Portroe, Shannon Rovers, Ballina and Kiladangan. The Tuesday after our U/14 County Final we played Newport in the U/12 quarter final and won 6-1 to 0-4. We then played our County Semi-Final on the Thursday against Holycross. The team played really well but could not make the most of all their chances to make the game comfortable and therefore only lead 2-1 to 1-0 at half time. For some it was their third big game in five days and they started to get tired. But they never gave up and excellent displays by Sarah Quigley in goals, Paula and Rachel in defence and Alana, Aine and Zoey further up the field meant we got over the finishing line by the narrowest of margins. Final Score Nenagh 2-1 Holycross

2-0. We then had a very long wait, 11 weeks, for our County Final. It was played on Friday 12th September in Drom. The Nenagh team were inspired on the evening and even against a very good Anacarty team they were not to be denied. Coleen O'Brien scored three of our goals, Holly O'Brien scored 1-1 and our Captain Fantastic Alana Morris scored a point. Everyone of our large panel played some part throughout the year and even though only 20 girls played a part in the final, it was the effort of the panel during the year that was the main reason this team achieved their success. Alana Morris received the trophy and no doubt this team can build on this success and go on to better things.

The Club is very proud of all these girls and what we achieved and hopefully it is only the first few steps on the ladder of success for Nenagh Camoige Club.



Under/12 County 'C' Champions: S Quigley, M McKenna, Z Gratton, N Ryan, A Heffernan, R Maher, R Starr, A Morris (C), P Ryan, C O'Brien, A Long, M Sheridan, H O'Brien, A McGrath, T Murphy. Subs: K Ryan Mulqueen, E Slattery, M Collins, S O'Connor, C Curran, L Darcy, G O'Brien, L Kennedy, C Ryan, A Dillon, R Spillane, A Hallinan, L O'Kelly, R Moyles and M Spillane

U/12 Very back L to R: Martin Ryan Manager, Liam McGrath Coach, Mike Ryan Selector, Denise Morris Selector.

Standing L to R: Alison McGrath, Leanne O'Kelly, Roisin Starr, Elaine Slattery, Aine Long, Cliona Curran, Coleen O'Brien, Holly O'Brien, Rachel Maher, Alana Morris (C), Amy Heffernan, Zoey Gratton, Michelle Collins, Sarah O'Connor, Lisa Darcy, Cara Ryan Mulqueen.

Kneeling L to R: Roisin Moyles, Taylor Murphy, Paula Ryan, Mary McKenna, Rachel Spillane, Mairead Sheridan, Sarah Quigley, Grace O'Brien, Clodagh Ryan, Alicia Hanlon, Anna Dillon, Niamh Ryan, Lauren Kennedy.

SILVERMINES CAMOGIE

In 2008 the club's membership has reached a record level and we are delighted with this occurrence, great credit is due to all those involved with the club. It has been a year of mixed results for us but one thing is certain there is never a lack of commitment from the girls, their trainers, mentors and club officials. Over the past twelve months all the teams have provided everyone with great joy and entertainment. We are very proud of the clubs accomplishments. At the end of last year our U18 and U16 teams went on to take county titles. The U16's received their medals at our annual Christmas party while we had a medal presentation night for our under 18's on March 7th.

This year our Senior team competed in the North Munster League, the girls defeated Shannon, Duhrara and Broadford but were beaten by Ballygran and Moneygall. This is the second year for the club competing at Senior level and while it has been a difficult year for the girls recording losses against Duhrara, Toomevara, Moneygall and Drom, we are still very new to Senior hurling and we hope that next year will see us find more success. At the helm this year has been Eoin Brislane, Willie Keogh, Martin Griffin and Shane McGrath, all the hard work and dedication from the trainers and the girls is greatly appreciated.

In May our Junior B team began their league competition by defeating Kilruane and Moneygall to meet Newport in the quarter final. The Mines beat Newport easily and went on to face Moyle Rovers in the County Semi-Final on Monday the 14th of July in Cappawhite. This was a closely contested game in the first half but the Mines pulled away in the second half. The County Final was held in Borrisoleigh on Friday the 29th of August against Clonoulty. This



Silvermines Junior B team

was a very intense game especially the final ten minutes when both teams were battling hard for the win. It was Silvermines who claimed victory on a score line of 4.6 to Clonoulty 2.9 to become County Champions.

In the Championship the girls defeated Moneygall, Kilruane and Shannon Rovers to get to the quarter final in which they again met Clonoulty. This time it was Clonoulty who took the glory to end the Mines season. Well done to all the girls and their trainers Eoin Brislane, Willie Keogh, Martin Griffin and Shane McGrath for all their hard work and dedication.

The U18 team began their A Championship competition on the 2nd of November when they played Duharra in Dolla. This game was played in very cold weather but both teams braved the elements to give a fine display of hurling. It was the Mines who managed to seal victory. The next game was played against Toomevara, the Mines looked to be on for an easy win but Toomevara scored in the closing stages and the Mines had to defend strongly to get the win. This now means that the U18 team will be playing a County Final in the coming weeks. We wish the girls and their trainers Eoin Brislane, Willie Keogh and Martin Griffin all the best of luck in the County Final and thank them for all their hard work during the year.

On Thursday the 4th of September the U16 team played their first game in the A Championship against Thurles, this was a very closely contested game with the score being level at halftime. It was Silvermines who took control in the second half to win the game. The girls then defeated Toomevara and Clonoulty and received the points from Duharra to reach the semi-final. This game was played against Thurles on Monday the 27th of October in Borrisoleigh; it was a closely fought game with the final score being the Mines 3.4 to Thurles 3.1. The girls will now play Toomevara in the County Final in the coming weeks. The duo of Brid Gleeson and Rachel O'Doherty were responsible for the training of the girls this year and we would like to thank them and wish them and the girls the best of luck in the County Final.



Silvermines U16 Camogie

On April 14th our U14 team played Toomevara in the League Final held over from last year Toomevara proved to be the stronger side on this occasion. The U14 team reached a semi-final in the championship but they lost to Burgess ending their championship hopes for this year. The league competition also proved difficult with very little success. On the weekend of June 20th and 21st we hosted Oulart the Ballagh from Wexford for the Feile na nGeal competition. Although our U14 team failed to qualify for the playoffs of the competi-

tion they thoroughly enjoyed the weekend and it was a pleasure working with the Burgess club to make the weekend a success. The trainers of the U14 team for the year were Rory Kennedy and Rose Power.

The U12 team struggled this year but the girls enjoyed the training and the camaraderie. Trainers for the U12's were Sean Dunne and Liam Dwan who did a great job working with the girls this year. Our U10's played a number of blitzes this year and we would like to thank all the clubs involved. Trainers for the U10's this year were Yvonne Griffin, Marion Grace and Michael Cunneen who worked very hard with the girls and made it a very enjoyable season for them.

St. Mary's Secondary School Nenagh won both the Munster and All Ireland Junior Colleges competitions early in the year. Representing the club were Brid Quinn, Sarah Cunneen, Niamh Slattery, Laura Power, Maria Kennedy, Rachel Kennedy, Sarah Murray and Danielle Slattery who captained the team to glory.

The club was ably represented at county level by the following players: (Senior) Geraldine Stapleton (Senior B) Siobhan McCarthy, Maura O'Doherty & Laura Green (U18) Martina Gleeson, Laura Green, Geraldine Stapleton & Laura Power (U16) Laura Power & Brid Quinn, (U14) Louise McLoughlin & Sarah Butler.

We would like to thank Silvermines Hurling Club for the use of the facilities at Dolla and all their support. The club would like to also thank all our sponsors and supporters. We hope that 2009 will be a fun filled and successful year for the club and we look forward to seeing everyone back again.

TOOMEVARA CAMOGIE

U8& U10

The U8 & U10 teams had a great year and took part in a number of blitz competitions throughout the year. The U10 team tasted success in the North Tipp competition defeating Nenagh in the final. We also hosted our own successful blitz day with teams from Na Fianna Dublin, Carrig Riverstown, Newport, Nenagh and Burgess attending. It was the Toome team that again emerged victorious. The U8 team had mixed fortunes during the year but are a very young side they will progress nicely after a season of training and indoor training over the winter. Thanks to all the coaches who were involved throughout the year.

U12

The U12 grade saw Toome return to capture the U12A County Championship in emphatic style against Drom. This panel trained tirelessly throughout the summer and blended well together with every game they played. Fully primed for their county final they faced a strong Drom side but nothing would deter these girls as they shot home six goals on their way to take the title.

A new competition incorporating teams from the A and B divisions was established this year. Toome won their way through the group stages to face the B county champions Cahir. In what was a thrilling game Toome had to pull out all the stops to fight their way back into the game with a late score to snatch a draw. The replay came about with great anticipation and this time the girls made no mistake again they had to produce some quality Camogie and held out to take the game by a single point. Twenty seven players make up this panel and all must be congratulated on their achievements this year. This panel were an exemplary group of players and showed tremendous team spirit and commitment, we look forward to following their careers in the Toomevara jersey. Thanks to Suzanne Kelly, Donal Kelly, Marie McCarthy and Therese Maxwell who worked with the team throughout the season.

Feile '08

It was with great anticipation that Toomevara Camogie Club agreed to host Feile 08 in conjunction with camogie clubs in Laois/Offaly. With preparations

in place and St Michaels Park in excellent condition Sixmilebridge were greeted as our guests on Friday. The opening game of the competition was soon underway with the Toome girls producing a fine display in the summer sunshine and easing out winners on a score line of 5.9 to 1.1 cheered on by many supporters and the primary school children and teachers from the village. Friday night saw the girl's parade in Portlaoise where team captain Geraldine Kelly was presented with a memento of the occasion.

Saturday saw the group games of the competition take place, unfortunately the weather conditions were appalling but this did not dampen Toomes spirit. We faced Douglas from Cork in the opening game and again the Toome girls produced a scintillating display of camogie which produced a draw 1.3 to 0.6. In a matter of minutes the girls were unfortunately due to retake to the field for their third group game. A little weary but with great determination they took to the field against Thurles. Again our girls thrilled spectators and supporters with their skills and fighting spirit. They almost looked like taking the points when Thurles hit two goals in the dying minutes which drew the side's level 1.8 to 3.2. With Douglas getting a win over Sixmilebridge in the final game it meant our participation in Feile came to an end. Hugely unfortunate not to have progressed to the semi final the Toome players can be proud of their display of camogie over the weekend.

Saturday night saw both Sixmilebridge and Toomevara gather in the Tipperary Inn to partake in some well deserved refreshments and relaxation. Our thanks to John and Liz Cromer and staff of the Tipperary Inn for their kindness. Many thanks to all who helped to make the weekend such a success the host families, committee members, senior players and officials who were fantastic over the weekend. The final and most important tribute must go to the players whose fighting spirit and displays of camogie over the weekend will be remembered for a long time to come.

U16

The U16 team began their championship in Sept. As they progressed through the championship they began to gather momentum which saw them through to a semi final with wins over Clonoulty and Thurles. The semi final clash saw them paired with Duarra. Trailing by two points at half time the girls called on all their skill and team spirit to fight their way into the lead with two cracking goals, a lead which they never relinquished. The final whistle saw them claim a five point win and a final date which is due to take place in November.

U18

The U18 team produced mixed performances in their recent group games with a convincing win over Knockavilla and a loss to Silvermines. They now prepare to play Duarra in a crucial game.

Intermediate

A blend of youth and experience made up the intermediate panel this year. The club was very proud of the fact that they were in the unique position of fielding a senior and intermediate team. The intermediate team were first to strike silver wear this year with a win in the league over Holycross. In a high paced game Toome held onto an early lead to take the win. They were unluckily narrowly defeated in the county semi final by one point by Templemore thus denying that elusive final spot. Well done to all concerned on a fine achievement of winning the league especially coaches Noelle Kennedy, Nora Dwan and Donal Kelly.

Senior

The senior team made great strides this year reaching the county final. Lady luck however did not shine on us as Drom took the game with a narrow one point win. On a positive for the panel they reached the final of the North Munster League competition and await to play this final in March. Many thanks to Trevor Gavin, Bernie Meagher and Tommy Carroll who worked tirelessly with the team throughout the year.

County Scene

Again this year a number of players donned the blue and gold of Tipperary. Well done to Ellen O'Brien, Helena Grace and Julie Anne Bourke who took part in the primary game. Aoife Ryan, Teresa Ryan, Moira Ryan, Geraldine Kelly and Helena Grace fielded with the U14 Development teams. Sheila Ryan, Noirlín Stapleton, Aoife Ryan and Nicole Walsh were part of the U16 team. Fiona Young, Shauna Rabbitt, Bonnie Kennedy Capt, Niamh Kelly, Emma Louise Coffey and Christine Kenny were part of the U18 squad. Emma Louise Coffey and Denise Ryan were part of the Intermediate panel with Paula Ryan, Maria Tynan and Suzanne Kelly were part of the Senior Team.

Fundraising

This year the club undertook a number of fund raising events. Many thanks to all who contributed and supported these events and we look forward to your continued support.

2008 has been another fantastic year for Toomevara Camogie. Thanks to all who helped out the club in any way coaches, selectors, first aid personnel, parents and supporters. Thanks also to our main sponsor Siobhan Tynan of A Sportsmans Dream and to Toomevara GAA for the use of the facilities in St Michaels Park. We look forward to seeing our teams and supporters out and about in the 2009 season.



Toomevara U12 A & A/B League Champions

Back l-r Suzanne Kelly Coach, Nicole Sheppard, Edwina Brislane, Cliodhna Ryan, Leah Campbell, Eileen O'Rourke, Mary Grace, Margaret Grace, Aideen Hogan, Marguerite Young, Cliona Ryan, Sharon Young, Katie Bourke, Soracha Henderson, Ellen O'Brien, Donal Kelly Coach.

Front l-r Gemma McCarthy, Cliona Hogan, Mary Meagher, Caoimhe Kelly, Christine Coffey, Lorna Brislane, Gillian McKenna, Aoife Kennedy, Julie Anne Bourke, Aimee McCarthy, Lea Hogan Rooney, Caitlin O'Meara, Nicole O'Dwyer.



Toomevara Tipperary representatives in Feile na nGael

Back Moira Ryan, Karen Kenny, Jane McCormack, Nicole Kenneally, Aoife Ryan, Lorraine Young, Davina Henderson.

Middle Claire Ryan, Roisin Ryan, Geraldine Kelly, Teresa Ryan, Grace O'Mahony, Edel Cummins, Sinead Grace, Regina Cleary

Front Annie Dunne, Aine Cummins, Brid Grace, Bernadette Coffey, Cliodhna Ryan, Julie Anne Bourke.

St. Mary's camogie success continues

The success just keeps on coming for St. Mary's Secondary School, Nenagh on the camogie field as they won the All Ireland Junior (Under 15) 'B' title in the spring.

Just over a year after the schools senior team won the All Ireland 'B' title, coach Ger Dullea has inspired another cup winning team to bring glory back to the school.

When St. Mary's were winning All Ireland titles in the 1990's, it inspired the careers of many of the Tipperary camogie players who went onto win five All Ireland titles in six years between 1999 and 2005 and it is hoped that it will do so again.

In the Munster championship, St. Mary's received a bye in the first round and defeated Borrisokane CC in the quarter final. In the semi-final, the Nenagh girls easily accounted for Carrigaline CS from Cork.

Nenagh hosted Blackwater College from Lismore in the final in February and the six point victory however did not come easy and it was St. Mary's early first half display that stood them good in the end as goals from Emily Bergin, Riana Minogue and Gemma Grace helped them to a 3-1 to 0-4 victory.

In early March, Nenagh enjoyed home advantage when they took on a much-fancied St.Pius High School from Magherafelt in the All Ireland semi-final. Again, it was the fast start made by the Nenagh girls that put them on the track to victory with Gemma Grace finding the net after just two minutes.

Indeed, the Duharra forward went onto score a hat-trick with Amy Kennedy, Sarah Cunneen and Riana Minogue also raising green flags as Nenagh won by 6-9 to 0-2.

On Saturday, 5 April, St. Mary's travelled to Freshford in Co. Kilkenny to take on Loreto College from Wexford and again had the game won long before the final whistle, which when it came saw Nenagh winners by 5-6 to 0-4.

A seventeen point winning margin was no more than St. Mary's deserved against a Loreto side who despite some great solo displays, were denied on a number of occasions by brilliant St. Mary's keeper Aine Lucey who display sent out a message that was loud and clear to the Loreto side that she was not going to be beaten. Throughout the entire campaign, this capable keeper never conceded one goal

Again, Gemma Grace helped herself to goals, two on this occasion with Amy Kennedy also scoring two with Siobhan Peters also getting in on the act.

St. Mary's Panel: Aine Lucey (Duharra), Niamh Slattery (Silvermines), Aine O'Carroll (Duharra), Lisa Shoer (Kilruane), Laura Power (Silvermines), Brid Quinn (Silvermines), Paula Kelly (Kildangan), Mary Dillon (Nenagh), Danielle Slattery (Silvermines), Amy Kennedy (Duharra), Riana Minogue (Toomevara), Ciara McGrath (Nenagh), Emily Bergin (Moneygall), Gemma Grace (Duharra), Sarah Cunneen (Silvermines), Caoimhe Maher (Duharra), Mary Walsh (Kilruane), Siobhan Peters (Kilruane), Maria Kennedy (Silvermines), Rachel Green (Silvermines), Rachel Kennedy (Silvermines), Sarah Murray (Silvermines), Lisa Mulqueen (Duharra), Aisling Cremin (Duharra), Gemma Morris (Nenagh), Ciara Houlihan (Duharra), Eadoinn Hackett (Kildangan), Caitriona O'Connor (Nenagh), Sarah Maher (Nenagh), Rebecca White (Nenagh).

Pitch Development Progress.

By: Rose Mannion, Co. Camogie Treasurer & Development Chairperson.

Work on the spectators stand at the County grounds is nearing completion with all remaining to be finished is the safety barriers to be installed before the pitch can be opened to the public.

Tipperary camogie continue to upgrade these facilities and have also re-seeded the pitch over the summer month's. The foundations for a score board and for dug outs are in place, while the contractor to carry out the security fencing has been agreed upon. Refurbishment of the old dressing rooms to include a wheelchair friendly toilet facility, referee's room etc. are also afoot.

The board is most grateful to the G.A.A. clubs around the County who have been most accommodating with their facilities for semi finals and finals while the Camogie pitch remains closed. Indeed it wont be long now before all camogie games can once again be played in the County grounds, but unfortunately, weather is now playing a major part in the re-opening of the pitch as we do not want to destroy all the hard work of such a lovely County grounds.

Finances play the leading role in everything to-day and the development works at the County grounds is no different with financial restraints a real nightmare when trying to get the work completed. Fundraising is so necessary and must continue on an going basis to survive and to get the works completed. Clubs and County boards will feel the pinch probably more so than any other project's in the Country because of the present financial climate we now find ourselves in. However, we must keep our hopes up for better things to come and continue to work for the betterment of not only the game but also the facilities for our players and spectators as they are the people that matter and we should not allow this dip in the economy to disrupt our future plans to progress.



ALL IRELAND SENIOR CAMOGIE FINAL REFEREE

Eamonn Browne (Knockavilla/Donaskeigh Kickhams) officiated at his first All Ireland senior camogie final when he took charge of the Cork and Galway decider in Croke Park on Sunday 14th September. He has refereed at all levels in hurling and camogie in the Premier county and has refereed North American hurling, football and camogie finals, Boston International camogie finals and Shinty Camogie Internationals. Eamonn previously took charge of the All Ireland Junior camogie final in 2003. He has also officiated at various National League camogie finals, inter county championship semi finals, and senior and junior club finals.

Drom & Inch Camogie 2008

2008 has been a resoundingly successful year for Drom & Inch Camogie. What started out as humble new beginnings for the Senior team developed into an amazing campaign and one of the most successful years in the club's history.

In the County Championship the team built up momentum with sound performances in the early rounds. Any indications of the successes to come were not particularly obvious as of yet. However the team met their first major challenge in the form of reigning champions, Cashel. The game ended in a narrow defeat to last year's All-Ireland champions, however the youthful Drom side had led the scoring for most of the game and displayed skill, commitment and determination and hinted at their potential as a contender for county honours.

Having secured a place in the County-Semi Final Drom were drawn to play Duharra. The North-Tipp team had already beaten Drom in a tough earlier Championship encounter. The pressure was on for Drom to secure a place in the County Final and requisite Duharra's upper-hand over the Drom Senior side in recent years. A wholehearted and unwavering performance saw Drom through to the County final to take on an experienced Toomevara.

In the County final a motivated Drom & Inch, captained by Norma Harrington, produced a fine performance and led in the scoring stakes. Inevitably the Toomevara side refused to give up, but brilliantly consistent goalkeeper Rosanna Kineally denied Toome any late opportunities around the goal and Drom emerged worthy County champions. The song To Win Just Once could be heard echoing around the Ragg crossroads that night. In reality however this was mere a reflection of the team's attitude for taking one game at a time and much more success was install for Drom & Inch camogie in 2008.

Following on from a great County Championship the Senior team made history by bringing home the first Munster Senior cup to the Ragg after another game with many twists in tale. Drom gave up home advantage due to the unavailability of a pitch in the county because of weather conditions and so traveled down to Mahon in Cork to play Douglas on their home turf. The miserable weather conditions didn't spoil the game. Joanne Ryan and Eimear Shanahan pulled the Drom team into the lead. Despite a late comeback from the Cork side led by centre-forward Maria Harkin (a former Drom & Inch player and sister of Drom's full back Niamh), Drom managed to hold their

lead and secure a deserved victory and Munster Senior title for the club with Michelle Shortt receiving a well earned player of the match award.

With two titles won Drom & Inch progressed to the All-Ireland series and were drawn to play last years All Ireland Finalists, Athenry. With experience behind them and lots of ambition Athenry were surely favourites going into the game. After a meager first half, Drom & Inch came out in the second half with something to prove. Inspired by Therese Shortt and Siobhan McGrath, Drom & Inch overturned Athenry's 0-7 to 0-4 half-time advantage to take the lead. Athenry, led by All-Star Jessica Gill were caught by a super Joanne Ryan goal nine minutes from time which sent Drom & Inch 1-7 to 0-8 in front. Drom held off a late Athenry charge and secured a one point victory over the Galway side.

With the campaign having gained great momentum, Drom & Inch traveled with huge support to Donoughmore Ashbourne in County Meath to play O'Donnovan Rossa of Antrim in the All-Ireland Final decider. Fiercely contested and played at great pace, the many supporters in attendance witnessed a truly exciting All-Ireland final.

The Drom & Inch forwards, led by skillful number eleven Mary Looby, gave a great display while county stars Joanne Ryan and Geraldine Kinane held midfield. The backs worked tirelessly and showed fierce determination though they had their hands full with the astute Antrim forwards.

Despite Drom's fine performance, the Antrim side's experience and an unyielding Jane Adams proved the difference between the teams. After an hour or more of great hurling, disappointment hit the Drom & Inch team with the score-board reading 2-15 to 1-12 in favour of O'Donnovan Rossa. But the Drom supporters who traveled to the game did not feel so much disappointment as they did pride and appreciation for their Camogie team and the heart, skill, athleticism, solidarity and determination they displayed throughout this remarkable campaign. This is testament not only to the character of the girls involved but also of the Senior management team of trainer John Lillis, manager Johnny Harkin, and selector Jimmy Kennedy, not to mention the great work done by club officials, namely chairperson Joan Harkin.

With County and Munster honours Drom & Inch can be assured that 2008 has been a most successful year and with the experience gained from this year's All-Ireland final there is the promise of a very bright future for Drom & Inch camogie.



Drom-Inch County and Munster Champions 2008

Back Row (L to R): Niamh Butler, Kristina Kennelly, Eileen Harty, Rosie Kennelly, Siobhan McGrath, Norma Harrington (Captain), Sinead O'Meara, Catriona Kennedy, Mary Looby, Joanne Ryan, Aisling Butler, Teresa Kinnane, Antoinette Kennedy.

Front Row (L to R): Maria Eviston, Miriam Campion, Therese Shortt, Michelle Shortt, Patricia McGrath, Triona Butler, Caitriona Shortt, Niamh Harkin, Emer Shanahan, Geraldine Kinnane, Sinead Corcoran. Absent: Naomi Treacy.

GAA AWARDS 2008



Brendan Cummins of Tipperary is presented with his GAA All-Star award by Nickey Brennan, GAA President, in the company of Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism, Martin Cullen T.D., and Charles Butterworth, CEO Vodafone Ireland, left, during the 2008 GAA All-Stars sponsored by Vodafone. Citywest Hotel, Conference, Leisure & Golf Resort, Dublin.



Shane McGrath of Tipperary is presented with his GAA All-Star award by Nickey Brennan, GAA President, in the company of Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism, Martin Cullen T.D., and Charles Butterworth, CEO Vodafone Ireland, left, during the 2008 GAA All-Stars sponsored by Vodafone. Citywest Hotel, Conference, Leisure & Golf Resort, Dublin.



Conor O'Mahony of Tipperary is presented with his GAA All-Star award by Nickey Brennan, GAA President, in the company of Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism, Martin Cullen T.D., and Charles Butterworth, CEO Vodafone Ireland, left, during the 2008 GAA All-Stars sponsored by Vodafone. Citywest Hotel, Conference, Leisure & Golf Resort, Dublin.



Tipperary players, from left, Shane McGrath, Brendan Cummins and Conor O'Mahony with their OPEL GPA awards during the 2008 Opel Gaelic Players of the Year awards for Hurling and Football. Citywest Hotel, Conference, Leisure & Golf Resort, Dublin.



Tipperary GAA All-Stars award winners, from left, Conor O'Mahony, Shane McGrath and Brendan Cummins at the 2008 GAA All-Stars sponsored by Vodafone. Citywest Hotel, Conference, Leisure & Golf Resort, Dublin.



Tipperary hurler Shane McGrath is presented with the Vodafone GAA All Stars Player of the Month Award for April by GAA President Nickey Brennan and Vodafone's Director of Corporate Affairs Rosemary Steen. The Westbury Hotel, Dublin.

GAA AWARDS 2008



Trish O'Hallaron, of Tipperary, is presented with her Camogie All-Star Award by President of the Camogie Association Liz Howard and Guest of Honour - Tipperary hurler - Brendan Cummins. Camogie All-Star Awards 2008 in association with O'Neill's, Citywest Hotel, Conference, Leisure & Golf Resort, Dublin.



Liz Howard is presented with the Tipperary Person of the Year award, by John Treacy, CEO of the Irish Sports Council. 2008 Tipperary Association Dublin Awards. The Louis Fitzgerald Hotel, Newlands Cross, Naas Road, Dublin.



Edel Hanley, from Tipperary, is presented with her All-Star award by President Mary McAleese, in the company of, from left, Tony Towell, O'Neill's, Geraldine Giles, President, Cumann Peil na mBan and Pol O Gallchoir, Ceannsai, TG4. TG4 O'Neill's Ladies Football All-Stars Awards, Citywest Hotel, Dublin.



Loughmore-Castleiney GAA Club held their Victory Dinner Dance at Youngs The Ragg. Players who played leading roles in the County & Munster Final success were Noel McGrath (Tipperary minor hurling captain), Johnny Gleeson (Loughmore/Castleiney captain) and Paul Ormond (Tipperary captain)



Louis Fitzgerald, Liz Howard, Tipperary Person of the Year, Tony Wall, Hall of Fame and Michael Fenton, President of the Tipperary Association. 2008 Tipperary Association Dublin Awards. The Louis Fitzgerald Hotel, Newlands Cross, Naas Road, Dublin.



Tony Coen (Lorrha) was one of the recipients of the GAA President's Awards, when they were presented by Sean Kelly at Rochestown Park Hotel, Cork on June 5, 2005

BALLAD SHEET

Home of the Gael

'Twas in the nineteen forties,
I first saw that great green ground;
The massive Gaelic Sportsfield,
With high walls all around.

My bike I left at John Maher's land,
Where a field of crops had been
Unlocked, unsupervised, quite safe –
How changed is now that scene.

John has left 'a right of way' I'm told,
To get to the Killinan end –
A hurler bold, for the Blue and Gold,
Killinan's pride and friend.

I was too young to pay sixpence then,
So I had to wait a while,
Till a friendly neighbour came along
To lift me o'er the stile.

I'll ne'er forget the sight I saw
From the green-black sloping bank;
For the cinders and the lorry loads of waste,
The Sugar Factory we can thank.

The emerald green and well-cut field
Was like the Golden Vale;
I thought 'twas part of Paradise,
Or the heavenly Home of the Gael.

The old timber stand looked kingly then,
With the dressing rooms beneath;
And a barrel of soft rain-water near,
To wash both face and feet.

The dignitaries sat on their chairs,
The Archbishop was there too;
The backs were back, the whistle was blown,
Forwards to their places flew.

On railway sleepers all subs sat;
The stewards did well combine
To keep control of the cheering crowds
As they edged in towards the line.

I now see the Maher and Davin Terrace
With Ardán Cuinneán and Ó Riain
And Dr. Morris Park shows progress
To the Semple Stadium scene.

Fields have been made by levelling land,
Or by adding a newer sod,
But in Thurles we have a natural field,
Made by the hand of God.

Joseph Perkins

Martin Kennedy

'Twas four and eighty years ago, he saw the light of day,
The greatest Tipp full-forward, that ever we saw play.
From Templederry's Kilnafinch to Latheragh school he came,
The Lion of Kildangan and Toom's bright star of fame.

The fastest foot that ever sped around the dusty square,
The flying ball he never missed, on ground or in the air.
His steel-like wrists and lightning twists,
his goals we'll ne'er forget:

He beat the best full-backs with ease, as rascals shook the net.

The likes of Martin Kennedy will never more be seen,
So bold and brave in battle, so quiet-spoken and serene;
Another Matt the Thresher, before all hurlers bow,
The eagle of Tipperary, and the pride of Knocknagow.

Wherever forwards face the foe, or fear the fretful fray,
When Tipp goes thundering towards the goal,
to bear the crown away,
Remember Martin Kennedy, that loved and gentle soul,
And the feather marking out the spot,
from where he scored the goal.

He played for Borris and for Toom,
And for Kildangan in thirty two,
For fifteen years he starred for Tipp,
With six Railway Cups and All Irelands two.

Farewell to Castlesheela and to lovely Dromineer,
To Carrig, Kildangan, Kilnafinch and Toom so dear,
In Monsea's lonely graveyard, he rests beneath the sod,
While his soul meets happy hurlers on the friendly fields of God.

Joseph Perkins

THE FAMINE IS OVER: RADIO DOCUMENTARY TIPP FM

On the June Bank Holiday Monday, Tipp FM broadcast a new documentary, entitled 'The Famine Is Over'.

The programme focused on the Tipperary hurling team's campaign of 1987, from their battle to get out of Division 2 of the National Hurling League, to their progress in the championship. Given the title of the programme, particular emphasis was put on the monumental Munster Final replay with Cork in Killarney, when Tipp took their first Munster crown in sixteen years.

That particular victory sparked a revival in Tipperary hurling that would lead to four further Munster championships, as well as two All-Irelands, over the next six years.

'The Famine Is Over' was a recollection of various moments and experiences of that year, told by some names familiar, and some not.

Those who contributed to the programme included former Tipperary manager Michael "Babs" Keating, 1987's captain Richie Stakelum, and other members of that panel including Nicky English, Pat Fox, Donie O'Connell and Michael Doyle.

Sports writer and Nenagh-native Vincent Hogan, as well as Tipp supporters John Meagher, Brian Boyle, Enda O'Sullivan, and John Scott, also shared their memories of 1987.

Radio Producer/Journalist Ciarán Ryan, a native of Newport, produced the documentary, and it was supported by the Broadcasting Commission of Ireland's Sound & Vision Scheme, as well as Tipp FM.

The programme was broadcast just days before Tipp's historic win in Pairc Uí Caoimh. Since it was broadcast, a lot of people have been looking for copies of the programme or for another chance to hear it. Due to this demand, it is now available to stream online from the following link:

<http://www.vimeo.com/1231957>

Special thanks to all those who gave their time up to be interviewed for this project, Fran Curry and all at Tipp FM, County PRO Ed Donnelly, and the nice folks at [Premerview.ie](http://www.premerview.ie)

Ciaran Ryan

CUMMINS SECURES HIS THIRD ALL IRELAND POC FADA TITLE IN A ROW

Brendan Cummins won his fourth M. Donnelly All Ireland Poc Fada title in five years and his third in a row in a highly competitive competition held on the Cooley Mountains. G.A.A. President Elect Christy Cooney was on the mountain to present the Tipperary hurler with his All Ireland Corn Setanta Trophy. Brendan who completed the course in 54 pocs also won the All Ireland Pairs Poc Fada title teaming up with Clare hurler Brendan Mc Namara.



County Youth Committee

By Andy Ryan, County Youth Officer

Last December we held our Annual Primary School Quiz in Holycross Parish Hall. The winners were Borrisoleigh with 61 points out of a possible 64. Ardcroney beat Holycross in a play off to take second place.

On the 8th of March we held our Football blitz in venues in and around Thurles. 38 teams took part, although the weather wasn't on our side a very enjoyable day was had by all. A big thank you to all clubs, colleges and schools that made their facilities available on the day.

Prior to Tipperary Munster semi final with Cork the Youth Committee ran a match report competition. There was a huge response to this, where the kids had to write a match report on a game that their school took part in. The standard of the reports was very high. There were four winners each receiving family tickets to Tipp v Cork game. The winners were Conor Floyd Burgess N.S., Sarah Moore Inch N.S., Sarah Morrissey Skeheenarinky N.S., and Caél Holahan Gortnahoe N.S.

The highlight of year was our "Meet your Hero's" night which was run with our friends in Tipperary Supporters Club. This successful event was held in Semple Stadium. It gave all our young people a chance to see our Tipperary senior team doing a training session and then a chance to meet all players for autographs and photos. A big thank you to Ed Donnelly County PRO and John Coman Tipperary Supporters, Club PRO for all their help in organising this event and also to Liam Sheedy, his management team, the players who were fantastic with all the kids and to all the stewards who helped out on the night.

During the year the G.A.A. Code of Conduct for dealing with young persons was delivered in venues around the county.

County Youth Committee members are Andy Ryan County Youth Officer, Aoife Percy Mid Youth Officer, Jean O'Connor South Youth Officer, Liam Hogan North Youth Officer, Daniel Connery West Youth Officer, John Smith PRO Co. Bord na nÓg, Nicholas Moroney Coaching Officer and Andy O'Gorman.

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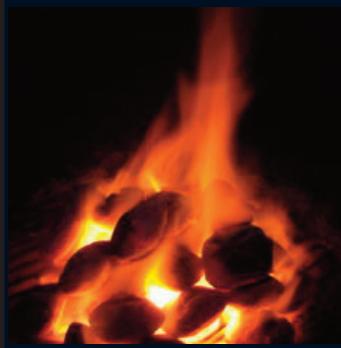


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Missing: Siobhan Butler, Admin Assistant, Niamh Egan, Physiotherapist.

Premier County Physiotherapy and Sports Clinics have been open for almost ten years. We have two clinics one in Templemore and the other in Thurles. We have highly experienced, motivated physiotherapists working in both clinics and are extremely fortunate in having a great administration team behind us. Between us we have expansive clinical interests in the various medical dysfunctions. We specialise in hands-on treatment in order to offer each patient the best possible approach available. Both Dan Walsh and Therese Ryan have degrees to Master level specialising in Sports Medicine. Niamh Egan is presently studying to Master level in the same discipline. Saoirse Devey and Michelle Campbell have special interests in sports injuries and in manual trigger point therapy. All the physiotherapists employed in the clinics are chartered and members of the Irish Society of Chartered Physiotherapists. Therefore patients are only ever treated by a Chartered Physiotherapist in our clinics guaranteeing that at all times patients receive the optimum level of care and experience by fully licensed trained physiotherapists who are committed to continuous professional development and ongoing progressive training.

Within the last year, Therese Ryan and Dan Walsh have trained intensively in medical deep dry needling of myofascial trigger points - an area of medicine pioneered by Dr. J. Travell and Dr. D. Simons. This treatment is extremely progressive and highly effective for all muscular problems but especially successful in patients who have recurrent chronic neck, low back, shoulder, pelvic, groin and hamstring problems. It is essential that anyone training in this field of medicine is highly informed and trained appropriately so as not to endanger the patient in any way. The safest, most effective deep dry needling myofascial techniques are those performed by trained Chartered Physiotherapists or general practitioners. By utilising this technique alongside our other physiotherapy approaches, the clinics offer a wide scope of highly effective treatments performed safely by trained chartered physiotherapists.

We are all proud of the results we get in the clinics and work dynamically to progress the practices at every available opportunity. We are grateful of our success to date and appreciate all patients who have attended our clinics and referred friends and family in turn.

We wish all Tipperary Sportsmen and Sportswomen the best of luck in 2009 and thank you again for all your business.

Yours in Sport,
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RESULTS OF FINALS PLAYED IN 2008

HURLING

MACLOCHLAINN ROADMARKINGS LTD SENIOR HURLING FINAL

Drom and Inch 2-19 Thurles Sarsfields 0-21 Templemore 31st Aug Ref John Kelly

ROADSTONE PROVINCE INTERMEDIATE HURLING FINAL

Gortnahoe Glengoole 2-11 Drom and Inch 0-15 Templemore 14th Sept Ref Johnny Ryan

JOHN AND BREDA KENNEDY (U/21A HURLING FINAL)

Thurles Sarsfields 1-12 Drom-Inch 0-9 Templemore 23rd November Ref Tom McGrath

EDDIE JOES TEMPLEMORE (U/21B HURLING FINAL)

Boherlahan Duala 2-09 J K Brackens 0-12 Ragg 11th Oct Ref Donal Leahy

THURLES CREDIT UNION (MINOR A HURLING FINAL)

Upperchurch Drombane 2-19 Moycarkey Borris 0-18 Boherlahan 11th Sept Ref Willie Clohessy

THURLES CREDIT UNION (MINOR B HURLING FINAL)

Drom and Inch 3-13 Boherlahan Duala 2-14 Holycross 21st Sept Ref Martin Treacy

ROSKEEN CONSTRUCTION (JUNIOR A HURLING FINAL)

Holycross Ballycahill 2-12 Moycarkey Borris 0-13 Boherlahan 27th Sept Ref Patsy Ralph

DONAL YOUNG (JUNIOR B HURLING FINAL)

Moyne Templetoohy 0-14 Moycarkey Borris 1-06 Holycross 4th Oct Ref Tom McGrath

CAHILL CUP FINAL

JK Brackens 1-15 Loughmore-Castleiney 2-9 Templemore 29th Nov Ref: Denis Curtis

JUNIOR HURLING LEAGUE DIV (1) FINAL

Gortnahoe Glengoole	2-06	Thurles Sarsfields	1-09	Templetoohy	13th June	Ref Martin Ryan
Replay Gortnahoe Glengoole	0-15	Thurles Sarsfields	1-12	O Field	15th Aug	Ref Pat Cullen
2nd Replay Gortnahoe Glengoole	3-08	Thurles Sarsfields	1-13	Gortnahoe	26th Oct	Ref Johnny Ryan

JUNIOR HURLING LEAGUE DIV (2) FINAL

Moycarkey Borris 1-16 Holycross Ballycahill 1-06 Boherlahan 20th May Ref Michael Jordan

JUNIOR HURLING LEAGUE DIV (3) FINAL

Knock 2-11 Thurles K-R-F 0-11 Templetoohy 22nd May Ref Hugh Coghlan

FOOTBALL

GLEESONS QUARRIES (SENIOR FOOTBALL FINAL)

Loughmore Castleiney 2-09 Moyne Templetoohy 1-08 Templemore 24th Aug Ref Denis Curtis

A.I.B THURLES (INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL FINAL)

Upperchurch Drombane 1-10 Holycross Ballycahill 0-05 Ragg 19th Sept Ref Pat Cullen

THURLES WHOLESALE CASH AND CARRY (U/21 A FOOTBALL FINAL)

JK Brackens 1-11 Holycross Ballycahill 0-07 Boherlahan 30th Mar Ref Denis Curtis

THURLES WHOLESALE CASH AND CARRY (U/21 B FOOTBALL FINAL) - A.E.T

Upperchurch Drombane 2-14 Clonakenny 1-11 Templemore 30th Mar Ref Pat Cullen

BANK OF IRELAND THURLES (MINOR A FOOTBALL FINAL)

Loughmore Castleiney 2-16 Moycarkey Borris 1-08 Templetoohy 26th Aug Ref Martin Ryan

BANK OF IRELAND THURLES (MINOR B FOOTBALL FINAL)

Moyne Templetoohy 1-05 Boherlahan Duala 0-04 Templemore 17th Aug Ref Michael Jordan

JERRY CHAWKE (JUNIOR A FOOTBALL FINAL) - REPLAY

Moycarkey Borris 0-11 Clonakenny 1-08 Morris Pk 21st Oct Ref John Kelly

Moycarkey Borris 3-07 Clonakenny 1-06 Ballycahill 26th Oct Ref Martin Treacy

JERRY CHAWKE (JUNIOR B FOOTBALL FINAL)

Upperchurch Drombane 3-03 Loughmore Castleiney 1-06 Morris Pk 25th Oct Ref Hugh Coghlan



Drom Inch Mid Tipp Senior Hurling Champions 2008

Picture Back Row L to R Paddy Kennedy, Frank McGrath, Seamus Callanan, Paul Ryan, Michael Cantwell, David Collins, Declan Ryan, Paul Collins, Declan Ryan, Paul Collins, Donnacha Kennedy, Kevin Butler, Michale Costello, Martin Butler, Paul Stapleton, Michail Butler, James Ryan, Seamus Butler, Eric Woodlock, Paul Connors. Front Row L to R John Kennedy, Trevor Hassett, Cathal Flynn, Liam Kennedy, Johnny Ryan, Michael Long, Damien Younge, Matthew Ryan, Eamon Buckley (Capt), James Woodlock, David Butler, Edward Costello, Joe Egan, Matthew Buckley.



Gortnahoe Glengoole Mid Tipp Intermediate Hurling Champions 2008

Gortnahoe Glengoole Panel that defeated Drom Inch in the Roadstone Provinces Ltd Mid Tipperary Intermediate Hurling final. Picture Back Row L to R Paul Horan, Tommy Duggan, Michael Phelan, Conor Horan, Ronan Stanley, Kevin Maher, Eddie Stokes, Kevin Kenny, Niall Teehan, Paddy Skehan, Michael Holohan, Keith Holohan, Michael Heffernan, Shay Butler, Darren Coady. Front Row L to R Liam Clery, Shane McCarthy, Johnny Guilfoyle, Chris Dunne, Sean Lahert, Keith Dwyer, John Colman, Leonard Stanley, John Teehan (Capt), James Stokes, Keith Corbett, Damien Corbett (Mascot)



Boherlahan Dualla Mid Tipp U21 'B' Hurling Champions 2008

The Boherlahan Dualla panel that defeated JK Brackens in the Eddie Joe's Templemore sponsored Mid Tipperary U21 B Hurling Final. Picture Back Row L to R Jamie Crosse, David Ferncombe, Seamus Ryan, Daragh Kennedy, Brian Quinn, Michael Fogarty, Fionn McCullough, Paul Creed, Aidan Maher, Ger Sullivan, Robert Barrett. Front Row L to r Eugene Sheedy, Colin Fitzgerald, Ger Sullivan, John McGeehan, Seamas Leahy, Mark Cavanagh, Stephen Tarrent, Paul Dwyer, Colm Bargery.



Upperchurch Drombane Mid Tipp Minor 'A' Hurling Champions 2008

The Upperchurch Drombane panel that defeated Moycarkey Borris to win their first Thurles Credit Union Mid Tipperary Minor A Hurling Final.

Picture Back Row L to R Joseph Lowry, Padraig Greene, Ciaran Shortt, Sam Bourke, David Bourke, Eugene Bourke, Sean Harty, Tommy Bourke, Adam O Malley, Michael Kennedy, Seamus Armstrong. Front Row L to R Colm ryan, Peter Ryan, Ger Fogarty, Matthew Greene, Paul ryan, James Barry (Capt), Ailbe O Donoghue, Diarmuid Grant, Padraig Shortt, James Murray



Drom Inch Mid Tipp Minor 'B' Hurling Champions 2008

The Drom Inch Panel that defeated Boherlahan Dualla in the Thurles Credit Union sponsored Mid Tipperary Minor B Hurling Final. Picture Back Row L to R Brian Everard, Ciaran Bergin, Philip Brett, Ian Shelly, Pat Lupton, Shane Delaney (Capt), Philip Looby, David Collins, Michael Everard, Joe Thorpe, Eddie Longe, John Kennedy. Front Row L to R Eamon Butler, Liam Harty, Thomas Ryan, Padraig Stapleton, Shane Hassett, Michael Purcell, David Butler, Seamus ryan, Oisin Jordan, Martin Dooley.



Holycross Ballycahill Mid Tipp Junior 'A' Hurling Champions 2008

The Victorious Holycross Ballycahill Panel that defeated Moycarkey Borris in the Roskeen Construction Mid Tipperary Junior A Hurling Final.

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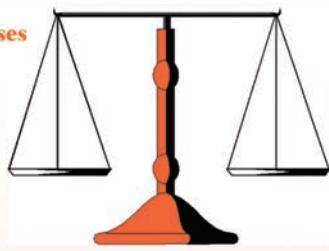
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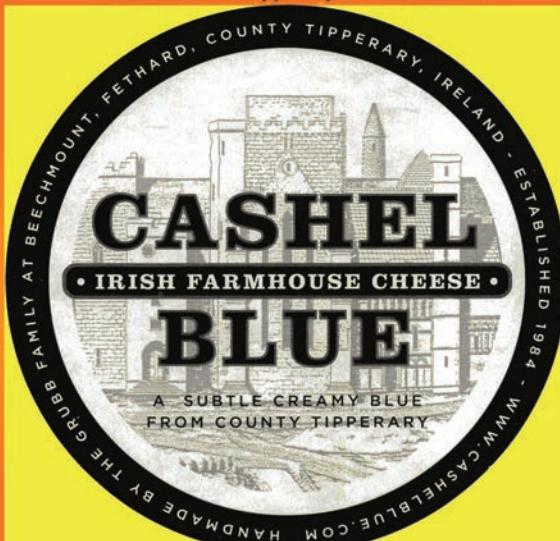
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Moyle Templetohy County & Mid Tipp Junior 'B' Hurling Champions 2008

The Moyle Templetohy Panel that defeated Moycarkey Borris in the Donal and Rose Young Mid Tipperary Junior B Hurling Final. Picture Back Row L to R Kevin Quinlan, Raymond Everard, Odhran Lloyd, Enda Everard, John Paul Costigan, Ronan Ely, Mark Kelly, Thomas Costigan, John Paul Kelly, Brian Kelly, David Costigan, Michael Esmond, Tom Guilfoyle, Eddie Everard, Willie Bergin. Front Row L to R Joe Grady, Jack Fogarty, Michael Maher, Conor Quinlan, John Coughlan, Sean Everard, Tim Bergin, Padraig Costigan, John Sweeney, Declan Kelly, Cathal O Loughlin



Gortnahoe Glengoole Mid Tipp Division 1 Hurling Champions 2008

The Gortnahoe Glengoole Team that defeated Thurles Sarsfields in the Mid Tipperary Division 1 Junior Hurling League Final Replay. Picture Back Row L to R Eddie Stokes, Keith Holohan, Kevin Kenny, Michael Holohan, Kevin Maher, Tommy Duggan, PJ Campion, Michael Phelan. Front Row L to R Shane McCarthy, Chris Dunne, Noel Hayes, Paul Horan, Keith Dwyer, Ian Dwyer, James Stokes



Moycarkey Borris Mid Tipp Division 2 Hurling Champions 2008

The Moycarkey Borris Panel that defeated Holycross Ballycahill in the Mid Tipperary Div 2 Junior Hurling League Final. Picture Back Row L to R Paudie Doran, Ger Dempsey, Eamon Flannigan, Eamon Donnelly, Kieran Shorthall, Daniel Kirby, Michael Healy, Pat Coman. Front Row L to R Peter O'Brien, Ger Carey, Aidan Ryan, Paul Kennedy, Johnny Flannigan, Anthony Healy, James Doran



Thurles Sarsfield - Mid Under 21 'A' Hurling Champions 2008

Picture Back Row L to R Donal O Gorman, Brian Stakelum, Pa Burke, Gareth Foxton, Kevin O Gorman, Patrick Leahy, Rory O Shea, David Maher, Brian White, Shane Meagher, Eoghan O Dwyer, David Shannon, Michael Russell, Cian Treacy, John Paul Dwan. Front Row L to R Tommy Doyle, Stephen Dorney, Michael Cahill, Padraig Maher, Denis Maher, John Maher, Bill McCormack, Conor Moloney, Stephen Fewer, Michael Gleeson, John Shortt, Liam Phelan, Darragh Stakelum. Missing from photo Captain Kevin O Halloran.



Loughmore Castleiney Mid Tipp Senior Football Champions 2008

The Loughmore Castleiney Panel that defeated Moyne Templetohy in the Gleeson Quarries Mid Tipperary Senior Football Final.

Picture Back Row L to R Raymond Webster, Diarmuid Brennan, Michail Webster, David McGrath, Tom King, Michael Brennan, David Kennedy, Aidan McGrath, James Egan, Martin Ryan, Seamus Bohan, Shane Purcell, Paddy Moynahan. Front Row L to R Dominic Brennan, Eddie Connolly, Alvy Stapleton, Noel McGrath, Tommy Long (Capt), Paul Ormond, Gary Sweeney, Paul Brennan, Darren Danagher, Cian Hennessy, Evan Sweeney, David Foy.



Upperchurch Drombane Mid Tipp Intermediate Football Champions 2008

The Upperchurch Drombane team that defeated Holycross Ballycahill in the Allied Irish bank Thurles Mid Tipperary Intermediate Football Final.

Picture Back Row L to R Conor O Dwyer, Colm Stapleton, Matt Ryan, Jody Brennan, Seamus Griffen, Padraig Stapleton, Patrick Lowry. Front Row L to R L J Ryan, Owen Shortt, Andy Kinnane, Pat Shortt, Michael Ryan, Joe Maguire, Donal Carey, Brian Phelan



JK Brackens Mid Tipperary U21 'A' Football Champions 2008

The JK Brackens Panel that defeated Holycross Ballycahill in the Thurles Wholesale Cash and Carry Mid Tipperary U/21 A Football Final. Picture Back Row L to R Kevin Fitzpatrick, Pat Buckley, Aidan Fogarty, Johnny Coleman (Capt), Declan Lynch, David Farrelly, Kevin O Riordan, Mark Stakelum, Sean McCormack, Gary Lyons, Paraic Meade. Front Row L to R Cathal Leahy, Austin Purcell, Eoin Fitzpatrick, Paudie Bourke, Stefan Lahy, Shane Bourke, Cathal Scully, Shane Russell, Gavin Bohan, Mikey Doyle.



Upperchurch Drombane Mid Tipperary U21 'B' Football Champions 2008

The Upperchurch Drombane Panel that defeated Clonakenny in the Thurles Wholesale Cash and Carry Mid U/21 B Football Final. Picture Back Row L to R Michael Kennedy, Padraig Shortt, Aidan Brett, Padraig Stapleton (Capt), Tommy Bourke, Colm Ryan, Joe McGuire, Leonard Purcell, Tommy Keane, James Greene, Matthew Greene, Peter Ryan. Front Row L to R Sean Harty, Paul Ryan, Padraig Greene, James Barry, Peter Ryan, Patrick Lowry, Matt Ryan, Colm Stapleton.



Loughmore Castleiney Mid Tipperary Minor 'A' Football Champions 2008

The Loughmore Castleiney Panel that defeated Moycarkey Borris in the Bank of Ireland thulres sponsored Mid Tipperary Minor A Football Final. Picture Back Row L to R Willie Eviston, John Meagher, Paddy Moynihan, Tomas McGrath, Liam Treacy, Denis Leahy, Brian McGrath, Paraic Egan, Eamon Connolly, Henry Maher. Front Row L to R Eamon McGrath, Noel McGrath, Thomas Quinn (Capt), Aidan McGrath, Cian Hennessy, Liam McGrath, Kevin O Connell, Paraic Hennessy, Patrick Nolan.

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Moyle Templetuohy Mid Tipp Minor 'B' Football Champions 2008

The Moyle Templetuohy Panel that defeated Boherlahan Dualla in the Bank of Ireland Thurles sponsored Mid Tipperary Minor B Football Final.

Picture Back Row L to R Diarmuid Fogarty, Liam Kelly, Paul Quinlan, Donnacha Dunne, Aidan Kelly, Matthew Bourke, JP Lanagan, Liam Ryan, Ronan Fanning, Gearoid Leahy. Front Row L to R Ryan Sweeney, Eugene Davey, Tom Meade, Dillan O'Halloran, Paul Bourke, Martin Kelly, Liam Butler, James Moloney, Pierce Meade, Tony Cantwell, Jason Bergin, David Bourke (Capt).



Moycarkey Borris Mid Tipp Junior 'A' Football Champions 2008

The Moycarkey Borris Panel that defeated Clonakenny in the Gerry Chawke Mid Tipperary Junior A Football Final Replay.

Picture Back Row L to R Michael Roche, Eamon Flanagan, Ciaran Shortall, Joe Sullivan, Eoin Dwyer, John Shortall, Paul Dempsey, Pa Carey, Ger Dempsey, Matthew Shortall, Rob Doran, Tony Flanagan, Kevin Moran. Front Row L to R Joe Dixon, Paddy Shanahan, John Kelly, Ken Ryan, Ciaran Clohessy, David Morris, Brian Moran, Anthony Healy (Capt), Paul Kelly, Ciaran Morris, Rory Ryan, Peter O'Brien, Paul Kennedy.



Upperchurch Drombane Mid Tipp Junior 'B' Football Champions 2008

The Victorious Upperchurch drombane Panel that defeated Loughmore Castleiney in the Gerry Chawke Mid Tipperary Junior B Football Final.

Picture Back Row L to R Jim Ryan, Michael Kennedy, John Ryan (Lime), Jack Ryan, Paddy Brennan, Leonard Purcell, Thomas Kennedy, Pat Treacy, Mike Ryan, LT Ryan, Pat Phelan, Tim Ryan, Stephen Gleeson. Front Row L to R Tom Ryan, John Carey, James Greene, Niall Ryan, JJ Kinnane, John Ryan (C), Colm Kennedy, Johnny Butler (Captain), Padraig Hayes, Tommy Keane.

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NORTH TIPP REVIEW

Hibernian Inn Senior Hurling Championship Final (Frank McGrath Cup)

Cill an Daingin	1-17	vs	2-12	Burgheas	Nenagh - Sun 24 Aug '08 Michael Cahill
<i>Winning Captains: Michael Ryan & Brian Kelly</i>					

SuperValu, Nenagh Intermediate Hurling Championship Final (Fr. Hewitt Cup)

Teampall Doire Coinin	0-17	vs	1-10	Tulach Sheasta	Nenagh - Sun 28 Sept '08 John Cleary
<i>Winning Captain: Timmy Minogue</i>					

Watch Centre Junior "A" Hurling Championship Final (O'Keeffe Cup)

Muine Gall	0-17	vs	0-12	Lothra	Nenagh - Sun 4 Oct '08 Jimmy Cahill
<i>Winning Captain: Billy McCormack</i>					

Watch Centre Junior "B" Hurling Championship Final (Dan Gleeson Cup)

Béal an Átha (replay)	1-12	vs	0-11	Tuaim Uí Mháeá (replay)	Dolla - Sat 25 Oct '07 Jim Lees
<i>Nenagh 18/10/08 First Match Drawn 1-16 v 1-16 Winning Captain: Padraig Sheehy</i>					

Walsh's of Nenagh Under-21 "A" Hurling Championship Final (Michael Delaney Perpetual Memorial Cup)

Templederry Kenyons	2-11	vs	1-13	Kilruane MacDonaghs	Nenagh - Sat 22 Nov '08 Tommy Ryan
<i>Winning Captain: Donal McGrath</i>					

Walsh's of Nenagh Under-21 "B" Hurling Championship Final (Peter Nolan Cup)

Kildangan	2-10	vs	2-07	Silvermines	Cloughjordan - 29 Nov '08 Dan Darcy
<i>Winning Captain: Donnacha McGrath</i>					

Walsh's of Nenagh Under-21 "C" Hurling Championship Final (North Bórd Shield)

Ballinahinch	3-08	vs	0-03	Borrisokane	Dolla – Sat 9 Aug '08 Anthony Sherlock
<i>Winning Captain: Donnacha McGrath</i>					

Ger Gavin Minor "A" Hurling Championship Final (Hamilton Cup)

Nenagh Éire Óg	2-14	vs	0-13	Kildangan	Cloughjordan - 13 Sept '08 Ger Fitzpatrick
<i>Winning Captain: Paddy Murphy</i>					

Ger Gavin Minor "B" Hurling Championship Final (Nealon Trophy)

Shannon Rovers Gaels	3-15	vs	2-10	Father John Kenyons	Kilcolman - Sat 12 Sept '08 Pat Gibson
<i>Winning Captain: Alan Hannigan</i>					

Senior Football Championship Final (Louis Maher Cup)

Thomas MacDonaghs	1-11	vs	1-06	Father John Kenyons	Borrisoleigh - 16 Sept '08 Paddy Russell
<i>Winning Captain: Diarmuid Cahill</i>					

Intermediate Football Championship Final (Brian O'Reilly Cup)

Kildangan	3-09	vs	2-07	Ballina	Kilcolman - Sun 23 Nov '08 Pat Gibson
<i>Winning Captain: Eddie Fogarty</i>					

Junior "A" Football Championship Final (Gilmartin Cup)

Borris-Ileigh	1-05	vs	0-06	Ballinahinch	Dr. Morris Pk - 8 Nov '08 T.P. O'Sullivan
<i>Winning Captain: Mark Bourke</i>					

Junior "B" Football Championship Final (Ulster Bank Cup)

Templederry Kenyons	1-10	vs	2-02	Ballina	Kilcolman - Sat 29 April '08 Stephen Egan
<i>Winning Captain: Noel Murray</i>					

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Under-21 "A" Football Championship Final (North Bórd Cup)

Silvermines	2-11	vs	0-04	Shannon Rovers Gaels	Puckane - Tue 29 April '08 John Kissane
<i>Winning Captain: Eoin Grace</i>					

Under-21 "B" Football Championship Final (North Bórd Trophy)

Newport	2-06	vs	2-03	Burgess	Dolla - Sat 12 April '08 Ben Darcy
<i>Winning Captain: Robert Harrington</i>					

Minor A" Football Championship Final (Gunnell Cup)

Kildangan	4-10	vs	2-06	Borris-Ileigh	Puckane -Tue 14 Oct '08 Michael Hayes
<i>Winning Captain: Paraic Kelly</i>					

Minor "B" Football Championship Final (Burke Cup)

Kilruane MacDonaghs	1-14	vs	0-07	Ballina	Puckane - Sun 7 Sept '08 Tommy Ryan
<i>Winning Captain: Timmy Walsh</i>					

Hogan Cup Hurling Final (Hogan Cup)

Toomevara	vs			Moneygall
<i>Not played at time of print</i>				

Intermediate Hurling League Final (Fr. Minihan Cup)

Templederry Kenyons	1-19	vs	2-15	Silvermines	Nenagh - Sun 18 May '08 Christy McLoughlin
<i>Winning Captain: Timmy Minogue</i>					

Junior "A" Hurling League Final (North Bórd Shield)

Toomevara	0-17	vs	1-07	Moneygall	Cloughjordan - 2 June '08 Martin Griffin
<i>Winning Captain: Jackie Meagher</i>					

Junior "B" Hurling League Final (Raymond Hogan Cup)

Templederry Kenyons	2-16	vs	1-12	Toomevara	Dolla - Sat 7 June '08 Pat Gibson
<i>Winning Captain: Pat Minogue</i>					



Kildangan Senior Hurling North Tipp Champions 2008

Kildangan senior hurlers - North Champions. Back row: (from left) - Cian Hayes, Eanna Gleeson, Rory Whelan, Ger Slattery, Liam Karol Flannery, James McLoughney, Sean Hackett, Liam Kelly, Dan Hackett, John Maher, Eoin Gleeson, Niall Kelly, James Flannery (M), Karl Hogan, Kieran Madden, Paraic Kelly, Ger Quinn, Tom Freeman (selector), Seanie Kelly, Michael Quigley, Michael Connors, Paul Murray (Physio), Ger Cunningham (Coach). Kneeling: Michael Ryan (captain), Eamonn Kelly (Manager), Fergal Hayes, Darragh Egan, Eoin Kelly, Brian Kelly, Paddy Lynch, Joe Gallagher, Ruairí Gleeson, Martin Minihan, Sean Gleeson, Martin Slattery, James Flannery (J), Dermot Hogan (with son Cormac), Thomas Hanrahan, Brian Lawlor, John Slattery, Rodge Gleeson (selector), Ger Hegarty (selector). Picture: Bridget Delaney



Toomevara County Tipp Senior Hurling Champions 2008

Toomevara panel - County SHC Champions 2008. Back row: (from left) - Barry Dunne, Denis Kelly, Kieran Brislane, Conor O'Meara, David Kennedy, Francis Devaney, Padraig Hackett, Paul McGrath, Ken Dunne, John O'Brien, Terry, Eoin Brislane, Tómas McCarthy, Ronan Tynan, David Nolan, Andrew Ryan. Front: Paddy Grace, Kieran McGrath, Darren Cuddihy, Benny Dunne, with mascot Jack Ryan, Willie Ryan, James McGrath, Paddy Tuohy, Michael Bevans (captain with daughter Ava), Joey McLoughney, David Young, Paddy O'Brien, Eva Dunne (mascot - Terry Dunne's daughter) John Delaney, Justin Cottrell, John Boland, Tony Delaney.



Templederry County & North Tipp Intermediate Hurling Champions 2008 also Intermediate League Winners (Fr. Minihan Cup)

Back row: (l to r) - Paul Butler, Tadgh McLoughlin, Pio Kennedy, Michael Ryan (C), Michael Ryan (L), Tom Ryan, James Hogan, Matthew Ryan, Christy Coughlan, Donal McGrath, Gearoid Ryan, Billy Corcoran, Paul Murray, John Kennedy, Micheal O'Leary, Cathal Ryan. Kneeling: Padraig Ryan, Ronan Kinane, Eddie Fahey, Pat Minogue, Timmy Minogue (captain), Thomas Stapleton, Paudie Ryan (C), Adrian Ryan, Seamus Kennedy, Padraig O'Leary, Donie Kennedy, Tommy Hogan, Eanna Murray, Johnny Harkins.



Moneygall County & North Tipp Junior 'A' Hurling Champions 2008

Moneygall Junior 'A' hurlers - North & County Champions. Back row: (from left) - Eamonn Troy, Michael Cahill, Enda Gleeson, Sean McCormack, Eamon McCormack, Damien Martin, Tadhg Kennedy, PJ Hoolan, Ger Whyte, Joe Smyth, Paul Smyth, Conor Troy. Kneeling: Noel Ryan, Donal Doughan, David Gleeson, Jody Troy, Barry Ryan, Billy McCormack, Martin Deane, Christopher Doughan, Tom Toohey.



Ballina - North Junior 'B' Hurling Champions 2008

Ballina Junior B Hurlers - North Champions. Back row: (l to r) Paddy Coleman (selector), Michael Sheehy, Tom Meskell, John Sage, Luke Conroy, Damien Quigley, James Ryan, Brian O'Connor, Padraig McKeogh, Eoin Cleary, Aaron Devane, Eoin Kent, Willie Gleeson, Michael Cyran, Sean Collins, Donal Kent, John Sheedy (Trainer). Front: Adrian King, Mark King, Eamonn O'Sullivan, TJ O'Connell, James Mooney, Paudie Sheehy (captain), Pat Kelly, Daniel Frawley, Thomas Grace, Mícheál Kennedy, Seamus Hannon, Ken O'Connell (selector with his children Kate & Shane).



Templederry North Tipp U21 'A' Hurling Champions 2008

Back row: Timmy Minogue, Gerald Hogan, Tom Ryan, Edward O'Connell, Padraig O'Leary, Gearóid Ryan, Matthew Ryan, Donal McGrath (Capt), Adrian Ryan, Pat Ryan, Paul Butler, Jimmy Sweeney (Coach), Donie Kennedy (Selector), Paddy Kennedy (Selector).
Front row: Tom McCutcheon, Ronan Kinane, Tadhg McLoughney, Tommy Hogan, Paul Murray, Patrick Ryan, Eanna Murray, Thomas Stapleton, Christy Coughlan, Pio Kennedy.



Ballinahinch North Under 21 'C' Hurling Champions

Back Row: (Left to right) John Ryan (B), James Hickey, Lawrence Hogan, Jamie Flynn, Shane Healy, Liam Lynch, Andrew Ryan, James Young, James Healy. Front Row: Mark Kelly, Sean Berkery, Cormac McGrath, Domnacha McGrath, Thomas Grace, Edmund Ryan, Ger Grace, Colin Hogan.



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Nenagh Eire Og - North & County Minor 'A' Hurling Champions 2008

Nenagh Eire Og - North & County Minor 'A' Champions. Back row: (l to r) - Michael Hynes, Tony Slattery (Manager), Adrian Brennan, Kevin Gubbins, Joe Geaney, Paul Slattery, Kevin Kennedy, Mark Higginbottom, Sean Geaney, Ned Darcy, Kevin Flynn, Billy Heffernan, David Hickey, John Minogue, David Cleary, Kevin O'Gorman, Hugh Moloney (selector), Richie Flannery (selector). Supporters Andrew, M Flynn and Liam Maher, Tommy Heffernan, Tommy Murray (selector). Front: Brian Duffy, Daire Quinn, Mark Tuite, Willie Bolger, Paddy Murphy (captain), Shane Maher, Paddy Flynn, Eoghan Slattery, Niall Madden, PJ Maxwell, Cliff Moloney



Kildangan U-21 hurlers - North 'B' Champions.

Back row: (l to r) - Art Flannery (Manager), James Gallagher, Liam Ryan, Eoin Gleeson, Paddy Coen, Fergal Hayes, Kieran Madden, Martin Minihan, Cian Hayes, John Hayes, Josh Fletcher, Michael Quigley, Liam Karl Flannery (selector). Middle row: Pauric Kelly, Joe Gallagher, Ruairí Gleeson, Martin Slattery (captain), Eanna Gleeson, Seanie Hackett, James Holland, Eoin Kennedy. Front: Rory Whelan.



Toomevara Junior 'A' North League Hurling Champions 2008

Back row: (from left) - Bob Duff, Michael Murphy (selector), Brian Slattery, Brian McCormack, Jackie Meagher (also club Chairman), Jamie Quigley, Darren Cuddihy, Kieran Brislane, John Boland, Andrew Ryan, Seamus 'Oggie' O'Meara, Paul Treacy, Seamus Delaney (selector), Paddy Shanahan (selector). Kneeling: Colm McCarthy, Jim Duignan, Kieran McGrath, David Nolan, Sean Delaney, Denis Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Paddy Kelly.



Thomas MacDonaghs - North Senior Football Champions 2008

Thomas MacDonaghs football panel - North senior champions. Back row: (l to r) - Pat Murphy (mentor), Mark O'Meara, Pat O'Meara, Patrick Maher, Kieran Garvey, Niall Cahalane, Michael Costello, Stephen Murphy, Philip Donnellan, Gordan Harding, Kevin Quinlan, Joe Hannigan (Manager). Kneeling: George Hannigan, Alan Hannigan, Shane Quinlan, Philip Austin, Niall Murphy, Kevin Maher, Diarmuid Cahill (captain), Derek Horan.



Templederry - Junior 'B' North Tipp Football Champions 2008

Templederry Junior 'B' Footballers - North Champions. Back row: (from left) - Andrew Ryan, Michael O'Leary, Daniel Shanahan, Damiam Kilgallon, Patrick McLoughney, Michael Ryan (L), Billy Corcoran. Kneeling: John Kennedy, Michael Ryan, Donie Kennedy, Paudie Ryan (C), Noel Murray (captain), Johnny Harkin, James Hogan, Cathal Ryan.



Kildangan - Intermediate North Tipp Football Champions 2008

Back row, left to right: Joe Helly, Niall McGrath, Martin Minihan, Eanna Gleeson, Fergal Hayes, Karl Hogan, Cian Hayes, James Flannery, Eoin Kelly, Eoin Gleeson, Tommy Hanrahan, Paddy Lynch, Dan Hackett, Sean Kelly, Art Flannery; Front row, left to right: Eamonn Kelly (with son, Kieran), Niall Kelly, Brian Lawlor, Ruairí Gleeson, Sean Hackett, Joe Gallagher, Michael Ryan, Eddie Fogarty (capt.), Liam Kelly, Brian Kelly, Brian McLoughlin.



Above: North Tipperary Hurler & Footballer of the Year recipients. Seated are the footballer recipients (l to r) - John Foley (Ballinahinch - Junior), Olivia Hogan on behalf of her brother Karl (Kildangan - Intermediate), George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers Gaels - U-21), Rory Whelan (Kildangan - Minor). Standing are the Hurlers of the Year - Shane Maher (Burgess - Senior), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch - Intermediate), Billy McCormack (Moneygall - Junior), Matthew Ryan (Templederry - U-21), Ruairí Gleeson (Kildangan - Minor).

Left: Referees who gave distinguished service to the North GAA Board. Seated are the recipients (l to r) Matt Stapleton (Borris-ileigh), Jimmy Conroy (Nenagh Eire Óg), Pat McGrath (Toomevara), Mick Lenihan (Ballinahinch), Tom Gleeson (Portroe). Standing are North Board Officers - John McGrath (Vice-Chairman), Gerard McKeogh (Secretary), John Sherlock (Chairman), Catherine Gleeson (Treasurer), Michael Cahill (Referees Chairman), Michael Sheehy (Vice-Chairman).

Below: Kildangan are the North Tipperary Club of the Year with Club Chairperson Catherine Gleeson holding the award in the company of club officials, players and supporters.

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SOUTH TIPP REVIEW

SOUTH TIPP BOARD ROLL OF HONOUR 2008

					Venue	Referee
GLANBIA SENIOR HURLING						
31/08/08	Killenaule	3-15	Ballingarry	1-10	Monroe	Willie Barrett
CLONMEL OIL SENIOR FOOTBALL						
14/09/08	Moyle Rovers	0-8	Fethard	0-5	Cahir	Donie Cahill
SOUTH TIPP TODAY INTER FOOTBALL						
06/09/08	Clonmel Og	0-12	Kilsheelan	1-8	Ardfinnan	Keith Delahunty
MARTINS FRIUT & VEG INTER HURLING						
20/09/08	Fethard	1-12	Moyle Rovers	1-12	Clonmel	Pa Shelley
02/11/08 replay	Fethard	1-13	Moyle Rovers	0-14	Kilsheelan	Noel Cosgrove
JOHN QUIRKE JUNIOR HURLING A						
27/09/08	Ballingarry	1-10	Ballylooby/C	0-8	Kilsheelan	Victor Direen
GARRABRIDGE LIGHTING JUNIOR FOOTBALL A						
26/09/08	Fethard	2-7	St Patricks	0-9	Ballyporeen	Brian Tyrell
EUROPLAN JUNIOR HURLING B						
12/10/08	Moyle Rovers	0-13	Mullinahone	0-5	Cloneen	Andy Moloney
FITZPATRICK FAMILY JUNIOR FOOTBALL B						
04/10/08	Carrick Swans	1-9	Clonmel Og	1-5	Kilsheelan	Gerry Ryan
O DONOGHUES MOTOR FACTORS U21 FOOTBALL A						
13/04/08	Moyle Rovers	1-12	Carrick Swans	2-6	Kilsheelan	Martin Doyle
HALL ALARMS U21 FOOTBALL B						
12/04/08	Mullinahone	2-7	Clonmel Og	0-5	Carrick	John McConigley
PAT CLEERE U21 HURLING B						
02/11/08	Mullinahone	1-11	St Pats Gaels	1-11	Monroe	Keith Delahunty
16/11/08 R	Mullinahone	0-11	St Pats Gaels	0-9	Monroe	Paddy Ivors
SUREPRINT MINOR FOOTBALL A						
31/08/08	Moyle Rovers	3-13	Fethard	0-9	Clonmel	Seamus Roche
MINOR FOOTBALL B						
07/09/08	Cahir	3-8	Ballyporeen	1-11	Ardfinnan	Martin Doyle
CHADWICKS MINOR HURLING A						
10/09/08	Ballingarry	1-13	Moyle Rovers	0-16	Cloneen	Noel Cosgrove
24/09/08 R/ET	Ballingarry	1-16	Moyle Rovers	0-17	Kilsheelan	Seamus Roche
MK SPORTS MINOR HURLING B						
28/09/08	St Marys	1-18	Fethard	3-9	Monroe	Paddy Ivors
MINOR HURLING C						
21/09/08	Skeheenarinka	1-17	Ballyneale	0-4	Newcastle	Tom O'Donnell

Ballingarry - All- Ireland Junior 'B' Hurling Champions 2007

2007 and early 2008 was a special year for Ballingarry G.A.A. club and for the South Division when our Junior 'B' hurling team made history by winning the All Ireland championship.

After some great displays in South Tipperary against Skeheenarinka, Ballybacon/Grange, Kilsheelan and particularly Moyle Rovers, we beat near neighbours St. Patrick's in the South final. We then faced Portroe in the county semi- final played in The Ragg. This game was played with great passion and skill from both teams but in the end Ballingarry, with a nice blend of young and experienced players, came out on top. Our next opponents were Killea in the County Final. On a wet and windy day in Boherlahan all seemed lost when going into injury time we trailed by four points. However up stepped Patrick 'Blondie' Ivors to score a point followed by a goal to earn a replay. Two weeks later it was back to Boherlahan for the replay and this time we made no mistake and returned to the village as County Champions and a great night of celebration.

Further celebrations were put on hold as we were now playing in the Munster and All Ireland championship. Training continued all through the Christmas period. We eagerly awaited our first opposition Templeglantine, champions of Limerick. Having defeated Templeglantine comprehensively on a scoreline of 2-12 to 0-06, our opponents in the Munster Final were St. Ita's from Cork. This match was played on Sunday 10th February in Killeedy, Co Limerick and the following day's match report in the Irish Examiner under the heading "Blondie and Butler star as Ballingarry hold firm to oust St. Ita's" stated that "lack of forward power cost St. Ita's dearly as Ballingarry swept to a well deserved triumph in the final of the Munster Club Junior 'B' Championship in Killeedy, Co Limerick, yesterday. Inspirational performances from Patrick 'Blondie' Ivors and wing forward Richie Butler paved the way for Ballingarry as St. Ita's struggled to score a much needed goal. Ivors scored three splendid long range points, including a 65 conversion, while Butler rifled over six points, five from play, as the Tipperary representatives led from start to finish". Final score: Ballingarry 2-12 St Ita's 0-12

In the All Ireland semi final we had an easy victory over the Ulster champions, Mullahoran of Cavan on a scoreline of 4-18 to 1-08. We now awaited the winners of the other semi final between local neighbours Emerald's, Urlingford and Sarsfield's of Galway. Emerald's came out winners to set up the dream final of Tipperary v Kilkenny. The final was played on 9th March on the all weather pitch in Newtownshandrum Co. Cork and not in nearby Killeedy, who were the host club and sponsors of the Munster and All-Ireland Junior 'B' Hurling Championship.

Ballingarry's great pride and community spirit came to the fore when prepara-

tions for the final were put in motion. We would like to thank our many sponsors in this regard. On the day of the final it seemed like the entire parish travelled to Newtownshandrum dressed in maroon to support this great team and once again they came up trumps by defeating The Emerald's, Urlingford on a scoreline of 0-10 to 0-08, thus becoming All Ireland Champions.

Following a meal in the Anner Hotel Thurles, the team and supporters returned to Ballingarry for a night of great celebration.

The full schedule of matches played and scores is as follows:

1st Round on June 13th:

Ballingarry 5-16 Skeheenarinka 1-02

2nd Round on June 27th:

Ballingarry 2-16 Ballybacon/Grange 0-05

3rd Round on Aug 8th:

Ballingarry 1-14 Kilsheelan 1-02

South Semi Final on Oct 7th:

Ballingarry 0-08 Moyle Rovers 0-06

South Final on Oct 27th:

Ballingarry 2-18 St. Patrick's, Drangan 0-04

County Semi Final on Nov 4th:

Ballingarry 2-09 Portroe 0-07

County Final on Nov 17th:

Ballingarry 2-08 Killea 1-11

County Final replay on Dec 1st:

Ballingarry 2-08 Killea 2-05

Munster Championship Semi final on Jan 27th 2008:

Ballingarry 2-12 Templeglantine (Limerick) 0-06

Munster Final on Feb 10th:

Ballingarry 2-12 St. Ita's (Cork) 0-12

All-Ireland Semi Final on Feb 24th:

Ballingarry 4-18 Mullahoran (Cavan) 1-08

All-Ireland Final on March 9th:

Ballingarry 0-10 Emerald's, Urlingford 0-08

Ballingarry panel: Kevin Croke, Daniel Fennelly, Gary Fitzgerald, Damien Fitzgerald, Kevin Fitzgerald, Thomas Donovan, Gerry Fitzgerald, Alan Cooney, Patrick 'Blondie' Ivors, Tom Butler, Darren Kelly, Richard Butler, Ian Ivors, Gerry Ivors, Noel Walsh, Paddy Ivors, Séan Purcell, Michael Ivors, James Maher, Danny Fitzgerald, Paul Cleary, Jack Fennelly, Thomas Maher, Brian Kelly, Joey Ivors, John Cleere.

Credit must go to this panel of players who were great ambassadors for the club on and off the field throughout the long campaign and to the management team of Michael McGrath (Manager), selectors Tommy Norton, Michael Fitzgerald and masseur Jimmy Maher for their unstinting efforts, dedication and commitment in bringing the very first hurling club All Ireland to Ballingarry.



All Ireland Junior 'B' Champions 2007/08

Back L/R: Michael McGrath, (Manager) Darren Kelly, Gerard Ivors, Ian Ivors, Thomas Donovan, Thomas Maher, Tom Butler, Daniel Fennelly, Gary Fitzgerald, Paddy Ivors, Patrick (Blondie) Ivors, Kevin Fitzgerald, Damien Fitzgerald & Michael Ivors. Front L/R: Tommy Norton, (Selector) Noel Walsh, Brian Kelly, Alan Cooney, Gerard Fitzgerald, Kevin Croke, John Cleere, Séan Purcell, James Maher, Richard Butler, Daniel Fitzgerald, Paul Cleary & Patrick Ivors (Selector) Three boys in front L/R: Niall Walsh, John Walsh & Patrick Ivors. Missing from photograph: Jack Fennelly, Joey Ivors & Jimmy Maher (Masseur)



Skeheenarinka South Minor 'C' Hurling Champions 2008

Back Row: Michael (Hopper) McGrath, Danny Barrett, Mark Hennessey, Anthony Breedy, Jack English, Mathew Hannon, Gerry Clancy, Kevin Carey, Eanna Meaney, Shane Lynch, Declan Duggan. Front Row: Conor Sweeney, Niell Barret, Paul Quinlan (Captain), Kevin Crotty, Anthony Crotty, Glen Walsh, Cian Duggan, John O'Callaghan



St. Marys – South Minor 'B' Hurling Champions 2008

Back row (left to right): Jimmy Ryan, Keelan Maher, Dennis Walsh, Paul Nolan, Eoin Carey, Stephen Buckley, Liam Glendon, Brien Powell, Seamus Kennedy, Jamie Peters, Stephen O Dwyer, Peter Powell, Darragh Ryan, Shane Power, Gearoid Buckley, Michael Mahony, Shane O Gorman, Michael Quinlivan, Alan Nash. Front row (left to right): Eamon Lonergan, Conor Ryan, Brien O'Hara, Conor Walsh, Colm Nolan, Aldo Mattassa, Joey Phelan, Rose Fee, Jack Kelly, Gavin Power, Emmet Ryan, Graham Cronin, Mark Power, Martin Kennedy, Conor O'Keffee.



South Board 2008

Pictured left to right: Seamus Walsh, Mick Quinn, Michael McCormack, Joe Brennan, Tom Cusack, Sean Nugent, Noel Byrne, Mick Egan.

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Cahir - South and County Minor B Football Champions

B/R; Matty McEniry, Joe McEniry, Neil Farrell, Eoin Farrell, Evan O'Dwyer, Paul McEvoy, Edmund Meehan, Shane Tobin, Liam Meehan, Sean O'Connor, Eanna O'Gorman, Cormac Crowe, Niall O'Donnell, Eddie Kendrick, Michael Hickey.
F/R: Denny Whelan, John Sheehy, Aaron Wall, Roger Peters, Shane Murphy, Willie Reidy, Dean Lonergan, Alan Doolan, John O'Connor, Paddy O'Flaherty.

The year 2008 will be one to remember for the Cahir Minor footballers as they captured the South and County Minor B football championship. This team also got to the final of the Minor Football League final but were unfortunately beaten by a very strong Arravale Rovers team on a score line of 1-5 to Arravale 2-12. Their south championship started off on the 24th of March when they played St Patrick's in Newcastle, defeated them with a score line of 2-07 to St Patrick's 1-05, next they played Killenaule on the 17th of April in Marlfield and won by 1-12 to Killenaule 0-02. They qualified for the south semi-final and were drawn against St Patrick's whom they played on the 30th of August in Fethard, it was a very tough game for the lads and it took sheer determination to defeat St Patrick's on a score line of 2-09 to St Patrick's 0-07. On to the south final when they played Ballyporeen in a close and well contested game, they withstood a great Ballyporeen fight back to capture the South Championship by 3-08

to Ballyporeens 1-11. We defeated Moyne/Templetouhy in the County semi-final on the 26th of September in Boherlahan by 1-16 to 1-06. County Final was played in Sean Treacy Park on the 12th of October and we comprehensively defeated Kilruane Mac Donaghs to become well deserved County Minor B Champions.

Back Row: John O'Reilly, Eric Rees, Eanna O'Gorman, Shane Tobin, Alan Doolan, Edmund Meehan, Neil O'Donnell, Sean O'Connor, Niall Farrell, Michael Hickey, Eddie Kendrick, Cormac Crowe, Dean Lonergan, Roger Peters, Barry McEvoy, John O'Connor Denny Whelan,
Front row: Paddy O'Flaherty, Matty McEniry, Eoin Farrell, Joe McEniry, Shane Murphy, Aaron Wall, Willie Reidy, Liam Meehan, Paul McEvoy, John O'Reilly, John Sheehy, Evan O'Dwyer.



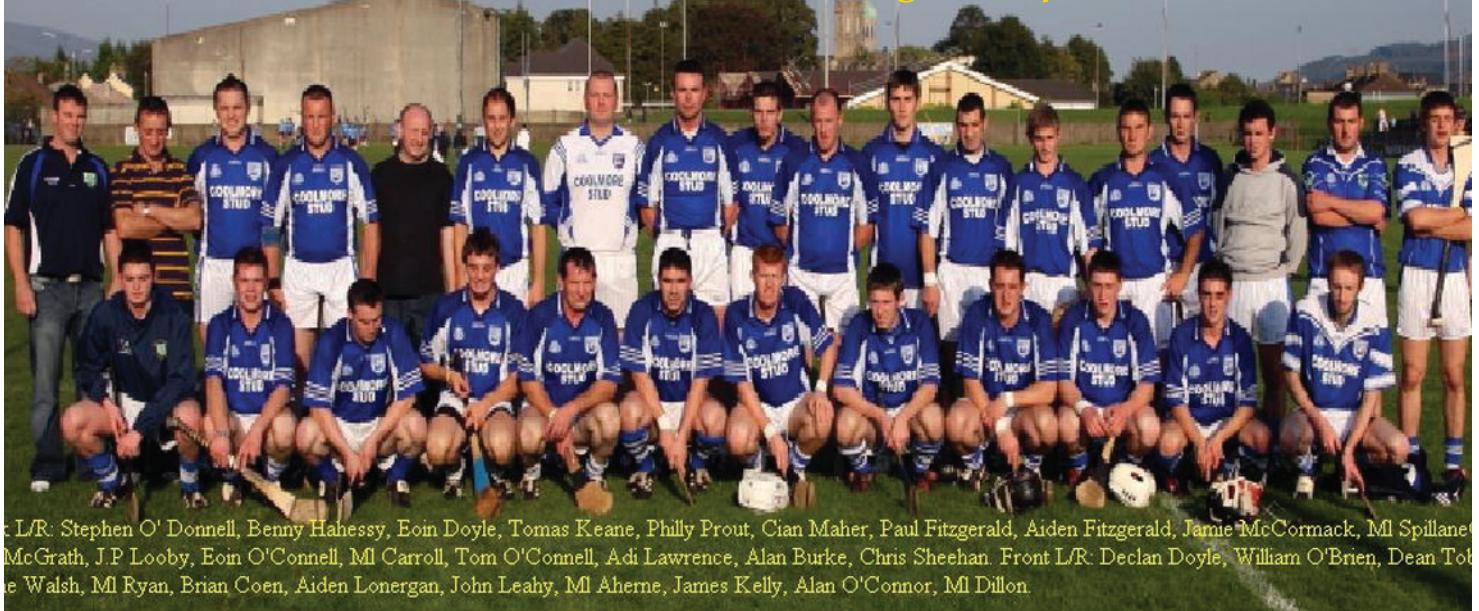
Noel Morris (Chairman, Tipperary Football Board)
presents the trophy to Cahir Captain
after the Co. M. F. C. "B" Final.



Moyle Rovers - South Senior Football Champions 2008

Back (LtoR): Jimmy Dunne, Luke Boland, Brian Smith, Paul Johnson, Edmund Burke, Mick Morrissey, David McGrath, Ciaran Kenrick, Peter Acheson, Darren Nolan, Paul Shanahan, Aidan Foley, Diarmuid Foley, Padraig Foley, Kevin Condon, Conor Cooney, Aaron Kelly, Richard Power, Robbie Boland, Paraic Kelly, Declan Browne, Brendan Foley. Front (LtoR): Tommy Brett, David Foley, Ronan Desmond, Tommy Barry, Daniel Lyne, Brian Mulvihill, Michael Mulcahy, Sean Carey, James Williams (capt), Ian Browne, Martin Dunne, Liam Cronin, John Shanahan, Sean Keating, Seamus Delahunty, Luke Delahunty, Donal Foley

Fethard - South Intermediate Hurling Champions 2008



Back L/R: Stephen O'Donnell, Benny Hahessy, Eoin Doyle, Tomas Keane, Philly Prout, Cian Maher, Paul Fitzgerald, Aiden Fitzgerald, Jamie McCormack, Mi Spillane, McGrath, J.P. Looby, Eoin O'Connell, Mi Carroll, Tom O'Connell, Adi Lawrence, Alan Burke, Chris Sheehan. Front L/R: Declan Doyle, William O'Brien, Dean Tóibín, Walsh, Mi Ryan, Brian Coen, Aiden Lonergan, John Leahy, Mi Aherne, James Kelly, Alan O'Connor, Mi Dillon.



Moyle Rovers - Senior County League Champions 2008

Back Row (LtoR) Jimmy Dunne, Breda Foley, Richard Power, David Conway, Michael Mulcahy, Padraig Foley, James Williams, Conor Cooney, Ronan Desmond, Robbie Boland, Sean Carey, Brian Mulvihill, Aaron Kelly, John Shanahan, Declan Browne
Front Row (LtoR): Donal Foley, Seamus Delahunty, Aidan Foley, Kevin Condon, Sean Keating, Paul Shanahan, Diarmuid Foley (capt), Daniel Lyne, Martin Dunne, Tommy Barry, Padraig Hickey, Daniel Lyons, Ciaran Kenrick, Liam Cronin

Ballingarry - South Minor Hurling A Champions 2008



Back Row L/R: Kevin Croke, MI Power, Billy Horan, Darragh Ivors, Danny Fitzgerald, MI Teehan, Brian Kelly, Jack Fennelly, Ian Ivors, Craig Dornin, Keith Shelly, Front Row L/R: Matthew Butler, Adrian Cleere, Brendan Brennan, Jerry Fitzgerald, Ciaran Shelly, Jack Ivors, MI Ivors, Jonathan Ivors, Sean Maher

Fethard - South Junior Football A Champions 2008



B/R Sel. Stephen Fitzgerald, MI O'Riordan, Ed Sheehan, Tom Anglim, Tomas Keane, Philly Croke, Cathal Gorey, Michael Spillane, Johnny Neville, Aaron O'Donovan, Shane Kenny, William O'Brien, Philly Blake, Gavin Fitzgerald, J.P McGrath, Philly Prout, Michael Quinlan (non playing captain)

F/R Tommy Sheehan, Ciaran Ryan, Brendan Brett, Conor McCarthy, Alan O'Connor, Willie Morrissey, Nicky Murphy, John Leahy, Eoin O'Connell, Martin Coen, Michael Carroll, Mike Kelly



Moyle Rovers - U21 South Football Champions 2008

Back (LtoR): Charlie Purcell, Peter Acheson, David Foley, Edmund Burke, Shane Heffernan, Denis McGrath, Padraic Hickey, Liam Redmond, Richard Power, Sean Boland, Daniel Lyons, Ciaran Kenrick, Paul Walsh, Darragh Boland, Daniel Lyne

Front Row (LtoR): Shane Foley, David McGrath, Sean Keating (capt), Darragh Dwyer, Sean Carey, Diarmuid Foley, Barry Molloy, Darren Nolan, Mark Campbell

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Moyle Rovers - Junior B Hurling South Champions 2008

Back (LtoR): Diarmuid Foley, John O'Brien, Ciaran Kenrick, David Foley, Michael Mulcahy, Shane Heffernan, Edmund Burke, Richard Power, Jack Lonergan, Charlie Purcell, John Kelly, Kevin Ryan, Paul Norris
Front (LtoR): Ronan Crosse, David Lorigan, Owen Fogarty, Shane Heffernan, Morgan Ryan (Capt), Thomas Hill, Darragh Dwyer, Philip Ryan, Pat Condon



Moyle Rovers - South Minor 'A' Football Champions 2008

Back (LtoR): James Williams, John Lyne, Andrew Walsh, David McGrath, Sean Boland, Liam Carey, Ciaran Lorigan, Thomas Hill, Charlie Purcell, Shane Heffernan, Jack Lonergan, Robert Ryan, Denis McGrath, Shane McCormack, Daniel Long, James Cahill, Mick Morrissey, Tony Smith, Tom Acheson
Front (LtoR): Shane Foley, Liam Carey, Ethan Ahearne, Brian Smith, Peter Acheson (Capt), Darragh Dwyer, Alan Campbell, Dean Coffey



Carrick Swan Junior(B) Football South Champions 2008

Back L to R - Derek Reade, Tommy Fitzgerald, Paul Diffily, Mark O'Halloran, Alan O'Sullivan, William Barrett, Brian Grace, Glen Keane, Craig Walsh, Ross Clery, Front L to R - Willie Murphy, John Walsh, Barry Walsh, Shane Hogan, Ray Bourke, Aaron Harrigan, Johnny Cahill, Ray Dunne, Paul Hahessy (Capt)



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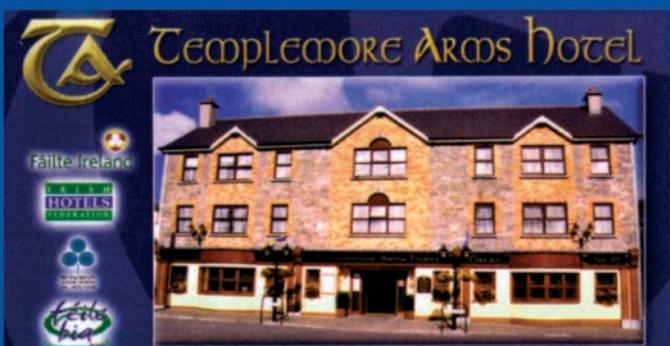
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1-9

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1-10

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2.11 IN CASHEL, KICKHAMS

2-14

CLONOULTY/ROSSMORE 3-7.

RICHARD BARRY.

LOWRY'S BAR U21HC 'B'

18.10 IN DUNDRUM, CAPPWHITE

0-14

ÉIRE ÓG

1-9.

JOHN RYAN.

LION PRINT U21HC 'C'

30.11 IN S.T.PARK AHERLOW

2-12

SEAN TREACYS

1-9

PADDY RUSSEL

DUNDRUM HOUSE HOTEL MHC 'A'

6.09 IN BANSHA, CLONOULTY/ROSSMORE

4-11

KICKHAMS

1-8.

JOHN RYAN.

LION PRINT MHC 'B'

27.08 IN EMLY, CAPPWHITE

1-16

AHERLOW/GALTEE

3-7.

RICHARD O'CONNOR.

MHC 'C'

27.07 IN EMLY, LATTIN/CULLEN

3-20

SOLOHEAD

1-7.

JOHN O'BRIEN.

BALLINLARD TRANSPORT SFC .

17.09 IN CAPPWHITE, GALTEE ROVERS

1-14

ÉIRE ÓG

0-7.

RICHARD O'CONNOR.

BALLINLARD TRANSPORT SF O'DONOGHUE CUP

7.12 IN S.T.PARK GOLDEN/KILFEACLE

V ROCKWELL ROVERS.

PADDY RUSSELL.

MATT KAVANAGH COACHES IFC

26.09 IN CAPPWHITE, ROCKWELL ROVERS

1-4

GOLDEN/KILFEACLE

0-5.

EAMON BROWNE.

C&C ENGINEERING JFC 'A'

11.10 IN NEW INN, CAPPWHITE

3-16

ROSEGREEN

2-9 AET.

DAVID GROGAN.

AIB JFC 'B'

31.10 IN CLONOULTY, ARRAVALE ROVERS

2-12

SEAN TREACYS

1-6.

OISÍN RYAN.

MCGRATH OIL U21FC 'A'

6.04 IN GOLDEN, AHERLOW

1-9

ARRAVAL ROVERS

1-3.

GER RIORDAN.

MCGRATH OIL U21FC 'B'

5.04 IN GOLDEN, ROCKWELL ROVERS

0-8

CLONOULTY/ROSSMORE 0-6.

GER HOWE.

MCGRATH OIL U21FC 'C'

30.03 IN SOLOHEAD, SEAN TREACYS

1-6

LATTIN/CULLEN

2-3.

MARTIN RYAN.

10.05 REPLAY IN CLONOULTY, SEAN TREACYS

3-5

LATTIN/CULLEN

0-9.

GER RIORDAN.

O'MURCHU FINANCIAL SERVICES MFC 'A'

15.08 IN NEW INN, ARRAVAL ROVERS

2-8

CLONOULTY/ROSSMORE 0-1.

PHIL RYAN.

PA SHEEHY BUTCHERS MFC 'B'

30.08 IN BANSHA, CASHEL

0-9

ROCKWELL ROVERS

0-8.

GER HOWE.

MFC 'C'

6.08 IN CAPPWHITE, SOLOHEAD

1-11

SEAN TREACYS

2-2,

TOM DAWSON.

Lattin-Cullen – 2008 Review

When the Gaels of Lattin-Cullen take the time to look back on the year 2008, they can do so with considerable satisfaction. It was a most successful season on the juvenile front, with (at time of writing) six divisional titles won. At adult level, the minor hurlers claimed our fourth-ever county title, while the intermediate footballers claimed the Co. Senior Football League (Division 1) title.

U12 B Football:

The West u12 championship campaign began with a first round victory over Eire Og Annacarty. In the quarter final, a determined Aherlow-Solohead side were accounted for. The draw pitted us against Sean Treacys in the semi-final. It was a very evenly contested tie, with the sides level entering the final quarter. However, Lattin-Cullen pulled away in the closing stages to record a victory of 4-4 to 1-3. Clonoulty-Rossmore were our opponents in the final, which was played in Dundrum on May 12th. This was truly an epic clash, which two hugely committed teams displaying everything that is good about Gaelic Football. An Anthony Leahy goal proved crucial in securing a memorable win on a scoreline of 1-4 to 0-5. This win completed a three-in-a-row for Lattin-Cullen in this grade.

This result qualified us for the County semi-final, where we met South Champions Killenaule in New Inn on May 24th. Both teams deserve great credit for the football they produced in appalling conditions. The teams were level, 0-4 apiece, as the end of normal time approached. With the very last attack of the game, James Nash scored a goal that sent Lattin-Cullen into their second County final in 3 years.

Standing in our way of County glory were Silvermines, the champions of North Tipperary. The sides met in Semple Stadium, Thurles on the 31st of May. Silvermines were in determined mood, and raced into an early lead. Lattin-Cullen played with tremendous spirit throughout, but were unable to close the gap. The final whistle saw Silvermines ahead by seven points – 1-9 to 1-2.

U12 B Hurling:

With a successful football season behind them, the players and selectors turned their attentions to hurling. Victory over Aherlow-Solohead in the 1st round of the championship qualified us for the semi-final. Rockwell Rovers were our opponents, and after a tremendous struggle, we emerged victorious on a scoreline of 2-6 to 0-6. In the final, we played Sean Treacys. The hurling decider was a tight affair, with both sides refusing to give in. It was only in the dying stages that Lattin-Cullen pulled away to record a victory of 2-4 to 0-5. This was an historic victory, as it was the first time that Lattin-Cullen had done a hurling/football double at u12 level.

South Champions Ballylooby-Castlegrace were our opponents in the County semi-final. They established an early lead, which proved to be insurmountable, despite a late Lattin-Cullen rally, which reduced the deficit to a single goal. The players and management can be very proud of their efforts during this year.

U12 Panel - Craig Quinn, Kevin Kinane, Sean Dillon, Liam Corcoran, Shane McGrath, Niall Enright, Stephen Moloney, Anthony Leahy, Jamie Franks, Shane Ryan, Patrick O'Donoghue, Patrick Crehan, Shane Neville, James Nash, Kevin Franks, Liam Quirke, Mikey O'Halloran, Michael Hayes, Sean Crowe, Mikey Power, Declan Leahy, Tristan Vaughan, Luke Ashmore, Thomas Nash, Tony Byrnes, Brendan McGrath, Eleanor Kinane, Seamus Hourigan.

Selectors: Paddy Russell, Tom Neville, And Roddy Crehan

U14 Football:

The u14 season usually begins with the Féile na nGael (hurling) and Peil na nG (football) competitions. In the Peil na nG, victories over

Knockavilla/Donaskeigh (rd 1) and Arravale Rovers (S/F) put us into the final against Clonoulty-Rossmore. The final score of 2-5 to 1-4 (in our favour) truly reflects the close nature of the game. It was the first time in the club's history that we had won this competition.

We faced Clonmel Commercials in the County semi-final. From the beginning, it was clear that they were a fine side, and they ended our interest in this competition.

Later in the year, our under-14 panel went on to complete a 'treble' of their own, by winning the West Tipperary football shield and hurling plate.

U14 Panel - Patrick Corcoran, David Cooney, Thomas O'Donoghue, James Landers, Sean Cunningham, Cormac O'Donoghue, Ciaran Gannon, Patrick Kinane, Kevin O'Dwyer, Darren Neville, Denise O'Donnell, Mark Russell, David O'Heney, Emma Heffernan, Conor Maher, Liam Cunningham, James Nash, Anthony Leahy, Niall Enright, Patrick O'Donoghue, Jamie Franks, Craig Quinn, Shane Ryan, Stephen Moloney, Gerry McCahill.

Manager: Sean O'Donoghue. Selectors: Gerry Maguire, John Kiely (football), Christy Ryan (hurling).

U 16 B Hurling:

The West Tipperary under 16 B hurling championship began in mid-July, when we faced Rockwell Rovers in Dundrum. Victory in this tie set up a semi-final clash against near neighbours and great rivals Emy. A fine, high scoring game of hurling saw us emerge victorious on a scoreline of 4-13 to 3-10. Golden-Kilfeacle came through to meet us in the final in Dundrum on Sunday, September 21st. It was a day when everything 'clicked' for the team, a committed and skilful performance resulting in victory.

Cashel was the venue for the County semi-final against Mullinahone, the champions from the South. Unfortunately, defeat was our lot on this occasion, with the final score not an accurate reflection of the general competitiveness of the game.

U16 Panel: Michael Hanley, Shane Enright, John Condon, Mathew O'Donoghue, Arthur Dunne, Michael P Ryan, Billy Heffernan, Cillian Ryan, Padraig Finn, Michael Morrissey, Sean Kiely, Brendan O'Sullivan, Gerry McCahill, Patrick Corcoran, David Cooney, Thomas O'Donoghue, James Landers, Sean Cunningham, Cormac O'Donoghue, Kevin O'Dwyer, Darren Neville, Mark Russell, David O'Heney, Conor Maher, Liam Cunningham, Selectors: Pat Power, Pat O'Grady, and Sean O'Donoghue

Minor Hurling:

2007 had been a successful year, with a minor C West title secured. However, a narrow loss to Ballinahinch in the County final was a disappointment for players and mentors alike. With many of the players still eligible, hopes were high that they could one better and land a precious county crown.

Four teams entered the West Tipperary minor hurling C championship – Solohead, Emy, Solohead and Lattin-Cullen. Early season wins over Emy and Sean Treacys qualified us for a final date with Solohead. Our best performance of the season saw us defeat our neighbours and claim back-to-back titles (3-20 to 1-7).

The County championship was run on a knockout basis with losers group. Our first round opponents were North side Moneygall, who won on a scoreline of 4-11 to 2-7. In the losers group we faced Solohead. As this game doubled up with the West Tipp minor C final, the result entered us into the County semi-final. On September 1st, we played against Skeheenarinky, with a place in the final on offer. A high scoring game ended with Lattin-Cullen one goal ahead. (4-11 to 1-17).

All roads led to Ballycahill on Saturday, September 13th for the County final, where we met our first round conquerors, Moneygall. Lattin-Cullen had learned from the previous encounter, and established an early lead. In what was a keenly contested encounter, Moneygall tried valiantly to close the gap,

but to no avail. For only the 4th occasion in our history, Lattin-Cullen had won a County championship. A delighted Michael Kirby received the cup from County Board Treasurer and clubmate, Eamonn Buckley.

2008 Co. Minor C Hurling Champions - Arthur Dunne, Michael Hanley, Michael Kirby, Michael Ryan, Jason Ryan, Shane Russell, Alan Hayes, John Breen, Leonard Leahy, Timmy Heffernan, John Condon, John O Heney, Shane Enright, Darragh Ryan, Cathal Martin, Gerard Ryan, Martin Kirby, Killian Ryan, Michael Morrissey, Brendan O Sullivan, Maurice Leahy.
Selectors: Mike Martin, Mick Hanley.

Intermediate Football:

Seven teams entered Division 1 of the County Senior Football League. Four victories in the group stage – Fr. Sheehy's, Clonmel Og, Newport and Golden-Kilfeacle - guaranteed Lattin-Cullen a semi-final slot. On April 13th, we faced Upperchurch-Drombane, where a one goal victory (2-10 to 1-10) earned a place in the final. The Division 1 final was played in Cashel on April 26th. Our opponents were Newcastle, who had beaten us earlier in the group stages. A tight, low-scoring game eventually went our way (1-7 to 1-5).

The panel that secured a first-ever County league title for Lattin-Cullen: Gerard Ryan, Stephen Martin, Kevin Kiely, Dermot Leahy, Pat Power, Aidan Kiely, Diarmuid O Halloran, John Kiely, Leonard Leahy, Michael Kenny, Ailbe Power, Timmy Byrnes, Brendan Hanley, Gerry Maguire, Roger Kiely, James Power, John Breen. Eamonn Condon, Timmy Heffernan, Donal Breen, Shane Russell, Evan Hanley, Michael Byrnes, Bernard Murray, Aidan Hogan, John O Heney, David Enright, Damien O Donnell, Thomas Byrnes, Michael Kirby, Brian Maguire, James O Dwyer, Bernard Leahy.

As we enter our 60th year in existence, we hope to build on the successes of the last 12 months. Lattin-Cullen GAA club would like to wish its players, members, supporters and the wider GAA community a happy, healthy and sporting 2009.

Daniel Connery,
Lattin-Cullen PRO.



GAA Photographer supreme Jerry Ring at West SH Championship replay between Cashel & Kickhams at Golden in 2007



Lattin/Cullen County & West Minor Hurling 'C' Champions 2008

Back L/R; Michael Hanley (Selector), Gerard Ryan, John Breen, Jason Ryan, Shane Russell, John O Heney, Darragh Ryan, Brendan O Sullivan, Martin Kirby, Shane Enright, Michael P Ryan, John Condon, Michael Martin (Selector)

Front L/R: Leonard Leahy, Michael Hanley, Maurice Leahy, Timmy Heffernan, Alan Hayes, Michael Kirby (Capt) Arthur Dunne, Killian Ryan, Cathal Martin.



Aherlow West U21 Hurling 'C' Champions 2008

Back L/R; Steve Chapman, Tommy O'Neill, Mark Grogan, Peter McKnight, William "g" Brien, Gordon Peters, John Hennessy (Jnr.), Seamus Grogan, Billy O'Meara, Bernard O'Brien, Seanie Peters. Front L/R; William Hennessy, Thomas Hanley, Mark Hanley, Cathal Dillon, John Hennessy, Sean Mullins, Colm Griffin, Thomas 'C' Fahy.



Sponsorship Presentation 2008

Pictured from left at the presentation, prior to the SHC final, to the West Board from Tipperary Co-Op Super Valu were; Noel O'Dwyer Building Providers Manager, Michael O'Grady Shop Manager, Matty Finnerty West Board Chairman, Patrick Horan Éire Óg Captain, Matt Quinlan Chairman Tipperary Co-Op, John Heffernan Clonoulty Rossmore Captain, Ted O'Connor Chief Executive Tipperary Co-Op, Eamon Buckley West Board Treasurer, and Kieran Maguire, Manager, Tipperary Co-Op.



Clonoulty/Rossmore West Tipp Senior Hurling Champions 2008

Back L/R: Willie Ryan, Daithi Maher, Ned Dwyer, James Heffernan, Timmy Hammersley, Aidan Butler, Conor Devane, Thomas Butler, Conor Ryan, Declan O'Dwyer, Diarmuid Cullen, Paddy Ryan, Jason Forrestal, Padraig Heffernan, Paudie White, James Ryan (H), Sean O'Connor, Philip Quirke, Donagh O'Donnell. Front L/R: Richard Martin, Thomas Lyng, Anthony Kearney, John O'Keeffe, John Heffernan (Capt.), Brian Ryan, John Devane, Fiachra O'Keeffe, Con O'Keeffe, Joey O'Keeffe, Kevin Horan. Front sitting, Ciara Quirke and Elana Quirke.



Cappawhite - West Croscro Cup Senior Hurling Champions 2008

Front L/R: Stevie Grisewood, Ciaran Ryan (P), James Bradshaw, Cian Creedon, Shane McDermott (Captain), Thomas Costello, Michael O'Neill, Ger Ryan (P), Jim Carr, Paddy Julian, Dean O'Dwyer, Timmy Cranley, Daniel Kelly, Franny Quinn (Manager), John O'Dwyer. Back L/R: Lar Cleary (Selector), Declan Costello, Paul Fitzgerald, George Kelly, Ross Dunne, Gerry O'Neill, Pat O'Neill, Eugene O'Neill, Alan O'Neill, Matthew Kennedy, Michael P Buckley, Dessie Ryan (P), Tom Treacy, Sean Ryan, Noel Ryan, Ger Ryan (B) (Selector), Dave Barry (Selector).



Galtee Rovers West Intermediate Hurling Champions 2008

Back L/R: Jason Collins, Colin Power, Mark O'Brien, Cathal Moloney, Michael Collins, Kieran Marnane, David Byron, Dallan Browne, Eamon O'Connell, John Morrissey, Billy Quinn, Vinny Murphy. Front L/R: Raymond O'Dwyer, Pa Morrissey, Anthony Boles, Colin Morrissey, Pat Marnane (Capt) Tony O'Brien, David Morrissey, Kieran Bergin, Denis Peters, Kevin Bergin



Cashel K.C. - West Junior 'B' Hurling Champions 2008

Back L/R: Seanie O'Donoghue (manager), Tommy Fitzgerald, Ruairí Ryan, Adrian Cummins, Marcus McCarthy (Capt.), William Gleeson, Martin Hickey, John O'Dwyer, Eoin Laffan, Mark Keane, Noel Murphy, Ailbhe Bonnar, Patrick Butler, Oisín Ryan, John Darmody, Conal Bonnar, T. J. Connolly (trainer). Front L/R: David Ryan, Richie Ryan, Pakie Hallissey, Michael Butler, Declan Taylor, Daniel Murphy, P. J. Mooney, David Shields, Michael Perdue, Alan Coughlan, Cormac O'Dwyer. Missing: Declan Horan.



Kickhams - West Under 21 'A' Hurling Champions 2008

Back L/R: Eoghan Butler, Danny Carberry, Patrick O'Brien, Michael Morrissey, Rory O'Dwyer, Michael Heelan Capt, Sean Keogh, Patrick Morrissey, Shane Morrissey, Tommy Comerford, Niall O'Brien, Thomas Ryan.

Front L/R: Kenneth Horgan, Rory Heffernan, Daniel Kennedy, Jason Loughman, Padraig Hayes, Conor Horan, Shane Heelan, Pakie Farrell, Darragh Browne.



Cappawhite - West Under 21 'B' Hurling Champions 2008

Front L/R: David Buckley, John McGrath, Cian Marnane, Cathal McCarthy, Jim Carr, Dean O'Dwyer, Timmy Cranley, Michael R Buckley, Michael O'Neill (Captain), Donagh Heffernan, Tom Treacy, Matthew Ryan (W), Michael Treacy.

Back L/R: Paul Fitzgerald, Brendán Buckley, Colin Andrews, Michael P Buckley, Keith Ryan, John Hourigan, Gerry O'Neill, Michael Ryan (W), Matthew Ralph, Noel Ryan, Robert Ryan, Darragh Buckley, Leonard Fitzgerald (Manager), Ger O'Neill (Selector).



Clonoulty/Rossmore West Minor 'A' Hurling Champions 2008

Back L/R: Joe Hammersley, Kieran Hammersley, Martin Sadlier, Kevin Maher, Cathal Ryan, Niall Shanahan, Seamus Carew, Philip Kearney, Padraig Kearney, Shane Frysday, Andrew Quirke, Thomas Butler, Philip Quirke, John O'Neill, Paddy Ryan, Liam Maher, TJ Ryan, Micheál Ryan. Front L/R: Jamie Moloney, Conor Hammersley, Aidan White, Kieran Ryan, David Fitzpatrick, Sean O'Connor, Domnacha Ryan, Darren Corcoran, Aaron Ryan, Kieran Quirke, Michael Quinn, Philip Ryan, Jerry Ryan.



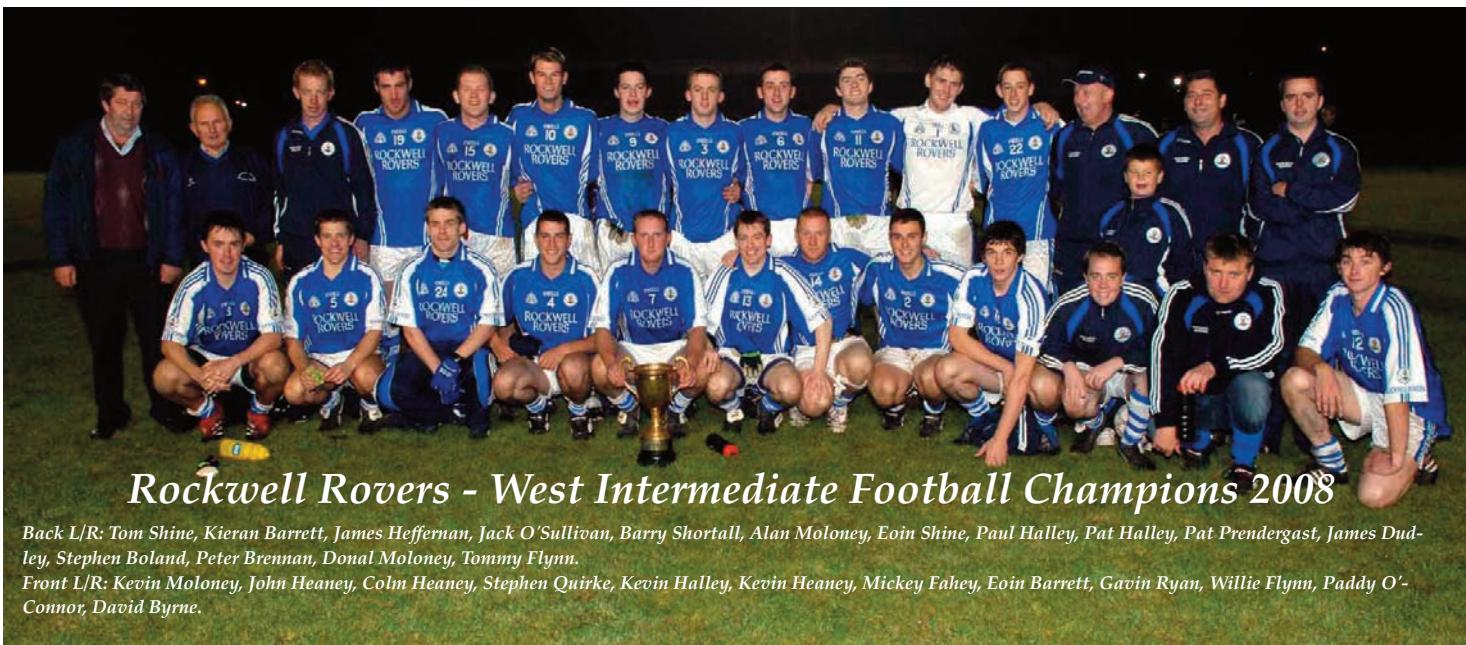
Cappawhite West Minor 'B' Hurling Champions 2008

Front L/R: Darragh Hickey, Liam McCarthy, Donagh Heffernan, Cormac Heffernan (Captain), Dean O'Dwyer, Matthew Ralph, Darragh Barry & Anthony Cummins. Back L/R: Eimhin O'Meara, Cathal McCarthy, Matthew Ryan, Donal O'Neill, Jim Fitzgerald, Denis Kennedy, Stephen Ryan, Cian Marnane, Michael Treacy, Pat Stapleton, Noel Ryan, Jack Turner.



Galtee Rovers - County & West Senior Football Champions 2008

Back L/R: Pa Morrissey, Damien Ryan, David Byron, Denis Peters, Declan Peters, Shane Egan, Cathal Moloney (Capt), Mark O'Brien, Christopher Doyle, Patrick Ryan, Paul McCarthy, Kieran Marnane, Padraig O'Halloran, John Morrissey. Front L/R: Kevin Bergin, Andrew Morrissey, David Morrissey, Mark Peters, Michael O'Connell, Pat Marnane, Colin Morrissey, Vinny Murphy, Tony Egan, Tony O'Brien, Christopher Higgins, Adrian Grace, Edmond Grace.



Rockwell Rovers - West Intermediate Football Champions 2008

Back L/R: Tom Shine, Kieran Barrett, James Heffernan, Jack O'Sullivan, Barry Shortall, Alan Moloney, Eoin Shine, Paul Halley, Pat Halley, Pat Prendergast, James Dudley, Stephen Boland, Peter Brennan, Donal Moloney, Tommy Flynn.

Front L/R: Kevin Moloney, John Heaney, Colm Heaney, Stephen Quirke, Kevin Halley, Kevin Heaney, Mickey Fahey, Eoin Barrett, Gavin Ryan, Willie Flynn, Paddy O'Connor, David Byrne.



Cappawhite - County Junior Football 'A' Champions 2008

Front L/R: Martin McDermott (Manager), Paddy Julian, Michael O'Neill, Shane McDermott, Stevie Grisewood, Sean Ryan, Denis Kelly, James Bradshaw, Ger Ryan (P), Jim Carr, Kevin Mullins, Timmy Cranley, Tom Treacy, Matthew Kennedy. Back L/R: Niall Creedon (Captain), John Ryan (P) (Selector), Declan Costello, Tommy Julian, Daniel Kelly, John Paul Julian, John Ryan (P), Ciaran Ryan (P), Denis Tierney, Dessie Ryan (P), Alan O'Neill, Cian Creedon, Jim McGrath, Thomas Costello, Paul Fitzgerald, Ross Dunne, Pat O'Neill, John McGrath, John Hourigan.



Arravale Rovers - West Junior Football 'B' Champions 2008

Back L/R: John Hayes, Sean Spillane, Seanie Cummins, James O'Brien, Barry Walsh, Alan Kiely, Brian Nugent, Darragh Fitzpatrick, Sean O'Meara, Morgan O'Brien, Francis Conaghan, Michael Crowe, Front L/R: Tommy Toomey (Manager), Ger O'Dwyer, Declan Morey, Paddy Maher, Richie Lohan, Fergal McNamara, Johnny O'Donnell, Ger Mulholland.



Aherlow - West U21 'A' Football Champions 2008

Back L/R: William Óg O'Brien, Gordon Peters, Peter McKnight, Thomas 'C' Fahy, William Hennessy, Tommy O'Neill, Bernard O'Brien, Mark Grogan, Chris McDonald, John Hennessy (Jnr.), Ciarán McDonald, Cathal Dillon, Stuart Moloney Selector. Front L/R: Billy O'Meara, Seamus Grogan, Thomas Hanley, John Hennessy, Mark Hanley, Sean Mullins, Colm Griffin, Seanie Peters Manager, Joe Fahy Selector.



Rockwell Rovers - West U21 'B' Football Champions 2008

Back L/R: Barry Shortall, David Byrne, Patrick Boland, Brian Shanahan, James Dudley, Niall Kennedy, Noel Barrett, Brian Riordan, Liam Lonergan, Stephen Byrne, Barry O'Donnell, Stephen Boland, Gearoid Moloney, Pat Prendergast, Kevin Halley, Michael O'Donnell. Front L/R: Joe O'Rourke, Thomas Byrne, Gavin Ryan, Eoin Byrne, Eoin Barrett, Eamon Og Barron, John Flanagan, Alan Moloney, Kevin Riordan, Willie Flynn.



Sean Treacys - West U21 Football 'C' Champions 2008

Back L/R: Padraig Carey, Darragh Carr (mascot), Matt Carr (Manager), Michael O'Gorman, Paul Hogan, Vincent Carey, Jim Caplis, Tom Hickey, TJ Quigley, Jody Ryan, Derek Nolan, Willie Ryan (selector), Emmet Steed (selector). Front L/R: Danny O'Brien, Simon Kennedy, Domnacha O'Brien, Damien Nolan, Larry McLoughlin, James Gough, Mark Hogan, Cormac Nolan, Ciaran Devitt, Jimmy Treacy (selector).

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Arravale Rovers - County Minor 'A' Football Champions 2008

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Cashel - West Minor Football 'B' Champions 2008

Back L/R: P. J. Mooney, Michael Killian O'Dwyer, Seamus Reade, Patrick Coates, Lee Burke, Declan Horan, Patrick Butler, David Shields, Jack Ryan, John Darmody, Eoin Laffan, Brian Anglim, Christopher Cummins, Michael Perdue, Tommy Fitzgerald; Front L/R: Robert White, Eoin Quirke, Jonathon Grogan, Jack Kelleher, Daniel Murphy, Adrian Cummins, Leon Purcell, Robert Anglim, Andrew Kelleher, Ian Shanahan.



Solohead - County Minor 'C' Football Champions 2008

Back L/R: Ger Riordan, Manager, Mark Lowry, selector, Aidan Ryan, Thomas Sheridan, Eoin Riordan, Averley Quirke, Stephen O'Hora, Eamon Quirke, and Fintan Griffin. Front L/R: Darren Ryan, Christopher O'Connor, Christopher Ryan, Declan Riordan, Brendan Collins, Declan Burns, Joey Riordan.

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COUNTY TIPPERARY BORD NA nÓG

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

by John Smith, P.R.O.

2008 was another busy year with twenty one county titles being decided. Tipperary won the Carrigdhoun Under 15 hurling tournament for the first time and Tipperary's footballers were victorious in the Plate final of the Jim Power Under 14 tournament. Hereunder is a report of the various competitions.

Football Under 12

Clonmel Commercials retained the 'A' title following a fantastic second display which saw them overcome a gallant Nenagh Eire Óg team. Commercials defeated Arravale Rovers in the semi final with Nenagh Eire Óg defeating Durlas Óg in the other semi final.



What a difference a year makes. Last year Silvermines left Semple Stadium disappointed after losing the 'C' final but this year they were celebrating following an impressive win over Lattin-Cullen in the 'B' final. The winners were never headed in this game and they held their opponents scoreless in the first half. Silvermines and Lattin-Cullen defeated Boherlahan-Dualla and Killenaule respectively in the semi finals.



Silvermines U12 B Champions

Portroe won the 'C' final following a deserved victory over Clonmel Commercials 'B'. The North champions who won this title for the first time in 2005 led by two points at the interval and they gave an impressive second half display to overcome an enthusiastic Commercials team many of whom are underage for Under 12 again next year. Portroe defeated Clonakenny in the semi final while Commercials had no semi final opponents as the West Division had no teams graded Under 12 'C' this year.



Under 14

Like their Under 12's Clonmel Commercials retained the 'A' title when they scored a comprehensive win over Loughmore-Castleiney in the final. Commercials and Loughmore scored convincing wins over Cashel King Cormacs and Portroe in the semi finals.



A great display of point scoring gave Ballyporeen a deserved victory over Ballina in the 'B' final. The conditions on the day were not conducive to good football but that didn't stop Ballyporeen kicking some excellent points with seven of their players getting their names on the scoresheet. Ballyporeen defeated Golden-Kilfeacle in the semi final and Ballina had to go to a replay to defeat Boherlahan-Dualla in the other semi final.

COUNTY BORD NA nÓG OFFICERS 2008

Chairman:	Michael Lonergan (Ardfinnan)
Secretary:	Neil Ryan (Holycross-Ballycahill)
Treasurer:	Frank Morris (J.K. Brackens)
P.R.O.:	John Smith (Durlas Óg)
Representative to Senior Board:	Jim Lynch (Cahir)



Ballyporeen U14



Clonmel Óg U14

It took a replay to decide the destination of 'C' title. Clonmel Óg and Borrisokane finished level after a thrilling game. It was back again to Pairc na nÓg, Thurles for the replay where Clonmel Óg survived a few anxious moments in the closing stages to hold out for victory. Clonmel Óg and Borrisokane scored semi final wins over Sean Treacy's and Thurles KRF respectively.

As a result of a Moyle Rovers motion at last year's County Bord na nÓg Convention a special competition was organised for clubs' second teams at Under 14 level.

Three teams, Clonmel Commercials, Durlas Óg and Moyle Rovers, participated and after a series of matches on a home and away basis Commercials and Durlas Óg contested the final. Commercials thanks to a great first half display were the inaugural winners.

Under 16

Loughmore-Castleiney bridged a thirty one year gap when they defeated Arravale Rovers to capture the 'A' title. There were scenes of great jubilation at the full time whistle as Loughmore thanks to a last minute goal snatched a dramatic victory from an Arravale Rovers team that looked the likely winners as full time approached. Loughmore were convincing winners over Newport Gaels in the semi final while Arravale had a one point win over Ardfinnan in the other semi final.

Ballyporeen won their second county title of the year when they easily accounted for Holycross-Ballycahill in the 'B' final. Ballyporeen who had already won the Under 14 'B' title were superior to their Mid opponents and were always in control in this game and ran out convincing winners. Ballyporeen defeated Galtee Rovers in the semi final while Holycross who were also defeated in last years decider accounted for Borris-Ileigh in the other semi final.



Ballyporeen U16

Sean Treacys captured the 'C' title following a five point winning margin over Newcastle. There were no semi finals as Mid and North Divisions had no teams graded at Under 16 'C'.



Peil na nÓg

Loughmore-Castleiney defeated Clonmel Commercials in the Peil na nÓg county final. This was a very close match with the outcome in doubt up to the final whistle. Loughmore and Commercials scored semi final wins over Portoe and Lattin-Cullen respectively. Loughmore represented Tipperary in the All Ireland finals in Cavan where they had convincing wins in their three group matches against Kill (Cavan), Knockbride (Cavan) and Oldcastle (Meath). They met Dungarvan in the semi final and after a great game they were narrowly defeated. Dungarvan went on to win the Division 5 final.



Roscrea U12

and Swans scored narrow semi final wins over Durlas Óg and Clonoulty-Rossmore respectively.

Ballina scored a comprehensive victory over Ballylooby-Castlegrace in the 'B' decider. Ballina were always in control in the final and they played some wonderful hurling to bring the title back to North Tipperary. Ballina saw off the challenge of Drom-Inch and Ballylooby-Castlegrace overcame Lattin-Cullen in the semi finals.



Ballina U12



Newport U12

graded at Under 12 'C' level this year. Newport defeated Durlas Óg 'B' in the semi final.

Newport were always in control against a very young Moyle Rovers 'B' team in the 'C' final and thanks to a five goal blitz they ran out worthy winners. The South champions qualified directly for the final as the West Division had no teams



Borrisokane U14

Under 14

Clonoulty-Rossmore defeated Toomevara in a thrilling 'A' final. This game was an excellent advertisement for underage hurling with Clonoulty having the upper hand in the first half and led by two points at the break. Toomevara came back in the second half and they went three points ahead on two occasions but Clonoulty fought back each time and when it looked as if the game would end level Clonoulty scored two late points to give the West champions a dramatic victory. The West champions had a three point winning margin over Moyle Rovers in the semi final while Toomevara were convincing winners over J.K. Brackens in the other semi final.



Borrisoleigh U-16 panel - County 'B' Champions.

Back row: (from left) - Michael Ryan, Shane McCormack, Stephen Shanahan, Damien Dunne, Barry O'Dwyer, Jack Bourke, Seamus Doolan, Seamus Howard, Danny Ryan (captain), Daniel Begin, Benny Harkin. Kneeling: John Fitzgerald, Dean Ryan, Liam Ryan, Tommy Mockler, Cathal O'Connell, Thomas Ryan, Darragh Ryan, Seamus Bourke, Dan McCormack.

The 'B' final between Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Kickhams and Lorrha-Dorrha went to a replay. The drawn match was very exciting and the replay was equally as tense and exciting with both teams having periods of dominance. The sides were level at the end of normal time and the game went to extra time where Knockavilla captured the title by a one point winning margin after an epic contest. In the semi finals Knockavilla defeated Mullinahone and Lorrha defeated Gortnahoe-Glengoole.

Borrisokane won the 'C' title following a comprehensive win over Ballyneale. Borrisokane who gave a masterful display led from the start and ran out worthy winners. Upperchurch-Drombane and Sean Treacys were defeated by Borrisokane and Ballyneale respectively in the semi finals.

Under 16

Kildangan proved too strong for Newcastle in 'C' final. Kildangan were always in control and two goals in the final quarter sealed a comprehensive victory. Newcastle defeated Sean Treacys in the semi final while Kildangan received a bye to the final as the Mid division had no teams graded at 'C' level this year.

Under 16

The 'A' championship has not been concluded. Loughmore-Castleiney defeated Nenagh Eire Og in the semi final and they will play Clonoulty-Rossmore or the South champions in the final that is scheduled to be played on the weekend of 13th/14th December.

The 'B' final between Borris-Ileigh and Mullinahone went to a replay. The

drawn match was exciting and the replay was no different with both teams serving up a cracking contest. Mullinahone held a two point advantage as the match entered injury time. Borris fought back scoring a goal and a point to record a most dramatic victory. Borris-Ileigh accounted for Drom-Inch in the semi final and Mullinahone defeated Lattin-Cullen in the other semi final.

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Feile na nGael

Toomevara were impressive winners over Cashel King Cormacs in the Feile na nGael county final. This match was decided as a contest in the opening ten minutes as Toomevara dominated and led by 2-5 to 0-1. Despite Cashel coming more into the game particular in the second half they had no answer to a powerful Toomevara team who went on to record a comprehensive win and capture the county Feile trophy for the first time since 2002. The county semi finals saw Toomevara and Durlas Og serve up a thriller with Toomevara thanks to an injury time point from a '65' scoring a dramatic one point win. Cashel King Cormacs scored a five point win over Ballingarry in the other semi final. Toomevara competed in the All Ireland Feile na nGael finals. They lost their opening two matches going down to their hosts, Dicksboro (Kilkenny) and Emeralds (Kilkenny). Toomevara drew their final group match against Rapparees (Wexford). Roscrea also competed in the All Ireland final. They were defeated by James Stephens (Kilkenny), Kilmacud Crokes (Dublin) and Birr (Offaly). The Feile na nGael finals this year were hosted by counties Laois and Offaly but as both these counties had insufficient number of clubs to host all the visiting teams a number of clubs from neighbouring counties were invited to participate hence Dicksboro hosting Toomevara and Roscrea also acting as a host club.

John McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) won the County Feile na nGael Skills final and he went on to win the All Ireland Feile na nGael Skills final at O'Moore Park, Portlaoise. The conditions for the participants were atrocious with torrential rain throughout making it very difficult for a top class field. John gave a fantastic display to come out on top and bring the All Ireland trophy back to Tipperary and Loughmore-Castleiney.

The County Under 14 Long Puck final was won by Dylan Burke (Durlas Óg).

INTER DIVISIONAL COMPETITIONS

Garda Cup

North Tipperary won the Under 16 Garda Cup hurling title for the fourth year in a row following a comprehensive win over West Tipperary in the final. The holders had a nine points winning margin over Mid Tipperary in the semi final and West Tipperary defeated South Tipperary by one point in the other semi final.

North Tipperary also won the Munster Under 16 'A' hurling championship following an extra time win over East Waterford in the final.

Peadar Cummins Tournament

Mid Tipperary retained the Peadar Cummins Under 14 hurling tournament hosted by the Borris-Ileigh club. Both semi finals were close affairs with South Tipperary having a five points winning margin over West Tipperary while Mid Tipperary defeated North Tipperary after extra time. The final was a one sided affair with Mid Tipperary having an impressive first quarter when they led by 4-2 to nil. They went on to record a convincing victory. North Tipperary accounted for West Tipperary in the Shield final.

Under 14 Football

Mid Tipperary defeated West Tipperary to retain the Under 14 football title. This was a thrilling final with the Mid boys coming from behind to win by a one point margin and receive the Paddy Nagle perpetual cup for the second year in a row. Both the Mid and West had impressive semi final wins over North Tipperary and South Tipperary respectively.

COUNTY TEAMS

Tipperary Supporters Club All Ireland Under 16 Hurling

Tipperary's dream of three in a row of Tipperary Supporters Club All Ireland Under 16 hurling titles ended following a one point defeat by Offaly. For the past few years, the championship was played in four Mid Tipperary venues but this year it was decided to stage the event in four North Tipperary venues, MacDonagh Park (Nenagh), Portroe, Kilcolman and Dolla.

Tipperary played their two group games in MacDonagh Park and easily defeated Antrim in the opener. Then it all came unstuck when they lost by an injury time point to a hard working Offaly side in round two. As a result Tipperary journeyed six miles up the road to Portroe and overcome Galway in the Shield semi-final. The Shield final against Waterford was played at Semple Stadium and here Waterford staged a remarkable second half comeback to win. Tipp dominated the first half and led at the interval. They had the first



Tipperary U-16 panel All-Ireland Shield Finalists.

Back row: (l to r) -
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Nolan, Andrew Byrne, Joe
O'Dwyer.

Middle row: Bobby Bergin,
Martin Sadlier, Keith
Kennedy, Damien Stakelum
Philip Looby, Billy Hewitt,
Michael O'Brien, David Red-
dan, John Condon, Aidan Mc-
Cormack, Kevin O'Leary.

Front: Benny Harkin, Tommy
Heffernan, David Flynn,
David Butler, Andrew Ryan,
Liam Treacy, Paddy Dalton,
Pa Dunne, Darren Moore.

score of the second half to increase their lead to nine points. Waterford fought back at by the end of the third quarter the sides were level Waterford took the lead for the first time in the 46th minute and they went on to win by a four points.

Wexford defeated Kilkenny in the cup final to win the title for the first time.

The Tipperary panel was: David Reddan (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Paddy Dalton (Arravale Rovers), Andrew Ryan (Toomevara), Joe O'Dwyer (Killenaule), Patrick Dunne (Durlas Óg), Liam Treacy (Loughmore-Castleiney), David Butler (Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams), Brian Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons), Pat Lupton (Drom-Inch), Philip Looby (Drom-Inch), John Condon (Lattin-Cullen), Tomas Nolan (Killenaule), Michael O'Brien (Clonmel Óg), Aidan McCormack (Durlas Óg), Davin Flynn (Roscrea), Aidan Stakelum (Holycross-Ballycahill), Damien Maher (Burgess), Billy Hewitt (Ballybacon Grange), Martin Sadlier (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Niall O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Tommy Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg), Kevin O'Leary (Cashel King Cormacs), Andrew Byrne (Shannon Rovers), Bobby Bergin (Clonakenny), Darren Moore (Newport), Jonathan Grogan (Cashel King Cormacs), Benny Harkin (Borris-Ileigh), Keith Kennedy (J.K. Brackens), John Ryan (Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams)

The selectors were Liam Flannery (Nenagh Eire Óg), Seanie Johnston (Loughmore-Castleiney), Martin Coady (Mullinahone) and Pakie Hallissey (Cashel King Cormacs). Len Gaynor (Kilruane MacDonaghs) was the coach.

Tony Forristal Under 14 Hurling

Tipperary were defeated by Cork in the semi-final of the Tony Forristal inter county Under 14 hurling tournament. In their first group match Tipperary easily accounted for Wexford 2-12 to 0-5. The next game against Clare the result was in doubt until the last ten minutes when Tipp scored two goals to win by 2-5 to 0-6. This result qualified Tipperary for a semi-final spot against Cork who had accounted for Dublin and Waterford.

In the semi-final Cork played with the wind in the first half and the teams were level at 0-3 each at half time. Tipperary had a number of goal chances in the first half but failed to finish. The second half was very close with the teams still level as the final whistle approached and extra time loomed. Cork snatched victory with a late point to leave the final score Cork 0-6 Tipperary 0-5. Cork went on to beat Galway in the final.

The Tipperary panel was: Philip Hogan (Lorrha-Dorrrha), James Maher (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Nicky Cullen (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Sean Maher (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Brian Hyland (Fr. Sheehys), John Ryan (Upperchurch-Drombane), Micheal Cussen (Moycarkey-Borris), Jack Loughnane (Kildangan), Tadgh Gallagher (Kildangan), Dylan Fitzell (Cashel King Cormacs), Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Edward Hynes (Templederry Kenyons), Dylan Fitzgerald (Fethard), Dylan Burke (Durlas Óg), Paraic Phelan (Durlas

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The selectors were Ray Ralph (Moycarkey-Borris), Seamus Doran, (Roscrea), Tom O'Donnell (Golden-Kilfeacle) and Tony Hogan (Carrick Swan). Eamonn Sweeney (Loughmore-Castleiney) was the coach.

Carrigdhoun Under 15 Hurling Tournament

Tipperary after losing the last three finals went one better this year when they won the Under 15 Carrigdhoun tournament for the first time. They defeated Limerick by three points in an exciting final.

All the Munster counties with the exception of Kerry participate in this tournament. The round robin format means that the counties play each other with the top two contesting the final. Tipperary's opening match was against Cork and Tipp came back from four points in arrears to win by three (1-8 to 1-5) in the end. This was followed by victories over Waterford (0-9 to 0-6) and Clare (0-9 to 0-6) before losing to Limerick (1-2 to 1-5) in their last match. Tipperary by winning their first three matches were assured of qualification for the final and their loss to Limerick meant that both teams would meet again in the final.

The final was a close encounter with Limerick dominating the exchanges in the first half and they led at the interval by 0-3 to 0-1. Limerick extended their lead early in the second half to leave four points between the teams. Tipperary gradually got back into the game and they produced a storming last ten minutes to win on a scoreline of 1-5 to 0-5.

This was an excellent achievement for Tipperary to win this title for the first time. The majority of the players were on the panel that were defeated in last years Tony Forristal final. All the players contributed to this victory and the skill, courage and determination displayed in all the games especially the final was a source of great pride to those in attendance. Jason Forde received the "Player of the Match" award in the final.

The Tipperary lineout and scorers in the final was: Peadar Wade (Holycross-Ballycahill); Kevin Larkin (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Eoghan Moloney (Holycross-Ballycahill), James Ryan (Durlas Óg); Eoin Carew (Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams), John Meagher (Loughmore-Castleiney), Seamus Kennedy (St. Mary's); David Corbett (Durlas Óg), Colm Canning (Toomevara); Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-2, Jason Forde (Silvermines) 0-2, Dan McCormack (Borris-Ileigh) 1-1; Pat Ralph (Moycarkey-Borris), Aaron Conran (Fethard), Patrick Ryan (Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams). Subs: Mark Tuite (Nenagh Eire Óg), Niall O'Sullivan (Moycarkey-Borris), Liam Nagle (Golden-Kilfeacle).

The other panel members were Jamie Stapleton (Durlas Óg), Odran Floyd (Newport), Conor Hammersley (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Cillian Ryan (Cashel King Cormacs), Cathal Horan (Mullinahone), Kilcash, Adrian Maguire (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Conor Murphy (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Philip Ryan (Knockavilla Kickhams), Tadhg O'Connor (Trainer), Joe Floyd (Selector). Front row (left to right) – Jamie Stapleton (Durlas Óg), Liam Nagle (Golden-Kilfeacle), Patrick Ryan (Knockavilla Kickhams), Niall O'Sullivan (Moycarkey-Borris), Cillian Ryan (Cashel King Cormacs), Peadar Wade (Holycross-Ballycahill), John Maher (Loughmore-Castleiney), Aaron Conran (Fethard), Cathal Horan (Mullinahone), Eoin Carew (Knockavilla Kickhams), Conor Hammersley (Clo-and win on a scoreline of 3-12 to 1-7. This result qualified Tipperary



Tipperary – Under 15 Carrigdhoun Tournament Winners 2008

Back row (left to right) – Terrence Kennedy (Selector), James Ryan (Durlas Óg), Jason Forde (Silvermines), Sean Corbett (Selector), Odran Floyd (Newport), Kevin Larkin (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Mark Tuite (Nenagh Eire Óg), Eoghan Moloney (Holycross-Ballycahill), Seamus Kennedy (St. Mary's), Colm Canning (Toomevara), Dan McCormack (Borris-Ileigh), Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), David Corbett (Durlas Óg), Adrian Maguire (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Conor Murphy (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Philip Ryan (Knockavilla Kickhams), Tadhg O'Connor (Trainer), Joe Floyd (Selector). Front row (left to right) – Jamie Stapleton (Durlas Óg), Liam Nagle (Golden-Kilfeacle), Patrick Ryan (Knockavilla Kickhams), Niall O'Sullivan (Moycarkey-Borris), Cillian Ryan (Cashel King Cormacs), Peadar Wade (Holycross-Ballycahill), John Maher (Loughmore-Castleiney), Aaron Conran (Fethard), Cathal Horan (Mullinahone), Eoin Carew (Knockavilla Kickhams), Conor Hammersley (Clo-and win on a scoreline of 3-12 to 1-7. This result qualified Tipperary

Munster Under 16 Football Championship

Tipperary failed in their bid for honours in the Munster Under 16 football championship following defeats by North Kerry and Clare. In the opening game played in Pallaskenry Tipperary came up against a very good North Kerry side and despite a great start by Tipp the more physical Kerry team went on to dominate the contest

for a Shield semi final clash with Clare. There was very little between the teams in the first half with Tipp trailing by one point at the interval. Despite Tipperary's best efforts in the second half they could never break down a solid Clare defence and the Banner boys went on to win by 1-14 to 2-6.

The Tipperary panel was: Jonathan Ryan, Billy Hewitt, Michael O'Sullivan, Shane Fagan [Ardfinnan], Paddy Dalton [Arravale Rovers], Daire King [Ballina], Michael Murphy [Ballylooby-Castlegrace], Eoin Farrell [Cahir], Bill Walsh [Carrick Swan], Jonathan Grogan, Seamus Reade [Cashel King Cormacs], M.J.Carroll [Clonakenny], Mikey O'Brien, Shane Taylor [Clonmel Óg], Shane Power, Paul Nolan, Jamie Peters [Clonmel Commercials.], David Cleary, Shane Carroll [Emly], Robert O'Brien [Fr Sheehys], Emett Ryan [Galtee Rovers], Christopher Ryan [Golden-Kilfeacle], Francis Kennedy, Keith Kennedy [J.K.Brackens], Joseph Meagher [Killenaule], Tomas McGrath, Liam Treacy [Loughmore-Castleiney], James Cahill, Liam Carey, Liam Boland [Moyle Rovers], Robert Breedy [Rockwell Rovers], Shane Seymour [Kildangan].

The selectors were David Power [Kilsheelan-Kilcash], Paul Comer [Burgess], Eoin Costello [Durlas Óg], Tommy Fitzgerald [Sologhead].

Under 15 Football

Tipperary participated in the annual Humphrey Kelleher Tournament in Cork. Tipperary's opening match was against North Kerry and this was a very close affair with very little separating the teams throughout. However at the full time whistle Tipp were three points in arrears (4-6 to 3-6). Cork County were Tipp's opposition in their second match and here Tipperary gave a great display to score a one point win (0-7 to 0-6) to qualify for the Plate semi final. Here they played South Kerry and after a hard fought contest they were defeated on a scoreline of South Kerry 4-6 Tipperary 1-11.

The Tipperary panel was Paddy Cole (Ballporeen), Cathal Quigley (Moyle Rovers), Kevin Larkin (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Niall O'Sullivan (Moycarkey-Borris), Frankie O'Donovan (Fethard), John Meagher (Loughmore-Castleiney), Richard O'Keeffe (Moycarkey-Borris), Kevin Gunn (Clonmel Commercials), Kevin Seymour (Burgess), Anthony Crotty (Ballporeen), Jason Forde (Silvermins), Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Brian McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Colm Canning (Toomvara), Leonard Vance (Emly), Shane Hassett (Drom-Inch), Liam Nagle (Golden-Kilfeacle), Aidan O'Connell (Golden-Kilfeacle), Maurice Crowe (Galtee Rovers), Kevin O'Connell (Loughmore-Castleiney), Odhran Floyd (Newport), John Costello (Shannon Rovers), Joe Coffey (J.K. Brackens), Franck Kelleher (Cashel King Cormacs), Tommy Kennedy (Sean Treacys), James Ryan (Durlas Og).

The selectors were Tom McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Joe Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Terence Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials) and Kevin Hally (Rockwell Rovers).

Jim Power Under 14 Inter County Football

Tipperary's Under 14 footballers participated in the annual Jim Power Inter County Tournament in Dungarvan.. Tipperary were paired with Clare 'B' and Limerick. Tipp's opening match was against Clare 'B' and Tipp completely dominated winning on a scoreline of 6-10 to nil. Their next match was against Limerick and the game was evenly balanced up to the last ten minutes when Limerick pulled away to win by 1-10 to 0-7. This result put Tipp into the Plate semi final where they played Waterford. Tipp gave an impressive display to win convincingly on a scoreline of Tipperary 2-10 Waterford 1-2. The opposition in the Plate final was South Kerry. Kerry completely dominated the opening quarter but Tipp rallied and went in at the break trailing by 2-7 to 1-3. The second half was a different story and Tipp gave a magnificent display to add 3-6 to their total while South Kerry were held scoreless. Final score Tipperary 4-9 South Kerry 2-7.

Tipperary lined out in the final as follows:

Joseph Nyland (Loughmore-Castleiney); Darren Cass (Clonmel Commercials), Eoin Donaghy (Cahir), Oisin O'Meara (Knockavilla Kickhams); Peter Mulholland (Arravale Rovers), Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Dylan Fitzgerald (Fethard); Brian Walsh (Clonmel Commercials), Thomas O'Donoghue (Lattin-Cullen); T.J.

RESULTS

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008

U/12 'A'	Clonmel Commercials 3-5 Nenagh Eire Óg 1-1	Semple Stadium 31st May 2008	Hugh Coghlan
U/12 'B'	Silvermines 1-9 Lattin-Cullen 1-2	Semple Stadium 31st May 2008	Tom O'Donnell
U/12 'C'	Portroe 1-6 Clonmel Commercials 'B' 0-3	Semple Stadium 31st May 2008	Donal Leahy
U/14 'A'	Clonmel Commercials 1-7 Loughmore-Castleiney 0-1	Cashe 28th July 2008	Paddy Russell
U/14 'B'	Ballyporeen 0-11 Ballina 0-3	Drombane 22nd June 2008	Martin Ryan
U/14 'C'	Borrisokane 3-5 Clonmel Óg 3-5	Pairc na nÓg New Inn 21st June 2008	Michael Jordan
Replay	Clonmel Óg 3-4 Borrisokane 2-6	Pairc na nÓg New Inn 2nd Nov 2008	Martin Ryan
U/14 Seconds	Clonmel Commercials 'B' 5-8 Durlas Óg 'B' 2-3	27th June 2008	John Quinlan
U/16 'A'	Loughmore-Castleiney 3-7 Arravale Rovers 1-11	New Inn 30th June 2008	Brian Tyrrell
U/16 'B'	Sean Treacy 3-7 Newcastle 2-5	New Inn 30th June 2008	Martin Ryan
U/16 'C'	Ballyporeen 4-14 Holycross-Ballycahill 1-7	31st July 2008	John Quinlan
Peil na nÓg			
	Loughmore-Castleiney 3-1 Clonmel Commercials 1-5	Pairc na nÓg 3rd May 2008	Eamon Browne

HURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008

U/12 'A'	Roscrea 4-8 Carrick Swan 1-3	Semple Stadium 6th Sept 2008	Brian Barrett
U/12 'B'	Ballina 4-6 Ballylooby-Castlegrace 0-3	Semple Stadium 6th Sept 2008	Patsy Ralph
U/12 'C'	Newport 5-6 Moyle Rovers 'B' 0-1	Semple Stadium 6th Sept 2008	David Grogan
U/14 'A'	Clonoulty-Rossmore 2-8 Toomevara 3-3	Borrisoleigh 21st Sept 2008	Martin Ryan
U/14 'B'Replay	Borrisokane 2-5 Lorrha-Dorrrha 1-8		Willie Clohessy
	Knockavilla Kickhams 3-8 Lorrha-Dorrrha 1-13 (after extra time)	The Ragg 5th Oct 2008	
U/14 'C'	Borrisokane 5-11 Ballyneale 0-2	Holycross 20th Sept 2008	Tom Dawson
U/16 'B'	Borris-Ileigh 1-9 Mullinahane 0-12	Littleton 18th Oct 2008	Tom Dawson
Replay	Borris-Ileigh 209 Mullinahane 1-10	Boherlahan 1st Nov 2008	Martin Ryan
U/16 'C'	Kildangan 3-21 Newcastle 0-7	Drombane 11th October 2008	Patsy Ralph
Feile na nGael	Toomevara 3-9 Cashel King Cormacs 0-2	Holycross 3rd May 2008	Martin Treacy

INTERDIVISIONAL COMPETITIONS

Garda Cup Under 16 Hurling

Final	North Tipperary 1-15 West Tipperary 0-2	Venue: Holycross Date: 19th April 2008
Peadar Cummins	Under 14 Hurling	
Final	Mid Tipperary 7-14 South Tipperary 2-1	Venue: Borrisoleigh. Date: 7th June 2008
Shield Final	North Tipperary 2-8 West Tipperary 0-7	Venue: Borrisoleigh. Date: 7th June 2008
Under 14 Football		
Final	Mid Tipperary 0-10 West Tipperary 1-6	Venue: Dr. Morris Park. Date: 2nd April 2008

TIPPERARY SUPPORTERS CLUB ALL IRELAND UNDER 16 HURLING

Group 1 (Nenagh – 30th August 2008)

Offaly 2-16 Antrim 0-6; Tipperary 2-27 Antrim 0-1; Offaly 1-9 Tipperary 0-11.

Group 2 (Dolla – 30th August 2008)

Kilkenny 1-9 Limerick 1-5; Waterford 4-11 Limerick 2-5; Kilkenny 3-10 Waterford 1-3.

Group 3 (Portroe – 30th August 2008)

Galway 5-10 Laois 0-1; Wexford 3-13 Laois 0-5; Wexford 0-12 Galway 0-9.

Group 4 (Kilcoleman – 30th August 2008)

Cork 3-11 Clare 1-5; Clare 2-10 Dublin 2-3; Cork 1-10 Dublin 0-7.

Cup Semi Finals

Wexford 1-14 Offaly 2-9 (Nenagh – 30th August 2008)

Kilkenny 3-13 Cork 1-17 (after extra time). (Dolla – 30th August 2008)

Shield Semi Finals

Tipperary 4-15 Galway 4-3 (Portroe – 30th August 2008)

Waterford 1-15 Clare 2-10 (Kilcoleman – 30th August 2008)

Shield Final (Semple Stadium – 31st August 2008)

Waterford 3-14 Tipperary 1-1

Cup Final (Semple Stadium – 31st August 2008)

Wexford 1-19 Kilkenny 2-8

Ryan (Rockwell Rovers), Kevin Slattery (Gortnahoe-Glengoole), Shane Flynn (Clonmel Commercials); Coleman Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials), Jimmy Maher (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Aidy Barron (Rockwell Rovers). Substitutes used: Paul Maher (Moynem-Temptletoohy), Sam Ryan (Clonmel Commercials), Liam Murchin (Clonmel Commercials) and Niall Gleeson (Portroe).

The other panel members were Tommy Sweeney (Ballporeen), Stephen O'Brien (Ballina), Declan Hennessy (Emly), Kevin O'Halloran (Portroe), Keith Browne (Clonmel Commercials), Sean Nally (Holycross-Ballycahill), Thomas Slattery Fitzgerald (Holycross-Ballycahill), Ben Macken (Ballporeen), John Ryan (Upperchurch-Drombane), Fionn Ryan (Cashel King Cormacs), Ryan Clancy (Moyle Rovers), Michael Sweeney (Ballporeen) and Cathal McKeever (Clonmel Commercials).

The selectors were Martin Treacy (Holycross-Ballycahill), Brian White (Clonmel Commercials) and Sean O'Donoghue (Lattin-Cullen). Kevin Hally (Rockwell Rovers) was the coach.

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Bórd na Nog Thiobraid Árann Meanach 2008

By Neil O' Riain (Runai)

As the curtain comes down on 2008 it affords us with the opportunity, in business terminology to "stock take" at our end of season.

Year-on year many things change but in our division the opening of the competitive season always commence with the staging of our U/14 tournaments in both codes.

For some clubs those two tournaments are taken seriously and the reverse for others.

Unlike former years where all clubs were invited to participate, it was only open to all clubs graded "A" to sample the action.

The first of this action commenced on March 8th with the staging of the Feile Peil tournament on a knockout basis, which concluded, with Loughmore overcoming close rivals J.K.Brackens to win the final on March 17th.

Our champions did the division proud as they secured the county title against hot favourites south champions Clonmel Commercials after a very tense game in Pairc na nOg.

The Feile Iomaniocht commenced on April 10th with Durlas Og regaining the title leaving J.K.Brackens as bride's maids for the second time within three weeks.

Unfortunately Durlas Og departed the county series in the semi-final against north champions Toomevara.

Our most successful champions in the county series this year were Loughmore- Castleiney who added to their tournament Peil success ,the U/16 A Football title and also contested the U/16 A Hurling decider,not played at time of writing.

Club of the year Award went to Loughmore Castleiney

Commisersations to Boherlahan Dualla who lost out in the semi-final replay after extra-time to eventual champions Silvermines.in the U/12 B Football and also took Ballina to a replay before losing out in the U/14 B Football county semi-final.

The Munster U/16 Hurling championship : Our divisional teams first outing was against Imokilly of Cork on March 22nd and advanced to the semi-final after securing a seven point victory. Their opponents were North Tipp and with the aid of a strong breeze finished the first half with a single point lead. On the resumption they started the stronger but as the game edged towards the final ten minutes the boys from the north compounded their supremacy and at the final whistle were eights in front with the score line reading

2-15 — 2-08

Tournaments Our U/14 divisional team did us proud as they secured a unique record. They were defending champions in both codes.

In March they had an impressive victory over the North in the U/14 Football semi-final and against strong favourites from the West they secured the final with a one-point victory.

In June they again disposed of the North in the semi-final of the U/14 Peadar Cummins Hurling and demolished the South in the final (7-14 to 2-01) to successfully record back-to-back titles in both codes.

Our thanks to the successful management team of Eamon Sweeney (Loughmore Castleiney), Ray Ralph (Moycarkey Borris) and Séan Corbett (Durlas Og) for their tireless effort in their achievements.

Garda Cup In the U/16 hurling tournament our representatives had to succumb to a very strong north team in the semi-final. Score line 3-12 to 1-09

Referees

At the outset I wish to convey my sympathy to the relatives of William Robinson chairman of the county referees committee. Willie was a true gentleman, big in stature and in heart and was always courteous to everyone and very helpful to me personally when ever I required his advice or assistance. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam deilis..

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On behalf of the Bórd I wish to thank most sincerely the referees who officiated at all our games. To the referee Bord for training new referees and I am delighted to report that we will have nine new referees for 2009. Last year I expressed my concern re the shortage of referees and this year taking cognises of the new volunteers it is regretful to point that many clubs have failed to get personnel to become involved to take up refereeing.

The ideal system would and should be a minimum of one referee per club. The Upperchurch Drombane and Moyn Templetouhy clubs in particular should be highly commended for the number of referees they now have. .

Shield competition This year we had an inaugural u/12 hurling shield competition, but due to both time and weather constraints it was run off with some haste. Nevertheless it worked out well and prolonged the action for some clubs.

U/11 Hurling Blitz Our thanks to the County Bord for facilitating us with Dr.Morris Park on Saturday October 4th for the staging of our blitz. This was organised as a fun event and glad to report that all the participants adhered to our request. At its conclusion each young player received a Hurley grip and refreshments and were thrilled by the occasion.

Acknowledgement A special acknowledgement to all the clubs that facilitated the Bórd by providing their pitches for all our games. During my many contacts with the various field personnel I am only too well aware of the pressure that was involved on many occasions. Without the cooperation of such people our games would come to a halt.

Thanks A sincere thanks to the following for their cooperation and support during the year. The sponsors of our championships, Hayes Hotel for the use for the use of their facilities and hospitality, Tipperary Star newspaper, Tipp F.M radio for advertising/covering our games and to photographer John McLoughney for attending at all our finals and capturing them with the camera and always very functional and courteous a sincere thank you.

To our senior Bórd colleagues many thanks for the cooperation as we both strive to fulfil very busy schedules.

Sympathy On behalf of the Bórd I convey my sympathy to the relatives of our fellow Gaels who have passed to their Eternal Reward during the past year Ar Dheis De ar Na Anamacha.

Seasons Greetings Mid Bord na Nog extends best wishes to all our supporters, sponsors and friends for Christmas and for every success in 2009.

Mid Tipperary Bord na nÓg Torthaí 2008

GRADE	DATE	RESULT		VENUE	Referee
John J. Ronayne Ltd U-12 'A' Football	19th April	Durlas Og Moycarkey-Borris	0-03 0-02	The Ragg	Hugh Coghlan
Liam Young Plant Hire Ltd U-12 'B' Football	17th May	Boherlahan Dualla Drom/Inch	3-06 1-03	Holycross	Brian Barrett
Hayes Hotel U-12 'C' Football	19th May	Thurles K.R.F Clonakenny	1-02 1-02	The Ragg	Donal Leahy
Replay	21st May	Clonakenny Thurles K.R.F	2-05 0-08	The Ragg	Michael Jordan
Joe O' Sullivan Bus Hire U-14 'A' Football	2nd June	Loughmore Castleiney J.K.Brackens	1-13 1-01	Templetouhy	Martin Ryan
Seán Fogarty U-14 'B' Football	29th May	Boherlahan Dualla Drom/Inch	2-08 1-03	Drombane	Patsy Ralph
Hayes Hotel U-14 'C' Football	2nd June	Thurles K.R.F Clonakenny	2-07 3-04	Templetouhy	Michael Jordan
Replay	11th June	Thurles K.R.F Clonakenny	3-04 0-04	Clonmore	Martin Ryan
Ray Ralph Carpentry Ltd U-16 'A' Football	12th May	Loughmore Castleiney Durlas Og	1-09 1-07	Templemore	Brian Barrett
Centenary Co-Op U-16 'B' Football	28th April	Holycross Ballycahill Moyne Templetouhy	5-06 1-07	Drombane	Pat Cullen
Peil na nÓg (sponsor Jimmy Coppinger)	17th March	Loughmore Castleiney J.K.Brackens	2-08 1-02	Castleiney	Donal Leahy
Kevin Darmody Ltd U-12 'A' Hurling	16th August	Durlas Og Loughmore Castleiney	0-05 1-00	Templetouhy	Hugh Coghlan
Snap Printing U-12 'B' Hurling	10th August	Drom/Inch Boherlahan Dualla	6-06 2-02	Drombane	Martin Ryan
Hayes Hotel U-12 'C' Hurling.	16th August	Durlas Og Clonakenny	3-05 3-02	Templetouhy	Pat Cullen
Spain Family U-14 'A' Hurling	3rd Sept	J.K.Brackens. Durlas Og	2-07 1-09	Littleton	Martin Treacy
Darmody Fencing U-14 'B' Hurling	2nd Sept	Gortnahoe Glengoole Moycarkey Borris	4-11 3-07	Boherlahan	Kevin Butler
Joe & Lua Fitzpatrick Newsagents U-14 'C' Hurling Tim Leahy	4th Sep	Upperchurch Drombane Clonakenny	3-08 0-01	Castleiney	
Michael Lowry T.D. U-16 'A' Hurling	27th Sept	Loughmore Castleiney Durlas Og	1-15 1-13	The Ragg	Willie Clohessy
Stakelums Hardware Ltd U-16 'B' Hurling	23rd Sept	Drom /Inch Moyne Templetouhy	3-17 3-07	Templemore	Eddie Golden
Feile na nGael (sponsor Jimmy Coppinger)	19th April	Durlas Og J.K.Brackens	8-17 2-08	Templetouhy	Pat Cullen



Drom and Inch Mid Tipperary U/12 B Hurling Champions.

Back Row L to R Mark O'Brien, Kevin Ahearn (Capt), Michael Connors, Thomas O Meara, Conor O Meara, Paul Carey, Brendan Larkin, Rory Kinnane, Emmett Maloney, Thomas Nolan, Jamie Bergin, Pauric Campion, Kevin Hassett, Paul Kennedy, Stevie Nolan. Front Row L to R Glen Stuart, Robert Kennedy, Shane Ryan, Ben Ahearn, Miriam Campion, Paul Hennessy, Robert Long, Colm Kinnane, Ciaran Thorpe, Andy Purcell



Durlas Og Panel Mid Tipperary U/12 A Hurling Champions.

Picture Back Row L to R Darragh Coffey, Tom Skehan, Mark Conway, Paul Sammon, Jack Derby, Billy McCarthy, Ronan Kennedy, Jack Carroll, Faolain Linnane, Sean Fitzgibbon, Luke Kelly, Matthew Fogarty. Front Row L to R Robbie Hanrahan, Glen Kerrigan, Adam Garrett, Sean Butler, Dean Bourke, Seanie Hanafin, Rory Purcell, Aaron McCormack, Colm Doyle.



Durlas Og Panel Mid Tipperary U/12 B Hurling Champions.

Picture Back Row L to R Conor Cassidy, Jeff O'Reilly, Michael Murphy, Michael Wade, Shane Langan Ryan, Gary Kerrigan, Conor Stakelum, Darragh Coffey, Jamie Curtis, Rian McGovern, Gary Kerrigan. Front Row L to R



JK Brackens Mid Tipperary U/14 A Hurling Champions.



Upperchurch Mid Tipperary U/14 C Hurling Champions.

Pic above: Back Row L to R Conor Bourke, Jordan Moloney, Brian Kennedy, Peter McInerney, Thomas Brett, Colin Taylor, Thomas Hamill, Killian Roche, Sean Patrick Guerins, Dylan Moloney, Dean McEnroe, James Bergin, Bill Bergin, Stephen Bourke, Patrick Kennedy. Front Row L to R Jack Fogarty, Darragh Kennedy, Michael O'Meara, Brian Roche, Darragh Kennedy, Martin Scully, Jordan Moloney, Colin O'Riordan, Tommy Buckley, Paddy Morrissey, Eddie Bourke, Michael Greed.

Pictured left: Back Row L to R Aaron Lewis, Nathan Delaney, Adrian Bourke, Paul Shanahan, John Ryan, Robert Murphy, Dylan Sheridan, Brian Sheridan, Kevin Harty, Fiona Shortt. Front Row L to R Loughlin Ryan, Ronan Gleeson, Gavin Ryan, Toby Clancy, Jack Butler, Gerard Grant, Niall Grant, Greta Ryan, Christine Bourke, Cathal Purcell.

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Moycarkey Borris - Mid Tipperary U/12 A Hurling Shield Winners.

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Clonakenny - Mid Tipperary U/12 C Hurling Shield Winners.

Back Row L to R Roger Quigley, Jack Smith, Niall Maher, Kevin Carr, John O Meara, Paul Crampton, Thomas Costigan, Brian Shanahan, Liam Quigley, Eoin Bourke, Jordan Doyle. Front Row L to R Matthew Long, Thomas Nolan, Delacy Byrne, Diarmuid Ryan, Conor Shanahan, Matthew Sullivan, Eoin Nesbitt, Cathal Stapleton.

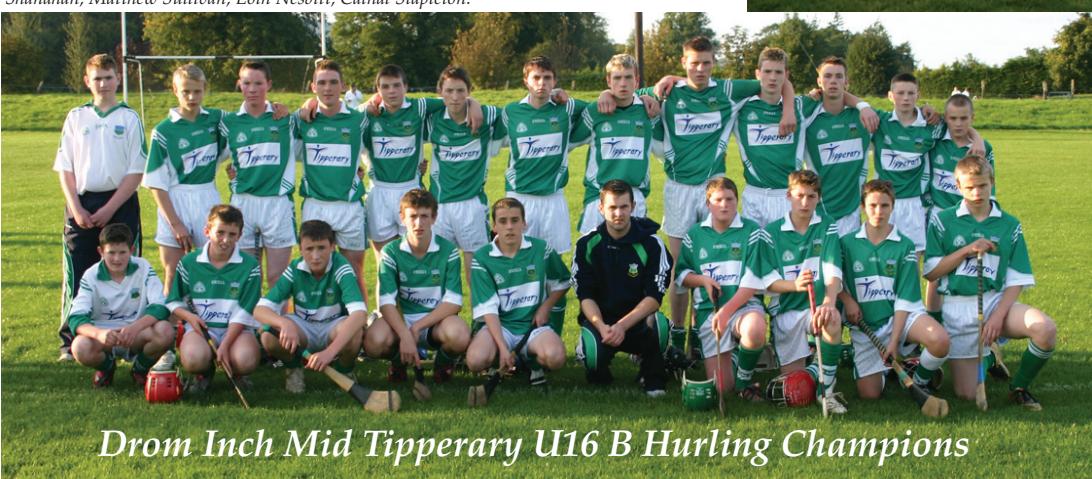


The Gortnahoe Glengoole Panel that defeated Upperchurch Drombane in the Mid Tipperary U/12 B Hurling Shield Final.



Durlas Óg - Feile na nGael Winners

Picture Back Row L to R Brian Hanrahan, David Fogarty, Brian Ryan, Jack O Dwyer, Tony O'Brien, Tom Meehan, Aidan Doyle, Aidan Ryan, Cathal Ryan, Stephen Ryan, Dylan Bourke, Peter Conan, Graham Maher, Padraig Phelan, Jack Lineen. Front Row L to R Paddy Carroll, Eoin Barrett, Nicky Erwin, Brendan O Laughlin, Tom Tierney, Rory Dwan, David Russell, Ronan Maher, Conor Lannigan, Kevin Dunne, Stephen Cahill, Caley Maher, Jack O Connor.



Drom Inch Mid Tipperary U16 B Hurling Champions

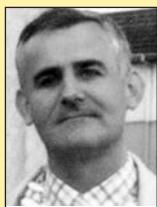
The Drom Inch Panel that defeated Moyne Templetuohy in the Stakelums Hardware Ltd Mid Tipperary U/16 B Hurling Final. Picture Back Row L to R Ciaran Ryan, Shane Hassett, Philip Looby Capt, Brian Everard, Thomas Ryan, Ian Shelly, Padraig Stapleton, Eddie Long, Pat Lupton, Joe Thorpe, Jamie Maloney, Tommy o Halloran. Front Row L to R Michael Campion, Joe Thorpe, James Butler, Michael Purcell, Oisin Jordan, Matthew Ryan, Robert Ryan, Damien Larkin, Martin Dooley, Tomas Ryan.



Loughmore Castleiney - Mid Tipperary U16A Hurling Champions

Picture Back Row L to R Noel O Connell, Liam McGrath, Thomas Maher, Brian McGrath, Aaron Sweeney, Lorcan Egan, Richard Maher, Sam Allen, Thomas McGrath Capt, Darragh Butler, Padraig Egan, Joseph Nyland, Martin Meagher, John Connolly. Front Row L to R Padraig Hennessy, Denis Brereton, John McGrath, Liam Treacy, Craig Cleary, Patrick Nolan, Kevin O Connell, John Meagher, Eamon McGrath, Joseph Hennessy.

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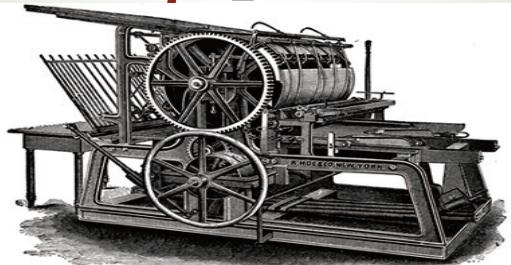
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Loughmore Castleiney Mid Peil na nOg Winners

Picture Back Row L to R Aoife McGrath, Anne Evison, Trisha McGrath, Keith Manton, Joseph Hennessy, Lorcan Egan, Thomas Maher, Evan Egan, Martin Meagher, John Connolly, Cian O Riain Broin, Joseph Nyland. Front Row L to R Fionn O Riain Broin, Bill O Connell, Sam Allen, John McGrath, Noel O Connell, Denis Brereton, Joseph Hayden, David Ryan, Mark Butler, Shane Manton, Robert O Connell.



Loughmore Castleiney County Peil na nOg Winners

Back Row L to R Joseph Nyland, Martin Maher, Joseph Hennessy, Noel O Connell, Lorcan Egan, Sam Allen, Tommy Maher, Kevin Maher, Evan Egan, Keith Manton, John Connolly. Front Row L to R Cian O Rian Broin, Denis Brereton, John McGrath, Robert O Connell, Fionn O Riain Broin, Joseph Hayden, Shane Manton, David Ryan, Bill O Connell.



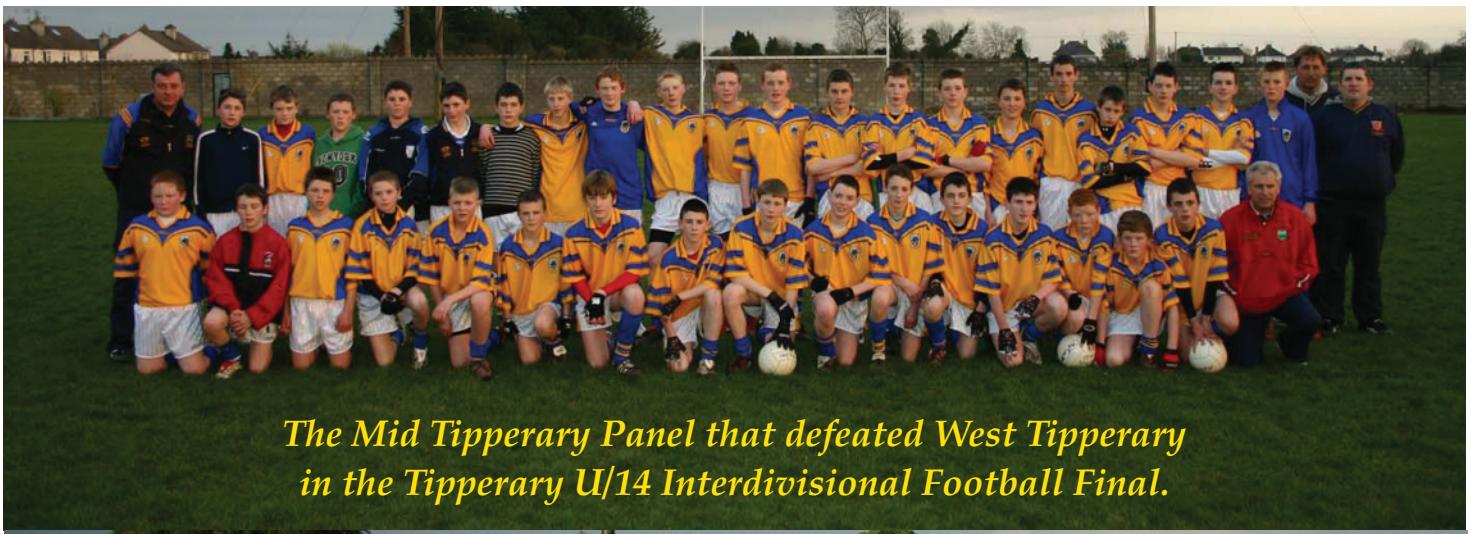
Durlas Og Panel Mid Tipperary U/12 A Football Champions

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Boherlahan Dualla Mid Tipp U12 B Football Champions

The Boherlahan Dualla Panel that defeated Drom Inch in the Liam Young Plant Sales Ltd Mid Tipperary U/12 B Football Final. Picture Back Row L to R Sean O Connor, William Purcell, Aoife Kennedy, Keith O Riordan, Cillian Maher, Michael O Sullivan, David Croke, Daragh Dwan, Evan Dwan, Laurence Devane. Front Row L to R David Ryan, Thomas Ryan, Hugh McCann, James O Sullivan, John Walsh, James Downey, Niall Manton, Shane Dwan, Stephen Hickey (Capt).



The Mid Tipperary Panel that defeated West Tipperary in the Tipperary U/14 Interdivisional Football Final.



Loughmore Castleiney Mid Tipperary U/14 A Football Champions.

Picture Back Row L to R Bill O Connell, John Connell, Sam Allen, Keith Manton, Noel O Connell, Lorcan Egan, Shane Manton, Anne Evison, Kevin Maher, Joseph Nyland, Trisha McGrath, Aoife McGrath, Cillian O Connell. Front Row L to R Evan Egan, David Ryan, Fionn Roinn Brian, Martin Maher (Capt), Joe Hennessy, Joe Hayden, Robert O Connell, John McGrath, Tommy Maher, Cian Roinn Brian, Denis Brereton, Liam Gleeson.



Thurles KRF Mid U/14 C Football Champions

Picture Back Row L to R Morgan Lanigan (Coach), Edmund Hayes, Michael O Gorman, Aaron Breen, Oisin Copeland, Eoin Long, Daniel Troy (Captain), Dean Leahy, Jack Quinlan, Gary O Brien, Alya Dee, Padraig Russell, William Carroll (Coach). Front Row L to R Colin Loughnane, Shane Dunne, Jesse O Dwyer, James Bracken, Willie Tierney, Jake Moore, Jason Grimes, Dylan O Gorman, Tania Dunican, Eimear O Driscoll



Loughmore Castleiney Mid Tipperary U/16 A Football Champions

Picture Back Row L to R Liam McGrath, Thomas Maher, Eamon McGrath, John McGrath, Sam Allen, Liam Treacy (Capt), Brian McGrath, Richard Maher, Thomas McGrath, Darragh Butler, Padraic Egan, Joseph Nyland. Front Row L to R Craig Cleary, Denis Brereton, Kevin O Connell, Padraic Hennessy, Aaron Sweeney, Martin Meagher, John Meagher, Lorcan Egan, Joseph Hennessy, David Ryan, Noel O Connell, Eamon McGrath.



Holycross Ballycahill Mid Tipperary Centenary Co-op U/16 B Football Champions

Picture Back Row L to R Enda Kearney, Dan English, John Dunne, Philip McLoughlin, Eoin Stakelum, Stephen Quirke, Aidan Stakelum, Eoin Moloney, John Paul Butler, Stephen Manning. Front Row L to R Thomas Quinlan, Shane Moloney, Diarmuid Mulcahy, Cathal Barrett, Joe Coulson, Colm O Meara, Peadar Wade, Matthew Deane



Loughmore Castleiney County U/16 A Football Champions

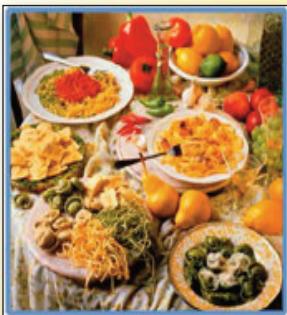
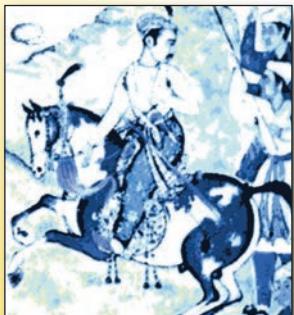
The Loughmore Castleiney Panel that defeated Arravale Rovers in the County U/16 A Football Final. Picture Back Row L to R Liam McGrath, Noel O Connor, Richard Maher, Joseph Nyland, Lorcan Egan, Daragh Butler, Padraic Egan, Tomas McGrath, Aaron Sweeney, Sam Allen, Eamon McGrath, Patrick Nolan, Matthew Flanagan. Front Row L to R Craig Cleary, Joseph Hennessy, John Meagher, Kevin O Connor, Liam Treacy (Capt), Brian McGrath, Padraig Hennessy, John McGrath, Denis Brereton, Tomas Maher, Martin Maher.

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North Tipperary Bord na nÓg 2008

NORTH TIPPERARY BORD NA nÓG RESULTS 2007

FOOTBALL

GRADE	TEAMS			VENUE	REFEREE	
U-12"A"	NENAGH EIRE OG	1-4	INANE ROVERS	1-3	TOOMEVARA	JIMMY CAHILL
U-12"B"	SILVERMINES	2-9	NEWPORT	1-5	KILCOLMAN	PAT GIBSON
U-12"C"	PORTROE	1-6	BORRISOKANE	2-2	TOOMEVARA	MARTIN GRIFFIN
U-14"A"	PORTROE	4-10	LORRHA	1-6	PUCKANE	TOMMY RYAN
U-14"B"	BALLINA	2-7	TEMPLEDERRY	2-3	NENAGH CHRISTY MCLOUGHLIN	
U-14"C"	BORRISOKANE	3-5	S/ROVERS	2-1	BALLINGARRY	TP SULLIVAN
U-16"A"	NEWPORT	3-11	BURGESS	1-9	DOLLA	JOHN KISSANE
U-16"B"	BORRIS-ILEIGH	1-7	S/ROVERS	2-3	PUCKANE	DAN DARCY

HURLING

U-12"A"	ROSCREA	3-6	NENAGH EIRE OG	3-5	NENAGH	TOMMY RYAN
U-12"B"	BALLINA	2-5	TEMPLEDERRY	2-2	NENAGH	JIMMY CAHILL
U-12"C"	NEWPORT	3-2	MONEYGALL	0-3	NENAGH	BERNARD DARCY
U-14"A"	TOOMEVARA	3-11	KILRUANE MACD	2-7	TEMPLEDERRY	C MCLOUGHLIN
U-14"B"	LORRHA	2-11	BALLINA	0-13	NENAGH	MARTIN GRIFFIN
U-14"C"	BORRISOKANE	3-04	S/ROVERS	1-7	BORRISOKANE	TADGH WHELAN
U-16"A"	NENAGH EIRE OG	2-13	KILRUANE MACD	0-10	PUCKANE	JOHN CLEARY
U-16"B"	BORRIS-ILEIGH	1-16	LORRHA	1-13	CLoughjordan	DAN DARCY
U-16"C"	KILDANGAN	1-12	BALLINA	1-6	TOOMEVARA	JOHN KISSANE
PEIL NA NOG	PORTROE	2-6	INANE ROVERS	0-2	TOOMEVARA	MARTIN GRIFFIN
FEILE NA NGAEL	TOOMEVARA	1-6	KILDANGAN	1-1	NENAGH	GER FITZPATRICK
FEILE SKILLS	KIERAN CAHILL KILRUANE MACDONAGHS					
POC FADA	JACK PETERS KILRUANE MACDONAGHS					
U-16 POC FADA	BRIAN DELANEY TOOMEVARA					

NORTH TIPPERARY WON THE GARDA CUP FOR THE FOURTH YEAR IN SUCCESSION THEY DEFEATED MID TIPP IN THE SEMI FINAL BY 3-12 TO 1-9 AND IN THE FINAL WEST TIPP WERE DEFEATED ON A SCORELINE OF NORTH TIPP 1-15 WEST TIPP 0-2.

BALLINA'S UNDER 12'S BRIDGE 39 YEAR GAP

Ballina won the County Under 12 'B' hurling championship at Semple Stadium on Saturday 7th September with a win over South champions Ballylooby/Castlegrace. There was understandable jubilation and excitement among the players and supporters following this great win which bridges the gap of thirty nine years dating back to 1969 when Ballina won the Under 13 county final defeating Cashel. The age limit lowered some years later.

The win came following an unbeaten run in the 2008 championship with wins over Borris-Ileigh, Templederry, Kildangan, Burgess and Silvermines. We had a great win over Templederry in the North final and a nailbiting encounter with Drom/ Inch in the county semi-final. And so it was to the hallowed green sward of Semple Stadium, both sides hurled well. Ballina seemed to have the edge and points from David Bradshaw and Conor Maguire, followed by a goal by Ross Buckley late in the half saw Ballina leading 1-3 to no score. Ballina went further in front early in the second half with two further points from Conor Maguire and one each from David Bradshaw and Eoin Slattery followed by a goal from Conor Maguire. Ballylooby had some fine hurlers and tried hard adding 3 points, but with late goals from Thomas Conway and Conor Maguire the title was secured.

The foundation of Ballina's victory was the midfield partnership of Thomas Conway and Conor Maguire who were completely dominant throughout. Others to shine were Jack Brady, Michael Hurley at centre back, while up front David Bradshaw, Eoin Slattery and Ronan Bourke impressed. Also our net minder Adrian Power who had fantastic year in goals.

Ballina team: Adrian Power, Daniel Joslin, Jack Brady, Ben King, David Kelly, Michael Hurley, Patrick O'Donovan, Conor Maguire [Capt], Thomas Conway, David Bradshaw, Pheilim O'Hagan, Ronan Bourke, Ross Buckley, Eoin Slattery, Enda Sheehy, Daniel Keating, Pierse Nash, Liam McGrattan, Conor O'Leary, Jamie Collins, Bill Floyd, Colm O Leary and Brian Connolly.

The team management was Carmel Bradshaw, Gerry Maguire, Aaron Devane, Enda Brady and Declan O'Leary.

Pictured right is Ballina captain Conor Maguire receives the County Under 12 'B' hurling trophy from Neil Ryan, County Bord na nÓg Secretary.



North Tipperary wins Munster Under 16 Championship

North Tipp were drawn against Mid Clare on March 22nd, and won on a scoreline of 2-12 to 0-11. The quarter final was played in the Gaelic Grounds Limerick against East Limerick, again North Tipp had a good win 1-11 to 1-5. In the semi-final North Tipp were drawn against Mid Tipp and won on a scoreline 2-15 to 2-7.

North Tipp played East Waterford in the final in Cashel. This turned out to be a very exciting and skilful game played in ideal conditions. North lined out without the services of Andrew Ryan (Toomevara) who was only released from hospital that morning, also Sean Harte (Newport) who was competing in a handball final the following day. North Tipp got off to a very shaky start when Waterford scored a soft goal in the first few minutes. But the Tipp aide settled down as the game developed, and it took an injury time point from Jason Forde to take the game to extra time. The score at end of normal time was 1-13 each. North Tipp got off to a dream start in extra time and had two goals bagged in two minutes, Waterford never recovered from this setback and North Tipp ran out convincing winners on a score of 4-18 to 2-14.

North Tipp panel: David Reddan (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Stephen James Gleeson (Kildangan), Damien Maher (Burgess), Justin Cahill (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Jason Forde (Silvermines), Brian Stapleton (Templederry), Peter Gill (Burgess), Andrew Byrne (Shannon Rovers), Darren Moore (Newport), Niall O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Dan McCormack (Borris-Ileigh), Davin Flynn (Roscrea), James Ryan (Portroe), Benny Harkin (Borris-Ileigh), Tommy Heffernan (Capt) (Nenagh Eire Óg), Andrew McCloskey (Portroe), Owen Hogan (Burgess), John Ryan (Ballinahinch), Jamie Bergin (Roscrea), Padraic O'Meara (Shannon Rovers), Patrick Floyd (Newport), Mark Tuite (Nenagh Eire Óg), Eoin Williams (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Eanna Hogan (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Michael Flaherty (Burgess), J.P. Grace (Burgess).
Selectors: Liam Flannery (Nenagh Eire Óg), John Hogan (Burgess), Liam Kelly (Kildangan). Coach: Len Gaynor (Kilruane MacDonaghs).



Back row (L to R): Liam Flannery (Nenagh Eire Óg) (Selector), Andrew Ryan (Toomevara), Owen Hogan (Burgess), Peter Gill (Burgess), Damien Maher (Burgess), Padraic O'Meara (Shannon Rovers), Stephen James Gleeson (Kildangan), Andrew McCloskey (Portroe), Brian Stapleton (Templederry), Benny Harkin (Borris-Ileigh), Darren Moore (Newport), Andrew Byrne (Shannon Rovers), Patrick Floyd (Newport), Eanna Hogan (Kilruane MacDonaghs), James Ryan (Portroe), Michael Flaherty (Burgess), Ann McGrath (North Bord na nÓg Secretary).
Front row (L to R): John Hogan (Burgess) (Selector), Justin Cahill (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Niall O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs), John Ryan (Ballinahinch), Mark Tuite (Nenagh Eire Óg), Davin Flynn (Roscrea), Dan McCormack (Borris-Ileigh), Jamie Bergin (Roscrea), Tommy Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg – capt), David Reddan (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Jason Forde (Silvermines), Eoin Williams (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Liam Kelly (Kildangan) (Selector).



Borris-Ileigh North U16 B Hurling & Football Champions & County Hurling Champions

Back row: (l to r) - Francis Doolan (selector), Paul Stapleton, Stephen Shanahan, Danny Ryan, Nathan Gerber, Damien Dunne, Seamus Doolan, Dan McCormack, Jimmy Stapleton. Middle row: Tom Hurley (selector), Denis Ryan, Benny Harkin, Robert Buckley, Seamus Howard, Patrick Coffey, Daniel Bergin, Jimmy Slattery (selector). Seated: Cathal O'Connell, Jack Bourke, Matt Stapleton, Barry O'Dwyer (captain), Darragh Ryan, Tommy Mockler, Shane McCormack. Photograph: Bridget Delaney.



Nenagh Eire Og U-16 North 'A' Hurling Champions.

Back row: (l to r) - Dean Ray, Joseph Geaney, Paul Slattery, Kevin Gubbins, Con Morris (Manager), Eddie Darcy, Brendan O'Brien, Adam Grattan, Stephen Nagle. Middle row: Mark Langton (selector), Donnacha Heffernan, Mark Tuite, Cronin Gleeson, Mark Higginbotham, Kevin Flynn, Sean Geaney, Paddy Sheahan, Michael McNamara (selector). Seated: Andrew Weinmann, Oisin McGlynn, Daryl McCormack, Kevin Kennedy (captain), Tommy Heffernan, David Hickey, Daire Quinn, Darragh Walsh, Niall Kennedy.



Toomevara U-14 hurlers - North 'A' Champions.

Back row: (l to r) - Jason Ryan, Mark McCarthy, Anthony Whelan, Mark Grace, Ashley Bentley, Liam Fogarty, Cllin Hall, Conor Delaney, Pauric Shanahan, Luke Ryan, William Duggan, James Browne, Eric Campbell, Aoife Ryan. Kneeling: Kieran Flaherty, Michael Tierney, Con Berkery, Paul Ryan, Willie Coffey, Dean Ryan, Cathal Kennedy, Shane Nolan (captain), Gary McCarthy, Jonathan Powell.



Portroe U-14 footballers - U14A & Peil na nOg North Champions.

Back row: (from left) - Sean Nightingale, Andrew Duggan, Nigel Gleeson, Conor Leo, Ian O'Donnell, Joey Knight, Shane Ryan, Michael Malone, Nigel Flood, Conor Byrne, Dylan Fluck, Jack Keating. Kneeling: Davide Lumbrose, Robert Byrne, Greg O'Brien, Cormac Keating, Kevin O'Halloran (captain), Ciaran Quilligan, Stephen Flynn, Michael O'Connor, Kyle Shanahan, John Riggs Millar. Absent from photo: Leah McKeogh.



Ballina U-14 footballers - North 'B' Champions.

Back row: (l to r) - John Gleeson (s), Brian Hurley, Pauric McGrath, Michael Hurley (s), Aidan Hanly, Eamon Healy, William Carroll, Adrian Hurley, Stephen O'Brien, Bill Molloy, Michael Robert Breen, Anthony Kennedy, Dylan Ryan, Christy Ryan, Noel O'Brien (s), Jim O'Hagan (s). Kneeling: Niall McCormack, John Morgan, Conor Ryan, Conor Gilmore, Niall Kierse, Dan Finnerty, Michael Collins, Kevin Noonan, Eoin Kennedy, Darren Slevin, Peter O'Leary, Christopher Collins.



Lorrha U-14 hurlers - North 'B' Hurling Champions.



North Tipperary U-16 hurlers won the Munster Inter-Divisional Final and received their medals at the North Bord na nÓg Presentation Function.
Back row: (l to r) - Liam Flannery (selector), Patrick Floyd, Darren Moore, Davin Flynn, Dan McCormack, Benny Harkin, Damien Maher, Andrew Ryan, David Reddan, Liam Kelly (selector), John Hogan (selector). Seated: Andrew Byrne, Stephen James Gleeson, Jamie Bergin, Tommy Heffernan (captain), Shane Maher (presented the medals), Andy McCloskey, Eoin Hogan, John Ryan, Peter Gill.



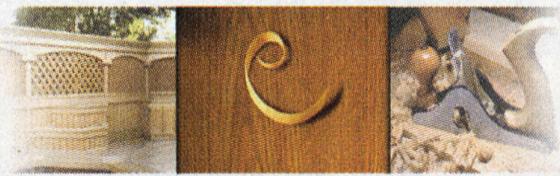
Kildangan - North U12 Hurling Champions 2007

Back row: (l to r) - Jim Gallagher, David Sweeney, Matthew Harty, Ciaran Holland, David Fitzpatrick, Cathal Hayes, Tadhg Gallagher, James Mulqueen, Sam Sterling, Jim Minehan, Mick Flynn, Eddie Hynes.

Front row (l to r): Tom McLoughlin, Patrick Gallagher, Stephen James Gleeson, Shane Seymour, Brian McGahey, Jack Loughane, Alan Flynn, Jonathan Horan, Paul Flynn.

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South Bord na nÓg Report

FOOTBALL

	Under 10 A	Commercials
	Under 10 B	Killenaule
	Under 10	Clerihan
John Quirke Jewellers	Under 12 A	Commercials
Clancy Construction	Under 12 B	Killenaule
Barry O'Brien PVC Windows	Under 12 C	Commercials B
Clonmel Oil	Under 14 A	Commercials
Big Sycamore Garage	Under 14B	Ballyporeen
McCarthy Family	Under 14 C	Clonmel Óg
Boland Family	Under 16 A	Ardfinnan
Premier Salon Supplies	Under 16 B	Ballyporeen
Noel O'Keeffe Car Sales	Under 16 C	Newcastle

HURLING

	Under 10 A	St. Mary's
	Under 10 B	Kilsheelan
	Under 10 C	Clonmel Óg
Nightclub Security	Under 12 A	Carrick Swan
Damien Brennan Bus Hire	Under 12 B	Ballylooby
Malachy Sheehan	Under 12 C	Moyle Rovers
Star Fuels	Under 14 A	Moyle Rovers
O'Gorman Construction	Under 14 B	Mullinahoe
Mick O'Dwyer Fencing	Under 14 C	Ballyneale
Clonmel Credit Union	Under 16 A	None
Mullinahone Oil	Under 16 B	Mullinahone
AIBP Cahir	Under 16 C	Newcastle

UNDER AGE SUCCESS LEADS TO ADULT SUCCESS.

Since 1995 one of the leading football clubs in the county has been Moyle Rovers. In that period six county senior football titles have been won and numerous under-age successes have been achieved. However, in 2007, not only did they win the county senior football title, they also won the county junior hurling championship, the Munster junior hurling championship and were narrowly beaten in the All-Ireland final. This group of players were beaten in this year's intermediate championship at the semi-final stage by eventual winners, Templederry.

In the mid nineties, in an effort to develop underage football in the club, two buses, one from each end of the parish, brought young players to Monroe every Friday night. In 1997 it was decided to divide the training session between football and hurling. Numbers increased, parent support grew, buses were no longer needed. Friday nights are still the same in Monroe, more players than ever and lots of dedicated adults. But this article is about the group who started in 1997 and the successes they achieved.

In the winter of 1997 indoor hurling started in the hall in Clerihan for this group of 25 under 8 players. Five teams of 5 a-side played a blitz every Friday night. The following summer matches were played against other clubs in both hurling and football. Success soon followed with south titles at under 10 in hurling and football. Some of these players won three under 12 south football medals and in 2001 won the under 12 county in football.

The breakthrough in hurling came in 2002 with victory in the under 12 south final. At under 14 football a south championship and a county Peil were won and we reached the All-Ireland final of the Peil in 2004 only to lose narrowly to Bray Emmets. But the big breakthrough at under 14 came in hurling. We won the south Feile in 2003 and 2004. In 2004 we won the south under 14A hurling championship and we went on to win the county title beating Kildangan in the final by 1-9 to 0-9. In 2005 we won the south under 16 hurling title but lost the county final to Durlas Og. The following year we won the south and county under 16 football championships beating Loughmore-Castleiney in the county final.

At minor level we have lost three south hurling finals to Ballingarry – by 1 goal in 2006, by 2 points in 2007 and by 2 points, after a replay and extra time, in 2008. In football we won the south minor title in 2007 and lost the county final to Arravale Rovers. This year we retained our south crown and have qualified to meet Arravale Rovers in the county final.

Some of the players who started at under 8 in 1997 are now playing on adult teams in the club. Sean Carey, Peter Acheson, Ciaran Lorigan, Denis McGrath and Barry Whelan played on last year's junior hurling team and on this year's intermediate hurling team. Playing senior football championship this year were Sean Carey, Peter Acheson, Brian Smith, David McGrath, Ciaran Kenrick and Edmund Burke.

The under age work goes on and already this year the under 14 hurlers have won the south 'A' championship. Will these players come through to play senior football and senior hurling with Moyle Rovers?

Ballyneale-Grangemockler Juvenile GAA

For a small club, like Ballyneale, to win the Under 14C Hurling Championship in 2008 was a huge, and unique, achievement. To go beyond the south and eventually contest the county final was the stuff of dreams.

This team of young boys and girls qualified for the south final following a titanic struggle with Clerihan. The final was played in the Davin Park in Carrick on 13th September. Ballyneale lined out without the services of captain, Paul Walsh, and Jack Hanlon, both very strong players. Hopes were not high as the opposition, Clonmel Óg, had proved strong in the past. However, the Ballyneale players played with great skill and courage and eventually came out winners by a score line of 4-7 to 3-8. Andrew Bolger proved particularly effective and grabbed three of the goals, with the other coming from the hurl of Jim Power. Dean Hallinan (2), Sean Dunphy (3) and Kean O'Shea and Jack Phelan with a point each completed the scoring on what was a momentous occasion for the club.

Team: Conor Hahessy, Aoife Meaney, Ramie Lyons, Oisin Teppan, Michael Meagher, Aaron Donovan, Dean Hallinan (0-2), Kean O'Shea (0-1), Jack Phelan (0-1), Sean Dunphy (0-3), Sean Bates, Patrick O'Connell, Andrew Bolger (3-0) Subs: Jim Power (1-0), Aaron Hartrey, Ciaran Phelan, Eoghan McGuigan.

Buoyed by their first taste of hurling success this team met Sean Treacy's in the county semi final at New Inn. Ballyneale ran out emphatic winners by 5-7 to 0-1. The county final was played in Holycross and Ballyneale found themselves up against Borrisokane. This final proved to be a bridge too far and Ballyneale lost out by 5-9 to 0-2, to a very good C team who were too quick and skilful on the day. There was no shame in losing to a good team, and this collection of young stars certainly provided a little bit of brightness in an, otherwise, damp and dreary summer. Mentors, Andrew Meaney, Eamonn Phelan, John Gerard Hahessy, and Secretary, Veronica Meaney, would like to thank the panel for the manner in which they conducted themselves. A very young squad did themselves, their families and their club

proud, both in victory and defeat.

Final Panel: Conor Hahessy, Aoife Meaney, Ramie Lyons, Oisin Teppan, Michael Meagher, Aaron Donovan, Dean Hallinan, Kean O'Shea, Jack Phelan, Sean Dunphy, Sean Bates, Jack O'Hanlon, Andrew Bolger Subs: Jim Power, Aaron Hartrey, Ciaran Phelan, Eoghan McGuigan, Jason Houlihan, Patrick O'Connell, Theo Freaney, Padraic Dunne Anderson.

Clerihan U10 Tipperary South C Football Champions 2008
South Tipperary's Latest Addition



Clerihan GAA club was reformed in 2005 as a direct response to a surge in population in the area, especially since the turn of the millennium. The development of Clerihan Community Park, which will be the future home of the club, was also a factor in the renaissance G.A.A. games in the parish.

Situated in the Cashel and Emly diocese, Clerihan is four miles north of Clonmel on the road to Cashel. The parish has borders with the parishes of St Mary's Clonmel, New Inn, Powerstown-Lisronagh, Cahir and Fethard.

Throughout the previous century G.A.A. existed at different stages in the parish. In fact there is written details of a football match between Moyle Rovers, a team from the Coleman area of Clerihan, versus Kilcash sometime in the 19th Century. Hurling and football teams represented the parish regularly up until the 1960's and this culminated with a South Junior Football championship in 1966. Since then and up to 2005 G.A.A. remained dormant despite efforts to revive the games at juvenile level during the 1970's.

Currently the club has teams from ages Under 6 to Under 16. At adult level the team takes part in the South Junior B football championship and the club is seen as an integral part of our growing community. The proposed opening of the Community Park in the village in 2009 should further cement the place of the club in the G.A.A. world.

2008 was a very special year for our Under 10 footballers. They began the year with a superb victory in Semple Stadium in the Tipperary Community Games and followed this up with victory in the South Under 10 Football C. Clerihan were in a group including Ballylooby, St. Patricks and Clonmel Commercials and in the group games we emerged victorious 5-2 to 2-2 against Ballylooby, 3-1 to 1-2 against St. Patricks and 2-0 to 1-0 against Clonmel Commercials. We followed this up with victory over Fr. Sheehy's and qualified to meet our neighbours Clonmel Commercials in the final. This was a very close and tense game of football but in the end Clerihan emerged with a fantastic victory on a scoreline of 2-1 to 1-1 over a very good Commercials team. Thus the first victory for the club in the South Championship in modern times was recorded. The mentors for this team were Gary Ryan and Mark Hogan who were assisted on the day by Christian Browne and Gerry Horan and also our maor uisce Ben Keating Hogan.

The victorious panel was Matthew Ryan (Captain), Aidan Lyons (Vice Captain), Alan O'Donnell, Luke Hassessy, Aidan Phelan, Evan Corcoran, Dean O'Dwyer, Jack Burke, Sean Maher, Conor Horan, Jamie Cahill, Eoin Power, Daniel Browne, Ben Fahey, Luke Boyle, Billy Norris, Cathal Moloney, Graham Foran, Dean McMorrow and Devlin Nagle

Hopefully this will be the start of things to come for our young club.

Chomhaltaí Bord na nÓg Theas 2008

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Runáí

Leas Cathaoirleach [2]

Cisteoir

Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí [PRO]

Ionadaithe go Co Bord na nÓg [2]

Ionadáí go Bord Sinsearach Theas

Cláraitheoir [Registrar]

Leas Cisteoir

Leas Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí

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Martin Cody, Brian White
Michael Lonergan

Kieran Hogan

Martin Cody, Dick Egan
Christy Aylward

Tony Hogan
Harry Morgan

Geraldine Quigley
Thomas O'Leary



MOYLE ROVERS U12C SOUTH TIPPERARY HURLING CHAMPIONS 2008

Back Row: Conor Clancy, Nickie Kavanagh, Colm McKeown, Cian Crowe, Danny Perry, Liam O'Donnell, Jamie Blanchfield, Keith Cronin, George Ryan, Jack Bourke, Conor Molloy.

Front Row: Kevin Grace, Patrick Cleary, Ciaran Luttrell, Micheal O'Doherty, Jack McGrath, Nathan Croke (capt), Alex Purcell, Alex Doyle, Patrick Loyola, John Power (missing from photo)



Ballyneale – Grangemockler South Under 14C Champions 2008

Back Row (L to R): Dean Hallinan, Aoife Meaney, Andrew Bolger, Sean Dunphy, Sean Bates, Kean O'Shea, Aaron Hartrey, Oisin Teppan, Michael Meagher.

Front Row (L to R): Patrick O'Connell, Ciaran Phelan, Conor Hahessy, Paul Walsh, Ramie Lyons, Jack Phelan, Aaron Donovan, Jim Power, Eoghan McGuigan.



Carrick Swan Under 12 (A) South Champions 2008

Back L to R - Cian Reidy, Glen Kerwick, Sean Dowley, Dean Fitzgerald, Ben Cooney, Kevin Faulkner, Eric O'Halloran, Tommy McGrath, Shane Mansfield, Shane Torpey, Cian Murphy, Aidan Brumock, Cian Freaney, Kamil Kiersztan, Luke Gahan. Front L to R - Kamil Strzelec, Daniel Walsh, Dean Walsh, Brandon O'Connor, Ben Kerwick, Christopher Kerr, Gavin O'Halloran, Dean Waters (Capt), Scott Hogan, Derek Burrows, Scott Murphy, Trevor Murphy.



Kilsheelan Under 10 Division 2 Hurling Champions

Front row: Jamie Roche, Chelsea Holden, Brian Guiry, Mark Kehoe, Daire Brennan (Capt), Stephan Lehart, Conor Murphy, Daire Murphy (mascot), Oisin O'Connell and David Carroll Back Row: Jake Forrestal, John O'Dwyer, Andrew Butler, Killian McHale, Cora Maher, Darragh Kelly, Frank Mallacoote, Catherine Dowling, Sean Martin, Eoin Flavin, Aaron Fogarty, Aaron Dempsey and Cian Quinn. Coaches: Noel Murphy and Ciaran Cosgrave



Moyle Rovers - U14 A Hurling South Champions

Back (LtoR): Paul Norris, Brian Norris, Colin Delahunt, Shane Norris, Colin Alyward, David Johnson, Philip Quirke, Donal McGrath, Luke Boland, Aidan Butler, Conor Acheson, Eoin O'Connor, Shane Lonergan, Liam Boyle, Declan Browne, Gerladine Quigley Front(LtoR): Joe Mulcahy, Alex Sheehan, Dean Johnson, Alec Owens, Patrick Morrissey, Ross Mulcahy, Kevin O'Donnell (capt), Christopher Mulcahy (capt), Brian Gleeson, Padraig Keating, Keith Flannery, Conor Tobin, Rian Boland, Jack Kennedy, Rian Clancy, Declan McGrath



St. Marys Under 10 team that won South Division 1 final.

Back row (left to right): Michael Farrow, Kyle Peters, Luke Mc Sweeney, Michael Murphy, Gavin Ryan (Capt.), Aidan Tobin, Adam Kelly, Eoin Hoctor, James Brophy. Front row (left to right): Dylan Kennedy, Sean Dowling, Conor O'Sullivan, Jamie Ahern, Ryan Lamb, Sean Adamson, Sean Kennedy, Daniel Pleskach, Niall Hoctor.

West Tipperary Bord na nÓg 2008

By Tomas Mac Gearailt [PRO]

With in excess of 300 games played in the Division during the year the 2008 season proved a busy period for all concerned ranging through football and hurling championships in all grades in addition to running the various League, Shield and Plate competitions.

Clonoulty/Rossmore made it a clean sweep of all the under age hurling West Championships at U12A, U14A and U16A in addition to U12A and U16A Hurling League titles and crowned a great year with victory over Toomevara in the County U14 A Hurling Final. Clonoulty Rossmore also collected two Divisional Football successes with victories in the U12A and U14A League Finals.

The U14B Hurling County Title also came to the West with the Kickhams captained by Jake O'Halloran emerging winners following two cracking games with Lorrha including a replay and extra time on both days.

Sean Treacys captained by Colm Nolan kept the flag flying in football with the only County title to come our way with a well deserved win over Newcastle in the U16C County Final while Arravale Rvs were denied victory in the U16 A decider following a last minute goal by Loughmore /Castleineys Brian Mc Grath.

In the Munster U16B Hurling championship we ran out easy winners over South Kerry in the first round but lost by a two point margin to Muskerry of Cork in the Quarter Final. In the Garda Cup we had a point to spare over South Tipp in the Semi Final but North Tipp proved too good for a much depleted West Tipp side in the Final. Selectors were Pakie Hallissey [Cashel KC], Davy Heelan [Kickhams], Tom O'Donnell [Golden/Kilfeacle].

In the Peadar Cummins Inter Divisional U14 Hurling tournament we were defeated by South Tipp in the semi final and also had to settle for the runners up spot to North Tipp in the Shield Final. Selectors were Pat Buckley [Emly], Johnny Ryan A [Cappawhite], John Joe Morrissey [Cashel KC], Tom O'Donnell [Golden/Kilfeacle].

In inter divisional U14 Football West Tipp held South Tipp scoreless in their semi final before losing by the minimum margin to Mid Tipp in what was a

West Bord Na nÓg Officers [2008]

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Reps to Co.Bord na nÓg	Tommy Fitzgerald, Kieran Barrett	

cracking Final. Selectors were Sean O'Donoghue [Lattin/Cullen], Tom O'Donnell [Golden/Kilfeacle], Kevin Hally [Rockwell Rvs].

In the U15 Inter Divisional Football 2007 West Tipp lost out to North Tipp in the Semi Final but went on to capture the Shield final with two points to spare over Mid Tipp. Selectors were Tommy Toomey [Arravale Rvs], Paul Quish [Emly], Tommy Fitzgerald [Sologhead].

At Inter County level West Tipp was well represented on all our County teams including U16 Hurling and Football teams, Tipps U15 Football side in Cork Citys Bord Na Nog tournament at St.Finbarrs club and Humphrey Kelleher tournaments, Carrighdoun tournament U15 Hurling winning team, Tony Forrester U14 Hurling and on Tipperarys Jim Power U14 Football shield winning side.

Inter Co. Selectors from West Division were U16 Hurling Pakie Hallissey, U15 Hurling Phil Ryan [Kickhams], U14 Hurling Tom O'Donnell, U16 Football Tommy Fitzgerald, U15 Football Kevin Hally, U14 Football Sean O'Donoghue.



Successful juvenile captains who guided their respective teams to North football titles at the North Bord na nÓg Presentation Function.

Seated: (l to r) - Robert Byrne (Portroe U-12 C), Kevin O'Halloran (Portroe U-14 A & Peil na nÓg), Oisín Ryan (Neenagh Eire Óg U-12 A). Standing: Michael Hurle (Ballina U-14 B), Shane Nevin (Borrisokane U-14 C), John Ryan (Newport Gaels U-16 A) Shane Maher (Guest Player), Eamonn Corcoran (Silvermines U-12 B), Barry O'Dwyer (Borris-ileigh U-16 B). Photograph: Bridget Delaney

HURLING

SPONSOR	VENUE	TEAMS		CAPTAIN	REFEREE		
Gleeson Concrete U12A	24/8 [Dundrum]	Clonoulty/Rossmore	1-7	Golden/Kilfeacle	1-4	Stephen Quinn	John Ryan [Bob]
Tipperary Co. Op U12B	23/8 [Sean Treacy Park]	Lattin/Cullen	2-4	Sean Treacys	0-5	Niall Enright	Tom Dawson
O'Dwyer Steel U12A Lgue	25/10 [Dundrum]	Clonoulty/Rossmore	2-5	Cashel/KC	0-1	David Egan	Phil Ryan.
O'Dwyer Steel U12B Lgue	7/8 [Cappawhite]	Sean Treacys	3-1	Rockwell Rvs	1-4	Ger Egan.	Mark Ryan
Quirke Jewellers Cahir							
U12 Shield	8/9 [Bansha]	Arravale Rvs	2-4	Cashel King Cormacs	1-3	John Kerins.	Tom Dawson
U12 Plate Final	15/9 [Annacarty]	Eire Og	4-7	Cappawhite	3-6	John Ryan	Oisin Ryan
John Kelly Soft Drinks U14A	6/9 [Golden]	Clonoulty/Rossmore	1-13	Cashel King Cormacs	1-9	Sean Maher	Sean Bradshaw
D.J. Butler							
Centra Dundrum U14B	4/9 [Sologhead]	Kickhams	2-4	Cappawhite	1-3	Jake O'Halloran	David Grogan
O'Dwyer Steel U14B League	15/10 [Sologhead]	Kickhams	wo Emly scr			Jake O'Halloran	
Acorn Life U14 Plate	15/9 [Sean Treacy Park]	Lattin/Cullen	5-9	Emly	1-7	Patrick Corcoran	Tommy Fitzgerald
Permanent T.S.B. Cashel							
U14 Shield	12/10 [Cashel]	Eire Og	2-5	Golden/Kilfeacle	1-4	Jamie O'Dwyer	John Ryan [Bob]
Coca Cola Feile Na Gael	19/4 [Dundrum]	Cashel King Cormacs	2-7	Clonoulty/Rossmore	2-6	Gearoid Slattery	Sean Bradshaw
Tipperary Credit Union U16A	28/9 [Cashel]	Clonoulty/Rossmore	3-14	Kickhams	1-13	Phillip Ryan	Paddy Russell
O'Dwyer Steel U16A League	[As U16A West Final Result]						
Centenary Co-Op . U16B	21/9 [Cappawhite]	Lattin/Cullen	4-13	Golden/Kilfeacle	0-7	John Condon	Oisin Ryan
O'Dwyer Steel U16B League	1/11 [Sologhead]	Galtee Rvs	2-8	Lattin/Cullen	0-4	Emmett Ryan	Tommy Fitzgerald
Munster U16B Hurling Championship							
	15/3 Killarney,	West Tipp	4-25	South Kerry	0-6		
Munster U16B Qt. Final	22/3 Dundrum,	Muskerry [Cork]	4-8	West Tipp	1-15		
Garda U16 Hurling Cup							
Semi Final	2/3 Dundrum.	West Tipp	4-10	South Tipp	0-21		
Final	19/4 Holycross	North Tipp	1-23	West Tipp	0-6		
Peadar Cummins U14 Inter Div. Hurling							
Semi Final	7/6 Borrisoleigh,	South Tipp	3-7	West Tipp	1-8		
Shield Final,	7/6	North Tipp	0-12	West Tipp	0-5		
U16 Long Puck Winner	Shane Heelan [Kickhams]						

FOOTBALL

Fitzpatricks Printers U12A	19/5 [Dundrum]	Arravale Rvs	0-7	Golden/Kilfeacle	1-2	Dara Crowe	Phil Ryan
ML.Martin Accts U12A League	17/4 [Cappawhite]	Arravale Rvs	2-5	Golden/Kilfeacle	0-1	Dara Crowe	Sean Bradshaw
P.P.O.Dwyer Hardware U12B	12/5 [Dundrum]	Lattin/Cullen	1-4	Clonoulty/Rossmore	0-5	Anthony Leahy	Eamonn Browne
MI Martin Accts. U12B League	20/6 [Sologhead]	Clonoulty/Rossmore	3-6	Lattin/Cullen	1-4	Gary Donnelly	Tommy Fitzgerald
Friends of Tipp Football U12 Shield	2/6 [Dundrum]	Sean Treacys	3-4	Cashel King Cormacs	0-8	Ger Egan	Mark Ryan
Kala Electric U12 Plate	11/6 [Bansha]	Galtee Rvs	8-3	Aherlow/Sologhead	2-4	Niall Daly	Willie Kennedy
Curry Hanley Tyres U14A	5/6 [New Inn]	Cashel King Cormac	1-7	Clonoulty/Rossmore	1-6	Brian Quinlan	Richie O'Connor
Michael Martin Accts							
U14A League	2/7 [Sean Treacy Park]	Clonoulty/Rossmore	3-5	Lattin/Cullen	0-5	Paul Hayes	T.Fitzgerald
Sergeant Peppers Tipp U14B	2/6 [Cashel]	Golden/Kilfeacle	4-15	Rockwell Rvs	2-6	J.J.Byrnes	Richie O'Connor
Michael Martin Accts U14B League							
	30/6 [Bansha]	Golden/Kilfeacle	5-10	Emly	3-2	J.J.Byrnes	Tom Dawson
O'Donovan Auctioneers U14 Shield	16/6 [Emly]	Lattin/Cullen	4-5	Arravale Rvs	3-6	Thomas O'Donoghue	Mark Ryan
Cashel Credit Union U14 Plate	10/8 [Sologhead]	Emly [wo] Galtee Rvs	[scr]			Adrian Dawson	
Allied Irish Banks Tipperary U16A	19/5 [Dundrum]	Arravale Rvs	3-14	Emly	0-4	Paddy Dalton	David Grogan
Michael Martin Accts. U16A League	7/7 [Sologhead]	Arravale Rvs	1-14	Emly	2-5	Paddy Dalton	Willie Kennedy
Quirke Jewellers Cahir	U16B 8/5 [Cashel]	Galtee Rvs	3-7	Golden/Kilfeacle	2-4	Emmett Ryan	Eamonn Browne
MI Martin Accts. U16B League							
	28/9 [Sean Treacy Park]	Aherlow/Sologhead	4-8	Galtee Rvs	2-7	Eoin Riordan	Oisin Ryan
Pall Ireland Tipperary Peil Na nG	10/4 [Golden]	Lattin/Cullen	2-5	Clonoulty/Ross	1-4	Sean Cunningham	John Ryan [Bob]
Garda Cup Final U13 Football	1/11 [Dundrum]	Golden/Kilfeacle	2-5	Oola	2-4	Cainnit Walsh	Phil Ryan
U14 Inter Divisional Football							
Semi Final,	25/3 [Ballyporeen]	West Tipp	3-5	South Tipp	0-0		
Final	2/4 Dr. Morris Park]	Mid Tipp	0-10	West Tipp	1-6		
U15 Inter Divisional Football [2007]							
Semi Final	3/12 [Dr. Morris Park]	North Tipp	2-10	West Tipp	2-7		
Shield Final	10/12 [Dr. Morris Park]	West Tipp	2-6	Mid Tipp	1-7		



Galtee Rovers West U16 Football 'B' Champions 2008

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Enjoying the Tipperary Intermediate Ladies Gaelic Football team homecoming party at the home of the captain in Cappawhite on Monday night last are (l to r) Noreen Hanrahan, James Hanrahan, Angie McDermott (captain) with her husband Tommy Hanrahan (Ballyanny, Neagh formally of Rosemount, Carrigatoher) and Norma Hanrahan.



Loughmore-Castleiney senior hurling and football panels that won County SHC & Munster Club titles along with a Mid SFC title. Seated: Noel McGrath, Eddie Connolly, John Gleeson (hurling captain), Evan Sweeney, Ciaran McGrath, Ronan Stapleton, Diarmuid Brennan Ger Morris, Cian Hennessy, Colm Campion. 2nd row: Tommy Ormond, Eamonn Sweeney (Hurling Manager & Club Chairman), Jody Sweeney, Martin Gleeson, Johnny Campion, James Connolly, John Paul Foy, David McGrath, Paul Ormond, Seamus Bohan, Martin Ryan, Dominic Brennan. Back row: Alvy Stapleton, Michael McGrath (selector), James Egan, Shane Hennessy, Eoin Ryan, Noel Kennedy, Gary Sweeney, Michael Webster, Tom King, Tommy Long, David Kennedy, Derek Bourke, Frankie McGrath (selector).



Tipperary ladies intermediate gaelic football team with their mentors at their All-Ireland winning homecoming party in Cappawhite



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Michael 'Spike' Nolan

By Shane Brophy

Tipperary GAA lost one of its greatest ever servants on Tuesday, 13 May last when county board treasurer and Michael 'Spike' Nolan passed away, aged 62.

The Moneygall native battled bravely against cancer over the preceding months and finally lost that battle, surrounded by his family at his home in Ballycommon.

Spike's love of the GAA helped him through his illness and was a spectator at matches right until the end. He was an interested spectator as his two clubs, Moneygall and Kildangan met in the senior championship just over a week before his passing.

His illness meant that he was unable to attend the National League Final between Tipperary and Galway but he made it his business to be in Nenagh a couple of weeks later when the sides met in a tournament game and afterwards, congratulated the players in the dressing room in what were described as emotional scenes.

Despite his deep love of the GAA, it was not his first love. That honour belonged to his family, particularly his wife Margaret and his six children, Michael, Martin, Enda, Bríd, Yvonne and Lorraine.

More commonly known as 'Spike', GAA was in his blood from an early age in Moneygall and was educated at Dunkerrin National School by former GAA President Seamus O'Riain whom he idolised.

He had a long hurling and football career that stretched over five decades and culminated in 1991 when he came on in the last ten minutes of the inter-firms All Ireland Final and helped his employers, the ESB to victory along side his nephew, Adrian Hogan.

At inter-county level, he won Munster and All Ireland Under 21 medals in 1967 but his greatest achievements were at club level for his native Moneygall and his adopted Kildangan.

Wearing the black and red, he was a member of the wonderful Moneygall side of the mid-seventies that won back-to-back county senior titles in 1975 and 1976 and that team was honoured prior to the 2005 County Final.

'Spike' was also a footballer of some distinction winning North Junior football medals in 1963 and 1964 when Moneygall went onto win the county title. Progressing to senior level in 65, they were defeated in the county final by Commercials but had the consolation of winning the Under 21 title.

Moneygall won a three in a row of Under 21 football titles between 1965 and 1967 but the county title eluded them on each occasion. Spike also added a North Intermediate football medal in 1980.

At county level, his ability with the big ball was also recognised. In 1966, was on the Under 21, Junior and Senior panels.

In recent years, 'Spike' would have been recognised for his achievements as an administrator but like his great mentor, Seamus O'Riain, he was also a fine referee and had the distinction of refereeing the North Tipper-



Michael 'Spike' Nolan receiving his Munster Council Award from Ger Hickey of Clare, Treasurer of the Munster Council.

ary Senior Hurling Final in the GAA's Centenary year of 1984 between Lorrha and Nenagh Éire Óg.

He also was the man in the middle in three North Tipperary Senior Football Finals in 1981, 1985 and 1986.

As his playing days wound down, Spike's affair with the GAA took him into administrative duties and his first role came in the early eighties as Moneygall's divisional board representative and was registrar of the North Board from 1982 to 1985.

At the end of that term, he was elected treasurer of the board, replacing Tom Kirby of Kilruane. When his three year term was completed, he took the next step to county board level, in charge of the finances.

At the end of his term at county level, he returned as North Board treasurer in 1991 and remained in the position until his re-election as county treasurer in 2000, a position he held until his death.

At club level, 'Spike's' involvement in the Moneygall club was major and played a role on the development of the sports complex in 1976/1977. He transferred to the Kildangan club in the early eighties and immersed himself in the club almost immediately, helping out at all levels and was chairman between 1997 and 1999.



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SCOR REPORT

Mid Tipperary Scór

Coiste Scór Thiobraid Meannach had a very enjoyable and constructive season in 2007/2008. The usual supportive clubs are a great boon to the Mid Scór committee. As ever Scór na bPaisti is our pride and joy. It is wonderful to witness the talent of the primary schoolchildren, their enthusiasm is infectious. They are a credit to their parents, schools and tutors.

Mid final of Scór na nÓg on Saturday 26th November 2007 was a very enjoyable night for a packed hall in Clonmore. Two clubs qualified in each category for the County Final in Cashel on the 7th December. Despite good performances only Loughmore question time team went forward to the Munster Final in Killarney. Well done to all our participating clubs.

Again in Clonmore we had great entertainment from four clubs in Scór Sinsear on Saturday 24th February 2008. Two clubs qualified in each category for the County Final in Borrisoleigh on Saturday 1st March. In the solo song competition Liam Brennan from Loughmore-Castleiney was unable to compete so Liam was replaced by Donal Bowe from J.K. Brackens. Donal qualified for the Munster Final as did Gortnahoe-Glengoole in Rince Foirne, while J.K. Brackens set dancers qualified for the Munster semi-final.

There were three great nights of entertainment for Scór na bPaisti with the first semi-final in Moyne on Friday 29th February. It was lovely to be back in a refurbished hall. Then in Drombane on Friday 7th March, great talent on show on both nights. Then on Friday 4th April a full programme of Scór competitions entertained a packed hall, each category was hotly contested for the honour to represent their club in the County Final on Friday 11th April.

In Scór na bPaisti, which ends at county level, Upperchurch-Drombane won the Nuachleas and came second in Trath na gCeist and Aithriseoireacht and Loughmore-Castleiney were second in the Ballad Group. J.K. Brackens won the Rince Seit and came second in the Rince Foirne.

Coiste Scór Thiobraid Arann Meanach wish to thank the host clubs, their stewards, and the ladies in the hospitality rooms. Thanks also to the various Mas-

ter of Ceremonies on competition nights, John Egan, Seamus Bourke, Jim O'Meara, Michael Bourke and Anne Cunningham.

I would like to thank my fellow officers for being so kind to me, to Noel Joyce with John Maher in Clonmore, Martin Ryan and his daughter Niamh in Moyne and Drombane and Drom. All their hard work is much appreciated.

We in Scór were very saddened to lose a committed Scór person when Margaret O'Connell, Grallagh, Horse and Jockey passed to her eternal reward in August. Margaret was a former Runai of Mid Scór and it was always a pleasure to work with her. Margaret was also Assistant Treasurer of County Scór. Scór also lost a very supportive friend of Mick McGrath, Lisheenataggart, in March. All his family are well-known in G.A.A. circles. Scór also lost a well-known competitor in the 1970s when Seamus Cooney, Ballybeg, Littleton, a member of the All Ireland winning Cooney set, passed to his eternal reward in May. Sincere sympathies to all Scór families who suffered bereavement during the past year, our condolences and prayers are extended to all. Go ndeana Dia trocaire ar a n-ainmacha.

Thanks to our sponsors, Mid Board, Thurles Credit Union, Donal Younge, The Ragg, Lycon Auto Spares and Tivoli Cleaners.

A word of appreciation to Michael Dundon, Editor Tipperary Star and his staff for their help and courtesy throughout the year.

Elected officers: Cathaoirleach Martin Ryan, Loughmore; Leas-Cathaoirleach Jim O'Meara, Moyne; Runai Maria McLoughlin, Upperchurch-Drombane; Cisteoir and PRO Nora Troy, Thurles Sarsfields; Delegates to County Scór Patricia Connolly and Peggy Morris, Moycarkey-Borris.

We were sorry to lose our former secretary Antoinette Connolly, Loughmore who due to personal commitments was unable to continue as Runai. Thanks Antoinette for all your hard work. We welcome Maria and hope she will enjoy her time with us.

Results of the 2007/2008 Scór Competitions in Mid Division

Category	Scór na nÓg	Scór Sinsear	Scór na bPaisti
Rince Foirne	J.K. Brackens	Gortnahoe/Glengoole	J.K. Brackens
Solo Song	Upperchurch/Drombane	Loughmore/Castleiney	J.K. Brackens
	Moyne/Templetoohy	Moyne/Templetoohy	Loughmore/Castleiney
Ceol Uirlise	Loughmore/Castleiney	J.K Brackens	Loughmore/Castleiney
	Upperchurch/Drombane		Moycarkey/Borris
Recitation	Moyne/Templetoohy	J.K Brackens	Upperchurch/Drombane
	Upperchurch/Drombane	Moyne/Templetoohy	Moycarkey/Borris
Bailead Grupa	Loughmore/Castleiney	Moyne/Templetoohy	Loughmore/Castleiney
	Upperchurch/Drombane		Holycross
Trath na gCeist	Moyne/Templetoohy	Moyne/Templetoohy	Upperchurch/Drombane
	Upperchurch/Drombane	Loughmore/Castleiney	Drom/Inch
Nuachleas	Loughmore/Castleiney	NONE	Upperchurch/Drombane
	Moycarkey/Borris		Loughmore/Castleiney
Rince Seit	J.K. Brackens	J.K. Brackens	J.K. Brackens
	Gortnahoe/Glengoole	Gortnahoe/Glengoole	Gortnahoe/Glengoole



Sean Treacy's Tráth na gCeist, Scór na nÓg county winners: left to right: Shane Stapleton, Brian Carey and Sean Ryan with Michael Corcoran.



Gortnahoe-Glengoole Rince Fóirne, Scór Sinsear county winners: back row, left to right: Lorraine Purcell, Marie Dunne, Joanne Coady, Grainne O'Gorman; front row, left to right: Laura Coady, Josephine Kenny, Natalie Kenny, Michelle Purcell.



Upperchurch-Drombane Nuachleas, Scór na bPáistí county winners: back row, left to right: Christine Bourke, Aisling Harrington, Kay Ryan (coach), Cáit Ryan, Toby Clancy; front row, left to right: Aisling Ryan, Gretta Ryan, Erin Ryan, Norma Clancy.



Above: Newport Ceol Uirlise, Scór na bPáistí county winners, Conor Floyd, Laura Floyd, Marie Claire Tuohy, Brian McAuliffe.



Left: County Scór Committee 2008: back row, left to right: Noel Joyce, vice-chairman, Paddy Kelly, Martin Ryan, chairman Mid Scór, Johnny Delaney, Martin Bourke; front row, left to right: Breda Ryan, Seamus McGrath, chairman, Mary Bourke, secretary, Nora Troy. Missing: Dan Madden, treasurer, Ed Donnelly, P.R.O.

County Final Scór na nÓg Winners 2008

Rince Fóirne	Newport (Niamh Floyd, Sarah McAuliffe, Louise Ryan, Ciara O'Sullivan, Carol Berkery, Rebecca Ryan, Eilís Ryan, Aoibhinn Floyd).
Amhránaíocht Aonai	Claire Kavanagh (Borrisoleigh).
Ceol Uirlíse	Newport (Sarah McAuliffe, Niamh Floyd, Rory Floyd, Larry Brennan, Louise Ryan).
Aithriseoireacht	Katie Larkin (Toomevara).
Bailéad Ghrúpa	Newport (Rory Floyd, Larry Brennan, Sarah McAuliffe, Niamh Floyd, Aisling Bradley).
Tráth na gCeist	Loughmore-Castleiney (Niamh Ryan, Marty Ryan, Padraig Hennessy).
Nuachleas	Borrisoleigh (Clíodhna Bourke, Nóirín Stapleton, Niamh Lyons, Maria Ryan, Jack Bourke, Steven Shanahan, Tommy Kavanagh, Danny Ryan).
Rince Seit	Templederry (Maureen McCutcheon, Edel Ryan, Moira Ryan, Maureen Walsh, Sarah Cunneen, Sarah Murray, Selene Murphy, Elaine Murphy).

County Scór Sinsear Winners 2008

Rince Fóirne	Gortnahoe-Glengoole (Josephine Kenny, Natalie Kenny, Laurine Purcell, Michelle Purcell, Gráinne O'Gorman, Joanne Cody, Laura Cody, Máire Dunne).
Amhránaíocht Aonair	Donal Bowe (J.K. Brackens).
Ceol Uirlíse	Newport (Michael O'Malley, Áine O'Dea, Tracey Ryan, Marese Floyd, Brian Shinners).
Aithriseoireacht	Francis Cleere (Moyne-Templetuohy)
Bailéad Ghrúpa	Portroe (Jacqueline Cotterell, Linda Hickey, Eddie Lawlor, Nicky Cotterell, Nóra Knox)
Tráth na gCeist	Borrisoleigh (Pat Kavanagh, Paul Boyle, Brendan Kenny).
Nuachleas	Borrisoleigh (Jason Fahey, Rory Ryan, Conor Walsh, Chris Vahey, Sharon Madden, Sarah Maher, Cathal Bourke).
Rince Seit	J.K. Brackens (Mairéad Bergin, Seán Maher, Pádraic Stapleton, Sinéad Bourke, Jean Kennedy, Paul Nolan, Christine Bergin, Laurine Leahy).

County Scór na bPáistí Winners 2008

Rince Fóirn	Newcastle (Leah Condon, Aoife Shortice, Lucy Heffernan, Nicola Coffey, Veronica McNamara, Jenny Murphy, Lorraine Murphy, Danielle Hackett).
Amhránaíocht Aonair	Liam McCutcheon (Templederry).
Ceol Uirlíse	Newport (Brian McAuliffe, Conor Floyd, Marie Claire Toohey, Lorna Floyd).
Aithriseoireacht	Lucy Heffernan (Newcastle)
Bailéad Ghrúpa	Borrisoleigh (Eimear Ryan, Clóá Scanlon, Aisling Kiely, Orla Ryan, Dillon Reid).
Tráth na gCeist	Sean Treacy's (James Ryan, Brian Carey, Shane Stapleton)
Nuachleas	Upperchurch-Drombane (Gretta Ryan, Cáit Ryan, Christina Bourke, Aisling Harrington, Erin Ryan, Aisling Ryan, Norma Nic Lannchaidh, Toby Mac Lannchaidh).
Rince Seit	J.K. Brackens (Katie Bourke, Martin Delaney, Evan Fairbrother, Niamh Kennedy, Leona Bowe, Eamonn Joyce, Chloe Ní Ghéisne, Thomas Ó Mealláin).



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*Back Row: L to R Jack Bourke, Danny Ryan, Tom Healy (chairman munster scór), Steven Shanahan, Tommy Kavanagh.
Front Row: L to R Noreen Stapleton, Maria Ryan, Tim O'Leary (Bus Éireann), Niamh Lyons, Clíodhna Bourke.*

London-based Thurles man celebrates twenty years loyal service with club's three-in-a-row!

By Larry Cooney

Thurles native Pat Jordan this year won his fourth London senior hurling county title medal in five years with the Robert Emmett's GAA Club. As well as dominating London hurling for much of the decade, not alone have the Robert Emmett's club just completed their first three-in-a-row of titles but they also won an historic All-Ireland Club (IHC) title two years ago.

Such unprecedented success for London's current top hurling club was hardly predictable when Pat Jordan first emigrated to England back in 1988 for what he believed was a few months work that summer. However Pat Jordan's career path has kept him in the English metropolis ever since where he now owns and runs a successful building company in west London as well as fairly recently becoming the father of twin boys!

For Pat the past twenty years has been quite a story both on and off the field since he lined out for Thurles CBS in their narrow defeat by Midleton CBS in the 1988 Harty Cup Final as a seventeen year old. However after making his senior debut for Thurles Sarsfields that same year, the attraction of a summer in London meant that Pat only made a few appearances for the Thurles Blues before teaming up with the Robert Emmett's in London.

Club chairman and Wexfordman Tom Redmond can still vividly recall the day Pat Jordan donned the club's famous blue and gold colours: "I remember the day well and who it was against and where it was! It was against the Brian Borus in Northwick Park, Wembley" said Tom.

Despite their long tradition dating back to the early part of the last century, the current Robert Emmett's club was reformed in the late forties. By the time Pat Jordan joined them twenty years ago they were still very much the minnows of London hurling playing mainly at intermediate grade. But the advent of a number of club stalwarts in the mid-eighties, namely Tom Redmond, Rogie Maher (Limerick) Donie O'Dwyer (Tipperary) and current team manager Mick O'Dea from Liscarroll in Cork were later to sow the seeds of the club's current success.

Despite Pat Jordan's undoubtedly talents that were the envy of many of London's hurling's big guns, the Thurles man remained loyal to the club he first joined twenty years ago. Jordan's judgement and faith in the current London champions has therefore been proved to be well founded because the Robert Emmett's are without doubt enjoying the pinnacle of their club's history.

The evolution of the Robert Emmett's during Pat's service has been quite contrasting. A decade of slow progress beginning with an appearance in the intermediate final against Acton Gaels, promotion to the senior grade was followed by some notable victories over London hurling kingpins of the early 90s – The Desmonds. During the 90s, Pat also put in some sterling displays for London and captained his adopted county to Division Three success against Roscommon in 1995/96.

But real success always appeared to elude the Emmett's until October 2002 when they sensationally defeated St Gabriel's in the championship semi-final



Pat Jordan and club player from the early '90s – Andy Ryan (Thurles Sarsfields)

to earn a place in their second senior county final against Sean Treacy's. It was not a day to remember for men in blue and gold who had to wait another two years for a place in the final against the holders – Fr. Murphy's. Robert Emmett's finally had made that all important breakthrough to land their first title in 2004 and although the Murphy's gained sweet revenge the following year, Robert Emmett's have not alone been the London champions for three consecutive years but also the 2007 All-Ireland Club (IHC) Champions when they defeated Kilmordaly from Galway on March 11th that year.

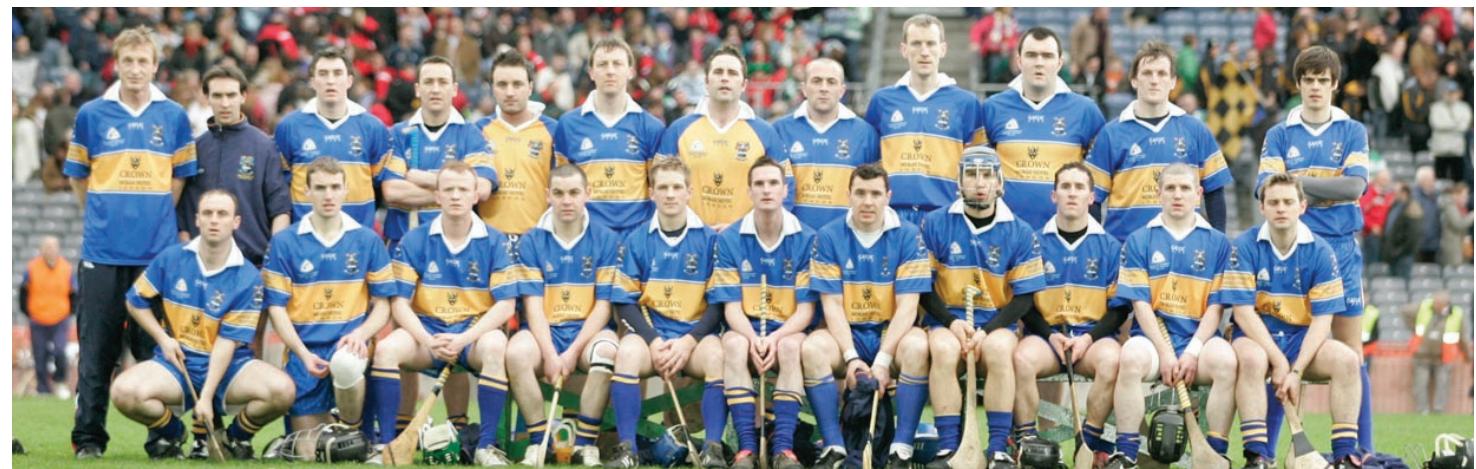
Apart from the magnificent achievement by the club, the day will also be remembered for Pat's cameo appearance that day late in the match. Some indication of the kind of respect and popularity that Thurles man commands within the club and its supporters was reflected that day by the cheer he received when he took the field on the hallowed turf of Croke Park, which after a long and distinguished career is not surprisingly not alone his greatest memory but also the pinnacle of his career.

"It was a huge day for the club and will probably never be emulated again by any club from London" said Pat.

But despite losing the services of seven of that All-Ireland winning side within weeks of the final, Robert Emmett's have bounced back and successfully regrouped. Their recent comprehensive victory over a fancied Sean Treacy's team is some indication of the standards that the Robert Emmett's club have now set and while many players come and go, Pat Jordan remains true and loyal to London's blue and gold's.

Apart from his parental duties Pat Jordan also owns and runs a successful White City-based building company – ARMEC adjacent to the home of the BBC. But Pat Jordan's first love outside his main priorities remains hurling and playing for as long as he can but he also hopes to be part of the club's team management one day helping to maintain the club's current tremendous success.

"I'm really no different from many of the exiles who have come to London over the years. Hurling and the GAA has given me tremendous pleasure over the years not to mention the many great friends I have met through my involvement" concluded Pat.



The All-Ireland winning team in Croke Park. Pat is pictured on the extreme left Back Row. Four other Tipperary players were in the Robert Emmett's squad on that historic day – Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers), Billy Hennebry (Aherlow), Eoin Kennedy (Ballina) and former Tipperary minor and U21 hurler – Eddie Carey from Mullinahone.

TIPP FM GAA MASTERCLASS 2008

(IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE TIPPERARY COUNTY BOARD)

By Ian O'Connor (Tipp FM)

Saturday, May 3rd, was the date for the second Tipp FM GAA Masterclass in association with the Tipperary county board in a sun-kissed Semple Stadium. Fifty boys and girls from across the Premier County were chosen from a draw during the month of April on Tipp FM's GAA programme with Paddy Finucane. Over 3,300 boys and girls entered for one of fifty places.

What was special about this class was it focuses on boys and girls of all abilities to be trained by our county stars in hurling and football and a chance to play in the 'Field of Legends'. Eoin Kelly, Shane McGrath, Declan Fanning, Gerry Kennedy and Noel McGrath trained the class on the skills of hurling, while Declan Browne, Paul Fitzgerald, Damian O'Brien and John Evans, Tipperary Football manager showed the boys and girls the skills of football in as-

sociation with our county referees. Fran Curry broadcasting live from the event added to the occasion. It certainly was a memorable day.

As you know a lot of work goes in to hosting an event like this. I would like to thank sincerely everyone that helped and supported the Masterclass in any way. It was a pleasure as always working with you all and I look forward to your support next year where talks are already beginning. On a sad note, we dedicated this year's masterclass to my mother Marian O'Connor (Fethard), Mick McGrath (Loughmore) and County Footballer Darryl Darcy of Shannon Rovers whom we lost in 2008.

Go ndéana dia trócaire orthu.



ALL-IRELAND INTER-FIRMS SENIOR HURLING

Bank of Ireland retained their All-Ireland Inter Firms Senior Hurling Title (2007) when they proved too strong for Kilkenny's Glanbia under lights in Ballyragget.

Bank of Ireland had a great start, picking up the first three points of the evening through Tony Scroope, Kevin Nealon and Willie Ryan. Bank of Ireland really proved themselves in the second half and began to take a firm grip on midfield. It was the introduction of substitute Aidan Ryan, which proved to be the telling factor though, as within minutes, he shot his first goal of the game. Glanbia replied with a fine goal, leaving a point between the teams with twenty minutes left to play. Bank of Ireland's strength began to show as they took control of the game. Tony Scroope and Willie Ryan tacked on more points before Joe Kelly's goal left the winners six points ahead midway through the half. Aidan Ryan wrapped up the game with ten minutes left, when he landed his second goal to seal victory on a final score of Bank of Ireland 3-12 Glanbia 1-9.



memories of thurles 1991

the final is long over. banjo-man and fiddler
have left the railway bridge, cello-case
rich with pickings, coin for fierce dark pints.
in the square, fast-food wrappers waltz feebly
in the evening breeze. dawdlers, no homes
to go to, hail slieveramon - again - in hayes's,
bowe's, mulhall's. cows of the golden vale wait
and wonder if they'll ever be milked again.

a last train for cork slinks politely out of town.
inside, replays of nearlys and might-have-beens
affirm the certainty of revenge next year.
beaming beatific along the sacred roads,
old tipp men and boys purr in the sunlight
of the perfect year - cork bet and the hay saved.

(By Garry Fitzgerald, Tipp Town exile)

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TIPP HANDBALL REPORT

Tipperary have had a great run in 2008 in Handball winning 14 Munster titles in adult grades , 4 Juvenile Munster titles, 6 Runners up All-Ireland titles & 5 All-Ireland titles.

In March in 40x20 Paddy Collins (Ballina) won the Munster title in EMBS & John Mc Quaid (Ballina)& Pat O Flaherty (Youghalarr) won the Munster title in Master A Doubles.

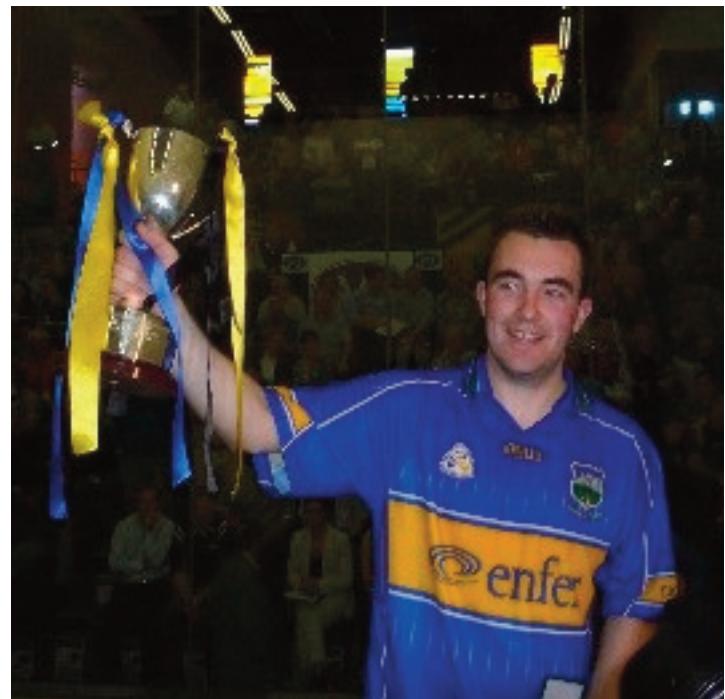
In April Paddy Collins beat John Kelehan (Galway) in the All-Ireland semi-Final but hampered by injury lost the All-Ireland Final to John Barton from Dublin. John Mc Quaid & Pat O Flaherty beat Ger Walsh & Cormac O'Brien (Roscommon) in the all-Ireland Semi-Final but lost the All-Ireland final to Michael Ducksy Walsh & Pat Maher (Kilkenny).

In the Juvenile championships Tipp reached the Munster finals in U12S, U12D, U13S, & U13D and in U17 D Newport's Sean Harte & Darren Moore won the Munster title and went all the way to the final but were beaten by Jason Delaney & Keith Bourke from Kilkenny.

In June Cashel Juveniles had a great win in Div 3 40x20 Feile na Gael. They beat na Fianna from Dublin in the Final 21-9 , 21-1. Team: Adrian O Dwyer,Padraig O Donaghue,Daniel Hayes, Jonathan Walsh, Colin Brosnan.

The 60x30 Championships kicked off in June and Ballina won Munster titles in the Open Club team event & also in the Junior B Club team event.

The Junior B Club team (Ballina) of Paddy Collins, Mike Carroll, Kevin Kennedy & Declan Gleeson had a great run beating Ballymoe from Roscommon in the S/f and narrowly losing out to Coolgreeney from Wexford in the final. The Open Club team (Ballina) of Ger Coonan, Fergal Collins, Martin



Intermediate Singles 60x30 - County, Munster & All-Ireland Champion Ger Coonan (Ballina)

Mc Inerney & John Mc Quaid were beaten by the eventual winners Ballaghaderreen in the final.

In August Ger Coonan & Martin Mc Inerney (Ballina) won the Munster Inter-



Intermediate Doubles 60x30 - County, Munster & All-Ireland Champions - Ger Coonan & Martin McInerney (Ballina)

mediate final beating Limericks Paul Hedderman & Tom Brien in the Final. Ger Coonan followed the doubles win by winning the Singles Intermediate title beating Paul Hedderman from Limerick. Ger & Martin won the All-Ireland S/F by beating Ollie Cassidy & Paul Flynn in the Doubles & Ger beat Cassidy in the Singles S/F.

In September on Eve of Hurling Final Martin Mc Inerney & Ger Coonan beat Ian Griffin & Kerry Hennessy (Dublin) in the Intermediate All-Ireland Final. This was a well deserved victory and was a great occasion for their huge following. On the eve of the Football final Ger Coonan beat Nicholas Anthony (Kilkenny) in the Intermediate All-Ireland Singles Final. Coonan never put a foot wrong and gave a very polished display to return the J.J. Bowes trophy back to Tipp.

Tipperary in September spurred on by these great results went on to win Munster titles in Master A Singles –Adrian Johnson (Clonmel), Master a Doubles- Adrian Johnson & Jimmy Mullins (Clonmel), GMAD – Billy Mc Carthy & Pat Ryan (Ballyporeen), SMAD – Pat Griffin & Tony O Flaherty (Youghalarra), GMBS –Paddy Collins (Ballina) & Gerry Foley (S/Mines),GMBS –Gerry Foley (S/Mines), EMBS – Paddy Collins (Ballina), DMAS- Pakie Mullins (Clonmel) , EMAD – Pakie Mullins & Sean Doyle (Clonmel)

In October Paddy Collins added to his tally of 4 Munster titles & 1 Runner up all-Ireland by Winning the EMBS All-Ireland title beating Michael Todd from Monaghan in the final in Mullingar. Pakie Mullins continues to add to his All-Ireland titles and won the DMAS title in Roscommon beating Dave Mulhern from Donegal in the final. Pakie is also through to the All-Ireland EMAD final with Sean Doyle in November. In the Golden Masters A Doubles Billy Mc Carthy & Pat Ryan (Ballyporeen) Beat Sean Ryan & Andy Ryan from Carlow in the All-Ireland final in Talbots Inch. In November in EMAD Pakie Mullins & Sean Doyle (Clonmel) were defeated in the All-Ireland final in Clogh by Dublins Eugene Kennedy & Vinny Farley.

In Juveniles 60x30 Tipperary won Munster titles in U12S –Padraig O Donoghue (Cashel), U12Doubles – Daniel Hayes & Jonathon Walsh (Cashel) & U13S Stephen Moroney (C-O-Suir). In the Juvenile County Teams Tipperary reached the Munster finals in U12/13 - Team of Jonathan Walsh (Cashel) -Daniel Hayes (Cashel)-Stephen Moroney (C-O-Suir)-Padraig O Donoghue (Cashel) Ronan Bourke (Ballina)- Jason Cahill (Lahorna)-Josh Moroney (C-O-Suir) -Tieran O Brien (ballyporeen). In 13/14 Tipp also reached the Munster final but were beaten by Clare- Team: Christopher Monaghan (Ballina)-Mark Mc Namara (Ballina)-Anthony Crotty (Cashel) -Luke Howard (Ballina) Alan Ryan (Cashel) -Adrian O Dwyer (Cashel) -Kieran Cahill (lahorna) - Niall Fitzgerald (Cashel)

Overall a very successful season for Tipperary Handball especially with our young players doing well and well done to all the clubs who are promoting Juvenile handball.



Tipperary Under 14 / 15 team - Back row (left to right) - Christopher Monaghan-Mark Mc Namara-Anthony Crotty-Luke Howard
Front row – (left to right) - Alan Ryan-Adrian O Dwyer-Kieran Cahill - Niall Fitzgerald



Pakie Mullins (Clonmel) also won County , Munster and All-Ireland Silver partnered by Sean Doyle (Clonmel) in Emerald Masters A Doubles 60x30



Diamond Masters A Singles 60x30 - County, Munster & All-Ireland Champion - Pakie Mullins (Clonmel) Also in photo - Tony Hannon Irish Handball President and Runner-up Dave Mulhern (Donegal)



Ladies Intermediate Doubles 60x30 - County ,Munster & All-Ireland Finalists - Carol Moloney & Donna Harding (Cashel) with Marianna Rushe & Katie Costelloe (Roscommon)

SCOREBOARD 2008

Compiled by Ed Donnelly

County Finals – Hurling

Senior (Dan Breen Cup)

19/10/08 at Semple Stadium
Toomevara 2-14 Thurles Sarsfields 0-17

Senior (Seamus O'Riain Cup)

19/10/08 at Semple Stadium
Carrick Swan 1-14 Kilruane MacDonaghs 1-11

Intermediate

18/10/08 at MacDonagh Park Nenagh
Templederry Kenyons 0-15 Newport 1-9

Junior "A"

2/11/08 at Newport
Moneygall 1-11 Emy 1-10

Junior "B"

22/11/08 at Gortnahoe
Moyne-Templetuohy 2-8 Cashel King Cormacs 1-5

Under 21 "A" -

Under 21 "B" -

Under 21 "C"

16/11/08 at Newport
Sean Treacys 2-13 Ballinahinch 2-6

Minor "A"

2/11/08 at Semple Stadium
Nenagh Eire Óg 5-10 Upperchurch-Drombane 1-10

Minor "B"

2/11/08 at Dolla
Drom & Inch 1-14 Shannon Rovers Gaels 2-11

Replay

9/11/08 at Dolla
Shannon Rovers Gaels 1-13 Drom & Inch 0-14

Minor "C"

13/9/08 at Holycross
Lattin-Cullen 1-15 Moneygall 0-8

Under 16 "A" –

Under 16 "B"

18/10/08 at Littleton
Borris-Ileigh 1-9 Mullinahone 0-12
Replay – 1/11/08 at Boherlahan
Borris-Ileigh 2-9 Mullinahone 1-10

Under 16 "C"

11/10/08 at Drombane
Kildangan 3-21 Newcastle 0-7

Under 14 "A"

21/9/08 at Borrisoleigh
Clonoulty-Rossmore 2-8 Toomevara 3-3

Under 14 "B"

22/9/08 at The Ragg
Knockavilla Kickhams 2-5 Lorrha-Dorrha 1-8

Replay – 5/10/08 at The Ragg (after extra time)
Knockavilla Kickhams 3-8 Lorrha-Dorrha 1-13

Under 14 "C"

20/9/08 at Holycross
Borrisokane 5-11 Ballyneale 0-2

Feile na nGael

3/5/08 at Holycross
Toomevara 3-9 Cashel King Cormacs 0-2

Under 12 "A"

6/9/08 at Semple Stadium
Roscrea 4-8 Carrick Swan 1-3

Under 12 "B"

6/9/08 at Semple Stadium
Ballina 4-6 Ballylooby-Castlegreace 0-3

Under 12 "C"

6/9/08 at Semple Stadium
Newport 5-6 Moyle Rovers 'B' 0-1

County Finals – Football

Senior

26/10/08 at Leahy Park Cashel
Galtee Rovers 0-7 Cahir 0-5

Intermediate

26/10/08 at Monroe
Clonmel Óg 2-8 Kilsheelan-Kilcash 2-5

Junior "A"

9/11/08 at Dr. Morris Park
Cappawhite 2-7 Moycarkey-Borris 1-9

Junior "B"

22/11/08 at Boherlahan
Carrick Swan 2-7 Templederry Kenyons 1-3

Under 21 "A"

10/5/08 at Cahir
Aherlow 3-8 Moyle Rovers 3-8
Replay – 28/6/08 at Cahir
Aherlow 0-12 Moyle Rovers 1-9 (AET)
Second Replay -
Aherlow vs. Moyle Rovers

Under 21 "B"

26/4/08 at Fethard
Mullinahone 2-5 Rockwell Rovers 1-5

Under 21 "C" -

Minor "A"
8/11/08 at Cahir
Moyle Rovers 0-9 Arravale Rovers 0-8

Minor "B"

12/10/08 at Sean Treacy Park Tipperary
Cahir 1-20 Kilruane MacDonaghs 0-2

Minor "C"

28/9/08 at Annacarty
Solohead 2-12 Sean Treacys 2-7

Under 16 "A"

30/6/08 at New Inn
Loughmore-Castleiney 3-7 Arravale Rovers 1-11

Under 16 "B"

30/6/08 at New Inn
Ballyporeen 4-14 Holycross-Ballycahill 1-7

Under 16 "C"

31/7/08 at New Inn
Sean Treacys 3-7 Newcastle 2-5

Under 14 "A"

28/7/08 at Leahy Park Cashel
Clonmel Commercials 1-7 Loughmore-Castleiney 0-1

Under 14 "B"

22/6/08 at Drombane
Ballyporeen 0-11 Ballina 0-3

Under 14 "C"

21/6/08 at Pairc na nÓg
Clonmel Og 3-5 Borrisokane 3-5
Replay – 2/11/08 at Pairc na nÓg
Clonmel Og 3-4 Borrisokane 2-6

Under 14 "Seconds"

27/6/08 at New Inn
Clonmel Commercials 'B' 5-8 Durlas Óg 'B' 2-3

Peil na nÓg

3/5/08 at Pairc na nÓg
Loughmore-Castleiney 3-1 Clonmel Commercials 1-5

Under 12 "A"

31/5/08 at Semple Stadium
Clonmel Commercials 3-5 Nenagh Eire Óg 1-1

Under 12 "B"

31/5/08 at Semple Stadium
Silvermines 1-9 Lattin-Cullen 1-2

Under 12 "C"

31/5/08 at Semple Stadium
Portroe 1-6 Clonmel Commercials 'B' 0-3

County Hurling League Finals

Premier Division

19/04/08 at The Ragg
Thurles Sarsfields 0-15 Borris-Ileigh 0-11

Division 1

26/03/08 at Templemore
Kilruane MacDonaghs 2-17 Boherlahan-Dualla 1-10

Division 2

30/05/08 at Dolla
Lorrha-Dorrha 3-8 Holycross-Ballycahill 1-11

Intermediate

10/6/08 at The Ragg
Newport 1-14 Gortnahoe-Glengoole 1-9

County Adult Football League Finals**Premier Division**

4/6/08 at Kilsheelan
Moyle Rovers 1-11 Fethard 1-4

Division 1

26/4/08 at Leahy Park Cashel
Lattin-Cullen 1-7 Newcastle 1-5

Division 2

7/5/08 at Drombane
Cappawhite 1-10 Moycarkey-Borris 1-6

County Minor Football League Finals**Division 1**

7/5/08 at Bansha
Arravale Rovers 2-12 Cahir 1-5

Division 2

4/4/08 at Newcastle
Ardfinnan 1-11 Kilsheelan-Kilcash 1-4

Senior Football Relegation Final Playoff

29/10/08 at Fethard
JK Brackens 1-16 Carrick Swan 1-10

Allianz National Football League – Division 4

3/2/08 at Nowlan Park
Tipperary 4-20 Kilkenny 1-5

9/2/08 at Ardfinnan
Tipperary 0-13 Clare 1-7
16/2/08 at Tullamore
Offaly 1-11 Tipperary 1-7
2/3/08 at Ardfinnan
Tipperary 1-23 London 0-4
30/3/08 at Dr. Cullen Park
Carlow 1-10 Tipperary 1-9
6/4/08 at Ardfinnan
Tipperary 0-10 Antrim 0-7

13/4/08 at Fraher Field Dungarvan
Tipperary 2-8 Waterford 1-10
20/4/08 at Ardfinnan
Tipperary 0-12 Wicklow 0-10

27/04/08 at Portlaoise
Offaly 2-13 Tipperary 0-12 (Division 4 Final)

Inter-County Championship – Football**Senior**

25/5/08 at Fermoy
Limerick 1-8 Tipperary 1-5 (Munster QF)

19/7/08 at Ardfinnan
Westmeath 0-15 Tipperary 0-6 (All-Ireland Q)

Junior

25/5/08 at Fermoy
Limerick 0-13 Tipperary 0-11 (Munster Q-F)

Under 21

15/3/08 at Ardfinnan
Tipperary 1-9 Clare 1-7 (Munster Quarter-Final)

22/3/08 at Ardfinnan

Tipperary 2-7 Waterford 1-6 (Munster Semi-F)

5/4/08 at Ardfinnan

Kerry 0-15 Tipperary 2-7 (Munster Final)

Minor

16/4/08 at Dungarvan

Tipperary 3-9 Waterford 0-8

14/5/08 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 2-8 Limerick 0-9 (Munster S-F)

6/7/08 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh

Kerry 1-9 Tipperary 1-9 (Munster Final)

12/7/08 at Cusack Park Ennis

Kerry 2-12 Tipperary 0-8 (Munster Final Replay)

9/8/08 at Portlaoise

Meath 2-9 Tipperary 1-10 (All-Ireland Q-Final)

McGrath Cup Football

13/01/08 at Cahir

Cork Institute of Technology (CIT) 0-9 Tipperary 1-4

Waterford Crystal SH Tournament

13/01/08 at MacDonagh Park Nenagh

Tipperary 1-17

University College Cork (UCC) 1-5 (Q-Final)

19/01/08 at Templemore

Tipperary 4-14 Cork Institute of Technology (CIT) 0-15 (Semi-Final)

27/1/08 at Templemore

Tipperary 3-13 Waterford 0-13 (Final)

Interdivisional Competitions**Garda Cup Under 16 Hurling Final**

19/4/08 at Holycross

North Tipperary 1-15 West Tipperary 0-2

Peadar Cummins Under 14 Hurling Final

7/6/08 at Borrisoleigh

Mid Tipperary 7-14 South Tipperary 2-1

Peadar Cummins Under 14 Hurling Shield**Final – 7/6/08 at Borrisoleigh**

North Tipperary 2-8 West Tipperary 0-

Under 14 Football Final

2/4/08 at Dr. Morris Park

Mid Tipperary 0-10 West Tipperary 1-6

Inter County Championship Hurling**Senior**

8/6/08 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh

Tipperary 1-19 Cork 1-13 (Munster Semi-Final)

13/7/08 at the Gaelic Grounds

Tipperary 2-21 Clare 0-19 (Munster Final)

17/8/08 – at Croke Park

Waterford 1-20 Tipperary 1-18 (All-Ireland Semi-Final)

Intermediate

8/6/08 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh

Tipperary 1-21 Cork 0-17 (Munster Semi-Final)

23/7/08 at Semple Stadium

Limerick 2-16 Tipperary 2-12 (Munster Final)

Under 21

17/7/08 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 1-13 Limerick 0-15 (Munster Semi-F)

30/7/08 at Cusack Park Ennis

Tipperary 1-16 Clare 2-12 (Munster Final)

23/8/08 at Mullingar

Tipperary 1-20 Derry 0-10 (All-Ireland Semi-Final)

14/9/08 at Croke Park

Kilkenny 2-13 Tipperary 0-15 (All-Ireland Final)

Minor

30/4/08 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 3-21 Limerick 1-12

25/6/08 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 2-12 Clare 1-10 (Munster Semi-Final)

13/7/08 at The Gaelic Grounds

Cork 0-19 Tipperary 0-18 (Munster Final)

26/7/08 at Mullingar

Tipperary 4-18 Antrim 0-6 (All-Ireland Quarter-Final)

10/8/08 at Croke Park

Kilkenny 3-17 Tipperary 1-14 (All-Ireland Semi-Final)

Allianz National Hurling League – Division 1B

10/2/08 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 2-25 Offaly 2-8

17/2/08 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 2-20 Limerick 2-9

9/3/08 at Pearse Stadium

Tipperary 0-16 Galway 0-16

16/3/08 at Cusack Park Ennis

Tipperary 1-14 Clare 0-17

23/3/08 at Leahy Park Cashel

Tipperary 4-17 Laois 1-12

6/4/08 at Nowlan Park Kilkenny

Tipperary 1-16 Waterford 0-14 (Quarter-Final)

13/4/08 at Nowlan Park Kilkenny

Tipperary 1-15 Kilkenny 1-10 (Semi-Final)

20/4/08 at the Gaelic Grounds Limerick

Tipperary 3-18 Galway 3-16 (Final)

Tipperary Supporters Club All Ireland Under 16 Hurling**Group 1** (Nenagh – 30th August 2008)

Offaly 2-16 Antrim 0-6; Tipperary 2-27 Antrim 0-1; Offaly 1-9 Tipperary 0-11.

Group 2 (Dolla – 30th August 2008)

Kilkenny 1-9 Limerick 1-5; Waterford 4-11 Limerick 2-5; Kilkenny 3-10 Waterford 1-3.

Group 3 (Portroe - 30th August 2008)

Galway 5-10 Laois 0-1; Wexford 3-13 Laois 0-5; Wexford 0-12 Galway 0-9.

Group 4 (Kilcolman – 30th August 2008)

Cork 3-11 Clare 1-5; Clare 2-10 Dublin 2-3; Cork 1-10 Dublin 0-7.

Cup Semi Finals

Wexford 1-14 Offaly 2-9

(Nenagh – 30th August 2008)

Kilkenny 3-13 Cork 1-17 (after extra time).

(Dolla – 30th August 2008)

Shield Semi Finals

Tipperary 4-15 Galway 4-3 (Portroe – 30/8/08)
 Waterford 1-15 Clare 2-10 (Kilcoleman – 30/8/08)
Shield Final (Semple Stadium – 30/8/08)
 Waterford 3-14 Tipperary 1-1
Cup Final (Semple Stadium – 30/8/08)
 Wexford 1-19 Kilkenny 2-8

Munster Club Championship**Senior Hurling**

Semi-Final - 16/11/08 at The Gaelic Grounds
 Adare (Limerick) 1-11 Toomevara 0-10

Senior Football

Semi-Final – 16/11/08 at Quilty
 Kilmurry-Ibrickane (Clare) 2-6 Galtee Rovers 0-4

Intermediate Hurling

1st Round – 2/11/08 at Scariff
 Broadford (Clare) 2-13 Templederry Kenyons 2-12

Intermediate Football

1st Round – 9/11/08 at Clonmel
 St. Michaels Foilmore (Kerry) 1-10 Clonmel 0g 1-5

Junior Hurling

1st Round – 16/11/08 at Kenmare
 Kilgarvan (Kerry) 3-11 Emy 3-10

Junior Football

1st Round – 23/11/08 at Leahy Park Cashel
 Cappawhite 2-11 Eire Og (Cork) 0-15

Semi-Final – 30/11/08 at Bruff
 Cappawhite 1-6 Bruff 1-7

Cumann Na mBunscol County Finals**Hurling**

Roinn A – 6/6/08 at Semple Stadium
 Nenagh C.B.S. 2-3 Scoil Ailbhe 1-4
 Roinn B – 5/6/2008 at Semple Stadium
 Holycross 2-6 Loughmore 0-0

Roinn C – 6/6/08 at Semple Stadium
 Grange 3-8 Cloughjordan 0-3

Roinn D – 6/6/08 at Semple Stadium
 Ballylooby 5-5 Scoil Eoin Naofa Roscrea 3-5

Roinn E – 6/6/08 at Semple Stadium
 Dunkerrin 3-7 Annacarthy 2-8

Roinn F – 6/6/08 at Semple Stadium
 Golden 4-13 Ballytarsna 2-4

Roinn G – 6/6/08 at Semple Stadium
 Ballinacloough 5-7 Kilcash 2-4

Under 11 "A" – 5/6/08 at Semple Stadium
 Scoil Ailbhe 3-11 Carrick C.B.S. 2-3
 Under 11 "B" – 5/6/08 at Semple Stadium
 Ballylooby 2-3 St. Olivers 1-1

Under 11 "C" – 6/6/08 at Semple Stadium
 Gaelscoil Durlas 2-3 Templemore 0-1

Under 11 "D" – 5/6/2008 at Semple Stadium
 Scoil Mochaomhog Two Mile Borris 3-3 Scoil Eoin Naofa Roscrea 2-4

Camogie

Roinn A – 6/6/2008 at Semple Stadium
 Our Lady's of Mercy Cahir 5-7 St. Mary's Nenagh 4-6
 Roinn B – 5/6/2008 at Semple Stadium
 Holycross 3-2 Burgess 2-2
 Roinn C – 5/6/2008 at Semple Stadium
 Boherlahan 5-4 Loughmore 2-1
 Roinn D – 6/6/2008 at Semple Stadium
 Youghalara 2-2 Annacarty 0-0

Under 11 "A" Camogie
 5/6/2008 at Semple Stadium
 Our Lady's of Mercy Cahir 6-2 St. Mary's Nenagh 2-0
 Under 11 "B" Camogie
 5/6/2008 at Semple Stadium
 Drom 7-0 Ballylooby 0-6

Football

Roinn A:
 Winners St. Olivers,
 Runners Up: St. Peters and Pauls

Roinn B:
 Winners Templemore, Runners Up Cahir

Roinn C:
 Winners Grange, Runners Up Ballyporeen

Roinn D:
 Winners Gaelscoil Durlas,
 Runners Up Kilsheelan

Roinn E:
 Winners Two Mile Borris,
 Runners Up Boherlahan

Roinn F:
 Winners Lisronagh, Runners Up Inch

Roinn G:
 Winners Golden, Runners Up Ballinure

Roinn H:
 Winners Kilcash, Runners Up Kilross.

Under 11 Roinn A:
 Winners Carrick, Runners Up St. Marys

Under 11 Roinn B:
 Winners Gaelscoil Durlas, Runners Up Cahir

Under 11 Roinn C:
 Winners Powerstown, Runners Up Rathkeevin

Under 11 Roinn D:
 Winners Ballagh, Runners up Clonoulty.

Peil na mBan

Roinn A:
 Winners Our Ladys Cahir,
 Runners Up Sisters of Charity

Roinn B:
 Winners Powerstown,
 Runners Up Gaelscoil Durlas

Roinn C:
 Winners St. Josephs Templemore,
 Runners Up St. Olivers

Roinn D:

Winners Rathkeevin, Runners Up: Ayle

Under 11 Roinn A:
 Winners Our Ladys Cahir,
 Runners Up Ballyporeen

Under 11 Roinn B:
 Winners Powerstown,
 Runners Up St. Josephs Templemore

OUTSTANDING RESULTS FROM 2007**County Finals – Hurling**

Junior "A"
 1/12/07 at Cashel
 Moyle Rovers 2-15 Holycross-Ballycahill 1-9

Junior "B" - Drawn Game
 17/11/07 at Boherlahan
 Ballingarry 1-10 Killea 2-7
 Replay – 1/12/07 at Boherlahan
 Ballingarry 2-8 Killea 2-5

Under 21 "A"

16/12/07 at Toomevara
 Kilruane MacDonaghs 1-15 Drom & Inch 3-4

Under 21 "B"

30/12/07 at The Ragg
 Upperchurch-Drombane 1-13
 Templederry Kenyons 0-11

County Finals – Football

Junior "A"
 24/11/07 at Templemore
 Clonmel Commercials 1-10 Moycarkey-Borris 1-4

Junior "B"

1/12/07 at Cahir
 Galtee Rovers 3-7 Commercials 0-6

All-Ireland Club Championship**Senior Hurling**

Semi-Final – 24/2/08 at The Gaelic Grounds
 Portumna (Galway) 2-13 Loughmore-Castleiney 2-9

Junior Hurling

Semi-Final – 27/1/08 at Portlaoise
 Moyle Rovers 4-18 Sylane (Galway) 1-8

Final – 9/2/08 at Croke Park
 Conahy Shamrocks (Kilkenny) 0-19 Moyle Rvs 1-9

Munster Club Championship**Senior Hurling**

Final – 2/12/07 at The Gaelic Grounds
 Loughmore-Castleiney 1-6 Tulla (Clare) 0-7

Junior Hurling

Semi-Final – 25/11/07 at Ardfinnan
 Moyle Rovers 2-17 Kilgarvan (Kerry) 4-5

Final – 16/12/07 at Fermoy
 Moyle Rovers 3-10 Barryroe (Cork) 0-9

Junior Football

Semi-Final – 2/12/07
 O'Callaghan's Mills (Clare) 3-10
 Moycarkey-Borris 0-3

2009 Munster Championship Fixtures

<u>Senior Hurling</u>	<u>Senior Football</u>
Quarter-Final	Quarter-Finals
May 31 st - Tipperary vs. Cork at Semple Stadium (Replay date – June 6 th)	May 24 th - Tipperary vs. Limerick at Semple Stadium (Replay date – May 30 th)
Semi-Finals	May 24 th - Waterford vs. Cork at Fraher Field
June 14 th - Waterford vs. Limerick at Semple Stadium (Replay date – June 20 th)	Dungarvan (Replay date – May 30 th)
June 21 st - Clare vs. Tipperary or Cork at Gaelic Grounds Limerick or Semple Stadium (Replay date – June 27 th)	Semi-Finals June 7 th - Clare vs. Tipperary or Limerick at Semple Stadium or Cusack Park Ennis (Replay date – June 13 th)
Final – July 12 th (Replay date – July 18 th)	June 7 th - Kerry vs. Waterford or Cork at Fitzgerald Stadium Killarney (Replay date – June 13 th)
<u>Intermediate Hurling</u>	Final – July 5 th (Replay date – July 11 th)
Quarter-Final	<u>Junior Football</u>
May 31 st - Tipperary vs. Cork at Semple Stadium	Quarter-Finals
Semi-Finals	May 24 th - Tipperary vs. Limerick at Semple Stadium
June 14 th - Waterford vs. Limerick at Semple Stadium June 21 st - Clare vs. Tipperary or Cork at Gaelic Grounds Limerick or Semple Stadium	May 24 th - Waterford vs. Cork at Fraher Field Dungarvan
<u>Under 21 Hurling</u>	Semi-Finals
Quarter-Final	June 7 th - Clare vs. Tipperary or Limerick at Semple Stadium or Cusack Park Ennis
June 3 rd – Cork vs. Tipperary at Semple Stadium	June 7 th - Kerry vs. Waterford or Cork at Fitzgerald Stadium Killarney
Semi-Finals	<u>Under 21 Football</u>
July 15 th – Clare vs. Limerick	Quarter-Finals
July 15 th – Waterford vs. Cork or Tipperary	March 14 th – Limerick vs. Clare
Final – July 29 th	March 14 th – Cork vs. Kerry
<u>Minor Hurling</u>	Semi-Finals
Quarter-Finals	March 21 st – Tipperary vs. Limerick or Clare
April 29 th - Limerick v Tipperary (A)	March 21 st – Waterford vs. Cork or Kerry
April 29 th - Waterford v Clare (B)	Final – March 28 th
Semi-Final Play Off	<u>Minor Football</u>
May 6 th – Losers of (A) vs. (B)	First Round
Semi-finals	April 15 th - Kerry v Tipperary (A)
June 24 th – Winners of (A) vs. Cork	April 15 th - Clare v Waterford (B)
June 24 th – Winners of (B) vs. Semi-Final Play-off Winners	April 15 th - Cork v Limerick (C)
Final - July 12 th	Semi-Final Playoff 1
April 20 th – Losers of (B) vs. (C)	April 20 th – Losers of (B) vs. (C)
Semi-Final Playoff 2	Semi-Final Playoff 2
April 25 th – Losers of (A) vs. Semi-Final Playoff 1	April 25 th – Losers of (A) vs. Semi-Final Playoff 1
Semi-Finals	May 13 th – Winners of (A) vs. Winners of (B)
May 13 th – Winners of (C) vs. Semi-Final Playoff Winner	May 13 th – Winners of (C) vs. Semi-Final Playoff Winner
Final – July 5 th	Final – July 5 th

COUNTY TEAMS – 2008

(Compiled by John Smith)

HURLING

Senior

Waterford Crystal Tournament - 13/1/2008 at Nenagh (First Round)

Tipperary 1-17 U.C.C. 1-5

Team & Scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Eamon Buckley (Drom-Inch), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh); Eamon Corcoran (J.K. Brackens), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Benny Dunne (Toomevara); Joe Caeser (Killenaule) 0-1, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-3; John O'Brien (Toomevara), Ryan O'Dwyer (Cashel King Cormacs), Pat Kerwick (Killenaule) 0-2; Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-4, (0-3 frees), Seamus Butler (Drom-Inch) 1-1, Willie Ryan (Toomevara). Subs: Seamus Callinan (Drom-Inch) 0-5 for O'Dwyer; Conor O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty) for Stapleton; Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1 for Ryan; Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) for Kerwick; James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) for McGrath.

19/1/2008 at Templemore (Semi Final)

Tipperary 4-14 Cork I.T. 0-15

Team and Scorers: Gerry Kennedy (Killenaule); Eamon Buckley (Drom-Inch), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Conor O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Benny Dunne (Toomevara); Joe Caesar (Killenaule), James Woodlock (Drom-Inch); Darragh Hickey (Boherlahan-Dualla), Seamus Callinan (Drom-Inch), Pat Kerwick (Killenaule) 0-1; Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 1-9 (0-7 frees, 1-0 pen, 0-1 '65'), Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 2-0, Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-3. Subs: Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) for Woodlock; John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-1 for Callinan; Seamus Butler (Drom-Inch) for Hickey.

27/1/2008 at Templemore (Final)

Tipperary 3-13 Waterford 0-13

Team and scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Eamon Buckley (Drom-Inch), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Conor O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty); Eamon Corcoran (J.K. Brackens), Declan Fanning (Killenaule), Benny Dunne (Toomevara); Joe Caeser (Killenaule), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch); Seamus Butler (Drom-Inch) 0-2, Ryan O'Dwyer (Cashel King Cormacs) 0-1, John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-2; Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 2-5 (0-3 frees), Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-0, Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-2. Subs: James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) 0-1 for McGrath; Seamus Callinan (Drom-Inch) for O'Dwyer.

ALLIANZ NATIONAL LEAGUE

10/2/2008 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 2-25 Offaly 2-8

Team & Scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Eamon Buckley (Drom-Inch), Declan Fanning (Killenaule), Paul Curran (Mullinahone); Eamon Corcoran (J.K. Brackens), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Benny Dunne (Toomevara); Joe Ceaser (Killenaule), Shane Maher (Burgess); Pat Kerwick (Killenaule) 1-1, Ryan O'Dwyer (Cashel King Cormacs) 0-1, John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-1; Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 1-10 (8 frees 1 '65'), Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-3, Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-3. Subs -- Diarmuid Fitzgerald (Roscrea) for O'Dwyer, Seamus Callinan (Drom-Inch) 0-3 for Maher, Seamus Butler (Drom-Inch) 0-2 for O'Brien, Willie Ryan (Toomevara) 0-1 for Bourke.

17/2/2008 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 2-20 Limerick 2-9

Team and scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Eamon Buckley (Drom-Inch), Declan Fanning (Killenaule), Conor O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty); Diarmuid Fitzgerald (Roscrea), Conor O'Mahony (Newport) 0-2 (frees), Benny Dunne (Toomevara); James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) 0-1, Shane Maher (Burgess); Seamus Butler (Drom-Inch) 0-1, Ryan O'Dwyer (Cashel King Cormacs) 0-1, Pat Kerwick (Killenaule); Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 1-12 (0-6 frees, 0-2 '65's, 0-1 pen), Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields), Willie Ryan (Toomevara). Subs: Paul Curran (Mullinahone) for O'Mahony; Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-2 for Maher; Seamus Callinan (Drom-Inch) 1-1 for O'Dwyer; John O'Brien (Toomevara) for Kerwick; Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh) for Buckley.

9/3/2008 at Pearse Stadium, Galway

Tipperary 0-16 Galway 0-16

Team and scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Eamon Buckley (Drom-Inch), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Conor O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty); Alan Byrne (Shannon Rovers), Conor O'Mahony (Newport) 0-5 (0-4 frees, 0-1 '65'), Benny Dunne (Toomevara); James Woodlock (Drom-Inch), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-2; Ryan O'Dwyer (Cashel King Cormacs) 0-1, Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-1, Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-4, Willie Ryan (Toomevara) 0-1. Subs: Pat Ker-

macs), Hugh Maloney (Nenagh Eire Óg) 0-1, John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-2; Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-4 (0-3 frees), Seamus Butler (Drom-Inch) 0-1, Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields).

Subs: Pat Kerwick (Killenaule) 0-1 for Maloney; Willie Ryan (Toomevara) for Bourke; Darragh Hickey (Boherlahan-Dualla) for Butler; Tommy Fitzgerald (Roscrea) for O'Brien.

16/3/2008 at Cusack Park, Ennis

Tipperary 1-14 Clare 0-17

Team and scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Eamon Buckley (Drom-Inch), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Conor O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty); Eamon Corcoran (J.K. Brackens), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Benny Dunne (Toomevara); James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) 0-3, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-1; Pat Kerwick (Killenaule), Darragh Egan (Kildangan) 0-1, John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-1; Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-7 (0-2 frees), Tommy Fitzgerald (Roscrea) 1-0, Willie Ryan (Toomevara) 0-1. Subs: Darragh Hickey (Boherlahan-Dualla) for Kerwick; Ryan O'Dwyer (Cashel King Cormacs) for Egan; Seamus Butler (Drom-Inch) for Fitzgerald; Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) for Ryan.

23/3/2008 at Cashel

Tipperary 4-17 Laois 1-12

Team and scorers: Gerry Kennedy (Killenaule); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Conor O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty); Eamon Corcoran (J.K. Brackens), Conor O'Mahony (Newport) 0-1, Shane Maher (Burgess) 0-1; James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) 0-1, Joe Caeser (Killenaule) 0-1; Darragh Hickey (Boherlahan-Dualla) 0-1, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-1, Pat Kerwick (Killenaule) 0-3; Seamus Butler (Drom-Inch) 0-3, Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 3-2, Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-3. Subs: Benny Dunne (Toomevara) for Caeser, Ryan O'Dwyer (Cashel King Cormacs) for McGrath, Paul Ormond (Loughmore-Castleiney) for O'Brien, Darragh Egan (Kildangan) for Kerwick, Tommy Fitzgerald (Roscrea) 1-0 for Butler.

6/4/2008 at Nowlan Park (Quarter Final)

Tipperary 1-16 Waterford 0-14

Team and scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Eamon Buckley (Drom-Inch), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Conor O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty); Eamon Corcoran (J.K. Brackens) 0-1, Conor O'Mahony (Newport) 0-1, Shane Maher (Burgess); James Woodlock (Drom-Inch), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-1; Seamus Butler (Drom-Inch) 1-1, Ryan O'Dwyer (Cashel King Cormacs), John O'Brien (Toomevara); Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-10 (0-7 frees, 0-1 '65'), Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1, Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields). Subs: Seamus Callinan (Drom-Inch) 0-1 for Bourke, Darragh Egan (Kildangan) for O'Brien, Benny Dunne (Toomevara) for Woodlock, Micheal Webster (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Egan.

13/4/2008 at Nowlan Park (Semi Final)

Tipperary 1-15 Kilkenny 1-10

Team and scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Eamon Buckley (Drom-Inch), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Conor O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty); Eamon Corcoran (J.K. Brackens) 0-1, Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Shane Maher (Burgess); Benny Dunne (Toomevara), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-2; Seamus Butler (Drom-Inch) 0-1, Ryan O'Dwyer (Cashel King Cormacs), James Woodlock (Drom-Inch); Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-7 (0-4 frees, 0-1 '65'), Tommy Fitzgerald (Roscrea) 0-2, Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-0. Subs: John O'Brien (Toomevara) for Dunne, Micheal Webster (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Fitzgerald, Seamus Callinan (Drom-Inch) 0-2 for Butler, Darragh Hickey (Boherlahan-Dualla) for Corbett.

20/4/2008 at Limerick (Final)

Tipperary 3-18 Galway 3-16

Team and scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Eamon Buckley (Drom-Inch), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Conor O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty); Eamon Corcoran (J.K. Brackens), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Shane Maher (Burgess); Benny Dunne (Toomevara) 1-0, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-1; Seamus Butler (Drom-Inch) 0-6, Ryan O'Dwyer (Cashel King Cormacs), James Woodlock (Drom-Inch); Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-7 (0-5 frees), Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-3, Willie Ryan (Toomevara) 1-1. Subs: Seamus Callinan (Drom-Inch) for O'Dwyer; John O'Brien (Toomevara) for Dunne; Alan Byrne (Shannon Rovers) for Corcoran; Darragh Hickey (Boherlahan-Dualla) for Ryan.

MUNSTER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

8/6/2008 at Pairc Uí Chaoimh (Semi Final)

Tipperary 1-19 Cork 1-13

Team and scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Eamon Buckley (Drom & Inch), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Conor O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty); Eamon Corcoran (J.K. Brackens) 0-1, Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Shane Maher (Burgess); James Woodlock (Drom & Inch), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-1; Seamus Butler (Drom & Inch), Seamus Callinan (Drom & Inch) 0-3, Ryan O'Dwyer (Cashel King Cormacs); Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 1-7 (0-5 frees), Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-4, Willie Ryan (Toomevara) 0-1. Subs: Pat Ker-

wick(Killenaule) 0-1 for O'Dwyer; Benny Dunne (Toomevara) for Woodlock; Micheal Webster (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1 for Butler; John O'Brien (Toomevara) for O'Dwyer; Darragh Egan (Kildangan) for Callinan.

13/7/2008 at Gaelic Grounds, Limerick (Final)

Tipperary 2-21 Clare 0-19

Team and scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Eamonn Buckley (Drom & Inch), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Conor O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty); Eamon Corcoran (JK Brackens), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Shane Maher (Burgess); James Woodlock (Drom & Inch) 0-1, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-3; Pat Kerwick (Killenaule) 0-1, Seamus Callinan (Drom & Inch) 1-3, John O'Brien (Toomevara) 1-4; Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-6 (0-2 frees), Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-2, Seamus Butler (Drom & Inch). Subs: Declan Fanning (Killenaule) for Curran; Micheal Webster (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Kerwick; Hugh Moloney (Nenagh Eire Óg) 0-1 for Butler; Benny Dunne (Toomevara) for Woodlock.

ALL IRELAND SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

17/8/2008 at Croke Park (Semi Final)

Waterford 1-20 Tipperary 1-18

Team and scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Eamonn Buckley (Drom & Inch), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Conor O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty); Eamon Corcoran (JK Brackens), Conor O'Mahony (Newport) 0-1 free, Shane Maher (Burgess) 0-1; James Woodlock (Drom & Inch), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-3; Seamus Callinan (Drom & Inch) 1-2, Hugh Maloney (Nenagh Eire Óg), John O'Brien (Toomevara); Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-8 (0-6 frees), Seamus Butler (Drom & Inch), Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1. Subs: Micheal Webster (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Butler; Benny Dunne (Toomevara) 0-1 for O'Brien; Pat Kerwick (Killenaule) 0-1 for Maloney; Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) for Woodlock.

MUNSTER INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

8/6/2008 at Pairc Uí Chaoimh (Semi Final)

Tipperary 1-21 Cork 0-17

Team and scorers: Matthew Ryan (Templederry Kenyons); Lee Mackey (Carrick Davins), Michael Costello (Drom & Inch), Michael Phelan (Ballybacon-Grange); Evan Hanley (Lattin-Cullen) 0-1, Jim Bob McCarthy (Golden-Kilfeacle), John Lillis (Thurles Sarsfields); Timmy Minogue (Templederry Kenyons) 0-2, Michael Harding (Golden-Kilfeacle) 0-1; Noel Hogan (Lorrha-Dorrha - Captain), Cathal Dillon (Aherlow) 0-6, Gearóid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-3; Jody Ryan (Sean Treacys) 1-4 (0-4 frees, 1-0 pen), David Morrissey (Galtee Rovers) 0-2, Patrick Maher (Lorrha) 0-1. Subs: Ronan Sherlock (Silvermines) for Phelan (15 min), Ronan O'Meara (Lorrha-Dorrha) 0-1 for Harding (44 min), Timmy Dalton (Arravale Rovers) for Jody Ryan (59 min).

23/7/2008 at Semple Stadium (Final)

Limerick 2-16 Tipperary 2-12

Team and scorers: Matthew Ryan (Templederry Kenyons); Lee Mackey (Carrick Davins), Michael Costello (Drom & Inch), Ronan Sherlock (Silvermines); Evan Hanley (Lattin-Cullen), Jim Bob McCarthy (Golden-Kilfeacle) 0-1, John Lillis (Thurles Sarsfields); Timmy Minogue (Templederry Kenyons) 0-2, Michael Harding (Golden-Kilfeacle) 0-2; Noel Hogan (Lorrha-Dorrha - Captain) 2-5 (0-4 frees), Cathal Dillon (Aherlow) 0-1, Gearóid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons); Jody Ryan (Sean Treacys), David Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), Patrick Maher (Lorrha). Subs: Ronan O'Meara (Lorrha-Dorrha) for Ryan, Kevin Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha) for Mackey, Aidan Fitzgerald (Fethard) 0-1 for Dillon, Michael Phelan (Ballybacon-Grange) for Morrissey, Pa Morrissey (Galtee Rovers) for O'Meara.

MUNSTER UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIP

17/7/2008 at Semple Stadium (Semi Final)

Tipperary 1-13 Limerick 0-15

Team and scorers: Matthew Ryan (Templederry Kenyons); Kevin Maher (Lorrha), Padraig Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh); Kevin Lanigan (Carrick Swan), Thomas Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons), Joey McLoughney (Toomevara); Gearóid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1, Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs - Captain) 0-1; Thomas McGrath (Ballingarry), Seamus Callinan (Drom & Inch), Patrick Maher (Lorrha); Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-9 (0-7 frees), Mark O'Meara (Knockshegowna) 0-1, Shane Bourke (JK Brackens) 1-1. Subs: Ray McLoughney (Kilruane MacDonaghs) for McGrath; Michael Gleeson (Thurles Sarsfields) for Hennessy; Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields) for Joey McLoughney.

30/7/2008 at Cusack Park, Ennis (Final)

Tipperary 1-16 Clare 2-12

Team and scorers: Matthew Ryan (Templederry Kenyons); Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh),

Padraig Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Kevin Maher (Lorrha); Kevin Lanigan (Carrick Swan) 0-1, Thomas Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1, Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); Gearóid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons), Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs - Captain) 0-1; Thomas McGrath (Ballingarry) 0-1, Mark O'Meara (Knockshegowna), Patrick Maher (Lorrha); Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-6 (0-3 frees), Seamus Callinan (Drom & Inch) 1-4, Shane Bourke (JK Brackens) 0-2. Subs: Michael Gleeson (Thurles Sarsfields) for G. Ryan; Joey McLoughney (Toomevara) for S. Bourke; Philip Ivors (Ballingarry) for Gleeson; Johnny Ryan (Drom-Inch) for O'Meara.

ALL IRELAND UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIP

23/8/2008 at Mullingar (Semi Final)

Tipperary 1-20 Derry 0-10

Team and scorers: Matthew Ryan (Templederry Kenyons); Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1, Padraig Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Kevin Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha); Kevin Lanigan (Carrick Swan), Thomas Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons), Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) 0-1; Joey McLoughney (Toomevara), Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs - Captain) 0-4 (0-2 frees), Gearóid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1, Thomas McGrath (Ballingarry) 0-2, Seamus Callinan (Drom & Inch) 0-1; Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-5 (1-2 frees, 0-1 '65'), Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha), Shane Bourke (JK Brackens) 0-3. Subs: John O'Keeffe (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for McLoughney; George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) for Padraig Maher; Ray McLoughney (Kilruane MacDonaghs) for Lanigan; Johnny Ryan (Drom-Inch) 0-2 for Shane Bourke; Timmy Hammersley (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for Callinan.

14/9/2008 at Croke Park (Final)

Kilkenny 2-13 Tipperary 0-15

Team and scorers: Matthew Ryan (Templederry Kenyons); Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields), Padraig Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Kevin Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha); Kevin Lanigan (Carrick Swan) 0-1, Thomas Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons), Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) 0-1; Gearóid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-3, Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs - Captain); Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha), Seamus Callanan (Drom & Inch) 0-1, Thomas McGrath (Ballingarry); Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-8 (0-7 frees), Mark O'Meara (Knockshegowna), Shane Bourke (JK Brackens) 0-1. Subs: John O'Keeffe (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for Lanigan; Danny O'Hanlon (Carrick Swan) for O'Meara; Philip Ivors (Ballingarry) for Shane Bourke; Johnny Ryan (Drom-Inch) for McGrath.

MUNSTER MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

30/4/2008 at Semple Stadium (First Round)

Tipperary 3-21 Limerick 1-12

Team and scorers: Bill McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields); Liam Butler (Moye-Templetoohy), Kevin O'Gorman (Thurles Sarsfields), Sean O'Brien (Newport); Ciaran Haugh (Lorrha-Dorrha), Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1 (free), Eoin O'Connell (Fethard); Joe Gallagher (Kildangan) 0-1, Adrian Ryan (Templederry); Kieran Murphy (Killenaule), Thomas Butler (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-1, Paddy Murphy (Nenagh Eire Óg) 0-2; Kieran Morris (Moycarkey-Borris) 2-4 (0-4 frees), Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 1-0, John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-7. Subs: Ruairí Gleeson (Kildangan) 0-2 for Haugh; John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) 0-2 for Murphy; Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) for O'Meara; Patrick O'Brien (Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams) for O'Connell; Colm Ryan (Upperchurch-Drombane) 0-1 for O'Neill.

25/6/2008 at Semple Stadium (Semi Final)

Tipperary 2-12 Clare 1-10

Team and scorers: Bill McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields); Liam Butler (Moye-Templetoohy), Kevin O'Gorman (Thurles Sarsfields), Ciaran Haugh (Lorrha-Dorrha); Denis Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), James Barry (Upperchurch-Drombane), Adrian Ryan (Templederry Kenyons); Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney - Captain) 0-3, Joe Gallagher (Kildangan) 0-1; Kieran Murphy (Killenaule), Thomas Butler (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Paddy Murphy (Nenagh Eire Óg) 2-1; John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-1, Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-1, Kieran Morris (Moycarkey-Borris) 0-2. Subs: John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) 0-1 for Butler; Ruairí Gleeson (Kildangan) 0-2 for Murphy; Brian Stapleton (Templederry) for Barry; Kieran Shelly (Ballingarry) for O'Meara.

13/7/2008 at Gaelic Grounds, Limerick (Final)

Cork 0-19 Tipperary 0-18

Team and scorers: Bill McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields); Liam Butler (Moye-Templetoohy), Kevin O'Gorman (Thurles Sarsfields), Ciaran Haugh (Lorrha-Dorrha), James Barry (Upperchurch-Drombane), Adrian Ryan (Templederry Kenyons), Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney - Captain) 0-6 (0-5 frees, 0-1 '65'); Ruairí Gleeson (Kildangan), Joe Gallagher (Kildangan); Kieran Murphy (Killenaule), Thomas Butler (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-1, Paddy Murphy (Nenagh Eire Óg) 0-2; John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-2, Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-1, Kieran Morris (Moycarkey-Borris) 0-1. Subs: Ruairí Gleeson (Kildangan) 0-2 for Murphy; Brian Stapleton (Templederry) for Barry; Kieran Shelly (Ballingarry) for O'Meara.

ane MacDonaghs) 0-1, Kieran Morris (Moycarkey-Borris 0-4 (0-3 frees). Subs: John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) for Murphy; Michael Sheedy (Portroe) 0-2 for O'Meara.

ALL IRELAND MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

26/7/2008 at Mullingar (Quarter Final)

Tipperary 4-18 Antrim 0-6

Team and scorers: Bill McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields); Liam Butler (Moyné-Templetoohy), Kevin O'Gorman (Thurles Sarsfields), Sean O'Brien (Newport); Lee Burke (Cashel King Cormacs), Adrian Ryan (Templederry Kenyons), Eoin O'Connell (Fethard); Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) 0-1, Joe Gallagher (Kildangan); Michael Sheedy (Portroe) 1-1, Thomas Butler (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-1, Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney - Captain) 1-8 (0-4 frees); John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-2, Paddy Murphy (Nenagh Eire Og), Kieran Shelly (Ballingarry) 1-2. Subs: Kieran Morris (Moycarkey-Borris) 0-2 (0-1 free) for O'Neill; Ciaran Lorigan (Moyle Rovers) 0-1 for Murphy; Denis Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) for O'Connell; Ruairí Gleeson (Kildangan) 1-0 for McGrath; James Barry (Upperchurch-Drombane) for Gallagher.

10/8/2008 at Croke Park (Semi Final)

Kilkenny 3-17 Tipperary 1-14

Team and scorers: Bill McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields); Liam Butler (Moyné-Templetoohy), Kevin O'Gorman (Thurles Sarsfields), Sean O'Brien (Newport); Lee Burke (Cashel King Cormacs), Adrian Ryan (Templederry Kenyons), James Barry (Upperchurch-Drombane); Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers), Joe Gallagher (Kildangan); Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-9, Ciaran Lorigan (Moyle Rovers), Paddy Murphy (Nenagh Eire Og); John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-1, Thomas Butler (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-2, Kieran Shelly (Ballingarry) 0-1. Subs: Ruairí Gleeson (Kildangan) 0-1 for Gallagher; John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) for O'Neill; Michael Sheehy (Portroe) for Lorigan; Kieran Morris (Moycarkey-Borris) 1-0 for Murphy; Darragh Kennedy (Boherlahan-Dualla) for Butler.

FOOTBALL

SENIOR

McGrath Cup

13/1/2008 at Cahir (Quarter Final)

Cork I.T. 0-9 Tipperary 1-4

Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Aidan Foley (Moyle Rovers), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Brian Fox (Eire Og Annacarty); Cian Maher (Fethard), Niall Fitzgerald (Monaleen), Laurence Coskeran (Aherlow); Eamonn Hanrahan (Clonmel Commercials), George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers); Philip Austin (Borrisokane), Colin Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), Eoin Kearney (Ballyporeen) 0-1, Damien O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty) 1-1, Seamus Grogan (Aherlow) 0-1, Daryl Darcy (Shannon Rovers) 0-1. Subs: Michael Harding (Golden-Kilfacle) for Morrissey, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) for Austin, Paul Johnson (Moyle Rovers) for Hannigan, Kevin Mulryan (J.K. Brackens) for Johnson, Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) for Darcy .

ALLIANZ NATIONAL LEAGUE

3/2/2008 at Nowlan Park

Tipperary 4-20 Kilkenny 0-5

Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Aidan Foley (Moyle Rovers), Niall Curran (Mullinahone), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Og), Niall Fitzgerald (Monaleen), Robbie Costigan (Cahir) 0-2; Eamonn Hanrahan (Clonmel Commercials), George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) 0-2; Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 1-2, Colin Morrissey (Galtee Rovers) 0-1, Damien O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty) 0-1; Eoin Kearney (Ballyporeen) 1-2, Seamus Grogan (Aherlow) 1-0, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 1-8. Subs: Daryl Darcy (Shannon Rovers) 0-1 for Morrissey, Laurence Coskeran (Aherlow) for Costigan, Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers) 0-1 for Hannigan, Mark Peters (Galtee Rovers) for O'Brien, Michael Harding (Golden-Kilfacle) for Austin.

9/2/2008 at Ardfinnan

Tipperary 0-13 Clare 1-7

Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Aidan Foley (Moyle Rovers), Niall Curran (Mullinahone), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Og), Niall Fitzgerald (Monaleen), Robbie Costigan (Cahir); Eamonn Hanrahan (Clonmel Commercials), George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers); Philip Austin (Borrisokane), Colin Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), Damien O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty) 0-2; Eoin Kearney (Ballyporeen), Seamus Grogan (Aherlow) 0-2, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-8. Subs: Mark Peters (Galtee Rovers) for Curran, Daryl Darcy (Shannon Rovers) 0-1 for Morrissey, Michael Harding (Golden-Kilfacle) for Austin; Cian Maher (Fethard) for Fitzgerald.

15/2/2008 at Tullamore

Offaly 1-11 Tipperary 1-7

Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Aidan Foley (Moyle Rovers), Mark Peters (Galtee Rovers); Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Og), Niall Fitzgerald (Monaleen), Robbie Costigan (Cahir); Eamonn Hanrahan (Clonmel Commercials), George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers); Philip Austin (Borrisokane), Eoin Kearney (Ballyporeen), Damien O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty) 0-1; Daryl Darcy (Shannon Rovers), Seamus Grogan (Aherlow), Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 1-5 (1-1 pen, 0-4 frees). Subs: Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) for Seamus Grogan; Kevin Mulryan (J.K. Brackens) 0-1 for Kearney; Michael Harding (Golden-Kilfacle) for Darcy.

2/3/2008 at Ardfinnan

Tipperary 1-23 London 0-4

Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Aidan Foley (Moyle Rovers), Mark Peters (Galtee Rovers), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); Cian Maher (Fethard) 0-1, Niall Curran (Mullinahone), Robbie Costigan (Cahir) 0-1; Eamonn Hanrahan (Clonmel Commercials) 0-1, Kevin Mulryan (J.K. Brackens) 0-1; Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-1, Eoin Kearney (Ballyporeen), Damien O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty) 0-4; Daryl Darcy (Shannon Rovers), Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 1-9 (0-6 frees), Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) 0-3. Subs: Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers) for Darcy; Laurence Coskeran (Aherlow) 0-1 for Austin; Paul Johnson (Moyle Rovers) 0-1 for Hanrahan; Paddy Codd (Killenaule) for Costigan; Michael Harding (Golden-Kilfacle) for O'Brien.

30/3/2008 at Dr. Cullen Park

Carlow 1-10 Tipperary 1-9

Team and Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Aidan Foley (Moyle Rovers), Mark Peters (Galtee Rovers), Niall Curran (Mullinahone); Robbie Costigan (Cahir) (1-1), Niall Fitzgerald (Monaleen), Cian Maher (Fethard); Eamonn Hanrahan (Clonmel Commercials), Paul Johnson (Moyle Rovers); Philip Austin (Borrisokane), Liam England (Inane Rovers), Damien O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty); Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) 0-1, Eoin Kearney (Ballyporeen), Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-6 (0-4 frees, 0-1 '45'). Subs: Cathal Dillon (Aherlow) 0-1 for England; George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) for Kearney; Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow) for Peters; Paddy Codd (Killenaule) for Fitzgerald.

6/4/2008 at Ardfinnan

Tipperary 0-10 Antrim 0-7

Team and scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Aidan Foley (Moyle Rovers), Mark Peters (Galtee Rovers), Niall Curran (Mullinahone); Laurence Coskeran (Aherlow), Robbie Costigan (Cahir), Cian Maher (Fethard); Eamonn Hanrahan (Clonmel Commercials), Paul Johnson (Moyle Rovers); Shane Stapleton (Golden-Kilfacle), Niall Fitzgerald (Monaleen) 0-2, Damien O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty) 0-1; Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers), Kevin Mulryan (J.K. Brackens) 0-1, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-5. Subs: Eoin Kearney (Ballyporeen) 0-1 for Johnston; Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow) for Maher; Daryl Darcy (Shannon Rovers) for Stapleton; Liam England (Inane Rovers) for Hanrahan.

13/4/2008 at Dungarvan

Tipperary 2-8 Waterford 1-10

Team and scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Aidan Foley (Moyle Rovers), Mark Peters (Galtee Rovers), Niall Curran (Mullinahone); Cian Maher (Fethard), Robbie Costigan (Cahir), Laurence Coskeran (Aherlow) 0-1; Eamonn Hanrahan (Clonmel Commercials), Eoin Kearney (Ballyporeen); Seamus Grogan (Aherlow), Niall Fitzgerald (Monaleen) 0-1, Shane Stapleton (Golden-Kilfacle); Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers), Kevin Mulryan (J.K. Brackens) 1-0, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 1-6. Subs: Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow) for Curran; Cathal Dillon (Aherlow) for Hanrahan.

20/4/2008 at Ardfinnan

Tipperary 0-12 Wicklow 0-10

Team and scorers: Matthew O'Donnell (Killenaule); Aidan Foley (Moyle Rovers), Mark Peters (Galtee Rovers), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Og), Robbie Costigan (Cahir), Paddy Codd (Killenaule); Kevin Mulryan (J.K. Brackens) 0-1, George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers); Eoin Kearney (Ballyporeen), Niall Fitzgerald (Monaleen), Laurence Coskeran (Aherlow); Brian Coen (Fethard) 0-10 (0-7 frees), Seamus Grogan (Aherlow), Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-1. Subs: Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers) for Kearney; Hugh Coghlan (St. Vincent's) for Fitzgerald; Paul Johnson (Moyle Rovers) for Mulryan.

27/4/2008 at Portlaoise (Division 4 final)

Offaly 2-13 Tipperary 0-12

Teams and scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Aidan Foley (Moyle Rovers), Mark Peters (Galtee Rovers), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Robbie Costigan (Cahir), Cian Maher (Fethard); Kevin Mulryan (J.K. Brackens), George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers); Philip Austin (Borrisokane), Eoin Kearney (Ballyporeen), Laurence Coskeran (Aherlow);

Damien O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty), Seamus Grogan (Aherlow) 0-1, Brian Coen (Fethard) 0-10 (0-8 frees). Subs: Paul Johnson (Moyle Rovers) 0-1 for Maher; Eamon Hanrahan (Clonmel Commercials) for Hannigan; Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers) for Kearney; Shane Stapleton (Golden-Kilfeacle) for Austin; Hugh Coghlan (St. Vincents) for Codd.

MUNSTER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

25/5/2008 at Fermoy (First Round)

Tipperary 1-5 Limerick 1-8

Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Aidan Foley (Moyle Rovers), Mark Peters (Galtee Rovers), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Robbie Costigan (Cahir), Niall Curran (Mullinahone); Kevin Mulryan (J.K. Brackens), Eamon Hanrahan (Clonmel Commercials); Paul Johnson (Moyle Rovers), Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers), Damien O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty) 0-1; Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) Seamus Grogan (Aherlow), Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 1-5 (0-1 free).

Subs: Laurence Coskeran (Aherlow) for Curran; Philip Austin (Borrisokane) for Jones; Niall Fitzgerald (Monaleen) for O'Brien; George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) for S. Grogan; Eoin Kearney (Ballyporeen) for Johnson.

ALL IRELAND SENIOR QUALIFIER

19/7/2008 at Ardfinnan (Round 1)

Westmeath 0-15 Tipperary 0-6

Team and Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Niall Curran (Mullinahone), Mark Peters (Galtee Rovers), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Robbie Costigan (Cahir), Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Og); Eamonn Hanrahan (Commercials), George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers); Damian O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty), Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-1, Hugh Coghlan (St. Vincents); Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers – Captain), Brian Coen (Fethard), 0-2 frees, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-1. Subs: Laurence Coskeran (Aherlow) for O'Brien; Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) 0-1; Shane Stapleton (Golden-Kilfeacle) for Austin; Timmy Dalton (Arravale Rovers) for Coen; Michael Phelan (Ardfinnan) for Peters.

MUNSTER JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

25/5/2008 at Fermoy (First Round)

Tipperary 0-11 Limerick 0-13

Team and scorers: Ian Browne (Moyle Rovers); Kevin Halley (Rockwell Rovers), Aaron Kelly (Moyle Rovers), Paddy O'Flaherty (Cahir); Kevin Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty), Louis Everard (Moyné-Templenluohy), Philip Blake (Killenaule); Liam England (Inane Rovers), Patrick Halley (Rockwell Rovers); James Williams (Moyle Rovers), Aidan Fitzgerald (Fethard) 0-2, Barry Shorthall (Rockwell Rovers); Tony Doyle (Killenaule) 0-7 (0-6 frees), Brian Enright (Cahir), Odhran Lloyd (Moyné-Templenluohy) 0-2. Subs: Conor O'Hara (Commercials) for Williams; John Coughlan (Moyné-Templenluohy) for Fox; Mark Cahill (Drom-Inch) for Lloyd; Denis Peters (Galtee Rovers) for Enright.

MUNSTER UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIP

15/3/2008 at Ardfinnan (First Round)

Tipperary 1-9 Clare 1-7

Team & Scorers: Matthew O'Donnell (Killenaule); John Coghlan (Moyné-Templenluohy), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty) 0-1; Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Og) 0-2, John Hennessy (Aherlow), Paddy Codd (Killenaule) 1-0; George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) 0-1, Philip Donnellan (Shannon Rovers); Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers), Ciaran McGrath (Loughmore/Castleiney), Cathal Dillon (Aherlow); Timmy Dalton (Arravale Rovers) 0-1, Seamus Grogan (Aherlow) 0-1, Darrel Darcy (Shannon Rovers) 0-3. Sub: David Buckley (Inane Rovers) for Dalton.

22/3/2008 at Ardfinnan (Semi Final)

Tipperary 2-7 Waterford 1-6

Team & Scorers: Matthew O'Donnell (Killenaule); John Coghlan (Moyné-Templenluohy), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), David Buckley (Inane Rovers); Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Og), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Philip Donnellan (Shannon Rovers) 0-1; Cathal Dillon (Aherlow) 0-1, Ciaran McGrath (Loughmore/Castleiney), Richard Ryan (Eire Óg Annacarty) 1-0; Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) 0-4 frees, Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers), Darrel Darcy (Shannon Rovers) 1-0. Subs: Donal Lynch (Clonmel Commercials) for Aylward; Brian Quinn (Burgess) for Ryan; David Keogh (Silvermines) 0-1 for Darcy.

5/4/2008 at Ardfinnan (Final)

Kerry 0-15 Tipperary 2-7

Team and scorers: Matthew O'Donnell (Killenaule) 0-1 '45'; John Coghlan (Moyné-Templenluohy), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), David Buckley (Inane Rovers); Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Og), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty) 1-1; George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Philip Donnellan (Shannon Rovers); Cathal Dillon (Aherlow), Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers) 0-1, Ciaran McGrath (Loughmore/Castleiney) 0-1, Richard Ryan (Eire Óg Annacarty); Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) 1-2 (0-2 frees), Darrel Darcy (Shannon Rovers) 0-1. Subs: David Keogh (Silvermines) for Ryan; Timmy Dalton (Arravale Rovers) for Dillon.

MUNSTER MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

16/4/2008 at Dungarvan (First Round)

Tipperary 3-9 Waterford 0-8

Team and scorers: Jack English (Ballyporeen); Donagh Heffernan (Cappawhite), Kevin O'Riordan (J.K. Brackens), Conor Walsh (Clonmel Commercials); Brian O'Hara (Clonmel Commercials), Robert Kiely (Arravale Rovers), Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers); Darren Lowry (Arravale Rovers), Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers) 0-1; Paul Horan (St. Patricks), Gavin Ryan (Rockwell Rovers) 1-1, Michael Hickey (Cahir); Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 2-2, David McGrath (Moyle Rovers) 0-1, Michael O'Dwyer (Arravale Rovers) 0-2. Subs: David Bourke (Moyné-Templenluohy) 0-1 for Hickey; Thomas Hanley (Aherlow) for Horan; Sean Boland (Moyle Rovers) for Ryan; Eddie Kendrick (Cahir) for Lowry; Liam Treacy (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1 for Sweeney.

14/5/2008 at Semple Stadium (Semi Final)

Tipperary 2-8 Limerick 0-9

Team and scorers: Jack English (Ballyporeen); Donagh Heffernan (Cappawhite), Shane Russell (Lattin-Cullen), Kevin O'Riordan (J.K. Brackens); Thomas Hanley (Aherlow), Robert Kiely (Arravale Rovers), Conor Walsh (Clonmel Commercials); Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers) 0-2, Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers); Darren Lowry (Arravale Rovers) 0-1, Gavin Ryan (Rockwell Rovers) 0-1, David Bourke (Moyné-Templenluohy); Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 1-1, David McGrath (Moyle Rovers) 1-0, Michael O'Dwyer (Arravale Rovers) 0-2. Subs: Michael Hickey (Cahir) 0-1 for Bourke; Liam Treacy (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Ryan; Brian O'Hara (Clonmel Commercials) for Hanley; Sean Boland (Moyle Rovers) for Lowry; Tommy Bourke (Upchurch-Drombane) for O'Dwyer.

6/7/2008 at Pairc Uí Chaoimh (Final)

Tipperary 1-6 Kerry 1-6

Team and scorers: Jack English (Ballyporeen); Donagh Heffernan (Cappawhite), Shane Russell (Lattin-Cullen), Kevin O'Riordan (J. K. Brackens); Christopher Sheehan (Fethard), Robert Kiely (Arravale Rovers), Conor Walsh (Commercials); Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers) 1-0, Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers); David McGrath (Moyle Rovers), Gavin Ryan (Rockwell Rovers), Darren Lowry (Arravale Rovers); Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen – Captain) 0-6 (0-3frees), Paul Horan (St. Patricks), Michael O'Dwyer (Arravale Rovers) 0-3 (0-2frees). Subs: Eoin Fitzpatrick (J.K. Brackens) for Heffernan; Thomas Hanley (Aherlow) for Horan; Liam Treacy (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Lowry.

12/7/2008 at Cusack Park, Ennis (Final Replay)

Kerry 2-12 Tipperary 0-8

Team and scorers: Jack English (Ballyporeen); Eoin Fitzpatrick (J. K. Brackens), Kevin O'Riordan (J. K. Brackens), Shane Russell (Lattin-Cullen); Christopher Sheehan (Fethard), Robert Kiely (Arravale Rovers), Conor Walsh (Commercials); Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) 0-1, Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers); Darren Lowry (Arravale Rovers) 0-1, Gavin Ryan (Rockwell Rovers), David McGrath (Moyle Rovers); Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen – Captain) 0-6, Paul Horan (St. Patricks), Michael O'Dwyer (Arravale Rovers). Subs: Thomas Hanley (Aherlow) for Horan; Donagh Heffernan (Cappawhite) for O'Riordan; Liam Treacy (Loughmore-Castleiney) for McGrath; Sean Boland (Moyle Rovers) for Walsh; David Bourke (Moyné-Templenluohy) for Lowry.

ALL IRELAND MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

9/8/2008 at Portlaoise (Quarter Final)

Meath 2-9 Tipperary 0-10

Team and scorers: Jack English (Ballyporeen); Eoin Fitzpatrick (J.K. Brackens), Kevin O'Riordan (J.K. Brackens), Shane Russell (Lattin-Cullen); Darren Lowry (Arravale Rovers) 0-2, Robert Kiely (Arravale Rovers), Conor Walsh (Cahir); Eddie Hendrick (Cahir), Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers) 0-1; Thomas Hanley (Aherlow); Gavin Ryan (Rockwell Rovers), David McGrath (Moyle Rovers); Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen - Captain) 0-4 (0-3 frees), Liam Treacy (Loughmore-Castleiney), Michael O'Dwyer (Arravale Rovers) 0-2 frees. Subs: Paul McEvoy (Cahir) for Treacy; Paul Horan (St. Patricks) for Hendrick, Ger Mulhair (Arravale Rovers) 0-1 for Ryan, Donagh Heffernan (Cappawhite) for Russell, Brian O'Hara (Clonmel Commercials) for McGrath.

Juvenile Quiz

This year's quiz is confined to juveniles, boys and girls under the age of 16 years on January 1, 2009.

Entries for the competition on a separate page, should be sent to John Smith, Secretary, Bohernamona Rd., Thurles, Co. Tipperary not later than January 5, 2009.

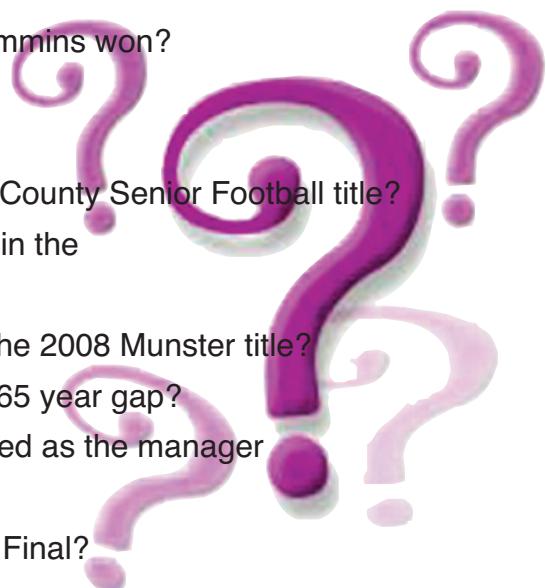
There will be five prizes of €50 vouchers at Lár na Páirce for the winners

Yearbook 2007 Quiz Winners

John Quirke, sponsor, Cecilia Walshe, Cappawhite, John Smith, Secretary, presented at Mitchel House Restaurant, Thurles



1. Name the only Kilkenny player, of the starting fifteen in the All-Ireland, who wasn't nominated for an All-Star award.
2. Name the last Tipperary player to captain an All-Ireland under-21 winning team.
3. Name the only Galway nominee for the hurling All-Stars.
4. Name the Tipperary referee who was in charge of this year's senior camogie final. .
5. Name the Tipperary person who is president of Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael.
6. Name the teams that played in this year's Harty Cup final.
7. Name the two sub goalkeepers on Tipperary's senior hurling team in the 2008 championship.
8. Name the two clubs that had four members each on the Tipperary senior hurling panel in the 2008 championship.
9. What anniversary will the Gaelic Athletic Association celebrate in 2009?
10. Name the manager of the 2008 Tipperary minor hurling team.
11. Name the hurler who captained Tipperary to win the 2008 Waterford Crystal Cup?
12. Name Tipperary's three hurling All-Stars for 2008.
13. How many All-Ireland Poc Fada titles has Brendan Cummins won?
14. Name the two Tipperary footballer's who won Inter-Provincial medals with Munster in October 2008?
15. Before 2008, when did Galtee Rovers last capture the County Senior Football title?
16. Name the Tipperary player that won man of the match in the 2008 Munster Senior Hurling Final?
17. Who captained the Tipperary Under 21 hurlers to win the 2008 Munster title?
18. Who won the North Senior Hurling title in 2008 after a 65 year gap?
19. Name the former All-Star hurler who was recently named as the manager for the Tipperary Minor Hurling team for 2009?
20. Who did Tipperary play in the 2008 Division 4 Football Final?



FRIENDS WE LOST

Jimmy Aylward (Ballyneale/Grangemockler) 1941-2008

Jimmy Aylward of Ballyneale/Grangemockler passed away on November 16, 2008. He was a cherished member of the Ballyneale community, affectionately known to all as 'Jimmy L.'

Jimmy was a member of the Grangemockler/Ballyneale/St. Patrick's under-21 team which participated in the inaugural under-21 football championship in 1961, beating Commercials. He also played on the Ballyneale/Grangemockler team that won a county junior football title in 1962.

He served as club secretary and for many years kept a keen eye on club activities. He was known to demonstrate his football skills to the up and coming players, joining a game in the village or on the playing field minus the regulation footwear.

The large attendance at Jimmy's funeral bore testimony to his popularity. The club saluted him with a guard of honour and his coffin was draped in the club colours.

The sympathy of the club is extended to his family and friends.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam usasal.



Billy Bergin (J.K.Brackens)

The unexpected death of Billy Bergin on April 16th caused widespread regret in his native Clonmore and surrounding parishes where he was widely known. He took a keen interest in horse-racing and golf and was a talented player, winning many major competitions. He worked for many years as caretaker in Templemore Golf Club and his attention to detail always ensured that the course was in excellent condition.

Billy played hurling with Clonmore through the 1960s and early 1970s. The championship at that time was played on a knock-out basis and often months of preparation came to nought in the opening round. However, in the late 1960s a youthful injection of talent came on board and with some experienced older players like Billy, they succeeded in bridging a 32 year gap to win the Mid No:2 Junior Hurling title in 1970. Billy contributed two goals in that famous victory over Moycarkey-Borris and the scenes in Clonmore that night were testimony of how much this victory meant to a success-starved club. Billy continued playing for another two years up to Clonmore's defeat to Thurles Kickhams in the 1972 Mid Junior Hurling Final.

Sincere sympathy to his family.

May he rest in peace.



Frank Brady (1933-2008) Kilruane MacDonaghs

The death of Frank Brady severed yet another link with the Kilruane MacDonaghs senior football team, which won the 1975 county senior football final. Fellow selectors, Hughie McDonald and Paddy Quinlan and players Noel Killackey and Brian O'Reilly had predeceased Frank. He was a native of Bawnboy in Cavan and was a member of the Garda Siochana. He came to Cloughjordan as a sergeant in 1966 and saw out the rest of his career in the village. Frank was highly respected by all sections of the community and carried his duties in a fair, firm and conscientious manner. He always had a great interest in the G.A.A. and served for a number of years on the Kilruane MacDonaghs club committee. However, he will always be fondly remembered for his contribution as a mentor to the famous victory of the senior footballers. Club members joined with his Garda colleagues in forming a guard of honour at his funeral. Go ndeana Dia trócaire ar a anam usasal.

Denis Carroll (1988-2008) Burgess

When news filtered through the parish and surrounding areas on Sunday the 2nd of June of the death of Denis, due to a tragic accident, it was greeted with shock and heartfelt sympathy. Twenty year-old Denis was full of the joys of life. He was kind-hearted, generous, sincere, caring and wore his heart on his sleeve. Everybody loved Denis (except a corner-forward), and his family can gain comfort that he was loved and respected by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Such was his popularity among the ladies that he was a regular guest at St. Mary's, Nenagh graduation dances. Denis gave one hundred per cent to all ventures, his sport, studies, farming, faith and family. He won North football titles at U-12, 14, 16 which he captained, minor and U-21 grades. He won a North junior medal in 2005. He was also Burgess's young player of the year in 2006. He won a Munster Colleges medal with Nenagh C.B.S in 2003 and went on to wear the green of L.I.T. Hurling was his first love and just twenty four hours before his calling to heaven, Denis donned the No-2 jersey for Burgess in the junior A semi-final. He was very committed to his club, never missed a training session, always willing to take on board advice - he was a mentor's dream. He was not able to say no to any request, so the role of linesman was often bestowed on him at games in Kilcolman. He was an avid supporter of the county team and was eagerly looking forward to the start of the championship. He was an all-round sportsman, supporting Aston Villa in the soccer, and Munster's rugby achievement was enjoyed thoroughly by him. He also enjoyed a game of poker with the lads. Denis was a third year student in L.I.T. and excelled in his studies. Above everything else Denis was devoted to his family and faith, an exemplary son, brother, grandson, nephew and cousin. A large crowd attended the removal of the remains to Youghalarra church. The coffin was draped in the club colours and a guard of honour was provided by the Burgess G.A.A. club. A graveside oration was given by his fellow inter county club, man Shane Maher in Tyone cemetery. His gentle smile will never be forgotten, he will be missed. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis



Sean Byrnes Galtee Rovers /St Pecaun GAA Club.

Sean Byrnes was a playing stalwart of Galtee Rovers for almost two decades. He first appeared prominently in the late forties when Galtee Rovers, having won the County

Junior title in 1946, went on to annex the Tipperary Senior Football title in 1949/50. At this time Sean was called to the colours and represented Tipperary in the Munster Junior Football Championship in 1949.

The diminutive corner forward had all the attributes necessary for success; an appreciation and vision of all options and the skill and courage to put them into execution.

Despite lacking physique he was brave and created opportunities at all times for himself and his colleagues and tested his opponents ability to the fullest degree.

Together with his brother Liam, who was also an exceptional footballer, he provided Galtee Rovers with scoring power and was instrumental in winning six West Tipperary titles in a row from 1949 to 1954.

During a lean period for the club, he continued to plough a lonely furrow until the 1960's when Galtee Rovers again returned to prominence. Together with veterans from the forties Larry Maher and Eddie McCarthy, they provided the maturity and leadership to win West Tipperary titles in 1962/63, being narrowly defeated in the County Semi-Final by eventual Champions Ardfinnan.

This brought a glittering playing career to an end but he retained his love and interest in Galtee Rovers/St Pecaun and continued to support the fortunes of his native parish to the last.

An inspiration for generations of aspiring Bansha and Kilmoyer footballers - a hero forever.

Tom Cahill (Ballyneale/Grangemockler) 1947-2008

The entire communities of Grangemockler, Ballyneale and Mullinahone, as well as many from surrounding parishes, were shocked and saddened on March 8, 2008 to learn of the death of Tom Cahill. After a short illness he passed away at St. Brigid's Hospital, Carrick-on-Suir.

Tom returned from England in 1976 to take up residence at Tullohea, South Lodge, Carrick-on-Suir.

Formerly from Mullinahone, he joined the Ballyneale/Grangemockler G.A.A. club and won a South junior football title with them in 1977. After retiring from the game he became a selector over many years and especially in 1991 when a county title was annexed. As well he gave great service to the local sportsfield. He was also a successful horse trainer.

At the removal of his remains to St. Mary's Church, Grangemockler his coffin was draped in the club colours and the club members formed a guard of honour.

To his wife, Bea, sons Brian, Mark and Paul, the club extends its sincere sympathy. Go ndeana Dia treocaire air.

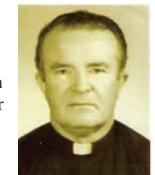


Fr. Cornelius Cleary (Kickhams) 1934-2008

Knockavilla / Donaskeigh Kickhams GAA club extends its deepest sympathies to the family of Father Connie Cleary a Columban Father who died on the 25th of April 2008 after a long illness bravely borne. In his youth Father Connie enjoyed a successful time in the Kickhams colours winning medals at all grades including 4 West senior hurling medals. He was part of the golden era of hurling in the Kickham Club when twelve West Tipperary senior championships were won between 1946 and 1960.

Along with his team mates from those glory years Connie was honoured by the club in 2000. He played his last games with Kickhams in 1958. His importance in the 1958 West Senior Hurling Final in which Kickhams defeated Golden on a score line of 8-8 to 2-2 is recorded in JJ Kennedy's book - Kickhams, Gaelic Games in Knockavilla and Donaskeigh. Fr. Connie's contribution was reported as follows; "Connie Cleary was the most dangerous attacker on the field. His duels with Christy Bradshaw were most entertaining in the first half. Cleary had definitely the better of matters in the second half."

Father Connies last game for the club before he began his missionary work was in the county senior hurling semi final of 1958, where Kickhams were beaten by Toomevara in a great game played in Templemore. Despite his many years as a Columban Father in South Korea, Father Connie kept his native Curraghpoor and Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams close to his heart and enjoyed meeting all his friends and ex team mates when he returned home on holidays. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam usasal.



Jimmy Coman (1935-2008) Moycarkey-Borris

On Sunday morning, 20th April the great reaper called Jimmy Coman to his eternal home. A member of the great sporting family the Comans of Coldfields, the late Jimmy played hurling with the Moycarkey-Borris club in all grades up to senior and was also an accomplished athlete. He always gave of his best and had no half measures in his approach and will be remembered for those whole hearted efforts. He played midfield on the Two-Mile-Borris hurling team, winners of the Mid Tipperary No.2 junior hurling championship in 1957 in a team that also included his brothers John and Paddy and some of his neighbours in Coldfields. Two other brothers, Joe and Justin later made their mark on parish sporting teams. Jimmy later graduated to the Moycarkey-Borris senior hurling team and gave many sterling performances for them in his favourite positions wing back or midfield. He also played football with the Caislean Dubh club. He was a founder member of the revived Coolcroo Athletic Club in 1958 and served in the capacity as Vice Chairman of the club and was on the teams that won the County Tipperary novice and junior cross country championship in 1960 and also represented the club at senior level. He began his athletic career with the adjoining Moynane A.C. May he rest in peace in the kingdom of the Lord. Solas na bhFhaiteas da anam.



Seamus Cooney (1945 To 2008) Moycarkey-Borris

The death took place on 21st May 2008 of Seamus Cooney of the Moycarkey-Borris GAA club. Seamus was heavily involved in Scór for many years with the highlight coming in 1977 / 1978 when he helped the Moy-



carkey-Borris Set Dancers to County, Munster and All-Ireland Scor Sinsear success. The set dancers who were successful on that occasion were – Seamus Cooney, Mickey Cooney, Phil Cooney, Sean Hayes, Mary Cooney, Sadie Hayes, Betty Ryan and Josie Hayes. Seamus was a member of numerous County Final winning teams in Scor Sinsear and was still involved in 1985 / 1986 when the Moycarkey-Borris set dancers finished 2nd in that year's Munster Final. Seamus was involved with set dancers from the parish who won the Set Dancing competition at the International Beer Festival in Kilkenny for three years in a row in the 1970's. Seamus also played with the Sean Treacy Pipe Band for over 25 years. May he rest in peace.

Seamus Coffey(Clounlouly-Rossmore) 1970- 2008

After a long illness borne with profound dignity Seamus Coffey departed to his eternal reward on Tuesday August 12th.

From a early age Seamus played gaelic games with Clounlouly Rossmore and Thurles Vocational School. While he played most of his hurling as a forward he was also a very talented goalie. He played hurling and football at all grades for the green and gold of Clounlouly Rossmore with the highlight of his hurling career, winning a county senior hurling title in 1997. After his playing career he made a major contribution to the club in his capacity as a senior hurling selector.

In his personal life he was a very talented musician and singer and enjoyed many a sing song. Seamus will be solely missed by everyone in the club and we express sympathy to Nolette and Emma, his parents Kathleen and Martin, his brother and sisters, relatives and many friends. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

Jim Corcoran (J.K. Brackens)

A dark cloud descended over JK Brackens GAA Club and beyond when news broke on Saturday, March 29th of the death of Jim Corcoran of Ballyleen following an illness. Jim was a very popular local man who was well-known for his contribution to many aspects of life in the community. Jim was highly regarded in the local farming community. One of his great loves was the GAA and he was a proud follower of the GAA clubs in the parish and a very active member of JK Brackens GAA Club up until the time of his death.

Jim was an accomplished hurler himself lining out on several Killea and Templemore teams during the 1950s and 1960s but unfortunately enjoying little success. The closest he came to tasting victory was with the Killea-Clonmore hurlers of 1956 who were defeated in the Mid Junior Hurling Final. Jim was also an able and efficient administrator and served on juvenile and adult committees of the clubs in the parish through the 1970s and 1980s and held the position of Treasurer with the Clonmore-Killea Club in 1979. Jim passed on his love of the game to his sons Michael and PJ whose careers on the playing fields he followed with pride. He travelled all over the county and beyond following the fortunes of JK Brackens GAA Club whether it be the U12s or the Seniors and was a loyal follower of the club.

Jim was one of life's great gentlemen, a kind and warm-hearted individual and he will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

May he rest in peace

Dinny Cuddihy (1935-2008) Toomevara

When Dinny Cuddihy passed to his eternal reward on the 8th July, the Toomevara club lost one of its most loyal supporters.

In his young days Dinny had a great interest in cross country running but it was his great love for hurling that saw him first played on the Toome senior team in 1958 when they defeated Kilruane in the North final.

Dinny was to enjoy further successes with Toome until his work situation took him to Dublin in 1961. He then transferred his allegiance to the club scene in Dublin where he first played with the Port and Docks club he later played with Patrick Morans and finally with Trinity Gaels. With all three clubs he won many league and championship honours. While playing in Dublin, Dinny was acknowledged by his colleagues and opponents as a very tough and skilful player but was always renowned for his wonderful sportsmanship on the hurling field.

Such was his love for Toome that in 1973, Dinny answered the call to join Toome once again and he finally retired from the game in 1974,

During all his time in Dublin he always kept in touch with events back home and up to the time of his untimely death he would rarely miss a game that involved Toome.

Dinny had a great love for hurling and was especially proud of the achievements by Toome over the years.

We have lost a very loyal supporter but his sons, grandchildren, brothers, sisters and relatives have lost a wonderful family man of whom he was extremely proud and to whom we extend our sincere sympathy.

Ar dheis De go raibh an Anam.

John Conroy (1956 – 2008) Ballina

Born and reared in Ballina, John played juvenile hurling from an early age and won an under 13 county medal in 1969 when beating Cashel in the final. As a young man John joined An Garda Siochana and having been stationed in Letterkenny he returned to Tipperary in 1978 where he was an active member of Arravale Rovers. John won a senior football medal in 1981 and West Tipperary intermediate hurling honours in 1986. John always maintained an active interest in the fortunes of his native club Ballina and regularly returned to attend matches supporting the various teams and taking great pride in watching his younger brothers and later on his nephews. A passionate supporter of the county teams, John never missed a representative match.

John died this year after an illness bravely borne. The guard of honour from his native club Ballina and his adopted club Arravale Rovers was a testament to the high regard in which he was held. He is greatly missed by his wife Sadie, his sons Trevor and Stephen, his mother Kitty, brothers and sisters and a large extended family circle and many friends.

May he rest in peace.



Patsy Conway (1941-2008) Fr Sheehey's

It was with much sadness that we learnt of the passing of Patsy Conway late of Toorbeg, Burncourt on the 14th July this year at his home in Manchester aged 66.

Patsy was one of the true greats of our club and is remembered fondly as a legendary figure for his feats with club and county on the playing field as a footballer. He played from a young age with the Burncourt /



Clocheen GAA Clubs and made a name for himself as a midfielder of note, even though he wasn't the tallest of men but was physically very strong and had a great footballing brain. In 1960 aged just 19 he was one of the pillars of the Burncourt team which claimed South and County Junior Football titles. He also was able to more than hold his own with a caman, in 1961 he added a South Junior Hurling medal with Clocheen.

At this stage he also broke onto the County Senior football team and became a regular for the next few years. He continued to give great service to club and county until the mid 1960's when he immigrated to Manchester. He was a major loss to the Club, to lose such an outstanding talent in his prime, although he returned to the clubs cause on a few occasions in the following years. He continued to play in Manchester for a length period eventually lining out with his son John before hanging up his boots.

Patsy never lost the love of home, the day before he died he had savoured Tipp's Munster Final victory over Clare. Many times he would have returned to see Tipp play in the Championship especially the big occasions in Dublin. He was always a joy to meet, the most unassuming gentleman. He suffered a long illness but bore it with the courage and dignity you would expect from him. He was laid to rest in Manchester on the 22nd of July. Mass for his intentions took place in his native Burncourt attended by a huge gathering on the 25th July, a fitting testament to his and his family's popularity.

We offer his wife Maureen, daughter Angela, son John, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews our deepest sympathies.

Ar Dheis De go raibh a anam.



Tim Curran (1924-2008) Galtee Rovers and Rockwell Rovers

The sympathy of the Galtee Rovers St. Pecaun's club and all our supporters goes to the Curran Family, Clonmel Road, Cahir on the death of Tim Curran. Tim was born in Beaufort, County Kerry in 1924 and played his underage football with his home club. While in secondary school Tim had established a reputation for himself as a footballer of skill and leadership when he captained St Brendan's College to Munster Colleges Football success in 1943. He was a regular in the Galtee Rovers senior football team of 1949 and 1950 and 1951, a hugely successful and talented team which won two County Senior titles and a string of West Titles at that time. Tim worked in Outrath Co-Op and following his exploits with Galtee Rovers, he then continued his football career with Rockwell Rovers, winning West junior football titles in '51 and '58 and he also served as club secretary from '53 to '58. He was a member of the Tipperary football panel in the early fifties and maintained a lifelong interest in Gaelic Football in Tipperary and his native Kerry. In 2005 Tim Curran was the proud recipient of a Sean Ghael award, fittingly presented by fellow Kerrymen, Sean Kelly. Tim passed to his eternal reward on April 1st 2008. Solas na bhFlaitheas ar a anam usas.



Paddy Davin Marlfield

It was with great shock and sadness that all Clonmel Gaels learned of the sudden passing of former hurler and handballer Paddy Davin. Ever a gentleman Paddy was a very popular personality in the town.

Joining the army at a young age Paddy gave nearly 40 years service mainly stationed in Kickham Barracks. He was also proud to have served with the Irish U.N. contingent in the Congo.

He first joined Marlfield Hurling Club in 1961 playing at centre-back on the junior side. He then graduated to the senior team that won the Aherlow and Gold Flake tournaments. He played a major part in helping Marlfield regain the South Tipperary Senior title in 1962 and played a pivotal role when the club regained the championship again in 1964.

Paddy received a special presentation from the club in 1969 to mark his victory on the handball court having won the All-Ireland Junior Softball title. This was a most remarkable success as Paddy was actually reluctant to play at first. The event had originally been fixed for Navan but as the court there was flooded it had to be re-arranged for Croke Park at the eleventh hour. However Paddy was not too keen to play there as he maintained that Croke Park had always been an unlucky venue for him. He relented and returned home triumphant! He also won several All-Army titles, both single and doubles.

When in 1970 after a gap of six years Marlfield bounced back to become South Senior champions once more Paddy Davin again played a vital role in that victory, collecting his third senior championship medal. A tough "not an inch" defender he gave sterling service in the red and green jersey.

At the funeral service in Rosegreen cemetery his Tricolour clad coffin was sadly, but proudly, borne by a party of his fellow soldiers from Kickham Barracks, Clonmel. Go ndeana Dia trocaire ar a anam.



Jimmy Daly (1915-2008) Emyl

The death of Jimmy Daly, fondly known as 'The Doctor', occurred on June 8th 2008. Born in Gurteen, Emyl in December 1915, he gave his whole life to farming and his next love was sport. His principal sport was football, but he played some hurling with the local team. He also had a great interest in greyhound coursing and had some good dogs. He was also an accomplished '45' card player and many the time he hit the timber with venom as he made the winning trick. Emyl up to the late twenties was mainly a hurling club, in fact that was what it was called. However the arrival of Fr. Ned Ryan C.C. to Emyl brought a new order and football completely took over. Jimmy was six foot three tall and was trained as the goalkeeper. The West Board was formed in 1930, principally at the behest of the Emyl club, and Emyl, always with Jimmy between the posts won West Junior Football Championships in 1936, 37, 38, 40 and 48. Also in 1938 the first County title was brought to Emyl and the new Division. In 1940 Jimmy was in goal for the Tipperary Junior Football team beaten by Cork in the Munster final. He trained under the eagle eye of Fr. Ryan, who many years later became P.P. of Lattin and Cullen.



With the passage of time his sight deteriorated but he still managed to play a game of '45' at 'The Thatch' where his fellow card players never took advantage of his handicap. As his sight later failed completely, his strength of character was sorely tested. He found solace from his new companion, his little portable radio which was always by his side. He also enjoyed the kindness and friendship of his good neighbours. He enjoyed exercise and was always happy walking around his own yard. When later his feet were failing him he went to The Sacre Coeur nursing home, and though seemingly incapacitated, he went back to the training which he did with Fr. Ned Ryan over sixty years before. Without sight and with the backing of the Matron, staff and especially Mary, and an unstoppable urge on his part, he started training his body once more. He succeeded in strengthening his arms and legs, and enjoyed many days outside the home sitting or standing in the sunshine with his little companion, the portable radio. He also had all the news from good friends who visited him regularly, and he knew more than most about games and teams and of course the price of cattle.

This gentle giant who overcame adversity, passed to his eternal reward on June 8th 2008 but his memory will live on among the Gaels of Emly and those privileged to know him. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dhlifis.

Darrel Darcy (1987 – 2008) Shannon Rovers

Words cannot describe the depth of shock, which swept through our parish on the evening of Tuesday April 8th last when the news broke of the tragic and untimely passing of Darrel Darcy. We learned of his passing with a sense of incredulity. Darrel possessed the most delightful of personalities, always friendly and in good humour. Coming from a family immersed in the Rovers tradition Darrel was a proud clubman.

He won many honours in both hurling and football throughout his juvenile career, Darrel won an All Ireland Vocational Schools inter county hurling medal with Tipperary in 2005 and similarly in 2006 he won the equivalent in Gaelic Football. In 2005 he won an All Ireland Vocational Schools hurling medal with Borrisokane Community College. Darrel also won Divisional honours with the Rovers, a North Tipperary Junior 'B' Football Championship medal in 2005 and a North Tipperary Junior 'A' Football Championship medal in 2006 again with the Rovers. Last year he won a North Tipperary Senior Football Championship medal with Thomas MacDonaghs. He was awarded the North Tipperary Footballer of the Year in 2005. He represented Tipperary in football at minor, under 21 and senior grades all with distinction.

The fact that his funeral cortège was the biggest ever to be seen in Kilbarron is a testament to his popularity. A guard of honour comprising of Tipperary under 21 and senior players, Shannon Rovers Camogie Club, Knockshegowna GAA Club and his fellow clubmen of Shannon Rovers flanked the cortège as it entered the village of Kilbarron. People from all over Tipperary and beyond came to say their sad farewells, with all visibly shocked by the death of one so young.

Darrell was an exceptional sportsman who was very committed to his club and county. He was part of the county under-21 team that narrowly lost to Kerry in the Munster final this year, lining out at corner-forward and scoring a point during the game in Ardfinnan. He was also a member of the senior county team.

In a piece written about Darrel by local woman Mary O'Halloran she encapsulates our thoughts of Darrel - "The little Rover with the big heart and captive smile will live in our hearts for a very long time."

Darrell will be an irreplaceable loss to both his club and his family. To his father Sean, mother Nancy, brothers Roy and Lee, grandmothers, uncles, aunts, cousins, relatives and wide circle of friends may we as a Club offer our sincerest sympathies.

Joe Delaney - Inane Rovers

On January 14th of this year it was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Joe Delaney, one of Inane Rovers greatest players. Joe won his first North medal in 1952 when Inane won their first minor title. Two years later he helped Inane win the Junior title and this was the first of 7 in a row. Then in 1961 Inane won their first and only Junior county title and Joe was again one of the heroes of this team. Joe also played with the North Tipp selection, St. Flannans and won 3 county senior football titles. His equalising point from a 50 in the 1961 county final against Lattin-Cullen is still spoken about. St. Flannans went on to win the replay. On his retirement he continued to play an active part in the club and was a selector with Inane minors when they won their only county title in 1968. Joe also played inter county and wore the Blue and Gold with distinction. He played hurling with Roscrea and represented the club with distinction. Joe was predeceased by his wife, Margaret and son, Denis. We extend our deepest sympathy to his sons and daughters.

Willie O' Donoghue - J.K. Brackens

Willie O' Donoghue died tragically in a car accident in December 2007 at the young age of 18. Willie had been a popular member of JK Brackens Juvenile club and played hurling and football at U12, U14, U16 and Minor level with his friends in the club. Willie was a tough, uncompromising player and gave 100% in all games. He loved meeting up with his friends and enjoyed the banter at training sessions. His biggest achievement with the club came in 2004 when he lined out on the JK Brackens team that won the Mid U16 B Hurling Championship and this was a source of great pride to him.

His untimely death came as a great shock to the people of Templemore and he will be sadly missed by his family and all who knew him. Willie's friends and playing colleagues from JK Brackens GAA Club provided a guard of honour at his funeral.

May he rest in peace

JACK DWYER Holycross-Ballycahill

Jack Dwyer, Killough and formerly of Whitefort, Holycross who died recently played at corner forward for the Holycross-Ballycahill team that brought the first county senior hurling championship to the club in 1948. Jack was a classy forward who also won county senior hurling medals in 1951 and 1954. He was selected on the Tipperary panel for the 1947/48 league final; played in the '48/49 league series and was added to the panel for the 1949 All Ireland senior final.



Jack played his first senior game for our club in 1945 and never missed a championship game until he retired after the 1956 campaign. As a right corner forward he got many vital scores for the club and troubled quite a few famous defenders.

We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Sally, his sons and daughters, his brothers and sister and his many relatives and friends.

Noel Farrelly (1961-2008) J.K. Brackens

Noel Farrelly was born in Templemore in December 1961 and died in Naas on February 17th, 2008. In his far too short 46 years, Noel packed as much into his life as many who lived twice as long could expect to do. Noel was one of six boys born to Elizabeth and the late Seamus Farrelly in Templemore. The Farrellys were a very well-respected family and had a long involvement in GAA circles in the town.



Growing up in Templemore, Noel was always drawn to Gaelic games and he played for many years with distinction with Templemore CBS and Templemore Éire Óg. Noel won many medals during his time in Templemore CBS but his most coveted ones were the Harty Cup and All-Ireland Colleges medals he won alongside his late brother Liam in 1978 and it was a particular source of pride to him that he won a medal that many great hurlers have never won. Indeed, the scale of that achievement is demonstrated by the fact that no Tipperary school has won a Harty Cup title in the intervening thirty years.

Noel went on to wear his beloved blue and gold when he lined out with the Tipperary Minor and U21 football teams and throughout his life there was hardly a more committed Tipperary man than Noel as he keenly followed the hurlers and footballers of Tipperary in their exploits all over the country.

But it wasn't just Gaelic games that Noel excelled – he played soccer at underage and junior level with Blackcastle and probably bit the bug for golf when playing pitch and putt at Lakeside in Templemore. Noel was also a distinguished athlete and was the first runner from Templemore AC to win a Track and Field Munster Championship in the 100m.

It might have been the presence of the Garda Training College in Templemore that was to ensure that the Garda Síochána played such a central part in the Farrelly family. Noel entered the college in 1983, following in the footsteps of his brother Paul and he himself was followed into the force by his brother Liam. Having passed out in 1984, Noel was appointed to Naas Garda Station where he served with distinction up until his untimely death. Initially Noel was involved in normal Garda activities in the town until near-tragedy struck in 1988 when, answering a call to a robbery in the town, he was shot and seriously wounded. Despite his serious injuries, Noel made a brave and tremendous recovery and returned to duty in Naas as the Criminal Intelligence Officer. Throughout his service, Noel was an extremely dedicated and popular colleague.

Noel was a stalwart member of Naas Golf Club and was a player and administrator of distinction. Noel was also involved in the organisation of two of the biggest fundraising events held in Naas in recent years – the Ultimate Hurling Challenge and the Ultimate Golf Challenge, both featuring the Tipperary Chukka Chukkas against the Rest of the World. Between them, the two events raised over €150,000 for local charities in Naas.

Noel Farrelly was a genuine character, a person that people looked forward to meeting. Rarely would one see him in bad humour and his good humour was infectious. He was a great husband, father, son and brother to his family and a great player and administrator to those who played and worked with him whether on the GAA field or across the golf courses of Ireland. May he rest in peace.

Jimmy Fleming (1925-2008) - St. Patricks Drangan – Cloneen

In mid November Jimmy Fleming passed to his eternal reward after a long illness. Born in the same week as the late Michael Hall who predeceased him by a few months Jimmy figured prominently on several Drangan and St. Patricks teams in the early years of the 1950s. Jimmy was one of the local men who featured on the Drangan Junior football team defeated by fellow parishioners St. Patricks in the first round of the 1951 South Tipperary championship. Jimmy went on to feature in three South Junior Football finals in a row in 1952, 1953 and 1954. Defeat was their lot in 1952 at the hands of Cahir Slashers and again in 1954 at the hands of St. Finnans from Ardfinnan. However they got their reward in 1953 with victories over Ballyporeen in the South final and over Arravale Rovers in the County final. This was the same year as fellow parishioners St. Patricks won South and County Senior honours. Jimmy's brother John was also a member of the Junior teams of those years while another brother Dick was corner forward on the St. Patricks Senior football team that won South and County Finals and the Tipperary Mens Cup in 1947. May the soul of Jimmy Fleming Rest in Peace.

Percy Fleming (1944 – 2008) Carrick Swan

The death of Percy Fleming early in the year was greeted with profound sadness by all who knew him. The Fleming family has had a long and affectionate association with Carrick Swan club with whom Percy excelled as a hurler in his youth. Not surprisingly, in following family tradition, it was as a goalkeeper that Percy was most accomplished. He was a prominent player on our under-age teams in the early 1960's and his talents did not go unnoticed by the Tipperary selectors when Percy proudly wore the blue and gold jersey in the 1962 All-Ireland minor final. That same year following many sterling performances in our club colours Percy was a member of the first Carrick Swan under 21 hurling team to bring a south title to our club.



As was quite common in the 1960's many left our shores for pastures new in the United States and Percy left Carrick and settled in New York. Although on the other side of the Atlantic he never lost touch with his roots and he always remained interested in the fortunes of our club and his native county. Whenever a Carrick or Tipperary native visited New York Percy always made them most welcome and he helped many immigrants settle in their new surroundings. He also played a very important role in fundraising activities for Carrick Swan, even while bravely battling his serious illness. Percy Fleming played an important part in Carrick Swan's success story. We salute him, we thank him and we extend our deepest sympathy to his immediate and extended family.

Michael (Mitch) Fogarty (1942-2008) J.K. Brackens

Mitch was a man with a keen interest in community life – the local GAA Club and its activities were among his favourite involvements. From an early age, with street leagues right through to county level, Mitch



took a keen interest in football.

It was as a selector and officer of the local GAA Club, Templemore Éire Óg that Mitch contributed most. Whether it be attending Board meetings, selecting teams or assisting with improving facilities at the club, Mitch would not be found wanting.

For a number of years, Mitch was the man in the centre of the field where he believed there could only be one decision maker and he being the man with the whistle, applied the rules with fairness and authority. By doing so, Mitch and his team of match officials gained the respect of club players and officials throughout the county and beyond.

Mitch passed to his eternal reward on August 2nd, 2008 following a long illness borne with great courage and dignity. Large crowds attended to pay their last respects at the removal of his remains, draped with the National and GAA Club colours, to the local church. Guards of honour were provided by members of JK Brackens GAA Club, the ONE and other local clubs and organisations.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh an aman dílis.

TOM FOGARTY (1942-2008) Holycross-Ballycahill

Tom Fogarty of Rathcannon, Holycross who passed away in the last week of October had a great interest in hurling and football. A nephew of former county chairman, Canon Philip Fogarty, Tom hurled for Holycross-Ballycahill club for several years and played at left corner back on the under 21 teams of 1962 and 1963. The '63 team won the Mid final, beat a Babs Keating led Ballybacon in the county semi final but lost to Roscrea in the final.

In the 1980's and 1990's Tom was strongly involved on our juvenile club as a selector with many successful teams. He had a deep interest in the club all his life and he will be sadly missed by us all.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh an aman.



Edmond Fox (1937 – 2008) Skeheenarinky

It was with sincere sadness the people of Coolagarranroe and Skeheenarinky received the sad news on February 22nd that Edmond Fox, one of its most loved sons had passed to his eternal reward. A great neighbour and friend, he had been ill for some time, but his death when it came was a severe blow to his family and all who knew him.

Edmond was born and reared in Coolagarranroe, he attended the local Skeheenarinky school, and he dedicated his life to farming where he looked after the family farm.

He played with Skeheenarinky Hurling Club in the 1960's. He went on to be Chairman of the club in 2004 and was a great fundraiser. At the time of his death he was an active committee member with the club. It gave him great pride to see his sons John and Ger carry on the hurling tradition.

Edmond's activities in Skeheenarinky were not confined to the GAA. His participation in the local community, parent's council and an active member of the local Fianna Fail Cumann demonstrates his commitment and love of Skeheenarinky.

The respect and esteem in which the deceased was held was evident in the overflowing attendance at his funeral. He has left those of us who were privileged to have known him with great memories. His loss is felt greatest by his family and friends.

To his wife Bridget, sons John and Ger, daughters Helen, Angela and Martina, brothers James and John Joe, sister Josie, grandchildren and extended family and friends, sincere sympathy is extended.

Go ndeana Dia trocaire ar a aman.



PATSY GRIFFIN INANE ROVERS

In August 2007 the death occurred of Patsy Griffin, a former star of Inane Rovers. A native of Tralee he was warmly welcomed into the club and proudly wore the green and gold of Inane. He was a great asset to the club and played on the forward line and in goal winning 5 North Junior championships. He played In goal for the 1959 County Junior final where Inane lost to Moyle Rovers who were winning their first junior title. A former manager in Antigen Patsy will be sadly missed by all, especially his wife Eileen to whom we extend our deepest sympathy. Beannachtaí Dé leis agus solas síoraí dá anam.

Michael Grimes (J.K. Brackens)

A great sense of shock and sadness descended over Templemore and the surrounding areas on December 31st, 2007 when news broke of the sudden death of Michael Grimes, Lacey Avenue.

'Rico' as he was better known to his friends was a very popular local character and well-known to all. He was a loyal supporter of JK Brackens GAA Club and up until the time of his death was a very efficient promoter for the County Board Draw. He also served on the committee of the club for many years and was never found wanting when it came to helping out in any way. Perhaps it's a dedicated and hard-working groundsman that he'll be best remembered in Templemore – a position he held in Páirc Shlfeáin for many years. No event was too big or too small for Rico and every day he would arrive without fail on his bike to ensure the smooth running of the games. He enjoyed the quiet games and a chance to catch up with his friends as much as he did the pressure of the big days and his calm and genial manner endeared him to all he met. He was an avid follower of our games and very proud of his sons Michael and Richard who wore the JK Brackens jersey with distinction. Later his focus switched to his grandsons Aidan, Jack, Dylan and Jordan who are noted as up and coming young players with the juvenile club and followed their involvement with great pride.

Rico is sadly missed at Páirc Shlfeáin.

May he rest in peace.



TOM GUNNELL INANE ROVERS

In September 2007 all in Inane and Roscrea were saddened to hear of the death of Tom Gunnell. In January 1950, when the Inane club was formed Tom was elected its first President. No doubt he was one of the people in forming this club. For the next decade Tom served either as president, chairman or vice chairman. He played a huge part in the early years of Inane and remained a key member all through. At the time of his passing, Tom was vice president. He pre-

sented The Gunnell Cup to the North Board for the minor football championship such was his interest in football. His generosity, friendship and support will always be remembered in Inane. To Orlaith, John, Enda and Tadhg we extend our deepest sympathy. Go ndeana Dia trócaire ar.

Michael Hall (1924 – 2008) St. Patricks



On Sunday 8th June Michael Hall passed to his eternal reward at the family home in Kyle, Drangan. Michael had come to notice as a member of the Annervale Rovers minor football team defeated by Burncourt-Clogheen in the South Tipperary final of 1942. In 1944 St. Patricks GAA club was founded with one team now representing the parish of Drangan and Cloneen. 1947 was even better with Michael lining out at left half back on the team that swept all before them winning South and County Tipperary Senior Football Championships as well as the Tipperary Mens Cup and the famous Mullinahone 7 a side tournament. In 1948 Michael was a member of the team defeated by Clonmel Commercials in the Tipperary Mens Cup. Alas this was the end of Michaels football career as injury took its toll and forced an early retirement. Michael is best remembered as a historian and with his son Eamon played a major part in compiling the history of the GAA in Drangan and Cloneen and many other publications.

The Hall Family connection with the GAA continues with Eamon who won several football titles with St. Patricks and captained the Tipperary Junior football team in 1992 and also served as club chairman while grandsons Fearghal and Darragh are also prominent members of St. Patricks Juvenile teams. Ar Dheis De go raibh anam Micheál de Halla.

Phil Hennessy - Nenagh Eire Óg



Back in 1951, Phil Hennessy lined out at right half forward for St Mary's (as Eire Óg were then known) when they defeated Roscrea in the North Minor Hurling final. On a final score of 6-20 to 2-2 in favour of St Mary's, Phil was the outstanding forward on view and clear cut man of the match. It was Phil's third North Minor medal having also won in 1948 and 1949. He was deprived of his fourth title in 1952 at the hands of Kilruane McDonagh. Having lined out for five successive years as a minor with Nenagh, it was no surprise that Phil went on represent his county with distinction. In 1952, Phil lined out for Tipperary at midfield in the All Ireland Minor win over Dublin. Phil was partnered that day by soccer star Niall Quinn's father Billy. On the day, Phil contributed 1-1 to the victorious total.

Phil progressed to the Tipperary Senior team and in 1959 he won a National League title. In the same year, Phil travelled to America where Tipperary played New York and won a St. Brendan's medal. An Oireachtas medal followed in 1961.

On the club front, Phil won two North medals in 1957 and '64. In the '64 game, Phil received the Man of the Match award where he partnered Tony Tierney at midfield. His son, Phil emulated his success with North titles in 1992 and '93 plus a County title in 1995. Interestingly, Phil's father was a Toomevara man, Patrick Hennessy who hurled for Toomevara and was their club secretary for a long number of years. Phil always enjoyed the clashes with Toomevara in the late 50's and early 60's.

Phil Hennessy also had the distinction of being nominated at left half forward in the Sunday Independent lists of the best players ever who did not win an All-Ireland medal.

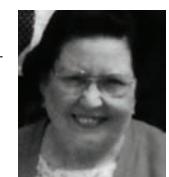
May he rest in peace.

Richard (Dick) Hogan (1915-2006) Nenagh Eire Óg



The death took place on 30th December 2006 of Dick Hogan, Ormond Street, Joint President of Nenagh Eire Óg aged 91 years. Dick played adult hurling for Nenagh at the age of 13 as a goalkeeper in the 1920's. Coming from hurling family his father Martin was club secretary, he was the winner of many medals with St Mary's including the County Inter Hurling championship in 1947 (a team which included his brother John) as well as a number of football titles in the 40's. Dick's adult hurling career spanned four decades and lasted until the 50's when he played with Eire Óg. He was a great father figure to the younger players and it was a great tribute to him how many of those players who attended his funeral. Dick was a selector on the famous 1957 team which brought Eire Óg our first North Tipp senior title. Ar Dheis De go raimh a n-anam.

Julia Leahy (J.K. Brackens)



In her mid eighties and in excellent health up to a short time before her untimely passing, the death of Julia Leahy, Clonmore on October 26th, caused widespread regret in the community. Active up to the recent past, Julia travelled to her bingo game almost every night of the week and was deeply involved in the running of Clonmore Community Centre and the Clonmore Badminton Club of which she was also a valued player. She took a keen interest in Clonmore GAA club and followed the team's progress on a regular basis. Her fundraising ability was called upon in August 1985 when she willingly let her name go forward as one of the three candidates to contest the fundraising campaign for the 'Mayor of Clonmore' – the proceeds of which went towards the development of the GAA pitch at Graffin, Clonmore. That fundraising campaign was a tremendous success, raising over £16,000 and Julia's fundraising made a large contribution to that sum. These funds enabled the club to level the existing grounds, build dressing rooms and showers and provide car-parking facilities. At the 1986 AGM, Julia was elected President of Clonmore GAA Club, a position she held for the following six years. Her happiest moment was, no doubt, October 18th 1987 when Clonmore finally won the County Intermediate Hurling Final for the first time, following five previous unsuccessful attempts. Appropriately, her coffin was draped in the blue and gold of her beloved Clonmore.

Sincere sympathy to the Leahy and extended families.

May she rest in peace.

John Lee (1944-2008) Newport

John Lee of Main St. Newport departed this life in October of this year. John left behind a loving wife and family and also a thriving business. As folklore has it many a deal was sealed between the farmers who had attended the mart earlier in the day in Lee's bar on Main Street

Newport. John was a Newport GAA man throughout his lifetime and up until his untimely passing he always supported Newport teams wherever they played. John Lee played minor hurling for Newport in 1961 and '62 and lost narrowly to Roscrea in a north final. Aged only 17 years he formed part of a solid fullback line on the Newport U-21 team. John hurled senior for Newport between 1963 and 1974. In 1971 John took over the finances of the club with the role of Treasurer. He later became a member of the committee for the years 1972 and '73. Through his work in the family business he did not have a lot of spare time but he always did trojan work behind the scenes. John Lee was a valued member of Newport GAA club and his passing will be a loss.

Newport GAA club would like to extend its sympathies to all members of the Lee family.

JOHNNY McDONNELL (1919-2007) TEMPLEMORE

Johnny McDonnell passed away on the morning of 10th October 2007. He was born in the townland of Quaker in the parish of Gortagarry 87 years before. He set up home in Templemore in 1948 after marrying Joanna Britton from Two-Mile-Borris. He became involved in the local organisation, hurling with the famed College Hill club in Templemore in the early 1960's, becoming its first Honorary Treasurer. As a valued member of the Templemore Eire Óg club and Pairc Shileann sports field committee, he was a loyal and dedicated worker in the preparation of the field and pavilion for matches. He was the last remaining member of the board of trustees and was Life President of the Eire Óg club up to the formation of the J.K. Brackens in the parish. He took great pride in his families participation in the G.A.A. His three sons Tom, Enda and John donning the blue and gold jersey of Tipperary at various grades. His son Enda winning an All Ireland Vocational hurling medal with North Tipperary in 1968. His grandsons and granddaughters have inherited his love of the games and they actively take part with their respective clubs J.K. Brackens, Templemore Ladies, Rockwell Rovers, Durlas Óg and Clonakenny. It was fitting then, that his life work for the Gaelic Athletic Association was recognised when he was honoured with a Sean Gael award in 1996. On the same day his son Enda was elected chairman of the Tipperary Ladies football continuing a proud family tradition of loyal dedication to the association.



Sean Mc Govern Galtee Rovers/St Pecaun Gaa Club.

With the passing of Sean McGovern, Galtee Rovers/St .Pecaun and Tipperary lost one of its greatest ever servants. Sean emerged on the playing scene as a Tipperary minor hurler and footballer in 1952, winning All Ireland honours in Minor hurling. He also contributed significantly to the footballing successes of Galtee Rovers winning Senior Football titles in 1952, '53 and '54, as well as experiencing Junior hurling success.

Sean had also progressed to the Tipperary Senior football team where he graced the pitches of Munster for the next decade, as well as being a member of the Tipperary Junior hurling side for much of the fifties.

Sean, also played with Cork and indeed Wicklow when his occupation as a forester took him far from his native Bansha. His return to Bansha signalled a return to footballing success when West Tipperary titles were won in 1962/63 with the "elusive fair haired McGovern to the fore". He was the consummate footballer, equally adept left and right, could anticipate danger and distribute with finesse – a player that would star in any era. Sean's leadership qualities and sportsmanship were ever apparent and he was highly regarded by all who played with and against him. In his retirement years he turned his attention to the development of Athenry hurlers and was the driving force behind the team that won All Ireland club honours.

Sean was a sporting icon, a player of immense quality, whose contribution is beyond measure, and our enjoyment of Gaelic games in Tipperary and Munster has been enhanced for having seen and known one of the true greats of County Tipperary.

"Think him not dead, he merely has been called to higher service, far from mortal strife"

Michael McLoughlin (1925-2008) Nenagh Eire Óg

It was with deep sadness that we felt the loss of a member of one of Silver Street's oldest and most respected family. Affectionately known locally as the "Gullet Cleary", Michael was a frequent and passionate visitor to the Shamrock Club, The Institute, The Showgrounds, The Hilly Holly's where he excelled and won the admiration of his peers. Michael was an all round sportsman. His love of hurling, handball, football, snooker was infamous. Michael was a key member of the Nenagh C.B.S teams that competed in Croke, Dean Ryan and Harty Cup competitions. Under the tutelage of the Brophy's Michael learned and honed his hurling skills in the highly competitive Nenagh Street Leagues and earned his spurs in lively local derby matches with the Birr Road boys. Michael played minor for four years with Nenagh winning North medals in 1941,42,43. He got trials for the County Minor team but the competitions were abandoned. Michael emigrated and in joining the Navy travelled the world and indeed brought his hurling skills with him to Australia winning a medal with N.S.W. in the first All Australian Final. Michael was also a champion boxer in the Navy. To his wife Rita and children Christopher, Hilary, Kieron and his extended family we offer our deepest sympathies



JIM MAHER Loughmore-Castleiney

The very sudden death of Jim Maher on February 16th last was a great shock for his family, friends and neighbours. Jim's birthplace was Ballyduag, Loughmore and it was here that his great love of G.A.A. and other sports was nurtured. He played right up to his late twenties, winning a minor county final in 1964 and an under 21 county final also. He subsequently continued as an ardent supporter and mentor up to his untimely passing. Jim was a former Vice Chairman of Loughmore-Castleiney club for a number of years and Treasurer of Ballinteer St. Johns club in Dublin for three years during a huge growth phase. He leaves behind his daughter Jennifer, his son Peter with a huge loss accentuated all the more as his beloved wife Catherine passed away a mere eighteen months earlier. We extend our sympathy to Peter and Jennifer, also to his brother Mick, sister-in-law Marie, aunt-in-law Mary Teresa, relatives and many friends.



Jimmy Maher (J.K. Brackens)

Although in failing health for two years, an illness he battle bravely, the news of the death of Jimmy Maher, Greenfields, Nenagh and formerly of Shanakill, Clonmore on July 23rd caused widespread regret in both communities. Jimmy, who worked most of his life in Nenagh Creamery was a diligent and conscientious worker who was well-liked by his colleagues. He retired just over two years ago but unfortunately did not get much time to enjoy his retirement.



In his early years, Jimmy attended Shanakill NS and later Templemore CBS and in both schools he took a keen interest in the game of hurling. He was a member of the Templemore CBS panel who made history in May 1959 when they defeated a fancied Tipperary side to win the Rice Cup for the first time.

When the Clonmore club reformed in the late 1960s, Jimmy and his three brothers threw in their lot with them and with a youthful injection of talent, paved the way for Clonmore's historic Mid No:2 Junior Hurling Final victory in 1970. Jimmy figured prominently in the team at right-half back and contributed in no small way to the victory over Moycarkey. The early 1970s saw Clonmore clash with neighbours Clonakenny and on these occasions, with intense local rivalry, the games were always looked forward to and keenly contested. An added attraction for Jimmy was that he came up against his first cousins, the Smiths and this added extra spice to the occasions. Jimmy's last final appearance was in 1972 when Clonmore were defeated by Thurles Kickhams. To Jimmy, the club meant everything and he always gave full commitment. Not regarded as a stylish hurler, he was a teak tough wing-back and with absolute and total commitment, he made life very difficult for his opposite number and was in his element when the going got tough.

Jimmy was a dedicated clubman, a sincere and honourable gentleman with a warm and generous heart, a man whose company it was always a pleasure to be part of. His coffin was draped in the blue and gold of his beloved Clonmore and the huge turnout at his funeral was testament to the high esteem in which Jimmy was held by all who knew him.

May he rest in peace.

Tomas Max Thurles Sarsfields

The death, after an accident, of Tomas Max of Thurles Sarsfields and Borrisoleigh Camogie club sent shockwaves throughout Tipperary as one of the great Gaels of The Premier County had been taken at such a young age.



A member of the very well known and popular Max family in Thurles, Tomas at the time of his death was living in Borrisoleigh with his wife Fiona and their two children Aoife and Sean - he died at his workplace in M&J Gleesons and Sons. Tomas Max represented Durlas Og Juvenile GAA club at all levels in both hurling and football and went on to play a crucial role with Thurles Sarsfields in both codes as well. A very accomplished defender on the hurling fields, he preferred to turn poacher with the big ball and played in many victorious Sarsfields teams down through the years, including minor and u-21.

Of course the Max links with Sarsfields and indeed Semple Stadium stretch back through the generations. Tomas father Jim remains a very prominent committee member and PRO of Sarsfields and is also one of the key officials in Semple Stadium and the Mid Tipperary GAA Board. Tomas himself was also very heavily involved in Semple Stadium and was well known and liked by those who visited the place regularly. He went about his job in a quiet and efficient manner and loved to engage with people, especially on big match day.

All of the Max family, including Tomas mother Peggy and sisters Mairead and Susan, play key roles in the running of big occasions - Semple Stadium is as much a part of their life as their home in Bohernamona Road. That's why it was very fitting that the grounds fell silent in tribute to the late Tomas prior to the clash of Sarsfields and Drom-Inch in the county senior hurling quarter final.

Sarsfields, Borrisoleigh camogie club of which he was Chairman, and the GAA fraternity turned out in force to give Tomas Max the kind of send-off he deserved.

To his heartbroken parents Jim and Peggy, his sisters Susan and Mairead, his wife Fiona and children Aoife and Sean, and extended family, we offer our deepest sympathy.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam dilis.

Terry Moloney (Arravale Rovers)(1940 - 2008)

A native of Barronstown, Tipperary, and a former Tipperary goalkeeper, Terry Moloney died in London on 13th March 2008. Playing in the forwards at under-age level with Arravale Rovers and with The Abbey C.B.S., he was widely recognised as a young hurler of "star quality". In 1955 he won an inaugural Kinane Cup Munster Colleges medal and captained his school team to Croke Cup success. A year later, he transferred to St. Flannan's College, Ennis. There he joined a Harty Cup team that was leaking goals faster than even he could score them and so his talents were converted from goal-poacher to goal-keeper. In 1957 Terry won his first Harty Cup medal, adding a second and an All-Ireland Colleges medal the following year. Also in 1957 he won Munster and All-Ireland minor medals with Tipperary, matching the achievements of his brothers Joe (1949) and Paddy (1952). In 1958 he was both the minor goalkeeper (defeated by Limerick) and sub-goalie on the All-Ireland winning senior team. He was just gone eighteen when he took over the number one jersey that same autumn. Terry was a permanent fixture in that berth over the course of the next two years or more. During that time he won two League medals, two St. Brendan Cup medals and an Oireachtas medal. He garnered another Munster medal in 1960 but had to swallow the bitter pill of defeat at the hands of Wexford in the All-Ireland final. Shortly before that game he picked up a serious knee injury in a club game. Surgery failed to undo the damage and he lost the agility required for goalkeeping. And so, after the 1961 League campaign, his inter-county career came to a premature end. His love of the game saw him struggle back to club hurling, playing to good effect at full-forward, and in which position he won North Tipperary honours with Eire Og Nenagh in 1964. Then in 1966 he answered the call of Arravale Rovers to return and help them win their first ever West senior hurling title. In his teenage years he had won a West minor football medal with Arravale and in 1958 had captained them to win their first ever West minor hurling title. In that same summer of '58 he persuaded his former mentor at The Abbey C.B.S. to enter a team in the Harty Cup for the following year. In the months that followed he passed on to his original schoolmates what he had picked up at St. Flannan's. The Abbey went on to win the 1959 Harty Cup, beating Flannan's in the final! Terry Moloney was the youngest member at the birth of Tipperary's most successful team, 1958 - 65. At a time



when it was legitimate for the forwards to tackle the goalie and if possible to "bury him in the net". Terry was the boy "so bhearna baol" - in the gap of danger. He was the keeper, minding the delph in what came to be known as "hell's kitchen". No place for a faint heart! Now, for Terry, we pray that the cup of salvation may be filled to the brim, in Heaven's Kitchen.

FRANK (FRANKIE) MURPHY (Kilsheelan/Kilcash) 1950 -2008

When the news filtered through of the untimely death of Frankie Murphy it came as a great shock to one and all. Frankie was born in Poulakerry, just below Kilsheelan village. From an early age Frankie had a keen interest in our games and he lined out for the Juvenile Football teams. While he did not play at adult level for us, he was an avid follower of the Club and indeed Tipperary Hurling teams when health permitted. He served as a very efficient Treasurer for a number of years and later served on the Committee. Despite his failing health he maintained his link with the Club. When unable to travel he would always be very interested in not only hearing the result but also the finer details of the game. His loyalty was evident too from the fact that right up to the end he was still a Promoter for the County GAA Draw. The esteem in which he was held was best exemplified by the large attendance at his funeral while Club members provided a Guard of Honour. We extend our sympathy to Breda and his extended family.



DESSIE NEVIN (1975 – 2008) Ballina

In 1983 at the age of eight Dessie played his first game of hurling for Ballina Under 12's in the first round of the North Tipperary championship. This was the beginning of a long and highly successful sporting career with the Ballina Juvenile GAA Club. Throughout this time Dessie played at all underage levels for the club winning North Tipperary championships in both hurling and football at all grades. In 1990 Dessie played a pivotal role in winning the Under 16 North and County football championships for Ballina. Two years later he won the same awards in hurling at minor level for his club. In the same period Dessie played colleges hurling for St. Flannans, Ennis and was involved in two Harty Cup finals. In 1995 just days after representing Ballina in the Junior B North hurling semi final Dessie suffered a tragic accident at work which ended his playing days with the club. In the years that followed, while battling through years of rehabilitation, he never lost touch with the club following his late father John Joe's steps by training many underage teams in Ballina. A life long member and supporter of Ballina, Dessie always found time to attend meetings, train teams and support the club while working as a Civil Servant in both Dublin and his beloved Galway. On the 24th April 2008 Dessie passed away suddenly but peacefully at home in Ballina. As a player and supporter he is sorely missed by all connected to the club and wider community. May he rest in peace.



Cyril O'Flaherty Marlfield

The people of Clonmel and district were deeply saddened by the untimely passing of Cyril O'Flaherty. Coming from a widely respected and well known sports loving Clonmel family, Cyril was a most popular personality in the area. A hard working member of Clonmel Borough Council he was a friend to all and a most diligent public representative.

His sudden death at the young age of 57yrs leaves a deep void in the sporting and public life of the town. Cyril worked tirelessly for all, regardless of their political disposition.

He had played many different sports with success and several different organisations benefitted from his organisational and administrative abilities. A member of the United Sports Panel he was vice-chairman of the Panel and was due to commence a two year term as chairperson at the end of 2009.

He had played with Clonmel Commercials and Marlfield Hurling Club. He had the honour of playing on the Marlfield team that won the 1976 South Tipp Junior Hurling Championship when he had the unique distinction of being a team mate of the great Theo English.

To his grieving wife Frances and family we extend our heartfelt sympathy. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam dilis.



LIAM O'GORMAN Holycross-Ballycahill

The sudden passing of Liam O'Gorman shocked and saddened the whole club. For over four decades Liam had played a huge role in the club in many different capacities. As a player he won county junior A hurling titles at each end of his career in 1974 and 1988. In between he won Mid senior medals in 1978 and 1985 as well as a county junior A football title in 1982. In both hurling and football Liam's strength and unselfishness often saw him take a blow to win his team a free or to ensure that a teammate got the breaking ball. Crucial late goals were his forte, particularly against teams from the North division, with Roscrea, Knockshgowna and Newport all being caught by Liam's trademark scores. When his playing career finished he went on to serve as club Chairman, selector, Mid and County Board representative, County Board draw promoter and committee member – all roles he filled in the same good humoured, timeless manner. It was only right then that our club colours adorned his coffin on his final journey to the Abbey and that current clubmen, young and old alike formed a guard of honour along the route.

Liam is a huge loss to the club but of course his greatest loss is to his wife Nancy, son Willie, daughters Mai and Joanne and the entire O'Gorman family.



Michael O'Shaughnessy (1928-2008) Nenagh Eire Óg

Michael O'Shaughnessy (formerly of Summerhill, Nenagh) will be remembered as an outstanding hurler with Eire Óg and St. Mary's Nenagh in the 1940's. His hurling blossomed as a member of the St. Flannan's, Ennis team, which dominated Munster and All-Ireland Colleges competitions in 1944, 45 and '46. Three goals against St. Kieran's, Kilkenny in the 1944 All-Ireland Colleges Final confirmed his hurling talent. Pat Stakelum and Paddy Kenny were colleagues on the Munster Colleges and Tipperary Minor teams 1945 and 1946.



In 1947 Michael commenced engineering studies in U.C.C. winning his first Fitzgibbon Cup followed by two more with U.C.D. in 1949, 1950, resulting in selection for Dublin in 1950 and 1951.

Qualified as a Civil Engineer (1951) Michael secured work in Co. Wexford lining out with the Rockards in the 1952 County Final. 1953 saw him wearing the St. Aidans colours with Nick O'Donnell but before the County Final work took him to England and ended his hurling career at 25 years of age.

Above all, Michael delighted in recalling his Neagh teammates and matches played against Moneygall, Borrisokane and Kildangan during his Eire Óg and St. Mary's days culminating in North and County Intermediate honours in 1947.

Go ndeana Dia trocaire ar a anam.

Mick Power Newport

Mick was born in Ballyhane, Birdhill, educated at Birdhill N.S., he furthered his education at Edmond's Secondary School in Killaloe and also spent a while at the Salesian College in Palaskenry.

His life long love for the G.A.A. drew him towards the Hospital Herbertstown G.A.A. Club on his arrival back from England and he was elected chairman of the club in 1985. His arrival in Ballyhane in the late 80's was low key, but his close proximity to the Ballyhane Inn very soon gained him many friends while his B&B business was a welcome addition to the local tourist industry. Indeed his ability to debate politics, G.A.A. or any local or current affairs, drew many into his company.

Michael was elected Newport's Board delegate in the late 90's and his eloquent contributions in a very refined Newport accent brought much colour and cheer to normally mundane occasions. As Newport's Board delegate, he also attended County Football Board meetings and his interest in Gaelic Football led him on a crusade to promote and develop the game in the hurling hinterland of North Tipperary. Apart from being Newport G.A.A. Club's Board delegate up to 2001 he was also vice chairman of the club in that final year. At the time of his death he held the position of honorary President of Newport G.A.A. Club.

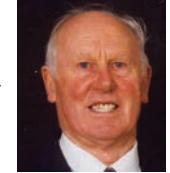
On behalf of G.A.A. Gaels in Birdhill, Newport, Thurles, Herbertstown and all Tipperary we offer our deepest sympathies to Michael's loving wife Hilary, his daughters Annette and Carmel and to all his extended family and friends.

JAMES (JIMMY) PRENDERGAST (Kilsheelan/Kilcash) 1920-2008

On Saturday morning 12th January an air of gloom descended on the Parish when it became known that Jimmy Prendergast, our esteemed President, had passed to his eternal reward. Jimmy together with his brothers Eddie and Michael played important roles in all aspects of the Club's development from being playing members to acting in the role of administrators.

Born in 1920, Jimmy's record of service to the Club can rank with the best. He can take a large share of the credit for the promotion of hurling in the Club. He was well known for his support for young players and played a major role in supporting the schools hurling sides which won South Titles in 1947 and 1948. Jimmy became joint Secretary in 1948. When the present Sportsfield was purchased in 1950 Jimmy's role as an Administrator began to blossom. A separate committee was formed to control the development and management of the new field and Jimmy was appointed Secretary-Treasurer. His management of affairs in this area was exemplary. His shrewd and practical judgement were factors which brought about a Sportsfield with facilities which were ahead of their time when the field was opened in 1952. His service in this area was a long one and continued into the late 60's. As time went on Jimmy felt the need for dressing-room facilities and in 1996 a start was made. They were completed promptly and Jimmy was immensely proud of Kilsheelan's sportsfield and nothing delighted him more than to see the games and activities going on there on a regular basis. His handling of financial affairs was second to none. His Treasurer's Reports at Annual meetings were a model and an example to anyone entrusted with this onerous task.

Even in his advancing years Jimmy never lost interest in the GAA and he loved to attend games when the Club was involved. Over the years attending the Club's AGM was very important to him and he undoubtedly holds the record for such attendances. Jimmy, together with his brothers, was a lifetime follower of Tipperary hurling teams. Some years back when the Sean Gael Awards were initiated Jimmy's input was not overlooked as he was one of the first recipients of this Award.

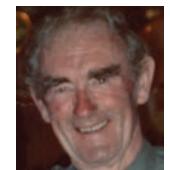


A great man to reminisce and with an unfailing memory Jimmy could recall the many great GAA events of the past. He held on to all the great Christian values. The esteem by which he was held in our Parish and beyond was best exemplified by the large attendances at both his removal and burial. A guard of honour was provided from Kilsheelan Sportsfield to Gambonsfield Church and last year's victorious U/14 team did likewise at the Church. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Gertie and family.

May his soul rest in peace.

HUGH QUIGLEY Portroe

On 18th January 2008 Hugh Quigley, Castelough, Portroe passed away peacefully at his residence. The news of Hugh's death was greeted with great sadness in the parish and surrounding areas. Hugh was a great family man and neighbour, and was one of nature's true gentlemen. During his life he contributed greatly to many clubs and organisation in Portroe parish including the G.A.A. club, Portroe Hall committee, the Gun club and the Old Folks committee.



In his younger day Hugh was a keen sportsman on the hurling field and cross country tracks. He represented his club on many occasions at Scor competitions where he was noted as a talented figure and set dancer.

Hugh will be remembered as a person of great humour and wit and always had a kind word for the young and old alike. He is sadly missed by his wife Kathleen, daughter Marie and son Hugh, relatives and friends. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Paddy Quinlan (1930-2008) Kilruane MacDonaghs and Loughmore-Castleiney

The sudden passing of Paddy Quinlan, vice-president of the Kilruane MacDonaghs club, deprived the parish of one of its most respected, recognisable and popular characters. Since his arrival in Kilruane in 1958 he made a massive contribution to community life in general and the MacDonaghs club in particular. Paddy played hurling and football with his native Loughmore-Castleiney. He won numerous honours at club level and received county recognition with the minor footballers. He attended Cistercian College Roscrea and was selected as centre-back on the combined Leinster Colleges hurling team. In the late sixties and early seventies he immersed himself in juvenile affairs and was a selector on various underage teams in a golden era for the club. In 1973 he was a selector on the senior hurling team which reached the county final. Two years later he helped steer the MacDonaghs senior football team to a historic victory against Loughmore in the county final. His ability didn't go unrecognised at higher level and he was a selector on Tipperary, minor, u-21 and senior football sides. As a mentor Paddy was fulsome with praise, constructive and sparing with criticism. He was a good judge of a player, razor sharp in spotting a move and cool under pressure. He was never one to seek the limelight but the spotlight seemed to fall on him. His natural leadership qualities saw him elected chairman of the club in 1977. Paddy was a calm and unifying force and had a tremendous rapport with players and supporters, both young and old. His three years at the helm saw unprecedented success for the club, including three north and county senior hurling titles. When he vacated the chair he continued to be an active and effective committee member. For a number of years he represented the North Division at County Board where he championed the interests of all the clubs in North Tipperary. Paddy was respected and admired throughout the county and his opinion was eagerly sought, his advice highly valued and his counsel was generally heeded. He was a devoted family man, a conscientious farmer, a helpful neighbour, a loyal and faithful clubman. The guard of honour at his funeral was one of the largest ever witnessed in the village of Cloughjordan. Three generations of club members walked in silent tribute to one of nature's gentlemen. Solas na bhflaitheas da anam usas.



Willie Robinson (Kilsheelan/Kilcash) 1946-2008

Willie Robinson was an integral part of the Gaelic Athletic Association and community life in the Parish of Kilsheelan Kilcash from his boyhood years. With Robinson's Bar being a home from home for the G.A.A Club William was on the fringe of things from an early age. All the club meetings were held in Robinson's Room with all the major club decisions taken there and teams selected when the club had no premises of their own. Living close to the present sportsfield as a young lad Willie could recall all the action and excitement associated with the preparation and opening of the new field in 1952. He could remember all the voluntary workers involved and the spins on the tractors up and down the village as material was brought to and fro. Later then like many more of us in those early years he was to enjoy the great games that took place there, games like Commercials and Fethard in senior football and Carrick Swans and Killenure in senior hurling. He was no doubt influenced and motivated by these events and the spirit of those great father figures around him at that time, men like the late Jack Roche and Eddie Prendergast who were undoubtedly his mentors in his early days of club involvement. His talent as a player was also evident at an early stage particularly as a footballer and he gave impressive displays at juvenile, minor and under 21 level culminating in winning a county under-21 medal in 1966 under the Fethard banner. William's display in that final possibly ranks as his greatest ever scoring 0-8 out of a total of 0-9 in defeating Loughmore. This display was to propel William on to the Tipperary under-21 team of 1967. He followed that by representing his county at junior and senior level winning a Div 2 National Football League medal in 1971. While he had the honour of representing his county it was with his club that he was to win his greatest honour and give his greatest service. The winning of the county senior football title in 1968 after a lapse of 35 years and William's captaincy of that team are now part of the history and folklore of his native parish. Memories of William lifting that cup amidst a sea of highly emotional supporters on that November day in Clonmel nearly forty years ago are still cherished by all who were privileged to be present. If the winning of the cup was something special then the celebrating of it was something else and Willie played a major part in that as well. An injury later in his career was to put him into semi retirement for a few years but he was to make a comeback and he contributed significantly to many championship successes for his club in hurling and football.



Willie combined his playing activities with his administrative role as club secretary a role he assumed at a very young age. He also held the positions of club treasurer and club vice-chairman. He was a regular attender at South Board meetings and conventions over his lifetime and was a member of the South Appeals committee and also vice-chairman of the board in 1979-80. He commenced refereeing while still a player and gave sterling service at divisional, county and national level. Willie was one of those referees who exercised common sense with the whistle. He was popular with players as he wasn't whistle-happy and preferred to let the game flow. If he sent someone off which he rarely did you definitely deserved to go. He continued his role in the refereeing area when appointed as county and Munster referees' co-ordinator. His ability to assess referees, his knowledge of the rules, his help and advice to young referees made him an ideal candidate for the position and he continued that role until his untimely death.

When his playing days were over he gave considerable assistance to his club in coaching selecting and training teams and indeed spread his talents to neighbouring clubs with great success. A county under-21 football selector in 1989 he was also a coach and selector with the county junior football team and was a selector with the present Kilsheelan Kilcash intermediate football side.

It was a sad and emotional occasion as he was laid to rest in Gammonsfield Cemetery. A huge gathering attended the obsequies on both occasions, led by officers of the county board and divisional boards and by referees from all over the county and province.

Tributes were paid at his funeral by John O Mahoney Tipp S.R Co Council where Willie had worked for over forty years and by clubman Sean Nugent former secretary of the South Board and by the chairman of the county board, John Costigan.

We tender our sincere sympathy to his son Liam, his daughter Roisin and sister Marie and to the extended Robinson and Larkin families

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Billy Ryan (1931-2007) Moycarkey-Borris

The death occurred on the last day of 2007 of Billy Ryan, Ballybeg, Littleton, the last surviving member of the famous hurling family. The Ryan family of Ballybeg was one of Tipperary's greatest GAA families with their deeds on the hurling fields not alone appreciated in Moycarkey-Borris, County Tipperary but throughout Ireland. There were seven brothers, Paddy, Tommy, Johnny, Mutt, Larry, Timmy and Billy who contributed so much to Gaeldom and their deeds are remembered even to-day wherever hurling is discussed. Billy, the youngest of the family, came on the scene in the 1950's, at a time when hurling in the parish was going through a transitional period. His early success came when he helped the club to win a Mid Tipperary No.2 junior hurling championship and he immediately graduated to the senior team.



In 1954 the club stepped down to the No. 1 grade in hurling and went on to win the Mid Tipperary and County Tipperary titles in that grade. Billy contributed much to that success operating at centre half back. In 1957 Billy picked up a Mid league medal with Moycarkey-Borris, the only senior medal won by the club in the period 1943 to 1965. Like his brothers, Billy, too, wore the Tipperary jersey representing the county at Munster junior level in 1955 and played on Mid interdivisional teams. In later years he was to serve on club committees and was a selector on the parish minor hurling team which won the County title in 1983 and was part of the Tipperary minor hurling selection committee in 1984. Go ndeana Dia trocaire ar a anam.

Frank Ryan - Marlfield

The recent sad passing of Frank Ryan, in his early eighties, was received with much sadness in his home village of Marlfield and in Clonmel, and by Gaels over a wide area. Coming from a family deeply rooted in the ideals and aspirations of the G.A.A., he was a member of the very first committee when the Marlfield club was formed in '46. A true "son of Knocknagow" his zeal was fuelled by a burning desire to achieve success for the honour of the little village.



A player might not be born a Marlfield man, but one could become one - if they could meet Frank's simple criteria - one hundred per cent commitment to the red and green, nothing less! He in return was always a player's man, fiercely loyal to the lads on the pitch, meticulous in every detail, be it communications, transport, playing gear or even spare togs or stockings for the forgetful.

He was a proud man when the club won its first ever South Junior C'ship in '54, and another in '58. But before that he had the joy of seeing his great friend and fellow clubman Theo English bring a first ever All-Ireland Senior medal to the club. Then, despite real fears for the future existence of the club at senior level, the pair set about building a senior squad which shocked the division by defeating hot favourites Carrick Swans in 1960 to become the first ever Clonmel team to win a South senior title, followed by further South senior titles in '62, '64 and again in '70.

Between times Frank successfully organised a memorable trip to Coventry, largely financed by a special committee headed by Frank. The trip included a civic reception by the Lord Mayor and Mayoress of Coventry. He also had main responsibility of organising the annual Gold Flake Tournament, always a highly successful venture, featuring some of the best senior clubs around. He finally withdrew from his arduous job as secretary in '76, along with his two long-time colleagues Paddy Quinlivan and Frank Hall. The trio received special presentations of watches to mark the occasion. But he returned to service again in 1980 to act as chairman for six more years before finally taking his well-earned retirement. He was elected Honorary Life Vice-President in 1995 and he received a Sean Gael award in 2005. Frank was a true Gael and a man who set out and succeeded in putting his beloved native club and village of Marlfield on the map.

We extend our sincere condolences to his wife Kitty, his son Ken, daughter-in-law Geraldine and grandchildren Carolyn and Ronan. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

Darren Shanahan (Kickhams) 1994-2008



Knockavilla / Donaskeigh Kickhams GAA club extends its deepest sympathies to the Shanahan family of Garrane House on the death of 14 year old Darren after an accident on Monday the 14th of April 2008. Darren was a valued member of the Kickham's underage hurling and football panels and was always a pleasure for the coaches to train. The club provided a guard of honour on the evening of his removal to Knockavilla church and all club activities during that week were deferred as a mark of respect to Darren. No words of ours can comfort his broken-hearted parents Gerry and Geraldine, his sister Irene, grandparents, relatives, neighbours and friends on their sad loss. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam dilis.

Paddy Shelley (1912-2008) Templemore and New York

Paddy Shelley was born in Mary Street on 1st February 1912. He was the first of nine children born to James and Anne Shelly. He often joked that he lasted a little longer than the Titanic!!! Paddy remembered the night the Abbey was burned as the flames could be seen in the town he also remembered the Black and Tans and how all the people who lived in Mary Street had to spend nights hiding in the Bakery for fear of Tan reprisals. He emigrated to the States in 1929 and experienced the Great Depression. Work was hard to come by but friends were loyal and good deeds done at this time were forever appreciated. Paddy had no wish to become a soldier during the 2nd World War so he joined the US Navy. Paddy was proud of the service he gave to his adopted country and would surely have liked to see the Stars and Stripes side by side with the Tipperary flag on his coffin. After the war Paddy continued to sail the seven seas and he loved every minute of his travels, he had a deep love for travel and was intensely interested in new places new experiences life was to be lived!! Home is where the heart is and in Paddy's case that was always in Templemore and of course Tipperary. Paddy was a very proud Tipperary man and played an integral part in the Tipperary Hurling Club in New York. He looked forward to the visits of Tipperary teams to the Big Apple and ensured that they were always treated like royalty for the duration of their stay. Paddy was a larger than life character a very generous man - very loyal & very wise to the ways of the world. He was a man of great principle and those that knew him realised he was not for turning! To have Paddy on your side was a bonus as his appreciation for his friends and family was legendary. So Paddy is gone to his eternal reward but his influence his pride in all things Irish, his passion for the GAA and his love for Tipperary and Templemore will live on in all of us who knew him and loved him.

JOHN STAKELUM (1924-2008) Holycross-Ballycahill

During the year we mourned the loss of John Stakelum, Moneydass, Ballycahill who was a member of the junior team that won our first county hurling final in any grade by defeating Clerihan in 1941.

He represented Tipperary in minor grade in 1940, 1941 and 1942 but was on the losing side to Cork in two Munster finals. While attending Thurles CBS he represented the school on a Munster Colleges team that won an inter provincial title and was top scorer in the final.

A serious illness forced him to retire at an early age but he continued to take a great interest in club affairs and had the pleasure of watching his sons and daughters play for the club in all grades of hurling and camogie. His son Rob is the present captain of our senior hurling team.

John is sadly missed by his wife Margaret, his sons and daughters and by all his relatives and friends.



PAT STAKELUM Durlas Óg & Holycross-Ballycahill

A deep sense of shock and sadness descended on Durlas Óg on Friday afternoon 4th April when it was learned that Club President Pat Stakelum had passed away. It was known that Pat hadn't been well but knowing Pat's positive attitude and his battling qualities his death came as a major shock.

On the playing fields Pat was rated as one of the best centre-backs of all time and during an illustrious career he won every honour in the game. As a youngster growing up in Holycross he developed the skills that were to distinguish him as player above the ordinary in the ensuing years. Honours came his way with Thurles C.B.S. and in 1945 he was on the Munster Colleges team which defeated Leinster and played at centre half-back for the Tipperary minor team sensationaly beaten by Dublin in the All-Ireland final that year.

Pat made his debut for Tipperary in 1947 and went on to captain Tipperary to All-Ireland success in 1949. Pat added further Celtic crosses to his collection in 1950 and 1951 as Tipperary completed a famous three in a row. In addition to the three All-Irelands, Pat won six National Hurling League medals, six Railway Cup medals, Oireachtas, Thomond Feis and Monaghan Cup honours in an inter-county career which ended in 1958. He has also been honoured with the All-Stars, Munster Council and Mid Tipperary "Hall of Fame" awards as well as a Tipperary Cumann na Sean Ghael award last winter. At club level, Pat won three County Senior Hurling titles with his native Holycross-Ballycahill in 1948, 1951 and 1954. Pat served as County Secretary from 1961 to 1963 and also served for a period as a Tipperary senior selector.

All in Durlas Óg will remember Pat for his remarkable and sterling service to the club. Pat played a major role in the formation of Durlas Óg and he was one of the founding fathers in 1979. His contribution to Durlas Óg in various roles in the intervening years was to say the least immense. Pat took great pride in being Durlas Óg President and he was very active in club affairs up to a few months before his death. His Saturday morning visits to Pairc na nÓg with his dear friend Mick Carroll was one of the highlights and his words of advice and encouragement to the players and mentors were always gratefully received.

The club provided a fitting tribute to Pat at his funeral by provided a guard of honour outside the Cathedral as his remain were brought to the Church and the following day Durlas Óg formed a guard of honour outside his beloved Pairc na nÓg as the funeral cortège passed on Pat's final journey to Holycross Abbey.

Pat was a great family man and his family meant everything to him. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Nancy, his daughters Norah, Mary and Lucy, sons Paraic and Fionn and the extended Stakelum family of their very sad loss.

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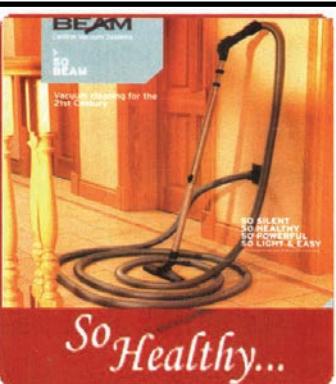
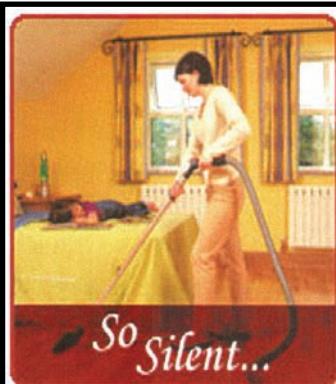
Jimmy Tobin Moycarkey-Borris

The death of Jimmy Tobin removes one of the great sporting and political characters from the parish of Moycarkey-Borris. He was a man with a great passion for Gaelic, athletic and political activities. His first involvement came through his association with the Moycarkey athletic club both as an athlete and administrator in the 1950's. When the handball court in the Horse & Jockey was renovated under the guidance of the late Rev. Father Michael O'Dwyer then curate in the parish, Jimmy was one of the voluntary workers who saw the court increased to the official dimensions, the erection of a roof and the inclusion of a transparent glass back wall. Work carried our speedily over a few months and officially opened with a gala tournament in 1954 when the top players of the era competed to a packed gallery. Jimmy was a proficient handballer and in partnership with Sean Barry won the Tipperary doubles title.

While handball and athletics were his first loves he soon became involved with the Moycarkey-Borris G.A.A. club and threw in his weight with complete dedication with that organisation. In the clubs great run in the 1980's Jimmy Tobin was a dedicated committee man and later served as vice chairman and at the time of his death was a club vice president. The county senior hurling victories of the senior hurlers in 1982 and 1984 gave him immense satisfaction. He was the caretaker of spare hurleys for his great friend John Flanagan and was never too far away on the end line if John needed a replacement. After the 1984 county final success John presented Jimmy with the hurley he used that day and afterwards this caman was a prized possession in the Tobin household. When games swung Moycarkey-Borris's way Jimmy was often seen to throw his cap in the air in delight. Such was his passion for the club.

In 1999 Jimmy was an officer of the local committee in Horse & Jockey which erected a monument to the 'Jockey All Ireland winning side of 1899. A feat he was most proud of. Ar deis lamh De go bhfuil an am.





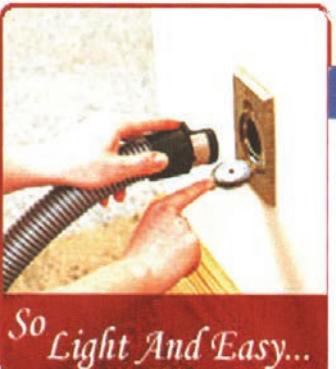
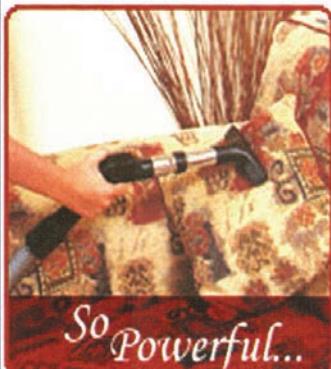
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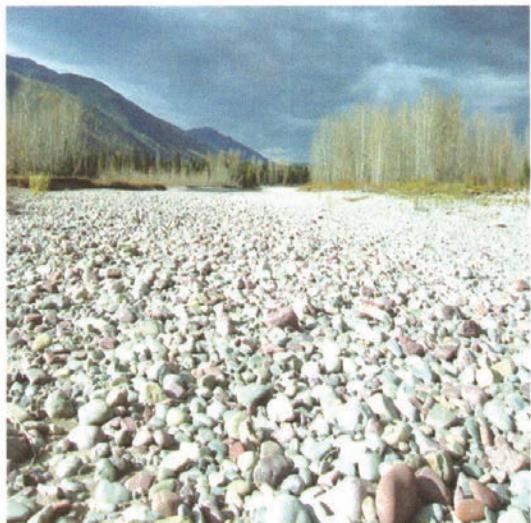
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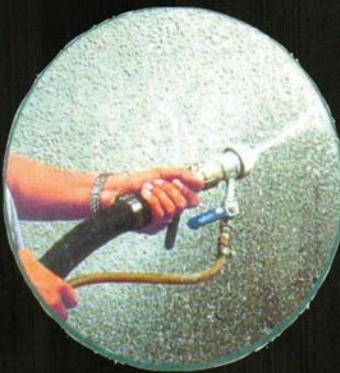
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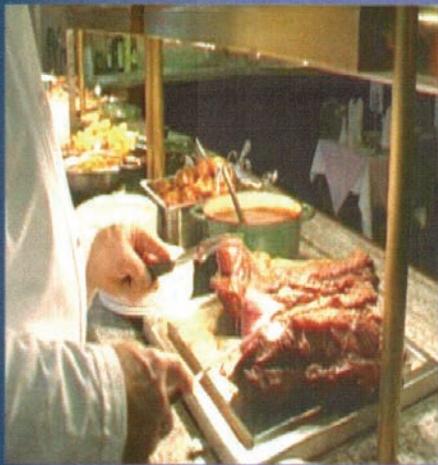
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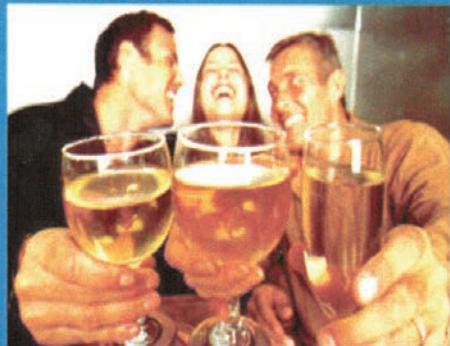
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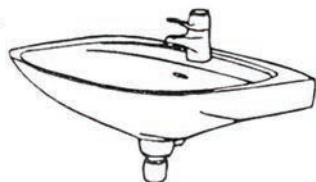
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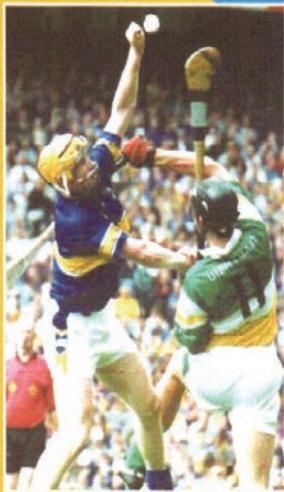
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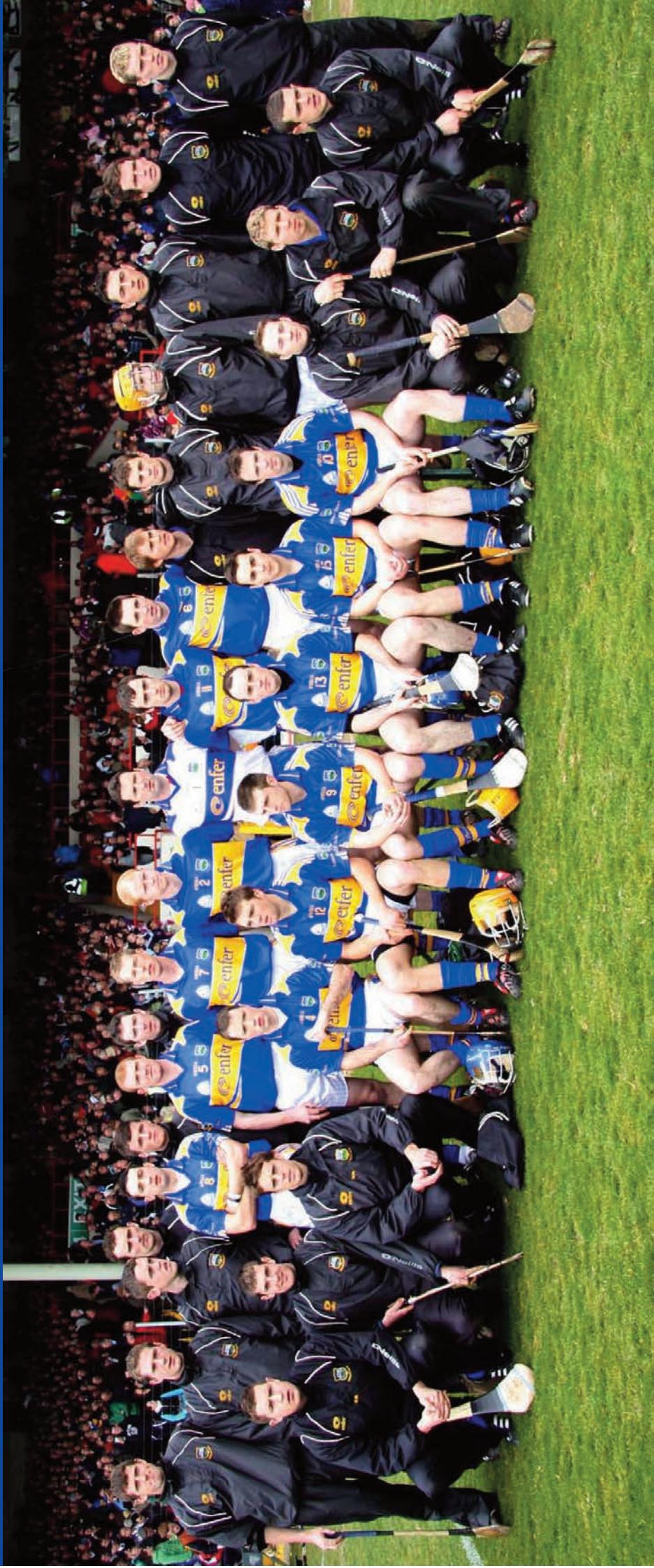
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